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No. 9 Air Observer School, St. Johns, P.Q.

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7-7-41 0800 In accordance with Organization Order No.117, (File 925-66-1, (DAO), dated 14-4-41 and Joint Air Training Plan Establishment No.TP 4/5, this Unit commenced operations within the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. The Chief Supervisory Office, Squadron Leader J. Laxdal, (C488), the Chief Instructor, Flight Lieutenant K. S. Pitcairn, (C1513), the Administrative Officer, Flying Officer J.J.B.O.R.A. Gauthier,(C4652), Instructors, Flying Officer P. W. Fraser,(C1750), Flying Officer E. K. Moles,(C2553), and Flying Officer J. F. Hobson,(C2919) were taken on strength. Previously, they had been posted here on "temporary duty" as the Officers Mess and Quarters were not ready for occupancy. A Sergeant, three Corporals and sixteen aircrew were provided by No.3 Training Command on 11-6-41 to do Security Guard duty as considerable equipment was arriving daily and no other protection was available. All the building interiors have been completed with the exception of the larger hangar, which had blown down around 8-6-41 and was lying, in a heap on it's present site. Work has been temporarily suspended, pending decision from Command Headquarters with respect to the old timber being used again. Orderly Room clerks were taken on strength on posting from Eastern Air Command, these two clerks set up a temporary arrangement to take care of the incoming mail, this Orderly Room set up in one of the lecture rooms, was disbanded and the forms and stationery carried to the permanent Orderly Room. Everybody is working very hard to get their particular section into operation. Forty two trainees were taken on strength on posting from No. 3 Initial Training School and Composite Training School, These men assisted in carrying supplies and cleaning up. Quarters and bedding were allotted. It was decided to divide them into two classes. All the rest of the Headquarters or Supervisory Staff were taken on strength. These consisted of a disciplinarian, a wireless operator, nursing orderlies and photographers. Flight Lieutenant D. O. Shaw and Flying Officer C. A. Burns of Command Headquarters visited the Unit to inspect the Armament facilities and were quite surprised to find none available. Everything is now in fairly decent shape for the morrow, which will commence the lectures for the trainees. Seven aircraft are available for flying duties.

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8-7-41 Classes officially commenced one day behind schedule. Very heavy rain made a complete swamp out of the Station, making progress with any type of wheeled vehicle almost impossible. Every available tractor in the place was utilised to pull stalled cars and trucks out of mud holes. Rubber boots were issued to all personnel. All the Officers moved into quarters meals now being available. The Officers Mess is now habitable.

9-7-41 Flying Officer G. Borthwick, (C3304), from No. 3 Training Command Headquarters, Works and Buildings Section visited the Station, accompanied by Squadron Leader J.G.A. Hamel, (C1809), Roman Catholic Chaplain. Officers are eating in the Airmen's Mess as the kitchen in the Officers' Mess is not yet ready. One airman reported, an M.T. driver.

10-7-41 Classes are proceeding as per schedule although much difficulty is encountered due to lack of stationery. Labourers are still working throughout the various buildings finishing up. Serial No. 1 of Daily Routine Orders is published and has to be signed with a nailover a saw, as no stylus or pad is available. Further editions are not possible as very little paper is available. The Chief Supervisory Officer, Squadron Leader J. Laxdal, proceeded to St. Hubert and Ottawa to ferry an aircraft down here, thus making eight Anson Aircraft available here, seven aircraft have been picketed and tethered down on the field, and looked after by the Security Guard but the Civilian Operating Company have now taken over and the responsibility for maintainance is theirs. Flying Officer W. A. Noble arrived from No. 3 Training Command Headquarters with Secret and Confidential Publications. Flight Lieutenant J. G. M. D. Piche was taken on strength from R.C.A.F., Recruiting Centre, Montreal. F/Lt. Piche is a Medical Officer and badly needed. No hospital is available yet so temporary quarters are set up in the N.C.O's quarters.

11-7-41 A link trainer arrived on the Station, but as there is yet no place to put it, it has to remain under a sheet in the main hall-way of the General Instructional building. 6 Officers were elected in the Officer's Mess. Flight Lieutenant Pitcairn, President. Flying Officer Moles, Secretary Treasurer.

12-7-41 Telephonic communication was held with Command Headquarters to ascertain the correct procedure in certain matters under discussion.

13-7-41 Flight Lieutenant Napier, Squadron Leader Sneath and Flying Officer Mountian, with Flying Officer Borthwick visited the Staton for inspection and visit.

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14-07-41 Flying Officer F. C. Dickens was taken on strength from School of Administration, Trenton Ontario, to undergo instructions. Paper and stencils were received from the Civilian Operating Company and the practice of issuing Daily Routine Orders was resumed. Illness is quite prevelant in camp, something like a stomach complaint, so the Medical Officer took a sample of the drinking water and forwarded it to Command for analysis.

15-07-41 Flying Officer Lafleur, Press Liason Officer visited the Unit to discuss the possibility of a formal opening of the School. It was decided that the matter would receive consideration at

a later date, possibly in about three or four weeks, and he would be notified when everything was ready. Wing Commander Hume-Wright with Squadron Leader Walker, visited the Unit to look over the trainee situation. Files and documents were open for inspection.

16-07-41 First air exercises were carried out and everything went according to plan. The Chief Supervisory Officer proceeded to Saint Hubert to ferry an Avro-Anson back to the School. Flying Officer J. R. Gauthier, proceeded to Command Headquarters for the purpose of Code and Cypher instruction.

17-07-41 First pay day at the School, Flying Officer Andrews of the Command Accountant's office arrived with an acquittance roll and adjusted matters for everyone. Flying Officer J. R. Gauthier, proceeded to Command Headquarters for Code and Cypher instruction.

18-07-41 Classes proceeded as usual. Passes and Leave regulations for the Station were drawn up and circulated. Drill parades were arranged.

19-07-41 Nil.

20-07-41 Flying Officers Tribe and Skinner of Command Headquarters arrived to investigate the messing arrangements. Notes were taken of matters needing adjustment.

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21-07-14 The Civilian Contractor, Mr. A.H. Kelly, commended work on the Parade Grounds. These Grounds are badly needed as the runways are most unsuitable due to noise and dust. Mr. P. T. Rheume, Mr. Fortin, the Mayor of Saint Johns, accompanied by the City Engineer arrived at the Unit to discuss with the Chief Supervisory Officer, the possibility of constructing a road to connect with Gouin Boulevard in Saint Johns.

22-07-41 First squadron parades are held. All the Officers present. Everything went very satisfactorily, Sergeant Hilton arrived to inspect maintenance facilities. Flight Lieutenant Archer, Command Photographic Officer arrived to inspect the photographic facilities. Excitement was caused by one of the civilian pilots sighting a parachute. Dominion and Civic police were notified and searches were conducted.

23-07-41 Search still conducted for the parachute. It is now known that a package was attached to it.

24-07-41 A very important day for the School. Air Vice Marshal Croil, Inspector General of the R.C.A.F arrived for an inspection at approximately 1730 hours. He was accompanied by Wing Commander Hume Wright, the Air Officer Commanding, Air Commodore G. V. Walsh and Wing Command Millard of Command Headquarters. The whole party had tea in the Officer's Mess before departure.

25-07-41 The parachute, was finally found about fifty yards from the Station and the Chief

Supervisory Officer accompanied by Flying Officer J. R. Gauthier went to investigate. The "package" turned out to be a flare. The whole matter was reported to the A.O.C..

26-07-41 Another aircraft arrived on the Station, bringing the total up to ten. The Chief Supervisory Officer arranged to ferry another aircraft to the Station.

27-07-41 Flight Lieutenant Payette was taken on strength on posting from R.C.A.F. Recruiting Centre, Montreal, Que.. He is replacing Flight Lieutenant Piche, who is returning to Montreal. One more aircraft was taken on strength.

28-07-41 Flight Lieutenant Piche was struck off strength on posting to R.C.A.F. Recruiting Centre, Montreal. Flying Officer J.R. Gauthier reported on temporary duty to No. 1 Wireless School, to attend a Court Martial.

29-07-41 A sergeant Photographer was taken on strength on posting from the R.C.A.F. School of Photographer, Ottawa,

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30-07-41 0800 Corporal Photographer with Overseas Service, was taken on strength on posting from R.C.A.F. Station, Rockcliffe, Ottawa. Flying Officer H. T. Amy, was taken on strength on posting from No. 3 Air Observers School, Regina. Pay parade was held for all ranks.

31-07-41 Squadron Leader Norton arrived here from Command Headquarters to check up on the Unit Routine. Everything proceeding according to schedule. Trainees spending much time in classroom after hours of their own violation.

<u>Strength of Unit</u>	<u>7-7-41</u>	<u>31-7-41</u>
Officers (Staff)	7	10
Airmen (Staff)	21	25
Trainees	42	42
Personnel other than R.C.A.F.	13	14
Civilians	1	1
Security Guards	15	15

*J.M. Gauthier F/O*

*for (J. Laxdal) Squadron Leader,*

Chief Supervisory Officer,

No. 9 Air Observers School,

St. Johns, P.Q.

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1-8-41 0800 Flying Officer J. C. McKenzie, (C5428) visited the Unit for the purpose of trade testing the RCAF personnel in accordance with A.F.A.O.A.44/4. Wing Commander Murray, Squadron Leader Walker and Squadron Leader Hallam from Command Headquarters arrived to ascertain progress generally and inquire as to our needs.

2-8-41 0800 Three trainees arrived from Composite Training School for Course No. 30. These airmen are reporting off leave and consequently do not report together. Course No. 30 consists of 21 airmen from Composite Training School and 21 airmen from No. 3 Initial Training School, Victoriaville.

3-8-41 0800 A total of 20 airmen have now arrived from Trenton and 21 from Victoriaville. It has also been established that one airman from Trenton, is Absent without Leave. Immediate steps were taken to notify Air Force Headquarters and Command Headquarters of his absence from the Course.

4-8-41 0800 It is anticipated that the Station Hospital will be completed by the end of the week. Flying Officer R.F. Legie, (C2921) reported for duty as an Instructor, making a total instructional staff of six including the Chief Instructor. Flying Officer H. T. Amy was appointed Sports Officer. Immediate arrangements were made to form a soft-ball team so the first game was played in the evening with a team from Saint Jean. No. 9 A.O.S. lost but the relaxation was enjoyed by everyone.

5-8-41 0800 In accordance with a recent amendment to the Establishment, making provision for an Armament Section, One AC. Armourer reported for duty from No. 8 Service Flying Training School. In the absence of any armament duties whatsoever, he was put to work in assisting with the Unit publications. These Publications arrived from R.C.A.F. Publications and Forms Store with a considerable number of outstanding amendments, and considering that some of them will be issued to civilians, it has been decided to incorporate as many amendments before issue to ensure uniformity. It is appreciated that this will not be possible after issue.

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0800 6-08-41 The Station Hospital is being rushed to completion. Course No. 30 is now in progress and things are proceeding according to schedule. Airmen have accustomed themselves to their new surroundings and regulations.

0800 7-08-41 Six cases of athletes foot are discovered amongst personnel, Immediate steps are taken to deal with it, but on investigation, it has been established that it has not been contracted here. Several cases of infected mouths are also under treatment.

0800 8-08-41 Flying Officer J.R. Gauthier, Administrative Officer Proceeds to Command Headquarters for final instructions in signals and cypher. Squadron Leader Archambault, Navigation Staff Division arrived from Command Headquarters to check up generally, on progress and equipment.

0800 9-08-41 Squadron Leader Archambault departed with Squadron Leader J. Laxdal, Chief Supervisory Officer to Saint Hubert, Airfield. Squadron Leader Laxdal later brought another Avro-Anson back for flying duties at this Unit. The Station Hospital is completed, but still without light or water. Fifteen Security Guards, retained at this Unit through lack of a fence, were struck off strength on posting to No. 3 Initial Training School, Victoriaville, Que.. They were replaced by 30 other guards, new enlistments. The airman absent without leave from Course No. 30 reported for duty and was immediately placed under close arrest. His case was disposed of summarily, being punished by pay forfeiture and confinement to barracks.

0800 10-08-41 Squadron Leader Sneath and Squadron Leader Langman of the Works and Buildings Section of Command Headquarters arrived for an inspection of buildings. A rifle was accidentally discharged in the barracks by one of the Security Guards.

0800 11-08-41 Last month's copy of daily dairy is just now; ready for submission. The Orderly Room has been severely handicapped through lack of typewriters and other stationery article. Command Headquarters has under discussion the full question of stationery supplies to Civilian Operated Schools and until time as a ruling is forwarded, supplies will be sparse. In this connection, many important returns have been unavoidable delayed.

0800 12-08-41 Sergeant Hilton, an Aero-Engine Mechanic arrived from Command Headquarters to inspect the maintenance facilities and reports. He returned same day. Adverse weather conditions has affected the flying for the day. Flight Lieutenant Doyle of Command Headquarters, Auxiliary Services arrived with Captain Hall of the Canadian Legion arrived and brought a film with them for showing in the Canteen in the evening. This fulfilled a crying need.

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0800 13-08-41 Flight Lieutenant Forbes, Chief Instructor and Captain Bibby of No.10 Air Observer School came to visit the Station to compare our progress with theirs. Squadron Leader Walker arrived to see if we required anything. The Hospital is now finished but still without water. The heating system is now being installed with dire effects to the freshly painted walls.

0800 14-08-41 Mr. Goodnough of the Department of Transport arrived to ascertain the number of obstructions and other hazards that would cause difficulty to night flying. Flying Officer Wilson of No. 2 Service Flying Training School, Uplands, Ottawa who was on leave visited the Unit. Flying Officer Lawrence of the Security Guards Division of Command Headquarters arrived to ascertain the Security Guard situation here. His visit was of

considerable help as he clarified many points, which formerly gave reason for thought.

0800 15-08-41 Flight Lieutenant Viau of Command Headquarters, telephoned requesting Corporal Parker of the Photographic Section to proceed to Headquarters on temporary Duty, where he proceeded the same afternoon. Squadron Leader Sharpe of the Principal Medical Officer's Office arrived with Major Climo looking over the hospital facilities. Suggestions for the Dental Clinic were made. Quite a number of improvements were suggested.

0800 16-08-41 The hospital is now completely ready to operate except for the water. The present temporary hospital is very unsuitable and the only difficulty about moving into the new quarters is the water which is not yet available.

0800 17-08-41 Air exercises are prominent to-day.

0800 18-08-41 Water is shut off in the General Instruction Building for some hours due to work being done on the hospital installation. One airman of the Security Guards was admitted to the City Hospital as it was feared he had typhoid. However, the fears were ill-founded. A clothing parade for fifteen Security Guards was held to No.12 Equipment Depot, a Corporal Photographer being in charge of the party.

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18-8-41 Cont'd Flight Lieutenant McCallum of Command Headquarters called and requested that AC.I Goodland of the Photographic Section join Corporal Parker in Montreal.

19-8-41 Final attempts are made to get the water in the hospital. Work on the Parade Ground which had been pretty well underway has been suspended. Parades are still being held on the taxi-strips, but the roar of warming up aircraft made it very difficult. Work is still proceeding on the Main Hangar. This building is now almost finished,, except for the apron strip. Squadron Leader Oliver of Command Headquarters visited the Unit to ascertain what facilities for Church Services were available. Squadron Leader Oliver is Command Protestant Chaplain. Up to the present time, airmen of this Unit have been proceeding to Saint Jean for Sunday Services, but due to the fact that there is only one Station Wagon available and only one M. T. driver, the increasing numbers of personnel make this procedure impossible.

20-8-41 0800 Two trainees "wash out" due to inability to follow the course. One other trainee wash out for medical reasons. All three are struck off strength and are posted to Composite Training School. Considerable stencil work has been done due to lack of the proper forms. This interferes to some extent with the prompt posting of personnel.

21-8-41 0800 Squadron Leader Archambault, of the Navigation Division of Command Headquarters visited the Unit to ascertain progress and difficulties. Wing Commander Murray accompanied by Squadron Leader Davenport arrived by plane for a short visit.

22-08-41 0800 Flying Officer Pidour, Works and Buildings Officer from No. 2 S.F.T.S. Uplands, Uplands Ottawa, visited the Unit for a short visit. Major Climo, Command Dental

Officer, visited the Unit for the purpose of ascertaining just how much progress had been done on the hospital. The Parade Ground is used for the first time. The occasion being the Commanding Officer's Inspection. It is far from being finished, considerable surfacing being still required. Seven airmen were taken on strength from No. 5A Manning Depot, R.C.A.F., Valcartier, Quebec, These airmen are deficient uniforms and are very badly equipped. They are French-speaking and do not understand English, which is a decided disadvantage. They had been promised an English course at No.4 Manning Depot, Quebec. Representation is being made to the Director of Airmen personnel Services to post them to some Unit that is French-speaking.

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23-08-41 0800 Two breaks in the water supply deprives the Camp of water. This is a serious situation due to the large number of personnel on strength. Sandwiches were served for Lunch and other meals. Water is got from a well on a nearby farm.

24-8-41 0800 Church Services for both Protestant and Roman Catholic personnel were held in the Class rooms in the General Instructional building. These services were attended by about 15 airmen and were of a voluntary nature. In the future, it has been decided to make attendance compulsory.

25-8-41 0800 The Medical Officer is busy supervising the moving of different articles in to the new hospital. Adequate precautions were taken to protest these articles for a Yale lock was put on the door of the room where they are housed. Printed Forms finally arrived fulfilling a long felt want.

26-8-41 0800 Flying Officer Rankin, Works and Buildings Officer from Command Headquarters arrived to inspect the boilers and heating system. W.O.2 Yates arrived from Command Headquarters accompanied by an AC electrician, to instal obstruction lights on different flying hazards in the vicinity.

27-8-41 0800 Flying Officer Armstrong of the Organization Division of Command Headquarters arrived to ascertain our requirements. He took extensive notes of our needs and altogether it is felt that his visit was beneficial.

28-8-41 0800 Leaks In the water system delays occupation for another few days. This is very disappointing as the building is badly needed with 42 new trainees arriving in a couple of days.

29-8-41 0800 Commanding Officer's Inspection to-day. Headquarters Flight is now up to standard. Acquired through extra drill in the mornings before commencement of work.

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30-8-41 0800 The main hangar is now nearing completion with the apron laid, and glass in



the doors installed. Work has been rushed on this building for some time now on instructions from Air Force Head Quarters.

31-8-41 08-00 42 Trainees reported from No.3 Initial Training School, Victoriaville, Quebec to commence training on Course No. 32, beginning the 1st day of September. One AC Clerk reported from Composite Training School, Trenton, Ontario. This airman is not a ceased training aircrew as is usual coming from C. T. S. but a product of the now policy of training clerks, everybody ready to commence work on the morrow.

<u>Strength of Unit</u>	<u>1-8-41</u>	<u>31-8-41</u>
Officers (Staff)	10	10
Airmen (Staff)	21	34
Trainees (includes 3 RAF)	42	123
Security Guards	15	30
Personnel other than R.C.A.F. RAAF	1	1
Civilians (Canadian Legion auxiliary Services man.)	1	1
Aircraft on Charge (Anson)	13	18

J. Laxdal S/L

Chief Supervisory Officer,

No. 9 A.O.S. St. Johns, Que.

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1-9-41 0800 The entire complement of Course No.32 arrived over this week-end to begin work on Monday but immediate progress was handicapped due to lack of tables and chairs. Four new instructors are due in on the third, in the meantime their duties are taken over temporarily by the Chief Instructor and Flying Officer J.F. Hobson.

2-9-41 0800 Lectures were given to Course 32 by the Chief Supervisory Officer, Chief Instructor, the Adjutant and the Medical Officer, who each outlining the Station and other routine tried to make the trainees feel at home and get them accustomed to their new duties.

3-9-41 0800 Two new armament arrivals, but as no armament duties are yet available, these two new men are put doing odd jobs, one in the Orderly Room and the other in the Disciplinarian's office. Squadron Leader Brown and Flying Officer Gentles, aerodrome

Control Officers arrived from No.13 S. F. T. S. Saint Hubert to assist in putting this Unit's Control Tower into operation. Flying Officer Rankin of the Works and Buildings Section of Command Headquarters arrived for an inspection tour. Pilot Officer A. N. Nicol and Pilot Officer E.L.M. Roster were taken on strength as instructors. These Officers were very cordially welcomed due to an acute shortage of instructors.

4-9-41 0800 Pilot Officer Fletcher and two aircraftsmen arrived from No.13 S.F.T.S., Saint Hubert to take charge of the aerodrome control tower. Duty hours from 0630 to 1730 have been established. These men on control duty will be changed every seven days. The constant changing of fixtures and switching around of boilers in the hospital has led to a considerable mess. The contractors have been approached several times in this connection and have just as consistently refused to clean it up. The civilian operating company have now made arrangements to have two men to do this duty. Flying Officer K.A.M. Rutherford arrived a day late and much to the other officers amusement and glee was donated with two days duty as Orderly Officer over the coming week-end.

5-9-41 0800 Commanding Officer's Inspection to-day. Everybody spry and clean. Flying Officer Shaw, a

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5-9-41 (Cont'd) new instructor was taken on strength and was donated with three days extra Orderly Officer duties. These little donations are very welcome to the other Officers as they fulfill a long felt want.

6-9-41 0800 The Medical Officer sends out some of his very unwelcome invitations to a Dick and Schick test party.

7-9-41 0800 No religious Service is held on the Station, but transportation is provided for those that want to attend in town. One flying exercise was held.

8-9-41 0800 A Court of Inquiry has been ordered assembled on the Station to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the absence of a Special Leave Transportation Warrant Book, which has seemingly been mislaid in the confusion arising out of the formation of a new Unit. The impression that the book was actually here was gathered from a voucher which is held here. Fifteen Security Guards were posted to No. 3 Initial Training School to begin their training as Observers and Pilots. This leaves the Station somewhat lacking in protection as fences are not yet erected and thirty guards could be used very easily..

9-9-41 0800 Flight Lieutenant H. L. Warren of No.3 Training Command Headquarters Examination Board arrived to discuss the final examinations of Course No.28 with the Chief Supervisory Officer and the Chief Instructor.

10-9-41 0800 Flying Officer C. Noble from Command Headquarters Signal Section, accompanied by Flying Officer Palmer, Command Security Guard Officer and Flight Lieutenant D. W. MacDonald of Air Force Headquarters Photographic Division arrived on a visit and to

have a general check-up.

11-9-41 0800 Nil.

12-9-41 0800 Flying Officer J. R. Gauthier was appointed Prosecutor in a District Court Martial to be convened at No.4 Elementary Flying Training School, Windsor Mills, Quebec, 16-9-41. Examinations for final standings were started for Course No.28.

13-9-41 0800 The entire intake for Course No.33 arrived. Everything ready to commence work.

14-9-41 0800 Nil

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15-9-41 0800 Flying Officer Gauthier proceeded to Command Headquarters to consult with the Assistant Judge Advocate General about the forthcoming District Court Martial at No.4 E. F. T. S. Flying Officer F. C. Dickens, Administrative Officer, who has been detailed to attend under instruction also left.

16-9-41 0800 Nil

17-9-41 0800 Flying Officer J. R. Gauthier, who acted as Prosecutor at a District Court convened at No.4 Elementary Flying Training School, was awarded a conviction.

18-9-41 0800 Flying Officer W. D. Rankin of Command Headquarters visited the Station to check up on the Works and Buildings situation. The Court of Inquiry proceedings which has been proceeding were abruptly brought to an end as the missing book was received in the mail from Air Force Headquarters.

19-9-41 0800 The examination results from Course No.28 seem very satisfactory indeed, very few failures, three or four at the most.

20-9-41 0800 Flying Officer C. A. Burns, Armament Officer from Command Headquarters visited the Station to look over the Armament facilities. He stated that an Armament Officer was posted here and would arrive in the near future. Arrangements are evidently quite complete. Squadron Leader E. R.M. Walker arrived to ascertain first hand, the examination results of Course No.28. The heating equipment at the hospital has not yet been installed. This is a very necessary thing that this equipment should be installed immediately as the weather is very cold. The possibility of moving the patients to the City Hospital has been under consideration. Ladies of the local I.O.D.E. visited the Unit and promised to supply curtains and other odds and ends for the hospital. Heat is finally on in the Officers' Mess and is indeed very welcome.

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21-9-41 0800 A very pleasant surprise was given the Officers, when the President of the Civilian Operating Company, (Dominion Skyways Limited) allowed a gift of five dollars in order to furnish the Officers' Mess. This was very gratefully received as it was needed very badly. Flight Lieutenant J. Duhan of the Organization Division of Command Headquarters visited the Unit for a general check-up.

22-9-41 0800 Members of the graduating class of Course No.28 held a party in the Windsor Hotel in Montreal on the occasion of their early departure to another School and the successful completion of their course.

23-09-41 0800 The civilian guards, supplied by the civilian operating company have now assumed complete control over the guard house but our regular Service Police are still tolerated.

24-09-41 0800 The entire course No.28 is disposed of. Successful candidates posted to No.6 Bombing and Gunnery School for another step in their training. Three failures were posted to Composite Training School, Trenton.

25-9-41 0800 Flying Officer A. M. Sharp, Armament Officer who has been posted to this Station, visited. He is at present on leave.

26-09-41 0800 Nil

27-9-41 0800 W.O. 1 Hambrook, R.C.A.M.C. of Command Headquarters visited the Unit for the express purpose of ascertaining the responsibility for the Hospital. At the present time, the personnel are posted to the establishment of No.9 A.O.S. and the building itself is on the site of No.9 Repair Depot, just across the way. It is indeed very conflicting and rather creates a situation for the Medical Officer.

28-9-41 0800 Mr. Goodnough of the Works and Buildings Section of Command Headquarters was in the locality having come from Montreal to visit the Repair Depot and to ensure that it was ready for opening next week. The Montreal Royals, (baseball team), visited the Unit to play a game with our own "All Stars". They won, which was disappointing, but rather to be expected considering the competition. Score 5-4. They are coming back in the Winter with a hockey team.

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29-9-41 0800 Personnel for Course No.34 which is due to commence their studies on Monday arrived and were taken in hand by Flying Officer E. K. Moles, who is to give them their D. R. instruction. Three Pilot Officer members of the instructional staff were promoted to Flying Officer and a little celebration was held for them in the Officers' Mess.

30-9-41 0800 Wing Commander J. H. Norton, Flight Lieutenant A. Duhan arrived from

Command Headquarters for an inspection tour. and were put into immediate service.

Four new aircraft arrived from Trenton,

<u>Strength of Unit</u>	<u>1-9-41</u>	<u>30-9-41</u>
Officers (Staff)	19	13
Airmen (Staff)	34	35
Trainees	120	120
Security Guards	32	32
Personnel other than R.C.A.F.	4	9
Civilians (Auxiliary Services)	1	1 (Canadian Legion)
Aircraft on Charge	18 Anson	24 Anson

Total number of flying hours: 1487 hours, 20 minutes.

J.R. Gauthier F/O

Administrative Officer, R. C. A F.,

No. 9 A. O. S., St, Johns, Que.

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1-10-41 0800 Eleven Anson aircraft from No. Air Observer School, Malton, Ontario visited the Unit on an air exercise. Four Officers accompanied the flight. Flight Lieutenant J. A. Venstene, Flying Officer H. A. Wills, Flying Officer W. C. Irwin and Flying Officer J. F. Acer. They were accompanied it student observers. The flight departed at 2030 hours. Squadron Leader J. C. Binnie of No.3 Training Command Headquarters visited the Unit to discuss certain legal matters.

2-10-41 0800 The Canadian Legion Auxiliary Service Representative, Mr. W. Rockfort, received some new sports equipment, which was badly needed. Gifts of this nature are always very welcome being utilized to the fullest extent by all personnel. Group Captain A. L. Marfee, Wing Commander J.H. Norton and flying Officer Davidson arrived to inspect No. 9 Repair Depot which is rapidly assuming shape on a nearby site.

3-10-41 0800 Flying Officer G. Bortkwick accompanied by Flying Officer E.C. Bain arrived

to inspect progress at No. 9 Repair Depot. Flying Officer R. B. Palmer, Command Security Guards Officer arrived to discuss the Security Guard situation. Certain difficulties relative to Security Guard postings were overcome. The Unit Parade Ground is nearing completion. Thea Station Hospital is still without Hot Water or Heat. An unheard of situation, it is just like a refrigerating plant. No bed patients can be kept there. Pressure by the Medical Officer will, it is hoped, bring about a change in this respect.

4-10-41 0800 Sections 4 to 44 of the Air Force Act were read to all personnel. Emphasis laid on certain sections which seemed the most abused lately.

5-10-41 0800 Wing Commander F. L. Trethaway, Commanding Officer of the not-yet-opened No. 9 Repair Depot, accompanied by five other Officers arrived for a visit. They were of course very interested in their new home. The locality was discussed in detail.

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6-10-41 0800 Flying Officer J. R. Gauthier departed for No. 1 Wireless School, Montreal to attend a District Court Martial under instruction.

7-10-41 0800 Officers from No.9 Repair Depot who have been eating here, will now eat at their own Mess as their kitchen is now open. Much disappointment all round.

8-10-41 0800 The Canadian Legion Auxiliary Services provided a very good floor show, consisting of about twenty healthy young lassies. The show was enjoyed by about 200 airmen including personnel of No. 9 Repair Depot. The girls were entertained afterwards in the Officers' Mess.

9-19-41 0800 Ladies of the local Chapter of the I.O.D.E. entertained at a dance for the airman personnel. Everybody had a every good time. The public, at last seems to be taking an interest in the welfare of the personnel.

10-10-41 0800 Examinations start for the graduating class, Course 90. A moving picture show was held in the Airmen's Mess and enjoyed by all. These shows under the auspices of the Canadian Legion are very well attended and as the films are of recent date, considerable interest is displayed.

11-10-41 0800 New Course 35 posted this Unit.

12-10-41 0800 Flying cancelled due to inclement weather.

13-10-41 0800 Squadron Leader A. H. S Gillsen arrived on an inspection tour. 45 Security Guards arrived on posting to Security Guard duty. Flight Lieutenant Doyle of Command Headquarters of the Auxiliary Services arrived for an inspection of the entertainment facilities.

14-10-41 0800 Lieutenant Masson, Dental Officer arrived from No. 13 S. F.T.S. accompanied by 2 dental assistants. They immediately set up their dental clinic and proceeded

to examine and care for the personnel in need of medical attention.

15-10-41 0800 Last Flying day for personnel of the graduating class, Course No. 30.

16-10-41 0800 Flight Lieutenant J. T. Flanagan of the Drill and Discipline Division of No. 3 Training Command Headquarters arrived for an inspection and general visit.

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17-10-41 0800 Colonel Manion, Mayer Langueld, Flight Lieutenant Doyle and Flying Officer R.J. Weatherill visited the Unit.

18-10-41 0800 The results of the examinations for Course 30 are now available. Three failures, all the other class members seems to have done well. Arrangements have now been completed to post the successful graduates to the next step in their training, No.6 Bombing and Gunnery School, Mountain View, Ontario.

19-10-41 0800 Many visitors arrive at the Station, including Air Commodore K.G. Nairn, Wing Commander J. R.C. Muir, Flight Lieutenant Birtwell, Flight Lieutenant T. H. Spear and Mr. Happ.

20-10-41 0800 Mr. Kelly, a civilian doctor was taken on strength, pending his appointment to a commission in the R.C.A.F. He assumes duties as Assistant Medical Officer. A large dinner party was held in Saint Johns for the graduating class, Course No. 30. All the instructional staff were invited. Everybody had a very good time, but a certain amount of sadness was apparent as the trainees had grown quite attached to this School.

21-10-41 0800 Progress is being made on the Hospital interior with respect to little conveniences and other essential items. Progress is also being made about the heating. No. 9 Repair Depot is also taking shape. Personnel, Officers and airmen arriving daily.

22-10-41 0800 A dance was held in Saint Johns for the trainee personnel of the School. Many young girls of the town attending. It was enjoyed by all personnel. Many of the Officers put in an appearance. The townspeople seem to be getting more used to the R.C.A.F. as they are doing more and more to make them feel at home.

23-10-41 0800 Nil.

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24-10-41 0800 Flying Officer J. R. Gauthier, proceeded on Temporary Duty to No. 3 Training Command Headquarters for the purpose of attending a conference with a representative from the Directorate of Airmen Personnel Services, Flight Lieutenant H. L. Thompson. Many items of pertinent interest were discussed, particularly difficulties relative to training. Much valuable information was derived.

25-10-41 0800 Flight Lieutenant K.S. Pitcairn Chief Instructor, was promoted to the rank of Squadron Leader and was accorded the usual congratulations.

26-10-41 0800 Mass was celebrated for the Roman Catholic personnel in the class-rooms of the Ground Instruction building. Flying as usual.

27-10-41 0800 Flight Lieutenant A.S. Archer visited the Unit. Personnel identification work has been undertaken by the photopraphic section of this Unit and as Flight Lieutenant Archer is Command Photographic Officer he has followed the progress with interest. A finger-print specialist is here on temporary duty from No. 3 Training Command Headquarters in this connection.

28-10-41 0800 A flight of 11 Anson aircraft arrived from No.1 Air Observer School, Malton, Ontario. It consisted of trainees on a near-graduation Air exercise. They were accompanied by Flight Lieutenant J.A. Vanstone, Flying Officer H. A. Wills and Flying Officer Woods. They departed after refueling and supper.

29-10-41 0800 A dance was held in Saint Johns for all airmen personnel. Everyone had a good time. Another flight of Anson aircraft arrived from No. 1 Air Observer School. They followed the same procedure as in previous flights.

30-10-41 0800 Arrangements were made to have a pyrotechnics display for the information and appreciation of the Officers and civilian pilots. This was carried out under the supervision of Flying Officer A. M. Sharp and Flight Sergeant Gibson, both of the Armament Section.

31-10-41 0800 The Commanding Officer conducted an Inspection of all personnel. Rev. Father J. Cote, part time chaplain was here to minister to the needs of the Roman Catholic personnel. Certain departures in Station procedure were inaugurated and published through Daily Routine Orders.

<u>Strength of Unit</u>	<u>1-10-41</u>	<u>31-10-41</u>
Officers (Staff)	14	14
Airmen (Staff)	36	38
Trainees	120	139
Security Guards (R.D.)	32	45 (Attached to No. 9
Personnel other than R.C.A.F.	9	6
Civilians (Canadian Legion Auxiliary Services Representative)	1	4 ( includes one
Aircraft on Charge	24 Anson	24 Anson



Total number of flying hours: 1742 hours, 05 minutes.

J.R. Gauthier F/O

Administrative Officer, R. C. A F.,

No. 9 A. O. S., St, Johns, Que.

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1-11-41 0800 A Party was held in the Officer's Mess to celebrate, Flight Lieutenant K. S. Pitcairn's promotion to Squadron Leader. It also served the purpose of being a farewell party for Flight Lieutenant P. W. Fraser and Flying Officer J. F. Hobson who are posted to No.3 Initial Training School, Victoriaville, Quebec.

2-11-41 0800 An "Attention Area" was defined, in and around the vicinity of the Station Flag-pole. This is in accordance with the usual requirements for good discipline and conduct. It is anticipated that a considerable uplift will be noticed respecting the deportment and dress of all ranks as a result.

3-11-41 0800 Certain changes were made in the Station routine as a result of communications from Air Force Headquarters and No. 3 Training Command, respecting Physical training being given at certain hours. Mr. W. Rochfort, the Canadian Legion War Services representative was operated on for an abdominal operation. Mr. Rochfort has been away for some days and is very badly missed as all social life of the Station was arranged through his good offices.

4-11-41 0800 Lock-up facilities were arranged for the trainees. This was especially necessary in the case of overseas personnel as they arrive in Canada with full complement of clothing which is quited an item.

5-11-41 0800 Nil.

6-1-41 0800 An audit board was appointed to audit the books of the Officers' Mess, commencing their duties 7-11-41, Flying Officer A. M. Niocol and Flying Officer A.M. Sharp.

7-11-41 0880 Honorary Flight Lieutenant C. K. Sansbury, (C8271) Protestant Chaplain posted to near-by Repair Depot, visited the Unit. His duties will necessarily take him in contact with this School as is is to act as Chaplain far both Units.

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8-11-41 0800 Authority was granted from No.3 Training Command to wear poppies from the 8th to the 11th inclusive for Remembrance Day.

9-11-41 0800 A Parade was held in Saint Johns for Remembrance Day. This Unit was represented by two Flights of approximately 41 in each Flight. Flight Lieutenant Sansbury laid a wreath on the Cenitaph; The Commanding Officer, Squadron Leader J. Laxdal was very proud of the showing put on by No.9 A.O.S. and rightly so, as it was indeed a very smart parade.

10-11-41 0800 Course 37 was taken on strength. These airman are all Canadian, the entire intake coming from No.5 Initial Training School, Belleville, Ontario, with a small sprinkling from Composite Training School, Trenton. Flying Officer A. M. Nicol assumed charge of the Class. Flight Lieutenant G. Borthwiok and Flying Officer H. J. Goodenough from No. 3 Training Command Headquarters arrived for a casual look-around and inspection. Certain little "Works and Bricks" difficulties were discussed with Mr. H. A. Peck, Resident Engineer.

11-11-41 0800 Flying Officer J.F. Hobson departed for No. 3 I. T.S.. Flying Officer Hobson's posting was scheduled for an earlier date, but in view of the fact that he was in the midst of marking examinations for his Class, representation was made to Air Force Headquarters to keep him for a little longer time.

12-11-41 0800 Flying Officer Dunn, Pilot Officers Secord and Davoud were taken on strength on posting from No.2 Air Navigation School. A dance was held through the co-operation of The T. Eaton Company Company Girls' Club. These dances are held regularly now and are enjoyed very much by all personnel. The very limited facilities in nearby Saint Jean for social affairs are really not enough, consequently, Victoria Hall in Montreal is very welcome.

13-11-41 0800 Flying Officer C. A. Burns, Command Armament Officer accompanied by W. O. 1 Myers arrived for an Inspection and tour. A new system of Parades is now in effect for the training of Officers. This is to familiarize all officers with the various duties on a Squadron Parade. Mr. R. McLean, Assistant Canadian Legion Representative has now assumed Mr. W. Rochfort's duties during his absence.

14-11-41 0800 Low ceiling. Nil Flying. Internal appointments were made to various duties. Flying Officer R. B. Shaw - Equipment. Pilot Officer A. J. Secord - Instruments.

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15-11-41 0800 A Sergeants' Mess Committee has now been formed. Squadron Leader K.S. Pitcairn, Officer in Charge. 3029 Sgt. O'Neill, M. President, 9866 F/Sgt. Gibson, D. K. Chairman and 10745 Sgt. Chaplin, H.G. Secretary Treasurer. The actual eating however, is done in the Airmen's Mess. Due to the very small complement of Sergeant's, the provisions of eating facilities in the Sergeants' Mess itself is not feasible.

16-11-41 0800 Sunday. Religious Service conducted as usual on the Station. Flight Lieutenant Sansbury conducting the Protestant Service and Father Cote from the College in Saint Jean conducting the Roman Catholic one.

17-11-41 0800 Flying as usual. Weather rather inclement. A very considerable number of students spending a great deal of time after hours on their own personal difficulties with the Course. The lighting in offices and classrooms is not everything that can be desired. Representation has been made to the Resident Engineer to have it changed without any appreciable result to date.

18-11-41 0800 A variety Show was held in the Airmen's Mess in the evening, "Tom Barnes" variety Show". Very much enjoyed by all personnel. These performers are from Montreal under the auspices of the Canadian Legion.

19-11-41 0800 Flying as usual. Graduating students are plugging for examination questions. Everybody trying very hard to get in first place. A Sports Committee has been formed with all available money going to Hockey and Badminton equipment. Flying Officer H. Amy is President of the said Committee giving his time and patience to make it a success.

20-11-41 0800 Flying Officer H. G. Kelly was finally gazetted in Air Force Routine Orders as a Commissioned Officer. For about a month, he has been employed in a civilian capacity awaiting his official gazettement.

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21-11-41 0800 The Commanding Officer conducted an Inspection of all personnel at the Morning Parade, 0830 hours. The result of the Officers' training is now coming to the fore. Flying Officer J. R. Gauthier, Station Administrative Officer, has ensured that all Officers take their turn.

22-11-41 0800 Nil.

23-11-41 0800 The Security Guards still on the strength of this Unit, which are posted to nearby No.9 Depot for Duty, Discipline, Rations and Quarters were posted to Victoriaville. These Guards are the last that will be posted here, for security is now assured through the erection of a new steel fence. Course 38, consisting of 27 men were taken on strength on posting from No. 5 I. T. S. Belleville, Ontario.

24-11-41 0800 Advance notice of the arrival of the Trade Test Officer was received, sending all the personnel up for Trade-Tests to their books. Clothing difficulties are still prevalent. The idea of ordering clothing through the mail in view of the present shortage of apparel seems very unsatisfactory. Many of the trainees are without any flying clothing whatsoever, making their air exercises very difficult.

25-11-41 0800 Wing Commander H. O. McDonald, Senior Personnel Staff Officer visited the Station and personnel problems were discussed with the Commanding Officer, Squadron

Leader J. Laxdal. F/O J.R. Gauthier cast very illuminating facts on these discussions, having considerable dealings with the personnel during the dally routine. Squadron Leader G. S. Oliver visited the Station to discuss Chaplain problems with the Station Administrative Officer Flying Officer, J. R. Gauthier. Plans were made to have a Church Parade on the coming Sunday, officiated over by Squadron Leader Oliver himself. Flying Officer Berthier, of the Organization Division of Command Headquarters, visited the Unit to discuss matters with Flying Officer J. R. Gauthier.

26-11-41 0800 Flying Officer J. C. McKenzie, Command Trade Test Offleer arrived to trade test the personnel. In view of the very small headquarters strength of this School, very few are up for trade-test. Many of the general duties are trying for Air Force trades.

27-11-41 0800 All the Armament personnel are required to remuster to different sections of the Armament trade in keeping with a recent D. A. P. S. Information Bulletin from Air Force Headquarters. This is in keeping with the R. A. F. policy of dividing the Armament trade into Bombs & Guns.

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28-11-41 0800 The Commanding Officer conducted an Inspection of all personnel at the Morning Parade, 0830 hours. Squadron Leader J. Pitcairn was delegated the powers of a Subordinate Commander in keeping with a Command Instruction. It is anticipated that this will be of material aid in disposing of Orderly Room cases, which formerly took a great deal of the Commanding Officer's time. It was necessary to allot certain hours to visit patients at the Station Hospital. This Unit is still in the process of organization, many little items still to be straightened out. Advice has been received that the entire establishment of personnel are to be transferred to No.9 Repair Depot.

29-11-41 0800 Flying Officer H. T. Amy and Flying Officer R. F. Logie have now returned from a Navigation conference at Port Albert, Ontario, held at No.31 A. N. S. This conference received considered certain support from No.3 Training Command Headquarters and Flying Officers Amy and Logie were chosen to attend.

30-11-41 0800 Church Services were held for all Denominations. Squadron Leader G. S. Oliver, Protestant Chaplain from Command Headquarters attending. Father Cote from the College at Saint Jean has been appointed Hon. Flight Lieutenant for Roman Catholic personnel. He arrived at 0930 hours to hear Confessions in preparation for Mass at 1000 hours. Flying continuing as usual. The month went rather briskly with all personnel attending very much to their duties and studies. The Sports Committee is now proceeding rather well having made plans for the future respecting skating and badminton.

25-11-41 (Additional) A concert, sponsored by the Y.M.C.A. and starring their T. N. T. Show was held in the Airmens' Mess at 0815 hours. This Show was very much enjoyed by all and was considered the best Variety Show that has ever been held here. Refreshments were served afterwards in the Officers' Mess.

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<u>Strength of Unit</u>	<u>1-11-41</u>	<u>30-11-41</u>
Officers (Staff)	14	15
Airmen (Staff)	38	44
Trainees	139	
147		
Security Guards	32	15
Personnel other than R.C.A.F.	9	6
Civilians	1	
2		
Aircraft on Charge (Anson)	24	24

Total number of Flying Hours 2007 hours, 15 minutes.

*J.R. Gauthier F/O*

(J.R. Gauthier) Flying Officer,

Administrative Officer,  
for Chief Supervisory Officer,  
No. 9 Air Observer School,

St. Johns,

Que.

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1-12-41 0800 A very unique situation has been in effect regarding this Unit's Station Hospital. The building itself, was on the establishment of nearby No.9 Repair Depot, while the personnel were on the strength of this School. Application had been made to Command Headquarters to effect the transfer of the personnel to No.9 Repair Depot. This was accomplished this date and Flight Lieutenant H Payette and newly gazetted Flying Officer Kelly along with the rest of the Hospital staff were struck off strength this date.

2-12-41 0800 Very bad weather conditions made the usual morning parade out of the question. Flying was curtailed to some extent due to the very bad weather conditions.

3-12-41 0800 A dance was held at Baldwyn Hall in St John for the airmen personnel. These

dances are very popular with the airmen as extensive entertainment facilities are not available here.

4-12-41 0800 A lecture on "Mirrorphones" by Mr H. Long, Bell Telephone Official Historian, was the outstanding feature of the day. This was indeed very interesting and the rapt interest of those attending was very evident.

5-12-41 0800 The remainder of the Security Guards were posted to No.1 Initial Training School, Toronto. No more guards will be posted this Unit as the fencing is now completed and the Civilian Operating Company has accepted the responsibility for the protection of the School.

6-12-41 0800 The policy of granting five days leave to personnel at Christmas has resulted in this Saturday becoming a very intensive working day. The usual late passes have been curtailed to a slight extent but all trainees are really trying to get ahead in their studies, so that the five days holiday will not detract from their course standing.

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7-12-41 0800 A full working day. Provision was made for personnel, however, to attend their religious duties. Honorary Flight Lieutenant Cote, coming from St. Johns for the Roman Catholics and the Protestant Chaplin, Honorary Flight Lieutenant McIver officiating at a religious service for the Protestant personnel at No.9 Repair Depot.

8-12-41 0800 The full quota of Observers arrived for Course 39, full of promise and eager to get going. Flying Officer H.L.Foster (C5003) was appointed Officer in charge of the Course and immediately got under way.

9-12-41 0800 Heavy snowfalls made parades and flying impossible. Studies were confined to ground only

10-12-41 0800 Nil

11-12-41 0800 Temperature 0°F. No parade. A Moving Picture Show was held in the Airmen's mess and was very much enjoyed by all.

12-12-41 0800 Flying Officer J.J.B.O.R.A. Gauthier (C4652) was detailed by Air Force Headquarters as defending Officer at a General Court-Martial assembling at Newfoundland on December 15th, 1941. Stage Show under the auspices of Canadian Legion Auxiliary Services was held in the Airmen's mess. A very large number of personnel from No.9 Repair Depot attended.

13-12-41 0800 The Commanding Officer conducted an Inspection of all personnel. Flying Officer J.P.A. Simard (C7279), Administrative Officer, at No.9 Repair Depot, arrived to understudy Flying Officer J.R.Gauthier (C4652) whom he is replacing for approximately ten days.

14-12-41 0800 Saturday, a full working day. The proximity of Christmas and the news that personnel will be allowed Special Leave Transportation Warrants for the five days holidays has lead to much enthusiasm amongst all the airmen. All are eagerly looking forward to going home for the holiday.

15-12-41 0800 Nil

16-12-41 0800 Group Captain P.J.A. Hume-Wright (RAF.15222), Wing Commander J.H.Norton (C1381), and Squadron Leader E.R.M. Walker (RAF.26096) arrived on Temporary Duty for an inspection tour. Many points which needed discussion were dealt with.

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17-12-41 0800 A dance was held in Baldwyn Hall in anticipation of the coming Christmas season under the auspices of the Women's Volunteer Auxiliary Service. Chicken dinners were served.

18-12-41 0800 A Moving Picture Show was held in the Airmen's mess and was well attended by all personnel.

19-12-41 0800 A bombing teacher maintenance crew arrived on Temporary Duty for the installation of the station bombing teacher, consisting of two flight sergeants and several aircraftsmen. Certain difficulties were experienced in the building however, lack of heat made working conditions very difficult. On unpacking the equipment it was found that several essential items were missing, thus the installation could not be proceeded with.

20-12-41 0800 Unfavourable weather conditions curtailed flying and the regular morning parade.

21-12-41 0800 Sunday. A full working day. Personnel getting ready to proceed home. Transportation arrangements with the local railway offices having now been completed.

22-12-41 0800 Course 40, consisting of twenty six men were taken on strength on posting from No.5 I.T.S., Belleville, Ontario.

23-12-41 0800 A feverish half-day as fifty per cent of the strength were proceeding on five days leave. Everybody making every effort to complete their work before the station lapsed to half strength.

24-12-41 0800 Christmas Eve, the Station seems indeed very lonely. The Officers and Airmen remaining here are busily making their own arrangements for shopping and communications to their friends and relatives.

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25-12-41 0800 Christmas Day. Christmas Greetings were received from the Chief of the Air Staff and Air Commadore A deNiverville (C1348) Air Officer Commanding, No.3 Training Command, Montreal, Quebec. In view of the War Conditions, however, the usual mess receptions were not held. No official Christmas dinner was held.

26-12-41 0800 Nil

27-12-41 0800 Flying exercises and usual parades for all courses remaining at the School.

28-12-41 0800 Religious Services were held for both Roman Catholic and Protestant personnel. Flight Lieutenant Cote coming from St Johns to celebrate Mass.

29-12-41 0800 Christmas holidays now over. Officers and Airmen returning from their Christmas holidays. Activity very much in evidence to catch up on work and study. The remaining fifty per cent of the staff preparing to depart for New Years leave.

30-12-41 0800 Course 34 graduated. A very opportune event as these airmen were of course, a little disrupted by the intermission of the holidays. A very small percentage of failures making a very satisfactory conclusion.

31-12-41 0800 Fifty per cent of the staff departed for New Years leave. A very well earned holiday as these airman had to work doubly hard during Christmas to keep the Station functioning.

<u>Strength of Unit</u>	<u>1-12-41</u>	<u>31-12-41</u>
Officers (Staff)	15	15
Airmen (Staff)	44	49
Trainees	147	
151		
Security Guards	15	0
Personnel other than R.C.A.F.	6	
1		
Civilians	2	
3		
Aircraft on Charge (Anson)	24	24

Total number of Flying Hours 1604 hours, 05 minutes.

*A. Simard F/O*



(J.P.A. Simard) Flying Officer,

Administrative Officer,

for Chief Supervisory Officer,

No. 9 Air Observer School,

St. Johns, Quebec

#### IMAGE 39

1-1-42 0800 New Years Day. New Years Greetings were received from Air Force Headquarters and His Excellency, The Governor General. Except for the Duty Watch, increased by a number of personnel who were late in returning from their Christmas Leave, activities on the Station were very small.

2-1-42 0800 A new Station Wagon is supplied for use on the Bombing Range. Due to unfavourable weather conditions, Bombing Exercises were not carried out.

3-1-42 0800 Counters are being installed in the Armament Section. Part of Signal area damaged by wind.

4-1-42 0800 Sunday. Religious Services were held for both Roman Catholic and Protestant personnel. First casualty of this Station was reported to-day, it being R.95658 LAC Nadon, J.E.G. who was killed in an automobile accident in Ottawa, Ont.

5-1-42 Course 41 commenced training, it being made up of fourteen R.C.A.F. personnel, ten R.A.F. and one R.A.A.F. personnel, all full of promise and eager to get going. Flying Exercises for the day were cancelled due to low ceiling. Activity was very much in evidence with Officers and Airmen returning from their New Years Leave, this winding up the holiday leave.

6-1-42 0800 This being the Feast of Epiphany, a religious service was held for Roman Catholic personnel.

7-1-42 0800 A concert given by the "B" Naturals was held in Baldwyn Hall followed by a dance. From all reports, an enjoyable time was had by all. Bombing Teacher party arrives on Temporary Duty for the installation of station bombing teacher. Bombing Exercises carried out, results poor.

8-1-42 0800 Due to very cold weather, morning parade was called off. Bombing Exercises carried out as usual. Pilot Officer A.J. Secord was appointed Investigating Officer to investigate accident

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8-1-42 0800 of R.C.A.F. Station Wagon #2339 which occurred in St. Johns. Quebec, on 27-12-41.

9-1-42 0800 Visibility very poor, no bombing exercises carried out. A flight from No.1 Air Observer School, Malton, Ont. visited the Unit on an air exercise.

10-1-42 0800 Activity was very much in evidence to-day when information was received that one of the aircraft returning to No.1 A.O.S., Malton, Ont. last night had been lost. An immediate search party was organized and proceeded to search the designated areas. Station welcomes a new Navigation Instructor, Pilot Officer R.H. Strauss posted from No.1 A.N.S., Rivers, Man.

11-1-42 0800 Sunday. Religious services were held for both Roman Catholic and Protestant personnel. The holiday schedule having been completed, classes on Sunday are discontinued but due to the search for the missing aircraft activity on the Station was very evident. Flying Officer R.W. Dunn departed for No.5 I.T.S., Belleville, Ont. to assume his new duties.

12-1-42 0800 No trace of the missing aircraft has yet been found and the search still continues. Bombing Exercises attempted but weather closed in. Flying Officer Bugold from No.15 R.C., Moncton, N.B., Flying Officer J.L. Guilbault from No.14 R.C, Quebec, and Flying Officer J.C. Lafolley and Pilot Officer J.L. Leclere from R.C.A.F. Recruiting Centre, Montreal, visited Station for purpose of inspection. Search still being continued in spite of adverse weather conditions.

13-1-42 0800 Bombing Teacher party departed for Summerside, P.E.I. Search continued but little results.

14-1-42 0800 A dance was held in Baldwyn Hall and was very much enjoyed by all. Course 35 graduated with a very satisfactory conclusion. Search continued.

15-1-42 0800 A moving picture show was held in the Airmen's mess and was well attended by all personnel. Search continued.

16-1-42 0800 No trace of missing aircraft and search still being continued. Flight Lieutenant E.K. Moles departed for No.1 A.N.S., Rivers, Man. to assume his new duties.

17-1-42 0800 Morning parades were discontinued due to severe weather conditions. Flying Officer J.R. Gauthier arrived back from Gander, Nfld. having been acting as Defending Officer at a General Court-Martial.

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18-1-42 0800 Usual Sunday Church Services for Roman Catholics and Protestants. Flying washed out due to heavy rain. Flying Officer J.R. Gauthier departed to No.3 T.C., Montreal, Que.

on Temporary Duty. Search continued.

19-1-42 0800 Senior N.C.O.'s have taken over Orderly Sergeants Duties. Flight Lieutenant Hutchinson, W.J. taken on strength replacing Flight Lieutenant E.K. Moles posted from No.6 A.O.S., Prince Albert, Sask. Due to the severe winter weather Yukon pattern caps will be worn on the Station. Flying Officer Goodenough and W.O.2 Yates reported from No.3 T.C. on Temporary Duty on W.& B. Duties. F/Sgt. Peters on Temporary Duty from Montreal on Wireless Duties. Course 42 commenced training with all but one R.A.F. personnel. Search discontinued with no avail.

20-1-42 0800 Morning Parades resumed as weather becomes milder. Champlain Hotel, St. Johns, Que. placed "Out of Bounds". Hotel du Canada, St. Johns, Que. also placed "Out of Bounds".

21-1-42 0800 Flying Officer A.M. Nicol and Flying Officer A.M. Sharp have been appointed to audit books of the Officer's and Sergeant's Mess, Sports Club and Photographic Funds. A dance held in Baldwyn Hall, St. Johns, was very much enjoyed by all.

22-1-42 0800 Concert was held in the airmen's mess in the evening, "The Bunkhouse Boys". Very much enjoyed by all personnel. These performers came from Montreal under the auspices of the Canadian Legion.

23-1-42 0800 A moving picture show was held in the airmen's mess and was well attended by all personnel.

24-1-42 0800 Squadron Leader A. Watts arrived on Temporary Duty by air from Air Force Headquarters at 1000 hours and departed 1400 hours by air on Official visit.

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25-1-42 0800 The usual Religious Services were held for the Roman Catholics and Protestants. Due to very favourable weather conditions much flying was carried out.

26-1-42 0800 Nil

27-1-42 0800 Bombing Teacher party arrives on Temporary Duty to complete the installation of the Bombing Teacher.

28-1-42 0800 Pilot Officer R.H. Strauss (J9328) appointed Investigating Officer to investigate and report on injuries sustained by Mr. Leo Lavoie during the course of his employment at this Station on or about August 1st. 1941.

29-1-42 0800 Course 36 passed Final Examination 100% with all members graduating.

30-1-42 0800 Flying Officer R.F. Logie appointed to the rank of Acting Flight Lieutenant

effective 15-1-42.

31-1-42 0800 Saturday. Flying Exercises carried out due to favourable weather conditions.

<u>Strength of Unit</u>	<u>1-1-42</u>	<u>31-1-42</u>
Officers (Staff)	15	16
Airmen (Staff)	49	49
Trainees	151	
145		
Personnel other than R.C.A.F.	1	
36		
Civilians	3	
3		
Aircraft on Charge (Anson)	24	24

Total number of Flying Hours 1582: 30 hours.

*A. Simard F/O*

(J.P.A. Simard) Flying Officer,

for Chief Supervisory Officer,

No. 9 Air Observer School,

St. Johns, Quebec

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1-2-42 0800 Sunday. Religious services were held at No. 9 Repair Depot for the Protestant personnel of this School and in a classroom of the G.I.S. Building of this Unit for the Roman Catholic personnel. Owing to the adverse weather conditions flying exercises were cancelled.

2-2-42 0800 Flight Lieutenant R.J. Gray (0-905) was delegated the powers of a Subordinate Commander. Flight Lieutenant J. Gelineau D.F.C. (J2822) from No. 3 Training Command Headquarters visited the Station giving a lecture on his operational experience while Overseas.

3-2-42 0800 Nil

4-2-42 0800 Course 43 arrived consisting of 23 New Zealanders who disembarked at Halifax, N.S. on 3-2-42 after an uneventful voyage; all full of promise and eager to get started on their course. Competition will be keen between the New Zealanders and the three R.C.A.F. personnel who fill all the quota of the course.

5-2-42 0800 A moving picture was held in the airmen's mess and was well attended by all personnel.

6-2-42 0800 A concert was held in the Airmen's Mess in the evening, "The Evans Sisters' Concert Party". Very much enjoyed by all personnel. These performers came from Montreal under the auspices of the Canadian Legion.

7-2-42 0800 Owing to the favourable weather conditions, it enabled the courses to increase their total number of flying hours.

8-2-42 0800 Sunday. The usual religious services were held at No. 9 Repair Depot for the Protestant personnel and a classroom in the G.I.S. Building was used for the Roman Catholic personnel.

9-2-42 0800 A Muster Parade was held in the Airmen's Mess at 1930 hours where Sections 4 to 44 of the Air Force Act were read.

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10-2-42 0800 Activity was very much in evidence at the Bombing Range located a few miles from LaPrairie, Que. when fire broke out in the Subordinate Quadrant. Before sufficient help could be obtained to combat the flames, the fire had gained much headway and was out of control. The result being a total loss. Personnel who were sent to LaPrairie for the assistance of the Fire Department there found the sign on the door "Gone to Montreal, Will be back Tomorrow."

11-2-42 0800 A Court of Inquiry was held at this School to investigate the cause of the fire at the Bombing Range yesterday. The Court assembled on orders from No. 3 Training Command with Flight Lieutenant R.P. Logic (C-2921) acting as President and Flying Officer J.P.A. Simard (C-7297) and Mr. H. Peck of this Station together with Flying Officer R.J. Mathieson (C-3803) of No. 3 Training Command, Montreal, Que., acting as Members.

12-2-42 0800 A moving picture show was held in the Airmen's Mess and was much enjoyed by all personnel. A considerable amount of flying was carried out during the day.

13-2-42 0800 Nil

14-2-42 0800 Course #37 graduated; 21 pupils having been successful in their graduation examinations, this is considered to be a good average. One member confined to Hospital in a

serious condition was unable to proceed to his new Unit.

15-2-42 0800 Religious services were held as usual at No. 9 Repair Depot for Protestant Personnel and in a classroom in the G.I.S. Building for the Roman Catholic personnel. Navigation exercises were carried out as usual.

16-2-42 0800 Course #44 commenced training consisting of 17 R.C.A.F. and 9 R.A.F. personnel; all eager to get the course underway.

17-2-42 0800 Flight Lieutenant L.O. Cooper arrived from Air Force Headquarters on Navigation duties and Flight Lieutenant W.A. Noble of No. 3 Training Command Headquarters also visited the Station, his visit pertaining to Signals duties.

18-2-42 0800 A dance was held in Baldwyn Hall in St. Johns, Que. for the airmen personnel. These dances are very popular with the airmen as extensive entertainment facilities are not available here.

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19-2-42 0800 A Moving Picture Show was held in the Airmens' Mess and was well attended by all personnel.

20-2-42 0800 Nil

21-2-42 0800 All exercises for the day were cancelled on account of inclement weather conditions.

22-2-42 0800 Flying Officer E.F. Eidt (C-3895) is taken on strength on posting from No. 13 E.F.T.S., St. Eugene, Ontario, replacing Flying Officer J.J.B.O.R.A. Gauthier (C-4652) Administrative Officer of the Station. The Black-Out scheduled from 2045 to 2130 hours was very successful. Religious Services were held as usual.

23-2-42 0800 Nil

24-2-42 0800 Nil

25-2-42 0800 A dance was held in Baldwyn Hall in St. Johns, Que., and the usual good attendance showed evidence of its popularity.

26-2-42 0800 The Ice Carnival scheduled to take place tonight was cancelled owing to weather conditions. A moving picture show was held in the Airmens' Mess.

27-2-42 0800 Squadron Leader J. Laxdal, Chief Supervisory Officer of this School was posted to No. 6 Air Observer School, Prince Albert, Sask. and Flight Lieutenant R.J. Gray (C-905) assumes command. Squadron Leader D.O. Shaw (C-1783) from No. 3 Training Command, Montreal, Que. visited the Station on Armament inspection duties.

28-2-42 0800 Course #38 graduated 20 pupils, this being the usual number to graduate from a Course. Flying Officer J.J.B.O.R.A. Gauthier, Administrative Officer at this School was posted to No. 3 Training Command Headquarters.

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<u>Strength of Unit</u>	<u>1-2-42</u>	<u>28-2-42</u>
Officers (Staff)	16	15
Airmen (Staff)	49	
50		
Trainees	145	
181		
Personnel other than R.C.A.F.	36	
94		
Civilians	3	
3		
 Aircraft on Charge (Anson)	 24	 24

Total number of Flying Hours 1564: 15 hours.

*E.F. Eidt F/O*

(E.F. Eidt) Flying Officer,

for: Chief Supervisory Officer,

No. 9 Air Observer School, R.C.A.F.,

Johns, Quebec.

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1-3-42 0800 Fine weather prevailed, flying being carried out. Course number 45, twenty-six strong reported from K.T.S. Trenton.

2-3-42 0800 Flying was carried out all day. Flight Lieutenant E.K. Moles and Flying Officer D.R.Crosby arrived at this Unit, the first as Chief Instructor from Rivers and the second as

Navigation Instructor from Pennfield Ridge.

3-3-42 0800 Sky was somewhat overcast in the morning but by noon a near blizzard set in. Three Ansons were forced to land at Dorval. The blizzard continued late in the night necessitating continual use of snow removal equipment.

4-3-42 0800 Sky was overcast for a time in the morning but cleared up by noon. A flight of 12 Ansons left here about 1400 hours on a cross-country trip to Malton. This is the first flight of this type to be undertaken here and it turned out to be an unqualified success. The Ice Carnival scheduled for this evening had to be cancelled because of very poor ice and instead a dance was held at Baldwyn Hall. The watch donated by Henri Meunier of St. Johns for the champion contestant was drawn for and won by LAC Lawson, W.J., a recent arrival at the Station from Great Britain.

5-3-42 0800 Very poor flying conditions prevailed, all flying being cancelled. In the evening a farewell party at the Officers' mess was held for Flight Lieutenant J.M.H. Payette who is going overseas and Flight Lieutenant H.T. Amy who has been posted to Pennfield Ridge, N.B.

6-3-42 0800 Overcast skies again to-day but a few scheduled flights were able to take off. Pilot Officer G.M. McKernan arrived to-day on posting from No.5 A.O.S. Winnipeg. In the evening "The Flanders Troubadors" a group of ex-servicemen entertained personnel of No.9 Repair Depot and this Unit at our Station.

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7-3-42 0800 Bright sunshiny weather for the first time in a week prevailed to-day. Flying carried on day and night.

8-3-42 0800 Hazy in the morning but cleared up in the afternoon and flying was in progress all day.

9-3-42 0800 Flights took off as usual in the morning but heavy rainstorm forced them back before noon. Visibility was less than half a mile when the last plane came in. Rain continued all day turning Station area into a sea of mud. Course number 39 held a graduation party at the V 41 Club, St. Johns, in the evening.

10-3-42 0800 High cold west wind with snow and very limited visibility prevented flying to-day.

11-3-42 0800 Clear day and flying was carried on all day but it rained during the night and no night flying was done. The regular dance was held at Baldwyn Hall.

12-3-42 0800 Unsettled weather - flights took off but had to return in about an hour - icing conditions at 3000'. Night flying O.K. Regular weekly moving picture show was held.

13-3-42 0800 Clear and bright sunshine. Air exercises morning, afternoon and night. Wing



Commander Innes-Crump and Flight Lieutenant Berthier, both of No. 3 Training Command visited the Station on staff duties. Red Triangle Revue, concert party from Y.M.C.A., Montreal, staged a very excellent concert in the airmens' mess hall. Afterwards the artists were entertained in the Officers' mess with sandwiches and coffee.

14-3-42 Visibility good. Flying both morning and afternoon. Flying Officer F.C. Dickins (ADM) took over from Flying Officer E.F. Eidt (ADM) as Administrative Officer.

15-3-42 0800 Visibility nil. Snow fell in the morning. No flying all day.

16-3-42 0800 Some ground mist early morning but cleared by 0930 hours. Air exercises both morning and afternoon.

17-3-42 0800 Visibility nil. Rain fell in the morning. No flying possible all day. Squadron Leader Doyle of No. 3 Training Command visited Station on staff duty inspection.

18-3-42 0800 Fine rain fell most of the day cancelling all air exercises. Flight Lieutenant Brammall of the New Zealand Air Liaison. Mission, Ottawa, visited the Station on Inspection trip.

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19-3-42 0800 Somewhat colder to-day, visibility considerably improved. Air exercises in the morning, afternoon and at night. Flight Lieutenant Dearaway and Flying Officer Cushley, Trade Test Officers, of No.3 Training Command visited the Station on staff duties.

20-3-42 0800 Bright and clear all day. Flying in the morning, afternoon and at night. In the evening a splendid entertainment was staged by the T. Eaton Co. Masquers. The hall was filled to capacity and every number was enthusiastically received.

21-3-42 0800 Somewhat cloudy to-day but air exercises in the morning, afternoon and at night were carried out successfully.

22-3-42 0800 Snow storm in the morning, cleared sufficiently by afternoon to permit one air exercise.

23-3-42 0800 Snow fell in the morning, cleared somewhat in the afternoon. Visibility poor and no flying all day.

24-3-42 0800 Visibility poor in the morning, some snow, cleared by noon enabling one air exercise to be carried out in the afternoon.

25-3-42 0800 Visibility good. Air exercises carried out in morning, afternoon and at night.

26-3-42 0800 Bright and clear. Flying continued all day and at night. Squadron Leader Hamel

of No.3 Training Command visited the Station in connection with Chaplin services. Cross country trip of 13 Ansons left for Malton at 1300 hours. Returned same night at 2300 hours.

27-3-42 0800 Sun shone brightly all day. Four air exercises were carried out, three during the day and one at night. A practice fire alarm was held. First stream of water directed on the fire one and a half minutes after the alarm sounded. Usual picture show at night.

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28-3-42 0800 Visibility good all day. Air exercises in the morning and afternoon, and at night.

29-3-42 0800 Bright sunshine all day. Air exercises in the morning and afternoon. Twenty-one trainees only reported from Moncton for Course 47, remainder in hospital.

30-3-42 0800 Heavy wet snow fell all day. All planes grounded.

31-3-42 0800 Snow fell in the morning but started to clear by noon late afternoon.

<u>Strength of Unit</u>	<u>1-3-42</u>	<u>31-3-42</u>
Officers (Staff)	15	16
Airmen (Staff)	50	48
Trainees	181	
184		
Personnel other than R.C.A.F.	94	141
Civilians	3	
3		
Aircraft on Charge (Anson)	24	

Total number of Flying Hours 2331:30 hours.

*R.J. Gray F/L*

(R.J. Gray) Flight Lieutenant,

Chief Supervisory Officer,

No. 9 Air Observer School,

St. Johns, Quebec.

## IMAGE 51

1-4-42 0800 Visibility poor. Rain started to fall at 1330 hours but one air exercise completed in the morning.

2-4-42 0800 Sun shone brightly all day. Four courses were granted special leave this being Good Friday. Air Exercises carried out in the morning afternoon and at night. Moving Picture show at night.

3-4-42 0800 Bright and clear all day. Air exercises completed in the morning, afternoon and at night.

4-4-42 0800 Visibility nil with rain falling all morning. Started to clear about 1400 hours but conditions did not improve sufficiently to permit any flying.

5-4-42 0800 Visibility only fair in morning but air exercise completed. Weather improved in afternoon and flying continued until 1930 hours.

6-4-42 0800 Visibility fair. Flying in the morning and afternoon. Night air exercise washed out as it started to rain about 1700 hours.

7-4-42 0800 All aircraft grounded by rain, sleet and low visibility.

8-4-42 0800 Bright sunshine all day. Air exercises in morning, afternoon and at night. Squadron Leader K Petite and Flight Lieutenant A.S. Archer of No. 3 Training Command visited the Station on official duties.

9-4-42 0800 Weather favourable and flying continued all day but night flight cancelled. The Air Officer Commanding, Air Commodore J.L.E.A. de Niverville of No.3 Training Command accompanied by Group Captain F.G. Wait paid an informal visit to the Station in the afternoon. Wing Commander Walker of No. 3 Training Command visited the Station on staff duties. The usual Motion Picture Show was held at night.

## IMAGE 52

10-4-42 0800 Weather only fair. Air exercises carried out in the morning and afternoon but the night flight was cancelled.

11-4-42 0800 Started snowing early in the morning and continued all day. By nightfall ground covered by four inches of heavy wet snow.

12-4-42 0800 Visibility fair in the morning improving towards noon and three air exercises completed during the day.

13-4-42 0800 Visibility good, flying carried out in the morning, afternoon and at night.

14-4-42 0800 Visibility only fair. Air exercises in the morning. All aircraft grounded in the afternoon as rain threatened.

15-4-42 0800 Rained all day. All aircraft grounded. Main road into the Station unusable as road bed disappeared from view for fifty yards. All traffic re-routed through main entrance to No.9 Repair Depot.

16-4-42 0800 Bright sunshine all day, good visibility. Air exercises in the morning, afternoon and at night. A polling booth in charge of Pilot Officer W.E. Neelin was opened to record the vote on the Plebiscite.

17-4-42 0800 All aircraft grounded. Intermittent rain squalls all day. Visibility nil. Flight Lieutenant P.M.C. Berthier of No.3 Training Command visited the Station on official duties. Commanding Officer's Inspection interrupted by sudden rain squall.

18-4-42 0800 Rain and some fog in the morning. No bombing. All aircraft grounded. Weather clearing at 1400 hours. Rain again in the late afternoon. Harvards in on exercises during the day from St. Huberts. No observer air exercises.

19-4-42 0800 Intermittent rain all day. No flying.

20-4-42 0800 Showery all day. Visibility poor but improved by late afternoon sufficiently to permit completion of one exercise. The Rota Revue, under the auspices of the Montreal Rotary Club presented a very excellent concert in the airmens canteen at No.9 Repair Depot.

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21-4-42 0800 Visibility fair in the morning. At 1300 hours thirteen aircraft departed for Malton, Ontario on a long navigational flight. Returned at 2330 hours completing a very successful trip. Lieutenant Colonel Climo of No.3 Training Command visited the Station on official duties.

22-4-42 0800 Clear with bright sunshine all day. Four air exercises completed including a night exercise. Usual dance in Baldwyn Hall.

23-4-42 0800 Bright sunshine all day. Flying in the morning, afternoon and evening. No night flight.  
Moving Picture Show at night.

24-4-42 0800 Bright and clear all day. Commanding Officer's Inspection in the morning. Air exercises in the morning, afternoon and at night. Four exercises completed. Thirteen Ansons from No. 1 A.O.S., Malton landed at 1530 hours on a long navigational flight: five officers and twenty six trainees making the flight. Took off for Malton at 2000 hours on return trip.

25-4-42 0800 Bright sunshine all day although a little hazy in places. Air exercises in morning, and afternoon. Temperature 80° F. Voting on the plebiscite completed with all those eligible recording their vote.

26-4-42 0800 Sun shone brightly all day and three air exercises completed.

27-4-42 0800 Visibility good. Flying continued all day and at night with four exercises completed.

28-4-42 0800 Visibility fair. Air exercises completed in the morning and afternoon.

29-4-42 0800 Bright sunshine, good visibility. Flying continued all day and at night with four exercises completed. The C.S.O. taken to St. Johns Hospital for an emergency appendectomy.

30-4-42 0800 Good visibility. Warm with bright sunshine. Good flying weather. Air exercises in morning, afternoon and at night. Usual moving picture show in the evening.

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<u>Strength of Unit</u>	<u>1-4-42</u>	<u>30-4-42</u>
Officers (Staff)	16	16
Airmen (Staff)	48	47
Trainees	184	
179		
Personnel other than R.C.A.F.	141	125
Civilians	3	
1		
Aircraft on Charge (Anson)	24	

Total number of Flying Hours 2473:45 hours.

*E.K. Moles F/L*

(E.K. Moles) Flight Lieutenant,

Chief Supervisory Officer,

No. 9 Air Observer School, R.C.A.F.,

St. Johns, Quebec.

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1-5-42 0800 Visibility only fair in the morning but improved during the day and four air exercises were completed. Flying Officer E.F. Lowery (C8682) assumed the duties of Administrative Officer being posted to this Unit from No.4 Repair Depot, Scoudouc, N.B.

2-5-42 0800 Visibility good in the morning but clouded up in the afternoon with some sprinkles of rain. Flying continued throughout the day and three exercises completed.

3-5-42 0800 Visibility fair. Strong gusty wind. No air exercises scheduled for to-day. Station very quiet to-day as no Harvards from St. Hubert are practicing landings.

4-5-42 0800 Rain accompanied by thunder and lightning at night. Visibility fair by morning. Air exercises completed in the morning, afternoon and at night. One aircraft had a forced landing through engine failure in a field about six miles from the Station.

5-5-42 0800 Much cooler. Good visibility. Air exercises completed in the morning, afternoon and at night.

6-5-42 0800 Cool. Visibility good. Long distance cross-country flight of thirteen aircraft left for Malton at 1300 hours, returning at 2200 hours.

7-5-42 0800 Rain in the morning. Squadron Leader A.P. Blackburn (C846) arrived from No.2 A.N.S., Pennfield Ridge, N.B. and assumed temporary command on Unit during the absence of Flight Lieutenant R.J. Gray (C905).

8-5-42 0800 Cool and clear. C.O.'s parade at 0750 hours. Canadian Legion presented a floor show in the airmens' mess hall at 1915 hours.

9-5-42 Cool. Flying exercises carried out in the morning.

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10-5-42 0800 Warmer. Roman Catholic Church Parade at 0845 hours, Protestant Church Parade at 1010 hours.

11-5-42 0800 Showers all day. Flight Lieutenant P.M.C. Berthier (C5596) and Flying Officer W.L. Rice (C9734) of No.3 Training Command visited the Station on Temporary Duty.

12-5-42 0800 Clearing. Air exercises completed.

13-5-42 0800 Clear and warm till late afternoon followed by very heavy rain during night. All air exercises completed during day.

14-5-42 0800 Clearing and becoming much warmer. All air exercises completed. Floor show "Blue Bell Bullets" presented in the airmens Recreation Hall at No.9 Repair Depot for personnel

of both Stations.

15-5-42 0800 Clear and warm in morning. Showers in the afternoon, C.O.'s parade at 0750 hours. Three flying exercises carried out during the day.

16-5-42 0800 Intermittent rain. Visibility poor. No flying.

17-5-42 0800 Clear. Good visibility. Roman Catholic Church Parade at 0845 hours. Protestant Church Parade at 1010 hours.

18-5-42 0800 Clear and quite warm. Pilot Officer W.A.P. Reynolds (C11385)(Adm)(SR) taken on strength from No. 1 Manning Depot, Toronto, Ont.

19-5-42 0800 Visibility fair, some haze. Bombing and air exercises in the morning. Thirteen aircraft took off for No. 1 A.O.S., Malton, on a long navigational flight at 1300 hours and returned after stopover at 2200 hours.

20-5-42 0800 Visibility fair. Air exercises completed in the morning, afternoon and at night.

21-5-42 0800 Visibility unlimited, some clouds. Bombing and air exercises carried out all day. Night flight completed although weather started to close in.

22-5-42 0800 Overcast with rain. No C.O.'s parade in the morning due to bad weather. No flying in the morning.

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23-5-42 0800 Clearing and warmer. Air exercises carried out all day.

24-5-42 0800 Warm. Roman Catholic Church Parade at 0845 hours. Protestant Church Parade at 1010 hours.

25-5-42 0800 Cool and clear. All air exercises completed during the day and night. Flight Lieutenant D.K. Dearaway (C2394) assembled Trade Test Board for trade testing airmen.

26-5-42 0800 Continuing cool. Squadron Leader A.P. Blackburn (C296) relinquishes Temporary Command which is assumed by Flight Lieutenant E.K. Moles (C2553). Pilot Officer W.W. Nichol (J9901) taken on strength from No.10 A.O.S., Chatham. N.B.

27-5-42 0800 Warmer. All air exercises completed during the day and night.

28-5-42 0800 Clear and warm. Flying exercises completed during day and night.

29-5-42 0800 Very warm. C.O.'s parade at 0750 hours. All flying exercises completed during day and night.

30-5-42 0800 Overcast with rain in afternoon. Flying in the morning only. Pilot Officer W.A.P. Reynolds (C11385) posted to Trenton for Administrative Course.

31-5-42 0800 Clear. Roman Catholic Church Parade at 0845 hours. Protestant Church parade at 1010 hours. Air exercises carried out in the morning and afternoon. No night flying.

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<u>Strength of Unit</u>	<u>1-5-42</u>	<u>31-5-42</u>
Officers (Staff)	16	17
Airmen (Staff)	47	48
Trainees	179	
179		
Personnel other than R.C.A.F.	125	96
Civilians	1	
1		
Aircraft on Charge (Anson)	24	

Total number of Flying Hours 2607:50 hours.

*R.J. Gray F/L*

(R.J. Gray) Flight Lieutenant,

Chief Supervisory Officer,

No. 9 Air Observer School,

St. Johns,

Quebec.

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1-6-42 0800 Cool with showers. Flight Lieutenant R.J. Gray (C-905) re-assumed command of Unit, taking over from Flight Lieutenant E.K. Moles (C-2553). Pilot Officer A.S.L. Corner (C-11661) (ADM) taken on strength on reporting from No. 1 Manning Depot, Toronto. Three air exercises completed during day and evening. Flying Officer H.L. Foster (C-5003) admitted to Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal for operation.

2-6-42 0800 Continuing cool. Flight Lieutenant A.S. Archer (C-2006), Flight Lieutenant P.M.C. Berthier (C-5596) and Squadron Leader K. Petrie (RAF39336) of No. 3 Training



Command visited Station on Temporary Duty. Six Sergeant Pilots taken on strength on posting from No. 1 "Y" Depot, Halifax. Three air exercises completed during day.

3-6-42 0800 Warmer. Air exercises completed in morning and afternoon. 26 trainees of Course 45 struck off strength on posting as follows,- 6 to No. 1 B. & G. School, Jarvis, Ont., 6 to No. 4 B. & G. School, Fingal, Ont., 7 to No. 6 B. & G. School, Mountain View, Ont., and 6 to No. 9 B. & G. School, Mont Joli, Que. LAC O'Brien, J.G.B. (GB1238931) ceased training and posted to Composite Training School, Trenton, Ont.

4-6-42 0800 Warm during day with heavy rain late at night but all exercises completed. Minstrel Show presented my Y.M.H.A., Montreal in Airmens' Mess at No. 9 Repair Depot for personnel of both Stations.

5-6-42 0800 Clear and warm. Commanding Officer's Inspection at 0750 hours. Three air exercises completed during day and night.

6-6-42 0800 Cloudy and cool. Two air exercises carried out in morning and afternoon.

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7-6-42 0800 Cool with showers in morning. Roman Catholic Church Parade to No. 9 Repair Depot at 0845 hrs. Protestant Church Parade to No. 9 Repair Depot at 1010 hours. One air exercise completed in afternoon.

8-6-42 0800 Warmer. Three air exercises completed in morning, afternoon and night. Course No. 52 composed of 26 trainees reported on posting from Composite Training School, Trenton. Course 52 being instructed by Flight Lieutenant R.F. Logie.

9-6-42 0800 Fair and warm. Morning and afternoon air exercises completed. One Squadron of three flights under Flight Lieutenant E.K. Moles as Squadron Commander joined with two Squadrons from No. 9 Repair Depot in Wing Parade at town of St. Johns, Que. in connection with Sports night in aid of Air Cadets Unit of that town. Parade under Wing Commander F.R. Threthewey of No. 9 Repair Depot, reviewed by Air Officer Commanding, No. 3 Training Command, Air Commodore A.L. de Niverville.

10-6-42 0800 Fair and decidedly warm. Morning air exercise only. Flight Sergeant R.N. Follitt, (R.69683) Station Disciplinarian granted fourteen days Sick Leave, being replaced by Flight Sergeant Gibson, D.K. (#9886). Nine W.O.A.G.s reported on posting from Mont Joli, Que.

11-6-42 0800 Overcast and decidedly warm. Morning, afternoon and night air exercises completed. Moving Picture Show held at No. 9 Repair Depot for personnel of both Stations.

12-6-42 0800 Cloudy and decidedly warm. Commanding Officer's inspection at 0750 hours followed by route march led by C.S.O. Flight Lieutenant R.J. Gray. Morning air exercise only carried out.

13-6-42 0800 Quite warm. Morning air exercise carried out. No flying in afternoon or evening.

14-6-42 0800 Fair and warm. Roman Catholic Church Parade at 0845 hours. Protestant Church Parade at 1000 hours. Air exercise carried out in afternoon only.

15-6-42 0800 Cloudy and warm. Flying Officer H.T. Davoud (C-6920) departed on seven days annual leave. Flying Officer A.M. Sharp (C.4803) promoted to Acting Flight Lieutenant effective 1-6-42. Flight Lieutenant V.N. Peterson (C-1878), Flying Officer H.J. Goodenough (C-8032) of No. 3 Training Command and Flight Lieutenant R.E. Davidson (C-2187) formed Court of Inquiry to investigate damage done on Station to cable owned by Bell Telephone Company.

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16-6-42 0800 Overcast and warm. Thirteen aircraft left at 1330 hours on long navigation flight to Malton, returning at 0030 hours the following morning.

17-6-42 0800 Cloudy and warm. Morning and afternoon air exercises completed. At 0300 hours a request by telephone and teletype came from No. 13 S.F.T.S., St. Hubert, Que. for assistance in conducting a search for four Harvard aircraft from that station reported lost on a night flight. At 0635 hours four Ansons took off to search an area along the low York State border but had to return an hour later because of poor visibility and low overcast. The weather improved during the day and at 1400 hours, twelve aircraft took off to continue the search. All four missing Harvards were located and position signalled to ground parties. Twelve Ansons returned to Station at 1630 hours. Rain started at 1830 hours and night flight cancelled.

18-6-42 0800 Overcast. Morning air exercise cancelled. Weather improved by noon and air exercise completed in afternoon. Night flight cancelled.

19-6-42 0800 Weather clear. C.O.s Inspection at 0750 hours followed by route march. Flight Sergeant Hay, A. (GB755496) W.O.P./A.G. reported to Unit on Temporary Duty from No. 3 Training Command. Three air exercises completed during day and night.

20-6-42 0800 Clear and cool. Air exercises completed in morning and afternoon only. Personnel of Course 46 struck off strength as follows: 6 to No. 1 B. & G. School, Jarvis, Ont., 6 to No. 4 B. & G. School, Fingal, Ont., 6 to No. 6 B. & G. School, Mountain View, Ont., and 5 to No. 9 B. & G. School, Mont Joli, Que. 2 (Ceased Training) to Composite Training School, Trenton, Ont. and one transferred to Course #47.

21-6-42 0800 Fair and warm. Morning and afternoon air exercises completed. Roman Catholic Church Parade at 0845 hours. Protestant Church Parade at 1000 hours.

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22-6-42 0800 Fair and warm. Morning, afternoon and night exercises completed. Flight Lieutenant W.J.B. Hutchinson (C-2920) departed on seven m days annual leave 22-6-42 to 29-6-42.

23-6-42 0800 Rain early in morning but clearing later. Three air exercises carried out during day and night. Pilot Officer A. Brown (J-9906) (A.O.) reported on posting from No. 6 I.T.S., Toronto, Ont. Pilot Officer A. Girolami (J-12046) (W.A.G.) taken on strength on posting from No. 9 B. & G. School, Mont Joli, P.Q.

24-6-42 0800 Clear and cooler. Morning and night exercises only carried out. Revue "Thumbs Up" shown at 2000 hours in Airmen's Canteen No. 9 Repair Depot to personnel of both Units. Fifteen W.A.O.G. Sergeants taken on strength on posting from No. 9 B. & G. School, Mont. Joli, Que.

25-6-42 0800 Fair and warm. Morning and afternoon air exercises carried out but night flight washed out on account of rain. Moving Picture show presented at 1930 hours in Airmen's Canteen No. 9 Repair Depot for personnel of both Stations.

26-6-42 0800 Fair and warm. Commanding Officer's parade and inspection at 0750 hours followed by usual route march. Three air exercises carried out during day and night. Motion Picture "Target for Tonight" shown in Airmen's Mess at 1900 hours. Wing Commander Walker of No. 3 Training Command visited Station on routine matters, arriving by air at 1330 hours and departing by air at 1830 hours.

27-6-42 0800 Fair and warm. Morning and afternoon air exercises carried out. Wing Commanders White and Baird and Squadron Leader Brammel of New Zealand visited Station from 1030 hours until 1500 hours. While here, they were conducted over the Station by the Chief Supervisory Officer, Flight Lieutenant R.J. Gray.

28-6-42 0800 Warm. Air exercises in morning and afternoon. Roman Catholic Church Parade at 0845 hours to No. 9 Repair Depot and Protestant Church Parade at 1000 hours, also to No. 9 Repair Depot. Flying Officer J.L. Gilbault (C-6318) of No. 15 Recruiting Centre, Montreal, visited the Station departing at 1830 hours.

29-6-42 0800 Very warm with haze. Three air exercises carried out during day and night. Pilot Officer L.T. Pennell (J-8808) reported on posting from No. 4 I.T.S., Edmonton, Alta. Flying Officer A.M. Nicol (C-5530) struck off strength on posting to No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Manitoba.

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30-6-42 0800 Very warm and cloudy followed by rain late in evening. Two air exercises only carried out. No night flight. Squadron Leader K. Petrie of No. 3 Training Command arrived by air at 1100 hours and spent day checking out new pilots, departing by air at 1800 hours.

Flight Lieutenant J.E. Riddell (C.2557) arrived at 1100 hours on posting from No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Manitoba. Battle 2129 being test-flown by No. 9 Repair Depot crashed on runway at 1025 hours due to collapsed landing gear. "C" crash removed by crew from No. 9 Repair Depot.

<u>Strength of Unit</u>	<u>1-6-42</u>	<u>30-6-42</u>
Officers (Staff)	17	20
Airmen (Staff)	48	69
Trainees	179	172
Personnel other than R.C.A.F.	96	65
Civilians	1	1
Aircraft on Charge (Anson)	26	
Total number of Flying Hours	2,301:30	

*RJ Gray*

(R.J. Gray) Flight Lieutenant,  
Chief Supervisory Officer,  
No. Air Observer School.

R.C.A.F.,

St. Johns, Quebec.

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1-7-42 Quite warm and cloudy morning, afternoon and evening air exercises carried out. Pilot Officer Lyons, J.E. (J.11771) taken on strength on reporting from No. 1 C.N.S. Rivers, Manitoba.

2-7-42 Clear and warm. Morning and afternoon air exercises only. Commanding Officer's parade and inspection held at 0800 hours, followed by route march.

3-7-42 Cloudy and cooler. Afternoon and evening air exercises only.

4-7-42 Cool with showers. Morning and afternoon air exercises only.

5-7-42 Clear and warmer. Roman Catholic Church Parade held at 0845 hours to No. 9 Repair Depot. Protestant Church Parade hold at 1010 hours also to No. 9 Repair Depot. Evening air exercise carried out.

6-7-42 Cloudy and cooler. Morning, afternoon and evening air exercises carried out. Course No. 54 composed of 26 R.A.F. Trainees, taken on strength on reporting from Composite Training School, Trenton, Ontario. Pilot Officer W.W. Nichol, (J.9901) struck off strength on posting to No. 9 Bombing and Gunnery School, Mont Joli, Quebec. Flying Officer E.J. Black, (C.10739)

Refrigeration Inspector A.F.H.Q., visited unit on inspection trip. Drill refresher course for Officer's commenced at 0800 hours under W.O. 2 Gibson, D.K. (9886).

7-7-42 Continuing cool. Three air exercises completed during day and evening. Flight Lieutenant P.M.C. Berthier, (C.5596) of No. 3 Training Command visited unit on Staff Duty.

8-7-42 Cloudy with showers. Morning, afternoon and evening air exercises carried out. Late night flight at 0100 hours 9-7-42. Wing Commanders Innes-Crump, of No. 3 Training Command and Ball of A.F.H.Q., visited station on routine duties. A small fire caused by exploding grease occurred in Airmens Kitchen at 1900 hours, but was extinguished before any damage was done. Moving pictures, "People of Canada" and "Canada Carries On" shown at No. 9 Repair Depot at 2100 hours for personnel of both stations.

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9-7-42 Partly cloudy. Afternoon and craning flights only. Flying Officer H.L. Foster, (C.5003) departed on twenty-one days sick leave, on discharge from Station Hospital. Course in Aircraft Mathematics given by Pilot Officer J.A.P. Cadotte (C.11151) was commenced at No. 9 Repair Depot for personnel of both Stations.

10-7-42 Cloudy. Three air exercises carried out during day and evening. Wing Commanders Walker of No. 3 Training Command, and Barrett of A.F.H.Q. visited Station, arriving and departing by air. Pilot Officer A.S.L. Corner, (C. 11661) (Adm.) Struck off strength on posting to School of Administration, Trenton, Ontario.

11-7-42 Warm with rain. All Flights washed out due to bad visibility.

12-7-42 Clear and warm. Afternoon and evening air exercises carried out. Roman Catholic Church Parade to No. 9 Repair Depot at 0845 hours. Protestant Church Parade at 1010 hours, also to No. 9 Repair Depot.

13-7-42 Cloudy and vary warm. Morning and afternoon air exercises only. Flying Officer F.C. Dickens, (C.5600)(Adm.) ceases to be attached to this unit from No. 8 A.O.S. Ancienne Lorette, Quebec on posting to Western Air Command Headquarters, Victoria, B.C., No. 9789 Flight Sergeant Hamsley, E.J. reported on Temporary Duty from No. 3 Training Command.

14-7-42 Very warm. Three air exercises carried out during day and evening. Station parade held at 1530 hours in preparation for Wings Presentation on July 31st, with Flight Lieutenant E.K. Moles, (C.2553) in command of squadron. Wings Party (Course No. 47) was in charge of Flight Lieutenant R.F. Logie, (C.2921).

15-7-42 Continuing warm. Morning, afternoon and evening air exercises carried out. Squadron Leader L.G.G.J. Archambault, (C.770) (C.S.O.), and Flight Lieutenant Innis, of No. 8 A.O.S. Ancienne Lorette, Quebec, visited at Station and remained for lunch.

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16-7-42 Cooler. Three regular air exercises carried out during day and evening. These were preceded by a night flight at 0100 hours, arriving back at 0430 hours. Squadron Leader H.J. Bains, (35158) and Pilot Officer I. Goldberg, (C.9832) Aircraft Inspectors visited station to examine four Ansons which were transferred to this unit from Hagersville, Ontario. Board of Officers composed of Squadron Leader J.H. Fenton,(C.2042) President, and Flight Lieutenant H.G. Kelly, (C.8722) and Flying Officer R.W. Farnsworth, (C.6455) Members, toured station with Messrs. W. Woollett, E.B. Woollett and H.A. Peek, on pre-taking over inspection.

17-7-42 Fair and warm. Three air exercises completed during day and night. Commanding Officer's Inspection at 0800 hours followed by rehearsal for Wings Parade.

18-7-42 Overcast with showers. All flying washed out due to poor visibility.

19-7-42 Very warm. Two air exercises carried out in afternoon and evening. Roman Catholic Church Parade at 0845 hours, and Protestant Church Parade at 1010 hours, both to No. 9 Repair Depot.

20-7-42 Continuing warm. Three air exercises carried out. Twelve New Zealand Airmen (Air Navigators Standard) taken on strength as part of Course No. 55, the balance of which will report July 22nd. from Composite Training School, Trenton, Ontario.

21-7-42 Warm. Early morning flight at 0100 hours, followed by afternoon and evening air exercises. Flight Lieutenant F.T.A. Skelcher, (C.2265) (Arm.) of No. 3 Training Command, flew over adjacent territory selecting sites for proposed Bombing Ranges.

22-7-42 Quite warm. Morning and evening flights only. Squadron Leader Corbould, Chief Supervisory Officer, No. 10 A.O.S. Chatham, N.B., visited Station and consulted with the Chief Supervisory Officer, Flight Lieutenant R.J. Gray, (C.905). "Lowney's Caravan" was presented at No. 9 Repair Depot at 2000 hours for personnel of both Stations and was greatly enjoyed by all present. Fourteen Airmen (Air Navigators Standard) taken on strength on reporting from Composite Training School, Trenton, Ontario.

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23-7-42 Warm, Three air exercises carried out. Pilot Officer's R.L.I. Fjarlie, (J.12277)(Obs.) and D.G. Muir, (J.12274)(Obs.) taken on strength on posting from No. 1 C.N.S. Rivers, Manitoba. At an Officer's Mess Meeting held at 1245 hours in ante-room of Officer's Mess, the following new Executive was selected: President of Officer's Mess Committee Flight Lieutenant W.J.D. Hutchinson, (C.2921) Secretary, Flying Officer D.R. Crosby, (C.6903) and Bar Officer, Pilot Officer J.E. Lyons, (C.11771).

24-7-42 Continuing warm. Commanding Officer's Parade and inspection held at 0750 hours, followed by a route march. Cross country navigation flight Course No, 47 to Malton at 1330 hours. All aircraft held at Malton over night on account of bad weather conditions, Mr. Bacque,

Building Inspector of National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa, visited Station in Company with the Chief Supervisory Officer, Flight Lieutenant R.J. Gray, (C.905) made an inspection of the premises occupied and owned by the College de St. Jean. Negotiations are at present under way between the College and the Government as a preliminary to a possible taking over of the building for National Defence Purposes.

25-7-42 Overcast and cooler. All aircraft from Malton returned at 1130 hours with exception of M6650 which developed a cracked cylinder 20 minutes out of Malton; to which point it returned and was left for repairs. The Pilot and Crew returned to St, Johns, Quebec, by train.

26-7-42 Warmer. Four air exercises completed. Roman Catholic Church Parade at 0845 hours. Protestant Church Parade at 1010 hours, both to No. 9 Repair Depot.

27-7-42 Overcast and warm. Morning flight washed out due to poor visibility. Flying Officer J.G. Skinner, (C.12656)(S.R.) (Adm.) taken on strength on reporting from No. 5 Manning Depot, Lachine, Quebec. Flight Lieutenant Davignon, Roman Catholic Padre visited Station on his appointment as part time Roman Catholic Padre, replacing Flight Lieutenant J.G.R. Cote'.

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28-7-42 Overcast and. warm. Three air exercises carried out during day. Routine usual.

29-7-42 Clear and warm. Two flights carried out during day. Dance held in Baldwyn Hall, St. Johns, at 2100 hours to which airmen personnel were invited.

30-7-42 Clear and cooler. Early morning flight at 0100 hours followed by three regular flights. Flight Lieutenant D.T. McQueen, Armament Officer of No. 3 Training Command, visited Station from 1000 hours Until 1400 hours on Staff Duties. Pilot Officer W.J. Erly, (J.9574) (G.L) (S.R.) taken on strength on posting from No. 10 Air Observer School, Chatham, N.B. Pilot Officer A.S.L. Corner, (C.11661)(Adm.)(S.R.) struck off strength on posting to School of Administration Trenton, Ontario. Flying Officer H.L. Foster, (C.5003) reported on expiration of twenty-one days sick leave.

31-7-42 Clear in morning, turning to rain at 1400 hours. Commanding Officer's Parade and Inspection held at 0750 hours. One air exercise in morning. Wings Parade scheduled to be held outdoors transferred to interior of Hangar No. 1. Twenty-three airmen awarded Navigators Badge during the ceremony of presentation by Group Captain F.G. Wait of No. 3 Training Command. Five airmen in course struck off strength (cease training) on posting to Composite Training School, Trenton, Ontario.

About 200 invited guests assembled in hangar for Wings Ceremony at 1430 hours. After addresses by the Chief Supervisory Officer Flight Lieutenant R.J. Gray, and Group Captain F.G. Wait, the presentations were made by the latter and on conclusion of the ceremony the guests were entertained at the Officer's and Airmen's Messes; departing approximately 1730 hours.

<u>Strength of Unit</u>	<u>1-7-42</u>	<u>31-7-42</u>
Officers (Staff)	20	23
Airmen (Staff) 69	73	
Trainees	172	218
Personnel other than R.C.A.F.	65	112
Civilians	1	1

Aircraft on Charge (Anson) 34

Total number of Flying Hours for Month of July/42 2,608:15 hours

(R.J. Gray) Flight Lieutenant,

Chief Supervisory Officer,

No. 9 Air Observer School, RCAF.,

St. Johns, Quebec.

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1-8-42 Clear and cool. Two air exercises completed during day. W.O. 2 Gibson, D.K. (9886) departed on fourteen days annual leave.

2-8-42 Fair and warmer. One air exercise completed. Roman Catholic Church Parade at 0645 hours and Protestant Church Parade at 1010 hours, both to No. 9 Repair Depot.

3-8-42 Cloudy and warm. Four air exercises completed. Routine normal

4-8-42 Cloudy and warm with strong winds. Four air exercises completed. Flying Officer J.G. Skinner (C12656) appointed Investigating Officer to inquire into injuries received by Lac. Bryson, W.G. (R.136212) while playing ball on Station. Four R.C.A.F., two R.N.Z.A.F., and twenty R.A.F. Airmen (Air Navigator Standard) Course 56, taken on strength on posting from Composite Training School, Trenton, Ontario. One airman Course 52, Lac. McNally, ceased training and posted to Composite Training School, Trenton, Ontario.

5-8-42 Clear and warm with continued wind. Three air exercises completed. Routine normal.

6-8-42 Clear and warm. Four air exercises completed. Flight Lieutenant A.S. Archer, Flight Lieutenant P.M.C. Bertier, and Flight Lieutenant J.H. Watts, of No. 3 Training Command visited Station on Staff Duties. Pilot Officer W.J. Erly (J.9574) departed on 10 days annual leave.



7-8-42 Clear and quite warm. Four air exercises completed. Commanding Officer's Parade and Inspection at 0750 hours, followed by a route march. The Air Officer Commanding, No. 3 Training Command, Air Commodore A. de Niverville, accompanied by Group Captain's N.E. Sharpe M.C. and P.G.A. Hume Wright, and Squadron Leader J. Duban, made a routine visit to station during the afternoon, arriving at 1400 hours and departing 1500 hours by motor transport. Sergeant Chaplin, H.G. (10745) appointed Pilot Officer and struck off strength on posting to No. 5 Manning Depot, Lachine, Quebec.

8-8-42 Clear and warm. Three air exercises completed. At approximately 0335 hours Anson 6607 piloted by E.B.F. Kalter, undershot the runway, crashed and aircraft was badly damaged; Pilot and Wireless Air Gunner were slightly injured and crew of two students were uninjured in crash which was caused by pilot failing to change petrol tanks and engines cut out on final approach to runway.

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9-8-42 Steady rain all day. No air exercises carried out. Roman Catholic Church Parade at 0845 hours. Protestant Church Parade at 1010 hours both to No. 9 Repair Depot.

10-8-42 Overcast with rain. No air exercises carried out. Flight Sergeant Helmsley, H.J. (9789) arrived at 1100 hours on Temporary Duty from No. 3 Training Command; Sergeant Prettie, W.G. (269A) returned from temporary duty at No. 13 E.F.T.S. St. Hubert, Quebec.

11-8-42 Cloudy in morning, clearing in afternoon. Two air exercises carried out. Canadian Legion All Stars presented a revue at 2030 hours at No. 9 Repair Depot for the personnel of both stations.

12-8-42 Clear and warm. Three air exercises completed. Routine normal.

13-8-42 Warm. Four air exercises carried out. Rehearsal for Wings Parade held at 1545 hours attended by all personnel. Pilot Officer A.D. Bent, (J.8827) promoted to Flying Officer effective 1-8-42. Sergeant Costin, S.J. (R.77438) returned from temporary duty at Mountain View, Ontario. Flying Officer H.E. Gentles (C383) reported at 1500 hours on Temporary Duty (Aerodrome Control) from No; 13 S.F.T.S., St. Hubert, Quebec.

14-8-42 Cloudy and overcast. Three air exercises completed. Commanding Officer's parade and inspection held at 0750 hours. Wings Parade and presentation held on taxi strip at 1600 hours attended by about 150 guests including Air Commodore Paxton, and Group Captain Hume Wright. Presentations were made by D.C. Coleman, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company after introductory speech by the Chief Supervisory Officer, Flight Lieutenant R.J. Gray. Air Cadet Corps of St. Johns, Quebec, were in attendance, and after the ceremony the guests were entertained in Officer's and Airman's Messes. The 60 piece band of Headquarters, Ottawa was in attendance.

15-8-42 Cloudy and warm. All air exercises completed. Flying Officer E.F. Lowery,

(C8682), Flying Officer A.D. Bent, (J.8827) and Flight Lieutenant R.F. Logie, (C2921) departed on annual leave.

16-8-42 Cloudy with rain. No air exercises. Roman Catholic Church Parade at 0845 hours; Protestant Church Parade at 1010 hours, both to No. 9 Repair Depot. Course 57 reported as follows:- Eleven from No. 6 Initial Training School, Toronto, Ontario, ten from No. 5 Initial Training School, Belleville, Ontario, and five from Composite Training School, Trenton, Ontario.

17-8-42 Fair and warm. Two air exercises carried out. Four airmen of Course 53 and one of Course 52 Ceased training on posting to Composite Training School, Trenton, Ontario.

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18-8-42 Fair and cool with heavy showers late in evening. Four air exercises carried out. Flight Sergeant Helmsley, H.J. (9789) ceased to be on Temporary Duty from No. 3 Training Command, departing at 1330 hours by Motor Transport.

19-8-42 Overcast and cool. One air exercise only carried out, otherwise routine normal.

20-8-42 Overcast and warmer. All air exercises carried out. Squadron Leader K.B. Corbould (RAF 39211) visited station on Temporary Duty from No. 3 Training Command, Montreal, Quebec.

21-8-42 Warm. Four air exercises completed. Commanding Officer's Parade and Inspection at 0750 hours followed by a route march. Flying Officer G.A. McKernan (J4766) proceeded on Temporary Duty to Ottawa for medical treatment.

22-8-42 Very warm. Four air exercises completed. Flying Officer J.G. Skinner (C12656) departed on posting to School of Administration, Trenton, Ontario.

23-8-42 Much cooler. All air exercises completed. Roman Catholic Church Parade at 0845 hours. Protestant Church Parade at 1010 hours, both to No. 9 Repair Depot. Flying Officer E.F. Lowery, reported on completion of seven days annual leave. Flying Officer G.A. McKernan (J4766) returned from temporary duty at Ottawa, at 2300 hours.

24-8-42 Cool. Four air exercises completed. Routine normal.

25-8-42 Continuing cool. Three air exercises completed. Warrant Officer Pock, R.H. (295) and Flight Sergeant Sutherland, A.T. (2315) reported on Temporary Duty from No 3 Training Command, arriving 0945 hours departing 1700 hours by bus.

26-8-42 Cool. Three air exercises completed. Routine normal.

27-8-42 Warmer. Four air exercises completed. Sergeant Frankland, G.F.J. (7600)(Photo) taken on strength on posting from Mountain View, Ontario. Sergeant Prettie, W.G. (269A) appointed Acting Flight Sergeant; W.O.2 Gibson, D.K. (9886) appointed Station Sergeant Major of Unit

effective 27-8-42.

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28-8-42 Cool with rain. No air exercises held. Wings Parade and Presentation held in No. 1 Hangar for Course 49. Twenty Airmen presented with wings by Chief Supervisory Officer, Flight Lieutenant R.J. Gray; approximately 100 guests attended the ceremony and were entertained in the Officer's and Airmen's Messes after the ceremony. The Military Band of C.I.T.C. Farnham, Quebec, led the parade.

29-8-42 Clear and cool. Two air exercises carried out. Routine normal.

30-8-42 Quite warm. Three air exercises carried out. Roman Catholic Church Parade at 0845 hours; Protestant Church Parade at 1010 hours, both to No. 9 Repair Depot.

31-8-42 Clear and warm. Three air exercises in afternoon and evening. Wing Commander Gillson, A.H.S. (C1537) and Flight Lieutenant Hawkins, W.J. (C.1751) of Navigation Visiting Flight from No. 1 Central Navigation School, Rivers, Manitoba, arrived on the station at 1030 hours. Twenty-six airmen (Course 58) reported on posting from Reselection Centre, Trenton, Ontario.

<u>Strength of Unit</u>	<u>1-8-42</u>	<u>31-8-42</u>
Officers (Staff)	23	23
Airmen (Staff)	73	83
Trainees	218	260
Other Personnel than R.C.A.F.	112	120
Civilians	1	1

Aircraft on Charge (Anson) 32

Total number of Flying Hours for Month of August 2853; 40 hours.

*R J Gray* (R.J.  
Gray) Flight Lieutenant, Chief  
Supervisory Officer, No. 9  
Air Observer School, St.  
Johns, Quebec.

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Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. Partly cloudy. Four air exercises carried out. A Command Trade Test Board arrived at the Station for Trade Testing - - composed of President, Flying Officer Benson, F.L. (F.L. (C.12155) No. 3 Training Command. Members - - #9886 W.O. 2 Gibson, D.R., #3029 F/S O'Neil, M., #269A F/S Prettie, W.G. of No. 9 Air Observer School, St. Johns, Quebec, and R.80419 Sgt. Birch, L.H.S. of No. 3 Training Command. Flying Officer R.W. Dunn, (C.4686) taken on strength on posting from No. 5 Initial Training School, Belleville, Ontario.

Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Partly cloudy. Three air exercises carried out. Flying Officer, W.R. Wilkes (J.2971) ceased to be on Temporary Duty from Air Force Headquarters, departing 1700 hours. Squadron Leader K. Petrie, (RAF39336) reported on Temporary. Duty from No. 3 Training Command at 1430, hours, and departed 1800 hours - - duties Flight Testing. On Temporary Duty from No. 1 Central Navigation School, Wing Commander A.H.S. Gillson (C.1537) departed by rail 1830 hours.

Sep. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Overcast, light showers. Four air exercises carried out. Moving Picture Show held in Airmen's Canteen, No. 9 Repair Depot at 2000 hours for the benefit of both stations. On Temporary Duty from No. 1 Central Navigation School, Flight Lieutenant W.J. Hawkins (C.1751) departed by rail 1630 hours.

Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>. Partly cloudy. Three air exercises carried out. The Commanding Officer conducted an inspection of all personnel at the 0750 hours Morning Parade, also inspecting Barrack Rooms and Buildings.

Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. Three Air Exercises carried out. Routine normal.

Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. Three Air Exercises carried out. Church parade for both Protestant and Roman Catholic personnel was called for at 0945 hours in the Parade Square. Church Services at No. 9 Repair Depot. Routine normal.

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Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>. Clear, becoming overcast later. Three Air Exercises carried out. Taken on strength Pilot Officer J.R. Foster (C.13507) on posting from No. 5 "M" Depot, Lachine, Quebec. Arrived by rail 0010 hours. Pilot Officer J.E. Lyons (J.11771) departed on seven days leave 0635 hours.

Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. Overcast. Three Air Exercises carried out. Routine normal.

Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. Overcast, light rain. Air Exercises cancelled. The Tin Hat Review was presented in the Airmen's Canteen, No. 9 Repair Depot at 2000 hours.

Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. Overcast, light rain. -Air Exercises cancelled. Routine normal.

Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>. Overcast, partly cloudy. Three Air Exercises carried out. The Commanding

Officer's Parade and Inspection scheduled for to-day cancelled on account of weather. Reported on Temporary Duty from No. 3 Training Command, Flight Lieutenant J.P. Brillon, (C254) arriving 1015 hours departing 1415 hours on Staff Duties. Flight Lieutenant P.W. Fraser, (C.1750) from No. 3 Initial Training School, Victoriaville, Que., arriving 1500 hours. Flying Officer C.E. Atchison, (C.5456) from No. 3 Initial Training School, Victoriaville, arriving 1500 hours. Flying Officer J.A.M. Huot, (C.6925) from No. 3 Initial Training School, Victoriaville, arriving 1500 hours. Graduation Ceremony and Wings Parade held at 1535 hours. Parade forming up on Parade Square. 43 Airmen awarded Navigators Badge, presented at the Ceremony by Flights Lieutenant R.J. Gray, who gave an address prior to the presentation. Guests were afterwards entertained in the Officer's and Airmen's Messes. Appointment-- Sgt. T.J.N. Lamont, R.109231 to be Pilot Officer (S.R.)(General List), and taken on strength. Proceeded on Temporary Duty to No. 13 Recruiting Office, Montreal, F/S Folllott, R.N. R.69883, at 1000 hours, returning at 2300 hours.

Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. Fair and warm. Two Air Exercises carried out. #7779 Sgt. LaFontaine, J.L.J.B. on Temporary Duty to Trenton, departed by rail 1000 hours. Strength increases Pilot Officer, W.G. Heughan (J.13150) Pilot Officer A.J. Vickers (J.13115), Pilot Officer W.L. Fricker (J.13140) Pilot Officer D.T.J. Hamm (J.13116), from Rivers, Manitoba, arriving by rail 1030 hours.

Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. The Roman Catholic Church Parade fell in on the Parade Square at 0845 hours and proceeded to No. 9 Repair Depot. Mass was celebrated at 0900 hours. The Protestant Church Parade fell in on the Parade Square at 1010 hours and proceeded to No. 9 Repair Depot, when the Service was held at 1030 hours. Three Air Exercises carried out. Fair and warm. Departing from Temporary Duty, Flight Lieutenant P.W. Fraser (C.1750) by rail 1700 hours. Departed from Temporary Duty, Flying Officer C.E. Atchison (C.5456) at 1800 hours, also Flying Officer

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Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. (Cont'd) J.A.M. Huot, at 1800 hours.

Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. Cloudy and overcast. Three Air exercises carried out. Sgt. Southern, E.E. R. 104147, proceeded on Temporary Duty to D.P.&N.H. Montreal at 0700 hours, returned at 2300 hours. Strength increase Sgt. Cole, E.M. #9800, Air Bomber from Jarvis, arrived 2230 hours.

Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. Cloudy, light showers. Four Air exercises carried out. The following Officers completed a refresher drill course on September 13th. Flight Lieutenants R.J. Gray; E.K. Moles; R.F. Logie; W.J.B. Hutchinson. A.M. Sharp; H.L. Foster and J.E. Riddell: - - Flying Officer's H.T. Davoud; D.R. Crosby; A.D. Bent; G.A. McKernan; E.F. Lowery; and Pilot Officer's R.V. Dodds; H.S. Howden; R.H. Strauss; A. Brown; A. Girolami; J.E. Lyons; R.L. Fjarlie; D.G. Muir; L.T. Pennell; W.J. Erly. Sgt. Southern, E.E. R.104147 was admitted to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal. 10 Sergeant Pilots were struck off strength and granted indefinite leave without pay effective September 10th. for employment at No. 9 Air Observer School, with Dominion Skyways (Observers) Limited. A Flying Accident occurred this morning to one of the Ansons (X6554) which crashed into Lake St. Francis near Cornwall, Ontario, with a crew of four. The following were killed, R.108924 Sgt. Pilot De Havilland, V.G. AUS.413469 Sgt. Fraser, T.P., G.B. 1318392

LAC. Smale, W.H.F. The fourth member of the crew was only slightly injured AUS. 414469  
LAC. Cook, S.D.R. Strength increase R.54728 Sgt. Hall, T.S., arrived by rail 1200 hours.

Sept.16th. Cloudy and overcast. Four air exercises carried out. Routine normal.

Sept.17th. Clear and partly cloudy. Four air exercises carried out. Temporary Duty- - Flight Lieutenant J.T. Flanagan (C.3337) arrived by rail 1015 hours 14-9-42, departed 1800 hours 16-9-42 --Staff Duties.

Sept.18th. Clear and partly cloudy. Three air exercises carried out. The Commanding Officer held his inspection at the 0750 hours morning parade and also conducted an inspection of Barracks

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Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>. (Cont'd) this morning. Promotion Pilot Officer H.S. Howden (C.9721) to be acting Flying Officer whilst so employed, effective 15-9-42. Routine Normal.

Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. Clear and partly cloudy. Three Air Exercises carried out. A Funeral Service was held to-day at 1430 hours from the Anglican Church for Sergeant Fraser and L.A.C. Smale who were killed in a Flying Accident on September 15th. The order of Dress was Blues. All personnel at this Unit were requested to attend and the turnout of all ranks was excellent. On Temporary Duty - - Flight Lieutenant W.S. Phillips (C.3233) reported from No. 3 Training Command at 1105 hours 8-9-42, and departed 1700 hours 10-9-42 on Staff Duties. Appointment - - Sports Officer, Pilot Officer Pilot W.G. Heughan (J. 13150) was appointed Sports Officer of this Unit replacing Flying Officer Bent, A.D. (J.8827) effective 17-9-42.

Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. Clear and partly cloudy. Three Air Exercises carried out. The Catholic Church parade fell in on the Parade Square at 0845 hours and proceeded to No. 9 Repair Depot. Mass was celebrated at 0900 hours. The Protestant Church parade fell in on the Parade Square at 1010 hours and proceeded to No. 9 Repair Depot where the Service was held at 1030 hours. Strength decrease - - Pilot Officer L.T. Pennell (J.8808) and Flying Officer A.D. Bent (J.8827) on posting to Eastern Air Command, effective to-day. Strength increase on posting from Rivers, Manitoba R.132336 Sgt. Beattie, A.C. (Air Observer, Special Group) arrived 1015 hours.

Sep. 21<sup>st</sup>. Clear. Three Air Exercises carried out. Strength increase Flight Lieutenant N.H. Spall (C.1843) on posting from No. 1 Air Observer School, Malton, Ontario, arriving by road 1315 hours. Routine normal.

Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Clear, becoming cloudy. Three Air exercises carried out. A Committee of Adjustment assembled to-day to take action on the Service Estates of AUS. 413484 Sgt. Fraser, Thomas Press and GB.1318392 LAC. Smale, William Herbert Frederick who died on September 15th. The Committee composed as follows:- President- -Flight Lieutenant W.J.B. Hutchinson. Members- -Flying Officer H.S. Howden; Pilot Officer Foster, J.R. The following Officer's were appointed by the Chief Supervisory Officer to make an inventory of the Service Effects of

R.108924 Sgt. De Havilland, Victor who also died September 15th. as a result of a Flying Accident. Leave- -Flying Officer D.R. Crosby was granted one days annual leave from the 22-9-42 to 23-9-42 inclusive.

Sep. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Partly cloudy. Three air exercises carried out. Strength decrease - - R.64426 Cpl. Pevitt, J. on posting to No. 9 Repair Depot, St. Johns, Que., departing to-day. Temporary Duty- - Squadron Leader M.L. Doyle (C3178) reported 1145 hours from No. 3 Training Command. Montreal,

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Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>. (Cont'd) departed 22-9-42; Departed 1030 hours 23-9-42. Flight Lieutenant J.R. Gauthier (C.4562) reported on Temporary Duty from No. 3 Training Command at 0900 hours departed 1030 P.M. same day. Squadron Leader J.G.A. Hamel (C.1809) reported on Temporary Duty from No. 3 Training Command at 1100 hours, departed 1745 hours, Chaplain duties. Routine normal.

Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. Overcast, light rain. Three air exercises carried out. The regular weekly movie was shown at No. 9 Repair Depot at 2000 hours. Routine Normal.

Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. Cloudy. Three air exercises carried out. The Commanding Officer conducted his inspection of all personnel at the 0750 hours morning parade and an inspection of Barracks the same morning. Course No. 52 graduated and a Wings Parade was held at 1535 hours over which the Chief Supervisory Officer, Flight Lieutenant R.J. Gray, presided. Appointment R.J. Driscoll R.141541 Sergeant to be Pilot Officer effective 25-9-42, and posted to No. 1 Central Navigation School, Rivers, Manitoba effective 17-10-42. Strength; decrease Eight Sergeants Course No. 52-- R.113901 Sgt. Bell, A.G., R.94225 Sgt. Bentley, D.G., R.125221 Sgt. Davis, D.M., R.120183 Sgt. Dourley, M.R., R.93885 Sgt. Johnson, C.H., R.135730 Sgt. McCabe, D.A., R.135693 Sgt. Prosser, D.G., R.66105 Sgt. Tinsley, A.S., Posting to No. 1 "Y" Depot, Halifax, and GB.1552455 Sgt. Cleary, R.W., GB.1107971 Sgt. Connolly, G.J., GB.1551272 Sgt. Craig.W.H., GB.1391246 Sgt. Davies, D.C., GB.906488 Sgt. Gosden, E.B., GB.1332975 Sgt. Harrison, E.H.W., GB.1393490 Sgt. Heal, R.W., GB.1319629 Sgt. McCook, H., GB.1550901 Sgt. O'Tool, G.A. GB.1557993 Sgt. Porter, A.R., GB.1335286 Sgt. Povey, E.A., GB.1392407 Sgt. Talbot, L.M., GB.1431586 Sgt. Thompson, E., Posted to No. 31 Personnel Depot, Moncton, N.S., effective 29-9-42.

Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>. Overcast, light rain. Three air exercises carried out. Routine normal.

Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>. Three air exercises carried out. The Roman Catholic and Protestant Church Parades were held at 0845 and 1010 hours respectively, proceeding to No. 9 Repair Depot to services. Temporary

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Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>. (Cont'd) Duty Pilot Officer J.A. Pilon (J.15459) reported from No. 3 Training Command at 1100 hour a 25-9-42 departing the same day at 1745 hours. Strength increase Flying Officer R.S. Hunter (C.3211) Physical Training and Drill on posting from No. 5 Initial

Training School, Belleville Ontario, arrived 1500 hours and granted annual leave from 29-9-42 to 5-10-42 inclusive.

Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>. Cloudy. Three air exercises carried out. "Flanders Troubadours" was presented for R.C.A.F. personnel at the Airmen's Canteen No. 9 Repair Depot. Routine normal.

Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>. Fair and cool. Four air. exercises carried out. Routine normal.

Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. Fair and warmer. Four air exercises carried out. Wings Parade was held at 1530 hours with Chief Supervisory Officer, Flight Lieutenant H.J. Gray, commanding.

<u>Strength of Unit</u>	<u>1-9-42</u>	<u>30-9-42</u>
Officers (Staff)	23	29
Airmen 1 (Staff;	83	75
Trainees	250	259
Personnel other than R.C.A.F.	120	126
Civilians	1	1
Aircraft on Charge (Anson)	35	

Total Flying Hours for the month of September 3559:45 hours

(R.J. Gray) Flight Lieutenant,  
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Oct. 1 Cloudy and cool with showers. Afternoon and evening air exercises carried out. Flight Lieutenant F.T.A. Skelcher (C.2265) arrived by rail at 0930 hours on Staff Duties, departing at 1330 hours. Pilot Officer C.G. Gifford (J.13360) taken on strength on posting from No. 8 A.O.S., Ancienne Lorette, Quebec. Pilot Officer R.H. Strauss and Flying Officer G.A. McKernan departed on Annual Leave.

Oct. 2 Clear and cool. Four air exercises completed. Commanding Officer's Inspection of all personnel at 0750 hours, followed by Wing Drill. Pilot Officer J.R. Foster (C.13507) struck off strength on posting to School of Administration, Trenton. Ontario.

Oct. 3 Cloudy with showers. All air exercises carried out. Routine normal.

Oct. 4 Overcast and cool. Three air exercises completed. Roman Catholic Church Parade at 0830 hours and Protestant Church Parade at 1010 hours, both to No. 9 Repair Depot. Pilot Office W.G. Bryson (J.13364) reported on posting from No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Manitoba.



Oct. 5 Cool with showers. All air exercises completed. Routine normal. Movie shown at No. 9 Repair Depot at 2000 hours for personnel of both Units.

Oct. 6 Cool with rain in morning. Four air exercises completed. Commanding Officer's inspection at 0750 hours. Wing Parade at 1500 hours attended by all personnel. Wing Commander R.C. Muir (C.2520) of No. 3 Training Command visited Station, arriving at 0930 hours and departing at 1000 hours by P.M.C.

Oct. 7 Fair and cool. Four air exercises completed. Routine normal. Pilot Officer R.C. Hyslop (C. 11422) reported on posting from No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Manitoba.

Oct. 8 Fair and warmer. Three air exercises completed in afternoon and evening. Wing Parade under Flight Lieutenant R.J. Gray formed up on tarmac at 0930 hours Air Commodore A. deNiverville, Group Captain Hume-Wright and Flight Lieutenant Berthier of No. 3 Training Command arrived by M.T. at 1000 hours. The Inspector-General, Air Vice-Marshal G.M. Croil and Squadron Leader N.L. Drynan arrived by air at 1035 hours.

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Oct.8 cont'd. The Inspector-General inspected the Wing, took the salute and proceeded on inspection of buildings, after which lunch was served in the Officer's Mess. The Inspector-General and his Aide departed by air at 1535 hours and Air Commodore A. deNiverville and party departed by M.T. at 1540 hours.

Oct.9 Fair and cool. All air exercises carried out. Wings Parade held at 1600 hours, when 20 graduates of Course 58 (Navigators) and sixteen graduates of Course 58 (Bombers) received their wings from the Chief Supervisory Officer, Squadron Leader R.J. Gray, notice of whose promotion to that rank was received today. Pilot Officer E.J. Boland (J.13684) and Pilot Officer H.G. Waters (88958) reported on posting from No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers. Manitoba.

Oct.10 Fair and cool. All air exercises completed. Pilot Officer R.V. Dodds (J.9153) struck off strength on posting to No. 1 "Y" Depot, Halifax, N.S.

Oct.11 Fair and warmer. All air exercises completed. Roman Catholic Church Parade at 0830 hours. Protestant Church Parade at 1010 hours, both to No. 9 Repair Depot.

Oct.12 Clear and cool. All air exercises completed. Flight Lieutenant E.K. Moles (C.2553) assumes command of Unit during leave of Squadron Leader R.J. Gray (C.905). Flight Lieutenant A.S. Archer (C.2006) of No. 3 Training Command arrived at 1345 hours, departed at 1700 hours on Staff Duties. Flying Officer G.A. McKernan returned from Annual Leave. Pilot Officer D.G. Muir departed on annual leave. Pilot Officer P.H. Lyons (J.15151) arrived on station at 1020 hours to conduct lectures on Operations. Wing Commander H.Y. Humphreys (RAF 33003), Squadron Leader D.O. Turnbull (C.1516) and Flight Lieutenant J. Gellner (J.2822) arrived by air from A.F.H.Q. at 1000 hours, departing by air at 1110 hours on staff duties.

Oct.13 Fair and mild. All air exercises carried out. Flight Lieutenant H.H. Boyntz (C.5940) (Equipment) visited station from 1035 to 1620 hours on Staff Duties.

Oct.14 Fair and mild. All air exercises carried out. Flight Lieutenant J.G. Howlett (C.4184) visited station regarding air sickness of trainees. Flying Officer H.E. Gentles (C.383) ceases to be on Temporary Duty from No. 13 3.F.T.S. St. Hubert, Quebec, on control tower duties. Squadron Leader G.W. Jacobi (C.452) and Flight Lieutenant W.M. Iverson (C.972) of No. 1 A.O.S. Malton, Ontario visited station, arriving by air at 1230 hours, departing at 1400 hours.

Oct.15 Fair and mild. Four air exercises carried out. Routine Normal. Moving Picture shown at 2000 hours at No. 9 Repair Depot for personnel of both Units.

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Oct. 16 Cloudy. Four air exercises completed. Routine Normal.

Oct. 17 Overcast. Three Air exercises completed. Pilot Officer R.F. Chisholm (C.14582) reported on posting from No. 5 "M" Depot. Lachine, Quebec.

Oct. 18 Warmer and clearing. Two air exercises carried out. Roman Catholic Church Parade at 0750 hours; Protestant Church Parade at 0920 hours, both held in the Airmen's Canteen.

This inaugurates Church Parades on this Station, as these have formerly been held at No. 9 Repair Depot. A Squadron under Flight Lieutenant R.F. Logie took part in a Victory Loan Parade in St. Johns, Quebec at 1430 hours, during which the salute was taken by Group Captain F.L. Trethewey of No. 9 Repair Depot.

Oct. 19 Fair and cool. Four air exercises completed. Flight Lieutenant H.L. Foster (C.5003) departed on Annual Leave. Flight Lieutenant J.H. Watts (C.2099) and Flying Officer P.W. Benson (C.8512) of No. 3 Training Command visited station on armament duties.

Oct. 20 Cool. All air exercises completed. Flying Officer F.B. LaBrish (J.4763) and Pilot Officer D.D.R. Kennedy (J.14204) taken on strength on posting from No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Manitoba.

Oct. 21 Fair. Three air exercises carried out. Dance held in Baldwyn Hall, St. Johns at 2100 hours for R.C.A.F. personnel.

Oct. 22 Warm with rain in afternoon. Two air exercises only carried out. Routine normal.

Oct. 23 Warm with showers. Four air exercises completed. Wings Parade and presentation held in No. 1 Hangar at 1600 hours. Wings presented by Group Captain F.L. Trethewey of No. 9 Repair Depot to 24 Air Navigators of Course 54 and 22 Air Bombers of Course 59.

Oct. 24 Fair and warm. Three air exercises completed. Routine normal. Pilot Officer A.K.

Cunningham (C.13922) (SR)(Photo) taken on strength on posting from No. 5 "M" Depot, Lachine, Quebec.

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Oct. 25 Fair and cooler. All air exercises completed. Roman Catholic Church Parade at 0750 hours, Protestant Church Parade at 0920 hours, both to Airmen's Canteen building.

Oct. 26 Cool followed by snow at night. One air exercise in morning, all other flights cancelled. Squadron Leader R.J. Gray re-assumes command of Unit on return from Annual Leave. Flight Lieutenant H.L. Foster (C.5003) returned from annual leave. Movie shown at No. 9 Repair Depot at 2000 hours for personnel of both Stations.

Oct. 27 Cold with snow and rain. Two air exercises completed. T.N.T. Revue presented at No. 9 Repair Depot at 2015 hours for R.C.A.F. personnel.

Oct. 28 Clear and cold. All air exercises completed. Pilot Officer D.K. Daunt (W.O.A.G.) reported on posting from R.C.A.F. Station, Mountain View, Ontario. Officer's Mess meeting, held in ante-room of Officer's Mess at 1645 hours for routine business and election of Mess Committee. Newly elected officers were: President, Mess Committee, Flight Lieutenant H.L. Foster (C.5003), Secretary, Flying Officer R.W. Dunn (C.4686), Bar Officer Pilot Officer W.L. Friker (J.13140).

Oct. 29 Clear and cool. All air exercises carried out. Squadron Leader H. Cranfield (C.3584) Command Medical Officer, visited unit on routine inspection.

Oct. 30 Cold with rain. Commanding Officer's parade called off due to bad weather. Two air exercises completed.

Oct. 31 Clear and cold. All air exercises carried out. Routine normal. Pilot Officer A.K. Cunningham (C.13922) struck off strength on posting to Eastern Air Command Headquarters, Halifax, N.S.

<u>Strength of Unit</u>	<u>1-10-42</u>	<u>31-10-42</u>
Officers (Staff)	29	35
Airmen (Staff	75	95
Trainees	269	247
Personnel other than RCAF	126	116
Civilians		1
Aircraft on Charge (Anson)	43	

Total Flying Hours for month of October 4224:50

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Nov. 1 Church Parade, Protestant and Roman Catholic. Station routine followed. Weather unsettled. Flying exercises carried out in morning hut cancelled on account of adverse weather conditions in afternoon and evening.

Nov. 2 Morning overcast with intermittent showers from noon on. Afternoon cold and quite wet. Parade Square unfit for drill instruction. Dental Officer made examination of the Officers' Sergeants' and airmens' Mess personnel to check for trench mouth and infected teeth. Pilot Officer J.W. Batten (C.14378) Photographic Officer taken on strength on posting from No. 5 "M" Depot, Lachine, Quebec. Flying Officer R.S. Hunter (C.3211) proceeded on Temporary Duty to No. 3 Training Command. Flying operations carried out in morning hut cancelled in afternoon and evening.

Nov. 3 Weather cold and unsettled but no rain during daylight hours. Clearing at night. All air exercises completed. Station routine normal. Morning Parade at 0750 hours cancelled due to condition of Parade Square.

Nov. 4 Weather clear and cool. Parade Square clearing up nicely. Drill instruction carried out at 1000 hours for graduating classes 55 Navigators (19) and 60 Bombers (24), Course 55 Navigators held their Graduation Dinner at Mount Royal Hotel, Montreal, Quebec. All air exercises carried out. R.C.A.F. Armistice Dance held at Social Club at St. Johns, Quebec.

Nov. 5 Clear with excellent visibility. All air exercises carried out. Station Routine normal.

Nov. 6 Rain and heavily overcast. Commanding Officer's Parade cancelled due to adverse weather conditions and condition of parade square. Morning flying washed out. Flight Lieutenant W.J.B. Hutchinson (C.2920) S.O.S. on posting to No. 1 G.R.S., Summerside, P.E.I. Mr. R.M. Firth, Acting High Commissioner for New Zealand in Canada presented Wings to Class 55 Navigators and Class 60 Bombers. Squadron Leader Rae accompanied party. Squadron Leader R.J. Gray, O.S.O., No. 9 Air Observer School, St. Johns, Quebec, introduced Mr. Firth and Mr. Firth delivered graduation Address. Air exercises scheduled for afternoon and evening carried out successfully.

Nov. 7 Clear and cool. Station routine normal. All air exercises carried out. Air Vice Marshal A.T.N. Cowley A.D.C. Wing Commander .B. Conn and party visited station.

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Nov. 8 Clear and cool. Armistice Service parade held in St, Johns, Quebec at 1500 hours.

Three flights from No. 9 A.O.S. and two flights from No. 9 R.D. attended. March Past with salute taken by Group Captain F.L. Trethewey. Squadron Leader R.J. Gray in attendance at Saluting Base. Flying exercises carried out.

Nov. 9 Bright, sunshine, cool. Flight Lieutenant O.E. Armstrong, new administrative officer reported from No. 4 E.F.T.S., Windsor Mills, Quebec and Flying Officer E.F. Lowery left for his new school, No. 9 Bombing & Gunner School, Mont Joli, Quebec. During the night of November 9-10, a very severe wind storm, velocity 50-60 miles, came up and did some damage around the camp. Weather overcast with occasional heavy rain. Flying Officer Pilon here from No. 3 Training Command on temporary duty.

Nov. 10 Flight Lieutenant Gallagher and Flight Sergeant Farr of No. 3 Training Command here for staff visit. Bad weather continued all day so that no flying was carried out. Flying Officer W.W. Oughtred reported for duty from Gander, Nfld.

Nov. 11 Weather much improved with winds decreasing steadily and unlimited visibility. Became colder in afternoon with snow flurries. Canadian Legion held a most successful Armistice Day dance in the Social Club at St. Johns, Quebec during the evening and several hundred R.C.A.F. personnel attended same.

Nov. 12 Weather erratic with occasional light snow flurries. Night flying in evening until all planes recalled on account of weather conditions.

Nov. 13 First snowfall of the season of any account caused cancellation of weekly parade as the Drill Square was too wet. Mr. Matthews of McGill University who teaches Navigation to the A.T.C. visited the school.

Nov. 14 Weather suitable for limited amount of flying during the afternoon.

Nov. 15 Usual Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Parades held in the morning and flying exercises completed during the afternoon and evening.

Nov. 16 Flying Officer J. Barlow new accountant Officer reported from No. 1 Wireless School, Montreal as the School is not to be self-accounting for pay purposes. Flight Lieutenant S.C. Dearaway (C.2394) Command Trade Test Officer was here re Trade Test duties. Pilot Officer K.G.K. Baker new Administrative Officer under instruction reported for duty from St. Thomas, Ontario. Night flying exercises called off early in evening on account of poor visibility.

Nov. 17 Squadron Leader T.S. Power & Flying Officer J.O. Barton, Australian Air Liaison Mission visited the School during the morning. Weather becoming warmer and snow melting rapidly. Considerable rain during the evening.

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Nov. 18 Wing Commander Muir, Command Accountant Officer, here on Temporary Duty from

No. 3 Training Command in connection with the school becoming self-accounting for pay purposes. During the evening a dance for airmen was held in Baldwin Hall at St. Johns, Quebec.  
Excellent flying weather.

Nov. 19 Group Captain Scott and Squadron Leader Fraser of St. Hubert visited the school remaining for lunch. WO1 Sutor, C.D., new Disciplinarian reported for duty from No. 1 " M" Depot, Toronto, Pilot Officer Gunderson reported from Rivers, Manitoba.

Nov. 20 Flight Lieutenant Archer of No. 3 Training Command here re Photography. Wings Parade held in afternoon with large number of guests present. Wings Parade held at 1600 hrs. with music provided by Farnham Military Band. Squadron Leader R.J. Gray presented wings to 14 Air Bombers and 22 Navigators and of these 36 graduates a total of fourteen were afterwards commissioned. Following the presentation, guests were entertained at tea in the Airmen's Mess Hall.

Nov. 21 Excellent flying weather and scheduled air exercises carried out.

Nov. 22 Regular Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Parades held during the morning at Airmen's Canteen.

Nov. 23 Weather cool but excellent for flying.

Nov. 24 Flying Officer F.S. Fletcher reported from St. Hubert on Temporary Duty as Aerodrome Control Officer. Good flying weather in morning only but discontinued in afternoon and evening on account of freezing rain.

Nov. 25 WO2 Yates & LAC MacLean reported on Temporary Duty from No. 3 Training Command in connection with refrigeration arrangements. Squadron Leader Rockingham Command Chaplain (P) visited the Station along with our part time chaplain Flight Lieutenant R.K. Love. Drizzling rain a good part of the day but some flying done when weather permitted.

Nov. 26 Test fire alarm sounded early in afternoon when all personnel fell in on the Parade Square. In the evening word received that a plane from No. 2 S.F.T.S. Uplands was missing and plans for a search first thing in the morning were made.

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Nov. 27 Heavy overnight rain made parade square too wet to hold usual CS.O.'s weekly parade and inspection. Squadron Leader Steeveo of Air Force Headquarters visited the school in connection with reporting accidents, travelling by air. Twelve planes from here were sent out early in the morning for missing plane search. Red Triangle Revue put on a good-show in\* No. 9 Repair Depot airmen's canteen during the evening and the players and their friends were afterwards entertained in the A.O.3. Officer's Mess.

Nov. 28 Weather becoming very much colder though bright and sunny. Search still continued

for missing plane. Pilot Officer H.3. Waters struck off strength on posting to No. 53 A.N.S., Hamilton, Ontario.

Nov. 29 Considerable snow fell late in the day. Telegram received overnight to abandon search for missing plane. Usual Protestant and Roman Catholic Church parades held during the morning.

Nov. 30 Weather clear and cool but suitable for flying so that a considerable amount was done during the day and also at night.

<u>Strength of Unit</u>	<u>1-11-42</u>	<u>30-11-42</u>
Officers (Staff)	55	35
Airmen (Staff	93	98
Trainees	249	265
Personnel other than RCAF	116	107
Civilians		1
Aircraft on Charge (Anson)	42	

Total Flying Hours for month of November: 3004:10

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1-12-42 Weather dull with occasional snow flurries and a very small amount of flying carried out.

2-12-42 Heavy snow storm accompanied by strong wind prevented all flying exercises. During the evening the Graduating Class, No. 57 Navigators, held a farewell banquet at the National Hotel, St. Johns, Quebec.

3-12-42 Flight Sergeant Sutherland was here on Temporary Duty from No. 3 Training Command in connection with aircraft maintenance. Squadron Leader Hamel, Command R.C. Chaplain, visited the Station during the morning. Very high wind prevailed all day with drifting snow so that no flying was done, but limited flying carried out in evening when wind velocity dropped.

4-12-42 Numerous flying exercises carried out during the day. In the afternoon a Wings Parade was held when 21 members of Course 62 Air Bombers and 23 members of Course 57 Navigators were presented with their wings by Squadron Leader R.J. Gray, Chief Supervisory

Officer. Twenty four of the above graduates received their commissions. Following the ceremony, the visiting relatives and friends were entertained at Tea in the Pilot's Mess Hall. At noon, the Dominion Skyways (Observers) Limited entertained the graduating classes at a luncheon which was most appreciated.

5-12-42 Good flying weather experienced during the day. In the evening a dance was held at the Officer's Mess which was very well attended.

6-12-42 Flying carried out under good conditions. Wing Commander Verner and Flight Lieutenant Berthier of No. 3 Training Command visited the School during the day. The usual R.C. and Protestant Church Parades were held in the morning. Lectures carried on in the afternoon in order to make up prospective loss of time at Christmas and New Years.

7-12-42 Excellent flying weather all day and at night. In the evening, a good show was out on by the Canadian Legion troop from St. Lambert at the No. 9 Repair Depot Recreation Hall and the visiting players were afterwards entertained at the Repair Depot Officer's Mess.

8-12-42 R.C.A.F. Visiting Flight under Squadron Leader Shellfoon arrived at the School during the day. During the evening, Movies were shown in the Repair Depot Airmen's Recreation Room. Excellent flying weather all day and also for night flying.

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9-12-42 Visiting Flight held conference with School pilots during a good part of the day. Good flying weather continued and numerous exercises carried out.

10-12-42 Flight Lieutenant J.N. Smyth of Auxiliary Services Department of No. 3 Training Command, visited the school to study our requirements along this line. Flight Lieutenant Boardman, No. 3 Training Command Educational Officer was here re educational matters. Squadron Leader Paquin of Air Force Headquarters was here and addressed the French Canadian personnel at the School. Flight Lieutenant Bastien and Section Officer Nichol visited the school re messing duties. Flying exercises carried out during the day but weather prevented night flying. All R.C.A.F. personnel we're invited to an Oyster Party at the Social Club in St. Johns during the evening, also Movies were shown in the Canteen at No. 9 Repair Depot.

11-12-42 Some flying carried out in afternoon and evening but Commanding Officer's weekly inspection cancelled on account of condition of Parade Square.

12-12-42 Word received that the Chief Instructor, Flight Lieutenant E,K, Moles, had been appointed Acting Squadron Leader. Good flying weather experienced.

13-12-42 No flying in morning on account of power shortage, but exercises carried out in afternoon and at night. The usual Protestant and R.C. Church Parades were held in the morning.



14-12-42 Some flying exercises completed in spite of rather poor weather. Pilot Officer W.H. Collie, new Administrative Officer under instruction, reported from No. 5 Manning Depot, Lachine. A band concert was given during the evening in the Airmen's Canteen of No. 9 Repair Depot by the St. Johns Symphony Band.

15-12-42 During the evening personnel from the Station were entertained at a special Christmas supper and dance in Baldwin Hall, St. Johns. Good flying weather experienced.

16-12-42 Weather turning very cold but some day and night flying exercises carried out. A successful boxing tournament was held between members of the R.C.A.F. and the Army during the evening in one of the Hangars at No. 9 Repair Depot.

17-12-42 Capt. Hall, Auxiliary Services Canadian Legion and Mr. J.I. McCabe, Manager Canadian Bank of Commerce visited the Officers Mess for lunch. Weather very cold but limited flying exercises carried out during the afternoon. During the evening, the graduating classes were entertained by the Company at a banquet in the Airmen's Mess Hall.

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18-12-42 Navigation visiting Flight consisting of W/C Gillson and S/L Woodhead arrived during the morning. S/L Petrie and S/L Courbould from No. 3 T.C. visited the school during the day. In the afternoon a "Wings Parade" was held at which wings were presented to the two graduating classes of 20 Navigators and 32 Bombers by S/L Gray, Chief Supervisory Officer. The assembled guests were afterwards entertained at tea at the Co-pilots Mess Hall. Of the graduates, the following were granted commissions: 5 R.A.F. and 4 R.C.A.F. Air Navigators. As the Bombers are being held over until the 23, their commissions have not been granted yet. The weather remained very cold but some day and night flying exercises carried out.

19-12-42 As the weather was still cold, flying was very limited.

20-12-42 The usual Protestant and R. C. Church parades were held during the morning. Flying exercises carried out in the afternoon only on account of extreme cold.

21-12-42 Weather still extremely cold, but limited amount of flying carried out.

22-12-42 W.O. 2 Yates of A. O. C. No. 3 reported to make electrical inspections of this station. Mr. L. G. F. GRAY, meteorological assistant reported to replace Mr. Vojt for one month. Christmas dinner for officers was held in the Officer's Mess this evening prior to approximately half of the personnel departing to celebrate the festive season at their respective homes or with friends.

23-12-42 Temperature partly improved but due to low visibility and ceilings, all except the morning flight were washed out. The visiting flight W/C Gillson and S/L Woodhead departed after having completed their inspection. Little activity due principally to the absence of

Officers, N.C.O. 's and Airmen on Xmas leave.

24-12-42 No flying due to unsuitable weather. Station very quiet.

25-12-42 Christmas Day. The station a bit desolate due te the absence of so many who were on leave. The sergeants were received in the Officer's mess at 1030 hours and in traditional fashion at 1200 hours 80 odd airmen were served their Xmas dinner in the Mess Hall by the Officers still on duty. An excellent Xmas meal was provided and was followed by a sing-song and a few words from S/L Gray, C.S.O. It was apparent that everyone thoroughly enjoyed the wine. No flying.

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26-12-42 Weather greatly improved. Good flying.

27-12-42 Favorable flying weather continued until late afternoon, when a freezing rain followed by a snowstorm appeared and late flying washed out. Approximately 60 graduating bombers were unable to leave before New Years as arranged due to inability to complete flying schedule due to inclement weather.

28-12-42 Activity revived with arrival of new classes. Weather slightly improved and flying resumed.

29-12-42 Some flying carried on during the day but none at night on account of bad icing conditions. Personnel who had been on Christmas leave returned while remainder are preparing to leave for New Years. Shortly before midnight a fire alarm was sounded from the airmen's mess at the Repair Depot, but no damage done. P/O Baker. S.O.S. on posting to School of Administration, Trenton.

30-12-42 Half of School personnel left during the afternoon and evening to start their 5 days New Years leave. During the morning S/L Gray presented wings to two graduating classes, 25 graduates of course No. 59 Air Navigators and 21 graduates of Course 64 Air Bombers. Owing te severe storm conditions it was impossible to obtain names of commissioned graduates from Ottawa. R.A.F. graduates were kept here for a few days extra.

31-12-42 Worst disruption of train and telephone service in Canadian History, being experienced but as many as possible of remaining personnel got away for New Years evening and day.

<u>Strength of Unit</u>	<u>1-12-42</u>	<u>31-12-42</u>
Officers (Staff)	33	40
Airmen (Staff	94	108
Trainees	265	269
Personnel other than RCAF	110	74
Civilians		1

Total Flying Hours for month of December: 2969:40

R.C.A.F.

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1 Jan./43 Senior N.C.O.'s remaining on the Station were entertained in the morning at the Officers' Mess after which they all, according to custom, helped serve New Year's dinner at the Airman's Mess. Night flying exercises carried out to finish schedule for graduating Air Bombers.

2 Jan/43 Telephone contact finally made with Ottawa and word received that three Air Bombers and 9 Navigators of graduating classes had been commissioned. Some flying exercises carried put in evening.

3 Jan/43 Special Protestant and R.C. Services held in the morning in accordance with general practice, throughout the country on this day. Some flying exercises carried out later. School still practically isolated with very little telephone or telegraph facilities.

4 Jan/43 Normal activities with some flying carried out. Most of personnel who had been away for New Years leave returned during the evening.

5 Jan/43 Test fire drill held during the afternoon at request of Mr. Tremblay from Dorval. Good flying during the day but night flying discontinued early in evening on account of weather. Mess dinner held at Officer's Mess in evening. P/O Hardiman and P/O Thorson Navigation Instructors reported for duty from Rivers, Manitoba. F/O Wilder arrived on Temporary Duty in Control Tower from No. 13 S.F.T.S., St. Hubert, Quebec.

6 Jan/43 R.C. Mass in celebration of Feast of Epiphany held at 0645 hours at No. 9 Repair Depot. Mr. Troup of Montreal and Mr. Woollett, General Manager of the Company, were in Ottawa in connection with plans for completion of new buildings for the School. Good flying weather during the day and exercises completed by two flights at night.

7 Jan/43 Excellent conditions for day and night flying and good progress made. F/O Dion, A.M. of No. 3 Training Command, was here during the day in connection with heating plans, for new buildings.

8 Jan/43 S/L Corbould of No. 3 Training. Command was here re Navigation Training. Mr. Woollett returned from his visit to Ottawa and plans apparently made to rush completion and

occupation of some of key new buildings. F/L Logie, Asst. Chief Instructor, married during evening, at Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal and the wedding attended by many from the School.

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9 Jan/43 Good flying weather experienced. The school was visited by Mr. Winkworth from Ottawa and Mr. Troup from Montreal in connection with early plans for expansion of school.

10 Jan/43 Usual R.C. and Protestant Church parades held during the morning. Two Harvard planes from St. Hubert and one Battle plane from Rockcliffe all had minor accidents near the aerodrome during the afternoon but with no injury to personnel.

11 Jan/43 Fairly good flying weather with alight fall of snow in evening. F/O Bent a former member of the training staff visited the school during the day. Telephone line to Montreal at last in order again.

12 Jan/43 Good flying during the day and night. All exercises carried out.

13 Jan/43 Harvard plane from St. Hubert again damaged when taxi-ing at the aerodrome, but no injury to personnel. Squadron Leader Gray appointed to act as Investigating Officer for an airman injured in an accident at No. 9 Repair Depot. During night flying, slight damage was done to an Anson plane when it hit a snow drift while taxi-ing, but there was no injury to personnel.

14 Jan/43 S/L C.M. Hilditch of the Australian Air Force was here during the afternoon on a liaison visit. Flying carried on during the day but night exercises cancelled on account of bad weather.

15 Jan/43 During the evening an excellent show was put on at Airmen's Canteen of No. 9 Repair Depot with a large attendance from both units. This consisted of the "Thumbs Up" Revue put on by the North Branch Y.M.C.A., Montreal. After the show the members of the cast were entertained by the Officers of the No. 9 A.O.S.

16 Jan/43 Fair flying conditions in morning, but afternoon and night flying washed out.

17 Jan/43 Favourable flying weather resumed - all flights carried out.

18 Jan/43 Instructions to resume work parades given to include officers as well as all airmen not detailed for other duties. Flying weather poor and flying washed out completely. Stormy sleet and high gale wind of 40/45 miles per hour.

19 Jan/43 Below zero weather following storm of yesterday - flying resumed.

20 Jan/43 Mercury continues to drop - flying of first two details carried out but late detail cancelled. S/L L.J. Dyte of Air Force Headquarters and F/L J.T. Flanagan of No. 3 Training

Command (P.T. & D.) visited the station in their official capacity. An outstanding entertainment was provided by the M.R.T. "Tin Hats Revue" in No. 2 Hangar of the Repair Depot, almost 1000 attended. The performers were entertained in the Officer's Mess of No. 9 R.D. following the performance. F/O Russell of No. 3 Training Command visited the Station on canteen duties.

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21 Jan/43 Flying during the day, but due to excessive cold temperature, night flying washed out.

Dinner given Graduates of Class No. 60 Navigators and Class No. 65 Air Bombers in the Airmen's Mess followed by a social evening. Graduates spoken to by S/L Gray, Chief Supervisory Officer, and S/L Moles, Chief Instructor. A pleasant evening was enjoyed.

22 Jan/43 Wings Parade - Graduation of Class No. 60 Navigators - 15 receiving wings - and class No. 65 Bombers -17 receiving wings. Graduates addressed by S/L Gray who also presented the wings. The guests were entertained at tea in the Co-Pilot's Mess following the ceremony. From the Navigators Class, thirteen were commissioned - 2 R.A.A.F., 4 R.A.F. and 7 R.C.A.F. There were five R.C.A.F. personnel commissioned from the Bombers Class.

23 Jan/43 The pressure of the school expansion was felt acutely when advice that considerable new personnel would report over the week end in spite of the fact that new quarters, promised by the Contractors to be inhabitable, were not ready. The class of Navigators (B) and their instructors potted here from Ancienne Lorette to finish their flying time being detained at Ancienne Lorette until February 6th. Good flying during the day, first night flight washed out but late flight took off.

24 Jan/43 Numerous personnel for the No. 68 Navigators (B) Course and 68 Air Bombers Course arrived but as there was no accommodation available it was necessary to provide them with funds and send them away. Flying favourable during the day, but night flying washed out. Very good turn out for Church Parades.

25 Jan/43 Expansion of school still continues to present difficulties. Temporary heating plant put into operation to heat new barrack block. Two classes, Bombers and Navigators accompanied by four instructors transferred here from Ancienne Lorette to complete their courses. The officers were F/O Cameron, P/O Hicks, P/O Phillips and P/O Trenhelm. Considerable inconvenience caused due to station being taxed beyond capacity but every endeavour to accommodate them and get classes under way put through. Party of fifty odd stopping overnight at No. 5 "M" Depot, Lachine enroute. Good flying conditions.

26 Jan/43 Ancienne Lorette group arrived and classes gotten under way. Good flying conditions. Personnel of No. 9 Repair Depot and this station entertained by Y.M.H.A. Minstrels - hard working and entertaining troupe which was most enthusiastically received. The Company were guests at No. 9 A.O.S. Officers' Mess following the presentation.

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27 Jan/43 Favourable flying weather - all flights completed. F/L Walls, public Relations Officer from No. 3 Training Command visited the station to photograph our Control Tower for publicity purposes.

28 Jan/43 All new classes gotten underway. Good flying weather, P/O Burns, Navigation Instructor, reported for duty from Rivers, Manitoba. One Dutch leading seaman, six Norwegian airmen were included in the Navigators course.

29 Jan/43 Full time flying schedule followed in favourable weather. Wings Parade held - personnel inspected by S/L Gray, Chief Supervisory Officer - full turn out.

30 Jan/43 Good flying conditions during day - night flights washed out.

31 Jan/43 All flying washed out due to low ceilings. Largest Church Parades of Station since opening held at usual hours.

<u>Strength of Unit</u>	<u>1-1-43</u>	<u>31-1-43</u>
Officers (Staff)	40	41
Airmen (Staff)	108	130
Trainees	269	321
Personnel other than RCAF	74	152
Civilians	1	1
Aircraft on Charge (Anson)	46	

Total Flying Hours for month of January: 4346:55

(R.J.Gray) Squadron Leader,  
Chief Supervisory Officer,  
No. 9 Air Observer School,

R.C.A.F.

St. Johns. Quebec.

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1 Feb/43 Flight Lieutenant Gallagher, Maintenance, of No. 3 Training Command paid an official visit to the station. Flight Lieutenant Noble of Signals Department, No. 3 Training Command was here re Quarterly Muster of Secret and Confidential publications. Pilot Officer Hyslop and Pilot Officer Kingston promoted to Flying Officers. New navigation instructor, Pilot Officer Hart, reported for duty during the day from Ancienne Lorette, P.Q. Very little flying carried out on account of poor weather condition.

2 Feb/43 Squadron Leader W.S. Phillips arrived here for a Staff Visit from No. 3 Training Command. Pilot Officer Collie left for a few days temporary duty at No. 3 Training Command. Rather poor weather for flying with high wind and poor visibility.

3 Feb/43 Squadron Leader Phillips left for No. 9 Repair Depot. School visited by Squadron Leader Quinlan, Wing Commander Corbould, Flight Lieutenant Berthier and Flying Officer Dion re Works and Buildings matters and expansion plans. Flight Sergeant Sutherland of No. 3 Training Command was here re use of Calcium Chloride on runways. Wing Commander Muir and Squadron Leader Lauer, officer in charge of Non-Public funds visited the school and then proceeded to No. 9 Repair Depot for the night. Fair flying weather experienced.

4 Feb/43 This week's graduating classes held farewell dinner and entertainment in the Co-Pilot's Mess Hall. Flight Lieutenant Riddell posted to No. 10 A.O.S., Chatham, N.B. Meeting of the Officer's Mess held in the afternoon to discuss the purchase of furniture for our new Mess, into which we expect to move within a couple of weeks. Flying Officer McKernan elected Mess President to replace Flight Lieutenant Riddell on his posting. Excellent weather for day and night flying.

5 Feb/43 Wings Parade held in the afternoon when Squadron Leader Gray made presentation to 17 graduating Navigators and 26 Air Bombers. Twelve of the Navigators and 8 of the Bombers were subsequently commissioned. The worst accident since the opening of the school took place in the morning when two Anson planes, Numbers 6650 and 6196 collided near Laprairie. Both pilots, Messrs. Still and Windsor, employees of the Civilian Operating Company and also the following Air Force personnel were killed: LAC Bell, W.G. of New Zealand, LAC Bowler, J.T. of England and LAC Crump, E.R. whose next of kin reside at Regina, Sask. The accident took place when the plane with the Pilot and three Air Force personnel were carrying out photographic exercises and the other plane with the pilot only, crashed into them while on a test flight. Usual day and night flying exercises carried out.

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6 Feb/43 Squadron Leader Wilson from No. 2 S.F.T.S., Uplands, arrived to carry out investigation in connection with fatal accident. During the afternoon a short service was held in the funeral parlor at St. Johns, for LAC Crump after which the body left under escort for Regina, Sask. Some flying carried out although weather shows signs of breaking up.

7 Feb/43 Severe snow storm developed during the day which adversely affected flying. Usual Sunday morning Church Parades held. Flight Lieutenant Spall left for No. 9 B. & G. School, Mont Joli, P.Q. where he has been posted to be Senior Navigation Instructor.

8 Feb/43 Several hundred airmen transported to St. Johns for funeral service for LAC Bell of New Zealand and LAC Bowler of England, which was held in the Church of England, after which the bodies were buried in the local military cemetery. The officiating clergy were the R.C.A.F. Chaplain Flight Lieutenant R.K. Love, Capt. Allenby chaplain of the local Army training centre, and the rector of the Church, Rev. Winch. With the help of equipment from No. 5 Manning Depot, Lachine, P.Q. a full R.C.A.F. Military funeral was provided. Night flying operations carried out under good conditions, but at about 2130 hours Anson plane 6691 crashed about 5

miles from Arnprior, Ontario, with all occupants of the plane killed. They were as follows:- Civilian Pilot Mr. Handfield, Company employee and the following R.C.A.F. personnel R.117533 A/F/Sgt. Barton, J.R.C., W.O.A.G., with next of kin from Montreal, R.161704 LAC Endleman, S., Navigator, with next of kin from Levack, Ontario, and R.151136 LAC Campbell, B.E., Air Bomber, with next of kin at Foresters Falls, Ontario. The cause of the accident is obscure but we are informed from Arnprior that it was snowing there at the time of the accident.

9 Feb/43 School was visited by Group Captain Clappison, W&B Branch A.F.H.Q., and Wing Commander Sneath of No. 3 Training Command in connection with expansion plans and current progress appears to be satisfactory. Late in evening word arrived that all bodies of personnel killed in crash had been sent to funeral parlor in Arnprior, also that all next of kin had received notification of deaths. Good weather for day and night flying.

10 Feb/43 In the evening, Eaton's "Masquers" put on a stage show at the airmen's Canteen of No. 9 Repair Depot, attended by personnel from both units. A considerable number from here also attended the show put on by Jack Benny and his troop at the "forum", Montreal. Weather good but during the evening heavy rainfall which froze afterwards made transportation difficult and delayed return of personnel from Montreal.

11 Feb/43 Road conditions bad all day on account of ice. No day flying but night flying carried out under steadily improving conditions.

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12 Feb/43 Squadron Leader Draper, Investigating Officer from No. 3 Training Command, spent the day here in connection with fatal crash at Arnprior on February 8th. Funeral held at Montreal for LAC Endleman and at Foresters Falls, Ontario for LAC Campbell. Flight Lieutenant Love, our Protestant Chaplain, attended the latter while a number from the School went to Montreal for the Endleman funeral. Good flying weather for day and night flying.

13 Feb/43 Funeral for Flight Sergeant Barton held in Montreal in the morning with numerous representatives from the School present. Good flying weather early in day but became colder and stormy later.

14 Feb/43 Usual Sunday Church Parades held during the morning. Weather unsuitable for flying and becoming very cold and blustery during the evening.

15 Feb/43 Flight Lieutenant Robertson reported for duty on posting from No. 10 A.O.S., Chatham, N.B. Flying Officer Hopkins, Command Trade Test Officer, arrived to carry out quarterly tests. Coldest weather of winter being experienced, with temperature more than 30 degrees below zero.

16 Feb/43 Weather moderating, but still very cold. Trade Test Officer left for No. 9 Repair Depot.



17 Feb/43 Some day and night flying carried out with steadily improving weather conditions. Flight Lieutenant O.E. Armstrong, Admin. Officer posted to No. 10 A.O.S., Chatham, and Flying Officer Hyslop, Navigation Instructor posted to No. 3 I.T.S., Victoriaville, P.Q.

18 Feb/43 Squadron Leader Baldwin arrived at the School to give talks on operational work to the trainees. Wing Commander Corbould and Squadron Leader Quinlan of No. 3 Training Command visited the school. Flight Lieutenant Vineberg, Admin. Officer, arrived from 11 A.I.D.,

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18 Feb/43 Montreal. Group Captain White. New Zealand Liaison Officer was here for cont'd a visit in the afternoon. Day flying but no night flying on account of uncertain weather.

19 Feb/43 Wings Parade - 23 Navigators and 9 Air Bombers. The parade was held in a large classroom and the Wings were pinned on by Squadron Leader R.J. Gray, the Chief Supervisory Officer.

20 Feb/43 Nil.

21 Feb/43 New Mess and anteroom occupied (unfurnished) this day.

22 Feb/43 New Officers quarters occupied this day. Three Ansons Mk I numbers 6348, R9591 and 6170 delivered this day to the Operating Company from 10 R. D. and 8 R.D.

23 Feb/43 Flight Lieutenant S.G.K. MacDonald, the R.C.A.F. Liaison officer with the R.N.A.F. visited the station to discuss training and personnel matters concerning R.N.A.F. trainees. Pilot Officer F.M. Godine (C.22113) reported for duty from No. 3 Training Command. Roads very muddy.

24 Feb/43 Squadron Leader R.A. Hindrick, Liaison Officer Allied Nations visited this day. Roads so muddy and wet that rubber boots are required. New constructions chief contributory factor to this condition.

25 Feb/ 43 Squadron Leader F.L. Lauer (C.2369) visited the Station from No. 3 Training Command for the purpose of checking non-public funds.

26 Feb/43 Nil

27 Feb/43 Nil

28 Feb/43 Nil

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<u>Strength of Unit</u>	<u>1 Feb/43</u>	<u>28 Feb/43</u>
Officers (Staff)	41	41
Airmen (Staff)	130	136
Trainees	321	295
Personnel other than RCAF	152	159
Aircraft on Charge (Anson)	46	54
Total Flying Hours for month of February	2987:35	

(R.J.Gray) Squadron Leader,  
Chief Supervisory Officer,  
No. 9 Air Observer School,  
St. Johns. Quebec.

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1 Mar/43 Nil

2 Mar/43 Anson No. 6458, Pilot Deachman, took off from 9 A.O.S. at 1355 hours landed Pendleton 1645 hours, cause, failure of starboard engine, cause of failure not yet determined. R.C.A.F. and R.A.F. personnel aboard GB.572388 Cpl. Wythe, E.R.J., R.163000 LAC Bryce, T.J.M. and R.101649 Sgt. Schultz, C.W. First notification by relayed radio message from a U.S. station reached this 9 A.O.S. at 1745 hours.

3 Mar/43 Squadron Leader F.L. Lehr (C.2369)(Accts) visited 9 A.O.S. for the purpose of completing the check upon non-public funds.

4 Mar/43 Squadron Leader D.K. Whitham (C.1602)(Adnin) visited 9 A.O.S. to review transportation problems. A case of mumps was discovered in the graduating class and as a consequence the "Wings" Parade scheduled for tomorrow (5 Mar/43) has been cancelled.

5 Mar/43 Fire alarm at 0300 hours. Alarm system proved to be inadequate as it did not awaken Orderly Officer or any other Officers. Fortunately no damage; alarm arose out of overheated chimney. Memo this day despatched to Dominion Skyways (Observers) Limited upon the subject.

6 Mar/43 Slight smoldering fire originating in the locker of one of the trainees. This locker is located in one of the study rooms of the G.I.S. Building. A Court of Inquiry will be held.

7 Mar/43 Terrific storms dislocated road and rail transportation. Drifts of snow upon the camp site very heavy.

8 Mar/43 Camp snow equipment functioned remarkably well; all runways and roads cleared.

Normal routine resumed before noon.

9 Mar/43 Practice bomb exploded whilst one of our aircraft was taking off - altitude 4 feet, damage very slight and confined to wing surface.

10 Mar/43 Nil

11 Mar/43 Nil

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12 Mar/43 Capt. H.G. Lund of the Royal Norwegian Air Force visited the Station to investigate conditions under which Norwegian trainees undergo their training. Fire alarm sounded at 1308 hours. Fire reported in Dope Shed at 9 Repair Depot. All clear sounded at 1324 hours. All personnel turned out and were dismissed immediately after all clear sounded.

13 Mar/43 Nil

14 Mar/43 Nil

15 Mar/43 Flying Officer C.K. Holder (C.14482)( Accts) reported for duty.

16 Mar/43 Rain and spring thaws virtually inundated campsite. Surface water covers very large percentage of the area.

17 Mar/43 Flight Lieutenant Charles Bender {Jewish Chaplain} visited the Station for the purpose of interviewing such Jewish personnel as may care to avail themselves of his services.

18 Mar/43 Nil

19 Mar/43 Wings Parade this day. The largest graduating class in the history of the School. The graduating class was comprised of 39 Navigators (B) 22 Navigators and 17 Air Bombers, a total of 78. Squadron leader R.J. Gray, Chief Supervisory Officer, pinned the Wings on all graduates in the presence of their relatives and friends.

20 Mar/43 A telephone has now been installed in the new Officer's Quarters. The quarters are beginning to take shape and it is hoped to complete the furnishing in the immediate future.

21 Mar/43 Part of the new intake consisting of 46 trainees arrived on Station today.

22 Mar/43 Flight Lieutenant P.M.C, Berthier arrived by air from Ancienne Lorette and returned by rail to No. 3 training Command.

23 Mar/43 Nil

24 Mar/43 Pilot Officer P.E. Work (J.24333) reported for duty. Parade ground carefully

inspected with a view toward commencing dally parades. The surface, notwithstanding that it was metalled, was spongy and bubbled air and water. No parades can be held on it for some time, say three to four weeks perhaps more.

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25 Mar/43 The Protestant Padre, Flight Lieutenant R.K. Love, introduced a census car/that if skillfully used will prove very useful in analysing personal failure.

26 Mar/43 A small fire broke out in the M.T. Section, probably caused by petrol vapour igniting from a spark raised whilst a tractor motor was being repaired. Damage was slight, not exceeding \$150.00.

27 Mar/43 Weather fine. Parade ground inspected and will likely be available for parades within a week.

28 Mar/43 Nil

29 Mar/43 Wing Commander G.W. Jacobi (C.452) visited the Station for conference purposes.

30 Mar/43 Fire drill was carried out today. It was performed satisfactorily.

31 Mar/43 First dally parade of the year was held at 0750 hours. It was remarkably good considering the long interval since the last parade.

<u>Strength of Unit</u>	<u>1-3-43</u>	<u>31-3-43</u>
Officers (Staff)	44	51
Airmen (Staff	142	181
Trainees	269	321
Personnel other than RCAF	127	119
Civilians		1
Aircraft on Charge (Anson)	47	2

Total Number of Flying Hours for month of March: 3844:30

R.C.A.F.,

Quebec.

(A.M. Sharp) Flight Lieutenant,  
Acting Chief Supervisory Officer,  
No. 9 Air Observer School,

St. Johns.

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1 Apr/43. No. 9 A.O.S. went on Government rations this day. Wings Parade held and Wings

presented by Squadron Leader R.J. Gray to twenty two graduating Navigators and to twenty one graduating Air Bombers.

2 Apr/43 Army rations proved very disappointing. This situation arises out of the various cooks upon the station being unfamiliar with army rations and the poor coordination by the Civilian Caterer in arranging for the change over. The situation will undoubtedly improve with the passing of a little time. The Chief Supervisory Officer proceeded to Ottawa on Temporary Duty. Flight Lieutenant A.M. Sharp assumed temporary command.

3 Apr/43 Squadron Leader J.C. Little (C.8507) postal officer from A.F.H.Q. inspected postal facilities upon the station.

4 Apr/43 Twenty (20) Pre-aircrew airmen reported for duty this day. Forty-one (41) trainees also reported for training.

5 Apr/43 N I L

6 Apr/43 Chief Supervisory Officer posted to Mountain View, Ontario.

7 Apr/43 Chief Supervisory Officer's posting cancelled. Sergeant Banks. R.H. (R.115422) posted overseas.

8 Apr/43 Wing Commander K.B. Corbould visited the Station on Navigational matters.

9 Apr 43 Wing Commander K.B. Corbould again visited the station on navigational matters. Flight Lieutenant G.A. Blunden (C.4800) reported on Temporary Duty. He is to flight test the pilots of No. 9 A.O.S.

10 Apr/43 NIL

11 Apr/43 N I L

12 Apr/43 Administrative Officer admitted to St. Johns General Hospital on M.O.'s orders. Flight Lieutenant J.J. Harris (C.7136) new Armament Officer taken on Strength this date.

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13 Apr/43 Drill Test Board assembled for the purpose of drill testing N.C.O.'s and other ranks (A.F.A.O. A.44/2). Wearing of coats, Great, warm, made optional (effective immediately). Flight Lieutenant G.A. Blunden (C.4800) ceased Temporary Duty - Returned to Trenton.

14 Apr/43 Squadron Leader R. Ketterer (C.2105) and Squadron Leader J.H. Watt (C.2099) visited the Station on Armament matters; Pilot Officer G.N. Provost (C.22295) on canteen matters. All these officers ceased Temporary Duty and left station today. Heave unseasonal snowfall. Pilot Officer J.H.R. Dansereau (C.21499) arrived on Station from Rivers, Manitoba.

15 Apr/43 A Station and possibly a Service precedent was established when the graduating class was invited to a banquet held at the Officers' Mess, as guests of the Officers. WOII MacKinnon, J.C.H. (R.50462) Disciplinarian, taken on strength from Stanely, Nova Scotia.

16 Apr/43 Wings presented to twenty two graduating navigators and to 21 graduating Air Bombers. Flight Lieutenant H.G. Goodenough (C.8032) arrived on Station from No. 5 Training Command. Flight Lieutenant J.T. Flanagan (C.3337), Flight Lieutenant A.R. Lockhart (C.8458) and Flying Officer F.L. Benson (C.12155) reported on Station from No. 3 Training Command.

17 Apr/43 Flight Lieutenant J.R. Alverson (J.15004) reported on Station in connection with synthetic D.R. Trainer.

18 Apr/43 N I L

19 Apr/43 The Chief Instructor and the Administrative Officer proceeded to No. 3 Training Command on Temporary Duty to attend Personnel Conference.

20 Apr/43 N I L

21 Apr/43 Black out at 2140 hours. It was very complete. The frost is beginning to come out of the ground. Great piles of mixed ice and earth are rapidly receding.

22 Apr/43 N I L

23 Apr/43 Good Friday - 75% of Staff given this day off.

24 Apr/43 Fire Drill - the Fire Chief congratulated the Administrative Officer upon the speed with which the airmen fell in at their allotted places (1 Minute 18 seconds).

25 Apr/43 N I L

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26 Apr/43 Flight Lieutenant Phillips of No. 3 Training Command reported on Temporary Duty.

27 Apr/43 Pilot Officer G.C. Owens and Pilot Officer W.G. Heughan posted this day. The officers and airmen showed considerable smartening up on parade yesterday and today.

28 Apr/43 N I L

29 Apr/43 Air Vice Marshal deNiverville, Air Officer Commanding, No. 3 Training Command and staff inspected the Station this day. Wings were awarded to 20 Air Bombers by Squadron Leader R.J. Gray.

30 Apr/43 Roads washed out at several places on the Station, but are fortunately susceptible to

rapid repairs.

	<u>1-4-43</u>	<u>30-4-43</u>
Officers (Staff)	51	52
Airmen (Staff	181	216
Trainees	273	265
Personnel other than RCAF	119	88
Civilians	2	2
Aircraft on Charge (Anson)	47	

Total Number of Flying Hours for month of April: 3945:40

(R.J.Gray)

S/L,

C.S.O., No. 9

A.O.S.,

St. Johns,

Quebec.

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S.11-1-29 (SD)

S.24-5-3 (DSD)

2nd July, 1943.

9th July, 1943.

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The Secretary,  
Dept. of Nat'l Defense for Air  
Lisgar Building, Ottawa, Ont.

Daily Diary - No. 9 A.O.S. - May, 1943.

1. The information requested by you to complete the Dally Diary of the above noted Unit for the month of May, 1943 is the following:-

<u>Course No.</u>	<u>Intake</u>	<u>Wastage</u>
<u>Graduates</u> 67 (Nav.)	27 plus 6 Course Transfers	7

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	74 (Nav.)	23 plus 1 Course Transfer	1
23			

which 2. Hereunder are also listed similar figures  
 have been omitted from the Diary for the month of June. The Diary  
 for June will go forward to you within a few days.

<u>Course No.</u>	<u>Intake</u>	<u>Wastage</u>
<u>Graduates</u>		
68X (Nav.B) 27 plus 1 Course Transfer	10	18
68Y (Nav.B) 27 Plus 1 Course Transfer	9	19
68 (Nav.) 3	3	0
75 (A.B.) 21	23	2
24 76 (A.B.)	23 Plus 1 Course Transfer	0

include such 3. The Unit has been instructed to  
 figures in their future Daily Diaries.

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

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1 May/43 Nil

2 May/43 One complete squadron composed of 11 officers and 162 other ranks participated in a parade held at St. Johns, P.Q, in connection with the Fourth Victory Loan campaign. Our Squadron was No. 1 Squadron of an R.C.A.F. Wing. No. 9 Repair Depot furnished two squadrons.

3 May/43 Nil



4 May/43 Temporary Field Service Telephone system being installed in new G.I.S. building.

5 May/43 Fire Drill carried out. Time 1' 40".

6 May/43 Flight Lieutenant J.J. Harris posted to explosives A.I.D. course at A.I.D. School, Toronto.

7 May/43 Flight Lieutenant J.N. Smyth, Command Auxiliary Officer, visited the station in company with Capt. R. M. Hall of the Canadian Legion War Services. First Commanding Officer's parade of the season. Several sartorial and tonsorial irregularities but on the whole, a very good show.

8 May/43 Flying Officer W.V. Chisholm reported on Station. This Officer has previously served in the Middle East.

9 May/43 Large and satisfactory Church Parades this day. 101 Protestants and 51 R.C.'s.

10 May/43 Pilot Officer W.H. Bryans, Navigation Instructor, reported on Station. Commenced move over to new G.I.S. building.

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11 May/43 Completely installed in new G.I.S. Building. Communications are difficult but telephones are promised within a short delay.

12 May/43 Nil

13 May/43 New airman's mess rapidly approaching completion. It is contemplated that occupation will occur shortly.

14 May/43 Commanding Officer's parade was excellent. Parade Square of all personnel very gratifying.

15 May/43 Church Parades consisting of 120 Protestants and 43 R.C.'s.

16 May/43 Nil

17 May/43 Nil

18 May/43 Malton Officials visited the Camp.

19 May/43 Excellent tone to parade. All personnel are improving greatly.

20 May/43 Squadron Leader E.K. Moles assumed Temporary Command of No. 9 A.O.S. during the absence of Squadron Leader R.J. Gray who is visiting No. 3 Training Command on

Temporary Duty.

21 May/43 Commanding Officers parade this morning was very well done. Flight Lieutenant R.K. Love the Protestant Chaplain recited a short prayer with excellent effect.

22 May/43 Communications (e.g. Telephones) facilities very difficult but new G.I.S. building rapidly rounding into shape.

23 May/43 Nil

24 May/43 Visit of group of Malton instructors and civilians this day.

25 May/43 Barrack inspection and parade were particularly good today.

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26 May/43 Heavy rains have made the roads in camp very difficult.

27 May/43 Nil

28 May/43 Squadron Leader R.J. Gray awarded Wings to 23 Air Bombers of Course 74 Air Bombers and to 26 Navigators of Course No. 67 Navigators.

29 May/43 Nil

30 May/43 Nil

31 May/43 Pilot Officer R.A. Green (J.6656) until recently a prisoner of war in Tunis, reported on station for a refresher course in navigation.

	<u>1-5-43</u>	<u>31-5-43</u>
Officers (Staff)	52	54
Airmen (Staff	216	188
Trainees	263	255
Personnel other than RCAF	88	64
Civilians	2	2
Aircraft on Charge (Anson)	47	

Total Number of Flying Hours for Month: 4642:30

S/L,

A.O.S.,

(R.J.Gray)

C.S.O., No. 9

St. Johns,

Quebec.

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- 1 June/43 Flight Lieutenant Larkinson reported on Station this day.
- 2 June/43 Wing Commander W.R. Pollock and Squadron Leader E. Friesen of A.F.H.Q. visited the station and discussed training equipment, intake and accommodation.
- 3 June/43 Nil
- 4 June/33 Very good Commanding Officer's Parade. A striking improvement.
- 5 June/43 Nil
- 6 June/43 Church parade was somewhat smaller - 85 Protestants and 41 Catholics.
- 7 June/43 Duck Board walks were laid today along most of the camp's main street.
- 8 June/43 Exchanged visits by air with Malton on air exercises today.
- 9 June/43 Group Captain White and Flying Officer Somerville of the New Zealand Air Mission visited the station today to interview New Zealand personnel.
- 10 June/43 "Wings" Parade today. Squadron Leader Gray awarded Wings to 21 members of Course 75 Air Bombers and 37 members of Course 68 Navigators "B". Also to 3 members of Course 69 Navigators.
- 11 June/43 A Board of Officers composed of Squadron Leader Gray, C.S.O., Flight Lieutenant A. Tubby of No. 3 Training Command. Flight Lieutenant R.W. Farnsworth of 9 Repair Depot and Flight Lieutenant D.J. Riven of No. 9 Repair Depot inspected and reported upon certain buildings erected on the camp site with a view to taking them over from the contractor.

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- 12 June/43 Nil
- 13 June/43 Nil
- 14 June/43 Flying Officer C.S.W. Proctor. D.F.C. visited the Station for the purpose of lecturing upon operational navigation.
- 15 June/43 Contractor graded all roads on the Station. The grader turned the crushed stone and dirt into a thick mud which crippled all movement.

16 June/43 Fire in Building No. 35 - the new and as yet unoccupied Airmen's Canteen. Fire caused by electric wiring. Great difficulty in getting equipment and personnel to the scene. If fire were not susceptible to extinguishment by five gallon hand pumps it would have proved disastrous on account of the condition of the roads.

17 June/43 Squadron Leader Moles assumed Temporary Command during the absence of Squadron Leader Gray.

18 June/43 Squadron Leader Henderson of No. 3 Training Command came down to inspect the condition of the roads.

19 June/43 Squadron Leader Gray returned from Temporary Duty.

20 June/43 Nil

21 June/43 Pilot Officer F.M. Godine arrived back on Station after successfully completing the Administrative Course at Trenton, Ontario.

22 June/43 An afternoon flight proceeded to Malton and returned at Night. The flight was successful instructional wise.

23 June/43 WOII G.L. Clayton reported on Station to assume the duties of Station Warrant Officer.

24 June/43 Mr. L. B. Unwin. Presented "Wings" to 24 graduating Air Bombers of Course 76 Air Bombers. The "Wings" Parade was held outdoors and was largely attended by relatives and friends of the graduates.

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25 June/43 Wing Commander Jacobi visited the Station.

26 June/43 Nil

27 June/43 Nil

28 June/43 Rain over the week-end made roads virtually impassable. Several inches of mud. Condition of floors of buildings deplorable.

29 June/43 Air Commodore D.V, Carnegie. A.F.C.. R.A.F., accompanied by Wing Commander K.B. Corbould, D.F.C. of No. 3 Training Command visited the station in order to inspect training. They arrived at 0930 hrs, from Montreal by GMT and departed at 1350 hours by air for Rockcliffe.

30 June/43 Nil.

	<u>1-6-43</u>	<u>30-6-43</u>
Officers (Staff)	54	50
Airmen (Staff	188	192
Trainees	255	330
Personnel other than RCAF	64	97
Civilians	2	2
Aircraft on Charge (Anson)	45	

Total Number of Flying Hours during month: 4018:50

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1 July/43 Major B. Vanberlekem of the Royal Netherlands Air Force arrived by air at 1230 hrs.

He interviewed the seven Netherlands Trainees in Course 77 Navigators (B) and discussed their training with the C.I. and their Instructors. He departed by air at 1720 hrs. This is Dominion Day, but business as usual here.

2 July/43 Weather suitable for flying all day. Routine.

3 July/43 Flying weather suitable all day. Routine.

4 July/43 Rainfall, Flying washed out the second half of day. Routine.

5 July/43 Squadron Leader D. Turnbull, who arrived here from A.F.H.Q. on 20 June/43 in connection with synthetic training devices, departed today by rail. Rain again turned roads to mud, but improvement shown over last rainfall as some drainage has since been effected. Unsuitable flying weather all day. Well attended Officer's Mess meeting held at which Squadron Leader E.K. Moles was elected President, Flight Lieutenant D.N.S. Robertson Vice-President and Flight Lieutenant C.E. Atchison Secretary. Dissatisfaction with meals once more evoked the contentious subject of extra messing fee, and after discussion, with an eloquent plea by Pilot Officer J.W. Browne, Messing Officer, it was finally decided to levy five cents per day per officer, so that some few of the little extras of the table might not be entirely lacking. Continuation of the \$3.00 monthly furniture assessment was approved to pay for the furniture now

making the mess comfortable.

6 July/43 Flying weather suitable all day. Routine.

7 July/43 Opening stage show of the Station entitled "My Shattered Nerves" was presented to a capacity audience in the new Recreation Hall, and received enthusiastic acclaim. The performers, authors and directors of the show were Service and Civilian personnel. Flight Lieutenant C.L. Jenks, Nav.I of No. 3 T.C. arrived on Temporary Duty for inspection of training. Weather bright and warm - flying suitable all day.

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8 July/43 "Wings" Parade. Squadron Leader R.J. Gray presented "Wings" to 27 Air Bombers from Course 77 and to 12 Navigators from Course 70 and to 3 Navigators (B) which had been held over from Course 68 Navigators (B). The intake for Course 77 Air Bombers was 27 and there was no Wastage. The intake of Course 70 Navigators was 26 with a wastage of 14. Commissions were granted to 24 of the Graduating classes. Second performance of "My Shattered Nerves" was given tonight, to a mixed audience of Station Personnel and their wives and friends. It was "S.R.O." before curtain time. Weather bright and warm, suitable for flying all day. Steam roller at work on roads last few days with decided effect. Instructors meeting held.

9 July/43 Commanding Officer's parade this morning, held under a bright sky. It showed distinct improvement over previous parades and reflected efforts (including "laying down the law" by the C.S.C. to Officers) to smarten appearance and improve discipline on the Station. Bright, warm day, flying weather good. Six flying exercises completed.

10 July/43 Flying weather suitable all day. Two flying exercises completed. Routine.

11 July/43 Flying weather suitable daytime, unsuitable night - one flying exercise completed. Camera obscura results excellent, with average error for all bombing only 64 yards and six direct hits obtained.

12 July/43 Flying weather suitable daytime, unsuitable at night. Pilot Officer E.C. Bradford arrived from No. 3 Training Command re Auxiliary Services. Our softball team eked out a 9-8 win over our rivals from across the fence, No. 9 Repair Depot, to put us second in the league composed of R.C.A.F. & Army teams. "My Shattered Nerves" given a public performance in a St. Johns theatre, and largely attended again.

13 July/43 Flying weather suitable daytime but again unsuitable at night. Five flying exercises completed, though some target haze.

14 July/43 Flying weather unsuitable day and night because of haze. Very warm sticky weather, not made more agreeable by complaints of insufficiency of milk, absence of green vegetables and serving of mouldy bread in airmen's mess, complaint of which this day forwarded

to authorities concerned. Section Officer Elson, Dietician at No. 9 Repair Depot visited the Station on request of the S.A.O. to look into the meal situation here.

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15 July/43 Weather bright and warm but windy in evening. Flying weather suitable. Drainage ditches rapidly taking shape along roadways, which should make for a little less mud next rainfall. Instructors meeting.

16 July/43 Weather cool, skies cloudy, weather suitable for flying. Commanding Officer's inspection satisfactory, generally speaking. Wing Commander Cremin. Organization - No. 3 T.C. visited the station for familiarization purposes. Wing Commander R.C. Muir, Command Accountant and Flight Lieutenant A.N. Dexter from No. 3 T.C. visited the station with reference to accounting matters.

17 July/43 Weather suitable for flying. Four flying exercises completed. Routine.

18 July/43 Squadron Leader W.L. Dunlop, Chaplain, visited station from No. 3 T.C. to conduct divine service. Three flying exercises completed. Flying weather suitable.

19 July/43 Wing Commander F.E. Crece and Flight Lieutenant F.T.A. Skelcher of No. 3 T.C. visited the station on Armament Matters. Five flying exercises completed. Pilot Officer S. Geldner, Adm.I, on Temporary duty at No. 3 I.T.S., Victoriaville as Defending Officer in Court Martial. Flight Lieutenant C.L. Jenks from No. 3 T.C. visited the Station on training matters.

20 July/43 Five flying exercises completed, flying weather unsuitable in morning period. Routine.

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21 July/43 Sunny & warm for greater part of day - seven flying exercises completed, though weather unsuitable during final night period. Flight Lieutenant J.R. Alversen, Nav. B, arrived by air from A.F.H.Q, re D.R. trainer. Flight Officer J.E. Nichol and Section Officer H. J. Drew (Equip - Mess) arrived from No. 3 T.C. and discussed messing situation with Administrative Officer. Squadron Leader F.L. Lauer visited station from No. 3 T.C. re accounts matters.

22 July/43 Morning parade washed out by rain. "Wings" parade held in hangar because of inclement weather. Squadron Leader R.J. Gray, Chief Supervisory Officer, presenting "Wings" to 23 graduates from Course 71 Navigators and to 21 graduates from Course 78 Air Bombers, Commissions were granted to 10 Navigators and 7 Air Bombers. The intake of Course 71 Navigators was 27, with a wastage of 4, whilst the intake of Course 78 Air Bombers was 27 with a wastage of 6. During daylight, flying weather unsuitable, though suitable at night time. Flying Officer G.M. Sterline of No. 3 T.C. visited here re aircraft recognition.

23 July/43 Bright sunshine for the C.O.'s weekly parade, at which prayers were recited by Hon. F/L Marchand, R.C. Chaplain. Pilot Officer N.I. Nerenberg and Pilot Officer J.E. Ashton, graduates of the School join staff for a fortnight. Weather suitable for flying throughout day. One flying exercise completed.

24 July/43 Weather suitable for flying all day - two flying exercises completed. Routine.

25 July/43 Weather suitable for flying all day - four flying exercises completed. Routine.

26 July/43 Hon. F/L A.J.W. Scrase, new Protestant Padre, reported on Station today as did Flight Lieutenant A.E. Evans and Pilot Officer Freeman, on staff. Board Of Officers composed of Squadron Leader W.H. Boyd of No. 9 Repair Depot, Flight Lieutenant A. Tubby of No. 3 T.C. and Flying Officer G.E. Jeren of No. 9 Repair Depot inspected the extension to Hangar No. 2 and Hangars Nos. 3 and 4 and the G.I.S. Building, re taking over. Last half of the 24 hour period unsuitable for flying. Our ball team was held to a 21-all draw by No. 9 R.D., the latter in consequence still clinging to first place in the league standing.

27 July/43 Flight Lieutenant E.C. Shields and Pilot Officer O.D. Lawrence reported on station today, as additions to staff. The first travelling show to be staged in our new Recreation Hall was presented by the Canadian Legion "All Stars" last night. Heavy rains late in the afternoon and early evening. Second quarter of the day unsuitable for flying - four flying exercises completed.

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28 July/43 Day dawned bright and sunny, but morning parade washed out because of yesterday's rain, water having a fondness for staying over-long on our parade ground. Flying weather suitable - five flying exercises completed.

29 July/43 (C.65) Air Vice Marshall G.M. Creil, C.B.E., A.F.C., Inspector General visited station today, arriving by air in a Norseman at 1100 hours. He was accompanied by Wing Commander N.C. Drynan. The I.G. was conducted on a tour of the Station by Squadron Leader R.J. Gray, Chief Supervisory Officer and Mr. W.W. Wellett, Manager of the Civilian Company. He left by air at 1730 hours. Squadron Leader D. Thomas and Flight Lieutenant R.A. Rennie of R.C.A.F. Station Mountain View, Ontario here on Temporary Duty re armament matters. Fire drill held and buildings emptied of personnel with despatch. Officer's Mess meeting held - financial condition rounding into good shape, book committee appointed to augment our shelves. Wing Commander K.B. Corbould of No. 3 T.C. here on training matters. Instructor's meeting held, problems discussed, remedial measures adopted.

30 July/43 Heavy rain during night, so that while it was not raining this morning, the C.O.'s weekly parade washed out because of condition of parade ground. Flight Lieutenant F.T.A. Skelcher visiting station from Command on armament matters.

31 July/43 Flying Weather suitable all day. Routine.



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		<u>1-7-43</u>	<u>31-7-43</u>
Officers (Staff)		50	56
Airmen (Staff		192	198
Trainees		330	372
Personnel other than RCAF	83		138
Civilians		2	2
Aircraft on Charge (Anson Mk.I)	45		

Total Number of Flying Hours during month: 5775 hours.

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1 Aug/43 The newly erected Drill Hall was used today for the first time. Protestant and Catholic Church services being held there, an eminently auspicious beginning for the new structure. Both the Protestant and Catholic Padres who also serve No. 9 R.D. adjoining this Station, have been allotted office space in the Drill Hall, as has the Unit's educational Officer. Flying Weather suitable - four flying exercises completed.

2 Aug/43 Final night period unsuitable flying weather - five flying exercises completed.

3 Aug/43 Flying weather suitable - three flying exercises completed. Wing Commander G.W. Jacobi, Commanding Officer at Ancienne Lorette flew in for a visit. Squadron Leader M.L. Doyle from Command here re Auxiliary Services, likewise Pilot Officer N.W. Bradford. Flight Lieutenant A.R. Lockhart, No. 3 T.C, P.T. & Drill Officer, here re drill matters, etc. and witnessed the morning parade. Flight Lieutenant C. Bender of No. 3 Training Command (Jewish Chaplain) here to visit Jewish, personnel. Pilot Officer J.C. Provost of No. 3 T.C. here re canteen services. Softball team sinks Navy Team from St. Hyacinthe by 5 to 4.

4 Aug/43 Last two quarters of this 24 hour period unsuitable flying weather. Three flying exercises completed. Lt. Col. Kippen and Major Harris, accompanied by two R.C.M.P. Inspectors, here to discuss with C.S.O. preventive measures in case of possible escape of prisoners of war from the nearby P.O.W. Internment Camp at Grande Ligne. Squadron Leader D. Turnbull and party of Americans here in aircraft inspecting Celestial Link Trainer.

5 Aug/43 "Wings" Parade under a bright warm sun for graduates of Courses Nos. 79X & 79Y Air Bombers and Course 72 Navigators. Original intake of Course 79X was 22, one was transferred to a later course and 6 were transferred into this Course. There was no actual wastage, there being 27 graduates, 10 of whom received commissions. Original intake of Course 79Y was 22, no wastage and 22 graduates. Ten from this course also received commissions. Intake of Course 72 Navigators was 26. There were four transferred into this course and two transferred out. There were 22 graduates with a wastage of six. Eleven graduates from this course were granted commissions. Flying Weather suitable - five flying exercises completed. Command Trade Test Officer here this day to trade test airmen in the various trades. Pilot Officer S. Geldner on temporary duty at No. 13 S.F.T.S. St. Hubert as Defending Officer in a Court Martial. Softball team vanquishes Army 18-11.

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6 Aug/43 Flying weather suitable - four flying exercises completed. Squadron Leader R.J. Gray on Temporary Duty at St. Hubert on Court of Inquiry investigating death of two Army Officers struck by a low flying plane in Army-Air manoeuvres at Farnham, Quebec.

7 Aug/43 Three of the four quarter's unsuitable for flying - only one flying exercise completed.

8 Aug/43 Slim attendance at Church Parade because of week end off-station passes and flying exercises. Flying weather suitable, but camera obscura hindered by low clouds. Three flying exercises completed.

9 Aug/43 The long planned airmen's lounge, library and writing room, established through the kindness of the Canadian Legion, were formally handed over to the Station this evening. In the absence of Squadron Leader R.J. Gray, away on Temporary Duty, the rooms were handed over to Squadron Leader E.K. Moles, Chief Instructor, temporarily in command of the station, by Mr. William Rochefort, Legion Supervisor attached to this Unit. Squadron Leader M.L. Doyle, Command Auxiliary Officer, came from Montreal for the occasion and delivered an address, as did Capt. J. St. G. Hall, Legion Supervisory of M.D. & Messrs. W.W. and E.B. Woollett of Dominion Skyways (Observers) Limited as well as Officers and a large number of airmen were present at the ceremony. The rooms, comfortable and attractive, evoked very favourable comment and should do much to bring some of the comforts of home to the airmen on this Station. It was hoped to have the A.O.C. present but it was announced he could not attend because of important events of which we would eventually learn in the newspapers. Flying Officer A.G.M. Sutherland, D.F.C. back in Canada from European bomber operations, posted here on Temporary Duty re liaison work in connection with the R.A.F. New courses commenced training as follows: 26 in Course 82 Navigators; 26 in Course 82 Nav, (B) and 23 in Course 82 Air Bombers. One half night period unsuitable flying weather. Five flying exercises but not all completed due to weather.

10 Aug/43 We learn today the event which kept the A.O.C. from attending the opening of the

Airmen's Lounge, etc. was the visit of Winston Churchill to Quebec. One half night period unsuitable flying weather, resulting incompleteness of one flying exercise.

11 Aug/43 Report from Ancienne Lorette of one of their aircraft missing - sent 13 of our aircraft out on search this evening. No luck. One day and one night period unsuitable flying weather.

12 Aug/43 Squadron Leader R.J. Gray returned from Court Martial duties at St. Hubert and re-assumed command. Board of Officers composed of Squadron Leader Quinlan of Works & Buildings, 3 T.C., F/L C.W. Briggs of No. 3 T.C. F/L D.J. Riven, M.O. F/O J.D. Mills and Mr. Bredneur, Resident Engineer, assembled here for the purpose of approving improvements to airmen's mess. Thirteen of our aircraft out on search again this morning and 22 this afternoon for the missing Ancienne Lorette aircraft. It was located by air late afternoon near St. Gabriel de Brandon. A foot party is to proceed to the scene of the wreckage in the bush.

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12 Aug/43 Night flying weather unsuitable - low ceiling and poor visibility hampered search. cont'd Search flights replaced usual training exercises.

13 Aug/43 Commanding Officer's parade washed out this morning because of rain last night. One half night period unsuitable flying weather.

14 Aug/43 First day and last night periods this day unsuitable flying weather. Three flying exercises carried out. Plans for showing films in new Rec. Hall progressing.

15 Aug/43 Search party on foot brings news that two of the crew of the Ancienne Lorette aircraft that crashed near St. Gabriel de Brandon are alive but injured. Other members of crew dead. Balloting for Australian personnel held for Australian State and Federal elections. Church attendance at Services today good. Flying weather suitable throughout 24 hours period. Four flying exercises completed.

16 Aug/43 Heavy rains in afternoon. Liberator landed until storm cleared, taking off in few hours. Three of the four period this day unsuitable flying weather.

17 Aug/43 Cool, cloudy. Regular morning parade washed out because of water on the parade square. Half of day and half of night periods unsuitable flying weather. Six flying exercises completed.

18 Aug/43 Half of day period unsuitable flying weather. Eight flying exercises completed.

19 Aug/43 "Wings" parade held four courses 73 Navigators and 80 Air Bombers. "Wings" presented by Squadron Leader R.J.Gray. Intake of Course 73 Navigators was 26 - one transferred in and one transferred out - wastage 11 with 15 graduates. Ten from this course received commissions. Intake of Course 80 Air Bombers was 25 - one transferred in,

wastage 2 with 24 graduates. Eleven commissions were granted to graduates of this class. The C.S.O. addressed the graduates citing the Churchill-Roosevelt discussions at Quebec as highlighting the importance and urgency of well trained aircrews for the anticipated "big push". Flying weather suitable - four flying exercises completed.

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20 Aug/43 Flying weather suitable, six flying exercises completed. Extra guard precautions taken because of escape of German Luftwaffe Officer held in prisoner of war camp at Grande Ligne.

21 Aug/43 Flying weather suitable - 3 flying exercises completed.

22 Aug/43 One night period unsuitable flying weather - six flying exercises completed.

23 Aug/43 Flying weather suitable. Moving pictures now being shown twice weekly in new Recreation Hall.

24 Aug/43 Rain during night washed out this morning's daily parade on parade square, but held indoors in new Drill Hall used for this purpose for first time since its erection. Flying weather suitable except for first quarter.

25 Aug/43 Half of this 24 hour period unsuitable flying weather.

26 Aug/43 Flying weather suitable. Squadron Leader R.J. Gray on Temporary Duty at A.F.H.Q. to attend conference of C.S.O.'s of Air Observer Schools.

27 Aug/43 Flying weather suitable. Commanding Officer's parade held this morning. Squadron Leader E.K. Moles Chief Instructor, took over parade in the absence of Squadron Leader R.J. Gray.

28 Aug/43 Nil.

29 Aug/43 Nil

30 Aug/43 Flying Officer Schroeder reported from A.F.H.Q. via No. 3 Training Command for the purpose of studying the behaviour of aircraft instruments during flight. He was especially interested in navigation instruments.

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Course 74 Navigators was 26 airmen, with a wastage of 4 - commissions were granted to 12 airmen. The intake of Course 81 Air Bombers was 26 airmen with no wastage 10 airmen were granted commissions in this course.

3 Sept/43 Nil

4 Sept/43 The swinging of Mark 5 Ansons is still in experimental stage. Attempting to devise a bracket so that Astro Compass may be mounted under Astro dome. No conclusive result to show that deviation on new Mark 5 Ansons changes very soon after swinging as experienced by No. 8 A.O.S.

5 Sept/43 Nil

6 Sept/43 Weather fine after wet week end. Heat and humidity extremely oppressive.

7 Sept/43 Phone call from 4 E.F.T.S. Windsor Mills to the effect that Mr. Victor Leon is flying to 9 A.O.S. to inspect the trusses in Flight Hangars. F/L Charles Bender (Chap. J) visited the station this day.

8 Sept/43 A station parade was held at 1815 hours by order of the Air Officer Commanding. The purpose of the parade was to review the significance of the Italian victory and to emphasize the necessity for continued full out effort. S/L E.K. Moles addressed the parade upon the subjects indicated.

9 Sept/43 Weather cloudy in morning - turned dear and fine afternoon and evening - flying exercises carried out.

10 Sept/43 Weather fine & dear, S/L McCallum A.P.M. of No. 3 T.C. reported on temporary duty to discuss station protection in event of escaped Prisoners of war from nearby internment camp. Commanding Officer Parade and Inspection at 0750 hours.

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11 Sept/43 Slight rain in early morning with clearing skies. Flying exercises carried out. F/L H.A. Vineberg left station on posting to No. 5 Manning Depot, Lachine. Flight Lieutenant J.T. Flanagan assumes duties of Station Administrative Officer.

12 Sept/43 Weather clear. Flying, exercises carried out.

13 Sept/43 Weather clear and. fine. Flying exercises completed. S/L R.J. Gray, Chief Supervisory Officer returned from annual leave and assumed command from S/L E.K. Moles who was in temporary command. F/L E.L. Jenks Staff Navigation Officer reported from No. 3 T.C. on a few days visit (Staff duties).

14 Sept/43 Weather clear & fine. Flying exercises carried out. F/L J.R. Alverson (Nav B)

reported on a staff visit from A.F.H.Q. departed by air at 1400 hours. Y.M.H.A. Minstrels put on an excellent show in the evening in the new recreation hall which was well attended.

15 Sept/43 Weather clear and fine. Flying exercises carried out.

16 Sept/43 Raining in morning - turned fine in afternoon-Wings presented by Squadron Leader R.J. Gray to 19 graduated of Course 75 Navigators and to 22 Air Ambers from Course 82 Air Bombers. Intake of Course 75 was 26 with a wastage of 7 - 6 were granted commissions. Intake of Course 82 Air Bombers was 23 with a wastage of 1 - 17 were granted commissions. An interesting feature of the graduation was the fact that Sgt. Mumsar, a young Czechoslovakian attained top honours in the Navigators Class although he was handicapped from the beginning of his studies by not having a good working knowledge of the English language.

17 Sept/43 Weather Cloudy - flying carried out, F/O P.F. Lee and F/O J. Hogan reported from No. 3 Training Command to form a board of Officers with F/O Jones of No. 9 A.O.S. and F/L J.T. Flanagan as President. Board convened to consider inefficiency or otherwise of a Sergeant Pilot Head, L.F.T., R.163090. S/L Kendrick reported from A.F.H.Q. to discuss liaison matters regarding Czechoslovakian & Netherland trainees.

18 Sept/43 Weather Fine & clear - Flying.

19 Sept/43 Weather fine & bright - flying. 26 Trainees of Course 85 Navigators (B) Arrived on station to commence training Monday 19th Sept/43.

20 Sept/43 Weather clear and sunny. F/O Downs & P/O Roche reported from No. 3 T.C. and discussed signals instruction methods with Chief Instructor. Beginning today school goes on 6 day week basis instead of 5½ as heretofore. 48 hour passes will be granted every three weeks in place of one par month as formerly.

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21 Sept/43 Weather clear and fine - flying. F/O J.M. Huot appointed Liaison Officer by the Commanding Officer for two local Air Cadet Squadrons, viz. No. 36 St, Johns and No. 228 Bleury d'Iberville Squadron. We are to provide instructors in such subjects as Navigation, airmanship, Aircraft Recognition, Signals, etc. and to generally supervise and assist in training.

22 Sept/43 Weather fair-slightly cloudy - flying carried out. Eight Officers from No. 11 E.F.T.S. Cap de la Madeleine arrived here in a formation of Fleets. Fleets were left at No. 9 Repair Depot and Pilots were flown back to No. 11 E.F.T.S. in our Ansons. First formal Mess Dinner took place this date. Sixty four Officers attended with some special guests, including Manager of Civilian Company.

23 Sept/43 Weather clear and warm - flying, A new briefing and Intelligence Room is now under construction and will be ready for use in a few days. Weekly instructor's meeting was held and new training instructions were explained in detail to officers present. Importance of

Physical Training was emphasized to all Officers. S/L Dunlop Protestant Chaplain from Command visited the Station. Mr. Noble, Chief Meteorological Officer from A.F.H.Q. arrived from Ottawa and commented favourably on Met. Information and briefing procedure in connection with S.D.R.T. Operational type exercises. He also promised to investigate the possibility of obtaining from A.F.H.Q. suitable photographs for projection during S.D.R.T. Operational exercises.

24 Sept/43 Cloudy & cool. Good flying weather. Commanding Officer's inspection held in Drill Hall. Afterwards, Squadrons marched past the Ensign with Commanding Officer taking the salute.

25 Sept/43 Clear & Cool. Good flying weather. Station now operating on full six day week. Classes will continue through today (Saturday) until 1715 hours. Course 77 Nav. (B) carried out a simulated bombing exercise this morning with F6 Aerial Camera and 35 type control. A new method of computing the scores, obtained by F/O Miller from F/O Williams of No. 8 A.O.S. Ancienne Lorette, was used for the first time. Bomb aimers now have to turn in drift and ground speed for each run over the target. New Briefing room, capable of seating 16 crews - equipped with loud speaker - crew boards - map for Met. Department opened today.

26 Sept/43 Fairly clear - Flying carried out. Routine - No classes.

27 Sept/43 Skies clear - Good flying weather. Chief Supervisory Officer appointed President of Court of Inquiry at No. 3 Training Command. F/O McTeer visited the station from A.F.H.Q. to discuss aircrew selection problems. New aircraft recognition room opened - cloud effects and aircraft decorate the murals. The projector can show slides at 1/50 of a second to train for speedy recognition. Tests given at 1/5 of a second.

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28 Sept/43 Weather cloudy. No flying in morning. Weather improved in afternoon sufficiently to permit flying to be resumed. Night flying exercises carried out. A room in the G.I.S. has been turned over to the Armament Section for an Armament Display room. It is being furnished and equipped by an Armament Instructor in his own time.

29 Sept/43 Weather clear and cool. Flying exercises carried out. At instructor's meeting F/L C.E. Atchison spoke on the growing tendency of trainees to Cease training at their own request pleading dizziness, air sickness, etc. Since we are to try to limit C.T. cases to 15% each instructor was asked to check each possible C.T. case before referring to Assistant Chief Instructor. New Intelligence Room opened.

30 Sept/43 F/L A.E. Evans returns from Atlantic Ferry Plight. Flew over in Mitchell - returned via boat to Norfolk, Virginia. Weather clear and warm - flying exercises carried out. Squadron Leader R.J. Gray presented "Wings" to 20 graduates of Course No. 76 Navigators and to 25 graduates of Course 83 Air Bombers. Original intake of Course 76 was 29 - wastage 9 - 10 commissions granted. In take of Course 83 Air Bombers was 26 with no



wastage - 8 commissions were granted.

	<u>1-9-43</u>	<u>30-9-43</u>
Officers (Staff)	60	62
Airmen (Staff	214	215
Airmen (Trainees)	390	430
Personnel other than RCAF	137	180
Civilians	2	2
Aircraft on Charge - Anson Mk I	54	
	Anson Mk V	32
	Moth	1

Total Number of Flying Hours for month of September:- 6816:40

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1 Oct/43 Weather slightly cloudy, but flying exercises carried out. Commanding Officer absent from station on duty at Command Headquarters in connection with Court of Inquiry. Commanding Officer's Parade - Inspection and March Past held this morning. Squadron Leader E.K. Moles, Chief Instructor Inspected the parade and took the salute. Squadron Leader Moles assumes command temporarily. Squadron Leader McClure arrived from A.F.H.Q. to inspect navigational facilities and instructional methods and to lecture to Instructors. Civilian Operating Company took over all messing arrangements on the station this day from Crawley a McCracken, private caterers. It is hoped that a general improvement in messing will result. Night bombing- detail washed out owing to weather.

2 Oct/43 Weather cloudy - heavy rain - low ceiling - no flying. Squadron Leader Moles in command in absence of Squadron Leader Gray on temporary duty at No. 3 Training Command. Squadron Leader McClure, A.F.H.Q. left for No. 8 A.O.S. Ancieme Lorette, P.Q. Wing Commander K.B. Corbould visited the station to discuss training problems and the question of obtaining additional instructors with Squadron Leader Moles.

3 Oct/43 Weather clear- flying exercises resumed. Usual R.C. & Protestant Church Parades held in morning.

4 Oct/43 Weather clear and fine - flying continued. Flight Lieutenant J.T. Flanagan, Station

Administrative Officer detailed as member of District Court Martial at No. 9 Repair Depot.

5 Oct/43 Slightly cloudy — flying exercises carried out. General Routine. Squadron Leader R.J. Gray, Chief Supervisory Officer, appointed Acting Wing Commander.

6 Oct/43 Weather fine and clear - flying exercises continued. Flying Officer Downie reported on posting from No. 3 Training Command to be in charge of Wireless Air Gunners. Flight Lieutenant C.H. Bender (Jewish Chaplain) visited station to interview Jewish personnel. A fire occurred in the Armament Workshops building at No. 9 Repair Depot in the afternoon. This building is located close to the boundary line of this Unit and owing to the fact that a high wind was blowing in this direction, all the available fire equipment was pressed into service in the event that sparks might cause the fire to spread. The fire burnt itself out within an hour of the 1st alarm. Wing Commander R.J. Gray resumes command on return from No. 3 Training Command.

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7 Oct/43 Clear & fine - flying carried out. Wing Commander Gillson from No. 1 C.N.S. Rivers, Visiting Navigation Flight, arrived on station to discuss training problems and facilities with Commanding Officer and Chief Instructor, accompanied by Squadron Leader Pilkington also from No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Manitoba.

8 Oct/43 Heavy ground fog this morning, causing delay in start of flying exercises. Commanding Officer's Parade and inspection held at 0750 hours. Parade lined up in three squadrons for the first time. Fog cleared around 0930 hours when flying was resumed. Notification was received that H.R.H. Princess Juliana of the Netherlands would present "Wings" to the Graduating Class next Thursday, October 14th. Seven members of the graduating class are Netherlanders. A new system of Duty Intelligence Officer has been initiated. An officer will be on duty daily in the new Intelligence Room during and after normal working hours.

9 Oct/43 Clear in morning but overcast in afternoon with flying discontinued.

10 Oct/43 Clear weather - flying exercises carried out all day. Regular church services of R.C. & Protestant in morning.

11 Oct/43 Clear weather - flying continued. Squadron Leader Lauer and Audit Board from No. 3 Training Command arrived on the station to audit Non-Public funds accounts. Flying Officer J. Sinclair posted from No. 12 Equipment Depot, an administrative Officer. Flying Officer Bennett from No. 3 Training Command visited the station to organize the coming Victory Loan Campaign. It has been found that when compass swinging on new Mark V Ansons, those equipped with power brakes do not require any ground to air adjustment for co-efficient "C". A continued breakage of rheostats is reported on link sextants.

12 Oct/43 Weather clear - flying exercises continued.

13 Oct/43 Weather clear and fine. Flying exercises carried out. Rehearsal of personnel

participating in "Wings" presentation ceremonies on 14th instant.

14 Oct/43 Cloudy, dull weather. Presentation of "Wings" by H.R.H. Princess Juliana of the Netherlands. H.R.H. arrived at approximately 1615 hours and was accompanied by Mr. & Mrs. G.P. Luden, Consul General of the Netherlands in Canada, Mr. & Mrs. H.F. Gordon, Assistant to the Deputy Minister of National Defence for Air, Mr. & Mrs. D.C. Coleman, President of the C.P.R. and Air Vice Marshal A. deNiverville. Short but pointed addresses were given by H.R.H., Air Vice Marshal DeNiverville and Wing Commander R.J. Gray. A very impressive ceremony. Special tribute was paid to the fighting spirit displayed by the peoples of the Netherlands despite occupation by an enemy country. Colourful decorations created an ideal atmosphere. Many local and other celebrities were present who were entertained afterwards in the Officer's Mess. A presentation of 3 serviettes' rings engraved with the names of her children were presented to H.R.H. by the graduating class. The Royal party departed at approximately 1645 hours.

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14 Oct/43 The Precision Squadron and band from No. 5 Banning Depot did much to add to the cont'd smartness of the ceromon. Many complimentary remarks were made as to the ingenious and interesting manner in which the presentation of "Wings" was made. A detachment of R.C.M.P. acted as personal guards to Her Royal Highness. The graduating course was 77 Navigators (B), the original intake of which was 23 with 21 graduating, making a wastage of 2. Four of the graduates were granted commissions.

15 Oct/43 Station Visited by Wing Commander Lewis, No. 3 Training Command, and Squadron Leader Boyd of No. 9 Repair Depot re equipment matters. Flight Officers Drew (3 T.C.) and Brown (A.F.H.Q.) Messing Officers, visited this School and were interviewed by the Adjutant. Various complaints and difficulties in connection with messing were discussed. Squadron Leader Hamel, No. 3 T.C. R.C. Padre paid his usual visit. Weather cloudy - day flying exercises carried out - night flying washed out.

16 Oct/43 Weather dull - no flying - ceiling 600' to 1000'. No bombing or camera obscura exercises carried out.

17 Oct/43 Weather raining till noon - cloudy and dull balance of day. Fifth Victory Loan Campaign Parade held in St. Johns. One squadron of 180 all ranks from No. 9 A.O.S. - total R.C.A.F. 540. Flying washed out this A.M. - no night flying scheduled.

18 Oct/43 Wing Commander R.J. Gray departed for No. 3 Training Command for conference. Squadron Leader M.K. Moles assumes temporary command. Weather cloudy and dull. Court of Inquiry appointed, with Flight Lieutenant J.T. Flanagan as President and Pilot Officer H.E. McCulloch as Member, to investigate fight at Tourist Gardens Hotel; court convened at 1000 hours. Flying exercises carried out morning and afternoon. All night flying cancelled. No bombing or camera obscura exercises carried out due to bad weather.

19 Oct/43 Court of Inquiry still convened. Chief Supervisory Officer still at No. 3 Training Command. One bombing and two navigation instructors reported in. Weather heavy frost - heavy fog clearing at 0900 hours. 3 flying exercises carried out. Morning flight cancelled.

20 Oct/43 Weather mostly cloudy. Wing Commander Gray returns from No. 3 T.C. and assumes command from S/L E.K. Moles. Squadron Leader Blackburn, No.10 A.O.S. visited station - five flying exercises carried out.

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21 Oct/43 Weather fairly warm and slightly cloudy. Flying exercises carried out. Clouds lifted around 0900 hours but became cloudy again at approximately 1500 hours. Weekly meeting of instructors for discussion of training syllabus and problems.

22 Oct/43 Dull weather - no flying exercises. Flight Lieutenant Wibberly, A.F.H.Q. visited the station to discuss P.T. and drill training.

23 Oct/43 Cloudy dull rainy weather - no flying exercises carried out day or night.

24 Oct/43 Dull cloudy weather - no flying exercises day or night. Church Parade for all denominations.

25 Oct/43 Clear fine weather - Flying exercises resumed. Instructions received from A.F.H.Q. to institute a search for lost Liberator.

26 Oct/43 Weather fine - flying exercises carried out.

27 Oct/43 Dull rainy weather - no flying the early part of the morning. Local weather conditions clear and fine in afternoon. Impossible to carry out any extensive search for lost Liberator owing to low hanging clouds in the area selected for this Unit. No night flying. Flight Lieutenant E.L. Jenks, No. 3 T.C. visited station to discuss training problems.

28 Oct/43 Weather fine early morning - turned cloudy as day progressed. No flying exercises carried out day or night. "Wings" presented by Wing Commander R.J. Gray to graduates of Course 78 Navigators (B). Original intake of this course was 26. There were 24 graduates with a wastage of 2. Thirteen commissions were granted to graduates of this course.

29 Oct/43 Stormy rainy weather - no flying exercises day or night. Flight Lieutenant H.T. Davoud ordered to report to Ferry Command this day to proceed overseas on Navigational one trip programme. Commanding Officer's parade cancelled owing to inclement weather - airmen given additional time for barrack cleaning; and bunk arranging for later inspection by Commanding Officer. It has been decided to initiate a re-checking system for pilots with a below average bombing error. First bombing critique was also instituted for Navigational classes with errors discussed and mistakes pointed out to individual students. Messing has substantially improved on the station since the Civilian Operating Company took over from private caterers. However,

issue of rations could be improved particularly on Fridays when fish is served. Fish is frozen and when thawed out it begins to smell very strong - cannot be served for supper. This matter taken up with Civilian Company hut nothing apparently can be done as the rations are issued by the Army Service Corps.

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30 Oct/43 Weather fine and clear - flying exercises resumed. Commanding Officer received word from Command Headquarters that this Station had been awarded the "Cock of the Walk" trophy for Best and most efficient A.O.S. in Air Training Plan.

31 Oct/43 Weather dull in morning and search for missing Liberator cancelled in morning. St. Johns areas searched in afternoon with nil result. Church Parades held in morning for all denominations.

		<u>1-10-43</u>		<u>31-10-43</u>
Officers (Staff)	62			62
Airmen (Staff	215			231
Airmen (Trainees)	344			400
Personnel other than RCAF	180		246	
Civilians		3		3
Number of Aircraft on Charge - Anson Mk I		29		
			Mk V	62
		Moth		1

Total Number of Flying Hours for month of October:- 5410:15

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1 Nov/43 Weather clear & fine - flying exercises carried out. Night flying resumed.

2 Nov/43 Weather fair - flying exercises continued. Pilot Officer C.H. Foster (P.T. & D.) reported on posting. This is the first time the Station has had a P. T. & D. officer posted permanently. It is expected to step up the P.T. & Games programme during the coming winter months. Flying Officer Roche Signals Officer from No. 3 Training Command visited the Station to inspect training programme for W.O.A.G.'s. Pilot Officer Martin, Telephone Officer

from. No. 3 Training Command visited the station.

3 Nov/43 Dull cloudy weather - no flying day or night. Flying Officer G. Aubry, navigation instructor reported from No. 13 S.F.T.S. on posting. It is noted that since the opening of the Synthetic D.R. Trainer early in June, 1943, around 7600 trainees have used it for a total of 866 hours per class. The week ending October 30th/43 was the busiest so far encountered. The trainer operated for a total of 61 class hours and passed through approximately 667 trainees.

4 Nov/43 Dully cloudy weather - no flying in morning, afternoon or night owing to low ceiling. Second formal mess dinner was held this evening with approximately 60 officers present. Guests included Wing Commander K.B. Corbould, Navigation Branch No. 3 Training Command, Mr. W.W. Woollett, Manager, Dominion Skyways (Observers) Limited, Mr. R. B. Woollett, Assistant Manager and Wing Commander J. A. Verner, Commanding Officer of No. 9 Repair Depot. Victory Bond draw was won by Flying Officer V. Richardson.

5 Nov/43 Flying exercises resumed this morning - weather only fair - local ceiling around 2500 feet. Squadron Leader C. Guest reported on Temporary Duty to understudy the Chief Supervisory Officer prior to his assuming duties as Chief Supervisory Officer at No. 10 A.O.S., Chatham, N.B. He will be remaining on the Station for a period of two weeks. Barrack Inspection held this morning in place of regular Commanding Officer's Parade. All clothing and accessories thoroughly checked. This Unit has over subscribed to the Fifth Victory Loan by over \$13,000, with some subscriptions yet to come.

6 Nov/43 Weather dull - one navigation exercise got off in morning - no flying in afternoon or night.

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7 Nov/43 Weather dull - no flying exercises day or night, Armistice Day parade held in St. Johns. One Squadron consisting of three flights, totalling 160 men, took part with the Army & War Veterans. Usual Church Parade and Services on the Station.

8 Nov/43 Dull cloudy weather - started raining around 0900 hours and continued all day. No flying day or night. Flying Officer R.E. Densereau (Admin.) reported on posting from No. 1 Wireless School and will be employed as Administrative Officer in the training Wing under the Chief Instructor.

9 Nov/43 Weather dull - started to clear around 0900 hours. Flying exercises were resumed in the afternoon and at night for the first time in almost two weeks. The Rotary Club Revue presented a variety show in the recreation hall which was well attended. Construction of three bowling allays is well under way in the Drill Hall and should be completed in a week. Squadron Leader Ison from A.F.H.Q. visited the Station in connection with Signals Instruction.

10 Nov/43 Weather fairly clear. Flying exercises carried out in morning - discontinued in afternoon owing to snow flurries. Fifty Army Officers from Farnham arrived to make a tour of the station. They were divided up into parties of -10, placed in charge of an Officer instructor,

and shown points of interest. The Commanding Officer, The Manager of the Civilian Company, the Administrative Officer and the Protestant Padre laid wreaths on the graves of four airmen killed in a crash one year ago. The airmen were English and Australian and were buried in the local cemetery in St. Johns. A telephone call from the W.A.G. of a crashed aircraft was received stating that the other occupants of the plane were injured when the aircraft crashed near Newport, Vermont, U.S.A. No further details. The Commanding Officer left to investigate. Wing Commander R.C. Muir, Command Accountant, visited station on inspection. Flight Lieutenant Windsor, No. 3 Training Command reported on temporary duty for a few days for checking on flying and flying personnel. Night flying exercises resumed.

11 Nov/43 Weather clear - flying exercises continued. The aircraft from this Unit which crashed yesterday near Newport, Vermont, caused the death of one member of the crew of four. The other three were injured but not seriously. The dead airman was GB.1521462 LAC Johnston, D.W, a navigator trainee belonging to the R.A.F. and coming from Glasgow, Scotland. The aircraft, an Anson Mk V, was on a search flight for a lost Liberator when the crash occurred. The injured airmen were taken to Newport General Hospital by the United States Police authorities. Colonel Jacobson of the United States Army Air Force, Controller of the Albany Air Region, was especially co-operative in furnishing all essential information shortly after the crash occurred.

12 Nov/43 Weather clear - flying exercises continued. Commanding Officer returned from scene of crash aircraft at Newport, Vermont. Left again to accompany Squadron Leader Mongeau Officer appointed to investigate cause of crash. Usual Commanding Officer inspection at 0750 hours.

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13 Nov/43 Weather dull - flying exercises carried out. Funeral held for LAC Johnston, D.W. who was killed in crash of anson aircraft at Newport, Vermont. Funeral services were held in St. James Anglican Church, St. Johns, P.Q. Internment was at St. James Cemetery, St. Johns. Impressive funeral with approximately 150 personnel attending - No. 9 Repair Depot Band was present and played appropriate music and hymns. Night flying washed out owing to weather. First snow fall today. One aircraft landed with wheels up owing to failure of electrical equipment.

14 Nov/43 Weather fairly clear and cold. One flying exercise carried out in morning - night flying continued. Usual Church Parades.

15 Nov/43 Cloudy at around 4,000 feet - cold - flying exercises continued in morning. New Navigation Courses reported today. Three Officers from the Fighting French Forces included as trainees in the new course. In one class of new trainees which reported on November 1st, there are included seven different nationalities and not one Canadian. They are as follows:- 3 Australians, 3 New Zealanders, 1 Fighting French, 4 Norwegians, 3 Dutch, 8 Belgians, 3 R.A.F. Every continent is represented with the exception of Asia. Heavy snow flurries around 1200 hrs. Flying discontinued for balance of day and night. Report received that aircraft proceeding from

No. 3 F.I.S. Arnprior to No. 9 R.D. St. Johns unheard from. Impossible to institute search owing to weather conditions. Flight Lieutenant N.L. Anderson, Protestant Padre reported on duty. This is the first permanent Chaplain posted to this Unit.

16 Nov/43 Overcast and cold. 1st flying exercise in morning took off. Search still being conducted for lost Liberator. Today search also got underway for lost Fleet which took off from Arnprior yesterday for No. 9 Repair Depot and still unheard from. Flying continued - afternoon and night exercises also carried out.

17 Nov/43 Clear & cold - flying exercises continued in morning, afternoon and night. A violent local snow storm was encountered by the returning afternoon flight and some difficulty was experienced in directing the landing of the aircraft. All landed safely with the exception of one which force landed, at the emergency landing field at Farnham, about 15 miles from here.

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18 Nov/43 Snowing - weather generally dull - low ceiling - no flying in morning or afternoon - one flying exercise carried out at night. The new bowling alleys in the Drill Hall have been completed and an official opening will be held shortly. Four alleys in all will be available for all personnel on the Station, both Service and Civilian. Three new navigation instructors reported, one from No. 3 I.T.S., Victoriaville and two from the Navigation School, Rivers, Manitoba. Squadron Leader Carter Guest, newly appointed Chief Supervisory Officer of No. 10 A.O.S., presented "Wings" to 20 graduates of Course 79 Navigators (B). The original intake of this course was 27 for a wastage of 7. Eleven members of the class were granted commissions on graduation.

19 Nov/43 Weather mild with high overcast - flying continued in morning - weather closed in somewhat around noon but flying continued. Usual Commanding Officer Parade at 0750 hours with Barrack Inspection at 1000 hours. Commanding Officer and Administrative Officer attended Dinner in Montreal for Air Vice Marshal A. DeNivorville, on the occasion of his leaving No. 3 Training Command for A.F.H.Q. as Air Member for training.

20 Nov/43 Dull weather - overcast at around 3,000 ft. - flying exercises continued.

21 Nov/43 Weather fair - flying exercises carried out. Usual Church Parades for all denominations.

22 Nov/43 First light blizzard of season - flying washed out. D.A.P.S. advised that a course for Pumpmen would be held on this Station. Sixteen airmen arrived with 1 Sergeant in charge. Squadron Leader Napeok from A.F.H.Q. and Flight Lieutenant Rice from No. 3 Training Command, arrived to organize the course.

23 Nov/43 Weather dull until 1130 hrs. - flying exercises were carried out all day. Flying Officer Stirling from No. 3 Training Command reported on temporary duty for interview with Chief Instructor. Flying Officer Ryan reported from No. 10 A.O.S. to see the officer in charge



of Link Training. Flight Lieutenant J.T. Flanagan proceeded on temporary duty to Quebec City.

24 Nov/43 Very fine and mild - flying carried out all day. Mr. Slattery from Ingersoll Rand arrived this Unit to give a lecture to the new course of Pumpmen. Seven new Navigation Instructors arrived from No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Manitoba.

25 Nov/43 Weather fine and flying carried out all day. Flight Lieutenant Lockhart from No. 3 T.C. P.T. & Drill Officer and F/L L. Haymen from Headquarters visited this Unit re Physical fitness. The purpose of their visit was to see the P.T. & D. Officer of this Unit. Wing Commander R.J. Gray presented "Wings" to 21 graduates of Course 80 Navigators (B). This course had an intake of 27 and a wastage of 6. Eight airmen were granted commissions in this course.

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26 Nov/43 Weather fair - flying exercises continued. Flight Lieutenant J.T. Flanagan reported back from temporary duty. 2nd Lieutenant Lindahl reported from No. 8 A.O.S. to act as navigation Instructor. This Officer is from the Norwegian Air Service.

27 Nov/43 Heavy rain all day - low ceiling - no flying.

28 Nov/43 Weather clear - flying continued day and night. Usual church parades on station for all denominations.

29 Nov/43 Weather clear flying exercises continued. New classes reported for a total intake of 105 Navigators & Air Bombers. Flight Lieutenant Lee reported from No. 2 A.O.S. Edmonton to be employed as Navigation Instructors.

30 Nov/43 Weather clear and fine and flying carried out in morning and afternoon but cancelled at night due to weather.

		<u>1-11-43</u>		<u>30-11-43</u>
Officers (Staff)		65		73
Airmen (Staff		231		240
Airmen (Trainees)		379		572
Personnel other than RCAF	246		368	
Civilians		3		3
Number of Aircraft on Charge	Anson Mk I	--		
			Mk V	70
		Moth		1

Total Number of Flying Hours for month of November: 5819:55

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1 Dec/43 Weather cloudy - air exercises carried out throughout the day. Flying Officer J.R. Foster from A.F.H.Q. visited the Station in connection with sales promotion of Service Magazine "Wings".

2 Dec/43 Weather clear - flying exercises continued.

3 Dec/43 Weather overcast - no flying.

4 Dec/43 Weather fair - flying continued.

5 Dec/43 Weather fine - flying exercises carried out. Usual Church Parades on Station.

6 Dec/43 Snowing - overcast - no flying.

7 Dec/43 Low ceiling in early morning - flying resumed in afternoon and night flying carried out.

8 Dec/43 Weather cold & fairly clear - flying exercises carried out. Wing Commander R.J. Gray, Chief Supervisory Officer presented "Wings" to graduated of Course 81 Navigators (B). The intake of this course was 27 and 20 of them graduated, making a wastage of 7. Eleven members of this class were granted commissions on graduation. The parade was held in the Drill Hall, with the band of No. 9 Repair Depot in attendance. Mr. W. Woollett, General Manager of Dominion Skyways (Observers) Limited presented an engraved cigarette case and picture to the leading graduate. The Canadian Legion presented a show in the Recreation Hall which was well attended. A reception for the artists was held afterwards in the Officer's Mess. A Catholic Church Service was held in the Drill Hall at 1730 hours on the occasion of a Roman Catholic feast day. Night flying washed out.

9 Dec/43 Weather fair & mild. Flying exercises resumed. Squadron Leader E.K. Moles, Chief Instructor, assumes command while Wing Commander R.J. Gray is on temporary duty as Member of a General Court Martial. Icing conditions noted on return of some aircraft from flying exercises.

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10 Dec/43 Weather mild - snow flurries - flying exercises carried out. Squadron Leader Moles still in temporary command during absence of Wing Commander Gray. Complete barrack and clothing inspection this morning at 0750 hours by Officers in charge of sections. Commanding Officer also inspected all barracks at 1000 hours. Squadron Leader E.K. Moles admitted to St. Johns General Hospital today. Squadron Leader Dunlop, Protestant Chaplain from No. 3 Training Command visited the Station for conference with Station Chaplain. Flight Lieutenant J.G. Aselstyne of No. 8 Training Command reported today to discuss Photographic matters with officer i/c of that Section. A fire alarm was sounded at 1600 hours to test fire equipment and the alertness of the Duty Watch and fire detail. No night flying owing to snow flurries.

11 Dec/43 Very cold overcast weather. Flying in morning - weather cleared towards noon. Wing Commander R.J. Gray returned from Temporary Duty and assumes command from Squadron Leader Moles. Pilot Officer Lloyd reported on posting as Navigation Instructor from No. 1 A.G.G.T.S., Quebec City. P.Q.

12 Dec/43 Snow flurries - flying in morning - discontinued in afternoon. No night flying. Usual Church Services for R.C. & Protestant on station. A young R.A.F. airman trainee was killed by an automobile while walking along the highway on his return to the station. The young airman's name is LAC Grievesen, L.V. from Middlesex, England. A companion, LAC Davies, T.M. was slightly injured.

13 Dec/43 Very cold - flying continued. A court of inquiry has been convened looking into the circumstances surrounding the death of LAC Grievesen who was killed when struck by an automobile on the highway outside St. Johns. The D.R. Synthenic Trainer reports a new record for the week ending December 11th, when it operated for a total of 105 hours accommodating 875 trainees. Night flying carried out.

14 Dec/43 Weather mild, but overcast. Flying continued however. Two new officers posted as Navigation Instructors, one from 10 A.O.S. Chatham, and one from No. 3 I.T.S., Victoriaville.

15 Dec/43 Weather cold & clear - flying continued. Funeral & mass held for LAC Grievesen, L.V. who was killed in an automobile accident. Mass was held in the Recreation Hall on the Station and a burial took place in the Catholic Cemetery, St. Johns, P.Q. Wing Command Hamel, Catholic Chaplain from No. 3 T.C. attended.

16 Dec/43 Weather clear and cold - visibility good. Flying continued day and night.

17 Dec/43 Milder weather, snowing - low visibility - no flying. Usual weekly barrack room inspection by Commanding Officer. The first station dance took place in the drill hall when approximately 1600 attended. 350 girls were invited from Montreal through the Canadian Legion Auxiliary Officer and 150 from St. Johns. The event was highly successful. Night flying washed out owing to weather.

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18 Dec/43 Fairly mild weather - overcast with snow expected. No flying in morning. Three Officers reported from Rivers, Manitoba, to augment the Navigation Instructional staff. Weather did not permit flying in afternoon or night.

19 Dec/43 Usual Church Parades on Station by Protestant and Catholic Chaplains, Weather mild and overcast. No day or night flying. Snow flurries at night.

20 Dec/43 Weather fairly mild - low ceiling - snow in early morning. Two new navigation instructors reported from No. 3 I.T.S., Victoriaville. Officer strength is now 92 - trainee strength approximately 650. No flying in morning. Two flights took off in afternoon and flying was continued on early night flight. Late flight was cancelled owing to snow flurries.

21 Dec/43 Weather still reasonably mild - overcast with snow flurries indicated. No flying in morning, afternoon or evening, Storm with heavy snow descended at 1400 hours, washing out flying on the earlynight flight. Flying, however, was resumed at 2330 hours.

22 Dec/43 Weather Clear and cold - flying, continued day and night. Wing Commander R.J. Gray, Chief. Supervisory Officer, presented "Wings" to the graduates of Courses 82 Nav. (B) and 82 Nav. The intake of Course 82 Nav. (B) was 26 plus one course transfer with a wastage of 3 making 24 graduates of whom 12 were granted commissions. The intake of Course 82 Nav. was 26 plus one course transfer with a wastage of 4. Twenty three airmen graduated and ten of these were granted commissions.

23 Dec/43 Weather cold and clear - flying continued. Squadron Leader E.K. Moles assumes command in absence of Wing Commander R.J. Gray on leave. Fifty per cent of Station personnel departed on Christmas leave after duty. Notification received from A.F.H.Q. that Squadron Leader G.E. McMurtrie (C.870) of No. 1 G.R.S., Summerside. P.E.I., will assume command of this Station as from December 30th, 1943. Wing Commander R.J. Gray (C.905) is taking staff college course for ten weeks in Toronto and will be on temporary duty from A.F.H.Q.

24 Dec/43 Weather mild - flying carried out throughout the day - no flying at night. R.C. personnel on the station attended Midnight Mass service at No. 9 Repair Depot.

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25 Dec/43 Weather very fine - no flying scheduled for day or night. The tradition of the Senior N.C.O.'s being entertained at the Officer's Mess on Christmas day was carried out as usual, at the conclusion of which both Officers and N.C.O.'s proceeded to the airmen's mess to serve them their Christmas dinner. About two hundred and fifty airman attended the dinner.

26 Dec/43 Morning and afternoon weather mild - flying exercises carried out. Very windy at night and flying exercises were cancelled.

27 Dec/43 Low ceiling and foggy - not suitable for flying - all day and night exercises being cancelled.

28 Dec/43 Weather quite windy and cold - flying exercises carried out all day and night.

29 Dec/43 Weather cold & clear - flying exercises carried out. Wing Commander Gray assumes command from Squadron Leader Moles on his return from Christmas leave. A farewell party was held in the Officer's Mess at 2030 hours for Wing Commander R.J. Gray. Fifty airmen returned from Plattsburgh, N.Y., U.S.A. where they were entertained by clubs and organizations over the Christmas holidays.

30 Dec/43 Fairly mild weather. Snowing - no flying - low ceiling. Flying was also discontinued at night. Fifty percent of personnel of station left on New Year's leave.

31 Dec/43 Mild weather - clearing skies - flying exercises resumed during day. Flying washed out at night owing to adverse weather. Notification received that the Chief Supervisory Officer, Wing Commander R. J. Gray, was awarded the M.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List.

	<u>1-12-43</u>	<u>31-12-43</u>
Officers (Staff)	73	83 + (10 Trainees)
Airmen (Staff)	240	277
Airmen (Trainees)	578	597
Personnel other than RCAF	368	405
Civilians	3	3
Number of Aircraft on Charge	Anson Mk V	
	85	
	Moth	1

Total Number of Flying Hours for month of December:- 6062:36

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1<sup>st</sup> Jan/44 No flying. Squadron Leader G.E. McMurtrie (C.870) reported on the Station to assume Command from Wing Command R.J. Gray, M.B.E. (C.905) who was posted to a Staff Course and placed on strength of Special Duties Branch at A.F.H.Q. A special turkey dinner was served to the airmen by the Officers and senior N.C.O.'s.

2<sup>nd</sup> Jan/44 Sunday - flying resumed - clear weather. Usual Sunday Church services held on Station.

3<sup>rd</sup> Jan/44 Clear weather - flying carried out.

4<sup>th</sup> Jan/44 Weather cold - fairly clear. Flying exercises carried out. WO II J.E.T. Murdoch of this Station was killed in an automobile accident near the U.S. Border line south of here. The Chief Supervisory Officer visited Command Head Quarters to discuss training question with the Navigation Branch. Night flying exercises carried out at 2030 and 0100 hours.

5<sup>th</sup> Jan/44 Weather cold & clear. Flying exercises carried out. Personnel on New Year's leave returned to duty today. Flight Lieutenant J.T. Flanagan, Administrative Officer, left by air for Cap dela Madeleine, No. 11 E.F.T.S., to attend as Member of Court Martial. Flying Officer J.A. Bugeld reported from No. 5 "M" Depot to take Summary of Evidence in a desertion case.

6<sup>th</sup> Jan/44 Heavy snow - No flying.

7<sup>th</sup> Jan/44 Snowing - low ceiling - no flying. Usual Commanding Officer's parade and Inspection of Barracks.

8<sup>th</sup> Jan/44 Weather cold, fairly clear - flying resumed.

9<sup>th</sup> Jan/44 Mild weather - flying continued day and night. Usual Church Services on Station.

10<sup>th</sup> Jan/44 Fairly mild weather - clear - flying exercises continued day and night.

11<sup>th</sup> Jan/44 Weather reasonably mild. Visibility only fair - snow predicted - flying during day - no flying- at night.

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12<sup>th</sup> Jan/44 Weather stormy & cloudy. No flying in morning. Squadron Leader Foot from No. 31 G.R.S. Charlettetown, reported on temporary duty for 5 days when he will return to the new A.N.S. at Charlettetown. Flight Lieutenant McMahon reported from No. 3 Training Command to discuss accounts, etc. with accounting officer. A flare caught fire on the flare truck at approximately 1930 hours resulting in destruction of some 70 flares and 10 bombs. No damage was done to aircraft or buildings. Only a small number of aircraft carried out night flying.

13<sup>th</sup> Jan/44 Clear cold weather. Flying exercises continued. A Court of Inquiry to investigate cause of fire on the flare truck last night is to be convened. Night flying carried out. Three classes of navigators, Navigators (B) and Air Bombers were presented with their "Wings" today. "Wings" were presented by the Chief Supervisory Officer. Course 85 Navigators started with an intake of 23, had a wastage of 5 with 18 graduating, of whom 11 were granted

commissions. Course 83 Navigators (B) started with 26, had a wastage of 4, with 22 graduating, of whom 12 were appointed to commissioned rank. Course 90 Air Bombers had 24 graduates with no wastage. Eleven members of this class were commissioned. A large number of friends of the graduates attended the ceremony.

14<sup>th</sup> Jan/44 Weather mild - flying, exercises continued day and night. Flying time has now caught up and is back on schedule. The late flight at 0130 hours is being discontinued at present.

15<sup>th</sup> Jan/44 Flying weather fairly good - exercises continued day and night. A dance was held in the Officers' Mess when prominent people in the Town of St. Johns, together with ranking military officers were invited, about 180 attended.

16<sup>th</sup> Jan/44 Weather mild & clear - flying continued day and night. Usual church parades on the station with service conducted by R.C. & Protestant padres.

17<sup>th</sup> Jan/44 Weather cold but clear - flying exercises continued. Wing Commander Kendrick, Lt. Commander LeNormand of the Free French Forces - Captain Bucey of the Belgian Forces visited the station from A.F.H.Q. to interview trainees of their own countries on the strength of the Station. Flight Lieutenant Robinson reported on posting from No. 8 A.O.S. as navigation instructor. Flight Lieutenant Lamber reported on posting from No. 1 A.G.G.T.S., Quebec City, to be employed as Armament Officer replacing Flying Officer C. Miller posted to Command Headquarters.

18<sup>th</sup> Jan/44 Clear & fair mild. Flying exercises continued day and night. Capt. Mehre of the Norwegian Air Force reported as navigation trainee. Squadron Leader Beaudin, Accts., reported from No. 3 Training Command to discuss non-public funds with Unit Accountant Officer. Flight Lieutenant LaChance reported from No. 3 Training Command on Works & Buildings matters. Squadron Leader Boardman reported in to discuss educational matters with Unit Educational Officer. Flying Officer M.W. Gromell reported on posting as training wing adjutant. Three Officers reported from Rivers, Man. to be employed as Navigation Instructors.

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18<sup>th</sup> Jan/44 A general meeting of the Officer's mess was held in the ante-room at 1900 hours. A contd. new Mess Committee was elected with Flight Lieutenant R.W. Bonn as President.

19<sup>th</sup> Jan/44 Weather fairly mild - visibility fair - flying continued.

20<sup>th</sup> Jan/44 Snowing - low visibility - flying discontinued. Flight Lieutenant Grimshaw, Armament Officer No. 3 Training Command reported on visit with Flight Lieutenant Stirling. Flight Lieutenant McPherson, P.T. & D. Officer, No. 3 Training Command also visited the Station to inspect P.T. & D. programme. Flying Officer Bradford, No. 3 Training Command Auxiliary

Officer visited station to discuss problems - relative to his Branch.

21<sup>st</sup> Jan/44 Weather mild - visibility fair - flying exercises resumed. Squadron Leader G.E. McMurtrie left for St. Eugene, Ont, being detailed as Member of Court Martial. Squadron Leader E.K. Moles assumes command in absence of Squadron Leader McMurtrie. Wing Commander Crossland, Engineering Branch No. 3 Training Command visited station to discuss problems with the maintenance department of the Civilian Company. Night flying washed out owing to weather.

22<sup>nd</sup> Jan/44 Weather mild & windy with clearing skies - flying resumed in morning. Nine Air Cadet Officers from Montreal arrived on station to receive practical Navigation instruction. All proceeded on the noon navigational flight. Night flying washed out owing to weather.

23<sup>rd</sup> Jan/44 Mild weather poor visibility. No flying. Usual Church Parades and services on station.

24<sup>th</sup> Jan/44 Clear weather, fairly mild. Flying Exercises continued. Squadron Leader Gauthier of No. 3 Training Command and Flight Lieutenant M. Gelfand reported to prepare for Court Martial on 25th January/44.

25<sup>th</sup> Jan/44 Weather mild - flying continued. Court Martial today on Station to try LAC Finnegan, Hugh, R.A.F. trainee for desertion. Court convened at 1000 hours with Squadron Leader Gauthier as President. Court Martial concluded at 1700 hours. Night flying washed out. Review sponsored by B'nai Brith Society, Montreal, put on in Recreation Hall at 2030 hours. Programme thoroughly enjoyed by Unit. Flight Lieutenant Cameron thanked sponsors on behalf of Commanding Officer and personnel.

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26<sup>th</sup> Jan/44 Weather mild - heavy overcast. Flight Lieutenant J.T. Flanagan posted to No. 1 A.G.T.S., Three Rivers, P.O. reporting January 28th. Flight Lieutenant G.T. Allan assumed position as Station Administrative Officer reporting from No. 13 E.F.T.S., St. Eugene. Hon. Flight Lieutenant C. Bender, Hebrew Chaplain No. 3 Training Command, reported on temporary duty to interview Hebrew personnel.

27<sup>th</sup> Jan/44 Continued mild. "Wings" Parade held this day for courses 84 Navigators, 84 Navigator (B) and 91 Air Bombers. "Wings" were presented by Group Captain J.A. Verner, Commanding Officer, No. 9 Repair Depot, St. Johns, Quebec. Course 84 Navigators had an original intake of 26, a wastage of 5 and 21 graduates. Seven from this class were granted commissions. Course 84 Navigator (B) started with 24, had a wastage of 2 and graduated 22. Seven from this class were also commissioned. In Course 91 Air Bombers the original intake was 24, with a wastage of 2 and 22 graduates. Thirteen from this Course were commissioned. Mess Dinner held in the Officer's Mess at 1900 hours. Guests included Lt. Col. Kippen.

28<sup>th</sup> Jan/44 Weather mild - usual station routine.



29<sup>th</sup> Jan/44 Weather mild with light snow flurries. W/C Sutherland and Flight Lieutenant Butchard of No. 3 Training Command arrived on Temporary Duty. The "Cock of the Walk" Trophy for Proficiency in training among the Schools of the Combined Training Establishment was delivered to Unit. This trophy was won by Unit in the third period of 1943.

30<sup>th</sup> Jan/44 Clear & cold. Flying carried out. Usual Church Parades and services on station.

31<sup>st</sup> Jan/44 Cold with high overcast - flying carried out. Fifty-two airmen arrived on station this date for inclusion in Course 94 Navigator Bombers.

	<u>1-1-44</u>	<u>31-1-44</u>
Officers (Staff)	83 + (10 train.)	81 + (12 trainees)
Airmen (Staff)	277	267
Airmen (Trainees)	597	596
Personnel other than RCAF	405	435
Civilians	3	3
Number of Aircraft on Charge - Anson Mk V	86	
	Moth	1

Total Number of Flying Hours for month of January:- 6928:15

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1 Feb/44 High winds with snow in morning, clearing up in afternoon. Flying exercises carried out. Board of Officers composed of Wing Commander Fenton of No. 3 T.C. and Flight Lieutenants Allan and O'Dell of No. 9 A.O.S. and Mr. Brodeur, Resident Engineer, inspected and turned over to the Operating Company several buildings recently completed under contract.

2 Feb/44 Clear and cold - flying exercises carried out. Hon. Flight Lieutenant Bender, Hebrew Chaplain reported on Temporary Duty to interview Jewish personnel. Sun Life Insurance Revue entertained personnel in Recreation Hall at 2030 hours. Programme was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Members of Sergeants Mess held reception for troupe in their Mess.

3 Feb/44 Clear and cold - flying exercises carried out. Official notice received of award of Minister's pennant to this Unit. Award given for efficiency in fourth quarter of 1943 among Air Observer Schools.

4 Feb/44 Clear and cold - Commanding Officer's inspection at 0745 hours, with full strength parading in Drill Hall. Barrack inspection at 1000 hours.

5 Feb/44 Cold with snow flurries - wind very strong - flying exercises ceased at 1100 hours. N.C.O.'s held regular monthly dance in Sergeant's Mess at 2000 hours.

6 Feb/44 Clear and cold. Usual Church Parades held on Station - well attended. Protestant Parade in Recreation Hall - Roman Catholic in Drill Hall.

7 Feb/44 Clear with strong winds - Flying exercises carried out - night flying until 0400 hours  
8th Feb) 44. F/O Hogan and F/O Slaughter, Trade Test Officers, arrived on Station for quarterly trade tests.

8 Feb/44 Clear with strong sun. F/L D. Puddicombe and F/L Murrin arrived on Temporary Duty regarding Celestial Link Trainers. Flying carried out all day. Night flying scheduled to 0300 hours - washed out at 1800 hours.

9 Feb/44 Snow through night - clearing - cold. S/L T.E. Pilkington, Command Navigation Officer arrived on Temporary Duty at 1030 hrs, departing at 1700 hours. Preparations complete for presentation by Air Commodore A. Raymond, Air Officer Commanding, No. 3 Training Command of the "Cock of the Walk" Trophy. Drill Hall decorated superbly by Civilian Operating Company.

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10 Feb/44 Clear and cold. Air Commodore A. Raymond arrived at 1500 hours to make presentation of "Cock of the Walk" Trophy to School and to present "Wings" to graduating Courses. Courses 85 navigators (B), 85 Navigator "X" and 85 Navigator "Y" all had original intakes of 26, with the same wastage of 4 each with 22 graduating in each class. In Course 85 Navigator (B) 11 airmen were granted commissions, in 85 Navigator "X" 14 were commissioned and in Course 85 Navigator "Y" all 22 graduates were granted commissions. Squadron Leader G.E. McMurtrie, Chief Supervisory Officer accepted the "Cock of the Walk" trophy on behalf of the Service personnel and Mr. W. Woollett on behalf of the Dominion Skyways (Observers) Limited. A reception for Guests and graduates was held afterwards in the civilian Cafeteria.

11 Feb/44 Clear- and cold. S/L Rutledge, Australian Liaison Officer arrived on Temporary Duty to interview the Australian trainees and Instructors on strength at this Unit. Departed at 1730 hours.

12 Feb/44 Clear and cold. Valentine dance held in Officer's Mess at 2030 hours. Guests received by S/L G.E. McMurtrie, Mrs. D. Robertson, S/L & Mrs. E. K. Moles. The Dance was

mm the most enjoyable ever held on the Station.

13 Feb/44 Cold with strong winds. Flying exercises carried out. Usual Church Parades and services held on Unit.

14 Feb/44 Clear and cold. Flying Officer C. Miller posted on Temporary Duty to Rockcliffe Air Station reporting 15th February/44. Flying exercises carried out throughout the day. Snow with very high winds during night stopped night flying. Movie in Recreation Hall well attended in view of no flying.

15 Feb/44 Strong winds with light snow all day, clearing at 1800 hours. No flying during day. Field unserviceable during most of night. Officer's Mess meeting held at 1830 hours. Reports submitted showed Mess in good financial position.

16 Feb/44 Clear with continued strong winds. Flying exercises carried out. No night flying. S/L A. Lambert, D.F.C. J.18226 reported on posting from No. 1 Repat. Depot, Rockcliffe for four weeks study of training and school administration. F/O M.W. Gremell, Wing Adjutant, admitted to St. Johns General Hospital for treatment of influenza.

17 Feb/44 Overcast with light snow - clearing - flying carried out. No night flying. Large attendance at movie held in Recreation hall at 2015 hours.

18 Feb/44 Heavy snow storm. No flying. Commanding Officer's Parade held at 0730 hours in Drill Hall. Full Parade inspected by S/L McMurtrie, S/L Moles and F/L Allan. Inspection of Barracks by Commanding Officer carried out at 1000 hours. Barracks in particularly good condition.

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19 Feb/44 Clear and mild. Flying carried out all day. P/O Cope, P/O Robertson, P/O Seten and P/O Plant reported on posting from No. 1 C.N.S. Rivers, Manitoba to take over instructional duties on Unit.

20 Feb/44 Clear and mild. Usual Church Parades and services held. F/L Anderson and F/L Marchand, Unit Padres conducting the services.

21 Feb/44 Clear and Mild. S/L Porteous A.F.H.Q. reported on Temporary Duty on regular liaison visit re training of navigators. Flying exercises carried out. Movie in evening well attended.

22 Feb/44 Cloudy and mild. Flying exercises completed without interruption throughout day. F/O J.D. Forbes reported on Temporary Duty from No. 3 Training Command to supervise and report on conducting of examinations. Officers of Unit won basketball game from Course 91 by score of 23-21. Interest is developing in inter-class and inter-rank competition.

23 Feb/44 Clear and mild. All flying exercises carried out. Night exercises also completed. F/O D.M. Alcorn arrived on temporary duty from No. 3 Training Command regarding establishing Post-War Rehabilitation discussion groups and Gen Clubs on stations. Idea was responded to very favourably by all ranks. Officer's bowling league opened on Station alleys, with six teams competing and more to join league when instructors are free from duties.

24 Feb/44 Clear and very mild. "Wings" Parade held in Drill Hall. "Wings" presented by S/L G.E. McMurtrie, Chief Supervisory Officer. S/L McMurtrie address the graduates and reminded them that whilst they had completed their lessons and were full fledged navigators by virtue of their award, they were in reality just about to start in a much more intensive course of navigation study. A reception for graduates was held in the Civilian Cafeteria. Course 86 Navigator (B) "X" had an original intake of 26, wastage of 1, and 25 graduates of whom 8 were granted commissions. The Intake of Course 86 Navigator (B) "Y" was 26, with a wastage of 4 and 22 graduating with 5 commissions being granted. G/C White, S/L McDonald and F/L Speechman, New Zealand Liaison Officers arrived at 1230 hours to interview New Zealand Air Force trainees on strength at this Unit. Operational Wings were presented this day to F/O F.C. McClellan and F/O H.L.C. Reynolds during "Wings" Parade. These Officers were awarded the "Wings" for tours of operational duty against the enemy.

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25 Feb/44 Commanding Officer's Weekly parade held at 0745 hours in Drill Hall. Inspection of Barracks carried out at 1000 hours. Barracks in particularly good condition in spite of the soft weather making roads a sea of mud. Flying exercises carried out all day and all night.

26 Feb/44 Clear and cold - remarkable flying weather. Classes well ahead in flying exercises.

27 Feb/44 All flying washed out - Two new courses arrived on Station - 96 navigators "X" and "Y".

28 Feb/44 F/L C.E. Atchison acting Chief Instructor, with F/L H.T. Davoud as Assistant Chief Instructor. Graduates; of Course 88 Navigators Bombers to receive their "Wings" from Colonel Georges Thounis, Belgian Ambassador to the United States, on 23rd, March, 1944. He will be accompanied by Baron Silvercruys, Belgian Ambassador to Canada,

29 Feb/44 All flying washed out from 1200 hours on. W/C. R.A. Kendrick and W/C T.C. Wells, Liaison Officers for Allied National trainees visited this Unit arriving at 1030 hours.

Officers (Trainee)	12	11
Airmen (Staff	267	256
Airmen (Trainees)	596	566
Personnel other than RCAF	485	438
Civilians	3	3
Number of Aircraft on Charge - Anson Mk V	86	
	Moth	1

Total Number of Flying Hours for month of February: 6642:00

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1 Mar/44 Clear and cold with strong wind. S/L Pierce, the Australian (RC) Chaplain, visited here on way back to Australia from England. Flying carried out.

2 Mar/44 Clear and cold with strong wind. Barrack inspection carried out by S/L McMurtrie, Commanding Officer, at 1030 hrs.; assisted by P/O Foster, P.T.&D. Officer. Flying was carried out by day and night. S/L J.W. Muckell of No. 3 T.C. arrived by air from No. 4 E.F.T.S. at 1600 hrs. to discuss reselection of ceased trainees on 3 Mar/44.

3 Mar/44 Clear and sunny. Weekly parade held at 0750 hours in drill hall. All flying was washed out during afternoon and commenced again at 1900 hours.

4 Mar/44 Clear sunny weather with strong winds. Flying carried out both day and night.

5 Mar/44 Clear sunny weather with strong winds. Flying carried out both day and night.

6 Mar/44 Clear sunny day with no wind. W/C F. Belway of No. 1 "Y" Depot called in at 1000 hrs. and departed at 1200 hrs. Weather closed in at 2300 hrs. whilst navigational exercises were being carried out causing 8 aircraft to return to nearest base, 7 to land at Dorval and 1 at Three Rivers.

7 Mar/44 Rain and snow throughout most of day then sun commenced to shine at 1600 hrs.

8 Mar/44 A low black cloud hanging over complete staff. Cause - proposed reversion to training Air Bombers. Strong telephonic and documentary protests made to Command pointing

out lack of accomodation, etc. "Evans' Sisters" musical review put on show in the recreation hall. They were entertained at the Sergeants' Mess. A/S/O Tomlin reported for duty from No. 7 M.D.

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9 Mar/44 F/O Gromoll's posting cancelled, returned to No. 9 A.O.S. Courses 87 Nav.(B) "X" and 87 Nav.(B) "Y" graduated as Navigators (B). Course 87 Navigator (B)X had an original intake of 27, wastage of 7, and 20 graduates of whom 7 were granted commissions. Course 87 Navigator (B) "Y" had an original intake of 26, wastage of 7 and 19 graduates of whom 6 were granted commissions. Weather O.K. F/L McPherson (P.T.&D., No. 3 T.C) visited this unit. S/L Beaudin (Accts.) visited this unit. There was a mess dinner at which Mr. W.W. Woollett and Mr. E.B. Woollett were guests. This was followed by a surprisingly quiet evening.

10 Mar/44 CO.'s weekly parade held in drill hall at 0750 hrs. as usual. Flying carried out according to schedule. Weather clear and cold.

11 Mar/44 Flying as usual in morning but cancelled in afternoon due to snow storms and high winds. Arrangements made to have film show on Sunday evening instead of Monday.

12 Mar/44 Flying carried out from 1300 hrs. until 1900 hrs. when all flying was washed out due to rain and winds. F/L Allan returned from 7 days annual leave.

13 Mar/44 Very dull with high wind, appeared to be clearing up, however, new front closed in rapidly and sky became very cloudy with more rain anticipated. Flying commenced at 1330 hrs. F/L Keith Murphy, DFC, reported on posting to staff.

14 Mar/44 Clear and mild; wonderful flying weather. Flying carried out all day. At approximately 2330 hrs. aircraft piloted by Mr. Birkland ground looped on landing due to brakes (faulty) and crashed into two aircraft (stopped) on the back line, damaged wings and bodies of three aircraft. No fire, no casualties. P/O Bardsley, Clarke and White reported from No. 1 C.N.S. Our Station basketball team defeated No. 9 Repair Depot by a score of 40 to 31.

15 Mar/44 Very clear and mild with little or no wind whatsoever. Flying commenced at 0800 hrs. S/L Pilkington, No. 3 T.C, arrived on temporary duty relative to training routine. S/L McMurtrie, S/L Moles and S/L Lambert departed on temporary duty at 1330 hrs. to No. 3 T.C to attend a conference re training and returned at 1800 hrs. The monthly mess meeting was held at 1830 hrs. in the ante room.

16 Mar/44 Very dull and all flying washed at 0800 hrs. Normal routine observed. F/L J.J. Barry reported on posting from No. 1 W.S. to assume the duties of medical officer in lieu of F/L Warren who has been posted to No. 1 W.S.

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17 Mar/44 Commanding Officer's Parade was held at 0750 hrs. Barracks inspected at 1000

hrs. Flight Lieutenants J.M. Stirling and S. Malach visited this Unit re armament training reporting at 0930 hours, and departing at 1600 hrs. for No. 3 T.C. Flying was cancelled, low ceiling, very dull and mild.

18 Mar/44 Clear and cool. Flying carried out according to schedule. Gymnasium equipment purchased for drill hall arrived at unit. Classes being organized to take full advantage.

19 Mar/44 Clear and cool. Usual church parades held at unit. F/L Anderson and F/L Marchand conducting services.

20 Mar/44 Clear with cool wind. S/L L.E. Gagnon, Command Chaplain, arrived on temporary duty. All flying exercises carried out according to schedule. Whilst on low level navigation exercise at 1640 hours starboard engine of Anson No. 11646 caught fire. Pilot Sgt. J.C. McKee pulled fire extinguisher, cut gas off, which caused aircraft to vibrate and lose height. With the exception of Sgt. Pretty, who received a slight cut on forehead, no other personnel were injured on forced landing. The cause of the accident is still obscure.

21 Mar/44 Clear with fresh wind, ideal flying weather. All air exercises carried out according to schedule. Remarkably good flying weather. Night flying exercises carried out to 0400 hrs. on March 22.

22 Mar/44 Clear with fresh winds. F/L Irvin, F/O Patchet, F/O Boland and F/O Gillespie, Navigation Instructors, posted to No. 1 "Y" Depot, Lachine, P.Q. for subsequent posting overseas. All these instructors have completed a lengthy tour of duty at this Unit and were congratulated on their posting. Preparation for "Wings" presentation to Course 88 Nav. (B) almost completed. Drill Hall decorated by Civilian Company in a blaze of colours.

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23 Mar/44 Heavy overcast followed by snow turning to rain at night. Course 86 Navigator (B) graduated this date. The strength of the course was unique in that it included Belgians, Norwegians, Netherlanders, Australians, New Zealanders, R.A.F. trainees and R.C.A.F. trainees. "Wings" Presentation was held in the Drill Hall at 1600 hours. His Excellency, Col. Geo. Theunis, Belgian Ambassador at Large and former Prime Minister of Belgium, presenting "Wings" to the graduates. Col. Theunis was accompanied by Baron Silvercruys, Ambassador to the Dominion of Canada. The Air Officer Commanding, No. 3 Training Command, Air Commodore A. Raymond, A.D.C., was also present, accompanied by W/C Buckle, No. 3 T.C. and W/C Kendrick, U.K. Air Mission, Ottawa. Mr. Heyne, representing the Belgian Consul at Montreal was also in the official party. Col. Theunis was introduced by S/L McMurtrie, C.S.O. of the Unit. Col. Theunis, after inspecting the graduates, gave a short address in both English and French. He then presented "Wings" to the graduates, speaking to several at some length. The presentation was followed by a ceremonial march past with His Excellency taking the salute. Course 88 Navigator (B) "X" had an original intake of 27, wastage of 6, and 21 graduates of whom 12 were granted commissions. Course 88 Navigator (B) "Y" had an original intake of 29, a wastage of 4 and 26 graduates of whom 10 were granted commissions. A reception for the guests of the Officers and the Civilian Operating Co. was held immediately after

in the Officer's Mess. A similar reception was held in the Civilian Cafeteria for the graduates and their guests.

24 Mar/44 Overcast with extremely high winds. Clearing at 1200 hrs. Posting of C.S.O., S/L G.E. McMurtrie, to Staff College, Toronto, received. No replacement as yet advised. Night exercises carried out to 0300 hours.

25 Mar/44 Clear with strong winds, C.S.O., S/L McMurtrie, cleared unit this date on posting to Air Staff College, Toronto, Ont. Staff expressed regret on his severing connections with the Unit after short period of his taking Command. S/L E.K. Moles appointed acting C.S.O. pending posting of new C.S.O. Flying carried out all day.

26 Mar/44 Strong winds. Flying exercises carried out both by day and night. Church Parades held and services conducted by F/L Anderson and F/L Marchand.

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27 Mar/44 Very dull with snow and rain. All flying washed out at 0800 hrs. The visiting flight arrived by road from Dorval at 1030 hrs. Flight composed of S/L Macklin, F/L Detenbech, F/O Garka, F/O Lachin, F/O Hopkins.

28 Mar/44 Overcast with light snow clearing at 1100 hrs. Flying exercises carried out in balance of day. Night flying exercises completed. S/L MacLatchy, A.F.H.Q., reported on temporary duty regarding registering and compiling flying time. Routine on station comparable to set up on Service flying schools.

29 Mar/44 Clear with unlimited ceiling. Flying exercises carried out throughout day. Harvard Stop Test given to all General List Instructors this date. Results proved very interesting. Score of most quite good reflecting the enthusiasm for sports developed on the unit. W/C Gray, former C.S.O. of the unit, with F/O Pilon, former instructor, paid an unofficial visit to school during evening.

30 Mar/44 Complete overcast with light snow and rain throughout morning and afternoon. Flying exercises cancelled.

31 Mar/44 Clear and mild. Commanding Officer's Parade held in drill hall at 0750 hrs. S/L E.K. Moles, Acting C.S.O., inspected trainees with S/L A. Lambert acting as second in Command. Parade was well carried out, parade state indicating 501 trainees present with no absentees reported.

	<u>1-3-44</u>	<u>31-3-44</u>
Officers (Staff)	86	85
Officers (Trainee)	11	7
Airmen (Staff)	256	290
Airmen (Trainees)	566	594



Personnel other than RCAF	438	450
Civilians	3	3
Number of Aircraft on Charge - Anson Mk V	83	

Total number of flying hours for month of March: 8138:40

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1st Apr/44 Clear and cool throughout most of day. Flying exercises carried out on restricted basis. Wing Commander Rosse Brown, Protestant Chaplain attached to A.F.H.Q. arrived on Temporary Duty at 1011 hours by rail from No. 4 E.F.T.S. W/C Brown lectured to students in regular Current Events periods.

2nd Apr/44 Clear and cool. Regular Church Parades held. Protestant Church Parade conducted by W/C Rosse Brown in Drill Hall. R.C. Service held at usual hour. Flying restricted due to cold front moving in from west.

3rd Apr/44 Clear and cool. Flying exercises carried out throughout day. F/O Hicks in Navigation Instrument Section reports the use of mount for using the Astro Compass under the dome of Mark V Ansons. Diagrams and plans are being submitted to the Chief Instructor. The model being used is quite crude, but it enable navigators to check course when sun is ahead or astern as well as taking back bearings. Compass mount is aligned by sighting on tail of aircraft and adjusting turn screws.

4th Apr/44 Overcast then clearing. F/O D. Giggey, D.F.C. and P/O P. Bourque reported for duty at 0900 hours. F/O Giggey to be attached to staff as W.A.G. Officer and P/O Bourque attached as Signals Officer. Flying exercises carried out throughout day. Night exercises completed.

5th Apr/44 Clear and cool. Flying exercises carried out. W/C J. Emery, S.P.S.O. attached to No. 3 Training Command arrived on Temporary Duty for first official visit to Unit since appointment. S/L Cummings A.P.M. of No. 3 Training Command accompanied W/C Emery.

6th Apr/44 Clear and becoming overcast at 1200 hours. Wings Parade held in Drill Hall at 1500 hours. S/L E.K. Moles, Chief Supervisory Officer, introduced Lt. Commander J. LeNormand, French Naval Attache to the Dominion of Canada, who addressed the graduates and

presented "Wings". The graduating classes were made up of 4 R.C.A.F., 7 Fighting French and 40 R.A.F. The Intake of Course 89 Navigator (B) "X" was 28, the wastage being 2, with 26 airmen graduating of whom 6 were granted commissions. In Course 89 navigator (B) "Y", the intake was 28 with a wastage of 3 and 25 airmen graduating, of whom 11 were granted commissions. A reception for Graduates and their guests was held in the Civilian Cafeteria. Mr. W. Woollett, General Manager at Dominion Skyways (Observers) Limited, presented engraved cigarette cases and photographs to Sgt. Ball, D.H. and Sgt. Hewett, M. who attained highest honours in their respective classes.

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7th Apr/44 Clear and cool. Good Friday holiday observed throughout Unit. All flying and ground school instruction cancelled for the day. Appropriate church services held by Protestant and R.C. Padres.

8th Apr/44 Clear and cool. Flying and ground school exercises resumed. Considerable number of staff on forty eight hour passes.

9th Apr/44 Clear to 1200 hours. Overcast light rain in evening. Flying curtailed due to weather in surrounding districts. Usual Sunday church parades and services held. F/L A.J. Scrace. No. 9 R.D. Chaplain conducted the Protestant Service in the Drill Hall.

10th Apr/44 Overcast with light rain, clearing at 1400 hours. Flying exercises cancelled. P.T. & D. Officer, P/O C.H. Foster announced the birth of a son. Congratulations extended to him and Mrs. Foster by all staff. Night flying exercises carried out.

11th Apr/44 Clear, becoming milder. Visibility unlimited. Flying exercises carried out throughout day. Night exercises cancelled due to heavy overcast from 1900 hours. F/L Lang and eight other Air Cadet Officers attached to various Montreal squadrons reported to Unit. Arrangements made for them to fly with trainees and Instructors as 2nd navigators.

12th Apr/44 Complete overcast with light rain turning to snow. Flying exercises cancelled for day and night. Officer's Mess meeting held at 1830 hours. Election of Mess Committee took place. F/O F.C. McClellan elected President, P/O A. Duff, Vice President, F/O I. Biddle Secretary, and P/O J. Hutcheson, Messing Officer.

13th Apr/44 Partly cloudy and cold. Flying exercises carried out. Instructors Meeting held at 1830 hours and Moving Pictures shown in the Recreation Hall. Normal routine.

14th Apr/44 Cold with high winds. Commanding Officer's Parade held in Drill Hall at 0750 hours. S/L E.K. Moles, acting Chief Supervisory Officer, inspected parade. Complete turnout of station strength, plus the fact parade was well out, received favourable comment from Inspecting Officer. All flying exercises completed. Command Audit Board reported for inspection of Accounts Section and Clothing Stores.

15th Apr/44 Clear with light winds. F/L C. Parish, pilot Instructor, reported to Unit. P/O

Houldsworth, Navigation Instructor, reported to Unit. Flying exercises carried out.

16th Apr/44 Overcast throughout day. Usual Church Parades held on Unit. F/L G.A. Marchand officiating at R.C. service and F/L A.J. Scrace, in the absence of F/L A. Anderson, conducting Protestant Service held in Recreation Hall. Flying exercises cancelled.

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17th Apr/44 Overcast with light snow and rain. Appointment of S/L A. Lambert, D.F.C. to position of Chief Supervisory Officer with effect from 1st April/44 received this date. S/L E.K. Moles, relinquished command of Unit on notice of appointment.

18th Apr/44 Clear and mild. Flying resumed at 0700 hours. S/L Burden, E.K., Commanding Officer No. 4 E.F.T.S., Windsor Mills, Quebec, arrived on Temporary Duty at 1100 hours, respecting Intelligence Library. P/O J.P. Cook, Navigation Instructor and P/O Robertson, W.A.G. reported for duty, Montreal Repertoire Theatre Group put on stage show in recreation hall at 2030 hours. Show was well received by audience at large. Cast were entertained in Officer's Mess after the performance.

19th Apr/44 Clear with high winds. Flying exercises carried out all day. Night sequences completed. F/L E.L. Jenks, Command Navigation Officer, arrived on Temporary duty at 1830 hours. P/O H. Plante, Navigation Instructor announced the birth of a son and received the usual hearty congratulations from fellow officers.

20th Apr/44 Clear with high winds. Flying exercises carried out. G/C A. Watts, S.A.S.O. of No. 3 Training Command arrived on Temporary Duty at 1030 hours accompanied by F/L Windsor also attached to No. 3 Training Command. W/C R.A. Kendrick, attached to United Kingdom Liaison Mission, A.F.H.Q. arrived at 1500 hours to officiate at "Wings" Parade for Courses 90 Navigators, 90 Navigators (B) "X" and "Y". Parade was held in Drill Hall, an added feature of which was the presentation of the Operational Wing to P/O J.W. McIntyre. The original intake of Course 90 Navigators was 27, a wastage of 6 with 21 airmen graduating, of whom 17 were granted Commissions, Course 90 Navigator (B) "X" commenced with 27 trainees, 4 were unable to cope with the course, which left 23 graduates and 9 of these airmen were granted commissions. In Course 90 Navigator (B) "Y", the original intake was 27, wastage 5 and graduates 22. Nine graduates of this course were granted commissions. Mr. W. Woollett presented trophies to Sgt. Smith, F.E., Sgt. Hill, P. and Sgt. Moore, J.T. on behalf of Dominion Skyways Limited, on their attaining the highest marks in their respective classes.

21st Apr/44 Clear with low winds, flying exercises carried out. Commanding Officer's Parade held in Drill Hall at 0750 hours. S/L A. Lambert, D.F.C. inspected the Parade. Favourable comment was made by S/L Lambert. Barrack inspection was also carried out by the Commanding Officer.

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22nd Apr/44 Clear and bright, remarkable flying weather. Air exercises carried out in accordance with programme now in force. In addition to normal routine being carried out throughout the day, a Victory Loan Parade was held in the city of St. Johns, P.Q. commencing at 1330 hours, assembly point being the St, Johns Army Barracks. One squadron of three flights from this Unit participated. (Reference D.R.O. No. 94, dated April 20th/44) Group Captain J.A. Verner, Commanding Officer, No. 9 Repair Depot, took the salute on the "March Past."

23rd Apr/44 Clear and warm. Flying carried out all day. Usual Church Parades held with F/L Marchand and F/L Sorace conducted the Roman Catholic and Protestant Services respectively.

24th Apr/44 Complete overcast with light rain-all flying scrubbed. Typical "blue" Monday with roads and grounds in real soggy mess. Heavy rain at night through to 0400 hours.

25th Apr/44 Overcast with light fog and drizzle. S/L A. Lambert, D.F.C., Chief Supervisory Officer, received notification of his award of a Bar to his Distinguished Flying Cross. Congratulations were extended to him by all the staff. A Mess Dinner was held in the Officer's Mess at 1900 hours. All Officers on staff attending. Mr. E.B. Woollett, Assistant General Manager of Dominion Skyways (Observers) Limited, the Civilian Operating Company, attended the Mess Dinner together with other senior members of the Civilian staff. F/L H.T. Davoud, in a short address, expressed the general regret of the Officers at the forthcoming departure of Mr. E.B. Woollett to England. Mr. Woollett replied expressing his regret at having to leave the School.

26th Apr/44 Clear and cool - flying exercises carried out throughout day. Normal routine observed. W/C T.E. Pilkington, No. 3 Training Command Navigation Officer, visited this Unit arriving at 1030 hours and departing at 1855 hours.

27th Apr/44 Clear with slight wind - ceiling unlimited. Flying carried out all day and normal routine adhered to throughout.

28th Apr/44 Clear with some wind. Commanding Officer's Parade held in Drill Hall at 0750 hours. Commanding Officer inspected parade. An inspection of the Barracks was carried out by the Commanding Officer at 1000 hours. Flying exercises carried out all day.

29th Apr/44 Clear and cool. F/O Maxwell, J.22131, F/O Keena, AUS.424870 and F/L Stewart reported to Unit for staff duties from No. 2 A.O.S., Edmonton, Alberta. All scheduled flights carried out.

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30th Apr/44 Overcast with high winds. Usual Church Parades and services held on Unit. F/L A.J. Scrace conducted the Protestant Service in the absence of the Unit Padre, F/L A. Anderson. P/O Richards, B.C. reported for duty from No. 10 B. & G., Mount Pleasant, P.E.I, replacing P/O N.B. Clarke posted from this Unit.

		<u>1<sup>st</sup> Apr/44</u>	<u>30<sup>th</sup> Apr/44</u>
Officers (Staff)		85	89
Officers (Trainees)		7	4
Airmen (Staff)		290	280
Airmen (Trainees)	594		609
Personnel other than RCAF	450		385
Civilians		3	3
Number of Aircraft on Charge	Anson Mk V	84	

Total Number of Flying Hours for month of April: 6594:05

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1<sup>st</sup> May/44 Clear with higher winds. All scheduled flying exercises carried out in accordance with A.F.H.Q. Training Programme. Victory Loan results indicate that all ranks are making every effort to attain our objective.

2<sup>nd</sup> May/44 Overcast with winds; dull throughout the day; flying exercises were carried out however and normal routine adhered to. Group Captain White, the New Zealand Liaison Officer, visited this Unit and interviewed all New Zealand Trainees.

3<sup>rd</sup> May/44 Overcast with slight winds. Flying exercises were carried out during the day. Night flying was washed out. C.1865 S/L J. W. Muckell, Reselection Board Officer from No. 3 T.C., reported on temporary duty.

4<sup>th</sup> May/44 Strong Sun with heavy overcast and poor flying visibility. The following courses graduated:

91 Nav., which had an intake of 27 and a wastage of 2, graduated 25 of whom 21 were commissioned;

91 Nav. (B)"X", which had an intake of 30 and a wastage of 15, graduated 15 of whom 6 were commissioned

91 Nav. (B)"Y", which had an intake of 27 and a wastage of 7, graduated 20 of whom 8 were commissioned

92 A.B. "X" , which had an intake of 22 , graduated 22 of whom 9 were commissioned

98 A.B. "Y" , which had an intake of 23 , graduated 23 of whom 9 were commissioned

making a total of 105 graduates who were presented with their Wings by the Commanding Officer, Squadron Leader A. Lambert, DFC and Bar, at the Wings Parade which took place at 1530 hours. Squadron Leader J. A. Muckell, the Command Reselection Officer, departed from Temporary Duty at 1100 hours and proceeded to No. 10 E.F.T.S. S/L M.N.Z. Crestchl reported on temporary duty from No. 3 T.C. at 1015 hours and departed at 1630 hours. Victory Loan total sales \$54,700.00

5<sup>th</sup> May/44 Dull with heavy overcast. Commanding Officers' Parade held in the Drill Hall at 0750 hours and inspected by C.O., after which the Commanding Officer inspected barracks at 1000 hours.

6<sup>th</sup> May/44 Clear and very warm. Flying exercises carried out. F/L Keeler, No. 3 T.C., reported on temporary duty for dual instruction on Mark V Ansons used at this Unit. Victory Loan total sales passed objective \$55,000.00.

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7<sup>th</sup> May/44 Clear with strong winds, becoming overcast with light rain. Usual Church Parades held with F/L Marchand and F/L Anderson conducting services. Flying exercises cancelled.

8<sup>th</sup> May/44 Cloudy with rain then clearing at 1000 hours. P/O Bradbury, officer in charge of 6<sup>th</sup> Victory Leon, reported sales to date totalled \$57,500.00, a very good showing. Personnel congratulated by C.S.O. on results.

9<sup>th</sup> May/44 Overcast throughout day. Flying exercises cancelled. Officers' Drill Course commenced this date and will be held every Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 0730 hours to 0830 hours. Full turnout of Officers under instruction of F/O C.H.. Foster, P.T.&D. Officer this Unit.

10<sup>th</sup> May/44 Very dull and turning to heavy rain; all flying exercises cancelled in forenoon. At 1300 hours flying was resumed as rain ceased and weather cleared up. No. 3 T.C. Armament Officer reported on Temporary Duty. A/S/O E.M. Tomlin posted to R.C.A.F. Station, Rockcliffe. Normal routine.

11<sup>th</sup> May/44 Clear and Cool. Flying exercises carried out and normal routine adhered to throughout. The regular Thursday night Moving Picture show was held.

12<sup>th</sup> May/44 Clear and cool, then turning quite warm. C.O.'s Parade held at 0750 hours. S/L Lambert, the C.O. inspected No. 1 Squadron while S/L Moles, the C.I., inspected No. 2 Squadron. The C.O. carried out Barrack Inspection commencing at 1000 hours. Annual musketry exercises commenced at 1100 hours today in accordance with Air Force Administrative Order A.51/27.

13<sup>th</sup> May/44 Overcast and quite dull at times. Flying exercises however are being carried out. Normal routine adhered to up to 1500 hours. Heavy thunder storm stopped flying at this hour.

Anson Aircraft No. 12186 parked on line hit by lightning causing damage to rear section of fuselage and rudder. No personnel injured.

14th May/44 Clear with high winds all day, clouding up later in day. Flying exercises carried out. Usual church parades held with F/L Marchand and F/L Anderson conducting services.

15th May/44 Very dull with heavy rain; all flying exercises cancelled. The Navigation Instrument Section has now moved into hangar No. 3. This is of great assistance to the trainees as the briefing room is also situated in this hangar. Standard Astro-Dome Mounts designed at this Unit and authorised by No. 3 T.C., have almost been completed and all those installed have been aligned for astro compasses. The alignment of loops in the Mark V Ansons is being checked every week. Acknowledgment received from A.F.H.Q. for idea submitted for L.H.H. and meridian passage computer sent in from this section.

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15th May/44 (Cont'd.) Trainees have started to do ground compass swings on Fleet aircraft, and judging by trainees' comments (Senior Course 94 "X" ) it is considered most instructive. Final total of Victory Loan Drive for this Unit closed at \$60,650.00 making 110% of our objective which was \$55,000.00. F/L M.F. Juister reported this date to assume duties of Senior Administrative Officer replacing F/L G.T. Allan who is posted to No. 9 B.&G. School, Mont Joli, P.Q. S/L E.K. Moles departed on temporary duty to No. 1 A.O.S., Malton, Ontario, by air.

16th May/44 Clear and warm. Flying exercises carried out in accordance with Training Syllabus. S/L Moles returned from Temporary Duty at No. 1 A.O.S., Malton, Ont., by air. Special concert by R.C.A.F. airmen held at 2100 hours in the Recreation Hall. Officers' Drill Parade held at 0745 hours per No. 3 T.C. instructions.

17th May/44 Overcast with flying exercises cancelled at 0745 hours. Officers' Drill Parade held at 0755 hours in accordance with No. 3 T.C. instructions. Flying resumed at 1300 hours.

18th May/44 Clear and cool with high winds. Flying exercises carried out via Training Syllabus for this Unit. Wings Parade was held in the Drill Hall due to the sudden change in temperature and the graduating courses were; Course 92 Nav. (B) "X", which had an intake of 26 and a wastage of 9, graduated 17 of whom 4 were commissioned; course 92 Nav. (B) "Y", which had an intake of 27 and a wastage of 9, graduated 18 of whom 6 were commissioned; making a total of 35 graduates. Wings were presented by Lt. Col. W.H. Watson, E.D.

19th May/44 Cool and clear with strong winds. Flying exercises were carried out per Training Syllabus. The Commanding Officer's Parade was held at 0745 hours with No. 1 and 2 Squadrons participating. While the Commanding Officer inspected No. 2 Squadron, S/L Moles inspected No. 1 Squadron. A marked improvement has been noticed in the standard of discipline and deportment on this Unit.

20th May/44 The first soft-ball game of the season was played last night in St. Johns at 1845 hours with the opposing team being; the St. Johns Civilians. This game ended with a score of

13 to 2 for No. 9 A.O.S. The Commanding Officer carried out an inspection of barracks at 1000 hours accompanied by F/L M.F. Juister, Senior Administrative Officer, and F/O Foster, Station P.T.&D Officer. P/O G.R. Slaughter, Command Trade Test Officer, arrived this date to complete the quarterly trade tests.

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20th May/44 F/O Smith, Accounts Officer, took over the accounts for this Unit from F/L B. Thompson who is proceeding on 14 days annual leave. Weather cool and clear with strong winds. Flying carried out according to Training Syllabus.

21st May/44 Warm and bright. Air exercises carried out all day. Church parades held with F/L Anderson and F/L Marchand conducting services.

22nd May/44 Overcast with some rain. Flying exercises were cancelled due to bad weather. Normal routine adhered to throughout the day. Night flying commenced at 2100 hours and all night flying exercises completed without interruption.

23rd May/44 Warm and clear. Flying commenced at 0730 hours. C.S.O. proceeded on Temporary Duty to Air Force Headquarters at 0930 hours. The C.S.O. returned by air from Temporary Duty at A.F.H.Q. at 2100 hours. S/L W.S. Dunlop, the Command Chaplain, visited this unit arriving at 1230 hours and departing at 1600 hours by bus. The Y.M.C.A. Show Troupe, known at the "T.N.T. Review" staged a showing commencing at 2030 hours. After the performance, refreshments were served in the Officers' Mess for all members. All air exercises for this date were carried out.

24th May/44 Bright and warm. Flying commenced at 0730 hours. S/L E.K. Moles, Chief Instructor, proceeded on Temporary Duty by air to No. 2 A.N.S., No. 8 A.O.S. and No. 10 A.O.S., departing at 0830 hours.

25th May/44 Clear and warm with slight winds. Flying commenced at 0800 hours. S/L Lambert, the C.S.O., proceeded on Temporary Duty to No. 3 Training Command, departing at 1300 hours and returned at 1630 hours. The Command Heating Inspector, F/O Riddell, reported on Temporary Duty at 1000 hours, and proceeded to review the complete heating arrangements at this Unit.

26th May/44 Overcast and windy. Flying exercises commenced at 0800 hours. The Chief Supervisory Officer, assisted by the Senior Administrative Officer, carried out an inspection of barracks and messes at 1000 hours. S/L E.K. Moles, the C.I., returned from Temporary Duty by air at 1230 hours.

27th May/44 Partly cloudy to clear. Flying exercises for the forenoon were cancelled. Flying again commenced at 1300 hours. F/L D.G. Burr (Nav.), from No. 1 A.O.S., returned to that unit departing at 0930 hours. A dance was held in the Officers' Mess commencing at 0930 hours.

28th May/44 Weather clear and warm with some wind. R.C. Church Parade held at 0845



hours with Padre Marchand conducting Services. Protestant Church Parade held at 1015 hours with F/L Anderson conducting service. Flying exercises were carried out all day.

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29th May/44 Warm and clear with winds. Flying exercises commenced at 0800 hours and continued throughout. S/L Davidson of No. 1 Training Command, S/L Pounder of No. 4 A.O.S. and F/L Haennle of No. 4 A.O.S. reported on Staff Visit regarding radio and other installations in the Mark V Anson.

30th May/44 Warm and clear with slight haze which reduced visibility for flying. The outstanding show troupe of the season, the R.C.A.F. "All Clear", arrived yesterday. F/O Marshal was in charge and assisted by S/O Fahrenhotz. All personnel stationed here were greatly impressed by the grand performance of the cast of the "All Clear Show". Flying exercises commenced at 0800 hours.

31st May/44 Warm and clear with slight haze causing poor visibility at times. Flying exercises commenced at 0745 hours.

	<u>1<sup>st</sup> May, 1944</u>	<u>31<sup>st</sup> May,</u>
<u>19/44</u>		
Officers (Staff)	89	95
Officers (Trainees)	4	3
Airmen (Staff	280	285
Airmen (Trainees)	609	570
Personnel other than RCAF	385	336
Civilians	3	
3		
No. of Aircraft on Charge	Anson Mk. V	86

Total Number of Flying Hours for month of May: 7064:45

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1 June/44 Warm and bright. Flying exercises carried out. F/L Bruce reported on temporary

duty from No. 3 Training Command, arriving at 1145 hours and departing at 1730 hours same day. "Wings" Parade was held at 1530 hours, with the Chief Supervisory Officer, Squadron Leader A. Lambert, D.F.C., presenting the "Wings". Course 93 Navigators (B) "X" with an original intake of 27, had a wastage of 7, with 20 graduating, seven of whom were granted commissions. Course 93 Navigators (B) "Y" with an original intake of 30, had a wastage of 4, with 26 graduating, 10 of whom were appointed to commissioned rank. Course 100 Air Bombers "X" had an original intake of 26, a wastage of 1, with 25 graduating, of whom 8 were granted commissions. Course 100 Air Bombers "Y", with an original intake of 18, had a wastage of 1, making 17 graduates, of whom 8 were appointed to commissioned rank.

2 June/44 Overcast and quite warm, poor visibility. Flying exercises carried out in accordance with syllabus. Commanding Officer's Parade held at 0750 hours. Chief Supervisory Officer inspected No. 2 Squadron, with the Chief Instructor, Squadron Leader E.K. Moles, inspecting No. 1 Squadron. Inspection of barracks carried out by the chief Supervisory Officer at 1000 hours.

3 June/44 Clear and bright. All flying exercises completed. Squadron Leader G.J. Mitchell reported on Temporary Duty from A.F.H.Q. re Training Navigation, together with S/L P.M.C. Berthier. F/L Cable and F/O Hall, R.A.F., reported on Temporary Duty from No. 45 Transport Group, Dorval, Quebec, to attend a six weeks course on Astro Navigation.

4 June/44 Clear and quite warm. R.C. Church Parade held at 0845 hours with Padre G.A. Marchand conducting the service. Protestant Church Parade held at 1015 hours with Padre A.L. Anderson conducting service. Flying exercises carried out in accordance with training syllabus.

5 June/44 Warm and bright. Flying exercises carried out. Normal routine adhered to.

6 June/44 Overcast and warm. Same flying carried out. Squadron Leader A. Lauer arrived from No. 3 Training Command to inspect the Accounts Section. Church services were held for Invasion armies.

7 June/44 Cloudy and dull. Flying training "washed out" in afternoon. Weather improved in the evening and flying exercises were carried out at night.

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8 June/44 Clear and cool. Flying exercises carried out all day. F/O A.M. Gilday returned from Temporary Duty and F/O J.D. Forbes arrived on temporary duty from No. 3 Training Command. Moving Pictures held on the Station in the Recreation Hall.

9 June/44 Clear and cool, quite bright with some clouds. Flying exercises commenced at 0730 hours. Commanding Officer's Parade held at 0740 hours, with usual inspection of personnel. Prayers were recited at this Parade for the boys overseas. Commanding Officer carried out a barrack inspection, accompanied by Flight Lieutenant M.F. Jukster, Senior Administrative Officer. S/L F.G. Boardman reported on Temporary Duty from No. 3 Training Command.

10 June/44 Overcast, flying operations carried out. Three C.T. Navigators (B) during week 5th to 10th June.

11 June/44 Clear and warm. Flying operations commenced at 1400 hours. Usual Church Parades held in morning.

12 June/44 Clear and warm. Flying exercises carried on throughout the day. W/C. L.M. Emard Principal Medical Officer of No. 3 Training Command visited the Unit in company of Flight Lieutenant J.J. Barry, M.O. from No. 9 Repair Depot.

13 June/44 Clear and warm, flying carried out all day. Flying Officer C.H.W. Millar, Arm. 2 from No. 3 Training Command visited the Unit. Flying Officer R.D. Wadds, GL Pilot reported from Rockcliffe.

14 June/44 Clear and warm, flying carried out as scheduled. Flight Lieutenant J.M. Stirling, Command Aircraft Recognition Officer visited the Unit.

15 June/44 Overcast and raining. Weather cleared during late afternoon and flying operations carried out at night. Anson aircraft forced down at Victoriaville. No injuries sustained by any of the crew. The aircraft involved was Anson No. 11741, 01. Flight Lieutenant C.H. Bender, Jewish Chaplain from No. 3 Training Command visited the unit to interview Jewish personnel. F/O C.H. Miller, Arm. 2 of No. 3 Training Command visited the Unit.

16 June/44 "Wings" Parade held in the Drill Hall at 0900 hours, at which "Wings" were presented to the graduates by the Chief Supervisory Officer. Course 94 Navigators (B) X had an original intake of 28, a wastage of 8, making 20 graduates of who 7 were granted commissions. Course 94 Navigators (B) Y had an original intake of 29, a wastage of 8, with 21 graduating. Eleven of the graduates were appointed to commissioned rank. Course 101 Air Bombers had an original intake of 24, no wastage, and four were granted commissions.

17 June/44 Flying Officer W.W. Fraser, Command Cadet Officer, visited this unit and left with Squadron Leader A. Lambert, D.F.C. to inspect the Granby Air Cadets on Saturday afternoon. There were four Ceased training cases during this week, with one Course Transfer.

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18 June/44 Clear and cool. Flying commenced at 1400 hours. Church Parades held as usual.

19 June/44 Raining and cold. Flying "washed out". Advice received of the appointment of the Chief Supervisory Officer, Squadron Leader A. Lambert, D.F.C., to the rank of Wing Commander, effective 1st June, 1944.

20 June/44 Fog and light rain - flying "washed out." Usual routine.

21 June/44 Squadron Leader E.L. Jenks, Nav. 1 of No. 3 Training Command reported on

Temporary Duty. Heavy overcast, flying cancelled.

22 June/44 Slightly overcast and warm. Flying exercises carried out.

23 June/44 Hazy and overcast in morning. Flying exercises carried out. Commanding Officer's Barrack and Mess Inspection carried out at 1000 hours.

24 June/44 Steady rain in the morning, cleared about noon. Five Ceased training cases in the past week, with one Course transfer being effected. Flying Officer J.H. Bean of No. 31 Personnel Depot, Moncton, N.B. visited the Station.

25 June/44 Fair with few clouds. Flying commenced at 1400 hours. Church Parades held for Catholics and Protestants.

26 June/44 Warm and slightly hazy. Flying exercises carried out. Navigation trip to Malton completed.

27 June/44 Very warm and clear. Flying exercises carried out. Squadron Leader W.C. Langstaffe, visiting Flight arrived from Trenton, Ontario.

28 June/44 Squadron Leader J.J. Hogan, Command Auxiliary Officer and Wing Commander T.E. Pilkington, Command T.Nav. visited the Unit on this date. Exceedingly warm and clear. Flying exercises carried out.

29 June/44 Extremely warm and clear, flying exercises carried out.

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30 June/44 Fair and clear, much cooler. "Wings" Parade held at 0800 hours, the "Wings" being presented by the Chief Supervisory Officer, Wing Commander A. Lambert, D.F.C. Course 95 Navigators (B) "X" had an original intake of 28, a wastage of 4, with 24 graduating, of whom 10 were granted commissions. Course Navigators (B) "Y" had an original intake of 26, a wastage of 4, with 22 graduates, of whom 6 were appointed to the commissioned ranks. Commanding Officers' Barrack and Mess Inspection carried out at 1000 hours.

	<u>1<sup>st</sup> June, 1944</u>	<u>30<sup>th</sup> June,</u>
<u>19/44.</u>		
Officers (Staff)	95	88
Officers (Trainees)	3	5
Airmen (Staff)	285	281
Airmen (Trainees)	570	569
Personnel other than RCAF	386	300
Civilians	3	
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- 1 July/44 Clear and warm. Flying operations carried out.
- 2 July/44 Clear and warm. Flying commenced at 1400 hours. Church Parades held as usual.
- 3 July/44 Clear and warm. Flying operations carried out. W/C A. Lambert departed on annual leave. S/L K. Moles assumed temporary command.
- 4 July/44 Slightly overcast and warm. Flying operations carried out. S/L Rutledge, Australian Liaison Mission visited this unit.
- 5 July/44 Air exercises carried out in morning, flying "scrubbed" in afternoon due to overcast. Thunder showers in evening. F/O G.F. McLaughlin, ARM (AID) visited this unit from No. 11 A.I.D.
- 6 July/44 Slightly overcast and warm. Flying operations carried out. W/C F.E. Croce, Command Armament Officer and F/O C. Miller, Command Armament 2, visited this unit.
- 7 July/44 Clear and warm. Commanding Officer's Parade held at 0800 hours. Commanding Officer's Barrack and Mess Inspection held at 1000 hours.
- 8 July/44 Extremely warm and hazy. Flying exercises carried out in morning. C.T's. for week ending 8 July, 1944 - 1 R.A.F. from Course 98 N"X"; 1 R.A.F. from Course 102 N"X"; 1 R.C.A.F. from Course 96 N"Y".
- 9 July/44 Warm and overcast, showers in the afternoon. Flying "washed out". Church Parades were held.
- 10 July/44 Warm and hazy. Malton trip cancelled. S/L Jacobson, G.F. visited this station from A.F.H.Q.
- 11 July/44 Extremely warm, thunder storm in afternoon. No flying operations carried out. S/L W.C. Langstaffe departed from this unit to No. 3 T.C. after spending two weeks on Visiting Flight Duties.
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- 12 July/44 Very warm and slightly hazy. Limited flying operations carried out. W/C0 K.A.

Evelyn and a party of 5 Officers and 14 N.C.O.'s visited this unit to try the A.M.B.T. equipment.

12 July/44 Fair and clear. Flying operations carried out. F/L D.L. Raymond and F/O M.A.R. Cliff, Armament Officers from No. 3 Training Command, visited this unit to inspect the Armament Unit.

14 July/44 Fair and clear. Flying operations carried out. Wings Parade held in conjunction with the Commanding Officer's Parade at 0800 hours. W/C A. Lambert officiated. "Wings" were presented by the Chief Supervisory Officer, W/C A. Lambert, D.F.C. Course 96 N"X" with an original intake of 26 had a wastage of 5, with 21 graduating, 10 of whom were granted commissions. Course 96 N"Y" with an original intake of 26 had a wastage of 8, with 18 graduating, 8 of whom were granted commissions. Course 103 AB"X" with an original intake of 23 had no wastage, 23 graduating, 6 of whom were granted commissions. Course 103 AB"Y" with an original intake of 22 had no wastage, 22 graduating, 5 of whom were granted commissions. Commanding Officer's Barrack and Mess Inspection carried out at 1000 hours.

15 July/44 Fair and clear. C.T's, for week ending July 15, 1944 were as follows:

Navigators - 4 R.C.A.F.  
2 R.A.F.

16 July/44 Clear and warm. Flying operations commenced at 1330 hours. Church Parades held as usual.

17 July/44 Clear and warm. Flying exercises carried out.

18 July/44 Clear and warm. Flying exercises carried out; W/C Creed, A.P.M. from A.F.H.Q, visited this unit.

19 July/44 Fair and clear. Flying exercises carried out. F/O B.A. Keith, Navigation, from A.F.H.Q. visited this station.

20 July/44 Fair in morning, overcast in afternoon. Flying washed out. S/L R.R. Beaudin, Accounts Officer, arrived from No. 1 Wireless School to do the quarterly audit ending June 30, 1944. W/C T. Pilkington, T.NAV. at Command, visited this station.

21 July/44 Cool and overcast in morning. Fair in afternoon. Flying operations carried out. Commanding Officers Parade held at 0800 hours. Barrack and Mess Inspection held at 1000 hours.

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22 July/44 Fair and cool. Flying operations carried out. C.T's for week ending 22 July, 1944 - Navigator3 - 4 RCAF: 3 RAF; 1 RCAF: Air Bombers - 1 RAF. Course transfers, Navigators - 2 RCAF: Air Bombers - 1 RCAF.

23 July/44 Clear and warm, Flying commenced at 1330 hours. Church Parades held as

usual.

24 July/44 Warm and overcast. Flying exercises carried out during day and night trips were cancelled.

25 July/44 Warm and slightly overcast. Flying operations carried out. F/L C. Bender, the Command Jewish Chaplain, visited this unit to interview the Jewish personnel. S/L J.R. Kay, Nav. (SN) from A.F.H.Q., visited this station.

26 July/44 Overcast and warm. Rain during late afternoon. Night flying washed out. S/L J.W. Muckell, Command Selection Officer, visited the station.

27 July/44 Miserable day, raining and warm. Wings Parade was held at 1500 hours in the Drill Hall. "Wings" were presented by the Chief Supervisory Officer, W/C A. Lambert, D.F.C. Visitors from No. 3 Training Command were W/C and Mrs. H. Buckle, S/L and Mrs. Wood. LAW Etherington pinned "Wings" on her brother Sgt. W.C. Etherington. Course 97 Navigators "X" had an original intake of 26, a wastage of 8, with 18 graduating, 8 of whom were granted commissions. Course 97 Navigators "Y" had an original intake of 26, a wastage of 9, with 17 graduating, 10 of whom were granted commissions. Course 104 Air Bombers "X" had an original intake of 24, a wastage of 5, with 19 graduating, 5 of whom were granted commissions. Course 104 Air Bombers "Y" had an original intake of 26, a wastage of 5, with 21 graduating, 5 of whom were granted commissions.

28 July/44 Overcast. Flying "scrubbed" during day but carried out at night. The French Military and Air Attache Major de Mac Mahon and Lieut-Colonel Le Normand visited this unit for the purpose of interviewing the French Trainees. The Commanding Officer inspected the Airmen's Barracks and Mess Halls. W/C R.A. Kendrick from A.F.H.Q. and Lieut. de Fossey of the Free French visited this unit to interview the French Trainees. W/C J. Brearley, SAEO, RCAF, Overseas Headquarters visited this unit on Maintenance matters.

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29 July/44 Flying washed out.

30 July/44 Flying exercise commenced at 1330 hours. Church Parade held as usual.

31 July/44 Warm and slightly overcast. Flying exercises carried out. S/L Dwyer (C-2672) reported on temporary duty from No. 3 Training Command. Arrived by air at 1130 hours and departed at 1430 hours.

	1st July, 1944	31st July, 1944
Officers (Staff)	88	104
Officers (Trainees)	5	9
Airmen (Staff)	281	258
Airmen (Trainees)	569	599
Other than R.C.A.F.	300	309

Civilians

3

3

No. of Aircraft on Charge                      Anson Mk. V 84

Total number of Flying Hours for month of July:- 6447:05

W/C,  
Officer,  
Johns, P.Q.

(A. Lambert),  
Chief Supervisory  
No. 9 A.O.S., St.

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1 August/44            Warm and overcast.    Flying operations carried out during day and night. S/L Maclure reported on temporary duty from No.3 T.C.    Muster parade of Trainees held and addressed by C.S.O.

2 August/44            Extremely warm and sultry.    Flying exercises carried out during day only.

3 August/44            Extremely warm and sultry.    Flying exercises carried out during day and night.

4 August/44            Very warm.    Flying exercises carried out during day and night,    Commanding Officer's Barrack and Mess Inspection carried out at 1000 hours.

5 August/44            Warm and overcast.    Flying washed out in afternoon.    Afternoon classes cancelled due to intense heat.

6 August/44            Fair and clear. Flying commenced at 1330 hours. Compulsory church parade postponed. Regular church parade held as usual.

7 August/44            Fair and clear.    Day and night flying operations carried out.    Navigation trip to Malton completed.

8 August/44            Fair and clear.    Day and night flying operations carried out.

9 August/44            Extremely warm.    Flying exercises carried out during day and night.

10 August/44            Extremely warm.    Day and night flying exercises carried out.

11 August/44            Extremely warm.    Flying washed out at 1700 hours.    Wings Parade held at 0900 hours. "Wings" were presented by the Chief Supervisory Officer, W/C A. Lambert, D.F.C.

Course 98 Navigators "X" had an original intake of 26, a wastage of 3, with 23 graduating, 11 of whom were granted commissions. Course 98 Navigators "Y" had an original intake of 27, a wastage of 9, with 18 graduating, 8 of whom were granted commissions. Course 105 Air Bombers had an original intake of 38, a wastage of 2, with 36 graduating, 11 of whom were



granted commissions. Commanding Officer's Barrack and Mess Inspection carried out at 1030 hours. F/O G.N. Harrison, C.E.B.Arn. from No.3 T.C. visited this Station. F/O G.C. Johnston of Arm. Visiting Flight arrived on Station.

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12 August/44 Extremely warm. Flying washed out. C.T.'s for week ending 12 August, 1944 - Navigators - 1 RCAF; 1 RAF; 1 RAF Air Bombers - 2 RAF; 1 RNZAF.

13 August/44 Extremely warm. Flying commenced at 1330 hours. Regular church parades held as usual.

14 August/44 Extremely warm. Flying operations carried out through day and night. P/O G.R.Slaughter, Command Trade Test Officer, No.3 T.C., arrived to start testing this Unit's personnel.

15 August/44 Extremely warm. Day and night exercises carried out. The Commanding Officer conducted an Inspection of the Sergeants' Quarters.

16 August/44 Extremely warm. Day and night flying exercises carried out.

17 August/44 Warm and sultry. Flying washed out during day and night.

18 August/44 Slightly cloudy and cool. Day and night flying operations carried out. Commanding Officer's Parade held at 0800 hours. Barrack and Mess Inspection held at 1000 hours. S/L R.R. Pounder, S/L W.C. Langstaffe and F/L W.G. Heslop NAV. Visiting Flight arrived on Station.

19 August/44 Cloudy and cool. Flying exercises washed out in afternoon and at night. C.T's for week ending 19 August, 1944 - Navigators - 3 RCAF; 4 RAF.

20 August/44 Fair and cool. Flying commenced at 1330 hours. Usual church parades carried out.

21 August/44 Fair and clear. Flying exercises carried out from 0800 hours until 1600 hours.

22 August/44 Fair and clear. Flying exercises carried out during day and night. The Commanding Officer conducted an Inspection of the Sergeants' Quarters.

23 August/44 Fair and clear. Flying exercises carried out during day and night.

24 August/44 Fair and cool. Flying exercises carried out through day and night. F/L W.A. Servage Com.Link Officer visited this Station. F/O C. Miller Com.Air Officer visited this Station.

25 August/44 Fair and dear. Commanding Officer's Parade held at 0800 hours. Wings

Parade was held at 0815 hours. "Wings" were presented by the Chief Supervisory Officer, W/C A. Lambert D.F.C. Course 99 Navigators with an original intake of 52 had a wastage of 14, with 38 graduating, 13 of which were granted commissions. Course 106 Air Bombers with an original intake of 47 had a wastage of 6, with 41 graduating,

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25 August/44 14 of whom were granted commissions. Inspection of Barracks and Mess carried (Cont'd) out at 1030 hours.

26 August/44 Fair and clear. Day and night flying exercises carried out. C.T's for week ending 26 August, 1944 - Navigators - 5 RCAF; 8 RAF. Air Bombers - 5 RAF. Course Transfer: 1 RAF Trainee from Course 107 AB"X" to Course 108 AB"X".

27 August/44 Fair and clear. Flying commenced at 1330 hours, and continued until 2350 hours. Church Parades held as usual.

28 August/44 Fair and clear. Flying exercises carried out.

29 August/44 Fair and clear during day. Flying washed out at night. S/L E.R. Maloney arrived to complete Quarterly Audit.

30 August/44 Cool an overcast in morning, fair and clear in the afternoon, and evening. Day and night flying exercises carried out. F/L Miller Com.Arm.Officer visited this Station. F/L W.J. Lingard from the R.A.F. in Washington visited the Station to inspect the S.D.R.T. training. Air Vice-Marshal J. Goble R.A.A.F. visited this Station to interview the Australian personnel.

31 August/44 Fair and clear. S/L K.C. Maclure Com.Nav.Officer visited this Station.

		<u>1st August, 1944</u>	<u>31st August, 1944</u>
111	Officers (Staff)	104	
10	Officers (Trainees)	9	
273	Airmen (Staff)	258	
592	Airmen (Trainees)	599	
3	Other than R.C.A.F. Civilians	309	422
		3	

No. of Aircraft on Charge Anson Mk. V 84

Total number of Flying Hours for month of August: - 7339:05

(A. Lambert),

W/C,

Officer,

Johns, P.Q.

Chief Supervisory

No. 9 A.O.S., St.

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1 Sept/44 Warm and overcast. Flying exercises carried out in afternoon and night. F/L H.J. Goodenough, Command Electrical Engineer, and F/L J.G. Asseltyne, Command Photo Officer, visited this Station. Commanding Officer's Parade carried out at 0800 hours. Trainee Cadet Officers were in charge, and the C.O. acted as Inspecting Officer. Commanding Officer's Barrack and Mess inspection carried out at 1000 hours.

2 Sept/44 Fair in morning and flying exercises carried out. Rain during the afternoon. C.T's for week ending 2 September, 1944 - Navigators - 6 RAF; 5 R.C.A.F; 2 F.A.F. Course Transfers: 1 RAF Trainee from Course 108 NY to 109 NY. 1 RCAF Trainee from Course 102 NY to 104 NY.

3 Sept/44 Fair and clear. Flying commenced at 1330 hours. Compulsory Protestant & Catholic Church Parades held.

4 Sept/44 Fair and clear. Flying exercises carried out through day and night.

5 Sept/44 Heavy overcast. Flying washed out in afternoon and evening.

6 Sept/44 Fair and clear. Flying exercises carried out through day and night.

7 Sept/44 Rain in morning. Clear out windy in afternoon. Flying exercises "scrubbed" at night due to rain. Wings Parade held at 1500 hours, and the "Wings" were presented to the graduating classes by Mr. J.L. Apedaile, O.B.E., Financial Advisor, Civilian Flying Schools, Air Force Headquarters. Wings were awarded to 35 Navigators and 44 Air Bombers. After the Wings Parade, guests were invited to tea at the Airmens' Mess. A reception was held at the Officers' Mess, and some of the visiting Officers were: G/C Frassr, S.A.S.O., No.3 T.C. Colonel Echenberg and A/C Sharpe attended as members of Official Party. W/C G.W.N. Groves, RAF Chaplain, visited this Unit.

8 Sept/44 Overcast and cool. Flying washed out. Commanding Officer's Parade held at 0800 hours. Commanding Officer's Barrack and Mess inspection carried out at 1000 hours. F/L A.L. Bell from A.F.H.Q. visited the Station. S/L F. Lorensen from A.F.H.Q. visited the Station.

9 Sept/44 Slightly overcast. Flying exercises carried out during day. C.T's for week ending 9 September, 1944 - Navigators - 1 RCAF; 2 RAFT. Air Bombers - 1 RCAF. Course Transfers: 1 RCAF from Course 105 NY to 107 NY.

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10 Sept/44 Fair and clear. Flying commenced at 1330 hours and continued until 0010 hours. Usual Church Parades held.

11 Sept/44 Fair and clear. Flying exercises carried out during day and night. S/L E.L.Jenks, Command Navigation Officer, visited this Station.

12 Sept/44 Overcast. Flying exercises carried out during day only. F/L C. Bender, Jewish Chaplain, visited this Station.

13 Sept/44 Overcast. Flying exercises carried out in morning only. The Reverend Bryan Green, B.D., Vicar of Brompton Church, London, England, and Senior Chaplain for the Defence Ack-Ack Group, addressed the personnel of this Station. The subject was "Robot Bombs" and "Post-War England." F/L J.M. Sterling, Command Aircraft Recognition Officer, visited this Station.

14 Sept/44 Overcast and raining. Day and night flying washed out.

15 Sept/44 Steady rain all day. Day and night flying washed out. F/L R.G. Williamson, R.T.O. from No.3 T.C. visited this Station. Commanding Officer's Parade held at 0800 hours. Commanding Officer's Barrack and Mess inspection carried out at 1000 hours.

16 Sept/44 Fair and clear. Flying operations carried on through day and night. C.T's for week ending 16 September 1944 - Navigators - 5 RAF; 3 RCAF. Air Bombers - 1 RCAF. Course Transfers: 1 RAF Trainee from Course 103 NX to 107 NX.

17 Sept/44 Fair and clear. Flying commenced at 1330 hours. - Compulsory Church Parades held, Roman Catholic at 0900 hours and Protestant at 1030 hours. Special Prayers were held for Armed Forces.

18 Sept/44 Slightly overcast, yet flying exercises carried out during day and night.

19 Sept/44 Slightly overcast in morning yet flying exercises carried out. Flying "washed out" in afternoon but resumed at night. F/L A.L. Hill, from A.M.C.E. of A.F.H.Q. visited this Station.

20 Sept/44 Fair and clear. Flying carried on through day and night. F/L H.J. Goodenough, of the Works & Buildings Directorate of No.3 T.C., visited this Station.

21 Sept/44 Heavy overcast and rain in evening. Flying exercises not carried out.

22 Sept/44 Overcast in morning. Flying exercises carried out in afternoon. Wings Parade was held at 0815 hours. "Wings" were presented by the Chief Supervisory Officer, W/C A. Lambert, DFC. A/C Johnson presented the

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22 Sept/44 Wing" to his son. Commandant de MacMahon, Attache Militaire et de l'Air, was a (Cont'd) guest at the Wings Parade. The graduating classes were as follows: Course 101 Navigators: 17 RCAF; 12 RAF; 14 FAF. Course 108 Air Bombers: 11 RCAF; 34 RAF; 1 RAAF; 1 FAF. Commanding Officer's Barrack and Mess inspection carried out at 1030 hours. F/O K.S. Hoyle, S.A.S.O Branch of No.3 T.C., visited this Unit.

23 Sept/44 Fair, clear and cool. Flying exercises carried out. C.T's for week ending 23 September, 1944 - Navigators - 3 RAF; 1 RCAF. Course Transfers: 1 RAF airman from Course 106 NY to Course 108 NX.

24 Sept/44 Fair and clear. Flying commenced at 1330 hours and continued until 0015 hours. Usual Church Parades held.

25 Sept/44 Fair and clear during day and flying exercises carried out. Night flying "scrubbed" due to rain. Station Accounts Officer left on Leave and P/O J .Matthew (ACCTS; temporarily took over.

26 Sept/44 Heavy overcast and steady rain in morning. Clear and fair for flying in afternoon and evening.

27 Sept/44 Fair in morning. Flying washed out during afternoon and evening.

28 Sept/44 Heavy overcast. Flying washed out. F/O R.N. Blair, from the Educational Branch of No.3 T.C., visited this Station.

29 Sept/44 Fair and clear all day and all flying; exercises carried out. C.T's for week ending 30 September, 1944 - Navigators - 3 RAF; 1 RCAF; 1 FAF. Air Bombers - 2 RAF. Commanding Officer's Parade held at 0800 hours, the Trainees held all Officer & N.C.O. positions. Commanding Officer's Barrack and Mess inspection held at 1000 hours,

30 Sept/44 Fair during day and cloudy in the evening. Flying exercises carried out during day but washed out at night.

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<u>September, 1944</u>	<u>1st September, 1944</u>	<u>30th</u>
115	Officers (Staff)	113
5	Officers (Trainees)	10
281	Airmen (Staff)	274
	Airmen (Trainees)	614

545

Other than R.C.A.F.	422	394
Civilians		

2

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No. of Aircraft on Charge                      Anson Mk. V 83

Total number of Flying Hours for month of September: - 6085:35

W/C,  
Officer,  
Johns, P.Q.

(A. Lambert),  
Chief Supervisory  
No. 9 A.O.S., St.

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1 Oct./44 Fair and clear. Flying exercises carried out during day and night. Compulsory Roman Catholic and Protestant Church Parades held.

2 Oct./44 Fair and clear. Flying exercises carried out during day and night.

3 Oct./44 Fair and clear. Flying exercises carried out during day and night. F/O E. Evans and F/O J. Gibbs from NAV.Branch of No.3 T.C. visited this Unit.

4 Oct./44 Fair and clear. Day and night flying exercises carried out.

5 Oct./44 Fair and clear. Day and night flying exercises carried out.

6 Oct./44 Heavy overcast and rain in morning. Flying washed out during morning and afternoon, yet night exercises were carried out. Wings Parade held at 0830 hours, and the "Wings" were presented to the graduating classes by Squadron Leader E.K. Moles, Chief Instructor. Commanding Officer's Barrack and Mess inspection carried out at 1000 hours. ("Wings" presented to 36 navigators and 53 Air Bombers.)

7 Oct./44 Fair and clear. Day and night flying exercises carried out. C.T's for week ending 7 October, 1944 - Navigators: 3 R.A.F.; Air Bombers: 1 R.C.A.F. 2 F.A.F.

8 Oct./44 Overcast. Flying washed out. Usual Church Parades held.

9 Oct./44 Heavy overcast. Flying washed out.

10 Oct./44 Overcast. Flying washed out. F/L G.R. Genest visited this Station from No.3 T.C.

11 Oct./44 Fair and clear. Day and night flying exercises carried out. S/L C.H.

Cowperthwaite and F/O S. Harris, A.F.H.Q. Audit Board, arrived to take this Station's Audit. F/O G. Owens, Armament C.E.B. of No.3 T.C. visited this Station.

12 Oct./44 Fair and clear. Day and night flying operations carried out. S/L C.P. Andrews, R.A.F. Liaison Officer, No. 3 T.C. visited this Unit.

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13 Oct./44 Fair and clear. Flying operations carried out through day and night. Commanding Officer's Parade held at 0800 hours. Trainees held all Officer and N.C.O. positions. Commanding Officer's Barrack and Mess inspection carried out at 1000 hours.

14 Oct./44 Fair in morning. Weather closed in late in morning. Afternoon and evening flights cancelled.

15 Oct./44 Fair. Flying commenced at 1330 hours. C.T's for week ending 15 October, 1944 - Navigators: 2 R.C.A.F. 1 R.A.F. Course Transfers: Navigators - 1 F.F. trainee from Course No.106 NX to 108 NX. 1 F.F. trainee from Course No. 107 NX to 112 NX. Usual Church Parades held.

16 Oct./44 Heavy overcast and raining. Day and night flights washed out.

17 Oct./44 Fair and clear. Day and night flying exercises carried out.

18 Oct./44 Fair and clear. Day and night flying operations carried out. The Commanding Officer inspected the Sergeants' Mess and Quarters. F/O Owens, Command Armament Officer, visited this Station.

19 Oct./44 Fair and clear. Day and night flying exercises carried out.

20 Oct./44 Fair and clear. Flying exercises carried out during day and night. Wings Parade held at 1500 hours and "Wings" were presented by the Chief Supervisory Officer, W/C A. Lambert, DFC. Wings were awarded to 42 Navigators (23 RCAF; 9 R.A.F; 10 FAF;) and 67 Air Bombers (25 RCAF; 42 RAF;) Commanding Officer's Parade held at 0800 hours. Inspection of Airmens' Mess and Barracks carried out by Commanding Officer. Personnel paraded to No.9 Repair Depot for Victory Bond Rally at which Screen Actress Shirley Temple participated.

21 Oct./44 Overcast. Limited flying exercises carried out in morning only. C.T's for week ending 21 October, 1944 - Navigators: 1 R.C.A.F.

22 Oct./44 Fair and clear. Flying commenced at 1330 hours and continued until 2345 hours. Church Parades held as usual.

23 Oct./44 Fair and clear. Day and night flying exercises carried out. Air Vice Marshall S.J. Goble, R.A.A.F. visited this Unit in company with the Australian Minister for Air, Mr.

Drakeford. W/C R.A. Kendrick, Allied Nations Liaison Officer, visited this Unit to interview French trainees.

24 Oct./44 Overcast and raining. Flying washed out all day and night. F/L Hopkins and F/O MacRae, from the S.A.S.O. Branch of No.3 T.C., visited this Unit.

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25 Oct./44 Overcast. Limited flying exercises carried out in afternoon. Steady rain during evening. F/L C. Bender, Jewish Chaplain, visited this Station.

26 Oct./44 Fair with scattered clouds during day. Flying exercises completed during day and night. Navigation trips went to Malton.

27 Oct./44 Overcast in morning. Flying exercises carried out during afternoon and night. Commanding Officer's Parade held at 0800 hours. Airmens' Barracks and Mess Hall inspected by Commanding Officer at 1000 hrs.

28 Oct./44 Fair and clear. Day and night flying exercises carried out. C.T's for week ending 28 October, 1944 - Navigators: 3 R.C.A.F; 2 R.A.F. Air Bombers: 2 R.C.A.F. Course Transfers: 1 R.C.A.F. Trainee from Course No.112 A.B."X" to 113 A.B."X". 1 R.A.F. trainee from Course No.106 NY to 107 NX. Officers' Mess held first Dance of the season.

29 Oct./44 Fair and clear. Flying exercises commenced at 1330 hours. Usual Church Parades held.

30 Oct./44 Slightly cloudy. Flying exercises carried out. Aircraft from Ancienne Lorette crashed near Megantic. Search Party from this Unit sent out in morning to locate crash. 25 Aircraft took part in the search. S/L Maloney, Accounts Officer, arrived for Quarterly Audit.

31 Oct./44 Slightly cloudy. Day and night flying exercises carried out.

		<u>1st October, 1944</u>	<u>31st October, 1944</u>
117	Officers (Staff)	115	
8	Officers (Trainees)	5	
272	Airmen (Staff)	281	
670	Airmen (Trainees)	545	
	Other than R.C.A.F.	394	399
	Civilians		2



No. of Aircraft on Charge

Anson Mk. V 83

Total number of Flying Hours for month of Oct: 7498:15

W/C,

Officer,

Johns, P.Q.

(A. Lambert),

Chief Supervisory

No. 9 A.O.S., St.

#### IMAGE 184

1 Nov./44 Fair and clear. Day and night flying exercises carried out.

2 Nov./44 Fair and clear. Day and night flying exercises carried out. S/L S. Malach T. Arm. from A.F.H.Q. visited this Unit. F/L J.M. Stirling, Command Aircraft Recognition Officer visited this Unit.

3 Nov./44 Fair and Clear. Flying operations carried out through day and night. Commanding Officer's parade held at 0800 hours and Commanding Officer's Inspection held at 1000 hours. Wings Parade held at 1500 hours, and the "Wings" were presented to the graduating classes by Squadron Leader E.K. Moles, Chief Instructor, in the absence of the Chief Supervisory Officer W/C A. Lambert, DFC. The graduating classes were as follows: Navigators - 37 R.A.F.; Air Bombers - 3 R.C.A.F. and 52 R.A.F.

4 Nov./44 Overcast and raining. Day and night flying washed out. C.T.s for week ending November 4, 1944 - 1 Navigator.

5 Nov./44 Cold and snowing. No flying exercises carried out. Usual Church Parades held.

6 Nov./44 Cloudy. Flying exercises completed in afternoon, only. F/O E.L. Sorensen, Command Trade Test Officer visited this Unit to trade test personnel. F/O W.M. Edwards from No. 1 A.O.S. visited this Unit.

7 Nov./44 Overcast. Flying exercises carried out during morning and afternoon only.

8 Nov./44 Overcast. Flying carried out in afternoon only. The Commanding Officer inspected the N.C.O's Mess and Quarters at 1000 hours.

9 Nov./44 Overcast. Limited flying exercises carried out in morning and flying was washed out the rest of the day. F/L C. Miller, Armament Officer from No. 3 T.C. visited this Unit. S/L J.K. Tett from No. 3 T.C. visited this Unit.

10 Nov./44 Overcast. Limited flying carried out during morning only. Commanding Officer's

Parade held at 0800 hours and Commanding Officer's Inspection of airmen's barracks and Mess Hall carried out at 1000 hours.

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11 Nov./44 Overcast. An Armistice Parade was held in the City of St. Johns at 1000 hours. W/C A. Lambert, DFC and Mr. Lucas placed wreaths on the graves of airmen killed on active service at this Unit. The two minutes silence at 1100 hours was observed by all personnel on the station. There were no C.T's for week ending 11 November, 1944.

12 Nov./44 Fair and clear. Flying commenced at 1330 hours and continued until 2305 hours. Compulsory Roman Catholic and Protestant Church Parades held. A squadron of officers and airmen participated in the Armistice Parade held in the City of St. Johns.

13 Nov./44 Fair and clear. Day and night flying exercises carried out.

14 Nov./44 Fair and clear. Day and night flying exercises carried out. Y.M.H.A. visited this station. S/L McWhirler of No. 3 T.C. visited this Unit.

15 Nov./44 Fair and clear. Day and night flying exercises carried out. The Commanding Officer inspected the N.C.O's barracks and Mess at 1000 hours.

16 Nov./44 Overcast. Flying commenced at 0800 hours and continued until 1730 hours.

17 Nov./44 Limited flying exercises carried out in morning. Regular afternoon and night flights went out. Commanding Officer's Parade was held at 0800 hours. Commanding Officer's Inspection of airmen's barracks and Mess Hall carried out at 1000 hours. Wings Parade held at 1500 hours, and the "Wings" were presented to the graduating classes by the Chief Supervisory Officer, W/C A. Lambert, DFC. The graduating classes were as follows: Navigators - 16 R.A.F., 23 R.C.A.F.; Air Bombers - 51 R.C.A.F., 3 R.A.F., 1 R.A.A.F. S/L C.P. Andrews, R.A.F. Liaison Officer, No. 3 T.C., visited this Unit.

18 Nov./44 Fair and clear. Day and night flying exercises carried out. C.T's for week ending 18 November, 1944: Navigators - 11 R.A.F. and 1 R.C.A.F.

19 Nov./44 Fair and clear. Flying commenced at 1330 hours. Usual Church Parades held.

20 Nov./44 Fair and clear. Day and night flying carried out. F/O Johnson from Works and Buildings Directorate, visited this Unit. F/L A. Cardinal, of No. 9 R.D., visited this Unit.

21 Nov./44 Cloudy. Day and night flying washed out. F/L C. Bender, Command Jewish Chaplain, visited this Unit.

22 Nov./44 Cloudy. Limited flying took place in morning only. F/L J.D. Murphy from S.E.S.O. Branch of Command visited this Unit.

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- 23 Nov./44 Overcast. Day exercises only were carried out.
- 24 Nov./44 Cloudy and snowing. Flying washed out all day. Commanding Officer's Parade held at 0800 hours. Commanding Officer inspected airmen's Quarters and Mess Hall at 1000 hours.
- 25 Nov./44 Overcast during day; limited flying carried out. Night flights went out according to schedule. F/O E.M. Pierce from No. 2 A.N.S. and F/O W.C. McKay from No. 8 A.O.S. visited this Unit re aircrew Leadership Training. C.T's for week ending 25 November, 1944: Navigators - 11 R.C.A.F.; Air Bombers - 8 R.C.A.F. 16 C.T's were posted to Release Centres for discharge action.
- 26 Nov./44 Fair and clear. Flying commenced at 1330 hours. Usual Church Parades held.
- 27 Nov./44 Overcast. Day and night flying washed out.
- 28 Nov./44 Fair and clear. Day and night flying exercises completed. F/O K.S. Hoyle from No. 3 T.C. visited this Unit.
- 29 Nov./44 Fair and clear. Day and night flying exercises carried out. Commanding Officer inspected Senior N.C.O.'s Quarters and Mess at 1000 hours.
- 30 Nov./44 Heavy blizzard. Flying washed out.

		<u>1st November, 1944</u>	<u>30th November, 1944</u>
157	Officers (Staff)	117	
10	Officers (Trainees)	8	
352	Airmen (Staff)	272	
558	Airmen (Trainees)	670	
	Other than R.C.A.F.	399	307
2	Civilians		2

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Nov./30, 1944 (Cont'd)      No. of Aircraft on Charge      Anson Mk. V 84

Total number of Flying Hours for month of Nov: 5429:25

W/C,  
Officer,  
Johns, P.Q.  
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(A. Lambert),  
Chief Supervisory  
No. 9 A.O.S., St.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

Montreal, P.Q.,  
Dec., 1944.

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The Secretary,  
Dept. of Nat'l Defence for Air,  
Lisgar Bldg.,  
Ottawa, Out.

1. The Information requested in connection  
with Wings' Parades is as follows:-

(a) Course 102 Navigator - Graduated 6 October, 1944,

Intake:	<u>RCAF</u>	13	<u>RAF</u>	41
Total:		54		
Graduates:	<u>RCAF</u>	9	<u>RAF</u>	27
Wastage:	<u>RCAF</u>	4	<u>RAF</u>	14

(b) Course 109 Air Bombers - Graduated 6 October, 1944,

Intake:	<u>RCAF</u>	7	<u>RAF</u>	50	(including 9 FAF)
Graduates:	<u>RCAF</u>	5	<u>RAF</u>	46	(including 7 FAF)
Wastage:	<u>RCAF</u>	2	<u>RAF</u>	4	(including 2 FAF)

(c) Course 103 Navigator - Graduated 20 October, 1944.

Intake:	<u>RCAF</u>	29	<u>RAF</u>	24	(including 14 FAF)
Graduated:	<u>RCAF</u>	23	<u>RAF</u>	19	(including 10 FAF)
Wastage:	<u>RCAF</u>	6	<u>RAF</u>	5	(including 4 FAF)

(d) Course 110 Air Bombers - Graduated 20 October, 1944.

Intake:	<u>RCAF</u>	28	<u>RAF</u>	42
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Graduated:	<u>RCAF</u>	25	<u>RAF</u>	42
Wastage:	<u>RCAF</u>	3		

(e) Course 104 Navigators - Graduated 3 Nov., 1944.

Intake:	<u>RCAF</u>	2	<u>RAF</u>	54
Graduated:			<u>RAF</u>	37
Wastage:	<u>RCAF</u>	2	<u>RAF</u>	17

(f) Course 111 Air Bombers - Graduated 3 Nov., 1944.

Intake:	<u>RCAF</u>	3	<u>RAF</u>	53
Graduated:	<u>RCAF</u>	2	<u>RAF</u>	53
Wastage:	<u>RCAF</u>	1		

R.C.A.F. G. 32  
2000M-5-43 (3277)  
H.Q. 885-G-32

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(g) Course 105 Navigator - Graduated 17 Nov., 1944.

Intake:	<u>RCAF</u>	33	<u>RAF</u>	21
Graduated:	<u>RCAF</u>	23	<u>RAF</u>	16
Wastage:	<u>RCAF</u>	10	<u>RAF</u>	5

(h) Course 112 Air Bombers - Graduated 17 Nov., 1944.

Intake:	<u>RCAF</u>	58	<u>RAF</u>	3	<u>RAAF</u>	1
Graduated:	<u>RCAF</u>	51	<u>RAF</u>	3	<u>RAAF</u>	1
Wastage:	<u>RCAF</u>	7				

(W. Sutherland)

W/C.,

for AOC., #3

TC.

IMAGE 190

1 Dec./44 Heavy blizzard. Flying washed out. Commanding Officer's Parade held at 0800 hours and Commanding Officer's Inspection of Airmen's Barracks and Mess Hall carried out at 1000 hours. Wings Parade held at 1500 hours and "Wings" were presented to the graduating classes by the Chief Supervisory Officer, Wing Commander A. Lambert, DFC. The graduating classes were as follows: Course #106 Navigators - Intake: 55; Wastage: 19. Graduates consisted of: 18 R.C.A.F. and 18 R.A.F. (including 13 F.A.F.); Course #113 Air Bombers - Intake: 74;

Wastage: 6. Graduates consisted of: 9 R.C.A.F. and 59 R.A.F. (including 26 F.A.F.).

2 Dec./44 Day and night flying exercises completed. C.T's for week ending December 2nd, 1944 - Navigators: 4 R.C.A.F. 10 R.A.F. Air Bombers: 2 R.C.A.F. 4 R.A.F.

3 Dec./44 Fair and clear. Flying commenced at 1330 hours. Usual Church Parades held.

4 Dec./44 Overcast. Flying exercises completed during day.

5 Dec./44 Overcast. Flying exercises completed during afternoon and night.

6 Dec./44 Hazy. Exercises completed in morning and limited flying carried out in afternoon. The Commanding Officer inspected the N.C.O's Mess and Quarters at 1000 hours.

7 Dec./44 Fair and clear. Day and night flying exercises completed.

8 Dec./44 Cloudy and raining. Flying "washed out" all day. Commanding Officer's Parade held at 0800 hours and Commanding Officer's Inspection of Airmens' Barracks and Mess Hall carried out at 1000 hours. S/L D.G. White from Command Accounts visited this Station. S/L R. Ketterer, T.Arm and F/L C. Miller, Arm.2, visited this Station.

9 Dec./44 Day and night flying exercises completed. C.T's for week ending December 9th, 1944 - Navigators: 4 R.C.A.F. 3 R.A.F. (F.A.F.); Air Bombers: 1 R.A.F. Course Transfers: 1 R.A.F. from Course 109 NAV. to 113 NAV; 1 R.A.F. from Course 107 NAV to 113 NAV; 2 R.A.F. from Course 114 A.B. to 116 A.B.

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10 Dec./44 Flying commenced at 1330 hours and continued until 1730 hours. Usual Church Parades held.

11 Dec./44 Slightly overcast. Day and night flying exercises completed.

12 Dec./44 Heavy blizzard. All flying cancelled.

13 Dec./44 Snowing and blowing during day. Night trips went out on schedule. The Commanding Officer inspected the N.C.O's Mess and Quarters at 1000 hours.

14 Dec./44 Clear in afternoon and night. Flying exercises completed.

15 Dec./44 Overcast yet day and night flying exercises completed. Wings Parade held at 1000 hours and "Wings" were presented to the graduating classes by Wing Commander A. Lambert, DFC, Chief Supervisory Officer. The graduating classes were as follows: Course #107 Navigators - Intake: 59. Wastage: 10. Graduates consisted of: 2 R.C.A.F. and 47 R.A.F. Wastage consisted of 1 R.C.A.F. and 9 R.A.F. (including 6 F.A.F.); Course #114 Air Bombers - Intake: 65. Wastage: 9. Graduates consisted of 8 R.C.A.F. and 48 R.A.F. Wastage consisted of: 9 R.A.F. Commanding Officer's Parade cancelled due to inclement weather and

building alteration in Drill Hall. Commanding Officer's Inspection of Airmens' Mess and Barracks held at 1000 hours.

16 Dec./44 Overcast. Day and night flying cancelled. C.T's for week ending December 16th, 1944 - Navigators: 1 R.A.F. Air Bombers: 5 R.A.F. Course Transfers: 1 R.A.F. from #114 A.B. to #116 A.B. 1 R.A.F. (F.A.F.) from #109 NAV to #112 NAV.

17 Dec./44 No flying operations carried out. Compulsory Roman Catholic and Protestant Chorea Parades held.

18 Dec./44 Clear and cold. Day and night flying exercises completed.

19 Dec./44 Clear and cold. Day and night flying exercises completed. Anson Aircraft Mk.V #11920 made forced landing at Pierreville, Quebec, after crew had successfully bailed out. S/L E.L. Jenks, NAV. from No.3 T.C. visited this Station.

20 Dec./44 Snow flurries. Day and night flying washed. Commanding Officer's Inspection of Senior N.C.O's Quarters and Mess Hall carried out at 1000 hours.

21 Dec./44 Heavy blizzard. No flying during day and night. Christmas Dance held in Officers' Mess.

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22 Dec./44 Flying exercises carried out. Commanding Officer's Inspection of Airmens' Quarters and Mess Hall carried out at 1000 hours. Commanding Officer's Parade cancelled.

23 Dec./44 Flying "washed out". C.T's for week ending 23rd December, 1944 - Air Bombers: Nil; Navigators: 3 R.A.F. 1 R.C.A.F. No Course transfers.

24 Dec./44 Flying exercises carried out. Usual Church Parades held.

25 Dec./44 Flying "washed out". Officers visited N.C.O's Mess then both parties proceeded to the Airmens' Mess where they served the airmen, and then had Dinner with them. Airmens' Christmas Dinner held.

26 Dec./44 No flying exercises carried out.

27 Dec./44 Flying "washed". Snowed heavily.

28 Dec./44 Flying "washed". Snowed heavily.

29 Dec./44 Flying exercises carried out.

30 Dec./44 Flying "washed out". C.T's for week ending 30th December, 1944 - Air Bombers: Nil; Navigators: 1 R.C.A.F. Course Transfers: Nil.

31 Dec./44 22 Dec./44 Flying "washed out".

		<u>1st December, 1944</u> <u>31st December, 1944</u>	
170	Officers (Staff)	149	
9	Officers (Trainees)	9	
349	Airmen (Staff)	315	
341	Airmen (Trainees)	555	
	Other than R.C.A.F. Civilians	399	307
2		2	

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Dec./31, 1944 (Cont'd)	No. of Aircraft on Charge	Anson Mk. V 86
	Total number of Flying Hours for month of December, 1944.....5609.25	

W/C,  
Officer,  
Johns, P.Q.

(A. Lambert),  
Chief Supervisory  
No. 9 A.O.S., St.

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1 Jan/45 Low Cloud, Rain and Snow. Flying "washed out" all day. N.C.O's visited Officers' Mess, then both parties proceeded to the Airmen's Mess where they served the airman, and then had Dinner with them. Airmen's New Years' Dinner held.

2 Jan/45 Low Cloud, Snow. Flying exercises carried out during morning only.

3 Jan/45 Snow and Drifting Snow. Flying exercises carried out during afternoon and night only. The Commanding Officer inspected the Senior N.C.O's Mess and Quarters at 1000 hours.

4 Jan/45 Snow. No flying exercises carried out.



5 Jan/45 Varied from clear to intensive clouds with snow from 1520-1545 hours. Day and night flying exercises carried out. At 1645 hours, Anson Mk.V landed 100 yards short on E-W runway and nosed up when wheels hit snow. No injuries sustained by crew. Category of Crash: C.8. Commanding Officer's Inspection of Airmens' Barracks and Mess held at 1000 hours. Wings Parade was held in conjunction with the Commanding Officer's Parade, and "Wings" were presented to the graduating class by Wing Commander A. Lambert, DFC & Bar, Chief Supervisory Officer. The graduating class was as follows: Course No.108 Navigators. Intake: 55. Wastage: 23. Graduates consisted of 11 R.C.A.F. and 21 R.A.F. C.T's for week ending 5th January/45: Navigators: 1 R.C.A.F. Air Bombers: Nil. No Course Transfers. F/L C. Miller of No.3 Training Command HO. visited this Station re Armament matters.

6 Jan/45 Fair and mostly clear. Day and night exercises carried out.

7 Jan/45 Snow and low clouds, afternoon and night. Flying exercises carried out during morning only. Usual church parades held. S/L A.E. Evans of No.10 A.O.S., Chatham, Ont., visited this Station re Navigation matters.

8 Jan/45 Low clouds and snow; poor visibility. Day and night flying exercises washed out. No.1 Refresher Course commenced a four-week Refresher Course. Intake: 45 R.C.A.F. Course No.119 Air Bombers commenced A.B. training with an intake of: 11 R.C.A.F. and 19 R.A.F. (includes 2 F.A.F.)

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9 Jan/45 Low clouds and snow. Flying exercises carried out during afternoon only.

10 Jan/45 Fair, cloudy and hazy with occasional light snow. Flying exercises carried out during afternoon only. The Commanding Officer inspected the N.C.O's Mess and Quarters at 1000 hours.

11 Jan/45 Fair and clear. Day and night exercises carried out.

12 Jan/45 Low cloud and blowing snow. All flying exercises washed out. Commanding Officer's Parade held at 0800 hours. Commanding Officer's Inspection of Airmens' Barracks and Mess carried out at 1000 hours. C.T's for week ending 12th January/45: Navigators: Nil. Air Bombers: Nil. Course Transfers: Navigators - 1 R.A.F. from Course No.113 to Course No.114 N"Z". Air Bombers: Nil.

13 Jan/45 Low cloud and blowing snow. Flying exercises carried out in morning and afternoon only.

14 Jan/45 Snow, low clouds, poor visibility in the evening. All flying exercises carried out. Compulsory Roman Catholic and Protestant Church Parades held.

15 Jan/45 Snow, low clouds, poor visibility in the evening. Flying exercises carried out in morning only.

16 Jan/45 Heavy snow and low clouds in afternoon and evening. Flying exercises carried out

in morning only.

17 Jan/45 Heavy snow and low clouds, F/L C. Bender, Command Jewish Chaplain, R.C.A.F. Station, Lachine, Quebec, visited Station. The Commanding Officer inspected the Senior N.C.O's Mess and Quarters at 1000 hours. Limited flying exercises carried out in morning only.

18 Jan/45 Fair and clear, becoming cloudy after 1730 hours. All flying exercises carried out. At 0300 hours, Anson Mk.V 12177 overshot second turning point on routine Navigation flight and became lost. Pilot eventually located position by Radio Range but had insufficient fuel to reach base and carried out a successful forced landing at Mallett Bay, north of Burlington, Vermont, U.S.A. No injuries sustained by crew. S/L J.N. Goodall, F/O C.N. Foster and F/S Cyr (Command Visiting Flight) from No.1 A.C., Trenton, Ontario, arrived on the Station on inspection of matters on Discipline, Esprit-de-Corps, Morale, etc.

19 Jan/45 Overcast, becoming clear. All flying exercises carried out. Commanding Officer's Parade cancelled. Commanding Officer's Inspection of Airmens' Mess and Barracks held at 1000 hours. S/L E.L. Jenks (NAV) of No.1 A.C. arrived by air re navigation matters. F/L J.D. Truscott (P.T.& D.) from No.1 A.C. visited this Station. Mr.W.G. Clark (Met.Visiting Flight) arrived on Station re Met. inspection. Wings Parade was held in Drill Hall at 1600 hours. "Wings" were presented by the Deputy Minister for Air, Mr. H.F. Gordon, who was introduced by the Air Officer Commanding, No.1 Air Command - A/V/M A. Raymond. Official

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19 Jan/45 guests in attendance were: Mr. J. Apedaile, Financial Advisor of Civilian Flying Schools, and Mr. C.R. Troupe. The R.C.A.F. Band from R.C.A.F. Station, St. Hubert, Quebec, were in attendance. A reception was held in the Officers' Mess after "Wings" Parade. The graduating class was as follows: Course No.109 Navigators. Intake: 56. Wastage: 12. Graduates consisted of: 10 R.C.A.F. and 34 R.A.F. C.T's for week ending 19th January, 1945: Navigators - 4 R.C.A.F. 1 R.A.F; Air Bombers - Nil. Course Transfers: Navigators - Nil. Air Bombers - Nil.

20 Jan/45 Fair and clear to partly- cloudy. All flying exercises carried out.

21 Jan/45 Low clouds and snow in evening. Flying exercises completed in morning and afternoon only. Usual Church Parades held.

22 Jan/45 Low clouds, snow and ice crystals. All flying washed out. Refresher Course No.2 commenced training on a six-week Refresher Course in Navigation. Intake: 48 R.C.A.F. Course No. 120 A.B. "W" and No. 120 A.B. "X" commenced training. Intake: 30 R.C.A.F. and 15 R.A.F.

23 Jan/45 Low clouds, snow, with poor visibility in morning. Flying carried out in afternoon and evening only.

24 Jan/45 Poor visibility and low clouds in afternoon. Flying exercises carried out in morning

and evening only. The Commanding Officer's Inspection of Senior N.C.O's Mess and Quarters was carried out at 1000 hours.

25 Jan/45 Poor visibility due to blowing snow in daytime. Flying exercises washed out for morning and afternoon. Exercises carried out in evening only.

26 Jan/45 Drifting snow all day; cloudy and overcast. Flying exercises carried out. Commanding Officer's Parade held at 0800 hours and C.O's Inspection of Airmens' Barracks and Mess carried out at 1000 hours. C.T's for week ending 26th January/45: Navigators - 2 R.C.A.F. and 4 R.A.F. Air Bombers: Nil. Course Transfers: Navigators - Nil. Air Bombers - Nil.

27 Jan/45 Low clouds. All flying exercises carried out.

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28 Jan/45 Cloudy to overcast. All flying exercises carried out. Compulsory Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Parades held.

29 Jan/45 Snow and low clouds. All flying exercises washed out.

30 Jan/45 Snow and low clouds in early morning. All flying exercises carried out.

31 Jan/45 Cloudy to overcast, with snow, ice crystals aloft. All flying exercises carried out.

		<u>1st January, 1945</u>	<u>31st January, 1945</u>
135	Officers (Staff)	157	
68	Officers (Trainees)	10	
284	Airmen (Staff)	352	
362	Airmen (Trainees)	558	
	Other than R.C.A.F. Civilians	307	162
2		2	

No. of Aircraft on Charge: Anson Mk. V 80  
 Total number of Flying Hours for month of January, 1945..5319:40

W/C,  
 Officer,

(A. Lambert)  
 Chief Supervisory  
 No. 9 Air

Observer School, RCAF,  
Quebec.

St. Johns,

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1<sup>st</sup> Feb/45 Snowing in the morning, clear in the afternoon. Flying carried out in the afternoon and evening.

2<sup>nd</sup> Feb/45 Suitable flying weather all day and night. Commanding Officer's parade for trainees and staff. Course 116 Air Bomber were graduated. The Command Chaplain and Wing Commander M.C. Johnson visited the Station. C.T.s for the week ending 2nd February one R.C.A.F. one R.A.A.F. The Commanding Officer carried out inspection of Airmen's Mess and Quarters.

3<sup>rd</sup> Feb/45 Low cloud and snow clearing in the afternoon and evening. Flying carried out in the afternoon and evening.

4<sup>th</sup> Feb/45 Clear in the morning and afternoon. Snowing at night. No night Flying exercises carried out.

5<sup>th</sup> Feb/45 Snowing and low cloud until noon. Clearing in the afternoon. All night flying exercises carried out.

6<sup>th</sup> Feb/45 Clear during the day with low cloud moving in with approaching front. No night flying exercises carried out.

7<sup>th</sup> Feb/45 Snow and low cloud until noon. No night exercises carried out. Wing commander E.R. Pounder and Squadron Leader E.L. Jenks from No.1 AC. visited the Station.

8<sup>th</sup> Feb/45 Flying washed BBA sent out on morning exercise. One flight completed. Low cloud and snow during the Afternoon and evening.

9<sup>th</sup> Feb/45 Snow and low cloud in the early morning. Afternoon flight went up and all night flying exercises were carried out. C.O.'s parade for trainees carried out by trainee cadet Officer. The Commanding Officer inspected the Airmen's Mess and Quarters at 1000 hrs. C.T.'s week ending Feb/9 Three R.A.F.s

10<sup>th</sup> Feb/45 Snow and low cloud with freezing drizzle. No flying exercises carried out during the day or night.

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11<sup>th</sup> Feb/45 Snow and rain in the early morning. All flying exercises carried out in the afternoon. No night flying carried out due to snow and low cloud.

12<sup>th</sup> Feb/45 Good weather all day and night. All flying exercises carried out.

13<sup>th</sup> Feb/45 Good weather all day and night. All Flying exercises carried out. New Post Office was opened in the G.I.S. Building.

14<sup>th</sup> Feb/45 Good weather all day and night. Squadron Leader E.K. Moles AFC., C.2553 took over Command of No. 9 Air Observer School, from Wing Commander A Lambert DFC and Bar J.1326. Flight Lieutenant Bender Hebrew Padre visited the Station. The Highlights Review was presented in the Recreation Hall. The cast being served refreshments in the Sergeant's Mess after the show.

15<sup>th</sup> Feb/45 Morning and Evening flights washed due to low cloud. All flying exercises carried out in the afternoon.

16<sup>th</sup> Feb/45 morning exercises washed due to low cloud and drizzle. All afternoon and evening flights were carried out. Commanding Officer held a parade for Staff and Trainees. Commanding Officer carried out inspection of Airmen's Mess and Quarters at 1000 hrs. C.T.'s for week ending 16th Feb. One R.A.F.

17<sup>th</sup> Feb/45 Suitable weather for flying both night and day.

18<sup>th</sup> Feb/45 Suitable weather for flying both night and day.

19<sup>th</sup> Feb/45 Suitable weather for flying both night and day.

20<sup>th</sup> Feb/45 Good flying during daylight. All nights' washed due to low cloud and snow.

21<sup>th</sup> Feb/45 Morning and Evening Flights washed due to low cloud. Afternoon suitable for all flying exercises.

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22<sup>nd</sup> Feb/45 Freezing Rain and low cloud. 55 miles per hour wind. Runway Icy. No. flying exercises carried out either day or night. Station Bowling league playoffs were held. The Station Orderly Room team won the league. A Buffet supper was served and prizes were presented by Flight Lieutenant Anderson President of the bowling league.

23<sup>rd</sup> Feb/45 Low cloud. Freezing drizzle and snow. No flying exercises carried out either day or night. The Commanding Officer held a trainees' parade and carried out inspection of Airmen's Mess and Quarters at 1000 hrs. C.T.'s for the week ending Feb/23rd Nil.

24<sup>th</sup> Feb/45 Low cloud and snow in the early morning. Clearing for daylight flying. All night flying exercises carried out.

25<sup>th</sup> Feb/45 Suitable flying weather all day and most of the evening. Last night flight recalled

due to fog.

26<sup>th</sup> Feb/45 Morning flights carried out however low cloud interfered with flying in the afternoon and evening.

27<sup>th</sup> Feb/45 Morning and afternoon flights recalled due to low cloud and snow. All night flights carried out.

28<sup>th</sup> Feb/45 Suitable flying weather all day. Night flights recalled due to approaching snow. A concert party (MRT Tin Hats Review) visited the Station.

# 2nd Feb/45 While carrying out a routine night navigation exercise Anson MK5 No.12206 swung to the left and swing could not be corrected while landing. Aircraft entered a snow drift on the side of the runway sheering off the right undercarriage and Number 3 section of the fuselage was split open.

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		<u>1st February, 1945</u>	<u>28<sup>th</sup> February, 1945</u>
	Officers (Staff)	140	
116	Officers (Trainees)	69	
18	Airmen (Staff)	268	
332	Airmen (Trainees)	364	
340	Other than R.C.A.F.	162	162
	Civilians	2	
2			
	No. of Aircraft on Charge:	Anson Mk. V 80	
	Total number of Flying Hours for month of February, 1945..	5456:50	

Officer,

Observer School, RCAF,

Quebec.

(E.K. Moles) S/L  
Chief Supervisory

No. 9 Air

St. Johns,

IMAGE 202

1 Mar/45 Good flying weather all day.

21 Mar/45 Washed all day due to low cloud, drizzle & snow. C.O.'s Parade of Staff & inspection of Airmens' Quarters at 1000 hrs.

112 Navs. (18 RCAF, 1 RNZAF, 33 RAF & 118 B.A.'s graduated, comprised of 52 Nav's & 15 B.A.'s (2 RCAF & 13 RAF)

C.T.'s for week ending 2nd March: Navigators - 4 RAF, Crse. 113N, 4 RCAF Crse. 114N, 3 RAF. Air Bombers: 3 RAF, Crse. 119.

3 Mar/45 Flying Washed all day due to low cloud, poor visibility, rain and approaching front. 1

4 Mar/45 Good weather all day.

5 Mar/45 Daylight flying fine. Evening flights washed due to low cloud & freezing rain.

6 Mar/45 Low cloud, freezing rain & fog all day.

7 Mar/45 Suitable flying all day. Hilda Gault Review presented on Station, in Station Theatre, afterwards Company was entertained in the Sgts. Mess.

8 Mar/45 Suitable flying all day.

9 Mar/45 Suitable flying all day. C.O.'s Parade of Trainees. Ceased Trainees week ending 9 March/45

Air Bombers 1 RAF Crse 119, 3 RAF Crse. 120.

Navigators 1 RCAF Crse 113 6 RCAF Crse 114 1 RAF Crse 114

10 Mar/45 Suitable flying all day.

11 Mar/45 Suitable flying all day. Picture show in Station Theatre - "Between Two Women".

12 Mar/45 Low cloud, snow, poor visibility all day.

IMAGE 203

13 Mar/45 Good weather all day.

14 Mar/45 Good weather all day.

15 Mar/45 Good weather all day. Wings Parade for 113 NX, 113NY, & 119 AB. Wings presented by S/L E.K. Moles AFC. 17 Nav's commissioned out of 52 graduated (4 RCAF 48 RAF) 5 A.B.'s commissioned out of 26 graduated (11 RCAF 14 RAF)

S/L H.E. Boulter (Arm) from 1 AC visited Station, accompanied by Lieut. Arthur Evans, RCNVR. Picture show in Station Theatre "Here Comes the Co-eds". No. 3 Refresher Course graduated with 24 RCAF.

16 Mar/45 Low clouds, rain and foggy towards evening. No flying all day. Commanding

Officer carried out inspection of Airmens' Quarters at 1000 hrs. 113 Navs, 119 AB's (Wings Parade held for) Cease trainees for week ending 16th March/45, Navigators - 1 RCAF 1 RAF Crse. 114 Air Bombers - Nil.

17 Mar/45 St. Patricks day dance held in Officers Mess (also one in Sgts. Mess). Both were carried out with great success.

18 Mar/45 Fine weather.

19 Mar/45 Dull & overcast but suitable flying weather.

20 Mar/45 Steady drizzling rain in morning. Stopped during afternoon but still cloudy and hazy. No flying all day or night. Great coats were made optional on station today.

21 Mar/45 Dull & overcast with rain during day. Flying carried out first part of evening but BBA sent out at 2115 hrs. Five Aircraft landed away from base, 2 at Rockcliffe, 1 at Dorval and 1 at Pendleton. 2" of snow fell before following morning.

22 Mar/45 Dull & overcast with scattered flurries of snow during day. During night 2" of snow fell and all flying was washed. All day flying for remaining courses completed. S/L Kuntz from 12 ED Acct's inspection reported here on Temporary Duty.

23 Mar/45 C.O.'s Parade taken by S/L Kennedy. Airmens' Quarters inspected at 1000 hrs by S/L Kennedy. All flying exercises for remaining courses on Station completed. Perfect flying weather all night. Cease trainees for week ending 23 March/45. Navigators - Nil, Air Bombers - Nil.

24 Mar/45 Fine sunshine all day. Routine otherwise.

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25 Mar/45 Another perfect day. Clear skies.

26 Mar/45 Weather still remaining warm and bright. Rehearsal for final Wings Parade taking place in afternoon, of March 28th, 1945.

27 Mar/45 Low Cloud. Raining in afternoon.

28 Mar/45 Last Wings Parade of the School held this date. Mr. W. Woollett, General Manager presented the special award winners with Wings and awards. Squadron Leader E.K. Moles, AFC, Chief Supervisory Officer, gave a short address to the graduates. Wings were presented to the bulk of the students by their own Instructors. After the Wings parade, tea was served in the Airmens' Mess.

29 Mar/45 Clear day with fairly strong wind. All trainees now graduated and departed from Station. Course No. 114 Navigators graduated with 77 RCAF, 29 RAF and Course No. 120 Air



Bombers graduated with 49 RCAF, and 40 RAF. Cease trainees for week ending 29th March/45:  
Navigators: 1 RAF, Course No. 114 Nav. Air Bombers: Nil

30 Mar/45 Good Friday - Service holiday.

31 Mar/45 Clear blue skies. Perfect weather.

		<u>1st March, 1945</u>	<u>31<sup>st</sup> March, 1945</u>
127	Officers (Staff)	118	
Nil	Officers (Trainees)	18	
233	Airmen (Staff)	332	
2	Airmen (Trainees)	340	
	Other than R.C.A.F. Civilians	162	1
4		2	

No. of Aircraft on Charge: Anson Mk. V 76 Tiger Moth - 1  
 Total number of Flying Hours for month of March, 1945 - 3127:35 hours

No. of A/C Serviceable: Anson MK. V - 70 Tiger Moth - 1

No. of A/C Unserviceable: Anson Mk. V - 6 Tiger Moth - Nil

Officer,  
 Observer School, RCAF,  
 Quebec.

(E.K. Moles) S/L  
 Chief Supervisory  
 No. 9 Air  
 St. Johns,

IMAGE 205

1 April, 1945 NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF UNIT:

(Staff)

Officers 11

Airmen 19

(Trainees)

RCAF

RCAF

Officers 0

Airmen 0

(Attached) 0

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Total

Station Show.

2 Routine Orderly Room Work

3 Station show. Routine orderly room work.

4 Routine orderly room work.

5 Routine orderly room work.

6 Routine orderly room work.

7 Routine orderly room work.

8 Station show.

9 Victory Loan representative for No. 13 EFTS, took over the canvassing of No. 9 AOS, Rear Party personnel Routine orderly room work.

10 Station show. Routine orderly room work.

11 Routine orderly room work.

12 Routine orderly room work.

13 Routine orderly room work.

14 Routine orderly room work.

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15 April, 1945 Station show.

16 Routine orderly room work.

17 Station show. Routine orderly room work.

18 Routine orderly room work.

19	W/C Robert, <u>DFC</u> , reported from No. 13 EFTS.	Routine orderly room
work.		
20	Routine orderly room work.	
21	Routine orderly room work.	
22	Station show.	
23	Routine orderly room work.	
24	Station show. Routine orderly room work.	
25	Routine orderly room work.	
26	Routine orderly room work.	
27	Routine orderly room work.	
28	Routine orderly room work.	
29	Station show.	
30	Routine orderly room work.	

TOTAL FLYING TIME FOR MONTH: nil

NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF UNIT: nil

Instructions from Command to post all personnel on strength this Unit as at 30th April to effective strength No. 13 EFTS., St. Johns, Que.

NUMBER & TYPES OF AIRCRAFT ON STRENGTH: nil

Kennedy) S/L.	(A.M.
9 A.O.S. (Rear Party)	O.C. No.
Johns, Que.	St.

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Class Instructor — FLYING OFFICER J. O. G. AUBRY  
Graduating Air Navigators (B)

Sgt. M. Collins of Vancouver, B.C., who has attained

the highest marks in his class and who is now awarded the Dominion Skyways (Observers) Limited "Award of Proficiency".

SGT. Armour, J. K..... Hamilton, Ontario  
SGT. Brittan, D. W..... Bristol, England  
SGT. Brown, F. P..... London, England  
SGT. Brown, R. J.....Bristol, England  
SGT. Brownett, H. J. E.....Rogersetone, Mon., Wales  
SGT. Derwent, K W.....Whitton, Mddx., England  
SGT. Fisher, T. R. C.....Westmount, Quebec  
SGT. Gibbins, J. T.....Birmingham, England  
SGT. Gould, A. N.....S. Wales. G.B.  
SGT. Hughes, J. D.....Reading, Berks, England  
SGT. Jones, F. E.....Toronto, Ontario  
SGT. Jones, W.....Cardiff, S. Wales, G B.  
SGT. Kon, W. E. M.....Montreal, Quebec  
SGT. Manning, G. E.....Dublin, Eire  
SGT. Markland, A. E.....London, England  
SGT. McCleary, J. S.....Toronto, Ontario  
SGT. Nevard, A. E.....Uxbridge, Mddx., England  
SGT. Pugmire, J. B.....Wigton, Cumberland, Eng.  
SGT. Wilmot, E. J.....Sevenoaks, Kent, England  
SGT Wilson, A. ....Glasgow. Scotland

Class Instructor — FLIGHT LIEUTENANT J. A. M HUOT

**Graduating Air Navigators (B)**

Sgt. E. F. McCarthy of Maffra, Victoria, Australia,  
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P/O Daniels, E. E.....London, England  
SGT. Borten, J.....Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
SGT. Carroll, P. A.....Bristol, England  
SGT. Clarke, A. J.....Whangarei, New Zealand  
SGT. Engstrom, S. H.....Norway  
SGT. Friis, P. G.....Norway  
SGT. Green, J. A.....London, England  
SGT. Hadland, D. E.....Worcester, England  
SGT. Hunter, S.....Greymouth, New Zealand  
SGT. Ilsaas, P. E.....Norway  
SGT. Murray, J. K.....Cooges, N.S.W., Australia

SGT. Rake, P. H.....Queensland, Australia  
 SGT. Richard, P. E. C. L.....London, England  
 SGT. Tomlinson, D.....Nottingham, England  
 SGT. Trevarthen, A. M.....Auckland, New Zealand

BELGIAN GRADUATES

P/O de Limelette, A. J. O.....Whitchurch, Hants, Eng.  
 P/O Louvigny, R. A J.....London, England  
 P/O Stiers, E. C. L.....London, England  
 SGT. Cornet, J. L. M.....London, England  
 SGT. DeGreef, J. L. M.....Buta, Belgian Congo  
 SGT. Levy, R. J.....Mexico City, Mexico  
 SGT. Lubin, M.....New York, U.S.A.  
 SGT. Mertens, G. F.....London, England  
 SGT. Schrode, G. L.....London, England

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Class Instructor — FLYING OFFICER E. H. BURGESS

Graduating Air Navigators

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F/O Chapman, T. C.....St. Johns, Quebec  
 SGT. Adams, T. E.....Toronto, Ontario  
 SGT. Alves, E. I.....British Guiana  
 SGT. Anderson, G. J.....Toronto, Ontario  
 SGT. Barker, L. H.....Ottawa, Ontario  
 SGT. Blad, D. A.....Regina, Saskatchewan  
 SGT. Brine, H. K.....Antigonish, N.S.  
 SGT. Carter, E. L.....Lamont, Alberta  
 SGT. Cook, R. J. B.....St. Thomas, Ontario  
 SGT. Cowan, G. E.....Ottawa, Ontario  
 SGT. Cox, H. T.....Westville, N.S.  
 SGT. Davis, W. H.....Hamilton, Ontario  
 SGT. Dunning, H. A.....Plainfield, Ontario  
 SGT. Finnigan, G. F.....Egmondville, Ontario  
 SGT. Furse, R. K.....St. Johnsbury, Vt., U.S.A.  
 SGT. Gordon, R. L.....Toronto, Ontario  
 SGT. Grand, J. J. H.....Ottawa, Ontario  
 SGT. Grant, M. S.....British Guiana  
 SGT. Hall, R. F.....Toronto, Ontario

SGT. Henderson, M. J.....Toronto, Ontario  
SGT. Heroux, J. A. R. G.....Maskinonge, Quebec  
SGT. Langlois, C. A. L.....Westmount, Quebec  
SGT. Payette, R. C.....Preston, Ontario  
SGT. Thomas, W. P.....Vancouver, B.C.

Class Instructor — FLIGHT LIEUTENANT E. LEE  
Graduating Air Navigators (B)

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SGT. Baker, A. D.....Hawke's Bay, New Zealand  
SGT. Beaumont, H. A.....Glasgow, Scotland  
SGT. Boulter, G. B.....Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey, England  
SGT. Brown, J.....Southsea, Hants, England  
SGT. Brown, J.....Burwell, Cambridge, England  
SGT. Cook, J. W.....Sunderland, Durham, England  
SGT. Drysdale, H. J.....London, England  
SGT. Efford, S. A.....Devon, England  
SGT. Eke, J. H.....Potters Bar, Middx., England  
SGT. Fossitt, K. A. P.....Toddington, Bedfordshire, England  
SGT. Fraser, A. D.....Dunedin, New Zealand  
SGT. Herbert, C. M.....Wellington, New Zealand  
SGT. Hilson, R. A.....Edinburgh, Scotland  
SGT. Kedda, J.....Glasgow, Scotland

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Graduating Air Navigators (B)

SGT. Wilson, C. D. of Ashburton, New Zealand who has attained the highest marks in his class and who is now awarded the Dominion Skyways (Observers) Limited "Award of Proficiency".

SGT. Kennedy, P. P. B.....Christchurch E.I, N.Z.  
SGT. Lee, R. A.....Sheffield, Yorks, England  
SGT. McIntosh, G. M.....Perth, Perthshire, Scotland  
SGT. MacLachlan, R. C.....Carlisle, Cumberland, England  
SGT. Neville, F.....Macrome, Cork, Ireland  
SGT. O'Shea, M. D.....Ilford, Essex, England  
SGT. Page, J. M.....Dundee, Angus, Scotland  
SGT. Parkhouse, J. H.....Barnstaple, N. Devon, England  
SGT. Player, A. J. G.....London, England

SGT. Rait, G. A.....Wellington, New Zealand  
 SGT. Rielly, T. V.....Vancouver, B.C.  
 SGT. Rhodes, A. L.....London, England  
 SGT. Sargent, S. F. B.....London, England  
 SGT. Slinn, R. T.....Stafford, Staffs, England  
 SGT. Valler, R. A. N.....London, England  
 SGT. Watford, L.....Northfleet, Kent, England  
 SGT. Wallen, W.....Coventry, Warwicks, England  
 SGT. Wilcock, T. H.....Gateshead 8, Durham, England  
 SGT. Wilderspin, S. F.....Longsutton, Lincolnshire, England

Class Instructor — PILOT OFFICER E. A. TRIBE  
Graduating Air Bombers

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SGT. Allan, J. S.....Durham City, England  
 SGT. Angus, J. D. M.....Arbroath, Angus, Scotland  
 SGT. Bell, A.....Glasgow, Scotland  
 SGT. Bell, T.....Newcastle-on-Tyne, England  
 SGT. Busk, J.....Staines, Middx., England  
 SGT. Bywater, G. V.....Edgware, Middx., England  
 SGT. Campin, K. C.....Bedford, England  
 SGT. Coltman, S. T.....Leicester, Leicestershire, England  
 SGT. Connolly, A. D.....Montreal, Quebec  
 SGT. Corner, H.....Auckland, Durham, England  
 SGT. Cunliffe, J.....St. Helens, Lancashire, England  
 SGT. Currie, W. B.....Halifax, N.S.  
 SGT. Eblett, W.....London, England  
 SGT. Emms, D. R.....Ipswich, Suffolk, England  
 SGT. Gibson, W. H.....Harrogate, Yorkshire, England  
 SGT. Green, J. M.....Gloucester, Gloucestershire, England  
 SGT. Horton, A. W. K.....Warwick, Warwickshire, England  
 SGT. Jones, D. G. J.....Birkenhead, Cheshire, England  
 SGT. Jowett, R.....Bradford, Yorks, England  
 SGT. Kosky, M. P. ....London, England  
 SGT. Kyles, J. G.....Cleator Moor, Cumberland, England.

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Class Instructor — PILOT OFFICER H. M. LEAH  
Graduating Air Bombers

SGT. Simmons, D. A. of Bromley, Kent. England who has attained the highest marks in his class

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SGT. Lanctin, Y. E.....Moncton, N.B.  
SGT. LeVoi. R. E.....Ilford, Essex, England  
SGT. McGregor, G. D.....Manitou, Manitoba  
SGT. Morrison, L. A.....London, England  
SGT. Neale, T.....Birmingham, England  
SGT. Patrick, G.....Dalmellington, Ayrshire, Scotland  
SGT. Patterson, P.....Kirkconnel, Dumfries, Scotland  
SGT. Pilkington, V.....Lincoln, England  
SGT. Prout, D. F.....Torquay, Devon, England  
SGT. Pullen, S. E.....Cheltenham, England  
SGT. Rastall, B. E.....Tanworth, Staffs, England  
SGT. Roberts, J. W.....Stoke-on-Trent, England  
SGT. Roy, A. G. R.....Kemnay, Aberdeen, Scotland  
SGT. Scarlett, F. R.....Westmount, Quebec  
SGT. Sheldon, G. J.....Winwick. Warrington, England  
SGT. Smith, F. G.....Ipswich, Suffolk, England  
SGT. Spalding, W. C.....Newcastle-on-Tyne, England  
SGT. Tilling, W. M.....Ponty Pridd, Glamorgan, Wales  
SGT. Tronan, A. V.....Sheldon, Birmingham, England  
SGT. Upson, S. A. J.....London, England  
SGT. Washburn, W. A.....North Bay, Ontario  
SGT. Webber, A. J.....Nr. Guildford, Surrey. England