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#3 Wireless Training School, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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FORMATION OF NO. 3 WIRELESS SCHOOL

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APPENDICES A, B, C and D: Establishments - Aircraft, Mechanical Transport and Personnel.

INFORMATION

1. It has now become necessary to open the third Wireless School under the Joint Air Training Plan.

INTENTION

2. It is intended to form No. 3 Wireless School at Winnipeg, Manitoba.

EXECUTION

Formation

3. No. 3 Wireless School is to open at Winnipeg on 17th February 1941.

Personnel

4. A.M.P. is requested to post personnel in accordance with attached Appendices A, B, C and D by dates specified in Para. 9 below.

Mechanical Transport

5. A.M.E.S. is requested to provide motor transport in accordance with attached Appendices A, B, C and D by the dates specified in Para. 9 below

### Aircraft

6. A.M.E.S. is requested to arrange for aircraft in accordance with Appendix D, to be delivered 100% by the 17th March, 1941 if possible, but in any case not later than 12th May, 1941. All necessary modifications should be carried out before delivery of aircraft.

### ADMINISTRATION

#### Command

7. *An Officer has been appointed to command this School which is to carry Under the A.O.C., 2 TC, for all purposes. The senior General List officers on the strength of this School is to control all flying activities.*

#### Accommodation

8. No. 3 Wireless School will be accommodated in the Institute for the Deaf, Tuxedo Park, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

#### Establishment

9. The various Parts of the Establishment will become effective as follows:-

Advance Party	(Appendix A) December 23, 1940
Part I	(Appendix B) January 20, 1941
Part II	(Appendix C) February 10, 1941
Ultimate	(Appendix D) March 17, 1941

#### Equipment

10. Arrangements will be made for an initial issue of equipment to No. Wireless School in accordance with C.A.P. 74.

#### Accounting

11. The Unit will be self-accounting for pay and equipment.

#### Publications

12. (a) Central Publications Section will arrange for an initial issue of publications in accordance with the approved scale laid down.
- (b) Air Force Headquarters will make arrangements with Printing and

Stationery Branch for issue of the initial supply of printed forms and articles of stationery.

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ADMINISTRATION (Cont'd)

- Messing  
13. Messing is to be undertaken from Service sources by R.C.A.F. personnel.

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INTERCOMMUNICATIONS

- Address  
14. The address of No. 3 Wireless School will be:-  
Commanding Officer  
No.3 Wireless School, R.C.A.F.,  
Tuxedo Park,  
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

(F.W. Long)  
Group Captain  
for Chief of the Air Staff

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February 17/41 The School opened officially today on the grounds of the School for the Deaf, Tuxedo Park, with Squadron Leader M. M. Hendrick temporarily in command. An advance party has been at the School for two weeks. The following Officers reported for duty:

Flt. Lt. E.L. Beach (Admin.)	F/O J. A. Emery (Admin.)
Flt. Lt. J.M. Smith (Equip.)	F. H. W. Severin (Admin.)
F/O. E. Anderson (Admin.)	J. E. Gamble (Medical)
W.R.C. Taylor (Signals)	C. C. Stewart (Accountant)
J.B.F. McAra (Admin.)	L. Parkes (Signals)
E. Duggan (Admin.)	G. R. Foster (Signals)
T. Gillean (Educational)	

The construction of temporary living accommodation has been going on since Nov. 16, 1940. The opening date found the accommodation on the School in the following condition:

Major woodwork on the following main buildings has been completed:-  
Eight barrack blocks, N.C.O.'s quarters. Officer's quarters, Officer's Mess, Dental Clinic, and Guard House. In addition the hospital was approximately half completed. Work had

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not started on the garage nor on the drill hall. The completed buildings still lacked heat and plumbing and painting, with the exception of two barrack blocks which had been temporarily equipped with space heaters and in which the plumbing had been set in on temporary blocks prior to a decision regarding the type of floor to be placed in the washrooms. The heating situation had been brought about by a change in policy which had converted from space heaters to the use of central steam. Although the decision to change had been made, no action had ensued to let a contract for the steam, with a result that temporary heat shall be necessary in all buildings for the remainder of the winter, and there were insufficient stoves immediately in sight.

The advance party had been accommodated for living in the fourth floor of the Instructional Building, and just prior to the opening date they had moved into one wing of a completed barrack block, leaving their vacated space for the use of Corporal instructors. The remaining barrack and a half was made ready for the trainees.

The permanent buildings on the station consisted of the main school and a service building, containing kitchen and dining room. The plans called for modification of the main instructional building by the removal of present partitions in the building, inserting other partitions, the improvement of lighting facilities, and the insertion of electrical points in many rooms. On the official opening date the major changes in partitions had been completed, but the electrical work had not yet been commenced.

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February 17 The School opened, therefore, to find the following temporary arrangements in (Cont'd) accommodation made:

(a) Officers accommodated in the third floor of the Service Building, and messing in a small room adjacent to the kitchen.

(b) Senior N.C.O.s living in the second floor, south-west wing of the main building, and messing in a small room adjacent to the main dining room.

(C) Hospital and Service Police accommodated in the fourth floor of the Service Building, and the Corporals accommodated on the same floor in a large dormitory on the north side.

(d) Canteen located in the space eventually ear-marked as Sergeant's Mess, and which was once a small staff dining room in the Service Building.

For instructional purposes, standard folding tables and benches were made ready in four classrooms, two of them equipped with Morse oscillators and loud-speakers, the remaining two as standard lecture rooms.

The contract for the benches, classroom forms, and work benches necessary for all the rooms

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in the School had been let on the previous Tuesday after considerable palaver and preliminary negotiation, so that most of the classrooms of the School were empty.

It had previously been expected that a shortage of English radio equipment would require the School to use Canadian pattern equipment to a large extent in instruction, which would have complicated the lay-out of laboratories somewhat. However, on the 17th of February a complete carload of radio sets arrived direct from England containing our complete entitlement under C.A.P. 74, with a few minor exceptions, and this greatly encouraged the technical instructional staff.

February 18 At 10 o'clock the special train from the Pacific Coast arrived with 144 trainees direct from Australia and New Zealand. They were met at the station by Wing officers, and conducted in our own busses to the Airmen's Club, operated by the Winnipeg Air Force Auxiliary. As it was 30° below zero this morning, the interlude of hospitality and hot tea was very welcome, and on leaving the Club, all Airmen who wished received a pair of mitts from the I.O.D.E. On reaching the Station, the trainees were listed, assigned to beds, fed, and granted leave until the following morning. The total entry of 180 was divided into four classes of 45 each, primarily by nationality.

February 19 Clothing and medical parades were held this morning, and leave was again granted for the afternoon. The New Zealanders appeared to be excellently equipped regarding clothing, but the Australians required an issue of Yukon pattern hats, overshoes, long underwear, and

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February 19 heavy greatcoats.

(Cont'd) F/O Sheffield (Ed. O.) reported for duty.

February 20 After breakfast the new trainees received the inevitable "Commanding Officer's remarks" followed by a discussion of Station Standing Orders by the Senior Administrative Officer. They were then given the Standard Mental Alertness test, and completed the Personality Inventory Forms similar to those used at Initial Training Schools. This step was taken in cooperation with Professor Bott of the University of Toronto to augment the data already being collected at I.T.S.s, and to provide this School with additional information concerning each trainee. Thereafter the initial training schedule was commenced involving Morse, procedure, visual, drill, and lectures in law, first aid, and radio theory, and mathematics. Class seniors were elected for each class by the troops concerned and these trainees were made responsible for Roll Calls. Group Captain Grant, representing the Air Officer Commanding, inspected the School in the afternoon with a particular view to fire prevention, and to a rumour current that there was trouble with the Australian entry. This rumour was entirely without foundation.

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February 21 At a ballot taken at the mid-day meal, trainees decided with only five dissenters to

contribute five cents per day towards extra messing.

February 22 School lectures.

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February 24 Air Vice Marshall Gobel, the Australian Air Liaison Officer, with Group Captain Grant, representing the A.O.C., and Group Captain Bonham-Carter, and Wing Commander Godwin inspected the School particularly to contact the newly arrived Australians. A complete tour of the Instructional building and one barrack block was made and an improvised lunch served in the Officer's Mess. One Australian Class Senior was interviewed by the Air Vice Marshall, and had no criticisms to offer save the need for lockers in the barrack blocks. These are a standard work item, and had been requested three days previously, although it is probable they will not be provided for some considerable time. The inspecting Officer was interested in the pattern of work benches which are now arriving on the Station, and in particular the seats provided, which consist of two narrow planks with a space down the middle. All senior officers tried this bench in person, however, and found it satisfactory and comfortable to the amusement of all concerned. Delivery of benches from the mills commenced today consisting firstly of the Morse and classroom benches, and continued periodically throughout the week. F/O Jones (Signals) reported for duly.

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February 25 Barrack Block No. 7, one wing, was equipped with temporary stoves and fitted out as a recreation building under the auspices of Mr. Hall of the Y.M.C.A.

February 26 Flight Lieutenant Hutton from the Directorate of Technical Training visited the School to discuss syllabi, and to enquire what outstanding items of equipment were missing. He was provided with a small list of items necessary to complete the laboratories which were primarily power supplies for the transmitters.

Mr. Hall installed himself on the Station under the auspices of Wing, and arranged that the games period could be occupied by a swimming parade to the Y.M.C.A. for which purpose the Station bus was used.

The initial supply of stoves on the Station at the opening date has had to be augmented considerably to allow for increased accommodation and to allow painting to progress on buildings soon to be required. These were obtained, some by release from No. 7 Depot, as steam was placed into this latter place, and the rest by scrounging from Rivers where their official heating became operative.

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February 27 All trainees from down under were the guests of the Winter Club at the rehearsal to their Annual Winter Carnival this evening.

February 28 Major Robinson of the Infantry Training Centre visited the School and made an

arrangement to have his snowshoe parade pass by in order to show the Australian entries these queer gadgets. At 1400 hours the parade took place, and the trainees from down under were allowed to try their hand on the soldier's snowshoes.

The strength of this School as at February 28th is as follows:

Officers - - 18  
Airmen - - 330  
Civilians - - 15

(E. L. Beach) Flight Lieutenant,  
for Commanding Officer,  
No. 3 Wireless School, RCAF,  
Winnipeg, Manitoba

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Addenda to the Daily Diary for the Period February 17th - 28<sup>th</sup> - - No. 3 Wireless School.

The strength of the School on the Opening Date, February 18th, was:-

- (i) STAFF - R.C.A.F. Officers - 18  
Airmen - 129
- (ii) TRAINEES - R.C.A.F. Officers - None  
Airmen - New Zealand - 73  
- Australian - 72  
- Trainees - 36
- (iii) PERSONNEL OTHER THAN R.C.A.F. - R.A.F. Airmen - 2  
R.C.A.M.C. Soldiers - 1
- (iv) CIVILIANS - None

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The strength of the School on February 28th was as follows:-

- (i) STAFF - R.C.A.F. Officers - 19  
Airmen - 146
- (ii) TRAINEES - R.C.A.F. Officers - None  
Airmen - New Zealand - 73  
- Australian - 72  
- Trainees - 36
- iii) PERSONNEL OTHER THAN R.C.A.F.
- R.A.F. Airmen - 2  
R.C.A.M.C. Soldiers 1 1
- (iv) CIVILIANS - Stenographers - 8  
Barrack Warden - 1

February 28 There have been no accidents involving injury to personnel or damage to property since the opening of the School.

This School has no aircraft on charge at this date.

### Training Progress

On February 18th, 1941, the initial course with an entry of 181 trainees who will graduate after the perscribed twenty weeks course. Trainees whose progress is slower than desirable are being given extra classes. A few of the trainees have come down with measles, but there has been no delays in training caused by sickness of any sort.

As indicated above, no flying time has bean, recorded at this School.

(E. L. Beach) Flight Lieutenant,  
for Commanding Officer,  
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Winnipeg, Manitoba

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March 1, 1941 The strength of the School on this date was as follows:-

(i) <u>STAFF</u>	- R.C.A.F. Officers	19
	Airmen	146
(ii) <u>TRAINEES</u>	- R.C.A.F. Officers	None
	New Zealand Airmen	73
	Australian Airmen	72
	R.C.A.F. Trainees	36
(iii) <u>PERSONNEL OTHER THAN R.C.A.F.</u>		
	R.A.F. Airmen	2
	R.C.A.M.C. Soldiers	1
(iv) <u>CIVILIANS</u>	Stenographers	8
	Barrack Warden	1

March 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Routine.

March 3<sup>rd</sup> All staff personnel are busy enlarging on the detail of this organization. The civilian staffs have had to be increased. Several female stenographers have been taken on strength.

March 4<sup>th</sup> The need for trained and experienced cooks and messmen has become acute. In anticipation of the next Trainee entry on March 17th, and to handle the present number of

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personnel, a large number of cooks and messmen (civilians) have been interviewed by the S.A.O. The types reporting in are usually inexperienced and therefore undesirable. The ones who are suitable are unwilling to work for the admittedly low wage offered. A letter dealing with an increase in messmen's wages has gone forward to Command.

March 5<sup>th</sup> Normal Routine.

March 6<sup>th</sup> The personnel of the Fire Committee met to make suggestions arising from new conditions governing fire arrangements.

March 7<sup>th</sup> Normal Routine.

March 8<sup>th</sup> Wing Commander H. B. Godwin assumes Command of this School vice Squadron Leader M. M. Hendrick.

March 9<sup>th</sup> Due to changing conditions, Standing Orders and Fire Orders are in a process of revision.

March 10<sup>th</sup> Normal Routine.

March 11<sup>th</sup> A steam operated whistle has been proposed for the Fire Alarm System, the circuit for same being drawn up by the C.O. The W. & B. Officer is arranging a demonstration. This system of local signalling is considered best in view of the relatively low cost of the installation, steam being available at this School all year around.

March 12<sup>th</sup> More details being arranged re the steam whistle alarm system. The separate recording alarm system in the Instructional building has been checked and is now operating.

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March 12<sup>th</sup> (Cont'd) This system is being extended to the Guard House.

March 13<sup>th</sup> Normal Routine.

March 14<sup>th</sup> Normal Routine.

March 15<sup>th</sup> Considerable difficulty has been experienced with the heating problem in the temporary buildings. The heaters furnished us are inadequate and difficult of operation. Instructions have been issued to use competent personnel to operate this temporary apparatus in future.

March 16<sup>th</sup> Normal Sunday Routine.

March 17<sup>th</sup> Systematic efforts are instituted toward general clean-up of the premises and will have to continue until such time as construction work is completed on this Station.

March 18<sup>th</sup> A Fire Alarm Drill was sounded to determine the effectiveness of the temporary fire alarms, which was only moderately successful. Immediate steps are being taken to install a steam whistle and set up an adequate alarm system.

March 19<sup>th</sup> Trainee entry No. 13 arrived and will be accommodated in Barrack Huts 5 & 6 which have only recently been completed. A contractor is laying mastic floors in the

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ablution rooms in all the Barrack huts. By March 20<sup>th</sup> it is expected the Huts 7, 8, 9, & 10 will be completed in this respect.

Two Winnipeg Water Works officials visited the School in connection with alleged defective meter on the street main and supply of water pressure for Fire Fighting purposes at this School.

March 20<sup>th</sup>: Barrack Huts 4 & 5 and the N.C.O.'s quarters are ready for occupancy - - complete with mastic flooring.

March 21<sup>st</sup> Normal Routine.

March 22<sup>nd</sup> Barrack Hut 11 is complete. One wing of No. 11 Barrack will be used for drilling of junior Officers until such time as it will be required for trainees.

March 23<sup>rd</sup> Normal Sunday Routine.

March 24<sup>th</sup> Normal Routine.

March 25<sup>th</sup> A special compulsory sports programme has been initiated for all members of the permanent staff, under the supervision of the Sports Officer and Mr. Hall, the Y.M.C.A. representative.

March 26<sup>th</sup> At 1700 hours the junior Officers had their first drill instruction period. It is the intention to give the Officers preliminary instruction prior to their taking over classes of trainees during trainee's drill periods. The Commanding Officer was satisfied with the performance of the Officers as a whole, but indicated that considerable brushing up on

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March 26<sup>th</sup> (Cont'd) the part of three Officers would not be amiss. Instructions have been issued to S.A.O. and O.C. Wing that they are to arrange that Officers are to be allocated certain training drill periods in order that these Officers may keep in practice drilling personnel.

March 27<sup>th</sup> The Officer's Mess Committee went down to T. Eaton & Co. The interior

decorator of that firm displayed her suggestions for drapes, etc., for the Officer's Mess. The Officer's Mess will be ready for occupancy in approximately two weeks.

The second set of Standing Orders and Fire Orders have been promulgated superceding the more temporary initial set.

The School Post Office has been set up. A letter rack was designed by WO 2 Marshall (drawing on experience from other institutions) which should be a success.

March 28<sup>th</sup> The I. G. and Group Captain Grant, Acting A.O.C, No. 2 T.C., arrived at the School at 1500 hours and carried out an inspection of the premises.

March 29<sup>th</sup> The second Officer's Mess Meeting was held in the Officer's quarters. The main points of discussion were the levies to be applied for Officer's Mess furnishings and the purchase of furnishings, etc.

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All seven living-in Officers were moved from the maid's quarters in the Service Building to the Senior Officers House which has finally been made serviceable by installation of a hot water system piped through from the main boiler room.

A notable event was the Normal School Dance for overseas Trainees. This was held on the same date as a Y.M.C.A. dance in town.

March 30<sup>th</sup> Normal Sunday Routine.

March 31<sup>st</sup> The accommodation in buildings at this School is as follows:-

Service Building: This building contains the kitchen. Airmen's Mess, with its new annex of wooden construction which is now completed except for installation of steam tables.

The Sergeant's Mess is located in the room which was until recently used for the Canteen, there being no provision in the plans for a Sergeant's Mess building.

The Wing is located on the second floor of this building and clothing stores are on the third floor.

The W. & B. Officer is working out the details for a Barracks Store house which may be an addition on the west of the Service building.

Instructional Building: This building is fully occupied with H.Q. offices and lecture rooms. The Hospital is located on the top floor at the west end of this building. This is undesirable because of the difficulties of evacuation in the event of fire and the need of the floor space for lecture rooms.

Temporary Buildings: The Barrack Huts are now all completed and occupied except one wing of No. 4 and all of No. 11. The Canteen is now in No. 7 with the Recreation Room. No. 8 is still being used as Barrack Stores.

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March 31<sup>st</sup> (Cont'd) The Dental Building has been in use for two weeks. The Hospital will require two weeks more construction before occupancy can be accomplished. Entertainments, Discipline, etc.

Movies are now exhibited twice weekly in the Auditorium for -the Trainees and permanent staff personnel. This type of entertainment is to be particularly commented on as desirable because it tends to keep personnel on the Station and therefore mitigates the possibility of breaches of discipline. Admission is free to these shows, they being part of the Y.M.C.A. services, and organization is under the School representative, Mr. Hall.

It is considered that the record for maintenance of discipline to date, of which the Command of this School is proud, is in some measure attributable to local entertainment of this sort.

Winnipeg Service Clubs have held dances and concerts within the past month for the Trainees. Australians and New Zealanders are favoured usually when invitations are sent out.

Accidents: There were no accidents involving aircraft, vehicles, or personnel during the month of March.

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March 31<sup>st</sup> (Cont'd) buzzer. It is found that suitable bearings can be obtained with the Canadian Group on the Two Broadcast Stations and the Radio Range Station of Winnipeg as well as on the local oscillator in the classroom. Considerable emphasis is being based upon the taking of bearings in this Receiver Lab. Battery and wiring labs. were completed in time for the fifth week of training in the basement. One room was used for both the wiring and battery charging thus freeing additional room in the basement for Canadian Equipment.

(d) Classrooms were completely fitted with standard forms and benches, all of which were finished with stain and one coat of varnish by after work fatigues.

(e) Training both entries in the School are strictly to schedule and in most cases their Morse speeds are well ahead of the syllabus. This is partially due to many of them aligning from Australia and New Zealand with a fair competence in Morse (10 - 14 w.p.m.).

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The strength of the School on March 31st was as follows:-

(i) <u>STAFF</u>	- R.C.A.F. Officers	23
	Airmen	180
(ii) <u>TRAINEES</u>	- R.C.A.F. Officers	None
	New Zealand Airmen	145
	Australian Airmen	145
	R.C.A.F. Trainees	73
(iii) <u>PERSONNEL OTHER THAN R.C.A.F.</u>		

	R.A.F. Airmen	2
	R.C.A.M.C. Soldiers	1
(iv) <u>CIVILIANS</u>	- Stenographers	9
	Barrack Warden	1
	Firemen	7
	Cooks	5
	Messmen	11
	Labourers	3

(E.L. Beach) Flight Lieutenant,  
for Commanding Officer,  
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April 1                      The strength of the School on this date was as follows:

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	R.A.F. Airmen	2
	R.C.A.M.C. Soldiers	1
(iv) <u>CIVILIANS</u>	- Stenographers	9
	Firemen	7
	Barrack Warden	1
	Carpenters	4
	Cooks	5
	Messmen	11
	Labourers	3

(v) AIRCRAFT                      N I L  
Normal Routine.

April 2    The real need for a Canteen building and at least one more barrack block before June

15th is becoming increasingly evident. The present Airmen's Canteen is in one

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wing of Barrack No. 8, and the Airmen's Recreation Room is in the other wing. This matter has been referred to Command with urgent pleas for action. To date there is not enough floor space available for a laundry room at the School.

April 3 Normal Routine.

April 4 The fruits of the squadron drill training meted out to junior officers in blackboard talks for several weeks past, were sampled at the C.O.'s inspection this morning. More actual practice on the parade ground has been instituted.

April 5 Normal Routine.

April 6 Sunday Routine.

April 7 A determined effort has been in effect for some time to preserve the lawns and shrubbery on the grounds of this School. After heavy rains, trucks and cars have become mired in the mud of the roads and have encroached upon the lawns gouging out deep and unsightly ruts. Signs prohibiting traffic have had to be put up in several zones.

April 8 Mr. Cowan, local representative of the C.B.C., called to investigate the possibility of putting some of the overseas Trainees on the air with human interest subjects for Canadian people.

April 9 Normal Routine.

April 10 All personnel excluding one duty watch, tardy trainees, and several instructors are advised that they are granted a 48 hour pass over the Easter week end. As far as the

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staff is concerned, this is a recognition of faithful and laudable service in the building up of this organization.

April 11 Good Friday.

April 12 Duty Watch fatigues.

April 13 Sunday Routine.

April 14 Normal School routine. Wing Commander Godwin proceeded on temporary duty to Carberry in connection with a Court of Inquiry re a fatal flying accident. Squadron Leader

Hendrick is temporarily in command.  
36 Canadian Trainees of Entry No. 15 arrived.

April 15 Wing Commander Godwin returned to Winnipeg. F/L Beveridge (P.2) of No. 2 T.C. Visited the School.

April 16 This School has been advised that it will provide a Guard of Honour on the occasion of the Governor General's visit on April 25th. The Australian and New Zealand personnel have had vary little rifle drill and consequently intensive instruction will be required every day for the next week.

April 17 A Fire Drill, which was only moderately successful, was carried out at

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1430 hours today. The Main Building was evacuated in 5 min. 15 sec. This can be improved upon.

Measles suspects are segregated in one barrack hut. There are approximately twenty measles victims. Inoculations for scarlet fever have commenced.

April 18 53 Nursing Orderlies arrived at this School for preliminary training prior to posting to a Manning Depot. During hours outside of instruction they will be used for fatigues, as we are hard-pressed for General Duties personnel. The Orderlies are especially good types.

April 19 The Airmen from 'down under', constituting the remainder of No. 15 Entry arrived.

A party for F/O Brosseau and his bride was held in the Officer's Mess.

April 20 Normal School Routine.

April 21 " " "

April 22 " " "

April 23 Construction has been rushed on the garage and hospital. The contractor promises that these buildings will be ready for occupancy within a week.

April 24 Normal Routine.

April 25 At 1515 hours the Governor General and entourage arrived at the School and inspected the Guard of Honour. The band from No. 2 T. C. H.Q. was in attendance and played

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six bars of music on the command "Royal Salute, Present Arms!" The Guard was critically

viewed, not only by members of the Governor General's party including the A. O. C., but, worse still, by all of the Officers of this School. It is considered that the Trainees (Australians, New Zealanders, and Canadians) did exceptionally well, regardless of the short period of rifle instruction they have had. After the Inspection, which was held on the lawn at the front of the Instructional Building, the Governor General asked for a March Past.

He and his party retired to the steps of the Instructional building and the Guard of Honour marched past, led by the band playing a lively tune. The Guard of Honour was commanded by F/L E.L. Beach. The Governor General's flag was flown during his stay at the School. The Governor General and party then inspected some of the classrooms during lectures, and joked with the overseas Trainees in class.

At 1900 hours the Commanding Officer commanded three squadrons of Anzacs from this School at the placing of a wreath on the Cenotaph in downtown Winnipeg. Two of the Trainees, one Australian and one New Zealander, placed the wreaths on the monument. All in all it was a fine show and the plaudits of the crowds were sufficient to indicate the

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popularity of Auzzies in this country.

April 26 Normal Routine.

April 27 Sunday Routine. F/O Farquharson, the able Works & Buildings Officer at this School, left on tan days leave prior to posting to Saskatoon.

April 28 Fifty of the fifty-three Nursing Orderlies attached to this School left for training at the Manning Depot, Brandon, Manitoba. Three pilots reported from Calgary but returned to that city on temporary duty at No. 2 Wireless School.

April 29 F/L H. McLaughlin, G. L. Signals, reported for duty. It is understood, however, that he will leave shortly for Test & Development, Ottawa.

Fire Chief Boulden, of the Winnipeg Fire Department, and Flying Officers Huff and Thompson from No. 2 T. C, applied tests on the water supply at the hydrants at this School. A fire alarm was rung, principally to check time of evacuation of the Main Building.

April 30 The hospital building is now occupied. This leaves the third floor in the Instructional building free for the installation of benches and apparatus for training. This move is greatly appreciated because of the difficulty of evacuating the hospital staff and patients in the event of fire in the Instructional building.

Aircraft Strength: Eight Menasco Moths and one Norseman have been vouched direct to us. Sixteen Menasco Moths are on hand but have not as yet been taken over. These 24 aircraft are at No. 8 Repair Depot, Winnipeg. The five Norsemen are as yet at MacDonald and are

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serviceable. The Moths are in the process of erection.

Training Progress: There have been no delays in training because of disease.

During the month of April the following Laboratories were completed and training commenced therein:-

(a) English General Purpose Transmitter (24 units). These were equipped temporarily with Type "E" motor generators and by the end of the month with power packs built for us by No. 1 School, Montreal, which releases the motor generators for aircraft use.

(b) One general purpose (T-1083-R-1082) equipment (12 units). In this Laboratory equipment was mounted on the standard Anson rack to which was added an artificial aerial. The power supply was twelve heavy duty batteries floated across tungar chargers. The second general purpose laboratory of twelve units was commenced but not entirely completed at the end of the month. The hold-up was due to the difficulty in obtaining crates.

During the month also, the special creed instruction rooms for Morse were brought into use. Two of these rooms have been modified to incorporate (a) division into sections, each bench being an independent unit (b) connections to allow automatic trans-

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missions from the central Morse control room at any selected speed, to be piped to any bench. Two others of these rooms have been modified to allow hand keying and the use of a standard valve buzzer in lieu of the supplied vibrator type.

The pupils now spend their first four weeks in a standard Morse room with speeds, their next four weeks in a creed room with speeds where they are first taught to send, their third four weeks in a standard Morse room with speeds and their final four weeks in a standard creed room without speeds. In this way the principle of dividing up the class so that every man is receiving at a speed slightly beyond his own ability may be carried out during the entire twelve weeks of training.

A Fraser Nash Turret was received during the month and installed on the stage of the theatre to teach manipulating and sighting.

Work on the temporary Out-Stations was commenced utilizing two class rooms with a capacity of ninety pupils to be employed to such time as the recommended addition has been constructed.

The end of the month finds the following laboratories and facilities yet to be made available:-

(a) Canadian General Purpose Lab. (12 Units)

(b) TR1090 Laboratory (6 Units)

(c) Out-Stations

(d) Spotlight Trainers

IMAGE 1707

Accidents: There have been no accidents either to M.T. personnel or to aircraft.

Personnel Strength

<u>STAFF</u>	- R.C.A.F. Officers	29
	R.C.A.F. Airmen	213
<u>TRAINEES</u>	- R.C.A.F. Officers	None
	New Zealand Airmen	220
	Australian Airmen	218
	R.C.A.F. Trainees	107

PERSONNEL OTHER THAN R.C.A.F.

	R.A.F. Airmen	2
	R.C.A.M.C. Soldiers	1
<u>CIVILIANS</u> -	Stenographers	14
	Firemen	7
	Barrack Warden	1
	Carpenters	4
	Cooks	7
	Messmen	24
	Labourers	3

(E.L. Beach) Flight Lieutenant,  
for Commanding Officer,  
No. 3 Wireless School,  
Winnipeg, Manitoba

IMAGE 1708

May 1 Personnel Strength

<u>Staff</u>	Officers	R.C.A.F.	29
	Airmen	R.C.A.F.	211
Service Personnel other than R.C.A.F.:-			
	Airmen	R.A.F.	2
	Officers	C.D.C.	1

Other Ranks	C.D.C.	2
Other Ranks	R.C.A.M.C.	1

CIVILIANS -

Stenographers	14
Firemen	7
Carpenters	4
Cooks	7
Mess Men	24
Laborers	3
Barrack Warden	1

TRAINEES

Airmen	R.C.A.F.	107
Airmen	R.A.A.F.	218
Airmen	R.N.Z.A.F.	218

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Aircraft Strength

Nil

Dr. C.W. Hall, the third Medical Officer to be appointed to this School arrived and was taken on strength pending his appointment.

Flight Lieutenant J.L.A. Vinet's, the Roman Catholic padre, appointment came through. Flight Lieutenant Vinet has been on the Station for approximately two weeks and has proven himself to be a very popular man as well as a gifted orator. So far no word of a Protestant padre appointment has been received.

May 2 There was a Commanding Officer's inspection this day and the results of the training for both Officer and Airman began to show itself at this inspection. Personnel of the Flying Squadron were on hand for their first Commanding Officer's inspection.

The Flying Squadron was increased by three new Flying Officer Pilots. It now appears that Officer Pilots will be used in place of Sergeant Pilots in the Flying Squadron and due to the increase of Officer Pilots, the Officer accommodation on the Station has been taxed to the utmost and will now necessitate a number of the Officers living off the Station.

May 3 Normal Routine.

May 4 Church Parades starting with this date are being held each Sunday for both Roman Catholic and Protestant personnel. Flight Lieutenant J.L.A. Vinet is officiating at the

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Roman Catholic service and Squadron Leader McFarlane of No. 2 Training Command at the Protestant Church service.

May 5 A new Engineer Officer for the Flying Squadron arrived on the Station to-day. The Officers commenced Physical Training on this date and classes will be held at 1130 hours each morning from now on.

May 6 Four additional Pilots for Flying Squadron taken on strength. A popular appointment was received this day when Flight Lieutenant E.L. Beach was appointed to the rank of Acting Squadron Leader.

May 7 Promulgation of the Commanding Officer's to the rank of Temporary Wing Commander took place.

May 8 Commanding Officer's inspection held at 0745 hours and the Parade is becoming more finished at each inspection.

May 9 Normal Routine.

May 10 Normal Routine.

May 11 Church Parade in conjunction with the Army and Navy was held at City Park. The R.C.A.F. contingent under Wing Commander H.B. Godwin, assembled on the Parade Grounds of

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No.3 Wireless School at 0830 hours led by the R.C.A.F. Band, marched to the service in the Park. After the Parade, the Officers of the other Units in the City were entertained in the Officer's Mess.

May 12 The slight outbreak of measles which occurred in April now appears to be on the wane. Normal Routine.

May 13 Thirty Canadian Airmen of the 17<sup>th</sup>. Entry arrived this date. Our first Nursing Sister, F.E. Anderson, also arrived and is a welcome addition to the Station.

May 14 Normal Routine.

May 15 Nursing Orderlies are continually arriving at the School for outfitting and are being used for fatigues as we are still short of General Duties personnel. These nursing Orderlies are performing some much needed work around the Station.

May 16 Commanding Officer's inspection at 0745 hours and again a general improvement in all ranks are noticed.

May 17 One hundred and forty Airmen from Australia and New Zealand arrived to complete the 17<sup>th</sup>. Entry. A number of these Airmen were suffering dysentery on arrival. All barrack huts are now occupied and it will be necessary to use the canteen and recreation room for new arrivals from this date. The need of a canteen and recreation room is becoming very acute as well as the need for additional barrack accommodation.

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Four additional Pilots also arrived for the Flying Squadron. Two Menasco Moths were damaged at the Flying Squadron, Hangar 6, No. 8 Repair Depot, when a flare was accidentally released from a Norseman. Squadron Leader M.M. Hendrick was appointed Investigating Officer.

May 18 Three Flights from this School took their part in the Annual decoration Day Parade under the Command of Squadron Leader E.L. Beach.

May 19 Normal Routine.

May 20 Normal Routine.

May 21 Normal Routine.

May 22 Word was received of the posting of Squadron Leader E.L. Beach overseas and a party was held in the Officer's Mess in his honour. The party was attended by all Officers on the Station and lasted well on into the night.

May 23 Commanding Officer's inspection at 0730 hours. The Station was visited by Air Vice Marshall Gobles, Chief Australian Liaison Officer, who lunched on the Station and gave an informal talk to the Trainees in the afternoon.

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May 24 Although this is usually a holiday, work was carried on as usual and the normal Saturday routine was carried out.

May 25 Normal Sunday Routine.

May 26 Three cases of mumps developed on the Station this day and were confined to the No. 17 Entry.

May 27 Normal Routine.

May 28 Additional cases of mumps developed. Contacts have been placed on the fourth floor of the Administration Building.

May 29 The mumps contacts were placed in quarantine until further notice. The situation is becoming more acute as further cases have developed.

May 30 Seven General Duties Airmen were taken on strength this date. These men were badly needed and should prove to be a great help in many ways on the Station.

May 31 Normal Routine. Forty Four trainees were given their first flight for air experience this date. This is the first day that the Flying Squadron have actually taken the trainees in the air.

#### Aircraft Strength

Serviceable	Norseman <u>IV</u>	5
	De Havilland Menasco Moths	21
Unserviceable	Norseman <u>IV</u>	Nil
	De Havilland Menasco Moths	3

IMAGE 1714

Training Progress: There has no delays in training because of illness. During the month of May, the 17<sup>th</sup>. Entry commenced training, and due to the lateness of their arrival, they were seven days late in commencement of their course.

The first ceased training case occurred this month, due to the inability of the trainee to assimilate the lectures.

A temporary transmitting Station was set up in the Sergeants Quarters pending completion of the W/T Station, the Out Station was completed during the month and portable D/F Stations were incorporated in the Radio Labs Section so that a more practical manipulation could be carried out. These should improve considerably the trainees facilities to operate D/F equipment in the air.

The end of the month finds the following laboratories and facilities yet to be made available:

- (a) Canadian General Purpose Lab. (12 Units)
- (b) TR 1090 Laboratory (5 Units)
- (c) Spotlight Trainers.

IMAGE 1715

Accidents: There have been no accidents to either M.T. personnel or aircraft during the month except the fire which occurred on May 17<sup>th</sup>, and partially destroyed two De Havilland Menasco Moths.

The end of the month finds the Wireless School well on its way to completion. The trenches for Central Stream Heating have been completed and the contractor should be finished with the Central Heating within the next two or three weeks. The drill hall is completed with the

exception of the maple flooring and this should be completed by the middle of next week. Before the arrival of the next entry, it will be necessary to transfer the canteen and recreation room to the drill hall in order that barrack accommodation for this entry may be provided.

Personnel Strength

Staff

Officers	R.C.A.F.	42
Airmen	R.C.A.F.	270

Service Personnel other than R.C.A.F.:-

Airmen	R.A.F.	2
Officers	C.D.C.	1
Other Ranks	C.D.C.	2
Other Ranks	R.C.A.M.C.	1

CIVILIANS -

Stenographers	14
Firemen	7
Carpenters	4
Cooks	8

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Mess Men	45
Laborers	3
Barrack Warden	1

TRAINEES

Airmen	R.C.A.F.	138
Airmen	R.A.A.F.	294
Airmen	R.N.Z.A.F.	290

(J.B. McAra) Flying Officer,  
for Commanding Officer,  
No. 3 Wireless School,  
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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June 1st.	Offi- <u>cers</u>	Airmen or other <u>ranks</u>	Civilians
<u>Personnel Strength</u>			
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	42	291	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
C.D.C.	1	2	
R.A.F.		8	
<u>Civilians</u>			
Barrack Officer			1
Others			109
TOTAL STAFF	43	301	110
TRAINEEES: R.C.A.F.		138	
R.A.A.F.		294	
R.N.Z.A.F.		290	

The month opened with rainy and dismal weather, and with the epidemic of mumps increasing at a alarming rate, it may be necessary to place the School under a working quarantine if new cases develope. All Roman Catholic personnel of the School attended Solemn High Mass at the St. Boniface Cathedral along with Roman Catholic personnel from other Units in the City.

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June 2nd. The Station was placed under a working quarantine, and with the exception of the living out Officers, all Officers and Airmen are confined to the Station. Entertainment is being arranged and on account of the cool rainy weather, special efforts are being made to keep everyone in a happy frame of mind.

June 3rd. Mumps epedemic still on the increase and although general quarantine is in effect, the morale of the Station remains good. The weather has continued rainy and cool, and it has been found necessary to fence off the sports field in order to save the turf.

June 4th. No unusual events. Normal routine. Trainees commenced Air Operating training.

June 5th. The Drill Hall has been finally completed and was occupied this day. Until now, in rainy weather parades have been held in the corridors of the Instructional Building. The Drill Hall will relieve this situation. It is unfortunate that this fine building, provided with a Maple Floor will have to be used as the Canteen and Recreational room in the next few days, but there is no other alternative as No. 7 Hut is now required for barrack space. An increase in the number of A.W.L. cases is quite apparent and necessary correction measures will be taken.

June 6th. The rain continues, and the whole station is a 'sea of mud'. We today received permission to use the field South of the present sports field as an addition to our territory, and we will build a football field which will make our present sports grounds available for

IMAGE 1719

June 6th, (Cont'd) Softball, Cricket and a Hockey Rink;. Soccer and Rugby can be played on the new sports field.

S/L Pollock assumed command of the Flying Squadron. Norseman 2473 was involved in a flying accident. There were no injuries, the fuselage and wing tips being damaged on landing. Major repairs will be required.

June 7th. The Commanding Officer addressed all personnel on the necessity of observing the quarantine.

June 8th. Normal Sunday routine. Both Roman Catholic and Protestant Church services being held in the Auditorium.

June 9th. Further property West of the present Station was obtained this date, a strip 250 feet wide, and this will contain the new Canteen, Sergeants Mess and two additional huts. A start will be made on the Canteen immediately. This is welcome news and it is hoped that all now proposed instructions will soon commence.

June 10th. Officers and Senior N.C.O's of the Nontechnical section were taken on a very interesting lecture tour of the Station by the Commanding Officer.

June 11th. The weather remains rainy overcast. Very few flying hours are being completed.

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June 12<sup>th</sup>. Nothing unusual happened this day, normal routine.

June 13<sup>th</sup>. The Commanding Officer's Inspection was held on the site of the new sports field. The Wireless Station has been completed and transmitting equipment has been installed and is ready for use. The Canteen was moved from Hut No. 7 to the Drill Hall to make room for the 19th, Entry. It is now apparent that on entry of a new class of trainees, the station will be short of space for at least twenty beds, it will be necessary to set up beds in the Drill Hall.

June 14<sup>th</sup>. Officers Mess meeting held at 1700 hrs. with the new President, F/O Duggan in the Chair.

June 15<sup>th</sup>. 72 Australians and 71 New Zealander Airmen arrived from overseas, and in accordance with Operation Order No. 6 (Attached is exhibit "A")(IMAGE 1725 & 1726). The mump quarantine is gradually being lifted, although the odd new case develops from day to

day.

June 16<sup>th</sup>. The 19th. Entry commenced training. There has been a fortunate break in the weather after two weeks of very unseasonable cool weather. Officer's Mess Dinner was held at 1930 hours with forty-six Officers present. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

June 17<sup>th</sup>. There has been an epidemic of small damages occurring on the Station. Screen windows and doors are being damaged nightly, and although the cost of the damage is not great they are causing the Maintenance Staff a great deal of inconvenience.

June 18<sup>th</sup>. The contractor started construction of the new canteen and is now busy cleaning brush from the newly acquired property.

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June 19<sup>th</sup>. There was an accident to Norseman No. 2472, piloted by F/O Philip, no injuries but major repairs will be required, the accident occurred on landing. Nine new cases of mumps developed in the last two days and it is now necessary to clear one hut for mump contacts. The remainder moving to the Drill Hall.

June 20<sup>th</sup>. Commanding Officer's Inspection on the new sports field which has now been completed with the exception of the goal posts. As inspections have been improving rapidly and the C.O. has now decided that it will be no longer necessary to hold the Inspection weekly.

June 21<sup>st</sup>. Normal Saturday routine.

June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Roman Catholic and Protestant Church Services held in the Auditorium. The usual Sunday routine carried out.

June 23<sup>rd</sup>. It has been decided to hold a Graduation parade for Entry No. 11 on Friday July 4th. For the next two weeks every effort will be made to have the Station looking it's best for that day. No. 11C completed their Air Operating and No. 11D commenced Air Operating training.

June 24<sup>th</sup>. The Officers under the leadership of W/C Godwin started working on the construction

IMAGE 1722

June 24<sup>th</sup>. (Cont'd) of the lawn in front of the Officer's Mess. It has been decided to use P.T. hours for working on this project, and it is hoped that it will be finished by Saturday June 28th.

June 25<sup>th</sup>. The working quarantine for mumps has now been discontinued, with the exception of about forty contacts of cases which have developed in the last few days.

June 26<sup>th</sup>. Due to the epidemic of Screen window damage in the huts, it was found necessary to remove the screens from three of the barrack huts. The trainees now realize that the mosquitoes in Canada are quite vicious and have asked that the Screen windows be replaced;- which we are today doing.

June 27<sup>th</sup>. Instead of the Commanding Officer's Inspection the O.C. Wing inspected No. 19 Entry this day.

June 28<sup>th</sup>. The lawn in front of the Officers Mess has been completed on schedule and is a very fine addition to the appearance of the Station.

June 29<sup>th</sup>. Normal Sunday routing with both Roman Catholic and Protestant Church services being held In the Auditorium.

June 25<sup>th</sup>. Final details of the graduation parade to be held on the 4th. have been worked out, and all personnel are busy improving the appearance of all parts of the Station. Five days of hard work should change the whole appearance, and with the completion of the roads it will be possible to keep the buildings in a much cleaner condition.

IMAGE 1723

#### Aircraft Strength

<u>Type</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
Moths	17	8
Norseman	3	2

#### Training Progress

Although the Station has suffered from a severe epidemic of mumps during the month, there has been little or know delay in training, because of this illness. The 19th, entry faced their training with no delay after their arrival on the 15th, of the month. Two more cases of Ceased Training occurred this month, both being due to medical reasons. To date we have only had three cases of Ceased Training. This speaks well for the type of trainee we are receiving on the Station. Out Station Building is still badly required. With the exception of McElroy equipment, keys and recorders which arrived during the month and were tested. No new equipment has been installed and there is still a shortage of Head-phones.

#### Accidents

Two accidents occurred during the month to Aircraft. There has been no accident

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either to Motor Transport or Personnel during the month.

The month of June started with a period of cool rainy weather which hindered the development of the School, however, around the middle of the month the weather changed and great progress has been made in improving the general appearance . During the month the Drill Hall and W/T Station were completed and occupied. It is hoped that before the end of next month at least, the Canteen will be completed and that hurrying action will be taken to erect at least one more barrack hut, as there is a great shortage of barrack accomodation.

### Personnel Strength

<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Offi- cers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	46	283	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
C.D.C.	1	2	
R.A.F.		8	
<u>Civilians</u>			
Barrack Officer			1
Others			109
TOTAL STAFF	<u>47</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>110</u>
TRAINÉES: R.C.A.F.		172	
R.A.A.F.		364	
R.N.Z.A.F.		361	

(J.B. McAra) Flying Officer,  
for Commanding Officer,  
No. 3 Wireless School,  
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

IMAGE 1725

### **EXHIBIT A    June 15, 1941,    NO. 3 WIRELESS SCHOOL.**

#### OPERATION ORDER NO. 6

#### RECEPTION OF COURSE NO. 19

June 14, 1941.  
File 4-1

## Information

1. 143 further Trainees for this course are expected to arrive, via C.P.R., at 1015 hours, 15-6-41.

72 from Australia  
71 from New Zealand

## Intention

2. To plan accommodation, reception, and detail duty.

## Method

3. Entry 19 will be barracked as follows:

3 classes in barrack No. 7  
Balance of men in barrack No. 8B

4. Wing will prepare barracks for occupation to include beds, mattresses, pillows, sheets, blankets, bed card holders, and waste cans.,

5. Wing will prepare index cards, bed cards and passes as completely as possible, prior to Trainees arrival.

6. Wing will arrange for collection of Trainees' baggage checks in advance before the train arrives. The checks will be handed by O/C train to N.C.O. i/c baggage, at the station.

7. On arrival Trainees will detrain and deposit baggage and blankets on baggage trucks drawn up on the station platform. The roll will be called.

8. Trainees will embus and be driven directly to the School, debussing in front of the main Instructional Building and proceeding into the Auditorium.

9. The baggage truck will proceed to the roadway running to the rear of the barracks, stopping between barracks 7 and 8, and will remain there, with its driver, until the Trainees have been allotted to their beds.

10. Trainees' will be grouped in Flights of 45.

11. Typists will complete registration cards, bed cards and passes.

12. As each group of ten is registered, they are to be escorted to the hospital for examination by the Medical Officer.

13. They will then be escorted to the proper barrack block by an

N.C.O.

14. These Trainees will not be sent to Equipment Section until after kit inspection, which will take place on the following dates:

23- 6-41	19A	Periods 6 and 7
24- 6-41	19B	Periods 6 and 7
25- 6-41	19C	Periods 6 and 7
26- 6-41	19D	Periods 6 and 7

IMAGE 1726

(2)

15. Barrack block will be completely ready to receive the Trainees. The Corporal in charge will show each man to his allotted bed and secure his signature for the blankets thereon.

16. At 0915 hours 16-6-41, each class will be paraded to a point designated by the Chief Instructor, who will be responsible for arranging the necessary gradation tests.

17. The complete entry will then be assembled to be welcomed by the Commanding Officer, at which time the S.A.O., or other officer designated, will outline briefly, the trainee pass system and station Standing Orders.

18. Flying Officers Chapman, Thompson and Gillean, will attend at the Railway station on arrival of the train, and Wing Headquarters will provide an N.C.O. and will also be responsible for arranging for two general duties to assist with the baggage at that time. Flying Officer Chapman will act as Officer in charge.

19. O/C Wing will be responsible for co-ordination of all arrangements and all discrepancies and difficulties will be referred to him.

for (H.B. Godwin) Wing Commander,  
Commanding Officer,  
No. 3 Wireless School, RCAF.,  
Winnipeg, Manitoba,

Distribution	Copies
C.O.	2
S.A.O.	6
Adj.	1

-quip.	2
O/C Wing	4
O/C Com.	2
C.I.	6
M.O.	1
S.W.O.	20
File	3

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July 1st.		<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
<u>Personnel Strength</u>				
STAFF:	R.C.A.F.	46	277	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>				
	C.D.C.	1	2	
	R.A.F.		2	
<u>Civilians</u>				
	Barrack Officer			1
	Others			78
	<b>TOTAL STAFF</b>	<u>47</u>	<u>281</u>	<u>79</u>
TRAINEES:	R.C.A.F.		162	
	R.A.F.		6	
	R.A.A.F.		366	
	R.N.Z.A.F.		360	

Although a National holiday work continued as usual until noon when the Commanding Officer allowed all except skeleton staff to take the afternoon off. The Station was visited

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July 1<sup>st</sup>. (Cont'd) by Group Captain Isitt, R.N.Z.A.F., who addressed the New Zealand Trainees. Arrangements are proceeding for the first Graduation Parade, namely the graduation of the Eleventh Entry which will take place on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Special efforts are being put forth to keep the Station in a clean and tidy condition. As a result of a tour of inspection by the Commanding Officer it was decided to divide the responsibilities as to the cleanliness of various portions of the Station. Each section has been made responsible for the grounds surrounding their building and starting from this day an award

will be made each week to the hut having the cleanest appearance for the preceding week. A practice Graduation Parade was held at 1700 hours and as usually the case a very mediocre turn out was held.

July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Following a day of physical labor by everyone, in order to have the Station looking its best, the Eleventh Entry held a Graduation Dinner in the Old Mess Hall which was attended by the Eleventh Entry and approximately forty guests. The evening was a great success and the entertainment lasted well on into the morning.

July 4<sup>th</sup>. Graduation Day for the Eleventh Entry. Graduation Parade was held 1500 hours on the parade ground. The School paraded in the form of a hollow square and the Air Officer Commanding attended and presented wireless badges to the graduating class.

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July 4<sup>th</sup> (Cont'd) After the presentation Air Officer Commanding addressed the graduating class and took a salute from the entire Wing. The school was opened to the public until 1800 hours and after a tour of the Station refreshments were served in the New and Old Mess Halls as well as the Sergeant's Mess and the Officer's Mess. There were 171 members of the Eleventh Entry who graduated, the balance of 9 out of 180 being class transferred with the exception of those who have ceased training for medical reasons.

July 5<sup>th</sup>. Seventy New Zealand Airmen of the Eleventh Entry departed for Mountain View and Fingal Ontario. One hundred and forty-one new trainees from Australia and New Zealand comprising the Twenty-First Entry arrived on the Station. The balance of the Twenty-first Entry being made up of Canadians.

July 6<sup>th</sup>. The usual Sunday routine carried out and the balance of the Eleventh Entry were posted as follows: 33 to No. 5 Bombing & Gunnery School, Dafoe, Saskatchewan.  
34 to No. 2 Bombing & Gunnery School, Mossbank, Saskatchewan.

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July 6<sup>th</sup>. (Cont'd) 34 to No. 3 Bombing & Gunnery School, Macdonald, Manitoba. The 33 posted to No. 5 Bombing & Gunnery School consisted of the Canadian Trainees of the Eleventh Entry. Class 13B received their first air experience.

July 7<sup>th</sup>. The Station was shocked to hear of an automobile accident in which Corporal Fortner, J.D. of the Instructional Staff and LAC Roberts, A.J. Australian Trainee were killed. LAC Glenton-Wright and LAC Sides were severely injured. The popular promotion came through this day when Squadron Leader Hendricks was promoted to Wing Commander.

July 8<sup>th</sup>. Second fatal accident to personnel of this school happened this date when F/O T. J. Cook (C3010) was killed and LAC Orr, W.E. injured in an aeroplane crash involving Menasco

Moth No. 4868, at Lilyfield, Manitoba.

Air Vice Marshall Goble of the R.A.A.F. visited the Station in the afternoon on a routine visit.

July 9<sup>th</sup>. Funeral of LAC Roberts, A.J. was held this date. The funeral parade was under the command of F/O Chapman and burial took place in Brookside Cemetery. The second aircraft accident in as many days occurred when Sergeant Heard ground looped Menasco Moth No. 4866 in take off from scene of forced landing.

IMAGE 1731

July 10<sup>th</sup>. Right Honorable Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada visited the Station. The Prime Minister and his party arrived at the School at 1500 hours and inspected the Guard of Honor under the Command of F/Lt. J. M. Smith. The band from No. 2 Training Command was in attendance and the Guard turned out a very smart appearance. After the inspection of the Guard of Honor the Prime Minister took the salute, march past being held in front of the Instructional Building. The Prime Minister made a short inspection of the Station visited the Labs, and Lecture Rooms.

July 11<sup>th</sup>. Funeral for the late F/O Cook was held this date and was attended by all Officers of the Station. Interment took place in Brookside Cemetery.

July 12<sup>th</sup>. The third aircraft accident of the week occurred when Sergeant Heard crashed in Menasco Moth No. 4873, approximately two miles west of Lilyfield, Manitoba. A dance was held in the Officer's Mess in the evening and was enjoyably attended by a number of visitors from Command and No. 7 Equipment Depot.

IMAGE 1732

July 13<sup>th</sup>. F/O Gillingham was involved in flying accident at 1800 hours in Menasco Moth 4874 in field north of this airport. Class 13C received their first air experience.

July 14<sup>th</sup>. Normal routine of the Station. After apparently cleaning up the mumps epidemic, F/O Gillean was this day hospitalized and the Officer's house quarantined.

July 15<sup>th</sup>. The monthly mess dinner was held in the Officer's Mess at 1900 hours, preceding the dinner Wing Commander Hendrick celebrated his promotion with a cocktail party. Moving pictures of the Graduation parade were shown and F/Lt. J. M. Smith who was quarantined in the Officer's house was allowed to see the moving pictures.

July 16<sup>th</sup>. Constuction is progressing on the new canteen. Sergeant's mess and new barrack hut. It is hoped to have these buildings ready for occupancy within the next month. The main road to the Station is in a deplorable condition and it seems impossible to get action to repair this road.

July 17<sup>th</sup>. F/O Cormack crashed Menasco Moth 4859 on take off from forced landing, four

miles south of Marchand, Manitoba. The Protestant Padre F/Lt. P. M. Stewart (C1921) is a welcome addition to the staff and we are, now complete with two Padres

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July 17<sup>th</sup> (Cont'd) so that moral and religious welfare of the Station is well taken care of.

July 18<sup>th</sup>. It was decided to resume Commanding Officer's Inspections and the first was held this date.

July 19<sup>th</sup>. Wing Commander Hendrick assumed command of the Station during the absence of Wing Commander Godwin. Four ceased training orders became effective this date.

July 20<sup>th</sup>. Normal Sunday routine with both Protestant and R.C. Church services being held. The Protestant Service being conducted for the first time by F/Lt. P. M. Stewart.

July 21<sup>st</sup>. Final examinations for the Fifteenth Entry commenced. The weather has been exceedingly hot. With the arrival of P/O S. G. Rice (5615) the establishment of Administrative Officers is complete. There now being an Administrative Officer for each Squadron of the Wing.

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July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Normal routine carried out. The weather continues very hot.

July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Commanding Officer accompanied by F/O Taylor left by motor for Lac du Bonnet to repair radio in Strainraer Aircraft, being ferried to Pacific Coast. F/Lt. Smith, F/Lt. Stewart, F/O Duggan and Chapman accompanied the Commanding Officer to assist in the work. An enjoyable afternoon was spent at Lac du Bonnet.

July 24<sup>th</sup>. Due to the exceedingly hot weather the Commanding Officer has authorized shorts to be worn by all personnel within the confines of the School only.

July 25<sup>th</sup>. Commanding Officer Inspection at 730 hours followed at 900 hours by Officer's Mess meeting at which financial statements covering the quarter ending June 30 were presented showing the Officer's Mess to be in a good financial condition. In the evening the Sergeant's Mess held their first entertainment which was enjoyably attended by approximately forty guests. It is hoped that the Sergeant's will soon have their mess completed.

July 26<sup>th</sup>. Continuing hot weather with normal Saturday routine being carried out. Class 15B received their first air experience.

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July 27<sup>th</sup>. Both Protestant and R. C. Church parades. Station Padres being in charge of both

services. A new flying schedule has been set up and under this schedule no further flying will take place on Sundays. This is a welcome relief to the members of the Flying Squadron who are having their first Sunday holiday this date.

July 28<sup>th</sup>. Continuing warm weather. Graduation of Thirteenth Entry has been arranged for Friday, August first and an easy week is in store for everyone preparing for the Graduation Parade.

July 29<sup>th</sup>. Aircraft accident involving Menasco Moth 4872 at St. Laurent, Manitoba. Sergeant Hamm, the pilot being slightly injured and LAC Mac Murchy injured to lesser extent. The aircraft was badly damaged.

July 30<sup>th</sup>. A start on the construction of the Outstation building assumed this date. There are now under construction five new buildings on the Station and as all are badly

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July 30<sup>th</sup>. (Cont'd) needed it will be welcome news when these buildings are completed.

July 31<sup>st</sup>. Final preparations being made for Graduation Parade to be held on August first. It has been learned that 27 members of the Thirteenth Entry have failed their course.

#### Aircraft Strength

<u>Type</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
Norsemen	4	1
De Havilland Menasco Moths	17	8

#### Training Progress

There has been little or no delay during the month in training because of illness. Thirteenth Entry completed their Air Operating and air experience was given to the Fifteenth Entry. During the month the weather has been exceedingly warm although quite clear and 1567 hours and 50 minutes were flown during the month of July. Precis covering instructions to Wireless Air Gunners was completed during the month and has been issued to all W.A.G.'s. There have been four class transfers

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during the month due to illness prior to the month of July. The failures in the Thirteenth Entry were due to not having the required speed in Morse in some cases, and failing to pass their Air Operating in others. The R. 2 Lab was opened during the month. There is still a great need for an Outstation Building but as construction has commenced this will no doubt be ready within the next month.

### Accidents

Many accidents occurred during the month to aircraft. There have been no accidents to Motor Transport and it is regretted that there have been three fatal accidents to personnel. Two being caused by the automobile accident at Lockport, the other being an aircraft accident. The month of July has been exceedingly hot this however has allowed for a general improvement in the appearance of the Station and with the completion of the building at present under construction the staff will be able to proceed with their landscaping on the whole Station Area. The canteen will be completed within the

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next two weeks and it is hoped that a new barrack hut will also be completed so that the Drill Hall may be used for the purpose for which it was intended.

<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	49	329	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
C.D.C.	1	2	
R.A.F.		8	
<u>Civilians</u>			
Barrack Officer			1
Others			89
TOTAL STAFF	<u>50</u>	<u>339</u>	<u>90</u>
TRAINEES: R.C.A.F.		165	
R.A.A.F.		369	
R.N.Z.A.F..		360	
R.A.F.		6	

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for Commanding Officer,  
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August 1st.			Airmen	
<u>Personnel Strength</u>		<u>Officers</u>	or other	<u>Civilians</u>
			<u>ranks</u>	
STAFF:	R.C.A.F.	49	329	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>				
	C.D.C.	1	2	
	R.A.F.		8	
<u>Civilians</u>				
	Barrack Officer			1
	Others			89
	TOTAL STAFF	50	339	90
TRAINEES:	R.C.A.F.		165	
	R.A.F.		6	
	R.A.A.F..		363	
	R.N.Z.A.F.		360	

It was intended to hold a Graduation Parade and exercises for the Thirteenth Entry on this date but at three o'clock in the afternoon a cloudburst washed out the intended parade. Graduation Exercises were held in the Drill Hall with the Commanding Officer presenting the Wireless Badges to the Graduating Class. There were thirty-three members of Entry No. 13 who failed to pass their course. Thirteen of these were transferred to the Fifteenth course to be known as Fifteen E. The other was transferred to Course No. 19. In the evening the first dance to be held in the new Drill Hall was proceeded with and although very damp was a decided success.

August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Word was received today that new entry will arrive Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, and as the new barrack hut has not been completed it will again be necessary to use the Drill Hall as barrack accommodation.

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August 3<sup>rd</sup> The graduating members of Entry No. 13 departed for their respective Stations and new entry to be known as Entry No. 23, composed entirely of Canadians arrived from Trenton. One flight of the new entry totalling forty-five airmen is being housed in the Drill Hall, which makes very unsatisfactory accommodation.

August 4<sup>th</sup> Commanding Officer today gave permission for the organization of a Corporal's ; dining mess. The Station was visited by a number of Sergeant Air Gunners of the Eleventh

Entry who have completed their training at Bombing & Gunnery Schools. Today being a Civic Holiday the Station is shorthanded of necessary help. The construction of the Outstation Building was commenced.

August 5th All Officers attended the first Court Martial to be held on this Station with the majority of the Officers present it was their first attendance at a Court partial, which was proceeded by a lecture to all Officers by the Commanding Officer who explained the workings of the Court. The Station was visited by Air Commodore Ryan of Ottawa.

August 6th Ten General Duties Airmen arrived on posting from No. 2 Manning Depot, Brandon. For the first time since the Station opened we have enough General Duties Airmen to carry out all the work required. The Station is taking on a different physical appearance and within a few weeks should be second to none.

August 7th Funeral party for Captain Williams (Ferry Pilot) was provided by this Station and was under the Command of Flight Lieutenant Severin.

August 8th Commanding Officer's Inspection under the command of Squadron Leader Pollock due to the illness of both Wing Commander Godwin and Wing Commander Hendrick.

August 9th Start was made on Skeet Shooting Traps with a demonstration on the north sports field. The new Protestant Chaplain has been posted on Temporary Duty to No. 3 Training Command, Montreal.

August 10th Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Services held. The Command Chaplain Squadron Leader H. McFarlane officiating at the Protestant Service and the Station Padre at the Roman Catholic Service.

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August 11th Wing Commander Hendrick assumes temporary command of the Station due to the absence of Wing Commander Godwin. Normal Station routine.

August 12th An informal dinner was held in the Officer's mess at 1830 hours to afford all Officers the opportunity of wishing our popular Medical Officer Flight Lieutenant Gamble bon voyage. Flight Lieutenant Gamble is proceeding overseas.

August 13th A number of class transfers are occurring due to failure of technical knowledge especially Morse as well as illness. Each accounting for about 50% of the transfers.

August 14th Normal Station routine.

August 15th Commanding Officer's Inspection was held at 0800 hours with Wing Commander Hendrick in charge of the parade. A Guard of honor under the command of Flight Lieutenant Severin was provided at No. 8 Repair Depot for the Duke of Kent. The Guard was inspected

by the Duke of Kent and congratulated on their smart appearance.

August 16th Normal Station routine.

August 17th Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Services were held and although Flight Lieutenant P.M. Stewart the Protestant Padre returned to the Station from temporary duty at No. 3 Training Command the Protestant Service was conducted by the Rev. M. J. Gray. Roman Catholic Service being conducted by the Station Padre Hon. Flight Lieutenant Vinet.

August 18th Wing Commander Godwin returned from a weeks leave and Wing Commander Hendrick relinquished temporary command of the Station

August 19<sup>th</sup> The new canteen and recreation building is practically completed and the temporary canteen located in the Drill Hall has been closed in order to transfer the stock and fixtures to the new building. As soon as the new barrack hut No. 20 is completed the

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August 19th (Cont'd) Drill Hall will be available for its original purpose and it is intended to lay out basketball, baseball, tennis and badminton courts. A proper stage and dressing rooms are also planned for the Drill Hall in order that during the winter months proper entertainment will be available.

August 20<sup>th</sup> Greater attention is to be paid from this date to physical training and in order to allow time for a revised schedule the noon work parade has been discontinued and the noon meal hour for Headquarters Staff has been advanced one-half hour. It is hoped that everyone on the Station will have at least three periods of physical training or games per week.

August 21<sup>st</sup> Normal Station routine.

August 22<sup>nd</sup> Commanding Officer's Inspection held at 0800 hours when all Officers were again given the opportunity of acting as Squadron or Flight Commanders.

August 23<sup>rd</sup> The weather has been extremely cool and has been very uncomfortable to the Australian Trainees, it has therefore been decided that summer dress will be optional from this date.

August 24<sup>th</sup> Protestant, and Roman Catholic Church Services conducted by the Station Padres.

August 25<sup>th</sup> Approximately 100 civilian school teachers taking the Cadet Instructors Training Course arrived at the Station. Their course will last for approximately a week and each morning will be spent on instruction on the Station, their afternoons being spent with the Flying Squadron. Instructors have been provided by No. 2 Training Command, and we have had numerous visitors on the Station.

August 26<sup>th</sup> We were today visited by Mr. James Barrow, Minister for Air, for the Dominion of New Zealand, accompanied by Wing Commander Davis the New Zealand Liaison Officer. Mr Darrow addressed the assembled New Zealand Trainees in the Drill Hall and lunched with the Commanding Officer.

August 27<sup>th</sup> The Station was visited by Sir William Glasgow, Australian High Commissioner to Canada and Air Vice Marshall Goble the Chief Australian Liaison Officer. The visitors

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August 27<sup>th</sup> (Cont'd) spent most of the day on the Station and Sir William Glasgow addressed the Australian Trainees, after which he took the salute on the march past. Both visitors remained for lunch and wellon into the afternoon at which time they interviewed individually many of the Australian Trainees.

August 28<sup>th</sup> This was a day of preparation for the Graduation Exercises of the Fifteenth Squadron to be held tomorrow, August 29<sup>th</sup>.

August 29<sup>th</sup> At the request of Civilian Cadet Instructors the Commanding Officer held his usual Friday morning inspection, which was witnessed by the above mentioned instructors. Graduation Parade for the Fifteenth Entry took place at 1600 hours and as we were honored by the presence of Group Captain Woolley, R.A.F., who was visiting the citation the Commanding Officer asked him to present the Wireless Badges. Following the presentation Group Captain Woolley briefly addressed the graduating class. The Station was again open to visitors and in the evening our second dance was held in the Drill Hall. This same to be very enjoyably attended and might be considered a huge success.

August 30<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine.

August 31<sup>st</sup> Church Parade for all personnel on the Station was held on the north sports field at 0900 hours. Flight Lieutenant Stewart officiating and the Commanding Officer reading the Lesson. Following the Church Parade the whole Station, led by Wing Commander Godwin, took part in a route march about six and a half miles. It was an ideal day for both the Church Service and the route march and no ill effects were felt by anyone. Members of the graduating class Entry No. 15 were excused as they departed from the Station in the evening.

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#### Aircraft Strength

<u>Type</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
Norsemen	5	1
De Havilland Menasco Moths	19	6

### Training Progress

The Fifteenth Entry completed their Air Operating and the Seventeenth Entry was given air experience. Although the weather has been extremely cool during the latter part of the month. Very little sickness has resulted and there has been little delay in training because of illness. During the month 1721 hours and 5 minutes of flying were accomplished. A start was made on the construction of the Outstation Building which should be completed by the middle of September. There were nine class transfers during the month, four of which were due to illness and five due to lack of Technical Knowledge.

### Accidents

There were no accidents during the month to aircraft. There have been no accidents to Motor Transport and no serious accidents have been suffered by personnel. The general appearance of the Station has again improved and our only real need at the moment is more barrack accommodation. New barrack hut No. 20 should be completed by the end of September at the latest.

<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	50	329	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
C.D.C.	1	2	
R.A.F.		8	
<u>Civilians</u>			
Barrack Officer			1
Others			84
<b>TOTAL STAFF</b>	<u>51</u>	<u>339</u>	<u>85</u>
TRAINÉES: R.C.A.F.		300	
R.N.Z.A.F..		309	
R.A.A.F.		299	
R.A.F.		8	

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for Commanding Officer,  
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September 1st

<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	51	329	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
C.D.C.	1	2	
R.A.F.		8	
<u>Civilians</u>			
Barrack Officer			1
Others			84
TOTAL STAFF	52	339	85
TRAINÉES: R.C.A.F.		349	
R.N.Z.A.F..		315	
R.A.A.F.		301	
R.A.F.		8	

The Twenty-fifth Entry commenced training this date. This entry consisted of 72 airmen of the R.N.Z.A.F. and 95 airmen in the R.C.A.F. Labor Day, but with the exception of the Civilian Staff training continued as usual. Officers' Mess meeting was held at 1100 hours in the Officers' Mess, routine business only was attended to.

September 2<sup>nd</sup> Normal routine.

September 3<sup>rd</sup> Normal routine. The weather has been wet and cold for the past week or more and the need for increased recreational facilities for winter months is quite evident. The present recreational hut is proving much too small and it is planned to convert the Drill Hall into a Games Room to be used in the evenings during the winter months.

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September 4<sup>th</sup> Rainy cold weather continues and the fine appearance of the Station is becoming a thing of the past as the gravel roads are disappearing and the continual wet weather is putting a stop to all proposed improvements to the grounds.

September 5<sup>th</sup> Miss Ishbel Mutch, "Lyric Soprano", presented a concert in the Auditorium to an appreciative audience. It is hoped that further concerts of this nature will be available during the coming season.

September 6<sup>th</sup> Mr. Dunstone, Minister of Supply for the Dominion of New Zealand, accompanied by Group Captain Izitt of the Royal New Zealand Air Force, visited the Station and inspected the New Zealand Trainees in the Drill Hall. He later interviewed the New Zealand Class Seniors and seemed very pleased with their progress.

September 7<sup>th</sup> Church parades both Protestant and Roman Catholic held in the Auditorium.

Protestant Church Parade being held by Fl/Lt. P.M. Stewart and Hon. Fl/Lt. J.L.A. Vinet officiating at the Roman Catholic.

September 8<sup>th</sup> A new system of privileges commenced this day and in future all airmen below the rank of Corporal will be in at 2200 hours with the exception of one day a week and the issuing of the usual 36 hour pass at week-end. This change has been made due to the general slackness in discipline which has appeared during the last few weeks.

September 9<sup>th</sup> The cool wet weather still continues and it has now been found necessary to use the Canteen and Recreation Rooms for game periods as parade ground has become unfitting for Dill parades. It is unfortunate that the new Parade Square is still under process of construction and it is hoped that it will be completed before the winter months.

September 10<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine.

September 11<sup>th</sup> The past two days have shown a fine improvement in the weather and once again a start on construction work has been made. The Out Station building is practically completed.

September 12<sup>th</sup> Commanding Officer's Inspection held at 0730 hours on the North Sports Field, due to the wetness of the grounds the normal parade was discontinued and on completion of the inspection the Wing was dismissed.

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September 13<sup>th</sup> A meeting of all Officers was held by the Commanding Officer, when proposed changes in the Training Schedule were discussed. Normal Saturday routine carried out.

September 14<sup>th</sup> Protestant Church Parade was held at Grace United Church. Parade composed of one Officer, one Flight Sergeant and 225 airmen from this Station attended. A special Church Parade for all Roman Catholics was held in the Auditorium, Command Chaplain Hon. Squadron Leader L.A. Costello conducted the Services assisted by Flight Lieutenant J.L.A. Vinet.

September 15<sup>th</sup> Sergeant's Mess has at last been completed and is today being occupied. This is a fine addition to the Station and has been greatly needed. The room in the Service Building, previously occupied as a Sergeant's Mess will be now available as a reading and writing room, the need of which has been felt during the past rainy weeks.

September 16<sup>th</sup> The monthly Officer's Mess dinner was held at 1950 hours. Many distinguished visitors from other Stations in the City attended and a very enjoyable evening was held.

September 17<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine.

September 18<sup>th</sup> Commanding Officer's Inspection at 0745 hours on the North Sports Field. It

was possible to carry out a full parade and the Commanding Officer was very well satisfied with the turn out.

September 19<sup>th</sup> After a few very nice days the weather again turned cold and rainy. The construction of the Spotlight Training Building is again delayed and the necessity of providing a new temporary building with some method of heating is quite apparent.

September 20<sup>th</sup> Protestant Church Parade held in the Auditorium with Squadron Leader H. McFarlane, Command Chaplain, officiating. Roman Catholic Church Parade held with Hon. Flight Lieutenant J.L.A. Vinet officiating. It is unfortunate that Flight Lieutenant

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September 21<sup>st</sup> (Cont'd) P.M. Stewart, the Protestant Chaplain has been posted, again leaving the Station without a Protestant Padre.

September 22<sup>nd</sup> Officers' Mess meeting held at 1100 hours and Squadron Leader W.L. Pollock was elected President of the Mess. F/O J.A. Emery being elected to the Mess Committee. Several very lively discussion took place with regard to Mess Furnishings and other pertinent business.

September 23<sup>rd</sup> At 1330 hours the Station was visited by Air Vice Marshal L.S. Breadner, Chief of the Air Staff, Air Vice Marshal H. Edwards, Air Member for Personnel of the Air Council; Mister S.L. de Carteret, Deputy Minister of Air and Air Commodore A.B. Shearer. Parade was formed up on the North Sports field as Wing in Mass and was under the Command of Wing Commander H.B. Godwin. After the general salute had been given Air Vice Marshal Breadner took the salute on a march past of the whole Wing. Possibly due to the poor condition of the field the Parade did not seem as smart as usual and the necessity for further drill is quite apparent. After a short inspection of the Administration Building, the Official Party departed from the Station at 1415 hours.

September 24<sup>th</sup> The graduation of the 17th Entry has been arranged for September 25th and preparations are going forward for the usual graduation exercises.

September 25<sup>th</sup> Graduation Parade for the 17th Entry was held at 1600 hours. For the second time within a week the Wing Parade did not present the usual fine appearance. The Graduation Exercises are not coming up to the standing of previous ones. The Station was open to visitors from 1600 hours to 1800 hours and in the evening a very fine dance was held in the Drill Hall, despite the coolness of the weather this dance was attended by just as many if not more than the previous ones have been.

September 26<sup>th</sup> Preparations are going forward for the dispersal of the 17th Entry. Out of a record entry of 208 Airmen 165 graduated, 54 being transferred to the 19th or later entries and 9 having to Cease Training for medical reasons, chiefly. There has been a lessening made in the Class Transfers and Ceased Trainings.

September 27<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine.

September 28<sup>th</sup> The usual Sunday Church Parades, both Protestant and Roman Catholic were held.

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September 29<sup>th</sup> Twenty-seventh Entry consisting of 166 R.C.A.F. Trainees commenced training.

We have received no Australian or New Zealand Trainees with this Entry.

September 30<sup>th</sup> The fitting up of the Out Station Building is being proceeded with and as soon as heat is installed this building will be ready for classes.

#### AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>Type</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
Norsemen	5	1
De Havilland Menasco Moths	20	5

#### Training Progress

The Seventeenth Entry completed their Air Operating and the Nineteenth Entry was given air experience. The weather has been extremely cool and wet and flying time has been reduced to 1424.40 hours, this, however, is a very creditable performance in view of the weather conditions. Training is generally proceeding quite satisfactorily the only change to be made during the month is that in the twelfth week of training, radio instruction has been increased, the Trainees now receiving two hours of radio instruction per day in place of one\* previously.

#### Accidents

There were no accidents during the month to aircraft. R.C.A.F. motor vehicle No. 2325 (Station Wagon) was involved in a motor accident on Monday, September 15. Severe damage was done to this vehicle and F/O R.G. Rathwell has been appointed Investigating Officer. No serious accidents have been suffered by personnel. Sufficient buildings are now available on the Station for barrack accommodation and as soon as heat has been installed in Hut No. 20 the Drill Hall will be vacated as a barrack hut. Due to the inclement weather the Spotlight Training Building has progressed very slowly.

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<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	46	342	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
C.D.C.	1	2	

R.A.F.	8		
<u>Civilians</u>			
Barrack Officer			1
Others			83
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TOTAL STAFF	47	352	84

TRAINEES:	R.C.A.F.	500
	R.N.Z.A.F..	240
	R.A.A.F.	154
	R.A.F.	8

(J.B. McAra) Flying Officer,  
for Commanding Officer,  
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Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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October 1st.

<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	47	343	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
C.D.C.	1	2	
R.A.F.		8	
<u>Civilians</u>			
Barrack Officer			1
Civilians			83
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TOTAL STAFF	48	353	84

TRAINEES:	R.C.A.F.	500
	R.N.Z.A.F..	240
	R.A.A.F.	154
	R.A.F.	8

Normal routine carried out.

October 2<sup>nd</sup> Our popular Physical Training Officer, F/O G.E. Chapman has been posted to Trenton, Ontario, for a P.T. Course of eight weeks, but will return to this Station on completion of his course. In the meantime F/O E.T.M. Duggan is in charge of sports and P.T., and a start is being made to convert the Drill Hall into an evening sports room.

October 3<sup>rd</sup> Our Commanding Officer, Wing Commander H.E. Godwin left on temporary duty

to Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Wing Commander M.M. Hendrick assumes Temporary Command of the Station.

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October 4<sup>th</sup> Temporary heating facilities have now been installed in the Canteen, Hut No.20, the Sergeants Mess and the outstation. It is hoped that permanent heating arrangements will be completed before the end of the year.

October 5<sup>th</sup> Normal Sunday routine with both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Services. The Protestant service being conducted by Squadron Leader H. McFarlane and the Roman Catholic service being conducted by Honorary Flight Lieutenant J.L.A. Vinet.

October 6<sup>th</sup> The weather has again been cold and rainy and it seems impossible to complete our roadways. The Spotlight Trainer building is now well under construction, and fortunately the wet weather will no longer delay the construction of this building.

October 7<sup>th</sup> Nothing of unusual incident. Normal routine carried out.

October 8<sup>th</sup> At a meeting of the Department heads. Wing Commander Hendrick outlined a new system of class movements. It has been decided to discontinue the morning Canteen break-period and classes will now be marched to and from their class rooms to the Mess hall and Drill hall for break. This system should eliminate a great deal of the careless appearance of the airmen going to and from classes.

October 9<sup>th</sup> Menasco Moth No. 4879 was accidentally damaged by a forced landing at the south end of Stevensons Field at 1620 hours. Fortunately, there were no serious injuries suffered by the occupants.

October 10<sup>th</sup> Final examinations for the 21st entry commenced and will continue for 2 days.

October 11<sup>th</sup> Normal routine.

October 12<sup>th</sup> Normal Sunday routine with both Protestant and Roman Catholic services conducted as usual.

October 13<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Day - Normal Monday routine was carried out on the Station and the only people being effected by the holiday being the civilian employees. Effective this date there are 9 class transfers, 8 airmen being transferred from Entry No. 23 to Entry No. 25 and 1 from Entry No. 23 to Entry No. 27. In the latter case the reason was due to illness. The others being due to poor Morse progress. Effective this date, there are

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October 13<sup>th</sup> there are 5 Ceased Training, all being due to their Morse progress being so poor

(Cont'd) that training has been discontinued.

October 14<sup>th</sup> During the last few days a number of Mumps oases have again appeared but so far the Medical Officer has managed to send all cases to the City hospitals and it has not been necessary to put into effect any quarantine system on the Station.

October 15<sup>th</sup> A special Officers Training Course (Signals) commenced, and nine newly appointed Officers arrived to spend the next six months at this Station for instruction. The weather continues wet and cool.

October 16<sup>th</sup> A Commanding Officer's Inspection was held at 0745 hours. Due to the poor appearance of both Officers and airmen on the last few parades the Commanding Officer has broken his inspection into two days, and some time was spent going through the routine of a March Past.

October 17<sup>th</sup> The second Commanding Officer's Inspection was held at 0745 hours and again both Officers and airmen were given full instructions as to the routine of the March Past. Both of the above mentioned inspections were carried out under usual weather conditions.

October 18<sup>th</sup> A much needed institution - the Airmen's Writing Room, has at last been set up in the old Sergeant's Mess and should be functioning within the next few days.

October 19<sup>th</sup> Normal Sunday routine, and Church services. As word has been received of Flt. Lt. Vinet's posting over-seas, and this was his last service, it is unfortunate that the Station is losing such a popular officer.

October 20<sup>th</sup> Normal routine.

October 21<sup>st</sup> Wing Commander Godwin returned from Temporary Duty to Halifax, Nova Scotia, and

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October 21<sup>st</sup> assumes Command of the Station. In the evening the monthly Officer's Mess (cont'd) Dinner was held and was made a farewell party for Flt. Lt. J.L.A. Vinet.

October 22<sup>nd</sup> Preparations for Graduation Day, being the graduation of the 19th Entry, to be held the 24th October, 1941, are under way. Considering the weather, the Station is now looking as fine as it has at any time during the year.

October 23<sup>rd</sup> Normal station routine.

October 24<sup>th</sup> Graduation for Entry No. 19 was held at 1700 hours. Parade was formed on the North Sports field and following the presentation of the Wireless Badges, a March Past took place. Wing Commander Godwin taking the salute. The parade showed a decided improvement

over previous graduation parades. In the evening the monthly dance was held in the Drill Hall and was very enjoyably attended by a record of airmen and their guests.

October 25<sup>th</sup> The Soccer and Rugby teams from R.A.F. Station, Carberry, visited this station in the afternoon and defeated our soccer team by a wide margin, losing to our rugby team. In the evening the visiting sportsmen were entertained by a banquet in the Airmen's Mess. The day was spent in a general clean-up of the station in preparation for the Inspector-General's visit.

October 26<sup>th</sup> The normal routine was cancelled and Monday's routine substituted. The Inspector-General, Air Vice Marshall G.N. Croil, accompanied by Air Commodore A.B. Shearer arrived at the station at 0930 hours and immediately proceeded on an inspection of the station property. The Inspector-General remained on the station until 1430 hours and was entertained at lunch in the Officers' Mess. Work continued until 1700 hours.

October 27<sup>th</sup> First snow-fall of the year, foreshadowing the arrival of winter weather. As we have a few Australian and New Zealand trainees, the snow-fall was quite a novelty for them, and snow-ball fighting etc, was the rule of the day with the result that several windows and panes of glass were broken. Mrs. Gladys Forrester and her troupe presented a concert in the Auditorium and arrangements are proceeding for more entertainment of this type during the winter months.

October 28<sup>th</sup> Due to the severity of the present outbreak of mumps it is again necessary to institute a working quarantine. It is hoped that the present outbreak will be controlled and will not necessitate a general quarantine such as we had in June.

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October 29<sup>th</sup> The layout of the Drill Hall has been started and F/O E.T. Duggan is endeavouring to make available the greatest number of games possible. Recreation facilities being at a premium on this Station, every space will have to be used during the coming months.

October 30<sup>th</sup> Normal station routine.

October 31<sup>st</sup> Due to the fact that the Inspector General's visit took place on Sunday, the weeks work was completed at noon this day and every one, with the exception of the Duty Watch received 48 hour passes.

#### AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

Type	Serviceable	Unserviceable
Norsemen	6	0
De Havilland Menasco Moths	22	5

#### Training Progress

The nineteenth entry completed Air Operating and Graduated on October 24th. The outstation building, although completed and heated, has not yet been put into use. The Spotlight Trainer Building is rapidly progressing and should be completed by the end of

November. The first Officer's Training Course commenced on October 15th. Morse instruction is still the weak point of the majority of the trainees. During the month 1631.15 hours were flown.

Accidents

Menasco Moth No. 4879 was slightly damaged by a forced landing on October 9th, Squadron Leader H.K. Herriott being appointed Investigating Officer. There were no accidents to Motor vehicles and no serious accidents have been suffered by Personnel of the Station.

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<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	59	345	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
C.D.C.	1	2	
R.A.F.		3	
<u>Civilians</u>			
Barrack Officer			1
Others			87
	<hr/> 60	<hr/> 350	<hr/> 88
TRAINÉES: R.C.A.F.		627	
R.N.Z.A.F..		174	
R.A.A.F.		76	
R.A.F.		3	

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for Commanding Officer,  
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November 1st <u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	59	345	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
C.D.C.	1	2	
R.A.F.		3	
<u>Civilians</u>			
Barrack Officer			1
Others			87
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/> 87

TRAINEES: R.C.A.F.	627
R.N.Z.A.F..	174
R.A.A.F.	76
R.A.F.	3

Station on a 48 hour pass so that, with the exception of Duty Watch it presents a deserted appearance. It is the intention of the Commanding Officer to continue the practice of working through the week end of the arrival of the new entry each month and to grant a 48 hour pass to the whole station on the following week end.

November 2<sup>nd</sup> Having no Station Chaplain, arrangements were made to have the Roman Catholic personnel attend Mass at St. Ignatius Church. No Protestant church service was held. We have been advised that both Protestant and Roman Catholic Chaplains will be posted to the Station the latter part of December.

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November 3<sup>rd</sup> A start was made on laying out the Drill Hass as a Games Room. Two basketball courts, four badminton courts, two volleyball courts and a deck tennis court are planned. With the exception of basketball standards this work will be completed by November 5th. The wire netting for the window protection is already installed and on the completion of this work a very necessary recreation centre will be a very welcome addition to the Station.

November 4<sup>th</sup> The Headquarters Staff Photograph which was taken yesterday was not satisfactory and it has been decided to retake this photograph at a later date. Commencing November 5th movies will be shown three times a week, for the winter months at least.

November 5<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine.

November 6<sup>th</sup> Class 25A and 25B received air experience. The Station band is making rapid progress and it was decided to purchase several additional drums and trumpets in order that we may have a first-class band.

November 7<sup>th</sup> Commanding Officer's Inspection was held at 0750 hours, the inspection being carried out by Squadron Leader W.R. Pollock, as the Commanding Officer was holding a drill test for the officers, with the exception of the Officers of the Flying Squadron and officers of the Signals Course. Those failing to pass this drill test will be subject to an intensive course in drill, which will be carried out during the winter months. Class 25C and 25D received Air Experience. Final examinations for the 21st entry were held.

November 8<sup>th</sup> Normal Saturday routine.

November 9<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day Church parade was held this day, and a contingent of 225

airmen attended.

November 10<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine.

November 11<sup>th</sup> A contingent from No. 3 Wireless School took part in Remembrance Day parade, under the command of Flt. Lt. C.R. Higgins, at 1100 hours. Balance of the station paraded on the North parade square and a Remembrance Day Service was held under the command of the Commanding Officer. Otherwise the day was a normal working day.

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November 12<sup>th</sup> It is proposed to publish a station magazine for No. 3 Wireless School, the first edition to be published on or about December 10<sup>th</sup>. F/O H.J. Bird has been appointed editor, and it is hoped that personnel will take enough interest in this publication so that it can be made a permanent quarterly magazine. Air Vice Marshal Goble, Australian Liaison Officer visited that Station and interviewed the few remaining Australian trainees. He seemed quite satisfied with the progress of the Australians and it is hoped that during 1942 we again receive entries composed of airmen of the Royal Australian Air Force.

November 13<sup>th</sup> Due to the severity of the weather, it is now necessary to keep the steam on 24 hours a day. At the present time five buildings are supplied with temporary heat and it will be at least January 31<sup>st</sup> before Central Steam Heating is installed in these buildings. A start has been made in the construction of additional boiler room space, and it is hoped that an early start will be made in the construction of steam lines for the new buildings. The space heaters used in Barrack Hut No. 20 and the Sergeant's Quarters as well as the Outstation Building, are not proving at all satisfactory.

November 14<sup>th</sup> Commanding; Officers Inspection at 0750 hours. This was a particularly cold morning and the whole parade was taken on a short route march by the Commanding Officer. As a number of the new airmen have not sufficient Winter clothing, Parkas were worn by those not issued with greatcoats. The need of additional clothing was readily seen.

November 15<sup>th</sup> Normal station routine.

November 16<sup>th</sup> Protestant Church parade held. Squadron Leader H. McFarlane, Command Protestant Chaplain officiated.

November 17<sup>th</sup> The weather has been very windy and has now turned cold, so that the the flying has had to be discontinued on several occasions during the first part of the

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November 17<sup>th</sup> (cont'd) month, due to high winds and poor visibility.

November 18<sup>th</sup> Preparations are going forward for the graduation of the 21<sup>st</sup> Entry, which will

be held on Friday, November 21st. It would appear at this date that there will be a number of failures in the 21st Squadron.

November 19<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine.

November 20<sup>th</sup> Staff Photograph of Headquarters squadron re-taken on this day. Headquarters posed in the Drill Hall, and it is hoped that this photograph will turn out much better than the earlier one.

November 21<sup>st</sup> Graduation Day for the 21st Squadron. Graduation parade held at 1645 hours on the North Sports ground and due to the severity of the weather the parade did not take more than one-half hour. The Graduation Dance was held in the evening in the Drill Hall and though on the whole the entertainment is improving there is still room for great improvement in the monthly dances. The P.A. system installed during the last month did not prove satisfactory and it would appear that it will be necessary to spend a considerable sum of money to convert the Drill Hall into a suitable place for entertainment. A good number of visitors were present on the station and the Graduation Dance might be considered a huge success. It is hoped that by December, further improvements will have been made.

November 22<sup>nd</sup> Results of examinations for the 21st Entry are now available and it would appear that out of a total of 208 airmen in the 21st Entry, 134 passed, 74 being either failures or class transfers for further instruction. This is the greatest number of airmen to have failed to graduate in any entry to date. Lack of Morse training would appear to be the chief cause of failures. Sixteen men of Class 21 have been recommended for Cease Training, effective 24.11.41, and the balance are to be given extra instruction in Entry No. 23 E.

November 23<sup>rd</sup> This being the weekend of the arrival of the 31st Entry, Sunday was considered as Monday and work was continued as usual during the day. The 31st Entry consisting of R.C.A.F. trainees arrived on the Station.

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November 24<sup>th</sup> The Tailor Shop and Barber Shop are now located in the basement of the Service Building. The Canteen is gradually taking on a better appearance and it is hoped that before Christmas, furniture will arrive and that a proper Writing Room will be ready for occupation.

November 25<sup>th</sup> The Skeet Shooting Traps have now been moved to within the Station area and are located north of the Spotlight Trainer Building, which has been practically completed. Other than the construction of the New Boiler House, construction has been nearly completed on the Station although recommendations have been forwarded on the construction of a larger canteen and recreation building. It is hoped to start construction of the Skating Rink during the present week.

November 26<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine.

November 27<sup>th</sup> Due to the fact that the following week end will again be a general 48 hour pass. Pay Day is being held this day. Effective tomorrow evening the station, with the exception of Duty Watch will be on a 48 hour pass. A farewell party for F/O M.P. Brosseau was held in the Officer's Mess. Flying Officer Brosseau will be a great loss to the Station as he was one of the original officers and has taken a great interest in the development of the Station.

November 28<sup>th</sup> Work discontinued at 1200 hours.

November 29<sup>th</sup> A very quiet day, with only skeleton staff on the Station.

November 30<sup>th</sup> A very quiet day, with only skeleton staff on the Station.

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AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
Norsemen	6	0
Dehavilland Menasco Moths	23	2

Training Progress

The 21st Entry completed Air Operating and graduated on November 21st. Outstation Building has not yet been put into use and outstations have been moved from the first floor of the Main Instructional Building to the 2nd floor. Spotlight Trainer Building has been completed and will gradually be put into use. The week point of the majority of Trainees still seems to be Morse instruction and the majority of the 74 failures of the 21st entry were not able to assimilate the instruction in Morse. The Officers Training Course is proceeding. Although the weather during the month was unsuitable for flying the total flying schedule was completed. Up to date the total of 1219.45 hours were flown during the month.

Accidents

No accidents were suffered by aircraft, personnel or M.T. during the month of November.

<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	67	363	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
C.D.C.	2	8	
R.A.F.		2	
<u>Civilians</u>			
Barrack Officer			1
Others			84
	<hr/> 69	<hr/> 373	<hr/> 85

TRAINEES: R.C.A.F.	749
R.A.A.F.	12
R.N.Z.A.F..	134
R.A.F.	2

(J.B. McAra) Flight Lieutenant  
for Commanding Officer,  
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December 1st

<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	67	359	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
C.D.C.	2	8	
R.A.F.		2	
<u>Civilians</u>			
Barrack Officer			1
Others			87
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	69	369	88

TRAINEES: R.C.A.F.	500
R.N.Z.A.F..	240
R.A.A.F.	154
R.A.F.	8

The Station resumed work after a 48 hour weekend and an endeavor is being made to have all recreation facilities in shape by the Christmas Season. Construction of the skating rink was started this day and Mr. Hall is working on a Christmas programme for those who remain on the Station. It is intended to have as many recreation facilities as possible ready so that contests can be held through the Christmas holiday season.

December 2<sup>nd</sup> The weather has been abnormally mild for this time of the year and what snow there has been has melted. This may delay the construction of the skating rink. The Flying Squadron are getting in an abnormally large percentage of hours due to the fine weather and hope to

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complete their schedule by Saturday.

December 3<sup>rd</sup> Three popular promotions received this day Flying Officers Anderson, Duggan and Emery being promoted to Flight Lieutenants. The steam heating trenches are proceeding rapidly and it is hoped that before the end of December the central heat will have been supplied to all buildings and our temporary method of heating done away with.

December 4<sup>th</sup> Fine weather continues and it is now definite that the flying schedule will be completed by Saturday, December 6. Announcement of the Christmas holiday season has been received and no doubt the majority of the Station will take advantage of the 5 days leave at Christmas time.

December 5<sup>th</sup> Commanding Officer's Inspection held at 0750 hours and as usual on an occasion like this the weather has turned much more severe so that parade was finally held in the Drill Hall.

December 6<sup>th</sup> Entry No. 25 received their final examinations today, and the 27th Entry proceeded on air experience.

December 7<sup>th</sup> Protestant Church Service held in the Auditorium with Squadron Leader H. MacFarlane officiating. It is expected that both Protestant and Roman Catholic Chaplains will arrive on the Station within the next few days at which time normal church services may again be held.

December 8<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine.

December 9<sup>th</sup> Weather has become much cooler and winter caps have been taken into wear. Word has been received that Wireless Air Gunners course has been lengthened by 4 weeks. The course will now be 24 weeks duration and there will be no graduation in January. Class transfers and a small entry to arrive later in December will make up the additional entry of 150 trainees.

December 10<sup>th</sup> The first edition of the School Magazine, the Winnipeg WAG, made its appearance this date and the editorial staff received many compliments on the make-up of the magazine. It is intended to issue a quarterly publication. The second edition being our anniversary number, which will be published in February, 1942.

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December 11<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine.

December 12<sup>th</sup> Commanding Officer's Inspection held at 0750 hours and due to the severity of the weather, the Flight Commanders inspected their flights and the whole parade broke off within 20 minutes. The skating rink is proceeding and furniture for the Airmen's Canteen has arrived and changes the whole appearance of this building. Further furniture will be obtained as funds permit and by the end of January it is hoped to have both the Canteen and the Writing

Room fully furnished. It appears at this date that there may be some delay in the installation of central heating.

December 13<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine.

December 14<sup>th</sup> Protestant Church parade was held in the Auditorium and Flight Lieutenant G.E. Phillips officiated. Flight Lieutenant Phillips arrived on the Station on December 12, and the Roman Catholic Padre is expected early next week.

December 15<sup>th</sup> The first pay day of December has made a decided difference to the holiday spirit around the School. Everyone now realizes that Christmas is fast approaching. The two large evergreen trees at the front entrance to the Instructional Building have been lighted as well as the arch over the main gateway. Decorated Christmas trees are being installed in the Airmen's Mess, the Canteen, Sergeant's Mess and Officers' Mess, as well as the Hospital and the whole Station is taking on a very Christmasy appearance.

December 16<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine.

December 17<sup>th</sup> Preparations are proceeding for the graduation of the 23rd Entry, which will take place on Thursday. It was necessary to hold the graduation one day earlier than usual as postings must be completed before the Christmas holiday season starts.

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December 18<sup>th</sup> Graduation of the 23rd Entry. Graduation ceremonies took place on the parade square with Wing Commander Godwin, Wing Commander Hendrick and Squadron Leader Running presenting the Wireless badges. Visitors were allowed on the Station and following graduation a dance was held in the Drill Hall at 2100 hours. Special efforts have been made during the past month to improve the public address system and improve both the decorations and the class of entertainment provided at the monthly dances. Although there was a smaller attendance than usual everyone seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly.

December 19<sup>th</sup> It has been decided that all trainees with the exception of those failing to attain average marks in Morse will be given Christmas leave. At the present time this means that all trainees with the exception of 67 will be permitted to leave the Station from Cease Work on the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the morning to the 29<sup>th</sup>. Needless to say the Wing are exceptionally busy at the present time arranging transportation, leave, etc.

December 20<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine.

December 21<sup>st</sup> Church parade for the whole Station was held at 0900 hours in the Drill Hall with Flight Lieutenant G.E. Phillips officiating. The Band of the Canadian Legion were in attendance and a Christmas Carol Service followed. This is our second full church parade and in future much better arrangements will have to be made regarding the general procedure of the service.

December 22<sup>nd</sup> There will not be very much work done for the next two days as everyone is preparing for the Christmas holiday. At this date it looks as if we will not have more than 200 on the Station during the period of Christmas leave.

December 23<sup>rd</sup> The female staff were entertained in the Officers' Mess during the afternoon and it might be said that work ceased at noon of this day. The rest of the afternoon being spent in entertainment. The school closed officially at 5 o'clock this evening and will not be opened until the morning of the 29th. With the exception of Fire Picquet, Guards, Service Police and the necessary personnel to carry out Station duties it is imagined that the Station will be quite desolated for the next few days.

December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas holidays, no work.

December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas holidays, no work.

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December 26<sup>th</sup> Christmas holidays, no work.

December 27<sup>th</sup> Christmas holidays, no work.

December 28<sup>th</sup> Christmas holidays, no work.

December 29<sup>th</sup> After the long holiday season it was rather difficult to return to work, so much so that approximately 120 Airmen did not return. The majority of these gradually arrived through the day and some of the worst excuses ever heard of were presented to substantiate there being a few hours late.

December 30<sup>th</sup> It now appears that our central heating will not be installed for another six weeks. The Outstation Building has been occupied and classes are taking their instruction in this building.

December 31<sup>st</sup> The year ends with training instruction proceeding in a normal manner. Both the Sergeants' and the Officers' Mess entertained New Year's Eve, both dances lasting well on into the next morning and being very enjoyably attended.

#### AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
Norsemen	6	0
Dehavilland Menasco Moths	23	2

#### Training Progress

Proceeded normally during the month with the exception that possibly a

greater number of class transfers and Ceased Training Orders were carried out. This possibly being

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due to the slightly poorer educational qualities of the trainees we are now receiving. The Outstation Building has been put in use during the month and the Spotlight Trainer Building is gradually being occupied. The skeet shooting range has been moved to north of the Spotlight Trainer Building and both revolver and rifle ranges will be in use within the next week. The weather generally during the month was not suitable for flying but the Flying Squadron completed their schedules and flew a total of 1330.35 hours during the month.

Accidents

No accidents were suffered by aircraft, personnel or M.T. during the month of December.

<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	72	357	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
C.D.C.	2	8	
R.A.F.		2	
<u>Civilians</u>			
Barrack Officer			1
Others			118
TOTAL STAFF	74	367	119
TRAINÉES: R.C.A.F.		706	
R.A.A.F.		9	
R.N.Z.A.F..		110	
R.A.F.		2	

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for Commanding Officer,  
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January 1st <u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	72	357	

<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>		
C.D.C.	2	8
R.A.F.		2
<u>Civilians</u>		
Barrack Officer		1
Others		118
TOTAL STAFF	<u>74</u>	<u>367</u>
		<u>119</u>

TRAINEES: R.C.A.F.	706
R.N.Z.A.F..	110
R.A.A.F.	9
R.A.F.	2

With the exception of the Duty Watch and Fire Picquet, Station on New Year's Day Holiday. The Officers' Mess held their annual reception from 1000 to 1200 hours in the morning, very few visitors attended. In the afternoon all Officers attended the Lieutenant Governor's reception and from there visited the Air Officer Commanding at the Dromore Avenue Mess.

January 2<sup>nd</sup> Station resumed normal working routine and is now settled down to normal working hours after the prolonged festive season. Arrangements are being completed for extra entertainment to be held every evening for the next two weeks or until next pay day at least as most of the trainees and staff will be very short of funds.

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January 3<sup>rd</sup> Flight Lieutenant D.W. Leonard, popular Signals Officer, in charge of air Operating was posted to R.C.A.F. Station Newfoundland. It is very difficult to realize that 38 Officers have been posted from this Station since its opening on February 17, 1941.

January 4<sup>th</sup> Both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Services held with Station Padres conducting Services. It is now intended to hold the Roman Catholic Church Service in the Writing Room and Fl/Lt. Leveque is very pleased with the arrangements for his Services.

January 5<sup>th</sup> Squadron Leader W.R. Pollock, popular Officers' Mess President and O.C. of the Flying Squadron, has been posted to No. 1 Wireless School. Fl/Lt. Higgens has been appointed temporary Officers' Mess President.

January 6<sup>th</sup> The first week of the month and year has been extremely cold. The temperature on this date being 32° below, as a result the Flying Squadron are having some difficulty in maintaining schedules, and if the weather continues the number of hours flown this month will be very small.

January 7<sup>th</sup> A more serious program of physical training has been undertaken and commencing this date both Officers and men will spend at least one hour per day on physical training. The

Spotlight Trainer Building is gradually being put into use and commencing this date the shooting range is in operation.

January 8<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine.

January 9<sup>th</sup> Due to the severity of the weather the Commanding Officer's Inspection was dispensed with on this date.

January 10<sup>th</sup> The Flying Squadron completed their schedule on this date and for the period of January 11 - 14 inclusive no flying is scheduled this being due to the fact that a training schedule has been increased from 20 - 24 week commencing this month, no graduation will take place during the month of January.

January 11<sup>th</sup> Normal Sunday routine with both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Services being held.

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January 12<sup>th</sup> The personnel of the Flying Squadron are attending lectures for the following five days, and they will no doubt become better acquainted with the Station during this period.

January 13<sup>th</sup> The hockey rink is now in use every evening and the hockey schedule has been drawn up on a Station basis the Commanding Officer not approving of entering a team in the City league. Each Squadron is represented by a hockey team as well as Headquarters who have entered 4 teams in the league. The entertainment program as mentioned earlier in this Diary has been carried out very effectively by Mr. Frank Hall, the Y.M.C.A. Representative, and some form of entertainment has been provided each evening.

January 14<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine.

January 15<sup>th</sup> The weather has become a great deal milder which is very welcome to those living in buildings supplied with temporary heating facilities. Some trouble has been caused by frozen water pipes, due to the lack of snow which would ordinarily provide a protective blanket around the buildings.

January 16<sup>th</sup> The Station Bugle Band, having been entered in the Band Contest sponsored by the Winnipeg Tribune, won second prize at the Civic Auditorium on the evening of this date. Due to the fact that our band is made up entirely of tradesmen, it is felt by all that a wonderful showing was made by the Band and that with a few months more of practice they will be easily the best Bugle Band in the City of Winnipeg. An international Band Contest will be held in Minneapolis in June and if the Band improves as much within the next few months as it has done in the past it is the intention of the Commanding Officer to ask for permission to send our Band to this contest.

January 12<sup>th</sup> Flying Officer C.H.P. Killiok has been appointed Officer Commanding the Flying

Squadron. Due to the fact that the training program has been increased to 24 weeks no

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January 17<sup>th</sup> (Cont'd) Initial Training Examination will be held for the 33rd Entry this month. Normally this examination would have taken place on this date.

January 18<sup>th</sup> Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Services held with Fl/Lt. C.E. Phillips and Fl/Lt. Leveque respectively in charge.

January 19<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine.

January 20<sup>th</sup> The Sergeants' Mess dinner was held this evening and the senior N.C.O.s have decided to proceed with the furnishing and decorating of their mess. Permission has been granted to the senior N.C.O.s to hold a monthly dance the last Friday of each month.

January 21<sup>st</sup> Normal Station routine.

January 22<sup>nd</sup> Normal Station routine. Eight cases of Ceased Training effective this date, the majority of which were caused by the inability to assimilate Morse Training.

January 23<sup>rd</sup> First Commanding Officer's Inspection of the New Year was held this date followed by a route march through the town of Tuxedo. Officers' Mess meeting at which two new members of the Mess Committee were elected replacing Fl/Lt. Smith and F/O Gillean. The new members being Fl/Lt. Carter and F/O Taylor. F/O Tarbolton has been posted to No. 4 S.F.T.S. Saskatoon, F/O Morton has been appointed the new Messing Officer for the Officers' Mess.

January 24<sup>th</sup> Despite the severity of the weather during the earlier part of the month, the Flying Squadron has been able to maintain their flying schedule and up to this date the schedule is completed for the month.

January 25<sup>th</sup> Roman Catholic and Protestant Church Service held.

January 26<sup>th</sup> Normal Station Routine.

January 27<sup>th</sup> The weather although mild has become very foggy. Very little flying has been carried out during the past few days.

January 28<sup>th</sup> Normal Station Routine.

January 29<sup>th</sup> The Officers and N.C.O.s hockey team played the first game of the season on this date

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January 29<sup>th</sup> and despite lack of condition made a very favorable showing against the strong M.T., Service Police, who appear to be the pick of the Station. The Commanding Officer scoring the only goal of the Officers, N.C.O. team. The hockey league is working out wonderfully well and it now appear that although we waited a long time for our rink the wait was worthwhile.

January 30<sup>th</sup> The Paymaster was a very popular gentleman on this date and it would appear that the weekend will be very quiet on the Station as the majority of the trainees will take advantage of their 36 hour leave to visit parts unknown.

January 31<sup>st</sup> The month ended very quietly except for the Flying Squadron who had one of their best flying days of the year. Despite this fact, due to the bad flying weather in the latter part of the month the flying schedule for the month was two days behind.

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
Norsemen	6	0
Dehavilland Menasco Moths	23	2

Training Progress

Due to change in training schedule far greater number of class transfers than normally were carried out during the month. The new 24 week schedule is now working smoothly and although there was no graduation during the month of January the 26th Entry will graduate in February and from this date on training should be back to normal. Both the Spotlight Trainer Building and Outstation Building are now in full use, and the Officers' Signals Course have spent a great deal of time on Outstation Work during the month. Although weather was generally unsuitable for flying the total number of 718 hours and 5 minutes were put in for

IMAGE 1774

Flying Squadron during the month of January.

Accidents

No accidents were suffered by aircraft or personnel during the month although there was a slight accident to M.T. Vehicle No. 1302 damaged to the extent of approximately \$75.00 being caused.

<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	67	377	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			

C.D.C.	2	9	
R.A.F.		2	
<u>Civilians</u>			
Barrack Officer			1
Others			106
	<u>TOTAL STAFF</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>388</u>
			<u>107</u>

TRAINEES:	R.C.A.F.	662
	R.N.Z.A.F..	83
	R.A.A.F.	2
	R.A.F.	5

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February 1<sup>st</sup>

<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	67	377	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
C.D.C.	2	9	
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Normal Sunday routine. Both Roman Catholic and Protestant Church Parades. The Protestant Church Parade is now being held in the Auditorium and the Roman Catholic Service in the Writing Room, which is a much more satisfactory arrangement. The necessity of a new organ for the Auditorium is obvious and arrangements are proceeding to purchase one.

February 2<sup>nd</sup> A system of extra technical instruction has been instituted. Extra Morse, Radio Theory, and Armament Instruction commenced this evening. These are the subjects with which the Trainees have the most difficulty.

February 3rd Sports organization is now running quite smoothly with two hockey leagues, a basketball and a volleyball league in operation. Normal Station routine carried out.

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February 4th Invitations forwarded to Life Magazine to attend the graduation exercises of the 27th Entry who graduate on March 13. It is intended to hold a special graduation ceremony with representatives of Life Magazine attending. Invitations are also being forwarded to representative of the various United Nations Air Force and it is hoped that the Air Officer Commanding, No. 2 Training Command, will delegate one of the senior officers to present the wireless badges. The 27th Squadron are planning a Squadron banquet at the Fort Garry Hotel on the night of March 12.

February 5th Normal Station Routine.

February 6th Commanding Officer's Inspection carried out on Station parade grounds. Normal routine.

February 7th Commencing this date a slight change is being made in the normal Saturday routine. Training will now cease at 1200 hours instead of 1230 as heretofore.

February 8th Both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Parades held and conducted by the Station Chaplains. Normal Sunday routine carried out.

February 9th Nothing of interest or of an unusual nature to report possibly the normal midwinter lull is the reason for the lack of unusual items of interest.

February 10th No. 2 Training Command Band concert held in Drill Hall and it was very poorly attended, possibly due to the fact that the ordinary band concert is not of interest to the majority of Airmen. It is proving very difficult to provide suitable entertainment other than picture shows at which a large turn out can be expected. No doubt the reason for this is the close proximity of the city of Winnipeg to the Station.

February 11th Normal Station routine.

February 12th Graduation parade and exercises for the 25th entry. This makes the 8th entry to graduate from No. 3 Wireless School. Parade was held on the Station parade square and full ceremonial drill procedure followed. The wireless badges were presented by Wing Commander Godwin, Flight Lieutenant Taylor and Flight Lieutenant McAra. The Graduation exercises were followed by a Station dance in the evening which was very poorly attended. Although the question of improved entertainment has been continually brought to the attention of those in charge of the Station dances it seems very difficult to have the quality of the dance improved.

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February 12<sup>th</sup> If these dances are to be a success some drastic measures should be taken  
(Cont'd) immediately.

February 13<sup>th</sup> The usual Commanding Officer's Inspection dispensed with, normal Station routine, carried out.

February 14<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine.

February 15<sup>th</sup> The policy of carrying out the full working week the weekend a new entry arrives on the Station is again resumed and a full staff are working this day which is being considered as Monday. This routine will carry out throughout the week until Friday at noon when the Station will proceed on a 48 hour pass. An impromptue compulsory Church Service was held at 1000 hours in the Drill Hall. The 37<sup>th</sup> Entry arrived in the evening and consisted of 71 New Zealand Trainees and 70 R.C.A.F. Trainees, both arriving from No. 2 Manning Depot, Brandon, Manitoba.

February 16<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine.

February 17<sup>th</sup> Normal Routine.

February 18<sup>th</sup> For the past week it has been known that Army exercises are to take place in Winnipeg of February 19. As this Station has not been notified officially of any part in the undertaking the Commanding Officer, The Adjutant, the S.A.O. and the O.C. Wing have been quietly working on an anti-sabotage plan. This has been kept quite secret and although the Station proceeded on normal routine this date the Officers were asked to return to the Officers' Mess at 2100 hours at which time the Commanding Officer outlined the plan on defense for the Station Area. It of course has been presumed that this Station will be attacked. Every Officer was given a specific duty to attend to. Four portable radio stations were set up within an area of fourteen miles around the Station. Three defense armies were

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February 18<sup>th</sup> organized and the internal security of the Station was more than tripled. At 2200  
(Cont'd) hours the Airmen were assembled in the Drill Hall and advised of the plan by Wing Commander Godwin. Station defence plans went into effect immediately and all entering the Station after 2200 hours were considered as enemies until proven otherwise.

February 19<sup>th</sup> The "If Day Program" as outlined yesterday proceeded until 0900 hours this morning.

Although no attack materialized on the Station the plan of operation worked wonderfully well and a very enjoyable evening and early morning was put in by the Officers and men carrying out the defence of the Station. A great number of amusing incidents occurred and a great deal was learned as to tactical operations in a scheme of this kind. Due to the fact that the majority of

those on the Station were working all night the regular Station routine was dispensed with and from 1000 hours a holiday was declared by the Commanding Officer.

February 20<sup>th</sup> Normal Saturday routine carried out until 1300 hours and as this date is considered as Saturday the whole Station proceeded on 48 hour pass at the above hour.

February 21<sup>st</sup>  
& 22<sup>nd</sup> Station deserted except for Duty Watch.

February 23<sup>rd</sup> Station resumed normal routine. Two cases of Scarlet Fever have made their appearance in the new Entry 37 and the Station Medical Officer Squadron Leader Running has quarantined this entry in barrack hut No. 4.

February 24<sup>th</sup> Two more suspected cases of Scarlet Fever have developed and the Station Medical Officer has instituted a very strict quarantine on Entry 37. It would appear that this disease developed among the New Zealand Trainees while they were at No. 2 Manning Depot, Brandon, and it is hoped that no further cases occur.

February 25<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine.

February 26<sup>th</sup> The repainting of games markings on the Drill Hall floor have been completed and the Drill Hall has been thrown open to all ranks effective this date. Complete basketball volleyball, badminton standards are now erected and the drill hall presents more or less the appearance of a gymnasium.

IMAGE 1779

February 27<sup>th</sup> Commanding Officer's Inspection held at 0750 hours. No further cases of Scarlet Fever have developed.

February 28<sup>th</sup> Normal Saturday routine.

#### AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
Norsemen	6	0
Dehavilland Menasco Moths	23	2

#### Training Progress

Training schedule has been carried out smoothly during the month. Flying schedule has been kept up to date despite unfavorable weather and as at February 28, the flying schedule was complete for the month. During the month the system of extra instruction was instituted. The Spotlight Trainer Building is now in full operation and has recently been added to the Central Steam Heating system of the School. During the month of February 17 Trainees were C.T'd and 28 were transferred to other entries, A total of 1088.35 hours of flying were put

in by the Flying Squadron during the month.

With the exception of the Out Station all temporary buildings have now been added to the Central Steam Heating System and no construction is being carried out at the present time.

Accidents

No accidents were suffered by M.T. vehicles. One "D" Category accident during the month of February was suffered by the Flying Squadron. An airscrew being broken when an

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Aero-Engine Mechanic stepped into it. This accident occurred on February 28 and Fortunately the mechanic was not injured.

<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	67	380	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
C.D.C.	1	8	
R.A.F.		2	
<u>Civilians</u>			
Barrack Officer			1
Others			108
TOTAL STAFF	68	390	109
TRAINÉES: R.C.A.F.		639	
R.N.Z.A.F..		118	
R.A.A.F.		1	
R.A.F.		5	

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IMAGE 1781

March 1st <u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	67	380	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
C.D.C.	1	8	
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	R.A.F.		5	

Normal Sunday routine. Both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Parades, held under the direction of the Station Chaplains. Flt. Lt. J.K. Herriot (C421), struck off strength of No. 3 Wireless School on posting the Western Air Command. Flt. Lt. C.R. Higgins (C3371) Struck off strength on posting to No. 15 S.F.T.S. Claresholm, Alta. No flying was scheduled for this date.

March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The outstation building is being remodeled, work commenced this date. The raised platform previously installed in this building is being removed and twenty-eight cubicles for individual instruction are being constructed. It is hoped that after the present alterations are completed, full use may be made of this building.

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March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Invitations have been forwarded to representatives of all the United Nations to attend the Graduation ceremonies of the 27th Entry, which will be held on March 13th. It is intended to make this graduation a very special occasion and commencing tomorrow, March 4th, practice parades will be held each day to ensure the best graduation parade we have yet had.

March 4<sup>th</sup> Normal station routine.

March 5<sup>th</sup> The weather has been extremely mild and the station is again taking on the appearance of a quagmire. It was necessary to cancel this afternoons practice parade due to the condition of the parade ground.

March 6<sup>th</sup> Commanding Officer's Inspection held at 1630 hours, when further instructions regarding graduation parade were detailed. M.T. vehicle No. 1504 (Ambulance) was damaged in collision with civilian vehicle. Damage to the extent of approximately \$75.00 occurred, but fortunately there were no personnel injured.

March 7<sup>th</sup> Normal station routine.

March 8<sup>th</sup> Both Protestant and Roman Catholic church parades were held followed by Normal Station Routine.

March 9<sup>th</sup> The last week of preparation for the graduation exercises of the 27th entry. Unfortunately the weather has been extremely mild for this time of year, and the grounds of the station are in an extremely muddy and wet condition as the parade square has not yet been hard

surfaced.

It is hoped that cold weather will arrive before Friday so that the Graduation parade will take place under a lesser handicap than if the parade ground were in a wet condition.

March 10<sup>th</sup> Summer hats taken into wear. Normal station routine.

March 11<sup>th</sup> First visitors for the graduation exercises arrive, Flt/Lt. W. Rugalski and Flt/Lt. J. Widawaki of the Polish Air Force arrived in the morning and were met by the Commanding Officer. Both officers remained on the station until after lunch and were entertained in the afternoon by Flying Officer McArdle.

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March 12<sup>th</sup> Normal Station Routine. In the evening a banquet for the 27th Squadron was held in the Fort Gerry Hotel. This was followed by a dance. A great number of visitors attended and the whole affair should be considered as a great success. The second copy of our station Magazine, the Winnipeg WAG, was published and on sale this date, and was receiving many favourable comments.

March 13<sup>th</sup> Graduation Day - 27th Squadron, Flt. Lt. Lund, Royal Norwegian Air Force arrived in the morning and was entertained in the Officers Mess. The day was warm and bright and although the footing was bad an excellent graduation parade was held. The ceremonies commenced at 1500 hours with the arrival of Group Captain Bonham-Carter, Acting Air Officer Commanding No. 2 Training Command. After the General Salute, medals were presented to the three leading airmen of the graduating entry. This is a new departure on this station and will be followed monthly hereafter. Wireless badges were presented by Group Captain Bonham-Carter, Wing Commander Mitchell of No. 2 Training Command, and Mr. Klieforth, American vice-consul, for the City of Winnipeg. Following the graduation, the graduating entry were addressed briefly by Mr. John Bird of the Winnipeg Tribune, and then on the command of Wing Commander Godwin, marched past in close column of flights and made a very fine impression, indeed. Group Captain Bonham-Carter took the salute, and due to the excellence of the No. 3 Wireless Drum and Trumpet Band, the marching was exceedingly good. About 400 spectators attended the graduation and were comfortably seated behind the saluting base. Many representatives of the Allied Nations were on hand, including representatives of the Polish Air Force, Royal Norwegian Air Force and the Free French Government. Also noticed among the spectators were several ranking air force and army officers with their wives. Following the graduation the station was opened to visitors until 1800 hours. In the evening the Station Dance was held in the Drill Hall. There was a good attendance for the first time in many months. An excellent floor show was presented and the entertainment was of a much higher calibre. An experiment was tried in that the wet canteen was allowed to remain open, but this experiment proved a dismal failure and in the future refreshments will be served in the new mess hall.

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March 14<sup>th</sup> Normal Station Routine. Initial Training Examinations held in the mess hall for the 37th Entry.

March 15<sup>th</sup> Working weekend with Sunday considered as Monday. Church parade for all the personnel held at 1000 hours in the Drill Hall. No flying was scheduled.

March 16<sup>th</sup> Wing Commander Godwin was receiving congratulations on his promotion to Group Captain. Needless to say, this was a very popular promotion and cost Group Captain Godwin a great portion of his increase in salary for the first month. Commencing today extra messing as provided for in the airmens mess will be discontinued due to the fact that canteen funds are insufficient to take care of the needs of the station and a considerable deficit has accumulated. Until this deficit has been paid off, it will be necessary to discontinue extra messing but it is hoped to continue this again within the next three months.

March 17<sup>th</sup> A severe cold spell has interrupted the spring-like weather. Officers Mess Dinner held at 1930 hours. Due to the fact that the past week has been rather strenuous, and with Group Captain Godwin's promotion and the following celebration, the mess dinner was more quiet than usual.

March 18<sup>th</sup> Normal Station Routine has again been resumed. The station library located in the Padre's office, south side of the Instructional Bldg., has finally been opened with a very good selection of books. As from this date the Station Library should operate continuously and it is regretted that it has taken so long to organize this library.

March 19<sup>th</sup> Normal Station Routine.

March 20<sup>th</sup> Normal Station Routine carried out until 1700 hours, when Station, with the exception of the Duty Watch, proceeded on a forty-eight.

March 21<sup>st</sup> Station deserted except for Duty Watch. Normal Routine discontinued.

March 22<sup>nd</sup> Station deserted except for Duty Watch. Normal Routine discontinued.

March 23<sup>rd</sup> Work resumed.

March 24<sup>th</sup> Final examinations for the 29th entry commenced on this date and will be continued tomorrow. Normal Station Routine.

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March 25<sup>th</sup> A downpour of rain started at approximately 1030 hours this morning and continued all day. The weather has been extremely mild and the snow has melted, likely causing flood conditions.

March 26<sup>th</sup> The rain has continued and the station is in a likely flood condition. Basement of the Main Building was filled to the depth of six or eight inches, but no damage was done to the battery equipment. All the station sumps were filled and the electric meters put out of use. It will be necessary to force the steam direct to the various temporary buildings until the meters have been dried out and re-installed. Flooding conditions have been caused due to the fact that our drainage ditches were not completed last year and the sewers are not able to take care of the spring run-off.

March 27<sup>th</sup> Fortunately the weather turned more cold this date and during the day a severe blizzard has developed, however the flood water is subsiding. Due to the wet condition of the grounds the Commanding Officers Inspection has been cancelled.

March 28<sup>th</sup> Normal Station Routine.

March 29<sup>th</sup> Normal Sunday routine, with both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Parades.

March 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> Normal Station Routine.

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
Norsemen	6	0
Dehavilland Menasco Moths	23	2

Training Progress

During the month a new system of C.T. action was instituted. This will

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Training Progress (Cont'd)

result in much quicker action in C.T.'ing an unsuitable trainee. The number of C.T.'s during the month was large but not abnormal. A new system of trainee records (cardex system) was installed and will result in much more information being available on each individual trainee. One new class room was opened during the month. A total of 1029.35 hours of flying were put in by the Flying Squadron during the month.

Accidents

One accident to M.T. vehicle No. 1504 (ambulance) on March 6th. This vehicle was damaged to the extent of approximately \$75.00. No aircraft accidents and no personnel injuries during the month.

<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	65	377	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			

C.D.C.	2	9	
R.A.F.		4	
<u>Civilians</u>			
Barrack Officer			1
Others			108
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	67	390	109

TRAINEES: R.C.A.F.	651
R.N.Z.A.F..	109
R.A.A.F.	1
R.A.F.	5

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<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	65	377	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
C.D.C.	2	9	
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<u>Civilians</u>			
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TRAINEES: R.C.A.F.	651
R.N.Z.A.F..	109
R.A.A.F.	1
R.A.F.	5

Final exercises for Officers of the first Signals Course. All Officers went on a practical operational scheme, four stations being set up. One each at Lockport, Beausejour, Morris and Carman. The Commanding Officer visited all stations during the day and the exercises were carried out quite satisfactorily. This completes the Signals Course and Postings will no doubt be received within a few days. The weather has been extremely mild and the snow is quickly disappearing.

April 2<sup>nd</sup> Posting instructions covering the Signals Officers Course were received and with the exception of P/O K.F. Chapman, C7883, all personnel of the first Signals Officers Course

were posted from the Station. Another very mild day with water and flood conditions presenting

IMAGE 1788

April 2<sup>nd</sup> (Cont'd) presenting a serious problem on the Station.

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Good Friday.

April 4<sup>th</sup> Normal Saturday routing, with work ceasing at 1230 hours. The mild weather continues and there was a substantial fall of rain during the night. It was feared that flood conditions would become quite serious again, however, during the day the weather became much colder and the conditions were relieved.

April 5<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday. Both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Services held for Duty Watch only, it being felt that a general church service would serve no good purpose at this time of the year.

April 6<sup>th</sup> Normal station routine. New P.T. Officer, P/O J. E. Cunningham C9994 taken on strength.

April 7<sup>th</sup> Normal station routine.

April 8<sup>th</sup> Station was visited by Lt. Col. Riestadt, Commanding Officer of the Royal Norwegian Air Force, Little Norway, Ontario. Lt. Col. Riestadt, accompanied by Group Captain Godwin made a very thorough inspection of the station.

April 9<sup>th</sup> Graduation exercises for the 29th entry. Graduation parade was held at 1650 hours. Ft. Lt. F.H.W. Severin being in charge of the parade. The top three men of the class were presented with medals by the Commanding Officer. Wireless Badges were presented by the Commanding Officer, Ft. Lt. Phinney and Ft. Lt. Killick. There was a very small crowd in attendance at this graduation, no doubt caused by the condition of the parade ground and station area. In the evening a station dance was held in the Drill Hall. This dance was in charge of the Knights of Pythias and an approximate profit of \$50.00 occurred to the station fund from the profits of the dance. A fair entertainment program was presented and the discipline of this particular dance was excellent. During the dance the ensign which had been presented to the graduating squadron was in turn presented to Flying Officer Rathwell.

April 10<sup>th</sup> Normal station routine.

April 11<sup>th</sup> Normal Saturday routine.

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April 12<sup>th</sup> A Working weekend. Station proceeded on normal Monday routine with the

exception of Church Parade which was held at 1000 hours for all personnel. The 41st entry consisting of forty-one New Zealanders and ninety-five Canadians arrived on the station. The 29th entry were posted to B&G Schools as follows: 36 airmen to No. 8 B&G School, Lethbridge, 23 airmen to No. 2 B&G School, Mossbank, 36 airmen to No. 7 B&G School, Paulson, 20 airmen to No. 5 B&G School, Dafoe.

April 13th The first real day of springlike weather. After a thorough inspection of the station the need of a real station clean-up detail is obvious. This is being instituted immediately.

April 14th Normal station routine.

April 15th Normal station routine.

April 16th Commanding Officer's inspection followed by a route march through the town of Tuxedo. The Commanding Officer and Flt. Lt. C.C. Stewart posted on Temporary Duty to Dauphin. Construction of a 50 thousand gallon auxiliary water supply tank commenced.

April 17th Although Friday, Saturdays normal routine was followed and at 1230 hours station with exception of Duty Watch proceeded on a 48 hours pass.

April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Station on a 48 hour weekend.

April 20th A start was made on the spring improvement work. Although the ground is yet too moist for spring planting, it is proposed to grade all the area around the barrack huts, hospital and dental clinic and sew this area to grass. 3000 feet of hedges and shrubs will be planted within the station area and it is hoped that before the end of June, No. 3 Wireless School will be second to none in appearance.

IMAGE 1790

April 21st Normal routine. Officers mess dinner at 1800 hours. The early hour allows those officers who wished to, to attend the Junior Final Hockey Game.

April 22nd The north sports field is now dry enough for outdoor games and the appearance of baseball etc., on this field was noticed today.

April 23rd. Voting on the National Plebiscite has continued from April 22nd. Polling booth is open for three hours daily and it is hoped that a large service vote from this unit will be polled.

April 24th Commanding Officer's Inspection is scheduled for 0750 hours. Commanding Officer personally inspected seven squadrons on parade. Station Drum and Trumpet Band, after a lapse of a month or two, is again showing a great improvement.

April 25th Anzac Day Parade. Approximately 135 R.N.Z.A.F. and 1 R.A.A.F. personnel

accompanied by the Station Band paraded at 0930 hours. Parade moved off from the corner of Portage and Main at 1030 hours and proceeded down portage Avenue to the Cenotaph. Flt. Lt. F.H.W. Severin was in charge of Anzac Day Parade. Normal Saturday routine carried out otherwise.

April 26th Both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Parades held under the direction of Flt. Lts. Phillips and Leveque.

April 27th Normal Station Routine. F/O A.W. Johnson, C7255, Taken on Strength.

April 28th Normal station routine. In the evening a variety show was presented by the Great West Life Concert Party in the station Auditorium.

April 29th The Winnipeg Rollerskating Club presented their annual Rollercade show in the Drill Hall at 2030 hours. After a great deal of preparation, including the setting-up of bleachers, re-wiring the Drill Hall, this show proved to be the best show we have ever had on the station and it was warmly received by the personnel of the station along with their wives and lady friends. Approximately 1500 people were present. It is hoped that this show will again be repeated next year as it is excellent entertainment.

IMAGE 1791

April 30th The Officers Mess Meeting was held at 1200 hours in the Officers Mess. The month ended with very disagreeable weather and not much progress has been, made on station improvements during the month. Normal Station Routine was carried out.

#### AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
Norsemen	5	0
Dehavilland Menasco Moths	25	2
Fleet Fort	2	0

Training Progress The new system of C.T. action has worked quite satisfactorily. Although there were a number of C.T. cases during the month, the average was, not above normal. A total of 1073.10 hours of flying were put in by the Flying Squadron during the month.

Accidents There were no accidents to personnel, M.T. Vehicles nor aircraft during the month of April.

General During the month of April two very popular officers, namely F/O B.Rabnett and F/O H.J. Bird were posted from the station, F/O Rabnett being posted to Air Force Headquarters and F/O Bird to R.C.A.F. Station, Sea Island, B.C. The only new construction started during the month was construction of the 50 thousand gallon auxiliary water supply tank.

No word has been received in regards to the proposed addition to the N.C.O.s Mess but it is presumed that construction or this addition will be commenced.

IMAGE 1792

<u>Personnel Strength</u>		<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF:	R.C.A.F.	48	381	
	<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
	C.D.C.	2	7	
	R.A.F.		4	
	<u>Civilians</u>			
	Barrack Officer			1
	Others			103
		50	392	104
TRAINEES:	R.C.A.F.		607	
	R.N.Z.A.F..		138	
	R.A.A.F.		1	
	R.A.F.		5	
			751	

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for Commanding Officer,  
No. 3 Wireless School,  
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

IMAGE 1793

<u>Personnel Strength</u>		<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF:	R.C.A.F.	48	381	
	<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
	C.D.C.	2	7	
	R.A.F.		4	
	<u>Civilians</u>			
	Barrack Officer			1
	Others			103
		50	392	104
TRAINEES:	R.C.A.F.		607	
	R.N.Z.A.F..		138	
	R.A.A.F.		1	

Commanding Officer's inspection scheduled for 0750 hours but an early morning change in the weather caused cancellation of the inspection. The weather has been very cold and rainy for this season of the year. Normal station routine carried out.

May 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight Lieutenant E.T.M. Duggan granted seven days special leave leaving the Station without an Adjutant as Flight Lieutenant E. Anderson is on Temporary Duty at Trenton. Pilot Officer F.P. Boswell forced down in Menasco Moth No. 4880 by icing conditions five miles west of Headingly, Manitoba. There was no damage to aircraft or crew.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> Both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Parades held under the direction of the Station Chaplains.

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May 4<sup>th</sup> The Commanding Officer accompanied by Squadron Leader Patrick, Chief Instructor of #1 Wireless School, Montreal proceed to #3 Bombing and Gunnery School, MacDonald, Manitoba. The Commanding Officer later proceeded on Temporary Duty to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan by rail and Flight Lieutenant L.H. Phinney has been appointed Acting Commanding Officer during Group Captain Godwin's absence.

May 5<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine. Shrubs received from the Experimental Station, Morden, Manitoba and for the balance of the month of May Works and Buildings will be busy on the improvement scheme of the Station.

May 6<sup>th</sup> Fine weather has again resumed and good progress is being made on land-scaping improvements. A practice Graduation Parade for the 31st Entry was held at 1630 hours on the Station Parade Square.

May 7<sup>th</sup> The Graduation Ceremony and Parade was held at 1530 hours for the 31st Entry. Medals were presented to the three top graduates by the Chief Instructor, Flight Lieutenant W.R.C. Taylor and Wireless Badges were presented by Captain J.O. Brown, Canadian Dental Corps, Nursing Sister F.E. Anderson, and Nursing Sister A.G. Howell. The Graduation Parade was under the command of Flight Lieutenant F.H.W. Severin and the march past was taken by the Acting Commanding Officer. The Station was open to visitors until 1800 hours, although the usual Graduation Dance in the evening was dispensed with.

May 8<sup>th</sup> Graduates of the 31st Entry were posted as follows: 36 airmen to #5 B&G School, Dafoe, Sask, 36 airmen to #2 B&G, Mossbank, Sask, 36 airmen to #8 B&G School Lethbridge, Alta.

May 9<sup>th</sup> Group Captain H.B. Godwin, Commanding Officer returned from Temporary Duty at

Sault Ste. Marie and re-assumed command of the Station. Normal Station routine was carried out.

May 10<sup>th</sup> A working weekend. Normal Sunday routine was dropped and this date carried through as a normal Monday. The training schedule was changed, effective 0800 hours this date to allow eight periods per day. Church Parade for all personnel was held in the Drill Hall at 1000 hours, the Service being conducted by Flight Lieutenant G.E. Phillips the Station Protestant Chaplain.

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May 11<sup>th</sup> Flight Lieutenant E. Anderson, Station Adjutant, returned from Temporary Duty R.C.A.F, Station, Trenton and re-assumed position as Adjutant. Normal Station routine carried out.

May 12<sup>th</sup> A considerable improvement in the Station Area is apparent with the coming of the Spring weather. It is intended to plant shrubs and hedges, install better drainage facilities, and sow grass around all the temporary buildings and by the 15th the Station should take on an entirely different appearance. A concert was present by the Great West Life Concert Party in the Auditorium at 1930 hours and was well attended and appreciated.

May 13<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine. For several weeks an Orphthalmic Assistant has been stationed at #5 Wireless School and it has at last been decided to construct an inspection room in the basement of the Officers' House. This is temporary accommodation and the need of larger Hospital space is badly required.

May 14<sup>th</sup> Commanding Officer's Inspection held at 0750 hours. The Wing was inspected by Group Captain H.B. Godwin and Flight Lieutenant F.H.W. Severin, Officer Commanding the Wing followed by a short route march through Assiniboine Park. Pay Parades were held this date due to the 15th of the month being considered as a Saturday in this week's routine.

May 15<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine. The Station with the exception of Duty Watch proceeded on a long weekend pass.

May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Station on 46 hours pass.

May 18<sup>th</sup> Resumption of normal working week. Normal Station routine carried out.

May 19<sup>th</sup> Officers' Mess Dinner was held at 1930 hours.

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May 20<sup>th</sup> Good progress is being made on ground improvements and if fine weather continues the Station should present a much better appearance for the visit of the Deputy Inspector General

on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

May 21<sup>st</sup> Normal Station routine. Commanding Officer's Inspection held at 0750 hours. Due to the absence of Group Captain H.B. Godwin Flight Lieutenant F.H.W. Severin was in command of the Parade.

May 22<sup>nd</sup> All American personnel are appearing before the Transfer Board on May 26<sup>th</sup> and preparations are going forward to clear all American officers and airmen on the strength of the Station.

May 23<sup>rd</sup> Normal Saturday routine was discontinued and a field training scheme devised at the Technical Section as a supplement to the training schedule was carried out. Fire trainee squadrons plus Headquarters Squadron were divided into defending and attacking forces and the scheme was supposed to give signal experience to the trainees. The number of personnel employed in the operations was evidently unweildy and very little signalling experience was attained. It is proposed to hold further field training schemes of a similar nature at a later date and a great deal was learned from the first operation.

May 24<sup>th</sup> Normal Sunday routine with both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Services, under direction of the Station chaplains. The Station was visited in the afternoon by several officers and men of the American Transfer Board.

May 25<sup>th</sup> With the exception of Pilot Officer C.H. Goodlin and Pilot Officer A.J. Labella all American officers on the Station have transferred to the American forces. Fourteen airmen are also entering the American forces. Normal Station routine was carried out. Officers, N.C.O.'s, and Headquarters Staff Drill Classes commenced and will continue until the drill efficiency of the Station is up to standard.

May 26<sup>th</sup> Officers' Mess meeting at 1130 hours. Station clean-up for the visit of the Deputy Inspector-General is proceeding. Normal Station routine carried out.

May 27<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine carried out.

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May 28<sup>th</sup> The Summer Dress taken into wear. Personnel of the Station are making a special effort to have all buildings and grounds looking their best for the Deputy Inspector-General's visit. Ten officers of the second Officers' Training Course arrived and taken on strength.

May 29<sup>th</sup> Visit of the Deputy Inspector-General at 1000 hours. Air Commodore A.E. Godfrey, M.C., A.F.C., V.D., Deputy Inspector-General, accompanied by Group Captain T.A. Lawrence, and Squadron Leader A.G. Goulding, M.C., D.F.C., arrived at the Station and after an inspection of the guard, visited the Parade Square where the General Salute was given by Group Captain Godwin and the Station Personnel. Air Commodore Godfrey inspected the paraded personnel following which a March Past was carried out, and the Station personnel was briefly addressed in

the Drill Hall by Air Commodore Godfrey. A thorough inspection of the Station followed, continuing after lunch. Air Commodore Godfrey and party departed from the Station at 1710 hours and accompanied by Group Captain Godwin inspected the Flying Squadron of No. 3 Wireless School at No. 8 Repair Depot. A very brief inspection of buildings and aircraft was carried out during this inspection.

May 30<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine. Two very popular promotions of Flight Lieutenants W.C. Taylor and C.C. Stewart being promoted to Acting Squadron Leaders.

May 31<sup>st</sup> Both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Services held in the Auditorium under the direction of the Station Chaplains. Normal Station routine carried out.

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
	Norseman	5	1
	Dehavilland Menasco Moths	21	0
	Fleet Fort	1	2

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Training Progress Training progress proceeded normally during the month of May with nothing of great interest to report. During the month a total of 1098.10 hours of flying were put in by the Flying Squadron.

Accidents There were no accidents to personnel, M.T. Vehicles nor aircraft during the month of May.

<u>Personnel Strength</u>		<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF:	R.C.A.F.	40	399	
	<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
	C.D.C.	2	6	
	R.A.F.		4	
	R.N.Z.A.F.	3	12	
	<u>Civilians</u>			
	Barrack Officer			1
	Others			99
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
		45	421	100
TRAINEES:	R.C.A.F.	11	549	
	R.N.Z.A.F..		190	
	R.A.A.F.		0	
	R.A.F.		4	

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<u>Personnel Strength</u>		<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF:	R.C.A.F.	40	399	
	<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
	C.D.C.	2	6	
	R.A.F.		4	
	R.N.Z.A.F.	3	12	
	<u>Civilians</u>			
	Barrack Officer			1
	Others			99
		<hr/> 45	<hr/> 421	<hr/> 100
TRAINEES:	R.C.A.F.	11	549	
	R.N.Z.A.F..		190	
	R.A.A.F.		0	
	R.A.F.		4	

Menasco Moth Aircraft No. 4871 damaged in a flying accident when it crashed on Logan Avenue West at 1300 hours. This aircraft was piloted by NZ415210 Sgt. Hillyer, P.G. with R86513 LAC Fogarty, P.J. carried as passenger. Both pilot and passenger were quite seriously injured. Flight Lieutenant L.H. Phinney has been appointed Investigating Officer. The second Officers' Signals Course commenced this date with thirteen officers in attendance.

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June 2<sup>nd</sup> As suggested by Air Commodore A.E. Godfrey, M.C., A.F.C. V.D., Deputy Inspector-General, plans are being submitted No. 2 Training Command covering alterations to the present Airmen's Mess which for some time has not been functioning properly. Station improvements are proceeding and a start has been made on grass plots in front of the Station Hospital.

June 3<sup>rd</sup> Normal Station Routine carried out.

June 4<sup>th</sup> Honourable Captain David Balfour, Under-Secretary of State for Air in the British Government visited the station accompanied by Air Vice-Marshal A.B. Shearer. The party arrived at 0845 hours and were met by Group Captain H.B. Godwin who conducted them on a short tour

of the Station. Captain Balfour showed great interest in all phases of training and seemed well satisfied with the organization of the School. Graduation Parade for the 33rd Entry was held at 1530 hours on the Drill Square. The parade was under the command of Flight Lieutenant F.H.W. Severin and special awards were presented by Group Captain Godwin to the three leading airmen of the 33rd Squadron. A number of visitors attended the graduation ceremony and were conducted on a tour of the Station following the parade.

June 5<sup>th</sup> Graduates of the 33rd Entry were posted as follows: 35 airmen to #3 B & G School, Macdonald, Man.; 7 airmen to #5 B & G School, Dafoe, Sask.; 36 airmen to # 8 B & G School, Lethbridge, Alta.

June 6<sup>th</sup> Seventy-Seven trainees of the R.A.A.F. and forty-four trainees of the R.C.A.F. members of the 45th entry arrived on the Station. This is the first entry containing Australian trainees for several months. Flying Officer D.R.P. Coats, C7697 posted on Temporary Duty to AFHQ, Ottawa.

June 7<sup>th</sup> Working week-end usual Monday routine carried out with voluntary church Parades for both Protestants and Roman Catholics held in the Auditorium and writing room. Services conducted by the station Chaplains. It is understood that this will be the last working week-end due to the fact the new training system whereby the WAG Course is being lengthened to 28 weeks will come into effect the next month.

June 8<sup>th</sup> Normal Station Routine carried out.

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June 9<sup>th</sup> Although the weather has been extremely unfavourable for this time of the year, during the past week the flying schedule has been carried out in a normal manner. There have been very few summer days as yet and the improvement program is being delayed on account of continual rains. The Sergeants' Monthly Mess Meeting was held at 1815 hours in the Auditorium.

June 10<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine carried out.

June 11<sup>th</sup> Commanding Officer's Inspection was held on the North Sports Field at 0750 hours. A short route march through Assiniboine Park followed the inspection. It will be necessary to hold all parades on the North Sports Field for possibly six weeks as it is hoped to finally hard-surface the Station Parade-Ground during that period.

June 12<sup>th</sup> Station proceeded on a 48 hours week-end pass at 1300 hours this date with the Duty Watch being possibly the only inhabitants of the School this week-end.

June 13<sup>th</sup> Station on 48 hour pass.  
And 14<sup>th</sup>

June 15<sup>th</sup> Final examinations of 35th Entry which will continue until 1100 hours on Tuesday,

June 16th.

June 16<sup>th</sup> Nothing of special interest to report except that the Monthly Officers' Mess dinner was held at 1930 hours in the Officers' Mess.

June 17<sup>th</sup> Normal Station Routine was carried out.

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June 18<sup>th</sup> The continued cool, wet weather has caused some delay in the Station improvement program and it looks as if work will not be finished until the end of July. It was hoped that all seeding and turf placements might be completed by the end of the current month but this is impossible. The Station Golf Team entered the City Team Tournament played at St. Charles Country Club but unfortunately were badly outclassed.

June 19<sup>th</sup> Commanding Officer's Inspection was held at 0750 hours on the north Sports Field.

June 20<sup>th</sup> Normal Station Routine was carried out.

June 21<sup>st</sup> Both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Parades were held under the direction of the Station Chaplains in the Auditorium.

June 22<sup>nd</sup> Nothing of interest to report.

June 23<sup>ed</sup> Normal Station Routine carried out.

June 24<sup>th</sup> A very popular promotion was received when Flying Officer J.S.R. McArdle, J.S.R., C4506 was promoted to an Acting Flight Lieutenant. Flight Lieutenant McArdle has been posted to Mountainview, Ont. and is leaving within the next few days.

June 25<sup>th</sup> The Station was visited by Air Vice-Marshal Goble briefly addressed the Australian trainees and later interviewed the Class Seniors in the Commanding Officer's Office. Air Vice-Marshal Goble spent the afternoon at the Station and seemed well satisfied with the welfare of the Australian trainees.

June 26<sup>th</sup> Commanding Officer's Inspection held on the North Sports Field 0750 hours. For the first time the officers of the Second Officers' Signal Course acted as supernumerary officers on the Commanding Officer's Inspection.

June 27<sup>th</sup> Nothing of interest to report. The Station is very sorry to lose Flight Lieutenant L.H. Phinney, C611 who has been acting as Officer Commanding Flying Squadron. Flight Lieutenant Phinney has today been S.O.S. on posting to AFHQ, AMAS Division, Ottawa.

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June 27<sup>th</sup> Since his arrival on the Station four months ago Flight Lieutenant Phinney has proven (Cont'd) very capable and the Flying Squadron has made rapid progress under his direction.

June 28<sup>th</sup> Group Captain Godwin, accompanied by Squadron Leader Tayler, Flight Lieutenant Killick, and Flight Sergeant Moore departed by air in Norseman Aircraft No. 2470 to No. 2 Wireless School, Calgary. Alta. Squadron Leader C.C. Stewart assumed temporary command of No. 3 Wireless School during the absence on Temporary Duty of Group Captain Godwin. Station Disciplinarian WO I Gray has located a Squadron Leader's Pennant which is today flying in place of the Group Captain's Pennant. This is the first time that a Non-Flying List officer has assumed command of the Station during the absence of the Commanding officer.

June 30<sup>th</sup> The Station was visited by Group Captain T.E. Lawrence, accompanied by Flight Lieutenant Tribe, Command Messing Officer. Group Captain Lawrence visited the Station in connection with the problem of Messing and it is intended to establish a cafeteria system of Messing in the Airmen's Mess and to proceed with suggested changes immediately. The month end finds the Station in a much improved physical condition and although handicapped by poor weather during the month the Works and Buildings Section has made wonderful progress in Station improvements.

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
	Norseman	5	0
	Dehavilland Menasco Moths	21	0
	Fleet Fort	3	2

IMAGE 24

Training Progress Training progress proceeded normally during the month of May with nothing of great interest to report. During the month a total of 1218.25 hours of flying were put in by the Flying Squadron.

Accidents There were two accidents to personnel on June 1st. Personnel involved were NZ415210 Sgt. Hillyer, P.G. and R86513 LAC Fogarty, P.J. There were no M.T. Vehicle accidents this month. There was one aircraft accident on June 1st involving Menasco Moth No. 4871

<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	42	373	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
C.D.C.	2	8	
R.A.F.		4	
R.N.Z.A.F.	3	15	

Civilians

Barrack Officer  
Others

		1
		95
	47	400
		96

TRAINEES:	R.C.A.F.	13	500
	R.N.Z.A.F..		177
	R.A.A.F.		76
	R.A.F.		4

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Personnel Strength

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF:			
R.C.A.F.	42	373	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
C.D.C.	2	8	
R.A.F.		4	
R.N.Z.A.F.	3	15	
<u>Civilians</u>			
Barrack Officer			1
Others			95
	47	400	96
TRAINEES:			
R.C.A.F.	13	500	
R.N.Z.A.F..		177	
R.A.A.F.		76	
R.A.F.		4	

Civilian Staff observing the Dominion Day Holiday. Headquarters Staff were allowed to proceed on a half holiday with the exception of a skeleton staff. No. 3 Wireless School entered thirty-two athletes at the Annual Scottish Track and Field Meet at Polo Park. Our team scored thirty-five points and tied for first place for the Polo Park Trophy.

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July 2<sup>nd</sup> Graduation exercises for the 35th Entry were held this date: at 1530 hours. Graduation Parade formed up on the North Sports Field. Due to the absence of Group Captain

H.B. Godwin honour medals were present by the Acting Commanding Officer, Squadron Leader C.C. Stewart (C2384). Wireless Badges were presented by Squadron Leader K.H. Running (C4070), Flight Lieutenant C.W. Hall (C6111), and Flight Lieutenant L. Boyers VR85617). Following the parade the march past was taken by Squadron Leader Stewart. The Station was open for inspection to 1800 hours and a number of visitors took advantage of this to visit all parts of the Station,

July 3<sup>rd</sup> Group Captain H.B. Godwin, Squadron Leader W.R.C. Taylor (C1857), Flight Lieutenant C.H.P. Killick (C3018) returned from their visit to No. 2 Wireless School, Calgary, Alta. Group Captain Godwin again assumed command of the Station. The graduates of the 35th Entry were posted as follows; 5 airman to #3 B & G School, Macdonald, Man.; 38 airmen to #7 B & G School, Paulson, Man.; 38 airmen to #8 B & G School, Lethbridge, Alta.; and 10 airmen to #5 B & G School, Dafoe, Sask.

July 4<sup>th</sup> Very unseasonable cool weather but despite this the Flying Squadron marked up a total of thirty-two hours flying time. Normal Station routine was carried out. The rugby visited No. 33 S.F.T.S., Carberry, Man., and defeated the R.A.F. team at Carberry for the third, straight victory by the score of 6 - 0.

July 5<sup>th</sup> Flying Officer W.A. Thomson (C2961) SR (Signals) taken on strength on posting from No. 8 Repair Depot. Normal Station routine carried out with both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Parades held under the direction of the Station Chaplains. One hundred trainees of the R.C.A.F. and one trainee of the R.A.A.F., members of the 47th Entry arrived on the Station.

July 6<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine carried out.

July 7<sup>th</sup> Seventy-four trainees of 35th Entry who failed to graduate are disposed of as follows. 32 Ceased Training of which only one was an intentional failure, one a deserter, one joined the United States forces, the balance unable to assimilate the course, have been transferred to later Entries and will complete one or two months' extra training.

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July 8<sup>th</sup> Squadron Leader A.E. Game (C379) SR (Equip.), our new Equipment Officer, taken on strength to replace Flight Lieutenant J.M. Smith (C1006), who has remustered to Aircrew and who is posted to Victoriaville, Quebec to attend I.T.S. Flight Lieutenant was the first officer posted to No. 3 Wireless School.

July 9<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine carried out.

July 10<sup>th</sup> In place of the usual Commanding Officer's Inspection a Kit Inspection of ranks below the rank of WO2 was held at 0800 hours. Commencing with D.R.O.'s of this date the Armament Section are running an aircraft identification drawings on the last page of D.R.O.'s. These should provide excellent practice in the identification of aircraft.

July 11<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine was carried out. In the afternoon an impromptu garden party and farewell party in honour of Flight Lieutenant Smith was held at Squadron Leader Taylor's residence. Flight Lieutenant Smith was given a rousing send-off on his posting to I.T.S.

July 12<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine carried out with both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Services held under the direction of the Station Chaplains.

July 13<sup>th</sup> The second annual Air Cadet Officers Course with forty-two Air Cadet Officers in attendance started at 0800 hours this morning. Most of the Air Cadet Officers are High School teachers and are quartered in sixteen tents located south and east of the Officers' Quarters. After registration in the Officers' Mess the Air Cadet Officers were allocated sleeping quarters and were conducted on a tour of the Station by Group Captain H.B. Godwin at 1000 hours. They were addressed by Group Captain Bonham-Carter of No. 2 Training Command and their actual course started immediately after this address. They will remain with us for the period of two weeks and during that period numerous interesting

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July 13<sup>th</sup> lectures will be delivered by officers from No. 2 Training Command and R.A.F. units (Cont'd) located within the command. Our first officer (W.D.) has been posted to this Station. Section Officer J.F. Brown (V30104) was taken on strength this date. Section Officer Brown is to be the new Messing Officer and no doubt the quality of the meals will improve greatly.

July 14<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine carried out.

July 15<sup>th</sup> Monthly Sergeants' Mess Meeting was held in the Auditorium at 1800 hours. No word has been received as to the proposed addition to the Sergeants' Mess and due to the number of Sergeants and above on the Station it is necessary now to hold all mess meetings in a larger area than is provided in the Sergeants' Mess.

July 16<sup>th</sup> Station improvements are proceeding rapidly and the sodding of all ditches has been completed. The area in front of the Station Hospital is second to none in this Command and it is hoped that before the summer is finished No. 3 Wireless School will have the best appearance of any station in this district. Group Captain H.B. Godwin, Squadron Leader W.R.C. Taylor (C1857), Flight Lieutenant F.H.W. Severin (C2021) proceeded on Temporary Duty to No. 7 B & G School, Paulson, Man., Group Captain H.B. Godwin being president of a District Court-Martial being held at this Station on July 17. Mr. Frank Hall, the National War Services representative of the Y.M.C.A. has relinquished his position and has been replaced by Mr. Harold Billett. Mr. Hall has been the Y.M.C.A. representative since the Station opened.

July 17<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine carried out. Fleet Fort aircraft No. 3621, NZ414205, Sgt. Arscott, F.E. piloting, struck a Winnipeg Hydro truck on landing at Stevenson Airport. The wing of aircraft No. 3621 was torn off and undercarriage struck a civilian working on the runway. This accident happened at 1800 hours. Commanding Officer's inspection was held on the North

Sports Field at 0750 hours. Squadron Leader A.E. Game assuming the duties of Commanding Officer. Squadron Leader Game assumed temporary command of No. 3 Wireless School on the absence of Group Captain H.B. Godwin on temporary duty.

July 18<sup>th</sup> Normal Saturday routine carried out.

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July 19<sup>th</sup> Normal Sunday routine with both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Services held under the direction of the Station Chaplains.

July 20<sup>th</sup> Group Captain H.B. Godwin reassumes command of No. 3 Wireless School on his return from Temporary Duty. Group Captain Godwin received advice as to his posting to Air Force Headquarters, Ottawa. No new Commanding Officer has yet been appointed. Inter-Squadron Sports Flag competition was inaugurated this date. A weekly sports competition will be held, the flag going to the Squadron whose week has been the best in deportment and general proficiency in P.T. periods and for participation and achievement in organized sports. This will no doubt be a great incentive towards organized sports on the Station.

July 21<sup>st</sup> It has been decided to build a running track on the South Sports Field and Squadron Leader K.H. Running, our popular Medical Officer has been appointed chairman of the committee, which will proceed with improvements to your present Sports Fields and investigate the possibility of holding an annual sports day on the Station. Flight Lieutenant E.H. Leitch (C1879) (Signals) taken on strength on posting from No. 2 Training Command.

July 22<sup>nd</sup> Normal Station routine carried out. Finals in the Station Golf Tournament were played off in the evening. Barrack Inspection was held at 1700 hours.

July 23<sup>rd</sup> Normal Station routine carried out.

July 24<sup>th</sup> The weekly Commanding Officer's Inspection was held on the North Sports Field at 0750 hours, the Air Cadet Officers watching the proceedings from the east side of the Sports Field. An excellent parade was carried out.

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July 25<sup>th</sup> This date saw the completion of the Air Cadet Officers Course. All members of this course seem to have enjoyed themselves thoroughly and a great number have indicated that they will be very sorry to leave the Station. A number of personnel attending the Winnipeg Canoe Club Regatta, the Anzac crew winning the War Canoe Championship. The cup was presented by Group Captain H.B. Godwin.

July 26<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine was carried out. Both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Services were held under the direction of the Station Chaplains.

July 27<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine was carried out.

July 28<sup>th</sup> A practice Graduation was held on the South Sports Field at 0740 hours under command of Flight Lieutenant F.H.W. Severin. The 37th Entry will graduate on July 30 making the second graduation for the month of July. The 35th Entry graduated on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

July 29<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine carried out.

July 30<sup>th</sup> Graduation exercises and Parade of 37th Entry were held at 1530 hours on the South Sports Field. During the course of the Parade several Fleet Fort aircraft flying in formation made runs over the field adding greatly to the Graduation Ceremony. Although the weather was very unsettled a great number of visitors attended and later inspected the Station.

July 31<sup>st</sup> Normal Station routine was carried out. The 37th Entry was posted as follows: 36 airmen to #8 B & G School, Lethbridge, Alta.; 45 airmen to #2 B & G School, Mossbank, Sask.

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
	Norseman	4	1
	Dehavilland Menasco Moths	11	0
	Fleet Fort	13	5

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Training Progress Training proceeded normally during the month of July. In addition to our regular training an Air Cadet Officers Course was held, forty-two air cadet officers attending. The 47th Entry appeared to be above average and to a large extent are made up of airmen remustered to Aircrew. During the month 39 games in the Station Softball League were played. Our School Softball team played 9 games in the City League and our School Cricket Team played six games in the Winnipeg and District Cricket Association. Inter-Squadron Sports are now under way and each meet is largely attended and eagerly contested. Flying time for the month was 1476 hours.

Accidents There were no accidents to personnel, no M.T. accidents and one aircraft accident on July 17th involving Fleet Fort aircraft No. 3621

<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	49	367	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
C.D.C.	2	8	
R.A.F.		4	
R.N.Z.A.F.	3	15	

		<u>Civilians</u>		
	Barrack Officer			1
	Others			100
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		54	394	101
TRAINÉES:	R.C.A.F.	13	511	
	R.N.Z.A.F..		170	
	R.A.A.F.		77	
	R.A.F.		1	

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August 1st/42		<u>Personnel Strength</u>		
		<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF:	R.C.A.F.	49	367	
	<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
	C.D.C.	2	8	
	R.A.F.		4	
	R.N.Z.A.F.	3	15	
	<u>Civilians</u>			
	Barrack Officer			1
	Others			100
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
		54	394	101
TRAINÉES:	R.C.A.F.	13	511	
	R.N.Z.A.F..		170	
	R.A.A.F.		77	
	R.A.F.		1	

Normal Saturday routine with work ceasing at 1300 hours. The 37th Entry was posted from the Station as follows: 36 airmen to #8 B & G School, Lethbridge, Alta., 45 airmen to #2 B & G School, Mossbank, Sask.

August 2<sup>nd</sup> Protestant Church Service at 0900 hours in the Station Auditorium under the direction of Flight Lieutenant G.E. Phillips. The Roman Catholic Church Service was held at 0900 hours in the Writing Room, Flight Lieutenant E.F. Crossland conducting the service. Normal Station routine carried out.

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August 3<sup>rd</sup> Flight Lieutenant E.T.M. Duggan (C3043), one of the original officers of the Station proceeded on embarkation leave prior to posting Overseas. A farewell party for Group Captain H.B. Godwin and Flight Lieutenant E.T.M. Duggan will be held on Tuesday, August 11th. Flying Officer H.G. Hurst (C12513) new Medical Officer was taken on strength. An inspection of the Flying Squadron personnel was carried out by the Officer Commanding the Flying Squadron.

August 4<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine carried out.

August 5<sup>th</sup> In preparation for the arrival of the new Commanding Officer, Squadron Leader T.R. Michelson (C529) a number of the buildings and the grounds in the School area are receiving a thorough going over and are gradually taking on a first class appearance, especially where the new grass has been sown this year. Of the 94 airmen of the 37th Entry who failed to graduate the final disposition was as follows: 64 airmen transferred to other entries, 29 airmen - C.T. action has been taken, 1 airman discharge to join the United States Armed Forces.

August 6<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine carried out.

August 7<sup>th</sup> The usual Commanding Officer's Inspection was dispensed with this date due to the fact that during the next week Group Captain H.B. Godwin will relinquish command of the Station and several parades are scheduled for that time. The Station, with the exception of Duty Watch proceeded on a 48 hour pass at 1700 hours.

August 8<sup>th</sup> The first weekly radio broadcast over the C.B.C. and Blue Network, dedicated to the United States Air Corps originated in the Auditorium. The program was in the nature of a band concert with the No. 2 Training Command Band providing the music. This program will continue weekly for at least 8 weeks.

August 9<sup>th</sup> Station on a 48 hour pass.

August 10<sup>th</sup> This day saw the commencement of an exceptional week which will include the handing over ceremonies on Thursday next. In preparation for this ceremony rehearsal parades are being held today and Tuesday and it will be necessary to change the afternoon training program to some extent.

August 11<sup>th</sup> A farewell Mess Dinner for Group Captain H.B. Godwin and Flight Lieutenant E.T.M. Duggan was held at which a hearty welcome was given to Squadron Leader T.R. Michelson the new Commanding Officer. It was probably the most successful Mess Dinner we have yet held. Group Captain H.B. Godwin was presented with two pieces of luggage and Flight Lieutenant Duggan with a silver cigarette case. The highlights

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August 11<sup>th</sup> of the evening were the presentation speeches of our Dental Officer Captain J.O. (Cont'd) Brown and our Adjutant Flight Lieutenant S. Anderson. In all, the whole evening could be considered outstanding and was voted a huge success by all present.

August 12<sup>th</sup> The taking over ceremonies parade was held on the North Sports Field at 1600 hours, the Parade consisting of a Wing in close column of squadrons. Group Captain H.B. Godwin turned the Unit over to Squadron Leader T.R. Michelson. The Station was shocked to hear of the death of Pilot Officer A.J. Labella (J9486), who although recently posted was still on the Strength of this Station and who was killed at Armstrong, Ontario in an aircraft accident.

August 13<sup>th</sup> Squadron Leader T.R. Michelson assumed command of No. 3 Wireless School. American personnel attached to No. 8 Repair Depot were entertained at No. 3 Wireless School. Many guests from No. 2 Training Command were present at this entertainment and it is hoped that more officers from No. 2 Training Command will visit the Station on similar occasions.

August 14<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine.

August 15<sup>th</sup> The second radio broadcast in the School Auditorium was held.

August 16<sup>th</sup> Both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Parades were held under the direction of the Station Chaplains.

August 17<sup>th</sup> Funeral Service for the late Pilot Officer A.J. Labella was held at 1000 hours. All officers of the Station attended. Flight Lieutenant F.H.W. Severin (C2021) was struck off strength on posting to Air Force Headquarters. The new Commanding Officer is instituting several new policies on the Station. One of these is a new landscaping scheme and he has obtained a pool of 60 airmen from No. 2 Manning Depot, Brandon, Manitoba to be used on this project. It is hoped that by freeze-up to have a facelifting of the whole Station area. Flying Officer I.W. Dunbar (C3123) and Flying Officer A.S. Mackie. (C3826) were both appointed to the rank of Acting Flight Lieutenant.

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August 18<sup>th</sup> Interest In sports has increased at a remarkable rate during the present month and it has been decided to hold a Sports Day on September 18. The South Sports Field is to be improved by the addition of a 1/4 mile track.

August 19<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine carried out.

August 20<sup>th</sup> The Officers' Mess Meeting was held at 1130 hours and in keeping with the Commanding Officers' scheme of general improvement it has been decided to re-decorate and re-furnish the Officers' Mess.

August 21<sup>st</sup> The first Commanding Officer's Inspection held by Squadron Leader T.R. Michelson as Commanding Officer of the Station, followed by a short route march through Assiniboine

Park. The Station was visited by Wing Commander Atkinson of No. 2 Training Command who inspected the Station area. Funeral services were held for the late LAC Morin, Gerald Gerard (R119793) who died in an aircraft accident at No. 8 B & G School, Lethbridge, Alta.

August 22<sup>nd</sup> 18 athletes from this Station competed in the Manitoba Track and Field Championships and won a total of 16 medals. The following athletes took part: S.L. H.K. Running, LAC Lynch, LAC Fraser, LAC Ross, K.D., LAC Banford, LAC McKenzie, LAC Mansfield, LAC Wallace, LAC Ross, F., LAC Shaddock, LAC Hawthorne, LAC Hanson, LAC Opie, LAC Edmiston, LAC Wolstenholme, LAC Tandy, LAC Butland, LAC Sinclair, LAC Thompson, G.F., LAC Newport, and LAC Thompson, L. The above team tied for the aggregate number of points made and deserve a great deal of credit for their show. The usual Saturday afternoon weekly radio broadcast was held in the School auditorium.

August 23<sup>rd</sup> Both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Parades were held under the direction of the Station Chaplains.

August 24<sup>th</sup> The third officers' training course commenced this date and ten newly appointed Signals Officers in attendance. The problem of accommodation, i.e. classroom space, equipment, especially barrack stores space, and recreational facilities is becoming acute, although approval has been granted for the construction of an addition to the Canteen. It is hoped that the Drill Hall will be altered to provide a real recreational centre for the Station.

August 25<sup>th</sup> The station was visited by the Hon. Frank Langstone, High Commissioner for the Dominions of New Zealand and Wing Commander T.W. White, New Zealand Liaison Officer. All the New Zealand trainees were addressed by both the Hon. Frank Langstone and Wing Commander T.W. White and Mr. Langstone was conducted on a tour of the Station by the Commanding Officer.

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August 26<sup>th</sup> It was today learned that the parade Square will not be completed this Fall. This has been a great handicap to the smartness of this Station and it will now appear that until the Summer of 1943 no parade facilities will be available. Pilot Officer H.E. Nichols (C11933) and pilot Officer J.R. Alexander (C12111), Administrative Officers were taken on strength to replace Flight Lieutenant E.T.M. Duggan and Flight Lieutenant F.H.W. Severin.

August 27<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine carried out. Pilot Officer R.F. Fritz (C12016) taken on strength. Pilot Officer Fritz is temporarily posted to No. 3 Wireless School as assistant Physical Training instructor. This will relieve Pilot Officer J.E. Cunningham (C9994) from a great deal of his duties.

August 28<sup>th</sup> Commanding Officer's Inspection held at 0750 hours. During the morning a very heavy electrical and rain storm occurred and the rain will hold up the improvement program on the Station. R96529 Sgt. Sinclair, W.H in Fleet Fort aircraft 3625 forced landed at Vivian relief airfield due to weather conditions.

August 29<sup>th</sup> The rainy cold weather continues. With the arrival of the 51st Squadron on the Station the new system of training commences and the 51st Entry will become the 7th Squadron in training on the Station, no graduation taking place, this month.

August 30<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine carried out with Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Parades being held under the direction of the Station Chaplains.

August 31<sup>st</sup> The Station was again visited by Wing Commander T.W. White, New Zealand Liaison Officer. Flight Lieutenant B.S. Philp (C3019) made a forced landing at Macdonald in Norseman 2473 and GB658201 Sgt. Fosh, C.A. forced landed at MacTavish in Fleet Fort 3624. In neither case was any damage suffered by the aircraft involved. Flying Officer R. Foster (C7367) has been appointed Senior Flying Officer on the Station.

Training Progress Training proceeded normally during the month of August with the exception that with the posting of the 51st Entry the course was lengthened from 24 to 26 weeks and no graduation

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occurred during the month. Flying time for the month was 1188.45 hours. During the month the Sports program was greatly enlarged, personnel from No. 3 Wireless School entering in the Manitoba Track and Field Championships, the St. Vital Swim Meet, the City Softball League, the City Cricket League, and in several bicycle races and tennis matches. Inter-Squadron sports are developing rapidly.

Accidents There was one fatal accident during the month. Pilot Officer A.J. Labella died from injuries received in an aircraft accident at Armstrong, Ontario while ferrying an aircraft to Eastern Canada. There was no M.T. accident, and there were no aircraft accidents involving aircraft at this Unit.

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
	Norseman	5	0
	Dehavilland Menasco Moth	2	0
	Fleet Fort	17	6

<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	46	406	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
C.D.C.	2	8	

R.A.F.		4	
R.N.Z.A.F.	3	12	
<u>Civilians</u>			
Barrack Officer			1
Others			102
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	51	430	103

TRAINEES: R.C.A.F.	26	595
R.N.Z.A.F..		230
R.A.A.F.		77
R.A.F.		4

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September 1st/42			Airmen or	
<u>Personnel Strength</u>		<u>Officers</u>	<u>other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.		45	404	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>				
C.D.C.		2	8	
R.A.F.		1	3	
R.N.Z.A.F.		3	12	
<u>Civilians</u>				
Barrack Officer				1
Others				100
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		51	427	101
TRAINEES: R.C.A.F.		26	639	
R.N.Z.A.F..			184	
R.A.A.F.			77	
R.A.F.				

Nursing Sister A.G. Howell, C-7392, Medical, a popular member of our Hospital Staff was struck off strength today on posting to No. 12 S.F.T.S., Brandon, Manitoba. Normal station routine carried out.

September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The "Anzacs" are champions of the Station Cricket League, defeating the "Kiwis" in a wall played final in Assiniboine Park.

September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Preparations are proceeding for our big field day to be held at Sergeant Park on September 18th. Contestants are to be seen daily on the Station Sports Field working out for the big day and it is intended to have all preliminary events run off by September 14th.

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September 4<sup>th</sup> Due to continuous wet weather very little progress has been made on the Station Parade Ground and it has been decided to install drains. The pool of 50 airmen awaiting posting and used for General Duties work are proceeding with the trench work on the Parade Square and it has been necessary to call off the Commanding Officer's inspection this date. Instead of the Commanding Officer's inspection the individual squadrons were inspected by their Squadron Commanders and a short route march through Assiniboine Park followed.

September 5<sup>th</sup> Station, with the exception of Duty Watch, was on a monthly 48 hour pass.

September 6<sup>th</sup> Four flights of airmen from this Unit under Flight Lieutenant A.S. Mackie paraded in the church parade held in connection with the "National Day of Prayer". The parade lined up on the No. 2 Training Command Parade Ground and marched to Holy Trinity Church. Flight Lieutenant G.E. Phillips, Protestant Padre of this Station, participated in the church service.

September 7<sup>th</sup> Due to the absence of Squadron Leader T.R. Michelson on temporary duty to Air Force Headquarters Ottawa, Squadron Leader A.E. Game today assumes command of No. 3 Wireless School and it is expected that Squadron Leader T.R. Michelson and Squadron Leader W.R.C. Taylor, Chief Instructor, will be absent for at least a week.

September 8<sup>th</sup> Normal station routine.

September 9<sup>th</sup> Sergeant R.E. Beilhartz, R-90737, and L.A.C. A.L. Nicholson, R-144056, were fatally injured in a flying accident which occurred today involving Fleet Fort Aircraft No. 3630 which crashed on the south-east corner of Stevenson's Field and burst into flames.

September 10<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine. Flying Officer N.S.H. Smith, C-12013 - Medical, taken on strength.

September 11<sup>th</sup> Due to the absence of the Commanding Officer combined with the rainy and unseasonable weather the weekly Commanding Officer's Parade has been cancelled.

September 12<sup>th</sup> Flying Officer G.S. Lands, C-7138 - Armament, who has acted as coach of our School Softball Team during the past season and who was rated as one of the better ball players on the Station, has unfortunately, been lost to this Station on posting to No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Manitoba.

September 13<sup>th</sup> Normal Sunday routine with both Protestant and Roman Catholic church services being held under the direction of the Station Chaplains. In addition, a special Roman Catholic service was held and airmen from this Unit paraded to St. Mary's Cathedral.

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September 14<sup>th</sup> A very popular promotion was received this date when Flight Lieutenant W.C. Fisher, C-1785 -Signals, was appointed Acting Squadron Leader. Squadron Leader T.R. Michelson re-assumed command of No. 3 Wireless School on his return from Air Force Headquarters, Ottawa.

September 15<sup>th</sup> Normal routine carried out.

September 16<sup>th</sup> Final preparations for our first Annual Sports Day are proceeding and the Commanding Officer addressed a Muster Parade of all personnel in the Drill Hall and outlined plans for the Sports Day. Due to the fact that he granted a 48 from noon on the 18th. his remarks were very enthusiastically received.

September 17<sup>th</sup> Squadron Leader W.S.C. Taylor, C-1857 - Signals, who has acted as Chief Instructor since the posting of Wing Commander M.H. Hendricks, has been posted to Western Air Command, Victoria, B.C. and Squadron Leader W.C. Fisher has this day assumed the position of Chief Instructor.

September 18<sup>th</sup> Our first Annual Field Day. We have not been favoured with a particularly nice day, the weather being very cold and windy. The morning was spent in a general clean-up of the Station and at 1:30 p.m. our Track and Field Meet was officially opened by His Honour Lieutenant-Governor R.F. McWilliams. Approximately 500 contestants participated in the various events which in spite of the unfavourable weather were run off in a very efficient manner. Air Commodore T.W. Lawrence spent the afternoon with us and presented the Honour Awards. The meet lasted until 1800 hours and although spectators did not turn out as we had expected our first field meet could be considered a huge success.

In the evening approximately 500 guests attended a dance held in the Drill Hall at which time Squadron Leader T.R. Michelson presented the prizes to the winning contestants. The party broke up at 0200 hours and everyone seemed to have a very enjoyable time.

September 19<sup>th</sup> Station on a 48 hour pass.

September 20<sup>th</sup> Duty Watch attended both Protestant and Roman Catholic church services.

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September 21<sup>st</sup> Everyone back to work after a holiday week-end. Great credit is due Pilot Officer J.E. Cunningham, our popular Sports Officer, for his organization of the splendid field day.

September 22<sup>nd</sup> Monthly Officers' Mess Meeting was held at 1130 hours in the Officers' Mess, at which it was decided to provide additional furnishings and generally improve the appearance of the Mess. Normal station routine.

September 23<sup>rd</sup> Normal station routine.

September 24<sup>th</sup> Graduation Parade for the 39th. Entry was held at 1530 hours on the Station Parade Ground. Honour medals were presented by Squadron Leader T.R. Michelson and wireless badges by Squadron Leader C.C. Stewart, Flight Lieutenant D.H. Leitch, who is Acting Chief Instructor, and Flight Lieutenant J.B. McAra. Due to the fact that a monthly dance was held a week previous to this graduation no entertainment was provided after the graduation ceremony. Following the graduation and in order that their pictures could be included before they were posted from this Unit, group pictures were taken of the 39th. Entry Track and Field Team, the Station Softball Team and Station Cricket Team; many members of which were from the 39th. Entry.

September 25<sup>th</sup> Distribution of the 39th. Entry: - - 104 graduates of the 39th. Entry were posted as follows: 26 to Macdonald, 28 to Mossbank, 49 to Lethbridge and one New Zealand graduate, who was declared medically unfit, posted to Vancouver.

September 26<sup>th</sup> Normal Saturday routine. The second last broadcast over the C.B.C. was held in the Auditorium this day and we are proceeding to redecorate and renovate generally the Station Auditorium so that it will be second to none and in the coming winter season will provide a great number of interesting and entertaining shows.

September 27<sup>th</sup> Normal Sunday routine with both Roman Catholic and Protestant church services held under the direction of Station Chaplains.

September 28<sup>th</sup> The 53rd. Entry have arrived on the Station and were welcomed by the Commanding Officer.

September 29<sup>th</sup> Normal station routine.

September 30<sup>th</sup> The month of September ends with the whole Station area presenting an entirely different picture insofar as Station improvements are concerned. Despite the unseasonable weather during the month great progress has been made in seeding, sodding and general beautification of the Station.

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Training Progress Training proceeded normally during the month of September. The 39th. Entry graduated on the 24th. day of the month and they were the first Entry to spend 28 weeks on this Station to graduate. Flying time, despite unfavourable weather, held up remarkably well and a total of 1153:40 hours were flown. Inter Squadron sports proceeded in a fine manner and following our Annual Sports Day several new leagues were organized on the Station.

Accidents There was one fatal aircraft accident during the month; Sergeant R.E. Beilhartz and LAC A.L. Nicholsson dying from fatal injuries received. There were no M.T.

accidents during the month of September.

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<u>Personnel Strength</u>		<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF:	R.C.A.F.	49	402	
	<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
	C.D.C.	4	9	
	R.A.F.	1	8	
	R.N.Z.A.F.	3	12	
	<u>Civilians</u>			
	Barrack Officer			1
	Others			94
		<hr/> 57	<hr/> 431	<hr/> 95 <hr/>
TRAINEES:	R.C.A.F.	26	660	
	R.N.Z.A.F..		147	
	R.A.A.F.		74	
	R.A.F.		2	

Normal Station Routine.

October 2<sup>nd</sup> The weekly Commanding Officer's inspection was held on the north Sports Field as the Parade Square is not quite ready for use. Following the inspection of the Wing, a short route march led by the Commanding Officer was made through Assiniboine Park. The Station brass band which has been recently organized was in attendance on the parade, and is making very rapid progress. It is hoped that within a few weeks this Station will have a very presentable brass band.

October 3<sup>rd</sup> The usual Station 48 hour pass has been cancelled this week-end, and normal Station routine was carried out.

October 4<sup>th</sup> Both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Services under the direction of the Station Chaplain's. The Roman Catholic Church Service is now being held in the writing room of the Servie Building and the Protestant Church Service in the Station Auditorium.

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October 5<sup>th</sup> The winter program of entertainment has now started. It is planned to hold 3 picture shows a week. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Friday nights. The present picture shows are being put on by the Y.M.C. A. representative, Mr. Harold Villett. Although a 16 m.m. projector is used, the class of show we are now receiving is very good. It is planned to hold at least one concert each week, and the auditorium is being renovated so that it will be second to none. It is

unfortunate that this Unit has not enough recreational facilities. However, additions to the Drill Hall are contemplated, and if authority is received for this, ample recreational facilities will be provided. Final examinations for the First Entry commenced today. Examinations being held under the supervision of Flying Officer Sheffield. Final examinations will continue through Tuesday, October 6. Pilot Officer G.P. Cummings, C13676, Equipment was taken on strength on posting from No. 5 "M" Depot, Lachine, Quebec this date. Pilot Officer Cummings replaces Flying Officer T.V. Johnson C6927, who has recently been struck of strength on posting oversea.

October 6<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine carried out.

October 7<sup>th</sup> Flying time for the first week of the month amounted to 235 hours, and 50 minutes despite the fact that October 3 and 4 no flying was done. The use of No. 3 hangar at No. 8 Repair Depot has been obtained by the Commanding Officer, and the Flying Squadron will now have ample accommodation for Aircraft during the winter months.

October 8<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine carried out. Effective today's date the section known as the Trainee Wing has been dispensed with, and from this date the Station will be operated on a basis of one wing. Trainees being included in Headquarters wing for organization purposes. Reallocation of Station duties is following and all Administrative Officers will be attached to Headquarters Staff.

October 9<sup>th</sup> Commanding Officer's inspection was held on the Station parade ground at 0750 hours. Flight Lieutenant B.S. Philp C3019 became Officer Commanding Flying Squadron on posting of Flight Lieutenant C.H.P. Killick C3018, on temporary duty to A.F.H.Q. Ottawa.

October 10<sup>th</sup> As Monday, October 12 is Thanksgiving Day, the Commanding Officer ordered that the Station will work the normal day's routine this date, and that Monday, October 12 will be a full holiday. This is met with hearty approval of all personnel so that Monday's routine is being carried through this date. Flight Lieutenant F.A.W. Severn C2021, Administrative, has been struck of strength on posting to western Air Command. Flight Lieutenant Severn has been on temporary duty to A.F.H.Q. and has recently completed a course at Orlando, Florida.

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October 11<sup>th</sup> Both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Parades were held at the usual hours under the direction of the Station Chaplains. Normal Sunday routine was carried out.

October 12<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Day. With the exception of the duty watch, the Station was on a 48 hour pass.

October 13<sup>th</sup> Station resumed work after the holiday week-end. Normal Station routine carried out.

October 14<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine carried out.

October 15<sup>th</sup> The Station improvement program planned for this year is nearly completed, and the whole Station area has taken on an entirely different appearance. The roadways have been lined with rock, top soil has been distributed between the barrack blocks. A great deal of the seeding completed, and this Unit should be the beauty spot of No. 2 Training Command next summer. Authority has now been granted, and tenders called for the construction of additional accommodation to the Sergeant's Mess. The additional accommodation will consist of a two-storey living quarters attached to the present Sergeant's Mess, and a substantial addition more than doubling the size of the present ante-room will be constructed. The 41st Squadron held their Graduation Banquet at the Marlborough hotel. After a very enjoyable dinner, the 41st Squadron and their guests adjourned to the ballroom where dancing took place until the early hours of the morning. The party was adjudged a huge success by all present.

October 16<sup>th</sup> The Commanding Officer's weekly inspection held on the Station parade ground. After a short inspection of the Wing the Commanding Officer led the parade on a short route march. Flying Officer N.S.H. Smith C12013 M.D. was appointed to the rank of Temporary Flight Lieutenant. Fleet Fort Aircraft 3618 was slightly damaged, Piloted by S/P Fosh, When it nosed up on the end of the runway at Stevenson's Field. The damage consisted of a bent propellor, and crankshaft.

October 17<sup>th</sup> Fleet Fort No. 3637 was slightly damaged, Piloted by Sergeant Miller, K.A.W. Damaged when it collided with a bird in flight.

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Our very popular Adjutant, Flight Lieutenant E. Anderson C3327 was struck of strength this date on posting to Air Force Headquarters, Ottawa. Flight Lieutenant Anderson was one of the original Officers on the Station. Reporting to this Unit in January, 1941, several weeks before the Station was officially opened. Flight Lieutenant J.A. Emery C3044 has been appointed Adjutant to replace Flight Lieutenant Anderson.

October 18<sup>th</sup> During the course of the Victory Loan Parade, formation flying by the Pilots of this Unit was carried out over the city of Winnipeg. Twelve Fleet Fort Aircraft from this Unit participated. Many complimentary remarks were passed of the excellence of this formation flying. Two Squadrons from this Unit, Squadrons 47 and 51, in Command of Squadron Leader C.G. Stewart participated in the Victory Loan Parade held in the city of Winnipeg. The normal Sunday Church Parades were carried out.

October 19<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine carried out. In the evening the Officer's Wives Association held a Bingo game in the Drill Hall. Approximately 200 Airmen attended the game, and seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly. Proceeds of the evening are to be used for the Hospital Comfort Fund and general Station benefit, and it is hoped that before the winter has passed, several games of this kind can be arranged.

October 20<sup>th</sup> Menasco Moth Aircraft 4936 piloted by Sergeant Farleigh was slightly damaged while taxiing after landing. The damage consisting of a broken propellor. Normal Station

routine carried out this date. Monthly Officers' Mess meeting was held at 1130 hours in the ante-room of the Officers' Mess. The new furnishings and general scheme of improvement as suggested by the Furniture Committee was approved of, and the Committee is proceeding with a scheme to make the Officers' Quarters more presentable and livable. The monthly Sergeants' Mess meeting was held in the Sergeants' Mess this date, and it was decided at this meeting to assess all N.C.O.'s to take care of additional furniture required on the enlargement of the present Sergeants' Mess. The monthly Mess dinner was held in the Officers' Mess. Squadron Leader Game acted as president of the dinner, and Flying Officer Morton as Vice/President. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and the dinner was voted one of the best ever held on this Station.

October 21<sup>st</sup> The Station Auditorium has now been fully renovated and stage curtains, lighting fixtures, etc., have been completed. The Auditorium presents an entirely different appearance. The record for flying time was set up this date by the Flying Squadron. 108 hours and 55 minutes. The rehearsal for the Graduation Parade to be held on Thursday, took place at 1610 hours. As is usual in such a case, the rehearsal was a dismal failure, the march being vert noticeably bad.

October 22<sup>nd</sup> Graduation Parade and Exercises for the 41st Squadron. Graduation Parade was held at 1600 hours on the Parade Square under the Command of the Commanding Officer, Squadron Leader T.R. Michelson.

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Air Commodore T.A. Lawrence presented prizes to the three leading Airmen, and Awards Badges were presented by Air Commodore Lawrence and Squadron Leader Michelson. A number of visitors from No. 2 Training Command were present, including Wing Commander H.C. Atkinson. Following the Graduation Parade the Officers' Sergeants' and Airmen's Messes were opened to visitors, and a number of visitors were entertained until 1800 hours. The parade was also witnessed by Squadron Leader Dight, who passed very complimentary remarks on the parade.

October 23<sup>rd</sup> Nineteen members of the 41st Squadron were transferred to the 43rd Squadron. 104 Graduates of the 41st Squadron were posted as follows:- 36 to Dafoe, 48 to Mossbank, 7 to Lethbridge, 7 to Paulson.

October 24<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine carried out.

October 25<sup>th</sup> The usual Sunday Church Parades were held under the direction of the Station Chaplains.

October 26<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine carried out, and in the evening one Squadron from this Unit under the Command of Flight Lieutenant J.S. McArdle participated in the Victory Loan Parade held in the municipality of Fort Garry.

October 27<sup>th</sup> The First Aid Lectures commenced again this date. The Medical Officers hope to

have the first course completed before the graduation of the 5th Officers Signals Course. Officers drill course will be held commencing October 28, and will be held twice weekly for the next few weeks. A very popular promotion was made known this day when Squadron Leader T.R. Michelson C529 General List was appointed to the rank of Acting Wing Commander.

October 28<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine carried out.

October 29<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine carried out.

October 30<sup>th</sup> Commanding Officers inspection was held at 0800 hours on the Station Parade Ground. The Wing led by the Station brass band, which has made great strides during the past 4 weeks, carried out,

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a short route march through the town of Tuxedo. The brass band has now been in training for a period of approximately one month, and if progress being made at present keeps up, we will have a very excellent band within the next two or three months.

October 31<sup>st</sup> A Hallow'een Dance was held in the Officers' Mess, and was enjoyably attended by approximately 120 couples. The Mess was decorated by the Signal's Officers of the graduating class who spent many hours decorating the Mess with Hallow'een effects.

Training Progress Training proceeded normally during the month of October. Due to the fact that Trainees are now required to fly 25 hours, Flying Squadron set up a record of 2136 hours and 45 minutes flown during the month of October. This exceeds any previous month by a wide margin, and was done despite the fact that during the month a number of Fleet Fort Aircraft were unserviceable. The sports program eased up slightly due to the in-between season, although a schedule of inter-Squadron touch football was carried out. On October 24, the English rugby team from this Unit travelled to Carbury, and played the R.A.F. Station, #33 S.F.T.S. Results were very gratifying to this Unit.

Accidents There were no fatal accidents this month. Three slight accidents to Aircraft. No. M.T. accidents, and no serious accidents to personnel.

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
	Norseman IV W	5	1
	Fleet Fort I	2	0
	Fleet Fort II	10	14
	Menasco Moth I	1	0
	Menasco Moth II	1	0

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<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	48	410	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
C.D.C.	7	7	
R.A.F.	1	8	
R.N.Z.A.F.	3	12	
<u>Civilians</u>			
Barrack Officer			1
Others			94
	<hr/> 54	<hr/> 438	<hr/> 99
TRAINÉES: R.C.A.F.	26	617	
R.N.Z.A.F..		184	
R.A.A.F.		72	
R.A.F.		4	

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November 1st/42 <u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	48	410	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
C.D.C.	2	7	
R.A.F.	1	8	
R.N.Z.A.F.	3	12	
<u>Civilians</u>			
Barrack Officer			1
Others			94
	<hr/> 54	<hr/> 437	<hr/> 95
TRAINÉES: R.C.A.F.	26	617	
R.N.Z.A.F..		184	
R.A.A.F.		72	
R.A.F.		4	

Normal Station Sunday Routine. Both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church parades held under the direction of the Station Chaplains. There was no flying this date.

November 2<sup>nd</sup> Normal Station Routine. The third edition of the weekly news sheet was published today, and is providing interesting information for all personnel on the Station. 78 hours 5 minutes flying this date.

November 3<sup>rd</sup> Normal Station Routine.

November 4<sup>th</sup> Normal Station Routine.

November 5<sup>th</sup> As mentioned in earlier Diary sheets there has been a series of petty thefts on this Station, and to eliminate this as far as possible, Station banking facilities have been opened this date. Pilot Officer Wilson, Administrative under instruction, has been delegated as banking officer and will take

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deposits weekly for all personnel, the Y.M.C.A. representative and the Station Chaplains being relieved of this necessary duty.

November 6<sup>th</sup> The weekly Commanding Officer's Inspection was held on the Station Parade Ground at 0750 hours. The ensign was hoisted at 0800 hours following which, under the Command of Wing Commander Michelson, proceeded on a short Route March. The Victory Loan Campaign is progressing in a very satisfactory manner and it is expected that No. 3 Wireless School will exceed its quota.

November 7<sup>th</sup> Normal Saturday Routine.

November 8<sup>th</sup> Normal Sunday Routine with both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Services under the direction of the Station Chaplains.

November 9<sup>th</sup> The summer's outside improvement programme, including landscaping, planting, sodding, and general cleanup has been completed and the Station presents a very different appearance than it did in the Spring. All roads have been gravelled and the main roads oiled, and all walks and roads are lined with whitewashed stone. The Spring planting of shrubs came through the summer in fine shape and the growth has been excellent. Grass has been planted or sodded around by the Barrack Huts with the exception of Hut 20 and the Senior N.C.O.'s Mess. Within a few days the rink will be flooded and the Winter's programme of Sports will be in full swing.

November 10<sup>th</sup> Final first-aid lecture of the first course was completed this date. The exams are to be held in the near future. The second course will not commence until after the first of the year. The Flying Squadron are back to normal flying time to day. During the past week, due

to the grounding of Fleet Fort aircraft, the flying hours have fallen off badly and it has been necessary to obtain six Menasco Moths from Souris to keep up the flying time. These are all in service as at this date.

November 11<sup>th</sup> A special Remembrance Day Parade was held on the Station Parade Ground. Squadrons were in position by 1040 hours with the Wing in the form of a hollow square. Great War Veterans (Civilians) holding the centre position. After a short service by Flight Lieutenant Phillips. A period of two minutes' silence was observed and, headed by the War Veterans, a March Past followed, the salute being taken by Wing Commander Michelson. Two Squadrons of Trainees, under the command of Flying Officer Dunbar, paraded in the Annual City of Winnipeg Remembrance Day Ceremony. The Officers' touch rugby team were defeated by the 49 Squadron in the semi-final of the Station League.

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November 12<sup>th</sup> Wing Commander Michelson is on temporary duty at No. 3 Bombing & Gunnery School, MacDonald, Manitoba, as President of a District Court Martial. Pilot Officer H.N. Burgoyne (C13855), Administrative, Struck off Strength on posting to No. 1 K.T.S., Trenton, Ontario. Pilot Officer Burgoyne has been under instruction at this Unit for the past six weeks, and has made excellent progress.

November 13<sup>th</sup> Pay Day. Thirteen Trainees were C.T.'d effective this date. In twelve cases inability to assimilate the various subjects of the Course being the reason, the thirteenth being C.T.'d for Medical causes. Due to the fact that a Remembrance Day Parade was carried out on Wednesday, the C.O.'s usual weekly inspection was cancelled.

November 14<sup>th</sup> The Station Library announces the access of several new volumes. The library is becoming very popular and it is unfortunate that we have not a proper reading room on the Station. The proposed additions to the Drill Hall have been cancelled and the approved Canteen Addition will soon commence. This will provide additional recreational facilities which are badly needed.

November 15<sup>th</sup> Normal Sunday Routine.

November 16<sup>th</sup> Seventh Course Officers' Signals Course commenced this date with the posting of thirteen new Signals Officers. The fifth Officers' Signals Course graduated on November 14th and the disposition of this Course was as follows:

14 out of original class of 15 Officers graduated.

7 were posted to the Eastern Air Command.

6 were posted to the Western Air Command.

1 was posted to No. 1 Training Command, Toronto, Ontario.

The second monthly Bingo Game was held in the Drill Hall at 8.00 o'clock in the evening and was well attended, the airmen requesting that Games be continued after the Christmas Season.

November 17<sup>th</sup> Monthly Officers' Mess Dinner was held at 1900 hours in the Officers' Mess.

Flight Lieutenant Rathwell acted as President of the Dinner and Wing Commander Ball, Signals' Officer of No. 2 Training Command was guest of honor. Following the Dinner an enjoyable evening, consisting of Games and the usual entertainment, progressed to the small hours of the morning.

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November 18<sup>th</sup> Graduation Parade of the 43rd Entry was held on the Station Parade Ground at 1500 hours. This was one of the smallest graduating entries to date. Air Commodore Nevill of the R.N.Z.A.F. and Group Captain White, R.N.Z.A.F., New Zealand Air Liaison Officer, were present and presented badges. Air Commodore Nevill presented the medals and made a short address to the graduates. The Parade presented a very smart turn out and it is noticeable that each succeeding Graduation Parade is improving. Following the Parade the Station was open to visitors until 1800 hours.

November 19<sup>th</sup> The Administration Course for all the Flight Lieutenants, Flying Officers, Pilot Officers, and Senior N.C.O.'s commenced this date. Sergeant Pilot Ball crashed in Fleet Fort Aircraft # 3631, one half mile north of Stevenson's Airport, the aircraft being slightly damaged but no injuries to personnel.

November 20<sup>th</sup> Commanding Officers' inspection. Due to the severity of the weather the inspection was curtailed and lasted only a few minutes. The Flying Squadron are putting in over 100 hours flying per day and are rapidly catching up on time lost in the first week of the month. Pilot Officer Cummings (C-13676) Equipment, was struck off strength on posting to Air Force Headquarters.

November 21<sup>st</sup> Normal Station Routine. The 43rd entry was posted and the disposition of this Course is as follows:- 76 graduates of the 43rd Entry: 25 posted to Paulson, 25 posted to Lethbridge, 25 posted to Mossbank and 1 delayed posting due to hospitalization.

November 22<sup>nd</sup> Normal Station Routine, with Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Services held under the direction of Station Chaplains.

November 23<sup>rd</sup> Pilot Officer A.E. Hockley (C-13510) (Administrative) and Pilot Officer W.T. Logan (C-13167) Administrative) were taken on strength direct from Administration Course, Trenton, Ontario. Flight Lieutenant B.S. Philp (C3019) (General List), Officer Commanding Flying Squadron was posted this date to No. 124 Ferry Squadron, Rockcliffe, Ontario. Flight Lieutenant Philp will be a distinct loss to the Station as he has proved a very capable O.C. of the Flying Squadron. A farewell party was held in the Officers' Mess for Flight Lieutenant Philp at 1130 hours November 24th. The skating rink is now in operation and preparations for the Christmas Season are started, A Dance is planned for New Years' Eve and Flying Officer West has been appointed Officer i/c arrangements. Flight Lieutenant C.H.P. Killick has been appointed Officer Commanding the Flying Squadron.

November 25<sup>th</sup> Normal Station Routine.

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November 26<sup>th</sup> R65604 Cpl. Halewood, W. was injured in a flying accident, being struck by the airscrew of a Manasco Moth. His injuries are not serious.

November 27<sup>th</sup> Commanding Officers Inspection again curtailed on account of inclement weather. Following an inspection the Commanding Officer made a thorough inspection of the Station area.

November 28<sup>th</sup> Station on a final 48-hour pass of the year and, with the exception of the Duty Watch, presents a deserted appearance.

November 29<sup>th</sup> Station on 48-hour pass.

November 30<sup>th</sup> Final exams for the 45th Entry commenced this date. The second District Court Martial ever to be held at No. 3 Wireless School was held in the Station Auditorium, all Officers of the Officers Signals Class being under instruction. R106266 F/Sgt Huffer, T. crashed in Menasco Moth No. 4890 near St. Agathe, Manitoba, the aircraft being severely damaged but fortunately personnel suffering only slight injuries.

Training Progress Training proceeded normally during the month of November. The 43rd Entry graduated on the 18th of the month. Despite the fact that flying was severely curtailed during the first week of the month, a new record of hours was set up by the Flying Squadron with a total of 2162 hours 15 minutes being flown during the month. There has been a slight inbetween season lull in sporting activity.

Accidents There were two aircraft accidents during the month. There was one M.T. accident, vehicle R.C.A.F. #33-183 was damaged by fire. The damage amounted to approximately \$25.00. There was no serious accident to personnel.

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<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
	Norseman IV W	5	1
	Fleet Fort I	1	1
	Fleet Fort II	19	5
	Menasco Moth I	1	0
	Menasco Moth II	5	3

<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	48	424	

Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.

C.D.C.	3	10	
R.A.F.	1	3	
R.N.Z.A.F.	3	12	
<u>Civilians</u>			
Barrack Officer			1
Others			97
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	55	449	98

TRAINEES:	R.C.A.F.	27	560
	R.N.Z.A.F..		227
	R.A.A.F.		74
	R.A.F.		4

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<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	48	424	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
C.D.C.	3	10	
R.A.F.	1	3	
R.N.Z.A.F.	3	12	
<u>Civilians</u>			
Barrack Officer			1
Others			97
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	55	449	98
TRAINEES:	R.C.A.F.	27	560
	R.N.Z.A.F..		227
	R.A.A.F.		74
	R.A.F.		4

Pilot Officer D.H.C. Roberts (C20776) (Admin), Taken on Strength for instruction prior to posting to School of Administration, Trenton. Classes in trade improvement started this date.

December 2<sup>nd</sup> Five members of 45F Squadron were C.T'd; one for medical reasons, and four who were unable to cope with ground subjects. The Flying Squadron flew a total of 124 hours

35 minutes this date which constitutes a new high in flying hours in one day at this Unit.  
Normal Station Routine.

December 3<sup>rd</sup> The Christmas Leave having been announced, preparations are underway for the granting of five days special Christmas Leave to all personnel. Training will cease entirely for the Christmas Season and all personnel with the exception of a skeleton staff will proceed on leave on December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

December 4<sup>th</sup> Commanding Officer's Inspection was held at 0845 hours. Due to daylight-saving time the weekly Commanding Officer's Inspection has been advanced one hour. The Parade was cut to a minimum

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due to the severity of the weather. The second W.D. Officer of this Unit was taken on strength, A.S.O. Watkins (V30337) (Signals), to complete No. 6 Officers' Training Course.

December 5<sup>th</sup> Normal Station Routine.

December 6<sup>th</sup> Both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church parades were held by Station Chaplains. Normal Sunday Routine.

December 7<sup>th</sup> Preparations started this day for Christmas and New Years entertainment and decorations. Christmas Trees have been obtained by sending the M.T. Section to the country and it is planned to erect four large trees in the Drill Hall and place decorated trees in all the Messes, Canteen, and Auditorium. A lighted arch is to be erected over the front gate and over the front entrance to the Administration Building, and the main streets are to be lighted in color. It is hoped to have this work completed by the middle of December at the latest. At 1930 hours the first showing of "Lifebuoy Follies" was held in the Auditorium. This proved to be an excellent show and was highly approved of by an enthusiastic capacity house. Following the "Lifebuoy Follies", the members of the revue were entertained in the Officers' Mess.

December 8<sup>th</sup> Roman Catholic Mass was celebrated at 0640 hours, 1200 hours and 1240 hours in the Roman Catholic Chaplain's Office. The second showing of the "Lifebuoy Follies" was again enthusiastically received, and following the show the entertainers visited the Sergeants' Mess. Flying Officer T.J. Sullivan (C9383) (Admin) was struck off strength on posting to No. 5 A.O.S, Winnipeg.

December 9<sup>th</sup> Normal Station Routine.

December 10<sup>th</sup> Normal Station Routine.

December 11<sup>th</sup> Commanding Officer's Inspection was held at 0845 hours and was followed by a Kit Inspection for all personnel below the rank of W.O.2 and a general inspection of the Station area by Wing Commander Michelson. Four trainees were C.T'd this date due to their inability

to assimilate ground subjects. The Officers Drill Course was completed this date.

December 12<sup>th</sup> Normal Station Routine.

December 13<sup>th</sup> Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Parades were held under the direction of the station Chaplains. It had been intended to hold a Protestant Station Church Parade at one of the down town churches this date, but due to the fact that two Squadrons are on leave this has been cancelled and will be held during the month of January or February.

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December 14<sup>th</sup> The Christmas decorations have been completed and the Station presents a very pleasing appearance. Special efforts are being put forth to see that all Station personnel are invited to spend their Christmas Leave as guests of Winnipeg people or of hosts in the surrounding country. It is not expected that all will take advantage of this but it will be surprising if more than 100 airmen remain on the Station during the Christmas Leave Period.

December 15<sup>th</sup> Monthly Officers' Mess Dinner was held at 1930 hours in the Officers' Mess. Due to the fact that the capacity of the Mess is limited, all senior Officers were excused this Dinner. Pilot Officer B.H. Wraith (C14077) (GL) was struck off strength on posting to No. 8 Repair Depot, Winnipeg. Pilot Officer O.A. Schwartz (C14615) (Equip) was taken on strength from No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg.

December 16<sup>th</sup> Normal Station Routine.

December 17<sup>th</sup> Preparations are going forward this date for the graduation of the 45th Entry. Following their graduation to be held tomorrow, members of this Entry will proceed on nine days leave prior to their posting to Bombing & Gunnery School.

December 18<sup>th</sup> Graduation Parade for the 45th Entry was held at 1500 hours in the Drill Hall. Due to the absence of Wing Commander Michelson, Squadron Leader Fisher was in command of the Parade and presented the top men with their merit awards. It was necessary to hold this parade in the Drill Hall due to the severity of the weather which was rather unfortunate as this was the first entry of Australian airmen to graduate for some months, and no doubt many visitors would have attended this particular graduation. Following the Graduation Parade, the Station was open to visitors until 1800 hours. The disposition of this course is as follows:- 104 graduates in the 45th Entry: 25 posted to Dafoe, 25 posted to Lethbridge, 45 posted to Mossbank, and 9 posted to Paulson.

December 19<sup>th</sup> A Christmas Tree for all children between the ages of two and ten, of station personnel was held in the Auditorium at 1445 hours. Following a short programme of moving pictures, Santa Claus, in the person of F/Sgt Gilmour, made his appearance and each child received a present. The Auditorium was well filled with parents and children, in fact the turn out was very surprising. Following the presentation which was made from the stage, all parents and children proceeded to the airmen's Mess where the usual Christmas Party was held. It is

not known how many of the children were ill that night, but from

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the amount of soft drinks, candy, and ice cream consumed, a great number of the parents could not have spent a very pleasant evening. This is our first attempt at a Christmas Party and it has been voted a huge success by one and all who attended.

December 20<sup>th</sup> Both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Parades, under the direction of the Station Chaplains were held in the Station Auditorium. Normal Sunday routine followed.

December 21<sup>st</sup> Final few days before Christmas which are always rushed and at the same time very little work seems to be accomplished. There was no exception today. Pilot Officer L.H. Davies (C12938), our popular Physical Training Officer has been struck off strength on posting to No. 5 I.T.S., Belleville, Ontario. To date we have not received word of a posting of another P.T.&D. Officer.

December 22<sup>nd</sup> Due to the fact that very little work is being accomplished it has been decided to cease work entirely at noon tomorrow. A great number of trainees who have long distances to travel are being excused at 1700 hours tonight. The balance will proceed on their Christmas Leave at 1200 hours on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

December 23<sup>rd</sup> Work ceased at 1200 hours and the Christmas spirit seemed to prevail on the station. The Stenographic Staff were entertained in the Officers' Mess by the Staff Officers and both Officers and girls seem to enjoy themselves thoroughly. The party broke up at 1800 hours. The Station was visited by Flight Lieutenant K.S. Blair, R.C.A.F. Headquarters, Ottawa, who was making a routine inspection trip in connection with W.D. accommodation.

December 24<sup>th</sup> The Station presented the appearance of a deserted village this date, there being not more than 80 men on the whole Station. Those who were on duty called it a day early in the afternoon and again the Christmas spirit prevailed.

December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day. At 1045 hours the Officers visited the Sergeants' Mess and were entertained by the Senior N.C.O's until 1145 hours when it was the Officers turn to entertain the N.C.O.S. After another pleasant hour, during which many toasts were drunk to one another, the Officers and N.C.O's and Nursing Sisters proceeded to the Airmen's Mess and served dinner to those airmen who were on the Station. Great quantities of turkey, beer, cigarettes and everything that goes with a Christmas Dinner were consumed, and everyone seemed to have a grand time. The party broke up at 1400 hours and was voted the best ever held on this Station.

December 26<sup>th</sup> Station still on Christmas Leave.

December 27<sup>th</sup> Station still on Christmas Leave.

December 28<sup>th</sup> Station still on Christmas Leave.

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December 29<sup>th</sup> Station resumed work after the Christmas Holidays. Due to the severity of the weather and the fact that transportation facilities are greatly over worked, a number of staff and trainees are reporting back late, and by 1400 hours in the afternoon there were still more than 150 absentees.

December 30<sup>th</sup> Normal Station Routine.

December 31<sup>st</sup> Preparations for New Year's Eve Dances in the Drill Hall, Sergeants' Mess and Officers' Mess have been completed and the Station ceased work at 1200 hours. The New Year's Eve parties commenced at approximately 2000 hours and a large crowd of visitors attended all Dances, the airmen's dance in the Drill Hall being particularly well attended. Air Commodore and Mrs. T.A. Lawrence were welcome visitors and spent the whole evening with us as guests at all of the dances. Flying Officer A.C. West deserves a great deal of credit for his fine showing in the Drill Hall especially, and it is hoped that in future years bigger and better parties will be held at this Season of the Year.

Training Progress Training proceeded normally during the month of December. This was the first month in which leave was granted to the trainees during their course. Both 51 Squadron and 53 Squadron proceeded on leave on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 1942. Despite the fact that there was no flying during the Christmas Leave Period, 1,439 hours and 20 minutes flying time was accomplished by the Flying Squadron.

Accidents There were no fatal accidents during the month; no aircraft accidents, no M.T. Accidents, and no serious accidents to personnel.

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
	Norseman IV W	4	1
	Fleet Fort I	0	2
	Fleet Fort II	9	19
	Menasco Moth I	1	0
	Menasco Moth II	7	2

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<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
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STAFF:	R.C.A.F.	46	425	
	<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
	C.D.C.	3	10	
	R.A.F.	1	3	
	R.N.Z.A.F.	3	12	
	<u>Civilians</u>			
	Barrack Officer			1
	Others			115
		<u>53</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>116</u>
TRAINEES:	R.C.A.F.	27	612	
	R.N.Z.A.F..		203	
	R.A.A.F.		16	
	R.A.F.		3	

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<u>Personnel Strength</u>		<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF:	R.C.A.F.	46	425	
	<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
	C.D.C.	3	10	
	R.A.F.	1	3	
	R.N.Z.A.F.	3	12	
	<u>Civilians</u>			
	Barrack Officer			1
	Others			115
		<u>53</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>116</u>
TRAINEES:	R.C.A.F.	27	612	
	R.N.Z.A.F..		203	
	R.A.A.F.		16	
	R.A.F.		3	

New Year's Day. The Station as a whole took their special leave during the Christmas Season. This day has been declared a holiday following the New Year's Eve celebration. The Officers were at home to Officers of other Units in the City from 1030 hours to 1130 hours. The first visitors to arrive were the Officers from H.M.C.S. Chippewa, headed by their commanding

officer. Commander Orde. Guests from No. 2 Training Command, No. 8 Repair Depot, and No. 7 Equipment Depot attended. In the afternoon the Commanding Officer and all Officers of the rank of Squadron Leader and above who were not on leave attended the New Year's Day levee at Government House and later attended No. 2 Training Command Mess.

January 2<sup>nd</sup> Station is on 48-hour pass.

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January 3<sup>rd</sup> Both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Services were held for Duty Watch only as the Station is still on 48 hour pass. The Roman Catholic Service was conducted by Squadron Leader Costello, No. 2 Training Command Senior Chaplain, as Flight Lieutenant Crossland was on leave.

January 4<sup>th</sup> The Station settled down to normal routine today after the long holiday season. The Squadron Commanders commenced to deal with A.W.O.L. cases which, despite the five days Christmas Leave, were abnormally prevalent, in most cases due to the fact that transportation facilities were both congested and, due to weather conditions, were running hours late.

January 5<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine. Flight Lieutenant C.W. Hall (C-6111)(Medical) proceeded on temporary duty to No. 8 "M" Depot, Souris, Manitoba.

January 6<sup>th</sup> The discipline on the Station has fallen off badly during the holiday season, making it necessary for the Commanding Officer to parade all personnel this date to review local orders in regard to discipline.

January 7<sup>th</sup> The entertainment officer, Flying Officer West, has lined up a fine programme of entertainment to cover the next three months. The new Sports' Officer, Pilot Officer C. Turner (C-13544)(PT&D), who reported to this Station on January 30th, is presently lining up an excellent Sports' programme. Inter-squadron Hockey League and a Basketball League are now functioning each night, and the Station Hockey Team is now in the R.C.A.F. City League. A boxing ring has been constructed in the Drill Hall and boxing and wrestling instructions are being given by Pilot Officer Turner three nights a week. It is intended to hold a boxing and wrestling show sometime during the month of February.

January 8<sup>th</sup> Commanding Officers Inspection was held at 0845 hours and was followed by a Station Inspection.

January 9<sup>th</sup> The first meeting of Class Seniors was held in the Station Auditorium attended by the Commanding Officer, Chief Instructor, S.A.O., S.W.O., and all Class Seniors. These conferences will be held every second Saturday for the purpose of obtaining general suggestions from the trainees and improvements that can be made both in training schedule and in the general administration of the Station.

January 10<sup>th</sup> Both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Parades and the Roman Catholic Service was again conducted by Squadron Leader Costello of No. 2 Training Command.

January 11<sup>th</sup> Normal Station Routine.

January 12<sup>th</sup> The Station was honoured by a visit by Air Chief Marshal Longmore, Royal Air Force, the highest ranking officer ever to visit this Unit. Air Chief Marshal Longmore made a thorough inspection

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of the Station Area and expressed his satisfaction with the training facilities provided.

January 13<sup>th</sup> The severe cold weather has prevented flying during the past few days and today, with the temperature well under 30 degrees below zero, flying has had to be discontinued entirely, as the brakes and controls of the Fleet Fort Aircraft become frozen and inoperative at the low temperatures prevailing. As a result of the cold weather the number of flying hours for the month of January will be considerably less than usual. Squadron Leader C.C. Stewart (C23284)(Accts), one of the original officers of this Station, was struck off strength on posting to No. 8 Repair Depot, Winnipeg, and has been replaced by Flight Lieutenant R.W. Spear (C2595) and by Pilot Officer R.H. Cunningham (C20756). A short entertainment in honour of Squadron Leader Stewart was held in the Officers' Mess. Fleet Fort Aircraft No. 3616 was forced to land five miles north-west of Winnipeg due to weather conditions. No damage occurred.

January 14<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine.

January 15<sup>th</sup> As at this date No. 3 Wireless School becomes responsible for the administration of approximately seven hundred W.E.T.P. trainees located at the Manitoba Technical Institute, Anna-Gibson School and Daniel MacIntyre School. Commanding Officers Inspection was held at 0845 hours. Due to the severity of the weather the parade was brief and an inspection of two squadrons was held in the Drill Hall. Air Vice Marshal E.W. Stedman, Director General of Air Research, accompanied by Wing Commander B. Ball, Senior Signals Officer, No. 2 Training Command, visited the Station.

January 16<sup>th</sup> Fleet Fort Aircraft No. 3566, piloted by Sgt. G.W. Parliament was damaged while taxiing on landing strip at Stevenson's Airport. Normal Saturday routine.

January 17<sup>th</sup> Normal Sunday routine.

January 18<sup>th</sup> Pilot Officer J.R. Alexander (C12111)(Admin) was struck off strength on posting to No. 2 Training Command. Pilot Officer Alexander is taking over the position of personal assistant to the Air Officer Commanding. Fleet Fort Aircraft No. 3628 crashed on take off. There were no injuries to the Pilot or the Trainee and only slight injury to the aircraft.

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January 19<sup>th</sup> The monthly Mess Dinner of the Officers' Mess was held at 1900 hours and the Mess was honoured by the presence of Air Commodore T.A. Lawrence accompanied by Squadron Leader McLellan.

January 20<sup>th</sup> Flying Officer W.H. Sparks (C4998)(A.E) was struck off strength on posting to No. 3 Bombing and Gunnery School, Macdonald, and has been replaced by K.W. Downes (C3125) (A.E.) who is taking charge of the Maintenance Flight at the Flying Squadron. The Station was visited by Group Captain T.W. White, R.N.Z.A.F., head of the New Zealand Air Mission, accompanied by Flight Lieutenant E.L. Gray. As usual during such visits, Group Captain White addressed the New Zealand trainees.

January 21<sup>st</sup> Graduation of the 47th Entry. Graduation Parade consisted of four Squadrons and was held in the Drill Hall. Graduation medals were presented to the four leading airmen by Wing Commander T.R. Michelson and Squadron Leader Fisher, Chief Instructor. The Graduation Banquet and Dance was held by the graduating Squadron in the Marlborough Hotel.

January 22<sup>nd</sup> The monthly Officers' Mess meeting was held at 1130 hours in the Officers' Mess.

January 23<sup>rd</sup> Disposition of the 47th Squadron. 21 Graduates were posted to Mossbank, 25 Graduates to Paulson, and 25 Graduates to Lethbridge; 1 delayed posting due to hospitalization. Normal Saturday routine.

January 24<sup>th</sup> Normal Sunday routine.

January 25<sup>th</sup> Normal Station routine with the exception that 61 Entry commenced instruction this date.

January 26<sup>th</sup> Norseman aircraft No. 2474 made a forced landing at Portage la Prairie with no damage.

January 27<sup>th</sup> After many attempts at a system of contribution by the airmen for extra messing, a system has finally been instituted whereby they will contribute 25¢ per pay day to be allotted for extra messing. It has also been decided this date to hold a Valentine's Dance on February 13th and plans are proceeding for this event. Fleet Fort Aircraft No. 3638, piloted by Sgt. W.N. Marler caught on fire five miles west of Winnipeg. The Trainee bailed out but fortunately was not injured. The aircraft returned to its base with slight damage and no injuries to personnel.

January 28<sup>th</sup> A surprise Station inspection was carried out today by the Commanding Officer, resulting in the C.B. of all airmen.

January 29<sup>th</sup> Commanding Officer's Inspection followed by Inspection of the Station Area.

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January 30<sup>th</sup> Normal Saturday routine.

January 31<sup>st</sup> Both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Services held under the direction of the Station Chaplains.

Training Progress Training proceeded normally during the month with the exception that the required number of flying hours were impossible due to the severity of the weather, a total of 1,378 hours and 10 minutes being accomplished despite abnormal weather conditions. The 55 Squadron proceeded on nine days leave during the month of January and, due to the fact that trainee squadrons now receive leave during the period of their training, there will be no more 48-hour passes issued to trainees. The training schedule has been altered to allow 8 periods each Friday instead of 9, the first period being allotted to the Commanding Officer's Inspection. This period is to be picked up on Saturdays, and from this date on there will be 5 periods of training each Saturday instead of 4. Entries No. 51-59 have been reshuffled into three classes or flights on the basis of their Morse speed.

Accidents There were no fatal accidents during the month, three slight aircraft accidents, no M.T. accidents, and no serious accidents to personnel.

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
	Norseman IV W	5	0
	Fleet Fort I	2	0
	Fleet Fort II	20	11
	Menasco Moth I	1	0
	Menasco Moth II	9	0

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<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	41	364	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
C.D.C.	2	10	
R.A.F.	1	3	
R.N.Z.A.F.	3	12	
<u>Civilians</u>			
Barrack Officer			1
Others			122
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	47	389	123
TRAINÉES: R.C.A.F.	26	582	

R.N.Z.A.F..	241
R.A.A.F.	7
R.A.F.	1

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 Tuxedo, Manitoba.

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<u>Personnel Strength</u>		<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF:	R.C.A.F.	41	364	
	<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
	C.D.C.	2	10	
	R.A.F.	1	3	
	R.N.Z.A.F.	3	12	
	<u>Civilians</u>			
	Barrack Officer			1
	Others			122
		<hr/> 47	<hr/> 389	<hr/> 123
TRAINEES:	R.C.A.F.	26	582	
	R.N.Z.A.F..		241	
	R.A.A.F.		7	
	R.A.F.		1	
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Normal Station Routine.

February 2<sup>nd</sup> Trade Improvement Classes in Wireless Mechanic and Wireless Operator Ground subjects were resumed this date. A Bingo Game was held in the Station Drill Hall at 2030 hours and was arranged by the Officers' wives, No. 3 Wireless School. A very successful evening resulted and future Bingo Games will be held monthly.

February 3<sup>rd</sup> Word has been received that No. 3 Wireless School received honorable mention in the competition for the Minister's Pennant for Wireless Schools in the Combined Training Plan, for the period October 1st to December 31st, 1942.

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February 3<sup>rd</sup> Flight Lieutenant R.G. Rathwell (C5614)(Admin.) was Struck off Strength on (Cont'd) posting overseas. Flight Lieutenant Rathwell was one of the most popular Officers of

this Unit. A farewell party was held in the Officers' Mess at 1700 hours, and following the usual custom, a presentation was made by Wing Commander T.R. Michelson.

February 4<sup>th</sup> Normal Station Routine.

February 5<sup>th</sup> The Commanding Officers Inspection was held on the Station Parade Ground at 0830 hours. The Ensign was hoisted at 0845 hours. Following the Parade the Commanding Officer carried out an inspection of the Station Area.

February 6<sup>th</sup> Normal Station Routine. The weather remains very cold and efforts are being made to have most of the accumulated snowfall removed before the spring thaw. The first edition of "Wings", the new R.C.A.F. magazine is now on sale in the Airmen's Canteen, Officers' Mess and Sergeants' Mess. This new publication will, no doubt, meet with a very fine reception. Twelve graduate Signals Officers were Struck off Strength this date on completion of Course No. 6. Four of the above Officers were posted to the Western Air Command, Vancouver, B.C., four posted to the Eastern Air Command, Halifax, and the remainder to No. 1 C.N.S. Rivers, Manitoba. No further word has been received with regards to an additional Signals Officers' Course and at the present time there remain thirteen Officers under training and one class of N.C.O's taking the Signals' Course.

February 7<sup>th</sup> Normal Station Routine. Both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Parades were held under the direction of the Station Chaplains.

February 8<sup>th</sup> Flight Lieutenant J.A. Emery(C3044)(Admin.) was Struck off Strength on posting to No. 2 Manning Depot, Brandon, Manitoba. Flight Lieutenant Emery was one of the original Officers on this Station and has recently been employed as Adjutant. Flight Lieutenant F.F. Gravelle (C4188)(Admin.) was Taken on Strength on posting from No. 2 Manning Depot, Brandon, Manitoba. Flight Lieutenant C.A.R. Lawrence (C2607)(Admin.) was also taken on strength on posting from No. 2 Manning Depot, Brandon, Manitoba. Normal Station Routine.

February 9<sup>th</sup> Normal Station Routine. Squadron Leader K.H. Running (C4070)(Med) was Struck off Strength on posting to No. 5 Bombing & Gunnery School, Dafoe, Sask. Squadron Leader Running is a distinct loss to the Station having, in addition to his duties as senior Medical Officer, been probably the most outstanding athlete this Station has had, and due to his

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February 9<sup>th</sup> individual efforts a great number of athletic awards won by this Station have been (cont'd) accomplished,

February 10<sup>th</sup> Normal station Routine.

February 11<sup>th</sup> The final lectures in the Administration Course having been completed on February 9th, an examination for all staff Officers and N.C.O's was held this date at 1700 hours. This completes the Course of Instruction for staff Officers held during the winter months and

which Courses have included first-aid, drill, and administration. Two very popular promotions were received this date, Acting Flight Lieutenant C.H.P. Killick being appointed to the rank of Temporary Flight Lieutenant, and Pilot Officer H.E. Nicholls (C11933)(Admin.) being appointed to the rank of temporary Flying Officer. Preparations are proceeding for a St. Valentine's Dance to be held in the Drill Hall on Saturday night, February 13th. Pilot Officer A.C. Turner is in charge of arrangements. It is hoped to make this dance as successful and outstanding as the New Year's Eve party.

February 12<sup>th</sup> The Commanding Officer's inspection and parade was held at 0830 hours. The Ensign was raised at 0845 hours, following which the Commanding Officer inspected two of the Trainee Squadrons. Due to the severity of the weather it has been necessary to hold inspections in the Drill Hall. Flying Officer A.C. West (C4474)(Admin.) proceeded on temporary duty to No. 1 K.T.S., Trenton, Ontario.

February 13<sup>th</sup> Normal Saturday Routine, with instruction ceasing at 1300 hours. The St. Valentine's Dance got underway at 2030 hours and was attended by approximately 400 couples. The Drill Hall was specially decorated for the occasion and a gala evening was held. Both the Officers' Mess and the Sergeants' Mess entertained at St. Valentine's Parties and all three entertainments were voted the most successful yet held.

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February 14<sup>th</sup> Normal Sunday Routine. Both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Services were held under the direction of the Station Chaplains. The second Sunday Evening programme under the direction of F/Lt Phillips was held in the Airmen's Canteen at 1930 hours. Approximately 175 airmen were in attendance. The programme consisted of a sing-song, after which an informal talk was given by Wing Commander T.R. Michelson, his address being based on personal experiences in the Eastern Arctic. The New Zealand Personnel of the Station revealed unusual interest and the evening ended with refreshments being served.

February 15<sup>th</sup> 51 Entry commenced Air Operating this date. The Flying Squadron have increased their total flying hours and are flying an average of 100 hours daily at the present time, despite the severity of the weather. A slight epidemic of Influenza is prevalent and at the present time there are 25 patients in the Station Hospital. Flying Officer J.D. Moyer (C10338)(Educ.) was struck off strength on posting to No. 4 Wireless School, Guelph, Ontario. A new method in pay parades was instituted this date in that the men were paid between 1215 and 1330 hours, thus not interrupting the lunch hour of the Senior N.C.O.'s and Trainees. This is a distinct improvement over previous pay parades.

February 16<sup>th</sup> The monthly meeting of the Sergeants' Mess was held at 1830 hours in the Station Auditorium. Excellent progress is being made on the enlargement of the Sergeants' Mess and it is expected that both the Mess and new Quarters will be ready for occupation by the 15th of March. The Station was visited by King Commander Rossie Brown, R.A.F., Senior Protestant Chaplain. Wing Commander Rossie Brown is completing a visit to all Units in Canada.

February 17<sup>th</sup> Commencing this date the Flying Squadron will Mess at No. 8 Repair Depot and it will no longer be necessary to transport meals back and forth to the No. 1 Hangar at Stevenson's Field. This is a distinct improvement in messing Arrangements. The Officers' Mess were hosts at dinner to twenty ladies, members of the National Selective Service, accompanied by Squadron Leader R.H. Masterman and Flight Lieutenant D.R.P. Coates from No. 6 Recruiting Centre. Following dinner the party was escorted through the Station Area by Flight Lieutenant Mackie.

February 18<sup>th</sup> Normal Station Routine. The Graduation Parade for the 49 Squadron was held at 1500 hours; 73 members of this Squadron graduated. Proficiency awards were presented by Wing Commander T.R. Michelson and wireless badges by Wing Commander T.R. Michelson and Squadron Leader Fisher, the Chief Instructor of this Unit, Following the Graduation Exercises

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February 18<sup>th</sup> a Banquet and Dance was held at the St. Charles Hotel in the City of Winnipeg, (Cont'd) by members of the 49th Squadron.

February 19<sup>th</sup> The influenza epidemic has increased rapidly and the Station Hospital is, at the present time, taxed to capacity. Disposition of 49 Squadron: 24 graduates to No. 5 Bombing and Gunnery School, Dafoe; 24 graduates to No. 7 Bombing and Gunnery School, Paulson; and 25 graduates to No. 8 Bombing and Gunnery School, Lethbridge, Alberta.

February 20<sup>th</sup> Normal Saturday Routine.

February 21<sup>st</sup> Normal Sunday Routine. Both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church services were held under the direction of the Station Chaplains followed in the evening by a Sunday Evening Programme in the Airmen's Canteen. This consisted of musical numbers by New Zealand Trainees followed by Motion Pictures supplied by the National Film Board and then a sing-song. The evening was enjoyed by approximately 150 airmen. These Sunday Evening Programmes are proving very successful and a great deal of credit is due to Flight Lieutenant Phillips, the Protestant Chaplain, for his organization.

February 22<sup>nd</sup> The monthly meeting of the Officers' Mess was held at 1130 hours, normal business being transacted. Flying Officer R. Marshall (C10382) (GL) a new staff pilot, was Taken on Strength this date.

February 23<sup>rd</sup> The Station was visited by Flying Officer G.F. Beurling, D.S.O., D.F.C., D.F.M. and Bar, who arrived in the City at 1700 hours. Flying Officer Beurling was accompanied by Squadron Leader McColl of Air Force Headquarters and Flight Lieutenant Anderson of No. 2 Training Command. They arrived at the Officers' Mess at 1900 hours and following a short visit, visited the N.C.O.'s Mess where Flying Officer Beurling gave a short talk to the N.C.O.'s.

February 24<sup>th</sup> Flying Officer G.F. Beurling again visited the Station and addressed the assembled trainees in the Drill Hall. He answered all questions quite freely and talked to the trainees for over one hour. Flying Officer Beurling was later entertained in the Officers' Mess and left the Station at approximately 1400 hours.

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February 25<sup>th</sup> Due to continued snowflurries and strong winds, flying was discontinued at 1030 hours; a total of 14 hours 45 minutes was accomplished. The weather, recently being very unsatisfactory, normal flying time has been considerably reduced.

February 26<sup>th</sup> Normal Station Routine.

February 27<sup>th</sup> Normal Station Routine.

February 28<sup>th</sup> Fleet Fort Aircraft No. 3621, piloted by Sgt. Wood, D.L. nosed up on runway while taxiing, causing damage to propellor. No injury to personnel resulted.

Training Progress Training proceeded normally during the month. The Winter's Sports Programme is proceeding with both the Station Hockey League and Basketball League quickly drawing to a close.

Accidents There were no M.T. Accidents and no accidents to personnel during the month. There was one aircraft accident. Fleet Fort Aircraft No. 3621 being slightly damaged at Stevenson's Field.

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
	Norseman IV W	3	2
	Fleet Fort I	1	1
	Fleet Fort II	18	12
	Menasco Moth II	5	-

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<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	43	401	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
C.D.C.	2	9	
R.A.F.	1	8	
R.N.Z.A.F.	3	12	

	<u>Civilians</u>		
	Barrack Officer		1
	Others		119
		49	430
			120
TRAINÉES:	R.C.A.F.	14	537
	R.N.Z.A.F..		201
	R.A.A.F.		79
	R.A.F.		1

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March 1st/43

<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	30	418	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
C.D.C.	3	10	
R.A.F.	1	3	
R.N.Z.A.F.	3	12	
<u>Civilians</u>			
Barrack Officer			1
Others			115
	37	443	116
TRAINÉES:			
R.C.A.F.	26	567	
R.N.Z.A.F..		201	
R.A.A.F.		83	
R.A.F.		1	

Fleet Fort Aircraft No. 3612 piloted by Sgt. Lindsay, J. made a forced landing one mile South-west of Hazelridge, Manitoba. There was slight damage to the aircraft and fortunately no injuries were suffered by personnel, A Muster parade for all Airmen occupying Barrack Huts was held, at 1730 hours for the purpose of checking Barrack Inventory. No. 2 Training Command Surplus Board visited the Unit and reported that stocks were in a satisfactory condition. Four members of the Station Hockey Team combined with #7 Equipment Depot to participate in the playdown of the M.A.H.A. The first game being played tonight at the Olympic Arena and resulted in a win for Portage La Prairie.

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Four members of the Graduating Squadron, Entry 51 were C.T.'d this date, due to their inability to assimilate Morse instruction, and two Intentional Failures of the same Course were also C.T.'d this date.

March 3rd/43 The month of March has started-with unseasonably cold weather, but despite this fact, flying hours are being increased daily, and a total of 99 hours and 20 minutes was flown this date.

March 4th/43 F/O M. J. Kobierski, (J10779) (GL) was posted to this Unit and reported from No. 1 G.R.S., as a Staff Pilot

March 5th/43 Commanding Officer's Inspection held at 0845 hours, and due to the severity of the weather, consisted of Ensign Raising Parade, following which the Commanding Officer inspected two Squadrons in the Drill Hall. Due to the lengthening of daylight hours, it will soon be possible to resume the normal 0730 hours for the Commanding Officer's weekly inspection.

March 6th/43 Barrack Block #20, previously used by Headquarters Staff has now been converted into a W.D. Barrack Block. A number of structural changes have been required:- N.C.O.'s room has been added; toilet and washroom facilities changed; laundry tubs, ironing boards added to the Drying Room; and the whole hut repainted in serge and light green with a cream ceiling. The floors are now being resurfaced and curtains installed, and the whole appearance of the Barrack Block has been changed, and will make excellent quarters for W.D. personnel when they are posted to the Unit.

March 7th/43 Normal Sunday Routine carried out with the exception that Church Parades are now compulsory to all personnel on Duty Watch. In the evening the usual Sunday Evening Entertainment was held in the Airmen's Canteen at 1930 hours and was unusually attended. Five members of the Winnipeg Amateur Cine Club under the direction of Mr. Jacobite, provided a very fine program of colored films. Refreshments were served at 2130 hours.

March 8th/43 During winter months, the Voluntary Brass Band has lost a number of members due to graduations and postings, etc., and an effort is being made to bring this Band up to strength for the Spring and Summer months.

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March 8th/43 Instruments are available, and it is hoped that within the next few weeks a (cont'd.) credible Brass Band will be available for the Station.

March 9th/43 Concrete for the foundations of the new Equipment Stores Building was poured this date, and with favourable weather, this building should be completed within the next two months. Equipment Section of the Unit have been greatly handicapped due to lack of space, and the new Equipment Stores Building will be a welcome to the Station. The new N.C.O.'s

Quarters and Mess are well on their way to completion and should be available for occupancy within the next two weeks. P/O R. H. Cunningham (C207526)(Accounts) Struok off Strength on posting to #7 Equipment Depot, Winnipeg.

March 10<sup>th</sup>/43 Normal Station Routine.

March 11<sup>th</sup>/43 The Monthly Mess Meeting of the Officers' Meass was held at 1130 hours in the Mess.

March 12<sup>th</sup>/43 P/O J.E. Thompson (C23512) (GL) was Taken on Strength on posting from #5 F.I.S. Arnprior, Ontario, for duty as a Staff Pilot. Commanding Officer's inspection was held on the Station Parade Ground at 0730 hours. The Ensign was hoisted at 0800 hours, following which the Unit was taken on a short Route March. A photograph of all Staff Officers was taken in front of the Administration Building.

March 13<sup>th</sup>/43 Normal Saturday Routine. A mild epidemic of Scarlet Fever has made its appearance, there having been 4 cases and one suspect during the past few days. As all cases have been personally occupying Barrack Block #9, this Barrack Block has been quarantined until further notice. It is hoped to confine the mild epidemic to the above mentioned block.

March 14<sup>th</sup>/43 Normal Sunday Routine with both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church

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March 14<sup>th</sup>/43 Services under the direction of the Station Chaplains.  
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March 15<sup>th</sup>/43 The usual Manitoba March blizzard started this morning, and only 8 hours and 15 minutes of flying time were accomplished. The blizzard continued all day and by evening the Station was nearly isolated from the City.

March 16<sup>th</sup>/43 The blizzard has continued and it will take several days to resume normal routine. The Bi-monthly Officers' Mess Dinner was held at 1930 hours in the Officers' Mess. Cocktails were served at 1900 hours and the guest of honour for the evening was G/C H. H. Ashton, of No. 2 Training Command. A very enjoyable evening was held - the party finally breaking up at 0300 hours.

March 17<sup>th</sup>/43 The Flying Squadron have lost a total of 3 days flying time to date this week. The blizzard was abated somewhat, but runways and tarmac are still unserviceable, due to

drifting snow.

March 18<sup>th</sup>/43 Graduation of the 51st Entry. A Graduation parade for the 51st Entry was held at 1600 hours in the Drill Hall, following which the Station was open to visitors until 1800 hours. Only 54 members of the 51st Squadron graduated, this being one of the smallest graduating classes at this Unit. The awards to the top ranking three men of the class were made by W/C T.R. Michelson, and wireless badges were presented by W/C T.R. Michelson and the Acting Chief Instructor, F/L. D.H. Leitch. Following the graduation ceremony, a banquet and dance was held in the Fort Garry Hotel, and proved to be one of the most successfully held to date.

March 19<sup>th</sup>/43 Station Standing Orders have been republished and are now available for distribution. Preparations have been proceeding during the past few days for dances to be held this evening. The Drill Hall has been decorated in a St. Patrick's Day motif, and the airmen of the Unit are organizing their own dance. Due to the weather conditions, a smaller number than usually attended the Airmen's dance in the Drill Hall. However, a wonderful time was had by all who attended and a fine program of entertainment had been arranged. The stage in the Drill Hall has now been completed and the whole appearance was a great improvement over anything previously held. Dances were also held in the Officers' and N.C.O.'s Messes.

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March 20<sup>th</sup>/43 Normal Saturday Routine carried out. Disposition of the 51st Entry was as follows:-

- 19 graduates to No. 7 Bombing and Gunnery School, Paulson, Manitoba;
- 18 graduates to No. 8 Bombing and Gunnery School, Lethbridge, Alberta;
- 16 graduates to No. 2 Bombing and Gunnery School, Mossbank, Sask.
- 1 graduate - posting delayed due to hospitalization.

March 21<sup>st</sup>/43 Both the Protestant and Roman Catholic Services held under the direction of the Station Chaplains. F/L M.S. Lynch (C4159), the new Roman Catholic Chaplain taking part in his first Church Service on the Station.

March 22<sup>nd</sup>/43 Fleet Fort Aircraft No. 3637, piloted by Sgt. McArthur, nosed over on landing at Stevenson's Airport after wheel hit snow on edge of runway. There were no injuries to personnel.

March 23<sup>rd</sup>/43 The third fatal accident of the history of No. 3 Wireless School occurred at 1630 hours today. Fleet Fort Aircraft No. 3611, (Dual) piloted by R142757 Sgt. Vance, F.C. with R206494 AC2 Cummins, J.T.D. (Aircrew I.T.S.), as passenger, crashed 1½ miles North of La Salle, Manitoba. Both occupants were killed and the aircraft entirely demolished. First Aid Lectures for Headquarters Personnel re-commenced this date and it is intended to complete these Lectures within the next six weeks.

March 24<sup>th</sup>/43 The construction of the Recreational addition to the Airmen's Canteen

commenced today, and plans are proceeding for the furnishing of this new Recreational Room. The new N.C.O.'s Mess and Quarters have been taken over from the contractor.

March 25<sup>th</sup>/43 Normal Station Routine.

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March 26<sup>th</sup>/43 Due to the Spring thaw and flood condition of the Station Area and Parade Square, the usual Commanding Officer's Inspection was cancelled. Fortunately the heavy winter snowfall has disappeared gradually, and the flood conditions of the past two winters are not present this year.

March 27<sup>th</sup>/43 Preparations are proceeding for Station Boxing Championships Tournament to be held in the Drill Hall on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 1943. Participants have been practising faithfully during the past six weeks under instruction of F/Sgt. Bland, and an excellent program is being lined up.

March 28<sup>th</sup>/43 Both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Services were held under the direction of the Station Chaplains. Normal Sunday Routine.

March 29<sup>th</sup>/43 Normal Station Routine.

March 30<sup>th</sup>/43 No. 2 Training Command Service Audit Group has been at No. 3 Wireless School for a period, 15<sup>th</sup> March to 27<sup>th</sup> March, inclusive, conducting the half-yearly audit of Equipment Accounts. The Senior Service Auditor expressed his satisfaction with the condition of the Station to the Commanding Officer, W/C T. R. Michelson.

March 31<sup>st</sup>/43 Normal Station Routine.

Training Progress Training proceeded normally during the month of March. The 51st Squadron graduated on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 1943, a total of 54 graduated. Due to increased standards which became effective with the 51st Entry, the total number to graduate was the lowest in the history of the School. Total flying hours were 2,371 hours and 40 minutes were accomplished by the Flying Squadron during the month of March, which constitutes a new record. The Winter Sport's Program is rapidly coming to a close; Hockey and Basketball Leagues having completed their schedule, and with the exception of the Spring Boxing Tournament, the Winter Sport's Program is completed.

Accidents There were two fatal accidents during the month, both occurring on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March. There was one serious aircraft accident on the above date, and two minor aircraft accidents. There were no M.T. accidents or other serious accidents to personnel.

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<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
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Norseman IV	4	Nil
Fleet Fort I	Nil	2
Fleet Fort II	5	7
Menasco Moth II	5	Nil

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<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	32	482	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
C.D.C.	3	10	
R.A.F.	-	-	
R.N.Z.A.F.	-	-	
<u>Civilians</u>			
Barrack Officer			1
Others			115
	<hr/> 35	<hr/> 492	<hr/> 116
TRAINÉES: R.C.A.F.	26	585	
R.N.Z.A.F..		234	
R.A.A.F.		79	
R.A.F.		1	

(T.R. Michelson) Wing Commander,  
 Commanding Officer,  
 No. 3 Wireless School, RCAF  
 Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
April 1st/43			
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	44	479	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
C.D.C.	3	9	
R.A.F.	-	3	
R.N.Z.A.F.	-	-	
<u>Civilians</u>			
Barrack Officer			1
Others			115
	<hr/> 44	<hr/> 479	<hr/> 115

	47	491	116
TRAINEES: R.C.A.F.	17	534	
R.N.Z.A.F..		234	
R.A.A.F.		75	
R.A.F.		1	

New increase, of Postage on and after April 1st, 1943, promulgated in DRO's for information of personnel on Unit. Commanding Officer made inspection of hangars in afternoon. Hours flown -156 hours and 25 minutes.

April 2nd/43 Commanding Officer's Inspection Parade held at 0730 hours. Consisted of Seven Squadrons on parade. Break in weather permits Ensign hoisting and parade to be carried out on the Parade Square. A route march was held and proved very successful and popular with all personnel.

A District Court Martial was held on R117681 LAC Curran, R.P. It convened at 1000 hours on a charge of Desertion. President: S.L. E.J. Christie (C2086) of No. 6 Recruiting Centre.

Victory Bond Committee Chosen: Chairman - F.L. N.S.H. Smith

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April 2nd/43 Members: P.O. A.O. Schwartz, F.O. A.W. Johnson, P.O. D.H.C. Roberts, W.O.2 (Cont'd.) Gilmour, A. F.L. R.W. Spear, Treasurer. Hours Flown: 111 hours and 15 minutes. Fleet Fort No. 3569 piloted by Sgt. Smith, T.G., made a forced landing at Fort Whyte due to loose cowling striking propeller. No injuries - slight damage.

April 3rd/43 Normal Station Routine. 26 Hours and 25 minutes flying hours lost due to high winds. Hours flown. 56 hours and 20 minutes.

April 4th/43 Normal Church Services held by Roman Catholic and Protestant Chaplains. 32 Hours flying time lost due to high winds. Hours flown: 89 hours and 30 minutes.

April 5th/43 An Auxiliary Service Census being taken for purpose of Station Entertainment and possible weekly radio broadcasts.

Flying Officer R. Foster (C7367) appointed to acting Flight Lieutenant (paid) effective 15 March/43.

Inspection of Flying Squadron by Commanding Officer at 0745 hours, and march past followed by inspection of hangars. Hours flown: 126 hours and 35 minutes.

April 6th/43 A complete revised issue of Station Standing Orders made available for all Sections on this Unit. Hours flown: 116 hours and 40 minutes.

April 7th/43 Movie pictures shown in Auditorium at 1800 hours. "Night in New Orleans". Five blood donations to Red Cross and one transfusion at Deer Lodge Hospital given by Flying

Squadron Personnel. Hours flown: 152 hours.

April 8th/43 Flying Officer H.E. Nicholls (C11933) assumes the duties of Senior Flying Officer. Current Events discussion Group being formed for trainees and headquarters staff. "Thumbs Up Review", a variety show of 25 girls under the directorship of Mr. Court entertained the Station personnel in the School Auditorium at 2000 hours.

P/O Neubold, R.A. (C24192) (NS) and P/O E.T. Fox (J23875) "Taken on Strength" effective 5 April/43 and 2 April/43 respectively.

Hours flown by Flying Squadron 103 hours and 45 minutes. Props of two Fleet Fort Aircraft damaged in flight through cowling becoming loose. Fort 3629 piloted by F.S. Hillyer, P.G. and 3569 piloted by Sgt. Johnson, C.J. Safe landing made on Airport - no injuries.

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April 9th/43 P/O G.H. Currie (C9788)(Accts) promoted to Temporary Flying Officer effective 10 Feb/43.

Hours flown by Flying Squadron, 63 hours and 10 minutes; 47 hours lost in making modification on cowlings of Fleet Forts. Norseman 2458 piloted by F.S. Arscott with five trainees on Air Experience skidded on landing in cross-wind, buckling port wheel. No injuries.

April 10th/43 P/O W.O. Wesley (C20345) (Signals) "Struck off Strength" on posting to No. 13 S.F.T.S., RCAF., St. Hubert, P.Q.

Hours flown by Flying Squadron, 47 hours and 45 minutes.

April 11th/43 Normal Church Services under leadership of Protestant and Roman Catholic Padres. Hours flown by Flying Squadron, 78 hours and 45 minutes.

April 12th/43 A new endeavour set forth to organize a Station Orchestra for purpose of playing for a weekly radio broadcast. P/O W.R. James (J22969) (GL) "Taken on Strength" as an Officer effective 12 Nov/42 on appointment to a Commission in the R.C.A.F.

The Commanding Officer inspected Flying Squadron at 0845 hours, following which inspection of hangars. Squadron Leader Pritchard from A.F.H.Q. with P.O. Songhurst from No. 2 Training Command visited Maintenance Flight. No Fleet Forts flown today, to permit catching up on inspections. Hours flown: 13 hours and 25 minutes.

April 13th/43 The final review of the First Aid Lectures was held in the Drill Hall at 1830 hours for Headquarters personnel. A/S/L M. Davies (C2030) "Taken on Strength" on posting from No. 5 B&G., Dafoe, Sask., effective 6 April/43.

Hours flown by Flying Squadron, 93 hours and 45 minutes.

LAC Chatfield of the 57th Squadron won the Manitoba District Inter-Service 135 pound Boxing Championship. LAC Cole and LAC Skipper from 63rd Squadron were runners up at 147 pounds and light Heavyweight respectively.

April 14th/43 A meeting of the Entertainment Committee was held in the Protestant Padre's Office at 1500 hours. Arrangements for Radio Programme Broadcast was the chief item of

business. Hours flown: 110 hours and 10 minutes.

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April 15th/43 The Station Fire Committee is amended as follows: -

President: - F.L. J.B. McAra (C3057)

Members: - Mr. D.A. Ros (W&B Engineer), F.L. H.W. Morton (C7289), F.O. H.E. Nicholls (C11933), W.O. 1 J.R. Gray (9628), Cpl. R.R. Williams (R98647).

Hours flown by Flying Squadron, 54 hours - Sgt. Walker, Staff Pilot reported.

April 16th/43 All personnel confined to Barracks for Station Clean up, until Section heads were satisfied that Sections and Barrack Blocks and adjacent grounds were in a clean and satisfactory condition. Flight Lieutenant H.W. Morton (C7289) (Admin.) "Taken on Strength" on posting from No. 4 S.F.T.S., Saskatoon, Effective 14 April/43.

Flying Officer A.W. Johnson, "Struck off Strength" on posting to No. 4 S.F.T.S., Saskatoon, effective 16 April/43.

Squadron Leader H. McFarlane, Command (P) Chaplain visited this Unit for consultation with the Commanding Officer and the Station Chaplain.

April 17th/43 Hours flown by Flying Squadron, 105 hours and 25 minutes. Sgt. Hallet, Staff Pilot reported.

The Commanding Officer offers a prize of \$5.00 to the Trainee submitting the most practical suggestion which will improve the general efficiency of the School.

April 18th/43 Normal Sunday Routine. Hours flown by Flying Squadron, 112 hours and 45 minutes.

April 19th/43 Normal Station Routine. Hours flown by Flying Squadron, 113 hours.

April 20th/43 Cricket and Soccer sports are being organized from this day for Station Sport Activities.

A Variety Show sponsored by the Winnipeg Hydro Club-with a cast of twenty, entertained Station personnel at 2000 hours in the Auditorium.

A.S./O. H.E. Watts (V30417)(Oph. Admin.) "Taken on Strength" on posting from No. 2 C.T.S., Trenton. Hours flown by Flying Squadron, 100 hours.

G/C Godwin, Director of Signals, formerly C.O. of No. 3 Wireless School, paid a brief visit this morning to the Flying Field.

April 21st/43 The Second Boxing Show of this Unit was held in the Drill Hall at 2000hours. There were 9 Boxing Bouts and 3 wrestling matches. The Second show proved very successful. The Service personnel had an open night; they were able to bring their wives and lady friends. Visitors to the show were Air Commodore T.A. Lawrence, A.O.C. of No. 2 Training Command as guest of honour; other visitors included: G/C Ashton, G/C McCall, G/C Taunton, G/C Dunlop, W/C Golding, W/C McCann, Major Masson and Major White.

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April 21st/43 A Cocktail Party preceded the bouts in the Officers' Mess. After the Matches (Cont'd.) Officers and friends were entertained in the Mess. G/C Godwin, former Commanding Officer of this Unit, visited the Station this day and paid a visit to the Flying Squadron. Hours flown: 122 hours and 55 minutes.

April 22nd/43 R188351 Cpl. Herman, I.I. assumes the Duty as Editor of the new Station Magazine, effective 12 April/43. P/O W.T. Logan (C13167) (Admin.) promoted to T/Flying Officer, effective as from 7 Feb/43. F/L Killick, O.C. Flying Squadron posted to No. 1 C.N.S. River, Manitoba on Temporary Duty. Hours flown: 98 hours and 40 minutes.

April 23rd/43 Easter Friday declared Holiday for all personnel other than a skeleton staff in all Sections. No flying (Holiday).

April 24th/43 Skeleton Staff on Duty only, as this day declared unofficial holiday. The first N.C.O. Officers Signals Course graduated this day 100% with a high average of 85.2%. They received appointments, effective this date of the rank of Pilot Officers. Flying was washed out in afternoon due to high wind. Hours flown: 45 hours and 20 minutes.

April 25th/43 Normal Sunday Services held. P/O Simpson forced landing at Pacific Junction in Fleet Fort No. 3621 at approximately 0900 hours. No injuries to pilot or W.A.G. Slight damage to aircraft. Hours flown: 104 hours and 45 minutes.

April 26th/43 Fourth Victory Loan begins this day on this Unit. Results so far show a return of \$9,000.00. Goal set at \$40,000.00. A surprise fire drill held - results were quite satisfactory. Trade Test Board convened this day. Entry 65 congratulated on their Morse standing as they are slightly above required standard.

F/L H.G. Hurst (C12513)(Med.) "Struck off Strength" on posting to No. 2 Training Command, effective 26 April/43.

A/S/O M.E. Wismer (V30191) (Equip.Mess) "Struck off Strength" on posting to No. 1 "Y" Depot, Halifax, N.S., effective 24 April/43.

Rehearsal Parade held in preparation for forthcoming visit of the Inspector General. Hours flown: 83 hours and 55 minutes.

Officer Commanding held a parade for Flying Squadron Personnel at 0745 hours.

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April 27th/43 Victory Loan has risen to \$10,200.00 this day.

Dress rehearsal parade held at 1715 hours this day in preparation of Inspector General's visit to this Unit on 28th April/43.

F/L F.J. Button (C6259) (Med.) "Taken on Strength" on posting from No. 2 Training Command Admin. Unit, effective 27 April/43. Hours flown: 42 hours.

Flying Squadron Personnel attended a practice parade at No. 3 Wireless School. Five New Zealand pilots posted to No. 1 G.R.S.

April 28th/43 Air Vice-Marshal A.M.F. Cuffe, Deputy Inspector General accompanied by Wing Commander Aronson, Senior Equipment Officer of No. 2 Training Command, Wing Commander MacFarlane, R., Senior Signals Officer of No. 2 Training Command and F/O Carson, personal aide to the Air Vice-Marshal visited this Unit on an inspection. The following routine was carried out:-

1000 hours - Arrive and met by the Commanding Officer, etc. at the Guard House  
1005-1100 hours - Inspect Station Area  
1115-1200 hours - Flying Squadron  
1215 hours - Airmen's Mess  
1245 hours - Lunch  
1400 hours - Parade  
1500 hours - Commanding Officer's Office.

Route of Inspection - 1005-1100 hours.

Guard House - Post Office - Outstations - Motor Transport - Drill Hall - Works and Buildings - Dental Clinic - Hospital - Barrack Blocks - Canteen - Administration Building.

R.C.A.F. Vehicle No. 30-391 (Ambulance) at 1945 hours was damaged in an accident with a civilian car.

Victory Loan progress \$11,000.00 Flying washed out due to visit of Deputy Inspector General, who inspected personnel and equipment. Flying Squadron personnel attended Ceremonial Parade at No. 3 Wireless School at 1400 hours.

April 29th/43 This Unit held a Service Funeral for F/S R.W. Murray, WOAG, who was killed on duty in Tofino, B.C., interment at Brookside Cemetery. F/S Murray was a former student of this Unit, graduating with the 35th Entry.

F/O Logan appointed Investigating Officer to investigate into the accident of this Unit's ambulance, R.C.A.F. Vehicle No. 30-391 on 28 April/43.

A Muster Parade was held by the Commanding Officer at 1530 hours to discuss Station routine and a dance for the Airmen on Friday, May 7th, 1943.

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April 29th/43 The "Para-Troupers" gave a fine concert in the Station Auditorium for personnel (Cont'd.) of this Unit, after which they were entertained in the Officers' Mess.

Victory Loan now \$13,000.00 Hours flown: 80 hours and 35 minutes.

April 30th/43 A rehearsal was held on this Unit's Parade Grounds at 1700 hours this day - purpose of preparation for forthcoming Victory Loan Parades. Results were very satisfactory. The Victory Loan results of this Unit up-to-date are \$16,500.00 Hours flown: 111 hours and 45 minutes.

Training Progress Training proceeded normally during the month of April. Total flying time for the month accomplished by the Flying Squadron was 2602 hours and 66 minutes.

Accidents There were no fatal accidents during the month; 3 aircraft obtained slight damages; 1 M.T. accident and no serious accidents to personnel.

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
	Norseman IV W	5	4	3
	Fleet Fort I (3562 & 3613)	2	--	2
	Fleet Fort II	28	16	12
	Menasco Moth II	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>--</u>
		40	23	17

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<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	48	502	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
C.D.C.	3	9	
R.A.F.			
R.N.Z.A.F.			
<u>Civilians</u>			
Barrack Officer			1
Others			113
	<u>51</u>	<u>514</u>	<u>114</u>
TRAINEES: R.C.A.F.	17	564	
R.N.Z.A.F..		203	
R.A.A.F.		75	
R.A.F.		1	

(T.R. Michelson) W.C.,  
C.O., No. 3 W.S.

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May 1st/43 The Fourth Victory Loan Campaign is proceeding in a satisfactory manner, and as at the close of business this date, a total of \$25,000 have been subscribed. In view of the excellent showing of all personnel during the Inspection of the Deputy Inspector General, an extra 0200 hour late pass has been awarded.

May 2nd/43 The W.D.'s Barrack Block #20 has been fully completed as of this date. Floors

having been surfaced and all necessary construction work completed. It is understood that the W.D. Personnel will be posted to the Unit effective the 15th of the month, and their Barrack Block should be second to none. Satisfactory progress is being made with the addition to the Airmen's Canteen and Recreation Room. Both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Services held under the direction of the Station Chaplains.

May 3rd/43 P/O A.R. Shanley (J24379) (Pilot) (G.L.) Taken on Strength on posting from No. 1 I.F.S., Trenton. Due to the unseasonably late Spring, P.T. has been held in the Drill Hall until this date, but as from today, all P.T. Classes will be held on the main Sports Field, weather permitting.

May 4th/43 Nothing of unusual importance to report this date. Normal Station Routine.

May 5th/43 The Fourth Victory Loan Total for the Unit now stands at \$30,000. The first Amateur Show held by the personnel of this Unit was presented in the Station Auditorium. Very fine results were achieved and it is hoped that these Amateur Shows will uncover sufficient talent to present a weekly Radio Program. Station CJRC has kindly offered its facilities for a weekly program to be presented from the Station Auditorium.

May 6th/43 The construction of the new Equipment Stores Building is well under way, and the contractors started the electric wiring as of this date. Not much progress has been made in landscaping and Station beautification, due to unfavourable weather conditions.

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May 6th/43 (cont'd.) However, several hundred shrubs and bedding-out plants have been obtained from the Dominion Experimental Farm at Morden, and arrived on the Station today. It is hoped to be able to proceed with this year's landscaping program at an early date.

May 7th/43 Commanding Officer's weekly inspection was held at 0730 hours, following the raising of the Ensign, a route march was carried out instead of the usual squadron inspections. The usual Monthly Dance was held in the Station Drill Hall - a very large attendance turned out. The whole program being arranged by an Airmen's Committee. Dances were also held in both the Officers and NCO's Messes, and the evening was voted a great success. The new Link Trainer Room at the Flying Squadron has been completed, and Link Trainer Instruction is now under way for the first time at this Unit.

May 8th/43 A Squadron of 100 Airmen under the Command of S/L Davies, M. participated in a Victory Loan Parade on the streets of Winnipeg. To date, the total sales of the Fourth Victory Loan amount to \$39,650. Although the weather has been not altogether favourable, the Flying Squadron has kept well up to date in its flying commitments during the first week of the month. With favourable weather conditions, it is planned to fly 5½ to 6 days each week, giving the entire personnel of the Flying Squadron and Maintenance Squadron each Sunday a free day. This new system, will, of course, depend entirely on weather conditions.

May 9th/43 Normal Sunday Routine with both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Services held under the direction of the Station Chaplains. It was necessary for the Flying Squadron to fly during the day. P/O Shanley, A.R. was forced down in Fleet Fort No. 3567 at Portage la Prairie at 1040 hours. There were no injuries to aircraft or personnel. Cause of the Forced Landing was due to carburetor air control being broken.

May 10th/43 The Unit was visited by Sq./O Jeffs, Senior Messing Officer, A.F.H.Q., and S/O Raynor, Messing Officer from No. 2 Training Command. A thorough inspection of the Station Messes was carried out.

May 11th/43 Permission has been obtained from the A.O.C., for the formation of a Services Baseball League. No. 3 Wireless School is entering a team in this League, and the first practice of the season was held in Osborne Stadium. The first of many planned Golf Tournaments was held at Tuxedo Golf Course, and despite the cold weather, approximately 25 Officers participated. A Buffet Supper was served following the tournament.

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May 12th/43 S/O Pocock, R.M. (V30013) (Admin.) "Taken on Strength" from No. 10 S.F.T.S., Dauphin, Manitoba. S/O Pocock will be Officer Commanding the W.D.'s on their posting to this Unit.

May 13th/43 S/L W.E. Blench, (D.F.C.) Signals Training Staff Officer at Air Ministry Headquarters, visited the Station accompanied by W/C McFarlane, R., Chief Signals Officer of No. 2 Training Command. S/L Blench addressed the trainees assembled in the Drill Hall, and gave them an informal talk on his experiences as a W.O.A.G. on Operational Flights. The Station Bowling League concluded a very successful season. Final results showing that the Radio Labs, won honours for the season with the Senior NCO'S in second place.

May 14th/43 F/O W.D. Logan, "Struck off Strength" on posting to No. 7 I.T.S., Saskatoon. The new Station Magazine, "The WAG MAG" made its first appearance and within one hour of its issue, all copies printed were sold. Distinct improvement over our previous Station Magazine is noted, and it is hoped that sufficient interest will be maintained in the "WAG MAG" to continue its publication. The Graduation Parade and Ceremony for the 55th Squadron was held on the Station Parade Ground at 1545 hours. G/C Dunlop, Senior Air Staff Officer of No. 2 Training Command, presented the Wireless Badges, and briefly addressed the Graduating Squadron. Following the Graduation Parade, the Station was open to visitors. A Graduation Banquet and Dance was held in the Marlborough Hotel during the evening.

May 15th/43 Disposition of the 55th Entry is as follows:

Original Intake - 120    Graduates - 81

12 R.N.Z.A.F. posted to #8 B&G., Lethbridge, Alta.  
12 R.C.A.F.    posted to #8 B&G., Lethbridge, Alta.

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May 15th/43 (cont'd.)      Graduates:- 81

5 R.N.Z.A.F. - posted to #7 B&G., Paulson, Man.  
19 R.C.A.F. - posted to #7 B&G., Paulson, Man.

12 R.N.Z.A.F. - posted to #5 B&G., Dafoe, Sask.  
12 R.C.A.F. - posted to #5 B&G., Dafoe, Sask,

9 R.C.A.F. - posted to #2 B&G., Mossbank, Sask.

Remainder of

Trainees - 39 Airmen either transferred or C.T, from Entry.

May 16th/43 A Squadron of approximately 120 Airmen from this Unit participated in the annual Decoration Day Parade. Wg/O Walker, Senior W.D. Officer from A.F.H.Q., accompanied by Sq./O Davey, Senior W.D. Medical Officer, visited the Station and inspected the W.D. Accommodation already provided. Both Officers expressed their pleasure at the type of accommodation provided.

May 17th/43 A Miniature Rifle Club has been organized and commenced operations this date. F/L Lynch, M.S. our popular Roman Catholic Padre is President of the Club; the membership being open to all ranks.

May 18th/43 The Bi-Monthly Officers' Mess Dinner was held in the Officers' Mess at 1900 hours. S/L Davies, M. President, and P/O Gartshore, J.L. acting as Vice-President of the Dinner. The following new members of the Mess were presented:  
A/S/O Watts, H.E. (Ophthalmic Asst) S/O Pocock, M.R. F/L Morton, H.W.  
Capt. Merrill, J.P. (C.D.C.) F/O Rymal, L.J. F/O Thomas, W. P/O Shanley, A.R.

May 19th/43 The second Golf Tournament of the season, sponsored by the Officers' Mess was held on the Tuxedo Golf Course. F/Sgt. Norris, J.B. made a Forced Landing at Netley Airport at 1410 hours in Fleet Aircraft No. 3638. Cause of the accident was due to a cylinder becoming loose after hold down struts were broken. There were no injuries to the pilot or student, and slight damage caused to the aircraft.

May 20th/43 Nothing of interest to report this date. Normal Station Routine carried out.

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May 21st/43 Commanding Officer's Inspection was held at 0730 hours, following which all personnel proceeded on a route march of approximately 5 miles in length. The weather was bright and warm and the route march was of joy to all who participated.

May 22nd/43 The Spring Sports Program is now fully under way, and an Exhibition Rugger

Match between members of Squadrons 57 and 61 was played on the South Sports Field at 1330 hours. A number of Station Cricket Teams, made up of RAAF and RNZAF participated in a practice game in Assiniboine Park. Several teams will be entered in the City Cricket League.

May 23rd/43 The weather has become very unseasonably cold and rainy causing flying to be washed out, and during the past week or 10 days very little progress has been made on Station improvements. Both Protestant and Roman Catholic Services were held. The Roman Catholic Service being conducted by S/L Costello, Senior R.C. Chaplain of No. 2 Training Command.

May 24th/43 The bad weather continues and no flying has been accomplished for 3 days. Commanding Officer inspected the Flying Squadron Personnel at 0730 hours, following which a thorough Inspection of No. 1 and No. 3 Hangars was carried out. Twenty - two newly commissioned Signals Officers reported to the Unit this date, and will be included in Signals Officers Course No. 8 which commences on June 7th. In the meantime, the above mentioned Officers will be given a short course in Administration and Department. It is expected that approximately 30 newly commissioned officers will comprise the 8th Signals Officers Course. F/L Lynch, M.S., Roman Catholic Chaplain who has been one of the most popular Officers on the Station during his short posting to this Unit, was "Struck off Strength" on posting to No. 1 "Y" Depot, Halifax. F/L Lynch was tendered a going-away party in the Officers' Mess and was presented with a small token by the Staff Officers of the Unit.

May 25th/43 Unseasonable weather continues - no flying this date. F/L Pithy, W. of No. 2 Training Command, (Accounts Officer), completed his audit of Non-Public Funds and reported everything in good order. The W.D. Officers held an informal party for members of the Mess in their new quarters in the Officers' House at 2000 hours. Approximately 20 guests attended and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The monthly Mess Meeting of the Officers' Mess was held at 1100 hours. The following Officers were elected:-President - S/L Game, A.E. Secretary - P/O McNair, D.F.

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May 25th/43 (cont'd.) A vote of thanks was given to the retiring President, S/L Fisher, W.C. and retiring Secretary, F/L Sheffield, A.G.

May 26th/43 The long awaited arrival of W.D.'s actually materialized this date, when a draft of 19 together with 6 individual postings officially entered the Station. Preceded by the Drum and Trumpet Band after a short march through the Station Area, they were marched to the Parade Ground under the command of S/O Pocock where the Commanding Officer took the salute. A few words of welcome were later given to the newly arrived W.D.'s by the Commanding Officer. They then proceeded to their new quarters. The original posting of W.D.'s to this Unit has been delayed three months, and all personnel of the Unit are happy to see their arrival.

May 27th/43 Flying resumed this date after a period of approximately one week of inclement weather. Daily Parades were again instituted commencing this date, and each morning a regular Ensign raising Parade will be held for both Headquarters and Trainee Squadrons. F/L Leitch,

D.H. Officer i/c Communications Section has been posted to Western Air Command and a farewell party was held in the Officers' Mess at 1700 hours.

May 28th/43 The many times postponed Golf Tournament between Officers and NCOs was finally held this evening, and in spite of a heavy rain during the course of the game, a very successful match was carried out. The NCOs were later entertained in the Officers' Mess. The weekly Commanding Officer's Parade and Inspection was held at 0730 hours, following which a short route march through Assiniboine Park took place.

May 29th/43 Preparations are proceeding for a monster Church Parade to be held at No. 8 Repair Depot of all Protestant Personnel of No. 2 Training Command located in the City of Winnipeg. This parade to take place at 1430 hours on Sunday, May 30th. Normal Station Routine carried out.

May 30th/43 Approximately 900 Personnel, Officers, NCOs and other ranks of this Unit participated in the combined Church Parade held at No. 8 Repair Depot at 1430 hours. Flying was discontinued at 1200 hours to allow personnel of the Flying Squadron to attend the above mentioned Church Parade. Sgt. Leahy, C.W. AUS421683, nosed up in Fleet Fort Aircraft No. 3569 at Stevenson Airport at 1000 hours. Cause of the accident was due to brake seizure. There were no injuries to personnel and only slight damage to the aircraft.

May 31st/43 It has again been necessary to wash out flying due to bad weather conditions. Despite the fact that no flying was accomplished on several days of the month, a total of 2,788 hours and 50 minutes of flying time was accomplished during the month of May.

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Training Progress - Training proceeded normally during the month of May. An increase of 15 WAGs was made to the incoming 69th Entry, and from this month on the normal Intake will be increased to 135 Airmen per Entry.

Accidents - There were no fatal accidents during the month. Three slight aircraft accidents and no serious accidents to personnel.

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
	Norseman IV W	5	nil
	Fleet Fort I (3562 & 3613)	nil	2
	Fleet Fort II	<u>25</u>	<u>4</u>
		30	6

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<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	48	1024	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
C.D.C.	4	10	
R.A.F.	-	3	
R.A.A.F.	-	1	
R.N.Z.A.F.	1	1	
<u>Civilians</u>			
Others			114
	<hr/> 53	<hr/> 1039	<hr/> 114
TRAINÉES: R.C.A.F.		553	
R.N.Z.A.F..		159	
R.A.A.F.		148	
R.A.F.		2	
		<hr/> 862	

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June 1st/43 F/L H.C. Williams (C3087) (Sigs.) was taken on strength on posting from No. 4 Group Headquarters, Prince Rupert, B.C. F/L Williams assumes the position of O. i/c Communications Section, replacing F/L D.H. Leitch (C1879) (Sigs.), who has been posted to Western Air Command. The Rifle Club has resumed activities effective this date, and the Range will be open each evening, Monday to Friday, between 1815 hours and 2100 hours. Due to the efforts of S/L M. Davies the membership in the Rifle Club has greatly increased, and it is hoped that interest will be maintained during the summer months. Preparations are proceeding for the final Boxing Show of the year, to be held in the Drill Hall, Wednesday, June 9th. The summer sports program is now in full swing, and F/O Turner has organized inter-squadron baseball soft ball, ruggar and football and cricket leagues.

June 2nd/43 The inter-Services Soccer League and Senior soft ball League opened this date. In connections with the opening of the soft ball league, the Station Drum and Trumpet Band paraded on Portage Avenue at 1830 hours. W/C Michelson officiated at the opening of both leagues. Twenty-three newly commissioned officers (Sigs.) were taken on strength, and commenced the 8th Officers' Training Course.

June 3rd/43 It was necessary to wash out flying this date, due to inclement weather.

June 4th/43 The Commanding Officer's Inspection was held at 0730 hours, and following the

Ensign Raising, a route march of approximately four miles was carried out. The Commanding Officer inspected the Station area and despite the fact that the weather held up the Station landscaping program, he expressed his satisfaction with the progress made to date. Air Commodore Collis, S.A.E.O., from Air Force Headquarters visited the Flying Squadron, accompanied by the Commanding Officer.

June 5th/43 Flying was resumed this date and a total of 113 hours, 15 minutes was accomplished. Nothing of interest to report.

IMAGE 102 (Duplicate of IMAGE 101)

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June 6th/43 Both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Services under the direction of the Station Chaplains, were held on the Station. The Roman Catholic Church Parade was taken by Hon. P. Dwyer (C7848), who was taken on strength on June 4th, on posting from No. 3 S.F.T.S., Calgary. F/L Dwyer replaced F/L Lynch, recently posted Overseas. Approval has been received for alteration of the present writing room, and work will soon proceed on this alteration.

June 7th/43 F/L Hipkin (R.A.F.) Signals Training Officer at No. 36 O.T.U., Greenwood, N.S., arrived on the Station this date, and will visit for a few days, inspecting training methods of the Unit. The inclement weather continues and the Flying Squadron are accomplishing their necessary flying hours with great difficulty. Aircraft serviceability has fortunately remained remarkably high, and if it were not for this fact, the present flying commitments could not be carried out.

June 8th/43 P/O J.M. Fairway (J25462) (GL) was taken on strength, on posting from No. 3 F.I.S., Arnprior, Ontario. Preparations are proceeding for the final Boxing Show of the season, to be held tomorrow evening.

June 9th/43 The Station was visited by W/C R. McFarlane, C.S.O., No. 2 Training Command, on a routine training inspection. A Very successful and well attended Boxing Show was held in the Drill Hall at 2000 hours. Several special guests were invited to attend, and a Cocktail Party was held in the Officers' Mess prior to the Boxing Tournament. Among the visitors were G/C A.J. Ashton, G/C Dunlop, W/C Goulding and W/C McFarlane from No. 2 Training Command, G/C Scott from No. 7 Equipment Depot, the Commanding Officer of 103rd Basic Training Centre, accompanied by several of his Officers, Lieutenant Roberts representing the Commanding Officer of H.M.C.S. Chippawa. Visiting Officers along with W/C Michelson, presented prizes to the winning contestants, and the Show was voted the most successful yet held.

June 10th/43 A Graduation Parade for the 57th Squadron was held at 1330 hours on the Station Parade Grounds. The Parade was formed as a hollow square with the graduating squadron occupying the central position. Prizes were presented to the three leading trainees, by W/C Michelson, who also presented the Wireless Badges to all of the graduating squadron. The

Station was open to visitors immediately following the parade, and refreshments were served in the Airmen's Mess. In the evening a Banquet was held at the Marlborough Hotel by the graduating class. The usual graduation dance followed.

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June 10th/43 (Cont'd.) The original 57th squadron numbered 120, of whom 71 graduated. This Entry has not been outstanding in any way except in sports.

June 11th/43 The 57th Entry were posted this date, as follows:  
9 R.N.Z.A.F. - posted to No. 8 B&G., Lethbridge, Alberta.  
12 R.C.A.F. - posted to No. 8 B&G., Lethbridge, Alberta.  
1 R.A.A.F. - posted to No. 8 B&G., Lethbridge, Alberta.  
  
8 R.N.Z.A.F. - Posted to No. 2 B&G., Mossbank, Saskatchewan.  
19 R.C.A.F. - Posted to No. 2 B&G., Mossbank, Saskatchewan.  
  
17 R.N.Z.A.F. - Posted to No. 5 B&G., Dafoe, Saskatchewan.  
5 R.C.A.F. - Posted to No. 5 B&G., Dafoe, Saskatchewan.

The Commanding Officer held his weekly inspection of Barracks and Station area during the day, and found all sections to be in a satisfactory condition.

June 12th/43 Nothing unusual to report this date. F/O A.C. Heat (C4474) (Admin.) was struck off strength, on posting to No. 7 Equipment Depot. At the present time the strength of Administrative Officers is three under establishment, and it is hoped that postings will shortly bring the strength up.

June 13th/43 Both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Parades were held under the direction of the Station Chaplains. S/L M. Davies (C2030) (Admin.) was Struck off Strength on posting to Air Force Headquarters, Ottawa. The addition to the large Canteen building has now been fully completed, and has been taken over from the Contractor. Rapid progress is being made in furnishing both the Lounge and Games Room, and it is planned to have an official opening as soon as both rooms have been fully furnished.

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June 13th/43 (Cont'd.) The rainy weather continues, and great difficulty is being encountered in carrying out the Spring program of planting and seeding.

14<sup>th</sup> June/43 F/O B.E. Thompson (C21369) (Equip.) was Taken on Strength this date, replacing F/O A.O. Schwartz (C14615) (Equip.), as junior equipment officer. F/O Schwartz has been posted to No. 7 Equipment Depot. The third game of English rugby was held today, between the 61st and 63rd Squadrons, the former winning by the close score of 9 to 8. F/L A.G. Sheffield (C3827) (Educ.), who was posted to this Unit on February 18th, 1941, as Educations

Officer, has been transferred to the trainee strength, and will commence instruction as a Signals Officer as a member of the 8th Course.

15<sup>th</sup> June/43 The second Edition of the "Wag Mag" was published this date, and was rapidly sold out. The Magazine is proving very successful, and it is hoped that interest can be maintained in this publication. Track and field workouts are being held every Monday and Thursday evening at Sargent Park, in preparation for the annual Field Day of the Unit. It is hoped to have the South sports field fully completed by the date of our annual Sports Day, which should be held sometime in August. A great deal of work will be necessary, as a cinder track has not yet been laid out. With favourable weather conditions, however, this field should be in first class condition by August 1st. The special golf rate available to all ranks at the Tuxedo Golf Course, is proving very popular, and during the month of May, over 300 games of golf were played by personnel of this Unit.

16<sup>th</sup> June/43 No unusual events occurred this date.

17<sup>th</sup> June/43 More favourable weather conditions have allowed a greatly increased number of flying hours, and on the basis of the present hours flown, no difficulty will be encountered in increasing flying time to approximately 3000 hours per month.

18<sup>th</sup> June/43 The Commanding Officer's Inspection was held at 0730 hours, and following the raising of the Ensign, a short route march through Assiniboine Park was made. The Commanding Officer inspected the Station area.

19<sup>th</sup> June/43 The Station was visited this date by the Hon. Frederick Jones, Minister of Defence for the Dominion of New Zealand, and Mr. Firth, Acting High Commissioner for the Dominion of New Zealand to the Dominion of Canada. They were accompanied by Group Captain T.W. White, New Zealand Liaison Mission, Air Force Headquarters, Ottawa,

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19<sup>th</sup> June/43 (Cont'd.) Group Captain A.J. Ashton, No. 2 Training Command, and F/O Sommerville of the R.N.Z.A.F. After being conducted on a tour of the Station by the Commanding Officer, the Hon. Frederick Jones addressed all New Zealand trainees in the Station Auditorium. The party was then entertained in the Officers' Mess, and accompanied the Commanding Officer as his guests, to Polo Park, where they attended the Races.

20<sup>th</sup> June/43 Normal Sunday routine was carried out, with Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Services being held under the direction of the Station Chaplains.

21<sup>st</sup> June/43 F/L A.S. Mackie (C3826) assumes the duties of Chief Instructor during the absence of S/L W.C. Fisher, who is visiting No. 2 Wireless School and Western Air Command on Temporary Duty. Fleet Fort Aircraft 3616 and 3626 collided in mid-air approximately 28 miles from Stevenson Airport. Both Aircraft landed safely at Stevenson Airport, and there were no injuries to personnel. Fleet Fort Aircraft 3616 was quite badly damaged, the right wing

being badly shattered.

22<sup>nd</sup> June/43 It has been decided to have an Official Opening of the Airmen's Canteen and Lounge, on Friday June 25<sup>th</sup>, at which time furnishings will be completed. Acting A.O.C. G/C A.J. Ashton has been invited to officially open the new Recreation Centre. The Station track and field team has been selected, and are practising faithfully for the Annual Scottish Games to be held at Polo Park on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Station soft ball league will get under way on Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

23<sup>rd</sup> June/43 Nothing of interest to report this date. An exhibition rugger game against No. 5 A.O.S. took place on the south sports field at 1830 hours.

24<sup>th</sup> June/43 Nothing of interest this date.

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25<sup>th</sup> June/43 Approximately 25 members of local Chapters of the I.O.D.E. were guests of the Station, at a W.D. "At Home". After a thorough tour of the Station, they were entertained at Tea in the Officers' Mess. The Airmen's Lounge and Recreation Room was officially opened at 1700 hours by G/C A.J. Ashton, acting A.O.C., No. 2 Training Command. The heads of all section and the N.C.O.s i/c all sections, in addition to all Class Seniors, were invited to the opening ceremonies. After a short address, G/C A.J. Ashton cut the red, white and blue ribbon and officially opened the new Recreation Centre. Many complimentary remark's regarding the furnishings were passed by those in attendance, and it is hoped to make this Centre the most outstanding in No. 2 Training Command.

26<sup>th</sup> June/43 Three Officers arrived on Temporary Duty for the commencement of the Officers' R.D.F. Course, to be held at this Unit. It is expected that 13 Signals Officers will be attending this Course, which will be for a period of 16 weeks, and will be held in conjunction with the present Signals Officers' Training Course.

27<sup>th</sup> June/43 Normal Sunday routine was carried out, with both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Services being held under the supervision of the Station Chaplains.

28<sup>th</sup> June/43 The fourth W.E.T.P. School to come under the administration of this Unit, opened this date, and 100 Air Gunners U.T. have been posted to attend the St. John's Technical High School as W.E.T.P. trainees. These Air Gunners will be on a four weeks Course, and it is expected that further schools will be opened during the summer months. The Station soft ball league opened this date, with the Flying Squadron playing the 69<sup>th</sup> Squadron, and Officers playing the N.C.O.s. Preparations are proceeding for the Track and Field Meet to be held at Polo Park on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

29<sup>th</sup> June/43 The Unit was visited by W/C R. McFarlane, C.S.O., No. 2 Training Command, who conferred with the Commanding Officer and Chief Instructor with regard to the Commanding Officers' and Chief Instructors' Conference to be held at Air Force Headquarters,

July 19<sup>th</sup>.

30<sup>th</sup> June/43 The new Equipment Stores Building has been completed, with the exception of the heating and a small amount of painting. This building will be ready for occupancy during the next two or three days, and will make available, more classroom space in the Administration building. The present Equipment Section will be used by the Officers' Training Section and it is expected that a move will take place within the next week.

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Training Progress - Training proceeded normally during the month of June. The 57th Entry graduated on the 10th day of June, 71 trainees out of the original 120, graduated with this Entry. The Eighth Signals Officers' Course commenced during the month, as well as the first Officers' R.D.F. Course.

Accidents - There were no fatal accidents during the month. There was one aircraft accident and one serious accident to an airmen of the Unit.

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
	Fleet Fort II	25	3
	Fleet Fort I	1	1
	Norseman	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>
		30	4

Total Flying Hours for the month of June - 3003.25 hrs.

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<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>W.D.</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	44	494	53	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>				
C.D.C.	3	8		
R.A.F.		2		
R.N.Z.A.F.	1	8		
R.A.A.F.		1		
<u>Civilians</u>				
Barrack Officer				1
Others				<u>113</u>
TOTAL -	<u>48</u>	<u>513</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>114</u>
TRAINÉES: R.C.A.F.	25	1123		

R.N.Z.A.F..		165		
R.A.A.F.		147		
R.A.F.		<u>2</u>		
	<u>25</u>	<u>1437</u>		
	<u>48</u>	<u>513</u>	<u>53</u>	
<u>TOTAL STRENGTH -</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>114</u>

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July 1st/43 Squadron Leader W.C. Fisher (C1785) returned from Temporary Duty at No. 2 Wireless School, Calgary, and No. 32 O.T.U., Patricia Bay, B.C. 16 R.D.F. Officers reported in to this Unit for a 16 weeks course. Two soft hall games were held. 71 Squadron vs. 63 Squadron, and 65 Squadron vs. 67 Squadron. The 65th Squadron met the 69th Squadron in a rucker league match.

July 2nd/43 The Commanding Officer's inspection took place at 0730 hours. After the raising of the ensign, the parade moved off on a route march, preceded by the Station Band. An inspection of the barracks and Station Area by the Commanding Officer was carried out during the morning.

July 3rd/43 Flight Lieutenant J.H. Stapleton (C12520) (S.R.) (Med.) was taken on strength this Unit.

July 4th/43 Church Services under the direction of the Protestant and Roman Catholic Padres were held on the Station. Total flying time 110 hours. Flying ceasing at 1630 hours.

July 5th/43 Track and Field practices were held in Sargent Park. Two games in the soft ball league were played off at 1800 hours. Flying Squadron vs. N.C.O.'s, and also vs. 69th Squadron. The Wireless School met No. 8 Repair Depot in the first half of a double header baseball game at Wesley Park.

July 6th/43 Acting Flight Lieutenant C.H. Hearn (Admin) was taken on strength from No. 7 I.T.S., Saskatoon. Flying Officer J.F.T. Fenwick (C7701) (Admin.) was taken on strength from No. 2 Manning Depot, Brandon. Total hours flown 188.30. The Flying Squadron were visited by Air Vice-Marshal T.A. Lawrence, accompanied by Group Captain Taunton and Squadron Leader Binnie from No. 2 Training Command. The Air Officer Commanding looked over the accommodation, particularly in connection with the Communications Flight.

July 7th/43 A new Study Room has been opened in the south wing of the Hospital for supervised study periods in the evening. Its purpose is to provide quiet and congenial surroundings conducive to study. Total hours flown 146.45. The Communications Flight

moved to the Flying Squadron area today.

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July 7th/43 (cont'd) There was a rugger league match played off between the 65th and 69th Squadron. A farewell party was held in the Officers' Mess in honour of Flight Lieutenant R. Foster, and Flying Officer K.F. Chapman, who have been posted. Total hours flown 146.45.

July 8th/43 Total hours flown 141.00. Flying Officer Fiddes reported, and took over the Air Operating Section from Flying Officer K.R. Chapman on his posting. A Graduation Parade was held for the 59th Entry on the Parade Ground at 1600 hours. Badges were presented by Wing Commander Wamsley, Chief Instructor of No. 2 Wireless School, Calgary. That evening, a Banquet and Dance was held by the Graduating Squadron, and was attended by the Commanding Officer, Wing Commander Wamsley, Wing Commander Macfarlane, and other guests.

July 9th/43 The Commanding Officer's inspection of the Station Area took place at 1000 hours today. A group of 22 Airwomen received their Qualified Certificates in First Aid. A group of New Zealand and Australian War Canoe Crews took part in a practice for War Canoe Races. A very satisfactory report was received from No. 2 Training Command on the equipment in the Administrative inspection which took place on the 1st of July.

July 10th/43 Station soft ball league games were played off in the evening at 1800 hours. 71 Squadron vs. 65 Squadron, and 63rd Squadron vs. the Flying Squadron. Total hours flown 54.45. Flying ceasing at 1230 hours. Lieutenant Colonel Bayley, and Lieutenant Colonel Rourse, Officer in charge Dental Stores, C.D.C. Headquarters, Ottawa, visited the Dental Clinic of this Unit.

July 11th/43 Station Church Parades were conducted by the Roman Catholic and Protestant Padres.

July 12th/43 Hours flown 129.05. The Commanding Officer inspected the Flying Squadron at 0730 hours. Wing Commander R. Macfarlane (C1125) Chief Signals Officer, No. 2 Training Command Headquarters, assumed duties of Chief Instructor of No. 3 Wireless School. Squadron Leader W.C. Fisher was appointed Officer Commanding Signals Officers Training.

July 13th/43 Flight Lieutenant H.C. Williams (C3087) returned from Temporary Duty at No. 2 Wireless School, Calgary. Hours flown 138.20.

July 14th/43 No. 3 Wireless School met the Army in the second half of a double header baseball game at Wesley Park. No. 3 Wireless School played the Army, in a Soccer league match at 1930 hours at Osborne Stadium.

July 15th/43 Hours flown 140.10. The Equipment Section, located on the second floor of the Administrative Building, officially moved into the new Equipment Building.

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July 16th/43 Hours flown 142.50. The Commanding Officer's Inspection was held at 0730 hours. Following the raising of the ensign, a short route march through Assiniboine Park was made. The Station Area was inspected by the Commanding Officer. The third edition of the W.A.G. MAG. was issued for sale this date, and immediately sold out.

The 59th Entry were posted as follows:- Wastage - See Appendix "A" (IMAGE 116)

24 R.C.A.F. - posted to No. 8 B&G., Lethbridge, Alberta,

21 R.C.A.F. - posted to No. 7 B&G., Paulson, Manitoba.

3 R.N.Z.A.F. - posted to No. 7 B&G., Paulson, Manitoba.

21 R.C.A.F. - posted to No. 5 B&G., Dafoe, Saskatchewan.

3 R.N.Z.A.F. - posted to No. 5 B&G., Dafoe, Saskatchewan.

8 R.C.A.F. - posted to No. 2 B&G., Mossbank, Saskatchewan.

1 R.N.Z.A.F. - posted to No. 2 B&G., Mossbank, Saskatchewan.

July 17th/43 Squadron Leader J.B. McAra assumed temporary command of No. 3 Wireless School in the absence of Wing Commander T.R. Michelson, who proceeded on temporary duty to Air Force Headquarters, Ottawa.

July 18th/43 Both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Parades were held this date, under the direction of the Station Chaplains. Rapid progress is being made in the completion of the W.D.'s Canteen and Recreational Centre.

July 19th/43 Hours flown 156.45. Two soft ball league games were held during the evening, Officers vs. 65th Squadron, and Flying Squadron vs. 71 Squadron.

July 20th/43 Pilot Officers W.D. Marler and N.D. Dewar were taken on strength this Unit effective this date. An inter-Squadron Rugger Game was held at 0900 hours between 71 and 65 Squadrons.

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July 20th/43 (cont'd) This was the first game of the semi-finals. A farewell party was held in the Officers' Mess for Flying Officer Priest, who has been posted Overseas. He was presented with a gift at that time by the Mess Members.

July 21st/43 Flight Lieutenant A.S. Mackie (C3826) proceeded on Temporary Duty to No. 31 R.D.F., Clinton, Ontario. The Station Hardball Team played a game against the Army 103 B.T.C., on the Station, this evening. Hours flown 134.50.

July 22nd/43 Hours flown 132.45. The Second annual Track and Field Championships are being organized, and practices are underway. The Second game in the Semi Finals rugger match was played off at 1930 hours, between 63 and 69 Squadrons. An inter-Squadron soft ball game was held between 73rd Squadron and the Flying Squadron.

July 23rd/43 Hours flown 131.15. Commanding Officer's parade and inspection was held on the Main Parade Ground at 0830 hours, following which a route march was held. An inspection of the Station Area and Barrack Blocks was carried out in the morning.

July 24th/43 Wing Commander T.R. Michelson (C529) resumed command of No. 3 Wireless School from Squadron Leader J.B. McAra (C3057).

July 25th/43 Regular Sunday Church Parade Services were held by the Roman Catholic and Protestant Padres.

July 26th/43 Hours flown 117.35. The O/C Flying Squadron inspected the Flying Squadron's Nos. 1 and 3 Hangars during the morning. The last game of the Semi Finals was played off between 63rd and 69th Squadrons. The Station soft ball team participated in a game against the Army at Wesley Park. A Station Glee Club has been formed, and rehearsals are underway for a proposed Radio Program.

July 27th/43 Hours flown 117.55. The Commanding Officer visited the Flying Squadron this morning. A special showing of the film "Desert Victory" is being arranged for all personnel.

July 28th/43 The final Rugger Match was held between the Australian and New Zealand Teams at Osborne Stadium. A Soccer Match also was played between the Army and No. 3 Wireless School at the stadium.

July 29th/43 Hours flown 124.30. The Air Officer Commanding, No. 2 Training Command visited the Unit, and was accompanied by the Commanding Officer on a tour of inspection of the Station.

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July 30th/43 The Commanding Officer's inspection was held at 0730 hours, following which the Station proceeded on a short route march. Hours flown 84.40. A farewell party was held in the Officers' Mess in honour of Flight Lieutenant J.W. McAlla and Flying Officer J.F.T. Fenwick who have been posted.

July 31st/43 No flying today, 61 Entry completed their maximum flying time.

Training Progress - Training proceeded normally during the month of July. The 59th Entry graduated on the 8th day of July. 81 trainees out of the original 116, graduated with this Entry.

Accidents - There were no fatal accidents during the month. There were two Aircraft

accidents, and one W.E.T.P, personnel, attached to this Unit, died from natural causes.

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
	Fleet Fort II	25	4
	Fleet Fort I	1	1
	Norseman	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>
		30	6

Total Flying Time: 3105 hours.

Aircraft Serviceability: 84%.

IMAGE 115

<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or other ranks</u>	<u>W.D.</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	47	478	52	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>				
C.D.C.	3	7		
R.A.F.				
R.N.Z.A.F.		5		
R.A.A.F.		1		
<u>Civilians</u>				
Barrack Officer				1
Others				<u>114</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>493</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>115</u>
TRAINEEES: R.C.A.F.	27	1224		
R.N.Z.A.F..		147		
R.A.A.F.		144		
R.A.F.		<u>9</u>		
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>1524</u>		
	<u>50</u>	<u>493</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>115</u>
<u>TOTAL STRENGTH</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>115</u>

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"APPENDIX "A"

WASTAGE - 59th ENTRY

14 C.T.s posted to No. 1 Manning Depot, Toronto, Ontario.

26 C.T.s posted to No. 2 Manning Depot, Brandon, Manitoba.

1 C.T. repatriated to New Zealand and posted to No. 3 Repair Depot, Vancouver, B.C.

1 C.T. remustered to General Duties (Standard) and posted to No. 15 S.F.T.S., Clareshol, Alberta.

1 C.T. remustered to General Duties (Standard) and posted to No. 19 S.F.T.S., Vulcan, Alberta.

TOTAL WASTAGE - 43

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Aug. 1/43 Normal Station routine. Both Protestant and Roman Catholic padres conducted Church Services during the morning.

Aug. 2/43 Hours flown: 146:20. Pilot Officer Hartry, G (J26225) Taken on Strength.

Aug. 3/43 Hours flown: 156:45. Pilot Officer F. Manson (C28436) Taken on Strength this Unit effective today. Rehearsals for the Station Sports Meet held at Sargent Park during the evening.

Aug. 4/43 Hours flown: 46:15. A Station Sports Day was held at Sargent Park in the evening, at which all ranks attended. A very successful Meet was held, and both Military and Civil Officials were guests at the event. A Gala Dance was held in the Station Drill Hall during the evening. Dances were also held in the Sergeants' and Officers' Messes.

Aug. 5/43 Hours flown: 152:55. Flight Lieutenant W. Marginson (C2306) Taken on Strength from No. 7 I.T.S., Saskatoon, and assumes position of Training Admin. Officer. A graduation was held for the 61st Entry on the Main Parade Ground at 1600 hours. The Commanding Officer presented graduating personnel with Wireless Badges.

WASTAGE - 61st ENTRY

10 C.T.s posted to No. 1 Manning Depot, Toronto.  
10 C.T.s posted to No. 2 Manning Depot, Brandon.  
4 C.T.s retained at Unit, awaiting Reselection.  
1 C.T. discharged from the Air Force.  
1 C.T. posted to No. 17 S.F.T.S., Souris, Manitoba.  
1 C.T. posted to No. 1 C.N.S., River, Manitoba.  
1 C.T. posted to No. 3 R.D., Vancouver, B.C.

TOTAL WASTAGE:- 28

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Aug. 6/43 Hours flown: 146:25. The First group of W.O.G.s Women's division have reported to this Unit and assume their duties. They are 30 in number. Flight Lieutenant J.W. McCalla (C3615), Officer in charge Officers' Signals Course, was posted to No. 4 Wireless School, Guelph, Ontario. The Commanding Officer's Inspection of the station area was held during the morning.

Aug. 7/43 Hours flown: 61:30. A quiet day on this Station.

Aug. 8/43 Church Parades were held in the morning by both Protestant and Roman Catholic Padres.

Aug. 9/43 Hours flown: 144:10. The Station Soft Ball Team took part in a match at Wesley Park. An inter-squadron softball game was held between Entry 69 and Entry 65. Several personnel from this Unit are participating in the Manitoba Championships Track and Field Meet, and are taking part in regular practices. A group of Air Cadet Officers arrived for a two week's course of training.

Aug. 10/43 Hours flown: 155:25. A meeting of the Station Funds Committee was held in the Station Administrative Officer's office.

Aug. 11/43 The first round of a Golf Tournament between Officers and N.C.O.s was played this evening at the Tuxedo Golf Club. An inter-Squadron softball game was held between the Flying Squadron and 67 Squadron. Wing Commander C.J. Campbell (Sigs.) visited No. 3 Wireless School to lecture students on Radar.

Aug. 12/43 Hours flown: 133:30. Flight Lieutenant R.E. Mooney (C6987) was Taken on Strength at this Unit, filling the position of Technical Assistant to the Chief Instructor. An inter-squadron softball match was played off between Officers and the 67th Squadron. The Station hard ball team played a game of ball against the M.T. Section on Diamond A.

Aug. 13/43 Hours flown: 59:45. The Commanding Officer's parade and route march was held, followed by a tour of inspection of the station area. A special pass was granted to the personnel of Barrack Block No. 8 for maintaining the cleanest Barrack Block and grounds for the past

week.

Aug. 14/43 No flying today. No. 3 Wireless School Rugger Team played No. 5 Air Observers School at No. 5 A.O.S. grounds. The teams were very evenly matched and gave rugger fans plenty of excitement.

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Aug. 15/43 Church Parades were held in the morning by both Protestant and Roman Catholic Padres. Both Services were well attended.

Aug. 16/43 Hours flown: 142:30. Flying Officer F.G. Barrett has assumed charge of the Station Rifle Club from Flight Lieutenant C.W. Hall. Inter-Squadron softball play-offs began with 65th Entry meeting the Flying Squadron.

Aug. 17/43 Hours flown: 153:25. Croup Captain White and Croup Captain Seabrock visited No. 3 Wireless School during the afternoon of August 17th and addressed all R.N.Z.A.F. personnel at a meeting in the Station Auditorium. NZ404074 F/L G.A. Letchford W.O. (A.G.) visited No. 3 Wireless School during the day, and conducted a series of informal chats with New Zealand Trainees. The object of these talks was to build and maintain morale of R.N.Z.A.F. personnel under training.

The W.D. Recreational Centre was officially opened by the Commanding Officer. Section Heads of the Station as well as representatives from No. 2 Training Command attended the ceremony, and a Dance was held in the evening.

Aug. 18/43 Squadron Leader E.C. MacLachlan (Sigs.) visited the Station on August 18th to lecture student Signals Officers on V.H.F. communications and fighter signals organization. F/L C.W. Hall (C6111) Senior Medical Officer, was Struck Off Strength on posting to No. 1 Training Command.

The second game of Softball in the semi-finals, was played tonight between 65th Squadron and Flying Squadron.

Aug. 19/43 Hours flown: 149:40. Fleet Fort #3629 and Anson #6505 from No. 5 Air Observers School collided in mid-air at 1700 hours. The pilot W.O. 1 Hughes, was killed. The trainee student, L.A.C. Watkins was seriously injured.

Aug. 20/43 The Commanding Officer's parade and Inspection was held on the main parade ground at 0730 hours this morning. Following the inspection, all personnel proceeded on a Route March. Squadron Leader E.W.C. Sharpe (C2797) from No. 2 Training Command, began an Investigation into the fatal accident which occurred at the Flying Squadron yesterday evening.

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Aug. 21/43 Hours flown: 34:00. Flight Lieutenant W. Marginson (C2306) proceeded on Temporary Duty to Dauphin as a Member on a General Court-Martial. Funeral Services were

held for W.O.1 Hughes, J., at Clark Leatherdale Funeral Home. Staff Pilots of the Flying Squadron and the O.C. Flying Squadron attended. Returning from the funeral service, the staff car in which the Commanding Officer and Station Administrative Officer were riding, was involved in an accident. The Commanding Officer was severely shaken and received some injuries. The driver of the car was also injured. They were removed to Deer Lodge Hospital for treatment.

Aug. 22/43 Church Services were held this morning by both Protestant and Roman Catholic Padres.

Aug. 23/43 Hours flown: 153:15. The Investigating Officer, S/L E.W.C. Sharpe, returned today to conduct a Court of Inquiry. A Station Bowling League has been formed and many entries have been received. Flying Officer E.G. Bulmer (C13914) of the Directorate of Signals, Air Force Headquarters, visited the School this date, to lecture student Signals Officers on R.C.A.F. Pidgeon Service. Squadron Leader A.E. Game assumed temporary command of No. 3 Wireless School, due to the illness of Wing Commander T.R. Michelson.

Aug. 23/43 Hours flown: 157:55. A very quiet day.

Aug. 25/43 Hours flown: 148:45. An inter-squadron semi-final softball game was played between 67 Squadron and 69 Squadron. Flight Lieutenant R.W. Spear (C2595), Senior Accountant Officer, was admitted to Deer Lodge Hospital for treatment.

Aug. 26/43 Hours flown: 105:30. Squadron Leader A.E. Game ceases to have temporary command of No. 3 Wireless School on return of Wing Commander T.R. Michelson.

Aug. 27/43 Hours flown: 57:30. Flying stopped at 1630 hours. The Commanding Officer's Parade and Inspection was held on the main parade ground at 0730 hours. Following the Inspection, a route march was held.

Aug. 28/43 The 63rd Entry completed Air Operations this date. Flight Lieutenant C.H. Hearn (C6572) assumes charge of the Station Band.

Aug. 29/43 Church Parades were held during the morning and both Protestant and Roman Catholic Services were well attended.

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Aug. 30/43 Hours flown: 141:40. The 65th Squadron began Air Operations today. An Officers' Mess Meeting was held in the Mess at 1200 hours. The first game of the Inter-squadron softball finals was played off, between Entry 67 and the Flying Squadron, A Rugger Game was held this evening on the Sports Gound, between 65th Squadron and 71st Squadron.

Aug. 31/43 Flying was washed out at 1345 hours, due to bad weather.

Training Progress - Training proceeded normally during the month of August. The 61st Entry graduated on August 5th. 87 trainees out of the original 111, graduated with this Entry.

Accidents - There was one fatal accident during the month. There were no other accidents during this month.

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
	Norseman IV W	5	None
	Norseman IV	None	1
	Fleet Fort I	2	None
	Fleet Fort II	<u>25</u>	<u>2</u>
		32	3

Total Flying Time: 2950:10

Aircraft Serviceability: 85%

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<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or Other ranks</u>	<u>W.D.</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	86	533	94	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>				
C.D.C.	4	7		
R.A.F.		2		
R.N.Z.A.F.		2		
R.A.A.F.		1		
<u>Civilians</u>				
Barrack Officer				1
Others				<u>114</u>
TOTAL	<u>90</u>	<u>545</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>115</u>
TRAINÉES: R.C.A.F.	27	1226		
R.N.Z.A.F..		119		
R.A.A.F.		198		
R.A.F.		<u>12</u>		
TOTAL	<u>27</u>	<u>1555</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>115</u>
	<u>90</u>	<u>545</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>115</u>

TOTAL STRENGTH                      117                      2100                      94                      115

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The 61st Entry were posted as follows;

18 R.C.A.F. - Posted to Dafoe, Saskatchewan.  
7 R.N.A.A.F. - Posted to Dafoe, Saskatchewan.

25 R.C.A.F. - Posted to Paulson, Manitoba.

5 R.C.A.F. - Posted to Mossbank, Saskatchewan.  
6 R.N.Z.A.F. - Posted to Mossbank, Saskatchewan.  
1 R.A.A.F. - Posted to Mossbank, Saskatchewan.

16 R.C.A.F. - Posted to Lethbridge, Alberta.  
9 R.N.Z.A.F. - Posted to Lethbridge, Alberta.

(T.R. Michelson) W/C  
C.O. No. 3 W.S.

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Sept 1/43 Hours flown: 139.25. Normal Station routine. In the evening the W.D.'s participated in a Inter-Service Tabloid Sports Meet, competing against seven Army Teams and two Air Force (W.D.) Teams from No. 8 Repair Depot, and emerged victors by a total of ten points.

Sept 2/43 Hours flown: 130.55. A Graduation Parade for the 63rd Entry was held on the Parade Ground at 1600 hours. Following the Parade, the Station was opened for inspection by visitors, and refreshments were served in the Airmen's Mess. F/L F.J. Button (C6259) (Med) was Struck off Strength on posting to No. 17 S.F.T.S., Souris, Manitoba.

WASTAGE - 65rd ENTRY

7 C.T.s retained at Unit, awaiting Reselection.  
7 C.T.s posted No. 1 Manning Depot, Toronto, Ontario.  
9 C.T.s posted No. 2 Manning Depot, Brandon, Manitoba.  
3 remustered G.D.  
2 Discharged  
1 C.T. posted No. 17 S.F.T.S., Souris, Manitoba.  
1 C.T. posted No. 3 B, & G. School, Macdonald, Manitoba.  
1 C.T. posted No. 3 Repair Depot, Vancouver, B.C.

TOTAL WASTAGE:- 31

Sept 3/43 Flying washed out due to bad weather. F/L R.G. Taylor (C4074) (Med) was Taken on Strength this Unit from No. 7 I.T.S., and assumes position of Senior Medical Officer. In the evening on the Sports Field a Rugger Match was held between 67th Squadron and the Flying Squadron.

Sept 4/43 Hours Flown: 69.05. the Senior Administrative Officer, S/L J.B. McAra (C3057) was Struck off Strength on posting to No. 11 S.F.T.S., Yorkton, Sask. F/O L.J. Rymal (J15500) (WAG) was posted from this Unit to No. 5 A.O.S. on this date.

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Sept 5/43 All Protestant Personnel of No. 3 Wireless School participated in the combined Church Parade held at Osborne Stadium on this date.

Sept 6/43 Hours flown: 83.40. Washed out at 1730 hours. The Commanding Officer held an inspection of the Flying Squadron Personnel, Hangars, etc, at 0745 hours.

Sept 7/43 No flying today due to the inclement weather. A very impressive Handing Over Parade was held in the Station Drill Hall at 1500 hours when Wing Commander A. Wamsley (C721) assumed command of No. 3 Wireless School from Wing Commander T.R. Michelson (C.529). F/L G.E. Phillips (C9053) of this Unit proceeded on Temporary Duty to attend a District Court Martial at No. 12 S.F.T.S., Brandon, Manitoba.

Sept 8/43 Hours flown: 168.20. F/L W. Margenson (C2306) proceeded on Temporary Duty to No. 18 S.F.T.S., Gimli, Manitoba, as a member of a District Court Martial. S/L J.C. Boyd (C2673) was Taken on Strength from No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Manitoba, and assumed the duties of Senior Administrative Officer at this unit. Trade improvement classes have begun in the evenings in Radio and Morse for W.O.G.s (W.D.).

Sept 9/43 Hours flown: 142.50. In the evening a Variety Show was held in the Station Auditorium, and an excellent "Show Boat" Production was presented for the benefit of all personnel. Following the entertainment, the cast were the guests of the Officers in their Mess.

Sept 10/43 Hours flown: 166.40. The Commanding Officer's Parade and Inspection was held on the Main Parade Square at 0800 hours. Class 65A completed Wireless Exercises today.

Sept 11/43 Hours flown: 114.00, The Commanding Officer held an inspection of the Barracks and Station Area during the morning. The Signals Officers completed their Air Operating Training. F/L C.H. Hearn (C6572) was appointed Investigating Officer in connection with the M.T. accident occurring on September 8th. F/O A.C. Turner (C13544) assumed the duties of Senior Flying Officer.

Sept 12/43 Church Parades were held during the morning for both Roman Catholic and

Protestant Personnel on the Unit.

Sept 13/43 Hours flown: 156.40. F/L C.H. Hearn (C6572) took over the duties of Adjutant of the Flying Squadron. The Officers' Mess Meeting was held in the Ante-room at 1730 hours. The Station Hardball Team played off a match with No. 5 A.O.S. on the A Diamond.

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Sept 14/43 Hours flown: 176.50. F/L R.G. Taylor (C4074) (Med) returned after a week's Temporary Duty at No. 6 I.T.S., Toronto, Ontario. F/L R.D. Evans (C2476) (Equip.) reported on Temporary Duty from No. 8 Repair Depot, Winnipeg, Manitoba. The final game of the Inter-Squadron Soft Ball finals was held between 67th Squadron and the Flying Squadron on the Station Games Field.

Sept 15/43 Hours flown: 173.00. F/L H.S. Williams (C3087) (Signs) Officer in charge Signalling Section was Struck off Strength on posting to No. 1 I.T.S., Toronto.

Sept 16/43 Hours flown: F/L K.W. Downes (C3125) returned to this Unit from R.C.A.F. Station, Trenton on completion of Administrative Course. All New Zealand Personnel on the Station took part in a New Zealand election conducted at this Unit. The Station Hardball Team met No. 5 A.O.S. at 1730 hours.

Sept 17/43 Hours flown: 65.10. Washed out at 1215 hours due to the wind. The Commanding Officer's Parade and Inspection was held on the Main Parade Square at 0730 hours. Following the Inspection, all Squadrons proceeded on a four mile route march.

Sept 18/43 Hours flown: 136.10. F/L R.D. Phillips (C2020) (Admin) Taken on Strength this Unit on posting from No. 7 I.T.S., Sask. The Adjutant of the Flying Squadron F/L H.W. Morton (C7289) was Struck off Strength on retirement on Medical Grounds.

Sept 19/43 Church Parades were held by both Protestant and Roman Catholic Padres, and both Services were well attended.

Sept 20/43 Hours flown: 163.05. The wearing of Blues went into effect today, both on and off the Station.

Sept 21/43 Hours flown: 170.50. All copies of the September issue of the Station Magazine "WAG MAG" had been sold since its publication on the 15th.

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Sept 22/43 Hours flown: 167.05. A Very quiet day.

Sept 23/43 Hours flown: 152.15. F/L L.S. Caveney (C2913) was Taken on Strength from

Rockcliffe Station, Ottawa, Ontario. A Rugger Game was held between Station A and B Teams on the Sports Field during the evening.

Sept 24/43 Hours flown: 134.55. Squadron 65 completed Air Operating Duties. The Commanding Officer held a Parade and Inspection on the Parade Square at 0730 hours. Following the Inspection all Personnel proceeded on a Route March.

Sept 25/43 A Dance was held in the Officers' Mess. The guests of honour being the new Commanding Officer Wing Commander A. Wamsley and Mrs. Wamsley.

Sept 26/43 Station Church Parades held during the morning hours for both Roman Catholic and Protestant Personnel.

Sept 27/43 Hours flown: 169.35. The Commanding Officer inspected the Flying Squadron at 0830 hours in the morning. A/S.O. E.S. Snow (V30475) new Messing Officer (W.D.) was imported. The Officers' Mess Meeting was held in the Ante-room at 1700 hours.

Sept 28/43 Hours flown: 165.15. The Sergeants' Mess held a meeting at 2030 hours.

Sept 29/43 Hours flown: 150.20. A Graduation Parade for the 65th Entry on the Parade Ground at 1430 hours. Following the Parade, the Station was open for inspection by visitors, and refreshments were served in the Airmen's Mess.

#### WASTAGE - 65TH ENTRY

- 9 C.T.s retained at Unit, awaiting Reselection
- 7 C.T.s posted No. 2 Manning Depot, Brandon, Manitoba.
- 2 C.T.s posted No. 23 E.F.T.S., Davidson, Sask.
- 5 C.T.s posted No. 1 Manning Depot, Toronto, Ontario.
- 3 C.T.s posted No. 3 Repair Depot, Vancouver, B.C.

TOTAL WASTAGE:- 24

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Sept 29/43 (cont'd) Fleet Fort 3626, Pilot Sergeant Leahy collided upon landing with Finch from the Winnipeg Flying Club. Fleet Fort 3636 crash landed.

Sept 30/43 Hours flown 149.20.

Training proceeded normally during the month of September. The 63rd Entry graduated 3rd September. 65th Entry graduated 29 th September.

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH	Type	Serviceable	Unserviceable
	Norseman IV W	6	Nil
	Fleet Fort 1	2	Nil
	Fleet Fort 11	<u>22</u>	<u>5</u>
		30	5

Total Flying Time: 3491.35

Aircraft Serviceability: 83%

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<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen or Other ranks</u>	<u>W.D.</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	83	533	100	
<u>Service Personnel Other than R.C.A.F.</u>				
C.D.C.	4	7		
R.A.F.		2		
R.N.Z.A.F.		2		
R.A.A.F.		1		
<u>Civilians</u>				
Barrack Officer				1
Others				<u>114</u>
TOTAL	<u>87</u>	<u>544</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>115</u>
TRAINÉES: R.C.A.F.	27	520		
R.N.Z.A.F..		72		
R.A.A.F.		218		
R.A.F.		<u>10</u>		
TOTAL	<u>25</u>	<u>810</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>115</u>
	<u>87</u>	<u>544</u>		
<u>TOTAL STRENGTH</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>1354</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>115</u>

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The 63rd Entry were posted as follows:

25 posted Paulson. Manitoba

25 posted Dafoe, Sask.

17 posted Mossbank, Sask.

25 posted Lethbridge, Alta.

The 65th Entry were posted as follows:

26 posted Paulson, Manitoba

26 posted Dafoe, Sask.

14 posted Mossbank, Sask.

26 posted Lethbridge, Alta.

(A. Walmsley) W/C,  
C.O. No. 3 W.S., RCAF.

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Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> The Senior Staff Officers of the mess were treated to a duck dinner by S/L J.C. Boyd (C2613) Senior Administrative Officer, and F/L R.W. Spear (C2595) Senior Accounts Officer, after a successful duck hunt. The ducks were deliciously served with a dressing of wild rice and mushrooms which brought "AH's" from the lucky ones and envious looks from those who were served ordinary fare.

A Central Warehouse has been opened, and canteens are all placed on the Imprest System, thus contributing to better control.

Flying time for the day: 156 hours and 50 minutes flown in fair weather.

Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Flying stopped at 1230 hours, this being Saturday, and the Flying time for the day was 61 hours 35 minutes.

Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> A Roman Catholic Church Parade was held in the city of Winnipeg. All Roman Catholic personnel from this station paraded along with detachments from the Royal Canadian Navy and the Royal Canadian Army. The parade formed up in the Hudson's Bay parking lot and marched to St. Mary's Cathedral where service was held at 1130 hours.

Sunday being a day of rest, there was no flying.

Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 154 hours, 40 minutes were flown in clear weather.

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 127 hours were flown in normal flying weather.

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> P/O Raines R. Law, P/O Earl F. Flannigan and P/O William N. Maxwell, all graduates of this school were awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Notices were posted for post war vocational training in 33 vocational subjects and 13 academic. Airmen and airwomen were asked to indicate in what trade or calling they would like to be trained after the War. A roster of typing classes composed of personnel of this school was requested, training to be given at Kelvin High School.

Flying time for the day was: 124 hours, 35 minutes.

Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> Nursing Sister P/O R.R.Tubman (C21511) arrived here today on posting from No. 3 B. & G. School, MacDonald, Man. Flying time for the day was: 102 hours, 25 minutes, there being no flying after 1730 hours.

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Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> Officers' Mess meeting was held and a new slate of officers formed - President S/L J.C. Boyd, Vice-President F/L L.S. Caveney, Secretary F/L F.F. Gravelle, Bar Officer F/O B. Hockley, Messing Officer F/O B. Thompson, and a decorating committee under the chairmanship of S/L W.C. Fisher. Further decorations to the mess were discussed and it was proposed that alterations be made to the bar allowing direct service rather than the bell service not in operation. Squadron 67 classes 1A and 1B completed their operations, flying hours being 69 hours.

Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> No flying was carried out during the day except 1 hours test flight. Squadron 67, classes 2A and 2B began air operations procedure.

Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday - a day of rest on this Station.

Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> Visiting Flight from Central Flying School at Trenton arrived with S/L W. Clealand in charge.

F/L P. Bell, Educational Officer, reported from No. 2 Manning Depot, Brandon to take over the duties of Officer in charge of the Examination Board. Number of hours flown for the day were 54 hours 35 minutes.

Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> Instructors' Conference held in the Auditorium at 1930 hours. No. of hours flown were 85 hours, 30 minutes, excellent flying weather. S/O Christie from No. 2 Training Command visited this Unit.

Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> A total of 128 hours, 50 minutes were flown today.

Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> A Variety Show "Trumpet Call Review" with a cast of 25 members gave a performance in the Auditorium.

Total flying time: 129 hours, 55 minutes.

Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> 132 hours, 40 minutes were flown in splendid flying weather.

Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> A dance was held in the Drill Hall which was well attended by airmen and their friends.

140 hours, 30 minutes were flown today.

Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> S/O R.N. Pocock (V30013) Senior W.D. Officer was posted to No. 8 Repair Depot. It being Sunday, flying began at 12:45 hours and a total of 82 hours, 35 minutes were flown.

Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> A/V/M T.A. Lawrence, Air Officer Commanding No. 2 Training Command, accompanied by G/C H.H. Atkinson, S.P.S.O. inspected the station.

A total of 150 hours, 5 minutes were flown today in excellent weather.

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Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> Fl/O J.I. Taylor (V30061) reported in from No. 3 Bombing & Gunnery School, MacDonald,, Manitoba, to take over the duties of Senior W.D.Officer.

Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> The inaugural meeting of the station Concert Party was held in the Auditorium. Would-be Sousas, Tchaikowsky's, Crosby's, Sinatra's and Dinah Shore's, Ginger Rogers' and Fred Astaire's were in attendance. Everything points to a good Concert Party being formed. 150 hours, 55 minutes were flown in excellent flying weather.

Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> Australian Comforts Fund parcels arrived and were distributed to the Australian airmen by the Y.M.C.A.

150 hours, 5 minutes were flown by the Flying Squadron today. A Board of Officers for taking over buildings vacated by No. 5 A.O.S. at Stevenson's Field were composed of: S/L J.C. Boyd - President, F/L Stapleton, both from No. 3 Wireless School, F/L Finch from No. 2 T.C., Mr. Ormand, Manager at Stevenson's Field and Mr. Buchanan, Assistant Manager. W/C A. Walmsley, is attending the Commanding Officers' Conference held at No. 2 T.C. today and tomorrow.

Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> 138 hours, 25 minutes were flown today in clear weather.

Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> 53 hours, 45 minutes was the total for today.

Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> Being Saturday, flying stopped at 1200 hours. A total of 30 hours, 55 minutes were flown.

A stick of 15 paratroops were dropped in the City Park 1/2 mile north of this Airport in connection with the 5th Victory Loan Drive. Airmen watched the performance from the roof of the main Administration Building.

Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> Flying began at 10:15 hours, it being Sunday, and a total of 34 hours, 25 minutes were flown.

Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> Total flying for the day: 68 hours, 15 minutes.

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Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> Mr. D.A. Ross, W. & B. Engineer at this Unit attended the Works & Buildings Conference held at No.2 T.C.

Flying time for the day was: 114 hours. Fleet Fort No. 6235, while making a landing turned over on its back due to a brake seizure. Crash occurred at Stevenson's Field Aerodrome "B" Category. Neither the pilot or student navigator were injured.

Mess dinner was held at 1830 hours in the Officers' Mess. 46 Officers were in attendance. No. 2 T.C. Band supplied the music. After the mess dinner a movie was shown in the Ante-Room "The

Major and the Minor". LAC Dexter gave a performance of Card Magic and sleight of hand. Message of thanks was received from the Chairman of the Executive Committee Chinese War Relief Fund, Winnipeg, for the generous contribution received from this Station.

Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> Total flying for the day: 170 hours, 5 minutes.

A graduation ceremony took place. W/C Walmsley presented sparks to 95 graduates of 67th entry. 183 members from the Gyro Club, Kiwanis Club, Kinsmen Club and Philharmonic Choir witnessed the graduation and were taken on a tour of the station after the ceremony. Friends of the graduates and visitors were served afternoon tea in the Airmen's recreation room.

Air Chief Commandant Trefusis Forbes, accompanied by Wg/O W. Walker inspected the airwomen s quarters on the Station. After inspecting a detachment of the Women's Division, their sleeping quarters and recreation rooms, her comment was, "This is the finest parade and the best quarters and recreation room that I have seen so far in my trip across Canada."

A flight of W.D. personnel paraded at the C.P.R. Depot in honour of the enlistment of the 15,000th recruit for Women's Division.

Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> Total flying hours for the day: 181 hours, 30 minutes.

The first wedding in the new chapel had as the principals LAC J.R. McCullough of this station and Gloria LaVerne Webb of Edmonton. The ceremony was performed by F/L W.D. MacLeod, station chaplain (P). Witnesses were Frances June LeBorge of Winnipeg, and LAC J.R. Lince of No. 3 Wireless School.

A Variety Show presented by the Winnipeg Police Athletic Association was shown in the Auditorium this evening.

The Commanding Officer presented a beautiful cup known as the "Walmsley Trophy" to the Station for competition in all sports such as: Rugby, Hockey, Baseball, Soccer, Football, this to be inter-unit competition between all units.

Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> Total flying hours far the day: 171 hours, 30 minutes.

Mart Kenney and his Western Gentlemen broadcast from No. 8 Repair Depot. A number of airmen and airwomen from this station attended the performance. The 67th entry which commenced training 19th April, 1943, graduated on schedule today. Set out as follows are full particulars regarding number and disposition of graduates, wastage, etc.

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Original Intake	122	Total No. of Graduates	95
Transfers In- from		Transfers Out-	
Courses 65,63,59,&55.	<u>63</u> 185	to next Course	
		Medical Reasons	30
		Further instruction	40
		Wastage - - C.T.'d for Medical	
		Reasons.	12
		C.T.'d for other Reasons	<u>8</u> 185

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Disposition of Graduates:

No. 5. B. & G., Dafoe - 24  
 No. 2 B. & G., Mossbank 23  
 No. 7 B. & G., Paulson 24  
 No. 8 B. & G., Lethbridge 24 95

Disposition of Wastage:

R.C.A.F. No. 1 "M" Depot, Toronto 3  
 Discharged 2  
 Awaiting posting instruction 1  
 No. 2 "M" Depot, Brandon 4  
 No. 1 A.G.G.T.S., Quebec 1  
  
 R.A.A.F. No. 2 "M" Depot, Brandon 1  
 No. 3 R.D., Vancouver 1  
  
 R.N.Z.A.F. No. 2 "M" Depot, Brandon 4  
 No. 3 R.D., Vancouver 2  
 Awaiting Posting Instructions 1 20

Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> Total flying time: 180 hours, 20 minutes.

Gala Halloween Party was held in the Officers' Mess Saturday evening. W/C and Mrs. Binnie, No. 2 T.C. were guests of the Commanding Officer and Officers of this Station. The Mess was suitably decorated and many congratulations were offered the Mess Committee for the splendid entertainment. The new bar was opened for the first time and while not completed contributed greatly to the appearance of the Mess, as well as affording greater convenience in the serving of liquid refreshment. Deep wine curtains hung as a backbar made a splendid background for the shining bottles and the bald pate of the Mess Steward. A Halloween dance was held for the Airmen in the Drill Hall. At 1030 hours the Commanding Officer, Officers, and guests led a grand march for the airmen to the music of the Station Bugle band.

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Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> Total flying time: 50 hours, 40 minutes, it being Sunday.

As the month closes our Victory Bond Sales has reached a total of 1002 subscribers subscribing \$70,050.00. With another week to go there is no question but that our quota will not only be reached, but will be over-subscribed by several thousand dollars. Less than 50% of our personnel have so far subscribed to this amount which is only \$4550.00 short of our quota. Flight Officer Taylor whose duties include the compiling of this diary has been called to her home on the death of her father. The Station Officers offer her their sincerest sympathies. The Editor pro tem of this Diary also offers his sincerest sympathies to those who may have to read this.

Total Flying time for the month was 3,184 hours, 25 minutes. Weather serviceability 95%.

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Personnel Strength

STAFF:

	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN O/R</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
R.C.A.F.	89	541	
R.N.Z.A.F.	1	6	
R.A.F.		16	

C.D.C.	3	9	
R.A.A.F.	3	4	
Barrack Warden			1
Stenographers			11
Clerks			1
General Duties			60
Others			40
TOTAL STAFF__	93	576	113

TRAINEES:

R.C.A.F.	36	561	
R.N.Z.A.F..		63	
R.A.F.		21	
R.A.A.F.		208	
TOTAL TRAINEES	36	853	

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>Type</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
Norseman 4W	6	-
Fleet Fort Mk. 1	2	-
Fleet Fort Mk. 2	-21	4 under inspection 4 under repair

(A. Wamsley) W/C  
C.O. No. 3 W.S.

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Nov. 1, 1943 The 81<sup>st</sup> entry commenced their training today with an intake of 124, which included the following:

Officers	RNZAF	3	
Airmen	RNZAF	66	
	RCAF	43	
	RAAF	<u>12</u>	124

Although weather conditions did not permit any flying today, the personnel of No. 3 Wireless Flying Squadron had much with which to occupy their minds, as their move to the site formerly occupied by No. 5 A.O.S. is scheduled to take place as soon as possible. Details of establishment, messing, accommodation, etc. are being slowly worked out. It is the intention to accommodate both No. 2 C. & M. Unit, who have heretofore been practically homeless, and our Flying Squadron at the one unit. The buildings are in good repair but need painting and decorating and a number of minor alterations. The greatest difficulty encountered so far is lack

of staff. No increase in establishment has as yet been created to do the work in these buildings and as we are well under establishment at the main station, it is very difficult to release men to work at the Flying Squadron and still maintain efficiency. However, all sections are co-operating fully and some progress is being made despite difficulties.

Interest in Indoor Games is quickening with the advent of winter and there was an excellent turnout of airmen tonight in the Drill Hall for Basketball practice. League games are scheduled to commence on November 15th.

F/L J. Eisen, C10535, Hebrew Chaplain from A.F.H.Q., visited our unit and talked with airmen of the Jewish Faith.

Nov. 2, 1943 Hours Flown 164.25.

The station was honored today by a visit from the I.G., A.V.M. Croil, C.65. The I.G. was accompanied by W/C R. Macfarlane, C.1125 (Sig.) Command Signals Officer, No. 2 T.C., and the I.G.'s personal aide. The party inspected most of the sections on the station and talked to the personnel employed therein. The visit was an informal one and no parade was held.

The airwomen took over the Drill Hall for two hours tonight for P.T. and organized sports. Previously they had been having their P.T. in the mornings but by popular request the time was changed to the evening. All airwomen not on essential services turned out. One half-hour was devoted to calisthenics and the rest of the time to badminton, basketball, and volley-ball.

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Norseman Aircraft #698 piloted by F/O P.A. Miller, C.20736(Pilot) was forced down four miles west of Stevenson Field due to sticking of oil dilution valve. Passengers in the plane were five students who were practicing wireless exercises. However, there was no damage or injuries and the aircraft was flown back the same evening.

Nov. 3, 1943 Two flights of airmen and one flight of airwomen participated in a parade for the Fifth Victory Loan today in the city of Winnipeg. They formed up opposite the C.P.R. station and paraded down Main street and Portage avenue to the Mall where they formed a hollow square in front of the Victory Ship, remained until a short ceremony and broadcast of the results of the Victory Loan were held, then were dismissed.

Fleet Fort aircraft No. 3612 ground looped on landing. The pilot was Sgt. Paisley, J.K. R181023 and he was accompanied by one student. It was a "C" category crash with no injuries to personnel.

Nov. 4, 1943 Hours Flown 167.40.

F/O A.G. Linfield, C11423, (Ed.) reported in on posting from No. 7 I.T.S.

Valiant efforts are being made by our medical staff to transform the hospital which has very recently been re-opened, into the model station hospital. Everyone, including the Nursing Sister has been scrubbing and scraping walls, floors, ceilings and furniture. The efforts expended are beginning to show results and they are hoping for a good paint job and some attractive curtains to give it the finishing touches.

Nov. 5, 1943 Hours flown 167.50.

Our flying squadron are having their troubles lately, with the third accident occurring when P/O E.J. Fox, J23875 (Pilot) was forced down near Fortier, Manitoba, due to loss of oil. He had one student with him but there were no injuries and no damage done. The plane was flown back after the oil supply was replenished.

Floor Hockey has proven a very popular sport amongst the students on the station and it has been decided to start a station league for the winter months. Team captains held a meeting with the Sports Officer today, submitted lists of players on their respective teams and the league is scheduled to begin within the next few days.

Nov. 6, 1943 Hours Flown 175.55

Despite the resolutions of the Flying Squadron to prove the rule that all bad things come in threes, it was broken today when they suffered another accident. Fleet Fort Aircraft No. 3624 was seriously damaged when it was overturned on landing by the pilot, Sgt. McKnight, J.A., R161630. Only one student as passenger and there were no injuries. Category "B" crash.

Nov. 7, 1943 Hours Flown 101.00.

With the exception of the Flying Squadron, who are on the ten day pool system, the rest of the station except essential services enjoyed a "Day of Rest." There were very few people left on the station except

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the Duty Watch. The second half of course No. 71 commenced their initiation into the mysteries of air training.

Nov. 8 Hours flown 138:00.

1943 A/V/M Goble, Australian Liaison Officer visited the Station and talked to the 217 Australian Airmen stationed at this unit. He also interviewed a number of these airman privately.

A meeting of all instructors was held in the auditorium.

Nov. 9 Hours Flown 138:00.

Re-painting of interior of Station Hospital was started today by No. 2 C. & M. Unit. Encouraged by hit success in the matter of fresh paint, the S.M.O. managed to have the station fund supply money for new curtains and the Officers' wives Auxiliary are doing the sewing.

Nov. 10 Hours Flown 130:35.

1943 A meeting of all class seniors was held at 1730 hours in classroom No. 145. In attendance were the Commanding Officer, C. I., S.A.O., and Trainee Administrative Officer. The class seniors presented any problems, complaints or suggestions that applied to their flights and each point was given consideration by the C.O. If reasonable and possible, action was taken to put the suggestion into effect.

F/O A.E. Hockley, C3510 was appointed Investigating Officer to investigate M.T. accident to R.C.A.F. motor vehicle 36-012 which took place at Portage and Kennedy Street on November 3, 1943, in Winnipeg.

Nov. 11 Hours Flown 110:25. Curtailed on account of weather

1943 Two minutes silence was observed by all personnel on the Station at 11:00 hours to honor those who gave their lives in the war of 1914-18.

The Cheerio Concert Party directed by Mrs. Mennington put on a show this evening in the Drill Hall. The Concert party appeared to enjoy themselves at the entertainment provided for them after the Show in the Officers' Mess. The Officers tried to make them feel welcome and at ease. They felt they had perhaps succeeded rather more than necessary when one lady even removed her teeth for awhile as they apparently were interfering a little with her full enjoyment of the proceedings. However, she kept them close beside her on the chesterfield and all officers and guests were careful not to sit on them. The "Cheerios" are a concert party that will not be soon forgotten by the officers of No. 3 Wireless School.

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The inter-Station Floor Hockey league is very popular and eight games were played off today between the flights.

The Protestant Chaplain Hon. F/L W. MacLeod, C35256, represented the Commanding Officer at a Remembrance Day Service in St. John's United Church. The service was sponsored by Luxton Junior High School. Representatives of the Navy and Army were also present and each spoke briefly.

No. 3 Wireless School flying Squadron moved to its new home on the old site of No. 5 A.O.S. today and held their first mess meeting together with election of officers. Much work remains to be done yet before they will be comfortable, but excellent progress is being made.

Nov. 12 Hours Flown 137.30.

1943 Eight airmen participated in a boxing show at 103rd Basic Training Centre, Winnipeg. They acquitted themselves very well indeed winning a good proportion of their games. Commanding Officer's Parade and Inspection was cancelled today owing to inclement weather. Forty-five airmen attended a dance sponsored by the YWCA at the corner of Tache and Main Street, St. Boniface.

Nov. 13 P/O W.C. Sellars (not yet gazetted) (Sig.) reported in on posting from No. 1 O.T.S.,  
1943 Ste. marguerite and is taking charge of the Radio Labs. Section.

Nov. 14 Hours Flown 71.55. Weather Bad.

1943 Attendance has improved greatly at the Protestant Church Service as a result of changing the hour from 0900 hours to 1100 hours.

Nov. 15 Hours Flown 131:50.

1943 The Station Basketball team played a city League game against the "Crocks" at the Y.M.C.A. Flying Squadron had their first fire drill on the new premises and all went very efficiently and hose was connected in 1½ minutes.

Nov. 16 Hours Flown 133:25.

1943 Intensive work has been done by the Senior Administrative Officer on the

installation of 35 mm. films and new sound-heads at this unit. We were formerly subjected to the 16 mm. films and very inferior sound equipment, although the movies were free. A committee has been formed and it is proposed to hold the opening of the theatre with the new equipment on Saturday next. A charge will have to be levied in order to help defray the cost. The latest films are being obtained on a rental basis and all personnel are looking forward to being able to spend the long winter evenings enjoying up-to-date, modern movies on our own station at small cost.

Nov. 17 Hours Flown: 109:05. First flight washed out due to ground fog.

1943 P/O G.K. Tomlinson C6128, Sig. reported from No. 1 O.T.S., Ste. Marguerite to attend Officers Signals

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Course No. 9. Work is going forward apace on the projection room for the new movies in the auditorium.

Nov. 18 Hours Flown 143:40.

1943 A Variety Show "The Glamour Girls" was given in the Auditorium at 2000 hours and was well attended. W. D. Recreation Centre housed the first meeting of the Station Glee Club tonight. Sponsored by the Padre, the Glee Club promises to supply a touch of culture throughout the winter months, as there was an excellent turn-out and everyone seemed very enthusiastic. Class Senior Meetings, which the C.O., C.I. S.A.O., and Technical Administrative Officer attend, are held weekly each Thursday. At these meetings the Class Seniors express the views of their respective classes on all station matters. The meetings are doing a great deal to raise the morale of the station as the trainees feel they are being treated fairly and accorded a hearing on things which concern their welfare.

Floor Hockey continues to be a popular sport, a fast game being played in the drill hall tonight between 73B flight and 77C flight. 77C won by a score of 1 - - 0.

Nov. 19 Hours Flown 128:55.

1943 To ensure that promotions in all sections of the station are based on uniform qualifications a Promotion Board has been set up and all personnel recommended for promotion from any section are required to appear before the Promotion Board on the 19th of each month. They are given a short set of questions and the Promotion Board report on their appearance, alertness, bearing, deportment, etc. The Board comprises the S.A.O., C.I., T.A.O., P.T. and Drill Officer, S.W.O., (O.C. W.D. for Airwomen,) (O.C. Flying Squadron for Flying Squadron Personnel.)

Nov. 20 Hours Flown 19:55.

1943 P/O G.H. Hannon C36089 (Sig.) reported in on posting from No. 4 Wireless School, Guelph. An energetic drive is being made by the Station Magazine committee for material, cartoons, and special features for a special Christmas issue of W.A.G. MAG. Although no advertising is carried, our station magazine is almost entirely self-supporting from sales made to personnel on the station.

New offices for training administration officers and N.C.O.'s have now been completed down the hall from their former location and they are starting to move in. The new set-up has the orderly room C.I., C.I.'s adjutant, and Technical Warrant Officer all together on one side of the main hall and the rest of the staff on the other side. This gives everyone more space in which to work and will make for efficiency.

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Nov. 21 Hours Flown 18:15. Weather prevented flying until approximately 1300 hours. 1943 Afternoon flying was confined to Norseman, new course initial exercises.

Very quiet today except in the station hospital. The painting has only just been completed and the disorder which inevitably seems to follow painters would overwhelm the hospital were it not for the valiant efforts of the staff to keep things clean and neat. To add to their troubles an epidemic of 'flu and colds seems to have hit the station. This epidemic is not confined to the unit, but is prevalent throughout the city.

Nov. 22 Hours Flown 44:40. Poor weather.

1943 A/S/O E.S. Snow V30475, our messing Officer was rushed to Deer Lodge Hospital and an appendectomy performed. Her condition was quite critical but is improving steadily. She is very much missed here although S/O D.A. Raymond, V30186 (Equip. Mess) from No. 8 Repair Depot, is doing a very good job of helping us out in A/S/O Snow's absence.

Nov. 23 Hours Flown 116:45. Weather poor.

1943 The Station Basketball team played the Defence Industries Limited in the Station Drill Hall at 2000 hours. No. 3 Wireless worn 49 - - 19.

Lt. Col. N.S. Bailey, C.D.C., No. 2 T.C. and Major Erme Stewart, C.D.C. Headquarters, Ottawa visited our Dental Clinic today.

Nov. 24 Hours Flown 110:15. Poor weather.

1943. Graduation Exercises were held today at 1425 hours for 69th Squadron which graduates on Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>. Presentation of a gold identification bracelet was made to AUS430176 LAC Iavelle, N.W. for general proficiency. A similar bracelet was given to AUS430147 LAC McNeel, W.G. for highest academic standing in the entry. LAC Lesaunier, M.J., R210841, second highest, was awarded a silver identification bracelet. The best athlete, R209373 LAC Lizotte, L.H., was presented with a special 69th Squadron Flag.

There was a Protestant service for men of the graduating class in the new Chapel at 1000 hours. It was attended by 35 airmen, 25 of whom remained for Holy Communion. Flowers were placed in the Chapel by the Women's Auxiliary.

Nov. 25 Hours Flown 78:65. Poor weather.

1943. P/O L.P.J. Hourque, C36091, (Sig.) reported in on posting from No. 1 O.T.S., Ste. Marguerite to attend Officers Signals Course No. 9.

A very enjoyable evening's entertainment was given by a variety show called "The Paratroopers" in the auditorium this evening at 2000 hours. Afterwards they were well entertained in the Sergeant's Mess.

Nov. 26 Hours Flown 61:35. Poor weather.

1943. Course 69 graduated today with a total number of graduates amounting to 110. The details are as follows:

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Graduation of Course 69 - Commenced Instruction 17 May, 1943.

Original Intake	- 151	<u>Ceased Training</u>	
Transfers Into from previous courses	- <u>59</u>	<u>during course</u>	31
Total Intake	- <u>210</u>		
Transfers Out—due to Illness, disciplinary reasons, etc.	- 53		Disposition of C. T. 'S
Failed final exams and retained for further instruction	- 14		11 RCAF Posted No. 2 "M" Depot.
C.T.'s during course	- 31		9 RCAF Posted No. 1 A.G.G.T.S.
C.T.'s at termination of course	- 2		3 RCAF Posted to 1 "M" Depot.
Graduates	- <u>110</u>		<u>1</u> RCAF Posted No. 3 "M" Depot.
	210	Failed Final examinations and Ceased Training at termination of course - <u>2</u>	24
			1 RAAF Posted No. 2 "M" Depot.
			1 RAAF Posted No. 3 "M" Depot.
			1 RAAF Awaiting Posting Instructions.
			<u>1</u> RAAF Posted No. 1 A.G.G.T.S.
			4
			2 RNZAF Posted No. 1 A.G.G.T.S.
			<u>1</u> RNZAF Posted No. 2 "M" Depot.
			3
			33

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 Graduates - - 110

Disposition of Graduates

19	RCAF	posted	No. 7	B.&G.	Paulson
10	RCAF	"	No. 5	"	Dafoe
4	RNZAF	"	No. 5	"	"
7	RAF	"	No. 5	"	"
1	RCAF	"	No. 9	A.O.S.	St. Johns
16	RCAF	"	No. 8	"	Encienne Lorette, P.Q.
21	RAAF	"	No. 8	B & G.	Lethbridge
<u>32</u>	RAAF	"	No. 2	"	Mossbank.
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## IMAGE 144

Nov. 27, Hours Flown 35 minutes (weather checks only).

1943. The skating rink was ready for use today and many personnel immediately tested it out and pronounced it in good shape.

Nov. 28, Hours Flown 108:25. Poor weather.

1943. No. 3 Wireless Flying Squadron have moved into their new quarters at the old site of No. 5 A.O.S. and are busy painting and decorating. Excellent progress is being made and they will soon be eating and sleeping there.

Nov. 29, Hours Flown 154:20.

1943. S/L D.R. Jackson, C1917 (Admin.) arrived today from No. 2 T.C. to replace S/L J.C. Boyd, C2613 (Admin) our Senior Administrative Officer who is posted to No. 5 B. & G. School, Dafoe. Although S/L Boyd has been stationed at this unit only two months, during this time he has made valuable contributions to improving the station. His keenness, and enthusiasm about every aspect of station life coupled with a delightful personality have made him known to all ranks on the station and he carries with him the good wishes of all.

P/O J.T. Chandler, J36258, Pilot, reported on posting from No. 3 F.I.S., Arnprior.

Our dental clinic at this unit not only performs the routine work of filling and extracting teeth, but Capt. Freeman, C.D.C., also performs a number of intricate operations. Today, an Alveolectomy was performed for an airman who is proceeding Overseas. Due to the overprominence of the Alveolar process, a resection was indicated and three stage modification of Kazanjian's method was followed. This three stage procedure is a deviation of usual methods taught and advocated in text books on oral surgery.

Nov. 30, Hours Flown 165:20.

1943 P/O J.A. Thompson (not yet gazetted) Accts. reported on posting from No. 2 T.C. and will be in charge of non-public accounting.

S/L R.D. White, C2580, F/L A.R. Fortin, C7998, and S/L A.R. Cumming, C2576, from No. 2 T.C. arrived at the station for a Court of Inquiry regarding injuries suffered by F/O G.H. Currie, C9788 (Accounts).

The general health of personnel at the unit throughout the month was seriously threatened by an outbreak of 'flu and common colds. However, this epidemic is lessening now and it is felt that the danger is passed. A very large percentage of the trainees were affected and it has caused interruption in their training.

Due to the close proximity of this unit to the City and the fact that trainees are given a 36 hour pass every weekend, a great number of our personnel attend church service at civilian churches. Even so, our chapel here is well attended and it is felt by the Padres that the spiritual welfare of most of the personnel on the station is good.

Discipline is excellent and there have been very few serious charges in the past month.

Recreation and social activities have been covered in the diary on the appropriate diary dates.

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Nov. 30, 1943

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN O/R</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
<u>STAFF:</u>			
R.C.A.F.	71	504	
C.D.C.	3		
Barrack Warden			1
Stenographers			11
Clerks			1
General Duties			65
Others			42
TOTAL STAFF	74	504	120

TRAINEES:

R.C.A.F.		504	
R.N.Z.A.F..	3	120	
R.A.F.		27	
R.A.A.F.		159	
TOTAL TRAINEES	3	858	

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>Type</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
Norseman 4W	5	2
Fleet Fort Mk. 1	1	1
Fleet Fort Mk. 2	20	9
Menasco Moth Mk1	2	-
Menasco Moth Mk2	6	-

Wireless Trainee equipment being installed in Menasco Moth MK2.

(A. Wamsley) W/C  
C.O. No. 3 W.S.

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Nov. 28, 1943. The Drill Hall was used for recreation by the officer personnel from 1530 to 1730 hours on Sunday.

Nov. 29, 1943. Hours Flown 154:20.

C1786, S/L W.C. Fisher, Chief Instructor, was posted on Temporary Duty to No. 1 K.T.S., Trenton, Ontario, to attend the Officer's Administration Course No. 45 at that school.

F/L McNiff from No. 2 Training Command visited the Flying Squadron to investigate W/T modifications on Fleet Fort aircraft. Aa extensive changes would be necessary. Fleet Fort 3627

was to be sent to No. 8 Repair Depot as a prototype.

Nov. 30, 1943. Hours flown 165:20.

C2913, S/L L.S. Caveney, officer commanding the Officers Training Section assumed the duties of Acting Chief Instructor pending discharge from the hospital of C6987, F/L R.E. Mooney.

Arrangements concerning the Fleet Fort to be transferred to No. 8 Repair Depot were completed. A replacement was on hand so that no loss of available aircraft was involved.

The Station Drill Hall set the stage for an exciting basketball game at 1930 hours between the Army and No. 3 Wireless School. No. 3 W.S. won by the notable score of 44 to 22.

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Dec. 1, 1943. Owing to bad weather the hours flown slipped to 84:40.

The first of a series of inter-squadron boxing matches was held in the Station Drill Hall at 2000 hours with 75, 77, and 81 squadrons tied for first place. Interest was very high as the series were the beginning of a competition for the new Walmsley Trophy. Good newspaper coverage was obtained on this event.

Dec. 2, 1943. Hours flown 184:40.

Three Floor Hockey games were played in the Station Drill Hall. Inter-squadron competition was high. 71 Squadron topped 75 by 3 - 1, 77 squadron topped 73 by 2 - 1 and 79 squadron and 81 squadron tied at 2 - 2.

Dec. 3, 1943. Hours flown 184:45.

C6987, F/L R.E. Meoney assumed the duties of acting Chief Instructor on his discharge from the Station Hospital vice C2913, S/L L.S. Caveney, who returned to his position as Officer in charge of Officers Training Section.

Seven Menasco Moth II aircraft were received by the Flying Squadron bringing the total strength of these aircraft to twelve. W/T equipment was installed by a mobile unit from No. 8 Repair Depot assisted by our own personnel. These Menasco Moths are to replace the Fleet Forts which are at present on our establishment but are not now available.

Dec. 4, 1943. Hours flown 193:30.

C28436, P/O F.N. Manson, Training Adjutant returned from Temporary Duty at No. 1 K.T.S., Trenton, Ontario. Another Menasco Moth II was received at the Flying Squadron. That brings our strength to 13.

Twin sons of Cpl. Sidney Page (cook) of this Station were baptized by C35256, F/L W.S. McLeod, Chaplain (P) at their home in St. Vital, Manitoba.

Dec. 5, 1943. Hours flown 97:30. Bad weather.

Flying squadron reports that owing to bad weather considerable, flying time was lost in the past few days. A great effort was made to bring time up so that the class could graduate.

Maintenance, although working overtime, and under pressure of almost continuous flying, maintained the excellent record of 93% serviceability during the first few days of December.

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Half of course No. 71, A and B flights, completed their air operations, and C and D flights have commenced.

The Station hospital reported a great deal of influenza and the "common cold". Facilities became so crowded that five extra beds were erected to accommodate the sick. Arrangements are under way to show movies in the hospital every Wednesday night for the patients.

The Station movies are proving very successful and show good symptoms of more than paying for themselves.

Dec. 6, 1943. Hours flown 184:30.

C20776, F/O D.H.C. Roberts relinquished the duties of Training Adjutant and assumed the duties of station adjutant.

Dec. 7, 1943. Hours flown 158:15.

Dec. 8, 1943. Hours flown 138:35.

Dec. 9, 1943. Hours flown 161:55.

F/L Peterson, D.F.C., R.N.Z.A.F., a former W.A.G. trainee of entry No. 13, visited this School. He was here to interview the R.N.Z.A.F. trainees. Proposed length of visit was to December 14th.

Dec. 10, 1943. Hours flown 160:00.

Prints were submitted for proposed Coffee Bar to be installed in Airmen's Canteen by Works and Buildings.

C35256, H/F/L W.S. McLeod, Protestant Chaplain, together with a funeral party under command of C13510, F/O A.E. Hockley, assisted at the funeral service of R253154 AC1 John A. Dufton, son of Mrs. S.S. Dufton, 636 Beverley Street, Winnipeg, who was accidentally killed at Dauphin, Manitoba, in the course of duty. The service was held in the Gardiner Funeral Home, Winnipeg, at 1600 hours and was conducted by the Reverend P. Pilkey of St. Pauls United Church. The burial was in Brookside Cemetery. The firing party was from No. 8 Repair Depot, Winnipeg,

Dec. 11, 1943. Hours flown 133:15.

Preparations were begun for Christmas decorations on the station.

Dec. 12, 1943. Hours flown 154 :35.

At the Flying Squadron, Norseman aircraft No. 2468 piloted by AUS421683 Sgt. Leahy, C.W., nosed up while taxiing in a strong wind. R251783 LAC Howard, J.S., and R200965 LAC Wilson, R.J., the other occupants of the aircraft are wireless Operators under instruction. The propeller was seriously damaged, the airframe only slightly. No other injuries.

There was the usual Sunday activities. No outstanding sports events were held on the station

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during the week.

Dec. 13, 1943. Hours flown 117:20.

C4188, F/L F.F. Gravelle, assumed duties of Trainee Administrative Officer vice C2306, F/L W. Marginson.

C28436, P/O F.N. Manson, Training Adjutant was appointed officer in charge of Motor Transport. Sports were much in evidence at night. The Station Hockey Team got together for a practise. Several games of Floor Hockey were played and many of the personnel attended the Services Hockey Game in Winnipeg, Navy's 8 to Army's 5.

Dec. 14, 1943. Hours flown 126:40.

F/L Peterson of the R.N.Z.A.F. completed his visit at the school.

Three new arrivals on the staff of the Station were: (1) V30595, A/S/O M.W. Roe, (Admin.) on Temporary Duty from No. 2 Training Command to replace V30061, Fl/O J.I. Taylor as officer in charge of Women's Division. (2) V30540 A/S/O E.F. Macey, Messing Officer for contact training. (3) C37899, H/F/L R.S. Carpenter, R.C. Chaplain to replace C7848 F/L P. Dwyer.

No. 3 Wireless School girls basketball team played No. 8 Repair Depot's girls team at No. 3 Wireless School Drill Hall. In spite of lack of practise No. 3 Wireless School won 6-5.

W.D. N.C.O.'s improvement course was opened by a lecture by the commanding Officer.

Dec. 15, 1943. Hours flown 164:50.

From the F'lying Squadron Fleet Fort No. 3567 piloted by R171367 Sgt. Walsh, F.E., pilot, and students were forced down at No. 7 A.O.S., Portage La Prairie due to broken aileron. No injuries were suffered.

V30061, Fl/O J.I. Taylor posted to No. 2 Training Command Headquarters Personnel Branch, Winnipeg.

Dec. 16, 1943. Hours flown 175:46.

Quite a large sports programme including practices of Basketball, Hockey and Floor Hockey. The W.D.'s spent a happy and most useful evening wrapping gifts for the children's party on Saturday, and decorating the W.D. Recreation centre. No. 2 Training Command Public Relations Officer, photographer and writer took numerous pictures and got a story on the Christmas preparations at No. 3 Wireless.

Dec. 17, 1943. Hours flown 40:15 (Norseman flying only)

C7693, F/L H.R. Adams (Admin.) in from No. 2 Training Command to replace C2020,

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F/L R.D. Phillips (Admin.) as Offioer in charge of 75 and 79 squadrons, Training Wing.

Command Hockey Game - - Airforce vs Navy in Winnipeg. Great interest was shown in the game and a great number of the station personnel attended; the R.C.A.F. defeated the Navy 4-3

with overtime.

Dec. 18, 1943. Hours flown 127:05.

A Christmas party was held for the Children of all Station personnel, C2306, F/L W. Marginson acted as Santa Claus. Presents were given in the Station Theatre after Santa's descent from a cardboard chimney, and cake and cocoa were served in the Airmen's Mess. About 125 children were present, and great assistance for the party was given by the Officer's Wives Auxiliary of No. 3 Wireless School.

Dec. 19, 1943. Hours flown 127:05. High winds cut down flying time.

Dec. 20, 1943. Hours flown 117:05.

C2020, F/L R.D. Phillips posted No. 2 Manning Depot, Brandon.

A large informal dance was held by the W.D.'s in the Recreation Hall in lieu of a sleigh-ride which was postponed because of very little snow. A great deal of fun was had by all.

Dec. 21, 1943. Hours flown 103:45.

C7, Air Vice Marshal T.A. Lawrence visited No. 3 Wireless School and spoke to a muster parade in the Drill Hall, wishing all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year; he also congratulated the outgoing flight, entry 71, on their splendid record. From No. 3 Wireless School he visited the flying Squadron and wished them the compliments of the season.

Dec. 22, 1943. Hours flown 152:25.

A special service was held in the Chapel for members of the graduating class (Squadron 71), followed by Holy Communion in the morning. Graduation ceremony held in Drill Hall in afternoon, the Station band provided music and the inspecting officer was W/C A. Walmsley, who pinned on the new sparks. Friends and relatives of the 135 graduates were served refreshments following the ceremony in the Airmen's Lounge by the Officer's Wives Auxiliary of No. 3 Wireless School. Captain Marquis pinned sparks on nephew R185547 T.M. Greenway.

Dec. 23, 1943. Hours flown 154:55.

Christmas activities were really humming. The sergeants at No. 3 Wireless School entertained the Officers of No. 3 Wireless School, and No. 2 C. & M. Unit in the Sergeants Mess at 1700 hours. The anteroom of the New Officer's Mess at the Flying Squadron was used for the first time.

Menasco Moth No. 4891, P/O J.T. Chandler, Pilot, and LAC Higgins, W.T., Wireless Operator, skidded into a fence while taxiing on a slippery runway in a strong wind. The wing-tip was slightly damaged.

A wedding of great interest was held in the Station Chapel at 1500 hours when W306301, Officer Cadet Dorothy Armstrong married Captain Norman Winter of the Newfoundland Regiment. The ceremony was performed

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Dec. 23, 1943 by H/F/L W.S. McLeod, Protestant Padre, and the bride was given away by the

(Cont'd) Commanding Officer, C721 W/C A. Walmsley. Officer Cadet Barnum played the wedding music. A reception was held in the Officer's Mess, following the ceremony, a most lovely and successful wedding.

Dec. 24, 1943. Hours flown 69:50. (discontinued early).

Two more weddings in the Chapel, AWI Marjorie Coulter, R.C.A.F. (W.D.) stationed at No. 2 T.C.H.Q.'s and Sgt. E.E. Lucas, R.A.F., of No. 39 S.F.T.S., Swift Current were married by H/F/L W.S. Mcleod. The attendants were also in the Airforce. Miss M.E. Stanley and R219005, LAC Harwood, G.E. of No. 3 W.S. were married in the Chapel by C37899, F/L R.S. Carpenter, R.C. Padre.

Midnight mass was held for R.C. personnel.

A free two hour moving picture was shown in the Station Theatre for all personnel on the Station.

The Y.M.C.A. office reports an excellent record for airmen and airwomen placed for Christmas hospitality. Two hundred received five days hospitality while on leave and seventy-five more were invited for Christmas dinner. The station padres contributed a good proportion of these numbers.

Dec. 25, 1943. Christmas Day: and no flying was done as far as aircraft were concerned. Only a skeleton staff remained on duty. Personnel from the Flying Squadron came back to No. 3 Wireless School to join in the Christmas Dinner, which is reported as being superb. All those in hospital and on duty were presented with gifts by Mr. Walter Graw of the Y.M.C.A., who also staged a moving picture show for the hospital patients and distributed cigarettes widely. Special Christmas Day services were held for all personnel on the Station.

Dec. 26, 1943. Hours flown 34:50. Poor weather.

Station was very quiet. Very few stayed on unless on duty. The usual church services were held.

Dec. 27, 1943. Hours flown 91:25.

Quiet day, majority of personnel on leave

Dec. 28, 1943. Hours flown 39:00

The airwomen who were on the Station held an informal dance in their recreation Hall

Dec. 29, 1943. Hours flown 01:25

C6777, F/O W.H. Cliff, Signals Officer, reported in from No. 3 O.T.U., Patricia Bay.

V30417, A/S/O M.E. Watts, Med. (Oph) reported back from Temporary Duty on course at No. 3 Training Command, Montreal.

Captain Frank Guy Armitage, who is attached to the "Y" Services as an entertainer visited the Station on his second transcontinental tour. He had dinner in the Officer's Mess and afterward gave a fascinating entertainment, free, for the airmen. Capt. Armitage gives a complete one and a half hour show, all by himself, with excellent characterizations of Dickens, ventriloquism and magic. The show was a terrific success.

Dec. 30, 1943. Hours flown 44:55.  
 Busy but quiet day. New Year's preparations were underway.

Dec. 31, 1943. Sours flown 06:00.  
 Daytime quite quiet. Great preparations for New Year's Eve Parties. The Drill Hall was decorated beautifully for the airmen's dance which was free, and a six piece orchestra was provided. The orchestra acquired several new airmen members before the evening was finished. On the stroke of midnight, all participated in the sinking of Auld Lang Syne, all present joining in and using noisemakers to the fullest extent. Favors were distributed to all present, at this time.

Immediately after ushering in the New Year the guests proceeded to the Airmen's Mess Hall and partook of a light lunch, consisting of coffee, sandwiches, Cake and doughnuts, and after that dancing continued until 0300 hours, 1st January, 1944.

Group Capt. Atkinson, Mrs. Atkinson, W/C Walmsley and Mrs. Walmsley, as well as other officers visited the Drill Hall whilst the dance was in progress, and joined in the Grand March. And so finished 1943. A most eventful year for No. 3 Wireless School.

During the month of December, a great deal of skating has been done by both airmen and Officers, and a pleasure rink gradually built up as well as the Hockey Cushion. Both are very popular. In spite of a fair amount of bad wearier the total flying time for the month was 3721:30 hours.

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Graduation of Course 71 - Commenced Instruction 14 June, 1943.

Original Intake	- 137	Ceased Training (10 R.C.A.F., 3 R.AA.F.)
Retained from previous Instruction	- 14	<u>Disposition Of 13 C.T.'s</u>
Retained from previous Entry (67) because of hospitalization at finals	- 1	4 RCAF - No. 1 A.G.G.T.S.
Transfers into Entry	- 55	3 RCAF - No. 1 "M" Depot..
Total Intake	- <u>207</u>	1 RCAF - No. 2 "M" Depot.
Transfers out of Entry	51	<u>2</u> RCAF - No. 3 B. & G.
Failed Final Exams and retained for 4 weeks further instruction	8	10
Ceased Training	- 13	1 RAAF - No. 1 A.G.G.T.S.
Graduates	- <u>135</u>	1 RAAF - No. 3 B. & G.
	<u>207</u>	1 RAAF - Awaiting Posting Instructions
		<u>3</u>

Graduates: 135

Disposition of Graduates

26 No. 5 B. & G. Dafoe, Sask.  
26 No. 8 " Lethbridge, Alta,  
40 No. 2 " Mossbank, Sask.  
26 No. 7 " Paulson, Man.  
17 No. 8 AO.S. Ancienne Lorette.  
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PERSONNEL STRENGTH

<u>STAFF:</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN O/R</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
R.C.A.F.	79	602	
R.N.Z.A.F.	4		
C.D.C.	3		
Barrack Warden			1
Stenographers			11
Clerks			1
General Duties			65
Others			42
TOTAL STAFF	<u>86</u>	<u>601</u>	<u>120</u>

TRAINEES:

R.C.A.F.	541
R.N.Z.A.F..	86
R.A.A.F.	333
R.A.A.F.	159
TOTAL TRAINEES	<u>960</u>

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>Type</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
Norseman 4W	6	-
Fleet Fort I	1	1
Fleet Fort II	25	5
Menasco I	1	-
Menasco Moth II	5	9

(A. Wamsley) W/C  
C.O. No. 3 W.S.

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Jan. 1, 1944. The tumult and shouting have died away to a mere whisper and personnel at No. 3 Wireless School, complete with numerous, earnest New Year's resolutions, settle down to another year of turning out well qualified Wireless Air Gunners, with the fervent hope that 1944 will give this year's graduates the privilege of transmitting the long awaited "dit dit dit dah" around the world.

All but a skeleton staff ceased work at 1000 hours. The N.C.O.'s, as tradition has it, played hosts to the Officers in their mess, and the Officers returned the compliment when the whole party repaired to the Officers' Mess. At 1300 hours the airmen and airwomen came into their own, and had Officers and N.C.O.'s at their beck and call, scurrying between steam table and customer at the New Year's dinner held in the Other Ranks Mess.

S/L C.G.M. Steele, C2354, (Accts.) started the New Year right by reporting to take over duties as Senior Accountant Officer.

P/O D. Anderson, J36486, (Pilot) arrived from No. 1 C.N.S.

Jan. 2, 1944. Flying time: bad weather limited flying time to 56:15 hours.

This Sunday proved to be indeed a quiet and uneventful day with all personnel going about their duties in a strangely subdued wanner and reminiscing about the festive season, over now for another year.

Jan. 3, 1944. Flying time: bad weather again reduced time flown to 46:00 hours.

P/O D. Worgan, J38382, (Pilot) was taken on strength from No. 1 F.I.S., Trenton, and was assigned to duties with the Flying Squadron.

Squadron 86 consisting of 181 potential Air Gunners commenced their training today.

Jan. 4, 1944. Flying time: 104:30 hours.

F/O A.E. Hockley, C13510, (Admin.) took over the position of Administration Officer at the Flying Squadron, from F/L C.H. Hearn, C6572, (Admin.) who returned to this Unit as a Squadron Commander.

The Pepsi Cola Company of Canada has kindly offered to send voice recordings for personnel at this Unit. The recordings are made on paper disks and take a message of about three minutes. They are then mailed free of charge to their destinations.

Many of our personnel took advantage of this opportunity and a large group gathered in the Auditorium awaiting their turn. Quite a few carefully written speeches went to waste when the sender became a victim of "mike" fright and spoke whatever thoughts came into his head, but all struggled manfully through what seemed to them a long 3 minutes. R.A.F., R.A.A.F., R.N.Z.A.F. boys especially, sent messages which will do great deal to reassure parents so far away, and who, although they

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will hear no military secrets, will at least know their boys are still alive and well, and happy.

Jan. 5, 1944. Flying time: 177:15 hours.

F/O A .A. Andersen. C6091, (Link Trainer) reported to continue the work of our F/O W.H.A. Thomas, C4473, (Link Trainer) who reports to No. 6 E.F.T.S., Prince Albert. Our hockey team bowed to the skill of No. 8 Repair Depot tonight, finishing the game with a score of two goals to No. 8 R.D.'s nine. S/O H.F. Lawrence, V30358, (Admin.) taken on strength from No. 3 B. & G. School, Macdonald.

Jan. 6, 1944. Flying time: 167:15 hours. F/L W.F. Roberts, C4155, (Radar Branch) arrived from No. 5 Radio School, Clinton, Ontario, for inclusion in signals Officers Course No. 9. A slight accident occurred today when Fleet Fort No. 3612 piloted by R64132, WO2 Beaudain, T.R.U., swung slightly when left brake grabbed, was caught in a crosswind and tipped up on nose. No injuries to personnel. Slight damage to propeller.

Jan. 7, 1944. Flying time: 161:10 hours. W/C J.E. Sharpe, C4072, (Med.) and F/L W. Mosley, C25668, from No. 2 T.C.H.Q., paid the Station, and the hospital in particular, a routine visit. Radio Labs. Section personnel have been doing some improvisation due to delay in purchasing power supplies for the Synthetic D/F Lab. A number of old transformers have been procured and the workshop staff has rewound the secondaries to provide the necessary 6 volts for filament supply. Plate voltage, for the present, will be supplied by a number of 12 Volt accumulators connected in series.

Jan. 8, 1944. Flying time: 140.50. hours. The frosty air resounded to the hum of skimming blades (and ankles) on the pleasure rink tonight when the Officers held a Skating Party. The professionals adjusted their pace to that of the beginners and a happy group swirled around for two hours. Later in the Mess a buffet supper was held in order not to draw attention to certain members who, suddenly, were not in the mood to sit themselves down on a hard wooden chair at a formal table. The party was a success and will be repeated. GB573893, Sgt. Hogben, G.W., W.E.M. (R.A.F.) and GB 572437 Sgt. Vine, E., W.E.M. (R.A.F.) formerly held on the Instructional staff of Radio Labs will be welcomed home in a few weeks on being repatriated to England.

Jan. 9, 1944. Flying time: 161.40 hours. The pleasantly mild weather has been conducive to skating and a loud speaker and phonograph which provided music on the rink has added greatly to the pleasure. Sunday found a large number of skaters on the rink taking advantage of weather which sceptical Manitobans feel cannot last. The Flying Squadron, however, was not putting in so pleasant an afternoon. R106411, Sgt. Mudge, A.W.

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piloting Fleet Fort No. 3623 swerved when left brake failed while taxiing and the aircraft struck

a building. The wing was damaged.

Jan. 10, 1944. Flying time: 106:45 hours. Time lost due to low ceiling. F/O D.C. Hodson, C26522, (CTTD) and P/O D. Burgess, C38565. (CTTD) from No. 2 T.C.H.Q. had all potential "A" groupers puzzling over the intricacies of the various trades as they made their quarterly visit to the Station.

F/O W.R. James, J22969, (Pilot) from Tofino, B.C., was posted to No. 3 W.S. and attached to the Flying Squadron.

Misfortune dogged the Flying Squadron again today but no damage resulted. A gas cap became loose in flight on Fleet Fort No. 3644 piloted by R178187, Sgt. R. Lidgren. Gasoline streamed from the tank but the pilot effected a safe landing.

The loss of the Men's Station Basketball team in their league was somewhat redeemed in the same night as the W.D.'s defeated Fort Carry C.W.A.C.'s 22-10.

Jan. 11, 1944. Flying time: 115:45 hours.

R56832, F/S Jones, A. assumed the duties of Acting Station Warrant Officer on pasting of R51790, WO1 Allan, T. McD. to the Flying Squadron.

Another lecture was given to W.D. N.C.O.s in their N.C.O. Improvement Course. The lecture was given by the Protestant Chaplain who outlined the moral and spiritual responsibilities of W.D. personnel an a Station.

Jan. 12, 1944. Flying time: 163:20 hours.

F/O H.T. Hall, C14585, (Admin) from No. 2 T.C.H.Q. arrived on posting to this Unit and is attached to Trainee Wing.

Jan. 13, 1944. Flying time: 160:05 hours.

Another practice of the Glee Club, composed of any personnel interested in music, was held in the W.D. Lounge Room. The attendance was momentarily increased by hundreds when the Padre's innocent D.R.O. entry reading "All those who like to sing" was the victim of a typographical error and nearly reached the press as "all those who like to sin". The error revealed many personnel interested in the fine art.

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Jan. 14, 1944. Flying time: 166:20 hours.

W/C R. Davie, C884, (Equip.) from No. 7 Equipment Depot spent a few hours discussing Equipment with our Section of the same name.

Notification was received today of the posting of F/L R.G. Taylor. C4074, (Med.) our Senior Medical Officer to No. 1 "Y" Depot, Lachine. Any sadness he felt at leaving us was well concealed by his joy on receipt of this cherished posting.

The traditional cry of "Aha a woman driver" was raised again when Fleet Fort No. 3621 piloted by P/O W. DeM. Marler, J27880, (pilot) collided with a Cornell aircraft on the runway after landing, resulting in damage to the wing. The Cornell was piloted by a girl who had ferried the aircraft in from the manufacturer's.

Jan. 15, 1944. Flying time: 166:20 hours.

The much talked of and highly touted hockey game between Officers and N.C.O.'s took place this afternoon. In spite of weeks of intensive training and well laid plans on the part of the Officers they were overwhelmed by a score of 6 - 1. Our padre proved indeed that "virtue is its own reward" by scoring the one goal for the Officers.

Two games were played in the opening of the Inter-Squadron Hockey League, one game resulting in a tie, the other ending with a close score of 2 - 1.

Jan. 16, 1944. Flying time: 165.55 hours.

Our strength was bolstered by two more postings in when P/O H.D. Telfer, C39213, (Admin.) came from No. 2 Manning Depot, Brandon, and P/O J. Abbott, J23289, (Pilot) arrived from No. 23 E.F.T.S., Davidson.

Jan. 17, 1944. Flying time: 114:15 hours. Time lost through gusty winds in the afternoon. F/L W. Mosley, C25668, (Med.) from No. 2 T.C.H.Q. had further business with our Hospital today. The truth of fair exchange is no robbery was borne out today when F/L S.A. Miller, C20736, (Pilot S.G.) arrived from No. 11 S.F.T.S., after the posting of our F/L I.W. Dunbar, C3123, (Pilot)(G.L.) to No. 5 B. & G. School, Dafoe.

The 85th Entry, consisting of 131 students, will be held up as a model class as far as off-station passes are concerned for the next two weeks. They were quarantined today for scarlet fever which one member of their group has contracted. They will attend classes and will dine alone at specially appointed hours in the Other Ranks Mess. Their Squadron Commander F/L C.H. Hearn is leaving no stone unturned to see that his boys get a normal amount of recreation, however. Merchandise from the Canteen is brought over every evening to tempt their fancy and they are taking this opportunity of having a little fun. Each one claims he always uses a certain brand of toothpaste, smokes a certain brand of cigarette or prefers a certain type of chocolate bar, with the result that goods brought over have to include a wide variety of products. The Station film is to be played at special times, and a few hours of the hockey and skating rink segregated for the amusement of the 85th Squadron. So far the prospect of being quarantined does not look too bleak.

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Jan. 18, 1944. Flying time: 52:45 hours. Time lost due to snow storm.

No. 11 S.F.T.S., Yorkton has donated yet another pilot to our cause; P/O H. Alton, J35631, (Pilot). F/O D. Mackay, C21078, (Accts) assumed duties of non-public funds accountant on his arrival from No. 3 B. & G. School, Macdonald; while P/O J.O. Thompson, C38530, (Accts.) reported to No. 3 B. & G. School from this Unit.

F/L W. McKay, C4150 from A.F.H.Q. came to discuss and advise on problems pertaining to W.E.T.P. Schools.

An Administrative Course for Officers, Warrant Officers, and N.C.O.'s was inaugurated at this Unit today. The course will consist of 23 lectures and will be given to all Officers, Warrant Officers, and N.C.O.'s who have not completed an official R.C.A.F. Administrative Course, as an aid to furthering their knowledge of R.C.A.F. administration, making them, better fitted for their present position and enabling them to qualify for future promotions. The first lecture of the

evening was given by our Commanding Officer, the second by the Senior Equipment Officer and the final lecture of the evening by our Senior Administrative Officer.

Jan. 19, 1944. Flying time: 175:45 hours.

F/O R.R. Barrett, C10069, (P.T. & D.) is with us temporarily from No. 23 E.F.T.S., Davidson. F/O F.E. McLaren, J17371, and F/O J.M. Bates, C12951, from No. 2 T.C.H.Q. visited our school today.

F/O R. Marshall, C10382, (Pilot) (G.L.) was posted to No. 7 B. & G. Paulson, Manitoba. S/O E.C. Snow, V30475, (Equip. Messing) returned to duty after a period of illness and A/S/O E.F. Macey, V30540, (Equip. Messing) who had been holding the fort in her absence proceeded on posting to No. 7 I.T.S., Saskatoon, Sask.

Jan. 20, 1944. Flying time: 174:20 hours.

F/L W. McKay, C4150, from A.F.H.Q. on further business concerning the W.E.T.P. Schools. One way of eliminating passport pictures, form H's and the intricacies of obtaining American funds before entering the U.S.A. was discovered, but not recommended, by two of our personnel today. R116229, WO2 Ball, J.B., piloting Fleet Fort No. 3628, and his student passenger, on returning from a W/T exercise encountered dense snow and rain, necessitating a forced landing in the clear at Pembina Airport, U.S.A. No damage.

The second boxing show of the season, a 12 bout card was staged in the Station Drill Hall before an audience of Officers, airmen and guests. It is no wonder our Station is becoming "boxing conscious"

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when shows of this high calibre are presented. The series of exciting matches had the audience at fever pitch, all on edge for the feature bout of the evening, and they as well as the victim, were stunned when the highlight bout was ended by a knockout blow in the 64th second of the first round. The winners of the 12 matches will compete in the Inter/Service Boxing Show to be held at 103rd Basic Training Centre.

Jan. 21, 1944. Flying time: 19:55 hours. No w/t exercises today due to change of classes.

The congratulations of all personnel at No. 3 Wireless were heartily extended to our Commanding Officer W/C A. Walmsley, C721, (Pilot) (S.), who was appointed to the rank of Group Captain effective 1st January, 1944.

The second class of the Administrative Course being held, at this Unit was honored with the presence of A/V/M T.A. Lawrence, C7, Air Officer Commanding, G/C H.H. Atkinson, (C.966), S.P.S.O. and W/C J.C. Binnie, C1768, (Admin.). A/V/M T.A. Lawrence gave a few introductory remarks applauding the idea behind the course. G/C H.H. Atkinson spoke on the subject of "Station Staff: Officers, Warrant Officers and N.C.O.'s," to Officers and N.C.O.'s in separate groups. W/C J.C. Binnie lectured on "Organization and Administration of the R.C.A.F."

Jan. 22, 1944. Flying time: 50:55 hours.

R174980, Sgt. Rumson, G.E. piloting Fleet Fort No. 3613, on landing from a solo flight skidded

on the ice and aircraft nosed up. No injuries. Slight damage to aircraft.

Jan. 23, 1944. Flying time: 22:00 hours. Flying cancelled in morning due to windy weather. A quiet, uneventful day, skating providing recreation in the afternoon for those remaining on the Station, and a movie shown in the evening.

Jan. 24, 1944. Flying time: 102:30 hours.

S/L J.P. Marshall, C3075, arrived today from No. 2 T.C.H.Q. to commence a routine check of the Equipment Section.

F/L D.G. Armstrong, C12671, from A.F.H.Q. visited this unit concerning landline communications.

S/L J.C. Boyd, C2613, from No. 5 B. & G. School, Dafoe, renewed old acquaintances here as well as discussing matters concerning Auxiliary Services.

S/L A.I. Jarvis, M.C. (C1991) who is to act as Defending Officer in an impending Court Martial arrived from No. 2 Manning Depot in connection with the case.

A/S/O M.W. Ree, V30595, (Admin.) after a short but enjoyable tour of duty at this Unit left on posting to No. 23 E.F.T.S., Davidson.

Jan. 25, 1944. Flying time: 109:35 hours.

Another series of lectures in the Station Administration Course was completed this evening.

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F/L W.A. McCallum, Fire Prevention Officer from No. 2 T.C.H.Q. gave a talk on Fire Prevention, illustrating with actual fire extinguishers which he brought out with him, and answered many queries from his interested audience. Our Commanding Officer G/C A. Walmsley spoke on the subject "Officer and N.C.O.", bringing home to the class many good points regarding responsibilities and attitude. The final speaker of the evening was F/L F.F. Gravelle, the subject - "Rules of Officers' Mess and Sergeants' Mess."

Jan. 26, 1944. Flying time: 117:05 hours.

F/O H.T. Hall, C14385S, did business at this Unit, concerning Auxiliary Services. Graduation exercises were held today for the 73rd entry.

A graduation service was held in the chapel at 1100 hours for Protestant personnel of Squadron 73. It was attended by forty-three W.A.G.S'. The scripture lesson was read by F/L W.

Marginson. Thirteen boys remained for Holy Communion. A graduation banquet was held in Picardy's Salon to celebrate the successful completion of a long hard course.

Jan. 27, 1944. Flying time: 72:25 hours. Half day of flying lost due to bad weather.

N/S B.G. Hunt is back at No. 3 Wireless for the second time in her nursing career after some months at No. 2 Manning Depot and is busy comparing the Station as it was then and is now.

Lt. Col. Bailey, Command Dental Officer visited this clinic a routine call.

The Inter-Service Boxing Meet was held at the 103rd Basic Centre with Army, Navy, and Air Force entries. No. 3 W.S. sent eleven strongmen to battle and came back with three wins.

The Navy scored 3 wins, and the Army topped the show with 4 wins. The arguments about

which rules were to be used were almost as good as the fights in the ring.

Jan. 28, 1944. Flying time: 153:05 hours.

A general Court Martial for the purpose of investigating charges against F/O G.H. Currie, C9788, (Accts.) was convened at this Unit today. It was composed of the following: G/C F.J. Mawdesley, C49, of No. 5 B. & G., President; W/C L.P. Kent, C2250, No. 4 T.C.H.Q.; W/C J.C. Mirabelli, C1575, of No. 17 S.F.T.S.; S/L C.P. Leaney, C3053, No. 6 R.C.; Members. S/L P.G. Macara, C2113, No. 15 A.I.D.; and F/L G. Bell, C2475, No. 8 Repair Depot; Waiting Members. S/L W.B. Scarth, M.C., C2417; Judge Advocate. F/L G.S. Halter, C14253; Prosecutor. S/L A.I. Jarvis, M.C. C1991, from No. 2 Manning Depot, Defending Officer. F/O E.R. Tubman, C21511, (N/S) left to do her bit healing the sick at No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

Something new has been added - today we were proud to add to our strength the fourth feminine

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Y.M.C.A. Supervisor to be attached to an R.C.A.F. Station in Canada, Mrs. Jean Sherlock of Toronto. Mrs. Sherlock will be working in conjunction with our two Y.M.C.A. representatives and is eager to get started and learn about life on an Air Force Station.

S/L L.A. Masterman of No. 2 T.C.H.Q. discussed, with Officers and N.C.O.'s attending the Station Admin, course, many phases of Manning of the Air Force with which they were hitherto unfamiliar. Lectures were also given by the Senior Administrative Officer; and the Warrant Officer i/c Headquarters Orderly Room.

Jan. 29, 1944. Flying time: 179:55 hours.

Inter-Squadron hockey was the main attraction today - the Flying Squadron defeating 79 Squadron 4 - 2, while the Ford Plant defaulted to 81 Squadron.

Jan. 30, 1944. Flying time: 203:40 hours.

From 1400 to 1600 hours there was a social gathering for Station personnel in the Airman's recreation centre. It was under the direction of Murray Dobson, Y.M.C.A. secretary and was greeted with an enthusiastic response. The programme included a sing-song, a musical quiz and story-telling. Refreshments were provided after the programme to the 125 persons attending. The response was so encouraging it is planned to make this a regular weekly affair.

Jan. 31, 1944. Flying time: 206:10 hours.

A District Court Martial assembled at this Unit for the purpose of investigating charges laid against R140731, Sgt. Sisco, E.L. The Court was composed of the following: S/L R.D. White, C2580, No. 2 T.C.H.Q., President. F/L D.C. Chapman, C2801, of No. 8 Repair Depot, and F/L A.C. Gauthier, C6908, of No. 8 A.O.S.; Members. F/L W. Marginson, C2306, of this Unit; waiting Member. F/L G.S. Halter, C14253, No. 2 T.C.H.Q.; Prosecutor. F/O T.P. Elder, M.M., C4478, No. 7 B. & G. School; Defending Officer.

The 87th Entry composed 118 R.C.A.F. and one R.A.A.F. commenced training today. They are due to graduate 11 August, 1944.

A month end review of January reveals a wide variety of activities. The health of personnel on

the station was excellent during the first part of the month but contagious diseases such as scarlet fever, chicken pox, and measles had the Medical Officer carefully checking to see that these diseases were restricted as much as possible and no epidemic occurred.

With regard to spiritual welfare a new system was inaugurated regarding Church Parades. Compulsory attendance of duty watch, etc. was abolished and attendance was put on a purely voluntary basis. The reaction of airmen and airwomen to this change is favorable and the Protestant Padre was pleased to find over 60 persons voluntarily attending his Sunday Services. Recreation has been provided with movies showing six nights per week. We were also fortunate in obtaining three concert parties during the month - City Hydro Concert Party, Great West Life Concert

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Party, and "Swingtime" an R.C.A.F. aggregation.

Sports have been very much in evidence with this Station concerned in many leagues - Men's and Women's Basketball teams in Inter-Services Leagues, Men's Hockey team in Inter-Service League, Inter-Squadron Hockey schedule being run off, and last but not least the Officers' Hockey team playing various challenge games.

Flying time for the month has been exceedingly high, for which some of the credit is due to Maintenance Section attaining an average serviceability of 80%. Total Flying Time for January 3817:55 hours.

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#### Graduation of Course 75 - Commenced Instruction 12 July, 1943.

Original Intake	- 126	<u>Ceased Training (21 R.C.A.F., 16 R.N.Z.A.F., 3 R.A.F.)</u>
Retained from previous entry for 4 weeks further instruction	- 8	<u>Disposition of 40 C.T.'s</u>
Transfers into Entry	- 58	10 No. 3 B. & G. School, Macdonald, Manitoba.
Total Intake	- 192	1 Ft. Osborne, Winnipeg.
Transfers out of entry	- 29	6 No. 1 A.G.G.T.S., Quebec City, Que.
Failed final exams and retained for 4 weeks further instruction	- 5	4 No. 1 M.D., Toronto
Failed final exams and ceased training	- 4	3 No. 1 Recruiting Centre, Trenton.
Ceased training during course for Medical reasons	- 5	1 No. 8 Repair Depot, Winnipeg
Ceased training during course for other reasons	- 31	2 No. 3 Repair Depot, Vancouver.
Graduates	- <u>118</u>	2. No. 2 Manning Depot, Brandon.
	<u>192</u>	1 On strength of station as W.E.T.P.
		10 Awaiting posting instructions.
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Graduates: 118

Disposition of Graduates

26 No. 2 B. & G. Mossbank, Sask.  
24 No. 5 " Dafoe, Sask.  
24 No. 7 " Paulson, Man.  
24 No. 8 " Lethbridge, Alta.  
20 No. 8 A.O.S., Ancienne Lorraine, Que.  
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PERSONNEL STRENGTH

<u>STAFF:</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN O/R</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
R.C.A.F.	64	594	
C.D.C.	2		
Barrack Warden			1
Stenographers			11
General Duties			65
Others			42
TOTAL STAFF	<u>71</u>	<u>594</u>	<u>119</u>

TRAINEES:

R.C.A.F. (including 22 Officer Cadets)	32	480	
R.N.Z.A.F.	3	77	
R.A.F.		9	
R.A.A.F.		307	
TOTAL TRAINEES	<u>35</u>	<u>875</u>	

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>Type</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>
Norseman 4W	6
Fleet Fort I	2
Fleet Fort II	30
Menasco I	1
Menasco Moth II	<u>14</u>
TOTAL	<u>53</u>

Average Serviceability 80%

(A. Wamsley) W/C  
C.O. No. 3 W.S.

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Feb. 1, 1944. Hours flown: 137:55.

F/L T.W. Saunders, C8496, from No. 2 T.C.H.Q. visited this Unit in connection with reselection.

The Signals Officers Courses enjoyed a lecture on Radar Application, given by S/L C.B. Limbrick, C3151, (Sigs) from A.F.H.Q.

Feb. 2, 1944. Hours flown 203:05.

Personnel at the Flying Squadron were kept in a state of suspense this afternoon after it was discovered that Fleet Fort No. 3638, piloted by R155220 Sgt. Duncan, S.W., had lost a wheel on take-off. The pilot and his student flew until the gasoline supply was exhausted to reduce the danger of fire in case of crash, then made a perfect landing on the runway. No damage to aircraft or injuries to personnel.

The relieved and happy pilot was congratulated by ground personnel who relaxed after an afternoon of glancing skyward frequently to check on the fate of the aircraft.

To afford recreation for the growing number of personnel stationed at the Flying Squadron the Y.M.C.A. have instituted three nights on which movies will be shown there.

The first movie was shown tonight and the response indicated that this service is filling a long felt need.

Feb. 3, 1944. Hours flown 204:45.

The Glee Club which was organized on the Station in November lost an enthusiastic director and an excellent pianist with the posting of Officer Cadet H. Barnum, W303984, to Western Air Command. Mr. Murray Dobson, Y.M.C.A. Supervisor has assumed the duties of director and a temporary pianist, at least, was found in the person of AUS428198 LAC Riley, A.

Feb. 4, 1944. A full day's flying time was lost on account of weather, which was stormy all day.

Feb. 5, 1944. Hours flown 51:20. Norseman only flown.

Hockey held the limelight today. Headquarters won a game from 77th Squadron, and the Officers suffered defeat at the hands of the 79th Squadron.

Our Station team travelled to Selkirk to do battle with No. 18 S.F.T.S., Gimli, in an exhibition game but came out on the short end of a 6-5 score.

Feb. 6, 1944. Flying time 26:30 hours. No time lost. Only Norseman flown.

The ever growing popularity of the Sunday Socials held in the Y.M.C.A. Lounge for airmen, airwomen

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Feb. 7, 1944. Flying time: 163:25 hours.

The fact that pigeons play an integral part in communications was brought home to the Signals Officers Courses today when F/L E.G. Bulmer, C13914, (Sigs.) from A.F.H.Q. delivered an interesting lecture on R.C.A.F. Pigeon Service, illustrating with an instructional film.

Sport fans were well entertained this evening. The Men's Station Basketball team won their game in the City League, the W.D.'s played the C.W.A.C. "Jeeps" but lost, while the Officers' Hockey team finally made its mark in the hockey world by winning a game played against 87th Squadron, score 2-0.

Feb. 8. 1944. Flying time 90:05 hours.

Flying Squadron reported two slight accidents today. R194334 Sgt. Runciman, J.C., (Pilot) when taxiing Menasco Moth No. 4880 to a parking space was caught by the wind and the aircraft nosed up resulting in slight damage to the aircraft.

Investigation will be made into the circumstances which necessitated low flying when Fleet Fort No. 3632 piloted by P/O K.S. Harnden, J35791, (Pilot) hit a tree twenty miles west of Winnipeg. Port wing damaged slightly, otherwise no damage or injuries.

A disturbance was caused today when a number of instructors and trainees assembled in the Canteen shortly after break period and made it known that they wished to state some complaints before higher authority. After a few minutes the group dispersed and returned to duty. A Court of Inquiry composed of Group Captain F.J. Mawdsley, (C.49) from No. 5 B. & G. School, president; and S/L F.R.G. McCall (C2665) D.S.O., M.C., & D., from No. 7 I.T.S., Saskatoon, and S/L W.B. Scarth, (C2417), No. 2 T.C. Members, was convened for the purpose of inquiring into this incident.

Feb. 9. 1944. Flying time 164:15 hours.

A concert was given by members of the T. Eaton Company Concert Party in the Auditorium and the artists were entertained after the show in the auditorium.

Feb. 10. 1944. Flying time 138:10 hours.

This week proved indeed to be a sad one for the Flying Squadron with another slight accident today. P/O D. Worgan, (J38382) (Pilot) piloting Fleet Fort No. 3582 when taxiing into a parking space did not allow sufficient clearance and struck Fleet Fort No. 3568 which was already in line. Investigation is being made into this accident which resulted in slight damage to both aircraft although no injuries to personnel.

Feb. 11. 1944. Flying time 134:25 hours.

Normal routine. Inter-Squadron hockey games, postponed Thursday due to extremely cold weather were played off tonight.

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The long awaited match between W.D.'s and Australian trainees was put off indefinitely as the W.D.'s did not wish to risk freezing their ears and the Australians definitely found the sub-zero weather too great a change to venture out.

Feb. 12, 1944. Flying time 114:30 hours.

F/L C.H. Hearn, (C6572) (Admin.) was appointed Investigating Officer to investigate into and report on fire which occurred at the Station Hockey Hut at approximately 1000 hours, February 10th, 1944.

Feb. 13, 1944. No flying.

Members of the cast of "Showboat" a local entertainment troupe visited the Station to perform at the Sunday social in the Y.M.C.A. Lounge.

Music on the rink drew a large crowd of skaters.

Feb. 14, 1944. Flying time 143:30 hours.

The Signalling Section reports that new outstations organization has proven very effective in teaching outstations work to 79th Squadron. Results of final exams for 75th entry show considerable improvement in procedure signals organization. The only failures in any Signalling Section subjects in the graduating entry were in morse (2 failures).

The Men's Basketball team redeemed the W.D.'s loss to No. 8 Repair Depot, by defeating Fort Osborne this evening.

Feb. 15, 1944. Flying time 114:30 hours.

Eight additional receiver Gomometers were received during the week in order to provide 40 complete installations in the Synthetic D/F Lab.

Feb. 16, 1944. Flying time 92:35 hours.

S/L F.C. Aitkens, (C1231) (Sigs) assumed Temporary Command of No. 3 Wireless School vice S/L D.R. Jackson, (C1917) (Admin.) in the absence of G/C A. Walmsley, (C721).

Findings and sentence of District Court Martial were promulgated to R140731 Sgt. Sisco, E.L., of this Unit. Sgt. Sisco was found guilty of fraudulently misapplying property belonging to a Service institution and was sentenced to be reduced to the ranks and undergo detention for sixty-eight days, mitigated to thirty days by the Air Officer Commanding, No. 2 Training Command.

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Feb. 18, 1944. Flying time 10:30 hours. Instrument practice - no flights.

S/L S. Balke, (C3348.) Chief Instructor at No. 2 Wireless School, Calgary, visited this Unit to discuss training.

Members of the staff were pleased to note in supplement to A.F.R.O.'s today, the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross in recognition of gallantry and devotion to duty, to three Warrant Officers who took their Wireless training at this School.

Feb. 19, 1944. Flying time 30:40 hours.

Norseman only flown, some flights cancelled on account of wind.

A wedding of great interest to Station personnel took place today when W307838 LAW Berry, D.M. and R101706 Sgt. McMullin, J.H. were married by our Protestant Padre. Both are Flying Squadron personnel.

Feb. 20, 1944. Flying time 50:35 hours.

The Sunday afternoon social was very successful. Hostesses and entertainers this Sunday were members of Group Q, an auxiliary of the Airmen's club. About 20 were on hand and were very well received by the 200 airmen and airwomen present.

Sunday evening at 1830 hours there was a vesper service in the Chapel. This is the first of a series of services to be held on Sunday evenings throughout the Lenten period. Attendance was small at this first service. The organist was LAC Haydn James (AUS129599).

At 1930 hours in the W.D. lounge the first of a series of Sunday evening Classic hours was held, with about 50 present. This took the form of classical recordings, with interpretations by LAC Haydn James. LAC James is Musical Director of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, Melbourne, and delighted the audience with his interesting remarks. Sunday evening featured the music of Dvorak, Wagner, Verdi, and Debussy.

Feb. 21, 1944. Flying time 107:55 hours.

The Officers' Training Section was visited by Mr. McDougall and Mr. Fen of the Department of Transport. Mr. McDougall gave a lecture D.E. Course No. 9 and O.C. Course No. 3 on the application of Radio Range stations to Aviation.

Inter-Squadron and City League Basketball games were played this evening. Both the Men's and W.D.'s teams lost in their respective Leagues.

P/O J.H. Syrett, (J38934) (G.L.) was taken on strength from No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers.

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Feb. 22, 1944. Flying time 134:35 hours.

S/L K.C. Cameron, (C2912) (Sigs) from E.A.C. lectured D.E. Course No. 9, and O.C. Course No. 3 on operational signals matters observed during his recent liaison tour of the British Isles.

P/O W.C. Sellars, (C37934) (Sigs) returned after attending course at No. 1 Wireless School, Montreal.

Feb. 23, 1944. Flying time 178:05 hours.

P/O J.S. Burrell, (J27056) (WAG) was posted to No. 8 A.O.S., Ancienne Lorette, Quebec.

A concert party entertained Station personnel this evening and attended the Sergeants' Mess after their show.

A committee was formed to conduct a drive for funds for the Red Cross. Plans were discussed as to the best means of contacting all personnel on the Station and the advertising of the campaign planned.

Graduation ceremony took place for No. 75 Squadron, the disposition which is listed on a separate page of this month's diary.

A special service was held in the Station Chapel for the graduating class at 1100 hours. The lesson was read by Squadron Officer Commanding, F/L C.H. Hearn. Approximately 65 airmen attended. After the service there was the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Feb. 24, 1944. Flying time 172:45 hours.

The graduating entry culminated a long but successful course with a banquet and dance at Picardy's Salon.

W/C A.R. Sinclair, (C2631) (Accts.), S/L A.R. Bevan, (C2373) (Accts) and F/L G. Richardson, (C6426) (Accts.) visited this Unit from No. 2 T.C.H.Q. to make a quarterly audit.

Feb. 25, 1944. Flying time 1:00 hour. Flying time lost due to bad weather.

R82926 Sgt. Byrne, C.J.L. arrived on temporary duty from E.A.C. for approximately one month to lecture on Codes and Cyphers to the Signals Officers Course.

Swimming classes have been started for No. 3 Wireless Airwomen. They will be held at the Y.W.C.A. from 1930 to 2030 hours. Approximately fifteen airwomen attended the first class this evening and judging by their enthusiasm the classes will soon be larger.

Feb. 26, 1944. Flying time 184:25 hours.

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Feb. 27, 1944. Flying time 188:55 hours.

The Flying Squadron as seen by the flying time work as hard on Sundays as on other days. As classes are not held on Sundays, however, personnel at the School take advantage of a free day to relax or attend the various recreational facilities available.

Feb. 28, 1944. Flying time 184:05 hours.

S/L V.D. MacLachlan, (RAF82024) (Sigs) reported on temporary duty from A.F.H.Q., Ottawa. He lectured to D.E. Course No. 9 and O.C. Course No. 3 on Fighter Signals Organization in the R.C.A.F.

The Signalling Section report that all Morse Rooms have now been rewired and equipped with new monitor panels.

Feb. 28, 1944. Flying time 181:55 hours.

A "Leap Year Frolic" given by the W.D.'s at this Unit for personnel of the rank of Corporal and below was held this evening and proved to be a huge success.

A month's end review of events on the Station reveals that training results have been average, flying time high and serviceability high. The health of personnel on the Station has been normal although upper respiratory infection has been prevalent. Both the R.C. and Protestant Padres report that the system of voluntary Church attendance has been extremely encouraging. Recreational facilities are adequate with the Sunday socials under the supervision of the Y.M.C.A. representative proving to be one of the most popular additions to the recreation program.

Total flying time for month of February 3327:35 hours.

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Graduation of Course 75 - Commenced Instruction 9 August, 1943.

Original Intake	- 131	<u>Ceased Training (14 R.C.A.F., 5 R.A.A.F., 1 R.A.F.)</u>
Retained from previous entry for four weeks further instruction	- 8	<u>Disposition of 20 C.T.'s</u>
Transfers into entry	- <u>31</u>	9 No. 3 B. & G. School, Macdonald, Manitoba.
Total Intake	- <u>167</u>	4 No. 2 Manning Depot, Brandon, Manitoba.
Transfers out of entry	- 43	1 No. 2 S.F.T.S., Uplands, Ontario.
Failed final exams and retained for four weeks further instruction	- 2	3 No. 3 Repair, Vancouver, B.C.
In hospital at time of final exams, and retained	- 1	1 No. 1 A.G.G.T.S., Quebec, P.Q.
Ceased training during course for Medical reasons	- 6	1 No. 5 B. & G. School, Dafoe, Sask.
Ceased training during course for other reasons	- 14	<u>1</u> On Station
Graduates	- <u>101</u>	20
	<u>167</u>	

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Graduates: 101

Disposition of Graduates

17 No. 2 B. & G. School, Mossbank, Sask.  
 24 No. 5 " Dafoe, Sask.  
 24 No. 7 " Paulson, Man.  
 24 No. 8 " Lethbridge, Alta.  
 11 No. 8 A.O.S., Ancienne Lorraine, Que.  
1 Awaiting posting instructions.  
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Feb. 29, 1944

PERSONNEL STRENGTH

<u>STAFF:</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN O/R</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
R.C.A.F.	67	686	
C.D.C.	2		

Barrack Warden			1
Stenographers			11
General Duties			73
Others			42
TOTAL STAFF	69	686	127

TRAINEES:

R.C.A.F. (including 20 Officer Cadets)	30	492
R.N.Z.A.F.	3	74
R.A.F.	1	19
R.A.A.F.		260
TOTAL TRAINEES	34	845

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>Type</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>
Norseman 4W	6
Fleet Fort I	1
Fleet Fort II	25
Menasco I	1
Menasco Moth II	12
TOTAL	45

Average Serviceability 85%

(F.C. Aitkens) S/L,  
C.O. No. 3 W.S.

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Mar. 1, 1944 Flying Time: 88:45 hours. Group Captain Scott, Senior Personnel Staff Officer and Squadron Leader Turner, Chief Signals Officer, No. 2 Training Command, visited the Air Operating Section, and made an inspection of offices and equipment.

An Inter-Unit Hockey Game between No. 3 Wireless School and No. 15 A.I.D. took place at the Amphitheatre, and No. 3 Wireless School defeated No. 15 A.I.D. with a score of 8 to 7 in a closely contested game.

Mar. 2, 1944 Due to very bad weather flying for this day was washed out completely.

Three Inter-Squadron Basketball Games took place on the Station. Squadron 85 defeating Squadron 89 39 to 9 in the Majors, and in the Minors Squadron 79 defeated Squadron 85 28 to 23, and Squadron 83 defeated Squadron 89 19 to 3.

Squadron Leader F.C. Aitkens (C1231) Chief Signals Officer of No. 2 Training Command assumed Command of No. 3 wireless School on the posting of Group Captain A. Walmsley (C721) effective 1st March, 1944.

Mar. 3, 1944 Flying Time: 53:10 hours.

Approximately 32 W.D.s moved from No. 3 Wireless School into the new Barracks at No. 3 Wireless School Flying Squadron, thus eliminating the necessity of transporting them to and from the Main School during the day.

Mar. 4, 1944 Flying Time: 46:35 hours.

Two Station Hockey Teams from No. 3 Wireless School played an Exhibition Hockey Game in Grafton, North Dakota. The Mustangs defeating the Spitfires 10 to 6. A fairly large crowd attended the game, and the members of the R.C.A.F. were accorded every hospitality possible, and were well entertained in the City Hall immediately after the game..

The Station Basketball Team played an Exhibition Game at No. 3 B. & G. School, Macdonald, Man., and defeated the Macdonald Team 32 to 7. The W.D.s Basketball Team also played an Exhibition Game at No. 3 B. & G. School, but this time the Bombing and Gunnery School eked out an 18 to 15 win.

Temporary Flying Officer W.O. McLean (C11915) (P.T.&D.) reported to the Station from No. 2 "M" Depot, Brandon, Manitoba.

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Mar. 5, 1944 Flying was completely washed out due to stormy weather.

The Station Hockey Teams played an Exhibition Game at Grafton, North Dakota, with the Mustangs again defeating the Spitfires, the score being 17 to 14.

A more or less Open House was held at the Station Skating Rink, and the Personnel were allowed to bring their friends.

Entertainers and Hostesses at the Sunday Social, were members of the R.C.A.F. Auxiliary of the University of Manitoba. The new program was introduced at 1830 hours Sunday Evening. It is called the Fireside Hour, and consists of Hymn singing, musical numbers, and a special address. The Speaker at the first Fireside Hour was Hartley Fowler, World Service Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. He gave an interesting travelogue on Mexico. About 40 attended.

The W.D. Lounge was filled to capacity for the Classic Hour. The program featured the works of Schubert, Gregg, and Tchaikowsky.

Mar. 6, 1944 The weather being very stormy all flying was washed out for the day.

Mar. 7, 1944 Weather still stormy. All flying washed out.

There were two Inter-Squadron Basketball Games. Squadron 81 bowing to Squadron 87 on a 22 to 36 score, and Squadron 85 defeated Squadron 89 19 to 11.

Mar. 8, 1944 Flying time: 124:45 hours.

There was an accident to Menasco Moth 4864. The Pilot was R174980 Sergeant Rumson, G.E. Returning from W/T exercises. After landing, turned off runway in strong, wind and nosed up. There was slight damage to propellor, but no injuries to Personnel.

The finals of the Inter-Squadron Hockey Team took place between Squadron 81 and Squadron 79. Squadron 81 defeating Squadron 79 5 to 2.

Mar. 9, 1944 Flying Time: 137:30 hours.

More Inter-Squadron Basketball Games took place with Squadron 85 defeating the Flying Squadron by a score of 24 to 18. The Officers of No. 3 Wireless School defeated Squadron 79 14 to 11, and Squadron 89 managing to down Squadron 79 in a close game with a score of 22 to 19.

Temporary Flight Lieutenant J. Chmara (C26171) (Medical) reported to the Station from No. 6 Recruiting Centre, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Mar. 10, 1944 Flying Time: 127:35 hours.

Mar. 11, 1944 Flying Time: 80:25 hours.

The Station Basketball Team practiced from 0200 hours to 0400. Badminton was played all afternoon.

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Mar. 11, 1944 (cont'd) Flying Officer McLean, A W.E.T.P. Representative from Air Force Headquarters visited the Unit in connection with W.E.T.P. Schools.

Mar. 12, 1944. Flying Time: 196:30 hours.

Bad weather prevented skating on the Station Rink. All members of the Station utilized the afternoon in playing badminton.

Mar. 13, 1944. Flying Time: 153:05 hours. A number of Yale Aircraft, six in all, arrived from No. 6 Repair Depot, Trenton, Ontario.

In the Semi-Finals of the Inter-Unit Hockey League, No. 3 tireless School defeated No. 5 A.O.S. 11 to 5.

In the Basketball Finals, the best two out of three, No. 3 Wireless School lost out to St. Andrew "Crocks" 26 to 42.

Mar. 14, 1944. Flying Time: 203:05 hours.

A forced landing to Fleet Fort 3634 took place at Sandford, Manitoba. The Pilot was R130382 Flight Sergeant Hallett, D.H., who was on W/T exercises. The engine died, due possibly to dirt in the fuel system or icing. There was no damage.

In the Inter-Squadron Hockey Finals (best two out of three) Squadron 79 came back to tie up by defeating Squadron 81 3 to 2.

In the Inter-Squadron Basketball League (Major) Squadron 81 defeated Squadron 83 34 to 24. The Officers won out over Squadron 89 24 to 14, and the Flying Squadron gave Squadron 83 their second defeat of the night with a score of 32 to 9.

Temporary Flying Officer E.T. Fox (J23875) Pilot (G.L.) reported for duty at No. 3 Wireless School Flying Squadron, from No. 17.S.F.T.S., Souris, Manitoba.

Mar. 15, 1944. Flying Time: 194:00 hours.

A flying accident to Fleet Fort 3620 took place. The Pilot was R118016 WO2 Armenta, P.V. on a test flight. He landed on the west runway which was practically covered with ice. There was across wind of 45° at twenty to twenty-five miles per hour. After touch down Aircraft

swung violently. The Pilot applied rudder and brake, and Aircraft turned over on back, causing fairly extensive damage to

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Mar. 15, 1944. (cont'd) Aircraft. There were no injuries.

Temporary Flying Officer J.R. Morrison (J15523) Pilot (G.L.) D.F.C. reported for duty at No. 3 Wireless School Flying Squadron from No. 7 B.&G. School, Paulson, Manitoba.

Mar. 16, 1944. Flying Time: 130:25 hours.

A forced landing to Menasco Moth 4926 took place at Brunkhild, Manitoba. The Pilot was Pilot Officer J. Lindsay (J39114) who was on W/T exercises. Reves dropped slightly, due to icing. Despite a poor field the landing was good. No damage.

An Exhibition Basketball Game was played between No. 3 Wireless School and No. 5 A.O.S., and No. 5 A.O.S. came out on top 66 to 41.

The final game of the Inter-Squadron Hockey was played between Squadron 79 and Squadron 81, with Squadron 79 winning the game and winning the Championship in a two out of three series.

The Canucks challenged the Aussies to a Swim Meet at Sherbrooke Pool, Events held were 25 and 50 yard Free Style. 100 and 200 yard Free Style. Diving, 25 yard breast stroke, 25 yard back stroke, under water swimming, and 25 yard relay teams. The scoring was by points. Five points for first, three points for second, and one point for third. The Aussies came out on top 42 to 33.

Mar. 17, 1944. Flying Time: 91:05 hours.

An accident to Fleet Fort 3613 took place. The Pilot was Pilot Officer S.K. Harnden (J35791). Pilot Officer Harnden was on a practice flight, landed on NS runway, and turned on to U/S, part of a grass area. On starting Aircraft nosed up and damaged propellor.

Flight Lieutenant R.W. Spear (C2595) (Accts.) proceeded on Temporary Duty for a period of one month to No. 8 Repair Depot, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Mar. 18, 1944. Flying Time: 45:45 hours. All flying done was by Norseman only.

Mar. 19, 1944. No flying this date. Sunday off.

Mar. 20, 1944. Flying Time: 102:30 hours.

Pilot Officer R.R.J. Labine had a forced landing in Menasco Moth 4870 at Sandford, Manitoba. The Aircraft ran out of gas after 60 minutes of flight. There was no damage to the Aircraft. The Airman responsible for servicing was placed on charge and punished. The Pilot was logged for not checking amount of gas before taking off.

Several changes in the Instructional Staff occurred during the week with no undue loss of training.

In the first game of the Inter-Unit Finals against No. 8 Repair Depot, No. 3 Wireless School won 8 to 6. The Basketball Team, however, were defeated in the final game by No. 8 Repair Depot "Crocks" 46 to 21, while at the same time the W.D.s of both Schools battled to a tie 12 to 12.

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Mar. 20, 1944 (cont'd) Wing Commander D.G. Price (C.156) Nav. (G.L.) reported to this Unit to assume the post of Commanding Officer in place of Squadron Leader F.C. Aitkens, who reported to No. 2 Training Command at the conclusion of his temporary command.

Mar. 21, 1944. Flying Time: 211:00 hours.

Wing Commander D.G. Price, the new Commanding Officer visited the Flying Squadron on a tour of inspection.

Several Inter-Squadron Basketball Games took place between Headquarters and Officers.

Mar. 22, 1944. Flying Time: 218:05 hours.

Mar. 23, 1944. Flying Time: 221:30 hours.

Two Inter-Squadron Basketball Games took place with Squadron 85 defeating the Officers and Squadron 83 defeating Squadron 87.

Mar. 24, 1944. Flying Time: 30:50 hours. The low number of hours on this date was due to flying being washed out on account of weather.

No. 3 Wireless School lost the second game against No. 8 Repair Depot, the score being 6 to 5. Flying Officer J.R. Morrison (J15523) D.F.C, and Flying Officer R.L. Turnbull (J15889) who have completed a tour of operations against the enemy were awarded the Operational Wing in recognition of gallant service. The Operational Wings were presented by Air Vice-Marshal T.A. Lawrence, Air Officer Commanding, No. 2 Training Command at the Graduation Exercises of Squadron 77. He also presented the Graduates with their Spark Badges.

Mar. 25, 1944. Flying Time: 200:45 hours.

Mar. 26, 1944. No flying.

Swimming eliminations were held at the Y.M.C.A. Approximately 20 men attended.

The Sunday evening Fireside Hour is proving very popular. There are approximately 100 in attendance each Sunday. The program at the last Fireside Hour was entirely musical, with Mr. Kerr Wilson of C.K.Y. noted Bariton soloist, Miss Jean Thompson, Soprano soloist, Miss Edna Henderson,

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Mar. 26, 1944 (cont'd) Violinist, and Miss S. Sigurdson, Pianist. The Fireside Hour is held in the Airmen's Lounge. Hostesses and Entertainers were the Anzac Group of the Women's Air Force Auxiliary. They are Canadian wives of Australian and New Zealand Airmen. At least 250 Station Personnel took in the Social.

Mar. 27, 1944. Flying was washed out on account of bad weather.

No. 2 Service Audit Group arrived on the Station to conduct the 5th Service Audit Inspection.

The W.D.s Basketball Game which was played against the C.W.A.C.s was postponed.

Mar. 28, 1944. Flying Time: 68:25 hours. The weather was stormy.

No. 3 Wireless School Senior Hockey Team played No. 8 Repair Depot in the Inter-Unit League at the Ampitheatre, and No. 8 R.D. defeated the Wireless aggregation 8 to 7. The remarkable part of the game being that up until the last 32 seconds of play in the last period, No. 3 Wireless School was leading 7 to 6, but in the space of a very few seconds, No. 8 Repair Depot played top notch hockey, and scored two goals to win the game.

Mar. 29, 1944. Flying Time: 2:25 hours. The low number of hours flown on this date was due to stormy weather.

Mar. 30, 1944. Flying Time: 239:25 hours. An accident occurred to Fleet Fort 60K MKII 3621, piloted by Sergeant G.E. Rumson, and Fleet Fort 60K MKII 3627, piloted by Sergeant F. Walsh, at Stevenson Field, Winnipeg, Manitoba. The Pilot of Fleet Fort 3627 landed with correct clearance and continued ahead on runway 35. Going toward the end of the runway he saw another Fleet which he presumed to be the Fleet which had landed ahead of him, turned the NE corner, and on to the taxi strip. Feeling that he had no other Aircraft ahead, he continued on to the EW runway, and collided with the rear of Fleet Fort 3621, which was taxiing slowly along the strip. There was a forced landing to Fleet Fort 60K MKII 3632, piloted by Sergeant Duncan, S.W., at Warren, Manitoba. The Pilot reported the engine started to vibrate and he shut off the engine, and exercised a safe forced landing in a field. Examination showed that about 6 inches of the tip of the propellor had been lost. The Pilot felt confident that he did not hit any object, and as he was flying about 4,000 feet, the Aircraft was fitted with a new propellor, and flown safely back to base.

Flying Officer A.C. Turner attended a meeting of the Victory Soccer League which was held at the Civic Caledonian Rink at 2015 hours.

Mar. 31, 1944. Flying Time: 231:05 hours. The total flying time for the month of March was 3190:40 hours.

A swimming team consisting of 16 Men from No. 3 Wireless School entered the Canadian Amateur Swim Meet at Sherbrook Pool. No. 3 Wireless School won the first prize in the 220 yard relay. Time: 1 minute, 48 seconds. LAC Phillips and LAC Lemon won the 50 yard free style 1st and 2nd respectively, in the time of 27 seconds and 28:4 seconds.

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Graduation of Course 77 - Commenced Instruction 6<sup>th</sup> September, 1943.

Original Intake - 6 <sup>th</sup> September, 1943	- 141	<u>Ceased Training (8 R.C.A.F., 10 R.C.A.F.)</u>
Retained from previous entry for four weeks further instruction	- 2	<u>Disposition of 28 C.T.'s</u>
In hospital and retained from previous		1 - No. 4 W.S., Guelph, Ont..

entry	-	<u>38</u>	4 - No. 3 R.D., Vancouver, B.C.
Transfers into entry	-	<u>182</u>	7 - No. B. & G., Macdonald, Man. 5 - No. 2 M.C., Brandon, Man. <u>1</u> - Awaiting posting instructions. <u>18</u>
Transfer out of entry	-	62	-----
Failed final exams and retained for four weeks further instruction	-	3	Graduates: 96
In hospital at time of final examinations and retained	-	3	<u>Disposition of Graduates</u>
Ceased training during course for other reasons	-	17	24 - No. 2 B. & G., Mossbank, Sask.
Failed finals and ceased training	-	1	17 - No. 5 B. & G., Dafoe, Sask.
Graduates - 25 March, 1944	-	<u>96</u>	20 - No. 7 B. & G., Paulson, Man.
		<u>182</u>	24 - No. 8 B. & G. Lethbridge, Alta.
			11 - No. 8 A.O.S., Ancienne, Lorette.

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PERSONNEL STRENGTH

STAFF:

	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN O/R</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
R.C.A.F.	81	717	
C.D.C.	2		
Barrack Warden			1
Stenographers			11
General Duties			65
Others			42
TOTAL STAFF	83	717	119

TRAINEES:

R.C.A.F.	556
R.N.Z.A.F..	66
R.A.F.	38
R.A.A.F.	328
TOTAL TRAINEES	978

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>Type</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>
Norseman 4W	7
Fleet Fort I	2
Fleet Fort II	32
Yale Dual	1

Yale (WT)	8
Menasco MKI	1
Menasco Moth MKII	<u>14</u>
TOTAL	<u>65</u>

Average Serviceability 86%

(D.C. Price) W/C.,  
C.O. No. 3 W.S., RCAF.

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1 Apr.1944 Flying time: 237:35

C5180 F/L W.B. Mitchell (Med.) reported today to assume the duties of Senior Medical Officer at this Unit, replacing our former S.M.O. recently posted overseas.

C2020 F/L R.D, Phillips (Admin.) reporting from No. 2 "M" Depot. on temporary duty.

2 Apr.1944 Flying time: 64:40

Sunday was a quiet routine day with most of our personnel enjoying a 36 hr. pass.

The speaker at the "Fireside Hour" in the evening was Dr. Harry Williams, recently returned from China, who showed coloured slides and spoke on the life and work of the people in this land.

3 Apr.1944 Flying time: 68:20

Capt. R. Hamilton (Dental) was posted to this Unit from No. 7 A.O.S., Portage la Prairie, Man. Work for the Officers' Training Section, a boon for the Orderly Officer roster, and new interest in the Officers' Mess arrived today in the form of twenty-three Radar officers, reporting from all over Canada, to commence Radio Signals Course No. 2.

A hardfought battle took place on the basketball floor in a game between our W.D.'s and the No. 4 Company C.W.A.C.'s. The Army girls won by a score of 12-11.

4 Apr.1944 Flying time: 191:00

Fleet Fort 60K MK II 3622, piloted by Sgt. Cyr, C.E., met with an accident at the Flying Squadron today. The pilot, on landing, swung to the right after rolling about fifty yards. He corrected the swing with full left rudder and throttle, and his left foot with heavy flying boot caught between rudder pedal and bulkhead of fuselage, which extends about three inches. This prevented application of right rudder and correction of swing to left. After skidding about twenty feet the starboard leg collapsed and aircraft groundlooped. Slight damage to aircraft, none to personnel.

The Men's basketball team fared no better than the W.D.'s. They lost to No. 5 A.O.S. by a score of 80-54.

5 Apr.1944 Flying time: 232:25

The Flying Squadron had more bad luck today. WO2 Ball, J.B., while piloting Fleet Fort 60K MK II 3619, reported that oil started to blow out over cockpit and oil pressure dropped to zero.

He

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5 Apr.1944 immediately shut off the engine and effected a safe landing. There was no damage cont'd to aircraft or personnel. After the oil line was changed the aircraft was flown back to base from the scene of the landing, west of Carman, Manitoba. Boxing eliminations were held in the Drill Hall this evening to determine the entries for the big Tournament to be held this coming Monday.

6th Apr.1944 Flying time: 228:20

A stranger within our gates this evening might have listened with alarm to the sound of rifle shots. A Rifle Club was instituted recently and has found many enthusiastic members. Nine teams were on the Rifle Range shooting and demolishing target after target, and some were just shooting.

7th Apr.1944 Flying time: Nil.

As flying personnel are well up on their flying time flying was washed out today. Good Friday. There was a special service for Protestant personnel on Good Friday at 1100 hours in the Chapel. The Chapel was filled to capacity, benches and chairs were placed in the hall, and a number of personnel stood throughout the service. The Padre gave the last sermon in the series on the words from the cross. During this week there has been a brief service at 1300 hours in commemoration of Holy Week. Attendance was quite good and keen interest was indicated in these services. The Padre gave brief meditations on the words from the cross.

8th Apr.1944 Flying time: 228:20

Routine day.

9th Apr.1944 Flying time: Nil.

Easter Mass was celebrated at 0830 hrs. and 1100 hours at this School and also at the Flying Squadron.

The Protestant Easter service at 1100 hrs. in the Auditorium was attended by approximately 140. The Padre gave the final sermon in the Lenten series on "Beliefs that Matter". The scripture lesson was read by S/L L.S. Caveney, and LAW Patterson, M.E. sang the "Holy City, accompanied by Aus 443718 LAC Bigelow, C.A. The Auditorium was made more attractive by flowers placed there by the Officers' Wives Auxiliary.

Entertainers and hostesses at the Sunday social were members of the cast of "Showboat".

At the Fireside Hour in the Airmen's Lounge, the special feature was an illustrated address on the Oberammergau Passion Play, given by F/L R.S. Carpenter, our R.C. Chaplain.

The Classic Hour featured the music of Cesar Franck in the Symphony in D Minor, with LAC Haydn James giving a commentary before each recording.

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10th Apr.1944 Flying time: 193:00

C14618 F/L R.A. Prowse (Equip.) and V30052 S/O D.M. Bradshaw ( Equip) of the Command Surplus Equipment Board visited this Unit today.

A very successful boxing tournament was put on by the P.T. & D. Section tonight. It was in aid of the Air Cadet League of Canada. Perhaps it was the incentive - cash prizes, a revielle pass, and a trip to Saskatoon - that made each lad fight as if his life depended upon it and consequently sent even the most bloodthirsty of the 800 fans who attended home happy.

11th Apr.1944 Flying time: 230:40

The Station Gen Club held its weekly meeting this evening and brought forth many interesting and varied ideas on the subject of rehabilitation from personnel attending. The discussion was under the title "A Soldier Comes Home". This Club was started recently by the U.E.O. and each meeting brings more and more personnel out to discuss current events, world affairs and disagree with each other in a friendly manner.

12th Apr.1944 Flying time: 229:30

C3438 F/L P. Bell (Educ.) left to attend Personnel Counsellors Course No. 3 at No. 7 "M" Depot.

The R.C.A.F. Travelling Unit presented their show "Swing Time" in the Auditorium.

13th Apr.1944 Flying time: 156:55

To keep our trainees and staff well informed and up-to-date on "how goes the battle" a P.A. system has been installed in the Airmens' Canteen. Each day now the usual break period clamor gives way to a News Cast of items of world wide and local interest. This innovation has proven to be very popular and well worth the trouble of installation and procurement of News Cast from local radio stations.

14th Apr.1944 Flying time: 73:15

Our Medical Staff was depleted today when C26171 F/L J. Chmara (Med.) was posted to No. 7 I.T.S., Saskatoon.

The first edition of the new Station paper "Flimsie" was issued today. This paper is taking the place of the former monthly publication "Wag Mag" and if the day's sales are any criterion seems to be a more popular conveyor of items of interest to the Station personnel.

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14th Apr.1944 A very successful Airmen's Dance was held in the Drill Hall for airmen, cont'd airwomen and their friends.

15th Apr.1944 Flying time: Nil.

Routine day.

16th Apr.1944 Flying time: Nil.

A quiet day as far as training is concerned but plenty of recreation for those who chose to be entertained rather than sleep. A baseball game, three rugger matches, Sunday social, fireside hour and classic hour filled up the off duty hours.

17th Apr.1944 Flying time: 107:05.

"Blue Monday" for the Flying Squadron. Fleet Fort 60K MKII 3616, piloted by P/O J.H. Syrett had a minor accident. The aircraft swung to the right after touching down three point. The pilot tried to correct with full rudder and throttle, but the aircraft did not respond and continued to swing until groundlooping. Both front oleo legs buckled and aircraft settled onto the ground. Damage to aircraft but none to personnel.

18th Apr.1944 Flying time: 208:00

Today the W.D.'s mourned the loss of a basketball game to the Army team 27-19 in the first game of the semi-finals of the Inter-Services Sports Association.

19th Apr.1944 Flying time: 204:15

The graduating entry (79th Squadron) and the supporting Squadron paraded for their graduation exercises today. (Disposition of graduates shown on last page of Diary). A banquet and dance were held in the evening to celebrate the successful completion of their six months' course.

20th Apr.1944 Flying time: 184:20

The first round of a Floor Hockey Knockout Tournament was held in the Drill Hall this evening. Judging by the vigor with which the enthusiastic trainees shoved each other around in their efforts to win, the tournament was aptly named.

21 Apr.1944 Flying time: 229:35

The Commanding Officer's first Station parade and inspection was held this coming at 0730 hrs. on the Parade Square with seven Squadrons in attendance.

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22nd Apr.1944 Flying time: 110:25

C28711 F/O F.W. Laird (Admin) was posted to this Unit from No. 6 R.C. and has assumed duties as Training Wing Adjutant.

A number of airmen and airwomen from this Station are included in the Command Choir practising for the Memorial Service to be held in the City Auditorium tomorrow.

23rd Apr.1944 Flying time: Nil.

24th Apr.1944 Flying time: 149:45

Mondays seem to be the Flying Squadron's "Waterloo". P/O R.J. McKee, piloting Yale aircraft No. 3425, had just checked out on type and was making his first landing. Wind was 30° across runway and 20-30 m.p.h. After landing on N/S runway the aircraft started to swing to the left and the pilot was unable to correct by use of throttle and rudder. The aircraft skidded on the grass and slightly damaged both wing tips. No injuries to personnel.

A parade of all Australian and New Zealand personnel was held today in honor of Anzac Day. The Squadron paraded from the C.N.R. Grounds, down Portage Ave., south on Memorial Blvd.

to the Cenotaph where a wreath was laid.

25th Apr.1944 Flying time: 194:55

A Craft Shop is being instituted at this Unit. To arouse interest of personnel and to acquaint them with the type of work done in this line an exhibit of types of handicraft being done at others Stations is on display today in the Administration Building. Exhibitions of leatherwork, woodwork and plastics displayed have already aroused enthusiasm and airmen and airwomen are ready to try their skill as soon as the shop is available.

26th Apr.1944 Flying time: 201:35

C3621 F/L A.M. Davidson (Admin) joined our staff today, replacing C6572 F/L C.H. Hearn (Admin) who was posted to No. 2 T.C.H.Q.

Station personnel were treated to a Concert Party performed by the "Gloomchasers" in the Station Auditorium. The party was entertained after the performance in the W.D. Lounge.

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27th Apr.1944 Flying time: 102:05

Five eager airmen from this Unit entrained for Saskatoon today where they will compete in the No. 2 T.C. Boxing Championships tomorrow and Saturday.

28th Apr.1944 Flying time: 34:50

C8711 F/O F.F. Laird is appointed Investigating Officer to investigate a fire which occurred in Hut 7B today.

29th Apr.1944 Flying time: nil.

As flying is completed for the course no flying was necessary.

30th Apr.1944 Flying time: nil.

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Graduation of Course 79 - Commenced Instruction 4<sup>th</sup> October, 1943.

Original Entry - 4 <sup>th</sup> October, 1943	- 144	<u>Ceased Training (15 R.C.A.F., 14 R.A.A.F.)</u>
Retained from previous entry for 4 weeks further instruction	- 3	<u>Disposition of 29 C.T.'s</u>
In hospital at time of finals of previous entry and retained	- 1	1 No. 4 W.S., Guelph, Ontario.
Transfers into entry	- <u>64</u>	18 No. 3 B.G.S., Macdonald, Manitoba.
	<u>212</u>	4 No. 3 R.D., Vancouver, British Columbia.
		1 No. 2 B.G.S., Mossbank, Saskatchewan.
		4 No. 2 M.D., Brandon, Manitoba.
Transfers out of entry	- 64	<u>1</u> Discharged
Failed final exams and retained for four weeks further instruction	- 10	<u>29</u>

In hospital at time of final examinations and retained	- 1
Ceased training during course for Medical reasons	- 3
Ceased training during course for other reasons	- 26
Graduates - 21 April, 1944	- <u>108</u>
	<u>212</u>

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Graduates: 108

Disposition of Graduates

12 No. 2 B. & G., Mossbank, Sask.  
 27 No. 5 B. & G., Dafoe, Sask.  
 27 No. 7 B. & G., Paulson, Man.  
 24 No. 8 B. & G., Lethbridge, Alta.  
20 No. 8 A.O.S., Ancienne Lorraine, Que.  
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PERSONNEL STRENGTH

<u>STAFF:</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN O/R</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
R.C.A.F.	68	693	
C.D.C.	2		
Barrack Warden			1
Stenographers			11
General Duties			65
Others			<u>42</u>
Total Staff	<u>83</u>	<u>693</u>	<u>119</u>
<u>TRAINEES:</u>			
R.C.A.F.		497	
R.N.Z.A.F..		70	
R.A.F.		17	
R.A.A.F.		<u>384</u>	
TOTAL TRAINEES		<u>968</u>	

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>Type</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>
Norseman 4W	6
Fleet Fort I	2

Fleet Fort II	24
Yale Dual	1
Yale (WT)	9
Menasco MKI	1
Menasco Moth MKII	<u>12</u>
TOTAL	<u>55</u>

Average Serviceability 85%

Total Flying hours for April: 3750:05

(D.C. Price) W/C.,  
C.O. No. 3 W.S., RCAF.

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1 May 1944 Flying time: 1:45 hours. Flying washed out on account of inclement weather. S/L W.C. Fisher (C1785) (Sigs), Chief Instructor at this Unit left on temporary duty today to attend the V.H.F. Familiarization Course No. 17 at No. 1 Wireless School. During his absence the O/C O.T.S. assumed the duties of C.I.

Two new officers were added to our strength when F/L S. Dingle (C24347) (Educ) arrived from No. 20 P.A.E.D. as Assistant Education Officer; and P/O S.J. Eskritt (J22083) (Pilot) (G.L.) from No. 2 F.I.S. assumed his duties at the Flying Squadron.

2 May 1944 Flying time: 79:15 hours.

The Victory Loan Campaign at this Unit is rapidly reaching a climax. An effort is being made to contact each individual personally. Break periods and all spare moments are now being utilized to accomplish this aim with the large number of trainees on strength. To keep personnel posted on the success of the drive a figure of Hitler boiling in a cauldron has been ingeniously constructed by the Works and Buildings Section at a vantage point on the Station, with a thermometer graded with dollar signs to indicate each day's sales.

3 May 1944 Flying time: nil. Rainy weather.

Training continued in a normal, uneventful manner today.

4 May 1944 Flying time: 139:00 hours. Flying weather still not good, causing the cancellation of several trips.

Inclement weather, however, did not deter the Australian trainees from being vividly reminded of home, and the Canadians who gathered as spectators, from gaining a novel treat, when the 91st and 85th Squadrons played an Australian Rules Football Game on the Sports Field this evening.

5 May 1944 Flying time: 242:55 hours.

Commanding Officer's Parade and Inspection was held at 0730 hours, with six Squadrons on parade.

6 May 1944 Flying time: 225:10 hours.

F/O J.E. Thompson (C23512) (Pilot) (G.L.) arrived from No. 8 S.F.T.S. to aid the cause of flying personnel.

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6 May 1944 Sixty W.D.'s from this Unit took part in a Victory Loan Parade held in downtown cont'd Winnipeg. The Parade formed up in front of No. 2 T.C.H.Q., then marched along Portage Avenue to Victory Square where the usual noon-hour Victory Loan, ceremony was held. This afternoon found all personnel busy with rakes, hoes, shovels, and any instrument that could possibly be utilized in cleaning up the Station area. The Station Clean-up was called for 1400 hours and by 1600 hours all debris had been overcome by the attack. Strangely enough there was great bargaining and bickering between personnel, as to who would get the rakes, shovels, etc., available which seemed to indicate an unnatural enthusiasm for the job. This situation was clarified however, when it was revealed that the Flights were to be dismissed immediately the area assigned to them had been cleaned up and ready for inspection. Everyone seemed to agree when the work was done that the results made the effort worthwhile.

7 May 1944 Flying time: 234:15 hours.

F/L F.F. Gravelle (C4188) (Admin), Training Administrative Officer at this Unit, was struck off strength effective this date, on posting to No. 2 T.C.H.Q.

Instructional staff and trainees enjoyed a pass today but, as indicated by the flying time recorded, it was "business as usual" at the Flying Squadron.

8 May 1944 Flying time: 249:30 hours.

Night flying was added to the flying commitments at the Field, commencing this date with test flights and circuits being flown.

S/L A.L. Clark (C7696) (Admin) arrived from No. 7 I.T.S. to take over the position vacated by F/L F.F. Gravelle.

The second officer from this Unit to successfully complete the Personnel Counsellor's Course, namely F/L.P. Bell (C3438) (Educ) reported back today.

9 May 1944 Flying time: 143:10 hours.

If the old adage that "two heads are better than one" still holds good personnel at this Unit should be living off the fat of the land from now on as a second Messing Officer arrived today in the person of A/S/O O.M. Virstuk (V30679) (Equip. Messing).,

10 May 1944 Flying time: 123:55 hours.,

9:55 hours night flying included.

The Ukrainian Concert Party entertained personnel at this Unit in the Station Auditorium with a highly entertaining program consisting of a twenty-five piece orchestra, singers, and dancers.

The Concert Party were served refreshments in the W.D. Lounge after the show.

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11 May 1944 Flying time: 106:20 hours

15:45 hours night flying included.

S/L H.B. Hunter (C3628) and F/L G.S. McTear (C13515) of A.F.H.Q. and No. 2 T.C.H.Q. respectively, visited the Station in connection with Reselection Boards.

12 May 1944 Flying time: 70:55 hours.

The Sixth Victory Loan Campaign at this Unit closed today. The sum of \$86,750.00 was realized, representing approximately 145% of the Quota. A comparison between this Loan and the last shows that the personnel participation decreased by 15%, partly due to a decrease in strength, but the average subscription per individual was slightly over \$90.00 as compared with an average of \$49.00 in the Fifth Loan.

13 May 1944 Flying time: nil.

The 81st Entry wrote the last of their final examinations today.

14 May 1944 Flying time: nil.

P/O W.C. Sellars (C37954) (Sigs) the O/C Radio Labs, demonstrated versatility and a proclivity for the ministry when he, in the absence of our Protestant Padre, stepped from wireless set to pulpit and took over the Protestant Church parade, preaching an admirable sermon to an appreciative congregation.

A Sunday Hike was held in the afternoon for airmen and airwoman, to take the place of the regular Sunday Social held during the winter months. Sponsored by the Y.M.C.A. supervisor a large group stopped off at 1500 hours, hiking to a picnic spot about three miles distant to enjoy a supper provided by the W.W.A.F.A. and the entertainment provided by the woman of this organization who had sing-songs and quiz contests arranged.

15 May 1944 Flying time: 104:55 hours.

P/O R.W. Cass (J42856) (Pilot) (G.L.) from No. 1 F.I.S. was another welcome addition to the Flying Squadron, which, with the addition of night flying to their schedule, are kept very busy maintaining their flying commitments.

Many an airmen was racking his brain today as to where he last left his "Housewife", and W.D.'s were searching in vain for such articles as "Caps, Duster, Blue" at the bottom of their kit bags, in

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15 May 1944 preparation for a Station Kit Inspection held at 0800 hours.

contd The Birthday Edition of the Station Magazine "W.A.G. MAG" was on sale today at Pay Parades and in the Canteen. It was a thirty-two page magazine containing messages from the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Officer Commanding, Editor of Wings, the Premier of Manitoba, and the Mayor of Winnipeg, and reviewing events on the Station during the past year.

Approximately twenty would-be "Bobby Jones's" left the Station at 1630 hours today, well armed with clubs and rule books to take up the challenge to an Inter-Station Golf Tournament, rendered by No. 8 Repair Depot.

16 May 1944 Flying time: 184:50 hours.

Preparations for an active season of summer sports are well under way as indicated by the various teams seen on the Sportal Field each evening now. Tonight drew baseball, horseshoe and soccer fans out to participate until darkness and fatigue sent them on their way to the barrack blocks.

17 May 1944 Flying time: 213:30 hours.

15:40 hours night flying included.

A day of jubilation for 114 members of the 81st Entry W.A.G.'s as they received their coveted badges at a Wings Parade held in the Station Drill Hall, and later celebrated the occasion at a banquet and dance.

Personnel of the R.N.Z.A.F. were especially proud as they were honored with the presence of Hon. David Wilson, New Zealand High Commissioner, G/C T.W. White and F/L E.W.A. Drake of the N.Z.A.F., Ottawa, who attended the Parade and later addressed all New Zealand lads in the Station Auditorium.

Particulars of graduation shown on last page of Diary for the month of May 1944.

18 May 1944 Flying time: 228:20 hours.

A minor accident occurred at the Flying Squadron when R.91837 F/S Watts, D.R., pilot of Yale A/C No. 3425 was being checked by the Flying Instructor. After landing with slight drift, F/S Watts in the front cockpit, overcorrected and the tail wheel went on swivel. Swing developed and instructor was unable to correct, thus wing tip touched the ground, causing superficial damage to wing tip and aileron. No injuries to personnel.

19 May Flying time: 222:20 hours.

F/L J.W. Kennedy (C2853) (Educ) took over duties as O/C Exam Board on his arrival at this Unit from No. "M" Depot, Toronto. His predecessor F/L P. Bell (C3438) (Educ) was posted to No. 101 P.H.D., Toronto.

F/L H.B. Peto (C9725) (T.A.C.R.) visited this Unit to make a routine inspection of the Aircraft Recognition Section, and instruction offered.

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20 May 1944 Flying time: nil. Washed out due to inclement weather. Normal routine.

21 May 1944 Flying time: nil.

R.C. and Protestant Church Services were held today in the Chapel and Station Auditorium. Another successful Sunday Hike was held for airmen and airwomen with members of the W.W.A.F.A,

22 May 1944 Flying time: 233:00 night flying.

The Air Officer Commanding, No. 2 Training Command visited this Unit to address all personnel, on the occasion of his departure from this Command. A Muster Parade was called for 1315 hours on the Station Parade Square.

Potential W.A.G. graduates, numbering 123 (117 R.C.A.F., 3 R.A.F., 1 F.N.A.A, and 2

R.N.Z.A.F.) commenced instruction as the 95th entry.

23 May 1944 Flying time: 121:50.

The first practice for Track and Field was held at Sargent Park this evening, with many airmen turning out, eager to do their best to win the aggregate in the Command Meet again this year. Tennis Courts have been obtained at Sargent Park for the use of our personnel, many of which have taken advantage of the opportunity to try their skill at the game.

24 May 1944 Flying time: 217:35 night flying.

The Promotion Board assembled at 1000 hours today to test the ability of airmen and airwomen recommended for appointment to higher rank or temporary rank.

A special film "Memphis Belle", the story of a Flying Fortress which has completed fifty-one missions over enemy territory, was shown in the Station Auditorium.

25 May 1944 Flying time: 97:40.

The Station Softball team competed against Fort Osborne this evening in a hotly contested game, which, if it is any criterion, is the beginning of a very popular series of competition.

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26 May 1944 Flying time: 56:40 hours.

Flying Officer R.C. Church (C20768) visited this Unit and made a routine inspection of Canteens.

The Commanding Officer's Parade and inspection were held at 0730 hours with seven Squadrons on parade.

Lacrosse got underway at 1800 hours at the Hockey Rink, revealing a number of experienced players as well as bringing out many Airmen anxious to learn the game.

27 May 1944 Flying time: nil.

Ninth week examinations were held for the 91st Entry in the Airmen's Mess. This Unit has entered three teams in the Winnipeg Cricket Association League, all of which made their debut at 1400 hours in Assiniboine Park.

28 May 1944 Flying time: nil.

Protestant and R.C. Church Services were held at the usual times.

Hot summer weather proved ideal for the Sunday Hike with about twenty-five Airmen and Airwomen attending.

All Personnel took advantage of ideal weather to spend the day outdoors and by evening the ardent sunworshippers were ranging in colour from a faint pink to a definite lobster hue.

29 May 1944 Flying time: 217:30 hours.

The first game of the Inter-Service Soccer League was played against the Navy from H.M.C.S. "Chippawa" on our Sports Field, with the Air Force bowing to the Senior Service.

A Banquet was held in the Airmen's Mess to observe the first anniversary of the arrival of W.D. personnel at this Unit, This was followed by a dance in the W.D. Lounge.

Golfers from this Unit again ventured out to try their skill against No. 8 Repair Depot, and although they again suffered defeat it was only by one point. These competitions are developing into grim battles eagerly awaited by our Personnel, who feel the third time will be lucky.

30 May 1944 Flying time: 218:50 hours.

Rifle shooting on the Station Range is gradually giving way to outdoor sports and recreation, but a few enthusiasts are still participating on Tuesday evenings.

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31 May 1944 Flying time: 175:00 hours.

The W.D.s from the School ventured over to the Flying Squadron to play the softball against their sister W.D.s

A month end review of Station activities indicates training routine has been normal. A great increase in physical training periods was shown. All personnel are required to take three hours per week with six periods per week available in which these three hours can be realized.

Recreation has taken the form of outdoor activities, but the regular Station Movie is still shown six nights per week.

Health on the Station has been normal.

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Graduation of Course 81 - Commenced Instruction 1<sup>st</sup> November, 1943.

Original Entry - 1<sup>st</sup> November, 1943 - 129 Ceased Training (26 R.C.A.F., 6 R.A.A.F., 5 RNZAF)

Retained from previous entry for four weeks

for further instruction	- 10	<u>Disposition of 37 C.T.'s</u>
Transfers into entry	- 63	9 - Awaiting posting
		5 - No. 2 M.D., Brandon, Man.
		4 - No. 3 R.D., Vancouver, British Columbia.
		14 - No. 3 B.G.S., Macdonald, Manitoba.
		2 - No. 5 B.G.S., Dafoe, Saskatchewan.
		1 - No. 5 R.S., Clinton, Ontario.
		1 - No. 17 S.F.T.S., Souris, Manitoba.
Transfers out of entry	- 44	<u>1</u> - No. 15 E.F.T.S., Regina, Saskatchewan.
Failed final exams and retained for four weeks	<u>37</u>	
further instruction	- 7	
Ceased training during course for medical reasons	- 8	-----
Ceased training during course for other reasons	- 28	
Failed final exams and ceased training	- 1	GRADUATES: 114
GRADUATES - 19 May, 1944	- <u>114</u>	
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Disposition of Graduates

- 8 - No. 2 B.G.S., Mossbank, Sask.
- 29 - No. 5 B.G.S., Dafoe, Sask.
- 29 - No. 7 B.G.S., Paulson, Man.
- 29 - No. 8 B.G.S., Lethbridge, Alta.
- 19 - No. 8 A.O.S., Ancienne Lorrette.

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<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN O/R</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
<u>STAFF:</u>			
R.C.A.F.	72	659	
C.D.C.	2		
Barrack Warden			1
Stenographers			11
General Duties			69
Others			<u>42</u>
Total Staff	<u>74</u>	<u>659</u>	<u>123</u>

TRAINEES:

R.C.A.F.	539
R.N.Z.A.F..	35
R.A.F.	24
R.A.A.F.	<u>364</u>
Total Trainees	962

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>Type</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>
Norseman 4W	6
Fleet Fort	26
Yale	34
Menasco Moth	<u>13</u>
TOTAL	79

Average Serviceability

Total Flying hours for May: 3920:15 hours.

(D.G. Price) W/C  
C.O. No. 3 W.S., RCAF.

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1 June 1944 Flying time: 170:45 hours (6:45 hours night flying).

F/L C.J. Fallis (C.1461) (Pilot) (G.L.) arrived today from No. 7 B. & G. School to take up duties

with the Flying Squadron.

The W.D. Softball team matched their skill against the Fort Garry C.W.A.C.s tonight. Although the Army Girls took the lead right from the start, the game was excellent from the Spectator's point of view. The final score was 7-4, in favor of the C.W.A.C.s.

2 June 1944 Flying time: 200:35 hours.

The Commanding Officer's Parade and Inspection was held this morning on the Main Parade Ground, with six squadrons on parade.

Two relay teams from this Station were entered in the Armed Services Events of a Swimming Meet held at Sherbrook Pool by the Y.M.C.A., and took second and third places in final results.

3 June 1944 Flying time: :40 hours. Flying washed out due to weather.  
Normal routine.

4 June 1944 Flying time: Nil.

S/L D.R. Jackson (C.1917) (Admin.) was struck off strength today on posting to No. 5 A.O.S., leaving a vacancy in the Senior Administrative Officer's position which has been filled by the Station Adjutant, F/L D.H.C. Roberts.

The usual Protestant and R.C. Church Services were held in the morning.

5 June 1944 Flying time: Nil, due to inclement weather.

The Soccer team played No. 5 A.O.S. today in the Inter-Unit Soccer League Series.

The Station Hospital lost one Nursing Sister when P/O M.J. Mills (C.41358) (Med. N/S) was posted to No. 4 S.F.T.S., Saskatoon.

6 June 1944 Flying time: 234:25 hours. (13:40 hours night flying).

Station Personnel greeted Invasion Day with sober confidence. A Muster Parade was called by the Commanding Officer to hear the King's Address, following which Roman Catholic Personnel retired to the Auditorium for a service led by F/L Carpenter. Protestants remained on the Parade Square and prayers were offered by F/L MacLeod.

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6 June 1944 The Station Chapel was the scene of a wedding tonight when R111359 Sgt.

(cont'd) McKnight, E.E. was united in marriage to Doris June Devenny. The bride is now stationed at No. 2 Training Command Headquarters, and the bridegroom was formerly there for some time. Witnesses were Sgt. Hickey, G. (W.D.), and Cpl. Metzger, D. F/L MacLeod officiated.

As a double threat to No. 8 Repair Depot, both W.D.s and Men's Softball Teams engaged the corresponding teams of the Unit tonight. Honours were divided, the Wireless School girls carrying off the laurels in their game with a score of 4-3, while the No. 8 Repair Depot Men's team won 12-5.

Responding to a challenge tendered last month by the Officers, the N.C.O.s challenged the Officers to a Golf Tournament, which was held at the Tuxedo Golf Club. Novices and experts alike turned out, but the N.C.O.s proved to have more of the latter and scored a decisive victory.

7 June 1944 Flying time: 232:15 hours (12:45 hours night flying).  
Fl/O E.M. Raynor (V.30187). Command Messing Officer from No. 2 T.C.H.Q.. was a visitor at this Unit today.

8 June 1944 Flying time: 155:35 hours. (13:15 hours night flying).  
Visitors today were Col. G.L. Cameron, Assistant Director of Dental Services, Department of National Defence, and Lt.-Col. N.S. Bailey, Command Dental Officer, No. 2 T.C.H.Q.  
An Exhibition Softball Game between the W.D.s and the Men's Team afforded much amusement on the Diamond this evening. A change of batteries was made by the teams and the Man beat the W.D.s by 21-0.

9 June 1944 Flying time: 67:30 hours.  
A long-felt need was filled when Military Post Office 1009 opened on this Station today. To date, 55 new Savings Accounts have been opened, in addition to deposits being made on many others.  
F/L Heslop (C.2552), visited the Station from R.C.A.F. Station, Trenton, for inspection purposes.  
Commanding Officer's Parade was held this morning with 6 squadrons on parade.  
The 83rd Entry wrote their final exams today.  
The Flying Squadron lost three Pilots when F/O J.L. Ball (J.27634), F/O J.C. Juul (J.36506), and F/O W.C. Spence (J.27740), (Pilot) (S.G.) were posted to No. 1 F.I.S. Trenton for Refresher Training.  
A group of optimistic Golfers sallied forth for another Tournament with No. 8 Repair Depot. Competition was keen, but we were defeated by 1½ points.

10 June 1944 Flying time: 31:35 hours.  
Normal routine.

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11 June 1944 Flying time: Nil.  
The usual quiet of Sunday was broken by a Hardball Game against No. 5 A.O.S. which was held here during the afternoon. It was very well attended and greatly enjoyed, judging by the vociferous enthusiasm from the Sports Field.  
In addition to the usual Sunday Services, a Memorial Service was held at Meadows, Manitoba, for a former Graduate of this School, R.119545 FS Blair, W., who was killed in action June 1st, 1944. The Service was held in the Community Hall, and was attended by at least 200.  
Visitors to the Station today were F/L J. Berger (C.37370) and F/L F.G. Ibbett (C.6577), from Air Force Headquarters.

12 June 1944 Flying time: 168:05 hours.  
A forced landing occurred today when P/O S.K. Harnden, Pilot of Yale A/C 3438, was out on a Wireless Exercise. After about 20 minutes the oil temperature started to run above normal, and the engine suddenly lost all power. He landed the Aircraft in a field near Steinback, Manitoba, at 0900 hours. The forced landing was due to internal engine failure. No injuries to Personnel.

Another event in the Baseball series was a game between the Station Team and No. 7 Equipment Depot.

13 June 1944 Flying time: 1:00 hours. Flying washed out due to weather.

Inter-service solidarity was evidenced today when R.140713 LAC Fraser, W.A., who is a Fire Fighter at the Flying Squadron, was married to Cpl. M.K. Claok (C.W.A.C.) by F/L MacLeod.

14 June 1944 Flying time: 206:05 hours.

Graduation day for the 83rd Entry. The Parade was held with Entry No. 89 as supporting Squadron, and "Sparks" were presented by the Commanding Officer. Graduation figures are given in Appendix A.

While ferrying an Aircraft to Estevan, Sask., R.194334 Sgt. Runciman, J.C., Pilot of Fleet Fort 3638, effected a forced landing near Fannystelle, Manitoba. Five minutes after taking off, the Pilot noticed smoke coming from the top of the engine. This continued for a few minutes, and the engine started to knock. The Pilot turned back, but as speed was dropping he decided to execute a forced landing. The engine was by now knocking so badly that he shut it off, and made a safe landing in a muddy field. The cylinder was later changed, and the Aircraft will be flown back when the ground dries. The forced landing was due to engine failure. No Injuries to Personnel.

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14 June 1944 F/O L.C. Olien (J.23452) (G.L.) reported to this Unit today to fill vacancy in (cont'd) establishment as Personnel Counsellor. He is to give advice and assistance to Personnel on all problems connected with return to civil life, and on preparation therefor.

15 June 1944 Flying time: 205:30 hours.

Another Pilot was added to our strength today when P/O S.M.J. Hutchinson (J40990) (Pilot) (G.L.) reported in from No. 2 T.C.H.Q.

The W.D. softball team bowed to the C.W.A.C. again tonight with a score of 17-4.

16 June 1944 Flying time: 34:15 hours.

The Commanding Officer held a parade and inspection at 0800 hours, with six squadrons on parade.

A very successful Track and Field Day was held at the Flying Squadron in conjunction with No. 2 Construction and Maintenance Unit this afternoon. The programme was officially opened by W/C D.G. Price. Four sections of the Units keenly contested all events. The Pilots won the trophy by a close margin, presentation of which was made by S/L Fisher, C.O. of No. 2 Construction and Maintenance Unit, at the next Station Parade. Visitors were the guests of the respective Messes during the day and evening.

A Men's Softball Game was played at this Station against No. 5 A.O.S., in which the visitors were defeated 5-2 by the Wireless School Team.

The Flying Squadron rejoiced today over the arrival of eleven new Pilots. Ten of these reported from No. 1 A.G.T.S., Maitland, N.S. The other Pilot is F/O J.P.P. Sanfacon (C.13464) (Pilot) (G.L.), who was posted from No. 8 S.F.T.S., Weyburn, Sask.

17 June 1944 Flying time: 153:35 hours.

The newly - formed Programme Council held their first meeting today. The purpose of this Committee is the organization of after-duty activities.

The funeral of FS McNeely, husband of W.302467 Cpl. McNeely. J.C. of this Unit, took place from Gardiner's Funeral Home this afternoon. The service was conducted by F/L MacLeod, and a party of Airmen under command of F/O McLean represented the Station.

Cricket players of two Station Teams were active in matches in the City Park this afternoon. S/L G.E.H. Brandon, from No. 2 Training Command, and S/L F.J. Ison, from Air Force Headquarters visited the Station today.

18 June 1944 Normal routine.

14 June 1944 Flying time: 226:40 hours.

The 97th Entry composed of two flights of Australians and two flights of R.C.A.F. Personnel, commenced training today. On Parade for the first time, they were addressed by S/L Clark, Trainee

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19 June 1944 Administrative Officer, on Aircrew Leadership Training. Protestant Personnel (cont'd) were introduced by F/L MacLeod to the various activities and interests offered on the Station, and then interviewed individually.

F/L F.J. Ison (RAF108021) from A.F.H.Q., and S/L G.E.H. Brandon (C.1848) from No. 2 T.C.H.Q., visited the School and Air Ops, with regard to training Matters.

In the Radio Section, Marconi G.P.I, is now given full attention, with some instruction on Canadian Equipment (AT1-AR2) in final training stages of WAG courses.

Full scale Mallory Rectifiers were received for Signal Section.

W/C L.A. Costello, Command Chaplain (R.C.), visited the Station for inspection purposes.

20 June 1944 Flying time: 129:00 hours.

S/L F.J. Ison (RAF108021) A.F.H.Q., accompanied by S/L G.E.H. Brandon (C.1848) No. 2 T.C., visited Signal Trainers.

The Officers' Mess was the scene of a very successful Bridge Party held by the Officers' Wives' Club for the purpose of raising funds. It was attended by over 100 Ladies.

21 June 1944 Flying time: 87:00 hours.

TRg D Equipment was installed today in R1082-T1083 G.P.I. Labs in the basement.

22 June 1944 Flying time: 173:55 hours.

Squadron 87 was addressed by S/L Clark (T.A.O.) on Leadership Training.

23 June 1944 Flying time: 62:50 hours.

S/L G.E.H. Brandon (C.1848), No. 2 T.C. visited the School and along with S/L Fisher (C.I.) and S/L Saveney (O.C, O.T.S.) formed a Board to interview Officers of Radar-Signals

## Conversion Course No.2

A successful Airmen's Dance was held in the Drill Hall from 2130 hours to 0100 hours, with approximately 1000 Service Personnel and guests present. Music was provided by Jimmie Carson's Canoe Club Orchestra, and refreshments were served in the Drill Hall.

A baseball Game against the U.S. Army Team was played tonight at Osborne Stadium.

The first meeting of the Sports Day Committee was held today to begin arrangements for a Sports Meet to be held August 1st, 1944.

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23 June 1944 The Station Baseball Team played the U.S. Army tonight and were defeated by a (cont'd) narrow Margin. Score 8-7. The Softball Team lost their match against the Navy more decisively, with a final score of 10-0.

24 June 1944 Flying time: Nil.

Assiniboine Park was the scene of a Cricket Match in which the two Station Teams played against one another.

25 June 1944 Flying time: Nil.

The first of a series of Drum Head Services was held at 1100 hours on the Sports Field. Special music was provided by the Command Band. The Protestant Service was held on the Field by F/L MacLeod; while the R.C. Service, under F/L Carpenter, was held in the Auditorium.

26 June 1944 Flying time: 216:10 hours.

S/O E.S. Snow (V30475) (Equip. Messing) was posted today to No. 7 B. & G. School, Paulson, Manitoba. A/S/O O.M. Virstuk (V.30679) succeeds her as Unit Messing Officer.

F/O M.C. Sinclair (CAN J25379), (Pilot) (G.L.) assumed duties as a Staff Pilot today on posting from No. 1 Repat. Depot, Rockcliffe, Ontario.

S/L Fisher, convener of Station Dance to be held Sports Day, August, 1st, 1944, held a meeting and appointed sub-committees for various events.

27 June 1944 Flying time: 00:40 hours. Flying washed out due to inclement weather.

A meeting of the Airmen's Dance Committee was held to discuss the dance of June 23rd. A net profit of \$40.55 was realized for the Station Fund from this dance. A flexible policy was adopted for events of similar nature.

28 June 1944 Flying time: 94:15 hours.

SQ/O B.D. Kemp (V.30026), Command Staff Officer (W.D.) from No. 2 T.C., visited the Station today. Another visitor was F/L R.E. Rees, from Air Force Headquarters.

Approximately 150 Officers and other ranks from this Station were the guests of the Winnipeg Canoe Club this evening at a "Fun-Fest", where sports, dancing, refreshments, and congenial companionship were abundantly supplied.

P/O E.J. Wallman (J43367) (Pilot) (G.L.) reported in from No. 1 F.I.S., Trenton, Ontario, to swell the ranks of the Flying Squadron.

F/L R.M. Frayne made his first official visit to the Station since becoming Command Chaplain

(P). He expressed himself as well satisfied with conditions on this Station.

29 June 1944 Flying time: 209:15 hours.

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29 June 1944 A proud day for No. 3 Wireless School in the field of sports: The Men's Softball (cont'd) Team from the Flying Squadron defeated No. 2 Training Command 9-1. The Hardball Team scored a victory of 12-7 against No. 5 A.O.S. The W.D. Softball Game between this Station and No. 2 T.C. was won by our team by a score of 16-6. And last but not least in the roll of honour, a decisive victory was scored against No. 5 A.O.S. in a Golf Tournament held at Tuxedo Golf Club. In addition, a Soccer Game was played against No. 5 A.O.S in which the two teams tied.

30 June 1944 Flying time: 202:40 hours.

The Commanding Officer's Parade and Inspection was held this morning. Six Squadrons were on parade.

A month-end review of Station activities indicates that training routine has been normal; Recreation has turned increasingly towards sports, and enthusiastic support has been given to a wide variety of athletic activities. The Station Movies have also been well attended. A new venture just getting underway is a "Craft Shop" where leather-working, plastics, and wood-carving are carried on with materials supplied by Auxiliary Services. Health on the Station has been good.

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Graduation of Course 83 - Commenced Instruction November 29th, 1943.

Original Entry - 29<sup>th</sup> November, 1943 - 129 Ceased Training (12 R.C.A.F., 16 R.A.A.F., 5 RNZAF)

Retained from previous entry for four weeks

for further instruction - 7

Transfers into entry - 45

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Disposition of 33 C.T.'s

4 - No. 3 R.D., Vancouver, British Columbia.

1 - A.F.H.Q.

2 - Discharge

1 - Hospitalized (Deer Lodge D.P.N.H.)

6 - No. 2 M.D. Brandon (and Swift Current),  
Manitoba.

1 - No. 6 S.F.T.S. Dunville, Ontario.

18 - No. 3 B.G.S. MacDonald, Manitoba.

Transfers out of entry - 36

33

Failed final exams and retained for four weeks

further instruction - 2

Ceased training during course for medical reasons 5

Ceased training during course for other reasons - 26 GRADUATES: 106  
 GRADUATES - 16 June, 1944 - 106  
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Disposition of Graduates

- 24 - No. 2 B.G.S., Mossbank, Sask.
- 24 - No. 5 B.G.S., Dafoe, Sask.
- 24 - No. 7 B.G.S., Paulson, Man.
- 24 - No. 8 B.G.S., Lethbridge, Alta.
- 19 - No. 8 A.O.S., Ancienne Lorrette.

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PERSONNEL STRENGTH

<u>STAFF:</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN O/R</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
R.C.A.F.	81	660	
C.D.C.	2		
Barrack Warden			
Stenographers			10
General Duties			69
Others			42
Total Staff	<u>83</u>	<u>660</u>	<u>121</u>
<u>TRAINEES:</u>			
R.C.A.F.		555	
R.N.Z.A.F..		19	
R.A.F.		24	
R.A.A.F.		<u>384</u>	
Total Trainees		982	

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>Type</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>
Norseman 4W	6
Fleet Fort	10
Yale	<u>34</u>
TOTAL	50

Average Serviceability 88.5%

Total Flying hours for June 3289:50

(D.G. Price) W/C

C.O. No. 3 W.S., RCAF.

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1 July 1944 Flying time: 166:35 hours.

F/L J.W. Kennedy (C2854) (Edu), O.C. Examination Board at this Unit, was posted overseas. Two new Staff Pilots reported in, F/O R. Marshall (C10382), from No. 7 B.& G. School, Paulson, and P/O J.K. Burns, from No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers.

The marriage of R51272 Sergeant Noble, G.C., an Instructor at this Unit, was solemnized in the Chapel this afternoon.

2 July 1944 Flying time: 150:20 hours.

The usual Sunday services were held this morning, and Sunday passed uneventfully, most of the Personnel enjoying a 36-hour pass.

3 July 1944 Flying time: 199.30 hours.

The Command Trade Test Board visited this Unit today.

Several new Officers were added to the Staff. F/L E. Hendry (C3627) (Admin.) was assigned to the Trainee Wing. F/O R.J. Coates (C4477) (Edu) and F/O F.H. Hewitt (C13375) (Admin.)

Came to us from No. 7 I.T.S., Saskatoon.

The 91st Squadron, which had just returned from mid-term leave, was addressed by S/L Clark on Aircrew Leadership Training.

Visitors to the Station today included F/L B.T. Malach (C11380) from A.F.H.Q., and S/O M.G. Lang (V30296), Assistant Command Messing Officer, No. 2 T.C. F/O F. Gilbert (C41984) from No. 2 T.C., paid a visit to the Station.

4 July 1944 Flying time: 171:25 hours.

A/V/M. S.J. Goble, Australian Liaison Officer, visited the Station today and addressed all Australian Trainees in the Auditorium.

In 91 Squadron, AUS443718 LAC Bigelow, C.A., was elected Trainee Squadron Commander, and made the necessary appointments to all other Trainee positions.

5 July 1944 Flying time: 182:20 hours.

F/L F.E. McLaren, DFC (J17371) of No. 2 T.C., paid a brief visit to the Station.

S/L L.S. Caveney (C2913) O/C Officers' Training Section, was posted to No. 2 T.C. F/O W.C. Sellars (C3794) O/C Radio Section, assumed command of Officers' Training Section, and F/L T.D.

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5 July 1944 Lockheed (C4952), took over the Radio Section.

(cont'd) Another addition to the staff is P/O R.O. Graham (C46431) (Equip.), who takes over for F/O D. Morrison (C36745), since posted to No. 7 B.& G. School, Paulson.

The W.D. softball team was beaten by a narrow margin of 18-17 when they visited the Fort Garry CWAC's this evening.

6 July 1944 Flying time: 103:55 hours.

F/L F.E. McLaren (J17371) paid another visit to the Station, this time staying for half a day. The time was all taken up with discussions on Aircrew Leadership Training and inspection of Trainee Orderly Rooms and flights on P.T. and Drill.

Another visitor was F/L W.A. Wheton (C6089) (Arm.), from No. 14 "X" Depot.

7 July 1944 Flying time: 42.50 hours. (Time lost due to inclement weather).

The Commanding Officer held a parade and inspection this morning with seven squadrons on parade.

The Station Hospital welcomed a new Nursing Sister today with the arrival of N/S M.J. Horbay (C4853) (Med. N/S).

A much anticipated event is the Station Sports Day, to be held August 8th, and a meeting of the Airmen's and Airwomen's Dance Committee was held today to organize the Station Dance which is to follow the athletic events.

The Station soccer and softball teams went to Gimli this evening to match their skill against No. 18 S.F.T.S. Gimli, however, carried off all the honours, scoring a 7-2 victory in softball and 4-1 in soccer.

8 July 1944 Flying time: Nil

Normal routine.

9 July 1944 Flying time: Nil.

The regular Sunday services were held this morning, and in addition a Memorial Service was held at Morris, Manitoba, attended by F/L MacLeod (Padre) (P).

The last of a series of classical music hours was held this evening in the W.D. Lounge, under the direction of AUS129599 LAC Haydn, James, whose interesting commentaries have made these programmes a source of much enjoyment to music-lovers on the Station. The programme this evening featured Grieg's Piano Concerto in A Minor, "The Swan of Tuonala" (Sibelius), Prelude to Act 3 of Lohengrin (Wagner), and Overture to the Marriage of Figaro (Mozart).

10 July 1944 Flying time: 112:20 hours.

In the Radio Section, new I.F.F. Marks III arrived, and will be set up on display panels next week

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10 July 1944 The Personnel Counsellor at No. 2 T.C., F/L C.H. Hearn (C6572) (ADM. P.C.), (cont'd) paid a routine visit to the Station today.

Sport fans had a variety of games to choose from this evening. At Osborne Stadium, the Station Baseball Team played the U.S. Army, who scored a 7-5 victory. The other matches, which were played on the Station, included a soccer game against the Navy, with a smashing 5-1 victory for our team, and a lacrosse match against No. 5 A.O.S., who beat us 11-3.

11 July 1944 Flying time: 228:50 hours.

W/C E.A.D. Hutton (C1124), D.T.T./T. Sigs., from A.F.H.Q., visited the Station today and on

subsequent dates to discuss training matters. S/L L.S. Caveney (C2913) from No. 2 T.C., accompanied him.

Considerable shifts have occurred between the various technical sections, with the departure of F/L R.E. Mooney (C6987), O/C Signalling Section, who is posted Overseas effective July 27th. F/L J.G. Mathieson, formerly O/C Air Operating is replacing him, and he, in turn, is being succeeded by F/O R.L. Turnbull at the Flying Squadron.

S/O P.M. Wright (V30606) (Admin.) was taken on strength today from No. 10 S.F.T.S., Dauphin, and will replace Fl/O H.P. Sprague (V30358) (Admin.) as O/C Women's Division. Fl/o Sprague will go to No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers.

Sports; events today included a Golf Tournament against No. 8 R.D. at the Windsor Golf Course, which was won by No. 8 Repair Depot by a 3-point margin; and a lacrosse match played at Macdonald against No. 3 B.& G. School.

12 July 1944 Flying time: 232:25 hours.

A minor accident occurred today when S/L E.A. Bland (C1445), pilot of Yale 3425, was checking Staff Pilot P/O H.J.E. Harwood (J44925), on a flight check. P/O Harwood was in front seat with control. He landed the aircraft and was slowing down when a swing occurred which second pilot was unable to correct with rudder. The Aircraft started to skid and left oleo leg buckled, causing some damage to port wing. The swing had developed before examining Officer was able to take control. No injuries to Personnel. Aircraft was fully serviceable in six hours.

The Station baseball team chalked up a major victory over No. 5 A.O.S. on their field tonight, with a score of 14-5.

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13 July 1944 Flying time: 187:05 hours. (Time lost due to inclement weather).

The Air Operating Section was visited today by W/C E.A.D. Hutton, D.T.T./T. Sigs., who made an inspection of offices, classrooms, and equipment.

Graduation day for Entry. No. 85, who began their training January 3rd, 1944. A Parade was held and "Sparks" were pinned on 90 successful graduates by the Commanding Officer. (For further information see appendix.).

Another in the series of W.D. Softball games was played against No. 8 R.D., with a score of 5-4 in favour of the Wireless School Team.

14 July 1944 Flying time: 64:50 hours. (Time lost due to inclement weather).

After a routine W/T exercise, (R115978) FS Stevens, J.M., Pilot of Yale 3453, came in on the wrong runway with a severe cross-wing. During the landing run he ground-looped, due primarily to the cross-wind, and secondly to his inability to maintain control.

W/C Hutton gave lectures in Radio Section on Signals Organization.

G/C J.S. Scott, S.A.S.O., made a tour of inspection through the Air Operating Section.

Another visitor to the Station was F/L J.M. Matheson (C10533), from A.F.H.Q., who is inspecting Hospital Dispensaries across the country.

The regular parade and inspection was held by the Commanding Officer. Following the O/C's parade at the Flying Squadron, services of worship were held for both Protestant and R.C.

Personnel.

15 July 1944 Flying time: 89:50 hours.

F/L G.W. Bowes (CAN J6751) (WOP/AG) reported in today from No. 1 Repatriation Depot, Rockcliffe, Ontario, for Air Operating Instructional duties.

P/O P.J. Cooper (J44470) (Pilot GL) also arrived today to take up duties as a Staff Pilot with the Flying Squadron.

In the Officers' Training Section, Course R/S 2 wrote their final examinations during this week, and were preparing for their final scheme over the week-end.

16 July 1944 Flying time: Nil.

A quiet Sunday, with everyone concentrating on how to keep cool.

17 July 1944 Flying time: 223:30 hours.

In the Radio Section, a meeting of Instructors was held, and it was decided to hold trade improvement lectures each Monday. Details of new demonstration equipment were also discussed.

Entry No. 99, consisting of 90 trainees, 89 of whom are R.C.A.F., commenced training today, and were addressed by S/L Clark on Aircrew Leadership Training.

Two teams from No. 3 B. & G. School descended on the Station this evening and carried off all the honours. The men from Macdonald won their lacrosse match, and the girls' Baseball Team beat the Wireless School girls by 19-11.

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18 July 1944 Flying time: 259:00 hours.

Entry No. 98 elected R139171 LAC Tebbutt, S.C. as Trainee Squadron Commander, and appointments were made to all other trainee positions.

F/L W. Marginson (C2306) (Admin.) was struck off strength for transfer to the R.C.A.F. Reserve. A farewell party was held in his honour in the Officers' Mess, at which the Commanding Officer presented him with an honorary membership of the Mess.

The W.D.s played softball against the Fort Garry CWAC's this evening, and beat the army girls 6-4.

19 July 1944 Flying time: 184:55 hours. Dr. A.J. Brace, a renowned explorer and traveller, gave an illustrated lecture in the Auditorium this evening on "India by Air." Dr. Brace, who has spent 25 years in India and China, was brought to the Station under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. In addition to his lecture in the Auditorium, he gave a brief talk in the Officers' Mess on the war with Japan.

The Radio Station boasts of a new display in TRGD Labs, showing the "Gibson Girl" Transmitter.

20 July 1944 Flying time: 118:30 hours.

Visitors to the Station today included S/L S.T. Bigelow (C6754), from No. 2 T.C. F/L R.D.

Young (C9055) from No. 5 A.O.S. F/O G.W. Brown (C8674) from No. 2 T.C., and F/L R.E.

Chandler (CAN C1097) from No. 18 S.F.T.S.

Course R/S2, Officers' Training Section, held their graduation banquet and dance in the Officers' Mess this evening. Many guests were present, and the event proved most successful.

21 July 1944 Flying time: 56:15 hours.

S/L H.B.S. Hunter (C3678) and S/L H.W. Harris (C2954) (Sigs.) were visitors at the Station today.

In the Radio Section, Mark III I.F.F. Equipment is in operation and being demonstrated.

Osborne Stadium was the scene of a baseball game against the Canadian Army team, in which the Station team was defeated 5-4.

22 July 1944 Flying time: Nil.

Another Staff Pilot reported in from No. 2 F.I.S., Pearce Alta. This was P/O C.R. Newell (J44548).

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22 July 1944 Nineteen of twenty-three Officers comprising Course R/S 2, Officers' Training (cont'd) Section, were struck off strength today. Twelve were posted to Easter Air Command, six to Western Air Command, and one to No. 2 T.C., all for reposting. The remaining four members of the course were retained for a further two weeks of morse instruction.

23 July 1944 Flying time: Nil.

A representative of this Station, R250534 Sergeant Garrett, R.D., proceeded to the semi-finals of the Annual Clear Lake Golf Tournament, held at Wasagaming Golf Club.

24 July 1944 Flying time: 154:30 hours. (Time lost due to inclement weather).

W/C L. Gray from A.F.H.Q., visited the Station today to give a lecture to the Officers' Training Section.

The Radio Section reports that test apparatus for lectures on Cathode Ray tubes has been constructed. A lecture was given today to staff W.M.s on these tubes.

S/L C.H. Clark (C284) (Admin.) arrived today from No. 10 S.F.T.S. to fill the position of Senior Administrative Officer. F/L D.H.C. Roberts, who has been acting S.Ad.O., resumes the position of Station Adjutant.

The hard-worked W.D. Softball Team played No. 8 R.D. again tonight, and was defeated 6-3.

25 July 1944 Flying time: 228:35 hours.

S/L L.S. Caveney (C2913) (Sigs.) visited the Station From No. 2 T.C.

26 July 1944 Flying time: 228:15 hours.

A number of representatives golfers from the Station took part in a Tournament against the Flying Squadron at Tuxedo Golf Course this afternoon, defeating them by 21 points to their 12.

An informal dance was held for Airmen and Airwomen this evening in the Canteen. It was unusually well-attended and much enjoyed. These informal parties are becoming a regular Wednesday evening event, as this is the one evening of the week on which there is no movie in

the Auditorium.

27 July 1944 Flying time: 47:20 hours. (Time lost due to inclement weather).  
F/L T.D. Lockheed (C4952) (Sigs.) after a brief tour of duty as O/C Radio Section, has been posted to No. 5 A.O.S, A Former member of the O.T.S. (R/S2), F/L R. Sangster (C9386), reported in today to take over this section.

28 July 1944 Flying time: 229:00 hours.  
Normal routine.

29 July 1944 Flying time: 183:50 hours.

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29 July 1944 Cool, uncertain weather settled into a warm sunny week-end, and most of the (cont'd) Station Personnel took advantage of a 36-hour pass to seek out summer diversions.

30 July 1944 Flying time: Nil.  
Aside from the regular Sunday services on the Station, the day passed uneventfully.

31 July 1944 Flying time: 95:40 hours. (Time lost due to inclement weather).  
F/L N.A. Allen (C5455), visited the Station today on an inspection of the Navigation Section.

A month-end review of Station welfare shows discipline to have been normal, and health to have been unusually good. Station hospitalization reached its lowest ebb in almost a year, last week, with only three patients. Activities have been mainly out-of- doors, with duty fitness periods fitting smoothly into the weekly routine.

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Graduation of Course 85 - Commenced Instruction January 3rd, 1944.

Original Entry - 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 1944 - 139 Ceased Training (10 R.C.A.F., 12 R.A.A.F., 2  
RNZAF)

Retained from previous entry for four weeks

for further instruction - 2

Transfers into entry - 34

175

Disposition of 24 C.T.'s

7 - No. 3 R.D., Vancouver, British Columbia.

5 - No. 2 "M" Depot Swift Current, Sask.

1 - No. 1 "M" Depot, Toronto, Ontario.

8 - No. 3 B.G.S., Macdonald Manitoba.

1 - No. 1 F.E.S., Arnprior, Ontario.

1 - No. 4 W.S., Guelph, Ontario.

1 - No. 8 R.D., Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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Transfers out of entry - 56  
 In hospital at time of finals and retained - 1  
 Failed final exams and retained for four weeks further training - 4  
 Ceased training during course for medical reasons - 5  
 Ceased training during course for other reasons - 19  
 GRADUATES - 14 July, 1944 90  
 175

GRADUATES: 90

Disposition of Graduates

19 - No. 2 B.G.S., Mossbank, Sask.  
 22 - No. 5 B.G.S., Dafoe, Sask.  
 15 - No. 7 B.G.S., Paulson, Manitoba.  
 25 - No. 8 B.G.S., Lethbridge, Alta.  
 9 - No. 8 A.O.S., Ancienne Lorette.

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PERSONNEL STRENGTH

<u>STAFF:</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN O/R</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
R.C.A.F.	111	663	
C.D.C.	2		
Barrack Warden			
Stenographers			10
General Duties			67
Others			42
Total Staff	<u>113</u>	<u>663</u>	<u>119</u>

TRAINEES:

R.C.A.F.	532
R.N.Z.A.F..	7
R.A.F.	26
R.A.A.F.	<u>298</u>
Total Trainees	863

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>Type</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>
Norseman	6
YALE dual	2
W/T Yale	<u>33</u>
TOTAL	41
Average Serviceable	89%

Total flying hours for July: 3987:40 hours.

(R.M. Smith) G/C.,  
C.O. No. 3 W.S., RCAF.

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1 Aug.1944 Flying Time 229:20 hours.  
J.17371 F/L F. W. McLaren and J.27897 F/O F. B. Dooley visited the Station for discussion on "Aircrew Leadership, and Gen Clubs" respectively.

2 Aug.1944 Flying Time 233:05 hours.  
W/C R. S. Cross, S.O.S.O. No. 2 T. C. visited the Station on pre-AOC inspection.

3 Aug.1944 Flying Time 142:40 hours.  
Forced Landing. R.180765 Sgt. Harmer, R. whilst pilot of Yale aircraft, cruising at 3000 feet, 1750 P..P.M. with pressure and temperature normal, noticed heaving black smoke combined with rough running motor. Pilot suspected fire - pulled extinguishers - started precautionary landing which was carried out in normal fashion in a good field.

4 Aug.1944 Flying Time 206:35 hours.  
Full Station C.O.'s parade held at 0800 hours.  
C.1138 G/C R.M. Smith, Adm. (SR) NFL, reported to Station to assume the post of Commanding Officer, upon relinquishment of Command and posting of W/C D. G. Price to No. 2 A.N.S. Charlottetown, P.E.I.  
C.23664 F/L J. E. McNeeley, No. 2 T. C. visited the Station on detailed inspection of equipment.

5 Aug.1944 Flying Time: Nil  
Normal Station Routine.

6 Aug.1944 Routine Normal.  
Regular Sunday church service.

7 Aug.1944 Flying Time 76:50 hours. Hours lost due to bad weather.  
A Staff Reference Library was organized with the delivery of 17 Radio Reference books.

8 Aug.1944 Flying Time 105:25.  
This was a long-awaited day, and with ideal weather conditions, the Station held its Annual Sports Day with many surprises - disappointments and definite displays of skill. At the

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termination of an enjoyable day the favorites were well to the fore in the final results as follows:  
91 Squadron 39 points - 95 Squadron 33 points  
89 Squadron 21 points, Flying Squadron 18 points  
97 Squadron and Headquarters tied for 17 points.

The track and field meet was followed by inter-squadron Baseball, and the evening found the Station in an enjoyable mood, as the drill hall, gaily decorated and with an orchestra in attendance, supplied music to suit the taste of all comers, from "Boogie-woogie" to the more sedate dances of yesteryear.

9 Aug.1944 Flying Time 168:20 hours.

F/L McCallum, F.P.O. No. 2 T. C. carried out a full inspection of fire-fighting equipment. Fire Drill was carried out. Hoses were laid and ready for water in 1 minute and 20 seconds, and the buildings emptied of occupants in 3 minutes.

10 Aug.1944 Flying Time 178:10 hours (4 hours bad weather).

W.D.'s Softball game No. 3 Wireless School versus Flying Squadron with a hard-fought win by Flying Squadron 10-8.

11 Aug.1944 Flying Time 101:50 (Flying washed out during afternoon due to high winds.)

F/O E. Raynor, Command Messing Officer, visited the Station on routine inspection.

G/C A. Sinclair and S/L Bevan visited the Station on routine inspection.

Course No. 87 graduated, and "Sparks" badges were pinned on 105 successful graduates by the Commanding Officer G/C R. M. Smith. (Further particulars of entry, etc., are shown in Appendix "A".) The hardball game between No. 3 Wireless School and No. 7 Equipment Depot was a reversal of expectations with a score of 4 - 2 in favour of No. 7 Equipment Depot.

12 Aug.1944 Flying Time 173:66 hours.

Routine Normal.

Cricket appears to be the Sports interest on this day as three teams played in Assiniboine Park with Teams "A" and "B" both returning with games won.

Command Swimming Meet held at Sargent Park. No. 3 Wireless School tied for second place in the meet. Events won by No. 3 Wireless School in final breakdown show No. 3 Wireless School with 2 firsts, 1 second and 2 thirds.

13 Aug.1944 Flying Time 45:65 hours.

Regular Sunday routine with religious services held on station.

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14 Aug.1944 Flying Time 191:35

S/L R. Cadham, Command Hygiene Officer, visited the Station Messes on inspection.

15 Aug.1944 Flying Time 205:15.

W/C W. Hobbs, A/SOCE, visited the Station on inspection of buildings.

16 Aug.1944 Flying Time 167:25.

F/L Comeau visited the Station re Repairable Equipment.

0800 hours the Commanding Officer visited and inspected Flying Squadron on Parade, and presented "Operational Wing" to F/O E. Batten.

17 Aug.1944 Flying Time 75:15 hours.

W/C W. M. Murray visited Station pre A.O.C. visit and inspected Messing Equipment, and Works & Buildings. W/C Hobbs, A/SOCE, continued inspection of buildings at station and Flying Squadron.

W.D.'s Softball team played No. 8 Repair Depot at No. 3 Wireless School and lost 4 - 2.

18 Aug.1944 Flying Time 174:20 hours.

F/O Devonshire assumed duties as Training Wing Adjutant effective 16th August, 1944, on posting of F/O Laird.

The Station has a different air about it traceable to the distinction bestowed upon it by being the recipient of the Efficiency Pennant. The Pennant was awarded and officially made known, and flown from the masthead on this date.

19 Aug.1944 Flying Time: Nil.

No. 2 Training Command held a track and Field meet at Sargent Park. No. 3 Wireless School came up to expectations when they carried off the aggregate title for men's division, leading by nine points, with a grand total of 22 points. The Women's Division competitors from No. 3 Wireless School put up a very creditable showing with a total of 12 points, taking 3rd place. The final results show No. 3 Wireless School standing as follows: 4 first, 5 second, 5 third.

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19 Aug.1944 In answer to numerous requests from farmers within the district, 30 Australians were transported by bus to local points to help in harvest operations over the weekend. The report from farmers indicate that the help was well received and a job of work well done.

20 Aug.1944 Regular Church Service - otherwise routine normal.

21 Aug.1944 Flying Time 209:30 hours.

G/C D. H. McCall, C.A.E.O. visited Flying Squadron on inspection. F/O T. Dooley, No. 2 T.C. visited the Station re "Gen Clubs".

No. 3 Wireless School vs No. 7 Equipment Depot tied with a score of 7 - 7, leaving both teams tied for first place in the Baseball league.

22 Aug.1944 Flying Time 202:30 hours.

S/L A. V. Bell, No. 2 T. C., visited the Station re Air Cadets.

No. 3 Wireless School vs No. 5 Air Observers School played Soccer with No. 3 W. S. on losing end 4-1.

23 Aug.1944 Flying Time 202:35 hours.

Baseball again to the fore when No. 3 Wireless School defeated the Canadian Army.

24 Aug.1944 Flying Time 144:40 hours.

C.1785 S/L W. C. Fisher promoted to Wing Commander.

Baseball - No. 3 Wireless School vs No. 5 Air Observers School, game tied.

Softball - W.D.'s vs Army, No. 110 - developed into pitched battle for supremacy, with a score of 7 - 7 at top of 7th innings. To break the tie another innings was played with the Army getting the breaks to end the game 10 - 8.

25 Aug.1944 Flying Time 155:20 hours.

Flag-Raising ceremony and Inspection by C. O.

No. 2 T. C. soft-ball play-offs held at No. 3 Wireless School. Both men's and ladies' cups being won by No. 12 S.F.T.S. Brandon who put up a creditable performance and a well earned win.

26 Aug.1944 Flying Time nil due to high winds.

27 Aug.1944 Station Routine Normal.

28 Aug.1944 Flying Time 149:25 hours.

W/C D. Macklin, No. 1 T.C., arrived with Visiting Flight.

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29 Aug.1944 Flying Time 200:25 hours.

No. 3 Wireless School vs No. 5 A.O.S. Softball - with No. 3 W.S. on Winning End 9-8.

30 Aug.1944 Flying Time nil due to rain.

31 Aug.1944 Flying Time nil due to rains. Total Flying Time 3779.15 hours.

A/V/M K.H.Guthrie, C.B.E. accompanied by G/C H.H.Atkinson and G/C J.S. Scott, M.C., A.F.C. visited the Station in inspection. The weather did not permit a full station parade due to a downpour of rain of 48 hours duration.

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Graduation of Course 87 - Commenced Instruction 31<sup>st</sup> January, 1944.

Original Entry - 31st January, 1944 - 120

Retained from previous entry for four weeks  
for further instruction - 1

Transfers into entry - 60  
185

Ceased Training (17 R.C.A.F., 12 R.A.A.F.)

Disposition of 24 C.T.'s

1 No. 15 S.F.T.S. Claresholm, Alberta.

7 No. 3 R.D. Vancouver, B.C.

3 No. 2 M.D. Swift Current, Sask.

2 No. 16 S.F.T.S. Hagersville, Ontario.

1 No. 1 F.E.S. Arnprior, Ontario.

5 No. 3 B.G.S. Macdonald, Manitoba.

2 No. 2 T.C. Winnipeg, Manitoba.

3 No. 1 M.D. Toronto, Ontario.  
5 Awaiting posting.  
29

Transfers out of entry 46  
 Failed final exams and retained for four  
 weeks further training 5  
 Ceased training during course for medical  
 reasons 4  
 Ceased training during course for other  
 reasons 25  
 GRADUATES - 11 August, 1944 105  
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GRADUATES: 105

Disposition of Graduates

41 No. 5 B.G.S. Dafoe, Sask.  
 26 No. 7 B.G.S. Paulson, Manitoba.  
 26 No. 8 B.G.S. Lethbridge, Alberta.  
 12 No. 8 A.O.S., Ancienne Lorette, P.Q.

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PERSONNEL STRENGTH

<u>STAFF:</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN O/R</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
R.C.A.F.	110	769	
C.D.C.	3	10	
Stenographers			11
General Duties			67
Others			42
Total Staff	<u>113</u>	<u>779</u>	<u>120</u>

TRAINEES:

R.C.A.F.	12	526
R.N.Z.A.F..		48
R.A.F.		30
R.A.A.F.		<u>270</u>
Total Trainees	<u>12</u>	<u>874</u>

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>Type</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>
Norseman	6
YALE dual	2
W/T Yale	<u>33</u>
TOTAL	41
Average Serviceable	87%

Total Flying hours for August: 3779.15 hours.

(R.M. Smith) Group Captain,  
Commanding Officer,  
No. 3 Wireless School,  
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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1 Sept./44 Flying Time: Nil (Due to inclement weather).

The Commanding Officer held a parade and inspection with Ensign raising.

2 Sept./44 Flying Time: 106:15 hours.

Normal Station Routine.

3 Sept./44 Flying Time: 45 mins. (Flying washed due to inclement weather).

4 Sept./44 Flying Time: 176:45 hours.

A hardball game was held in Osborne Stadium - No. 3 W.S. vs Canadian Army with a score 3-2 in favour of No. 3 W.S. Sgt. Murray Allan pitching for No. 3 W.S. Set an enviable record by "striking out" 17 Army batters.

C6572 F/L C.H. Hearn of No. 2 T.C., and J15285 F/L J.A. Todd from A.F.H.Q. visited the station re Personnel Counselling.

5 Sept./44 Flying Time: 197:00 hours.

6 Sept./44 Flying Time: 207:30 hours.

An Exhibition Baseball Game was held between No. 3 W.S. and 10 S.F.T.S., Dauphin, score 3-0 in favour of Dauphin. Inter-services Golf Tournament at Southwood Gold Club, No. 3 W.S. winning tournament with a total of 283 points. No. 3 W.S. competed against No. 5 A.O.S. in area cricket eliminations, winning game and becoming eligible for cricket play-offs representing Winnipeg Area.

7 Sept./44 Flying Time: 212:30 hours.

C12524 F/L H.L. Wylie of No. 2 T.C. (Medical) visited this station.

A very enjoyable com roast was held by living-in members of Flying Squadron. The corn being supplied from the Victory Garden. A dance followed in the Airmen's Lounge.

J44544 P/O D.H. Brown, pilot of Yale No. 3457, on completion of a wireless training exercise, made a ground loop on landing. When landing run was nearly completed aircraft swung to right and starboard wing was slightly damaged. The steerable tail wheel was inoperative and became fully castering. Accident was due to technical failure.

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8 Sept./44 Flying Time: 212:40 hours.

The Commanding Officer held a parade and inspection with Ensign raising.

No. 3 W.S. vs Canadian Army in baseball playoffs, No. 3 winning game with a score of 15-4, thereby forcing out of play-offs. No. 3 W.S. beaten by No. 33 SFTS, Carberry at soccer by a 4-1 score.

J53662 P/O J.K. Burns, pilot of Yale No. 3439, completing four hour exercise found gas guage reading low and requested- permission from tower to land on grass area after having been sent round circuit twice. Pilot landed in unserviceable area in centre of airport after reaching soft spot, overturned. This aircraft used an excessive amount of gas, nearly three gallons per hour more than average, six and a half gallons remaining in tanks.

A test of fire alarm boxes at this unit was made on 8th Sept/44. The station fire piquet had the hose reel connected with the water in two minutes from the time the sirens rang. The fire truck from No. 8 R.D. had their hose reel connected with the water in three months. A delay of 25 seconds occurred before the siren rang. This was due to the fact that the siren is rung from No. 8 R.D.

9 Sept./44 Flying Time: 105:20 hours (First flight washed out due to weather).  
Normal Station Routine.

10 Sept./44 Flying Time: 25:40 hours. (Morning flights washed out due to weather).  
Regular Sunday Church Parade on Station.

11 Sept./44 Flying Time: 194:10 hours.  
Baseball game at Osborne Stadium, No. 3 W.S. vs No. 5 A.O.S. No. 3 won with a score of 9-6.  
Meeting of "Gen Club" relative to re-organization.

12 Sept./44 Flying Time: 86:25 (Two flights washed out due to weather).  
F/L H.B. Peto of No. 2 T.C., visited this station re Aircraft Recognition.

13 Sept./44 Flying Time: 198:40 hours.  
Baseball game at Osborne Stadium, No. 3 W.S. vs No. 5 A.O.S. No. 3 winning with a score of 8-5.  
Fl/O F. Douglas of No. 2 T.C., visited this station accompanied by Capt. R.M. Warner (Australian Army). Capt. Armstrong has been commissioned by Australian Authorities as official War Artist for duties with R.A.A.F. in Canada.

14 Sept./44 Flying Time: 150:15 hours (One flight washed out due to weather).  
S/L G. Warren (Command Exam Board) visited station re Educational Facilities and Exams.  
A sell out crowd of 2,000 enthusiastic fight fans was treated to one of the best boxing shows staged in Winnipeg for many years, Thursday, 14th Sept., at H.M.C.S. Chippawa.

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14 Sept./44 The card of nine bouts was featured by two knock-outs by personnel of No. W.S., (cont'd) WO1 G.A. Eichel and FS J. Keegan both disposing of their opponents by this route.

15 Sept./44 Flying Time: 102:50 hours.  
Commanding Officer's parade with inspection and Ensign raising.  
W/C F.E. Pilkington from A.F.H.Q. visited this station re Navigation Training.  
S/L K.S. Pitcairn of No. 2 T.C., visited this station re Navigation Training.

16 Sept./44 Flying Time: 187:20 hours.  
Cricket - No. 3 W.S. "A" Team vs Juniors. - "A" Won.  
No. 3 W.S. "D" Team vs St. Georges - "A" Won.  
No. 3 W.S. "C" Team vs Eatons - Eatons Won.

17 Sept./44 Flying time: 13:30 hours ( due to bad weather).  
Full No. 2 T.C. Church Parade embracing all R.C.A.F. Personnel in Winnipeg Area. Moved off from Main Street and Notre Dame East. The route commencing at Portage Avenue - Osborne Street to Osborne Stadium where a Service was held commemorating the Battle of Britain.

18 Sept./44 Flying Time: 188:45 hours.  
No. 1 of Trainee Semi-Weekly Routine Orders issued. These were issued by Trainee Wing Commander under the Trainee Leadership Plan. No. 2 T.C. Service Audit Group arrived on station to conduct the 6th Audit of Equipment Accounts.

19 Sept./44 Flying Time: 182.20 hours.

20 Sept./44 Flying Time: 203:00 hours.

21 Sept./44 Flying Time: 193:25 hours.  
J44926 P/O Guest, pilot of Yale 3438 made a forced landing at Rivers, Man. at 1050 hours. The pilot had taken off on a regular Wireless Training exercise and had reached his target. After turning to return to base he noticed black smoke issuing from the engine cowling and coming into the cockpit.

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20 Sept./44 He was approximately still one and a half hours of flying time from base, so he (cont'd.) decided to land while he still had power available at Rivers. The engine was running very rough and the cylinder head heat was rising. Failure was due to piston ring seizure.

22 Sept./44 Flying Time: 195:25 hours.  
No. 3 W.S. vs. No. 33 SFTS, Carberry in Command Cricket Finals. This game was won by Carberry.

23 Sept./44 Flying Time: 93:10 hours.  
The Station Padre, F/L McLeod officiated at the wedding of R292983 LAC R.H. Newcombe (Course 95) and Miss Lauretta Clara Julian of Toronto, at Holy Trinity Church, Winnipeg. The bride was attended by Miss Gladys Magnusson whilst LAC R.Shroder acted as best man.

No. 3 W.S. vs MacDonald in Rugger Finals. Command Finals won by MacDonald.

No. 2 T.C. Golf Championship won by No. 3 W.S.

R116229 WO2 Ball, J.B., pilot of Yale 3432, had completed a two hour wireless training exercise and was carrying out a cross wind landing. The pilot was crabbing into wind to counteract the drift as he straightened out to land he picked up more drift and a strong gust of wind of 20-30 m.p.h. threw the aircraft over onto the port wing tip. The aircraft was then heading for parked Oxford aircraft near the runway so the pilot applied hard right rudder and brake causing the aircraft to swing violently to the right, away from the parked aircraft, into the soft ground causing the starboard oleo leg to buckle. Both wing tips were damaged.

24 Sept./44 Flying Time: 32:35 hours.

25 Sept./44 Flying Time: 183:05 hours.

F/L McLeod Station Chaplain, Temporary Duty to Command for three days during absence of Command Chaplain.

26 Sept./44 Flying Time: 186:45 hours.

Fl/O Christie, J.E., of No. 2 T.C., visited this station re Special Services.

F/L R.K. Senior visited this station re Australian Personnel.

27 Sept./44 Flying Time: 88:25 hours.

28 Sept./44 Flying Time: 79:50 hours.

S/O J.E. Ellis of No. 2 T.C. visited this station re Personnel Counselling.

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29 Sept./44 Flying Time: 192:55 hours.

Full Commanding Officer's parade. Ensign hoisting and inspection at which time the Commanding Office's Efficiency Pennant was awarded to the Trainee Squadron Commander of Course 95, as being the most efficient Squadron for the preceding two weeks period; under the Aircrew Leadership Training Plan.

30 Sept./44 Flying washed out due to bad weather.

Normal Station Routine.

#### Graduation of Course 89 - Commenced Instruction 28<sup>th</sup> February, 1944

Original Entry - 28<sup>th</sup> February, 1944. - 135

Retained from previous entry for four weeks further instruction - 5

Transfers into Entry - 50  
190

Transfers out of entry 52

Failed final exams and retained for four

Ceased Training (25 RCAF, 4 RAAF, 1 RAF)

Disposition of 30 C. T. 's

3 No. 1 "M" D. Toronto, Ontario.

6 No. 2 "M" D. Swift Current, Sask.

1 No. 5 "M" D. Lachine, P.Q.

2 No. 3 R.D. Vancouver, B.C.

weeks further training	3	11 No. 3 B.G.S. MacDonald, Man.
Ceased training during course for medical reasons	2	1 No. 9 B.G.S. Mont Joli, P.Q. 1 No. 10 B.G.S. Mount Pleasant, P.E.I.
Ceased training during course for other reasons	28	1 No. 7 S.F.T.S. MacLeod. Alta. 1 No. 10 S.F.T.S. Dauphin, Man.
GRADUATES - 8 <sup>th</sup> September, 1944	<u>102</u>	1 No. 17 S.F.T.S. Souris, Man.
	187	1 F.E.S. Arnprior, Ont.
GRADUATES: 102		<u>1</u> No. 2 T.C. (Compassionate Discharge)
		30

Disposition of Graduates

17 No. 2 B.G.S. - Mossbank, Sask.  
 28 No. 8 B.G.S. - Lethbridge. Alta.  
 25 No. 5 B.G.S. - Dafoe, Sask.  
 21 No. 7 B.G.S. - Paulson, Man.  
 11 No. 10 A.O.S. - Chatham, Ont.

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PERSONNEL STRENGTH

<u>STAFF:</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN O/R</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
R.C.A.F.	121	641	
C.D.C.	2	9	
Stenographers			11
General Duties			67
Others			42
Total Staff	<u>123</u>	<u>650</u>	<u>120</u>

TRAINEES:

R.C.A.F.	3	556
R.N.Z.A.F..		72
R.A.F.	2	21
R.A.A.F.		<u>211</u>
Total Trainees	<u>5</u>	<u>862</u>

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>Type</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>
W/T YALE	33
Yale Dual	2
Norseman	<u>6</u>
TOTAL	41

Average Serviceable 88.85%

Total Flying Hours for September: 4036:10 hours.

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Commanding Officer,  
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October 1 Flying Time 52 Hours, 20 minutes. Regular Sunday Church Service. Normal Station routine.

October 2 Flying Time 183 Hours 50 Minutes.

October 3 Flying Time 184 Hours, 30 Minutes. C.9725 F/L H. B. Peto visited the Station re Aircraft Recognition.

October 4 Flying Time 181 Hours, 20 Minutes.

October 5 Flying Time 193 Hours. Rugby game between No. 3 W.S. and No. 18 S.F.T.S., Gimli, at Osborne Stadium, No. 3 winning with a score of 19 to 3.

October 6 Flying Time 50 Hours, 05 Minutes. Time lost due to weather.

1100 Yale Aircraft Nos. 3419 - 3378 - 3403 - 3393 - 3353 - 3427 - 3394 - 3438 landed at Pembina Airport, N.D., due to weather conditions. All aircraft landed safely.  
0800 Commanding Officer's Parade - Flag Raising and Inspection. Course No. 91 Graduated 120 pupils.

October 7 Flying Time 113 Hours, 30 Minutes.

Aircraft which landed at Pembina, N.D., on the 6th returned to base.

1010 P/O D. C. Elliott (J.44911) pilot of Yale No. 3374 returning from routine W/T Exercise ground-looped on landing. Port Wing Aileron and flap damaged.

October 8 Flying Time 58 Hours 10 Minutes.

The Protestant service on Sunday morning was held at 1000 hours rather than 1100 hours in order that station personnel might have the opportunity to hear the distinguished British clergyman, Rev. Bryan Green. He is rector of Brampton, padre of the anti-aircraft defense units of London, and is visiting Canada under the auspices of the Committee on Evangelism of the Church of England in Canada and with the authority of the British Ministry of Information. His most interesting message was greatly appreciated.

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October 8 Commencement of Fire Prevention Week 8th to 14th. Arrangements completed for films to be shown and all personnel to be made conscious of same by lectures, etc.

October 9 Flying Time 207 Hours 10 Minutes.

Entry No. 105 composed of 108 R.C.A.F. and 1 R.A.A.F (Total 109) commenced Training.

No. 3 Wireless "Bombers" Rugby team defeated No. 1 C.N.S. Rivers "Pathfinders" by a score of 11 to 7, thus winning the third straight game in the Inter-Services Rugby League.

Fire Prevention film shown to half the Station Personnel.

October 10 Flying Time 150 Hours 35 Minutes.

Fire Prevention Film shown to remaining half of Station Personnel.

October 11 Flying Time 94 hours 25 Minutes - Time lost due to winds.

A very excellent show was presented in the Auditorium by the Travel on Concert Party, consisting of 24 personnel. After the show the troupe was entertained in the Sergeants' Mess.

Flying Squadron's Men's Softball team edged the H.M.C.S. Chippawa Navy team out of the inter-Services Softball League by a score of 17 to 8. Finalists No. 3 Wireless School Flying Squadron and No. 5 A. O. S.

October 12 Flying Time 32 Hours 20 Minutes.

In conjunction with Fire Prevention Week, alarm sounded at 1510 hours. Water ready in 1 minute 30 seconds. Buildings emptied 2 minutes 10 seconds.

October 13 Flying Time 117 hours 05 Minutes. (Time lost due to fog.)

C3046 S/L J. C. Fair, A.F.H.Q. and C.2582 S/L G. H. Warren visited the Station for discussion with the Chief Instructor re the Examination Board.

1120 R.178187 FS Lidgren R. pilot detailed to fly Yale Aircraft No. 3432, after running up Engine, attempted to turn 90 degrees to port to enable him to avoid collision with two other aircraft that were running up. On application of brakes, aircraft nosed up and tipped propellor. No technical failure involved.

October 14 Flying Time 124 Hours, 50 Minutes.

October 15 Flying Time 66 Hours, 45 Minutes.

Unofficial Baseball Championship of Winnipeg game between No. 3 W. S. and C.U.A.C. at St. Boniface Sports grounds, and after a no score 6 inning, the Blues came up with 3 runs in the 7th and 1 in the 8th to clinch the Championship and nose out the Wireless School 4 to 6.

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October 16 Flying Time 204 Hours 10 Minutes.

October 17 Flying Time 211 Hours 40 Minutes.

F/L Lindsay, F/O Robertson and F/O Bird of No. 2 Training Command addressed the trainees on morale and Esprit de Corps.

Married in Knox united Church at 2000 hours, AUS 68349 LAC Trevor Mitchell Johnstone of this Unit and Miss Metha Merrell McKeag. The bride was attended by her cousin, Corporal Patricia McKeag, and the groom by LAC Frederick Raleigh. F/L W. S. MacLeod officiated.

October 18 Flying Time 205 Hours 35 Minutes.

No. 3 Wireless "Bombers" registered a 13 to 6 decision over a fighting but outclassed Army Grenades team in the Inter Services Rugby League. This gave No. 3 W.S. Bombers first place with four straight wins; with hopes of playing the East-West game at Toronto should such permission be granted.

C9725 F/L Peto of No. 2 Training Command (Aircraft Recognition) visited the Station in connection with proposed changes in Aircraft Recognition methods.

October 19 Flying Time 212 Hours.

0800 Prayers were conducted at the weekly parade and inspection at the Flying Squadron.

A choir has been organized on the station, its purpose to give leadership in the services of worship on Sunday mornings. The response thus far has been encouraging. It is being directed by A/S/O Turner. Choir practices are held weekly on Thursday evening at 1800 hours.

Baptized at 2000 hours, Murray Wilbur Compton Speirs, infant son of Corporal John Wilbur Speirs (R.56831) and Hilda Anna Compton. The service was conducted by F/L MacLeod, and held at the home of Mrs. Speirs, 188 Ethelbert St., Winnipeg. For three years Cpl. Speirs was a W. M. Instructor at this unit, and is now stationed at Bella Coola, B. C.

October 20 Flying Time 199 Hours 05 Minutes.

Commanding Officer's Friday Morning Flag Raising ceremony and inspection.

1100 C2582 S/L G.H. Warren (No. 2 T.C. "Edu.") and C28437 F/O S. Michael Gelber, A.F.H.Q. visited the Station and addressed all Section Commanders relative to necessity of Discussion Groups as means of building up high state of morale.

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October 21 Flying Time 103 Hours, 10 Minutes.

Hockey got underway at the Amphitheatre Rink in the first of a two game exhibition series, between New York Rangers and R.C.A.F. With many of the R.C.A.F. players members of No. 3 W. S. interest is centred on Air Force Personnel who were members of professional hockey teams. The final outcome of this Exhibition Hockey Game - New York Rangers 6, R.C.A.F. Bombers 4.

W/C Gunn, A.F.H.Q. Deputy Director of Signals and S/L Harris, C.S.O. No. 2 T. C. visited this Station and the former addressed Signals Course No. 4 on Signals organization.

Married in No. 3 W. S. Chapel. Sgt. Kenneth M. Armstrong (R.181341) and Miss Bernice Helen Jones. Sgt. Armstrong graduated from this Unit with the 89th Entry. The wedding took place at 2030 Hours. F/L MacLeod officiated.

October 22 Flying Time 58 Hours 30 Minutes.

The first Sunday Social of the season was held in the Y.M.C.A. Lounge on Sunday, from 1400 to 1700 hours. F/L MacLeod Station Padre conducted the service in Stoney Mountain United Church.

October 23 Flying Time 140 Hours 20 Minutes. (1 flight washed out due to bad weather.)

October 24 Flying Time 145 Hours. (1 flight washed out due to bad weather).

October 25 Flying Time 181 Hours 10 Minutes.

Ice Hockey exhibition game between New York Rangers and R.C.A.F. Bombers ended in a draw.

October 26 Flying Time 76 Hours 35 Minutes.

The inter-service boxing show staged by No. 2 T.C. produced some upsets, but the representatives of No. 3 Wireless School - WO1 Eichel, FS Keegan and LAC Grant, all came to the fore, winning their bouts over tough opposition.

Squadron 95 transferred to No. 3 Wireless School Flying Squadron, Air Operations Section, this being the first entire squadron under the new policy whereby a complete squadron would go on air operations, instead of half the squadron as was the previous policy.

October 27 Flying Time 81 Hours 50 Minutes.

Commanding Officer's Parade, Flag Raising and Inspection.

October 28 Flying Time 52 Hours 25 Minutes. (2 flights washed out due to bad weather).  
Normal Routine.

October 29 Flying Time 64 Hours 50 Minutes.

Sunday Routine.

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October 30 Flying Time 95 Hours 50 Minutes. (2 flights cancelled due to fog.)

J.44765 P/O D. B. White, pilot of Yale No. 3432, failed to take corrective action when aircraft ballooned on landing in a moderate cross wind, and subsequently ground-looped damaging wing tip and oleo leg.

Oct. 31 Flying washed out due to bad weather.

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Graduation of Course 91 - Commenced Instruction 27<sup>th</sup> March, 1944

Original Entry - 27<sup>th</sup> March, 1944. - 137

Original Entry - 18 July, 1944

(Previous Experience)	4	<u>Ceased Training (19 RCAF, 11 RAAF, 1 RAF)</u>
Retained from previous entry for four weeks further instruction	3	<u>Disposition of 31 C. T. 's</u>
In Hospital and retained from previous entry	3	No. 1 M.D. Toronto, Ont.
Transfers into entry	<u>54</u>	No. 2 M.D. Swift Current, Sask.
	201	No. 2 T.C. Winnipeg, Man.
Transfers out of entry	50	No. 3 R.D. Vancouver, B.C.
Failed final exams and ceased training	1	No. 3 B.G.S. Macdonald, Man.
Ceased training during course for medical reasons	7	No. 10 B.G.S. Mount Pleasant, P.E.I.
Ceased training during course for other reasons	23	No. 31 P.D. Moncton, N.B.
GRADUATES - 6 October, 1944	<u>120</u>	Discharge
	201	Awaiting Posting
<u>GRADUATES - 120</u>		<u>3</u>
		31

Disposition of Graduates

No. 2 B.G.S. - Mossbank	- 31.
No. 5 B.G.S. - Dafoe	- 28
No. 7 B.G.S. - Paulson	- 23
No. 8 B.G.S. - Lethbridge	- 28.
No. 10 A.O.S. - Chatham	- <u>10</u>
	120

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PERSONNEL STRENGTH

<u>STAFF:</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN O/R</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
R.C.A.F.	105	840	
R.A.F.	1		
C.D.C.	2	9	
Stenographers			11
General Duties			65
Others			42
Total Staff	<u>108</u>	<u>849</u>	<u>118</u>
<u>TRAINEES:</u>			
R.C.A.F.	29	602	
R.N.Z.A.F..		72	
R.A.F.		13	
R.A.A.F.		<u>136</u>	
	<u>29</u>	<u>823</u>	

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>Type</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>
W/T/ YALE	33
YALE DUAL	2
NORSEMAN	6
HARVARD	<u>2</u>
TOTAL	43

STORED RESERVE - 3 W/T/ YALE

AVERAGE SERVICEABILITY; 85.1%

TOTAL FLYING HOURS FOR OCTOBER: 3840:25 hours.

(R.M. Smith) Group Captain,  
Commanding Officer,  
No. 3 Wireless School, RCAF,  
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Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Flying Time 147 Hours 10 Minutes (One flight cancelled due to bad weather).  
A/V/M E.W. Stedman and Mr. Parkin arrived on station and lectured to a selected group of  
officers on Experimental Aircraft in the U.S.A.

Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Flying Time 4 hours 30 Minutes (Flying washed out due to weather).

Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Flying Time 3 hours 20 minutes (Flying washed out).  
0800 C.O. Flag raising ceremony and inspection.  
Course No. 93 graduated 108 trainees.

Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> Flying Time 208 hours 50 minutes.

Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> Flying Time 49 hours 35 minutes (two flights cancelled due to weather).  
Church Parade - Routine normal.

Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> Flying washed out.

Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> Flying washed out.  
Airmen's and W.D. Station Basketball team got underway with a work out and practice, both  
teams showing promise.

Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> Flying washed out.  
F/L H. R. Finch, No. 2 T.C. arrived on Station as a member of a Board of Officers taking over

additional W.D. N.C.O's Quarters.

Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> Flying Time 157 hours 35 minutes. One flight cancelled.  
A very successful "Sadie Hawkins" dance was held, sponsored by the W.D. Personnel of the Station.

Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> Flying Time 8 hours 25 minutes (Flying washed out)

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Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> Flying washed out.

0800 C.O.'s Parade and Inspection.

No. 3 W.S. Rugby Team (Bombers) in the final game of the season defeated No. 1 C.N.S. Rivers, at Osborne Stadium. Score 15 - 5. No. 3 W.S. completing the season with a well-earned record of 6 games played - 6 games won.

Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> Flying Time 149 hours 40 minutes (Poor weather)

Regular Sunday Routine - Church Parade.

F/L MacLeod, the Station Protestand Padre conducted the service at No. 5 A.O.S. due to the illness of F/L Janz.

Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> Flying Time - Nil.

F/L A. J. Lewis arrived on Station relative to Drill Test Boards.

Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> Flying Time 2 hours 20 minutes (Flying washed out due to weather).

W.D. Station Basketball team played No. 8 Repair Depot. Game won by No. 8 score 10-5.

RCAF vs Army in first game of Hockey Season won by the RCAF 5 to 4.

F/O T. B. Dooley visited Station re "Gen Clubs".

Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> Flying time 3 hours 05 minutes. Flying washed out.

Basketball at No. 3 W. S. vs No. 5 A.O.S. at No. 5 A.O.S. Stevenson's Field. Game won by No. 5 A.O.S. Score 42 - 39.

Group Captain T. W. White, S/L S. J. Madill, R.N.Z.A.F. arrived on Station for discussion and interview with R.N.Z.A.F. trainees.

Married in the Station Chapel. F/L MacLeod officiating, J.48934 P/O J. A. Rankin of No. 2 A.G.T.S. Calgary, to Miss Mary Smart of Winnipeg; Pilot Officer Rankin graduated from this school with course No. 87. Witnesses were Mrs. Queenie Mills of Winnipeg and Cpl. Laswick, R. of this unit.

Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> Flying Time 106 hours 55 minutes (Time lost due weather.)

Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> Flying washed out.

No. 3 W.S. defeated No. 8 R.D. basketball team Score 27 - 17.

Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> Flying washed out.

Sq/O Raynor, Command Messing Officer, No. 2 T.C., visited the Station on Routine Inspection.

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Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 1900 Married in the Station Chapel R.59183 Cpl. Clarence R.F. MacKichan to W.312096 Cpl. MacDonald, Winifred Jean, both of this Unit. The bride was given in marriage by her cousin F/Sgt. MacDonald, S. and was attended by Cpl. Emmerson P. (W.D.). Groomsman was Sgt. Pink C.W. F/L MacLeod officiated.

Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> Flying time 92 hours 50 minutes (time lost due to weather). Sunday Routine.  
1900 The first of a series of Sunday Evening classical music appreciation hours was held in the W. D. Lounge. R.291680 LAC Lang, R. was in charge and whilst the attendance was comparatively small, those attending were enthusiastic enough to warrant continuance.

Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> Flying time 12 hours 35 minutes (flying washed out).  
F/L Peto, No. 2 T.C. visited the Station re Aircraft Recognition.

Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> Flying time 222 hours 40 minutes.

Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> Flying time 4 hours 20 minutes (flying washed out).  
C.6426 F/L G. Richardson, No. 2 T.C. visited the Station re Accounts.  
2100 Airmen's Station Basketball team played at the Auditorium the Canadian Army Team. No. 3 W. S. won 39 to 38.  
"Gloom Chasers" concert party visited the Station and presented an excellent variety concert.

Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Flying time 246 hours.  
C.2954 S/L H. Harris, No. 2 T. C. and 108021 S/L F.J.E. Ison, A.F.H.Q. visited the Station re Signals.

Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> Flying time 127 hours 10 minutes.  
C.2631 G/C A. R. Sinclair, C.3391 S/L W. Whiteford, C.6426 F/L G. Richardson, visited the Station re Quarterly Audit Board.

Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> Flying Time 55 hours 10 Minutes.

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Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> Flying Time 92 hours 25 minutes.  
Sunday Routine - Church parade.

Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> Flying time 154 hours 50 minutes.  
0900 C.14253 S/L G. S. Halter, C.6702 F/L J. Lalande, C.21084 F/L D.L. Campbell, C.2350 S/L J.H. Insley, C.2674 F/O G. W. Brown, visited the Station as members of Courts

martial in the case of

Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> Flying time 72 hours 25 minutes.

Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> Flying time 185 hours 20 minutes.

Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> Flying time 211 hours 55 minutes  
1500 C.3507 S/L J. C. Little on Regular Postal inspection.  
Course No. 95 graduated pupils.

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Nov. 3rd

Graduation of Course No. 93 - Commenced Instruction 24<sup>th</sup> April, 1944

Original Entry - 24th April, 1944	130	
Original Entry - Commenced instruction later previous experience)	9	
Transfers into Entry	<u>57</u>	
	196	<u>Ceased Training (16 R.CAF., 13 R.A.A.F.)</u>
Transfers out of entry	55	
Ceased Training during course for medical reasons	5	<u>Disposition of 29 C.T.'s</u>
Ceased Training during course for other reasons	23	No. 3 B.& G. S. Macdonald, Man.....2
Failed and Ceased Training	1	No. 8B. & G. S. Lethbridge, Alta.....1
Failed and retained for 4 weeks further instruction	4	No.10 B.G.S. Mount Pleasant, P.E.I.....4
GRADUATES - 3 November, 1944	<u>108</u>	No. 1 M. D. Toronto, Ont.....3
	196	No. 2 M.D. Swift Current, Sask.....1
		No. 501 P.H.U.....1
		No. 3 R.D., Vancouver, B.C.....8
		No. 2 S.F.T.S., Uplands, Ont.....1
		No.15 S.F.T.S., Claresholme, Alta.....1
		No. 2 T. C. Winnipeg, Manitoba.....1
		No. 2 W. S. Calgary, Alta.....2
		No. 4 W. S. Guelph, Ontario.....1
		Pending Disposal.....3
<u>GRADUATES - 108</u>		
<u>Disposition of Graduates</u>		
No. 5 B. & G. S. Dafoe, Sask.	50	
No. 7 B. & G. S. Paulson, Man.	<u>58</u>	
	108	

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Nov. 30

Graduation of Course No. 95 - Commenced Instruction 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 1944

Original Entry - 22 May, 1944	127
Original Entry - Commenced instruction later (Previous experience)	4
Transfers into Entry	<u>58</u>
	189
Transfers out of entry	1
Ceased Training during course for medical reasons	1
Ceased Training during course for other reasons	28
Failed and retained for 4 weeks further instruction	2
Graduates - 1 Dec/44	<u>105</u>

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189 Ceased Training (15 R.A.A.F., 13 R.C.A.F.  
1 R.A.F.)

GRADUATES - 105

Disposition of Graduates

No. 7 B. & G. S. Paulson, Man.....	61
No. 5 B. & G. S. Dafoe, Sask.....	<u>44</u>
	105

Disposition of 29 C.T.'s

No. 2 M.D. Brandon, Man.....	1
No. 1 M.D. Toronto, Ont.....	4
No. 2 T.C. Winnipeg, Man.....	1
No. 18 S.F.T.S. Gimli, Man.....	1
No. 31 P.D.....	1
No. 3 B.G.S. MacDonald, Man.....	13
No. 3 R.D. Vancouver, B.C.....	5
No. 5 Release Centre.....	1
No. 2 F.I.S. Pearce, Alta.....	1
Pending Disposal.....	<u>1</u>

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PERSONNEL STRENGTH

<u>STAFF:</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN O/R</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
R.C.A.F.	135	802	
C.D.C.	2	9	
Stenographers			11
General Duties			67
Others			42
Total Staff	<u>137</u>	<u>811</u>	<u>120</u>

TRAINEES:

R.C.A.F.	26	481
R.N.Z.A.F..		68
R.A.F.		10
R.A.A.F.		<u>52</u>
	<u>29</u>	611

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>Type</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>
W/T/ YALE	36
YALE DUAL	2
NORSEMAN	6
HARVARD	<u>2</u>
TOTAL	48

STORED RESERVE - 1 Harvard Dual  
- 1 W/T/ YALE

AVERAGE SERVICEABILITY; 94.81%

TOTAL FLYING HOURS FOR NOVEMBER: 2356.45 HOURS

(R.M. Smith) Group Captain,  
Commanding Officer,  
No. 3 Wireless School,  
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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1<sup>st</sup> Dec. Flying Time 213 hours 35 minutes.

2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. Flying Time 117 hours 35 minutes.

3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. Flying Time 62 hours 35 minutes.  
Regular Sunday Routine and Church Service.

4<sup>th</sup> Dec. Flying Time 61 hours 15 minutes.  
Rumours are rife on the Station relative to closing of No. 3 wireless School almost immediately.  
This rumour seems so persistent that it is believable.

5<sup>th</sup> Dec. Flying Time 216 hours.  
C3793 F/L Burn O.G. No. 2 T. C. (Visiting Flight)  
Official notification received from No. 2 A. C. re Disbandment of No. 3 W. S. effective 31st

Dec/44.

6<sup>th</sup> Dec. Flying Time 205 hours.

7<sup>th</sup> Dec. Flying time 158 hours 55 minutes (One trip cancelled due to weather).  
C.7146 F/L E.H.R. Eastwood. No. 2 A. C. visited Station.  
C .3950 S/L Cadham No. 2 A.C. (Med.) visited station - routine inspection.

8<sup>th</sup> Dec. Flying Time 43 hours 35 minutes (Three trips cancelled due to weather).  
C.1852 W/C K. N. Lechnitz, No. 2 A. C. visited station.

9<sup>th</sup> Dec. Flying Time 82 hours 25 minutes.  
Courses Nos. 99 and 101 posted to Calgary, No. 2 Wireless School, for completion of course.

10<sup>th</sup> Dec. Flying Time 62 hours.

11<sup>th</sup> Dec. Flying Time 214 hours 25 minutes.

IMAGE 248

11<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1300 At 1300 hours 11th December, 1944, pilot taxiing Norseman aircraft 696 into position for engine run up prior to take off on a Navigation exercise, turned to the right. On turning the aircraft jarred and stopped immediately. Brakes were applied and engine shut off. Tail oleo leg was broken.

12<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1000 At 1000 hours 12th December Harvard AJ939 landed south of Oak Bluff, Man. J26473 F/O C.K. Roe instructor, and J45800 F/O F.J. Stull, staff pilot were carrying out practice precautionary landings in low flying area. Instructor allowed staff pilot to let aircraft stall on final approach. Aircraft struck the ground on starboard wheel and wing tip, and swung to right heading for irrigation ditch. Instructor opened throttle to correct and attempted to lift aircraft over ditch but in so doing again stalled aircraft. The port wing dropped and struck the ground swinging aircraft to the left into the field again and aircraft rolled to a stop.  
Course No. 105 posted on Mid-term leave reporting to No. 2 W.S. Calgary.

13<sup>th</sup> Dec. Flying time 196 hours 5 minutes.  
Course No. 103 posted on Mid-term leave and reporting to No. 2 W.S. Calgary.

14<sup>th</sup> Dec. Flying time 200 hours 50 minutes.

15<sup>th</sup> Dec. Flying time Nil due to weather.

16<sup>th</sup> Dec. Flying time 58 hours 25 minutes.

17<sup>th</sup> Dec. Flying time 59 hours 50 minutes.

18<sup>th</sup> Dec. Flying Time 138 hours 45 minutes.  
C.36745 F/O D. Morrison, No. 7 E.D. reported this station for Temporary Duty re closing of Station.

19<sup>th</sup> Dec. Flying Time 194 hours 15 minutes.  
Sergeants' Mess held their final Station Closing Party.

20<sup>th</sup> Dec. Officers Mess held "open house" as the final closing party. Due to postings the mess is somewhat depleted and regular Xmas activities will be dispensed with due to the small number of officers remaining as rear party.  
15 civilian personnel SOS.

IMAGE 249

21<sup>st</sup> Dec. Flying time 85 hours 05 minutes.  
G/C S. Stewart, Commanding Officer No. 7 B. & G. School, Paulson, visited Station re furniture etc, available on disbandment.

22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. Twenty civilian personnel S.O.S.

23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. NIL

24<sup>th</sup> Dec. Majority of Station on Xmas leave.

25<sup>th</sup> Dec. NIL

26<sup>th</sup> Dec. NIL

27<sup>th</sup> Dec. NIL

28<sup>th</sup> Dec. Course No. 97 graduated 106 pupils, this being the last course to graduate at Station.

29<sup>th</sup> Dec. NIL

30<sup>th</sup> Dec. Final postings of Station Personnel.

31<sup>st</sup> Dec. NIL.

IMAGE 250

28<sup>th</sup> Dec. Graduation of Course No. 97 - Commenced Instruction 19<sup>th</sup> June, 1944.

Original Entry - 19<sup>th</sup> June, 1944 134

Original Entry - commenced instruction later  
(Previous experience) 1

Transfers into Entry	<u>55</u>
	190
Transfers out of entry	48
Ceased Training during course for medical reasons	1
Ceased training during course for other reasons	31
Failed and Ceased training	1
Failed and retained for 4 weeks further instruction	3
Graduates - 28 December, 1944	<u>106</u>
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GRADUATES - 106

Disposition of Graduates

No. 9 B. & G. S. Mont Joli, P.Q.      106

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31<sup>st</sup> Dec.24

PERSONNEL STRENGTH

<u>STAFF:</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN O/R</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
R.C.A.F.	24	121	
Stenographers			2
General Duties			7
Others			25
TOTAL STAFF	<u>24</u>	<u>121</u>	<u>34</u>

TRAINEES / NIL

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>Type</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	
W/T/ YALE	36	Neepawa
Dual Yale	2	"
Harvards	2	1 No. 8 R.D. 1 - Brandon
Norsemen	6	Calgary

AVERAGE SERVICEABILITY (as at 21<sup>st</sup> Dec/44 91.2%)

TOTAL FLYING HOURS FOR DECEMBER: 2524 hours 45 minutes.

(R.M. Smith) Group Captain,  
Commanding Officer,  
No. 3 Wireless School,  
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

IMAGE 252

1<sup>st</sup> Jan. Considerable number of personnel posted at expiration of New Year's leave, the majority to No. 2 Wireless School, Calgary.

2<sup>nd</sup> Jan. Main Building cleared of equipment in view of station's official closing effective 20 Jan, 1945 and buildings in process of being winterized.

3<sup>rd</sup> Jan. All personnel remaining on station employed transferring equipment to equipment section.

4<sup>th</sup> Jan. Nil.

5<sup>th</sup> Jan. Headquarters and other sections moved to Station Hospital to facilitate closing of buildings.

6<sup>th</sup> Jan. Nil.

7<sup>th</sup> Jan. Nil.

8<sup>th</sup> Jan. Col. H. Younger, M.C., Fort Garry Horse, Ft. Osborne Barracks, and party arrived on station for inspection of buildings on behalf of Dept. of National Defence, Army.

9<sup>th</sup> Jan. Army official again visited Station with a view to taking measurements, checking sleeping accommodation and general outlay of station in the event that the Army will take over.

10<sup>th</sup> Jan. Advice received relative to transfer of remaining civilian personnel to No. 2 C. & M. U. in view of No. 2C. & M.U. taking over existing buildings at No. 3 W.S. Flying Squadron.

11<sup>th</sup> Jan. Nil.

12<sup>th</sup> Jan. Posting notices received relative to Commanding Officer and Adjutant.

13<sup>th</sup> Jan. Nil.

IMAGE 253

14<sup>th</sup> Jan. Station 90% winterized and equipment cleared.  
Commanding Officer G/C R.M.. Smith posted as Commanding Officer No. 4 Release Centre,  
Toronto.

15<sup>th</sup> Jan. Drill Hall winterized.

16<sup>th</sup> Jan. F/L D. H.C. Roberts, Adjutant, posted as Adjutant No. 1 C.N.S. Rivers.

17<sup>th</sup> Jan. Final postings on all personnel received effective 20th January, with dates of reporting  
to be advised.

18<sup>th</sup> Jan. Nil.

19<sup>th</sup> Jan. Records and documents in process of being packed for storage.

20<sup>th</sup> Jan. Last D.R.O. of Station. 5 Cooks, 8 Messmen transferred to No. 2 C. & M.U. 2  
Engineers and 7 firemen transferred to No. 2 Admin Unit, No. 2 Air Command effective 1700  
hours 20 Jan/45. Station officially closed and rear party composed of Accounts and Equipment  
Sections remaining on Station.

IMAGE 254

20<sup>th</sup> Jan. PERSONNEL STRENGTH

R.C.A.F. REAR PARTY

OFFICERS - 6  
AIRMEN & AIRWOMEN - 55

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH - NIL

(C.H. Clark) Squadron Leader,  
Commanding Officer,  
No. 3 Wireless School, RCAF,  
(Rear Party)  
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

MONTH

Graduation of Course 75 - Commenced Instruction 9 August, 1943.

Original Intake	- 131	<u>Ceased Training (14 R.C.A.F., 5 R.A.A.F., 1 R.A.F.)</u>
Retained from previous entry for four weeks further instruction	- 8	<u>Disposition of 20 C.T.'s</u>
Transfers into entry	- <u>31</u>	9 No. 3 B. & G. School, Macdonald, Manitoba.
Total Intake	- <u>167</u>	4 No. 2 Manning Depot, Brandon, Manitoba.
Transfers out of entry	- 43	1 No. 2 S.F.T.S., Uplands, Ontario.
Failed final exams and retained for four weeks further instruction	- 2	3 No. 3 Repair, Vancouver, B.C.
In hospital at time of final exams, and retained	- 1	1 No. 1 A.G.G.T.S., Quebec, P.Q.
Ceased training during course for Medical reasons	- 6	1 No. 5 B. & G. School, Dafoe, Sask.
Ceased training during course for other reasons	- 14	<u>1</u> On Station
Graduates	- <u>101</u>	20
	<u>167</u>	

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Graduates: 101

<u>Disposition of Graduates</u>	
17	No. 2 B. & G. School, Mossbank, Sask.
24	No. 5 " Dafoe, Sask.
24	No. 7 " Paulson, Man.
24	No. 8 " Lethbridge, Alta.
11	No. 8 A.O.S., Ancienne Lorrette, Que.
<u>1</u>	Awaiting posting instructions.
<u>101</u>	