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The Flying Training School at Neepawa went through two iterations. The first was a School operated by the Royal Air Force and known as #35 E.F.T.S., RAF, Neepawa. This School was established in February, 1942 and continued until the R.C.A.F. took over in 1944. At this time the School became known as #26 E.F.T.S., R.C.A.F., Neepawa.

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#35 Elementary Flying Training School, RAF, Neepawa, Man.

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S E C R E T

No. 35 Elementary Flying Training School
(R.A.F.)

- A. Secret Organization Order No.29 d/28-11-41 re:
Transfer of No.35 E.F.T.S. (RAF) to Canada

- B. Daily Diaries and appendices from
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SECRET ORGANIZATION ORDER NO. 29

DATE:

20-11-41.

S E C R E T

TRANSFER OF NO. 35 ELEMENTARY FLYING TRAINING SCHOOL
(R.A.F.) TO CANADA.

INFORMATION

1. Information has been received that No. 35 Elementary Flying Training School will arrive in Canada at port of disembarkation about January 26th, 1942. The School will move in one echelon consisting of approximately 32 Officers and 304 Airmen, plus pupils.

INTENTION

2. It is intended to accommodate No. 35 Elementary Flying Training School at Neepawa, Manitoba.

EXECUTION

Transportation

3. A.M.P. is to arrange transportation from the port of disembarkation to Neepawa, Manitoba.

Aircraft

4. United Kingdom Air Ministry have arranged for the necessary number of Moth aircraft.

Training

5. The first course is to commence training on February 23rd, 1942.

ADMINISTRATION

Command

6. No. 35 Elementary Flying Training School will come under to. 2 Training Command for all purposes.

Accommodation

7. Accommodation will be provided in new hutted quarters

now under

construction. D.W.B. is to ensure that sufficient accommodation is available to house the personnel on their arrival.

Establishment

8. The establishment of this Unit will be the same as the revised establishment for No. 34 Elementary Flying Training School recently issued.

Personnel

9. A.M.P. is to arrange to post personnel, usually supplied by the RCAF., prior to the arrival of the School.

Equipment

10. A.M.P. is to arrange for the provision of equipment normally supplied from Canadian sources.

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Accounting

Exchange of Sterling and Advances of Pay on Disembarkation

11. Facilities are available at the port of disembarkation for R.A.F. personnel to exchange sterling in their possession up to a maximum of £10.0.0

In addition R.A.F. personnel will receive advances of pay on the following basis:

Officers	- \$50.00
Warrant Officers	- \$25.00
Flight Sergeants and Sergeants	- \$15.00
Corporals and below	- \$10.00

These advances will be recovered by the R.A.F. Accountant Officer from issues of pay in Canada.

R.A.F. Accountant Officers
Instructional Visit to Ottawa

12. R.A.F. Accountant Officers arriving with the first echelons of the transferred Schools are to report to the director of Accounts at Air Force Headquarters, Ottawa, before proceeding to their destination in Canada.

Accounting Administration

13. The R.A.F. Area Accountant Officer, No. 2 Training Command, is to be responsible that a correct accounting system is instituted on the arrival of this Unit, and for subsequent guidance in this respect.

Messing

14. Messing is to be undertaken from service sources by R.A.F. personnel.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

Address

15. The address of No. 35 Elementary Flying Training School will be:

No. 35 Elementary Flying Training School,
Royal Air Force,
Neepawa, Manitoba.

Telephones

16. A.M.S./D.S.A. in collaboration with A.M.A.S. (D.A.S.), is to arrange for the provision of telephone facilities.

17. ACKNOWLEDGE

(W.D. Van Vliet)
Group Captain
for Chief of the Air Staff.

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14.3.42. Personnel Strength.
Offi- Airmen or

Other Ranks Civilians

cers

STAFF: R.A.F.

18

395

Service Personnel Other than R.A.F.

	R.C.A.F.	1
50		
	R.C.A.S.C.	1
2		
	<u>Civilians.</u>	
	Barrack Officer	
	1	
	Meteorologist	
	Others	
	4	
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447	TOTAL STAFF	<u>20</u>
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	5	

14.3.42 10.30 The party being met at the Neepawa Canadian National Railway Station where eighteen Officers and three hundred and ninety-five airmen under the command of Wing Commander H.R. Black, A.F.C., arrived at this unit from No. 31 Personnel Depot, N.B. Moncton.

N.C.O's and airmen were marched down from the station to the Camp. Service transportation being provided for the Officers. At 12.30 hours the entire party were, provided, with lunch in the Airmen's dining hall. Temporary arrangements

15.00 have been made to accommodate the Officers. At 1500 hours confines of the camp were inspected by the Commanding Officer accompanied by five Officers, and later, sixty-five dismantled Tiger Moths were inspected in the Work Shops.

15.3.42. Organization of the ground instructional section was carried out by Squadron Leader L.H. Gamble, Chief Ground Instructor, under great difficulties, on account of the shortage of instructors and equipment (i.e., link trainers and link trainer instructors and navigating Officers). Commencement was made by Squadron Leader E. Blake, Engineer Officer, with the small party of Canadian personnel already operating on the assembly of the aircraft. The clearing of runways was also undertaken.

Squadron Leader R.J. Pollard of No. 8 Repair Depot, Winnipeg, Manitoba, reported to this unit on attachment.

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16.3.42. Group Captain R.J. Bonham-Carter (Acting A.O.C.) arrived, by air to inspect the camp, and to talk to Officers and Airmen. Assembly of aircraft was continued. Squadron Leader M.L. Jones arrived, from No. 35 S.F.T.S., R.A.F., Carberry, Manitoba, by plane to advise on the accounting procedure.

17.3.42. Final planning of the camp in respect of billets, etc., was carried out under the 15.30 supervision of the Adjutant, Flight Lieutenant W.H. Brett. At 15.30 hours Squadron Leader M.L. Jones returned to parent unit.

18.3.42. 10.00 Flight Lieutenant J.W. Gray arrived on attachment from No. 35 S.F.T.S., R.A.F., Carberry, Manitoba, to give temporary assistance to Station Accountant Officer. Flight Lieutenant F. de M. Culpin visited No. 7 Equipment Depot, R.C.A.F., Winnipeg, Manitoba, for advice on equipment procedure.

19.3.42 The assembly of the first machines was completed. Flying personnel were finally
16.45 allotted to their respective flights. Namely A.B.C. and D. Flights.
Flight Lieutenant F. de M. Culpin returned from No. 7 Equipment Depot, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

20.3.42. Flying Officer A. Rhodes (Test Pilot) arrived from No. 8 Repair Depot, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Squadron Leader R. Hanson, Chief Flying Instructor, attached to Virden, and proceeded by air. Eight aircraft were tested during the course of the day. (Air tested). Flight Lieutenant K.A. Phillips (Equipment Officer), returned to his parent unit, Carberry.

21.3.42. Only one aircraft air tested on account of inclement weather.

22.3.42. Further aircraft tested making a total of fourteen to date. At 14.30 hours Pilot Officers D.E. Prudlove and D.O. Green, originally posted to this unit, arrived from Dauphin after attachments there.

23.3.42. Squadron Leader R. Hanson (Chief Flying Instructor) returned this unit by road. Group Captain Grant visited the Commanding Officer. Flying Officer R.R. Megginson, D.F.M. Flying Officer R.P. Warlow, Pilot Officer Allardyce, and Pilot Officer N.F. Watson return this unit from attachment at Fort William.

24.3.42. Air testing of aircraft was held up on account of the commencement of a snow blizzard. Two aircraft were allotted to Fort William, and two to Prince Albert, but unable to proceed owing to weather.

25.3.42. First full inspection of the Station by the Commanding Officer. Aerodrome unserviceable. Flight Lieutenant J.W. Gray, returned to Carberry. Wing Commander H.R. Black, A.F.C., and party attended the opening of the Airmens recreation room in Neepawa donated by the members of the Free Masons at the Masonic Temple.

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26.3.42. Wing Commander H.R. Black, A.F.C., and Squadron Leader R. FitzClarence-Langford, Flying Officer Tubbs, proceeded to Winnipeg on temporary duty. Snow blizzard continued holding up work outside hangars and offices. Squadron Leader R. Hanson and Flight Lieutenant W. Huey were visiting the town of Neepawa and answered an appeal from the local hospital for medical assistance. Both arrived at the hospital in a state of exhaustion and suffering from severe shock and frost bite.

27.3.42. All ranks were confined to camp on account on account of the blizzard reaching its height. A blizzard experience...this curiously enough concerns the Chief Flying Instructor and

the Medical Officer, who were marooned in the town of Neepawa for four nights and three days owing to a severe blizzard reputed to be the worse in twenty years. After travelling by foot for a half-mile from the town to the local hospital to give medical assistance, these two officers were in a state of exhaustion, in particular, the Medical Officer who suffered from severe shock from exposure and frost-bite. A lot of first-hand information however, has been gleaned from this experience, in that (1) We are not clothed for the rigors of the climate. (2) The hospitality of the Canadian Nursing Staff was unbounded in making the Officers comfortable and content. (3) That frost-bite occurs without warning. (4) That unless prepared for a blizzard by being adequately and properly clothed, an individual will succumb quickly and without pain in a short time.

28.3.42. Towards evening the blizzard abated somewhat, and all ranks were allowed to leave camp at 19.30 hours.

29.3.42. Weather conditions still prevented flying.

30.3.42. Still no flying. Wing Commander H.R. Black, A.F.C., and party returned by rail at 0300 hours. Two pupils arrived from Trenton, Ontario.

31.3.42. Flying commenced for the staff of No. 35 E.F.T.S., R.A.F., Neepawa. Earlier flying being impossible through lack of parachutes and inclement weather. Eighty-nine pupils arrived from No. 31 Personnel Depot, Moncton, N.B.

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31.3.42.	<u>Personnel Strength.</u>	Offi-	Airmen or <u>cers</u>
	<u>Other Ranks</u>		
	<u>Civilians</u>		
	STAFF: <u>R.A.F.</u>		29
428			
	<u>Service Personnel Other than R.A.F.</u>		
	R.C.A.F.		1
50			
	R.C.A.S.C.		1
2			
	<u>Civilians.</u>		
		Barrack Officer	
	Meteorologist		1
	Others		
	4		_____

470	5	TOTAL STAFF	31
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TRAINEES: R.A.F.			
91			
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TOTAL TRAINEES		91	

Aircraft Strength.

<u>Type . . .</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>
Tiger Moths	31	16 (air tested)
(not air tested)		28

Commander, A.F.C.,
 Commanding,
 R.A.F.,
 Manitoba.

(H.R. Black) Wing
 Officer
 No. 35 E.F.T.S.,
 Neepawa,

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1.4.42	<u>Personnel Strength.</u>	
Offi-	N.C.O.'s	
		<u>cers.</u>
<u>and O.R.</u>	<u>Civilians.</u>	
	STAFF: <u>R.A.F.</u>	29
405		
	<u>Service Personnel Other than R.A.F.</u>	
	R.C.A.F.	1
50		
	R.C.A.S.C.	1
2		
	<u>Civilians.</u>	

Barrack Officer

Meteorologist	Others	_____
_____	3	
457	5	TOTAL STAFF
		31
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TRAINEES: R.A.F.		
92		_____
TOTAL TRAINEES		92

First flying accident:

Stearman a/c F.T. 150 on being ferried from Ferry Pool, Winnipeg, to Pearce, Alberta landed off runway and turned on its back. No casualty resulted and Casualty "C" signal was sent.

Here the Medical Officer was an eye-witness. The plane, A Stearman Trainer, piloted by Pilot Officer Kersey, was being ferried from Winnipeg to his unit at Pearce in Alberta. The landing was made cross-wind and evidently without knowledge of the state of the aerodrome. The pilot paid small attention to runways. He landed in a quagmire of mud and water and turned over on his back. The Medical Officer proceeded to the scene of the accident and on his arrival found the pilot was examining his machine and appeared unhurt. He looked a little pale and was found to be suffering from a mild degree of mental shock. He explained that he took the precaution of putting his hand out of the cockpit before loosening his harness which prevented him from falling down on his neck as so many pilots have done in the past. The lessons to be learned from the Medical point of view seem to be: (1) An occasional rehearsal in Flying Accident Drill. (2)

When in the upside down position, do not release harness before making sure that you can support yourself in such a manner that it will be possible to crawl out of the cockpit.

Air testing was carried on by staff pilots, and a total of thirty machines were tested on the two days.

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1.4.42. Flying Officer Goldsmith arrived from No. 2 Training Command at 1530 hours to advise on returns, etc. Pilot Officer P. Farrington and Sergeant Reekie ferried two Moths to No. 6 E.F.T.S., Prince Albert. No. 46 Course commenced ground instruction.

2.4.42. No. 46 Course had their first day of flying instruction. The damaged Stearman was turned on its wheels and prepared for overhaul. Flying Officer Goldsmith returned to No. 2 Training Command.

3.4.42. Weather conditions ideal and flying for course commenced.

4.4.42 1500 Squadron Leader R. Hanson proceeded to Carberry on attachment. Pilot Officer P. Farrington and Sergeant Reekie returned from ferrying duties.

5.4.42. NIL.

6.4.42. NIL.

7.4.42. By today so many pupils were on circuits and landings, it became necessary to allot circuit hours to each flight.

Flight Lieutenant E.W. Tribe,(Messing Officer), Flying Officer W.A. McCallum (Fire Officer), and Flying Officer J.H. Stephens, (M.T.), arrived from No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, on inspection duties. Eleven aircraft tested.

Two aircraft were ferried to Fort William, leaving a total of fifty-two aircraft air tested to date.

1230 Squadron Leader S.J. Wickens, M.M. (Padre) arrived on posting to this unit from Western Air Command Headquarters at 1230 hours.

8.4.42. Three aircraft air tested, fifteen others fully rigged and awaiting air test.

9.4.42. 1107 Flight Lieutenant E.W. Tribe, Flying Officer W.A. McCallum, and Flying Officer J.H. Stephens departed Neepawa at 1107 hours for No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Half a days flying lost through high wind.

10.4.42 Flight Lieutenant Carruthers R.A.F. Liaison Officer arrived from No. 2 Training Command for a few hours.

No flying through high wind.

11.4.42 One hundred and twenty hours flying done today. All pupils nearing solo stage. Today at the end of the fourth week since the main body arrived at the School, six hundred flying hours have been put in.

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12.4.42 1405 Accident to D.H. 82 Tiger Moth No. 1265 at 1405 hours. Pupil at controls swung right after some fifty yards take off run. Instructor took over but could not apply left rudder quickly enough. Aircraft landed on edge of sand pile.

13.4.42 The photographing of the Officers and men commenced for identification purposes.

14.4.42 No. 46 Course reached solo flying stage.

15.4.42 Commanding Officers inspection of the camp.

16.4.42 1300 No. 48 Course of seventy-two u/t Pilots arrived at 1300 hours from No. 31 Personnel Depot, Moncton, N.B.

Most of the days flying lost through high wind.

17.4.42 Flight Lieutenant T.R. Cecil arrived from No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, for a few hours to inspect the Works and Buildings section of this unit.

Flight Lieutenant A.F. Underhill and Pilot Officer O.A. Wheater together with six airmen pilots returned from ferrying duties at No. 8 Repair Depot, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

18.4.42 Seventeen first solo flights were completed.

19.4.42 Group Captain R.J. Bonham-Carter, and Wing Commander E.M. Mitchell visited this Station for several hours.

20.4.42 Half a days flying lost through high wind.

21.4.42 Group Captain Pleasance arrived from No. 2 Training Command, and stayed for a few hours.

Flight Lieutenant Marshall arrived from Command for inspection of Works and Buildings at 1545 hours.

Squadron Leader S.J. Wickens, M.M. departed by rail for Winnipeg to attend a Service Chaplains' Conference.

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22.4.42. Flight Lieutenant Marshall left for Dauphin, number 10 S.F.T.S., and number 7 Bombing and Gunnery School, Paulson.

First full station parade by the Commanding Officer.

Permission was obtained to use Oberon relief field from Thursday the twenty-third onwards, and all flights availed themselves of this, and were glad to be operating on a grass surface again.

23.4.42 1155 Flight Lieutenant McLeod arrived at 1155 hours from No. 2 Training Command and made an inspection of link training.

1345 Squadron Leader S.J. Wickens, M.M., returned from Service Chaplains' Conference.

1430 Captain L.A. McLean Dental Officer, arrived at 1430 hours on posting to this unit.

The Junior forty-eighth Course showed great promise, several were of solo standard after four hours flying. Five Seniors were tested for suspension. Three suspended, one sent solo, the fifth sent back for further instruction and solo.

14.4.42 Squadron Leader J.P. Cork arrived from No. 41 S.F.T.S., Weyburn, Sask. for inspection of the Medical Section.

Flight Lieutenant S.C. McLeod departed for Winnipeg.

Pilot Officer O.A. Wheater and thirteen Sergeants (Pilots) departed by rail for Winnipeg on ferrying duties. The Sergeants being attached to No. 36 E.F.T.S., Pearce, Alberta.

25.4.42 Eighteen pupil pilots arrived to complete number 48 Course.

The two flight shift system from 1300 to 1300 hours was started on Saturday the twenty-fifth and favourably received by the Flights. The daily flying times under the old system had gradually mounted and reached the minimum average figure at the end of the week for the first time.

(175 hours.)

26.4.42 Four more Sergeant Pilots departed by rail for number 36 E.F.T.S., Pearce, Alberta, on attachment.

Owing to bad weather and consistent unserviceability of the aerodrome flying personnel including pupils and the majority of the ground section were granted 48 hours leave. A number of pupils were however retained for link training instructions.

Squadron Leader S.J. Wickens, M.M., held Divine Services as usual for Church of England communicants and Other Denominations at 1100 hours. A celebration of mass at St. Dominic's Church Neepawa, was held at 0900 hours for Roman Catholic personnel. Transport available for those wishing to attend at 08.15 hours in the M.T. Section.

27.4.42 Flight Lieutenant T.R. Cooil came from No. 2 Training Command, for an hour and a half on Works and Buildings matters.

Flying went on steadily. Senior course being still one week behind schedule. Instruments arrived for two Link Trainers, and training was planned to start today.

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28.4.42. Board of Officers was convened for the purpose of inspecting, reporting on and making recommendations for the taking over of buildings at No. 35 E.F.T.S., Neepawa, Man., took place today consisting of:

President: Squadron Leader R. FitzClarence-Langford.(S(Ad)O.-No. 35.E.F.T.S.)

Members: Flight Lieutenant Peters. (No. 12 S.F.T.S., Brandon, Man.)

Flight Lieutenant C.A. Dowding. (S.M.O.-No. 35 E.F.T.S.)

Flight Lieutenant F. de M. Culpin. (Equipment Officer-No. 35

E.F.T.S.)

29.4.42 1530 Pilot Officer Waygood (Navigation Officer) arrived at 1530 hours on posting from Port Albert, Ont.

30.4.42 Pilot Officer O.A. Wheater returned from ferrying duties at No. 2 Training Command. In the evening the inaugural night took place in the Sergeants Mess to which visitors from the town and Officers on the Staff were invited.

A card party and/or Whist Drive was held by the committee of the airmen's club, Neepawa, and the local Squadron of the Frontiersman were hosts. Prizes for the best score at either game were won only by Airmen. It was indeed a successful party.

The situation at the end of the month showed 2373 hours flying for April, and of the 46th. Course twenty-five were still awaiting good weather for their first solo, including four who had been sick and are now overtaking their colleagues.

Weather unfit on the: 27th., 28th., 30th., and 1st. (whole days) and the 26th. a half day.

Aerodrome u/s: 28th., 29th., 30th., and 1st.

Runways' only usable: 25th., 26th., and 27th.

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30.4.42. Personnel Strength.

Offi- Airmen or
 cers

<u>Other Ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>		
	STAFF: <u>R.A.F.</u>		30
401			
		<u>Service Personnel Other than R.A.F.</u>	
		R.C.A.F.	2
55		R.C.A.S.C.	1
2		C.D.C.	1
2			
	<u>Civilians.</u>		
		Barrack Officer	
	Meteorologist		
	Others		
	3		
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460	3	TOTAL STAFF	<hr/> 34
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	TRAINÉES: R.A.F.		
	179		
<hr/>			
	TOTAL TRAINEES	179	<hr/>

Aircraft Strength.

<u>Type.</u>		<u>Serviceable</u>
	<u>Unserviceable</u>	
Tiger Moths		54
	16	

A.F.C.,

(H.R. Black)Wing Commander,
Officer Commanding,
No. 35 E.F.T.S., R.A.F.,

IMAGE 881

1.5.42.	<u>Personnel Strength.</u>	Offi-	Airmen
or			cers
	or Other		_____
—	<u>Ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>	
417	STAFF: <u>R.A.F.</u>		31
		<u>Service Personnel Other than R.A.F.</u>	
55		R.C.A.F.	2
2		R.C.A.S.C.	1
2		C.D.C.	1
		<u>Civilians.</u>	
	Meteorologist	Barrack Officer	
	Others		_____
	26		
	_____	TOTAL STAFF	_____
474	26		35

TRAINÉES: R.A.F.			
171			_____
TOTAL TRAINEES		171	_____

Pilot Officer O.A. Wheater returned from ferrying duties at Number 8 Repair Depot. Flying times 2370 hours for one accident showed No. 35 E.F.T.S. second only to Viriden.

2.5.42. NIL.

3.5.42. NIL.

4.5.42 Miss Alice Major, civilian nursing sister, posted to this Unit. First fire practice of the Unit, which proved quite satisfactory and only minor adjustments had

to be made.

5.5.42. NIL.

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6.5.42. Flight Lieutenant F.G. Boardman arrived from No. 2 Training Command, to arrange examination for Course No. 46.

Category "B" Accident to Aircraft Tiger Moth No. 1233 piloted by pupil pilot 1438900 LAC. Fletcher J.A., during landing practice.

7.5.42. Flight Lieutenant F.G. Boardman returned to Number 2 Training Command. Category "A" Accident to Aircraft Tiger Moth No. 1240 piloted by pupil pilot No.1512011 LAC. Colin, in the Brandon area. Pupil admitted to No. 12 S.F.T.S., Hospital, Brandon.

8.5.42. NIL.

9.5.42 The Commanding Officer had a letter despatched on "Policy Generally" to No. 2 Training Command.

The first camp concert was given by the "Victory Troupe" of Winnipeg.

The first of a series of First Aid lectures was given by the Medical Officer to personnel.

10.5.42. Night flying was commenced with instructors only, from 2230 hours to 0415 hours. Sergeant G.H. Preedy reported to his Flight Sergeant the partial closing of the petrol cock on the Tiger Moth Aircraft which he had been flying. The C.F.I. then tested this Aircraft himself and after thirty-seven minutes flying- found the petrol cock closing. All aircraft were immediately grounded and inspected. Adjustments were then made and on re-testing no movement of the petrol cock took place. It is thought that this defect may have been responsible for the accident involving L.A.C. Colin on 7-5-42.

11.5.42. C.5875 Nursing Sister Schwalm arrived by air from No. 12 S.F.T.S., on posting to this Unit. Squadron Leader J.M.D. McKnight and Flight Lieutenant D.C. Chapman arrived from Number 2 Training Command in an advisory capacity for a few hours.

12.5.42. Day flying impossible on account of a thirty mile per hour wind causing a permanent dust cloud in the centre of the aerodrome.

13.5.42. Flight Lieutenant H.V. Bell and Pilot Officer Hughes arrived from Number 11 S.F.T.S., to discuss matters appertaining to the Air Training Corps. Flying discontinued at 11.00 hours, but the wind dropped sufficiently for night flying to commence at 22.30 hours.

14.5.42. Squadron Leader R.J. Millington arrived from A.F.H.Q., Ottawa, on Staff duties.

Wing Commander H.R. Black, A.F.C., attended the inspection of the Neepawa A.T.C.

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15.5.42. Squadron Leader H.J. Millington departed for No. 36 E.F.T.S., Pearce, by rail. Flight Lieutenant H.V. Bell and Pilot Officer Hughes departed for Number 2 Training Command by bus.

A practice fire alarm was sounded at 11.46 hours.

First station dance was held in the Recreation Hall.

16.5.42. NIL.

17.5.42. Total of 270 hours. "C" Flight, with night flying, did 113 hours and 35 minutes.

18.5.42. Wing Commander J. Maturin and Flight Lieutenant Hince from H.Q. Ottawa, were brought from Carberry by air and returned there late afternoon.

Flying accident Tiger Moth No.1256 involving pupil 1575095 LAC. Harrison who was severely injured.

19.5.42. Taxying accident Tiger Moth No.1257 piloted by LAC. Podmore. Taxied into two civilians working on runway, severely injuring one.

20.5.42. NIL.

21.5.42. Final examinations for Course No.46.

Squadron Leader J.M.D. McKnight visited this Unit in regard to suspension of pupil LAC.Watts.

22.5.42. Flight Lieutenant E.W.C. Sharpe arrived from Command to hold Court of Inquiry on the Podmore - Watts accident.

Two aircraft allotted to us - one from No. 8 Repair Depot, Winnipeg, piloted by Sergeant Carpenter and one from Prince Albert, piloted by W.O. R. Barrowclough.

Squadron Leader Sweetlove and Flight Lieutenant S.E. Lovelace arrived for a few hours for an inspection of guard and police services.

23.5.42. Flight Lieutenant E.W.C. Sharpe departed for Winnipeg by rail. Flight Lieutenant J.W. Hansen, Equipment, arrived from No. 2 Training Command, for a few hours on temporary duty.

Ninety pupils constituting Course No. 50 arrived - sixty-eight from P.D., Moncton, and twenty-two U.S.A. rejects from Trenton.

IMAGE 884 DUPLICATE of IMAGE 883

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23.5.42. Ten pupils of Course No. 46 sat a supplementary navigation examination.
W.O. R. Barrowclough piloting Tiger Moth No. 6044 arrived back from Prince Albert after an exciting journey having flown fifty miles over bush fire.
Three pupils of No. 46 Course posted to Estevan.

24.5.42. NIL.

25.5.42. Owing to gale and dust storm there was no flying all day.
Flying Officer Lane arrived from Command for Temporary duty. (Works and Buildings).
Flying Officer H.V.D. Tubbs proceeded to No. 2 Training Command for temporary duty, in connection with the Podmore - Watts accident.

BOARD OF OFFICERS:

A Board of Officers, composed as hereunder, assembled at No. 35 E.F.T.S., Neepawa, on Monday, May 25th., 1942, at 1000 hours for the purpose of inspecting and taking over services constructed by H. Borger & Son, Ltd., Winnipeg, Manitoba.

President: - Squadron Leader R. FitzClarence-Langford. (S. Ad.B)

Members: - Flying Officer H.M. Whimster. (W.&B.)
- Flight Lieutenant C. Dowding. (M.O.)
- Flight Lieutenant F. Culpin. (Equipment O.)

26.5.42. Flying Officer Lane returned to Winnipeg.

27.5.42. Heavy thunderstorm and heavy rain for two hours flooding the Camp.
All aircraft recalled by 0900 hours before rain commenced.

28.5.42. No flying owing to high wind.
Aircrew candidates were examined in English and Mathematics.

29.5.42. High wind.- Dual flying only. Flight Lieutenant L. Dawson and Flying Officer G.L. Hobson arrived from No. 2 Training Command, for a few hours in connection with R.C.A.F. Trade Test Board of Works and Buildings personnel.
Flying Officer H.V.L. Tubbs returned from Winnipeg.
Representatives of Winnipeg Free Press arrived to interview the Commanding Officer and other personnel on the Station.

30.5.42. Pilot Officer Cameron arrived on posting from No. 36 E.F.T.S., Caron, to fill post of Adjutant in Training Wing.

31.5.42. NIL.

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Airmen or
31.5.42. Personnel Strength. Offi- Other

Ranks

	<u>Civilians</u>	<u>cers</u>
399	STAFF: <u>R.A.F.</u>	32
	<u>Service Personnel Other than R.A.F.</u>	
56	R.C.A.F.	2
3	R.C.A.S.C.	1
2	C.D.C.	1
	<u>Civilians.</u>	
	Meteorologist	
	Others	
	26	<u> </u>
<u>460</u>	<u>26</u>	TOTAL STAFF <u>36</u>
	TRAINEES: R.A.F.	
<u>261</u>		<u> </u>
	TOTAL TRAINEES	<u>261</u>

Aircraft Strength.

<u>Type.</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>
<u>Unserviceable</u>	
Tiger Moths	51
8	

(H.R. Black,) Wing Commander,

Officer Commanding,

No. 35 E.F.T.S., Neepawa, Man.

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1.6.42. Airmen or Ranks <u>Personnel Strength.</u>	<u>Civilians</u>	Offi- Other <u>cers</u>
417	STAFF: <u>R.A.F.</u>	31
53	<u>Service Personnel Other than R.A.F.</u> R.C.A.F.	2
2	R.C.A.S.C.	1
2	C.D.C.	1
	<u>Civilians.</u>	
Meteorologist	Barrack Officer	
	Others	
	26	
474	26	TOTAL STAFF <u>35</u>
TRAINÉES: R.A.F.		
171		
TOTAL TRAINEES		<u>171</u>

Flight Lieutenant H.J. Emery, Liaison Officer, arrived for a few hours from A.F.H.Q., Ottawa, on staff duties.

Air Crew Selection Board assembled consisting of--

President - Wing Commander H.R. Black.

Members:--Squadron Leader A.E.R. Fitzclarence - Langford.

Squadron Leader L.H. Gamble.

From seventeen applicants, twelve were selected of which 1 was subsequently rejected on medical grounds.

2.6.42. Routine.

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3.6.42. Flight Lieutenant M.M. Putnam, Navigation Officer, from No. 2 Training Command, arrived on staff visit.

Wing Commander J.A. Sifton P.M.O. and Squadron Leader J.W.D. McKnight arrived on staff visit from No. 2 Training Command.

4.6.42. Wing Commander J.A. Sifton and Squadron Leader J.W.D. McKnight returned to No. 2 Training Command.

Flight Lieutenant M.M. Putnam left by air for Virden.

Squadron Leader G.E. Thompson arrived on posting as C.F.I.

Squadron Leader A.J. Blackwell left for No. 34 E.F.T.S., Assiniboia on posting.

Accident to Tiger Moth 1266 piloted by u/t pilot Sergeant Campbell, Course 48.

Accident to Tiger Moth 1257 piloted by Sergeant Tuddenham, instructor and L.A.C. Butterfield u/t Pilot on Course 50.

Local Trade Test Board held for Clerks /G.D.

President:-Squadron Leader A.E.R. Fitzclarence-Langford.

Members:...Flying Officer S.J.E. Joseph.

Sergeant A. Bennett.

5.6.42. Night flying cancelled owing to dust storm.

6.6.42. Graduates of 46 Course were posted - thirty-one to No. 36 S.F.T.S., Penhold, Alta., and sixteen to No. 35 S.F.T.S., North Battleford. Twenty-one sent on fourteen days special leave with instructions to report direct to No. 39 S.F.T.S., Swift Current on 21st. June, 1942.

7.6.42. Flight Lieutenant G. Terrell, (17091) (G.D.) arrived on posting from No. 36 E.F.T.S., Pearce.

8-6-42. Wing Commander J.A. Sifton P.M.O. No.2 T.C. and Squadron Leader J.F. Cork, arrived by air from No. 2 T.C., Wing Commander J.A. Sifton returning after 1½ hours.

9-6-42. Squadron Leader J.F. Cork left for No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg.

Deputy Inspector General, Air Commodore A.E. Godfrey, M.C. A.F.C. V.D. A.D.C, together with Squadron Leader J.W.D. McKnight, and Squadron Leader Aldridge arrived by air from No. 2 T.C. at 11.00 hours to inspect the station. Air Commodore Godfrey expressed himself as satisfied with conditions here. The inspecting party left again at about 18.00 hours by air.

Three day Ground exams for No. 48 Course commenced.

10.6.42. Owing to dust storms, all day and night flying was stopped.

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10.6.42 A commissioning Board, consisting of: —

President: - - Squadron Leader G.E. Thompson.

Members: - - Squadron Leader R. Fitzclarence-Langford.

Flight Lieutenant E. Bradley.

assembled at 10.00 hours. From eighteen applicants, five were selected.

11.6.42 Wearing of Tropical Dress authorised by Commanding Officer.

12.6.42. No flying in morning owing to cold high wind. Contractors unable to work owing to cold weather. Night flying started at 21.00 hours owing to changes in weather conditions.

13.6.42. No. 2 Training Command Secret Organization Order No. 75, reference re-organization of No. 35 E,F.T.S, on civil operated basis received.

14.6.42. 48 Course Pupil's final testing began.
Pilot Officer Green, and Pilot Officer A.A. Bacon left at 14.00 hours by air for No. 8 Repair Depot, Winnipeg, on ferrying duties.

15.6.42. War Establishment (Secret) War/Can125/35, eff 24.8.42, received from No. 2 Training Command. Pilot Officer Green and Pilot Officer A.A. Bacon returned from No. 8 Repair Depot, Winnipeg, by air, ferrying aircraft NO's 4307 and 4242.

16.6.42. Half a days flying lost through bad weather.

17.6.42. Routine.

18.6.42. 48 Course Pupil's testing and last night flying completed.

19.6.42. Flight Lieutenant H.B. Ravilious (Station Accountant Officer) left at 11.30 hours by rail for No. 7 Equipment Depot, and No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, on temporary duty. Twenty-five pupils of 48 Course left for Carberry and fifteen for Estevan. Dance in aid of Red Cross held in Recreation Hall.

IMAGE 890

20.6.42. Owing to high wind, flying washed out at 11.00 hours.
No. 52 Course, consisting of ninety pupils arrived from Moncton.

21.6.42. No flying owing to wind and rain.
Flight Lieutenant H.B. Ravilious returned by rail from Winnipeg.

22.6.42. Routine.

24.6.42. Wing Commander J. Rossie Brown gave a lecture at the United Church Neepawa at 20.30 hours.

23.6.42. Wing Commander J, Rossie Brown (O.D. Chaplain) arrived from Brandon by air.

25.6.42. Flight Lieutenant TR. Cooil arrived from No. 2 Training Command by Motor

Transport at 16.00 hours and stayed for an hour and a half on Works and Buildings duties, returning again to No.2 T.C. by M.T.

26.6.42. Wing Commander J. Rossie Brown (O.D. Chaplain) proceeded to Saskatoon by rail. (T.W. No. 286899 and 286900 issued).

A telephone call was received by the Commanding Officer at 23.00 hours, from W.O. Claykin, pilot of Anson 2621, to say that he had lost his way, and force landed in a field at Halborough (about 6 miles -south of Neepawa). A guard was posted by order of Flight Lieutenant W.H. Brett (Station Adjutant) on the aircraft, and W.O. Claykin, and two Sergeants were accommodated in the Sergeant's Quarters here for the night.

Nursing Sister G.L. Dunn (C.6122) arrived at 04.30 hours from No. 4 S.F.T.S., by rail, on posting. Flight Lieutenant J.C. Carruthers, R.A.F. Liaison Officer, No, 2 T.C. arrived at 13.00 hours from No. 41 S.F.T.S.

27.6.42. Flight Lieutenant Dufay, arrived from No. 2 T.C. by air (Anson 8620) to inspect forced landed aircraft, accompanied by Squadron Leader E. Blake. Both aircraft departed at 15.30 hours for Winnipeg.

Flight Lieutenant J.C. Carruthers left for No. 2 T.C. By rail. (Warrant issued).

28.6.42. Routine.

29.6.42. Twenty-four Air Cadets from Minnedosa and twenty from Neepawa, under the charge of Air Cadet Flight Lieutenant H.A. Wilson, arrived for one week.

30.6.42. Routine.

IMAGE 891

30.6.42. Personnel Strength.
Airmen

Offi-	Or Other		<u>cers</u>
	<u>Ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>	
	STAFF: <u>R.A.F.</u>		32
420		<u>Service Personnel Other than R.A.F.</u> R.C.A.F.	2

56			
	R.C.A.S.C.		1
3			
	C.D.C.		1
2			
	R.C.A.F. Nursing Sisters	2	
	<u>Civilians.</u>		
		Barrack Officer	
	Meteorologist		
		Civilians-Others	
		26	
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481	26	TOTAL STAFF	<hr/> 36
<hr/>			
TRAINÉES: R.A.F.			
219			
<hr/>			
TOTAL TRAINEES		219	<hr/>

Aircraft Strength.

<u>Type.</u>		<u>Serviceable</u>
<u>Unserviceable</u>		
Tiger Moths		48
	16	

(H.R.

Black, A.F.C.) Wing Commander,

Officer Commanding,

No. 35 E.F.T.S., Neepawa, Man.

1.7.42.	<u>Personnel Strength.</u>	Offi-	Airmen
or			<u>cers</u>
	<u>Other Ranks</u>		
	<u>Civilians</u>		
420	STAFF: <u>R.A.F.</u>		32
	<u>Service Personnel Other than R.A.F.</u>		
56	R.C.A.F.		2
3	R.C.A.S.C.		1
2	C.D.C.		1
	R.C.A.F. Nursing Sisters	2	
	<u>Civilians.</u>		
	Meteorologist		
	Others		
	_____ 26		
		TOTAL STAFF	_____ 38
	_____ 481		
	_____ 26		
	TRAINÉES: R.A.F.		
	_____ 219		
	TOTAL TRAINEES	_____ 219	

Routine.

2.7.42. Flight Lieutenant H.V. Bell, (C.6429), Command Air Cadet Officer, arrived by air from Yorkton to inspect Air Cadets.

Thirteen Tiger Moth aircraft collected from No. 14 E.F.T.S., Portage la Prairie, five of which had damaged propellers.

IMAGE 893

3. 7. 42. Group Captain D.W.F. Bonham Carter arrived by air to inspect Air Cadets. Flight Lieutenant H.V.Bell proceeded by air to Carberry.

Two further Tiger Moth aircraft collected from No. 14 E.F.T.S., Portage la Prairie.

4. 7. 42. Two Tiger Moth aircraft collected from No. 14 E.F.T.S., Portage la Prairie.
5. 7. 42. Pilot Officer R.J. Shepherd (J.5538), arrived by private car from Bowden. Alta., on posting to this Unit as Flying Instructor. Air Cadet Flight Lieutenant H.A. Wilson, and 44 Air Cadets under his charge, departed at 15.00 hours.
6. 7. 42. Flight Lieutenant J. Morton (C.3649), arrived by bus from No. 2 T.C., and stayed for a few hours to advise on Accounting procedure.
Air Vice Marshall McKeen and Group Captain Banting arrived by air for a few hours from Winnipeg, concerning the civilianization of the Station.
Squadron Leader J.W.C. McKnight and Flight Lieutenant A.J.Vincent (C.1056) (A.F.H.Q, Ottawa), arrived by air from Winnipeg for a few hours, on Temporary Duty.
Record day's flying: 358 hours, 50 minutes.
Squadron Leader R. FitzClarence Langford (77480) left for Ottawa, with a nominal roll of the Unit, on duties concerning the civilianization of the Unit. T.W. No. 286930 issued.
Anson No. 1763 piloted by Wing Commander McGowan of No.1 C.N.S., Rivers, made a forced landing on aerodrome with undercarriage retracted.
7. 7. 42. Three day examinations for Course 50 commenced.
1066359 Sergeant Pilling, G., pilot of Tiger Moth aircraft No. 1264, on returning to aerodrome from forced landing area, reported that during forced landing practice he had been fired at by two civilians he had seen on the ground. On making a further circuit in an endeavour to establish their identity, he was fired at again, and a third attempt resulted in the aircraft being fired at a third time. Realizing the danger, he proceeded back to aerodrome and reported the incident. An examination of the aircraft showed damage to cockpit hood, and port top mainplane. The R.C.M.P. (Minnedosa Division) were contacted and the whole matter handed over for investigation.
Anson No. 1763, having been repaired, was flown away by Wing Commander McGowan.
8. 7. 42. Very heavy thunderstorm broke out during the night. Wind sock pole struck by lightning. All electric fuses affected, and crash bell put out of order. Flight Lieutenant H.B. Rvlious (81576), Senior Accountant Officer, left by rail for Calgary for conference at No. 4 T.C. T.W., No. 286934/5 issued.
Accident to Tiger Moth aircraft No. 4307 at Oberon, involving Warrant Officer R. Barrowclough A.F.M. (950140), 1575095 L.A.C. Harrison.H.N. u/t Pilot of Course 52, and 1386444 A.C.1 Loudwell, S. (F.M.A).

IMAGE 894

8. 7. 42. Warrant Officer Barrowclough and L.A.C.Harrison uninjured); A.C.1. Loudwell severely injured with broken leg and slight concussion.
9. 7. 42. Accident to Tiger Moth aircraft No. 3854, piloted by 1434079 L.A.C. Taylor, L., u/t Pilot. Aircraft turned over on the aerodrome owing to the brakes being partially on when taking off. Pilot was uninjured and damage to aircraft was repairable at this Unit. No investigation

needed.

Captain G. Neptune (C.D.C.) arrived at 16.00 hours by air from No. 12 S.F.T.S., on attachment to this Unit.

10. 7. 42. 1265547 Sergeant Hartley, A.E. and 1041331 L.A.C. Brown were involved in a propeller swinging incident. Sergeant Hartley was struck on right hand.

11. 7. 42. Investigation instituted into accident involving Sergeant Hartley and L.A.C. Brown. Investigation Officer being Flying Officer H.V.L.Tubbs (77262).

Squadron Leader R. FitzClarence Langford returned from Ottawa.

At 17.00 hours a violent thunderstorm broke out. After its passage East, dual flying was started, but turbulence from 4,000 feet downward was so violent as to put Tiger Moths out of control, and in danger of disintegration. Flying ceased at 20.30 hours, and night flying was cancelled. The storm broke out again at 22.00 hours with violent rain and incessant sheet lightning.

12. 7. 42. At 04.00 hours a fire in the Station Hospital kitchen was noticed by the Works and Buildings Fireman, W. Loxton. In half an hour the fire was totally extinguished. All Station Fire Orders were carried out efficiently under the direction of the Station Fire Officer, Flying Officer Walker (89741).

13. 7. 42. Flight Lieutenant H.B. Ravilious (81576), Senior Accountant Officer, returned by rail from No. 4 T.C., Calgary.

Accident to Tiger Moth aircraft No. 3862. 1481870 L.A.C. Carter S.W. slightly injured. Caused by engine failure during forced landing practise.

Wing Commander E.K. Piercy (34200) arrived by air from Carberry and stayed for a short while. He brought the vertical photographs he had taken of this aerodrome.

14. 7. 42. Routine.

IMAGE 895

15. 7. 42. Flying Officer H.M.Whimster (C.5651) Officer i/c Works & Buildings, left at 01.30 hours by rail for No. 11 S.F.T.S. Yorkton on Temporary Duty.

At approximately 17.00 hours. Tiger Moth aircraft No. 1242 crashed two miles North West of Eden, Man., 1209267 Sergeant Moyer C., was killed. 1386216 L.A.C. Crowter E, u/t Pilot of Course No. 60, suffered from concussion and broken arm.

16. 7. 42. Flight Lieutenant G. Terrell (17091) (G.D), left at 13.15 hours by rail for No. 10 S.F.T.S. on Court Martial duties.

Committee of Adjustment to settle the estate of the late 1209267 Sergeant Moyer C. was appointed, as follows:

President: - Flight Lieutenant A.F. Underhill
Members: - Flying Officer R. Walker (P.T.I.)
Warrant Officer M. Lee (S.W.O)

17. 7. 42. Flight Lieutenant E.W. Sharpe (C.2797) arrived by rail from No. 2 T.C. at 01.15 hours, to investigate the crash resulting in the death of Sergeant C. Moyer. The funeral of Sergeant Moyer took place at the Neepawa Cemetery at 14.00 hours. The Commanding Officer, Chief Flying Instructor, other Officers N.C.O's and airmen attended. The funeral was carried out in Service tradition and a number of civilians were present. Squadron Leader S. J.Wickens, Station Chaplain, officiated.

18. 7. 42. Flight Lieutenant E.W. Sharpe departed by bus for No. 2 T.C, at 16.20 hours. T.W. 286964 issued. Flight Lieutenant G. Terrell returned from No. 10 S.F.T.S. Dauphin. Group Captain D.W.F. Bonham Carter (16027) (G.L.) arrived by air, accompanied by Mr.J.W. Humphrey, Manager of the Miramichi Training School, and Mr. Saunders, chief Technician of that School, who will be taking over No. 35 E.F.T.S. on civilianization. Group Captain D.W.F. Bonham Carter left a short time later by air. Fifty-eight pupils of Course No. 60 arrived at 13.00 hours.

19. 7. 42. Routine.

20. 7. 42. Routine.

21. 7. 42. Flight Lieutenant Culpin, Station Equipment Officer, left by air at 14.00 hours for No. 2 T.C., on Temporary Duty.

22. 7. 42. Flight Lieutenant Culpin returned from No. 2 T.C. at 13.30 hours. Flying Officer Whimster, Works & Buildings Officer, arrived by air from detachment at No. 11 S.F.T.S, Yorkton, Sask.

IMAGE 896

23. 7. 42. Pilot Officer Driscoll (46619), Equipment Officer, arrived on posting from No. 32 S.F.T.S. at 13.00 hrs. Squadron Leader Thompson (C.F.I.) left by air at 10.00 hours for No. 2 T.C. on Temporary Duty. Squadron Leader E. Blake (C.T.O) left by air at 10.00 hours for No. 2 T.C. on Temporary Duty. A dust storm interfered slightly with flying programme. An Anson aircraft was effected by lightning and made a forced landing at Clan William. No persons were injured. This Unit being the nearest, supplied the crash guard.

24. 7. 42. Squadron Leader E. Blake (C.T.O) returned by air at 19.30 hours from No. 2 T.C., having spent two hours at Carberry on the way. Group Captain Collins and Flight Lieutenant Carruthers (86226), arrived at 12.00 hours by air from No. 2. T.C. on Staff Duties, and left later by air for Carberry. Accident to Tiger Moth aircraft No.1236, piloted by 1330408 Sergeant Spelling N.J.W., with pupil pilot 1317339 L.A.C. Clement, R.F. Aircraft crashed in a corn field in the Union School area. The airmen were uninjured - the aircraft badly damaged. A Court of Enquiry was convened to enquire into the fire at the Station Hospital kitchen on 12th,

July 1942.

President: - Squadron Leader Gamble
Members: - Flying Officer Whimster
Pilot Officer Cameron

25. 7. 42. Fresh wind from the North brought thick smoke haze, making only local flying possible. Flying ceased at 18.30 hours.

26. 7. 42. Flight Lieutenant Culpin departed at 15.30 hours by bus and rail for No. 31 P.D., Moncton, on posting.

Commanding Officer and Squadron Leader S.J. Wickens attended and gave address at a Memorial Service sponsored by the Canadian Legion at Arden.

27. 7. 42. Flying Officer Whimster (W & B) left at 01.30 hours by rail on attachment to No. 11 S.F.T.S., Yorkton.

28. 7. 42. Routine.

29. 7. 42. Routine.

IMAGE 897

30. 7. 42. Flight Lieutenant Terrell (17091) (G.D) proceeded by air to No. 19 E.F.T.S. Virden at 15.30 hours, in order to investigate a fatal aircraft crash.

31. 7. 42. Flight Lieutenant Terrell returned by air from No. 19 E.F.T.S. Virden at 15.30 hours. Total Record flying hours - 3457 hours 50 minutes.

Personnel Strength.

Offi-	Airmen or		<u>cers</u>
	<u>Other Ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>	
388	STAFF: <u>R.A.F.</u>		31
		<u>Service Personnel Other than R.A.F.</u>	
		R.C.A.F.	3
50		R.C.A.S.C.	1
3		C.D.C.	1
2			
	R.C.A.F. Nursing Sisters		3

	<u>Civilians.</u>		Barrack Officer
	Meteorologist		
		Civilians-Others	
		26	
443		26	
			TOTAL STAFF
			39
<u>TRAINEES: R.A.F.</u>			10
214			
TOTAL TRAINEES	10	214	

Aircraft Strength:

<u>Type.</u>		<u>Serviceable</u>
	<u>Unserviceable</u>	
Tiger Moths	8	80

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Black, A.F.C.) Wing Commander,

Officer Commanding,

No. 35 E.F.T.S., Neepawa, Man.

IMAGE 898

1-8-42 Personnel Strength.

Offi- Airmen or

cers. Other Ranks. Civilians

401 STAFF. R.A.F. 31

50 Service Personnel Other than R.A.F. 3

R.C.A.F. 1

R.C.A.S.C.

2			
	C.D.C.		1
2			
	<u>Civilians.</u>		
		Barrack Officer.	
	Meteorologist.		
		Others.	<hr/>
			26
<hr/>			
455			
<hr/>			
26			
		TOTAL STAFF.	<hr/>
			35
<u>TRAINEES.</u>			
1	R.C.A.F.		-
	R.A.F.		9
238			
	R.N.Z.A.F.		<hr/>
			1
2			
<hr/>			
		TOTAL TRAINEES	<hr/>
			10
<hr/>			
241			

IMAGE 901

1.8.42. Course No. 61 arrived.

2.8.42. No.531478 Cpl. W.H..Grubham reported missing, believed drowned in Sandy Lake, Manitoba.

3.8.42. Unit Sports Day at the Agricultural Grounds-Neepawa.
 Except for essential duties, the Station closed at mid-day for the first time since its inception.
 F/Lt. Bradley left by air at 10.30 hrs. for Winnipeg to investigate the accident involving injuries to 1386444 AC1. Loudwell.

4.8.42. F/Lt. Bradley returned by air from Winnipeg, via Carberry.

5.8.42. Accident involving Tiger Moth aircraft Nos; 1239 and 1234 piloted by u/t pilots 625337 LAC. Loker and 1337067 LAC. Harris. The fault was attributed to LAC. Harris's landing down-wind. Disciplinary action was taken by the Commanding Officer.

6.8.42. C151 S/Ldr. W.M. Murray (Equipment Officer, No. 2 Training Command) arrived from No. 12 S.F.T.S., Brandon on temporary duty by air at 17.00 hrs.
 Body of No. 531748 Cpl. Grubham was recovered.

7.8.42. S/Ldr, Murray left by air at 13.30 hrs.

Board of Officers, composed of S/Ldr. R. FitzClarence-Langford as President, and Fl/Lt. H. Peters, F/Lt. C. Dowding, P/O. M. Driscoll as Members, was convened at 10.00 hrs. for the purpose of inspecting and taking over of buildings constructed by the Canadian Comstock Co. Ld., Toronto.

F/Lt. Peters arrived by air at 09.55 hrs. from No.12 S.F.T.S., for attendance on above Board, and left by air at 11.46 hrs.

A Committee of Adjustment, composed of F/Lt. A. Underhill as President, and P/O. E. Waygood, W/O. M. Lee as Members; was appointed to settle the estate of the late 531478 Cpl. W.H. Grubham. P/O. D. Green was appointed Investigating Officer, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the accident in which No. 531478. Cpl. W.H. Grubham lost his life as a result of drowning. Funeral of 531478 Cpl. Grubham was held at 14.00 hrs. at Riverside Cemetery-Neepawa.

IMAGE 902

8.8.42. S/Ldr. Wickens left on temporary duty for No. 7 I.T.S. Saskatoon, travelling by air to Rivers and thence by rail.

9.8.42. The Commanding Officer, accompanied S/Ldr. L. Gamble, F/O. Walker, and a party of Airmen attended the local Decoration Day Memorial Service in Neepawa.

10.8.42. Routine.

11.8.42. Routine.

12.8.42. C.2376 S/Ldr. C.H. Cowperthwaite (Accts) from No. 7 E.D. Winnipeg, arrived by rail at 15.30 hrs. on temporary duty.

13.8.42. C.2376 S/Ldr. C.H. Cowperthwaite (Accts) left by road at 16.00 hrs. on return to No. 7.E.D. Winnipeg.

Anson aircraft belonging to No. 33 S.F.T.S., Carberry, forced landed in field off main read near Eden. Pilot phoned requesting crash in-field-of guard to be sent out. Corporal and three airmen sent. Pilot and pupil passenger conveyed to Carberry landing field at Oberon Petrel.

14.8.42. Tests of Course No.52 were completed.

15.8.42. C.12215 F/O. E. Burns (Equipment) arrived at 16.00 hrs. by rail from No.2 Training Command, an Temporary duty.

Course No. 62 consisting of 60 pupils arrived.

Postings for majority of the airmen, effective on the change over of the Unit, were received.

16.8.42. Routine.

17.8.42. Routine.

18.8.42. C2154 F/Lt. V.E. Gagne, Equipment Officer, arrived from No. 2 Manning Depot on temporary duty. F/O. Whimster (Works & Building) arrived from No. 11 S.F.T.S., Yorkton on temporary duty.

19.8.42. The first of the civilians from No. 21 E.F.T.S., Chatham, arrived.

20.8.42. Routine.

21.8.42. The first parties of airman of this Unit were posted to their respective new stations.

IMAGE 903

22.8.42. Flying stopped at noon to facilitate change-over.

23.8.42. No flying, to facilitate change-over.

24.8.42. Official taking over of the Station by civil operated company.

A Board of Officers, composed of S/Ldr. R. FitzClarence-Langford as President, and F/O. H.M. Whimsterr, F/Lt. C. Dowding, P/O. M. Driscoll as Members was convened at 10.00 hours for the purpose of handing over all Buildings and Services to the Civil Operating Company.

A Board of Officers, composed of S/Ldr. C. Cowperthwaite as President, F/Lt. B. Gagne, F/O.E. Burns, F/O. M. Driscoll, Mr. H. Bailey as Members was convened for the purpose of handing over the equipment of No. 35 E.F.T.S. (R.A.F.) to the Miramachi Flying Training School.

C.4610 F/O. C. Martin, Link Trainer, arrived from No. 10 S.F.T.S., Dauphin.

C.2376 S/Ldr. C. Cowperthwaite ~~were awarded to F/Lt. W.H. Brett~~ Accounts, arrived from No. 7 E.D., Winnipeg, on temporary duty.

25.8.42. Powers as Subordinate Commanders were awarded to F/Lt. W.H. Brett and F/Lt. E. Bradley.

Civilian tarmac crews working.

26.8.42. Routine.

27.8.42. Tests of Course No.59 were completed.

Two forced landings, one at Howden, the other at Arden.

28.8.42. No flying all morning due to heavy thunderstorm.

W/Commandr. Black relinquished command of No.35 E.F.T.S. on hand over of command of R.A.F. personnel to S/Ldr. G.E. Thompson.

29.8.42. W/Commandr. W.H. Black left for Trenton, having been 169 days at Neepawa.

Postings received for Course No. 59 to Swift Current and Carberry.

Course No. 63 consisting of 60 pupils arrived.

Aircraft No.4021 forced landed outside Main Aerodrome.

30.8.42. Aircraft No.4307 forced landed outside Aerodrome.

31.8.42. Routine.

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31.8.42 Personnel Strength.

Offi- Airmen or

cers. Other Ranks. Civilians

	STAFF: <u>R.A.F.</u>	20
83		
	<u>Service Personnel Other than R.A.F.</u>	
	R.C.A.F.	3
33		
	C.D.C.	1
2		
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	TOTAL STAFF	<hr/> 24 <hr/>
<hr/> 118 <hr/>		

	<u>TRAINEES:</u> R.A.F.	9
	N.Z.A.F.	<hr/> 1 <hr/>
232		
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	TOTAL TRAINEES	<hr/> 10 <hr/>
<hr/> 232 <hr/>		

Thompson) Squadron Leader, (G.E.
Charge, R.A.F., Officer in
E.F.T.S., NEEPAWA, Man. No.35

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1-9-42

Personnel Strength.
other Ranks Civilians

Officers Airmen or

<u>Staff:</u> R.A.F.		20
83		
	<u>Service Personnel Other than R.A.F.</u>	
	R.C.A.F.	3
33		
	C.D.C.	<u>1</u>
2		
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	TOTAL STAFF	<u>24</u>
		<u>118</u>
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<u>TRAINEES:</u> R.A.F.		9
	N.Z.A.F.	<u>1</u>
232		
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	TOTAL TRAINEES	<u>10</u>
<u>232</u>		

The first Daily Routine Order issued by the Officer in Charge R.A.F., S/Ldr. G.E. Thompson, was published. It contained the "Change of Command" - "Squadron Leader G.E.Thompson assumes command as Officer in Charge R.A.F., No.35 E.F.T.S., Neepawa, Man:, vice W/Comdr. H.R. Black, A.F.C., effective 29-8-42".

F/Lt. S.C. McLeod (C3851), Command Link Trainer Officer, arrived by air on temporary duty for the purpose of carrying out inspection of Link Trainer flight.

2-9-42 An inspection of all buildings occupied by R.A.F. personnel was carried out by S/Ldr. Thompson during the morning.

An aircraft accident occurred at 10.15 hours, 5 miles south of Franklin, to Tiger Moth No.1241 involving pupil pilot No.1479281 LAC Yexen. Pupil was carrying out practice spins and was unable to recover from one, with the result that he crashed the aircraft and sustained serious injuries and concussion.

3-9-42 F/Lt. McLeod, Command Link Trainer Officer discussed with the Commanding Officer the maintenance of Link Trainers installed on this Unit and outlined future policy for the training of pupils. He afterwards returned by air to No.2 Training Command Headquarters.

4-9-42 F/Lt. C. Dowding, Senior Medical Officer of this Unit, reported that R148855 LAC. D. Curry had sustained injuries to his knee under peculiar circumstances which needed investigation.

As a result of this report, P/O. Wheater was detailed by the Commanding Officer to investigate and report the circumstances of the accident. Investigation promulgated in Daily Routine Orders.

4-9-42 F/O Whimster, Works & Buildings officer, returned to his parent Unit, No.11 S.F.T.S., Yorkton, on completion of the Board of Proceedings convened for the purpose of handing over all buildings to the Manager of the Civil operated company.

An aircraft accident occurred at 07.45 hours, 3 miles south-east of Eden, to Tiger Moth No.1229, involving P/O. Wheeler (Instructor) and Cpl. Clemence (pupil). Instructor was demonstrating forced landing practices and opened engine too late, with the result that the wheels caught in long grass and aircraft turned on to its nose. Both occupants escaped injuries, but aircraft was slightly damaged.

Owing to rapid recovery being made by LAC. Yexen, involved in aircraft accident on 1-9-42, the Medical Officer considered him fit enough to be removed from seriously injured list.

Information was forwarded to Air Force Headquarters, No. 2 Training Command Headquarters, and next-of-kin.

5-9-42 S/Ldr. S.J. Wickens, Station Chaplain, proceeded by rail to Dafoe (No.5 B & G. School) to conduct the special National Day of Prayer service, on instructions received from No.2 Training Command Headquarters.

6-9-42 National Day of Prayer and Dedication in Canada. In view of the day being set aside for this purpose a combined Church Parade for C. of E., and other Denominations, was held on the Station under the Officer i/c R.A.F. S/Ldr. Thompson. All personnel, other than those engaged on flying or other special duties, attended.

S/Ldr. Wickens returned by air from Dafoe on completion of temporary duty.

7-9-42 S/Ldr. C.H. Cowperthwaite (C2376) reported to Commanding Officer that all work in connection with the hand-over of Station equipment to the civil operated company was completed, and that he would be returning to No.2 Training Command Headquarters with F/O. Burns on 8-9-42 in accordance with telephonic instructions received.

8-9-42 The posting of the Station Chaplain to Paulson was deferred awaiting further instructions. Signal received posting him to No.8 Repair Depot, Winnipeg, effective 9-9-42. Posting instructions received for 39 pupils of No.60 course - 17 to No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry, 16 to No. 41 S.F.T.S., Weyburn and 6 to No.39 S.F.T.S., Swift Current, all postings effective 12-9-42. S/Ldr. Cowperthwaite and F/O. Burns left by rail on return to No.2 Training Command Headquarters on completion of handing over of equipment.

9-9-42 Officer i/c R.A.F., carried out an inspection of all buildings occupied by R.A.F. personnel; a general improvement in cleanliness, etc., was observed.

A preliminary inspection of pupils of No.60 Course was carried out by the R.A.F. Administration Officer, F/lt. W.H. Brett.

10-9-42 S/Ldr. S.J. Wickens, Station Chaplain, proceeded by road to No.8 Repair Depot, Winnipeg on posting.

Posting instructions received for S/Ldr. R. FitzClarence-Langford to be posted to No.31 A.N.S.. Goderich, effective 11-9-42.

10-9-42 Casualty notification received relating to R86268 Sgt. O.M. Nelson of Neepawa, previously reported "missing" after air operations overseas, now reported a prisoner of war. Chaplain to contact next-of-kin.

11-9-42 5 pupil officers arrived from Moncton on posting to this Unit for flying training - members of No.64 Course.
Kit inspection of 43 u/t pilots of Course No.60 was carried out by F/Lt. Brett, prior to leaving for S.F.T.S's.

12-9-42 The final inspection of Course No.60 was carried out by the Officer i/c R.A.F. Afterwards, he addressed the personnel and informed them that this Course had minimum of "wastage" up to the present time and had sent maximum number of pupils 'solo' at night. S/Ldr. R. FitzClarence-Langford left by rail on posting to No.31 A.N.S. Goderich.
Arrival of Course No.64 consisting of 60 pupils. Addressed by Officer i/c R.A.F., Administration Officer, and Senior Medical Officer.

13-9-42 Voluntary Church Services were held for personnel of all denominations.

14-9-42 Fog. No morning flying. Light rain afternoon. Night flying cancelled owing to gale.

Civilian employee, Mr. G.F. Christmas struck on hand whilst 'prop' swinging. Tiger Moth aircraft No.4242 F/Sgt. Lewis and AC. Murray arrived on attachment for the purpose, of inspecting Gasoline installation plant.

A sergeant and corporal arrived from No.34 S.F.T.S., Medicine Hat, to provide escort for ACs Kaye and Rowlands, absentees without leave, apprehended by this Unit.

Two Link Trainer instructors arrived on posting, now completing strength.

15-9-42 Group Captain Bonham Carter, accompanied by F/Lt. Boardman (Command Education Officer), W/Cdr. Sifton (Principal Medical Officer), and F/Lt. Bell (Command Air Cadet Officer) arrived by air from No.2 Training Command. Matters were discussed with the Commanding Officer relating to respective branches.

F/Lt. Bell proceeded to Neepawa town to meet Officer Commanding local Air Cadets.

16-9-42 F/Lt. Bell returned to Command Headquarters.

W/Cdr. McCann (Command Accountant Officer) and S/Ldr. McKnight (Air Staff Officer) arrived to discuss matters of importance with the Commanding Officer.

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17-9-42 Posting instructions were received for Air Force Headquarters re the posting in of 9 flying instructors, (4 officers and 5 N.C.Os). These instructors will be utilized in D1 and D2 Flights thus enabling pupils of Courses Nos. 63 and 64 to get their full quota of flying.

Anson aircraft from No.5 A.O.S., Winnipeg, forced landed on Neepawa aerodrome. No damage.

18-9-42 |S/Ldr. Thompson proceeded by air to No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry to act as President of a Court-Martial convened for the trial of an airman charged with absence without leave. Anson aircraft of No.5 A.O.S., took off and forced landed again 3 miles N.W. of aerodrome.

19-9-42 Instructions received from D.A.P.S., posting balance of Course No.60 (13 pupils) to No.35 S.F.T.S., North Battleford, effective 26-9-42.

Posting in instructions received from D.A.P.S., for Course No.65 (60 pupils) - (58 from Moncton and 2 from Trenton). All personnel reporting this Unit 26-9-42.

Instructions received from No. 2 Training Command Headquarters to the effect that No.1066359 Sgt. G. Pilling, charged with a low flying offence, is to be tried by District Court-Martial on 29-9-42. All necessary action in connection with Court-Martial duly taken.

20-9-42 Voluntary Church Services for personnel of all denominations held in Recreation Hall. Air Vice-Marshall Shearer and S/Ldr. McLellan arrived by air from No.2 Training Command Headquarters, during the afternoon and remained overnight.

Winter dress was taken into effect from today.

21-9-42 Two new flying instructors arrived on posting - P/O. Wanlin from De Winton, and F/Sgt. Driver from North Battleford.

F/Lt. Cooper, Chaplain of No.1 C.N.S., Rivers, arrived by air and discussed with the Commanding Officer future spiritual welfare of the Unit.

Instructions received from No.2 Training Command Headquarters that the aircraft accident which occurred on 14-9-42, in which Mr. Christmas received injuries, is to be investigated on 1-10-42 on return of pilot, W/O. Barrowclough, from leave.

S/Ldr. Thompson, F/Lts. Bradley, Underhill and Brett were received by Air Vice Marshall Shearer and S/Ldr. McLellan. Unit matters were discussed.

22-9-42 P/O. Shanley, F/Sgt. Jacques and Sgt. Stuart, flying instructors, arrived from No. 34 S.F.T.S., Medicine Hat.

Posting instructions were received from D.A.P.S., for 15 pupils of Course No. 61.

13 pupils, balance of No. 60 Course, proceeded on posting to No. 35 S.F.T.S., North Battleford.

Departure of Air Vice Marshall Shearer and S/Ldr. McLellan during afternoon.

33 of permanent staff proceeded by air in two parties to No. 33 S.F.T.S., Carberry for Routine X-Ray examinations.

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22-9-42 Tiger Moth No.1249, instructor P/O. Green and pupil No.1182970 LAC. Marsh, forced landed ½ mile west of Hallboro Junction. Whilst carrying out forced landing practices, in attempting to take off, propellor hit a corn stock and overturned. No injuries sustained by occupants, but plane damaged.

23-9-42 F/Lt. Cooper, (Chaplain,) returned by rail to No.1 C.N.S., Rivers.

Owing to adverse weather prevailing over this area, three aircraft (1 Lysander and 2 Fairey Battles) landed on aerodrome.

24-9-42 Mr. Apedale (Financial Adviser to Minister for Air), Major Seymour (President - Canadian Flying Club Association) and Mr. Nichol, (Manager of No.34 E.F.T.S., Assiniboia) arrived during afternoon.

A conference was held in the Officers Mess and the following personnel of this Unit attended - Officer i/c R.A.F., Administration Officer, Assistant Chief Flying Instructor, plus Civil personnel. All matters relating to the re-organized school were discussed and recommendations for amendments to Establishment of personnel and vehicles were made. Discussion also re shortage of aircraft maintenance personnel.

F/Lt. Sanderson and F/O. Barry, Accountant Officers, arrived by air from No.12 S.F.T.S., Brandon, and discussed accountancy matters with the Officer i/c R.A.F. (Information previously received from No.2 Training Command Headquarters that effective October 1942, all Unit accountancy matters would be dealt with by No.12 S.F.T.S., Brandon.

S/Ldr. Hansen, Command Equipment Officer, arrived by air for the purpose of discussing equipment matters with the Officer i/c R.A.F. and The Manager.

25-9-42 F/O. Betts, flying instructor, arrived by private car on posting from No.35 S.F.T.S., North Battleford.

S/Ldr. Hansen left on return to No.2 Training Command Headquarters.

Convening order received from No.2 Training Command Headquarters for District Court-Martial in the case of Sgt. G. Pilling (1066359).

Mr. Compton arrived from No.5 A.O.S., to pick up Mr. Apedale and civil party.

26-9-42 Two N.C.O. flying instructors arrived by rail on posting from No.35 S.F.T.S., North Battleford.

Course No.65 consisting of 60 pupils arrived (58 from Moncton and 2 from Trenton) for training. S/Ldr. Thompson left on four days leave.

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27-9-42 A church parade was held for newly arrived pupils of Course No.65.

8 pupils of Course No.61 left on posting to No.36 S.F.T.S., Penhold.

7 pupils of Course No.61 left on posting to No.39 S.F.T.S., Swift Current.

5 pupils of Course No.61 left on posting to No.32 S.F.T.S., Moose Jaw.

Lysander aircraft from Paulson put in for brake repairs.

28-9-42 The following officers arrived for the District Court-Martial to be held 29-9-42 in the case of No. 1066359 Sgt. G. Pilling. -

W/Cdr. E.K. Piercey from No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry. - President.

S/Ldr. A.H. Stevens from No.38 S.F.T.S., Estevan. - Member.

F/Lt. R.G. Hamilton from No.12 S.F.T.S., Brandon. - Member.

F/Lt. D. Sigler from No.2 Training Command, - Judge Advocate.

F/Lt. E.W. Sharpe from No.2 Training Command. - Prosecutor.

Notification received from No.2 Training Command Headquarters that F/Lt. Sharpe would take the place of F/Lt. E.H. Crawford, as Prosecutor.

29-9-42 District Court-Martial in the case of No.1066359 Sgt. G. Pilling, held in the Recreation

Hall commencing at 10.00 hours. Court sat all day and was adjourned at 17.00 hours owing to absence of a valuable witness, Dr. C.W. Torrance. Telephonic communications were made to No.2 Training Command Headquarters, and missing witness contacted. Arranged that Court re-assemble at 10.00 hours on 1-10-42.

30-9-42 Officer i/c R.A.F., carried out an inspection of all buildings occupied by R.A.F. personnel.

F/Lt. Putnam, Command Navigation Officer, arrived by air from No.4 S.F.T.S., Saskatoon. Interviews were held with Commanding Officer and Chief Ground Instructor.

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30-9-42

<u>Personnel Strength.</u>		<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Airmen Or Other</u>
<u>Ranks.</u>	<u>Civilians.</u>		
	<u>STAFF: R.A.F.</u>	23	
52			
	<u>Service Personnel Other than R.A.F.</u>		
	R.C.A.F.		1
8			
	C.D.C.		1
2			
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	Total Staff.	25	62
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	<u>TRAINEES: R.A.F.</u>	5	
229			
	R.N.Z.A.F.	1	2
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	TOTAL TRAINEES	6	
231			

Aircraft Strength.

<u>Type.</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>
Tiger Moths		52
	31	

(G.E. Thompson)

Squadron Leader

Officer in Charge, R.A.F.

No. 35 E.F.T.S.,

NEEPAWA, Manitoba.

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<u>1-10-42</u>	<u>Personnel Strength.</u>	<u>Officers.</u>
<u>Airmen Or Other Ranks.</u>		
	STAFF: R.A.F.	23
	52	
	<u>Service Personnel Other than R.A.F.</u>	
	R.C.A.F.	
1	8	
	C.D.C.	—
1	2	
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	Total Staff.	<u>25</u>
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<u>TRAINEES: R.A.F.</u>		5
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	R.N.Z.A.F.	<u>1</u>
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	TOTAL TRAINEES	<u>6</u>
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	231	

Aircraft Strength.

<u>Type.</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>
Tiger Moths	31	52

The Command Chaplain, S/Ldr. Hugh Macfarlane, arrived by air from No.12 S.F.T.S., Brandon, and discussed spiritual welfare with the Officer in Charge, R.A.F., F/Lt. Putnam, Command Navigation Officer, left by air for No.19 E.F.T.S., Virden. F/Lt. Hubber-Richard arrived from No. 33 S.F.T.S. Carberry, and carried out an investigation into the flying accident involving Tiger Moth No.4242 and injuries sustained by Mr. G.F. Christmas. The District Court-Martial in the case of Sgt. Pilling re-assembled at 10.00 hours, and proceedings were completed by 17.00 hours. S/Ldr. A.H. Stevens returned to No. 38.S.F.T.S., Estevan.

2-10-42 F/Lt. D. Sigler left by rail on return to No.2 Training Command Headquarters, together with F/Lt. E.W. Sharpe. Wing Commander E.K. Piercey left by air on return to No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry.

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2-10-42 F/Lt. R.G. Hamilton left by air on return to No.12 S.F.T.S., Brandon.

The Command Chaplain left by air for No.5 B. & G. School, Paulson.

G/Cpt: Bonham Carter and G/Cpt: Banting arrived by air, and discussed training matters with the Officer in Charge R.A.F., and the Civil Manager, leaving two hours later by air for No. 2 Training Command Headquarters.

A Board of Officers, composed of S/Ldr. G.E. Thompson, F/Lt. C. Dowding, No.35 E.F.T.S., Neepawa, and S/Ldr, J.C. Anstead, F/O. H. Pinkerton, No.3 B.& G. School, Macdonald, assembled at 10.00 hours for the purpose of inspecting and taking over buildings, services, additions and alterations to buildings constructed by the Bird Construction Co., Winnipeg.

3-10-42 Normal Routine.

4-10-42 A combined Church of England and Other Denomination Church Parade was held in the evening for all personnel not on duty. The service was conducted by the Padre from NO.1 C.N.S. Rivers, F/Lt. J.P. Cooper.

5-10-42 No.1343997 Sgt. Steel, flying instructor, arrived from No.2 F.I.S., Vulcan on posting to this Unit.

G/Cpt: Bonham Carter, W/Comdr. Maclaren and F/Lt. Bell arrived on Air Cadet Mission.

6-10-42 Tiger Moth aircraft Nos; 1258 and 3869 involved in ground collision. Both planes damaged but no injuries sustained by occupants.

7-10-42 Morning Parade and Inspection by Officer in Charge R.A.F., was held of all officers, N.C.O. instructors and pupil pilots of three Flights.

The Officer in Charge R.A.F., carried out an inspection of all buildings occupied by Service personnel.

Posting Instructions received for 15 u/t pilots of Course 62 to No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry.

Posting instructions received for 12 u/t pilots of Course 62 to No.41 S.F.T.S., Weyburn.

Pilot Officer T.A. Coggan, flying instructor, arrived on posting from No. 34 E.F.T.S., Assiniboia.

8-10-42 Normal Routine.

9-10-42 F/O. Whimster arrived from No.11 S.F.T.S., Yorkton on temporary duty and returned later the same day.

Result of proceedings of District Court-Martial in the case of Sgt. Pilling, received.

Flying accident, Tiger Moth No.4967 occurred near Neepawa aerodrome as a result of engine failure, involving No.1379257 Sgt. Blachford (Instructor) and No.1323680 LAC. Hobbs (pupil).

No injuries sustained by occupants.

10-10-42 12 pupil pilots of course No.62 left on posting to 41 S.F.T.S., Weyburn.

15 pupil pilots of course No.62 left on posting to 33 S.F.T.S., Carberry.

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10-10-42 Arrival of course No. 66 (consisting of 61 pupils - 56 from Moncton and 5 from Trenton)
F/Lt. Cooper, Chaplain of No.1 C.N.S. Rivers, arrived.

11-10-42 S/Ldr. A.G. Merkill arrived by air from No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry on temporary duty. A combined Church of England and Other Denomination Church Parade was held in the evening, attended by three Flights.
This Service was conducted by F/Lt. J. Cooper.

12-10-42 No.1080104 Sgt. Wood and No.1336874 Sgt. Finch, flying instructors, arrived on posting from No.3 F.I.S., Arnprior.
Instructions received for the posting of Officer in Charge R.A.F., S/Ldr. G.E. Thompson to No.37 S.F.T.S., Calgary, effective 20-10-42.
F/Lt. J.P. Cooper returned by air to C.N.S. Rivers.

13-10-42 Accident to Tiger Moth No.1229 at Neepawa aerodrome, involving No.951023 LAC. Nathan, pupil pilot.
Machine overturned on practice landing. No injuries sustained by pilot.

14-10-42 Morning Parade and Inspection by the Officer in Charge R.A.F., was held of all officers, N.C.O. instructors and pupil pilots of three flights.
The Officer in Charge R.A.F., carried out an inspection of all buildings occupied by Service personnel. Instructions received to amend effective date of S/Ldr. Thompson's posting to 1-11-42.

15-10-42 Normal Routine.

16-10-42 No.1206771 Sgt. Thoday, 1204733 Sgt. Preedy and 655263 Sgt. Lane, flying instructors, proceeded to No.2 F.I.S., Vulcan on temporary duty (ferrying aircraft).
Posting instructions received for 8 u/t pilots of Course 62 to No.34 S.F.T.S., Medicine Hat.
Posting instructions received for 13 u/t pilots of Course 62 to No.41 S.F.T.S., Weyburn. All postings effective 24-10-42.
Accident to Tiger Moth No.1244 at Neepawa aerodrome, involving N.C.O. instructor, F/Sgt. Broome. On starting up, engine fired immediately, tail rose and aircraft stood on its nose. No injuries sustained.

17-10-42 S/Ldr. J.W.S. Roberts (Accounts) arrived from No. 12 S.F.T.S., Brandon on temporary duty.

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18-10-42 S/Ldr. Roberts returned to No.12 S.F.T.S., Brandon.
A combined Church Parade was held in the evening, attended by all personnel of three Flights.
This service was conducted by F/Lt. J.P. Cooper, Chaplain of No.1 C.N.S. Rivers.
Flight of 9 machines in formation over the townships of Arden and Plumas in connection with
the 3rd. Victory Loan drive.

19-10-42 Posting instructions received for 12 u/t pilots of Course 63 to proceed to No. 39
S.F.T.S., Swift Current, effective 24-10-42.

20-10-42 G/Cpt. Pleasance and G/Cpt. Adams arrived by air and discussed matters relating to
aero-engine valve seating trouble, with the Officer in Charge R.A.F., and Civil Manager.

21-10-42 Morning Parade and Inspection by Officer in Charge R.A.F., was held of all officers,
N.C.O. instructors and pupil pilots of three Flights.

The Officer in Charge R.A.F., carried out an inspection of all buildings occupied by Service
personnel.

Flying accident to Tiger Moth No.1251 near Hallboro, involving Sgt. Moore, instructor, and
LAC. Underwood, pupil. Due to bad weather and low flying, aircraft hit telegraph wires and
crashed in field. No injuries sustained by either occupant.

22-10-42 S/Ldr. Cowperthwaite and W/O. Newton arrived from No. 7 Equipment Depot, for
the purpose of settling equipment matters with the civil management.

At the request of the Mayor of Neepawa, 1 naval rating and 1 airman represented this Station in
the town on the occasion of the 3rd., Victory Loan drive.

Arrival of Mobile Identification and Fingerprinting Unit for the purpose of completing
fingerprinting of R.C.A.F. personnel.

Flying accident to Tiger Moth No.5161 at Hallboro, involving F/Sgt. Willis, instructor, and Cpl.
Davis, pupil. Carrying out low flying instructions, engine lost power and aircraft lost height
rapidly, finally crashing into trees. Slight injuries sustained by both occupants, necessitating
them being detained in Station Hospital for 48 hours.

23-10-42 F/O. Whimster (Works & Buildings) arrived from Yorkton for a periodic inspection
of Works and Buildings plant, and discussed with the Civil Manager matters relating to Station
buildings.

24-10-42 F/Lt. R. Megginson, flying instructor, left on posting to No.31 P.D. Moncton.

Course No.67, comprising 60 pupils, arrived on posting from Moncton. These were addressed
by Officer in Charge R.A.F., Senior Medical Officer and Administrative Officer.

13 u/t pilots of Course 62 left on posting to No.39 S.F.T.S., Swift Current.

8 u/t pilots of Course 62 left on posting to No.34 S.F.T.S., Medicine Hat.

12 u/t pilots of Course 63 left on posting to No.39 S.F.T.S., Swift Current.

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25-10-42 Two flying instructors, P/O. Cottam and P/O. Lovie, arrived from No.3 F.I.S.,

Arrived prior on posting to No. 35 E.F.T.S.

S/Ldr. D. Sloan reported to the Unit from R.C.A.F. Station, Trenton, and met F/Lt. E. Bradley, Assistant Chief Flying Instructor, and F/Lt. W.H. Brett, Administrative Officer. Unit matters were discussed.

Effective date of S/Ldr. Sloan's posting 27-10-42.

26-10-42 S/Ldr. Emery (Field Liaison Officer and Air Member for personnel, Air Force Headquarters, Ottawa) arrived by air from Brandon and discussed with the Assistant Chief Flying Instructor and Administrative Officer, matters appertaining to training, administration, and discipline generally. He left later the same day for No.2 Training Command Headquarters.

27-10-42 Arrival of C.F.S. Visiting Flight by air from Trenton. (S/Ldr. G. Felkins, F/Lt. J.W. Weis, F/Lt. D.H. Puddicombe, F/O. I.B. Croll and F/O. J. Davis.)

Accident to Tiger Moth No.3866 at Neepawa aerodrome. On take off for first Solo here, left wing hit ground and machine somersaulted. Pilot sustained no injury.

28-10-42 Morning Parade and Inspection by Officer in Charge R.A.F., was held of all officers, N.C.O. instructors and pupil pilots of four Flights.

The Officer in Charge R.A.F., carried out an inspection of all buildings occupied by Service personnel.

F/Lt. Rowe and W/O. Bell (Works and Buildings) arrived from No.2 Training Command Headquarters for the purpose of inspecting heating equipment. Returned later the same day.

29-10-42 Normal Routine.

30-10-42 Normal Routine.

31-10-42 G/Cpt; Bonham Carter arrived by air from Saskatoon and discussed training matters with the Officer in Charge R.A.F., S/Ldr. D. Sloan. He remained overnight.

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<u>31-10-42</u>	<u>Personnel Strength.</u>	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Airmen</u>
	STAFF: R.A.F.		28
	58		
	<u>Service Personnel Other than R.A.F.</u>		
	R.C.A.F.		2
	9		
	C.D.C.		
1	2		
<hr/>		Total Staff.	<hr/>
	69		31

	TRAINÉES: R.A.F.	5
263		
-	R.C.A.F.	
4		
-	R.N.Z.A.F.	<u>1</u>
<hr/>		
	TOTAL TRAINEES.	<u>6</u>
<u>267</u>		

Aircraft Strength.

<u>Type.</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>
Tiger Moth, D.H. 82c.	9	79
Squadron Leader		(D. Sloan)
Charge, R.A.F.,		Officer in
<u>E.F.T.S., NEEPAWA, Manitoba.</u>		<u>No. 35</u>

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1-11-42	<u>Personnel Strength.</u>	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Airmen</u>
<u>Or Other Ranks.</u>			
	STAFF: R.A.F.		28
58			
	<u>Service Personnel Other than R.A.F.</u>		
	R.C.A.F.		2
9			
	C.D.C.		<u>1</u>
2			
<hr/>			
	Total Staff.	<u>31</u>	
<u>69</u>			

	TRAINÉES: R.A.F.	5
263		
-	R.C.A.F.	
4		

TOTAL TRAINEES.

6267AIRCRAFT STRENGTH.

<u>TYPE.</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>
<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>	

Tiger Moth, D.H. 82c.

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S/Ldr. G.E. Thompson left by road to Brandon en route to new Unit - No.37 S.F.T.S., Calgary.
G/Cpt. Bonham-Carter left by air for No.2 Training Command Headquarters.

A church parade was held during the evening, attended by three flights. Service conducted by
F/Lt. J.P. Cooper, Chaplain from No.1 C.N.S. Rivers.

2-11-42 A conference was held in No.21 Lecture Room at 14.00 hours. (See report attached at
Appendix "A"). (ED NOTE; see IMAGE 924)

Change of Command - S/Ldr. D. Sloan assumes command as Officer in Charge R.A.F., No.35
E.F.T.S., Neepawa, Man; vice S/Ldr. G.E. Thompson, effective 1-11-42.

3-11-42 All flying instructors were paraded in "B" flight crew-room and were addressed by
S/Ldr. G. Felkins, commanding officer of C.F.S. Visiting Flight.

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3-11-42 F/Lt. Terrell left by air for No.34 E.F.T.S., Assiniboia on temporary duty - General
Court-Martial.

4-11-42 Posting instructions received for 10 pupils of Course No.64 to proceed to No.33
S.F.T.S., Carberry.

Morning parade and inspection by Officer in Charge was held of all officers, N.C.O. instructors
and pupil pilots of two flights.

The Officer in Charge carried out an inspection of all buildings occupied by Service personnel.
All instructors assembled in No.19 Lecture Room and addressed by S/Ldr. Sloan, Officer on
(a) Aim of the School, (b) Flying discipline, (c) Winter precautions, (d) Instruction generally.
All Warrant officers and Senior N.C.Os. were assembled in the Sergeants-Mess and an address
relating to discipline, duties of N.C.Os. dress, deportment and relations with airmen, was given
by the Officer in Charge.

The Officer in Charge discussed with the Station Superintendent future policy as regards
serviceability of the aerodrome after falls of snow.

Instructions received from D.A.P.S., relating to 60 u/t Pilots -Course No.68 - posted this Unit for
training.

Owing to snowstorm, no flying was possible during the day.

5-11-42 Departure by air of Visiting Flight for Prince Albert.

F/Lt. Warren, Command Education Officer, arrived from No.2 Training Command Headquarters, and discussed educational matters with the officer in Charge and Chief Ground Instructor. He reported he was well satisfied with the educational arrangements at this Unit.

Instructions received by signal from No.2 Training Command Headquarters for the Officer in Charge and the Civil Manager to report to No.2 Training Command Headquarters on 9 November to attend a conference in connection with the Re-selection of border-line pupils.

6-11-42 F/O. Whimster, Works & Buildings officer, arrived by rail from No.11 S.F.T.S., Yorkton on temporary duty.

7-11-42 F/Lt. J.P. Cooper, Chaplain, arrived from No.1 C.N.S. Rivers.

Course No.68, comprising 60 pupil pilots, arrived from No.31 P.D. Moncton. These personnel were addressed by the Officer in Charge, Station Medical Officer, R.A.F., Administrative Officer.

10 u/t pilots (Course No.64) left on posting to No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry.

8-11-42 Remaining pupils of Course No.64 inspected by Administrative Officer.

30 airmen pupils proceeded to Neepawa under the command of Pilot Officer D.L. Green to attend the Remembrance Day service in the United Church, Neepawa.

A combined church parade was held in the evening for all personnel not engaged on duty.

Service was conducted by F/Lt. J.P. Cooper.

The Officer in Charge proceeded to No.2 Training Command Headquarters to attend conference.

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8-11-42 Owing to inclement weather, 2 aircraft force-landed - 1 at Brookdale and the other at Newdale. Guards were furnished for each aircraft and arrangements made for these aircraft to return to Neepawa as soon as weather permitted,

Anson aircraft from No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry, force-landed on main aerodrome owing to inclement weather.

F/Lt. Terrell returned by rail from No.34 E.F.T.S., Assiniboia, on completion of temporary duty.

9-11-42 The 2 force-landed aircraft safely returned to aerodrome.

In connection with the Third Victory Loan, total amount of subscriptions amounted to \$2304 by Service personnel, and \$214.50 by civilian personnel.

10-11-42 S/Ldr. Sloan returned from No.2 Training Command Headquarters on completion of conference in connection with border-line pupils.

11-11-42 All available personnel attended a Remembrance Day parade held on the Parade Square at 10.30 hours. Lt. D. Kidd, officer commanding the local platoon of Veterans Guard

accompanied by Cpt: Kerr, officer commanding Legion of Frontiersmen, attended this parade at the invitation of the Officer in Charge R.A.F.

F/Lt. Terrell left by air from No.3 B. & G. School, Macdonald on temporary duty - District Court-Martial.

12-11-42 F/O. Betts and P/O. Larkin proceeded to M. & C. Aviation, Prince Albert, Sask: on temporary duty - ferrying aircraft.

13-11-42 Normal Routine.

14-11-42 Posting instructions received for pupils of Course No.64 - 14 to No.35 S.F.T.S., North Battleford. 16 to No.34 S.F.T.S., Medicine Hat. postings for North Battleford and Medicine Hat effective 21-11-42. 6 to No.41 S.F.T.S., Weyburn. Posting for Weyburn effective 5-12-42. Posting instructions received for 1 naval graduate to No.31 S.F.T.S., Kingston, effective 20-11-42.

Tiger Moth aircraft Nos; 1259 and 3848 involved in ground collision. No injuries sustained by occupants.

15-11-42 A combined Church of England and Other Denomination church parade service was held in the evening

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15-11-42 attended by Officers, instructors and pupils of three flights, together with all other personnel not on special duties. The service was conducted by the Rev: R.H. Armstrong - O.D. Chaplain.

16-11-42 S/Ldr. Herring, Command Armament Officer, arrived and discussed with the Officer in Charge and Chief Ground Instructor, armament training matters. He left later in the day for No.19 E.F.T.S., Virden.

17-11-42 A performance by the "Lifebuoy Follies" concert party was staged in the Station Theatre. This was much appreciated by an audience of approximately 550.

18-11-42 Morning parade and inspection by Officer in Charge was held of all officers, N.C.O. instructors and pupil pilots of three flights.

The Officer in Charge carried out an inspection of all buildings occupied by Service personnel.

Accident to Tiger Moth aircraft No.1246, 7 miles north of Franklin, involving pupil pilot No.1321193 LAC. Gray, severely but not seriously injured. Carrying out solo practices - partial engine failure, causing loss of height. At about 600 feet stalled the aircraft and spun, making partial recovery before crashing.

Accident to Tiger Moth aircraft No.4242, 2½ miles north-east of Eden, involving instructor, P/O. Wanlin and pupil, pilot No.1324294 LAC. Hall. Whilst giving dual instruction forced-landing, engine failed and in attempting to land undercarriage hit some rocks causing it to collapse.

No injuries sustained by either occupant.

A meeting was held in the Civil Manager's office, attended by the Officer in Charge, S/Ldr. Sloan, Civil Manager, Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Banville, Canadian Legion Auxiliary Services officer, who discussed Auxiliary services in relation to the welfare of Service personnel generally.

19-11-42 Instructions received by signal from No.2 Training Command Headquarters for arrangements to be made for the funeral at Neepawa of the late LAC. Kolesar, who died at No. 3 F.I.S. Arnprior on 16-11-42. Relatives were contacted and the funeral is being held on Sunday 22-11-42. This unit to provide pallbearers and attending party. Arrangements were also made for detachment of Veterans Guard to attend and the loan of a trumpeter.

20-11-42 Owing to restrictions imposed on road travel transportation services, the majority of personnel granted week-end passes, will in future travel by rail. These passes are now granted until further notice from 12.00 hours Fridays to 02.00 hours Mondays, thus enabling personnel proceeding to Winnipeg to travel by the only available trains.

P/O. Hartley and Sgt. Bateman, flying instructors, posted to No.1 F.I.S. Trenton, effective 21-11-42.

F/O. Watson and Sgt. Davies, flying instructors, posted to No.2 F.I.S., Vulcan, effective 20-11-42.

S/Ldr. Hancock, flying instructor, posted to No.31 S.F.T.S., Kingston, effective 20-11-42.

P/O. Haygate, Sgt. Sankie and Sgt. Adams, flying instructors, arrived on posting to this Unit from No 3 F.I.S., Arnprior.

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21-11-42 F/Lt. Godkin, Chaplain from No.1 C.N.S. Rivers, arrived on temporary duty. Course No.69, comprising 60 pupil pilots, arrived from No.31 P.D. Moncton. These personnel were addressed by the Officer in Charge, Station Medical Officer, and R.A.F. Administrative Officer, Padre, and Chief Ground Instructor.

P/O. Hartley and Sgt. Bateman, flying instructors, left on posting to No.1 F.I.S. Trenton.

F/O. Watson and Sgt. Davies, flying instructors, left on posting to No.2 F.I.S., Vulcan.

S/Ldr. Hancock, flying instructor, left on posting to No.31 S.F.T.S., Kingston.

Link Trainer party arrived from No.8 Repair Depot, Winnipeg, for the purpose of installing 2 service type Link Trainers allotted to the Unit.

22-11-42 The funeral of the late LAC. Kolesar took place at Riverside Cemetery, Neepawa at 15.45 hours. Service was conducted by the Chaplain, the Rev: R.H. Armstrong. All previous arrangements made in connection with relatives, etc., were carried out satisfactorily.

A combined Church of England and Other Denomination church parade service was held in the evening, attended by all Officers, N.C.O. instructors and pupil pilots of all flights not engaged on flying duties, together with all other personnel not on special duties. Service was conducted by the Chaplain from C.N.S. Rivers, F/Lt. Godkin.

23-11-42 Normal Routine.

24-11-42 Return of Link Trainer party to No.8 Repair Depot, on completion of temporary duty.

25-11-42 Posting instructions received for Graduates of No 65 Course, effective 5-12-42, as follows - 34 for twin-engine training to No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry.
 14 for single-engine training to No.41 S.F.T.S., Weyburn.

26-11-42 F/O. Shepherd, flying instructor, left on posting to No.23 E.F.T.S., Davidson. Squadron Officer Walker and Section Officer Dunbar arrived by air from Brandon. These officers are on tour and lectured at Neepawa on W.A.A.F. girls in training. Remained at the Unit overnight.

27-11-42 Squadron Officer Walker left by air for Paulson, whilst Section Officer Dunbar lectured in the Neepawa School during the morning and left the Unit later in the day.

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27-11-42 Hon: Wing Commander Levin, Chaplain, arrived by air from Carberry and after a brief interview with the Officer in Charge, left for No.41 S.F.T.S., Weyburn.

28-11-42 F/Lt. Godkin, Chaplain, arrived on temporary duty from No.1 C.N.S. Rivers.

29-11-42 A combined Church of England and Other Denomination personnel was held in the evening, attended by officers, N.C.O. instructors and pupil pilots of all flights not engaged on flying duties, together with all other personnel not engaged on essential duties.

30-11-42 The first of a series of Administration Lectures was given to 50% of the officer strength of the Unit by the R.A.F. Administrative Officer.

<u>Personnel Strength.</u>	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Airmen Or</u>
<u>Other Ranks.</u>		
STAFF: R.A.F. 56	27	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.A.F.</u>		
9 R.C.A.F.		1
2 C.D.C.		<u>1</u>
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67	Total Staff.	<hr/> 29
 <u>TRAINEES: R.A.F.</u>		
272		-
R.C.A.F.		<hr/> -

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278

TOTAL TRAINEES. -

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH.

<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>	<u>TYPE.</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>
Tiger Moth, D.H. 82C. 4		86
Squadron Leader		(D. Sloan)
Charge, R.A.F.,		Officer in
E.F.T.S. NEEPAWA, Man:		No. 35

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APPENDIX "A".

A conference will be held at 14.00 hours 2-11-42 in the Engine Lecture Room, G.I.S., it is requested that the following personnel attend -

1. Mr. J.W. Humphrey.
2. Mr. R.C. Mills.
3. S/Ldr. D. Sloan.
4. F/Lt. E. Bradley,
5. F/Lt. A.F. Underhill.
6. Mr. N.C. McCoy.
7. Mr. J.M. Lang.

The following points, raised by S/Ldr. G. Folkins of the C.F.S. Visiting Flight, are raised for discussion.

1. SIGNAL AREA.

- (a) Situation: re-situate on roof or retain present situation (?)
- (b) Improvements: reconstruction of now type "T"; re-painting for winter use.

2. CRASH TENDER & PETROL BOWSER.

- (a) Parking arrangements (?)
- (b) Issue of instructions to drivers and crews (?)

3. AIRCRAFT - HANDLING AND MAINTENANCE.

- (a) Instructions to handling party on the following -
 - (i) Propeller swinging.
 - (i) Chocks; special place for chocks when not in use; painting chocks flight colour.
 - (iii) Signals by pilot to handling party,
 - (iv) Arrangements for personnel in cockpit when engine running.
 - (v) Visiting aircraft.
- (b) Aeroplane maintenance form (L.14).
 - (i) Compilation of.
 - (ii) Retention by timekeeper during flying.
 - (iii) Procedure for circulation in the event of unserviceability.
 - (iv) Impounding procedure in the event of accident.
 - (v) Recording of unserviceability by instructors.
 - (vi) Arrangement for availability and easy access to servicing crews during winter.
 - (vii) Any other points which might occur.
- (c) Certificate for aircraft re low flying in accordance with T.C.Is.
- (d) Percentage checks.
- (e) Intercommunication, speaking tubes, etc.,
- (f) Adjustment of mouthpieces to facilitate synchronisation of pattern with flying.
- (g) Maps in all aircraft.

NOTE: This copy to be brought to the conference.

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1 Dec./42 Personnel Strength.
Airmen Or Other Ranks.

Officers.

27	STAFF: R.A.F.	
	56	
	<u>Service Personnel Other than R.A.F.</u>	
	R.C.A.F.	1
9		
	C.D.C.	<u>1</u>
2		
<hr/>		
	TOTAL STAFF.	<u>29</u>
<u>67</u>		

	<u>TRAINEES: R.A.F.</u>	-
272		
	R.C.A.F.	<u>-</u>
6		
<hr/>		
	TOTAL TRAINEES.	<u>-</u>
<u>278</u>		

AIRCRAFT.

TYPE.
UNSERVICEABLE

SERVICEABLE

Tiger Moth, D.H. 82c.	86
4	

F/O. Proudlove, flying instructor, left on posting to No.2 F.I.S., Vulcan.

2-Dec./42 Pilot Officers Broome and Larkin, flying instructors, left on posting to No. 2 F.I.S., Vulcan.

Morning Parade and Inspection by the Officer in charge R.A.F., was held of all Officers, N.C.O. Instructors and Pupil Pilots of four flights.

The Officer in Charge R.A.F., carried out an inspection of all Station buildings occupied by Service personnel.

3-Dec./42 F/O. Billing, flying instructor, arrived on posting from No.32 E.F.T.S., Bowden. F/O. Evatt and P/O. Eldridge, flying instructors, arrived on posting from No.31 E.F.T.S., De Winton.

P/O. Spelling, flying instructor, left on posting to No. 1 F.I.S., Trenton.

Information received from No.2 Training Command that commencing with Course No.70 and until further

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3 Dec./42. notice, Course intakes will be reduced from sixty to fifty trainees.

4 Dec./42. Sgt. Garnett, flying instructor, left on posting to No.2 F.I.S., Vulcan.

5 Dec./42. Pilot Officers Tofield and Western, flying instructors, arrived on posting from No.31 E.F.T.S., De Winton.

Course No.70, comprising 50 pupil pilots (43 from Moncton and 7 from Trenton) arrived this Unit for training. These personnel were addressed by the Officer in Charge R.A.F.,

Administrative Officer, Senior Medical Officer, Padre, and Chief Ground Instructor.

F/Lt. Godkin, Chaplain from No.1 C.N.S. Rivers, arrived on temporary duty.

35 graduates of Course No.65 left on posting to No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry.

14 graduates of Course No.65 left on posting to No.41 S.F.T.S., Weyburn.

6 Dec./42. A combined Church of England and Other Denominations Church Parade Service was held in the evening, attended by al, Officers, Instructors, Pupil Pilots and other personnel not engaged on essential duties. The service was conducted by F/Lt. The Rev: Godkin.

7 Dec./42. F/Lt. Dowding, Senior Medical Officer, proceeded to No.2 Training Command Headquarters to attend a nutrition course.

8 Dec./42. Two administration lectures were held during the afternoon. The first was attended by all available Officers, the other by all available N.C.O. Instructors.

Lecturers - F/Lt. Brett and Sgt. Bateman.

Captain McLean, Dental Officer, left on posting

9 Dec./42. Morning Parade and Inspection by the Officer in Charge R.A.F., was held of all Officers, N.C.O. Instructors and Pupil Pilots, with the exception of those engaged on night flying the previous night.

The Officer in Charge R.A.F., carried out an inspection of all Station buildings occupied by Service personnel.

10 Dec./42. Captain Finkle, Dental Officer, arrived by rail on posting from Yorkton.
Normal Routine.

11 Dec./42. S/Ldr. Morkill, Liaison Officer from No. 2 Training Command Headquarters, arrived by air from No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry, for the purpose of discussing personnel matters with the Officer in Charge R.A.F., he remained overnight.

12 Dec./42. S/Ldr. Morkill left by rail on return to No.2 Training Command Headquarters.
Normal Routine.

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13 Dec./42. Owing to inclement weather during the afternoon, ten Anson aircraft from No. 1 C.N.S. Rivers, landed on main aerodrome. On receipt of a favourable weather report later in the day the aircraft returned to Rivers.

A combined Church of England and Other Denominations Church Parade Service was held in the evening. This service was attended by all personnel not engaged on flying or other essential duties. The service was conducted by the Rev: R.H. Armstrong, and the choir from Knox Presbyterian Church, Neepawa, was in attendance.

14 Dec./42. Present shift system discontinued due to shortness of flying period. Flights now flying from 08.30 hours to 17.30 hours.
Normal Routine.

15 Dec./42. Normal routine. Total flying for the day - 404 hours.

16 Dec./42. Morning Parade and Inspection by the Officer in Charge R.A.F., was held of all Officers, N.C.O. Instructors and Pupil Pilots, with the exception of those engaged on night flying the previous night. The Officer in Charge R.A.F., carried out an inspection of all Station buildings occupied by Service personnel.

17 Dec./42. Due to inclement weather flying could not be carried out.
The R.A.F. Administrative Officer gave the second of a series of Administration lectures to Officers, and the N.C.O. in charge of the Orderly Room gave a similar lecture to Senior N.C.Os. A conference of all Flight Commanders was held in the office of the Officer in Charge R.A.F. Mr. W.E. Randall, representative of the Dominion Rubber Company, arrived at the Unit for the purpose of obtaining information relating to the field operation of his Company's products.

18 Dec./42. Normal Routine.

19 Dec./42. Normal routine

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20 Dec./42. Normal routine.

A combined Church of England and Other Denominations Parade for Church service was held in the evening, attended by all personnel not engaged on night flying and other essential duties. This service was conducted by the Rev: R.H. Armstrong, part-time Chaplain.

21 Dec./42. 49 pupils for Course No.71 arrived at 19.20 hours. The N.C.O. in charge of the draft reported that two airmen suffering from Naso Pharyngitis and Acute Bronchitis were removed from the train en route, at Ottawa, and admitted to the Station Hospital No.2 S.F.T.S., Uplands, Ottawa.

22 Dec./42. Newly arrived pupils for Course No.71 were addressed by the Officer in Charge R.A.F., the Administrative Officer, Senior Medical Officer, Padre, and Chief Ground Instructor.

Flying had to be abandoned early in the morning owing to bad visibility and snow flurries, after only 23 hours flying.

23 Dec./42. A revised Establishment for R.A.F. personnel, aircraft, mechanical transport and works maintenance equipment, received from No.2 Training Command Headquarters. This revised Establishment -WAR/CAN/125/35 dated 2nd.December 1942 supercedes the one WAR/CAN/125/35 dated 24th.August 1942, and provides for an increase in the number of Flight Commanders, the provision of two Flight Lieutenant Squadron Commanders. Although a previous application for an increase in the Establishment of Station Police and the provision of an equipment assistant was recommended by No.2 Training Command Headquarters, the new Establishment does not provide for these increases.

P/O. A.E. Hartley, flying instructor, arrived on posting from No.1 F.I.S., Trenton.

24 Dec./42. Approximately fifty percent of Service personnel granted five days Special Christmas Leave.

Flying for the day - 236 hours.

25 Dec./42. Inclement weather prevented the day flying and night flying programmes being carried out.

The Officer in Charge R.A.F., and other Officers attended the Airmen's Christmas Day dinner.

A short speech was given by the Officer in Charge R.A.F., and he concluded by wishing all airmen the Compliments of the Season.

Numerous requests were received from residents of Neepawa to entertain airmen during Christmas and the New Year. The Auxiliary Services officer in conjunction with the Officer in Charge R.A.F., and the Neepawa Welfare Committee arranged for the entertainment of no less than 75 airmen.

26 Dec./42. A complete change in the weather enabled flying to be resumed.

1 graduate of Course No.66 left on posting to No.31 S.F.T.S., Kingston.

1 graduate of Course No.66 left on posting to No.36 S.F.T.S., Penhold.

15 graduates of Course No.66 left on posting to No.32 S.F.T.S., Moose Jaw.

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26 Dec./42. 18 graduates of Course No.66 left on posting to No. 34 S.F.T.S., Medicine Hat.

10 graduates of Course No.66 left on posting to No. 10 S.F.T.S., Dauphin.

5 graduates of Course No.66 left on posting to No. 39 S.F.T.S., Swift Current.

27 Dec./42. Normal Routine.

A combined Church of England and Other Denominations parade for Church Service was held in the evening. This service was attended by all personnel not engaged on night flying and other essential duties. The service was conducted by the Rev: R.H. Armstrong.

F/Lt. The Rev: Godkin arrived by air from No.1 C.N.S. Rivers on temporary duty.

28 Dec./42. Normal Routine.

29 Dec./42. Unit back to full strength after Special Christmas Leave. Normal Routine.

30 Dec./42. Morning Parade and Inspection by the Officer in Charge R.A.F., was held of all Officers, N.C.O. Instructors and Pupil Pilots, with the exception of those engaged on night flying the previous night.

The Officer in Charge R.A.F., carried out an inspection of all Station buildings occupied by Service personnel.

31 Dec./42. Normal Routine.

<u>Other Ranks.</u>	<u>Personnel Strength.</u>	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Airmen Or</u>
54	STAFF: R.A.F.	28	
9	<u>Service Personnel Other than R.A.F.</u> R.C.A.F.		1
-	R.A.A.F.		1
2	C.D.C.		<u>1</u>
<u>65</u>	TOTAL STAFF.	<u>31</u>	

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<u>Other Ranks.</u>	<u>Personnel Strength.</u> (cont).	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Airmen Or</u>
249	<u>TRAINEES: R.A.F.</u>	-	
5	R.C.A.F.		-
1	R.N.Z.A.F.		<u>-</u>
<u>255</u>	TOTAL TRAINEES.		<u>-</u>

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH.

TYPE.
UNSERVICEABLE

SERVICEABLE

Tiger Moth, D.H. 82c.
2.

89

Squadron Leader

(D. Sloan)

Charge, R.A.F.,

Officer in

E.F.T.S., NEEPAWA, Manitoba.

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1 Jan./43.
Other Ranks.

Personnel Strength.

Officers.

Airmen Or

54 STAFF: R.A.F.

28

Service Personnel Other than R.A.F.

9 R.C.A.F.

1

- R.A.A.F.

1

2 C.D.C.

1

65

TOTAL STAFF.

31

249 TRAINEES: R.A.F.

-

5 R.C.A.F.

-

1 R.N.Z.A.F.

-

255

TOTAL TRAINEES.

-

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH.

TYPE.
UNSERVICEABLE

SERVICEABLE

Tiger Moth, D.H. 82c.
2.

89

Due to snow, no flying was carried out during the day, but the weather cleared in the evening and 28 hours night-flying was carried out.

2 Jan./43. Accident to Tiger Moth No.1250 at 10.30 hrs. involving Pupil Pilot No.1473258 LAC. J.A. SMITH, uninjured. Whilst carrying out forced landing practices on relief landing ground, engine failed due to cold and mis-handling. Landed in soft snow, struck small drift and overturned.

Accident to Tiger Moth No.5937 at 15.15 hrs. involving Pupil Pilot No.1622520 LAC. G. STINTON, uninjured. Pupil landing on aerodrome mis-judged height due to snow glare and held-off high. Stalled aircraft and landed heavily, causing undercarriage to buckle.

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3 Jan./43. In observance of the National Day of Prayer a combined Church Parade Service was held in the evening, attended by all personnel not engaged on night-flying or other essential duties.

4 Jan./43. An experiment was carried out in the marking of the Aerodrome with coloured dye, to facilitate judgment of height for aircraft landing in snow glare.

5 Jan./43. Unit back to full strength after special New Year's Leave.

Conference held with the Management of the Civil Operated Company regarding the responsibility of periodic returns.

S/Ldr. Hansen, No.2 Training Command Equipment Officer, arrived from No.2 Training Command Headquarters for the purpose of discussing with the Officer in Charge and the Civil Management, matters regarding Major equipment and Airframe and Aero Engine spares.

6 Jan./43. Accident to Tiger Moth No.5850 at 11.15 hrs. involving Pupil Pilot No.1549553 LAC. BLACKHAM, uninjured. Pupil on first solo flight. Error of judgment, held-off high, stalled aircraft, dropped left wing which struck the ground, and aircraft overturned.

A morning parade and inspection by the Officer in Charge was held of all Officers, N.C.O. Instructors and Pupil Pilots.

The Officer in Charge carried out an inspection of all Station buildings occupied by Service personnel. Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore accompanied by Group Captain Bonham-Carter arrived by air from Carberry. He addressed all available personnel in the Station Theatre. He also made a brief tour of the Station, had tea in the Officers' Mess, departing for Winnipeg in the evening.

Flying Officer Hughes, Assistant Command Cadet Officer, arrived by air from Carberry and proceeded to Neepawa to meet Flight Lieutenant Wilson, officer commanding No.9 Squadron Air Cadets, for the purpose of taking inventory of equipment.

Wing Commander H.R.Black, A.F.C, ex Commanding Officer of No.35 E.F.T.S., accompanied by Wing Commander Nathan, visited the Station for lunch, en route to Carberry.

7 Jan./43. Flying Officer Hughes discussed with the Officer in Charge matters relating to Air Cadets. He left later in the day for Dauphin.

8 Jan./43. A voluntary physical training class for Flying Instructors was commenced under the supervision of the Physical Training Instructor.

9 Jan./43. 14 Trainees ex Course No.67 left on posting to No.41 S.F.T.S., WEYBURN.
10 Trainees ex Course No.68 left on posting to No.41 S.F.T.S., WEYBURN.
35 Trainees ex Course No.67 left on posting to No.33 S.F.T.S., CARBERRY.
50 Trainees, comprising Course No.72, arrived from No.31 P.D., MONCTON,
for training.

IMAGE 934

10 Jan./43. Squadron Leader Anstead, Equipment Officer, arrived by air from No. 3 B & G. School, Macdonald, for the purpose of assisting the Unit in the conversion of Airmens Records of Kit E.147 to the new deficiency lists N.236.

Letters of appreciation were sent by the Officer in Charge to all residents of Neepawa and District who had entertained airmen during the Christmas and New Year periods.

A combined Church of England and Other Denominations Church Parade Service was held in the evening, attended by all personnel not engaged on night-flying or other essential duties.

11 Jan./43. Flight Lieutenant Wilson, commanding No.9 Squadron Air Cadets, visited the Officer in Charge; they discussed the question of liaison between the Unit and Air Cadets. Mr. Gold and Mr. Moffat, Rental Supervisors, arrived from Winnipeg at the request of No.2 Training Command Headquarters, for the purpose of interviewing all "living out" personnel of the Unit regarding rentals charged for local private accommodation.

The Officer in Charge addressed all Trainees of the new incoming Course No.72.

Promotion of Flight Lieutenant E. BRADLEY, Assistant Chief Flying Instructor, to the rank of Squadron Leader.

12 Jan./43. Normal Routine.

13 Jan./43. A morning parade and inspection by the Officer in Charge was held of all Officers, N.C.O. Instructors and Pupil Pilots.

The Officer in Charge carried out an inspection of all Station buildings occupied by Service personnel.

Squadron Leader H. MacFARLANE, Command Chaplain, arrived by air from Carberry and met the Station Chaplain. They discussed matters relating to the spiritual welfare of the Station. He

remained overnight.

14 Jan./43. Squadron Leader Macfarlane left by air for Paulson.

15 Jan./43. 23 Trainees ex Course No.68 left on posting to No.35 S.F.T.S., North Battleford.

16 Jan./43. Normal Routine

IMAGE 935

17 Jan./43 Extreme sub-zero weather (48 degrees below zero) prevented flying. A combined Church of England and Other Denominations Church Parade Service was held in the evening, attended by all personnel not engaged on essential duties.

18 Jan./43 Flight Lieutenant Wood, No.2 Training Command, and Mr. Winkworth, Air Ministry, arrived by air from Carberry and spent a short time with the Officer in Charge. Continued cold weather prevented further flying.

19 Jan./43 Squadron Leader Weaver of A.M.O. Directorate arrived by air to review Unit accommodation.

20 Jan./43 Squadron Leader Millington, Air Force Headquarters, and Squadron Leader Corkhill, No.2 Training Command Headquarters, arrived by rail for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. Pilot Officer T.A. Coggan, Flying Instructor, left for No.31 P.D. Moncton, on posting to the United Kingdom. A morning parade and inspection by the Officer in Charge was held of all Officers, N.C.O, Instructors and Pupil Pilots. The Officer in Charge carried out an inspection of all Station buildings occupied by Service personnel.

21 Jan./43 Normal Routine.

22 Jan./43 9 Trainees ex Course No.68 left on posting to No.34 S.F.T.S., Medicine Hat. Flight Lieutenant H.B. Ravilious, ex Accountant Officer of No.35 E.F.T.S., arrived from No.2 Training Command, on attachment for three days for the purpose of clearing up outstanding accountancy observations made at the time of the re-organization of the Unit on a civil operated basis.

Accident to Tiger Moth No.3864 at 11.05 hours, involving Instructor No.1204733 Flight Sergeant Preedy and Pupil Pilot No.1457792 LAC. Anyan, both uninjured. In attempting to land in bad visibility with heavy snow falling, flew into ground at a shallow angle, causing undercarriage to collapse.

23 Jan./43 Air Commodore Collins and Squadron Leader Corkhill arrived to discuss personnel and establishment problems. Owing to severe snowstorm, they were delayed overnight.

24 Jan./43 Air Commodore Collins and Squadron Leader Corkhill left for Carberry. A combined Church of England and Other Denominations Church Parade Service was held in the evening, attended by all available personnel.

25 Jan./43 50 Trainees, comprising Course No.73, arrived (47 from No.31 P.D. Moncton, and 3 from No.1 Re-Selection Centre, Trenton) for training. They were addressed by the Officer in Charge, Administrative Officer,

IMAGE 936

25 Jan./43. Senior Medical Officer, Station Chaplain and Chief Ground Instructor.

26 Jan./43. Normal Routine.

27 Jan./43. Normal Routine. A morning parade and inspection by the Officer in Charge was held of all Service personnel.

28 Jan./43. Flight Lieutenant E.W. Sharpe arrived to carry out investigation of Flying Records.

29 Jan./43. Normal Routine.

30 Jan./43. Accident to Tiger Moth No.4140 at 16.30 hours, involving Instructor, No.657432 Sgt. MacAllister, and Pupil Pilot No.1606081 LAC. Dean, both uninjured. Instructor, whilst demonstrating the illusionary effects of low flying, did a turn from which he stalled and partially spun from about 400 feet. Succeeded in recovering but insufficient height to clear deep snow.

31 Jan./43. Flight Lieutenant Sharpe departed on completion of investigation.

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH.</u>		<u>OFFICERS.</u>	<u>AIRMEN OR OTHER</u>
<u>RANKS.</u>			
STAFF.	R.A.F.	33	
	49		
<u>SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN R.A.F.</u>			
	R.C.A.F.		1
	9		
	R.A.A.F.		1
	-		
	C.D.C.		1
	2		
	<u>TOTAL STAFF.</u>	<u>36</u>	
	<u>60</u>		
<u>TRAINEES.</u>	R.A.F.		-

232	R.C.A.F.	-
1	R.N.Z.A.F.	-
<u>1</u>		
	TOTAL TRAINEES.	<u>234</u>
-		

IMAGE 937

31 Jan./43. AIRCRAFT STRENGTH.

<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>
3	Tiger Moth, D.H. 82C.	83
		(D. Sloan) Squadron
		Officer in Charge,
		<u>No. 35 E.F.T.S.,</u>
	<u>NEEPAWA, Manitoba.</u>	

IMAGE 938

1 Feb/43.

PERSONNEL STRENGTH.
RANKS.

<u>STAFF.</u>	<u>R.A.F.</u>	<u>OFFICERS.</u>	<u>AIRMEN OR OTHER</u>
49		33	
<u>SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN R.A.F.</u>			
	R.C.A.F.		1
	9		
	R.A.A.F.		1
	-		
	C.D.C.		<u>1</u>
	2		
	TOTAL STAFF.	<u>36</u>	
<u>60</u>			

TRAINEES. R.A.F.
232

R.C.A.F.	-
1	
R.N.Z.A.F.	-
<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL TRAINEES.	<u>234</u>
-	

Flight Lieutenant W.A. McCallum, Command Fire Officer, arrived by rail from No.2 Training Command Headquarters.

2 Feb/43. A morning parade and inspection by the Officer commanding R.A.F. personnel was held of all Flying Instructors and Trainees.
The Officer commanding R.A.F. personnel carried out an inspection of all Station buildings occupied by Service personnel.

3 Feb/43. Accident to Tiger Moth No.3857 at 1330 hrs., involving Pupil Pilot No. 1805171 LAC. SHACKELL, uninjured.
Engine failure due to breaking of exhaust valve causing engine to cut-out. Forced landed at Eden in field with 1 ft. of snow. Aircraft overturned.

4 Feb/43. Accident to Tiger Moth No.4821 at 0830 hrs., involving Pupil Pilot No.1623857 LAC. HAYNES, uninjured.
Pupil, whilst taxiing and attempting to pass between two stationary aircraft, misjudged distance, causing port lower main-plane to strike the rotating propeller of one of the stationary aircraft.
Accident to Tiger moth No.4307 at 1230 hrs., involving Pupil Pilot No.1521244 LAC. PERCIVAL, uninjured.
Pupil, whilst attempting to land, held off high, stalled aircraft and landed heavily on under carriage, causing it to collapse.

IMAGE 939

5 Feb/43. Accident to Tiger Moth Nos; 3843 and 1266 at 1200 hrs., involving Pupil Pilots, No. 1474060 LAC. SAYER and No.1549225 LAC. TURNER, both uninjured. Taxying collision.

6 Feb/43. Pilot Officer H.F. Hall, Auxiliary Services, arrived by road from No.2 Training Command Headquarters on a tour of inspection. He left later the same day.
22 Trainees ex Course No.69 left on posting to No. 41 S.F.T.S., Weyburn.
24 Trainees ex Course No.69 left on posting to No. 33 S.F.T.S., Carberry.
49 Trainees (46 ex Moncton and 3 ex Trenton), comprising Course No.74, arrived at the Unit for training.
Squadron Leader E. Bradley, Assistant Chief Flying Instructor, left on posting to No.33 E.F.T.S., Caron, Sask: to take up duties as Officer Commanding R.A.F. personnel.

7 Feb/43. Squadron Leader D. Sloan, Chief Flying Instructor, proceeded by air to No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry on temporary duty (Court-Martial).

Accident to Tiger Moth No.3850 at 1715 hours, involving Pupil Pilot No.3198770 LAC. TRAYLEN, uninjured. Error of judgement whilst landing, undershooting aerodrome, causing aircraft to land in soft snow and turn over. Pupil on second solo flight. A combined Church Parade Service was held in the evening, attended by all available personnel.

8 Feb/43. Squadron Leader Mavregerdate assumed command as Assistant Chief Flying Instructor, vice Squadron Leader E. Bradley, posted.

9 Feb/43. Wing Commander Rossie-Brown, Command Chaplain, arrived from Virден. Squadron Leader D. Sloan, returned by air from No. 33 S.F.T.S., Carberry.

10 Feb/43. A morning parade and inspection of all Flying Instructors and Pupil Pilots was held by the Officer Commanding R.A.F. personnel. He also carried out an inspection of all Station buildings occupied by Service personnel.

11 Feb/43. Squadron Leader Macfarlane, Signals Officer, arrived by air from No.2 Training Command Headquarters., returning to Winnipeg later the same day. Accident to Tiger Moth No.1253 at 1300 hrs., involving Pupil Pilot No.1562466 LAC. ARCHIBALD, uninjured. Pupil, landing on aerodrome, mis-judged height due to snow glare and held-off high. Stalled aircraft and landed heavily.

12 Feb/43. Wing Commander Rossie-Brown left by rail on return to No. 2 Training Command Headquarters. Squadron Leader E.H. Crawford arrived by rail from No.2 Training Command Headquarters for the purpose of taking Summary of Evidence in connection with pending General Court-Martial.

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13 Feb/43. Squadron Leader E.H. Crawford returned to No.2 Training Command Headquarters, Winnipeg, by road. Accident to Tiger Moth Nos: 1243 and 1229 at 1800 hrs., involving Pupil Pilots No.13395676 LAC. BURNELL and No.1597160 LAC. PHILPOTT, both uninjured. These two aircraft, coming in to land, got too close and collided at about 20 feet. Aircraft No.1243 nosed over on landing.

14 Feb/43. A combined Church Parade Service was held in the evening, attended by all available personnel. The Service was conducted by Flight Lieutenant Godkin, Chaplain from No.1 C.N.S., Rivers.

15 Feb/43. Flying Officer W.A. Betts, Flying Instructor, left on posting to No.35 S.F.T.S., North Battleford.

16 Feb/43. Group Captain E.C. Emmett, Squadron Leader E.H. Crawford, Squadron Leader H.F. Gyles and Squadron Leader W.B. Scarth arrived from No.2 Training Command Headquarters in connection with General Court-Martial to be held at the Unit on 17th. February.

Squadron Leader E. Bradley arrived from No.33 E.F.T.S., Caron. Squadron Leader E.K. Price arrived from No.41 S.F.T.S., Weyburn. Flight Lieutenant Harnett arrived by air from No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry. Squadron Leader Joy arrived by air from No.12 S.F.T.S., Brandon. All these arrivals in connection with General Court-Martial. Captain Finkle, Dental Officer, left for Three Rivers, Que., via Winnipeg, to attend Basic Course.

17 Feb/43. General Court-Martial in the case of Pilot Officer N. Lovie, Flying Instructor of this Unit, opened at 1000 hrs. and closed after only one hours sitting. A morning parade and inspection was held of all Flying Instructors and Trainees by the Officer Commanding R.A.F. Personnel. Later in the day he carried out an Inspection of all Station buildings occupied by Service personnel.

18 Feb/43. Flying Officer S.F. Woolley, arrived on posting from No.36 O.T.U., Greenwood, to take over duties as Administrative Officer. In the evening a party was held in the Officers' Mess in honour of Flight Lieutenant W.H. Brett, who had carried out the arduous duties of Adjutant and Administrative Officer since the inception of the Unit. The party was attended by a host of celebrities from Neepawa, including the Mayor. The presentation of a travelling case to Flight Lieutenant Brett was made by the Manager, Mr.J.W. Humphrey, who made a short speech, to which the late Administrative officer replied in a few well chosen words.

IMAGE 941

18 Feb/43. Dancing took place until late in the evening and to the casual observer there did not appear to be any overt signs of liquor rationing.

19 Feb/43. A Board of Officers, comprising a President and two Members, assembled for the purpose of examining and remustering ceased-training aircrew personnel.

20 Feb/43. Sergeants Bates, Grant, Liggett and Parsons, Flying Instructors, arrived on posting from No.32 E.F.T.S., Bowden.

30 Trainees, ex Course No.71, left on posting to No.39 S.F.T.S., Swift Current.

32 Trainees, ex Course No.70, left on posting to No.35 S.F.T.S., North Battleford.

14 Trainees, ex Course No.70, left on posting to No.34 S.F.T.S., Medicine Hat.

Course No.75, comprising 6 officers and 54 other ranks, arrived from No.31 RAF P.D., Moncton, to commence training. These Trainees were addressed by the Officer Commanding R.A.F. personnel, Administrative Officer, Medical Officer, Chief Ground Instructor, Padre, and link Trainer Officer.

21 Feb/43. A combined Church Parade Service was held in the evening, attended by all officers, instructors, trainees and other personnel not engaged on essential duties. This service was conducted by the Chaplain from No.1 C.N.S., Rivers, Flight Lieutenant Godkin.

22 Feb/43. Accident to Tiger Moth No.1229 at 1610 hrs., involving Instructor No.1389455 Sergeant Adams and Pupil Pilot No.1375061 LAC. MITCHELL, both uninjured. Caused by

engine failure due to petrol stoppage. On forced-landing in snow, aircraft struck a small drift causing it to turn gently over on to its nose. Flying Officer S.F. Woolley, Administrative Officer, proceeded to No.2 Training Command Headquarters on temporary duty.

Flight Lieutenant A.F. Underhill, Flying Instructor, left on posting to No.3 F.I.S., Arnprior, Ont: Captain Clark, Dental Officer, arrived on attachment from No.2 Manning Depot, Brandon. Squadron Leader W.J. Wood and Flight Lieutenant S.C. McLeod, arrived by air from No.2 Training Command Headquarters, on staff visit.

23 Feb/43. Sergeant Bates, Flying Instructor, arrived on posting from No.3 F.I.S., Arnprior, Ont:

24 Feb/43. Flying Officer S.F. Woolley returned after completion of temporary duty at No.2 Training Command Headquarters.

Squadron Leader Wood and Flight Lieutenant McLeod returned by air to No.2 Training Command Headquarters.

Flying Officer A.W. Munroe, Physical Training Officer, arrived from No.2 Training Command Headquarters on a visit of inspection.

A morning parade and inspection by the Officer Commanding R.A.F. personnel, was held of all officers, Instructors and Trainees.

The Officer Commanding R.A.F. personnel carried out an inspection of all Station buildings occupied by Service personnel.

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24 Feb/43. Accident to Tiger Moth No.3873 at 1745 hours, 7 miles east of Neepawa, involving Instructor Pilot Officer A.E. Hartley and Pupil Pilot No.1623477 LAC. CHAMBERS, both uninjured. Caused by engine failing owing to running out of fuel. Poor airmanship displayed by Pilot in exploitation of aircraft endurance.

25 Feb/43. Pilot Officers J.H. Shanley and F.A. Tofield, Flying Instructors, promoted to the rank of Flying Officers.

Sergeant Garnett, Flying Instructor, arrived on posting from No. 2 F.I.S., Vulcan.

A Board of Officers, comprising a President and two Members, assembled for the purpose of examining and remustering ceased-training aircrew personnel.

26 Feb/43. Flight Lieutenant W.H. Brett, Administrative Officer, left on posting to No.41 S.F.T.S., Weyburn, to take up duties as Chief Ground Instructor at that Unit.

27 Feb/43. Sergeant Dunkley, Flying Instructor, arrived on posting from No.3 F.I.S., Arnprior. Pilot Officer E.I. Jones, Flying Instructor, arrived on posting from No.3 F.I.S., Arnprior.

28 Feb/43. A combined Church Parade Service was held in the evening, attended by all available personnel. This Service was conducted by the Rev: R.H. Armstrong.

Extracts from the "Neepawa Press" attached. (ED NOTE - "EXTRACTS" NOT ATTACHED)

PERSONNEL STRENGTH.

RANKS.

STAFF. R.A.F.
53

OFFICERS. AIRMEN OR OTHER

33

SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN R.A.F.

R.C.A.F.

9

1

R.A.A.F.

-

1

C.D.C.

2

1

TOTAL STAFF.

64

36

TRAINEES. R.A.F.

216

6

R.C.A.F.

2

-

TOTAL TRAINEES.

218

6

IMAGE 943

28 Feb/43 AIRCRAFT STRENGTH.

TYPE

SERVICEABLE

UNSERVICEABLE

2.

Tiger Moth, D.H. 82C.

78

Leader

Personnel,

Man.

(M.N. Mavregerdate) Squadron

Officer Commanding R.A.F.

No. 35 E.F.T.S.. NEEPAWA.

IMAGE 946

1 March/43.

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH.</u>		<u>OFFICERS.</u>	<u>AIRMEN OR OTHER</u>
<u>RANKS.</u>			
STAFF.	R.A.F.	33	
53			
<u>SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN R.A.F.</u>			
R.C.A.F.			1
	9		
R.A.A.F.			1
	-		
C.D.C.			1
	2		
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	TOTAL STAFF.	36	
64			
<hr/>			
<u>TRAINEES.</u>	R.A.F.		6
	216		
	R.C.A.F.		-
	2		
<hr/>			<hr/>
	TOTAL TRAINEES.	6	
218			
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AIRCRAFT STRENGTH.

<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>
2.	Tiger Moth, D.H. 82C.	78

Squadron Leader D. Sloan, Chief Flying Instructor, entered Deer Ledge Hospital, Winnipeg, to undergo an operation. He had, unfortunately, by playing badminton, torn the Achilles tendon. It is expected that he will remain there for two weeks. Squadron Leader M.N. Mavregerdate assumed command as Officer Commanding R.A.F. personnel.

2 March/43 A dance was held in the Sergeant's Mess. There was large attendance. All appeared to have an excellent time, with the exception of one unfortunate civilian, who developed an acute attack of appendicitis and had to be removed to hospital.

3 March/43 The Administrative Officer carried out an inspection of all Station buildings occupied by Service personnel.
 Accident to Tiger Moth No. 3853 at 1335 hours at Riding Mountain, involving Pupil Pilot No. 1395676 LAC. Purnell, uninjured. Pupil on solo cross-country, ran into cloud, and after considerable cloud dodging, ran short of fuel and made a precautionary landing. Wheels broke through the snow and aircraft tipped over.

IMAGE 947

3 March/43. Accident to Tiger Moth No.1235 at 1910 hours, 3 miles east of Plumas, involving Pupil Pilot No.1337625 LAC. Southgate, uninjured. Pupil on map reading exercise got completely lost. Made a successful forced landing in a ploughed field after two hours flying. Deteriorating visibility with snow. Squadron Leader A.J. Vincent, of Air Force Headquarters, arrived from Virden on temporary duty re training. He left later in the day.

4 March/43. Normal Routine.

5 March/43. Squadron Leader W.H. Corkhill arrived on temporary duty by air from No.2 Training Command Headquarters. A basket ball match between R.A.F. pupils and civilian employees was held in the Drill Hall during the evening.

6 March/43. 21 Trainees ex Course No.72 left on posting to No. 41 S.F.T.S., Weyburn.
13 Trainees ex Course No.72 left on posting to No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry.
2 officers and 58 trainees, comprising Course No.76, arrived from No.31 RAF, P.D., Moncton, N.B., for training.

7 March/43. A Board of Officers comprising President and two Members, assembled for the purpose of examining and remustering ceased training aircrew personnel. A combined Church Parade Service was held in the evening attended by all available personnel.

8 March/43. Pilot Officers Hamilton, Taylor, and Sergeants Hawtin and MacLean, Flying Instructors, arrived on posting from No.3 F.I.S., Arnprior.

9 March/43. Accident to Tiger Moth No.249 at 1615 hours at Glenella, involving Pupil Pilot No.1395861 LAC. Keen, uninjured. Pupil got lost and decided to force-land. He chose a poor field, landed in snow drift and turned aircraft over.

10 March/43. Flying Officer S.F. Woolley, Administrative Officer, proceeded on temporary duty to No.2 Training Command Headquarters, Winnipeg.

11 March/43. Captain V. Clark, Dental Officer, left for No.2 Manning Depot, Brandon after completion of attachment to this Unit during Captain L. Finkle's absence.

12 March/43. Flying Officer S.F. Woolley, returned to Unit after completion of temporary duty at No. 2 Training Command Headquarters.

13 March/43. Normal Routine.

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14 March/43 A combined Church Parade Service was held in the evening attended by all available personnel. This Service was conducted jointly by the Rev: R.H. Armstrong and the Rev: S.B. Guille, Part-Time Chaplains.

15 March/43 Squadron Leader D. Sloan re-assumed command as Officer Commanding R.A.F. personnel on discharged from Deer Lodge Hospital, Winnipeg.
All flying cancelled owing to blizzard.

16 March/43 A Board of Officers, comprising a President and two Members, assembled for the purpose of examining and remustering ceased training aircrew personnel.
Flying still not possible owing to continuance of blizzard.

17 March/43 Pilot Officer Mansfield, Flying Instructor, arrived on posting from No.34 E.F.T.S., Assiniboia.

18 March/43 A farewell party was held in the Officer's Mess in honour of the Medical Officer, Flight Lieutenant C.A. Dowding, on his posting to No.111 O.T.U., Nassau, Bahamas. This party was attended by the Mayor and other noted citizens of Neepawa together with Officers of the Station. The presentation of a travelling clock was made to this Medical Officer.

19 March/43 Flight Lieutenant Dowding, Medical Officer, left on posting to No.111 O.T.U. Nassau Bahamas.

20 March/43 5 Trainees ex Course No.72 left on posting to No.39 S.F.T.S., Swift Current.

21 March/43 A combined Church Parade Service was held in the evening attended by all available personnel. The Service was conducted by the Rev: S.B. Guille.
Flying Officer S.F. Wooley, Administrative Officer, proceeded by air to No.2 Training Command, Headquarters, Winnipeg, on temporary duty.

22 March/43 Normal Routine.

23 March/43 1 Officer and 58 Trainees, comprising Course No.77, arrived from No.31 RAF. P.D., Moncton, N.B., for training.
Flying Officer Wooley returned to Unit on completion of temporary duty at No. 2 Training Command Headquarters.

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24 March/43 The Administrative Officer carried out an inspection of all Station buildings occupied by Service personnel.
All N.C.O. Instructors and Link Trainer Instructors of No.1 Squadron were given instruction in drill revision.

25 March/43 Flight Lieutenant R.P. Warlow, Flying Instructor, left on posting to No. 31 E.F.T.S., De Winton.

26 March/43 Flight Lieutenant Gaschler and Pilot Officer Waddell, Armament Officers, arrived on temporary duty.

27 March/43 All N.C.O. Instructors and Link Trainer Instructors of No.2 Squadron were given instruction in drill revision.

Accident to Tiger Moth No.1245 at 1500 hours at Oak River, involving Pupil Pilot No. 1580893 LAC. Johnson, uninjured. Pupil whilst on solo cross-country got lost and ran into bad weather forcing him down to 1000 feet. In attempting to make a forced landing, held off high and stalled aircraft.

28 March/43 A combined Church Parade Service was held in the evening attended by all available personnel. The Service was conducted by the Rev: S.B. Guille, Part-Time Chaplain.

29 March/43 Normal Routine.

30 March/43 Flight Lieutenant Gaschler and Pilot Officer Waddell returned to No.2 Training Command Headquarters, Winnipeg, on completion of Temporary Duty.

Flight Lieutenant R.W. Purser, Medical Officer, arrived on posting from R.C.A.F. Station Trenton.

A Board of Officers comprising President and two Members, assembled for the purpose of examining and remustering ceased training aircrew personnel.

Pilot Officer Dean, Flying Instructor, left on posting to No.34 E.F.T.S., Assiniboia.

31 March/43 An inspection of all Station buildings occupied by Service personnel was carried out.

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH.</u>	<u>OFFICERS.</u>	<u>AIRMEN OR OTHER</u>
<u>RANKS.</u>		
STAFF. R.A.F.	35	
53		

IMAGE 950

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH (continued)</u>	<u>OFFICERS.</u>	<u>AIRMEN OR OTHER</u>
<u>RANKS.</u>		
Staff: <u>Service Personnel Other Than R.A.F.</u>		
R.C.A.F.	9	1
R.A.A.F.		1
	-	
R.C.A.S.C.		-

C.D.C.	2		<u>1</u>
	<u>2</u>		
	TOTAL STAFF.	38	<u> </u>
<u>66</u>			

<u>TRAINEES.</u>	R.A.F.		9
	276		
	R.N.Z.A.F.		<u>-</u>
	<u>4</u>		
	TOTAL TRAINEES.	9	<u> </u>
<u>280</u>			

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH.

<u>TYPE</u>		<u>SERVICEABLE</u>
<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>	Tiger Moth, D.H. 82C.	
90	2.	

(D. Sloan) Squadron Leader
Officer Commanding R.A.F.

Personnel,
Manitoba.

No. 35 E.F.T.S., NEPAWA.

IMAGE 951 DUPLICATE of IMAGE 950

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1 April/43

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH.</u>		<u>OFFICERS.</u>	<u>AIRMEN OR OTHER</u>
<u>RANKS.</u>			
STAFF.	R.A.F.	35	
53			

SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN R.A.F.

R.C.A.F.			1
	9		
R.A.A.F.			1
	-		
R.C.A.S.C.			-
	2		
C.D.C.			<u>1</u>

2		
TOTAL STAFF.	38	
66		

<u>TRAINEES.</u> R.A.F.	9	
276		
R.N.Z.A.F.	-	
4		
TOTAL TRAINEES.	9	
280		

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH.

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>
Tiger Moth, D.H. 82c.	90	2.

Squadron Leader. T. Livingstone and Pilot Officer Songhurst arrived by air from No.17 S.F.T.S., Souris on temporary duty with respect to aircraft maintenance.

Flying Officer Hughes arrived by air from No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry on temporary duty with respect to Air Cadets.

2 April/43 Flight Lieutenant G. Terrell proceeded to No.37 S.F.T.S., Calgary to act as Defending Officer at General Court Martial.

Squadron Leader Livingstone, Pilot Officer Songhurst and Flying Officer Hughes left on completion of temporary duty and returned to No.2 Training Command Headquarters, Winnipeg.

3 April/43 11 Trainees ex Course No.73 left on posting to No.41 S.F.T.S., Weyburn.
 22 Trainees ex Course No.74 left on posting to No.41 S.F.T.S., Weyburn.
 36 Trainees ex Course No.73 left on posting to No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry.

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3 April/43 20 Trainees ex Course No. 74 left on posting to No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry.
 2 Officers and 58 other ranks, comprising Course No.78, arrived from No.31 P.D., Moncton, N.B., to commence training.

A Board of Officers, composed of a President and 2 Members, assembled for the purpose of examining and remustering ceased training aircrew personnel.

Flying Officer E. Todd, Nursing Sister, arrived on attachment from No.12 S.F.T.S., Brandon.

4 April/43 A combined Church Parade Service was held during the evening, attended by all personnel of the new incoming Course together with all other personnel not engaged on essential duties.

5 April/43 Flight Lieutenant T. Brownlie, arrived on posting from No.31 P D., Moncton, N.B., to assume duties as Medical Officer.

Pilot Officer Preedy, Flying Instructor, left on posting to No.33 E.F.T.S., Caron.
Pilot Officer Morrish, Flying Instructor, left on posting to No.34 E.F.T.S., Assiniboia.
Squadron Leader W.J. Wood arrived by air from No.3 B. & G. School, Macdonald on temporary duty and left later in the day.

6 April/43 Sergeants Grady, Proctor and Truswell, Flying Instructors, arrived on posting from No.3 F.I.S., Arnprior.

7 April/43 An inspection of all Station Buildings occupied by Service personnel was carried out by No.2 Squadron Commander.

A Board of Officers, composed of a President and 2 Members, assembled for the purpose of examining and remustering ceased training aircrew personnel.

Squadron Leader H. Macfarlane, Command Chaplain, arrived by air from No.7 A.O S., Portage.
Flying Officer Maxwell, Navigation Officer, arrived by air from No.10 S.F.T.S., Dauphin, on temporary duty.

8 April/43 Normal Routine.

9 April/43 An entertainment entitled "Anniverserevue " given by the 'Raffians', composed of Service personnel of this Unit, was held in the Station theatre during the evening. The performance was much appreciated by a large audience.

Flight Lieutenant J.E. Kellett, Works and Buildings, arrived from No.3 B. & G. School, Macdonald on temporary duty for the purpose of aerodrome inspection. He left later after a stay of 2½ hours.

10 April/43 Flying Officer E.M. Weston, Nursing Sister, arrived an attachment from No.17 S.F.T.S., Souris.

11 April/43 A combined Church Parade Service was held in the evening, attended by all available personnel.

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12 April/43 Flying Officer S.F. Woolley, Administrative Officer, appointed to the rank of Acting Flight Lieutenant effective 18 February/43.

Flight Lieutenant G. Terrell returned to the Unit on completion of temporary duty at No.37 S.F.T.S., Calgary.

13 April/43 Flying Officer E. Todd, Nursing Sister, ceased attachment at this Unit and returned by air to No,12 S.F.T.S., Brandon.

14 April/43 The Administrative Officer carried out an inspection of all Station buildings occupied by Service personnel.

A daily flying record of 503.50 hours was set up this day.

15 April/43 Normal Routine.

16 April/43 An entertainment, presented by the New York E.N.S.A. Committee, was given during the evening in the Station Theatre. An excellent performance was greatly appreciated by a large audience. Special artistes included Gina Male, Phyllis Clare, Rowan Tudor and Leslie Barrie.

17 April/43 37 Trainees, ex Course No.75 left on posting to No.32 S.F.T.S., Moose Jaw. Flying Officer Maxwell, Navigation Officer, left by rail on return to No.10 S.F.T.S., Dauphin, on completion of temporary duty.

56 Trainees, comprising part Course No.79, arrived from No.31 P.D. Moncton, N.B., to commence training.

4 Trainees, comprising part Course No.79, arrived from R.C.A.F. Station Trenton, to commence training.

18 April/43 A combined Church Parade Service was held during the evening in the Recreation Hall, attended by all personnel of the new incoming course together with all other available personnel.

Flight Lieutenant W. Huey, Medical Officer, left on posting to No.31 E.F.T.S., De Winton.

19 April/43 Sergeant Songhurst, Flying Instructor, arrived on posting from No.3 F.I.S., Arnprior.

A Board of Officers, composed of a President and 2 Members, assembled for the purpose of examining and remustering ceased training aircrew personnel.

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20 April/43 6 Officer Trainees ex Course No.75, left on posting to No.37 S.F.T.S., Calgary.

10 Trainees, comprising part of Course No.79, arrived from No.31 P.D., Moncton, N.B., to commence training.

Pilot Officer Duchesne, Flying Instructor, arrived on posting from No.3 F.I.S., Arnprior.

Sergeants Hawes and Worsley, Flying Instructors, arrived on posting from No.3 F.I.S., Arnprior.

21 April/43 Flying Officer Bacon, Flying Instructor, left on posting to No.31 E.F.T.S., De Winton.

Flight Lieutenant Tubbs, Flying Instructor, left on posting to No.32 E.F.T.S., Bowden.

Pilot Officer Lovie, Warrant Officer Driver and Flight Sergeant Willis, Flying Instructors, left by air for Winnipeg on ferrying aircraft duty.

22 April/43 Normal Routine.

23 April/43 A lecture given by the Officer Commanding R.A.F. Personnel to Flying Instructors on the subject of Flying Discipline, Accidents and Training generally.

A lecture by the Officer Commanding R.A.F. Personnel was given to all Officers on the subject of Discipline and Morale.

The opening match of the football season took place during the evening between teams composed of personnel of the Permanent Staff versus Trainees of Course No.79.

24 April/43 A severe dust-storm caused all flying to be abandoned for the day.

25 April/43 Easter Sunday - A Church Parade Service was held in the morning attended by all Officers and other ranks not engaged on essential duties.

26 April/43 Flight Lieutenant D. McNeil, Flying Instructor, arrived on posting from No.33 E.F.T.S., Caron.

Flight Lieutenant G. Terrell, Flying Instructor, left on posting to No.31 P.D., Moncton, on repatriation.

Accident to Tiger Moth aircraft No.1261 at 1100 hours at Eden, Man: involving Pupil Pilot 1801505 LAC. Booth, F.H., uninjured. Low flying whilst practising forced landing.

Accident to Tiger Moth aircraft No.1266 at 1710 hours near Eden, Man: involving Instructor, 1343997 Sergeant Steel, J. seriously injured, and Pupil Pilot 1651107 LAC. Kennedy, T.J., slightly injured. Crashed in flames whilst carrying out unauthorized low flying.

The first Anniversary gramophone recital of the Music Club was held in the Station Library during the evening. A well balanced programme of first class orchestral, instrumental and vocal items was well appreciated by those in attendance numbering 31.

27 April/43 A party consisting of 1 N.C.O., and 10 airmen arrived on attachment from No.2 Construction and Maintenance Unit, Winnipeg.

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28 April/43 Squadron Leader E.W.C. Sharpe. arrived on temporary duty for the purpose of investigating the accident on 26th. April, involving Tiger Moth aircraft No. 1266 and injuries sustained by Sergeant Steel.

A Board of Officers, composed of a President and one Member, assembled for the purpose of examining and registering ceased training aircrew personnel.

29 April/43 Squadron Leader Sharpe left on completion of temporary duty.

30 April/43 Sergeant J. Steel, died as a result of the aircraft crash on 26th, April.

Sergeant Smith, Flying instructor, left on routing to No.33 A,N.S., Mount Hope, Ont:

PERSONNEL STRENGTH. RANKS.

OFFICERS. AIRMEN OR OTHER

STAFF.

R.A.F.

31

59

SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN R.A.F.

R.C.A.F.

9

1

R.A.A.F.

1

-

R.C.A.S.C.

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C.D.C.	3		1
	2		
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	TOTAL STAFF.	34	
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<u>TRAINEES.</u>	R.A.F.	7
	270	
	R.N.Z.A.F.	-
	4	
	R.N.Z.N.	-
	1	
	R.A.A.F.	-
	1	
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	TOTAL TRAINEES.	7
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AIRCRAFT STRENGTH.

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>
Tiger Moth, D.H. 82c.	84	3.

Personnel,

(D. Sloan) Squadron Leader
Officer Commanding R.A.F.

Man:

No. 35 E.F.T.S., NEPPAWA,

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1 May/43. A Committee of Adjustment, comprising A President and 2 Members, was appointed to settle the estate of the late No.1343997 Sergeant Steel, who died as the result of a flying accident on 30 April.

Flight Lieutenant R. Purser (RAF81602), Medical Officer, proceeded on Temporary Duty to Edmonton, Alta: for a Refresher Course.

10 Trainees, ex Course No.76, left on posting to No.17 S.F.T.S., Souris.

2 officers and 63 other ranks, Trainees of Course No.80, arrived on posting from No.31 P.D., Moncton, to commence training.

4 Fleet Air Arm Trainees, Course No.80, arrived on posting from RCAF. Station, Trenton, to commence training.

No.1333323 Sergeant, Smith, G.W., Flying Instructor, left on posting to No.33 A.N.S., Mount

Hope.

1 officer and 40 other ranks, Trainees ex Course No.76, left on posting to No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry.

2 May/43. A Church Parade Service was held during the evening in the Recreation Hall, attended by all Instructors and Trainees of 'B' and 'C' Flights together with all personnel of the new incoming Course No.80.

3 May/43. 8 Trainees, ex Course No.76, left by air on posting to No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry. A Gramophone Recital of the Music Club was held in the Station Library during the evening. (Attendance 29).

4 May/43. Squadron Leader S. Jackson (RAF79252) and Squadron Leader W.H. Corkhill (RAF80901) arrived by air from No.2 T.C.H.Q., Winnipeg on Temporary Duty. They remained overnight, proceeding next day by air to No. 33 S.F.T.S., Carberry. A football match between teams composed of Trainees from Courses No.78 and No.80 was played during the evening.

5 May/43. Normal Routine.

6 May/43. Flight Lieutenant R.A. Bruce, AFC (RAF87948), Flying Instructor, arrived on posting from No.32 E.F.T.S., Bowden. He was appointed Squadron Commander of No.1 Squadron.

Squadron Leader J.E. Ritchie (C5716) and Flight Lieutenant W.A. McCallum (C3652) arrived from No.12 S.F.T.S., Brandon for the purpose of inspecting Station Fire Services. They left later in the day for No.10 S.F.T.S., Dauphin.

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7 May/43. A Board of Officers, composed of a President and 2 Members, assembled for the purpose of examining and remustering ceased training aircrew personnel.

8 May/43. The Commanding Officer R.A.F. Personnel held a Parade and Inspection of all personnel of No.2 Squadron, he later carried out an inspection of all Station building occupied by Service personnel.

9 May/43. A Church Parade was held in the morning, attended by all personnel of No.1 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant R. Purser, Medical Officer, returned from Edmonton on completion of Temporary Duty.

10 May/43. A Gramophone Recital of the Music Club was held in the Station Library during the evening. (Attendance 18)

11 May/43. Flying Officer H.J. Crawford (RAF127046), Flying Instructor, arrived on posting

from No. 31 E.F.T.S., De Winton.

Flying Officer G.R. Allardyce (RAF111110), Flying Instructor, left on posting to No.31 P.D., Moncton.

1 Trainee, ceased training, left on posting to No.1 'M' Depot, Toronto.

5 Trainees, ceased training, left on posting to No.2 'M' Depot, Brandon.

12 May/43. GB1623125 LAC. Carlier, R.W., Pupil Pilot, died following inoculation reaction.

13 May/43. Visit of the Deputy Inspector General. Air Vice Marshal A.A. Cuffe (C23), Air Commodore T.A. Lawrence (C7), Wing Commander B.M. Aronson (C78), Flying Officer E. Carson (C12611) and Flying Officer J.R. Alexander (C12111) arrived and made a tour and inspection of Station buildings. Immediately after lunch a parade of all personnel was held on the Parade Ground, when the Deputy inspector General carried out an inspection and took the salute.

A Court of Inquiry, composed of a President and 3 Members of the Medical Branch, assembled for the purpose of inquiring into the circumstances attending the death of the late LAC. Carlier.

A Committee of Adjustment was appointed to settle the estate of this deceased airman.

Accident to Tiger Moth aircraft No.3844 at Main Aerodrome, 10.25 hours., involving Pupil Pilot GB1582449 LAC. Watten, P.W., slightly injured - aircraft totally damaged. Pupil, taking off on first solo flight, stalled the aircraft between 400 and 500 feet whilst climbing, got into a spin from which he failed to recover.

14 May/43. A Board of Officers, comprising President and 2 Members, assembled for the purpose of examining and remustering ceased training aircrew personnel.

A Board of Officers, composed of a President and 3 Members, assembled during the morning for the purpose of taking over buildings at No.R.1 (35 E.F.T.S.), Eden, Man:

IMAGE 960

15 May/43. 68 Trainees, part of Course No.81, arrived on posting from No.31 P.D., Moncton, to commence training.

7 Trainees, part of Course No.81, arrived on posting from RCAF Station, Trenton, to commence training.

2 officers and 50 other ranks, Trainees ex Course No.77, left on posting to No.39 S.F.T.S., Swift Current.

16 May/43. Normal Routine.

17 May/43. Squadron Leader M.N. Mavregerdate (RAF70455) assumed command as Commanding Officer R.A.F. Personnel, vice Squadron Leader D. Sloan (RAF32031) hospitalized. A Gramophone Recital of the Music Club was held in the Station Library during the evening (Attendance 28).

18 May/43. Accident to Tiger Moth aircraft No.4801 near Franklin, Man: at 07.15 hours, involving Pupil Pilot GB1801713 LAC. Sedden, J., killed. Pupil carrying out solo exercises,

apparently got into an engine-on spin, failing to recover before striking the ground.

A Committee of Adjustment, composed of President and 2 Members, was appointed for the purpose of settling the estate of the late LAC. Sedden.

Squadron Leader E.W. Sharpe (C2797) and Squadron Leader M.E. Jones (C1335) arrived from No.2 T.C.H.Q., Winnipeg, for the purpose of investigating the aircraft crash in which LAC. Sedden sustained fatal injuries.

19 May/43. Accident to Tiger Moth aircraft No.1250 near Main Aerodrome at 23.30 hours, involving Instructor No. 1575411 Sgt. Pepper, K.V., and Pupil Pilot FX90803 LNA. Fletcher, K.H., both uninjured, aircraft slightly damaged. During night flying, owing to atmospheric conditions, aircraft was caught in a phenomenal downdraught causing the plane to drop from 1000' to 200'. Despite full throttle and A/S of 80 m.p.h., unable to maintain height and landed in a ploughed field, aircraft turning over.

20 May/43. The funeral of the late LAC. Sedden was held at the Riverside Cemetery, Neepawa, following a service held at the Roman Catholic Church, conducted by the Hon. F/Lt., E. Mullally, R.C. Chaplain.

21 May/43. Normal Routine.

22 May/43. Squadron Leader D. Sloan re-assumed as Commanding Officer R.A.F. personnel on discharge from hospital.

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22 May/43. A Commanding Officer's Parade and Inspection, with the Administrative Officer in charge, was held during the morning on the Parade Ground. This was attended by all personnel of 'C' and 'D' Flights.

The Administrative Officer later carried out an inspection of all Station buildings occupied by Service personnel.

23 May/43. During the absence of Flying Officer C. Martin (C4610), officer in charge Link Trainer Section, on sick leave, Sergeant R. Macadam (5535) was appointed to take charge of this Section.

A Commanding Officer's Parade and Inspection, with Flight Lieutenant R.A. Bruce, No.1 Squadron Commander, in charge, was held during the morning. This was attended by all personnel of 'A' and 'B' Flights.

Accident to Tiger Moth aircraft No.1253 at Main Aerodrome, 15.45 hours, involving Pupil Pilot GB1601163 LAC. Tillott, R.A., uninjured., aircraft slightly damaged. Pupil, whilst taxiing, experienced difficulty in turning aircraft in fresh wind conditions. Opened up throttle endeavouring to turn, aircraft nosed over.

24 May/43. A Board of Officers, composed of a President and 2 Members, assembled for the purpose of examining and remustering ceased training aircrew personnel.

The result of this Unit's contribution to the Fourth Victory Loan was announced, subscriptions

reaching the high figure of \$155100.00.

A Gramophone Recital of the Music Club was held in the Station Library during the evening. This weekly feature continues to be very favourably received.

Accident to Tiger Moth aircraft No.3853 at Relief Landing Field, Eden at 17.30 hours, involving Instructor Pilot Officer A.B. Hartley (RAF1314577) and Pupil Pilot GB1801976 LAC. Perry, P.G., both uninjured, aircraft seriously damaged. Instructor giving dual circuits and landings failed to take over control in time when pupil dropped wing whilst attempting to land; aircraft stalled, struck ground and nosed over.

25 May/43. Pilot Officer T. Pryde (RAF134763), Flying Instructor, arrived on posting from No.33 E.F.T.S., Caron. Pilot Officer S.F. Berry (RAF151657), Flying Instructor, arrived on posting from No.3 F.I.S., Arnprior.

Three Committees were appointed for the purpose of arranging and supervising all entertainments at this Station.

26 May/43. The "Raffians" staged a performance of a three act Farce "A Little Bit of Fluff" in the Station Theatre during the evening. This was warmly welcomed and fine acting by the members of the cast was greatly appreciated by a large interested audience.

Pilot Officer R.C. White (RAF144284), Flying Instructor, arrived on posting from No.33 E.F.T.S., Caron.

27 May/43. 2 officers, Trainees on Course No.82, arrived on posting from No.31 P.D., Moncton, to commence training.

The Commanding Officer R.A.F. Personnel carried out an inspection of all Station buildings occupied by Service personnel.

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27 May/43. Air Vice Marshall Colyer, CB. DFC., D.G.P.S., accompanied by Mr. G.W. Dyke, U.K.A.L.M., and Squadron Leader W.H. Corkhill, arrived on the Station by air at 11.30 hours. A brief tour of inspection of the camp was made in company with the management. The party left by air at 14.30 hrs, for Carberry.

Flying Officer J.S. Hughes, Command Assistant Cadet Officer, arrived during the evening to carry out the Annual Inspection of the Neepawa Air Cadet Squadron. The ceremony was performed in the Drill Hall and was attended by Squadron Leader D. Sloan, Commanding Officer R.A.F. Personnel, Flight Lieutenant S.F. Woolley, R.A.F. Administrative Officer, and Flight Lieutenant H.A. Wilson, Commanding Officer of the Neepawa Air Cadets. There was a large audience, both Service and Civilian. Squadron Leader Sloan addressed the Cadets, after which the Cadets gave a short exhibition of drill. The ceremony was completed by a March Past, the salute being taken by Squadron Leader Sloan.

Notice was received of the appointment to the rank of Acting Flight Lieutenant of Flying Officer J.R. Kidridge (RAF86067), eff: 6 Feb/43.

Accident to Tiger Moth aircraft No.3870 at Relief Landing Ground, Eden, Man: involving Instructor, Flying Officer J.H. Shanley (RAF122743) and Pupil Pilot FX90899 LNA. Clarke, W.E., both uninjured, aircraft seriously damaged. Instructor taking off, allowed himself a run of

200 yards, failed to become airborne and struck wire fence with tail plane in a semi-stalled condition.

28 May/43. Normal Routine.

29 May/43. Accident to Tiger Moth aircraft No.3843 near Rossburn Junction at 08.50 hours, involving Pupil Pilot GB1622879 LAC. Hewitt, W., seriously injured., aircraft totally damaged. Pupil pilot carrying out aerobatics and spinning, did a voluntary spin to the left. Despite attempts to make a normal recovery, aircraft failed to respond. At 1200 feet, whilst still spinning, pilot decided to abandon the aircraft and opened the hood. He then lost consciousness and remembers nothing until regaining consciousness lying beside the wrecked aircraft which had spun into the ground.

9 Officers and 38 other ranks, Trainees ex Course No.82, arrived on posting from No.31 P.D., Moncton, to commence training.

1 Trainee, Course No.82, arrived on posting from RCAF. Station, Trenton, to commence training.

2 Officers and 21 other ranks, Trainees ex Course No.78, left on posting to No.37 S.F.T.S., Calgary.

29 Trainees, ex Course No.78, left on posting to No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry.

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30 May/43. A Board of Officers, composed of a President and 2 Members, assembled for the purpose of examining and remustering ceased training aircrew personnel.

1 Pupil Pilot, Course No.82, arrived by air on posting from No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry, to commence training.

A Church Parade Service was held during the morning in the Recreation Hall, attended by personnel of two Flights together with all personnel of the new incoming Course No.82.

31 May/43. Pilot Officer A.M. Thompson (RAF151708) and Pilot Officer D.H. Fisher (RAF151711), Flying Instructors, arrived on posting from No.3 F.I.S., Arnprior.

Flight Lieutenant R.A. Hubber-Richards (RAF42504) arrived by air from No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry on Temporary Duty, returning later the same day.

A Gramophone Recital of the Music Club was held in the Station Library during the evening. These recitals continue to be well supported by lovers of first class orchestral, instrumental and vocal items.

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH.</u>	<u>OFFICERS.</u>	<u>AIRMEN OR OTHER</u>
<u>RANKS</u>		
STAFF. R.A.F.	37	59
<u>Service Personnel other than R.A.F.</u>		
R.C.A.F.	1	9
R.A.A.F.	1	
-		
R.C.A.S.C,	-	3
C.D.C.		
		1

2		TOTAL STAFF.	-
40	73		
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<u>TRAINEES.</u>	R.A.F.	19	
251			
	R N.Z.N.	-	
3			
	R.A.A.F.	-	
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255	TOTAL TRAINEES	19	
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<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH.</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE.</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE.</u>
TYPE:- Tiger Moth D.H.82C.	85	5

FLYING HOURS.

Total number of hours flown during the month of May was - 7930.55.

(D. Sloan) Squadron Leader
Commanding Officer R.A.F.,
No. 35 E.F.T.S., NEEPAWA,

Personnel

Man:

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1 June/43. Pilot Officer P.J. Wills (RAF144268), Flying Instructor, arrived on posting from No.34 E.F.T.S., Assiniboia.

9 airmen, ceased training, left on posting to No.2 'M' Depot, RCAF,, Brandon, Man:

2 June. Squadron Leader J.W. Gray (RAF88159), Accounting Officer, arrived by air from No.2 Training Command Headquarters on temporary duty, returning to Winnipeg after a stay of five hours.

Showing of Educational films - 'Inside Fighting Russia', 'This is Blitz' and 'Battle for Oil'.

3 June. Flying Officer A.W. Munroe (C6889), Physical Training Officer, arrived from No.2 Training Command Headquarters on temporary duty, departing the following day.

4 June. Normal Routine.

5 June. The Commanding Officer R.A.F. Personnel held a parade and inspection of all personnel of No.1 Squadron. He later carried out an inspection, during the morning, of all buildings occupied by Service personnel.

6 June. A Committee, known as the Station Welfare Co-ordinating Committee, composed of

the Commanding Officer, Administrative Officer, and Disciplinarian N.C.O., was instituted for the purpose of caring for the welfare of R.A.F. families resident in Canada.

7 June. Accident to Tiger Moth aircraft No.5044 at Main Aerodrome, involving Pupil Pilot GP1437357 LAC. Lazarus, S.D., uninjured, aircraft seriously damaged. Pupil executed a bad gliding turn, developing into a flat spin, losing height. Realizing he was nearing the ground and undershooting the aerodrome, decided to land. Ran into fence and overturned.

8 June. Pilot Officer F.E. Carr (RAF51955), Flying Instructor, arrived on posting from No.31 E.F.T.S., De Winton.

Two District Courts-Martial were held - (i) commencing at 1000 hours in the case of flying instructor GB1334294 Sergeant Bates, R.O., and (ii) immediately following, in the case of Pupil Pilot GB1801505 LAC. Booth, F.H.G., The following officers arrived in this connection - Squadron Leader W.B. Scarth, MC (C2417), President, from No.2 Training Command Headquarters, Squadron Leader E.H. Crawford (C5251), Prosecutor, from No.2 Training Command Headquarters.

Squadron Leader R. Rendle (RAF72209), Member, from No.41 S.F.T.S., Weyburn.

Flight Lieutenant R.J. Mansfield (RAF44265), Member, from No.33. S.F.T.S., Carberry.

IMAGE 965

9 June A Board of Officers, comprising President and 2 members, assembled for the purpose of examining and remustering ceased training aircrew personnel.

Flying Officer H.F. Hall (C14585), Auxiliary Services Officer, arrived from No.3 B & G. School, Macdonald, on temporary duty. He left later in the day on return to No.2 Training Command Headquarters.

Flying Officer A.L. Reilly (J24762), Navigation Officer, arrived on attachment from No.12 S.F.T.S., Brandon.

A.W. Morley, Command Morse Examiner, arrived from No. 7 B & G. School, Dauphin, on temporary duty.

He remained overnight, returning next day to No.2 Training Command Headquarters, Winnipeg.

Showing of Educational films - 'Atlantic Patrol', 'Building a Bomber' and 'Freighters under Fire'.

10 June. Flight Lieutenant R.A.P. Bruce, AFC (RAF87048), was appointed Assistant Chief Flying Instructor, vice Squadron Leader M.H. Mavregerdate (posted).

Squadron Leader C.W. Turner (C3086) and Flying Officer H.C. Manly (C8236) arrived by air from No.2 Training Command Headquarters for the purpose of discussing signals training matters. They left after a stay of three hours for No.3 B & G. School, Macdonald.

11 June. The Commanding Officer held a parade and inspection of all personnel of No.2 Squadron. He later carried out an inspection of all Station buildings occupied by Service personnel.

12 June. 2 Officers and 60 airmen, Trainees comprising Course No.83, arrived on posting from No.31 P.D., Moncton, N.B., to commence training.

30 airmen, graduates ex Course No.79, left on posting to No.39 S.F.T.S., Swift Current.

2 airmen, graduates ex Course No.79, left on posting to No.34 S.F.T.S., Medicine Hat.
5 airmen, ceased training, left on posting to No.2 'M' Depot, RCAF., Brandon.
Lecture given on the subject - 'Psychology as applied to Flying Training'.

13 June. A Church Parade Service was held during the morning, attended by all personnel of 'B' Flight.

A Board of Officers, composed of a President and 2 members, assembled for the purpose of examining and remustering ceased training aircrew personnel.

14 June. Normal Routine.

15 June. Captain L. Finkle, Dental Officer, left on cessation of attachment and posting to No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry.

16 June. Proceedings and sentences received from No.2 Training Command Headquarters in respect of the two District Courts-Martial held at this Unit on 8th.June. (i) in the case of Sergeant Bates - he was sentenced to be reduced to the ranks and to undergo detention for 30 days. (ii) in the case of LAC. Booth - he was sentenced to undergo detention for 30 days. These sentences were duly promulgated to the accused.

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17 June/43. Showing of Educational films - 'London Can Take It', 'Tools of War' and 'Furnace of Industry'.

18 June. Flight Lieutenant J.W. Baldock (C10348) arrived from No.1 C.N.S. Rivers, for the purpose of inspecting Station buildings.

No. 1167213 Warrant Officer J.W. Driver, Flying Instructor, left on posting to No.31 P.D., Moncton, N.B.

The Commanding Officer held a parade and inspection during the morning of all personnel of No.2 Squadron.

A Board of Officers, composed of a President and 2 members, assembled for the purpose of examining and remustering ceased training aircrew personnel.

Squadron Leader M.N. Mavregerdate (RAF70455), Assistant, Chief Flying Instructor, and Flying Officer J.H. Shanley (RAF122273), Flying Instructor, left on posting to No.31 P.D., Moncton, N.B.

Lecture given on the subject - 'Parachutes, their use and abuse', by a Flight Lieutenant Air Gunner - by profession a parachute jumper.

19 June. The Commanding Officer, during the morning, carried out an inspection of all Station buildings occupied by Service personnel.

16 airmen, ceased training, left on posting to No.2 'M' Depot, RCAF., Brandon.

1 airman, ceased training, left on posting to No. 1 'M' Depot, RCAF., Toronto.

1 airman, ceased training, left on posting to No.1 Re-Selection Centre, Trenton, Ont:

20 June. A Church Parade Service was held during the morning, attended by all personnel of 'D' Flight.
Wing Commander H.H. Langford (C485) arrived by air from No.12 S.F.T.S., Brandon, for the purpose of discussing flying training matters. He returned next day to No.2 Training Command Headquarters.

21 June. A Board of Officers, consisting of a President and 2 members, assembled for the purpose of examining and remustering ceased training aircrew personnel.
Flying Officer E.M.E. Weston (C5465) Nursing Sister, left on cessation of attachment and return to No.17 S.F.T.S., Souris.
Pilot Officer F.J. Trueman (RAF137563) and No.950140 Warrant Officer Barrowclough, R., AFM, Flying Instructors, left on posting to No.33 E.F.T.S., Caron.

22 June. Flying Officer J.C. Parkinson (RAF100151) arrived on posting from No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry, to take over duties as Administrative Officer, vice A/Flight Lieutenant S.F. Woolley (posted).

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23 June/43. An Airmen's Mess Committee, comprising a President and 5 members, was appointed.
Showing of Educational films - 'Atlantic Patrol', 'Great Guns' and 'Behind the Guns'.

24 June A Colour Hoisting Parade was held during the morning for all personnel of No.2 Squadron. The inspection was made by No.2 Squadron Commander.
Pilot Officer D.J. Hunter (RAF152012) and Pilot Officer F.A. Smale (RAF151590), Flying Instructors, arrived on posting from No.3 F.I.S., Arnprior.
9 airmen, ceased training, left on posting to No.2 'M' Depot, RCAF., Brandon.
2 airmen, ceased training, left on posting to No. 1 'M' Depot, RCAF., Toronto.

25 June Squadron Leader W.H. Corkhill (RAF80901) and Section Officer J.E. Christie (V30386) arrived from No.2 Training Command Headquarters, for the purpose of discussing matters relating to the Station Welfare Co-ordinating Committee. They left later the same day for No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry.
A meeting of the Airmen's Mess Committee was held during the afternoon.

26 June Flying Officer J.C. Parkinson (RAF100151) assumed duties as R.A.F. Administrative Officer, vice A/Flight Lieutenant S.F. Woolley) (posted).
1 officer and 31 airmen, graduates ex Course No.80, left on posting to No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry.
3 airmen, graduates ex Course No.80, left on posting to No.37 S.F.T.S., Calgary.
5 officers and 55 airmen, trainees comprising Course No.84, arrived on posting from No.31 P.D., Moncton, N.B., to commence training.
A Commanding Officer's parade was held during the morning, attended by all personnel of No.2 Squadron.
An inspection was carried out by the Assistant Chief Flying Instructor.

An inspection of all Station buildings occupied by Service personnel was carried out by the Commanding Officer.

During the evening an entertainment was given by a group of artistes headed by Corporal Len Moss, a pianist and accordeon player, who gave some fine renderings of straight and swing music on both these instruments, especially his arrangement of 'boogie-woogie' on the piano that had the audience beating time with hands and feet. AC1 Dave Davies, a well known Canadian radio vocalist, added to the entertainment with current song hits of the day with the audience asking for an encore of "Why am I always the Joe", the smash hit of the new R.C.A.F. show 'Blackouts of 1943'. AC1. Jimmy Riccio, having played in leading Canadian swing bands as a guitarist, knew the type of number to make the feet itch to dance. The other member of the company, AC. Dennis Thyne, an exponent of magic, kept the audience in fits of laughter with his dry humour and deception, especially the ever-full flower vase that he kept emptying during his performance. This show, lasting about 2 hours, was followed by a cinema show, the whole being received with great enthusiasm, and applause as the final curtain came down.

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27 June. A Church Parade Service was held during the morning attended by all personnel of 'B' Flight, together with all personnel of the new incoming course No.84. Inspection was carried out by 'B' Flight Commander.

28 June. A/Flight Lieutenant S.F. Woolley (RAF89958), Administrative Officer, left on posting to No.34 S.F.T.S., Medicine Hat.

No.1052150 Warrant Officer Hunter, W.G., Flying Instructor, left on posting to No.31 G.R.S., Charlottetown.

A Board of Officers, composed of a President and 2 members, assembled for the purpose of examining and remustering ceased training aircrew personnel.

29 June Normal Routine.

30 June Normal Routine.

During the month, cinema shows were given each Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday evenings. The Music Club has provided Gramophone Recitals each Monday during the month, these being held in the Station Library commencing at 21.00 hours. Attendance at these recitals vary, but usually ranges between 30 to 40 fellows. On one occasion, the 14th., over 50 being present. The main works played each week were as follows - 7th., Rachmaninoff's Concerto No.2 in 'C' Minor.

14th., Dvorak's Symphony No.5, better known as 'From the New World'. 21st., Tchaikowsky's Symphony No.6, known as 'Pathetique'. 28th., Grieg's Piano Concerto in 'A' Minor. Each week the programme has consisted of a major work supported by other orchestral, instrumental and vocal records, the whole generally lasting about 1¼ hours. As requests are made, the best is done to include numbers asked for in future programmes, should they be among the collection at disposal, which unfortunately is rather small. The programmes are greatly enjoyed by all, and most turn up the following weeks for more. A recently arrived officer has consented to supplement the present collection with recordings from his collection, thus helping to provide a greater range of programmes.

Gardening activities. There are four main gardens upon which work is being conducted, the most important of which is the vegetable patch of approximately 1¼ acres situated at the rear of the Officer's Mess.

This area was originally sown with crested wheat grass about 2 years age. It was ploughed and harrowed, then sown with a main crop of potatoes, which are doing remarkably well. Wind breaks of corn were also put down and a large area devoted to assorted vegetables such as tomatoes, radishes, onions, peas, beans,

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beets, etc., All this was done under the supervision of Pilot Officer A.E. Hartley, who until recently was responsible for its upkeep and maintenance. Considerable difficulty was experienced in keeping the garden clear of weeds, which are very abundant. Assistance is now being given by the Works and Buildings department with cultivation etc., and supplies from many crops have already appeared on the Mess tables.

Flight Lieutenant Purser, Medical Officer, is constructing what will obviously be a very attractive flower garden surrounding the hospital. Most of the ground is being re-turfed and a wide herbaceous border put down consisting of a large variety of flowers and flowering shrubs. A lilac hedge was planted which took root rapidly, and on sloping ground, terraces of natural rock were constructed. A small but very pleasant garden has been laid down outside the Link Trainer building by the Officer in charge, Flying Officer C. Martin. The immediate surroundings of the Officer's Mess are being utilised to provide a semi-sunken lawn and extensive rockeries, upon which work is still in progress. Rustic trellis, covered walks, and numerous flower beds are planned for this area and it is hoped to complete the landscaping within a week or so. The soil has been found to be very fertile although a little dry, and almost anything with suitable care will grow. The advice of Mr. Tynline of the Government Research station at Brandon has been of great value during the early stages.

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH.</u>	<u>OFFICERS.</u>	<u>AIRMEN OR OTHER</u>
<u>RANKS</u>		
STAFF. R.A.F.	41	55
<u>Service Personnel other than R.A.F.</u>		
R.C.A.F.	2	9
R.A.A.F.		1
-		
R.C.A.S.C.	-	
2		
TOTAL STAFF.	44	
66		
<u>TRAINEES.</u> R.A.F.	20	
253		
R N.Z.N.	-	
1	R.A.A.F.	

-	1
255	TOTAL TRAINEES 20

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH.</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE.</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE.</u>
TYPE - Tiger Moth D.H.82c.	88	- -

FLYING HOURS.

Total number of hours flown during the month of June was - 9256.30.

(D. Sloan)

Squadron Leader

Commanding

Officer R.A.F. Personnel

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E.F.T.S., NEEPAWA, Manitoba.

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1 July, 1943 DOMINION DAY. Wing Commander H.H. Langford (C485) arrived by air on Temporary Duty from No.2 Training Command Headquarters.

The Station closed down for the afternoon, with the exception of those personnel engaged on essential duties, thus enabling the remainder of the staff to participate in the Town's attractions.

2 July. Normal Routine.

3 July. The Officer Commanding Service Personnel held a parade and inspection of all personnel of No.1 Squadron.

He later carried out an inspection of all Station buildings occupied by Service personnel.

8 airmen, ceased training, left on posting to No.2 'M' Depot, Brandon.

3 airmen, ceased training, left on posting to No. 1 'M' Depot, Toronto.

4 July. A Church Parade Service was held during the morning, attended by all personnel of 'A' and 'B' Flights.

An inspection was carried out by the Assistant Chief Flying Instructor.

5 July. A Board of Officers, composed of a President and 2 Members assembled for the purpose of examining and remustering ceased training aircrew personnel.

Air Commodore H.J. Collins and Squadron Leader W.H. Corkhill (80901) arrived by air on a Staff Visit from No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry.

Wing Commander H.P. Langford left on completion of Temporary Duty, returning by air to No.2 Training Command Headquarters.

6 July. Air Commodore H.J. Collins and Squadron Leader W.H. Corkhill left on completion of

Temporary Duty, returning by air to No.17 S.F.T.S., Souris.
Pilot Officer B.J. Greenland (146422) and Pilot Officer R.G. Evans (146138), Flying Instructors, arrived on posting from No.34 E.F.T.S., Assiniboia.
Flight Sergeant Blachford C.A., (1379257) and Flight Sergeant T.B. Carpenter (1260362), Flying Instructors, appointed to commissioned rank effective 9 April 1943.

7 July. Normal Routine.

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8 July. Accident to Tiger Moth aircraft No.3867 at Eden, Man: at 17.00 hours, involving Pupil Pilot 1319333 LAC. Maloney, G., slightly injured - aircraft completely burnt out.
Investigating officer appointed to inquire into the cause of this accident.

9 July. Wing Commander J.C. Mirabelli (C1575) arrived by air from No.17 S.F.T.S., Souris, to investigate the accident to Tiger Moth aircraft No.3867 referred to above.
The Officer Commanding Service Personnel held a parade and inspection of all personnel of No.1 Squadron.

10 July. The Officer Commanding Service Personnel held a parade and inspection of all personnel of No.2 Squadron. Later in the day he carried out an inspection of all Station buildings occupied by Service personnel.

Pilot Officer F.G. Evans (146698), Flying Instructor, arrived on posting from No.34 E.F.T.S., Assiniboia.
59 airmen, trainees comprising Course No.85, arrived on posting from No.31 P.D. Moncton, N.B., to commence training.

34 airmen, graduates ex Course No.81, left on posting to No.39 S.F.T.S., Swift Current.

5 airmen, graduates ex Course No.81, left on posting to No 34 S.F.T.S., Medicine Hat.

2 airmen, ceased training, left on posting to No.1 'M' Depot, Toronto.

15 airmen, ceased training, left on posting to No.2 'M' Depot, Brandon.

Wing Commander J.C. Mirabelli left by air for No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry.

11 July. A Church Parade Service was held during the morning, attended by all personnel of 'D' Flight. An inspection was carried out by the Assistant Chief Flying Instructor.

12 July. A Board of Officers, consisting of a President and 2 Members, assembled for the purpose of examining and remustering ceased training aircrew personnel.

Lieutenant T.C. Karr of the R.C.A.S.C., arrived on posting from No.10 District Company, Winnipeg, to assume appointment as Supplies Officer.

611307 Sergeant Bennett, A.R., Flying Instructor, arrived on posting from No.3 F.I.S., Arnprior, Ont:

13 July. Flight Lieutenant R.A.P. Bruce, AFC (87048) assumed command as Officer Commanding Service Personnel, vice Squadron Leader D. Sloan (32031) hospitalized.
1339825 Sergeant Davey, A.W., Flying Instructor, arrived on posting from No.3 F.I.S., Arnprior,

Ont:

Pilot Officer R.F. Laver (-), Flying Instructor, arrived on posting from No.3 F.I.S., Arnprior, Ont:

14 July. Flight Lieutenant J.C.D. Taylor (C8035) Works and Buildings, arrived by air from No.10 S.F.T.S., Dauphin, for the purpose of inspecting water and sewerage pumps, etc. He departed after a stay of approximately 12 hours for No.2 Training Command Headquarters.

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15 July/43. Lieutenant C.V. Sibbald, Canadian Dental Corps, arrived on posting from No.12 S.F.T.S., Brandon, to take up appointment as Dental Officer.

Pilot Officer P.L. Ford (146702), Flying Instructor, arrived on posting from No.32 E.F.T.S., Bowden.

Pilot Officer T.B. Carpenter (146719), Flying Instructor, left on posting to No.32 E.F.T.S., Bowden.

Pilot Officer C.A. Blachford (146718), Flying Instructor, left on posting to No.34 E.F.T.S., Assiniboia.

16 July. The Officer Commanding Service Personnel held a parade and inspection of all personnel of No.2 Squadron.

17 July. The Officer Commanding Service Personnel held a parade and inspection of all personnel of No.1 Squadron. He later carried out an inspection of all Station Buildings occupied by Service personnel.

Pilot Officer R.F. Laver, Flying Instructor, left on posting to No.34 E.F.T.S., Assiniboia.

14 airmen, ceased training, left on posting to No.2 'M' Depot, Brandon.

4 airmen, ceased training, left on posting to No.3 'M' Depot, Toronto.

18 July. A Church Parade Service was held during the morning, attended by all personnel of 'A' Flight. The Inspection was carried out by the Assistant Chief Flying Instructor.

19 July. A Board of Officers, consisting of a President and 2 Members, assembled for the purpose of examining and remustering ceased training aircrew personnel, 611307 Sgt. Bennett, A.R., 1151947 Sgt. Truswell, L.J., 1339825 Sgt. Davey, A.W., and 1442634 Sgt. Worsey, J.C., Flying Instructors, left on posting to No.34 E.F.T.S., Assiniboia.

20 July. During the evening, an entertainment entitled "Life Begins at Thirty-Five", was presented by members of this Station, both Civilian and Service; music being provided by the Blackhawks Orchestra of Neepawa.

This show attracted a large crowd, both from Town and the Station, and a most interesting and varied programme was warmly appreciated by all present.

21 July. A repeat performance of the show "Life Begins at Thirty-Five" was given during the evening, again attracting an interested audience. The Administrative Officer, Flight Lieutenant J.C. Parkinson, very ably carried out his duties as Master of Ceremonies at both these

performances, and related hilariously stories and anecdotes.

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22 July./43 Lieutenant T.C. Karr, Supply Officer, R.C.A.S.C., left on posting to Winnipeg Headquarters.

During the evening another gala entertainment was presented, this time by the E.N.S.A. 'B for Bertie' Company. The cast included well known performers, each of whom gave a polished performance. A large audience were very warm in the appreciation and applause and the whole can be summed up as a "real 100% show".

23 July. Normal Routine.

24 July. The Officer Commanding Service Personnel held a parade and inspection of all personnel of No.2 Squadron. He later carried out an inspection of all Station buildings occupied by Service personnel.

7 Officers and 53 airmen (including 22 Indian Air Force personnel), comprising Course No.86, arrived on posting from No.31 P.D., Moncton, N.B., to commence training.

3 officers and 13 airmen, graduates ex Course No.82 left on posting to No.41 S.F.T.S., Weyburn.

7 officers and 19 airmen, graduates ex Course No.82 left on posting to No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry.

10 airmen, graduates ex Course No.82, left on posting to No.38 S.F.T.S., Estevan.

13 airmen, ceased training, left on posting to No.2 'M' Depot, Brandon.

25 July. Squadron Leader A.J.A. Laing (39993) arrived on posting from No.31 P.D., Moncton, N.B., to take over command as Officer Commanding Service Personnel on departure of Squadron Leader D. Sloan.

A Church Parade Service was held during the morning, attended by all personnel of 'C' Flight. An inspection was carried out by the Assistant Chief Flying Instructor.

26 July. Squadron Leader W.H. Corkhill (80901) arrived by air from No.2 Training Command Headquarters, for the purpose of carrying out a routine inspection.

A Board of Officers, comprising a President and 2 Members, assembled during the afternoon for the purpose of examining and remustering ceased training aircrew personnel.

27 July. Flying Officer H.F. Hall (C14585) Auxiliary Services Officer, arrived on Temporary Duty from No.2 Training Command Headquarters. He left later in the day from No.3 B & G. School, Macdonald.

Squadron Leader W.H. Corkhill left by air for No.2 Training Command Headquarters on completion of Temporary Duty.

Pilot Officer J.D. Hollingworth (152336), Pilot Officer B.C. Edney (152250) and 1585621 Sergeant W.G. George, Flying Instructors, arrived on posting from No.3 F.I.S., Arnprior, Ont:

28 July. Wing Commander V.E. Sharpe (C4072), Medical Officer, arrived by air from No.2 Training Command Headquarters for the purpose of routine inspection, returning later in the day to Winnipeg.

Captain F.W. Luce of the Canadian Legion, arrived on attachment to take over the duties of

Auxiliary Services Officer at this Station.

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29 July. Normal Routine.

30 July. Squadron Leader D. Sloan (32031), on discharge from hospital, re-assumed command as Officer Commanding Service Personnel, vice Flight Lieutenant R.A.P. Bruce, A.F.C (87048) The Officer Commanding Service personnel held a parade and inspection of all personnel of No.2 Squadron.

31 July. The Commanding Officer Service Personnel held a parade and inspection of all personnel of No.1 Squadron. He later carried out an inspection of all Station buildings occupied by Service personnel.

10 airmen, ceased training, left on posting to No.2 'M' Depot, Brandon.

During the month, cinema shows were presented each Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday evenings.

Also, the Music Club has provided Gramophone Recitals each Monday evening, all of which continue to attract large and appreciative audiences.

Gardening Activities. During this month work has been largely suspended owing to heavy and almost continuous rain. The vegetable garden was flooded to a considerable depth for several days and it is thought that a great deal of damage will accrue. In the flower gardens, turfing and cultivation has been carried out when weather permitted, and work on the rock gardens is proceeding, though hampered by the sodden state of the ground.

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<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH.</u>	<u>OFFICERS.</u>	<u>AIRMEN OR OTHER</u>
<u>RANKS</u>		
STAFF. R.A.F.	44	53
<u>Service Personnel other than R.A.F.</u>		
R.C.A.F.	2	9
R.A.A.F.		1
-		
R.C.A.S.C.	-	
2		
C.D.C.		<u>1</u>
1		
<u>65</u>	<u>48</u>	
TOTAL STAFF.		

TRAINEES. R.A.F. 15

1	R N.Z.N.	-
		R.A.A.F.
	-	2.
	I.A.F.	-
	23	
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	TOTAL TRAINEES	15
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224		

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH.</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE.</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE.</u>
TYPE - Tiger Moth D.H.82c.	77	12

FLYING HOURS.

Total number of hours flown during the month of July was - 8469.35.

Squadron Leader (A.J.A. Laing)
 Officer R.A.F. Personnel Commanding
E.F.T.S., NEPAWA, Manitoba. No. 35

ED NOTE: The Daily Reports for the month of August, 1943 could not be located.

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SEPTEMBER

1 Air Vice Marshal L.D.D. McKean, CB, CBE, Liaison Officer in Chief, United Kingdom Air Liaison Mission, accompanied by Squadron Leader W.H. Corkill (RAF80901), arrived on temporary duty from No.1 C.N.S., Rivers and departed by air, after a stay of a few hours, to No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry.

An inspection of all station buildings occupied by Service personnel was carried out by the Officer Commanding Service Personnel.

The Officer Commanding Service Personnel held a parade and inspection of all Service personnel.

Accident to Tiger Moth aircraft No.5022 on Main Aerodrome, involving Pupil Pilot GB1532524, LAC. Noble, H., slightly injured. On approaching aerodrome in strong wind, landed heavily, ballooned, wing dropped and aircraft nosed in, seriously damaging aircraft.

2. R126557 Sgt, McCarthy, W.E. and R145438 Sgt. Wiley, K.J., Link Trainer Instructors, arrived on posting from No.6 EFTS, Prince Albert, Sask:

Accident to Tiger Moth aircraft Nos: 1230 and 1239 at Main Aerodrome, involving AUS405035 F/Sgt. Collins, R.J. (Pupil pilot) and 143571 Sgt. Lusty, A.G., Flying Instructor and IAF18021

LAC. Santiago, S., pupil pilot, all uninjured. Aircraft No.1230 approaching aerodrome into wind, collided with aircraft No.1239 which had just landed. Both aircraft seriously damaged. Investigation ordered.

3. Normal routine.

4. 3 officers and 61 other ranks, Trainees comprising Course No.89, arrived on posting from No.31 P.D., Moncton, N.B., to commence training.

<u>COURSE No. 85.</u>	Original Intake	
60		
	Adjusted Intake	
69		
	Total Graduates	
52		
) To #33 SFTS. Carberry
2) To #41 SFTS, Weyburn
17) To #39 SFTS. Swift Current
3		
	Disposition.) To #35 North Battleford
14) To #18 SFTS. Gimli
15) To #31 SFTS. Kingston
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4.	<u>COURSE No.85</u> (continued)	
Total Wastage (including Transfers)		17
	(Ceased Training - To 2 'M' Depot	9
	(Brandon
Disposition.	(Ceased Training - To 1 'M' Depot	7
	(Toronto
	(Transferred to Course No.86	1

5. National Day of Prayer - a Church Parade Service was held during the morning attended by all available Personnel. An inspection was carried out by the Officer Commanding Service Personnel.

6. R169690 Sgt. Exelby, G.H., and R178803 Sgt. Killen, J.M., Link Trainer Instructors, arrived on posting from No.1 I.F.S., Deseronto, Ont:
A Board of Officers, consisting of a President and two Members, assembled during the

afternoon for the purpose of examining and registering ceased training aircrew personnel.

7. Wing Commander Sharpe. (C4072), Principal Medical Officer, accompanied by Flight Lieutenant W. Mosley (C25668), Command Hygiene officer, arrived by air on temporary duty from No.2 Training Command Headquarters, Winnipeg. They left later in the afternoon for Brandon.

8. The Officer Commanding Service Personnel held a parade and inspection of all Service personnel. Prior to this he made a tour and inspection of all Station buildings occupied by Service personnel.

Accident to Tiger Moth aircraft No.5052 at Main Aerodrome, involving Flying Officer L. Taylor (RAF136841), flying instructor, and GB1583596 LAC. Sharpe, A.K., pupil pilot, both uninjured. Whilst taxiing across wind, brake on left wheel failed to come off, causing aircraft to nose over, causing slight damage. During the evening a football match was held on the Station sports field between teams of trainees from Course No. 88.

9. During the evening an inter-flight football match was held on the Station sports field between teams of trainees of Course No.89.

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10. Wing Commander H.H. Langford (C485) arrived on temporary duty from No.2 Training Headquarters, Winnipeg, for the purpose of explaining to all. Instructors important changes in policy. He returned later by air to Winnipeg.

11. Two airmen, ceased training, left on posting to No.2 'M' Depot, Brandon. Five airmen, ceased training, left on posting to No.1 'M' Depot, Toronto.

12. During the morning a Church Parade Service was held for all personnel of 'B' Flight. An inspection was carried out by the Flight Commander.

13. Squadron Leader W.H. Corkill (RAF80901) accompanied by Section Officer J.E. Christie (C30386) arrived by air on temporary duty from No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry, for the purpose of advising married personnel re Welfare. They left by air on return to No.2 Training Command Headquarters, Winnipeg. A Board of Officers, comprising a President and two Members, assembled during the afternoon, for the purpose of examining and remustering ceased training aircrew personnel.

14. 516149 F/Sgt. Fisher, N.R., N.C.O. Disciplinarian, left on posting to No.31 P.D., Moncton, N.B.

15. Normal Routine.

16. A Parade and Inspection of all Flying personnel was carried out by the Officer Commanding Service Personnel. He also carried out an inspection of all Station buildings occupied by Service personnel.

17. Accident to Tiger Moth aircraft No.5962 at Main Aerodrome, involving Pilot Officer D.J. Hunter (RAF152012), Pupil Pilot, and GB1568065 LAC. Stewart, J.R. pupil pilot (non occupant) seriously injured. LAC. Stewart walked into propeller whilst placing chocks under wheels of aircraft on compass swinging base and was struck on the head. No damage to aircraft.

During the evening a Variety Concert was presented in the Station Theatre by the "Ruffians" concert troupe. An enjoyable entertainment warmly appreciated by a large audience.

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18. Flight Lieutenant J.B. Bronwlie (RAF104986) Medical Officer, proceeded on temporary duty to No. 2 Training Command Headquarters, Winnipeg, for the purpose of attending the Annual meeting of the Manitoba Medical Association.

1 Office and 63 other ranks, trainees comprising Course No. 90, arrived on posting from No.31 P.D., Moncton, N.B., to commence training.

Squadron Leader E.W. Sharpe (C2797) arrived on temporary duty from No.2 Training Command Headquarters, Winnipeg, for the purpose of investigating accident to Tiger Moth aircraft No.5962 on 17th, September.

COURSE No. 86. Original Intake.

60

Adjusted Intake

59

Total Graduates

52

(To #33 SFTS. Carberry

24

(To #41 SFTS. Weyburn.

21

Disposition. (To #34 SFTS. Medicine Hat
(To #31 SFTS, Kingston.

6

1

Total Wastage (including Transfers)

7

(Ceased Training - To No.1 'M' Depot

2

Toronto

Disposition. (Ceased Training - To No.2 'M' Depot
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3

Brandon

(Transferred to Course No.87

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19. A Church Parade Service was held during the morning attended by all personnel of 'D' Flight. An inspection was carried out by the Flight Commander. During the evening the "Raffians" Concert party proceeded to No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry to present their show.

20. R86127 Sgt. Sigurdson, M., Link Training Instructor, left on posting to No. 12 S.F.T.S., Brandon.
R134466 Sgt. Dustak, N., Link Trainer Instructor, left on posting to No.17 S.F.T.S., Souris.
Flying Officer G.C. Johnston (C13573) Armament Visiting Flight, arrived on temporary duty from RCAF, Station, Mountain View, Ont:

21. Flight Lieutenant D.C. McNeil (RAF60105) assumed command as Officer Commanding Service Personnel, vice Squadron Leader A.J.A. Laing (RAF39993), on leave.

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21. Flying Officer F.J.L. Morgan (RAF115653) P.T.& D. Officer, arrived on attachment from No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry.

22. Flight Lieutenant R.A.P. Bruce, AFC (RAF87048), Assistant Chief Flying Instructor, left on attachment supernumerary to No. 41 S.F.T.S., Weyburn.
The Officer Commanding Service Personnel made a tour and inspection of all Station buildings occupied by Service personnel. He later held a parade and inspection of all Flying personnel.
Flying Officer, G.C. Johnston, Armament Visiting Flight, ceased temporary duty and returned to No.2 Training Command Headquarters, Winnipeg.

23. Normal Routine.

24. Normal Routine.

25. Warrant Officer L.F. Willis (1262851), F/Sgt. Finch, S.F.H. (1336874), F/Sgt. Moore, C.H.. (1318067), F/Sgt. Wood, J.T.H. (1080104) and F/Sgt. Stuart, A (1345930), Flying Instructors, left on attachment supernumerary to No.33 S.F.T.S., Estevan.
During the evening a Variety Concert was presented by the Winnipeg Hydro Victory Troupe. This show attracted a large audience, and a most interesting and varied programme was warmly applauded by all present.

26. A Church Parade Service was held during the morning attended by all available personnel. This was held in honour of the 'Battle of Britain Day'. Prior to the Service an inspection was carried out by a Flight Commander.

27. Lieutenant H.H. McIntyre, of the R.C.A.S.C, arrived on posting from Brandon to assume appointment as Supplies Officer,
A Board of Officers, consisting of a President and two Members, assembled during the after-noon for the purpose of examining and remustering ceased training aircrew personnel.

28. Normal Routine.

29. The Officer Commanding Service Personnel held a parade and inspection of all personnel. Prior to this he made a tour and carried out an inspection of all Station buildings occupied by Service personnel.

30. Normal Routine.

IMAGE 982

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH.</u>	<u>OFFICERS.</u>	<u>AIRMEN OR OTHER</u>
<u>RANKS</u>		
STAFF. R.A.F.	45	49
<u>Service Personnel other than R.A.F.</u>		
R.C.A.F.	1	7
R.C.A.S.C.		1
2		
C.D.C.		1
2		
60	48	
TOTAL STAFF.		

TRAINEE	R.A.F.	17
236		
	R N.Z.A.F.	-
1		I.A.F.
		2
239	TOTAL TRAINEES	17

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH.</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE.</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE.</u>
TYPE - Tiger Moth D.H.82c.	77	2

FLYING HOURS.

Total number of hours flown during the month of September was - 9262.50.

(A.J.A. Laing)

S/Ldr.,

Personnel

E.F.T.S., NEEPAWA, Man:

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- 1 Normal Routine.
- 2 4 Officers and 55 other ranks, Trainees comprising Course No.91, arrived posting from No. 31 P.D., Moncton, N.B., to commence training.
COURSE No.87. Original Intake.
60.
Adjusted Intake.
70.
Total Graduates.
57.
(To No.38 SFTS. Estevan.
6.
Disposition. (To No.41SFTS. Weyburn.
10.
(To No.35 SFTS. North Battleford.
42.
Total Wastage (including Transfers)
13.
(Ceased Training - To No.2 'M' Depot.
8.
Disposition. (Ceased Training - To No.1 'M' Depot. 4.
(Transferred to Course No.90.
1.
3. Squadron Leader A.J.A. Laing (RAF39993) re-assumed command as Officer Commanding Service Personnel (returned from leave), vice Flight Lieutenant D.C. McNeil (RAF60105).
A Church Parade Service was held during the morning attended by all personnel of 'C' Flight and Pupils of the now incoming Course No.91.
Prior to the Service an inspection was carried out by the Flight Commander.
Squadron Leader J. Aydon (RAF77675), Chaplain (R.C) arrived by air on temporary duty from Air Force Headquarters, Ottawa.
4. Pilot Officer P.G. Williams (RAF153052) and Pilot Officer R.E. Arond (RAF153073), Flying Instructors, arrived on posting from No.3 F.I.S., Arnprior, Ont:
A Board of Officers, consisting of a President and 2 Members, assembled during the afternoon for the purpose of examining and remustering ceased training aircrew personnel.

5. Squadron Leader The Rev: J. Aydon (RAF77675), Chaplain (R.C) ceased temporary duty and departed by air for No.2 Training Command Headquarters, Winnipeg. Pilot Officer R.S. Lawrence (C36108), Link Trainer Instructor, arrived on posting from No.1 C.T.S., Ste. Marguerite.

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6. The Officer Commanding Service Personnel made a tour of inspection of all Station buildings occupied by Service personnel.

The Officer Commanding held a Parade and Inspection of all Service personnel.

7. Normal Routine.

8. 3 airmen Trainees arrived on posting from No.7 EFTS. Windsor, Ont: and were attached to Course No.90.

2 airmen, Indian Air Force personnel, ceased training, left on posting to No. 1 'M' Depot, Toronto, Ont:

1 Sergeant and 19 other ranks, comprising carpenters and construction hands, arrived on temporary duty from No.2 C & M. Unit, Winnipeg, in connection with building of new hangar. Accident to Tiger Moth aircraft No.5148 at Main Aerodrome, involving Pupil Pilot GB1812293 LAC. Rauw, E.M., uninjured. Pupil, landing on second solo, held off high, stalled and landed heavily on undercarriage, seriously damaging aircraft.

9. 3 airmen, ceased training aircrew, left on posting to No.2 'M' Depot, Brandon, Man. 1 airman, ceased training aircrew, left on posting to No. 1 'M' Depot, Toronto, Ont:

10. A Church Parade Service was held during the morning attended by all personnel of 'B' Flight. An inspection was carried out by the Flight Commander. Flying Officer F.J.L. Morgan (RAF115653), P.T. and D. Officer, ceased temporary duty and returned by air to No.33 SFTS. Carberry, Man:

11. A Board of Officers, consisting of a President and 2 Members, assembled during the afternoon for the purpose of examining and remustering ceased training aircrew personnel. 350785 F/SGT. Carter, W., N.C.O. Disciplinarian, arrived on posting from No.36 O.T.U., Greenwood, N.S.

12. The Officer Commanding held a Parade and Inspection of all personnel of 'A' and 'B' Flights. Pilot Officer J. Dunkley (RAF156640), Flying Instructor, left on posting to No. 33 EFTS. Caron, Sask:

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12. Accident to Tiger Moth aircraft No.1121 at Eden Relief Landing Field, involving Flying Instructors, Flight Lieutenant B.L. Green (RAF111115) and 5389155 Sergeant Adams, G.M., both uninjured. Aircraft approaching Relief Landing Field to do precautionary landing, landed slightly heavily in gusty wind and undercarriage partially collapsed. Aircraft slightly damaged.

13. The Officer Commanding Service Personnel carried out an inspection of all Station buildings occupied by Service personnel. Later, he held a parade and inspection of all personnel of 'C' and 'D' Flights.

528214 F/SGT. Leslie, R.J., N.O.C. Disciplinarian, left on posting to No.41 S.F.T.S., Weyburn, Sask:

14. Normal Routine.

15. Accident to Tiger Moth aircraft No.5875 at Main Aerodrome, involving Flying Instructor 1398919 Sergeant Songhurst, K.G., and Pupil Pilot 926476 LAC. Johnston, J.R., both uninjured. On landing, pupil ruddered heavily to keep straight causing brakes to bind and aircraft to nose down damaging propeller. Instructor failed to take corrective action in time. During the evening the "Raffians" Concert Party, consisting of personnel of this Unit, presented the second edition of their Variety Concert in the Station theatre. A large audience was present warmly appreciating a most excellent production.

16. 4 Officers and 57 other ranks, Trainees comprising Course No.92, arrived on posting from No.31 P.D., Moncton, N.B., to commence training.

COURSE No.88. Original Intake

65		
	Adjusted Intake	
65		
	Total Graduates	
49		
		(To No.41 SFTS. Weyburn.
10		
		(To No.33 SFTS. Carberry.
24		
	Disposition.	(To No.37 SFTS. Calgary.
2		
		(To No. 3 SFTS. Calgary.
1		
		(To No.39 SFTS. Swift Current.
12		
	Total Wastage (including Transfers)	
17		
		(Ceased Training - To No.2 'M'
Depot 11		
		(Ceased Training - To No. 1 'M'

Depot 4

Disposition. (Transferred to Course No.89

1

(Transferred to Course No.90.

1

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17. During the morning a Church Parade Service was held for all personnel of 'D' Flight. An inspection was carried out by the Flight Commander.

18. Flying Officer S.E. McNeely (C23664) arrived on temporary duty from No.2 Training Command Headquarters, Winnipeg, for equipment inspection.
Pilot Officer L.C. Cassidy (C23685) arrived on temporary duty from No.2 Training Command Headquarters, Winnipeg, for the purpose of inspection of explosives.
A Board of Officers, consisting of a President and 2 Members, assembled during the afternoon for the purpose of examining and remustering ceased training aircrew personnel.

19. Squadron Leader W.E. Hobbs (C6129), Works and Buildings officer, arrived on temporary duty from No.2 Training Command Headquarters, Winnipeg.
The Officer Commanding Service Personnel held a parade and inspection of all personnel of 'C' and 'D' Flights.

20. The Officer Commanding Service Personnel held a parade and inspection of all personnel of 'A' and 'B' Flights, prior to which he made a tour of inspection of all Station buildings occupied by Service personnel.
Squadron Leader W.E. Hobbs ceased temporary duty and proceeded to Paulson.
Squadron Leader A.J.A. Laing (RAF39993), Officer Commanding, proceeded on temporary duty to No.2 Training Command Headquarters, Winnipeg, for attendance at Commanding Officer's Conference.
Flying Officer P.M. Thoday (RAF130803), Unit Education officer, proceeded on temporary duty to No.2 Training Command Headquarters, Winnipeg, to attend Education Officer's Conference.
Lieutenant H.H. McIntyre, Supplies officer of the R.C.A.S.C., left on posting to No.12 S.F.T.S., Brandon, Man:

21. Flight Lieutenant D.C. McNeil (RAF60105) assumed command as Officer Commanding Service Personnel, vice Squadron Leader A.J.A. Laing (RAF39993) on temporary duty at No.2 Training Command Headquarters, Winnipeg.
Squadron Leader E.R. Pounder (C1514), Navigation Officer from No.1 Training Command, arrived on temporary duty for the purpose of discussion and exchange of ideas on Navigation training.

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22 Squadron Leader E.R. Pounder ceased temporary duty and proceeded by air to No.12 S.F.T.S., Brandon, Man:

1 Sergeant and 19 other ranks ceased temporary duty in connection with constructions of new hangar and returned to No.8 Repair Depot, Winnipeg.

23 3 airmen, Trainees, arrived on posting from No.7 E.F.T.S., Windsor, Ont: and were attached to No.91 Course.

5 airmen, ceased training, left on posting to No.2 'M' Depot, Brandon, Man:

24 Squadron Leader A.J.A. Laing (RAF39993) re-assumed command as Officer Commanding Service Personnel, vice Flight Lieutenant D.C. McNeil (RAF60105), on return from temporary duty at No.2 Training Command Headquarters, Winnipeg.
A Church Parade Service was held during the morning attended by all personnel of 'A' Flight. An inspection was carried out by the Flight Commander.

25. A Board of Officers, comprising a President and 2 Members, assembled during the afternoon for the purpose of examining and remustering ceased training aircrew personnel.

26. The Officer Commanding Service Personnel held a parade and inspection of all personnel of 'A' and 'B' Flights.

27. The Officer Commanding carried out an inspection of all Station Buildings occupied by Service personnel. Later held a parade and inspection of all personnel of 'C' and 'D' Flights.

28. Normal Routine.

29. Flying Officer L.W. Billingsley (C21482) arrived on temporary duty from No. 33 S.F.T.S., Carberry, Man:, in connection with Airmen's messing, leaving later in the day for No.1 C.N.S., Rivers.

30. 5 Officers and 55 other ranks, Trainees comprising Course No.93, arrived on posting from No.31 P.D., Moncton, N.B., to commence training.

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30 COURSE No.89. Original Intake

64

Adjusted Intake

		57	Total Graduates	
Battleford	20			(To No.35 SFTS. North
Medicine Hat	1			(To No.34 SFTS.
Penhold	1			(To No.36 SFTS.
	1		Disposition.	(To No.37 SFTS. Calgary
Estevan	19			(To No. 38 SFTS.
Weyburn	15			(To No.41 SFTS.
	8		Total Wastage (Including Transfers)	
No.2 'M' Depot.	5			(Ceased training - to
'M' Depot.	1		Disposition	(Ceased training - to No. 1
Course No.92	2			(Transferred to

During the evening a Variety Concert was presented by the "Beaver Club" Concert party (Hudsons Bay Co). A most excellent performance was warmly appreciated by a large audience.

31 During the morning a Church Parade Service was held, attended by all personnel of 'C' Flight, an inspection being carried out by the Flight Commander.

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH.</u>		<u>OFFICERS.</u>	<u>AIRMEN OR OTHER</u>
<u>RANKS</u>			
STAFF.	R.A.F.	48	
49			
	<u>Service Personnel other than R.A.F.</u>		
	R.C.A.F.	2	
7			
	R.C.A.S.C.		-
	2		
	C.D.C.		1
	1		
<hr/>			
	TOTAL STAFF.	51	
59			
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<u>TRAINEES</u>	R.A.F.	15	
277			
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AIRCRAFT STRENGTH.

TYPE - Tiger Moth D.H.82c.

SERVICEABLE.

73

UNSERVICEABLE.

13

FLYING HOURS.

Total number of hours flown during the month of October was - 8878.55.

S/Ldr.,

Commanding Service Personnel

E.F.T.S., NEPAWA, Manitoba.

(A.J.A. Laing)

Officer

No. 35

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1. A Board of Officers, comprising a President and 2 Members, assembled for the purpose of examining and remustering ceased training aircrew personnel.

Pilot Officer J.V. Beddy, Flying Instructor, arrived on posting from No. 31 E.F.T.S., De Winton, Alta:

Flight Lieutenant D.C. McNeil (RAF60105) proceeded on temporary duty to No.12 S.F.T.S., Brandon, Man., to act as member at District Court-Martial.

2. The Officer Commanding Service Personnel held a Parade and Inspection of all personnel comprising 'C' and 'D' Flights.

The Officer Commanding Service personnel made a tour of inspection of all Station buildings occupied by Service personnel.

Flying Officer A.M. Thompson, Flying Instructor, arrived on posting from No.31 A.N.S., Port Albert, Ont:

3. The Officer Commanding Service Personnel held a parade and Inspection of all personnel comprising 'A' and 'B' Flights.

Warrant Officer L.F. Willis (1262851), F/SGT. J.T. Wood (1080104), F/SGT. C.H. Moore (1318067), F/SGT. F.M. Finch (1336874) and F/SGT. A. Stuart (1345930), Flying Instructors, left on posting to No.31 G.R.S., Charlottetown, P.E.I.

4. Pilot Officer L.J.O. Prudence (1395903), Pilot Officer D.D. Morrison (153364), SGT. Wyatt, H.W.(903631), SGT. Woodhead, H (1473818), SGT. Lord, C.H(1580868) and SGT.

Moore, J (1138131), Flying Instructors, arrived on posting from No.3 F.I.S., Arnprior, Ont:, and left immediately on posting out to No.31 E.F.T.S., De Winton, Alta:

5. Wing Commander S.R.C. Nelson, RAF. Medical Liaison Officer, accompanied by Squadron Leader W.H. Corkill (RAF80901), arrived on temporary duty from No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry, Man:, leaving after a short stay of five hours, returning to Carberry, Man:

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6. Sixty airmen, Trainees comprising Course No.94 arrived on posting from No.31 P.D., Moncton, N.B., to commence training.
Squadron Leader L. Dawson (RCAF.C2139) and Squadron Leader E.W.C. Sharpe (C2797), accident investigation officers, arrived on temporary duty from No.2 Training Command Headquarters, Winnipeg.

7. During the morning a Church Parade Service was held in the Station Theatre, attended by all personnel of 'B' Flight. Prior to the Service an inspection was carried out by the Flight Commander.
Squadron Leader L. Dawson and Squadron Leader E.W.C. Sharpe, left on cessation of temporary duty, proceeding to No.17 S.F.T.S., Souris, Man:

8. A Board of Officers, consisting of a President and 2 Members, assembled during the afternoon for the purpose of examining and remustering ceased training aircrew personnel.

9. The Officer Commanding Service Personnel carried out an inspection at a parade attended by all personnel of 'A' and 'B' Flights.

10. Squadron Leader N.W. Holwig, DFC (C3297) and Flight Lieutenant H.C. Manly (C8236) arrived on temporary duty from No. 2 T.C.H.Q., Winnipeg, for the purpose of discussing aircraft recognition training. They left later in the day by air for No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry, Man: Flight Lieutenant D.L. Green (RAF111115), Flying Instructor, left on proceeding for attachment to No.3 F.I.S., Arnprior, Ont:, for examining course.

11. During the morning a Remembrance Day Church Service was held in the Station Theatre, attended by all personnel of the Unit. This was followed by a Parade and Inspection, carried out by the Officer Commanding Service Personnel, which in turn was followed by observance of the two minutes' silence.
Flying Officer G.R. Preedy (RAF141520), Flying Instructor, arrived on posting from No.3 F.I.S., Arnprior, Ont:

12. Normal Routine.

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13. 15 airmen, Graduates ex Course No.89, left on posting to No.41 S.F.T.S., Weyburn, Sask:

16 airmen, Graduates ex Course No. 90, left on posting to No.41 S.F.T.S., Weyburn, Sask:

19 airmen, Graduates ex Course No.89, left on posting to No.38 S.F.T.S., Estevan, Sask:

14 airmen, Graduates ex Course No.90, left on posting to No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry, Man:

5 airmen, ceased training, left on posting to No.2 'M' Depot, Brandon, Man:

DISPOSITION - COURSE NO. 90.

Original Intake

64

Adjusted Intake

66

Total Graduates

56

To No.39 SFTS. Swift Current.

10.

To No.35 SFTS. North Battleford.

15.

To No. 41SFTS. Weyburn.

17.

To No. 33 SFTS, Carberry,

14.

Total Wastage (including Transfers)

10.

To No.2 'M' Depot, Brandon (ceased training)

7.

To No.1 'M' Depot, Toronto (ceased training)

1.

Transferred to Course No. 91.

2.

Accident to Tiger Moth aircraft No.3869 at Shilo Paratroop School, involving Pupil Pilot GB572127 LAC. Wallace, J.M., uninjured. Pupil, whilst carrying out Solo exercises, became lost and, due to shortage of fuel, made precautionary landing. On landing, aircraft ran into a ditch and nosed over, breaking propeller.

14. A Church Parade Service was held during the morning, attended by all personnel of 'D' Flight and Trainees of new incoming course No.94.

Prior to the Service an inspection was carried out by the Flight Commander.

15. A Board of Officers, comprising a President and 2 Members, assembled during the afternoon for the purpose of examining and remustering ceased training aircrew personnel.

16. A Parade and Inspection of all personnel of 'C' and 'D' Flights was carried out by the Officer Commanding Service Personnel.

Pilot Office M. Wilson (RAF153432) and SGT, Smith, F.W. (1494692), Flying Instructors, arrived on posting from No.3 F.I.S., Arnprior, Ont:

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17. The Commanding Officer Service Personnel hold a Parade and Inspection of all personnel of 'A' and 'B' Flights. He afterwards made a tour of inspection of all Station buildings occupied by Service personnel.

SGT. Campbell, E.R. (1603326), Flying Instructor, arrived on posting from No. 3 F.I.S. Arnprior, Ont:

Squadron Leader E.H. Crawford (C5251) and Flight Lieutenant J.C. Finley (C11412) arrived on temporary duty from No. 2 Training Command Headquarters, Winnipeg.

18. Flying Officer J.C. Pert (RAF138122), Flying Instructor, arrived on posting from No.32 E.F.T.S., Bowden, Alta:

SGT. Perrin, R.D. (1512933), Flying Instructor, arrived on posting from No.3 F.I.S., Arnprior, Ont:

Squadron Leader E.H. Crawford and Flight Lieutenant J.C. Finley, ceased temporary duty and returned by rail to No.2 Training Command Headquarters, Winnipeg.

19. Flight Lieutenant D.C. McNeil, Assistant Chief Flying Instructor, left on proceeding on attachment to No. 41 S.F.T.S., Weyburn, Sask., for Service Training course.

Flying Officer T. Pryde (RAF134763), Flying Officer R.G. Evans (RAF146138), and Pilot Officer B.J.L. Greenland (RAF146422), Flying Instructors, left on proceeding on attachment to No.38 S.F.T.S., Estevan, Sask: for Service Training Course.

20. Four airmen (Refresher Trainees), arrived on posting from No.7 E.F.T.S., Windsor, Ont:, and attached to Course No.94.

Three airmen, ceased training, left on posting to No.2 'M' Depot, Brandon, Man.

21. During the morning a Church Parade Service was held in the Station Theatre attended by all personnel of 'A' Flight. Prior to the Service an inspection was carried out by the Flight Commander.

22. Wing Commander J. Rossie-Brown (RAF90202), Staff Chaplain(P), arrived on temporary duty from Air Force Headquarters, Ottawa.

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23. The Officer Commanding Service personnel held a Parade and Inspection of all personnel of 'A' and 'B' Flights.

24. Wing Commander Rossie-Brown, Staff Chaplain, ceased temporary duty and left by air, proceeding to No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry, Man:

The Officer Commanding Service Personnel held a Parade and Inspection of all personnel of 'C' and 'D' Flights. Prior to this he made a tour of inspection of all Station buildings occupied by Service personnel.

Pilot Officer B.R. Rust (RAF153155), Flying Instructor, arrived on posting from No.24 E.F.T.S., Abbotsford, B.C.

Sergeant McKie, T.D. (1587531), Flying Instructor, arrived on posting from No.19 E.F.T.S., Virden, Man:

25. Normal Routine.

26. Flying Officer E.R. Duchesne (RAF151283), Flying Instructor, left on proceeding on attachment to No.41 S.F.T.S., Weyburn, Sask.:, for Service Training course.

Pilot Officer J.D. Hollingworth (RAF152336), Flying Instructor, left on proceeding on attachment to No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry, Man.:, for Service Training course.

Accident to Tiger Moth aircraft No.5841 at Main Aerodrome, involving Pupil Pilot GB1809448 LAC. Wellspring, B.R., uninjured. Pupil made a faulty landing causing the aircraft to bounce heavily in a stalled condition. Right wing dropped, stalled into ground and turned over, slightly damaging aircraft.

27. Six officers and 54 other ranks, Trainees comprising Course No.95, arrived on posting from No.31 P.D., Moncton, N.B., to be engaged on 'Useful employment', pending commencement of training.

1 officer and 12 other ranks, Graduates ex Course No.90, left on posting to No.35 S.F.T.S., North Battleford, Sask:

10 airmen, Graduates ex Course No.90, left on posting to No.39 S.F.T.S., Swift Current, Sask:

Sergeant Langham, R.A. (1605120), Flying Instructor, arrived on posting from No.11 E.F.T.S., Cap de la Madeleine, P.Q.

During the evening a Variety Concert was presented by the 'J' Concert Party from Winnipeg.

This attracted a large audience who warmly appreciated a most excellent production.

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27.	<u>Disposition of Course No.91.</u>		
	Original Intake		
59			
	Adjusted Intake		
60			
	Total Graduates		
53			
	To No.33 SFTS. Carberry		18
	To No.38 SFTS. Estevan		15
	To No.41 SFTS. Weyburn		20
	Total Wastage (including Transfers)		7
	To No.2 'M' Depot, Brandon (ceased training)	4	
	To RCAF. Station, Mountain View (ceased training)	1	
	To No.7 B & G. School, Paulson (ceased training)	1	
	Transferred to Course No.92.		1

28. During the morning a Church Parade Service was held, in the Station Theatre, attended by all personnel of 'C' Flight and Trainees of new incoming Course No.95. Prior to the Service an inspection was carried out by the Flight Commander.

29. Squadron Leader O.D. Pulsifer (C1325), Squadron Leader H.L. Kay (C888), Flight Lieutenant H.F. Darragh (J7742), Flight Lieutenant H.C. Forbell (C13130), and Flight Lieutenant C.L. Smith (RAF116070), comprising No. 4 Visiting Flight, Central Flying School, arrived on temporary duty from No. 6 E.F.T.S., Prince Albert, Sask:

30. A Board of Officers, composed of a President and 2 Members, assembled during the afternoon for the purpose of examining and remustering ceased training aircrew personnel. During the morning, the Officer Commanding Service Personnel, held a Parade and Inspection of all personnel of 'C' and 'D' Flights. During the month the Music Club held a Gramophone Recital on each Monday evening. These continue to be well supported. Cinema shows continue to be held on four evenings of each week.

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<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH.</u>		<u>OFFICERS.</u>	<u>AIRMEN OR OTHER</u>
<u>RANKS</u>			
STAFF.	R.A.F.	54	
53			
	<u>Service Personnel other than R.A.F.</u>		
	R.C.A.F.	2	
8			
	R.C.A.S.C.		-
	2		
	C.D.C.		1
	1		
<hr/>			
	TOTAL STAFF.	57	
64			
<hr/>			
TRAINEES	R.A.F.	19	
289			
	I.A.F.		-
	1		
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	TOTAL TRAINEES	19	
290			
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<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH.</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE.</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE.</u>
TYPE - Tiger Moth D.H.82c.	81	4

FLYING HOURS.

Total number of hours flown during the month of November was - 6995.40.

Squadron Leader

(A.J.A. Laing)

Commanding Service Personnel

Officer

NEEPAWA, Manitoba.

No. 35 E.F.T.S.,

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DECEMBER

1. Squadron Leader H.B. Hunter, No.2 Training Command left this Unit for Brandon after a general discussion on the reselection of ceased training Aircrew.

Captain Shapera, Dental Officer at this Unit, left on posting to No.2 Training Command Headquarters.

Officer Commanding Service Personnel held a parade and Inspection of all personnel of A and B flights and also carried out an inspection of all buildings occupied by Service Personnel, Weather was unfavorable and the hours flown were 81:10

2. Flight Lieutenant G.J.H. Billing was appointed Assistant Chief Flying Instructor temporarily.

The weather was greatly improved and the Visiting Flight from Central Flying School at Trenton were able to start in earnest.

Officer Commanding Service Personnel held a parade and inspection of all personnel of "C" and "D" Flights.

There was a Station Cinema Show in the Recreation Hall at 20:00 hours.

Hours flown today, 280:45.

3. Sergeant Liggett, J.A.W. and Sergeant Parsons, R. returned from temporary duty at No.2 Training Command, Winnipeg.

Weather was again extremely favorable and the hours flown were 290:30.

4. Normal routine.

Weather good

Hours flown, 340:35

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5. During the Morning, a Church Service was held in the Station Theatre, prior to which a parade of personnel of "B" Flight was held and the inspection carried out by the Flight Commander.

A film was shown in the Station Theatre, during the evening and was well attended. Flying Officer Pryde, T., Flying Officer Greenland J.B.L., and Flying Officer Evans, R.G., returned to this Unit by Air, on cessation of attachment to No.38 S.F.T.S., Estevan, Saskatchewan.

6. Extremely high winds interfered with training today and only 90 hours were flown in all.

7. Officer Commanding Service Personnel held a parade of all personnel of "A" and "B" flights and carried out an inspection.

Squadron Leader Corkill arrived on temporary duty from No.2 Training Command.

A film was shown in the Station Theatre in the evening which was well attended.

Weather fine, hours flown 287:20

8. Officer Commanding Service Personnel carried out an Inspection and a parade attended by all personnel of "C" and "D" flights also an inspection of all buildings occupied by Service Personnel.

Squadron Leader Corkill left this Unit by rail for No.2 Training Command.

Flight Lieutenant McCallum, W.A. Command Fire Prevention Officer, arrived on a routine visit and departed the same day.

Weather fair, hours flown 198:45.

9. Normal routine.

Weather excellent. Hours flown 254:40

IMAGE 1000

DECEMBER

10. Pilot Officer Hollingsworth arrived by Air on cessation of attachment to No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry.

Visiting Flight from Central Flying School, Trenton, left this Unit for No. 19 E.F.T.S. Virden.

Four ceased training Airman, Aircrew were posted from this Unit to No.7 Bombing and Gunnery School, Paulson.

Personnel of this Unit were invited to a Birthday Party Dance, sponsored by the Lions Club of Neepawa. A good number attended.

Weather good, hours flown 218:06.

11. Flying Officer Wills, P.J. left on posting to No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry. Flying Officer Cook, E.G. left on attachment to No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry. Flying Officer Mansfield, C.H.,

Flying Officer Ford, P.L., Pilot Officer Boddy, J.V.A., left on attachment to No.41 S.F.T.S. Weyburn.

Flying Officer Crawford, H. left on posting to No.31 P.D., Moncton.

Weather Average, hours flown 189:45.

Four Officers and Eleven Airmen graduates of Course 91 posted to No.38 S.F.T.S., Estevan.

Twenty Airmen, graduates of Course 91, posted to No.41 S.F.T.S., Weyburn.
Twenty Airmen, ex-course 91, posted to No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry.
Sergeant Macadam, R. L.T.I, posted to No. 18 S.F.T.S. Gimli, Manitoba.

12. During the Morning, a Church Parade Service was held in Station Theatre and prior to the Service Inspection of all personnel of "D" Flight was carried out by the Flight Commander. Roman Catholic Padre, Father Mullally said Mass for the Roman Catholic personnel at a special parade.
A film was shown in the Station Theatre in the evening when the attendance was again excellent.

13. Normal routine.
The Music Club held a gramophone recital at 20:30 hours in the Station Theatre which received average support.
Weather again favorable. Hours flown 305:45.

IMAGE 1001

DECEMBER

14. Flight Lieutenant McNeill, D.C returned to this Unit on cessation of attachment to No.41 S.F.T.S., Weyburn.
The Officer Commanding Service Personnel carried out an inspection and parade of all personnel of "C" and "D" Flights.
A film was shown in the Station Theatre in the evening.
Weather conditions good. Hours flown 343:35.

15. A parade of all Personnel of "A" and "B" Flights was held and inspection carried out by the Flight Commander.
A Board of Officers, consisting of a President and Two members assembled during the Afternoon for the purpose of examining and remustering ceased training Aircrew.
The Officer Commanding Service Personnel carried out an inspection of all buildings occupied by Service Personnel.
Pilot Officer J.G. Hollingsworth, F.I., posted to No.36 OTU, Greenwood, Nova Scotia. Flying Officer Duchesne, E.R., returned to Unit on cessation of attachment to No.41 S.F.T.S., Weyburn.

16. The Air Officer Commanding No.2 Training Command, Air Vice Marshal Lawrence, T.A., accompanied by Flight Lieutenant Alexander, J.R., and Flight Lieutenant Eshelman, D., arrived at this Unit in order that the Air Officer Commanding might convey to all personnel on the Unit, his personal greetings for Christmas and the New Year. These were received with the greatest of pleasure by both Service and Civilian personnel.
A parade was held in the Drill Hall and the "March Past" carried out.
A film was shown in the Station Theatre in the Evening.
Weather good. Hours flown 290:25.

17. Flying Officer Waddell, W.H., Armament, arrived at this Unit by Air on an inspection

visit.

Weather good, hours flown 291:25.

18. Flying Officer Waddell, W.H., Armament departed this Unit for No. 19 E.F.T.S., Virden.

IMAGE 1002

DECEMBER

18 (cont'd) A Concert Party was given in the Station Theatre at 20)30 hours by the Gloomchasers Concert Party of Winnipeg. An excellent show was enjoyed and the party were afterwards entertained in the Sergeants' Mess.

Weather poor. High winds. Hours flown 56:45.

19. A Church Parade Service was held in the Station Theatre prior to which a parade for all personnel of "A" flight was held.

An inspection carried out by the Flight Commander.

Father Mullally, Roman Catholic Padre said Mass for the Roman Catholic personnel at a special parade.

A film shown in the Station Theatre was well attended.

20. A Board of Officers consisting of a President and two Members assembled during the day for the purpose of examining and remustering ceased training aircrew personnel.

Weather excellent. Hours flown 312:40.

21. Squadron leader Hunter, H.B. and Flight Lieutenant Saunders, T.W., arrived at this Unit on a routine visit appertaining to Reselection purpose and left the same day for No.2

Manning

Depot, Brandon.

Officer Commanding Service Personnel held a parade of all personnel of "A" and "B" flights and afterwards carried out an inspection.

A film show was held in the Station Theatre in the evening.

Fifty under training pilots arrived from Moncton, to be held at this Unit on useful employment.

Weather good. Hours flown 292:00.

22. Officer Commanding Service Personnel held a parade of all personnel of "C" and "D" flights and also an inspection of all buildings occupied by Service Personnel.

A film show was held in the Station Theatre which had a fair attendance.

Weather good, hours flown 318:55

IMAGE 1003

DECEMBER

23. Course 92 graduated today and departed on special Christmas Leave and also special "Between Course" leave.

Flying Officer Evans, R.C. and Flying Officer Greenland, B.J., left on posting to No.1 G.R.S., Summerside. Fifty percent of the School Personnel left on special Christmas Leave.

A Cinema show was held in the Camp in the Evening.

Weather fine, Hours flown 227:05.

Flying Officer Hunter, D.J. and Pilot Officer Davies, V., proceeded on Temporary Duty.

DISPOSITION - COURSE NO. 92

Original Intake

61

Adjusted Intake

64

Total Graduates

59

To No.33 S.F.T.S. Carberry

50

To No.36 S.F.T.S Penhold

4

To No. 10 S.F.T.S. Dauphin

5

Total Wastage, ~~(including Transfers)~~

85

To No.2 Manning Depot, Brandon

3

To No. 1 Manning Depot, Toronto

1

To No.17 S.F.T.S., Souris

1

~~Transferred Course 94~~

~~1~~

~~Transferred Course 93~~

~~1~~

~~Transferred Course 96~~

~~1~~

24. Normal Routine. Only half School flying.

Weather fair, Hours flown 106:45.

25. Christmas Day. In accepted fashion, the Senior N.C.O.'s were entertained in the Officers' Mess in the morning, proceeded to the Airmen's Mess to wait on tables at the Airmen's Christmas Dinner. This was a well enjoyed function.

In the afternoon the majority of the Officers were entertained at an "At Home" in the Sergeants' Mess.

26. Church Servies were held in the Morning.

In the afternoon the Raffians Station Concert Party presented a Pantomine. "The Cow Jumped

Over the Moon", written and produced entirely on their own, as were the scenic effects. This was well received by the Service Personnel.

Admission was free. In the evening a film show was held also in the Station Theatre. This was not too well patronized as the majority of the personnel had received and accepted invitations of hospitality in Neepawa and district.

IMAGE 1004

DECEMBER

27. Flight Lieutenant D.C. McNeill left on posting to 36 O.T.U., Greenwood. Nova Scotia. Weather today was fine. Hours flown 197:10.
The Music Club held a recital this evening at 20:00 hours which was fairly well attended.

28. Flying Officer Pryde, T., left this Unit on posting to No.31 P.D., Moncton. A Cinema Show was held in the Station Theatre at 20:00 hours. This was well patronized. Weather fine. Hours flown 192:10.

29. A Board of Officers consisting of a President and two members assembled today for the purpose of examining and remustering ceased training Aircrew personnel. Twenty u/t Pilots arrived on posting from 33 E.F.T.S. Caron, Sask. The Raffians again presented their pantomime in the Station Theatre the proceeds on this occasion were devoted to the Neepawa General Hospital. Nurses from the Hospital distributed programmes and after the show issued fruit to all airmen on the Station. This was made possible through the kindness of Miss M. Crawford of Winnipeg. Weather today was good. Hours flown 324:40.
Two Sergeants, One Corporal, Three L.A.C.'s members of the R.C.A.F., arrived on posting as replacements for those personnel of the R.A.F., posted out.

30. Weather today was good and although only half the school was flying, total hours flown was 162:40.
Half the personnel left on special New Year's Leave.

31. Flying Officer Thompson, A.M., Flying Officer Pert, J.C., Pilot Officer Arend, R.F., Pilot Officer Williams, P.G., Sergeant Hawes, C.J., and Sergeant Langham, R., proceeded to Winnipeg on temporary duty. Two further R.C.A.F. replacements, Orderly Room, arrived at this Unit. Flight Lieutenant G.J.H. Billing assumed command of this Unit vice Squadron Leader Laing on leave. Weather fair, Hours flown 129:25.

IMAGE 1005

PERSONNEL STRENGTH.

OFFICERS.

AIRMEN OR OTHER

RANKS

STAFF.

R.A.F.

48

<u>Service Personnel other than R.A.F.</u>		
R.C.A.F.		2
7		
R.C.A.S.C.		-
2		
C.D.C.		-
-		
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	TOTAL STAFF.	50
62		
<hr/>		
TRAINEES	R.A.F.	16
301		
	R.A.A.F.	1
	1	
	I.A.F.	
	1	
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	TOTAL TRAINEES	17
303		
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<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH.</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE.</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE.</u>	
Type - Tiger Moth D.H.82c.	83		2
Type - Cornell		2	
-			

FLYING HOURS

Total number of hours flown during the month of December 1943 was - 6053.30.

(G.J.H. Billing)

F/Lt.,
 Commanding Service Personnel
 NEPAWA, Manitoba.

Officer
 No. 35 E.F.T.S.,

IMAGE 1006

JANUARY - 1944

1. A Stag Party attended by all Officers and Senior N.C.O.'s was held in the Sergeants' Mess to celebrate the New Year.

The first of the R.C.A.F. Officers and Airmen Pilots arrived on the Unit to replace those R.A.F. Officers and N.C.O.'s who were posted to No.31 P.D., Moncton.

Weather was favourable but no flying was carried out due to this being New Years Day.

2. A special New Year's Church Service was held in the Station Theatre for all personnel not on

New Years Grant.

The weather was good and night flying took place. Total hours flying 33:80.

3. S/Ldr. A.J.A. Laing relinquished his position as Chief Flying Instructor No.35 E.F.T.S. on disbandment of same and posted to 26 E.F.T.S. RCAF effective 23:56 hours 3rd January, 1944 authority No.2 T. C. letter 2-1-26E(SOO) dated 30th December.

Weather this day was unfavourable and only three hours flying was carried out.

4. Commanding Officer's parade and inspection of "C" & "D" Flights held at 13:00 hours.

Number of personnel attended the show in the evening at Station Theatre.

F/O McNabb, J23997, arrived on posting from No.6 E.F.T.S., Prince Albert.

Favourable flying conditions were maintained throughout the day.

144:40 flying was carried out.

5. P/O Randall, J36171 arrived on posting from 19 E.F.T.S., P/O McMurdy, J28636 arrived on posting from 6 E.F.T.S.

213:05 hours flying was carried out in good flying weather which was maintained all day.

IMAGE 1007

JANUARY

6. A Flying accident occurred involving Tiger Moth 5149 due to a civilian running in front of an idling Aircraft on the main tarmac, causing damage to the Airframe by the propeller being broken. The Civilian, Mr. William Clay, a Civilian employee of No.26 E.F.T.S. was seriously injured and transferred from the local Hospital to Deer Lodge Hospital where he underwent an operation. An investigation was called.

Exceptionally good days flying was carried out and the grand total of 267.15 hours was returned at cessation of flying.

7. F/O Martin, W.S.(C14589) arrived on Temporary duty from No.2 T.C. to investigate the accident involving Tiger Moth 5149 which occurred on the 6th of January, 1944.

127.45 hours flying was carried out this date.

8. Nothing outstanding took place this day.

Normal routine was carried out.

Weather was good 270:20 flying hours completed.

9. A Church Parade was held for the Station Personnel in the Station Theatre.

No flying was carried out this day except for 8.45 hours.

IMAGE 1008

JANUARY

10. (146702)P/O Ford, P.L., P/O Boddy, J.V.A (157396) left on attachment to No.41 S.F.T.S,

Weyburn to undergo a refresher course, on service type aircraft.
P/O Toop, F.W., Flying Instructor, arrived on posting from 23 E.F.T.S., Davidson.
297:10 hours flying was carried out this day.

11. A fatal Accident occurred on the Unit involving two Aircraft, Tiger Moth 1268, 3856, caused by these two aircraft inter-locking in mid-air, four miles west of the Main Aerodrome. Both Aircraft were completely demolished. Pupil Pilots 1569184 LAC Hair, D.M., 1584967 LAC Griffiths, E. T. were killed.
An investigation was carried out by S/Ldr. E.W.C. Sharpe, Command Investigation Officer of No.2 Training Command, Headquarters.
Exceptionally good flying weather, with a total of 300:55 hours.

IMAGE 1009

JANUARY

12. Officer Commanding Service Personnel held a parade of all personnel of "A" & "B" Flights and an Inspection was carried out.
A film was shown in the Station Theatre which was well attended.
Weather was fine. Hours flown 82:10.

13. The new R.C.A.F. Adjutant arrived today to carry out the duties of Adjutant at No.26 E.F.T.S., from #4 S.F.T.S. Saskatoon.

14. Sergeant Proctor, D.G. and F/Sergeant MacLean proceeded on Temporary Duty to No.2 Training Command, Winnipeg.
Weather in the morning was fine followed with snow in the P.M.
Total flying time for the day was 160:26 hours.

15. Normal Routine.
F/L H.J.M. Tatler, P/O G.A. Brimacombe, P/O C.B. Dexter, R.C.A.F. Flying Instructors arrived on posting from No.17 E.F.T.S., Stanley, Nova Scotia.
Excellent weather throughout entire day, permitting completion of flying schedules.
Total hours flown 221:10.

16. A Committee of Adjustment was appointed with F/Lt. R.J. Smith as President to investigate and report on the service estates of IAC Griffiths and LAC Hair killed in Flying Accident.
Weather was excellent for flying conditions. Total hours flown 32:20
A protestant Church Parade was held and was very well attended.
A film was shown in the Station Theatre with an exceptionally good turn out.

17. F/Lt. Smith assumed Command of No.1 Squadron temporarily and F/O Chalmers A.1 Flight.
A Board of Officers was assembled with F/L. G.J.H. Billing as President to examine and remuster two Ceased Training personnel.
Weather conditions favourable.

Total hours flown 310:15

IMAGE 1010

JANUARY

18. Routine Normal.

Weather was very windy which resulted in no flying carried out.

A film was shown in the Station Theatre which again was well attended.

S/Ldr. Hobbs reported in on Temporary duty from #2 Training Command on a routine visit regarding Works and Building.

19. F/O Mansfield left this Unit on posting to No.31 P.D., Moncton.

A film was shown in the evening and again was well attended.

A social evening was put on by the Neepawa Business Girls in the Town Hall and a number of Airmen had a very entertaining evening.

During the day a strong wind prevented very extensive flying. Total hours 187:10.

20. Officer Commanding Service Personnel carried out an inspection and a parade attended by personnel of "A" & "B" Flights.

S/Ldr. Stogdill arrived on Temporary Duty from No.19 E.F.T.S., Virden.

A film was shown in the evening with a good attendance.

F/O Ford, P/O Mansfield and P/O Boddy left today on posting to #31 P.D., Moncton on being repatriated to the United Kingdom.

21. The Unit under instruction from A.F.H.Q. was changed back to No.35 E.F.T.S., R.A.F. and to be known as such until the end of Jan.44.

The morning was considerably cloudy and windy but cleared up nicely in the P.M. Total hours flown 237:15.

22. S/Ldr. Laing, Officer Commanding Service Personnel proceeded on Temporary duty to No.33 S.F.T.S. Carberry to act as a member of a Court Martial held at that point.

Weather excellent, hours flown 230 :05

IMAGE 1011

JANUARY

23. Holy Communion was held early this morning and a very inspiring service was appreciated by all in attendance. At 09:30 hours, a Church Parade was held for personnel of D1 and D2 Flights.

Inspections carried out by Officer Commanding Parade, prior to Service.

No flying was carried out during the day but night flying conditions were good and total hours flown was 33.25.

A film was shown in the Station Theatre when again a large crowd was in attendance.

24. Lt. Sibbald arrived on posting to execute the duties of Dental Officer of this Unit.
Normal Routine.
Weather excellent. Total hours flown 294:00.

25. Normal Routine.
Weather excellent, total hours flown 306:20.

26. A Parade and Inspection was held for all personnel of "C and "D" Flights, the Inspection being carried out by the Flight Commander.
S/Ldr. MacFarlane arrived on Temporary Duty from #2 Training Command on a routine visit regarding Chaplain Services.
Weather fine, hours flown 298:10.

27. F/O Worton, Flying Instructor was appointed to commission.
Normal Routine
Weather Favourable.
The Orderly Room Staff have been working many nights until 23:59 hours and sometimes later effecting the changeover.

28. F/L Parkinson (RAF Adj.) F/L Purser, F/L Tofield, F/O Carr, F/O Pert (RAF Staff) were posted to No.31 P.D., Moncton on repatriation to the United Kingdom.
A film was shown in the Station theatre with a very good attendance.
Weather was again favourable.
Total hours flown 274:00

IMAGE 1012

JANUARY

28. DISPOSITION - COURSE NO. 93

Original Intake		60
Adjusted Intake		56
Total Graduates		51
to No.17 S.F.T.S.		1
to No.7 B. & G.S		2
to No.31 P.D.		2
Total Wastage (including Transfers)	5	
Transfers Course 96		2
Transfers Course 94		4
Medicine Hat, Alberta		15
38 S.F.T.S. Estevan		36

29. P/O Boshtman, P/O Beaton, P/O Baker, P/O Smith, F/O Perkins, P/O Farquhar, P/O Lewisthy, F/O Schryer, P/O Humble, F/O Hicks, F/O Kath, arrived on posting to carry out the duties of R.C.A.F. Flying Instructors at this Unit.

Weather was again excellent.
 Total hours flown 285:50.

30. S/Ldr. Corkill (RAF Personnel Staff Officer) from No.2 T.C. departed from a tour of routine inspection, to Winnipeg. A Church Parade was held for personnel of "A" Flight, an Inspection by Officer Commanding Parade being carried out prior to commencement of service.

Mass was held for R.C. personnel early this morning. A film was shown in the Station theatre with an excellent attendance.

Under Amendment List No.5 to Secret Org. Order #75 effective 30 Jan. 1944 No.35 E.F.T.S.(RAF) Neepawa, Man is to be known as No.26 E.F.T.S. R.C.A.F. Neepawa. S/Ldr. A.J. A. Laing (RAF39993) relinquished his position as Officer Commanding Service Personnel and Chief Flying Instructor at No.35 EFTS, RAF, Neepawa on disbandment effective 11:59 hrs. 30th Jan./44 and assumed position as Officer Commanding Service Personnel and Chief Flying Instructor at No.26 E.F.T.S., R.C.A.F., Neepawa, effective 12:00 hours 30th Jan. (authority No.2T.C.'s letters 2-1-26E(SOO) d/30/Dec./43 and S.13-9(SOO) d/20 Jan/44. Today all personnel were S.O.S. from No.35 E.F.T.S. R.A.F. and taken on strength to No.26 E.F.T.S., R.C.A.F.

31. F/Lt. Green relinquished position as Assistant Chief Flying Instructor on posting to Moncton and F/Lt. Billing assumed position as A/C.F.I., No.35 EFTS was disbanded and changed to No.26EFT3 RCAF on authority from AFHQ.

Weather condition again was excellent for flying, total hours flown 283:25

IMAGE 1013

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH.</u>		<u>OFFICERS.</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>
STAFF.	RCAF	46	
33			
	RAF		17
	9		
<u>Service Personnel other than R.A.F.</u>			
	R.C.A.S.C.		
	2		
	C.D.C.		1
	1		
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	TOTAL STAFF.	64	
<hr/>			
45			
<hr/>			
<u>TRAINEES.</u>	R.A.F.	7	
282			
	R.A.A.F.		1
	3		
	I.A.F.		
	1		

2. All Divisions of A.F.H.Q. concerned, and the Air Officer, Commanding, No. 2 Training Command, are to be governed, accordingly.

3. Wherever it appears throughout this Order

DELETE: "No. 35 E.F.T.S."

INSERT: "No. 26 E.F.T.S."

4. Para 4 - Command - Line 1

DELETE: "R.A.F"

INSERT: "R.C.A.F."

5. ACKNOWLEDGE

(F.S. McGill), A/V/M
for C.A.S.

IMAGE 1221

S E C R E T
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AMENDMENT LIST NO. 3 TO

COPY:

FILE: S. 25-32-1 (D of O)

SECRET ORGANIZATION ORDER NO. 75

DATE: 19th

Feb., 1943

RE-ORGANIZATION OF NO. 26 E.F.T.S. ON CIVIL OPERATED BASIS

1. Para. 12(a) (ii) -Accounting - Equipment and Supplies

DELETE: Existing para, in toto.

INSERT: New para. as follows; -

"(ii) The Chief Flying Instructor is to be solely responsible for the issue of R.C.A.F. clothing to Service personnel at the School, in accordance Equipment Administration Order Q. 6/17. No stocks of R.C.A.F. clothing are to be maintained at this Unit."

2. ACKNOWLEDGE

(A.T.N. Cowley)
Air Vice-Marshal,
for Chief of the Air Staff.

IMAGE 1222

S E C R E T

AMENDMENT LIST NO. 2 TO

COPY: 15

FILE: S. 25-32-1 (D of O.)

SECRET ORGANIZATION ORDER NO. 75

DATE: 20

Jan., 1943.

RE-ORGANIZATION OF NO. 26 E.F.T.S. ON CIVIL OPERATED BASIS

1. Para. 4 "Command"

DELETE: Para. 4 in toto.

INSERT: New paragraph (4) as follows:

"4. The Officer presently appointed to command the R.C.A.F. Personnel at this School is to be re-designated the Chief Flying Instructor. The representative of the Company will be known as the Manager. The Manager is responsible to the Air Officer Commanding, the Training Command for training and general discipline of the School. The Chief Flying Instructor is to be appointed Commanding Officer of all Service Personnel at the School, and is to be responsible through the Manager to the Air Officer Commanding for the administration and discipline of all Service Personnel on the strength of or attached to the School. No.26 Elementary Flying Training School is to come under No. 2 Training Command for all purposes subject to the terms of the contract under which the Civil Operating Company is working."

2. Para. 12 "Accounting" - (b) Equipment and Supplies

DELETE: The following paragraph:

"The Officer-in-charge of the R.A.F. staff stationed at Civil Operated R.A.F. E.F.T.S.'s is to be solely responsible for the stocks of R.C.A.F. clothing issued to the School for replacement purposes. "

INSERT: The following paragraph:

"The Chief Flying Instructor is to be solely

responsible for the stocks of R.C.A.F. clothing issued to the School for replacement purposes."

(a) Pay - Number sub-sections (i) and (ii).

(b) Equipment and Supplies - Number sub-sections (i) and (ii).

3. Para. 13

DELETE: Existing Paragraph (13) in toto.

INSERT: New paragraph (13) as follows:

INTERCOMMUNICATION

"Channels of Communication

13. The Manager only is authorized to deal with the appropriate Training Command in training matters and general administration of the School. The Chief Flying Instructor is authorized to communicate direct with the appropriate authorities in matters pertaining to administration and discipline of Service Personnel only in the event of a dispute with the School Manager, in which case he will furnish the Manager with a copy of his letter to the Air Officer Commanding."

IMAGE 1223

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4. ADD paragraph (14) as follows:

Elementary Flying of "14. All communications to the Training School are to follow the normal channels of communication as outlined in A.F.A.O. A.31/2."

5. ADD paragraph (15) follows:
"Address

Elementary Flying 15. The postal address of No. 26 Training School will be for all purposes:

Flying Training School,
Manitoba.

The Manager,
No. 26 Elementary
NEEPAWA,

6. ACKNOWLEDGE

(A.T.N. Cowley)

Vice-Marshal,
Air Staff.

Air
for Chief of the

IMAGE 1226

COPY: 11

SECRET ORGANIZATION ORDER NO. 75

FILE:

S.25-32-1 (D. of O.)

SECRET

DATE: June 8, 1942.

RE-ORGANIZATION OF NO. 26 E.F.T.S. ON CIVIL OPERATED BASIS

(Cancelling Secret Organization Order No. 29 in Toto)

APPENDIX "A": - Personnel, Aircraft and M.T. Establishments.

APPENDIX "B": - Organization Chart

INFORMATION

1. For obvious reasons of economy of shipping space, it is desired to despatch from the United Kingdom only the minimum of personnel necessary for the operation of R.A.F. Schools in Canada.

INTENTION

2. It is intended to re-organize No. 26 Elementary Flying Training School on a civil-operated basis.

EXECUTION

Effective Date

3. No. 26 Elementary Flying Training School is to be reorganized on a civil-operated basis, effective 24-8-42.

Command

4. Subject to the term of the Contract.

Personnel

5. A.M.P. is to arrange for the disposition of all personnel now on the strength of this School, who are surplus to the establishment attached as Appendix "A".

Equipment (including aircraft and M.T. Vehicles)

6. A.M.S. is to arrange for the allocation and/or provision of all items of equipment, including aircraft and M.T. vehicles, in accordance with the appropriate establishment and/or scales, which are not already on charge to No. 26 Elementary Flying Training School.
7. The Air Officer Commanding, No. 2 Training Command, is to arrange for the handing over to the civil operating company, of equipment - - in accordance with the scales set forth in C.A.P. 12C - - and such supplies already on the Station which are required for the operation of the School and/or the Station as a whole. All surplus equipment is to be returned to No. 7 Equipment Depot.
8. The Air Officer Commanding, No.2 Training Command, is to be responsible for instituting the procedure set forth in Equipment Administration Order Q.37/3, regarding "inabilities" for equipment at No. 35 Elementary Flying Trailing School.

ADMINISTRATION

Civil Operating Company

9. No. 26 Elementary Flying Training School will be operated by the Moncton Flying Training School, Ltd., which previously operated No. 21 Elementary Flying Training School at Chatham, N.B.

IMAGE 1236

ORGANIZATION CHART

CIVILIAN OPERATED ELEMENTARY FLYING TRAINING SCHOOLS

The organization chart is best seen by following the link below.

http://heritage.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.lac_reel_c12339/1236?r=0&s=1

IMAGE 1237

1-February-44 The month of February was ushered in by very fine clear weather. A film was shown in the Station Theatre and a large number of officers and airmen were in attendance. Total hours flown: 287:45

2-February-44 Flying Officer Kerr, Staff Education Officer at No. 2 Training Command Winnipeg, arrived on temporary duty to assist the newly appointed R.C.A.F. part time Education Officer in starting his duties in that capacity. Weather was excellent permitting completion of all flying schedules for the day.
A parade was held on the parade ground for personnel of 'C' and 'B' Flights. Inspection was carried out by O.C. Parade.
Total hours flown: 309:20.

3-Feb. 44 An exciting hockey game - No. 26 E.F.T.S. vs No. 33 S.F.T.S. was played in the Neepawa Arena. Our team was supported by a good turnout and the score was No. 26 E.F.T.S. - 8 No. 33 S.F.T.S. - 5.
A parade and inspection was held for all personnel of 'A' and 'B' Flights.
Favourable weather conditions. Total hours flown: 217:50

4-Feb-44 Flying was washed out for the duration of the day owing to the fact there was a heavy falling of snow combined with very high winds. Flight Lieutenant Brownley, R.A. F. Medical Officer left today on posting to No. 31 P.D. being repatriated to the United Kingdom. Owing to the weather conditions the Commanding Officer's parade scheduled for today had to be cancelled.

5-Feb-44 Flight Lieutenant McNeely, Equipment Staff Officer No. 2 T.C. reported in on temporary duty from No. 2 T.C. to inspect and supervise the handing over of

IMAGE 1238

5-FEB-44 clothing equipment at this Unit.

(Cont'd) Weather was excellent permitting the completion of all flying schedules for the day.

Total hours flown: 210:25

6-FEB-44 In the morning a Church Parade for all personnel of 'B' flight was held in the Station Theatre. Prior to the commencement of the Service inspection was carried out by the O.C. of the Parade.

A film was shown in the Station Theatre and was well attended.

7-FEB-44 Pilot Officer Brimacombe, R.C.A.F. Part Time Education Officer proceeded on temporary duty to No. 8 Repair Depot, Winnipeg to attend a discussion group on Progress of War Classes.

Squadron Leader E.F. Harvie accompanied by Flight Lieutenant M.B. Stevens of the Royal New Zealand Air Force reported in on temporary duty for the purpose of familiarization and gaining knowledge of the flying training syllabus as operated at Canadian Air Force Schools.

Weather was fine in the morning followed in the afternoon by heavy fall of snow.

Total hours flown: 135:30

The new R.C.A.F. Officer Commanding Service Personnel and Chief Flying Instructor Flight Lieutenant G.O. Palmer arrived on posting to execute the duties in that capacity.

8-FEB-44 Flight Lieutenant McNeely, Equipment Staff Officer No. 2 T.C. departed today to No. 2 Training Command after checking the clothing equipment situation on the changing over of this unit from R.A.F. to R.C.A.F.

Normal Routine.

Weather conditions favourable. Total hours flown: 174:00

IMAGE 1339

9-FEB-44 Lieutenant S.J. Millard arrived today on being posted to this Unit to execute the duties of Officer in Charge of R.C.A.S.C.

Mr. Morley (Command Morse Examiner) arrived on temporary duty from No. 2 T.C. to complete examinations in Morse. A film was shown in the Station Theatre which was very well appreciated by the audience.

Weather was excellent.

Total hours flown: 209:50

10-FEB-44 Mr. Morley (Command Morse Examiner) left today for No. 2 T.C.

A Commanding Officer's parade was held at 13:00 hours comprising all personnel. Squadron Leader A.J.A. Laing (R.A.F. C.F.I.) gave a farewell speech and signed the handing over certificate to Flight Lieutenant G.O. Palmer. Following the signing of the handing

over certificate Flight Lieutenant G.O. Palmer (R.C.A.F. C.F.I.) gave a speech to the personnel.

A film was shown in the Station Theatre and again the attendance was very good.

Squadron Leader Harvey and Flight Lieutenant Stevens of the R.N.Z.A.F. departed today after completion of tour of duty at this Unit, for No. 19 E.F.T.S., Virden.

A draft of trainees, graduates of course 94 left at approximately midnight on being posted to No.

3 Manning Depot, Edmonton.

Total hours flown: 192:45

11 FEB-44 Normal routine.

Weather fine.

Total hours flown: 198:55

IMAGE 1240

11-FEB-44	DISPOSITION - COURSE 94		
(Cont'd)	Original Intake	60	
	Adjusted Intake		62
	Total graduates		64
	to No. 8 S.F.T.S.		7
	to No. 3 Manning Depot.	57	
	Total wastage (Including transfers)	7	
	Transfers Course 96		3
	Failures		3
	C.T. Medical (Repatriated)	1	

12-FEB-44 A Valentine Dance and party was held in the Sergeant 's Mess in the evening with a large crowd attending. All joined in the Valentine spirit and the evening was quite successful.

Course 96 completed training 12 days ahead of scheduled graduation date.

There was a heavy snow fall in the morning. Total hours flown: 38:35.

13-FEB-44 Weather very cold with high winds most of the day piling snow in drifts.

A Church Parade was held in the morning for R.C. Personnel and also for Protestant Personnel. Squadron Leader A.J.A. Laing proceeded on temporary duty to No. 2 T.C. Winnipeg for interview with the Command Staff.

A moving picture was shown in the Station Theatre in the evening and again the attendance was good.

IMAGE 1241

14-FEB-44 Squadron Leader A.J.A. Laing together with several Senior N.C.O.s proceeded to a Concert Party put on at No. 33 S.F.T.S., Carberry.

Flight Lieutenant G.J.N. Billing relinquishes his position as Assistant C.F.I. on the changeover to R.C.A.F.

A hockey game was played in the Neepawa Arena - No. 26 E.F.T.S. vs Neepawa Town Team.

A good turnout was on hand to witness what, so far, has been the best game of the season.

Score was 10-8 for No. 26 E.F.T.S.

Weather conditions were excellent, in the P.M., but the morning saw quite a snow fall.

Total hours flown: 167:50.

15-FEB-44 Flight Lieutenant R.T. Smith R.C.A.F. Flying Instructor assumes position as Assistant Chief Flying Instructor.

Squadron Leader A. J.A. Laing proceeded on temporary duty to No. 4 Training Command, Calgary, Alta.

A moving picture was shown in the Station Theatre and again the attendance was high. Weather was very fine. Total hours flown: 223:25.

16-FEB-44 A novelty valentine dance was held in the town of Neepawa. A large crowd was in attendance comprising a number of personnel from No. 26 E.F.T.S.

The spirit of the occasion was entered into and an enjoyable evening was spent by all attending.

A Commanding Officer's parade was held for 'C' and 'B' Flights in the Drill Hall and an inspection was carried out by the O.C. Parade.

The weather in the A.M. was fine followed in the P.M. and night by fairly strong winds.

Total hours flown: 209:05

IMAGE 1242

17-FEB-44 Flying Officer Hawthorne proceeded on temporary duty to No. 2 T.C. Winnipeg, Man.

Sgt. Parsons and Sgt. Liggett, R.A.F. Flying Instructors were appointed to commissioned rank. A film was shown in the Station Theatre and again the attendance was good.

Weather was excellent. Total hours flown: 226:50

18-FEB-44 Normal Routine.

Weather very fine.

Total hours flown: 276:35

19-FEB-44 A skating carnival was held in the Neepawa Ice Palace. A capacity crowd was on hand which included a good turnout of personnel from this Station.

Weather was rather cloudy. Total hours flown: 86:55

20-FEB-44 In the morning a Church Parade was held for personnel of 'C' and 'B' Flights in the Station Theatre and inspection was carried out by O.C. Parade.

Flying Officer Keith returned from Temporary duty at No. 2 T.C. after having delivered several addresses in Winnipeg on his experiences in the Middle East, China, Singapore, etc.

A film was shown in the Station Theatre and was well attended.

IMAGE 1243

21-FEB-44 Flying Officer F.S. McNabb and Mr. C.E. Irlam were appointed in charge

of the coming Red Cross Campaign for the R.C.A.F. And Civilian Company respectively of this Unit. No. 26 E.F.T.S. Expects to secure a fine contribution in this respect. Total hours flown: 194:25

22-FEB-44 A moving picture was shown in the Station Theatre and again the attendance was good.

There was light snow flurries in the P.M. and night. Total hours flown: 125:40.

23-FEB-44 Normal Routine.

Weather very windy making it impossible to carry out flying schedules for the day.

Total hours flown: 2:50

24-FEB-44 Wing Commander G.M. Minard, and Wing Commander Gudson reported in on temporary duty from No. 2 T.C. Winnipeg by air on an Aero Engineering visit. Flying Officer Reekie, R.A.F. Flying Instructor departed today on posting to No. 5 S.F.T.S., Brantford, Ontario.

Weather conditions excellent. Total hours flown: 232:40

IMAGE 1244

25-FEB-44 In the evening an amateur show was put on in the Station Theatre and a number of airmen came forward to express their various talents to a well attended and appreciative audience of fellow airmen.

There was considerable snow fall in the morning which continued on easing up somewhat in the afternoon. Total hours flown: 74:50

26-FEB-44 P.O. McDonald, F.O. Keenan, P.O. Moreland, P.O. Craig, F.O. Macintyre, F.O. Petty, F.O. Bradford, all R.C.A.F. Flying Instructors arrived on posting from No. 11 E.F.T.S. Cap de la Madeleine replacing the last of the remaining R.A.F. Flying Instructors. Fourteen airmen of the Royal Indian Air Force arrived on posting from No. 31 P.D. Moncton for training at this School. They all have had approximately 9 hours solo prior to arriving in Canada.

Total hours flown: 148 :10

F.O. Gervais, F.O. Cunningham, F.O. Veno, P.O. Richmond, also arrived on posting from No. 11 E.F.T.S. to carry out the duties of R.C.A.F. Flying Instructors. F.L. Clark arrived on posting from No. 10 E.F.T.S. Pendelton, Ont.

27-FEB-44 This evening an entertainment troupe of sixteen girls came out from Winnipeg and put on a show in the Station Theatre which was very much appreciated by a large number of personnel attending. After the show the troupe was entertained informally in the Sergeant's Mess.

A Church Parade was held for personnel of 'A' Flights and prior to the Service inspection was carried out by the O.C. Parade.

Mass was held in early morning for personnel of the Roman Catholic Faith.

IMAGE 1245

28-FEB-44 Pilot Officer Winder R.A.F. Flying Instructor departed today for No. 31 P.D. Moncton on being repatriated to the United Kingdom.
Weather whs quite fine. Total hours flown: 287:45

29-FEB-44 Group Captain Scott (S.A.S.O.) S.L. J. McCulloch, F.L. W.M. Warner, F.L. R.P. Airey arrived around noon by air from No. 2 T.C., and departed 15:30 hours for Winnipeg after completing a routine staff visit. Flying Officer H.F. Hall, Auxiliary Services Officer arrived from No. 2 T.C. on Temporary Duty on an Auxiliary Services Inspection. Weather was very favourable for flying conditions. Total hours flown: 307:20

IMAGE 1246

PERSONNEL STRENGTH

AIRMEN

STAFF RCAF

41

RAF

5

SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN RCAF

R.C.A.S.C.

2

C.D.C.

1

OFFICERS

61

11

1

1

TOTAL STAFF

49

74

TRAINEES

R.A.F.

228

R.A.A.F.

3

I.A.F.

14

R.N.Z.A.F.

3

7

1

TOTAL TRAINEES

8

248

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH
UNSERVICEABLE

SERVICEABLE

Tiger Moth		76
	14	
Cornell		2
	0	

FLYING HOURS

Total number of hours flown during the month of February, 1944 - 4525:25

Lieutenant,
Personnel,

(G.O. Palmer) Flight
Officer Commanding Service
No. 26 E.F.T.S., R.C.A.F.,
NEEPAWA, Manitoba.

IMAGE 1247

1-MAR-44 The first day of March was a real typical March day with high winds, drifting snow. A benefit Committee was re-organized with Mr. J.W. Humphrey as Chairman. The purpose of this committee is to provide comforts and recreational facilities for airmen and civilian employees.

Total hours flown: 21:15

2-MAR-44 A Commanding Officer's parade was held for all personnel of 'A' and 'B' Flights in the Drill Hall and Inspection of personnel was carried out by Officer Commanding parade. A film was shown in the Station Theatre and the attendance was good. A very successful social was held by the Neepawa Business Girls for twenty five recently arrived trainees which included fourteen airmen from India. The boys had a very entertaining evening.

3-MAR-44 A Commanding Officer's parade and inspection was held for personnel of 'C' And 'D' Flights in the Drill Hall.

Flying Officer Veno was appointed as House Officer of this Unit.

Flying Officer Brimacombe and Flying Officer Keith departed on temporary duty to No. 3 B&G School, No. 2 Training Command Winnipeg to investigate and secure information on the Intelligence Room set up at E.F.T.S.s and No. 2 T.C.H.Q.

Weather conditions were excellent for flying training. Total hours flown: 276:30

IMAGE 1248

4-MAR-44 Weather in the morning was fine followed by slight snow fall in the afternoon. Total hours flown: 298:35

5-MAR-44 Very strong winds blowing and drifting snow which continued throughout the day. In the morning a Church Parade was held for personnel of 'C' Flights in the Station Theatre and inspection was carried out by O.C. Parade before commencement of Service. Mass was also held for personnel of R.C. Faith with padre H/F.L. Mullally conducting the Service. A motion picture was shown in the Station Theatre and again the attendance was good.

6-MAR-44 High winds continued more severely than yesterday resulting in flying being completely washed out. A hockey game was played in the Neepawa Arena No. 26 E.F.T.S. vs Town Team of Neepawa. A good turnout was in attendance and the score was a tie.

7-MAR-44 A film was shown in the Station Theatre and again the attendance was very good. Normal Routine. Strong winds in the morning continuing on throughout the day. Total hours flown: 2:00

8-MAR-44 A Commanding Officer's Parade was held for all personnel of 'A' and 'B' Flights in the Drill Hall and inspection was carried out prior to parade. A free picture show was held in the Station Theatre under the auspices of the Canadian Legion and approx. 200 personnel were in attendance. Flying Officer Brimacombe and Flying Officer Keith returned today by air from temporary duty in Winnipeg after being interviewed and discussing Intelligence Room set up at E.F.T.S.s and Command Hdqs. Flight Lieutenant J. Wilberley, from A.F.H.Q and Flight Lieutenant Horton from No.2. Training Command arrived on temporary duty to carry out a tour of inspection re physical training and drill carried out at this Station.

IMAGE 1249

(Cont'd)

8-MAR-44 Weather was rather cloudy through the day. Total Hours flown: 145:00

9-MAR-44 A Red Cross Dance was held in the Neepawa Arcade Hall and a good turnout from the Airport helped greatly in making the affair the outstanding success that it was. Flight Lieutenant J. Wibberley and Flight Lieutenant Horton departed today for No. 3 Bombing & Gunnery School, Macdonald to carry on their tour of duty re physical training and drill. Excellent weather conditions prevailing. Total hours flown: 163:00

10-MAR-44 Another opportunity night was held in the Station Theatre produced by the Legion Supervisor. The main purpose of which is to encourage available talent on the Station. The attendance was very good

and these programmes are proving to be quite popular. Fifteen dollars in prizes was given away.

Course 97 graduated today and departed on special "Between Course" leave.

DISPOSITION OF COURSE 97

Original Intake		41
Adjusted Intake		40
Total Graduates		38
To No. 13 S.F.T.S. North Battleford	12	
To No. 12 S.F.T.S., Brandon		11
To No. 34 S.F.T.S., Medicine Hat	13	
To No. 33 S.F.T.S., Carberry		2

IMAGE 1250

10-MAR-44	DISPOSITION OF COURSE 57 (Cont'd)
	Total Wastage (Including Transfers)
	Transfers Course 98
3	
	Transfers Course 99
2	
	Transfers Course 101
1	
	To No. 7 B&G School
1	
	To No. 5 Manning Depot
1	

Strong winds prevented very extensive flying. Total hours flown: 9:00

11-MAR-44 A draft of trainees graduates from Course 96 departed this morning for Souris and Weyburn .
All day was very windy resulting in very little flying done. Total hours flown: 7:00

12-MAR-44 A Church Parade was held in the morning for all personnel of 'B' Flights in the Station Theatre. Inspection was carried out by O.C. Parade prior to commencement of Service.
Mass was observed for personnel of the R.C. Faith and Flight Lieutenant Mullally officiated at the service.
A Variety show presented by Eighteen beautiful girls from Winnipeg known as the Kurvettes was put on in the Station Theatre tonight and a large crowd attended making the evening most successful.

13-MAR-44 Flight Lieutenant W.G. Heslop arrived on temporary duty from No. 1

C.N.S. Rivers to carry out an inspection of the Navigation Flight at this Unit.
Pilot Officer Peck and Pilot Officer Cooke proceeded on temporary duty
to No. 8 Repair Depot, Winnipeg.
Original intake of 40 trainees for course 102 commenced their course today.
All throughout the day was quite windy but cleared up towards night.
Total hours flown: 176:25

IMAGE 1251

14-MAR-44 A motion picture was shown in the Station Theatre and a good appreciative
audience of airmen were in attendance.
Flying Officer D.C. Keith returned from temporary duty at No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg.
Weather was excellent permitting completion of flying schedules for the day.
Total hours flown: 229:10

15-MAR-44 All personnel of 'C' and 'D' Flights attended a Commanding Officer's
Parade in the Drill Hall and inspection was carried out by O.C. Parade.
A movie was put on by the Canadian Legion with admission free and again
the attendance was good.
A St. Patrick Dance was held in the Neepawa Arcade and was a decided
success with about 150 personnel from the Station in attendance and all
reported a very enjoyable evening.
The Station Hockey team journeyed via bus to take on the No. 33 S.F.T.S.
Carberry team in a game which ended 12 to 9 for No. 26.
Weather excellent. Total hours flown: 287:35

16-MAR-44 A Commanding Officer's parade was held to lay for all personnel of 'A'
and 'B' Flights. Prior to parade inspection was completed by O.C. Parade.
A hockey game was played in the Neepawa arena between the station and No. 33 S.F.T.S.,
Carberry. A very good turnout was on hand and the score was 9 to 2 in favour of No. 26.
High winds prevailed through the day.
Total hours flown: 83:00

IMAGE 1252

17-MAR-44 A Board of Officers with Flight Lieutenant R.T. Smith as president
assembled for the purpose of remustering ceased training aircrew.
Weather was very fine throughout the day. Total hours flown: 257:15

18-MAR-44 Routine Normal.
Weather fine in morning followed by winds in the afternoon. Total hours flown: 195:30.

19-MAR-44 A Church parade for all personnel of 'D' Flights was held this morning
in the Station Theatre. Prior to commencement of the Service inspection was carried out by the

O.C. Parade.

Mass was held for Roman Catholic personnel early this morning in the Administrative Building with F.L. Mullally officiating.

A show was held in the Station Theatre and the attendance was good.

20-MAR-44 Normal routine. Weather was excellent. Total hours flown: 296:10

21-MAR-44 Normal routine.

Weather fine. Total hours flown: 263:25.

22-MAR-44 A show was put on in the Station Theatre by the Canadian Legion and admission was free.

In the morning weather was quite clear followed in the P.M. by light winds. Total hours flown: 166:40

IMAGE 1253

23-MAR-44 A film was shown in the Station Theatre and a large crowd was in attendance.

A Commanding Officer's parade was held for all personnel of 'C' and 'D' Flights in the Drill Hall and inspection was carried out prior to parade.

A hockey game was played in the Neepawa Arena between No. 12 S.F.T.S. Brandon and this Station. A good number of airmen turned out to support our team and the score was 8 to 2 in favour of Brandon.

Kit inspection was carried out for Course 97.

Weather was favourable for flying. Total hours flown: 147:20

24-MAR-44 A Commanding Officer's parade was held for all personnel of 'A' and 'B' Flights in the Drill Hall.

Another opportunity night was put on in the Station Theatre and a number of amateur musicians put on a show resulting in the evening being enjoyed by all in attendance.

Course 98 graduated today and proceeded on "Between Course" leave.

DISPOSITION OF COURSE 98

Original Intake	40
Adjusted Intake	40
Total Graduates	37
To No. 6 S.F.T.S.	10
To No. 1 S.F.T.S.	3
To No. 33 S.F.T.S.	24

IMAGE 1254

24-MAR-44

DISPOSITION OF COURSE 98 (Cont'd)

Total Wastage (Including Transfers)
Transfers Course 99

3

To No. 17 S.F.T.S.

2

To No. 7 B&G School.

1

25-MAR-44 Flying Officer C.E.T. Ashdown, Commanding Officer of the Swing Time Unit (Entertainment Group) arrived on temporary duty from No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers. Sixty-five u/t pilots arrived on posting from No. 31 P.D., Moncton for useful employment awaiting commencement of flying training. Weather was very excellent. Total hours flown: 344:45.

26-MAR-44 In the early morning Mass was held for personnel of the R.C. Faith and ceremony was carried out by H/F.L. Mullally R.C. Padre. Before Mass confessions were held. A protestant Church parade was held for all personnel of 'A' Flights in the Station Theatre. Prior to commencement of the Service inspection was carried out by O.C. Parade.

27-MAR-44 The entertainment group known as "Swing Time" touring stations in this Command arrived this morning. A performance, was put on in the Station Theatre by the "Swing Time" troupe. A large crowd was in attendance and the evening was an outstanding success. The troupe was entertained at an informal party in the Officer's Mess immediately following the performance. Flight Lieutenant D.F. Harvey, New Zealand Liaison Officer arrived on temporary duty from No. 10 S.F.T.S., Dauphin, Man. Lieutenant S.J. Millard proceeded on temporary duty to Brandon, Manitoba. Weather was excellent. Total hours flown: 218:35

IMAGE 1255

28-MAR-44 This evening another performance was presented in the Station Theatre by the "Swing Time" troupe which again was much appreciated by the attending audience. After the show an informal party was held in the Sergeants' Mess and the evening was well enjoyed by all attending. Pilot Officer R.A. Blundy reported this Unit on posting from No. 2 E.F.T.S., Fort William, Ont. to carry out duties of flying instructor here. Weather was rather windy throughout the day. Total hours flown: 111:40

29-MAR-44 Squadron Leader C.P. Leaney of No. 6 Recruiting Centre, Winnipeg arrived on Temporary Duty from Winnipeg on a recruiting mission. Course 99 had an "End Course Banquet in the Airmen's Banquet Hall.

The Commanding Officer was in attendance and the banquet was a real success, everything was in real banquet fashion.

Following the dinner a dance was held in the Neepawa Arcade Dance Hall.

Badminton practice was held in the Drill Hall this evening.

Weather was very windy. Total hours flown: 47:45.

IMAGE 1256

30-MAR-44 Squadron Leader H.B. Hunter arrived on temporary duty from No.2 Training Command, Winnipeg to investigate and discuss Reselection Boards for ceased training aircrew.

Flight Lieutenant A.M. Davidson arrived on temporary duty from No. 6 Recruiting Centre for the purpose of recruiting civilian personnel at this Unit.

A film was shown in the Station Theatre and again the attendance was very good.

Weather excellent for flying training. Total hours flown: 393:20

31-MAR-44 Squadron Leader C.P. Leaney and Flight Lieutenant A.M. Davidson departed today for No. 6 Recruiting Centre, Winnipeg after completing their tour of recruiting at this Unit. Squadron Leader H.B. Hunter departed for No. 7 A.O.S., Portage la Prairie.

A Commanding Officer's Parade was held for all personnel of 'C' and 'D' Flights in the Drill and inspection was carried out by O.C. Parade.

A group of Equipment Assistants arrived on temporary duty from No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. with a supply of clothing equipment to carry out a clothing parade at this Unit.

Slight snow fall in the morning followed by fine weather in the afternoon.

Total hours flown: 84:45

IMAGE 1257

PERSONNEL STRENGTH

OFFICERS

AIRMEN

STAFF	RCAF	57
	42	

SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN RCAF

R.C.A.S.C.		1
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2

C.D.C.		<u>1</u>
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1

59

45

TRAINEES

RAF	9
202	

R.A.A.F.	3
2	
I.A.F.	
14	
R.N.Z.A.F.	<u>1</u>
<u>3</u>	

221 TOTAL TRAINEES 13

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>
<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>	
Tiger Moth	81
6	
Cornell	2
0	

FLYING HOURS

Total number of hours flown during the month of March, 1944 - 4442:50

Lieutenant, (G.O. Palmer) Flight
 Service Personnel, Officer Commanding
 R.C.A.F., No. 26 E.F.T.S.,
 NEEPAWA, Manitoba.

IMAGE 1258

1-APRIL-44 April was ushered in today by very fine clear weather.
 A kit insertion was carried out for all personnel of course 103 this afternoon in the barrack block.
 Weather being fine permitting completion of flying schedules for the day.
 Total hours flown: 231:55.

2-APRIL-44 A church parade was held for all personnel of 'C' Flights in the Station Theatre this morning. Service was conducted by the Rev. S.B. Guille and the attendance was good. Mass was held for personnel of R.C. Faith, officiating clergyman was H/F.L. Mullally. A film was shown in the Station Theatre and was well attended by an appreciative audience.

3-APRIL-44 A dental parade was held in the Station Dental Clinic.
 Normal routine. Weather was excellent, throughout the day.
 Total hours flown: 373:35

4-APRIL-44 Wing Commander J.E. Sharpe and Squadron Leader J. Finley arrived on temporary duty from No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, Man. on a medical tour of inspection this morning, and departed for No. 7 A.O.S., Portage la Prairie, Man., this afternoon by air. A dental parade was held in the Station Dental Clinic. A film was shown in the Station Theatre and the attendance again was good. Weather was very fine. Total hours flown: 374:45.

IMAGE 1259

5-APRIL-44 A Commanding Officer's parade was held for all personnel of 'A' and 'B' Flights in the Drill Hall. Inspection was carried out prior to parade by O.C. Parade. A medical officer's parade was held in the Station Hospital this afternoon. Pilot Officer Lawrence, O.C. Link Trainer Section this Unit, was promoted to the rank of Acting Flying Officer. Weather was excellent through the entire day. Total hours flown: 220:55

6-APRIL-44 A Commanding Officer's parade was held for all personnel of 'C' and 'D' Flights in the Station Drill Hall. Normal routine. Weather was rather windy all morning clearing up somewhat in the afternoon. Total hours flown: 68:35

7-APRIL-44 Tonight in the Station Theatre another Bank Night was put on with \$30.00 being given away as prizes. A true or false quizz was put on between the instructors and the students resulting in the evening being very much enjoyed by all attending. Course 99 graduated today.

DISPOSITION OF COURSE 99.

Original Intake	40	Total Wastage (Including Transfers)
Adjusted Intake	43	Transfers Course 97
1		
Total Graduates	40	Transfers Course 101
2		
To No. 33 S.F.T.S.	24	Transfers Course 102
2		
To No. 13 S.F.T.S.	13	Transfers Course 103
2		
To No. 18 S.F.T.S.	3	To No. 7 B&G Paulson, Man.
1		
		To No. 3 B&G
Macdonald, Man.	1	
		To No. 31 P.D.,
Moncton, N.B.	1	

IMAGE 1260

8-APRIL-44 A draft of eight airmen trainees on useful employment at this Unit were posted to No. 19 E.F.T.S., Virden, Man., and a draft of ten airmen trainees were posted to No. 23 S.F.T.S., Davidson, Sask.

Weather was excellent throughout the day. Total hours flown: 304:40.

9-APRIL-44 Another big attractive show was put on in the Station Theatre tonight by twenty beautiful girls from Winnipeg known as the Thumbs Up Review Troupe. A large crowd was in attendance and the evening was a decided success.

A church parade was held for all personnel not on Easter leave or pass this morning. The Officer Commanding Service Personnel was in attendance and the service was conducted by Rev. S.B. Guille.

10-APRIL-44 The majority of trainees of course 99 departed today on "Between Course Leave. Weather becoming considerably warmer the wearing of greatcoats became optional today.

Flying Officer Hawthorne proceeded on temporary duty to No. 8 Repair Depot, Winnipeg, Man. A recital of swing recordings was held in the Station Theatre this evening.

The new sound equipment recently installed was a decided improvement and all attending voted the evening a decided success.

Weather was very favourable for flying operations. Total hours flown: 274:55

IMAGE 1261

11-APRIL-44 A dental parade was held in the Station Dental Clinic.

A show was put on in the Station Theatre and a very appreciative audience was in attendance. An exciting game of volley ball was played between the Officers and Senior N.C.O.s this evening in the Drill Hall. Weather was fine throughout the day.

Total hours flown: 281:00.

12-APRIL-44 A party of airmen bringing clothing from No. 1 Central Navigation School, Rivers, Man., arrived today to carry out a clothing parade for personnel of this Unit.

Weather is such now that a number of officers and airmen turn out each evening for baseball practice and it is anticipated that a station team will be organized in the near future. Flight Officer Brennan, Nursing Sister, arrived on temporary duty from No. 2 Manning Depot, Brandon to instruct the orderlies in the Station Hospital for approximately two weeks.

A film was shown in the Station Theatre sponsored by the Canadian Legion and approximately 175 airmen were in attendance.

Weather was excellent. Total hours flown: 293:45.

13-APRIL-44 Pilot Officer O.C. Johnson, Pilot Officer W. E. Lowry, Pilot Officer G.R. Duncan arrived today on posting from No. 1 F.I.S., Trenton, Ont., to carry out the duties of flying instructors at this Unit.

A Commanding Officer's parade was held for all personnel of 'A' and 'C' Flights in the Drill Hall this afternoon and inspection was carried out by the O.C. Parade.

A film was shown in the Station Theatre and the attendance again was good.

IMAGE 1262

14-APRIL-44 L.A.C. Calder was remustered to u/t aircrew Air Bomber and posted to No. 7 Bombing and Gunnery School, Paulson, Man.

A social was held in the Mansonic Hall, Neepawa sponsored by the Business girls of Neepawa and a number of students from the Airport were entertained and all report a most enjoyable evening.

Throughout the day fairly high winds were blowing clearing up somewhat towards evening. Total hours flown: 183:40.

15-APRIL-44 Flying Officer D.C. Keith proceeded on temporary duty to No. 2 Training Command Headquarters Winnipeg, Man. to present a number of addresses on the 6th Victory Loan Campaign.

Weather was excellent permitting completion of all flying schedules for the day.

Total hours flown: 261:55.

16-APRIL-44 A church parade for all personnel of 'B' Flights was held this morning in the Station Theatre with Rev. S.B. Guille officiating.

Church parade for R.C. personnel was held in the Administrative Building early this morning. A film was shown in the Station Theatre and a large crowd was in attendance.

IMAGE 1263

17-APRIL-44 A dental parade was held in the Dental Clinic. Normal routine.

Weather was favourable allowing completion of all flying schedules for the day.

Total hours flown: 311:45.

18-APRIL-44 Pilot Officer D.S. McLaren arrived on posting from No. 1 F.I.S. Trenton, Ont. to carry out the duties of flying instructor at this Unit.

Squadron Leader R.B. Hunter arrived on temporary duty by air this afternoon from No. 10 S.F.T.S., R.C.A.F., Dauphin, Man., to inspect Reselection Boards convened at this Unit.

Weather was excellent.

Total hours flown: 288:00

19-APRIL-44 Flight Sergeant Aird, and Sgt. Schrimpton, J.R. arrived on temporary duty from No. 2 Construction & Maintenance Unit, Winnipeg to act as members of a Board of Officers convened for the purpose of taking over the new Hangar on completion.

A film was shown in the Station Theatre sponsored by the Canadian Legion which was greatly appreciated by all attending.

A dance was held in the Arcade, Neepawa, proceeds in aid of the Red Cross.

A good crowd from the airport was in attendance and all report an excellent evening.

Weather in the morning was fine followed by comparatively high winds in the afternoon. Total hours flown: 145:20

IMAGE 1264

20-APRIL-44 A Commanding Officer's parade was held on the parade square for all personnel of 'D' Flights.

Flight Lieutenant W.R. Chappel arrived on posting from No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, Man.

Squadron Leader R.R. Hunter departed this morning after completion of tour of duty for No. 11 S.F.T.S., R.C.A.F., Yorkton, Sask.

Squadron Leader C.E. Arnold reported in on temporary duty from No.1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man., and Flying Officer H.V. Clendenning reported in on temporary duty from No. 12 S.F.T.S., Brandon, Man.

A Board of Officers convened today with Squadron Leader C.E. Arnold as President for the purpose of taking over the new Hangar recently completed from the Contractors.

Flying Officer W.J. Dawson and Flying Officer A.T. Jarvis arrived on posting from No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg to carry out the duties of flying instructor at this Unit.

Weather was very favourable for flying operations. Total hours flown: 225:15

21-APRIL-44 Flying Officer J.J. Weakley, Administrative Officer of this Unit was promoted to the rank of Acting Flight Lieutenant.

A dental parade was held in the Station Dental Clinic.

Weather was very favourable for flying all day. Total hours flown: 300:40.

IMAGE 1265

22-APRIL-44 A Church parade was held for all personnel of 'B' Flight this morning in the Station Theatre.

In the evening at the Station Theatre the show "Road to Zanzibar" was shown with a good attendance of service personnel.

Fireside hour was held at the United Church in Neepawa after the evening service.

All personnel were invited and quite a number of airmen took advantage of the invitation.

23-APRIL-44 Squadron Leader A.J. Vincent, Flight Lieutenant W.M. Summer, Flight Lieutenant H.P. Smith, Flight Lieutenant J.E. Delaney members of No. 4 Visiting Flight arrived on temporary duty from Winnipeg to carry out examinations on flying instructors of this Unit. Flight Officer Brennan, Nursing Sister, departed today for No. 2 Manning Depot, Brandon, Man., on completion of tour of duty here.

Flying Officer A.P. Wedding of the R.N.Z.A.F. arrived on temporary duty from No. 5 A.O.S., Winnipeg, Man., for the purpose of installing Naviscope Equipment.

The 6th Victory Loan Campaign officially started today at this Unit with real enthusiasm being shown by all ranks. Flight Lieutenant H.J.M. Tatler and Flying Officer Wentworth were appointed members of the Sales Committees. Considerable advertising is being carried out daily in D.R.O.s to make Service personnel and civilians bond conscious. All spare space in D.R.O.s is being utilized with mottoes and drawings.

Weather was windy in the morning and afternoon clearing up at night.
Total hours flown: 116:45.

IMAGE 1266

24-APRIL-44 Normal routine.
High winds were blowing throughout the day. Total hours flown: 86:50.

25-APRIL-44 A dental parade was held in the Station Dental Clinic. Normal routine.
Fairly windy this morning clearing up in the afternoon.
Total hours flown: 289:20.

26-APRIL-44 Flight Lieutenant Button, Station Medical Officer, proceeded on temporary duty to No. 2 Training Command Headquarters to attend a medical conference.
A film was shown in the Station Theatre sponsored by the Canadian Legion which was greatly appreciated by all attending.
Weather was fine throughout the day. Total Flying hours: 332:35.

27-APRIL-44 A medical film was shown in the Station Theatre this afternoon for all personnel.
Air Vice-Marshal T.A. Lawrence, Air Officer Commanding, No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, Man. arrived by air this afternoon on a routine visit.
A film was shown in the Station Theatre this evening and a good crowd was in attendance.

IMAGE 1267

28-APRIL-44 A large Rally sponsored by the War Services Committee for the 6th Victory Loan Campaign was held in the Arcade, Neepawa. This affair was an outstanding success with hundreds attending, including many personnel from the airport. No. 4 Artillery Band was in attendance. Several Servicemen gave interesting addresses on their varied experiences overseas and the master of ceremonies was the Legion Supervisor of this Unit, Capt. F. Luce. Rather windy throughout the day followed by rain at night.
Total flying hours: 185:30.

29-APRIL-44 April rains continued throughout the day permitting very little flying being carried out. Normal routine.
Total hours flown: 24:10.

30-APRIL-44 A church parade was held this morning for all personnel of 'D' Flight in the Station Theatre. A very interesting sermon was delivered by the Baptist Minister from Neepawa Rev. Bestedo.
Inspection was carried out by the O.C. Parade prior to commencement of Service. Mass was held for personnel of the R.C. Faith early this morning.
A film was shown in the Station Theatre this evening and a large crowd was in attendance.

IMAGE 1268

PERSONNEL STRENGTH

AIRMEN

STAFF R.C.A.F.
42

OFFICERS

65

SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN RCAF

Other Ranks

R.C.A.S.C.

1

1

C.D.C.

1

1

44

67

TRAINEES

AIRMEN

R.A.F.

136

9

R.A.A.F.

3

R.N.Z.A.F.

3

1

R.I.A.F.

14

TOTAL TRAINEES

13

153

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

SERVICEABLE

UNSERVICEABLE

Tiger Moth

3

86

Cornell

0

2

FLYING HOURS

Total number of hours flown during the month of April, 1944 - 5531:15

Lieutenant,

Service Personnel,

(G.O. Palmer) Flight

Officer Commanding

No. 26 E.F.T.S., R.C.A.F.,
NEEPAWA, Manitoba.

IMAGE 1269

1-MAY-44 May was ushered in today with a steady downpour of rain throughout the day clearing up somewhat towards evening.

Total hours flown: 7:55

2-MAY-44 Pilot Officer S.R. Gillanders u/t pilot on course No.102 was promoted to the rank of Flying Officer (War-Sub)

A film was shown in the Station Theatre and a good crowd was in attendance. Weather was excellent throughout the day. Total hours flown: 380:45.

3- MAY-44 Flight Lieutenant G.O. Palmer, Officer Commanding Service Personnel proceeded on temporary duty to No.2 Training Command Hdqs. Winnipeg.

A reselection Board was assembled in the Assistant C.F.I.'s Office this afternoon with F.L. R.T. Sm'th as President for the purpose of remustering LAC Porter, A.H.

Flight Lieutenant R.T. Smith assumed temporary command this Unit during the absence of Flight Lieutenant G.O. Palmer(C.F.I.)

High winds prevailed today with flurries of snow. Total Hours flown: Nil

4-MAY-44 A Station Parade was held for all personnel in the Station Drill Hall this afternoon with Flight Lieutenant R.T. Smith A/C.F.I. taking the salute at the march-past.

A film was shown in the Station Theatre and again a very appreciative audience was in attendance.

Strong winds prevailed throughout the day washing flying out completely.

IMAGE 1270

5-MAY-44 Flight Lieutenant G.O. Palmer (C.F.I.) returned today from temporary duty at No. 2 Training Command Headquarters.

An Airmen's Mess Meeting was held this afternoon in the Administrative Building.

Course 101 graduated and departed on "Between Course" leave

DISPOSITION COURSE NO.101

Original Intake	40
Adjusted Intake	41
Total Graduates	37
To No.12 SFTS, Brandon	7
To No.33 SFTS Carberry	20
To No.1 SFTS, Camp Borden	10

Total wastage(Including Transfers)

Transfer Course 104	1
Transfer Course 102	1
To No.17 S.F.T.S. Souris	1

To No. 7 B & G School, Paulson 1
To. No.31 P.D. Moncton 1
To RCAF Stn., St. Hubert 1

6-MAY-44 High winds prevailed washing out flying training completely.

7-MAY-44 LAC Porter, A.H. remustered u/t Air Bomber and was posted to No.7 Bombing and Gunnery School, Paulson, Man. leaving today.

Routine normal.

A Church parade was held this morning in the Station Theatre

Mass was held for personnel of R.C. Faith in the Administrative Building with H/F.L. Mullally officiating.

8-MAY-44 Routine Normal.

Weather was excellent throughout the day permitting the completion of all flying schedules for the day. Total hours flown: 334:40

IMAGE 1271

9-MAY-44 A film was shown in the Station Theatre this evening and again the attendance was good. Very windy throughout the day. Total hours flown: 106:50

10-MAY-44 Drill practice was carried out this afternoon on the parade square for Officers and senior NCO Instructors. Drill instruction was given by Flight Lieutenant J.J. Weakley, Admin. Officer this Unit.

Air Commodore A.J. Ashton, Chief Staff Officer, No.2 Training Command and Squadron Leader H.V. Bell arrived on temporary duty from No.2 T.C.H.Q. for the purpose of inspecting the Air Cadet Squadron of Neepawa. A very enthusiastic parade was carried out in the Drill Hall and reviewed by Air Commodore Ashton and S.L. Bell. Many parents and other civilians friends from the town of Neepawa were in attendance to witness the parade and the complete parade was a marked success.

A show was put on in the Station Theatre under the sponsorship of the Canadian Legion and a good crowd was in attendance.

11-MAY-44 A Station Parade was held in the Drill Hall and all Service personnel attended. The Officer Commanding Service Personnel F.L. G.O. Palmer took the salutes at the march-past.

Weather was excellent and the parade went off very well indeed.

Weather was fine

Total hours flown: 193:30

12-MAY-44 Flight Lieutenant W.N. Watters proceeded today on temporary duty to No.6 I.T.S., Toronto, Ont., for the purpose of attending a Course in Aviation Medicine.

Morning was somewhat cloudy clearing up in the afternoon. Total hours flown: 247:05.

IMAGE 1272

13-MAY-44 W.O.I D.N. MacInnis, Flying Instructor, was appointed to the rank of Pilot Officer.

Flying Officer J.A. Keenan assumed position of Acting Assistant C.F.I. in the absence of Flight Lieutenant R.T. Smith.

Rained considerably in the morning clearing up in the afternoon.

Total hours flown: 180:40.

14-MAY-44 Early Mass was held this morning for personnel of Roman Catholic faith with H/F.L. Mullally officiating.

A Church Parade was held for all personnel of "B" Flight in the Station Theatre. Inspection was carried out prior to commencement of the Service.

A Baseball practice was held this afternoon with a good number of service and civilian personnel attending.

A film was shown in the Station Theatre this evening which was greatly appreciated by the large crowd attending.

Flying Officer P.G. McNeill departed today on posting to No.13 E.F.T.S.

15-MAY-44 A musical appreciation hour was held in the Station Theatre this evening.

A fine selection of recorded music was very much appreciated by the musically inclined personnel attending.

A Softball practice was held on the Station diamond with a good turnout of ball enthusiasts.

Flying Officer J.A. Keenan ceased to occupy the position of Acting Assistant C.F.I, on return of Flight Lieutenant P.T. Smith.

Weather in the morning was fine followed by light winds and rain in the P.M.

Total hours flown: 219:00.

16-MAY-44 A film was shown in the Station Theatre which was very much enjoyed by the comparatively large audience attending.

Routine normal.

There was a low ceiling this morning followed by excellent clear weather.

Total hours flown 374:40

IMAGE 1273

17-MAY-44 A Reselection Board was assembled in the Office of the Assistant Chief Flying Instructor with Flight Lieutenant R.T. Smith acting as president for the purpose of examining and remustering LAC Morris, N.W., LAC Peat, S.E. and LAC Rathor, K.U.

A free show was put on in the Station Theatre which was very much appreciated by the large crowd in attendance. This film was sponsored by the Canadian Legion.

Baseball practice for the station team was held this evening with a very good turnout and it is believed the team is shaping up very nicely.

A comparatively high wind was blowing throughout the day. Total hours flown: 219:00.

18-MAY-44 A Station Parade was held on the parade square for all personnel this afternoon. The O.C. Service Personnel Flight Lieutenant G.O. Palmer took the salute at the march-past and also carried out the inspection.
 A film was shown in the Station Theatre this evening and again the attendance was good. It was fairly cloudy throughout the day. Total hours flown 226:30.

19-MAY-44 Course No.102 graduated today:

DISPOSITION OF COURSE NO.102

Original Intake		40
Adjusted Intake		40
Total Graduates		36
To No.34 S.F.T.S. Medicine Hat	12	
to No.33 SFTS. Carberry, Man.	24	
Total Wastage(including Trans.)		
Transfer Course 106		1
Transfer course 103		2
To No.31 P.D. Moncton		2
To No.7 B&G School, Paulson	1	
Awaiting posting		1

Weather was fairly cloudy throughout the day.
 Total hours flown: 271:55

IMAGE 1274

20-MAY-44 This morning personnel of Course 101 proceeded on posting, one draft going to No.12 S.F.T.S., Brandon and another to No.33 S.F.T.S., Carberry.
 A low ceiling was encountered all day. Total hours flown 108:20

21-MAY-44 Air Vice-Marshal T.A. Lawrence, Air Officer Commanding No.2 Training Command, Winnipeg, Man. arrived here on an inspection tour and a conference with the Manager, C.F.I., A/C.F.I. and Senior Officers at this Unit.
 A Church Parade for all personnel of "C" Flights was held in the Station Theatre with F.O. Brimacombe O.C. Parade. Prior to commencement of the Service inspection was carried out by the O.C. Parade.

Early this morning Mass was said for personnel of the R.C. Faith, with F/L Mullally officiating. The Winnipeg Police Concert Troupe presented a show in the Station Theatre this evening and a very good crowd was on hand to witness the performance of a most entertaining troupe.

22-MAY-44 A Record Recital of good music was held in the Station Theatre this evening and approximately twenty-five student lovers of music were in attendance and were most appreciative. Weather was excellent throughout the day. Total hours flown: 191:40.

23-MAY-44 Flying Officer C.E.J. Ashdown, Officer in charge of R.C.A.F. Troupe "Swing

Time" arrived together with the troupe today from No.1 C.N.S. Rivers, Man.
This R.C.A.F. Entertaining troupe was so much enjoyed by all personnel and civilians in attendance at the last performance some month or so ago that, through the Manager Mr. J. W. Humphrey, a return presentation was requested and approved. A large crowd of both Service and Civilian personnel were in attendance to witness again a splendid performance.

IMAGE 1275

24-MAY-44 The first game of the Station Softball League was played tonight between the officers and the senior N.C.O.'s. The Officers won by a score of 15 to 10.
A dance was held in the Arcade in Neepawa in celebration of the 24th of May and a good number of airmen from the Station attended.
Squadron Leader H.B. Hunter arrived this afternoon by air from No.3 Bombing and Gunnery School, Macdonald to carry out a routine tour of inspection regarding the conducting of Reselection Boards at this Unit.
All day it was considerably rainy and cloudy. Total hours flown 27:00

25-MAY-44 A Commanding Officer's Parade was held in the Station Drill Hall this afternoon with the O.C. Service Personnel, Flight Lieutenant G.O. Palmer taking the salute at the march-past.
W.O.I Crawford, B. together with several equipment assistants and also a supply of clothing arrived this morning for the purpose of carrying out the monthly clothing parade for this Station. A film was shown in the Station Theatre and again a good crowd was in attendance.
It was rainy and cloudy through the day clearing up at night. Total hours flown 105:45.

26-MAY-44 Routine Normal
Weather was excellent permitting completing of all flying schedules for the day.
Total hours flown: 163:10.

27-MAY-44 Routine normal.
Weather was fine throughout the day. Total hours flown 238:15.

28-MAY-44 A Church parade was held for all personnel of "D" Flight in the Station Theatre this morning. The service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Guille.
Prior to commencement of the Service inspection was carried out by the Officer Commanding Parade.
Early morning Mass was held in the Administration Building with H/F.L. Mullally officiating at the Service.
A film was shown in the Station Theatre this evening and a very good crowd was in attendance.

IMAGE 1276

29-MAY-44 A Record Recital was held this evening in the Station Theatre and approximately thirty student music lovers appreciated the recital very much.

A social evening was held in the Masonic Hall in Neepawa which was put on by the Business girls of Neepawa. Approximately thirty-five trainees from the Station were invited and all report a very entertaining evening indeed.

Routine normal. Weather was excellent

Total hours flown 301:30

30-MAY-44 A film was shown in the Station theatre this evening. The show was a musical comedy and all attending appreciated it.

Weather was somewhat cloudy throughout the day.

Total hours flown 149:30

31-MAY-44 A film was shown in the Station Theatre and again the attendance was good. Routine normal

Weather was fine throughout the day with rain at night. Total hours flown 124:05.

IMAGE 1277

PERSONNEL STRENGTH

AIRMEN

STAFF R.C.A.F.

41

OFFICERS

64

SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN RCAF

R.C.A.S.C.

2

1

C.D.C.

2

1

45

66

TRAINEES

R.A.F.

201

19

R.A.A.F.

3

R.N.Z.A.F.

1

R.I.A.F.

14

TOTAL TRAINEES

23

221

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

SERVICEABLE

UNSERVICEABLE

Tiger Moth		87
	1	
Cornell		2
	NIL	
Harvard		1
	NIL	

FLYING HOURS

Total number of hours flown during the month of May, 1944 - 4810:25

Palmer) Flight Lieutenant,
Commanding Service Personnel
E.F.T.S., R.C.A.F.,
Manitoba.

(G.O.
Officer
No. 26
Neepawa,

IMAGE 1278

1-JUNE-44 A film was shown In the Station theatre this evening and the attendance was good. A Station Parade was held this afternoon on the parade square with Flight Lieutenant H.J.M. Tatler taking the salute at the March past. A Medical Officer's parade was held in the Station Hospital this afternoon. Weather was rather hazy this morning and afternoon clearing up towards evening. Total hours flown: 71:00

2-JUNE-44 Course 105 graduated today and departed on "Between Course" leave . Weather was rather windy throughout the day. Total hours flown: 52:35.

DISPOSITION OF COURSE No. 105.

Original Intake	40
Adjusted Intake	39
Total Graduates	31
Graduates awaiting posting instructions from A.F.H.Q.	
Total Wastage (Including transfers)	
Transfer Course 104	3
Transfer Course 106	2
To No. 17 S.F.T.S. Souris	2

IMAGE 1279

3-JUNE-44 Flying Officer B.W. Arnold, F.O. S.M. Panagapko, F. O. D. R. Laflufy, F.O. F. Cunnings, F.O. G.T. Graham, F.O. V. Zachanko, F.O. F.F. Dalley arrived on posting from No. 24 E.F.T.S., Abbotsford, B.C. to be included on Flight Grading Course at this Unit.

Thirty-seven R.C.A.F. Aircrew Trainees arrived on posting from No. 24 E.F.T.S., Abbotsford, B.C. to be included on Flight Grading Course.

4-JUNE-44 A Church parade was held for all personnel of 'C' Flight in the Station Theatre this morning and an interesting sermon was given by Rev. S.B. Guille. Mass was held early this morning in the Administration Building with H/F.L. Mullally officiating. A Film was shown in the Station Theatre this evening and a very good crowd was in attendance.

5-JUNE-44 Normal Routine.

6-JUNE-44 A film was shown in the Station Theatre, "What a Woman" and a good crowd was again in attendance.

Personnel of Course No. 102 departed today on posting to No. 34 S.F.T.S., Medicine Hat, Alta. and No. 33 S.F.T.S., Carberry, Man. to carry out Service training.

Kit Inspection was held for course 102 this morning prior to departure.

Weather was excellent throughout the day. Total hours flown: 279:15

IMAGE 1280

7-JUNE-44 Squadron Leader P.W. Laing arrived on temporary duty from No. 8 S.F.T.S., Weyburn, Sask., this noon and departed this afternoon for No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, Man.

An exciting game of softball was played this evening between the Senior N.C.O.s and Maintenance. A Good turnout was on hand and the N.C.O.s won by a 3 to 2 score.

Weather was fine throughout the day.

Total hours flown: 144:20.

8-JUNE-44 A Medical Officer's parade was held this afternoon in the Station Hospital.

A Station Parade was held this afternoon on the Parade Square.

Inspection was carried out by the Officer Commanding Service Personnel, F.L. G.O. Palmer, who also took the salute at the march-past.

A film was shown in the Station this evening and a very appreciative audience was in attendance.

Weather conditions were excellent all day. Total hours flown: 140:45.

9-JUNE-44 Flight Lieutenant H.N. Wylie, Medical Officer, arrived on temporary duty from No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, Man., on a routine inspection regarding V.D. Control.

Weather was excellent permitting completion of all flying schedules.
Total hours flown: 285:25.

IMAGE 1281

10-JUNE-44 Normal routine. Weather was fine throughout the day.
Total hours flown: 297:45.

11-JUNE-44 Church parade was held this morning for all personnel of 'B' Flight in the Station Theatre. Inspection was carried out by the O.C. Parade prior to commencement of the Service. Mass was held early this morning for personnel of R.C. Faith in the Administration Building with H/F.L. Mullally officiating.
A Film was shown in the Station Theatre this evening and again the attendance was very good.

12-JUNE-44 Normal Routine.
Weather was considerably cloudy throughout the day.
Total hours flown: 174:55.

13-JUNE-44 Lieutenant Leo Pegarare arrived on posting from Portage la Prairie to take over the duties of Officer i/c Supplies at this Unit in place of Lieutenant Duncan posted to Winnipeg, Man.
Rain was experienced this morning followed by cloudy weather in the afternoon.
Total hours flown: 123:45.

IMAGE 1282

14-JUNE-44 The baseball team and softball team of this station proceeded this afternoon to the Gladstone Fair to compete in the games held there. There were fourteen teams of hardball and eleven teams of softball competing in five inning games. No. 26 E.F.T.S. team won the softball competition.
Weather was rather windy throughout the day.
Total hours flown: 138:55.

15-JUNE-44 A Film was shown in the Station Theatre and the attendance was good.
Routine Normal.
Weather was excellent.
Total hours flown: 356:20.

16-JUNE-44 Course No. 104 graduated today and departed on "BETWEEN COURSE" leave.
DISPOSITION OF COURSE 104.

Original Intake	40
Adjusted Intake	41
Total Graduates	40

Graduates awaiting posting instructions from A.F.H.Q.

Total wastage (Including Transfers)

Transfer Course 106	2
To No. 32 E.F.T. S., Bowden, Alta.	1
To No. 7 B&G School, Paulson.	1

Weather was cloudy.

Total hours flown: 3:00

IMAGE 1283

17-JUNE-44 A draft of forty R.C.A.F. airmen arrived this noon on posting from No. 2 S.F.T.S., RCAF., Uplands, Ont., to be entered on Flight Grading course at this Unit.

Seven R.C.A.F. airmen arrived on posting from No. 1 C.N.S. Rivers, Man., to be entered in Flight Grading course.

Weather was considerably cloudy throughout the day.

Total hours flown: 34:30.

18-JUNE-44 Four R.A.F. airmen trainees on course No. 104 returned from a very exciting trip to Los Angeles and Hollywood. A large write-up together with their pictures was in the Winnipeg Tribune outlining their rather hectic experiences of hitch-hiking by car and plane to Los Angeles and return during their "Between Course" leave.

A Church parade was held for all personnel of GI Flight in the Station Theatre with Rev. S.B. Guille officiating.

Inspection was carried out by the O.C. Parade prior to commencement of Service.

A Film was shown in the Station Theatre this evening with a very appreciative audience in attendance.

19-JUNE-44 A softball game was played this evening on the station ball diamond between Maintenance and the fire hall. A good crowd was in attendance to witness a very thrilling game. Maintenance won by a score of 52 to 30.

Weather was excellent throughout the day.

Total hours flown: 142:50.

IMAGE 1284

20-JUNE-44 A dental parade was held this afternoon in the Station dental clinic.

Routine Normal.

Weather was rather cloudy in the morning followed by rain in the afternoon.

Total hours flown: 159:30.

21-JUNE-44 A free picture show was held this evening in the Station Theatre sponsored by the Canadian Legion and a very good crowd was in attendance.

Flight Lieutenant Prowse, Equipment Officer, arrived on temporary duty from No. 2 Training

Command, Winnipeg to carry out an inspection of equipment in preparation for the closing of this School in August.

Flight Lieutenant H.F. Hall; auxiliary services officer arrived on temporary duty from No.2 Training Command, Winnipeg this morning and departed this afternoon for Winnipeg.

Flight Officer P.J. Finnbogason, M.T. Officer arrived on temporary duty from No. 2 T.C.H.Q. Weather was somewhat cloudy.

Total hours flown: 91:10.

IMAGE 1285

22-JUNE-44 Squadron Leader Primrose and Squadron Leader Whiteford arrived on temporary duty from No. 2 T.C.H.Q., Winnipeg, Man. this morning on an inspection regarding Non-Public Funds arrangements. They departed this afternoon for No. 2 T.C.H.Q.

Wing Commander Murray, Senior Equipment Staff Officer, No. 2 Training Command arrived on temporary to carry out a preliminary equipment inspection for the forthcoming visit of the A.C.C., No. 2 Training Command.

Flying Officer G.V.G. Roy, arrived on posting from No. 2 T.C.H.Q., Winnipeg, Man. to carry out the duties of Officer i/c Link Trainer Section at this Unit.

A film was shown in the Station Theatre this evening and again the attendance was good.

Weather was fine. Total hours flown: 107:50.

23-JUNE-44 Routine Normal. Weather was excellent.

Total hours flown: 136:60.

24-JUNE-44 Normal routine.

Weather conditions were good.

Total hours flown: 164:50.

IMAGE 1286

25-JUNE-44 A film was shown in the Station Theatre this evening and a very appreciative audience was in attendance.

A church parade was held this morning for all personnel of 'C' Flight in the Station Theatre.

Inspection was carried out by the O.C. Parade prior to commencement of Service.

Rev. S.B. Guille delivered the sermon which was most interesting.

H/F.L. Mullally said Mass for personnel of R.C. Faith early this morning in the Administration Building.

The Station Softball Team proceeded to Portage la Prairie to play against the softball team from No. 7 A.O.S. and No. 7 A.O.S. team won by a score of 17 to 1.

26-JUNE-44 Normal Routine.

27-JUNE-44 A dental parade was held in the Station Dental Clinic this afternoon.

A duty fitness test was given all personnel of Course 106 this afternoon in the Station Drill Hall.

A terrific wind and rain storm prevailed throughout the day and continued on through the night. All trainee personnel were out towing aircraft into the hangars and in the evening all available personnel on the Station were called out to assist in trying to save as many aircraft as possible from being damaged. Several aircraft were badly damaged.

IMAGE 1287

28-JUNE-44 Flying Officer H.G. Wedge, Armament Officer, arrived on temporary duty from No. 2 T.C.H.Q., Winnipeg on an inspection regarding Armament.

Flying Officer J. P. Smith arrived on temporary duty from No. 8 Repair Depot, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

A welfare committee was appointed today with Flight Lieutenant J.J. Weakley as President and three other members.

A dental parade was held in the Station Dental Clinic this morning.

29-JUNE-44 A Station Parade was held this afternoon on the Parade Square comprising two squadrons of three flights each.

Inspection was carried out by the C.F.I. Flight Lieutenant G.O. Palmer he also taking the salute at the march-past.

30-JUNE-44 Group Captain G.S. Scott and Flight Lieutenant Darragh arrived at 1030 hours by air from No.2 Training Command, Winnipeg, on a Staff Visit preparatory to the forthcoming visit of the A.O.C. on Friday, 7 July/44; they departed at 1330 hours by air for No.2 T.C., Winnipeg, after an inspection of the station. Flight Lieutenant F.G. Cooke, Navigation Air Staff Officer, arrived by air at 0900 hours from No.10 S.F.T.S., Dauphin, Man., on a Staff Visit and departed by air at 1400 hours for No.2 T.C., Winnipeg, Man.

Squadron Leader S.T. Bigelow, arrived at 1600 hours by air, from No.2 T.C., Winnipeg, as Investigating Officer in legal matters.

Flight Lieutenant G.O. Palmer, the C.F.I., promoted to the rank of Squadron Leader.

Weather was nice and clear, getting rather hot in the afternoon and towards the evening.

Total hours flown: 52:50

IMAGE 1288

PERSONNEL STRENGTH

AIRMEN

STAFF R.C.A.F.

39

OFFICERS

64

SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN RCAF

R.C.A.S.C.

1

2

C.D.C.

1

1

TRAINEES

RAF			5
	144		
RAAF			2
	-		
RNZAF			
-		-	RIAF
		13	
RCAF			<u>7</u>
	<u>84</u>		
		TOTAL TRAINEES	14
	241		

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH
UNSERVICEABLE

SERVICEABLE

Tiger Moth		80
	NIL	
Cornell		2
	NIL	
Harvard		1
	NIL	

FLYING HOURS.

Total number of hours flown during the month of June, 1944 - 3212:15

Squadron Leader,
 Commanding Service Personnel,
 R.C.A.F.,
 Manitoba.

(G.O. Palmer)
 Officer
 No. 26 E.F.T.S.,
 Neepawa,

IMAGE 1289

1-JULY-44 Flight Lieutenant G.O. Palmer, Officer Commanding Service Personnel was appointed to the rank of Acting Squadron Leader Effective 1-JUNE-44.
 Squadron Leader S.T. Bigelow departed for No. 2 T.C.H.Q., Winnipeg this morning ceasing temporary duty as Investigation Officer.

Today was a typical hot summer day and very ideal for the Fair and Sports Day held at Neepawa. The Station was well represented and a baseball team entered in the tournament but unfortunately didn't share in any of the prizes.

A dance was held in the Arcade Dance Hall in town and a perfect day was enjoyed by all in spite of the heat.

It was particularly noticed that airmen behaved very well and there was distinct harmony between service personnel and the civilians of the community.

There was rather a strong wind throughout the day.

Total hours flown: 83/45.

2-JULY-44 This morning Mass was held for all personnel of the R.C. Faith in Lecture Room No. 19 of the Admin. Building.

A Church parade was held for all personnel of other denominations in the Station Theatre with a fair number of airmen taking advantage of the service officiated at by Rev. S.B. Guille.

A number of airmen took advantage of the swimming hole in Neepawa Park to escape the afternoon heat.

The Station softball team and soccer team went out to No. 33 S.F.T.S., Carberry and were unfortunately defeated, in both, 12 to 8 in softball and 10 to 0 in soccer.

The film "Tunisian Victory" was shown in the Station this evening and was enjoyed by an audience of approximately 230 airmen.

IMAGE 1290 DUPLICATE OF IMAGE 1289

IMAGE 1291

3-JULY-44 Visiting Flight from C.F.S. Trenton, Ont., arrived this afternoon by Air. with S.L. A. Patton (AFC), S.L. M. Grant (AFC), F.L. W. Sumner, F.L. H.P. Smith, and F.O. S.N. Saler making up the flight.

Wing Commander R.J. Cross and Wing Commander J.C. Binnie arrived on temporary duty from No. 2 T.C.H.Q., Winnipeg by Air this morning and departed this afternoon on a routine staff inspection.

4-JULY-44 A free showing of the "Purple Heart" was shown at the Station this evening sponsored by the Canadian Legion and was enjoyed by a large appreciative audience.

No. 7 A.O.S. softball and soccer teams visited this unit, winning the softball game by a score of 14 to 11 and losing the soccer game 10 to 0.

A dental parade was held in the Dental Clinic today.

Weather was excellent all day. Total hours flown: 96/30.

5-JULY-44 Flight Lieutenant R.B. Waitt and Flight Lieutenant R.R. Cooper arrived this morning on temporary duty from No. 8 Repair Depot, Winnipeg, Man., to inspect aircraft storage and departed this afternoon for No. 17 S.F.T. S., Souris, Man.

No. 4 Visiting Flight departed this afternoon for No. 19 E.F.T.S., Virden, Manitoba.

Weather was quite cloudy throughout the day. Total hours flown: 27:50.

IMAGE 1292

6-JULY-44 A Station Parade was held this afternoon with Squadron Leader G.O. Palmer carrying out the inspection and also taking the salute at the march-past. A considerably high wind prevailed throughout the day. Total hours flown: 30:35.

7-JULY-44 The formal visit of the Air Officer Commanding, No. 2 Training Command, was postponed till Tuesday, July 11th, but the A.C.C. paid a brief informal visit in the afternoon accompanied by the Hon. Angus MacDonald, Minister of National Defence for Naval Affairs.

Squadron Leader Hunter, Reselection Officer, No. 2 Training Command arrived on temporary duty this noon from No. 19 E.F.T.S., Virden, Man., and departed this afternoon for No. 2 T.C.H.Q., Winnipeg, Man. Weather was rather windy. Total hours flown: 32:10.

8-JULY-44 Nothing of importance happened today. Normal Routine.

Weather was slightly windy throughout the day. Total hours flown: 177:40.

9-JULY-44 Normal Routine.

A church parade for all personnel of 'B' Flight was held this morning in the Station Theatre. Inspection was carried out by the Officer Commanding parade prior to commencement of the Service.

A film was shown in the Station Theatre this evening and again the attendance was very good. Mass was held early this morning for R.C. Personnel.

IMAGE 1293

10-JULY-44 Flight Lieutenant A.W. Hammond assumed the position of Adjutant vice Flight Lieutenant. J.J. Weakley, posted to No. 1 'Y' Depot, Lachine, Que. Eighteen Officers and two warrant officers, all General List Pilot Instructors departed on posting to No. 1 'Y' Depot, Lachine, Que. Slight cloudy in the morning followed by fine weather in the P.M. Total hours flown: 82:00.

11-JULY-44 Squadron Leader G.O. Palmer relinquished the position as Officer Commanding Service Personnel and Chief Flying Instructor, No. 26 E.F.T.S. at 11:59 hours 11-JULY-44 on posting to No. 1 'Y' Depot, Lachine, Que. Flight Lieutenant R.T. Smith assumes position as Officer Commanding Service Personnel and Chief Flying Instructor at 12:00 hours 11-JULY-44. Air Vice-Marshal K.M. Guthrie, CBE PSA, the Air Officer Commanding, No. 2 Training Command, accompanied by G.C. H.H. Atkinson, Squadron Leader R.C. Stevel and Flying Officer R.B. McDonald arrived at 09:30 hours by Air from Winnipeg for a formal inspection of the station. A Wing Parade was held at 14:00 hours on the parade square but due to a sudden rain storm the parade was forced to continue in the Stn. Drill Hall where the A.O.C. inspected all the

service personnel and then delivered a few words to bolster the morale of the trainees and told them not to become too disheartened about the long wait between courses. The party then departed at 15:15 hours by air for Winnipeg.
 Squadron Leader G.O. Palmer departed on posting to No. 1 'Y' Depot, Lachine Que.
 Weather was fine in the morning followed by slight showers in the P.M.
 Total hours flown: 77:55.

IMAGE 1294

12-JULY-44 Flying Officer R. Scott temporarily assumed position of Assistant Chief Flying Instructor this unit vice Flight Lieutenant R.T. Smith.
 A dental parade was held in the Station Dental Clinic this afternoon.
 Weather was excellent all day permitting completion of all flying schedules for the day.
 Total hours flown: 110:40.

13-JULY-44 Routine Normal.
 Weather was very fine throughout the day.
 Total hours flown: 66:15.

14-JULY-44 Course No. 106 graduated today.
 DISPOSITION OF COURSE NO. 106.

Original Intake		
41		
Adjusted Intake		
47		
Graduates		
37		
Total Wastage (Including transfers)		
To No. 7 B&G School, Paulson		2
To No. 5 A.O.S., Winnipeg		1
To No. 31 P.D., Moncton		
3		
To RCAF Station Mountain View.		1
C.T. awaiting posting instructions from AFHQ		3

IMAGE 1295

15-JULY-44 Normal Routine.
 Weather was excellent all day.
 Total hours flown: 46:25.

16-JULY-44 This morning Mass was said for the R.C. Personnel of the Station at 08:15 hours

in Lecture Room 19 in the Admin. Building.

A Church Parade for all other denominations was held at 10:00 hours this morning comprising S.4 Flight. Inspection was carried out by Officer Commanding Parade prior to commencement of the Service.

A film was shown in the Station Theatre in the evening and a very appreciative audience was in attendance.

17-JULY-44 Flight Lieutenant S.P. Fall arrived on temporary duty from No. 11 S.F.T.S., R.C.A.F., Yorkton, Sask. to act in the capacity of Adjutant on retirement of Flight Lieutenant Hammond.

A Dental Parade was held in the Stn. Dental Clinic.

W.O.2 Alexander, J.M. was appointed C.M.C. of the Sergeants' Mess vice W.O.2 Johnson, G.D. who was appointed to a commission.

It was very fine in the morning followed by wind in the P.M.

Total hours flown: 19:30.

18-JULY-44 A dental parade was held in the Stn. Dental Clinic.

Normal Routine.

Weather was fine.

Total hours flown: 19:00

19-JULY-44 Flight Lieutenant D.F. Clark returned from temporary duty at C.F.S. Trenton, Ont.,

Air Vice-Marshal McKean arrived today from A.F.H.Q. Ottawa to interview and look into the problems of the R.A.F. Personnel at this unit.

Flight Lieutenant S.P. Fall was appointed P.M.C. of the Officers' Mess vice Flight Lieutenant J.J. Weakley who was posted overseas.

A free show was put on in the Station Theatre this evening sponsored by the Canadian Legion, a good crowd was in attendance.

Weather was excellent. Total hours flown: 51:00.

IMAGE 1296

20-JULY-44 A Station Parade for all personnel was held this afternoon on the parade square.

Weather was good and the parade went off very good indeed.

Total hours flown: 52:35.

21 JULY-44 A Dental Parade was held in the Station Dental Clinic today.

Normal Routine.

Weather was very fine throughout the day.

Total hours flown: 63:20.

22-JULY-44 An informal party was held in the Sergeant's Mess this evening to celebrate the posting of the remainder of Senior N.C.O. flying instructors. A good crowd was in attendance and all reported a most enjoyable evening.

The morning was fine followed by rain in the afternoon.
Total hours flown: 53:10.

23-JULY-44 A church parade for all personnel of S.6 Flight was held in the Station Theatre this morning with Rev. S.B. Guille officiating at the service.
Inspection was carried out by the O.C. Parade prior to commencement of the service.
A film was shown in the Station Theatre this evening and again the attendance was very good.

IMAGE 1297

24-JULY-44 A dental parade was held in the Stn. Dental Clinic.
Normal Routine.
Weather was very favourable for flying operations.
Total hours flown: 57:15.

25-JULY-44 Normal Routine.
Weather was fine in the morning becoming rather windy in the afternoon.
Total hours flown: 48:10.

26-JULY-44 Squadron Leader Finley, Deputy Principal Medical Officer, No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, Man, arrived on temporary duty on a routine medical inspection at this Unit.
Weather was clear in the morning followed by slight winds.
Total hours flown: 37:35.

27-JULY-44 Squadron Leader returned to No. 2 T.C.H.Q., Winnipeg on completion of medical inspection at this Unit.
Flight Officer E.M. Raynor, Messing Officer, No.2 Training Command Hdqs., Winnipeg arrived on temporary duty on a routine messing inspection in preparation for the closing of this School.
The Senior N.C.O.'s played the Officers this evening in an exciting game of softball, the senior N.C.O.'s won by a score of 13 to 8.
A Commanding Officers' Parade was held this afternoon on the Station Parade square. There was a strong wind but inspite of this the parade went off with clock-work precision.

IMAGE 1298

28-JULY-44 A dental parade was held in the Station Dental Clinic today.
A draft of twenty-three aircrew trainees, remustered to Air Gunners to expedite training, departed today for No. 3 Bombing and Gunnery School, Macdonald, Man.
Weather was rather cloudy throughout the day.

29-JULY-44 Routine normal.
Weather was excellent throughout the day.
Total hours flown: 26:55.

30-JULY-44 A morning church parade was held for all personnel of S.6 Flight in the Station Theatre. Inspection was carried out by the O.C. Parade prior to commencement of the Service. Church parade for all R.C. personnel was held early this morning in Room 19 of the Admin. Building.

A Memorial Service was held in the Town of Neepawa this afternoon and approximately thirty airmen were marching in the parade.

A very interesting service was performed in spite of the fact there was a slight downfall of rain but cleared up before the service ended.

A film was shown in the Station Theatre this evening and a very appreciative audience was in attendance.

This Station in future will not be having any more motion picture shows owing to the disbandment of the School.

IMAGE 1299

31-JULY-44 Normal Routine.

Twelve airmen aircrew trainees of the R.I.A.F. departed today on posting to No. 13 S.F.T.S., North Battleford.

Flight Lieutenant C.H. Taylor, Accountant Officer No.2 Training Command Admin. Unit arrived this afternoon on temporary duty to carry out the Parade for pay purposes at this unit.

IMAGE 1300

31-JULY-44

PERSONNEL STRENGTH
AIRMEN

OFFICERS

STAFF R.C.A.F.		43
	25	

SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN RCAF

R.C.A.S.C.		1
	2	
C.D.C.		1
	1	

<u>TRAINEES</u>	R.A.F.	5
	44	
	R.A.A.F.	2
	R.I.A.F.	
	13	
		R.C.A.F.
		79
	5	

Total Trainees 12

136

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>
<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>	
Tiger Moth	45
1	
Cornell	2
NIL	
Harvard	1
NIL	

FLYING HOURS:

Total number of hours flown during the month of July, 1944 - 1359:15

(R.T. Smith) F/L
for the Manager No. 26

E.F.T.S., R.C.A.F., Neepawa.

IMAGE 1301

1-AUGUST-44 Routine Normal.

A Dental Parade was held today in the Station Dental Clinic.

2-AUGUST-44 Normal Routine.

3-AUGUST-44 Normal Routine.

4-AUGUST-44 Pilot Selection Test S.6. completed their flying time today and all flying ceased this date.
Routine Normal.

5-AUGUST-44 Routine Normal.

6-AUGUST-44 Owing to the fact that the remaining Pilot Selection Test S.6. was on a 48 this week-end there was not enough personnel on the Station to warrant a church parade therefore it was cancelled.

7-AUGUST-44 Captain O. Brewer arrived on posting from No. 7 A.O.S., Portage la Prairie, Manitoba to act in the capacity of Dental Officer at this Unit during the absence of Captain C.V. Sibbald.

IMAGE 1302

8-AUG-44 Posting instructions came in today for twenty-three flying instructors some posted to No. 6 E.F.T.S., R.C.A.F., Prince Albert, task., No. 19 E.F.T.S., Virden, Man., and remainder to No. 23 E.F.T.S., Davidson.

9-AUG-44 More posting instructions came in today for the remaining officer flying instructors at this Unit.

10-AUG-44 Flight Lieutenant R.A. Prowse, Equipment Officer from No. 2 T.C. together with WO2 Henderon arrived on temporary duty for the purpose of closing this school from the equipment standpoint.

Flying Officer J.P. McRae, Signals Officer No. 2 T.C.H.Q. arrived on temporary duty from No. 2 T.C.H.Q., Winnipeg, Man. to carry out an inspection regarding the telephone setup on the disbandment of this School.

Squadron Leader H.B. Hunter and Squadron Leader O.W.E. Crawford arrived on temporary duty from No. 2 T.C.H.Q. for the purpose of setting up a Reselection Board to reselect non-graduates of Pilot Selection Test. S.6.

11-AUG-44 Normal Routine.

Attached hereto as appendix 'A' is book entitled A History of No. 35 E.F.T.S., R.A.F., Neepawa, Manitoba. ED NOTE: APPENDIX NOT ATTACHED.

Squadron Leader T.E. Kirk, Medical Officer, No. 2 T.C.H.Q. arrived on temporary duty this morning from No. 33 S.F.T.S., Carberry, Manitoba on a Medical tour of inspection and departed this afternoon for No. 2 Training Command Hdqs., Winnipeg, Manitoba.

IMAGE 1303

13-AUG-44 In view of the fact that so few service personnel are remaining on the Station church parade was not held at this Station today.

Squadron Leader H. Insley, Accountant Officer, arrived on temporary duty from No. 7 Equipment Depot, Winnipeg, Manitoba regarding the closing of this School.

14-AUG-44 Normal Routine.

15-AUG-44 Squadron Leader R.R. Goodwin arrived on temporary duty from No. 2 T.C.H.Q., Winnipeg, Manitoba re: Organization.

Flight Lieutenant C.H. Taylor, arrived this noon on temporary duty from No. 2 T.C.H.Q. Winnipeg to carry out a Pay Parade for remaining personnel at this Unit, parade was held in the Station Drill Hall.

Squadron Leader W.H. Boyd, C.M.T.O. No. 2 T.C. arrived on temporary duty to carry out an inspection regarding Motor Transport.

Flying Officer C.F. Nairn, Equipment Officer, arrived on temporary duty from No. 7 Equipment Depot, Winnipeg.

16-AUG-44 Squadron Leader W.H. Boyd departed this morning for No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers,

Manitoba on completion of temporary duty at this Unit.

IMAGE 1304

17-AUG-44 Flying Officer C.F. Nairn departed today for No. 7 Equipment Depot after completion of temporary duty at this Unit.

18-AUG-44 A Board of Officers was assembled today for the purpose of destroying other than Secret and Confidential documents in accordance with K.R. (Air) para. 965 & 966. The Board also dealt with the destruction of Secret and Confidential files in accordance with K.R. (Air) para. 992 (4).

19-AUG-44 Normal Routine.

20-AUG-44 There was no church parade held at this Unit today.

21-AUG-44 A Board of Officers assembled today for the purpose of taking back from the Moncton Flying School Ltd., the Buildings, Hangars, services, structures and equipment installed therein as loaned by the Department of National Defence for Air. Squadron Leader E.J. Verrier, Flight Lieutenant H.L. Finch arrived from No. 2 T.C.H.Q. to act as members of the Board and Flight Lieutenant H. Hirt arrived from No. 33 S.F.T.S., Carberry, Manitoba.

22-AUG-44 Flying Officer J.P. McCrea, Signals Officer No. 2 T.C.H.Q., arrived on temporary duty from No. 2 T.C., Winnipeg regarding the telephone situation at this Unit on Disbandment of No. 26 E.F.T.S. Flying Officer R.C. Church arrived on temporary duty from No. 2 T.C.H.Q., Winnipeg.

IMAGE 1305

23-AUG-44 Wing Commander E. Sharpe and Squadron Leader A.N. Harris, Accountant and Equipment Officers respectively arrived on temporary duty this afternoon from Air Force Headquarters, Ottawa, Ont.

24-AUG-44 Flying Officer R.C. Church departed today for No. 2 T.C.H.Q. Winnipeg after completion of temporary duty. Wing Commander E. Sharpe and Squadron Leader A.N. Harris left for No. 2 Training Command Winnipeg, Man.

25-AUG-44 The Station changed today over from the Moncton Flying School, Ltd., to the R.C.A.F. with Flight Lieutenant S.P. Fall as Commanding Officer. Flight Officer E.M. Raynor, Messing Officer arrived on temporary duty from No. 2 T.C.H.Q., Winnipeg, Manitoba.

IMAGE 1306

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH</u>		<u>OFFICERS</u>
<u>AIRMEN</u>		
STAFF R.C.A.F.		2
	17	
<u>SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN RCAF</u>		
R.C.A.S.C.		
	2	
<u>TRAINEES</u>		
R.C.A.F.		
<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>	<u> </u>
	<u>TOTAL</u>	
5	28	

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>
<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>	
Tiger Moth	22
NIL	
Harvard	1
NIL	

FLYING HOURS

Total number of hours flown during the month of August, 1944 120:50

(R.T. Smith) Flight Lieutenant,
Commanding Officer Service Personnel,
No. 26 E.F.T.S., R.C.A.F.,
NEEPAWA, Manitoba.

IMAGE 1309

COPY: 17
ORGANIZATION ORDER NO. 399 FILE:
1912-10-16/26 (DCO)

DATE: 10 July/44

DISBANDMENT OF 26 EFTS, NEEPAWA, MAN.

(This Order cancels (500 76)

INFORMATION

1. Curtailment of requirements of the BCATP has rendered unnecessary the continued operation of 26 EFTS, Neepawa, Man.

INTENTION

2. It is the intention to disband 26 EFTS, Neepawa, Man.

EXECUTION

Effective Date

3. Training is to cease effective 11 Aug./44 and 26 EFTS is to disband effective 25 Aug./44.

Training

4. Pilot Selection Course 5.6 is to graduate as planned 11 Aug./44.
5. All subsequent courses have been cancelled.

Establishment

6. The establishment of RCAF personnel for 26 EFTS is to be cancelled effective 25 Aug./44.

Personnel

7. AMP is to arrange for the withdrawal of staff personnel on the establishment of this School effective 25 Aug./44.

Disposal of Property and Equipment

8. AOC, 2 TC, is to convene a board or appoint an officer to supervise the return of equipment on loan and the closing of the Loan Account of the Civilian Operating Company.
9. AOC, 2 TC, is to convene a Board of Officers to take over all

RCAF buildings and property on loan to the Civilian Operating Company, preparatory to handing them over to RCAF Station, Neepawa. (To be formed effective 26 Aug./44)

10. AOC, 2 TC, is to ensure that every assistance is given the Civilian Operating Company in effecting the disbandment of this School and the closing of Company Accounts.
11. This assistance may include,
 - (a) Temporary use of suitable space for the storage of equipment belonging to the Company pending disposal.
 - (b) Temporary use of suitable office accommodation.
 - (c) Temporary retention on loan of office and other equipment as desired by the Company.

IMAGE 1310

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12. The officials, and those members of the staff of the Company for whom permission is requested by the Company, are to be given access to the accommodation being temporarily used by the Company pending the closing of its accounts.
13. AMS is to issue any necessary additional instructions in application of this Order.

Accounting - Public Interest, Non-Public Funds and Equipment Accounting

14. Accounting action is to be taken in accordance with instructions contained in AFHQ letter, file 1000-1-70, dated 29 Feb./44, addressed to all Commands, and with AFHQ A.20/46 in regard to NP equipment and funds.

Documents

15. The disposal of all RCAF documents is to be in accordance with regulations laid down in KR(Air).

Reports and Liaison

16. AOC, 2 TC, is to inform AFHQ when all action in connection

with disbandment of 26 EFTS, and handing-over of the property and buildings to the CO, RCAF Station, Neepawa, has been completed.

17.

ACKNOWLEDGE

(F.S. McGill) A/V/M
for CAS