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No. 1 A.N.S. then #1 C.N.S., Rivers, MB.

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MOVEMENT OF NO. 1 AIR NAVIGATION SCHOOL

APPENDIX "A" :- Personnel, M.T. and Maintenance Establishments (Part II)

INFORMATION

1. Since the issue of Organization Order No. 57 to form Part 1 of No. 1 Air Navigation School at Trenton, Ontario, for a temporary period, a decision has been reached to locate the School at Rivers, Manitoba.

INTENTION

2. It is intended to move Part 1, now located at Trenton, Ontario, to Rivers, Manitoba, where the remainder of the School will form on the following schedule of pupil intake dates:-

PART III - January 20th, 1941

PART IV - March 31st, 1941

PART V - May 12th, 1941

EXECUTION

Movement

3. Part 1, now located at Trenton, Ontario is to move to Rivers, Manitoba, commencing November 11th, 1940, move to be completed by November 12th, 1940. Training is to re-commence at Rivers, Manitoba, November 13th, 1940. Part 2 will form at Rivers, Manitoba. The School Staff is to move as directed by the Commanding Officer who is to arrange that a Specialist Navigation Officer from the School will proceed to Rivers to work with the Advance Party to assist in making the School ready for resumption of training by November 18th, 1940.

Personnel

4. A.M.P., after consultation with A.M.E.S. is requested to post personnel to make Appendix "A" effective at Rivers, Manitoba, November 11th, 1940. Personnel for No. 2 Advanced Observers Course will be posted to arrive at Trenton, October 28th, and are to move with the school. Parts of the establishment of Staff Personnel will become effective 4 weeks ahead of Schedule referred to in Paragraph 2.

Aircraft

5. A.M.E.S. is requested to arrange for the provision of aircraft in accordance with Appendix "A".

Mechanical Transport and Maintenance Equipment

6. A.M.E.S. is requested to provide for the delivery of M.T. and Aerodrome Maintenance Equipment effective Appendix "A" on October 14th or as soon thereafter as it available and the Station can accept it.

ADMINISTRATION

Accommodation

7. Accommodation will be provided in new hutted quarters which are now nearing completion.

Equipment and Accounting

8. This School will take over the Equipment and Pay Accounts from R.C.A.F. Station, Trenton, as it will become self accounting.

Publications

9. Publications have already been provided for in Part 1.

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INTERCOMMUNICATION

Address

10. The address will be a follows:-

No. 1 Air Navigation School,
Rivers, Manitoba.

Telephones

11. A.M.A.S. (D.D.A.S.) is to arrange for the provision of telephone facilities.

12. ACKNOWLEDGE

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

APPENDIX "A" : - Personnel and M.T. Establishments (Part I)

INFORMATION

1. It has now become necessary to form the first Air Navigation School under the J.A.T.P. to train, in Advanced Navigation, Air Observers soon to pass out of the Bombing and Gunnery Schools. It was originally intended to form No. 1 Air Navigation School at Rivers, Man., but owing to construction delays it has become necessary to form Part 1 at R.C.A.F., Station, Trenton. The remainder of this school will form at a location yet to be decided upon.

INTENTION

2. It is intended to form Part 1 of No. 1 Air Navigation School at R.C.A.F. Station, Trenton, where the temporary Air Navigation School is now in operation. Parts II, III and IV will form at intervals at a new site.

EXECUTIONFormation

3. The first intake of Air Observers will commence training at Trenton, September 30th, 1940.

Control

4. No. 1 Air Navigation School has been placed under No. 1 Training Command for all purposes until a definite decision as to its future location has been made.

Personnel

5. A.M.P. is requested to post the additional personnel to make effective Appendix "A", with the exception of the following sections which will not become effective while the School remains at Trenton:-

Accounting
Equipment
Signals

Workshop
Maintenance
Medical Personnel

Aircraft

6. A.M.E.S. is requested to allot additional aircraft in order to make effective Appendix "A".

Mechanical Transport and Aerodrome Maintenance Equipment

7. A.M.E.S. is requested to arrange for the provision of Transport in accordance with Appendix "A", withholding delivery of Aerodrome Maintenance Equipment while this School is at Trenton.

ADMINISTRATION

Accommodation

8. (a) Domestic accommodation at R.C.A.F. Station, Trenton, is at present for Part 1.
- (b) Technical accommodation is to be arranged temporarily by O.C., Trenton.

Equipment

9. As long as No.1 Air Navigation School remains at R.C.A.F. Station, Trenton, its equipment will be maintained by the Station Headquarters Accounting Branch. When this School is moved, reconsideration will be given its station for accounting purposes, as it may then have to become self accounting.

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AMENDMENT LIST No. 2 TO
ORGANIZATION ORDER NO. 69

MOVEMENT OF NO. 1 AIR NAVIGATION SCHOOL

1. Further delay in the provision of water and power supply at Rivers, has necessitated cancellation of the movement of No. 1 Air Navigation School from Trenton until further notice.

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

DISTRIBUTION

1, 2	D.P.	45	Central Publications Sec.
3	D.S.O.	46	Quartermaster General
4, 5	D.E.A.	47 to 51	A.R.O.
6	D.D.E.A. (2)	52	D.M.S. (A)
7	D.E.M.	53	D.D.S. (A)
8	A.M.A.E.	54, 55	Director of Personnel Ser.
9	A.M.E.	56, 57	Director of Pay Services
10	D.A.E.	58	F I L E
11	D.A.S.D.	59, 60	Secretary, Supervisory Brd.
12	D.D.A.S.	61	P.R.O.
13 to 15	Pos. (3)	62	Inspector of Accounts
16	I.G.	63	Deputy Minister (Air)

17	C.A.S.	64	S. & R.
18	D.C.A.S.	65	U.K. Air Liaison Mission
19	A.M.A.S.	66	N.Z. Air Liaison Mission
20	T.T	67	Aus. Air Liaison Mission
21	D. of T.	68	P.R. 2 (B)
22	A.M.T.	69	OC, No. 1 Equipment Depot
23	D.A.O.	70	OC, No. 7 Equipment Depot
24	O.E	71	OC, No.11 Equipment Depot
25	O.T. 4	72	OC, No.12 Equipment Depot
26, 27	D.P.R.	73, 74	AOC, Western Air Command
28	P.R. (4)	75, 76	AOC, Eastern Air Command
29	A.M.P.	77 to 82	AOC, No. 2 Training Command
30, 31	D.A.P.M.	83 to 88	AOC, No. 3 Training Command
32	D.W.S.	89 to 94	AOC, No. 4 Training Command
33	D. Accounts	95, 96	Overseas Headquarters
34 to 39	A.O.C., No. 1 Training Command	97, 98	CTO, Air Force Services
40	O.C., R.C.A.F. Stn., Trenton, Ont.	99	Auxiliary Services Off. (A)
41	O.C., No. 1 Air Navigation School	100	Dep, Minister of Transport
42, 43	D.A.P.	100, 101	Chief Auditor of Stores
44	O.C., No. 1A Sub-Depot, Ottawa.		

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AMENDMENT LIST No. 3 TO

ORGANIZATION ORDER NO. 69

MOVEMENT OF NO. 1 AIR NAVIGATION SCHOOL

1. With reference to instructions in Amendment List No. 2, Rivers is now ready to accept No. 1 Air Navigation School on Saturday the 23rd of November, 1940. Training is to re-commence on Monday the 25th.

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

DISTRIBUTION

1, 2	D.P.	44	Central Publications
3, 4	D.E.A.	45	Quartermaster General
5	A.M.S.	46 to 50	A.R.O.
6	D.D.E.A. (2)	51	D.M.S. (A)
7	D.E.M.	52	D.D.S. (A)

8	A.M.A.E.	53, 54	Director of Personnel Services.
9	D.A.E.	55, 56	Director of Pay Services
10	D.D.A.E.	57	F I L E
11, 12	Ops. 3	58, 59	Secretary, Supervisory Brd.
13	I.G.	60	P.R.O.
14	C.A.S.	61	Inspector of Accounts
15	A.M.A.S.	62	Deputy Minister (A)
16	D.A.S.D.	63	S. and R.
17	T.T.	64	U.K. Air Liaison Mission
18	A.M.T.	65	N.Z. Air Liaison Mission
19	D.C.A.S.	66	Aus. Air Liaison Mission
20	D.A.O.	67	OC, No. 1 Equip. Depot
21	O.E.	68	OC, No. 7 Equip. Depot
22	O.T. 4	69	OC, No.11 Equip. Depot
23	P.R. 2 (B)	70	OC, No.12 Equip. Depot
24	P.R. 4	71, 72	AOC, Western Air Command
25, 26	D.P.R.	73, 74	AOC, Eastern Air Command
27	A.M.P.	75 to 80	AOC, No.2 Training Command
28, 29	D.A.P.	81 to 86	AOC, No. 3 Training Command
30	D.A.P.M.	87 to 92	AOC, No. 4 Training Command
31 to 33	D.W.S.	93, 94	Overseas Headquarters
34	D. Accounts	95, 96	CTO, Air Force Services
35 to 40	AOC, No. 1 Training Command	97	Auxiliary Services Officer
41	CO, R.C.A.F. Stn., Trenton.	98	Dep. Minister of Transport
42	CO, No. 1 A.N.S., Trenton.	99, 100	Chief Auditor of Stores
43	OC, No. 1A Sub-Depot, Ottawa.		

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#1 A.N.S., Rivers, Manitoba

2-11-40 Flight Lieutenant Turnbull, Flying Officer Banfield and 39 airmen left Trenton, Ont. as advance party for Rivers, Man.

3-11-40 Nil

4-11-40 Advance party arrived Rivers.

5-11-40 Nil

6-11-40 Nil

7-11-40 Nil

8-11-40 Instruction closed down at Trenton 1645 hrs. Packing commenced 1900 hours till 2230 hrs.

9-11-40 Packing continued all day. Nine planes left Trenton for North Bay where they were weather bound until 12th.

10-11-40 Packing all day Sunday at Trenton, Ont.

11-11-40 Armistice Day Parade at Trenton remainder of day at Trenton packing. No.1 A.N.S. Officially opened at Rivers, Manitoba.

12-11-40 At Trenton orders received cancelling move of the main party to Rivers. At Rivers no flying, no heat in Hangars. No Water. All officers living out.

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Rivers, Manitoba. #1 A.N.S.

13-11-40 At Trenton, drill and lectures held, at Rivers, no change in situation.

14-11-40 At Trenton, drill and lectures, at Rivers I.G. visited and inspected the School. Squadron Leader Taunton visited the Station. Wing Commander Bonham Carter arrived by plane for conference with Squadron Leader Twigg.

15-11-40 At Trenton, remaining planes (except one) left for North Bay. One plane damaged North Bay.

16-11-40 At Trenton, "48 Week-end Pass". At Rivers, Flight Lieutenant Colpitts organized School lectures.

17-11-40 At Trenton, Drill. At Rivers, No. 2 Specialist "N" Course re-started. One plane damaged Sioux Lookout. Remaining planes reached Winnipeg where training continued.

18-11-40 Squadron Leader Miller, C.O. No. 1 A.N.S. left Trenton for Winnipeg 1910 hours.

19-11-40 Officers moving into Temporary Quarters (Sergeants) - water laid on in Toilets etc.

20-11-40 Surprise test of Fire Alarm scheme held at 1940 hrs. and inadequacies noted. Corrective steps have since been taken. Security Guard took over fire drills. Squadron Leader Miller arrived Winnipeg 0700 hours.

21-11-40 Squadron Leader Miller arrived Rivers 2200 hrs.

22-11-40 Squadron Leader Miller assumed Command of No. 1 Air Navigation School, Rivers.

23-11-40 Main party arrived from Trenton, Sqn. Ldr. Gillson, Flt. Lt. Mason (adjutant) 18 officers and 111 airmen. Mr. Cuff brother of Air Commodore Cuff visited the Station.

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Rivers, Manitoba. #1 A.N.S.

24-11-40 Nil

25-11-40 Squadron Leader Miller proceeded to No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, to discuss points requiring attention at Rivers. 25 officers for No. 7 A.N. Course arrived Rivers from Brandon. 3 officers 13 Sergeants arrived Rivers for 6 Short "N" Course.

26-11-40 41 Observers arrived Rivers for No. 2 Air Observers Course.

27-11-40 Nil

28-11-40 Nil

29-11-40 Nil

30-11-40 32 Observers graduated from No. 2 Course and proceeded on 10 days leave prior to reporting at overseas pool, Rockcliffe.

(F.R. Miller) Squadron Leader,
Commanding Officer,
No. 1 Air Navigation School.

IMAGE 448

Rivers, Man. #1 A.N.S.

1-12-40 STRENGTH: 86 officers; 417 airmen, no civilians.

2-12-40 Temp. 24° below zero.

3-12-40 NIL

4-12-40 NIL

5-12-40 NIL

6-12-40 Flt. Lt. F.S. Nowlan proceeded on temporary duty to No. 2 T.C. Hqtrs., Winnipeg, Man.

7-12-40 No flying, bad weather.

8-12-40 NIL

9-12-40 No flying, bad weather. No. 4 Air Observers Course commenced this date.

10-12-40 NIL

11-12-40 NIL

12-12-40 Temp. 33.3° below zero.

13-12-40 Temp. 31.2° below zero. Flt. Lt. Goulding, No. 2 T.C. Hqtrs., visited this Unit.

14-12-40 No. 6 A.N. Instructors Course was completed this date.

15-12-40 NIL

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Rivers, Man. #1 A.N.S.

16-12-40 NIL

17-12-40 NIL

18-12-40 NIL

19-12-40 NIL

20-12-40 NIL

21-12-40 NIL

22-12-40 NIL

23-12-40 No. 3 Air Observers Course completed this date. Electric power off all night affecting light, water, and stoves.
No. 5 Air Observers Course commenced this date.

24-12-40 Two aircraft T.C.A. landed Rivers. No flying, bad weather.

25-12-40 No flying, bad weather.

26-12-40 No flying, bad weather.

27-12-40 No flying, bad weather. Electric power off intermittently all night.

28-12-40 No flying, bad weather.

29-12-40 No flying, bad weather. Electric power off all night until next afternoon. Lights, water, stores affected.

30-12-40 No flying, bad weather.

31-12-40 STRENGTH: 84 officers, 469 airmen, 36 civilians.

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Rivers, Man. #1 A.N.S.

DATE
1941

January 1 Strength: 84 officer, 484 airmen, 36 civilians. All flying washed out (weather)

- " 2 F/O Allingham posted to No. 2 Training Command and attached to No. 1 A.N.S. Day and Night Flying carried Out.
- " 3 All flying washed out (weather)
- " 4 1 Day exercise and 1 Night exercise washed out
- " 5 F/O Groves T.O.S. as staff pilot on posting from Jarvis. F/O Lechnitz T.O.S. as Signals Officer on posting from Ottawa. 1 Day and 2 Night exercises washed out.
- " 6 No. 4 Air Observers Course completed this date (33 airmen). No. 7 Short "N" Course commenced this date (6 officers, 13 airman). Flying all day and night. a/c 6016 crashed, killing F/O M.D. McBrien (pilot) Sgt. Pink, E.J.; Sgt. Ross, J.D.; Sgt. Lewis, G. J. (Air Observers), and LAC Gray, L.J. (W. Op.). No. 6 Air Observers Course started this date (48). No. 2 Spec. "N" (6 officers) completed this date; 5 passed, 1 failed.
- " 7 All flying washed out
- " 8 Day flying washed out, 2 night exercises completed. Funeral Service held in Brandon for the five men killed in crash of Jan. 6th, 1941.

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Rivers, Man. #1 A.N.S.

DATE

1941

January 9 Morning exercises washed out. Afternoon and Evening exercise carried out.

- " 10 Flying all day and night.
- " 11 Mr. Colbrooke, ass't to Deputy Air Minister W/Comdr. Vallance and S/Ldr. Stewart visited the Station. Flying all day and night.
- " 12 All flying washed out.
- " 13 No. 3 Specialist "N" Course commenced this date. (10 officers) All flying washed out.
- " 14 All flying washed out.
- " 15 All flying washed out.
- " 16 Morning exercise washed out. Flying afternoon and night
- " 17 Hon. Flt. Lt. R.M. Frayne posted to School as Chaplain. Flying day and night.
- " 18 No. 6 Short "N" Course completed this date. (3 officer passed, 8 Sgt. passed, 5 failed) No. 5 Air Observers Course completed this date (36). Day exercises carried out. Night flying washed out.

- " 19 Day exercises carried out. Night flying washed out.
- " 20 No. 7 and 8 Air Observers Course started this date. (39 on each) All flying exercises washed out.
- " 21 Day exercises completed, night exercises washed out.
- " 22 Day and Night exercise carried out .
- " 23 G/Cpt. Bonham Carter paid a visit to the Station this date. Day exercise carried out. Night exercise washed out.

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Rivers, Man. #1 A.N.S.

DATE

1941

January 24 Coldest day 41.7° below zero at 0600 hours. Flying all day and night

- " 25 Day exercise completed, night exercise washed out. S/Ldr. D.G. Price posted to school to understudy Sqn. Ldr. Twigg as Flying Squadron Commander
- " 26 Morning flying only. Afternoon and night washed out.
- " 27 Flying day and night.
- " 28 Flying day and night.
- " 29 Flying day and night.
- " 30 Flying day and night. F/O W.S. Wright posted to No. 2 Bombing and Gunnery School, Mossbank.
- " 31 Strength 91 officers - - 516 Airmen - - 57 Civilians. Loss of flying time due to adverse weather conditions - 11½ days and 15 nights - - 10 Avro Anson Aircraft received during the month. Day exercise completed, night exercise washed out.

(F.R. Miller) Wing Commander,
Commanding Officer,
No. 1 Air Navigation School, Rivers, Man.

IMAGE 453

Rivers, Man. #1 A.N.S.

1-2-41 Strength: 91 Officer, 516 Airmen, 57 Civilians. Night flying washed out, weather.

Feb. 2 Flying washed out all day.

- " 3 Morning and afternoon flying washed out, night flying carried on. - - No. 8 A.N. Instructors' Course commenced (16 pupils) also No. 8 A.O. Course commenced this date (29 pupils).
- " 4 Flying carried out all day.
- " 5 Flying carried out all day.
- " 6 Flying carried out all day.
- " 7 Flying carried out all day.
- " 8 Morning and afternoon flying carried out, night flying washed out.
- " 9 Flying carried out all day.
- " 10 Flying washed out all day.
- " 11 Flying washed out all day.
- " 12 Flying washed out all day.
- " 13 Flying carried out all day. - - One case Scarlet fever in hospital No. 7 Air Observer Course. Dick Tests carried out on all N.C.O.'s in patients barrack.

IMAGE 454

Rivers, Man. #1 A.N.S.

Feb. 14/41 Morning and afternoon flying washed out, night flying carried out.

- " 15 Morning and afternoon flying carried out, night flying washed out.
- " 16 Morning and afternoon flying carried out, night flying washed out.
- " 17 Flying carried out all day.
- " 18 Flying carried out all day, - - N o. 9 A.O. Course commenced this date - 80 pupils attending course. Half of course No. 7 Air Observers Course completed this date, remainder in quarantine.
- " 19 Flying carried out all day.
- " 20 Flying carried out all day.
- " 21 Morning and afternoon flying carried out, night flying washed out.
- " 22 Flying carried out all day.

- " 23 Morning and afternoon flying carried out, night flying washed out.
- " 24 Flying carried out all day. -- Remainder of No. 7 Air Observers Course in quarantine finished this date.
- " 25 Morning and afternoon flying carried out, night flying washed out.
- " 25 Air Vice Marshall Stedman, Group Captain Grant, Wing Commander Pleasance and Staff visited the Station arriving 0930 hours, leaving 1100 hours. Anson 1675 crashed at Oak Lake at about 1500 hours, Sgt. Butcher, Sgt. Howarth, H.A., Sgt. Prest, W.H. and L.A.C. Lancaster, L.R. killed. Search party sent out but wreck not found till 0700 hours 26-2-41. -- S/Ldr. Moncrieff and F/O Sharpe arrived on the Station 2230 hours as President and member of Court of Enquiry on crash.
- " 26 Morning flying washed out, afternoon and night flying carried out.

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Rivers, Man. #1 A.N.S.

Feb. 26/41 Court of Enquiry began investigations.

- " 27 Morning flying washed out, afternoon and night flying carried out. Body of Sgt. Butcher, J.G. sent with escort to his home at Carmen, Man. Court of Enquiry sitting.
- " 28 Morning and afternoon flying carried out. Night flying washed out. -- Bodies of Sgt. Howarth, Sgt. Prest and L.A.C. Lancaster sent to homes in Ontario, with escorts. - Court of Enquiry sitting (completed 1-3-41). Strength: 99 Officers, 580 Airmen, 55 Civilians.

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No. 1 A.N.S., Rivers, Man.

- 1-2-41 (i) R.C.A.F. Officers (staff) - 56, including 2 Nursing Sisters, R.C.A.F. Airmen (staff) -- 424
- (ii) R.C.A.F. Officers (trainees) -- 31, R.C.A.F. Airmen (trainees) -139,
- (iii) Personnel other than R.C.A.F. and Civilians -- R.A.F. Officer 1 staff, 1 trainee, Army 2 officers , 15 other ranks.
- (iv) Civilians- 57 including two N. Sisters
- 28-2-41 R.C.A.F. Officer (staff) -- 64, Airmen (staff) - 451, Officers (trainees) - 31, - Airmen (trainees) - 105
- R.A.F. Officers 1 Staff, 1 Trainee, R.A.F. Airmen (trainees) 23, - Army 2 officers, 15 other ranks. -- Civilians 55.

Aircraft Strength - Serviceable - 24, -- unserviceable -- 7

No. 6 Air Observers Course Commenced 6-1-41 - Terminated 1-2-41. Number of graduates 46. Graduates posted to Embarkation Pool, Debert, N.S. Two of the 48 pupils of this Course were retained for further training.

No. 7 Air Observers Course 78 pupils commenced 17-2-41- terminated, half of course 13-3-41, remaining half

24-3-41. Should have terminated 15-3-41, delayed due to Scarlet Fever but no delay in reporting to Embarkation Pool as reporting date was considerably more than 10 days after the completion of the course.

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No. 1 A.N.S., Rivers, Man. 28-2-41 (Cont'd)

Number of graduates posted to Embarkation Pool, Debert, N.S. 73. 4 pupils held over for further training, 1 held over due to sickness. No. 8 Air Observers Course 29 pupils commenced 3-2-41 - Terminated 1-3-41. Number of Graduates 30. Graduates posted to Embarkation Pool, Debert, N.S. 3 pupils of No. 8 held over for further training, 4 of No. 7 Course graduated with this Course making the total 30. No. 9 Air Observers Course: 40 pupils commenced 17-2-41 - Terminated 17-3-41. Number of graduates 82. Graduates posted to Embarkation Pool, Debert, N.S. One pupil held over for Course No. 10. Three pupils of No. 8 Air Observers Course graduated with this course. No. 7 Air Navigation Instructors: 16 pupils commenced 25-11-40 Terminated 1-2-41. Number of graduates 16. 3 graduated posted No. 1 A.N.S. 5 graduates posted No. 5 A.O.S., Winnipeg. 1 posted No. 4 S.F.T.S., Saskatoon, 1 posted No. 2 A.O.S. Edmonton, 1 posted to No. 10 S.F.T.S., Dauphin, 1 posted No. 4 A.O.S. London, Ont., 1 posted to No. 3 A.O.S., Regina, 1 posted No. 1 I.T.S., Toronto, 2 posted No. 6 A.O.S., Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. -- No. 8 Air Navigation Instructors: 16 pupils commenced 3-2-41.

Accidents: Panel Truck No. RCAF 1308 collided with passenger train near Winnipeg. No injury to personnel. Court of Enquiry held at No. 7 Equipment Depot, Winnipeg, Man.

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No. 1 A.N.S., Rivers, Man.

1-3-41 Personnel Strength - R.C.A.F, Officer -67, Airmen - 451, R.C.A.F. Trainees Officers - 31, Airmen-128, 1 R.A.F. Officer Trainee, 15 other than the R.C.A.F. and 55 civilians. Aircraft strength: - 37, Serviceable 27, Unserviceable.- 10. No. 8 Air Observers Course terminated, number of graduates 30. Three pupils of No. 8 Course held over for further training, four pupils of No. 7 Course graduated with this course making a total of 30. No. 7 Short "N" terminated, number of graduates six officers and ten sergeants, course commenced with 19 pupils. Two were killed in a flying accident at Oak Lake and one was held over due to sickness. Graduates posted: Two to No. 1 S.F.T.S, Camp Borden, one to No. 2 S.F.T.S. Uplands, Ottawa, 3 to No. 3 S.F.T.S. Calgary Alta., 2 to No. 4 S.F.T.S., Saskatoon, Sask., 1 to No. 5 S.F.T.S., Brandport, Ont., 1 to No. 6 S.F.T.S., Dunville, Ont., 3 to No. 10 S.F.T.S., Dauphin, Man., 3 to No. 1 A.N.S., Rivers, Man. Morning and afternoon flying carried out and night flying washed out because of low ceiling.

2-3-41 All flying exercises were carried out. F/O Autrique Belgium war pilot posted from Picton, Ont.

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No. 1 A.N.S., Rivers, Man.

3-3-41 Flying exercises flown all day. A station library was organized by a Committee under the chairmanship of F/Lt. Frayne. A test of the new fire siren was made at 1200 hours. D Flight started operations with F/Lt. Hone as commander making the 4th operational flight.

4-3-41 All Flying exercises were carried out. No. 10 Air Observers Course commenced with 37 pupils. A station curling bonspiel started with twenty competing rinks in competitions known as the "Miller", "Twigg" and "Gillson" events and with prizes donated by Brandon Business men.

5-3-41 All flying navigation exercises carried out. A good attendance turned out to hear the Canadian Legion Band from Brandon, an added attraction was the humorous sketches by Brandon artists.

6-3-41 Flying washed out all day owing to low ceiling and fog. S/Ldr. Moncreiff and F/O Sharp completed their duties in connection with the Court of Inquiry into Anson 1675 crash.

7-3-41 No flying all day, low ceiling, fog and snow flurries.

8-3-41 All flying exercises flown.

9-3-41 " " " " .

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No. 1 A.N.S., Rivers, Man.

10-3-41 Flying exercises carried out in the morning but washed out in the afternoon and night owing to cold front and snow squalls. Continued mild weather and thawing caused a sea of mud necessitating permission to be given for half rubber boots to be worn in camp.

11-3-41 All flying exercises flown.

12-3-41 All flying exercises carried out, new anson aircraft 9685 arrived on station. F/O McNaughton forced landing, as a result of engine failure, on unserviceable aerodrome at Yorkton during night exercise. Aircrew uninjured, but damage done to undercarriage of Anson 6257.

13-3-41 All flying exercises carried out, new anson aircraft 6401 arrived on the station. War Savings drive started. Additional personnel to the R.C.A.F. in the appointments of Francis Ellen Anderson and Margaret Mabl Edna Lyons to be Nursing Sisters.

14-3-41 Morning and afternoon exercises carried out but washed out at night owing to snow showers.

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14-3-41 Curling bonspiel finished with R.C.A.S.C. winning "Miller" event, Department of Transport "Twigg" event and Engineers taking the "Gillson" event. S/Ldr. Twigg won a special prize of Buffalo skin Muckluks for being the officer actually engaged in flying duties to get furthest in any competition.

15-3-41 Morning flying exercises carried out but afternoon and night washed out owing to cold front and snow squalls. A 50 mile an hour wind and snow caused the winter's worse blizzard. F/O Clow of Southern Mississippi and another American officer withstood the cold and storm to rescue a carload of native Canadians from freezing. Fortunately the

storm was of short duration so that the opening dance at the Sergeants' Mess was held. A bus arrived from Brandon on the heels of the storm bringing the necessary dance partners. Brandon Bus Service started a schedule with their buses arriving and leaving 3 times daily.

16-3-41 All Navigation flying exercises carried out.

17-3-41 No. 9 Air Observers Course terminated, - number of graduates 82, all were posted to Embarkation Pool, Debert, N.S. 3 pupils of No. 8 graduated with this course and one pupil of No. 9 was held over due to sickness. No. 11 Air Observers course commenced with 74 pupils. All navigation flying exercises carried out. S/Ldr. H.G.M. Colpitts, instructor at G.I.S. posted to Eastern Air Command Headquarters. Halifax.

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18-3-41 Flying exercises in the morning and afternoon carried out, night exercises washed out because of warm front and snow. P/O Lucas posted from School of Aeronautical Engineers, Montreal. 4 staff pilot posted from Picton, Ont.

19-3-41 Flying carried out in morning and afternoon, washed out at night, owing to low ceiling, fog and snow.

20-3-41 Flying carried out in the morning and afternoon, washed out at night owing to low ceiling and fog. One case of Scarlet fever reported on station. New Anson aircraft 9668 delivered on station.

21-3-41 No. 8 Short "N" course commenced this date,-21 pupils. Flying exercises carried out in the morning but washed out in the afternoon and night owing to fog and snow. A new Anson aircraft, 6433 was received on the station.

22-3-41 Flying carried out in the morning and afternoon and second night exercise washed out owing to low ceiling and fog.

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22-3-41 (cont'd) A large number attended the dance in the Officers' Mess with visitors from No. 2 Manning Pool in Brandon and No. 33 S.F.T.S., Carberry, Man.

23-3-41 Flying carried out in the morning and afternoon but washed out at night owing to fog and poor visibility. This was the National Day of Prayer for Canada and service was held in the Recreation Hall, 1000 hours.

24-3-41 All navigation exercises flown. During night exercise Anson 6089, Sergeant Biernes, pilot, force landed at No. 10 S.F.T.S., Dauphin on account of shortage of gas. The crew of the aircraft was uninjured, but the field was unlit and aircraft crashed into a truck damaging the port wing.

25-3-41 All navigation exercises flown.

26-3-41 " " " "

27-3-41 " " " "

28-3-41 All Navigation exercises flown. During night flight Anson 6082 with Sgt. Player pilot made a forced landing in a field 1½ miles south of Brandon due to poor visibility and fog. None of the crew were injured, some damage was done to propellers. New Anson aircraft, 6431 was delivered to the station.

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29-3-41 All flying exercises carried out.

30-3-41 Flying exercises carried out in morning and afternoon but washed out at night owing to low ceiling. A fire test drill was carried out at 2000 hours with good results. A special church service was held with the Rev. S. Guile, C. of E. and The Rev. W. Donogh, U.C, assisting the Chaplain. An exercise of 20 Anson aircraft and 40 Observers was flown, which is the largest to date.

31-3-41 Flying carried out in the morning and afternoon and washed out at night owing to cold front. First class of 27 Australians and 37 New Zealanders were welcomed on the station. Personnel strength,- R.C.A.F. Officers - 83, Airmen - 521, R.C.A.F. Officers Trainees,- 34, Airmen,-187 (37 on leave). One RAF Officer staff, one RAF Officer trainee. One civilian barrack officer, two civilian meteorologists officer's standing. 58 civilians.- Total strength 889. Total strength aircraft - 41, serviceable 24, unserviceable 17. Total hours flying washed out during month - 650. Total hours flying day and night - 2506 approximating 50,000 miles of flight. 2 Anson aircraft, 6426 & 1992 delivered.

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1-4-41 Personnel Strength - RCAF Officers, 83; Airmen, 521; RCAF Officers Trainees, 34; Airmen, 187 (37 on leave). One RAF Officer staff; one RAF Officer trainee. One civilian Barrack Officer, two civilian meteorologists (officer's status), 58 civilians. Total strength - 889. Accidents - Avro Anson 6401, 6082, caused by strong wind and brakes not operating correctly slight damage to airframe, engines, nil, no personnel injured, caused by Avro Anson 6401 bumping into 6082. Morning and afternoon flying carried out, but night flying washed out.

2-4-41 No night or afternoon flying.

3-4-41 No morning flying.

4-4-41 Flying washed completely except for circuits and bumps - weather.

5-4-41 No. 3 Specialist "N" terminated. Number of graduates, 10. Graduates posted as follows: 2 to No. 4 Training Command, 1 to No. 3 Training Command, 1 to No. 2 Training Command, 1 to No. 5 (BR) Squadron, 1 to No. 119 (BR) Squadron, 1 to No. 10 (BR) Squadron, 1 to No. 8 (BR) Squadron, 2 to No. 1 A.N.S. Flying washed completely except for circuits and bumps. "E" Flight commenced to operate.

6-4-41 Flying washed completely except for circuits and bumps. (Weather)

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7-4-41 No. 4 Specialist "N" Course commenced. Number of pupils, 7. Flying washed completely

8-4-41 No flying morning and night.

9-4-41 Circuits and landings (weather). No navigation exercises.

10-4-41 Circuits and landings (weather). No navigation exercises.

11-4-41 No flying.

12-4-41 No. 11 Air Observers Course was to terminate this date, but due to continuous rain and fog an extension was granted to extend course to 21-4-41. No. 8 A.N. Instructors Course terminated. Course commenced with 16 pupils but P/O Abrams was held over being unable to complete his Air Exercises on account of sickness. Graduates posted as follows: 3 to No. 1 A.O.S. Malton, Ontario; 1 to No. 2 A.O.S. Edmonton, Alberta; 2 to No. 3 A.O.S., Regina, Saskatchewan; 2 to No. 4 A.O.S. London, Ontario; 2 to No. 5 A.O.S. Winnipeg, Manitoba; 2 to No. 6 A.O.S., Prince Albert, Saskatchewan; 2 to No. 7 A.O.S. Portage la Prairie, Manitoba; 1 to No. 9 SFTS, Summerside, P.E.I. P/O. Abrams retained in No. 1 A.N.S. Wing Commander F. R. Miller proceeded on temporary duty to Air Force Headquarters by rail. Flying washed out morning and night.

13-4-41 Flt. Lt. C.G. Boyd proceeded on temporary duty to No. 2 Training Command, pending posting to No. 12 S.F.T.S., Brandon eff. 16-5-41. Flying washed out completely (weather).

14-4-41 No. 13 Air Observers Course commenced training. Number of pupils, 75. Five aircraft - Ferry flight, stopped over in afternoon. Cessna 7708 F/O. Leason, visitor. Flying carried

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14-4-41 (cont'd) on all day.

15-4-41 No. 9 A.N. Instructors Course commenced. Number of pupils, 19. P/O. Dunn has been in hospital ever since his arrival on the Station. Battle 3952, F/O. Varga, Battle 9182, F/O Curry - Ferry flight. Flying carried on all day.

16-4-41 Flying washed out partly at night.

17-4-41 Slight damage to Avro Anson 6401 caused by brakes not operating properly. No personnel injured. No flying during afternoon or night.

18-4-41 No flying in morning.

19-4-41 No flying at night.

20-4-41 Flying carried on all day and night.

21-4-41 No. 11 Air Observers course granted further extension to 25-4-41. Wing Commanders Humphrey, Chalk, Taunton, Flt. Lt. Goulding, F/O. Riches Cessna 7717, visitors. No flying at night.

22-4-41 No flying carried on in morning.

23-4-41 Wing Commander F. R. Miller returned from temporary duty at Air Force Headquarters. No flying carried on in afternoon. "F" Flight commenced to operate.

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24-4-41 F/O. L.B. Burnand (C2980), F/O. W.R. Lavery (C2982), F/O. K. Groff (C2981), proceeded on temporary duty to No. 1 Training Command Headquarters, Toronto by rail 24-4-41 re ferrying Anson aircraft, returning to Rivers 29-4-41. A Stag party was held in the Hotel at Rivers for F/O. R. D. Evans by the Equipment Assistants of this Station. 2 Harvards and 3 Cessnas - ferry flight. Flying carried out all day.

25-4-41 F/O. A.T.H. Autrique (C3608) proceeded on temporary duty to No. 4 Training Command, Regina returning by air same date. F/O. R. E. Haynes (C2498) proceeded on temporary duty by rail to No. 1 Training Command, Toronto, re ferrying Anson aircraft, returning on 29-4-41. No flying in morning.

26-4-41 No flying in morning (Circuits and landings in morning)

27-4-41 F/O. R. D. Evans (C2476) posted to No. 7 Equipment Depot, Winnipeg. 1 Harvard visiting. No morning or night flying.

28-4-41 No.12 Air Observers Course was due to terminate, but owing to inclement weather an extension was granted to extend the Course to April 30th. No. 14 Air Observers course commenced training. This course included Sgt. McLoughlin who was originally with No. 13 Course but reported one week late for course 13 due to sickness. No flying in morning.

29-4-41 Flt. Lt. Gilbert proceeded to Melville, Saskatchewan, by road to investigate forced landing, returning 30-4-41. Circuits and landings, no navigation exercises carried out.

30-4-41 No.12 Air Observers Course graduated, 37 New Zealand, 26 Australian and two RCAF graduates

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30-4-41 (cont'd). posted to Embarkation Pool. An Informal Dance was held in Rivers by "C" Flight. Personnel Strength - RCAF Officers, 90; Airmen, 526; RCAF Officer Trainees, 35; Airmen, 217; Two RAF Officer staff, one RAF Officer trainee. One civilian Barrack Officer, two civilian meteorologists (officer's status), 97 civilians. Total Strength - 971.

Aircraft Strength - 46, serviceable, 36. Aircraft taken on strength during April - 8, as follows: 2066, 2087, 2090, 2079, W2031, W2033, W2034. Hours of flying lost approximately 1,000. No flying during morning.

(F.R. Miller) Wing Commander,

Commanding Officer,
No. 1 Air Navigation School,
Rivers, Manitoba.

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1-5-41	<u>STAFF</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Civilians</u>	<u>Totals</u>
	<u>R.C.A.F.</u>	90	526		616
	Service Personnel(Other <u>Than R.C.A.F.</u>)				
	R.A.F.	3	nil		3
	R.C.A.S.C.	1	5		6
	C.D.C.	1	2		3
	<u>Civilians</u>				
	Barrack Officers			1	1
	Meteorologists			2	2
	Others			97	97
	<u>TRAINEES</u>				
	R.C.A.F.	<u>35</u>	<u>217</u>		<u>252</u>
	TOTALS----	130	750	100	980

Aircraft Strength - 46; serviceable; - 36.

Anson aircraft 6040 flew into edge of a thunderstorm and encountered heavy hail. Pilot immediately turned out of area, but leading edge of wings was destroyed, windscreen shattered, nose battered; fuselage, wings and empennage badly holed, and engine cowls damaged. Pilot returned to base and landed.

2-5-41 Flying exercises carried out during day; washed out at night.

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3-5-41 Flying exercises carried out during day; washed out at night. Flying Officer Burnand proceeded on Temporary Duty to Oxbow, Saskatchewan, departing Rivers by road (G.T.) 0630 hours.

4-5-41 Flying exercises carried out during day; washed out at night. Flying Officer Burnand ceased to be on Temporary Duty arriving Rivers by road (G.T.) 1500 hours.

5-5-41 Flying exercises carried out during morning and night; washed out during afternoon. No. 9 Short "N" Course commenced training; number of pupils,-24.

6-5-41 Flying exercises carried out during day; washed out at night.

7-5-41 Flying exercises during morning and night; washed out during afternoon.

8-5-41 Flying exercises during entire day.

9-5-41 Flying exercises carried out during afternoon and night; washed out in morning. Flight Lieutenant Frayne proceeded on Temporary Duty to No. 2 Training Command Headquarters, Winnipeg, Manitoba, departing from Rivers by road (P.M.C.) 1455 hours.

10-5-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

11-5-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. Flight Lieutenant Frayne ceased to be on Temporary Duty arriving Rivers by road (P.M.C.) 2200 hours.

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12-5-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. No. 13 Air Observers Course terminated; number of graduates,- 73; all posted to No. 1 "M" Depot, Halifax, N.S. No. 15 Air Observers Course commenced training; number of pupils,-116, composed as follows: 57 R.C.A.F., 57 R.A.F., 2 R.A.A.F.

13-5-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. Flagpole raised on Station.

14-5-41 Flying exercises carried out during major part of day; late night exercises washed out. Air Officer Commanding No. 2 Training Command visited and inspected Station; expressed his approval on co-operation of various units within Station. He remained overnight in order to witness night exercises. Extremely heavy weather during night. Flying Officer Barneson experienced forced landing.

15-5-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. Air Officer Commanding No. 2 Training Command departed from Station.

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16-5-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

17-5-41 Flying Exercises carried out during entire day.

18-5-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

19-5-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

20-5-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

21-5-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

22-5-41 Flying exercises carried out during day; washed out at night. Flying Officer MacKay proceeded on Temporary Duty to No. 2 T.C.H.Q., Winnipeg, departing from Rivers by road (G.T.) 0700 hours.

23-5-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. Flying Officer MacKay ceased to be on Temporary Duty arriving Rivers by road (G.T.) 1700 hrs.

24-5-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. Squadron Leader Twigg, Flying Officer Mitchell, Flying Officer Reid, proceeded on Temporary Duty to No. 10 Repair Depot, Calgary, Alberta. Departed from Rivers by air 0900 hours.

25-5-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

26-5-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. No. 14 Air Observers Course terminated; number of graduates as follows: 29 R.A.A.F., 33 R.N.Z.A.F., 2 R.C.A.F.- total 64. Sgt. Stewart included in total graduates but held over in Station Hospital for treatment. Remainder of graduates posted to Fairview, N.S.

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26-5-41 (cont'd) No. 16 Air Observers Course commenced training; number of pupils, -85, composed as follows: 40 R.N.Z.A.F., 44 R.A.A.F., and 1 R.C.A.F.

27-5-41 Flying washed out all day. New aircraft received, -W2138 and 2144. Anson Aircraft 6042 sent to Winnipeg complete with log books.

28-5-41 Flying exercises carried out all day. New aircraft arrived, -W2230 and W2252. Squadron Leader Twigg, Flying Officer Mitchell, Flying Officer Reid, ceased to be on Temporary Duty, departing Calgary and arriving Swift Current by air 1600 hours.

29-5-41 Flying exercises carried out during day; washed out during night. Squadron Leader Twigg, Flying Officer Mitchell, Flying Officer Reid departed Swift Current 0900 hours arriving Rivers by air 1130 hours.

30-5-41 Flying Officer Autrique proceeded on Temporary Duty to Broadview, Saskatchewan, departing from Rivers by air 2140 hours. Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

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30-5-41 Anson 6085 landed at Moosomin Emergency Field due to inclement weather, returned next morning. (BOUNDARY LIGHTS only) Had had a recall to base, ceiling was very low at Moosomin; pilot did not think he could make base before it closed in at Rivers. Flying Officer Autrique ceased to be on Temporary Duty arriving Rivers 1350 hours 30-5-41.

31-5-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. Airmen's dance in Recreation Hall on Station.

Personnel Strength

<u>STAFF</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Totals</u>
R.C.A.F.	137	544	681
Service Personnel (Other			

than R.C.A.F.

R.A.F.	3	nil	3
R.C.A.S.C.	1	5	6
C.D.C.	1	2	3

Civilians

Barrack Officers		1	
Meteorologists		2	2
Y.M.C.A. Representative		1	1

TRAINEES

R.C.A.F.	51	220	271
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Civilians

Other than above		<u>81</u>	<u>81</u>
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31-5-41 (cont'd) Aircraft Strength - 49. Serviceable 43. Aircraft taken on strength during May as follows: W2138, 2144, W2230 and W2252. Aircraft struck off strength during May: 6082.

(F. R. Miller) Wing Commander,
Commanding Officer,
No. 1 Air Navigation School, R.C.A.F.,
Rivers, Manitoba.

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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

FILE No. 21/2/5 (MAY)
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Winnipeg, Manitoba.
July 9, 1941.

To: The Secretary,
Department of National Defence for Air,
Jackson Bldg.,
Ottawa, Ontario.

From: Air Officer Commanding,
No. 2 Training Command, RCAF,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Subject: Daily Diary - No. 1 A.N.S. Rivers, Man.

Reference: Your S.24-5-2 (DASD) d/26 Jun.41.

1. Unit's strength broken down as requested:-

(a) Number of Trainees on May 1st:

R.C.A.F.	144
R.A.F.	3
R.A.A.F.	28
R.N.Z.A.F.	37
Nfd.	<u>5</u>
TOTAL	<u>252</u>

(b) Numbers of Trainees on May 31st:

R.C.A.F.	124
R.A.F.	60
R.A.A.F.	47
R.N.Z.A.F.	<u>40</u>
TOTAL	<u>271</u>

(SGD)(H.F. Lea)Flight Lieutenant,
for Air Officer Commanding,
No. 2 Training Command, RCAF.,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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1-6-41 Flying exercises carried out during the entire day.

PERSONNEL STRENGTH

<u>STAFF</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Civilians</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<u>R.C.A.F.</u>	81	544		625
SERVICE PERSONNEL <u>(other than R.C.A.F.)</u>				
R.A.F.	3			3
R.C.A.S.C.	1	5		6
C.D.C.	1	2		3
<u>CIVILIANS</u>				
Barrack Officers			1	1

Meteorologists		2	2
Y.M.C.A. Representative		1	1
Others		81	81
<u>TRAINEES</u>			
R.C.A.F.	51	73	124
R.A.F.		60	60
R.A.A.F.		47	47
R.N.Z.A.F.		40	40
	137	771	85
			993

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH - 49, serviceable 43.

2-6-41 Flying exercises carried out during day, washed out at night.

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3-6-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

4-6-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day, washed out at night.

5-6-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. R77059 Sgt. Lupten, R.A. and No. R60418 Sgt. Hardy instrument flying became lost and forced landed in a field 2 miles south of Broadview. No damage occurred and Flt/Lt. Harriet flew the aircraft out after refueling.

6-6-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

7-6-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

8-6-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

9-6-41 Flying exercises carried out during day, washed out at night. No.17 Air Observers Course commenced training, number of trainees -108. No.15 Air Observers Course completed training. The 115 graduates were all posted to No. 1 "M" Depot, Halifax. Two unsuccessful trainees on this Course were transferred to Course No 16 for further training.

10-6-41 Flying exercises washed out both day and night.

11-6-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

12-6-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

13-6-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

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14-6-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. Sergeants' Dance held in Sergeants' Mess.

15-6-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. While flying a night exercise R65790 Sgt. Kiward, E.J. and crew AUS40434 Sgt. Kebelke, N.H. AUS404092 Sgt. Courtney, J.G., and R51542 AC1 Pape, C.M. in Anson 6086 lost the propeller of his port engine. Fire broke out on exhaust ring and the order was given to prepare to abandon ship. After a few seconds fire died out and Sgt. Elward made a successful landing at Portage La Prairie. On landing it was found that the propeller shaft had broken. No injury to crew or aircraft.

16-6-41 Flying exercises carried out during the entire day.

17-6-41 Flying exercises carried out during the entire day. P/O B.W. Power J3197 and crew R62253 Sgt. Hudson, E.J., R72429 Sgt. Jackson, W.J. and R61481 AC1 Balkwill, E.G. ran into heavy rain and as ceiling was dropping fast forced landed in a boggy field south of Douglas. No injury to the crew or damage to aircraft was caused. Aircraft was hauled into a drier field and flown out by Flt/Lt. Gilbert.

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18-6-41 Flying exercises carried out during day, washed out at night.

19-6-41 Flying exercises carried out during day, washed out at night.

20-6-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. Flt Lt. Rae, a Liaison Officer of the R.N.Z.A.F. from Ottawa, paid a short visit to this School.

21-6-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

22-6-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

23-6-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. No. 9 Air Navigation Course completed training. The 18 graduates were posted as follows: 1 to RCAF Station, Patricia Bay, 2 to No. 1 AOS, Malton, 1 to No. 2 AOS, Edmonton, 1 to No.3 AOS, Regina, 2 to No.4 AOS, London, 1 to No.5 AOS, Winnipeg, 1 to No.6 AOS, Prince Albert, 3 to No.7 AOS, Portage La Prairie, 6 to Eastern Air Command Headquarters. One Officer, P/O Dunn, is still confined to hospital and was unable to attend this Course. No.10 Air Navigation Course commenced training, number of pupils - 23 No. 18 Air Observers Course commenced training 23-6-41, number of pupils - 82. Wing Commander F.R. Miller was granted 7 days leave and proceeded this date.

24-6-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. Lost and short of fuel caused the forced landing of Anson 6004 Pilot R72421 Sgt. Bingham, P.J. and crew R74597 Sgt. Embury, W., R71099 Sgt. Arthurs, J.W. and R53147 A/Cpl. Mann, E.H. in

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24-6-41 (Cont'd) the small emergency field at Moosomin. Pilot overshoot, running through boundary fence across the road through a second fence into heavy brush stopping about 100 foot from aerodrome boundary. Damage categorized as "B" crash. Crew uninjured.

Squadron Leader J.D. Twigg assumed temporary command during the absence of Wing Commander Miller.

25-6-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

26-6-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. No.16 Air Observers Course terminated. Number of pupils - 88, including Sgt. Shepherd and Watson who were transferred from Course No.15 80 pupils graduated and posted to No. 1 "M" Depot Halifax with the exception of Sgt. Seaker who is remaining at Station for further medical attention of Medical Officer. Eight Sergeants were transferred to Course No.17 including Sergeant Mandy (NZ) who was held over due to sickness.

27-6-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

28-6-41 Flying exercises carried out during day, washed out at night. The following Officers proceeded on temporary duty to No. 33 A.N.S., Hamilton, pending posting to No.2 A.N.S. Pennfield Ridge: Flt/Lt. M.R. Atkinson, RAF39364, F/O Knapper, C3612,

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28-6-41 (Cont'd) P/O Geil, C3777, F/O A.J.H. Autrique, C3608, F/O H.S. Mouser, C3666.

29-6-41 Flying exercises carried out during day, washed out at night.

30-6-41 Flying exercise carried out during afternoon and night, washed out during morning. No.9 Short Navigation Course completed training. 21 members of this Course graduated and were posted as follows: 1 to No. 1 SFTS, Camp Borden, 2 to No. 2 SFTS, Uplands, 1 to No. 3 SFTS, Calgary, 1 to No.5 SFTS Brantford, 1 to No.6 SFTS, Dunnville, 2 to No.8 SFTS, Moncton, 1 to No.9 SFTS, Summerside, 1 to No. 10 SFTS Dauphin, 4 to No. 11 SFTS, Yorkton, 3 to No.12 SFTS Brandon, 2 to No. 15 SFTS, Claresholm, 2 to take Astro Course at No. 1 A.N.S., Rivers, 2 Sergeants failed and were posted to No. 1 A.N.S. as Staff Pilots. No. 4 Specialist "N" Course terminated. Number of graduates - 7, posted as follows: S/L G.W. Jacobi to No. 1 AOS, Melton, S/L J.T. Wilson to No. 1 TC, Toronto, F/Lt. K.F. MacDonald to No.2 TC, Winnipeg, F/Lt. G.E. McMurtrie to No. 3 TC, Montreal, F/Lt. J.F. Wolfenden to No.4 TC, Regina, S/L D.G. Price and F/Lt. A.B.C. Weatherwax to No. 1 A.N.S. Rivers. Squadron Leader E.A. MacGowan C105 proceeded on temporary duty to No. 3 Training Command Headquarters reporting 30-6-41 pending posting to No.2 A.N.S. Pennfield Ridge. Wing Commander F.R. Miller returned from leave and resumed command of No. 1 A.N.S. Rivers, Man.

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

45. Serviceable - 38, Unserviceable - "B" Flight 2, "C" Flight 5.

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30-6-41 (Cont'd)

STAFF

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Civilians</u>	<u>Totals</u>
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<u>R.C.A.F.</u>	112	579		691
Service Personnel (Other than R.C.A.F.)				
R.A.F.	3			3
R.C.A.S.C.	1	5		6
C.D.C.	1	2		3
<u>Civilians</u>				
Barrack Officers			1	1
Meteorologist			1	1
Y.M.C.A.			1	1
Radio Operators			4	4
Messmen			62	62
Cooks			9	9
<u>TRAINEES</u>				
R.C.A.F.	38	123		161
R.A.F.	1	3		4
R.A.A.F.		45		45
R.N.Z.A.F.		39		39
N.F.D.		3		3
	156	799	78	1033

(F.R. Miller) Wing Commander
 Commanding Officer,
 No. 1 Air Navigation School, RCAF,
 Rivers, Manitoba

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No. 1 A.N.S., Rivers, Man.

1-7-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

PERSONNEL STRENGTH

<u>STAFF</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Civilians</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<u>R.C.A.F.</u>	112	579		691
SERVICE PERSONNEL (Other than R.C.A.F.)				
R.A.F.	3			3
R.C.A.S.C.	1	5		6
C.D.C.	1	2		3
<u>CIVILIANS</u>				
Barrack Officers			1	1
Meteorologist			1	1

Y.M.C.A.		1	1
Radio Operators		4	4
Messmen		62	62
Cooks		9	9

TRAINEES

R.N.Z.A.F.		39	39
N.F.D.		3	3
R.C.A.F.	38	123	161
R.A.F.	1	3	4
R.A.A.F.		45	45
	156	799	78
			1033

IMAGE 487

No. 1 A.N.S., Rivers, Man.

2-7-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. Group Captain Isitt of the New Zealand Air Mission visited the Station.

3-7-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

4-7-41 Flying exercises carried out during day, washed out at night.

5-7-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. Group Captain A. Lewis taken on strength of this station.

6-7-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. Wing Commander F.R. Miller, Commanding Officer, proceeded on Temp. Duty to No. 3 T.C., Montreal, pending posting to No. 2 A.N.S., Pennfield Ridge.

7-7-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. Group Captain A. Lewis reported on Station taking over Command. No. 17 Air Observers Course terminated. Out of 116 pupils 111 graduated and were posted as follows: 30 reported to St. Hubert, Quebec, 9 reported to Dartmouth, N.S., 72 reported to No. 1 "M" Depot, Halifax, N.S. Two sergeants who failed were transferred to Course No. 18 while three others were held over to Course No. 19 due to illness.

Air Vice Marshall Goble, of the R.A.A.F. visited the Station. No. 19 Air Observers Course commenced training. Number of pupils: 114.

8-7-41 Flying exercises carried out during day; washed out at night.

9-7-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

10-7-41 Flying exercises carried out during afternoon and night; washed out during morning.

11-7-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

12-7-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

13-7-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

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No. 1 A.N.S., Rivers, Man.

14-7-41 Flying exercises carried out during day; washed out at night.

15-7-41 Flying exercises carried during entire day.

16-7-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

17-7-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

18-7-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. Flying Officer L.W. Kelle, Pilot, with RAAF 404322 Sgt. Atherton, RAAF 402543 Sgt. Robertson, Navigators, and R.C.A.F. R52275 LAC Browne, G.M., Wireless Operator, while on a night flying exercise, became lost and had a forced landing at Bismarck, N.D. Returned to Rivers the following day. No injuries to aircrew or aircraft.

19-7-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

20-7-41 Flying exercises carried out during day; washed out at night.

21-7-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

Wing Commander F.R. Miller struck off strength on posting to No. 2 A.N.S., Pennfield Ridge, N.B. No. 18 Air Observers Course terminated. Number of graduates,- 32 R.A.A.F., 39 R.N.Z.A.F., 9 R.C.A.F. All posted to No. 1 "M" Depot, Halifax, N.S. Ten pupils failed to pass and were transferred to Course No. 19. Three others were held over for medical reasons. No. 20 Air Observers Course commenced. Number of pupils 56.

22-7-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

23-7-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

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24-7-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

25-7-41 Flying exercise carried out during day; washed out at night.

26-7-41 Flying exercises washed out all day.

27-7-41 Flying exercises carried out all day. Flying Officer G.A. Patterson, while taxiing on the Stevenson's Airport at Winnipeg, Man., went across an unmarked cable ditch giving the aircraft a slight jolt. No damage suspected and continued to Rivers. The airframe was found to be twisted at the tail assembly after taxiing to the hangar.

28-7-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. Flying Officer Campbell, Pilot, with R77380 Sgt. Quinn, R.N. and R67917 Sgt. Wilson, R.E. RCAF Navigators, and R53796 LAC Sleeman, G.W., Wireless Operator, while on a night flying

exercise at 6000 feet S.W. of Melville, Sask., developed port engine trouble which finally, stopped, or nearly so. Pilot headed for Yorkton. Aircraft failed to maintain altitude and when at 900 feet, 5 miles S.E. Melville, dropped a flare and landed in a wheat field. No injury to crew of aircraft. Cylinder changed and aircraft flown back to Rivers by Flight Lieutenant G.D. Preston on the 30th of July.

29-7-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

30-7-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

31-7-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH;

Total Strength: 45. Serviceable: 41. Unserviceable: 4, - "A" Flight: 1, "B" Flight: 1, "C" Flight: 1, "E" Flight: 1.

Total Number of hours flown: 4386:25

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No. 1 A.N.S., Rivers, Man. 31-7-41

PERSONNEL STRENGTH

<u>Staff:</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Civilians</u>	<u>Totals</u>
R.C.A.F.	98	589		687
<u>Service Personnel</u>				
<u>(Other than R.C.A.F.)</u>				
R.A.F.	1			1
C.D.C.	1	2		3
R.C.A.S.C.	1	4		5
<u>Civilians</u>				
Meteorologists			2	2
Y.M.C.A.			1	1
Radio Operators			4	4
Messmen			64	64
Cooks			6	6
<u>Trainees</u>				
R.C.A.F.	39	86		125
R.A.F.		45		45
R.A.A.F.		39		39
R.N.Z.A.F.		33		33
N.F.D.		1		1
	140	799	77	1016

(A. Lewis) Group Captain
 Commanding Officer,
 No. 1 Air Navigation School, R.C.A.F.

Rivers, Manitoba.

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No. 1 A.N.S., Rivers, Man. 1-8-41 Flying exercises carried out during day.

PERSONNEL STRENGTH

<u>STAFF:</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Civilians</u>	<u>Totals</u>
R.C.A.F.	98	589		687

SERVICE PERSONNEL

(Other than R.C.A.F.)

R.A.F.	1			1
R.C.A.S.C.	1	4		5
C.D.C.	1	2		3

CIVILIANS

Meteorologists			2	2
Y.M.C.A.			1	1
Radio Operators			4	4
Messmen			64	64
Cooks			6	6

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No. 1 A.N.S. Rivers, Man. 1.8.41 (cont'd)

<u>TRAINEES.</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Civilians</u>	<u>Total</u>
R.C.A.F.	39	86		125
R.A.F.		45		45
R.A.A.F.		39		39
R.N.Z.A.F.		33		33
N.F.D.		1		1
.....				
	140	799	77	1016

2.8.41. Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

3.8.41. Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

4.8.41. Flying exercises carried out during entire day. No. 19 Air Observers Course completed training. 15 graduates reported to St. Hubert and 79 reported to No. 1 "Y" Depot, Halifax. Two Sergeants failed and transferred to Course No. 20. and seven sergeants were held over due to sickness. F/Lt. Mirylees (RAF) reported from No. 3 A.O.S. Regina, Saskatchewan. No. 21 Air Observers Course commenced training. No. of pupils 116.

5.8.41. Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

6.8.41. Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

7.8.41. Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

8.8.41. Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

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No. 1 A.N.S., Rivers, Man.

9.8.41. Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

10.8.41. Flying exercises carried out during entire day. Washed out at night.

11.8.41. Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

12.8.41. Flying exercises carried out during entire day. S/Ldr. Wilton, Liaison Officer of R.N.Z.A.F. visited Station for a few days.

13.8.41. Flying exercises carried out during morning and night, washed out in afternoon.

14.8.41 Flying exercises carried out during morning and night, washed out in afternoon. Minor engine trouble caused forced landing of Anson 1997. F/O C.R. Clow (Pilot) while on morning exercise. The trouble was remedied in a short time and trip resumed. No damage occurred.

15.8.41. Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

16.8.41. Flying exercises carried out during morning and afternoon, washed out at night.

17.8.41. Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

18.8.41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. F/Lt. McLure reported to No. 31 A.N.S. on temporary duty, replaced by F/Lt. Elgar of same Station. R81148, LAC Geesdale, R.E.

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18.8.41. (cont'd) fatally injured by revolving airscrew. Court of Inquiry and Committee of Adjustment held. No. 20 Air Observers Course terminated. No. of graduates 59, of which 50 reported to No. 31 O.T.U. Debert, and balance to No. 1 "Y" Depot, Halifax. Six Sergeants held over to course No. 21 for further training. The two Officers on Astro-Extension Course completed training. F/O Arnold posted to No. 5 A.O.S. and P/O Morgan posted to No. 7 A.O.S.

19.8.41. Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

20.8.41. Flying exercises carried out during entire day. F/Lt. Nowlan on T.D. to No. 2 T.C.

21.8.41. Flying exercises carried out during entire day. P/O Blenkinsop posted No. 2 A.N.S. Pennfield Ridge, N.B.

22.8.41. Flying exercises carried out during entire day. No. 10 Short "N" Course completed training and 22 members of course were posted as follows:-

- 1 -----No. 1 S.F.T.S. Camp Borden, Ontario.
- 1 -----No. 2 S.F.T.S. Uplands, Ontario.
- 2 -----No. 3 S.F.T.S. Calgary, Alberta.
- 1 -----No. 5 S.F.T.S. Brantford, Ontario.
- 1 -----No. 6 S.F.T.S. Dunnville, Ontario.
- 1 -----No. 7 S.F.T.S. McLeod, Alberta.
- 1 -----No. 8 S.F.T.S. Moncton, N.B.

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22.8.41. (cont'd)

- 1-----No. 9 S.F.T.S. Summerside, P.E.I.
- 1-----No. 10 S.F.T.S. Dauphin, Manitoba.
- 1-----No. 11 S.F.T.S. Yorkton, Saskatchewan.
- 1-----No. 12 S.F.T.S. Brandon, Manitoba.
- 2 -----No. 14 S.F.T.S. Aylmer, Ontario.
- 2 -----No. 16 S.F.T.S. Hagersville, Ontario.
- 3 -----Astro- Extension Course at No. 1 A.N.S. Rivers.
- 1-----No. 33 S.F.T.S. Carberry, Man.

Sgt. Holloway failed in course and is Staff pilot No. 1 A.N.S. Rivers, Man. R100107, AC. 1 Dean, H.A.J, was killed as a result of an automobile accident at Headingly, Manitoba. R.C.M.P. at Headingly investigated and reported accident. Committee of Adjustment held.

23.8.41. Flying exercises carried out morning and afternoon, washed out at night. Medical ban placed on Station. All postings and leaves cancelled outside of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. No cases of either disease reported on Station.

24.8.41. Flying exercises carried out morning and night, washed out in afternoon.

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No. 1 A.N.S. Rivers, Man.

25.8.41. Flying exercises carried out entire day.

26.8.41. Flying exercises carried out entire day. Medical ban partially lifted. Postings of No. 21 Air Observers Course proceeded with. Sgt. Hardy, G.E.A. R60418, (Pilot) with R63905, Sgt. Lawless (Co-Pilot), R67534, Sgt. Imeson, D.C. and R75702, Sgt. Baird, M.F. (Navigators) and R70631, AC.1 Cochrane (Wireless Operator), while on a night flying exercise at 10,000 feet, North of Winnipeg, developed port engine trouble which ended in two cylinders and the cowling blowing off. Damage was also caused to the rudder and the leading edge of the tail plane. Aircraft failed to maintain altitude and

after dropping a flare the pilot landed in a field with wheels up. No injuries to the crew, but the starboard propeller, port wing tips and tail surface of the plane was severely damaged.

Air Vice Marshall Coble of R.A.A.F. visited Station.

27.8.41. Flying exercises carried out for entire day. Minister of Air, Barrow of New Zealand and Wing Commander David of R.N.Z.A.F. visited Station.

28.8.41. Flying washed out all day.

29.8.41. Flying exercises carried out for entire day.

30.8.41. Flying exercises carried out for entire day. Medical ban again lifted to allow postings of No. 10 Short "N" and No. 10 A.N. courses. No. 10 Short "N" on temporary duty within Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

31.8.41. Flying exercises carried out all day.

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No. 1 A.N.S., Rivers, Man. 31-8-41

PERSONNEL STRENGTH

<u>Staff:</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Civilians</u>	<u>Totals</u>
R.C.A.F.	93	617		710

SERVICE PERSONNEL

(Other than R.C.A.F.)

R.A.F.	4			4
R.C.A.S.C.	1	4		5
C.D.C.	1	2		3

CIVILIANS

Meteorologists			2	2
Y.M.C.A.			1	1
Radio Operators			4	4
Messmen			58	58
Cooks			5	5

TRAINEES

R.C.A.F.	72	126		198
R.A.F.		8		8
R.A.A.F.		43		43
R.N.Z.A.F.		48		48
	171	848	70	1089

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

Total Strength: 45, Serviceable: 40, Unserviceable: 6, "A" Flight - 1, "B: Flight 2, "C" Flight 1, "E" Flight 2. Storage or in Transit - 1

Total No. of hours flown:- 3659.15

(A. Lewis) Group Captain
Commanding Officer,
No. 1 Air Navig., School,
Rivers, Manitoba.

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No. 1 A.N.S., Rivers, Man. 1-9-41

PERSONNEL STRENGTH

<u>STAFF:</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Civilians</u>	<u>Totals</u>
R.C.A.F.	93	617		710

SERVICE PERSONNEL

(Other than R.C.A.F.)

R.A.F.	4			4
R.C.A.S.C.	1	4		5
C.D.C.	1	2		3

CIVILIANS

Meteorologists			2	2
Y.M.C.A.			1	1
Radio Operators			4	4
Messmen			58	58
Cooks			5	5
48				

TRAINEES

R.C.A.F.	72	126		198
R.A.F.		8		8
R.A.A.F.		43		43
R.N.Z.A.F.		48		48

	171	848	70	1089
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1-9-41 Flying carried out all day.

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No. 1 A.N.S., Rivers, Man.

1.9.41 (cont'd) Sgt. Adams, A.C., R56102, Pilot, while on a navigation exercise in Anson 6431, ran into a hail storm north of Neepawa and the aircraft sustained damage to the extent of some holes in the leading edge of both wings. No. 21 Air Observers Course completed training. 103 graduates posted to No. 1 "Y" Depot. Halifax, 14 failed and were transferred to Course No.22. Four sergeants were transferred to course 23 due to illness. -- No. 23 Air Observer Course commenced training. Number of pupils 111, - 59 RCAF,- 52 RAF. -- Astro Extension Course with three Officers S/L J.K. Herriott, P/O H.W. Izzard and P/O W.W. Oughtred commenced training. No. 10 A.N. Course completed training. 18 graduates posted to various Air Observer Schools. 2 Officers failed and were posted to Newfoundland. P/O R. Dunn transferred to Course No.11 due to illness. P/O N.A. Allen transferred to Course No. 12 due to illness. P/O R.W. Allan transferred to Education Branch. -- No. 11 A.N. Course commenced training. No of officers - 20. No. 12 A.N. Course commenced training. No. of officers - 23. -- F/Lt. R.B. Harris and Flying Officer A.P. Guinand (Navigation Instructors) posted to No. 2 A.N.S., Pennfield Ridge, N.B., -- F/Lt. D.A. Maclulich reported from No. 2 A.O.S., Edmonton (Navigation Instructor). -- F/Lt. F.S. Rowland ceased temporary duty at No. 2 Training Command Headquarters, Winnipeg.

2.9.41 Flying exercises carried out during the morning and afternoon. Washed out at night.

3.9.41 Flying exercises carried out in morning. Washed out in afternoon and night.

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No. 1 A.N.S., Rivers, Man.

4.9.41 Flying exercises carried out in morning. - Washed out in afternoon and night.

5.9.41 Flying exercises carried out all day.

6.9.41 Flying exercises carried out all day. -- While flying a night exercise in Anson 6450, Sgt. Gilbert, C.K R68387, pilot, with Sgt. Skippen, L.J. RAAF403115 and Sgt. Fraser, J.M. RAAF404897 navigators, AC.1 Wilson, A.J., R61335, wireless operator and F/Lt. R.D. Christie C1508. passenger, ran into heavy rain at 11,000 feet and went into a tail spin from which it did recover. The plane crashed in the village of Kisbey, Sask. and was totally wrecked. Severe injuries were sustained by F/Lt. Christie, and slight injuries by Sgt. Gilbert. The balance of the crew were uninjured.

7.9.41 Flying exercises carried out all day. -- P/O R.D. Young reported from No. 2 Manning Depot, attached to No. 11 A.N. Course.

8.9.41 Flying exercises carried out all day. -- Flying Officer P.M. Millman (Navigation Instructor) reported from No. 1 A.O.S., Malton, Ont.

9.9.41 Flying carried out all day. -- Group Captain Isitt and Mr. Langstone visited the station to interview N.Z. Trainees.

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No. 1 A.N.S., Rivers, Man.

9.9.41 (cont'd) While Anson 6405, piloted by F/Lt S.R. Bell (C224), while taking off at Virden, the undercarriage collapsed due to the pins in the worm gears shearing off. The aircraft was jacked up and the undercarriage wired into position, propellers replaced and the aircraft flown home. Damage done was to two propellers replacement of the pins

of the undercarriage was necessary. -- F/Lt. M.J.S. Innes proceeded on temporary duty to No. 3 Training Command Montreal pending posting to No. 8 A.O.S., Quebec City.

10.9.41 Flying exercises carried out all day. -- At the Annual Field Day and Track Meet, G.I.S. obtained the cup for highest aggregate.

11.9.41 Flying exercises carried out in morning and afternoon. Washed out at night.

12.9.41 Flying exercises carried out all day.-- F/O H.G. White (C4572) in Anson 6063, while on a night flying exercise became lost and forced landed at Minot, N.D. He took off again immediately and returned to Rivers. No damage to aircraft or injuries to crew.

13.9.41 Flying exercises carried out all day.

14.9.41 Flying exercises carried out all day.

15.9.41 Flying exercises carried out in morning and afternoon. Washed out at night. -- No. 22 Air Observers Course completed training. 92 graduates posted to No. 1 "Y" Depot, Halifax. These included 37 R.N.Z.A.F. 40 RAAF and 15 RCAF. 1 RCAF graduated but held over by M.O. Thirteen Sergeants were transferred to Course No. 23 and one sergeant transferred to Course 24 for further instruction.

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No. 1 A.N.S., Rivers, Man.

15.9.41 (Cont'd) No. 24 Air Observers Course commenced training. No. of pupils, 76. 1 RCAF, 35 RAAF and 40 RNZAF. -- Anson 6439 with Sgt. Kalakowski, S.E. R52061 pilot, P/O McLean, C.G. (C6913) and P/O Stokes, J.S. (C6915) navigators, AC.1 Secord, G.W. R73001 Wireless Operator, while on a day navigation exercise ran into rain and hail on the first leg. As the ceiling was only 200 feet, radio reception was poor, and no weather reports could be obtained, the pilot made a suitable precautionary landing in a good field, near Stonewall, Man. The following morning at 1030 hrs., took off from this field slightly cross wind. The undercarriage struck a rock pile at the far end of the field and then hit some small trees. The aircraft then stalled and crashed into some bushes with serious damage to the plane but no injuries to the crew.

16.9.41 Flying exercises carried out all day.

17.9.41 Flying exercises carried out all day.

18.9.41 Flying exercises carried out all day.

19.9.41 Flying exercises carried out all day.

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No. 1 A.N.S. Rivers, Man.

20.9.41 Flying exercises washed out all day. Air Marshal A.G.R. Garrod O.B.E., M.C.. D.F.C. etc., (Air member for Training R.A.F.) Group Captain G.C. Banting, A/Cdre. Leckie D.S.O., D.S.C. D.F.C., Group Captain Lord Douglas-Hamilton and F/O

W.R. Hamilton visited the Station accompanied by Air Commodore A.B. Shearer, Group Captain D.W.F. Bonham-Carter and F/Lt. W.G. McLellan. They expressed themselves as being pleased with the Station.

21.9.41 Flying carried out all day.

22.9.41 Flying exercises carried out all day. -- No. 5 Spec. "N" Course completed training, S/L A.P. Blackburn posted to No. 2 A.N.S., Pennfield Ridge, F/Lt. R.N. Rand posted to Eastern Air Command Headquarters, F/Lt. W.C. Van Camp posted to Eastern Air Command Headquarters, F/Lt. K. Petrie posted to No. 3 Training Command Headquarters, F/Lt. W.F.M. Newson posted to No. 13 (OT) Sqdn., Patricia Bay. -- No. 6 Spec, "N" Course commenced training with four officers attending.

23.9.41 Flying exercises carried out in morning and afternoon. Washed out at night. -- The Station was Inspected by the Chief of the Air Staff Air Vice Marshal Breadner and Air Vice Marshal Edwards and Party. They expressed themselves as being pleased with the station.

24.9.41 Flying carried out at night. Washed out in morning and afternoon.

25.9.41 Flying carried out all day. -- F/O Ashford, B.T. (C2570) while piloting Anson 6659 on a day navigation exercise, became lost and landed at Gatzke, Minn., short of gas. The aircraft refueled and returned to Rivers the following day. No damage to plane and the crew were uninjured.

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26.9.41 Flying exercises carried out at night, washed out in the morning and afternoon. -- P/O D.M. Dyer reported from No. 1 I.T.S. For A.N. Course. -- Sgt. Hall, H.B., R58506, pilot in Anson 6405, while on a night exercise was forced to land at No. 3 A.O.S., Regina, due to icing in the carburetors. The Orderly Officer at the Station refused permission to take off until the plane was re-fuelled although the pilot claimed he had sufficient fuel to return to Rivers. Gas would not be delivered the following - day without an E.C.P.O, and it was necessary to fly an E.C.P.O. to Regina the following day after which Sgt. Hall returned to Rivers with his aircraft. No damage to plane or injuries to crew.

27.9.41 Flying exercises carried out all day.

28.9.41. Flying exercises carried out all day.

29.9.41 Flying exercises carried out all day. -- No. 23 Air Observers Course completed training. 113 graduated, 112 were posted to No. 1 "Y" Depot, Halifax, 1 Sergeant posted RCAF Detachment Suffield, Alta., 3 transferred to Course 25 & 4 to Course No. 24 due to illness. 8 transferred to Course No. 24 for further instruction.

30.9.41. Flying exercises carried out in afternoon, washed out morning and night. -- Mr. J. A. Mathews, M.P. visited No. 1 A.N.S., Rivers, Man.

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No. 1 A.N.S., Rivers, Man. 30.9.41

PERSONNEL STRENGTH

<u>STAFF:</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Civilians</u>	<u>Totals</u>
R.C.A.F.	96	647		743

SERVICE PERSONNEL

(Other than R.C.A.F.)

R.A.F.	2			2
<u>R.C.A.S.C.</u>	1	4		5
<u>C.D.C.</u>	1	2		3

CIVILIANS

Meteorologists			2	2
Y.M.C.A.			1	1
Radio Operators			4	4
Messmen			31	31
Cooks			2	2
Firemen			7	7
Plumber			1	1
Station Engineer			1	1

TRAINEES

R.C.A.F.	47	108		155
R.A.F.		12		12
R.A.A.F.		40		40
R.N.Z.A.F.		44		44

CASUALTIES - Officers

Non-effective Strength	2			2
Indefinite Leave Without Pay	<u>1</u>			<u>1</u>
	150	857	49	1056

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

Total Strength: 51, Serviceable: 42, Unserviceable: 9 "B" Flt.- 3, "C" Flt.-2, "D" Flt.-1, "E" Flt.-3. Aircraft taken on strength during September - 6.Total No. of hours flown:- 3839:05

(A. Lewis) Group Captain.
Commanding Officer,
No. 1 Air Navigation School,
Rivers, Man.

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No. 1. A.N.S., Rivers, Man. 1-10-41

PERSONNEL STRENGTH

<u>STAFF:</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Civilians</u>	<u>Totals</u>
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R.C.A.F.	96	647	743
<u>SERVICE PERSONNEL</u>			
(Other than R.C.A.F.)			
R.A.F.	2		2
R.C.A.S.C.	1	4	5
C.D.C.	1	2	3
<u>CIVILIANS</u>			
Meteorologists		2	2
Y.M.C.A.		1	1
Radio Operators		4	4
Messmen		31	31
Cooks		2	2
Firemen		7	7
Plumber		1	1
Station Engineer		1	1
<u>TRAINEES</u>			
R.C.A.F.	47	108	155
R.A.F.		12	12
R.A.A.F.		40	40
R.N.Z.A.F.		44	44
<u>CASUALTIES - Officers</u>			
Non-effective Strength	2		2
Indefinite Leave Without Pay	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>
	150	857	49
			1056

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No. 1 A.N.S., Rivers, Man.

1-10-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. Group Captain G. Howsam from No. 11 S.F.T.S., Yorkton, Sask., visited the Station. Flying Officer R.K. Fraser reported from No. 4 A.O.S., London, Ont. Astro-Extension Course completed training. Pilot Officers H.W. Izzard and Pilot Officer Oughtred posted to No. 1 A.N.S. as instructors. Squadron Leader J.K. Harriot proceeded to No. 3 Wireless School, Winnipeg, Man. on temporary duty. No. 25 Air Observers Course commenced training. Number of pupils:- 115; 103 R.C.A.F., 2 R.A.A.F., 2 R.N.Z.A.F., and 8 R.A.F. trainees.

2-10-41 Flying exercises carried out during afternoon and night; washed out during morning.

3-10-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. Pilot Officer M.H. Sarty posted from No. 11 A.N. Course to No. 1 I.T.S., Toronto, Ontario.

4-10-41 Flying exercises carried out during morning and afternoon; washed out at night.

5-10-41 Flying exercises carried out during morning and afternoon; washed out at night. Squadron Leader A.H.S. Gillson proceeded on temporary duty to No. 2 Training Command Headquarters, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

6-10-41 Flying exercises carried out during morning and afternoon; washed out at night.

7-10-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. Squadron Leader A.H.S. Gillson proceeded on temporary duty to Air Force Headquarters, Ottawa, Ontario, from No. 2 Training Command Headquarters, Winnipeg, Man.

8-10-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. Flight Lieutenant A.B.C. Weatherwax and Pilot Officer J.A. Fraser proceeded on temporary duty to No. 2 Training Command Headquarters, Winnipeg, Man.

9-10-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. Flight Lieutenant A.B.C. Weatherwax and Pilot Officer J.A. Fraser ceased to be on temporary duty at No. 2 Training Command Headquarters, Winnipeg, Man.

10-10-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

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No. 1 A.N.S., Rivers, Man.

10-10-41 (cont'd) Flying exercises carried out during entire day. Flight Lieutenant T.G. Grotty from No. 2 Training Command Headquarters, Winnipeg, Man., visited the Station for the purpose of discussing the matter of submitting Nominal Rolls and Recommendations for Commissions (Air Observers). Mr. S. Calkins, Editor of "Western Flying Magazine", Los Angeles, Cal., accompanied by Flying Officer Anderson from No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, Man., visited the Station for the purpose of obtaining material for publication.

11-10-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. Pilot Officer N.W. Mapes struck off strength on posting to No. 1 "Y" Depot, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

12-10-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

13-10-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. Squadron Leader K.C. MacLure ceased to be on temporary duty at No. 31 A.N.S., Goderich, Ontario. No. 24 Air Observers Course completed training. 79 trainees graduated. 38 trainees posted to No. 1 "Y" Depot, Halifax, N.S. 41 trainees posted to No. 31 O.T.U., Debert, N.S. 6 trainees failed and were transferred to Course 25 for further instruction. 4 trainees were transferred to Courses 25 and 26 due to illness. No. 26 Air Observers Course commenced training. Number of trainees:- 73; 61 R.C.A.F., 5 R.A.A.F., 1 R.N.Z.A.F., and 6 R.A.F.

14-10-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

15-10-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. Squadron Leader E.W. Cowan reported from No. 3 Training Command Headquarters, Montreal, P.Q., to attend No. 6 Spec. "N" Course. Aircraft Anson 6040 vouched to No. 15 Technical Detachment, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

16-10-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

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No. 1 A.N.S., Rivers, Man.

17-10-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. Flight Lieutenant Hough from No. 2 Training Command Headquarters, Winnipeg, Man. visited the Station on the 15th, 16th and 17th, at which time a total fire inspection of the entire service of this camp was made; and expressed his satisfaction at the excellent condition of our fire protection and precautions, as well as our fire fighting services.

18-10-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

19-10-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

20-10-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. Squadron Leader A.H.S. Gillson ceased being on temporary duty at Air Force Headquarters Ottawa, Ontario.

21-10-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. While engaged in a night exercises, Flying Officer W.H. Maxwell (C4629), pilot, with Sergeant Balden, S.R. (R92138), and Sergeant Bardley, F. (R86295), navigators, and AC1 Turner, A.N. (R70748), wireless operator, experienced port engine trouble, and landed at Winnipeg. The trouble was remedied, and the aircraft returned next morning. No damage to aircraft nor injuries to crew.

22-10-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

23-10-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

24-10-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

25-10-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

26-10-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. Pilot Officers J.C. Davidson and W.F. Haehnel proceeded on temporary duty to Regina, Sask.

27-10-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. Pilot Officers J.C. Davidson and W.F. Haehnel ceased to be on temporary duty at Regina, Sask. Pilot Officer T.V. Johnson posted to T.T.S., St. Thomas, Ontario.

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No. 1 A.N.S., Rivers, Ont.

27-10-41 (cont'd) No. 25 Air Observers Course completed training. 112 trainees graduated; 93 R.C.A.F., 8 R.A.F., 8 R.N.Z.A.F., 3 R.A.A.F. 25 R.C.A.F. graduates posted to No. 31 O.T.U., Debart, N.S. 9 R.C.A.F. graduates posted to No. 5 BR Squadron, Dartmouth, N.S. 78 graduates posted to No. 1 "Y" Depot, Halifax, N.S. 5 pupils failed and were transferred to Course No. 26 for further instruction. 5 pupils transferred to Course 26 on account of illness. One pupil granted compassionate leave, transferred to Course 26. No. 27 Air Observers Course commenced training. No. of pupils:- 124; 40 R.C.A.F., 37 R.N.Z.A.F., and 47 R.A.F. Aircraft Anson 6450 written off. Anson 6439 vouched to No. 8 R.D., Winnipeg, Man.

28-10-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. During an afternoon exercise, Sergeant Lupton, R.A. (R77059) pilot, with Pilot Officers K.H. Bentley (C6901) and W.J. Jones (C911) navigators, with LAC Ramey, N.E. (R51001) wireless operator, made a successful landing (forced) at Regina, Sask. The starboard pressure guage read 100 and the starboard temperature guage read 20 degrees, and these guages continued to fluctuate for a period of about 15 minutes. Thinking that the motor might fail, Sergeant Lupton decided to land at Regina rather than attempt to return to his base. Ship was serviced by Prairie Airways, and returned on October 29th. No damage to aircraft and no injuries to crew. Anson 6426

with Sgt. Ogden, W.L. (R60596) pilot, and Sergeants J.D. Granger (R92186) and Garnett, W.M. (R95231), navigators with AC1 Karam, R.J.G. (R68583) wireless operator, forced landing at Winnipeg, Man., from engine trouble while on a night exercise. Due to weather conditions in Winnipeg, they were unable to return until October 30th. No damage to aircraft and no injury to crew.

29-10-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

30-10-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

31-10-41 Flying exercises carried out during entire day. October has been a banner month for the Flying Squadron in regard to flying conditions and hours flown. Washouts were very few, and the total of 4775.05 hours flown was 388:40 hours more than any highest previous month.

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No. 1 A.N.S., Rivers, Man. 31-10-41 (Cont'd.)

PERSONNEL STRENGTH

<u>STAFF:</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Civilians</u>	<u>Totals</u>
R.C.A.F.	94	625		719

SERVICE PERSONNEL

(Other than R.C.A.F.)

R.A.F.	1			1
R.C.A.S.C.	1	4		5
C.D.C.	1	2		3

CIVILIANS

Meteorologists			2	2
Y.M.C.A.			1	1
Radio Operators			4	4
Messmen			48	48
Cooks			2	2
Firemen			4	4
Plumber			1	1
Station Engineer			1	1
Carpenter			1	1

TRAINEES

R.C.A.F.	48	109		157
R.A.F.		53		53
R.A.A.F.		9		9
R.N.Z.A.F.		39		39
NEWFOUNDLAND		2		2

CASUALTIES - OFFICERS

Non-effective Strength	2			2
Indefinite Leave Without Pay	2			2

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

Total Strength: 48, Serviceable: 36, Unserviceable: 12 "A" Flt.- 2, "B" Flt.,- 4, "C" Flt.-2, "E" Flt.-2. Aircraft taken on strength during October; nil. Total hours flown:- 4775:05

(A. Lewis) Group Captain.
 Commanding Officer,
 No. 1 Air Navigation School, R.C.A.F.
 Rivers, Man.

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No. 1 A.N.S., Rivers, Man. 1-11-41

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH</u>		<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
STAFF:	R.C.A.F.	94	625	
	<u>SERVICE PERSONNEL other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
	R.C.A.S.C.	1	4	
	C.D.C.	1	2	
	R.A.F.	1		
	<u>Civilians</u>			
	Meteorologists			2
	Y.M.C.A.			1
	Radio Operators			4
	Messmen			48
	Cooks			2
	Firemen			4
	Station Engineer			1
	Carpenter			<u>1</u>
	TOTAL STAFF	<u>97</u>	<u>631</u>	<u>63</u>
<u>TRAINEES:</u>	R.C.A.F.	48	109	
	R.A.F.		53	
	R.A.A.F.		9	
	R.N.Z.A.F.		39	
	Newfoundland		<u>2</u>	
	TOTAL TRAINEES	<u>48</u>	<u>212</u>	

CASUALTIES - OFFICERS

Non-effective Strength	2
Indefinite Leave Without Pay	2

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No. 1 A.N.S. Rivers, Man.

1-11-41. (cont'd) Flying exercises carried out during entire day. Washed out at night. Two T.C.A. planes landed at Rivers during the morning due to weather. Connections made and a/c proceeded on.

2-11-41. Flying exercises carried out during entire day. F/O D.H. Steeart, F/O W.O. Dushais and F/O H.W. Morris proceeded to No. 8 R.D. for Ferry Duty over a period of two weeks.

3-11-41. Flying exercises carried out during morning. Afternoon and night washed out. Squadron Leader W.C. Kent posted to No. 2 Air Observers School, Edmonton, Alta.

4-11-41. Flying exercises washed out during entire day. F/Lt. M.M. Putnam posted to No. 2 T.C. Winnipeg, Manitoba.

5-11-41. Flying exercises carried out during afternoon. Morning and night exercises washed out. S/Ldr. K.F. MacDonald taken on Strength from No. 2 T.C. Winnipeg, Manitoba.

6-11-41. Flying exercises carried out during morning. Afternoon and night exercises washed out. Sgt. W.H. Walker, R96315, flying a morning exercise in Anson 6444, forced landed at Fillmore, Sask., when the ceiling came down to a bare minimum, and ice on the antenna rendered the radio useless. His crew was:- 1378414, Sgt. Dowdeswell, R.E., 1193205, Sgt. Rendell, C.W., Navigators, and R56610, LAC. Squire, R.W., Wireless Operator. None were injured, and there was no damage to the aircraft. F/O Dingman flew the a/c back to Rivers Nov. 7, 1941.

7-11-41. Flying washed out during entire day. No. 11 Air Navigation Instructors Course graduated. 39 pupils posted in accordance with CAS letter 866-1-74 DPR. 1 (b) d/4-11-41. (7 instructors failed). P/O N.A. Allen in hospital, transferred to Course No. 12. P/O R.D. Graham posted to No. 1 I.T.S., Toronto, Ontario. No. 26 Air Observers Course extended until 10-11-41 to complete flying.

8-11-41. Flying exercises washed out during entire day.

9-11-41. Flying exercises carried out during morning and afternoon. Night exercise washed out.

10-11-41. Flying exercises carried out during entire day. No. 12 Air Navigation Instructors Course commenced training. Number of pupils 39 R.C.A.F. No. 28 Air Observers Course commenced training. 9 R.C.A.F., 35 R.A.A.F., 36 R.N.Z.A.F.

11-11-41. Flying exercises carried out during entire day. Air Observers Course No. 26 graduated. 65 R.C.A.F., 3 R.A.A.F., 2 R.A.F., 6 R.N.Z.A.F., 10 R.C.A.F. posted to Debart, N.S., reporting 28-11-41. 7 R.C.A.F. to report to Rivers effective 24-11-41 for Air Observers Instructors Course. Remainder posted to Halifax. 2 R.C.A.F., 2 R.A.A.F. transferred to Course No. 27., 1 R.N.Z.A.F., 1 R.C.A.F., 1 R.A.A.F., transferred to Course No. 28. Inspector General visited Station, and inspection carried out.

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No. 1 A.N.S. Rivers, Man.

12-11-41. Flying exercises carried out during entire day. S/Ldr. A.H.S. Gillson proceeded on T.D. to No. 2 T.C. Winnipeg, Man.

13-11-41. Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

14-11-41. Flying exercises carried out during entire day. S/Ldr. A.H.S. Gillson ceased to be on T.D. at No. 2 T.C.

15-11-41. Flying exercises washed out during entire day.

16-11-41. Flying exercises washed out during entire day.

17-11-41. Flying exercises carried out during morning. Washed out during afternoon and night. F/O W.M. Crampton, F/O R.C. Shanks, and Sgt. A.F. McConechy reported to No. 8 R.D. to replace F/O Stewart, F/O Dushais and F/O Morris. S/Ldr. K.C. MacLure posted to No. 4 T.C. Headquarters, Calgary, Alta.

18-11-41. Flying exercises washed out during entire day. F/Lt. J. Woolfenden reported from No. 4 T.C. Calgary, Alta.

19-11-41. Flying exercises washed out during entire day. Trade Test Officers F/Lt. L. Dawson, and F/O G.L. Hobson arrived on Station from No. 2 T.C. for purpose of trade testing personnel eligible.

20-11-41. Flying exercises carried out during entire day. A Board of Officers assembled at 10.00 hours for the purpose of taking over one aerodrome from the Department of Transport. President - S/Ldr. K.F. MacDonald, one Officer from the S.A.S.O. Branch and one Officer from the W.&B. Section - a F/Lt., acting as members. Two representatives from the Department of Transport were in attendance.

21-11-41. Flying exercises washed out during entire day.

22-11-41. Flying exercises carried out during entire day. S/Ldr. Green and F/Lt. Lovelace from A.F.H.Q., and No. 2 T.C. respectively arrived on Station to discuss Security Guard matter.

23-11-41. Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

24-11-41. Flying exercises carried out during entire day. While on night exercise, flying in Anson 1763, F/O G.R. Smith (C5237) became lost and ran out of gas. He landed at Carberry, Man., and hit a light on the runway, all lights being turned out. The crew were R41518, Sgt. McCullum, H.S., R80041, Sgt. Yankoski, A. - Navigators., and R73163, AC.1 McGinley, E.F. None injured. Damage

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24-11-41. (cont'd) to the a/c was slight - a hole punched through the bottom of the wing. Course No. 29 Air Observers commended training. 101 R.C.A.F., 1 R.A.A.F., 1 R.N.Z.A.F., 4 R.A.F. No. 1 Air Observer Instructors Course commenced training. 10 R.C.A.F. Seven pupils posted from Air Observers Courses this Unit. Three observers posted from No. 2 A.N.S.

25-11-41. Flying exercises carried out during entire day. No. 27 Air Observers Course graduated this date. 41 R.C.A.F., 1 R.A.A.F., 35 R.N.Z.A.F., 46 R.A.F., 7 R.C.A.F. posted to Rivers for No. 2 Air Observer Instructors Course effective 7-12-41. Remainder posted to Halifax. 1 R.N.Z.A.F., 1 R.A.F. transferred to Course No. 28. 1 R.C.A.F., 1 R.A.A.F., 1 R.N.Z.A.F., transferred to Course No. 29. # - Flying washed out during afternoon.

26-11-41. Flying exercises carried out during entire day. General Court Martial convened at 10.00 hours for purpose of trying F/Lt. R.D. Christie (C1508). President - G/C G.R. Howsam, M.C. (C33), No. 11 S.F.T.S., Yorkton, Sask. Members:-

W/C E.H. Moncrieff, (C535) - No. 12 S.F.T.S., Brandon, S/Ldr. J.C. Huggard (C442) - No. 4 S.F.T.S. Saskatoon, F/Lt. R.H. Cowan (C1703) - No. 3 B. & G. School, Macdonald, F/Lt. W.M. Harding (RAF 3951), - No. 33 SFTS Carberry. Waiting Member:- F/Lt. A.B.C. Weatherwax (C909) No. 1 A.N.S. Rivers. Judge Advocate:- S/Ldr. H.F. Gyles (C1373) - No. 2 T.C. Winnipeg, Man. Prosecutor:- P/O D. Sigler (C7718) No. 2 T.C., Winnipeg, Man. Defending Officer:- S/Ldr. C.F. Herington (RAF 37042) No. 10 S.F.T.S., Dauphin.

27-11-41. Flying exercises carried out during entire day. F/Sgt. Casselman, C.N. Clerk Administrative "A" arrived from DAPS, to discuss records, and documentation of Trainees.

28-11-41. Flying exercises carried out during morning and afternoon, washed out during night. S/Ldr. M.K. Parlee Educational Branch visited this Unit to gather information with a view to standardizing teaching.

29-11-41. Flying exercises carried out during morning and afternoon, washed out during night.

30-11-41. Flying exercises carried out during entire day.

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No. 1 A.N.S., Rivers, Man. 30-11-41

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH</u>		<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
<u>STAFF:</u>	R.C.A.F.	91	683	
	<u>SERVICE PERSONNEL Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
	R.C.A.S.C.	1	4	
	R.A.F.	1		
	C.D.C.	1	2	
	<u>Civilians</u>			
	Meteorologists			2
	Y.M.C.A.			1
	Radio Operators (Jr. Rating)			4
	Messmen			66
	Cooks			2
	Mess Foremen			1
	Cooks, Foremen			1
	Firemen			4
	Station Engineer			1
	TOTAL STAFF	94	689	82
<u>TRAINEES:</u>	R.C.A.F.	54	120	
	R.A.F.		7	
	R.A.A.F.		40	
	R.N.Z.A.F.		39	
	TOTAL TRAINEES	54	206	

CASUALTIES - OFFICERS

Non-effective Strength 1

Indef. leave without pay

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30-11-41 (Cont'd.)

Aircraft Strength	46
Serviceable	37
Unserviceable - A Flight	3
B. Flight	1
C. Flight	1
D. Flight	1
F. Flight	2
Maint. Ft.	1

Aircraft taken on strength
during November Nil

Aircraft struck off strength
during November 2

Number of hours flown 2949:30

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1-12-41

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	91	683	
<u>SERVICE PERSONNEL other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
R.C.A.S.C.	1	4	
C.D.C.	1	2	
R.A.F.	1		
<u>Civilians</u>			
Meteorologists			2
Y.M.C.A.			1
Radio Operators (Jr. Rating)			4
Messmen			66
Cooks			2
Mess Foreman			1

Cook Foreman			1
Firemen			4
Station Engineer			<u>1</u>

TOTAL STAFF	<u>94</u>	<u>689</u>	<u>82</u>
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<u>TRAINEES:</u> R.C.A.F.	54	120	
R.A.F.		7	
R.A.A.F.		40	
R.N.Z.A.F.		<u>39</u>	
TOTAL TRAINEES	<u>54</u>	<u>206</u>	

CASUALTIES - OFFICERS

Non-effective Strength	6
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No. 1 Air Navigation School, Rivers, Man.

1-12-41 Day and Night Flying Exercises Carried out.

2-12-41 Day Flying Exercise carried out, Night exercises washed out.

3-12-41 Day Flying Exercise carried out, Night exercise washed out. Pilot Officer Gilmore taken on strength from No. 31 A.N.S. RAF, Goderich, Ontario. Corporals mess meeting held 1800 hours.

4-12-41 Day and Night Flying Exercises carried out.

5-12-41 Day and Night Exercises carried out.

6-12-41 Day and Night Exercises carried out. No. 1 Air Observer Instructors Course graduated this date.

7-12-41 Day Flying Exercise carried out, night exercise washed out. F/L Berg, V.L. C1004, P/O Oughtred, W.W. J5035, Sgt. Deane, M.C. R85208, Sgt. Brown, J.C. R87684, AC1 Brunt, C.M. R71924, while on a routine navigation flight forced down on account of low ceiling and icing at Dunsieith, North Dakota, U.S.A., there were no injuries, and the aircraft 6452 suffered no damages. Returned to Rivers next day Dec. 8th. No. 2 Air Observer Instructors Course commenced training this date (8 RCAF personnel). Three tradesmen remustered to aircrew and posted for Initial Training.

8-12-41 Day Flying Exercise carried out, night exercise washed out. Sqn. Ldr. D.G. Price posted from duties of Officer Commanding Flying Squadron to Ground Instruction School for Navigation Duties. Flight Lieutenant R.J. Gray posted from Ground Instruction School to Flying Headquarters to assume position of Commanding Officer of Flying Headquarters. Course No. 30 Observers commenced training (44 RCAF, 6 RAAF, 4 RNZAF, 4 RAF, total 58). Nineteen Air Observers Course 28 granted commission effective this date.

9-12-41 Day and Night flying exercises carried out. F/L G.F. Gilbert (C1291) SR G.L. posted from Flying Squadron to G.I.S. for Navigation Duties. F/L J.H.A. Hall (C1274) (SR) G.L. assumes command of C Flight. Flying Officer J.F. Heard taken an strength from No. 4 A.O.S. London, Ontario. Air Observer Course No. 28. graduated. (8 RAAF, 5 RNZAF, posted to Charlottetown reporting 20-12-41 remainder posted to Halifax - 1 RAAF, 9 RNZAF. transferred to Course 29).

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10-12-41 Day and Night flying exercises carried out.

11-12-41 Morning flying exercise carried out. Afternoon and Night exercises washed out.

12-12-41 Morning flying exercise carried out. Afternoon and Night exercises washed out.

13-12-41 Morning and Night flying exercises carried out. Afternoon exercises washed out. There was a fire in the Armament Stores No. 2 Hangar at 1742 hours. The fire picket turned out and in three minutes four streams of water were playing on the fire and it was extinguished within a short period after. Damage was kept to a minimum. A Court of Enquiry was immediately assembled to investigate.

14-12-41 Day and Night flying exercises carried out.

15-12-41 Day and Night flying exercises carried out. No. 6 Specialist "N" Course graduated this date. F/L D.J. Lowry and F/L J.S. Nutt posted to No. 2 A.N.S., Pennfield Ridge, N.B., S/L A.G. Kenyon and F/L C.G.W. Chapman posted to Eastern Air Command, Halifax, and S/L E.W. Cowan posted to Western Air Command, Victoria. F/L A.S. Mirylees proceeded on temporary duty to RAF Ferry Command, Dorval, P.Q. Mobile Recruiting Unit visited Station to enlist Works and Buildings Civilians. Armament Staff Officer visited Station for inspection of Armament Section.

16-12-41 Day and Night Flying exercises carried out. Sqn. Ldr. J.K. Herriot struck off strength on posting to No. 3 Wireless School, Winnipeg, Man. Group Captain Edmunson, C.C. opening Weyburn Airport, and party visited Station this date.

17-12-41 Day and Night flying exercises carried out. Sergeants Mess Meeting held at 1700 hours.

18-12-41 Day and Night flying exercises carried out. Flying Officer K.L. Hornbeck C4578 while proceeding

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18-12-41 (cont'd) on a navigation flight from Rivers to Good Spirit Lake was forced down at Yorkton, Sask., due to motor trouble. His crew were Sgt. Hart, J.E. R98076, Sgt. Harris, A.A.C. R92333, LAC Rothwell, J.R. R50772. The trouble was finally located by the ground crew at Yorkton. It was found that a great deal of water had got into the gasoline.

19-12-41 Morning and Night flying exercises carried out. Afternoon exercise washed out. S/L K.F. Macdonald posted to RCAF Station, Vancouver, B.C. No. 2 Air Observer Instructors Course graduated this date. Month-end December pay parade held this date. Orderly Rooms of Flying Headquarters and Ground Instructional School combined for greater efficiency with an Administrative Officer as Adjutant.

20-12-41 Day and Night flying exercises carried out. One General Duties remustered Wireless Air Gunner and posted to Wireless School, Winnipeg, Man. Christmas party held for the children of all personnel at 2200 hours in Recreation Hall.

21-12-41 Afternoon and Night flying exercises carried out. Morning exercise washed out.

22-12-41 Afternoon and Night flying exercises carried out. Morning exercise washed out. Air Observer Course No. 29 graduated. 16 RCAF posted to Charlottetown reporting 17-1-42 8 RCAF to report to Rivers 4-1-42 for Air Observer Instructor Course. Remainder posted to Halifax, N.S. 8 RCAF transferred to Course 30, 3 RNZAF transferred to Course 30, 1 RAAF transferred to Course 30 and 1 RAAF transferred to Course 31. Board of Officers assembled to take over buildings built by Brandon contractors. Thirty five Air Observer Course 29 granted commission effective this date.

23-12-41 Day exercise carried out. Morning and Night flying exercises washed out. Investigating Officer appointed in connection with Flying Equipment stolen from locker in "B" Flight.

24-12-41 All flying washed out.

25-12-41 All flying washed out. Christmas Dinner held in Airmens Mess at 1145 hours.

26-12-41 All flying washed out.

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27-12-41 Day and Night flying exercises carried out. Air Observer Course 31 commenced training (82 RCAF, 2 RAAF, 1 RNZAF, 2 RAF, total 87). One F/Sgt., Equipment Assistant, appointed to rank of WO 2 with back date effective 1-10-41.

28-12-41 Day and Night flying exercises carried out.

29-12-41 Day exercises carried out. Night flying exercises washed out. Air Observer Instructors Course No. 3 Commenced training (11 RCAF from No. 2 A.N.S. Pennfield Ridge, N.B.).

30-12-41 Day and Night flying exercises carried out. Hostess House opened with Mrs Dick of Brandon as official Hostess.

31-12-41 Day and Night flying exercises carried out. One General Duties (Guard) discharged for medical reasons effective this date. Aircraft Strength at this date is 52 aircraft. Aircraft taken on strength during December was four, with nil aircraft struck off strength. Number of hours flown during December was 3335.55 hours.

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
STAFF: RCAF	90	719	
<u>Other than RCAF</u>			
R.C.A.S.C.	1	4	
C.D.C.	1	2	
New Zealand (meteorologist)			1
<u>Civilians</u>			
Meteorologist			1
Y.M.C.A.			1
Radio Operators (Junior Rating)			4
Messmen			62

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<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH</u> (Cont'd)	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
Mess. Foreman			1
Cooks			3
Cook Foreman			1
Firemen			3
Stationary Engineer			<u>1</u>
Total Staff:	<u>92</u>	<u>726</u>	<u>76</u>
<u>TRAINEES:</u> RCAF	56	134	
RAAF		18	
RAF		6	
RNZAF		<u>6</u>	
Total Trainees:	<u>56</u>	<u>164</u>	

Casualties - Officers

Non-effective strength 5

(A. Lewis) Group Captain
 Commanding Officer
 No. 1 Air Navigation School
 Rivers, Man.

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No. 1 A.N.S., Rivers, Man.

1-1-42

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	90	719	
<u>Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
R.C.A.S.C.	1	4	
C.D.C.	1	2	
New Zealand (Meteorologist)		1	
<u>Civilians</u>			
Meteorologists			2
Y.M.C.A.			1
Radio Operators (Junior Rating)			4
Messmen			62

Cooks			3
Mess Foreman			1
Cook Foreman			1
Firemen			3
Station Engineer			<u>1</u>

Total Staff		<u>92</u>	<u>726</u>	<u>77</u>
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<u>TRAINEES:</u>	R.C.A.F.	56	134
	R.A.F.		6
	R.A.A.F.		18
	R.N.Z.A.F.		<u>6</u>
	Total Trainees	<u>56</u>	<u>164</u>

Casualties - Officers

Non-effective Strength	5
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1-1-42 All flying washed out.

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2-1-42 Afternoon flying exercises washed out. Morning and night exercises carried out.

3-1-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out. Court-Martial sentence as follows appeared in No. 1 A.N.S. D.R.O. this date: Flt. Lt. R.D. Christie C1508 of RCAF serving at No. 1 A.N.S. Rivers, Man., was tried by general court-martial on 26th day of Nov. 1941 and was found guilty on the following charges: (a) Flew one of His Majesty's aircraft as a pilot, contrary to written orders which directed that under no conditions were instructor officers (non-pilots) to fly or attempt to fly as pilot or co-pilot. (b) Negligently damaging one of His Majesty's aircraft while acting as pilot contrary to orders. (c) An act in flying which was likely to cause bodily injury to a person. He was sentenced to take precedence in the held by him as if his name had appeared 23 places lower in the RCAF List dated 1st Nov., 1941, and to be severely reprimanded. The finding and sentence having been confirmed by his Excellency, the Governor General in Council, were duly promulgated (P.C.9663) (AFRO 1584 dated 30-12-41).

4-1-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out.

5-1-42 Afternoon flying exercises washed out, morning and night exercises carried out. Course 30 (air observers) graduated: 62 graduates, 2 failures. 23 observers from Course No. 30 granted commissions effective this date. Course 32 commenced training, 83 trainees, 36 RNZAF, 34 RAAF, 13 RCAF. Also 1 RNZAF and 2 RCAF added, being transferred from previous courses.

6-1-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out.

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7-1-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out.

8-1-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out.

9-1-42 Sqn. Ldr. D.G. Price (C156) (P) GL assumes temporary command of No. 1 A.N.S. in the absence while in hospital of Group Captain A. Lewis (C82) (P) GL. 11 RCAF(G.L.). Observer Instructors from No. 3 A.O.I. Course posted on completion of training. Day and night flying exercises carried out.

10-1-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out. R9587 F/Sgt. Beck. B.H., appointed to the rank of A/WO2, with back date of 1-10-41. 1 RAAF trainee Course 28 ceased training, posted to Trenton, Ont.

11-1-42 Day flying exercises carried out, night exercises washed out.

12-1-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out. Flt. Lt. S.R. Bell (C224) (SR) GL assumes position of Officer Commanding, Flying Headquarters, vice Flt. Lt. R.J. Gray (C905) (P) GL. Flying Officer J.W. Smith (C3609) (SR) GL assumes position of Flight Commander, "E" Flight, vice Flt. Lt. S.R. Bell (C224) (SR) GL.

13-1-42 Day flying exercises carried out, night exercises washed out.

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14-1-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out.

15-1-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out.

16-1-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out. NZ-402518 Sgt-Observed Hardymont, J., died in No. 1 A.N.S., Station Hospital, of cerebral hemorrhage. No. 1 A.N.S. ambulance proceeded to scene of a crash approximately seven miles from Rivers, involving two Cessna aircraft from No. 12 S.F.T.S., Brandon, Man. No. 12 A.N. Course graduated, 33 graduates, 2 failures, 2 withdrawn from Course, 1 held over to No. 13 A.N. Course.

17-1-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out. Flt. Lt. E.K. Moles (C2553) (SR) NAV, G.I.S. Instructor posted from No. 9 A.O.S., St. John's, P.Q. F/O. F.J. Brand (C2550) (SR) NAV Instructor proceeded on temporary duty to A.F.H.Q.

18-1-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out. NZ-402518 Sgt-Observed Hardymont, J., buried with full military honours at Rivers Cemetery, Rivers, Man.

19-1-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out. No. 13 A.N. Course commenced training, 24 officer trainees. Air Observers Course 31 graduated, 87 graduates, 8 failures. 27 RCAF, 1 RNZAF, and 1 RAAF, observers off course 31 granted commissions effective this date. Course 32A commenced training, 59 trainees, 39 RCAF, 20 RAF.

20-1-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out.

21-1-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out.

22-1-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out. F/O.'s P.M. Millman (C3964) (SR) NAV and

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22-1-42 (cont'd.) M.C. Pryce (C2884) (SR) NAV, G.I.S. Instructors, posted to No. 2 A.N.S., Pennfield Ridge, N.B.

23-1-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out.

24-1-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out. Chief Works Officer and party arrived from No. 2 Training Command to inspect water supply.

25-1-42 Morning flying exercises carried out, afternoon and night exercises washed out. Group Captain Kelly-Barnes, Air Ministry, W/Commander. Cameron, A.F.H.Q., and Sqn. Ldr. Blaine, No. 2 T.C., visited Station enquiring into navigational training.

26-1-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out. F/O. H.W. Rheinhardt (C6245), Sgt-Observers G.S. Munro, R80207, P. Prosser, R92106, and W/T C.M. Pape, LAC., R51542, while on a night navigation exercise were forced down at Crosby, N.D. due to fuel shortage, in aircraft 6448. Sgts. Munro and Prosser and LAC Pape returned to Rivers on 29-1-42 by government transport. Flt. Lt. R.H. Payton (C2205) (SR) NAV, G.I.S. Instructor, posted from No. 4 S.F.T.S., Saskatoon. F/O. W.H. Clarke (C2739) (SR) NAV., G.I.S. Instructor, posted from No. 10 A.O.S, Chatham, N.B. F/O. G.G. Leroux (C2237) (SR) NAV., G.I.S. Instructor, posted from No. 8 A.O.S., Quebec City, P.Q. Flt. Lt. D.R. Derry (C2551) (SR) NAV., G.I.S. Instructor, posted from No. 6 A.O.S.,

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26-1-42 (cont'd) Prince Albert, Sask. F/O. D.G. Burr (C3861) (SR) NAV, G.I.S. Instructor, posted from No. 2 A.O.S., Edmonton, Alta.

27-1-42 Morning flying exercises carried out, afternoon and night exercises washed out. Flt. Lt. S.R. Bell (C224), flew aircraft AXH86 to Crosby, departing 1500 hours and arriving Crosby 1624 hours. Forced to spend the night at Crosby, N.D., USA, due to bad weather conditions and the next day Jan. 28th flew to Estevan, Sask., where he was grounded. Jan. 29th he departed from Estevan 1400 hours and arrived at Rivers by air 1515 hours 29-1-42.

28-1-42 Morning flying exercises carried out, afternoon and night exercises washed out. S/L. J.O.L. Mason PT and Drill officer from AFHQ visited Station.

29-1-42 Morning flying exercises carried out, afternoon and night exercises washed out. S/L. A.H.S. Gillson proceeded on temporary duty to Air Force Headquarters.

30-1-42 Morning flying exercises carried out, afternoon and night exercises washed out.

31-1-42 Day flying exercises carried out, night exercises washed out. Australian Wing Commander from AFHQ visited the Station.

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH</u>		<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
STAFF:	RCAF	97	716	
	<u>Other then RCAF</u>			
	R.C.A.S.C.	1	4	
	C.D.C.	2	4	
	New Zealand (meteorologist)		1	
	<u>Civilians</u>			
	Meteorologist			2
	Y.M.C.A.			1
	Radio Operators (Junior Rating)			4
	Messmen			63

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<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH (Cont'd)</u>		<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
	Mess Foremen			1
	Cooks			3
	Cook Foreman			1
	Firemen			3
	Stationery Engineer			1
	Stenographers, Grade I (female)			2
	Total Staff	<u>100</u>	<u>725</u>	<u>81</u>
<u>TRAINEES:</u>	RCAF	35	97	
	RAAF		8	
	RAF		53	
	RNZAF		41	
	Total Trainees	<u>35</u>	<u>199</u>	

Casualties - Officers

Non-effective strength 4

Aircraft strength as at 31-1-42 is 63. Number of hours flown during January was 2957.45

(D.G. Price) Squadron Leader,
T/Commanding Officer,
No. 1 Air Navigation School, RCAF.,
Rivers, Manitoba.

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1-2-42

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	97	716	
<u>Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
R.C.A.S.C.	1	4	
C.D.C.	2	4	
New Zealand (Meteorologist)		1	
Civilians			
Meteorologists			2
Y.M.C.A.			1
Radio Operators (Junior Rating)			4
Messmen			63
Cooks			3
Mess Foreman			1
Cook Foreman			1
Firemen			3
Station Engineer			1
Stenographers, Grade I (female)			2
Total Staff	<u>100</u>	<u>725</u>	<u>81</u>
<u>TRAINEES:</u> R.C.A.F.	35	97	
R.A.A.F.		8	
R.A.F.		53	
R.N.Z.A.F.		<u>41</u>	
Total Trainees	<u>35</u>	<u>199</u>	
<u>Casualties - Officers</u>			
Non-effective Strength	4		

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1-2-42 (cont'd) Day and night flying exercises carried out. P/O. Swartz took over duties as Adjutant of G.I.S. F/L. Gates, C.R., Navigation Instructor G.I.S. posted to No. 2 A.N.S., Pennfield Ridge, N.B. 87 trainees reported for A.O. Course 33, commenced training 2-2-42.

2-2-42 Day flying exercises carried out, night exercises washed out. 7 grads. (air observers) Course 31 granted commissions and transferred to No. 5 A.O.I. Course together with 2 officers (air observers) repatriated from Overseas and 2 from Pennfield Ridge.

3-2-42 Day flying exercises carried out, night exercises washed out.

4-2-42 Day flying exercises carried out, night exercises washed out.

5-2-42 Day flying exercises carried out, night exercises washed out.

6-2-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out.

7-2-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out. Course 32 Air Observers graduation date extended from 2-2-42 to 7-2-42 due to flying conditions, fogs etc. Seventy-nine grads. 78 posted to No. 1 "Y" Depot, Halifax, N.S., 1 transferred to No. 6 A.O.I. Course.

8-2-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out.

9-2-42 Day and night flying exercises washed out. Sqn. Ldr. A.H.S. Gillson returned from temp. duty at A.F.H.Q. Ottawa, Sqn. Ldr. F.S. Nowlan acted as Chief Instructor during his absence. Sqn. Ldr. W.E. Cockram, Assistant Principal Chaplain (P), accompanied by Sqn. Ldr. H. McFarlane, visited the Station to confer with the Commanding Officer and Chaplains in regard to Chaplain Services.

10-2-42 Morning flying exercises carried out, afternoon and night exercises washed out.

11-2-42 Morning flying exercises carried out, afternoon and night exercises washed out.

12-2-42 Day flying exercises carried out, night exercises washed out. Sqn. Ldr. D.G. Price, T/Commanding Officer sustained a broken wrist.

13-2-42 Day and night flying exercises washed out. Sqn. Ldr. Blaine, Command Nav. Officer, reported on Temp. Duty.

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No. 1 A.N.S., Rivers, Man.

14-2-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out. 10 officers and 1 air observer airman terminated training No. 5 Air Observer Instructors Course and were posted as per D.R.O. 40 d/16-2-42.

15-2-42 Day and night flying exercises washed out. Sqn. Ldr. E.R. Pounder reported from No. 1 A.O.S. Malton, Ont., as G.I.S. Navigation Instructor. 108 air observer trainees reported for No. 34 Air Observers Course.

16-2-42 Morning flying exercises carried out, afternoon and night exercises washed out, F/O.'s R.K. Fraser and J.C. Davidson, Navigation Instructors G.I.S., posted to No. 2 A.O.S., Edmonton, Alta. 8 trainees arrived from No. 2 A.N.S., Pennfield Ridge, and 1 trainee grad of Course 32 at Rivers for No. 6 A.O.I. Course.

17-2-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out. Sqn. Ldr. K.S. Pitcairn reported from No. 9 A.O.S. St. Johns, P.Q., as G.I.S, Navigation Instructor. F/O. G.A. Patterson with crew of P/O. H.N. Potter and P/O. F.L. Creteau, and Cpl. O'Byrne, H.J., in aircraft AX186, forced landed at Weyburn, Sask., on a morning exercise. The instruments on the aircraft were frozen. The ship and crew returned on 18-2-42.

18-2-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out. A Command Trade Test Board assembled 18-2-42.

19-2-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out.

20-2-42 Morning flying exercises carried out, afternoon and night exercises washed out. Group Captain A. Lewis resumed command of the Station on returning from Sick Leave. Norsemen aircraft, reporting from No. 3 B. & G.S., MacDonald, Man., overshot the runway and turned over on it's back when landing during snowfall.

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21-2-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out.

22-2-42 Day flying exercises carried out, night exercises washed out. Sqn. Ldr. F.S. Nowlan ceased to be Navigation Instructor G.I.S. on posting to No. 8 R.D., Winnipeg, Man.

23-2-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out. Flt. Lt. G.H. McGee and F/O. W.K. Gwyer reported from No. 2 A.O.S., Edmonton, Alta, to assume duties at No. 1 A.N.S. of Navigation Instructors. P/O. Alsworth, W., on a 2nd night exercise in aircraft 6493, with crew of Sgt. King, D.B. and Sgt. Brook, A.B., and LAC Ramey, N.E., forced landed at No. 3 B. & G. S., MacDonald, due to engine trouble. The parts were flown to MacDonald and the aircraft repaired and flown back the following day.

24-2-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out. Course 32a Air observers, graduated 59 trainees. One posted to Western Air Command, 14 to No. 31 G.R.S., Charlottetown, P.E.I. Balance to No. 1 "Y" Depot, Halifax, N.S.

25-2-42 Morning and night exercises carried out, afternoon exercises washed out.

26-2-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out.

27-2-42 Day and night firing exercises carried out. Flt. Lt. E.K. Moles ceased to be G.I.S. Navigation Instructor on posting to No. 9 A.O.S., St. Johns, P.Q.

28-2-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out. No. 6 A.O.I. Course graduated 10 Instructors, posted to staffs of S.F.T.S.'s and A.O.S.'s.

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH</u>		<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
STAFF:	RCAF	87	724	
	<u>Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
	R.C.A.S.C.	1	4	
	C.D.C.	2	4	
	New Zealand (Meteorologist)		1	
	<u>Civilians</u>			
	Meteorologists			2
	Y.M.C.A.			1

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<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH</u> (Cont'd)	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
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Radio Operators (Junior Rating)			4
Messmen			62
Cooks			3
Mess Foreman			1
Cook Foreman			1
Firemen			3
Station Engineer			1
Stenographers, Grade I (female)			<u>2</u>
Total Staff	<u>90</u>	<u>733</u>	<u>79</u>

<u>TRAINEES:</u>	R.C.A.F.	39	137
	R.A.A.F.		17
	R.A.F.		46
	R.N.Z.A.F.		<u>7</u>
	Total Trainees	<u>39</u>	<u>207</u>

Casualties - Officers

Non-effective Strength 13

Aircraft strength as at 28-2-42 is 68. Number of hours flown during February was 3075:45

(A. Lewis) Group Captain,
Commanding Officer,
No. 1 Air Navigation School, RCAF.,
Rivers, Manitoba.

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1-3-42

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	87	724	
<u>Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
R.C.A.S.C.	1	4	
C.D.C.	2	4	
New Zealand (Meteorologist)		1	
<u>Civilians</u>			
Meteorologists			2
Y.M.C.A.			1
Radio Operators (Junior Rating)			4
Messmen			62
Cooks			3
Mess Foreman			1
Cook Foreman			1
Station Engineer			1

	Stenographers, Grade I (Female)		<u>2</u>
	Total Staff	<u>90</u>	<u>733</u>
<u>TRAINEES:</u>	R.C.A.F.	39	137
	R.A.A.F.		17
	R.A.F.		46
	R.N.Z.A.F.		<u>7</u>
	Total Trainees	<u>39</u>	<u>207</u>

Casualties - Officers

Non-effective Strength 13

IMAGE 541

No. 1 A.N.S., Rivers, Man.

1-4-42

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
STAFF: R.C.A.F.	97	724	
<u>Other than R.C.A.F.</u>			
R.C.A.S.C.	1	4	
C.D.C.	1	3	
C.P.C.		3	
New Zealand (Meteorologist)		1	
<u>Civilians</u>			
Meteorologists			2
Y.M.C.A.			1
Radio Operators (Junior Rating)			4
Messmen			59
Cooks			3
Mess Foreman			1
Cook Foreman			1
Station Engineer			1
Stenographers, Grade I (Female)			<u>2</u>
Total Staff	<u>990</u>	<u>735</u>	<u>74</u>
<u>TRAINEES:</u>			
R.C.A.F.	7	165	
R.A.F.		38	
R.A.A.F.		63	
R.N.Z.A.F.		<u>77</u>	
Total Trainees	<u>7</u>	<u>343</u>	

Casualties - Officers

Non-effective Strength 11

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1-4-42 (cont'd) 9 aircraft flew morning exercise, 24 aircraft flew afternoon trip, 39 aircraft flew night trips.

2-4-42 10 aircraft flew morning exercise, 23 a/c flew afternoon trip, 24 a/c on night trip of which one returned to base due to radio trouble. Navigators were taken on trip later at 2330. Second night trip washed out.

3-4-42 10 a/c on morning trip, 18 a/c on afternoon trip, 20 a/c completed first night trip. 12 a/c scheduled to fly second night trip but all ships were recalled to base due to bad weather. Sgt Grevstad, while taxiing down tarmac in a/c 6069 collided with a/c piloted by F/Sgt Carlson who pulled out of the parking lane in front of him. The port motor of 6109 struck the starboard tip of 6069 and inflicted severe damage to wing tip and damaged the spar. A/C 6069 then ran into a/c AX182 which was parked in parking lane and inflicted damage to nose of latter aircraft.

4-4-42 Morning trip washed out due to high winds. Afternoon trip of 22 aircraft was completed. First night trip of 20 a/c was completed, 15 a/c completed second night trip. Course 35 (Observers) graduated, 46 RCAF posted Halifax, 18 RAAF posted Halifax, 32 RNZAF posted Halifax, 3 RAAF posted to O.T. U., 3 RAAF recommended for special ferry duties at discretion of DAPS. 5 RNZAF posted to O.T.U.

5-4-42 No morning trip. 25 a/c completed afternoon trip. First night trip of 18 a/c completed, second night trip washed out.

6-4-42 Morning exercise washed out due low ceiling. Afternoon trip recalled at 1415 hours due low ceiling and poor visibility. A/C 6088 piloted by Sgt Ralph landed at Winnipeg at 1621 hours. Both night trips were washed out due low ceiling, snow, and freezing drizzle. F/O J.G. Rafferty, Flight Commander "D" Flight promoted to acting rank of Flight Lieutenant.

7-4-42 13 a/c completed morning schedule, 27 completed afternoon schedule. 20 a/c completed first night trip, 18 a/c on second night trip but one washed out due to sick wireless operator.

8-4-42 17 a/c flew morning trip, 24 flew afternoon trip. 20 a/c flew first night trip, but second night trip washed out due to bad weather.

9-4-42 Morning trip washed out due bad weather. Afternoon trip of 13 a/c was completed. First night trip was recalled, 2 a/c being damaged in taxiing accident. 22 a/c on second night trip, one being forced down at Winnipeg due weather conditions and low gas. Bombing was washed out. F/O J.F. Heard, Navigation Instructor posted to 10 AOS, Chatham.

10-4-42 No morning trip. 10 a/c flew afternoon schedule. 19 a/c completed first night exercise, 23 on second night trip. P/O D.E. Martyn, graduate of No. 13 A.N. posted to 6 A.O.S. Prince Albert, Sask.

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11-4-42 10 a/c flew morning trip, 20 flew afternoon trip, 43 flew night trips. Group Captain Bonham-Carter visited Station this date.

12-4-42 7 a/c flew morning trip, 23 in afternoon trip, 41 a/c flew night trips.

13-4-42 11 a/c flew morning trip, 28 flew afternoon trip, 26 a/c completed night trip. 112 Observers (Course 38) reported from Nos. 2,3,5,7 and 8 Bombing and Gunnery Schools. 22 EFTS Instructors reported for two weeks course in Navigation.

14-4-42 11 a/c flew morning trip, 29 flew afternoon trip, 22 a/c flew night trip. Course 36 (Observers) graduated and posted away. S/L D.G. Price assumes command in absence of G/C Lewis, sick in hospital.

15-4-42 10 a/c flew morning trip one being forced down at MacDonald due to motor trouble, 27 flew afternoon trip and 26 flew night trip.

16-4-42 No morning trip. 13 completed afternoon trip and 29 a/c flew night trip.

17-4-42 No morning trip. 22 a/c flew afternoon trip and 49 flew night trip

18-4-42 23 a/c flew afternoon trip. Night trips washed out due to weather.

19-4-42 26 a/c flew night trip. Morning and afternoon trips washed out due to weather.

20-4-42 Morning trip washed out, 24 a/c flew afternoon trip and 22 flew night trip. F/L Gwyer, W.K. Navigation Instructor posted to 5 AOS. G/C Lewis resumes command vice S/L Price.

21-4-42 No morning exercise. 23 a/c flew afternoon trip one landing at Yorkton with engine trouble. 50 a/c flew night trips one being forced down in North Dakota, low gas.

22-4-42 13 a/c flew morning trip, 25 flew afternoon, 46 flew night trips. In afternoon P/O C.M. Smith and crew were forced to land near Gimli. 3 Westland Lysanders on ferry duty from Winnipeg landed here. 4 RCAF graduates from Course 36 left today on embarkation leave.

23-4-42 10 a/c flew morning trip, 10 in afternoon, but both night trips washed out due to poor weather

24-4-42 12 a/c flew morning trip, 14 in afternoon. 55 flew night trips.

25-4-42 10 a/c flew morning trip, 23 in afternoon, but night trip washed out due to weather. F/L R.P. Opie, Navigation Instructor posted to 3 AOS, Regina.

26-4-42 Morning and afternoon trips washed out due to weather. 21 a/c flew night trip.

27-4-42 No morning trip, 24 a/c flew afternoon trip, 25 flew night trip. Observer course 37 graduated 127 trainees and Observers course 39 commenced training with 111 trainees.

28-4-42 No morning or afternoon trips. Night trip was recalled due to weather. F/L G.G. Leroux, Navigation Instructor posted to 8 AOS Ancienne Lorette, Que.

29-4-42 12 a/c flew morning trip and 12 flew afternoon trip. Night trips washed out.

30-4-42 Morning trip washed out. No afternoon trip scheduled. 25 a/c flew first night trip, but 2 were washed out. 12 a/c flew second night trip. G/C T.A. Lawrence and S/L A.G. Golding visited station from No. 2 T.C. Winnipeg

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No. 1 A.N.S., Rivers, Man. 30-4-42 (cont'd)

PERSONNEL STRENGTH

<u>STAFF:</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
R.C.A.F.	110	772	
RCASC	1	4	
C.D.C.	2	4	
New Zealand Meteorologist		1	
<u>Civilians</u>			
Meteorologists			2
Y.M.C.A.			1
Radio Operators (Junior Rating)			4
Messmen			65
Mess Foreman			1
Cooks			3
Cook Foreman			1
Stenographers Grade I (Female)			2
TOTAL STAFF:	113	781	79

TRAINEES: RCAF, RAAF, RAF, and RNZAF 239
No officer trainees at present
but courses due to start soon

NON/EFFECTIVE STRENGTH: - Officers: - 7

(A. Lewis) Group Captain,
Commanding Officer
No. 1 Air Navigation School
Rivers, Man.

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IMAGE 1499

ORGANIZATION ORDER NO. 192

(Cancelling in Toto Organization Orders Nos. 57 and (126)

FORMATION OF NO. 1 CENTRAL NAVIGATION SCHOOL

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

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INFORMATION

1. Past experience has proven that the climatic conditions in the Canadian middle west are more suitable for celestial navigation training than those on the eastern seaboard.
2. It is considered that the required output of Air Observers, trained in celestial navigation, can be met --with a considerable saving in personnel, equipment and operating overhead--by doubling the capacity of No. 1 Air Navigation School at Rivers, Manitoba.

INTENTION

3. It is intended to form No 1 Central Navigation School, at Rivers, Manitoba.

EXECUTION

Effective Date

4. The formation of No. 1 Central Navigation School is to be accomplished by the combination of No. 1 Air Navigation School with No. 2 Air Navigation School, effective May 11, 1942.

Movement

5. The personnel, aircraft and equipment at No. 2 Air Navigation School are to be moved to Rivers in two stages; approximately one-half being moved, effective May 11, immediately following the graduation of Air Observer Course No. 38 at Pennfield Ridge; and the remainder, effective May 26, 1942, immediately following the graduation of Air Observer Course No. 39 at Pennfield Ridge.

Trainee Intakes

6. Course No. 40, which was to report to No. 8 Air Navigation School, Pennfield Ridge on 11-5-42, is to be cancelled and will be absorbed by overbearing on subsequent courses at No. 1 Central Navigation School.
7. Course No. 41 and subsequent courses, originally earmarked for No. 2 Air Navigation School, are to be posted to No. 1 Central Navigation School, according to schedule.

Command

8. An Officer will be appointed to Command No. 1 Central Navigation School, which is to come under No. 2 Training Command for all purposes.

Personnel

9. A.M.P., in collaboration with A.M.T., is to arrange for the posting of personnel in accordance with the attached establishment marked Appendix "A", and the instructions given in para, 6,7 and 8 above.

Aircraft

10. A.M.S., in collaboration with A.M.T., is to arrange for the re-allocation of aircraft on the strength of No. 2 Air Navigation School to No. 1 Central Navigation School, in accordance with the attached

establishment, marked Appendix "A".

IMAGE 1500

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FORMATION OF NO. 1 CENTRAL NAVIGATION SCHOOL

APPENDIX "A":- Personnel, Aircraft and M.T. Establishment. (cont'd.)

Other Equipment

11. A.M.S., is to arrange for the transfer of all items of equipment, with the exception of barrack stores, M.T. vehicles, Link Trainers, and Aerodrome maintenance equipment, from No. 2 Air Navigation School, Pennfield Ridge, to No. 1 Central Navigation School, Rivers, Manitoba.
12. The Commanding Officer of No. 2 Air Navigation School, Pennfield Ridge, is to hand over to the incoming Unit all items of barrack equipment, M.T. vehicles, Link Trainers, and aerodrome maintenance equipment, held on the inventories of No. 2 Air Navigation School.
13. Any equipment not required at No. 1 Central Navigation School, Rivers, or by No. 34 Operational Training Unit, at Pennfield Ridge, is to be returned to No. 5 Equipment Depot.

ADMINISTRATION

Accommodation

14. The Air Officer Commanding, No. 2 Training Command, is to arrange to accommodate surplus personnel under canvas and in hangars until construction of the necessary additional building is completed.

Accounting

15. No. 1 Central Navigation School is to be self-accounting for pay and equipment.

Messing

16. Messing is to be provided from Service sources by R.C.A.F. personnel.

INTERCOMMUNICATIONS

Communications

17. The Air Officer Commanding, Eastern Air Command is to communicate directly with the Air Officer Commanding, No. 2 Training Command on all matters affecting the move of No. 2 Air Navigation

School. Information copies are to be passed to Air Force Headquarters.

Address

18. The address of this Unit will be;
No. 1 Central Navigation School, RCAF,
Rivers, Manitoba.

19. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

IMAGE 1501

ORGANIZATION ORDER NO. 192

DISTRIBRTION

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|----------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 to 10 | A.M.S. |
| 11 | A.M.A.E. |
| 12 to 20 | A.M.O. |
| 21 | D.C.A.S. |
| 22 | C.A.S. |
| 23 to 30 | A.M.A.S. |
| 31 | I.G. |
| 32 to 35 | A.M.T. |
| 36 to 44 | A.M.P. |
| 45 to 47 | A.M. A. F. |
| 48 to 50 | D.A.P.S. |
| 51 to 57 | A.O.C., No. 2 Training Command |
| 58 | C.O., No. 1 Central Navigation School |
| 59 to 65 | A.O.C., Eastern Air Command |
| 66 | C.O., No. 2 Air Navigation School |
| 67 | C.O., No. 17 Equipment Unit |
| 68 | R.C.A.F. Publications and Forms Store |
| 69 | Quartermaster General |
| 70 | D.M.S. (Air) |
| 71 | D.D.S. (Air) |
| 72 | Director of Personal Services |
| 73, 74 | Director of Pay Services. |
| 75 | F I L E |
| 76 | Central Registry |
| 77 | Secretary Supervisory Board |
| 78 | Deputy Minister (Air) |
| 79 | U.K. Air Liaison Mission |
| 80 | N.Z. Air Liaison Mission |
| 81, 82 | Aus. Air Liaison Mission |

- 83 C.O., No. 1 Equipment Depot
 - 84 C.O., No. 2 Equipment Depot
 - 85 C.O., No. 5 Equipment Depot
 - 86 C.O., No. 7 Equipment Depot
 - 87 C.O., No. 11 Equipment Depot
 - 88 C.O., No.12 Equipment Depot
 - 89 to 91 A.O.C., Western Air Command
 - 92 to 95 A.O.C., No. 1 Training Command
 - 96 to 98 A.O.C., No. 3 Training Command
 - 99 to 102 A.O.C., No. 4 Training Command
 - 103, 104 Overseas Headquarters
 - 105 Chief Treasury Officer, Air Force Services
 - 106 Auxiliary Services Officers (Air)
 - 107 Deputy Minister of Transport
 - 108 Judge Advocate-General
- CUT

IMAGE 1502

Organization Chart of No.1 Central Navigation School can be viewed by following the Link and looking at IMAGE 1502.

IMAGE 1498

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DATE: 6-5-42.

FORMATION OF NO. 1 CENTRAL NAVIGATION SCHOOL

1. Para. 10 Aircraft

FOR: A.M.P.

READ: A.M.S.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE

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

DISTRIBUTION

- 1 to 10 A.M.S.
- 11 A.M.A.E.
- 12 to 20 A.M.O.
- 21 D.C.A.S.
- 22 C.A.S.
- 23 to 30 A.M.A.S.

31 I.G.
32 to 35 A.M.T.
36 to 44 A.M.P.
45 to 47 A.M. A. F.
48 to 50 D.A.P.S.
51 to 57 A.O.C., No. 2 Training Command
58 C.O., No. 1 Central Navigation School
59 to 65 A.O.C., Eastern Air Command
66 C.O., No. 2 Air Navigation School
67 C.O., No. 17 Equipment Unit
68 R.C.A.F. Publications and Forms Store
69 Quartermaster General
70 D.M.S. (Air)
71 D.D.S. (Air)
72 Director of Personal Services
73, 74 Director of Pay Services.
75 F I L E
76 Central Registry
77 Secretary Supervisory Board
78 Deputy Minister (Air)
79 U.K. Air Liaison Mission
80 N.Z. Air Liaison Mission
81, 82 Aus. Air Liaison Mission
83 C.O., No. 1 Equipment Depot
84 C.O., No. 2 Equipment Depot
85 C.O., No. 5 Equipment Depot
86 C.O., No. 7 Equipment Depot
87 C.O., No. 11 Equipment Depot
88 C.O., No.12 Equipment Depot
89 to 91 A.O.C., Western Air Command
92 to 95 A.O.C., No. 1 Training Command
96 to 98 A.O.C., No. 3 Training Command
99 to 102 A.O.C., No. 4 Training Command
103, 104 Overseas Headquarters
105 Chief Treasury Officer, Air Force Services
106 Auxiliary Services Officers (Air)
107 Deputy Minister of Transport
108 Judge Advocate-General

CUT

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APPENDIX "A"

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

DATE: 2-5-42

CONFIDENTIAL

AUTHORITY: 925-86-I

JOINT AIR TRAINING PLAN ESTABLISHMENT

REF.NO: T.P. 7/1

NO. 1 CENTRAL NAVIGATION SCHOOL - RIVERS, MANITOBA (No. 2 Training Command)

(Supersedes T.P. 7/1 dated 14-4-42 and
T.P. 7/2 dated 15-4-42)

(ii) Aircraft Establishment

REMARKS

	AIRFRAMES	ENGINES
Twin Engine	125	336
Stinson 105	1 (i)	1
TOTAL AIRCRAFT ESTABLISHMENT	126	337

POLICY: To train a maximum of: 44 direct entry Officers as Navigation Instructors, Course -- 12 weeks Intake - 22 every 6 weeks.

440 Air Observers in advanced (Astro) Navigation, Course - 4 weeks Intake - 110 every 2 weeks,

10 Air Observers as Instructors. Course - 2 weeks.

11 (approx.) Officer Pilots in short Navigation Course Course - 8 weeks

11 (approx.) Airmen Pilots in short Navigation Course Course - 8 weeks

(and any special course in navigation which may from time to time be required.)

NOTE 1: At least one Administrative Officer on the establishment to be bilingual, (French and English), one to have legal experience.

NOTE 2: R.C.A.S.C, Personnel consists of - Officer i/c Supplies - 1 Lieutenant
Supply Accountant - 1 Sergeant
Butcher - 1 Corporal
Issuers - 3 Privates

NOTE 3: C.D.C. Personnel consists of: - 4 Captains, 4 Sergeants and 4 Privates,

C.D.C. Personnel allotted on the Command Dental Company in the ratio of 1 Dental Detachment per 500 all ranks R.C.A.F.

A Dental Detachment consists of :-

1 Dental Officer - Captain
1 Chair Assistant - Sergeant
1 Orderly - Private

1 Dental Technician (Sergeant) allotted on the basis of 1 to 2 Dental Detachments,

NOTE 4: C.P.C. Personnel consists of:- 1 Sergeant, 1 Corporal and 1 Private.

(iii) Mechanical Transport Establishment

PRIME MOVERS

Ambulances (4 stretcher)	1
(2 stretcher)	1
Cars, Staff	1
Tenders:	
Fire	1
Freight, 2-ton	4
3-ton	2
One ton Pick-up	1
Panel Delivery	2
Station Wagons	2
Refuelling	
Crash	1
Dump	1
Cranes, Mobile Crash	1
Tractors, Aircraft Towing	5
Auto Sled	1
Trailers	
30 feet	<u>1</u>
TOTAL MECHANICAL TRANSPORT ESTABLISHMENT	31

(iv) Marine Craft & Outboard Motors Establishment

NIL

(v) Aerodrome Maintenance Equipment

Tractors, Crawler, 40-50 D.H.P (MT-22-1 or 22-2)	3
Angle Dozers, hydraulic	1
Rollers, Snow (MT-23-3)	3
Drags, Snow (MT-45-1)	3
Trucks, Heavy Duty, 4-wheel drive	1
Snow Plows, one-way (MT-42-2)	1
Blades, Maintenance, Underbody	1
Snow Blowers mounted on trucks e/w Auxiliary Engines	1
Tractors, Agricultural. 14-20 D.H.P (MT-22-3)	2
Sickle Bar to fit (MT-22-3)	1
Snow Plow, Sidewalk (MT-42-1)	1
Sleighs, Snow Removal (MT-56-1)	3
Rollers, Turf (MT-23-4)	1
Sweepers, Rotary	1
Trailers Mower to fit (MT-22-3)	<u>1</u>
TOTAL AERODROME MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT	24

(a) RESERVE UNDER TRAINING includes aircrew on tarmac duty; and an immediate reserve of staff of technical personnel from which normal vacancies in the unit created by Overseas or other postings will be filled.

Reserve personnel will be posted as available in numbers not exceeding the following scale. This pool is NOT included in the staff totals.

CATEGORY OR TRADE	UNDER TRAINING
(1) Engineer NFL	1 Flying Officer
Aero Engine Mechanics	20 Aircraftmen
Airframe Mechanics	15 Aircraftmen
Armourers Guns	1 Aircraftman
Clerks Accounting	2 Aircraftmen
Clerks Stenographer	1 Aircraftman
Cooks	1 Aircraftman
Drivers Transport	1 Aircraftman
Electricians	2 Aircraftmen
Equipment Assistants	2 Aircraftmen
Fabric Workers	1 Aircraftman
Instrument Repairers	1 Aircraftman
Motor Mechanics M.T	1 Aircraftman
Wireless & Electrical Mechanics	1 Aircraftman
Wireless Operators Ground	1 Aircraftman

(vi) Miscellaneous Major Equipment

Link Trainers, Service Wheel Control	2
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(ii) Aircrew on Tarmac Duty 50 Aircraftmen

TOTAL: 1 Officer
100 Aircraftmen

- (b) Station Fire Officer,
- (c) Supplied by Department of Transport,
- (d) Promotion of Airmen Pilots is according to the policy set forth in A.F.A.C. A/44/10.
- (e) To be qualified Bombing Instructors or S.A.I.'s.
- (f) Includes: Equipment Section

6 airwomen for Equipment records in Flights.

Maintenance Wing

- (i) 4 Airwoman for Wing Headquarters,
- (ii) 12 Airwomen for Flying Records
- (iii) 1 Airwoman for Officer Commanding Servicing Squadron
1 Airwoman for Officer Commanding Repair Squadron
- (iv) 3 Airwomen and 1 Sergeant R.C.A.F. for Log Book Room.

- (g) Includes 2 A.C.'s qualified Fire Pump Operators.
- (h) Includes 2 A.C.'s Trumpeters.
- (i) Not to be replaced if damaged beyond repair or if spares not available.

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

1-5-42

PERSONNEL STRENGTH

STAFF:	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
R.C.A.F.	110	772	
RCASC	1	4	
C.D.C.	2	4	
New Zealand Meteorologist		1	
<u>Civilians</u>			
Meteorologists			2
Y.M.C.A.			1
Radio Operators (Junior Rating)			4
Messmen			65
Mess Foreman			1
Cooks			3
Cook Foreman			1
Stenographers Grade 1 (Female)			2
TOTAL STAFF	113	781	79

TRAINEES RCAF, RAAF, RAF, and RNZAF 239

No officer trainees at present but courses due to start soon

NON-EFFECTIVE STRENGTH: - Officers - 7

All flying washed out due to poor weather conditions

2-5-42 Morning and afternoon flying exercises carried out. Night flying washed out due to weather conditions. 7 aircraft from No. 6 A.O.S., Prince Albert, Sask., landed here at 1200 hours, being navigated by trainees. They took off again at 1430 hours.

3-5-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out. Wing Commander Gillson proceeded on temporary duty to No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, Man.

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

4-5-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out.

5-5-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out.

6-5-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out.

7-5-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out. 2 aircraft landed at Winnipeg due to extreme rough air, both returning to base. 2 aircraft returned to base due to engine trouble. Air Commodore Shearer and party from No. 2 Training Command, Winnipeg, visited the Station.

8-5-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out. 3 aircraft left for an extended navigation trip, visiting stations in No. 4 and No. 2 Commands, returning May 10.

9-5-42 All flying washed out.

10-5-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out.

11-5-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out. Air Observers Course No. 38 graduated 116 trainees - 98 RCAF, 7 RNZAF, 4 RAF, 7 RAAF. 15 RCAF posted to No. 31 GRS, Charlottetown, P.E.I. 7 RCAF posted to No. 1 CNS for AOI Course. 25 RCAF posted to No. 31 OTU, Debert, N.S. 15 RCAF posted to No. 5 "M" Depot, Lachine, P.Q.(for operational duties). Balance of trainees posted to No. 1 "Y" Depot, Halifax, N.S.

12-5-42 Day flying washed out. Night flying exercises carried out. Air Observers Course No. 40 commended training 11-5-42 but balance of trainees failed to arrive until 12-5-42 - course made up of 124 trainees as follows: 99 RCAF, 4 RNZAF, 17 RAF, 4 RAAF. Seven airmen pilots commenced training for Astro-extension Course. The Command Trade Test Board arrived composed of Flt. Lt. L. Dawson, F/O. G.L. Hobson.

13-5-42 Day flying washed out. Night flying exercises carried out.

14-5-42 Day and night flying exercises washed out. The first echelon arrived from No. 2 A.N.S., Pennfield Ridge, N.B., composed of 5 officers and 143 airmen.

15-5-42 Day flying washed out. Night flying exercises carried out.

16-5-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out.

17-5-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out. Aircraft No. 6660 landed in Winnipeg due to motor trouble. 1 aircraft given permission to land in Winnipeg to drop an airman passenger from Virden.

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

18-5-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out.

19-5-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out.

20-5-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out. 1 aircraft returned to base from afternoon exercise due to motor trouble. 1 aircraft returned to base from night exercise due to radio trouble. Bombing was washed out on all exercises owing to poor weather.

21-5-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out.

22-5-42 Day flying exercises washed out. Night flying exercises carried out. Visiting aircraft were: 3 from Neepawa, 2 from Winnipeg, and 6 from Prince Albert, on long range exercises.

23-5-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out.

24-5-42 Morning flying exercises washed out. Afternoon and night exercises carried out.

25-5-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out.

26-5-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out. 2 aircraft arrived from Pennfield Ridge, N.B. 10 Stearman landed at 1530 hours, 8 departed at 1630 hours, 2 with scraped wingtips now in maintenance. Air Observers Course No. 39 graduated 118 trainees 25-5-42, S.O.S. eff. 26-5-42. 25 RCAF posted No. 31 O.T.U., Debert, N.S. 17 RAAF and 23 RNZAF posted No. 5 "M" Depot, Lachine, P.Q. 3 RNZAF posted No. 31 G.R.S., Charlottetown, P.E.I. 2 RCAF reporting Rivers for A.O.I. Course. 9 RAAF, 10 RNZAF, 2 RAF posted No. 1 "Y" Depot, Halifax, N.S. 18 RCAF posted No. 1 "Y" Depot, Halifax, N.S.

27-5-42 Day and night flying washed out. The second echelon arrived from No. 2 A.N.S., Pennfield Ridge, N.B. The following Flight Commanders were appointed: Flt. Lt. F.A. Butts - "B" Flight. Flt. Lt. W.R. Ramsay - "C" Flight. Flying Officer W.R. Wilkes - "D" Flight. Flying Officer B.W. Power - "E" Flight. Flying Officer R.W. McRae - "F" Flight. Flt. Lt. S.R. Bell - Test Pilot, Maintenance Squadron, vice Flt. Lt. F.A. Butts. Flying Officer C.O. Swartz - Adjutant of joint Orderly Rooms of G.I.S. and F.H.Q.

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

28-5-42 Day flying exercises carried out. Night flying washed out due to weather.

29-5-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out.

30-5-42 Day flying exercises carried out. Night flying washed out due to weather. Wing Commander E.A. McGowan arrived by air from No. 2 A.N.S., Pennfield Ridge, N.B.

31-5-42 Day and night flying exercises carried out.

PERSONNEL STRENGTH

STAFF:	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
R.C.A.F.	115	1212	
RCASC	1	4	
C.D.C.	2	4	
New Zealand Meteorologist		1	
<u>Civilians</u>			
Meteorologists			2
Y.M.C.A.			2
Radio Operators (Junior Rating)			4
Messmen			56
Mess Foreman			1
Cooks			1
Stenographers Grade 1 (Female)			2
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	118	1221	68

<u>TRAINEES</u> RCAF, RAAF, RAF, and RNZAF		432	
RCAF	43		

NON-EFFECTIVE STRENGTH: - Officers - 7

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

Type	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
Anson	55	9
Stinson 105	1	Nil

(A. Lewis) Group Captain,
Commanding Officer,
No. 1 Central Navigation School,
Rivers, Manitoba.

IMAGE 26

No. 1 C.N.S., River, Man. 1-6-42

PERSONNEL STRENGTH

STAFF:	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
R.C.A.F.	115	1212	
RCASC	1	4	
C.D.C.	2	4	
New Zealand Meteorologist		1	

Civilians

Meteorologists			2
Y.M.C.A.			2
Radio Operators (Junior Rating)			4
Messmen			56
Mess Foreman			1
Cooks			1
Stenographers Grade 1 (Female)			2
	118	1221	68

TRAINEES RCAF, RAAF, RAF, and RNZAF
RCAF

43 432

NON-EFFECTIVE STRENGTH: - Officers - 7

There were 25 aircraft scheduled for regular navigation exercises with 23 completing the trip. One was unserviceable and was washed out because of crew. W/C Miller first C.O. No. 1 A.N.S. arrives by air from No. 2 A.N.S., Pennfield Ridge.

2-6-42 Fair day, exercises and two night exercises were carried out, making a total of 97 trips.

3-6-42 Five exercises totaling 98 aircraft comprised days flying. S/L Harris was forced down in Winnipeg due to engine trouble. Repairs are not available until tomorrow morning.

4-6-42 Three day exercises carried out but both night trips were washed out due to low cumulus cloud. The Y.M.C.A. games room turned into a study room for students. This because classes being doubled, there was no study rooms available in G.I.S.

IMAGE 27

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

5-6-42 Flying was carried out during day three exercises being completed. Night exercises again washed out due to rain and low cloud.

6-6-42 Five exercises completed totalling 104 aircraft. Eight Tiger Moths from Neepawa, three Stearman from MacDonald and one Crane from Dauphin visited the Station during the day. W/C White arrived on 1330 train.

7-6-42 Twenty-four aircraft flew the early morning trip. Anson 6814 was forced down at Regina due to motor trouble.

8-6-42 All day exercises washed out due to bad weather but 52 aircraft flew night exercises. Course No. 40 was posted as follows:- Y Depot: 47 RCAF; 4 RAAF; 3 RNZAF; 16 RAF; 31 GRS, Charlottetown, P.E.I. 26 RCAF; HQ. WAC 7 RCAF; A.O.I. Course, Rivers, Man.: 11 RCAF; Awaiting Posting: 8 RCAF; Repatriated to U.S. Forces: 2 RCAF Transferred to Course 41: 8 RCAF, 2 RNZAF, 2 RAF.

9-6-42 Twenty-four aircraft completed morning and afternoon exercises. 6 Aircraft failed to take off on night exercises due to bad weather. Anson 6069 crashed outside Cardale during storm killing P/O A.W. Willoughby, Sgt. A.J. Mazur, Sgt. J.T. Carter. Sgt. J.C.W. Larouche. Anson 6083 crashed 6 miles N/E of airport injuring Sgt. J. Ross, Sgt. E. Hopkins. (Serious

Injuries) Slightly injured Sgt. D.G. Goodfellow, LAC L.E. Strangward. Anson 6377 Crashed 6 miles North East of Rivers and crew composed of Sgt. Low J.W., Sgt. Staton A.E.G., Sgt. Sharpe F.P., Sgt. Jeanes, R.E., were all only slightly injured.

10-6-42 Morning and afternoon exercises were washed out but 85 aircraft completed night exercises. A Court of Inquiry was held on Anson 6377, 6069 and 6083. The Officer on the court of Inquiry were G/C C.H. Brill (13171) S/L M.W. Moore (35109) from 33 S.F.T.S., Carberry, Man. and F/L V.L. Berg (C1004) from No. 5 A.O.S., Winnipeg, Man.

11-6-42 Only one trip was completed today and that was a morning exercise.

12-6-42 The morning trip was washed out but 57 Aircraft completed exercises on three other trips. Air Commodore Godrey, Deputy Inspector accompanied by S/L Blaine, S/L Murray and S/L Aldridge visited the Station today.

13-6-42 Five Navigation trips totalling 142 aircraft completed today.

14-6-42 Four Navigation exercises totalling 105 aircraft completed today.

IMAGE 28

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15-6-42 There were three day exercises completed but the night trip was washed out because of bad weather.

16-6-42 Morning and night trips were washed out due to bad weather but 28 aircraft completed exercises in afternoon.

17-6-42 All flying washed out today due to bad weather.

18-6-42 Three Navigation Trips comprising 94 aircraft completed exercises. On the morning exercise one aircraft was forced down over North Dakota.

19-6-42 Afternoon and Night Exercises washed out but 24 aircraft completed the morning trip.

20-6-42 All exercises washed out due to rainy weather.

21-6-42 All exercises washed out today again, bad weather is still prevailing.

22-6-42 All trips washed out again today.

23-6-42 Three exercises completed today.

24-6-42 Three trips totalling 86 aircraft completed exercises today.

25-6-42 Due to the prevailing weather that is hanging around all trips were washed out. Our Met Section Says it will be bad for a few days.

26-6-42 All trips were washed out today.

27-6-42 All Navigation exercises were washed out again today. Due to the adverse conditions in the weather we have had to hold Course 41 over for further Flying.

28-6-42 The weather broke for a few hours today and we were able to complete two trips but it closed in again during the evening so both night trips had to be washed out.

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29-6-42 Morning and afternoon exercises were completed but all night trips were washed out due to bad weather.

30-6-42 All exercises were completed today except the afternoon trip which was washed out due to a smoke haze which reduced risibility to about one-half a mile.

PERSONNEL STRENGTH

STAFF:	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
R.C.A.F.	107	1639	
RCASC	1	4	
C.D.C.	2	4	
New Zealand Meteorologist		1	
Civilians Meteorologists			2
Y.M.C.A.			2
Radio Operators (Junior Rating)			4
Messmen			56
Mess Foreman			1
Cooks			1
Stenographers Grade 1 (Female)			2
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	110	1648	68

<u>TRAINEES</u>			
R.C.A.F.	37	365	
R.A.A.F.		6	
R.A.F.	12	254	
R.N.Z.A.F.		83	
Non-Effective Strength	7		

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>Type</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
Anson	91	21
Stinson 105	1	Nil

(A. Lewis) Group Captain,
 Commanding Officer,
 No. 1 Central Navigation School,
 Rivers, Manitoba.

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PERSONNEL STRENGTH

<u>STAFF:</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
R.C.A.F.	107	1639	47
RCASC	1	4	
C.D.C.	2	4	
New Zealand Meteorologist		1	
Civilians Meteorologists			2
Y.M.C.A.			2
Radio Operators (Junior Rating)			4
Messmen			56
Mess Foreman			1
Cooks			1
Stenographers Grade 1 (Female)			2
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	110	1648	68
<u>TRAINEES</u>			
R.C.A.F.	37	365	
R.A.A.F.		6	
R.A.F.	12	254	
R.N.Z.A.F.		83	
Non-Effective Strength	7		

Both morning and afternoon trips were flown on schedule but poor weather was encountered on both exercises. Both night trips were washed out owing to local thunder storms. Contractors for the new addition to the station are moving very slowly. This may be explained by the fact that confirmed plans for the siteing are not available although siteing recommendations of all buildings were submitted 6 weeks ago.

2-7-42 Morning navigation exercise was washed out owing to bad weather. 19 aircraft completed the afternoon exercise and 39 aircraft completed the second night trip.

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3-7-42 All day exercises were carried out but both night exercises were washed out owing to bad weather.

4-7-42 All day exercises were carried out but both night trips were again washed out owing to thunder showers.

5-7-42 The morning navigation exercise was washed out because of unfavourable weather conditions. 20 aircraft took off and completed the afternoon navigation exercises. One night trip was completed.

6-7-42 Wing Commander Taunton (D.S.O.) Chief Works Officer and Light Lieutenant Hobbs, both of No.2 TC. visited the station. Neither of these officers have any knowledge of the siteing plans or plans for G.I.S. which originated at this

station and were submitted to No.2 T.C. several weeks ago. LAC Moore, S.F. R129251 was drowned at Lac du Bonnet while fishing.

7-7-42 19 aircraft completed the morning exercise. Aircraft 6622 and 6444 forced landing at Weyburn, Sask. and Kramer, North Dakota, respectively due to shortage of gasoline. All aircraft completed the afternoon exercise. On the first night trip aircraft 6006 forced landed at Dunseith, North Dakota. Flying was washed out for the second trip due to poor visibility and ground fog. The station soft-ball team played a league game against Neepawa at Neepawa and won 26 to 0.

8-7-42 A water shortage has occurred at this station owing to the delay by the Department of Transport in connecting up wells. Works and Buildings plan laying a temporary line to alleviate the situation. 17 aircraft took off on the morning navigation flight and 1 forced landed at Weyburn, Sask. due to engine trouble. The afternoon exercise was completed satisfactorily. Both night exercises were washed out due to heavy storms. A change of siteing plans for the hangars was received causing another delay in the construction of additions to this station.

9-7-42 The morning navigation exercise was completed successfully. On the afternoon exercise aircraft AX163 forced landed at Yorkton due to engine trouble but all other aircraft completed the exercise. On the 1st night navigation exercise aircraft 6115 and 6444 forced landed at Winnipeg, Man. due to radio trouble and motor trouble respectively. Aircraft 6589 also made a forced landing at Broadview, Sask. to refuel. All other aircraft completed the exercise. The 2nd night exercise was washed out due to bad weather conditions. The Chief Works Officer at Winnipeg gave permission for this station to make temporary connections to well No.5 Work is proceeding at once.

10-7-42 Well No.5 connected up with pipe received from No.5 B & G., MacDonald, Man. assures that the water supply will be adequate for this summer. All aircraft completed the morning and afternoon exercise. 50 aircraft took off on the 1st night trip and all returned except aircraft 6589 which forced landed at Weyburn, Sask., with engine trouble. 41 aircraft completed the 2nd night navigation exercise.

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11-7-42 12 aircraft completed the morning navigation exercise but all other aircraft were washed out owing to bad weather. An inquiry was received from the Department of Transport who wanted to know by those authority the R.C.A.F. were using "Their Well", meaning well No.5 recently connected. They also promised to have the connections made by July 18th.

12-7-42 10 aircraft completed the morning navigation exercise. Due to exceptionally high winds with gusts up to 40 MPH which made landing very hazardous the afternoon flight was cancelled. 48 aircraft completed the 1st night exercise. On the 2nd night exercise two aircraft forced landed at Regina and one returned with a broken exhaust ring. All other aircraft completed the exercise.

13-7-42 19 aircraft took off and completed the morning exercise. No program was scheduled for the afternoon. On the 1st night exercise one aircraft failed to take off due to radio trouble and on the 2nd night exercise 1 aircraft was washed out due to engine trouble. Another aircraft forced landed at Yorkton, Sask. making temporary repairs to trimming tab and returned and another aircraft forced landed at Regina, Sask. for refuelling and later returned to base. In order to augment physical training a "Training Trail" was surveyed from this station to the Little Saskatchewan river. Plans have been submitted including such obstacles as: ridge walks; gutter walk; 10 foot wall with 1 inch finger and toe holds; a 6 ft plain wall; a 12 foot snake crawl and ladder; parallel bars. The trail leads over a series of sharp hills through

a gravel pit and then through the woods with more obstacles such as: log walks; pole vaults; and inverted climbing on ropes. It is planned that this trail will give a 45 minute work-out and at the end of the trail a swimming hole is being constructed with a diving board and a sand beach. This trail is being given the name of "Trail-Trainer".

14-7-42 18 aircraft took off on morning navigation exercise and 1 aircraft forced landed at Carberry due to engine trouble but later returned to base. 11 aircraft completed the afternoon exercise and 48 aircraft flew the 1st night trip. One aircraft was instructed to remain at Winnipeg due to local thunder storms between Winnipeg and Rivers. The 2nd night trip was washed out due to a thunder storm.

15-7-42 Flying was washed out for the morning trip and no flying was scheduled for the afternoon exercise. Both nite trips washed out. The Station personnel were entertained by Capt. Guy Armitage who gave a series of impersonations. A record of 600 personnel attended in the Recreation Hall.

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16-7-42 The morning navigation exercise was temporary washed out until 1100 hours. One pilot took off at approximately 0754 hours but was unable to land and was ordered to proceed to Carberry where a successful landing was made. No navigation trip was scheduled for the afternoon and both nite navigation exercises were washed out due to local thundershowers. Orders have been received from Winnipeg to stop work on the erection of the new hanger pending plans for a new double hangar. This has again caused a delay in the completion of the extension to this station.

17-7-42 Flying washed out on the morning exercise due to bad weather but 13 aircraft completed the afternoon navigation exercise. 45 aircraft completed the 1st night navigation exercise and 44 the second.

18-7-42 No flying was carried out during the day due to bad weather conditions. 40 aircraft took off on the 1st nite navigation exercise, one landed at Yorkton, Sask. with instrument trouble and 1 landed at Estevan, Sask., to refuel. The 2nd night trip was washed out due to bad weather conditions. 22 aircraft landed at Carberry Man. between 0100 hours and 0200 hours due to a ground fog at base. These aircraft returned at 0630 hours. The first Wings Parade was held on this station, Group Captain Lewis presented wings to 224 successful graduates. Owing to the station facilities being so overcrowded guests were not admitted. Photographs are attached of the march past. (NOT attached). Wing Commander McGowan officer in charge of Training Wing is leading the class. Sports activities for the week included 5 games of soft ball "inter-unit" and two cricket matches.

19-7-42 9 aircraft completed the morning navigation exercise but there was no navigation exercise scheduled for the afternoon. Flying was washed out for the both night navigation exercises due to bad weather conditions. This station has requested the specifications for the lean-to for the double hangar from No.2 T.C. in order that the contractor may proceed.

20-7-42 9 aircraft completed the morning navigation exercise and 10 aircraft completed the afternoon exercise. 40 aircraft completed the 1st night navigation exercise but the 2nd was washed out due to ground fog and smoke.

21-7-42 9 aircraft completed the morning navigation exercise. A navigation exercise of 10 aircraft to Prince Albert was carried out during the afternoon exercise. 31 aircraft took off on the 1st night navigation exercise but two aircraft made forced landings at Yorkton, Sask., one due to engine trouble and the other due to a broken wind shield. On the second night navigation exercise 37 aircraft took off. One forced landed at Bottineau, 2 miles south of the town in the U.S.A. There was no injury to the crew but the aircraft suffered a Class "B" crash. Anson 6189 crashed on this navigation

exercise 6 miles north east of Emerson, Man, killing the following members of the crew: GB1335905 Sgt. Taylor (Pilot); GB1147866 LAC Dutton, H. (Navigator); GB1316636 LAC Symons, W.H. (Navigator); R110122 Sgt. Hosford, H.C.H. ("Wireless Operator Air Gunner). The cause of the accident was obscure. Excavation was started on footings for hangars. This is 30 days since the Contract was let. The delay is due to the contractor not having definite plans. It is now over two months since the amalgamation of No. 1 A.N.S. and No. 2 A.N.S.

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22-7-42 11 aircraft completed both the morning and afternoon navigation exercises. 43 aircraft completed the first nite navigation exercise but the second nite navigation exercise was washed out due to hail and thunder storms.

23-7-42 No exercise was scheduled for the morning and the afternoon navigation exercise was washed out due to heavy Cumulo Nimbus formations. Both night navigation exercises were washed out due to bad weather. Flight Lieutenant MacKay, officer commanding Maintenance Wing, submitted plans for the lean-to on the double hangar. These were forwarded to No. 2 Training Command with the Commanding Officer's approval.

24-7-42 Navigation exercises were washed out for both night and day.

25-7-42 All day and night exercises were washed out due to bad weather conditions. "Trail Trainer" is now in use with a total of 340 pupils going over it today. Sports for the previous week include: a softball league game at Carberry, Rivers winning 9-5 and a softball game at Rivers between Carberry and Rivers, Rivers winning 8-5. 400 spectators attended this latter game. Only one inter-unit softball game was played during the week but several challenge games were organized. Air observer class 44A played air observer class 44C, winning by a score of 13-12. During the week a softball team was sent to the Sports Day at Shoal Lake. This team finished second in the tournament. Due to the arrival of English staff pilots Soccer is being organized and a station league is being formed for this game.

26-7-42 10 aircraft completed the navigation exercise Oak Lake, Estevan, Weyburn, Rivers, and another 11 aircraft completed an exercise to Brandon, Deerhorn, Winkler and Rivers on the morning exercise. On the afternoon navigation exercise 24 aircraft took off, 12 flying to Broad Valley, Winkler and Rivers and the remainder flying to Melleville, Weyburn and Rivers. 43 aircraft completed the first night exercise and 38 aircraft completed the second night exercise. One aircraft returned too late from the first exercise to fly the second and one returned with wireless unserviceable. Two pilots were too sick to fly and another had his aircraft washed out.

27-7-42 23 aircraft completed the morning navigation exercise and 20 completed the afternoon navigation exercise. The first night navigation trip was washed out due to adverse weather conditions but the second night navigation trip was completed successfully.

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28-7-42 The morning exercise was washed out due to a low ceiling and heavy fog in most regions. 26 aircraft were scheduled to fly the afternoon navigation exercise. All aircraft completed this exercise successfully except one which forced landed seven miles west of Deerhorn. There was no injury to the crew and the aircraft was reported serviceable. The first night trip was washed out due to a low ceiling and a ground fog. 39 aircraft took off on the second night trip.

One aircraft landed at Yorkton, Sask. out of gasoline at 0300 hours and another made a forced landing at Neepawa at 0500 hours, also short of fuel. A third aircraft landed in a field 1 1/2 miles from the airport but no damage was sustained to crew or aircraft.

29-7-42 23 aircraft completed the morning navigation exercise but the afternoon exercise was washed out due to unfavourable weather. The first night navigation exercise was also washed out due to heavy thunder storms. The second nite exercise of 42 aircraft was completed successfully. Tentative lean-to plans for the hangar were received from No. 2 Training Command. These plans do not incorporate the suggestions submitted by this station.

30-7-42 All the aircraft were recalled from the morning navigation exercise due to bad weather reports received after the aircraft were airborne. 16 aircraft completed the afternoon navigation exercise. Both night navigation exercises were carried out as scheduled. Work on the extension of the station is progressing very slowly, the contractor has only sixty-five men working one shift of nine hours.

31-7-42 24 aircraft completed both the morning and afternoon navigation exercises successfully. Both night trips were washed out because of adverse weather conditions. In spite of the overcrowding of all station quarters, messes, Ground Instructional School, classrooms caused by the amalgamation of No. 1 A.N.S. and No. 2 A.N.S. the station is graduating classes on schedule excepting for delays caused by adverse weather conditions. This has only been made possible by dividing the classes into two watches in G.I.S., the first watch being from 0700 hours to 1400 hrs. and the second watch from 1400 hours to 2100 hours. The airmen's mess is operating in four shifts. All personnel require a coloured meal cards which are punched for each meal. The colour indicates the hour in which they are to be served. This has resulted in good order without congestion during any period. Meals are served from 0500 hours until 0001 hours with only two periods of two hours when no meals are served. No. 3 hangar now accommodates 360 personnel and the drill hall accommodates 480 personnel. These quarters are unwinterized and the officials view with concern the slow progress being made by the contractor in constructing the additional quarters, the repeated delays are caused by changes of building and siteing plans and the lack of workmen available for hire.

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PERSONNEL STRENGTH

<u>STAFF:</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
R.C.A.F.	100	1921	
RCASC	1	5	
C.D.C.	2	2	
C.P.C.		3	
New Zealand Meteorologist		1	
Civilians Meteorologists			2
Y.M.C.A.			1
Radio Operators (Junior Rating)			4
Messmen			73
Mess Foreman			1
Firemen			35
Pumpmen			2
Labourers			5

Cooks			1
Painter			1
Surveyor			1
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	103	1932	248

<u>TRAINEES</u>	R.C.A.F.	90	308
	R.N.Z.A.F.		7
	R.A.F.		180
	Non-Effective Strength	7	

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>Type</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
Anson	92	25
Stinson 105	1	Nil

(A. Lewis) Group Captain,
Commanding Officer,
No. 1 Central Navigation School,
Rivers, Manitoba.

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PERSONNEL STRENGTH

<u>STAFF:</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
R.C.A.F.	100	1921	122
RCASC	1	5	
C.D.C.	2	2	
C.P.C.		3	
New Zealand Meteorologist		1	
Civilians Meteorologists			2
Y.M.C.A.			1
Radio Operators (Junior Rating)			4
Messmen			73
Mess Foreman			1
Firemen			35
Pumpmen			2
Labourers			5
Cooks			1
Painter			1
Surveyor			1
Stenographers Grade 1 (Female)			2
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	103	1932	250

<u>TRAINEES</u>	R.C.A.F.	90	308
	R.N.Z.A.F.		7
	R.A.F.		180
	Non-Effective Strength	7	

IMAGE 41

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1-8-42 Good flying weather resulted in a full flying schedule of morning, afternoon, and both nite trips. A total of 86 navigation exercises were completed.

2-8-42. Wing Commander Barrett, navigation, visited the station from No. 2 Training Command on navigation duties. 9 aircraft completed the scheduled navigation morning exercise. 22 aircraft completed the afternoon exercise. The 1st nite trip consisted of 22 aircraft & all but one, which was incompleated as the navigator took sick were successful. No exercise was scheduled for the 2nd nite trip.

3-8-42. Both the morning and afternoon navigation exercises were completed and one nite trip. The second nite trip was washed out due to bad weather.

4-8-42 63 aircraft completed the day navigation exercises and the 1st nite trip was washed out due to thunder showers. 26 aircraft completed the 2nd nite trip. Air Observe Course 43 in scheduled to graduate today.

5-8-42. 38 aircraft flew the morning trip, one forced landed at Winnipeg due to radio unserviceability. The afternoon trip was washed out due to had weather conditions. The 1st nite trip was also washed out due to unfavourable weather conditions. 24 aircraft completed the second nite trip. A heavy wind storm with gales up to 47 mph lifted the roof of No. 3 hangar causing a severe break. The senior signals officer & Command cipher officer arrived at 1430 hrs from No. 2 Training Command.

6-8-42. 56 aircraft completed the morning and afternoon exercises. 36 aircraft completed the 1st nite navigation exercise and 23 the second.

7-8-42. 28 aircraft flew the morning navigation exercise and 37 successfully completed the afternoon exercise. 39 and 36 aircraft, respectively, completed the 1st and 2nd nite navigation exercise. On the 2nd nite exercise Sgt. Buffey ran into a fence on taking off, causing a C class crash.

8-8-42. 27 aircraft completed the morning exercise and 26 aircraft completed the afternoon exercise. The 1st nite navigation trip was washed out due to bad weather. 40 aircraft completed the 2nd nite trip. Considerable sports activity was carried out during the week. The final softball game between Rivers and No. 12 S.F.T.S., Brandon, for the league championship, the league consisting of Rivers, Brandon, No. 2 Manning Pool, Brandon, Carberry, Virden and Neepawa, was played at Rivers, No. 12 S.F.T.S. winning by a score of 7-1. 450 spectators witnessed the game. Two station league games were played during the week. The new P.T. officer, Pilot Officer Fritz, former member of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, took a very active interest in his work. Arrangements for soccer, volley ball, and other sports have been made in addition to the regular field sports being carried out at present.

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9-8-42 19 aircraft completed the morning scheduled flight, one aircraft being washed out due to unserviceability. 25 aircraft completed the afternoon navigation exercise. 40 and 41 aircraft completed the 1st and 2nd nite trips respectively.

10-8-42. A heavy ground fog caused the morning flight to be washed out. 23 aircraft completed the afternoon navigation exercise. 36 aircraft flew the 2nd nite trip but the 1st was washed out. On the 2nd nite program Sergeant Pilot Clark forced landed at Stevenson's airport, Winnipeg, causing a class B crash. The cause of the crash was due to the fact that no runway lights were on and the pilot could not indicate the direction of the wind.

11-8-42 24 aircraft completed the morning navigation exercise and 26 the afternoon. 40 aircraft completed the 1st night trip but the 2nd was washed out due to bad weather conditions. The contractor ceased work today on the double hangar awaiting heating plans. The works officer wired requesting the sewage disposal plans as they are urgently required. This is the sewage disposal system for the addition to this station.

12-8-42 22 aircraft completed the morning exercise, 1 aircraft being washed out due to the navigator taking sick. The afternoon and both nite navigation exercises were washed out due to poor weather conditions. The buildings for the new addition are now progressing favourably.

13-8-42. All day and nite navigation exercises washed out due to bad weather.

14-8-42 Day flying was washed out due to low ceilings and rain. 36 aircraft completed the 1st night trip and 39 the second. Extension of Course 44 Air Observers was granted until August 19th. This extension was necessitated by unfavourable weather conditions.

15-8-42 25 aircraft scheduled to fly the morning exercise. One returned to base with engine trouble but another aircraft was substituted and completed the exercise. 24 aircraft flew on the afternoon navigation exercise. The 1st nite exercise was washed out due to heavy smoke haze up to 10000 feet, making astro conditions very poor. The 2nd nite navigation exercise was washed out due to the same reason. During the week 4 station league softball games were played. P.T. classes were formed in addition to volley hall, baseball. Track entries for our sports day which is being held Sept. 7th. are being submitted to the Y.M.C.A. officer who has had considerable experience in track work in Winnipeg.

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16-8-42 All day and nite flying was washed out due to a heavy smoke haze over the district. The origin of this smoke haze was reported to be the Yukon Territories and Alaska. Wings Parade for Course 44 Air Observers postponed until August 20th due to poor weather holding up flying.

17-8-42 The morning navigation exercise was washed out due to heavy smoke haze making visibility very poor. In the afternoon heavy smoke conditions were such that Flight Lieutenant Thompson did not allow his class to fly. Pilot Officer Forrest's class went out and 10 aircraft made the trip to sandilands. 43 aircraft completed the 1st nite trip but the 2nd nite trip was washed out due to poor visibility and strong indications of fog formations. Due to the poor weather conditions further extension to course 44 graduation date were made, the new date being August 21st. Government

Liquor Control advises increase of beer 5 cents per bottle. Eastern beer sold at 25 cents per pint to cover Manitoba tax. Manitoba beer now sold at 20 cents.

18-8-42 23 aircraft were scheduled to fly the morning navigation exercise and all aircraft returned safely. 24 aircraft completed the afternoon exercise, but 1 aircraft forced landed at Carberry due to fuel shortage. 44 and 45 aircraft respectively, completed the 1st and 2nd nite navigation exercise.

19-8-42 23 aircraft completed the morning navigation exercise and 24 the afternoon exercise. 45 aircraft completed the 1st nite trip and 44 the second.

20-8-42 The morning and afternoon flying consisted of 21 and 23 aircraft respectively. 41 aircraft completed the 1st nite navigation exercise. 23 aircraft completed the second nite trip but 13 aircraft were washed out when class 44H air observers failed to report. This was due to the fact that the navigation instructor for this class was posted and the class had not been informed, they were to fly.

21-8-42 26 aircraft completed the morning navigation exercise and 23 aircraft flew the afternoon exercise. 38 aircraft successfully completed the 1st nite exercise although one aircraft was forced down at Portage La Prairie due to engine trouble. This aircraft later returned to base. The 2nd nite trip consisted of 33 aircraft which completed the exercise successfully. Wing Commanders Goulding and Blane visited the station from No. 2 Training Command. The purpose of this visit was respecting station accommodation. The Wings Parade was held for Observer Course 44 and Group Captain Lewis presented 227 graduates with their wing. Guests were invited to this Parade which was well attended.

22-8-42 26 aircraft successfully completed the morning and afternoon navigation exercises. Both nite trips were washed out due to unfavourable weather conditions. During the week 4 inter station softball games were played. Track and field entries now total 87, most of whom are taking intensive training for the events. A recreation committee formed this week to look after all recreation such as, table games, Theatre parties, orchestra and bowling. A contract has been let to Brunswick Baukle to install 6 bowling alleys in the addition to the Drill Hall. A very active interest is being taken in this form of recreation. An inaugural meeting respecting archery was held and plans to form a club which will make its own equipment and hold competitions.

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23-8-42 25 aircraft completed the morning exercise and 24 completed the afternoon exercise. 35 aircraft completed 1st nite trip but 2nd trip washed out due to a ground fog.

24-8-42 21 aircraft completed the morning navigation exercise and 24 the afternoon exercise. 38 aircraft completed the 1st nite trip but the second was washed out due to bad weather conditions.

25-8-42 24 aircraft flew both the morning and afternoon exercises. 36 aircraft completed the 1st nite trip and 38 the 2nd.

26-8-42 21 aircraft completed the morning exercise, 2 being washed out due to a navigator being sick and a pilot being grounded and a replacement impossible. The afternoon exercise was washed out due to unfavourable weather. 35 aircraft completed the 1st nite trip but the 2nd nite exercise was washed out due to the possibility of thunder storms and fog. The ensign flown at half mast for His Royal Highness, the Duke of Kent. The Command Trade Test Board arrived.

27-8-42 22 aircraft completed the morning exercise and 20 the afternoon. 36 aircraft successfully completed the 1st nite trip. 36 aircraft were scheduled to fly the 2nd nite trip and were instructed to land at Portage La Prairie, MacDonald and Carberry or stations east of Rivers due to thunder storms moving in from the west. Progress on the building proceeding very slowly now. The electrical contractor is delayed awaiting heating details.

28-8-42 Morning and afternoon navigation exercises were washed out due to unfavourable weather conditions. 1st nite navigation exercise was washed out due to the fuses blowing out in the ground station and a reserve supply having to be obtained from works and buildings and the receiver at the D.F. station being unserviceable. 33 aircraft completed the 2nd nite trip.

29-8-42 19 aircraft completed the morning exercise. 26 aircraft were scheduled to fly the afternoon exercise but 1 aircraft was washed out due to the lack of a navigator. Both nite exercises were washed out due to unfavourable weather. Flag flown at half mast today. Word received that a period of Court Morning be ordered for His Royal Highness, the Duke of Kent, from August 26th until 2359 hrs. Sept. 22nd. Sports during week consisted of 4 play off games of baseball in the inter station league. Some disorganization is resulting from the posting of our P.T. Officer. P.O. Fritz. Track and field entries have increased to 127 entries and all are taking intensive training.

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30-8-42 The morning exercise was washed out due to bad weather conditions. The afternoon exercise was also washed out as the class Instructors were satisfied that the overcast would make astro impossible. 48 aircraft completed the 1st nite trip but the 2nd was washed out due to expected ground fog.

31-8-42 24 aircraft completed the morning navigation exercise but 1 was washed out due to a pilot failing to report and no replacement being available. 21 aircraft completed the afternoon exercise but both nite trips were washed out due to unfavourable weather conditions. New electric Standby plant installed and has been given run in test.

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PERSONNEL STRENGTH

STAFF:	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
R.C.A.F.	110	1154	
R.C.A.S.C.	1	5	
C.D.C.	2	2	
C.P.C.		3	
Y.M.C.A.			2
Civilians Meteorologists			3
Radio Operators (Junior Rating)			4
Mess Foremen			1

Messmen			72
Firemen			35
Pumpmen			2
Labourers			3
Cooks			1
Painter			1
Surveyor			1
Stenographers Class 1			2
Plumber			1
	113	1165	128

<u>TRAINEES</u>	R.C.A.F.	77	262
	R.N.Z.A.F.		40
	R.A.A.F.	2	1
	R.A.F.	1	226
	Non-Effective Strength	7	

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>Type</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
Anson	82	18
Stinson	1	0

(A. Lewis) Group Captain,
Commanding Officer,
No. 1 Central Navigation School,
Rivers, Manitoba.

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PERSONNEL STRENGTH

<u>STAFF:</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
R.C.A.F.	110	1154	
R.C.A.S.C.	1	5	
C.D.C.	2	2	
C.P.C.		4	
Y.M.C.A.			2
Civilians Meteorologists			3
Radio Operators (Junior Rating)			4
Mess Foremen			1
Messmen			72
Firemen			35
Pumpmen			2
Labourers			3
Cooks			1

Painters			1
Surveyors			1
Stenographers Grade 1 (Female)			2
Plumber			1
	113	1165	128

<u>TRAINEES</u>	R.C.A.F.	77	262
	R.N.Z.A.F.		40
	R.A.A.F.	2	1
	R.A.F.	1	226
NON-EFFECTIVE STRENGTH		7	

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

Type	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>
Anson	82	18
Stinson	1	0

(A. Lewis) Group Captain,
 Commanding Officer,
 No. 1 C.N.S., RCAF,
 RIVERS, Manitoba.

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1-9-42 The Morning Navigation trip was washed out by the Class Instructors. The afternoon Navigation trip was washed out by Class Instructors. The First Night Flight had fifty-one A/C listed to fly. Three A/C were washed out. Forty-nine A/C were listed to fly the second night trip. Forty-four A/C took off, all A/C returning safely to base by 06.10 hrs.

2-9-42 Twenty-six A/C were listed to fly the Morning flight and afternoon flight. All aircraft took off. A/C 6746 of the morning flight landed in Winnipeg at 11.14 hrs. with engine trouble. All A/C in the afternoon flight returned to base successfully. Fifty A/C were listed to fly the 1st night trip but one A/C was washed out due to sickness of Wireless Operator. In the second night trip, fifty A/C were listed to fly. Forty-five A/C took off. Five A/C were washed out. Two A/C were unserviceable.

3-9-42 Twenty A/C took off in the morning on Navigation flight, 6627 landed at Portage with sick Navigator. Thirty-one A/C scheduled for Navigation in the afternoon, all took off and returned safely except one which was washed out as Wireless Operator didn't show up. Fifty A/C took off on night trip, one returned to base with engine trouble. Remainder completed flight successfully. Of fifty-three A/C on 2nd night trip, three were washed out, one because of sick navigators, the 2nd returned to base with engine trouble, and the 3rd was cancelled by the Officer i/c of the class.

4-9-42 The morning exercise of twenty A/C and the afternoon trip of twenty-three A/C all returned safely to base after carrying out bombing. Forty-nine A/C were scheduled to take off on 1st Night Navigation exercise, four were washed out, Navigators sick. Of the thirty-nine A/C scheduled on the 2nd night trip, two were washed out, one because of wireless operator failing to show up and the other case, Pilot was at Yorktown having landed there on the first trip. Wings Parade was held for Course 45. Group Captain Lewis presented the wings to the graduates.

5-9-42 Twenty A/C were scheduled for the morning flight, one washed out, pilot was ill, the remainder completed exercise. Twenty-five A/C took off in the afternoon Navigation, all completed the exercise. First night trip twenty-seven A/C took off, Anson 6097 landed at Broadview due to bad weather and gas shortage. On advice from the Met. Section, the 2nd night trip was washed out at 0120 hrs. 6-9-42.

6-9-42 Twenty-five A/C were listed to fly the Morning Flight. All A/C returned to base but one A/C washed out owing to sickness of Navigator. In the afternoon flight eight A/C took off. Thirty-nine A/C took off for the first night flight. One A/C returned to base as the radio was U/S. Twenty-eight A/C were listed to fly the 2nd night flight - two A/C were washed out due to engine trouble, also one washed out by G.I.S. Course 50. Intake twenty-two Air Observers from No. 6 A.O.S., consisting of twelve R.C.A.F. and ten R.A.F.

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7-9-42 The morning and afternoon flights were cancelled, the day being a Civic Holiday. Forty-three A/C took off on the first night navigation flight, one A/C returned to base with radio trouble. Forty-three A/C were listed to fly the 2nd night flight. All took off. Two A/C returned to base - one, owing to sickness of pilot and one due to engine trouble. Bomber Crew consisting of P/O Higham, F/L T.C. McCall, Medical Officer i/c of Party, F/Sgts. Leach, Morrison, Sveinson, W.O.A.G's and F/Sgt. Lee, Observer, arrived at this Station and proceeded by automobile to Minnedosa, returned and left Rivers for Regina.

Sports Day was held today and was a huge success with many personnel and their friends on hand to witness the events. Prizes, amounting to a total sum of \$800.00 were donated by business firms from Winnipeg, Brandon and Rivers and were presented to the various winners by Mrs. Lewis, wife of the Commanding Officer, Group Captain A. Lewis. Contestants were many and some of the countrys represented were:- U.S.A., New Zealand, Australia and Rhodesia. The 100 yd. dash, with prizes donated by Brewery Products, consisted of a Rolex Watch, valued at \$47.50. Ronson combination lighters with cases valued from \$18.00 to \$22.50. This event was won by L.A.C. Proctor, Observer from Course No. 46. The Grand Individual Aggregate was won by Cpl. Smith and the Grand Aggregate won by G.I.S. Winner of the 220 yd. event was L.A.C. Skeen, R.N.Z.A.F. Winner of the 880, grass track without spikes, won by P/O Finn, of Rhodesia, in the good time of 2 mins. 11½ secs. The events held at the meet were: 100 yd. dash, the 220, 440, 880, and the mile race, three mile relay, tug-of-war, high jump, broad jump, pole vault, discus throw, javelin throw, shot put, S/Ldrs 75 yd. race, ladies 50 yd. race (Nurses & W.D's). Novelty events were: three legged race, slack race, egg & spoon, and the wheelbarrow race. Photos, of the prizes and some of the winners are attached. (NOT attached).

8-9-42 Twenty-one A/C took off in the morning flight and all returned to base. Twenty-four A/C were listed to fly the afternoon flight. One A/C was washed out by Course Instructor. Forty-five A/C were listed to fly the first navigation flight. One A/C was washed out due to W.O. being on a 48 and no substitute was available. Thirty-three A/C were listed to fly the second night trip but was washed out owing to thunder storms in regions due to mass of unstable air.

9-9-42 Twenty-five A/C were listed to fly the morning flight. All A/C took off and returned safely to base. Twenty-six A/C were listed to fly the afternoon flight. One A/C was washed out due to illness of 2nd Navigator. First night trip and 2nd trip were washed out due to high wind and local thunderstorms. F/L F.R. Attridge reported from No. 4 S.F.T.S. as Senior Medical Officer.

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10-9-42 Twenty-two A/C were listed to fly the morning flight. All A/C took off and returned to base. Twenty- one A/C were listed to fly the afternoon flight. Flying was washed out due to low cloud formation and bad visibility. First night flight was washed out for the same reason. Forty-nine A/C were listed to fly the second night trip. One A/C was washed out due to one Operator short.

11-9-42 Nineteen A/C were listed to fly the morning navigation flight. One A/C was washed out due to sickness of Navigator. Twenty-five A/C were listed to fly the afternoon flight. All A/C took off and returned to base successfully. Thirty-eight A/C were listed to fly the first night flight. One A/C was washed out due to sickness of navigators. Forty-five A/C were listed to fly the second night flight. Three A/C were washed out due to one A/C not returning from first flight in time, also two A/C being forced down on first flight. While carrying out a landing at Paulson, Man., Anson 6082 crashed owing to bad weather by overshooting runway resulting in "B" crash. Crew of four uninjured.

12-9-42 Fifteen A/C were listed and all took off in the morning navigation flight. All A/C returned to base safely. Twenty-one A/C were listed to fly and all took off in the afternoon flight having a successful flight. Forty-three A/C were listed to fly the first night flight. One A/C was washed out due to u/s. Forty A/C were listed to fly the second night flight. Two A/C were washed out due to sickness of navigators.

13-9-42 Fourteen A/C listed to fly the morning flight. All A/C took off and returned safely. Twenty-one A/C were listed to fly the afternoon navigation flight. All A/C took off and returned to base safely. Forty-three A/C were listed to fly the first night flight. All A/C took off and returned to base safely. Forty-four A/C took off in 2nd night flight and returned to base safely. Crash - Anson 6628 while carrying out a regular landing, resulted in a crash as port undercarriage collapsed. Crew of four uninjured. No. 6 A.O.S., Prince Albert, Sask., disbanded and taken on strength this Station, with a total of one hundred and sixty-nine trainees, consisting of eighty-four RCAF., thirty-one RAAF, twenty-four RNZAF., twelve RAF., eighteen RCAF., making up the following courses: 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56 and 57. Crse. 59 A.N., intake of 26 trainees.

14-9-42 Flying scheduled for the morning trip was washed out due to very heavy ground fog. Twenty-one A/C were listed to fly the afternoon flight. Flying was washed out due to deteriorating weather. 1st night navigation flight was washed out due to weather conditions. Of the forty-eight A/C listed to fly the 2nd night flight, two were washed out due to one navigator reporting sick and one Astrograph being u/s. Output of twenty-two trainees of Course 50 A.O., consisting of twelve RCAF., and ten RAF.

15-9-42 Thirteen A/C were listed to fly the morning flight. One A/C was washed out due to sickness of Navigator. Twenty-six A/C were listed to fly the afternoon flight. One A/C was washed out. The first and second night trips were washed out due to bad weather conditions. Wired No. 2 T.C. for heating plans for additional heating now under construction. This being held up for further plans.

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16-9-42 The morning navigation flight was washed out due to low ceiling, the bombing exercises were started but were not completed due to the weather. Nineteen A/C were scheduled to fly in the afternoon, only seven took off as the remainder were Navigators who were not ready to make the trip as the other half of the class had not flown in the morning. Of forty-five A/C scheduled to fly on the first night trip four were washed out on instructions from the officers i/c of the course. The same number were scheduled for the 2nd night trip and four were again washed out for the above mentioned reason.

17-9-42 One of the thirteen A/C scheduled to take off on the morning flight was washed out due to sickness of navigator. Of the thirty-five A/C scheduled to take off on the afternoon flight, one was cancelled for the same reason. Four A/C were washed out of the Fifty A/C scheduled on the first trip (night). Two because of sick navigators and remainder because of the Wireless Operators failing to show up. Forty-five A/C took off on the second night trip, all completed the exercise, but a taxiing accident occurred at 0220 hrs., no personnel were injured.

18-9-42 Twenty A/C were listed to fly the morning navigation flight. All A/C took off and returned to base successfully. Twenty-six A/C were scheduled to fly the afternoon flight. All A/C took off and returned safely. Thirty-four A/C were listed to fly the first night flight. Two A/C were washed out due to two navigators being sick. All A/C took off and landed safely. Anson 6229, while taxiing collided with Anson AX172 causing general damages due to poor visibility resulting in "B" crash. Crew of four uninjured.

19-9-42 Twenty-nine A/C were listed to fly the morning navigation flight. Two A/C were washed out due to Navigators failing to report for briefing. Twenty-one A/C were listed to fly the afternoon flight. One A/C was washed out by the Officer i/c of the course. Twenty-four A/C were listed to fly the first night flight. One washed out due to two navigators not reporting for briefing owing to a forced landing during the day flight. Twenty-three A/C were listed for flying the 2nd night flight. Two A/C were washed out due to two navigators being ill.

20-9-42 Twenty-six A/C were listed to fly the morning navigation flight. All A/C took off. A/C 6444 forced landing at Winnipeg with starboard engine trouble. Twenty-five A/C listed to fly the afternoon flight. All took off, one A/C grounded due to bad weather. Twenty-one A/C listed to fly the first night trip. Both 1st and 2nd night trips washed out due to rain and low ceilings.

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21-9-42 Flying was washed out for the morning, afternoon and the two night flights, owing to heavy clouds in all districts and possibility of ground fogs. A wings parade was held for Course 46, 210 graduated and the Group Captain presented them with their wings. Course 46 posted, with an output of 210 trainees.

22-9-42 Twenty-six A/C were listed to fly the morning flight. All A/C took off and returned to base successfully. Twenty-four A/C were listed to fly the afternoon flight. Flying was washed out due to low ceiling and intermittent rain, with the possibility of the weather closing in completely at R. Y1. Flying for both 1st and 2nd night flights was washed out due to unfavorable weather conditions.

23-9-42 Twenty-seven A/C were listed to fly the morning navigation flight. Flying was washed out due to unfavorable weather conditions. Thirteen A/C were listed to fly the afternoon flight. Flying was washed out due to unfavorable weather conditions. Twenty-one A/C were listed to fly the first night flight. Three A/C were washed out due to Wireless Operators not showing up. Not one Operator showed up at briefing. The second night flight was washed out. Sgts. Mess Dance was held in the Recreation Hall and was very successful.

24-9-42 Twenty-six A/C were scheduled to fly on the morning exercise, all completed the trip reporting poor flying conditions with regard to weather. Due to weather conditions only ten of the scheduled A/C took off and completed the navigation exercise scheduled for the afternoon. Forty-one A/C were listed to fly on the first night trip, however three were washed out due to wireless operators being late. The second night trip was washed out due to low ceilings closing in from the East and West.

25-9-42 Fourteen A/C were listed to fly the morning flight. Two A/C were washed out due to sickness of navigators. Sixteen A/C were listed to fly the afternoon flight. All A/C took off and returned to base successfully. Forty A/C were listed to fly the first night trip. Five A/C were washed out. One A/C did not return from Regina till after 2000 hrs. and trip was washed out for A/C 6537. One P/O and one S/P did not report for briefing. Owing to shortage of A/C for two crews, the crews were dismissed. Thirty-six A/C were listed to fly the second night flight. Two A/C were washed out due to sickness of one Navigator and one Navigator not showing up until one hr. after scheduled time for take off and trip had been washed out. Output of Crse.45A.O. 233 trainees.

26-9-42 Twenty-eight A/C were listed to fly the morning flight. Two A/C were washed out due to unserviceability. Fourteen A/C were listed to fly the afternoon flight. All A/C took off and returned to base successfully. Twenty-five A/C were listed for the first night flight. Three A/C were washed out due to u/s. Twenty-six A/C were listed to fly the second night flight. Four A/C were washed out due to sickness of U/S of radio. Installation of D.R. Instructor now completed and tested.

Average daily issue of bread per man, approx. 5 oz's.

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27-9-42 Thirteen A/C were listed to fly the morning flight. One A/C 6888 returned from flight due to radio trouble. Eighteen were listed to fly the afternoon flight. All A/C took off and returned to base successfully. Six Moth A/C from Neepawa arrived here and dispatched successfully. Thirty-four A/C were listed to fly the first night trip. All A/C took off and returned to base after a successful flight. The second night trip was washed out due to the Ground Station off air. (Technical trouble). Crash, Anson AX493 - forced landing seven miles south of Kemnay, Man. Pilot was out of gas and landed with undercarriage semi-retracted causing "B" crash. None of the crew of four were injured. The lowest temperature of the month was today, the temperature being 19.2 above.

28-9-42 The morning trip called for fourteen A/C, all completed the exercise. Twenty-seven A/C took off and completed the afternoon trip successfully. Twenty-one A/C were scheduled to take off on the first night trip, one was washed out because of the navigator failing to show up. The remainder completed the exercise successfully. There was no second night exercise scheduled.

29-9-42 Twenty-five A/C were scheduled to take off on the morning navigation flight, one was washed out because there were only twenty-four A/C serviceable. Twenty-six A/C took off on the afternoon trip, all completed the exercise. Twenty-nine A/C were scheduled for the first night trip, all took off on schedule and returned safely to base. No second night trip was scheduled. Course 60 A.N. taken on strength. Course 51 A.O. struck off strength - twenty-one trainees. Intake of Crse. 60AN 52 trainees.

30-9-42 Twenty-three A/C were listed to fly the morning navigation flight. All A/C took off and returned to base successfully. Twenty-one A/C were listed to fly the afternoon flight. All A/C took off and returned after a successful flight. Nineteen A/C were listed to fly the first night flight. Anson 6625 landed at Winnipeg with engine trouble staying overnight. Twenty-five A/C were listed to fly the second night flight. One A/C was washed out due to Pilot not showing up. Two A/C returned to base with no lights, their trip being washed out. One A/C landed in Winnipeg with light trouble. One A/C returned to base with receiver trouble. Twenty Ansons Mk I, have been allotted to No. 33 S.F..T.S. Wired Command for reinforcing details of hangar heating. These urgently needed as work is being held up on construction of new hangar. Flying Time for the month, is as follows: Day - 4019:50; Night - 489:10. Pilots 144. Average Time 62:50.

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<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
<u>STAFF:</u>			
R.C.A.F.	187	1214	
R.C.A.S.C.	1	5	
C.D.C.	2	3	
C.P.C.	0	4	
Y.M.C.A.			2
Civilian Meteorologists			4
Radio Operators (Junior Rating)			4
Mess Foreman			1
Messmen			55
Cooks			3
Fireman			31
Painters			1
Labourers			4
Plumbers			1
Carpenters			1
Stenographers (Gr. 1. Female)			2
Surveyors			1
Pumpmen			3
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	190	1226	113
<u>TRAINEES:</u>			
R.C.A.F.		104	
R.N.Z.A.F.		45	
R.A.A.F.		43	
R.A.F.		71	
R.N.A.F.	1	16	
<u>NON-EFFECTIVE STRENGTH</u>	7		

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>Type</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>
Anson	37	15
Stinson	1	0

(A. Lewis) Group Captain,
Commanding Officer,
No. 1 Central Navigation School,
Rivers, Man.

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PERSONNEL STRENGTH

<u>STAFF:</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
R.C.A.F.	187	1214	
R.C.A.S.C.	1	5	
C.D.C.	2	3	
C.P.C.	0	4	
Y.M.C.A.			2
Civilian Meteorologists			4
Radio Operators (Junior Rating)			4
Mess Foreman			1
Messmen			55
Cooks			3
Fireman			31
Painters			1
Labourers			4
Plumbers			1
Carpenters			1
Stenographers (Gr. 1. Female)			2
Surveyors			1
Pumpmen			3
	190	1226	113
<u>TRAINEES:</u> R.C.A.F.		104	
R.N.Z.A.F.		45	
R.A.A.F.		43	
R.A.F.		71	
R.N.A.F.	1	16	

NON-EFFECTIVE STRENGTH

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>Type</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>
Anson	37	15
Stinson	1	0

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1-10-42 Twenty-five A/C were listed to fly the morning flight. Two A/C were washed out as no A/C were available. Twenty-one A/C were scheduled to fly the afternoon flight, two A/C were washed out due to orders from G.I.S. Twenty-six A/C were listed to fly the first night trip, all A/C took off and returned to base safely. Twenty four A/C listed for second night trip but one was washed out due to sickness of pilot.

2-10-42 Twenty-six A/C were listed to fly the morning flight. One A/C was washed out due to unserviceability and no other A/C available. Twenty-six A/C were listed to fly the afternoon flight. One A/C was washed out in flight. Twenty-four

A/C flew the 2nd night trip, one A/C returned owing to sickness of pilot. Twenty-one A/C flew the 1st night trip. One A/C returned to base owing to receiver u/s. A committee has been formed today for living out personnel.

3-10-42 Twenty A/C flew the morning navigation flight, and twenty-two in the afternoon. Twenty-eight A/C flew the first night trip and twenty-two A/C the second night trip. All A/C returned to base safely.

4-10-42 Twenty-five A/C flew the morning navigation flight. Twelve A/C flew the afternoon flight. Twenty-four A/C flew the 1st night trip and all A/C but one returned safely, as one returned with u/s radio. Twenty-three A/C took off on 2nd night trip and all but one completed a successful trip. One A/C returned with u/s transmitter.

5-10-42 Thirteen A/C were listed to fly the morning navigation flight. Photographic trips were washed out due to bad weather conditions. Nine A/C were listed to fly the afternoon flight. Owing to shortage of A/C and Pilots the afternoon flight was split up into two sections. Command wired that F/O D.H. McWhirter, P.T. Officer will visit this station on the 11th by air.

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5-10-42 (cont'd) Twenty-nine A/C were listed to fly the first night flight. All A/C took off. A/C 6668 landed in Weyburn owing to engine trouble. Fourteen A/C flew the 2nd night trip and all completed the flight successfully and returned to base.

6-10-42 Twenty-six A/C took off in the morning navigation flight. In the afternoon flight, twenty-eight A/C took off. One A/C, Anson 6660 returned to base with defective undercarriage and brakes. Twenty-six A/C flew the first night flight. The second trip was washed out. Link Trainer from No. 12 S.F.T.S. was installed. Work is held up in Drill Hall leanto which is urgently needed for provisional class rooms. Contractor states that he is unable to reach roofing controller to get release on a carload of roofing. Construction proceeding slowly and so far no heating or sewage contract has been let. 550 men still using No. 3 hangar as barracks. Weather is exceptionally fine but cold weather may be expected at any time now and a good deal of suffering will result. Students are finding it difficult to get proper rest owing to the proximity of their quarters in No. 3 hangar to the aircraft. Flying is in progress 24 hrs a day.

7-10-42 Twenty-three A/C were scheduled to fly the morning flight but six A/C washed out due to no A/C being available. Flying for the afternoon was washed out due to very high winds with increasing dust. Twenty-four A/C took off for first night trip and all A/C returned to base safely. No second night flight was scheduled.

8-10-42 Twenty-five A/C took off for the morning flight. Twenty-A/C flew the afternoon flight. Twenty-five A/C flew the first night trip. Anson 6623 landed at Winnipeg short of gas, departed Winnipeg at 0015 hrs. arriving Rivers 0135 hrs. Nine A/C flew the second night trip.

9-10-42 Twenty-two A/C took off on the morning navigation flight. Twenty A/C flew the afternoon trip. Twenty-three A/C were scheduled for the night exercise, all took off on schedule and completed the flight successfully. No. 52 Air Observer Course posted to No. 7 B. & G. School, Paulson, Man.

10-10-42 Twenty-four A/C took off on schedule in the morning flight and returned safely to base. Twenty A/C took off and completed the afternoon flight. Twenty-seven A/C completed the first night trip. No second night trip was scheduled.

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11-10-42 Flight in the morning was successfully completed, twenty-eight A/C took part. Thirteen A/C completed the afternoon flight. Twenty-five A/C flew the first night trip but one was washed out returning to base with port engine unserviceable. Twenty-five A/C flew the 2nd night trip. Two A/C landed in Winnipeg with engine trouble and two more returned to base with light trouble. F/O D.H. McWhirter, P.T. Instructor from the Command visited the station to discuss the physical training programme. Course 61 A.N. taken on strength from No. 31 Personnel Depot, Moncton, N.B.

12-10-42 Twelve A/C took off for the morning flight. One A/C landed at Portage. Twenty-four A/C took off on the afternoon trip. One A/C returned to base with engine trouble. The first night trip was postponed until midnight but was washed out at that time due to bad weather. Course 46 A.O. posted to Eastern Air Command, Halifax, N.S.

13-10-42 Twenty-four A/C successfully completed the morning exercise. Thirteen A/C took off in the afternoon. The first night trip was successful, twenty-nine A/C took off. No second night trip was scheduled. Permission granted by Command for two Officers to speak at Victory Loan meeting in Rivers on Tues. Oct. 20th.

14-10-42 Twenty-five A/C flew the morning exercise and all returned to base safely. Fifteen A/C completed the afternoon trip successfully. Twenty-five A/C completed the first night trip successfully. The 2nd night trip was not scheduled.

15-10-42 Owing to kit inspection flying for the morning trip was washed out. Nine A/C flew the afternoon flight and all returned safely. Twenty-seven A/C flew the first night trip and had a successful flight. No second trip was scheduled.

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16-10-42 Twenty-six A/C flew the morning trip. Nine A/C in the afternoon. Twenty-five A/C flew the night navigation flight. All A/C took off and returned to base safely.

17-10-42 Twenty-seven A/C took off and returned safely in the morning flight. Eleven A/C flew the afternoon trip. Twenty-nine A/C took off on the night navigation trip and all A/C returned to base safely. A dance was held in the Officers Mess for the Officers friends and wives and was an enjoyable evening.

18-10-42 Twenty-seven A/C completed the morning trip safely. Twenty-one A/C were listed to fly the afternoon flight. Ten A/C left for Battleford, Calgary, Regina and return to Rivers. Thirteen A/C took off in the night navigation flight and all returned to base safely.

19-10-42 Twelve A/C flew the morning exercise. Twenty-one A/C flew the afternoon flight. Thirteen A/C took off in the night navigation flight. All A/C returned safely to base. The Short "N" Course returned from Calgary, having flown there and back on a special Navigation Flight, the trip was carried out as per schedule and nothing out of the ordinary occurred.

20-10-42 The morning flight was washed out due to sand storms and other unfavorable weather conditions. The afternoon flight was washed out as well as the 1st night trip for the same reasons. There was no second night trip

scheduled. Link-Trainer L.428 sent to No. 12 SFTS, Brandon. Received from No. 8 Repair Depot, one Kellefer Revolving Scraper.

21-10-42 All flying was washed out for the day and night because of a snow storm, which lasted until about 1600 hrs. and then the sky was so overcast that navigation was impossible. A Sgts. Mess Dance was held and was a huge success.

22-10-42 The morning flight was scheduled but cancelled owing to snow flurries. There was no change in the afternoon and the trip for the afternoon was also cancelled. The first night trip was washed out owing to bad weather. By midnight the weather had cleared and twenty-three A/C took off on the second trip. A general recall was sent out to all A/C from this Unit because of bad icing conditions.

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23-10-42 The morning trip was washed out because of unfavorable weather conditions. Twenty-five A/C flew the afternoon trip. The first night trip was washed out because of bad weather. There was no second night trip scheduled. Command wired that Air Commodore Lawrence and Party will arrive this station on the 28th.

24-10-42 Twenty-four A/C flew the morning flight. Eleven A/C in the afternoon. All A/C returned to base safely. Twenty-seven A/C flew the first night trip. A/C 6669 landed in Brandon due to engine trouble and remained overnight. No second trip was scheduled. Received from Binghampton, N.Y., one Celestial Navigation Trainer.

25-10-42 Ten A/C took off in the morning flight and all returned to base safely. Twenty-seven A/C flew the afternoon flight. A/C 6367 returned to base at 17.10 with part of wing missing. Twenty-four A/C flew the 1st night flight. No second flight was scheduled. Course 62 A.N. taken on strength on posting from No. 31 Personnel Depot, Moncton, N.B. Course 62 Air Bombers taken on strength from No. 5 B. & G. School, Dafoe, Sask.

26-10-42 Twenty-five A/C were listed to fly the morning flight. One A/C washed out due to failure to start and no other A/C available. Twenty-four A/C took off on the afternoon flight, three A/C returned to base with radio, motor and instrument trouble. A/C 6032 landed at Alida, Sask at 17.50 hrs. out of fuel,, instructed to remain overnight. Anson 6367 resulted in a "B" Crash over Riding Mountain, Man., striking a tree and damaging a port wing tip. Crash due to iced up windshield, no visibility. Crew of four uninjured.

27-10-42 Twenty-six A/C took off on the morning flight and all returned to base safely. Twenty-two A/C flew the afternoon flight and all returned to base safely. The night navigation flight was washed out due to unfavorable weather conditions. There was no second trip scheduled.

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28-10-42 Twenty-six A/C were scheduled to take off on the morning trip. Briefing was postponed until 0900 hrs. at which time flying was washed out due to low ceilings and possible snow. Owing to weather conditions which grew worse the afternoon and 1st night trip was washed out. No second night trip was scheduled. No. 3 B.&G. MacDonald, Man., wired that Air Commodore Lawrence and Party would arrive tomorrow, 29-10-42.

29-10-42 Twenty-six A/C were listed to fly the morning flight but the trip was washed out due to low ceilings making a square search trip inadvisable. Twenty-seven A/C flew the afternoon trip and all A/C returned to base safely. Twenty-seven A/C took off on the night flight. Anson 6856 was forced down by other aircraft when approaching to land and struck high tension wires off E.W. runway slightly damaging plane. No second night flight was scheduled. Air Commodore Lawrence and Party visited Station and after duty went on a Duck hunting trip.

30-10-42 Twenty-five A/C took off on the morning navigation flight. A/C 6412 landed at Regina at 1100 hrs. with engine trouble. Nineteen A/C were listed to fly the afternoon flight. The third afternoon Photographic trip was washed out. Twenty-six A/C flew the first night flight. One A/C returned to base, with u/s Astrograph. Twelve A/C took off on the second flight and all A/C returned to base safely.

31-10-42 Twenty A/C flew the morning navigation flight. Twenty-one A/C took off on the afternoon flight. All A/C returned to base safely. The first and second night trips were washed out due to unfavorable weather conditions. A Dance was held for the Officers and their friends at the Officers Mess.

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31-10-42

PERSONNEL STRENGTH

<u>STAFF:</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
R.C.A.F.	112	1101	
R.A.F.	6	56	
R.N.Z.A.F.	1		
C.D.C.	2	3	
R.C.A.S.C.	1	6	
C.P.C.		4	
Civilian (Meteorologists)			3
Y.M.C.A.			2
Radio Operators (Junior Rating)			4
Messmen			67
Mess Foreman			1
Firemen			36
Pumpmen			2
Labourers			11
Cooks			1
Carpenters			1
Plumbers			1
Stationary Engineer			1
Stenographers, Grade 1 (Female)			2
	122	1170	132
<u>TRAINEES</u>			
R.C.A.F.	89	124	
R.A.F.	3	206	
R.N.Z.A.F.	1	8	

R.A.A.F.	3	13
R.N.A.F.	1	6
NON-EFFECTIVE STRENGTH	9	

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>Type</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>
Anson	50	12
Stinson	1	0

(A. Lewis) Group Captain,
 Commanding Officer,
 No. 1 C.N.S., RCAF,
 RIVERS, Manitoba.

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PERSONNEL STRENGTH

<u>STAFF:</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
R.C.A.F.	112	1101	
R.A.F.	6	56	
R.N.Z.A.F.	1		
C.D.C.	2	3	
R.C.A.S.C.	1	6	
C.P.C.		4	
Civilian (Meteorologists)			3
Y.M.C.A.			2
Radio Operators (Junior Rating)			4
Messmen			67
Mess Foreman			1
Firemen			36
Pumpmen			2
Labourers			11
Cooks			1
Carpenters			1
Plumbers			1
Stationary Engineer			1
Stenographers, Grade 1 (Female)			2
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	122	1170	132
<u>TRAINEES</u>			
R.C.A.F.	89	124	
R.A.F.	3	206	
R.N.Z.A.F.	1	8	
R.A.A.F.	3	13	
R.N.A.F.	1	6	

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>Type</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>
Anson	50	12
Stinson	1	0

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1-11-42 Three A/C flew Photographic exercises which was the only flying schedule for the morning. Twenty-five A/C took off on the afternoon flight. One A/C delayed at Regina due to undercarriage trouble. All A/C returned to base having a successful flight. Twenty-one A/C took off in the first night flight and all A/C returned to base safely. No second night flight scheduled.

2-11-42 Morning trips washed out because of unfavorable weather conditions for astro. Twenty-five A/C took off on the afternoon flight and all A/C returned to base safely. Only one night trip was scheduled in which twenty-three A/C took off. All A/C returned to base safely.

3-11-42 The morning trip was washed out owing to unfavorable weather conditions. Twelve A/C flew the afternoon flight. Twenty-five A/C took off on the first night flight. All A/C for both these flights returned safely. Flight Lieutenant J. Eisen, RCAF. Jewish Padre arrived from the Command to interview Jewish Personnel.

4-11-42 The morning navigation flight was washed out due to weather conditions (snow). The afternoon and night flights were washed out for the same reason.

Wired Command for permission to proceed with bowling alleys.

5-11-42 Fourteen A/C were listed to fly the morning navigation night and all A/C returned safely. Thirteen A/C flew the afternoon flight and all A/C returned safely. Twenty-seven A/C flew the 1st night trip. No second trip was scheduled. Command wired to proceed with construction of bowling alleys. F/Lt. Eisen left today by air for No. 7 A.O.S. Portage La Prairie.

6-11-42 Thirteen A/C took off on the morning flight and all A/C returned to base safely. Thirteen A/C flew the afternoon flight. Both night flights were washed out. Course 54 A.O. S.O.S. on posting to No. 7 B.& G. School, Paulson, Man.

7-11-42 Twenty-seven A/C took off on the morning navigation flight and all returned safely. Eleven A/C flew the afternoon exercise. The first night flight was washed out by the Meteorological Section. There was no second night flight scheduled. Course #63 A.N. T.O.S. on posting from No. 31 P.D. (RAF) Moncton.

8-11-42 Twenty-six A/C took off on the morning flight. Due to weather conditions A/C were recalled at 13.40 hrs. All returned to base except Anson 2658 which was grounded at Yorkton with Starboard engine trouble and remained until following morning. The afternoon and both night flights were washed out owing to unfavorable weather conditions. Course No. 63, Air Bombers, T.O.S, on posting from No. 5 B.& G. School Dafoe, Sask.

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9-11-42 The morning flight was washed out due to unfavourable weather conditions. Twenty-six A/C flew the second trip, the afternoon flight. Twelve A/C flew the first night flight. A/C 6332 landed at Portage to refuel returning to Rivers at 01.30 hrs. All A/C returned to base successfully. There was no second night flight scheduled.

10-11-42 Twenty-six A/C took off on the morning flight and all A/C returned to base safely. Twenty-two A/C flew the afternoon flight. No exercises were scheduled for the night flights.

11-11-42 Nineteen A/C took off on the morning navigation flight and all A/C returned to base safely. Thirty-one A/C flew the afternoon flight. Nine A/C flew to North Battleford returning same night, one A/C forced down landed in Saskatoon and remained overnight. Twenty-four A/C took off the first night trip. A/C 6210 forced down at Portage La Prairie with engine trouble remaining overnight. All other A/C returned to base safely. S/L L.J. Dyte, P.T. Drill & Discipline from A.F.H.Q. and F/O D.H. McWhirter of the Command H.Q.'s arrived this station. Recapitulation of final figures for the 3rd Victory Loan of this station is as follows: Service Personnel:- 81 installments, \$13,500.00. 453 installments, \$33,700.00. Civilian Personnel:- 4 installments - \$350.00. 13 installments - \$800.00. Grand Total - \$48,350.00. S/L Dyte and F/O McWhirter left for #19 EFTS., Virden, Man.

12-11-42 Nineteen A/C flew the morning exercise. All returned safely. Thirty-one A/C took off on the afternoon flight. Nine A/C flew to North Battleford returning same night. One A/C forced down in Saskatoon and remained overnight. Twenty-four A/C took off on the first night flight. A/C 6210 forced down at Portage La Prairie with engine trouble remaining overnight. All other aircraft returned to base safely.

13-11-42 Twenty-five A/C took off on the first trip, the morning exercise. One A/C returned with engine trouble and another with wireless U/S. Anson 6399 forced down at Elphinstone short of fuel, returning to base after refueling. Twenty A/C flew the afternoon trip, one A/C landed at Winnipeg with engine trouble. Twenty-six A/C flew the only night flight. Command wired to proceed with placing gravel and steep roof pitch on leantos to drill hall. Crash - Anson 6623 while on a navigation exercise struck aerodrome obstruction marker when Brake Cabbee broke after landing. Crew of 5 uninjured.

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14-11-42 Twenty-four A/C flew the morning exercise. All A/C returned to base safely. Twenty-seven A/C flew the afternoon trip and returned safely. Eleven A/C took off on the first night flight. No second trip was scheduled.

15-11-42 All A/C took off as scheduled in the morning flight but were recalled back to base owing to weather closing in. The afternoon and night trips were cancelled for the same reason.

16-11-42 No flight scheduled for the morning. Twenty-seven A/C flew the afternoon exercise and all A/C returned to base safely. The night trip was cancelled owing to weather conditions. The Command wired that the Trade Test Board would arrive by P.M.C., Tues. Nov. 17th. Major Bull, Director of Air and Ground Training, R.N.A.F., and F/L S.G.K. McDonald RCAF Liason Officer visited this station today.

17-11-42 Twenty-one A/C took off on the morning flight, one returned shortly after the take off due to unserviceable bombsight. Twelve A/C took off to Swift Current, two returned on the afternoon flight owing to engine trouble and bad

compass. The other A/C returned to base safely. Night flights were washed out. The Trade Test Board arrived as scheduled.

18-11-42 Twenty A/C took off on the morning flight. One returned to base with engine trouble and another A/C landed at Broadview short of fuel. Twenty-four A/C flew the afternoon exercise and all returned safely. Twenty-five A/C took off on the first night trip. One A/C returned to base with airspeed indicator unserviceable. A snow storm sprung up while these aircraft were out and eight A/C landed at Brandon. Sgt. Wilson arrived from the Command to service typewriters. Lever Bros' Lifebuoy Follies entertained the Officers and men of this station this evening presenting a Musical Comedy Show that was a great success. After the show, the cast of the Lifebuoy Follies were entertained by the Officers in the Officers Mess. A Sgts. dance was held in the Sgts. Mess, for the Sgts. wives and friends.

19-11-42 Twenty-one A/C took off on the morning exercise. A/C 6629 returned early as A.S.I. became unserviceable. Seven A/C flew the afternoon flight. Three A/C flew the first night trip, one A/C landed at Winnipeg on return trip as scheduled. There was no second night trip scheduled.

20-11-42 Twenty-six A/C flew the morning flight. At 1000 hrs. all A/C were ordered to return to base by the class instructor. In the afternoon twenty-seven A/C took off, one landing at Regina but took off again and returned to the station at 1900 hrs. The rest of the A/C returned by 1825 hrs. Twenty-two A/C took off on the first and only night trip and returned to base safely. Course 55 AN S.O.S. on posting to No. 7 B.&G. School, Paulson, Man.

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21-11-42 Twenty-seven A/C took off on the morning navigation exercise and all A/C returned to base safely. In the afternoon, twenty A/C took off and returned to base safely. Twenty-four A/C took off on the first night flight. A/C 6453 returned to base with radio trouble. No 2nd night flight was scheduled. The Command wired that Mr. Grogan, fuel Supervisor and F/L J.P. Marshall will visit this station re heating fuel situation. Course 64 A.N. T.O.S. on posting from No. 31 P.D. Moncton, N.B. Course 64 Air Bombers taken on strength from No. 5 B.&G. School, Dafoe, Sask.

22-11-42 The morning flight was a photographic exercise. All A/C took off and returned safely. Twenty-eight A/C flew the afternoon flight. All A/C returned to base safely. Twenty-four A/C took off on the first night flight and all A/C returned to base safely. There was no 2nd night flight scheduled.

23-11-42 Twenty-seven A/C flew the morning flight. The same number took off on the afternoon trip and all A/C for both these flights returned to base safely. Twenty-six A/C flew the 1st night exercise. A/C 6796 landed at Estevan with engine trouble, and returned to Rivers at 0135 hrs. There was no 2nd night flight scheduled.

24-11-42 All exercises scheduled for morning, afternoon and night were washed out owing to bad weather.

25-11-42 Twenty-seven A/C flew the morning flight and twenty-five A/C the afternoon trip. All A/C on both these flights returned to base safely. Twenty-six A/C took off on the 1st night flight and all A/C returned to base safely. There was no 2nd night flight scheduled.

26-11-42 Twenty-six A/C flew the morning flight and the same number in the afternoon. All A/C for both these flights returned to base safely. Twenty-five A/C flew the 1st night flight. One A/C returned to base at 2130 hrs. with both transmitters of his radio burned out. The rest of the A/C completed the flight.

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27-11-42 Twenty-three A/C took off and completed the morning exercises. Three were photographic flights, the remainder navigation. Twenty-eight A/C took off on the afternoon flight. Twenty-four A/C flew the night exercise. There was no 2nd night exercise scheduled.

28-11-42 Twenty-six A/C took off on the morning flight. Twenty-six also flew the afternoon trip. All A/C for both these flights returned to base safely. No flying was scheduled for the evening. An Officers Dance was held this evening in the Officers Mess.

29-11-42 Twenty-six A/C flew the morning exercise and all A/C returned safely. No navigation flight scheduled for the afternoon. Bombing and photographic flights were washed. Twelve A/C flew the first night exercise. Seven A/C flew the 2nd night trip. All A/C for both flights returned to base safely.

30-11-42 Twenty-seven A/C flew the morning exercise and twenty-six A/C took off in the afternoon. All A/C for both exercises returned to base safely. The 1st night trip was cancelled owing to adverse weather conditions. There was no 2nd night flight scheduled.

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<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH</u>			
<u>STAFF:</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
R.C.A.F.	110	1027	
R.A.F.	3	27	
R.N.Z.A.F.	1	4	
R.A.A.F.		3	
C.D.C.	2	3	
R.C.A.S.C.	1	5	
C.P.C.		5	
Civilian (Meteorologists)			3
Y.M.C.A.			2
Radio Operators (Junior Rating)			4
Messmen			75
Mess Foreman			1
Firemen			31
Pumpmen			2
Labourers			14
Cooks			4
Carpenters			1
Plumbers			1
Stationary Engineer			1

Stenographers, Grade 1 (Female)			<u>2</u>
	117	1074	141
<u>TRAINEES</u> R.C.A.F.	70	90	
R.A.F.	2	319	
R.A.A.F.		12	
R.N.Z.A.F.		18	
R.N.A.F.		5	
NON-EFFECTIVE STRENGTH	8		

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>
Type		
Anson	51	17
Stinson	1	

(A. Lewis) Group Captain,
 Commanding Officer,
 No. 1 C.N.S.. R.C.A.F.
 RIVERS. Manitoba.

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1-12-42

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH</u>			
<u>STAFF:</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
R.C.A.F.	110	1027	
R.A.F.	3	27	
R.N.Z.A.F.	1	4	
R.A.A.F.		3	
C.D.C.	2	3	
R.C.A.S.C.	1	5	
C.P.C.		5	
Civilian (Meteorologists)			3
Y.M.C.A.			2
Radio Operators (Junior Rating)			4
Messmen			75
Mess Foreman			1
Firemen			31
Pumpmen			2
Labourers			14
Cooks			4
Carpenters			1
Plumbers			1
Stationary Engineer			1
Stenographers, Grade 1 (Female)			<u>2</u>

		117	1074	141
TRAINEES	R.C.A.F.	70	90	
	R.A.F.	2	319	
	R.A.A.F.		12	
	R.N.Z.A.F.		18	
	R.N.A.F.		5	
NON-EFFECTIVE STRENGTH		8		

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>
Type		
Anson	51	17
Stinson	1	

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1-12-42 (cont'd) Twenty-three A/C flew the morning navigation flight. Six A/C returned with air-speed indicators U/S. Twenty-six A/C took off for the afternoon flight. AC AX 186 landed Yorkton 1610 hrs. with engine trouble and A/C 6811 landed Yorkton 1639 hrs. Wireless Operator suffering from frost-bite. Night flights were cancelled due to fog.

2-12-42 Twenty-six A/C flew the morning flight and eighteen the afternoon exercise. All A/C returned to base safely. Both night trips were washed out.

3-12-42 Eleven A/C flew the morning navigation flight and Twenty-seven the afternoon flight. All A/C returned to base safely. The first night trip was washed out. There was no 2nd night trip scheduled. A Wings Parade was held for Course 62, Air Bombers. Presentation of wings made by G/C A. Lewis.

4-12-42 The morning exercise was washed out due to heavy layers of clouds making it unfit for Astro. Twenty-six A/C flew the afternoon flight. All A/C returned to base at 15.45 hrs. due to very low ceiling. The 1st night trip was cancelled due to heavy snow flurries and high percentage of overcast. There was no 2nd trip scheduled. Course 65, Air Navigators, S.O.S: on posting to No. 7 B&G School, Paulson.

5-12-42 Twenty-six A/C flew the morning flight and all A/C returned to base safely. Twenty-one A/C took off on the afternoon flight. At 17.15 hrs. one A/C had a taxiing accident. Twenty-five A/C flew the 1st night flight. There was no 2nd night trip scheduled. An Inter-league hockey schedule has been drawn up and the league is under-way, the rink is in splendid condition.

6-12-42 Twenty-four A/C flew the morning navigation exercise and twenty-six the afternoon trip. Nineteen A/C took off on the 1st night trip. There was no 2nd trip scheduled. Course 65, Air Navigators, T.O.S. on posting from No. 31 P.D. Moncton, N.B.

7-12-42 Twenty-six A/C took off on the first morning flight and all A/C returned to base safely, twenty-five took off on the afternoon trip. Twenty-seven A/C flew the 1st night flight-one A/C 6589 landed at Winnipeg, with permission. No 2nd flight was scheduled.

8-12-42 The morning navigation flight was washed out due to unfavorable weather conditions, as well as the afternoon flight. Twenty-one A/C flew the 1st night trip, one A/C returning to base with motor trouble. No. 2nd night flight scheduled.

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9-12-42 Twenty-five A/C took off on the morning trip and all A/C returned to base safely. The afternoon and both night trips were cancelled owing to unfavorable weather conditions.

10-12-42 The morning trip was washed out. The afternoon trip was re-arranged so that fourteen A/C could take part in the search for a lost aircraft from Dafoe, when our A/C neared Dafoe, word was received that Dafoe was closed in because of snow, etc., so our A/C returned home. Four A/C ran low of fuel and landed at other units, remaining overnight. Twenty-six A/C flew the 1st night trip. No 2nd night flight scheduled.

11-12-42 Fifteen A/C flew the morning flight and nine A/C in the afternoon. All A/C returned to base safely. Twenty A/C flew the 1st night trip. There was no 2nd night flight scheduled.

12-12-42 Twenty-two A/C flew the morning trip, and twenty-five the afternoon flight. Nineteen A/C flew the night flight. Eleven A/C took off on the 2nd night trip. One A/C returned to base due to engine trouble and one A/C landed at Portage La Prairie with radio and electrical trouble. Course 65, Air Bombers. T.O.S, from No. 5 B.& G., Dafoe, Sask.

13-12-42 Twenty-one A/C flew the morning navigation flight. Two A/C forced landed, one at Laurier and one on Lake Manitoba. There was no afternoon flight due to unfavorable weather condition. Twenty-one A/C flew the 1st night trip, and twenty the 2nd.

14-12-42 Thirteen A/C flew the morning navigation flight, and twenty-five the afternoon trip. Flying was washed out for both night flights. Two Educational Officers and party arrived from No. 6 Recruiting Centre, Winnipeg, Man., to give Ability to Learn Tests for personnel remustering to aircrew.

15-12-42 Twenty-three A/C flew the morning flight, and twenty-four A/C the afternoon flight. Owing to unfavorable weather conditions both night trips were washed out.

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16-12-42 The morning trip was washed out due to unfavorable weather conditions. Flying was also washed out for the afternoon. The 1st night flight was washed out. No 2nd night flight was scheduled. The Air Officer Commanding paid an informal visit to this station today.

A Museum of Modern Arts War Poster Exhibition was held in the Recreation Hall this evening. The construction of the bowling alley has been completed and league games will get under way around the 1st week of January.

17-12-42 The morning exercise was washed out due to unfavorable weather conditions. Twenty-five A/C flew the afternoon flight and all A/C returned to base safely. The 1st night flight was washed out owing to the same reasons. No 2nd night flight was scheduled.

18-12-42 Twenty A/C flew the morning trip. Twenty-five A/C took off on the afternoon flight. Twenty-two A/C flew the 1st night trip and all A/C returned to base safely. No 2nd night flight was scheduled. Course 58, Air Navigators, were presented their wings by G/C Lewis. A Wings Parade was also held for Course 63, Air Bombers.

19-12-42 Twenty-four A/C flew the morning navigation flight and all A/C returned to base safely. Flying was washed out due to unfavorable conditions for the afternoon flight. In the 1st night trip, twenty-two A/C took off. Nineteen A/C flew the 2nd night exercise.

20-12-42 Twenty-six A/C flew the morning exercise and two A/C returned early with radio trouble. Due to adverse weather conditions, fog and icing, the afternoon trip was washed out. Both night trips scheduled were washed out for the same reasons.

21-12-42 The morning trip was washed out due to unfavorable weather. Twenty-five A/C took off and completed the afternoon exercise. Twenty-four A/C took off on the night trip. Very bad weather was encountered - four A/C landed at Brandon alright, one at McGregor and one at Antler. All made good landings. The remainder landed at base. Course 66, Air Navigators, T.O.S. on posting from No. 31 P.D. RAF, Moncton, N.B.

22-12-42 The morning trip was washed out due to unfavorable weather conditions. The ceiling was between 300 and 1000 ft. The afternoon and night trips were washed out owing to bad weather. Crash, Anson 6412, 10 miles S.E. Rivers Airport - forced landing in field due to bad weather conditions. One airman in crew of five slightly injured. A Christmas Party for the children of RCAF personnel was held in the Recreation Hall.

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23-12-42 Due to unfavorable weather conditions the morning flight was cancelled. The afternoon flight was also cancelled. Twenty-four A/C took off on the night flight. All A/C completed the exercise successfully.

24-12-42 The morning flight was washed out due to bad weather. The afternoon flight was cancelled for the same reason. The weather improved towards the evening and twenty-four A/C flew the night exercise. One A/C returned to base with engine trouble.

25-12-42 It being Christmas Day, no flying was scheduled for the morning or afternoon, the weather was poor so that flying would have been washed out had there been any exercises scheduled. A Christmas Dinner was held in the Airmens Mess and was a huge success with lots of merriment. The wives of personnel were invited to attend and the Officers and Senior N.C.O's waited on the tables of the airmen.

26-12-42 No morning flight was scheduled. Twenty-five A/C took off on the afternoon navigation exercise. Of the twenty-six A/C listed to fly on the night trip, three returned early with radio trouble but the remainder completed the exercise successfully.

27-12-42 No trip was scheduled for the morning. The afternoon trip listed twenty-six A/C and all took off, one returning to base with compass unserviceable. The remainder completed the exercise successfully. Due to a high overcast and strong surface winds, the night trip was washed out. Course 58, Air Navigators, S.O.S. on posting to No. 31 Personnel Depot, Moncton, N.B.

28-12-42 No morning flight was scheduled. Twenty-six aircraft took off on the afternoon flight. The first Night Flight was washed out and there was no second night flight scheduled. The Snack Bar has been completed and will open up shortly for the use of personnel.

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29-12-42. The morning Flight was washed out due to unfavourable weather conditions. The afternoon Flight was also cancelled. Twenty-five aircraft were listed to fly the first night flight but due to a train wreck which involved flying personnel, six aircraft were washed out. Two aircraft were washed out due to lack of WAG, Bomb-aimer, or navigator. The Second Night flight was washed out due to weather conditions.

30-12-42. Thirty-four aircraft were listed to fly in the morning Flight, but seven aircraft were washed out due to illness and transportation difficulties. The afternoon Flight was washed out due to unfavourable weather conditions. The first Night Flight was washed out due to weather conditions and there was no second flight scheduled. AW2 Nahirniak, J. was greeted by the Commanding Officer upon being the first RCAF, (WD) to arrive on the Station.

31-12-42. The morning and afternoon flights were washed out due to poor visibility. No night flight was scheduled. The vanguard of the R.C.A.F. (W.D.) personnel arrived today, nineteen of them headed by Sgt. Dangerfield reporting in.

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PERSONNEL STRENGTH

<u>STAFF:</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
R.C.A.F.	108	988	
R.A.F.	5	29	
R.N.Z.A.F.	1	4	
R.A.A.F.		3	
C.D.C.	2	4	
R.C.A.S.C.	1	3	
C.P.C.		4	
Civilian (Meteorologists)			6
Y.M.C.A.			2
Radio Operators (Junior Rating)			4
Messmen			75
Mess Foreman			1
Firemen			33
Pumpmen			3
Labourers			24
Cooks			4
Carpenters			2
Plumbers			1

Stationary Engineer			1
Stenographers, Grade 1 (Female)			2
	117	1035	158
R.C.A.F. (W.D.)	4	20	

<u>TRAINEES</u>	R.C.A.F.	76	21
	R.A.F.	5	394
	R.A.A.F.		1
	R.N.Z.A.F.		1
	R.N.A.F.		
NON-EFFECTIVE STRENGTH		8	

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>
Type		
Anson	63	13
Stinson	1	

(A. Lewis) Group Captain,
 Commanding Officer,
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PERSONNEL STRENGTH

<u>STAFF:</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
R.C.A.F.	108	988	
R.A.F.	5	297	
R.N.Z.A.F.	1	4	
R.A.A.F.		3	
C.D.C.	2	4	
R.C.A.S.C.	1	3	
C.P.C.		4	
Civilian (Meteorologists)			6
Y.M.C.A.			2
Radio Operators (Junior Rating)			4
Messmen			75
Mess Foreman			1
Firemen			33
Pumpmen			3
Labourers			24
Cooks			4
Carpenters			2
Plumbers			1

Stationary Engineer			1
Stenographers, Grade 1 (Female)			2
	117	1035	158
R.C.A.F. (W.D)	1	20	
<u>TRAINEES</u>			
R.C.A.F.	7	21	
R.A.F.	5	394	
R.A.A.F.		1	
R.N.Z.A.F.		1	
R.N.A.F.			
NON-EFFECTIVE STRENGTH	8		

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>
TYPE:- ANSON	63	13
STINSON	1	

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1-1-43 (cont'd) There was no Flying scheduled for the morning of New Years Day. There was no Flying scheduled for the afternoon of New Years Day. Twenty-six (26) Aircraft were listed to fly the First Night Flight, but Flying was washed-out due to unfavorable weather conditions. There was no Second night Flight scheduled.

2-1-43 The morning Flight was washed-out due to several Pilots missing and extreme cold temperature. Twenty-six (26) Aircraft were listed to Fly the Afternoon Flight. All Aircraft took off and returned to base, having a successful Flight. Twenty-seven (27) Aircraft were listed to fly the first night-flight. Aircraft No. 6399 landed at Portage la Prairie with engine trouble and remained overnight, returning at 10:30 the following morning. There was no second flight on schedule.

3-1-43 Twenty-six (26) Aircraft were listed to fly the morning Flight. Five (5) Aircraft were washed-out due to sickness of Pilots and no spare pilots were available. Twenty-four (24) Aircraft were listed to fly the Afternoon Flight. All A/C took off and returned to base successfully. Twenty-six A/C were listed to fly the first Night Flight. S/P Milne returned after an hour and ten minutes in the air with engine trouble. F/S Jeffery encountered trouble with two (2) A/C resulting in washing-out the trip due to too late for taking off. There was no second Night Flight scheduled.

4-1-43 Twenty-six (26) A/C were listed to fly the Morning Navigation Flight. Three (3) A/C were washed-out due to U/S. No spare A/C were available. Twenty-six (26) A/C were listed to fly the afternoon Flight. All A/C took off and returned to base successfully. Twenty-six (26) A/C were listed to fly the first Night Flight. One A/C was washed-out due to the radio being U/S. There was no second Night Flight scheduled.

5-1-43 Due to unfavorable weather conditions, the morning Flight was washed-out. The afternoon Flight was washed-out due to weather conditions. Twenty-six (26) A/C were listed to fly the first Night Flight. Two A/C were washed-out due to insufficient Wireless Operators, and no replacements available. Sgt/Pilot Hayward's trip returned at 21:30 hours with radio U/S. Twenty-six (26) A/C were listed to fly the second Night Flight. One A/C was washed-out due to no First Navigator. F/S Burton landed at Macdonald at 02:55 hours with one engine failed, calling back in the morning.

6-1-43 Twenty-six (26) A/C were listed to fly the morning Navigation Flight. All A/C took off. A/C No. 6080 landed at Winnipeg to refuel returning to RY1 at 14:35 hours. Twenty-seven (27) A/C were listed to fly the afternoon Flight. Three (3) A/C /were washed-out due to insufficient Navigators; one Navigator having force-landed at Macdonald the night before, another Nav. on leave, two (2) Navs. reported sick. W.Op. Aldcorn reported sick and was replaced by W. OP. Mason. The first Night Flight was washed-out due to unfavorable weather conditions. P/O Downie landed from Regina and reported ceilings of 500' and less, and snow from Regina to Virden and moving Eastward. All personnel were present at the briefings. No second Night Flight was scheduled.

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7-1-43 Twenty-six (26) A/C were listed to fly the morning Navigation Flight. Due to unfavorable weather conditions, Flying was washed-out. Twenty-six (26) A/C were listed to fly the afternoon Flight, which was again washed-out due to weather conditions. The first Night Flight was washed-out owing to unfavorable weather. There was no second night Flight, owing to bad weather.

Three hundred and eight (308) personnel moved into Barrack Block No. 54:- previously occupying provisional Quarters in No. 3 Hangar.

8-1-43 Twenty-seven (27) A/C were listed to fly the morning Navigation Flight. The morning flight was washed-out owing to low ceilings, and bad icing conditions. Thirty-three (33) A/C were listed to fly the afternoon Flight. Six (6) A/C were washed-out owing to sickness of Pilots, Operators, and Navigators. Upon returning from damping bomb sight, P/O Wright hit a snow-drift on landing, turning the A/C on its nose, thus damaging both propellers. Twenty-five (25) A/C were listed to fly the first Night Flight. All A/C took off, one A/C, No. 6453 landed in Winnipeg, and remained overnight due to bad weather. All A/C returned and accounted for. There was no second night Flight scheduled.

9-1-43 Twenty-five (25) A/C were listed to fly the morning Flight. All A/C took off and returned to base successfully. Thirty-five (35) A/C were listed to fly the afternoon Flight. All A/C took off. F/S Stock returned with radio trouble at which time it was too late to go out again. Two (2) pilots, three (3) operators and three (3) Navigators are listed as absentees, mostly due to sickness. Twenty-six (26) A/C were listed to fly the first Night Flight. All A/C took off and returned to base, after having a successful flight. The second Night Flight was washed-out due to strong possibility of ground fog. F/L D.C. Chapman, of No. 2 T.C., H.Q., was a visitor at this Station today.

10-1-43 Twenty (20) A/C were listed to fly the morning Flight. Two (2) A/C were washed-out due to sickness. All A/C returned safely. Twenty-eight (28) A/C were listed to fly the afternoon Flight. Photographic trips were washed-out at 15:45 hours due to very high wind and poor visibility. A/C No. 6367 landed at Minot, N.D., out of gas and dead battery at approximately 17:00 hours, remaining over-night. Gas was flown to them, as only gas available was "73" Octane. All A/C returned by 17:35 hours. Twenty-six (26) A/C were listed to fly the first night Flight. Flying was washed-out for this trip, owing to wind at 65-70 m.p.h. A/C No. 6795 landed at 23:17 hours which had gone down at Winnipeg in the afternoon. The second night Flight was washed out due to wind and snow-drifts on run-way. (over)

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10-1-43 (cont'd) At long last, the Bowling League is under way. The Alleys are in first-class shape; this feature of Station Activities is under the guidance of the following Committee-members, headed by F/S Shave - - P/O Parsons, Sgt. Hurley,

Sgt. Sacouman, LAC Cassidy, and Mr. Tom Davidson. Those favouring "10-Pins" are lined-up in two leagues of 6 teams each, totalling 12 teams in all, while the "5-Pin" devotees really swamp the capacity of the alleys with 14 leagues of 6 teams each, making up a total of 84 teams. The committee is doing a grand job, which fact is attested by the enthusiasm of all bowlers.

11-1-43 Twenty-six (26) A/C were listed to fly the morning Navigation Flight. One (1) A/C was washed-out due to sickness. Seventeen (17) A/C were listed to fly the afternoon flight. One A/C was washed-out due to being grounded at Minot, N.D. Twenty-eight (28) A/C were listed to fly the first Night Flight. All A/C took off and returned to base successfully. Thirteen (13) A/C were listed to fly the second Night Flight. All A/C took off and returned to base successfully.

12-1-43 Twenty-six (26) A/C were listed to fly the morning Navigation flight. Two (2) A/C were washed-out. A C No. 6032 returned with engine trouble, also A/C No. 6229 landed at Regina with Radio trouble. Twenty-five (25) A/C were listed to fly the afternoon flight. All A/C took off and returned safely. S/P Rhodes landed at Virden to investigate suspected oil leak. Twenty-nine (29) A/C were listed to fly the First Night Flight. Two (2) A/C returned U/S, having light trouble. S/P Hume had taxiing accident while being directed into place by ground crew with flashlight. Eleven (11) A/C were listed to fly the second Night Flight. One (1) A/C was washed-out, A/C No. 6097, F/S Speirs, after trying to get off for one and one-half (1½) hours. S/L Costello, Command Chaplain, was a visitor today. Flt/Officer B.D. Kemp, Officer i/c Women's Division, arrived today.

13-1-43 Twenty-nine (29) A/C were listed to fly the morning flight. Trip was washed-out due to weather conditions, heavy icing. Twenty-six (26) A/C were listed to fly the afternoon Flight. All A/C took off. S/P Anderson had radio trouble on the ground and was not repaired until 1500 hours, at which time several A/C had returned to base owing to heavy icing conditions. His trip was washed-out. Twenty-five (25) A/C were listed to fly the first night Flight. Trip washed-out due to unsettled weather, with reported low ceilings with scattered drizzle with corresponding suitable temperature for heavy icing conditions.

14-1-43 Twenty-nine (29) A/C were listed to fly the morning flight. The morning flight was washed-out due to weather conditions. Thirty-two (32) A/C were listed to fly the afternoon flight. All A/C took off and returned to base successfully. S/P Hagan returned to base with radio trouble. Twenty-six (26) A/C were listed to fly the first night Flight. Owing to unfavorable weather conditions, the first night Flight was washed-out. Fourteen (14) A/C were listed to fly the second night Flight. Owing to bad weather, the second trip was washed-out. (Cont'd)

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14-1-43 (cont'd) Wing Commander W.A. Murray assumed command of this Station yesterday, January 13, 1943, on posting of Group Captain A. Lewis to No. 1 G.R.S., Summerside, P.E.I.

15-1-43 Twenty-six (26) A/C were listed to fly the night Navigation Flight. Two (2) Pilots and Two (2) Operators were the absentees from the morning Flight. All A/C took off and returned to base successfully. Eight (8) A/C were listed to fly the second night Flight. Flying was washed out due to low ceilings, snow, and icing conditions. Thirty-two (32) A/C were listed to fly the morning Navigation Flight. Flying was washed-out due to low ceilings, snow with icy fog. Thirty-eight (38) A/C were listed to fly the afternoon flight. All A/C took off and returned to base; having a successful flight.

16-1-43 Twenty-seven (27) A/C were listed to fly the morning Navigation Flight. One A/C was washed-out, due to sickness of the Navigator. A/C No. 6629 was forced down at Yorkton with engine trouble; Two (2) A/C returned to base

with engine trouble; one because his aneroid was frozen. All A/C returned safely. Twenty-eight (28) A/C were listed to fly the afternoon Flight. The flight was washed-out due to unfavorable weather conditions. Poor visibility and snow flurries, also a surface-wind over 30 m.p.h. Twenty-six (26) A/C were listed to fly the first night Flight. Flying was washed-out due to icing conditions, blowing snow, and ice fog. F/O Bird, flying A/C No. 6026 remained at Neepawa overnight. S/P Hagan, flying A/C No. 6627 remained overnight at Yorkton. No second trip was scheduled.

17-1-43 Twenty-five (25) A/C WERE LISTED TO FLY THE MORNING Navigation Flight. Trip was washed-out due to the temperature being too low for the Navigators to work. Thirty-two (32) A/C were listed to fly the afternoon flight. One A/C was washed-out due to sickness of first Navigator. All A/C returned to base safely. Fourteen (14) A/C were listed to fly the first night Flight. Trip was washed-out due to extreme cold temperature. Thirteen (13) A/C were listed to fly the second night Flight. Flying was washed-out by the Medical Officer, who considered the temperature too extremely cold for flying.

18-1-43 Twenty-five (25) A/C were listed to fly the morning Flight. Flying was washed-out due to extreme cold weather. Twenty-nine (29) A/C were listed to fly the afternoon flight. All A/C took off. S/P Cross returned to base with frozen feet. S/P Savor landed at Portage at 16:40 hours, remaining overnight. Twenty-six (26) A/C were listed to fly the first night Flight. Flying was washed-out due to unfavorable weather conditions. Twenty-six (26) A/C were listed to fly the second night Flight. Flying was washed-out due to bad weather conditions.

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19-1-43 Twenty-six (26) A/C WERE LISTED to fly the morning Flight. All A/C were washed-out due to low safety factor, and the inability of the Navigators to work with any degree of efficiency in temperatures ranging from -36 to -41° C. The afternoon flight consisted of thirty-five (35) A/C listed to fly. Flying was washed-out due to extremely cold weather. The first and second night Trips were washed-out due to weather conditions. S/L P. Malcolm, Equipment Officer from No. 2 Training Command, visited this Station today.

20-1-43 Thirty-one (31) A/C were listed to fly the morning Flight. Flying was washed-out due to very low temperature - 45°. Dew points, and poor visibility. Twenty-six (26) A/C were listed to fly the afternoon flights. Flying was washed-out due to same reasons as for the morning flight. The Night Flights were washed due to extreme cold weather conditions.

21-1-43 Twenty-nine (29) A/C were listed to fly the morning Flight. Flying was washed-out due to very cold weather - 38°, light snow and poor visibility. Thirty-five (35) A/C were listed to fly the afternoon flight. Two (2) A/C returned U/S. S/P Taylor returned with engine trouble. S/P Clemens landed at Yorkton with engine trouble. S/P Savor landed at Welby, being forced down. F/S Morrison returned as Navigators were too cold to work. S/P Hagan landed on the lake at Ft. Qu'Appelle. All other A/C returned to base. There were no Night Flights, due to extreme cold weather. Wing Commander W.A. Murray, Commanding Officer, appointed to the rank of Group Captain, eff. 8-1-43.

22-1-43 Twenty-six (26) A/C were listed to fly the first morning Flight. Flying was washed-out due to the extreme cold weather. Twenty-three (23) A/C were listed to fly the second morning flight. Flying was washed-out due to snow in all areas. Twenty-nine (29) A/C were scheduled to fly the afternoon flight. One (1) A/C was washed-out due to lack of crew. A/C No. AX165 returned immediately after take-off with pitot head frozen-up. Twenty-seven (27) A/C were listed to fly the first night Flight. Flying was washed-out due to over-cast conditions and icing in the low clouds and temperature of -35°. Twenty-eight (28) A/C were listed to fly the second night Flight. The trip was washed-out due to very low temperature.

At a meeting of the Station Fund Committee, it was decided to replace the Motion Picture Equipment at a cost of \$4,300.00, and to sell the old equipment for \$1,900.00, to No. 1 G.R.S., SUMMERSIDE, P.E.I.

23-1-43 The first morning flight consisted of twenty-six (26) A/C listed to fly. Flying was washed-out due to extreme cold weather. Local temperature -36°. Twenty-four (24) A/C were listed to fly the second morning flight. The trip was recalled due to unfavorable weather conditions. Snow moving in from the West. Twenty-eight (28) A/C were listed to fly the afternoon Flight. All A/C were washed-out, due to unfavorable weather conditions and sickness. There were no night Flights scheduled.

Three W.D. Officers arrived today, to take over duties on this Station. A/S/O Delahunt, Administration; A/S/O/ Leach, Equipment; and A/S/O/ MacMurdo, Equipment Messing.

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24-1-43 The first morning Flight consisted of twenty-four (24) A/C listed to fly. Flying was washed-out due to unsuitable weather. Twenty-four (24) A/C were listed to fly the second morning flight. Flying was washed-out due to unfavorable weather conditions. Twenty-nine (29) A/C were listed to fly the afternoon Flight. Two (2) A/C were washed-out due to shortage of crew. There were no night Flights scheduled.

25-1-43 The first morning Flight consisted of twenty-seven (27) A/C listed to fly. Flying washed-out due to low temperature and ground fog. Ground temperature -42°. Twenty-two (22) A/C were listed to fly the second morning Flight. The trip was washed-out due to unfavorable weather conditions. Twenty-six (26) A/C were listed to fly the afternoon Flight. All A/C were washed-out due to low temperature and ground fog. Twenty-six (26) A/C were listed to fly the first night Flight. One (1) A/C was washed-out, as there was no Wireless Operator, and replacement was not available. All A/C returned to base safely. Twenty-six (26) A/C were listed to fly the second night Flight. All A/C took off, but several returned early due to extreme cold weather.

26-1-43 The first morning Flight consisted of twenty-six (26) A/C listed to fly. Two (2) A/C were washed-out, due to sickness of Pilot and Navigator. All A/C returned safely. Twenty-three (23) A/C were listed to fly the second morning Flight. One (1) A/C was washed-out due to sickness of Pilot. Twenty-six (26) A/C were listed to fly the afternoon flight, fourteen (14) A/C were washed-out, as A/C were not available. All A/C returned to base safely. Twenty-four (24) A/C were listed to fly the first night Flight. Trip washed-out as it was snowing very heavily. Twenty-six (26) A/C were listed to fly the second night Flight. Trip washed-out due to extreme moist air, and constant snow flurries. F/L Bray, A.F.H.Q., OTTAWA, visited this Station today. For the past ten days, the weather has been extremely cold - - unusually so. The 'low' temperature was under -30°C. for all but three of the ten days, ranging from -22° on the 22nd., to a low of -47.2° on the 20th. The 'high' today was -6°, - - the cold snap has finally broken!

27-1-43 The first morning Flight consisted of twenty-five (25) A/C listed to fly. All flying was washed-out due to snow in all areas. Twenty-six (26) A/C WERE LISTED TO FLY THE SECOND MORNING FLIGHT. All A/C were washed-out due to unfavorable weather and sickness. Twenty-six (26) A/C were listed to fly the afternoon Flight. Flying was washed-out due to unfavourable weather. Twenty-six (26) A/C were listed to fly the first night Flight. All A/C were washed-out due to snow and low ceiling conditions prevailing in all areas. (Cont'd.)

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27-1-43 (Cont'd) Twenty-six (26) A/C were listed to fly the second night Flight. All A/C were washed-out due to unfavourable weather.

The Second Annual Bonspiel got away to a good start today, with an entry of 64 Rinks. Officers of the Curling Club are:- Pres: F/L Goodwin; Sec.-Tres.: F/S Schack. The Committee i/c of the 'Spiel include:- F/L Walley; F/Sgt. Jones; Sgt. Knott; and Sgt. Page. Following are the Events: - GRAND CHALLENGE Event;- MURRAY Event;-PRICE Event;-GOODWIN Event;- WALLEY Event;- and CONSOLATION. As an added feature, there will be an Inter-Unit Competition.(Doubles event) for the DREWRY Trophy.

28-1-43 The first morning flight consisted of twenty-four (24) A/C listed to fly. Flying washed out due to snow and sickness. Twenty-six (26) A/C were listed to fly the second morning flight. All A/C were washed-out due to unfavourable weather and sickness. Twenty-six (26) A/C were listed to fly the afternoon Flight. Flying washed out due to unfavourable weather. Twenty-five (25) A/C were listed to fly the first night Flight. All A/C were washed-out due to extensive snow and high clouds. Thirty (30) A/C were listed to fly the second night Flight. All A/C were washed-out because of snow and high clouds.

29-1-43 The first morning Flight consisted of Seventeen (17) A/C listed to fly. Flying washed out due to approaching snow and low ceilings, and snowing at all aerodromes to the West of Rivers. Twenty-six (26) A/C were listed to fly the second morning Flight. All A/C were washed-out due to bad weather. Eighteen (18) A/C were listed to fly the afternoon Flight. Flying washed-out due to low ceilings over whole region. Twenty-seven (27) A/C were listed to fly the first Night Flight. Flying washed-out due to unfavourable weather. Twenty-one (21) A/C were listed to fly the Second Night Flight. Flying washed-out due to low ceilings and cloud conditions.

F/L J. Bill, D.S.A.A.I., A.F.H.Q. - - S/L McCallum, A.P.M., A.F.H.Q. - - and F/L A.R. Cumming, No. 2 T.C., visited the Station today.

30-1-43 Twenty-nine (29) A/C were listed to fly the Morning Flight. Flying washed-out due to snow and low ceilings. The Afternoon Flight consisted of twenty-four (24) A/C listed to fly. All A/C took off and returned safely to base after successful flight. The First Night Flight consisted of twenty-five (25) A/C listed to fly. All A/C took off and returned safely to base. There was no night Flight scheduled due to danger of ground fog.

31-1-43 Twenty-six (26) A/C were listed to fly the Morning Flight. One A/C washed-out due to sickness. All other A/C took off and returned safely to base. The Afternoon Flight consisted of twenty-six (26) A/C. All A/C took off and returned safely to base. The First Night Flight consisted of twenty-nine (29) A/C. All A/C took off and returned after a successful flight. Twenty-seven (27) A/C were listed to fly the Second Night Flight. Flying washed-out due to fog.

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PERSONNEL STRENGTH

<u>STAFF:</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
R.C.A.F.	106	929	
R.A.F.	4	29	
R.N.Z.A.F.	2	4	
R.A.A.F.	2	3	
C.D.C.	2	6	

R.C.A.S.C.	1	3	
C.P.C.	-	4	
R.C.N.V.R.	-	4	
Meteorologists			6
Y.M.C.A.			2
Radio Operators (Junior Rating)			3
Messmen			72
Mess Foreman			3
Firemen			34
Pumpmen			3
Labourers			20
Cooks			4
Carpenters			2
Plumbers			1
Stationary Engineer			1
Stenographers, Grade 1 (Female)			2
	117	982	153
R.C.A.F. (W.D.)	5	116	

<u>TRAINEES</u>	R.C.A.F.	78	58
	R.A.F.	3	362
	R.A.A.F.	-	52
	R.N.Z.A.F.	-	9
NON-EFFECTIVE:		5	

	<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>
TYPE	ANSON	63	20
	STINSON	1	

(A. Lewis) Group Captain,
 Commanding Officer,
 No. 1 C.N.S., R.C.A.F.
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PERSONNEL STRENGTH

<u>STAFF:</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
R.C.A.F.	106	929	
R.A.F.	4	29	
R.N.Z.A.F.	2	4	
R.A.A.F.	2	3	
C.D.C.	2	6	
R.C.A.S.C.	1	3	
C.P.C.	-	4	

R.C.N.V.R.	-	4	
Meteorologists			6
Y.M.C.A.			2
Radio Operators (Junior Rating)			3
Messmen			72
Mess Foreman			3
Firemen			34
Pumpmen			3
Labourers			20
Cooks			4
Carpenters			2
Plumbers			1
Stationary Engineer			1
Stenographers, Grade 1 (Female)			2
	117	982	153
R.C.A.F. (W.D.)	5	116	
TRAINEES R.C.A.F.	78	58	
R.A.F.	3	362	
R.A.A.F.	-	52	
R.N.Z.A.F.	-	9	
R.N.A.F.	5		

NON-EFFECTIVE:

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>		<u>SERVICEABLE</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>
<u>TYPE</u>	ANSON	63	20
	STINSON	1	

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1-2-43 Weather - Temp. Maximum -20; Minimum -25

The morning trip was washed-out due to weather Thirty-nine Aircraft successfully completed the afternoon flight. Forty-nine (49) Aircraft flew in the two night trips. One landed at Yorkton with engine trouble, all other Aircraft returned safely.

2-2-43 Weather - Temp. Maximum 11; Minimum -25

The day, and night trips were flown, all Aircraft returning safely to base, 26, 25, 28, and 24 respectively, took part in these trips.

3-2-43 Weather - Temp. Maximum 22; Minimum -0. Low cloud, blowing and drifting.

All four trips were washed out due to low ceilings, icing conditions, and snow. Lt/Col. Schenkle, U.S. Army Air forces. Majors Perry and Childs of U.S. Army Ordnance Corps, arrived from Aberdeen, Maryland, in U.S. B.23, to carry out cold weather tests.

4-2-43 Weather - Temp. Maximum 21; Minimum -3. Snow, starting first part of day.

Morning and afternoon trips of twenty-six (26) and thirty-one (31) Aircraft respectively, were carried out. Both night trips were washed out due to weather forecast.

5-2-43 Weather - Temp. Maximum 10; Minimum -8. Light fog and snow, clearing.

First flight washed out due to snow over all areas. The afternoon and night trips were carried out with twenty-six (26) Aircraft in each flight. All Aircraft successfully completed the flight. S/L Bell, Officer Commanding Flying Squadron, was posted to Mountain View on a course, and F/L Butts assumed Command of Flying Squadron.

6-2-43 Weather - Temp. Maximum 6; Minimum -14. Snow started in afternoon, continued through night.

Twenty-eight (28) Aircraft flew the morning trip, and twenty-seven (27) the afternoon trip. All Aircraft completed the exercise. The first night trip was cancelled due to bad weather but twenty-five (25) Aircraft took off on the second flight. Three of these made landings in North Dakota, all down safely. G/C W.A. Murray presented Wings to Course 61 Navigators and Course 66 Air Bombers.

7-2-43 Weather - Temp. Maximum 8; Minimum -14. Snow. Cloud at 1500. Fog.

The morning, afternoon, and first night trips washed out due to weather. Second night trip washed out as weather still unfavourable. Three crews not yet returned from Grand Forks, North Dakota.

8-2-43 Weather - Temp. Maximum 8; Minimum -7. Ceiling 300 feet. Visibility ½ mile in snow.

All trips washed out due to weather conditions. Station Headquarters was reorganized to include two W.D. officers. Ft/O Kemp and P/O Parsons became Administrative Officers, No. 2 & 3. and A/S/O Delahunt became Assistant Adjutant.

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9-2-43 Weather - Maximum -7, Minimum 6. Snow clearing later.

Morning trip washed out due to snow. Thirty-four (34) Aircraft scheduled second trip, one (1) washed-out due to absence of personnel, and two (2) returned because of sickness and radio noise. All others completed trip. One Aircraft washed-out of second night trip due to absence of Pilot, all others of both trips completed the exercise.

10-2-43 Weather - Clear. Maximum -9; Minimum -20.

Morning and afternoon Flights carried out according to schedule with twenty-six (26) and twenty-five (25) Aircraft. Four (4) Aircraft washed-out of first night trip due to absence of Navigators, and Operators. Two (2) Aircraft returned from second night trip due to sickness.

11-2-43 Weather - Maximum -13; Minimum -23. Fog and snow. Visibility 2 miles.

Twenty-five (25) Aircraft completed morning trips. Flying washed-out for rest of the day and night. A Womens' Bowling Match was held in the Station Bowling Alleys, with two teams from No. 12 S.F.T.S., A.4, and No. 1 C.N.S. Supper was served in the W.D. Recreational Centre.

12-2-43 Weather - Maximum -9; Minimum -18. Snow and wind, clearing to unlimited.

Morning flight washed-out due to heavy snow. The afternoon and night trips completed the exercise. Three (3) Aircraft washed-out of each of the last two trips due to absence of Navigators. Lt/Col. Schenke., Majors Perry and Childs, and party took off at 0815 hours for Aberdeen, Maryland..

13-2-43 Weather - Maximum 9; Minimum -8. Snow, Squalls, Clear.

All four Flights scheduled were carried out. Seven (7) crews were absent during the day due to sickness.

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14-2-43 Weather - Maximum 2; Minimum 22. Cloud at 1500 feet. Snow.

Twenty-four (24) Aircraft flew the morning trip, and returned safely. The three other trips were washed-out due to unsuitable weather conditions. Matches in the Station Bonspiel are being played nightly. No. 1 C.N.S. defended the Travelling Shield twice against Shilo.

15-2-43 Weather Maximum 7; Minimum 23. Clear.

Four trips were flown according to schedule, by twenty-five (25), thirty-three (33), twenty-six (26), and twenty-four (24), Aircraft respectively. All Aircraft returned safely to base.

16-2-43 Weather - Maximum 5; Minimum -13. Cloud from 2500 feet, clearing.

The Morning flight was recalled due to adverse weather report. Thirty-two (32) Aircraft completed the afternoon flight successfully, and the two night trips were carried out according to schedule.

17-2-43 Weather- Maximum 23; Minimum - 0. Visibility $\frac{1}{4}$ miles in smoke. Fog, began at 0930 hours.

Thirty (30) Aircraft took off on the morning Flight, but were recalled due to bad weather. All returned safely to base. As the weather remained unchanged, all flying was washed-out for the rest of the day.

18-2-43 Weather - Maximum 23; Minimum - 3. Clear.

The morning, afternoon, and first night trips were carried out according to schedule by twenty-three (23), thirty-two (32), and twenty-six (26) Aircraft. All trips completed successfully. The second night trip was washed-out due to ground fog.

19-2-43 Weather - Maximum 33; Minimum 9. Fog at 0130 hours, otherwise clear.

Twenty-three (23) Aircraft took off on the morning trip, and all returned safely, with the exception of two (2) Aircraft who landed at Winnipeg with engine trouble. Thirty-two (32), twenty-five (25), and nine (9) Aircraft completed the other trips scheduled.

20-2-43 Weather - Maximum 37; Minimum 13. Cloud at 5,000 feet.

All four trips were flown successfully. One Aircraft was cancelled from the first trip due to absence of the pilot, and one (1) Aircraft was cancelled from each of the night trips, due to sick Navigators.

21-2-43 Weather - Temp. Maximum 34; Minimum 11. Clearing to unlimited.

Two (2) Aircraft were washed out of the day trips due to Pilots being sick, and two from the first night trip, and four from, the second night trip, due to lack of wireless operators.

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21-2 -43 (cont'd) All other Aircraft completed the exercise, and returned to base.

22-2-43 Weather - Temp. Maximum 30; Minimum 10. Overcast at 10,000 feet.

The morning, afternoon, and first night trips, consisting of twenty-nine (29), twenty-four (24), and twenty-five (25) Aircraft took off according to schedule, and returned safely to base. The second night trip of twenty-three (23) took off, but were recalled at 0120 hours due to-icing conditions. A Station dance was held in the drill hall for all personnel of the

rank of Corporal and below, with the music supplied by the Station band. This was the first Station dance for over a year, and was a great success.

23-2-43 Weather - Temp. Maximum 20; Minimum -26. Cloud at 700 feet, clearing at 2030 hours.

The morning and afternoon trips were washed out due to weather conditions. The first night trip took off on schedule, one pilot returning early with his Aircraft unserviceable. Twenty-five (25) Aircraft were scheduled for the second night trip, three were washed out due to Pilots being sick, and two more returned early with engine trouble. One of these took off again and completed the trip. The Trade Test Board sat at No. 1 C.N.S. from February 22nd to 25th, during which time 257 persons sat for examinations.

24-2-43 Weather - Maximum 20; Minimum -26. Clear.

The two day and first night trips took off according to schedule, S/P Elley, flying the first night trip, landed at Winnipeg with battery trouble, and stayed overnight. The weather being unsuitable for navigation, the second night trip was washed-out. F/O Beurling, D.S.O., D.F.C., D.F.M., and bar, attended the morning and afternoon briefing, and addressed the Pilots and Navigators.

25-2-43 Weather - Temp. Maximum 21; Minimum -25

Seventeen (17) Aircraft took off on the morning flight. Anson 6292, piloted by Sgt. Clemens, forced landed near Oakner, Manitoba, and was damaged severely. The crew escaped with minor

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25-2-43 (cont'd) cuts and bruises. All others returned safely. The afternoon trip was cancelled because of poor navigation, weather, although test flights were made, and F/O Beurling was flown to Weyburn, Sask. Both night trips were flown, all Aircraft returning safely. S/L Davies, the Protestant Chaplain, from AFHQ visited the Station, and remained overnight.

26-2-43 Weather - Temp. Maximum 21 - Minimum -1. Cloudy.

All four trips scheduled were flown by nineteen, (19) thirty (32)-two, twenty-six (26), and twenty-two (22) Aircraft. Two Aircraft returned early from the first night trip with radio trouble, and low oil pressure. Two returned early from the second trip with unserviceable aircraft, but were given new Aircraft and completed the trip.

27-2-43 Weather - Temp. Maximum 39; Minimum 8. Snow. Clearing.

The morning, afternoon, and one night trip were scheduled. All Aircraft took off, one returning early from the afternoon trip, because of the weather. All other Aircraft completed the exercise, and returned safely, to base. The Station Chaplain married AW2 Hurd and Sgt. Bell in the W.D. Recreation Centre. The bride was given away by one of the Sergeants, and attended by an airwoman.

28-2-43 Weather - Temp. Max. 30, Minimum 6. Temperature dropping rapidly.

On the advice of the Meteorological Section, the morning trip was cancelled. All Aircraft took off on the afternoon trip, and returned having completed the trip. Four (4) Aircraft were washed out of the first night trip because of wireless operators failing to show up for briefing. Anson 6623 landed at Regina with the instrument panel frozen. The second night trip was washed out because of the extreme cold. Group Captain Ashton, from No. 2 Training Command visited the Station.

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PERSONNEL STRENGTH

STAFF:	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
R.C.A.F.	132	1009	
R.A.F.	2	28	
R.N.Z.A.F.	3	12	
R.A.A.F.	2	1	
C.D.C.	2	6	
R.C.A.S.C.	1	3	
C.P.C.		4	
R.C.N.V.R.		4	
Meteorologists			6
Y.M.C.A.			1
Radio Operators (Junior Rating)			2
Messmen			77
Mess Foreman			3
Firemen			35
Pumpmen			3
Labourers			8
Cooks			4
Carpenters			2
Plumbers			1
Stationary Engineer			1
Stenographers, Grade 1 (Female)			1
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	142	1067	144
R.C.A.F. (W.D.)	4	133	
<u>TRAINEES</u> R.C.A.F.	61	38	
R.A.F.		386	
R.A.A.F.	8	9	
R.N.Z.A.F.	1	8	

NON-EFFECTIVE:

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>
TYPE ANSON	47	33
STINSON	1	

(W.A. Murray) Group Captain,
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1-3-43 First morning, and both night trips were washed out due to the extreme cold.

2-3-43 Flying was carried out during the day, but was washed out at night due to low temperature.

3-3-43 Weather and visibility poor. The afternoon trip was dispatched, but was recalled due to bad weather. Lieutenant Colonel Dewar of the South African Air Force visited the station and spent the night.

"Corns-a-Poppin", a variety show, was put on by members of the station in the Recreation Hall, to a full house.

4-3-43 Extremely cold, and all day flying washed out. Two night trips flown, with four aircraft returning with frozen airspeeds.

5-3-43 A special flight was made by twelve aircraft on orders from Command, which included a bombing run over Ridgley.

The station hospital (35 beds) contained 54 patients.

6-3-43 Weather still very cold. Flying in the morning only.

7-3-43 Clear and cold. Flying schedule resumed.

8-3-43 Normal flying routine. A station search was carried out by the orders of the Commanding Officer, commencing at 0100 hours. About thirty officers and senior N.C.O.'s took part.

9-3-43 Heavy ground fog in the morning. No flying. The afternoon and both night trips were completed.

10-3-43 The four scheduled night flights were carried out successfully. A wedding was held in the Hostess House, when Sergeant Benstead, R92954, WO/AG, was married to Velma Felton of Brandon. This was the first wedding to take place in the Hostess House.

11-3-43 Weather unfavourable for flying in the morning. The afternoon and two night trips were flown.

12-3-43 All four flights were carried out according to schedule, and the exercise successfully completed.

13-3-43 Two day and one night trips were flown. The station Drill Hall was opened for basketball, volley ball, badminton, P.T., etc. The station bowling alleys are open for G.I.S. sports periods every afternoon, and open to scheduled periods from 1700 hours to 2000 hours, and to the station from 2000 hours to 2300 hours. The building is in continual use, and proving a great asset to the station.

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14-3-43 A high wind, snowing. All flying washed out.

15-3-43 Blizzard. Flight Lieutenant Morton, Accountant Officer, got stuck near Forrest, with the pay truck and escort. He walked to the nearest telephone, and the rotary snow plow was sent to help get them out. One wagon with the pay and Flight Lieutenant Morton, arrived back in camp about 1730 hours, but the other vehicle could not be started so the guard and escort (12 men) spent the next two days at a nearby farm house. Flight Sergeant Sorensen, of the Service

Police, and one other man left and walked to the railway on the 16th., as food was getting short. Four officers and about seventy-five airmen were stranded in Brandon overnight, and accommodation was found for them by the Y.M.C.A.

16-3-43 Snowing hard and blowing. Road to Rivers opened for the mail run by Works and Buildings. No busses or taxis running after 0900 hours. All personnel confined to camp. Civilians accommodated in new barracks.

17-3-43 St. Patrick's Day Dance was cancelled, as no busses were running from Brandon. Station Review, "Corns-a-Poppin" put on to a full house in the evening. Personnel still confined to camp.

18-3-43 Weather clear. Runways unserviceable, due to snow banks. Afternoon and night trips flown. Station Adjutant detained in Weyburn by blizzard. Assistant Section Officer Delahunt assumed duties of Station adjutant from March 13th to 19th.

19-3-43 Morning and afternoon trips were flown as scheduled. A ground fog formed during the first night trip, and twelve aircraft were ordered to land at Brandon, where they remained overnight. Sergeant Eagle returned under escort from Aylmer.

20-3-43 All four trips were flown, but due to the danger of ground fog, the night trips were shortened.

21-3-43 First day of Spring, the weather was mild and sunny and the snow banks from the blizzard are disappearing fast, and rubber boots are almost a necessity. Flying according to schedule.

22-3-43 Flying schedule carried out. Group Captain Murray presented Navigator's Wings to Squadron Leader McKillop, the Chief Ground Instructor, at the Wings Parade. Squadron Leader Boyd, Senior Administrative Officer, on temporary duty to Conference at Command. Flight Officer Kemp assumed his duties in his absence.

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23-3-43 Two day and two night trips were flown. The aircraft of the second night trip landed at Portage la Prairie due to ground fog.

24-3-43 Normal flying routine, though the second night trip was again shortened on account of ground fog. A debate was held in the Recreation Hall in the evening, the subject being "Resolved; the Whole German Nation be punished for the War". Result Negative 2 to 1. Pilot Officer Aitken and Pilot Officer Shanaghan were for the affirmative, and Flying Officer Kelshall and Pilot Officer Collyer for the negative. The Judges were Flight Lieutenants Walley and Godkin, and Flying Officer Smith.

The final basketball match for the shield was played between No. 12 S.F.T.S. and No. 1 C.N.S. Due to recent postings of our best players, No. 1 C.N.S. lost the shield.

25-3-43 Fall flying schedule carried out.

26-3-43 Normal flying routine.

27-3-43 Weather getting stormy. Flying in morning, but trips washed out in the afternoon and evening because of snow. An American B.25 landed at 1153 hours with wireless trouble. The crew were not impressed with the weather, as

they had just come from the South Pacific. It was the first time most of the crew had seen snow. The ship remained overnight.

To permit the maximum number of personnel seeing "Random Harvest", the show was run at 1530 and 2100 hours.

28-3-43 Still snowing in the morning, and low overcast in the afternoon. One night trip was flown.

29-3-43 The B.25 took off at 0900 hours, heading north. The runways were getting in poor shape due to melting, but two trips were flown.

30-3-43 Runways unserviceable, all flying washed out.

31-3-43 Weather fine and mild, snow disappearing fast. The Curling Banquet was held in the Recreation Hall for all those who had curled during the year. Prizes were presented, and a Sing-Song held. The Station dance which had been scheduled for the 17th. was held in the Drill Hall. Music was by the "Ansonaires" and the dance was a great success.

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PERSONNEL STRENGTH

<u>STAFF:</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
R.C.A.F.	114	891	
R.A.F.	2	46	
R.N.Z.A.F.	2	11	
R.A.A.F.	3	1	
C.D.C.	2	5	
R.C.A.S.C.	1	3	
C.P.C.		4	
R.C.N.V.R.		4	
Meteorologists			8
Y.M.C.A.			2
Radio Operators (Junior Rating)			3
Messmen			66
Mess Foreman			3
Firemen			33
Pumpmen			3
Labourers			3
Cooks			4
Carpenters			1
Plumbers			1
Stationary Engineer			1
Painters			1
Inspector Construction			1
Stenographers, Grade 1 (Female)			1
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	124	965	131
R.C.A.F. (W.D.)	4	139	

<u>TRAINEES</u>	R.C.A.F.	69	52
	R.A.F.		419
	R.A.A.F.	2	10
	R.N.Z.A.F.		11

NON-EFFECTIVE:

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>
TYPE ANSON	50	26
STINSON	1	

(W.A. Murray) Group Captain,
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5th May 1943.

Daily Diary,
 No. 1 Central Navigation School,
 Rivers, Manitoba.

For the month of March 1943.

5th March, 1943.

1. The station hospital contained 54 patients. Our hospital is a 35 bed hospital although plans are underway for it to be increased to a 35 bed hospital. Due to colds and scarlet fever on the date in question, there were 54 patients confined to the hospital. This necessitated extra patients being put up in rooms which were not ordinarily used as wards, and also extra beds being put in the wards themselves. While it caused some inconvenience and considerable extra work on the part of the hospital staff, these patients were looked after in an extremely satisfactory and efficient manner.

6th March 1943.

2. For some time prior to this date the suspicion of the Executive Officer was aroused that thieving was taking place in the airmen's barrack blocks and senior N.C.O.'s quarters. With utmost secrecy a station search was ordered by the C.O. to commence in the quarters of the airmen and senior N.C.O.'s after the conclusion of night flying. A complete organization was set up and 30 officers were detailed supervisors of the search of the various barrack blocks. The search was carried out in a thorough but quiet manner, causing little disturbance to the personnel. The search resulted in a confiscation of a number of cameras, but aside from this one other item which had been stolen was recovered. The search however, had splendid effect on the station generally.

3. The one exception referred to above was the finding of a R.C.A.F. Navigator's wrist watch on the person of a Flight Sergeant. Due to the astute questioning of the officer who found this watch, a complete history of same was obtained and the matter eventually resulted in the Court Martialing and conviction of a sergeant who had been posted to R.C.A.F. Station, Alymer, Ontario, some time previous, and the recovery of the watch by the R.C.A.F., and the recovery of other items by individual airmen.

(W.A. Murray,) G.C.,
 Commanding Officer,
 No. 1 Central Navigation School,
 Rivers, Manitoba.

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1-4-43

PERSONNEL STRENGTH

<u>STAFF:</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
R.C.A.F.	114	891	
R.A.F.	2	46	
R.N.Z.A.F.	2	11	
R.A.A.F.	3	1	
C.D.C.	2	5	
R.C.A.S.C.	1	3	
C.P.C.		4	
R.C.N.V.R.		4	
Meteorologists			8
Y.M.C.A.			2
Radio Operators (Junior Rating)			3
Messmen			66
Mess Foreman			3
Firemen			33
Pumpmen			3
Labourers			3
Cooks			4
Carpenters			1
Plumbers			1
Stationary Engineer			1
Painters			1
Inspector Construction			1
Stenographers, Grade 1 (Female)			1
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<u>TRAINEES</u> R.C.A.F.	69	52	
R.A.F.		419	
R.A.A.F.	2	10	
R.N.Z.A.F.		11	

NON-EFFECTIVE:

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>
TYPE ANSON	50	26
STINSON	1	

(W.A. Murray) Group Captain,

Commanding Officer,
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RIVERS, Man.

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1-4-43 Wing Commander J.D. Blane (C198) arrived on posting from #2 T.C., to assume duties as G/C Training Wing. With the exception of the afternoon flight, which had to be revised due to weather conditions being poor for astro navigation, normal flying was carried out. One aircraft on the first night trip landed at Winnipeg with lights blown out, remaining there overnight.

2-4-43 Group Captain Murray flew to #3 B. & G. MacDonald to act as President at a General Court Martial and two District Courts Martial.

Wing Commander Sifton, Principal Medical Officer from No. 2 T.C. arrived for a visit. Course #65 Air Navigators were awarded Air Navigators' Badge at a Wings Parade Ceremony.

3-4-43 Both night flights had to be washed out as the runways were unserviceable due to ice and floods.

4-4-43 In spite of runways being in poor shape, the morning flight was completed. Because of high wind in the afternoon, the regular flight was shortened, and both night flights were washed out.

5-4-43 This Station collected a grand total of \$2,525.40 for the current Red Cross Drive. This compares most favourably with the \$628.25 which was raised in 1942. Practically all this money came from personal contribution of individuals. The morning flight was cancelled as the runways were still in poor condition.

6-4-43 Group Captain Murray flew to Winnipeg to attend a Commanding Officer's Conference. The Discussion and Debating Group, which was recently formed, held their first informal discussion. The subject was: "Is Expediency warranted in Wartime, at the expense of Ethics." The group was definitely in the affirmative.

7-4-43 A Schubert Symphony was played at the Music appreciation Hour - and there was a particularly large attendance. The first signs of spring were heralded when geese and duck were seen flying over the Station. The Station Orchestra played at a dance in Rivers, and turned over the proceeds to the Red Cross.

8-4-43 One aircraft landed at Winnipeg due to radio failure. An officer's basketball team, and an airwomen's team arrived from #12 S.F.T.S., Brandon, to play their opposite numbers here. #1 C.N.S. officers one against the Brandon officers 30-28. The Brandon airwomen won 23-7.

9-4-43 All scheduled flights were carried out successfully.

10-4-43 Normal flying was carried out.

11-4-43 S/L Boyd left for Winnipeg to visit #2 T.C.H.Q. This station held its first baptism ceremony when Elizabeth Ann Dodd, daughter of F/O Kenneth and Mrs. Dodd, was baptized by F/L N.J. Godkin. Those present were S/L and Mrs. Mackay, F/L and Mrs. Derry, and F/L and Mrs. Graham.

12-4-43 At 1245 hours there was a meeting in the Drill Hall for the entire Station personnel in connection with the Victory Loan. Flying Officer J.B.G. Kelshall gave an inspiring talk on our responsibilities towards the war effort.

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13-4-43 The subject of this week's Discussion Group was "State Medicine and Health Insurance as Applied to Canada". This subject proved a popular one, and the debate was enthusiastically attended.

14-4-43 The Station Orchestra played at a Carnival and Dance in the town of Rivers, proceeds of the evening went to the Milk for Britain Fund. G/C Taunton and S/L Hobbs arrived by air to inspect the new building sites on the Station. A meeting was held for the purpose of starting a Soccer League. Fourteen teams were organized and two games were scheduled for each night. Three Educational films were shown in the G.I.S. Operations room for the benefit of all interested personnel.

15-4-43 The afternoon flight was washed out and all other flights were completed. Flight Officer Kemp left on posting to #2 T.C. as Command Staff Officer.

16-4-43 A district Court Martial on Sgt. D.E. Eagle was held at 1000 hours. S/L W.B. Scarth, MC, from #2 T.C. was President. Members were S/L D. Thomson, MC, D.F.C., No. 2 "M" Depot, Brandon, and F/L A.B. Walton, No. 33 S.F.T.S., Carberry, Man. Defending Officer: F/L D.P. Thompson. This was the second Court Martial to be held at this Station.

17-4-43 Scheduled flights were completed. There was only one night flight.

18-4-43 Normal flying was carried out.

19-4-43 The Station fire truck was called out at 1230 hours to assist in putting out a prairie fire on a near-by farm. F/L Walley also proceeded to the fire with a squad of men. Flight Officer B.S. Northwood arrived to replace Flight Officer Kemp, and assumed duties as O/C Women's Division and Assistant Administrative Officer. The first Soccer League games were played this evening.

20-4-43 Group Captain G.B. Godwin, Director of Signals, arrived by air at 1200 hours and left by air at 1630 hours. A/S/O Christie, Auxiliary Services Officer arrived on temporary duty. All flying was cancelled for the afternoon as there was a Training Wing Parade held at 1330 hours. One aircraft from Carberry landed at the Station as the student pilot was lost. The subject "Resolved that Immigration Laws be revised to allow peoples free movement all over the earth" was debated

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20/4/43 (cont'd) at the Discussion Group. The "Yeas" won 10 to 8.

21-4-43 Day flights were carried out, but the night flights were both washed out. The W.D. basketball team played at #12 S.F.T.S. Brandon. The Brandon girls won 39-19. There was a dance held at No. 12 afterwards in the Drill Hall for the teams. Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5 drew a large crowd at the Music Appreciation Hour.

22-4-43 Wing Commander Price arrived on a visit from #2 T.C. A "Lodestar" aircraft arrived at this Station. The plane is remaining on the Station and is being used by the paratroopers from Camp Shilo.

23-4-43 Today being Good Friday, it was a Station Holiday. No flying was carried out, and only skeleton staffs remained at work. The weather was ideal for hikes and picnics and personnel took full advantage of it. Special church services were held for both Catholic and Protestant Personnel. F/L C.H.P. Killick and F/L T.E. Daniels reported on temporary duty. These officers are attached to this station for the purpose of piloting the "Lodestar".

24-4-43 The morning flight was completed, but all flying was washed out in the afternoon due to a dust storm and high wind.

25-4-43 Group Captain Brown C/O #17 Souris, Man., flew here with an airman suffering from appendicitis. The airman was operated on successfully. A large number of station personnel attended the Easter Church Services.

26-4-43 Only five aircraft completed the scheduled bombing exercises. The remainder of the flights were washed out due to poor weather.

27-4-43 Pilot Officer Aiken read a paper on modern poetry at the Discussion group - after which the subject was debated. All scheduled flights were completed.

28-4-43 In addition to regular exercises, a special operational trip was carried out. A fire alarm sounded at 1750 hours and a fire was found to have started in the insulation on some steam pipes outside a Barrack Block. There was an immediate response to the alarm, and the all clear was sounded at 1809 hours. The Station Orchestra played in Rivers at a dance to promote the Victory Loan. A Mendelssohn Symphony was played at the Music Appreciation hour.

29-4-43 All morning flights were washed out, but the remainder of the flights were completed. S/L Sutherland arrived from AFHQ to conduct an audit on the Station equipment. With applications still being received the amount contributed to the Victory Loan amounted to \$59,550. A mark "V" Anson, piloted by Capt. Roy Brown visited the station while on a fuel consumption test flight.

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30-4-43 The total flying time for the month of April is: 6655 hours 05 minutes. Flight Officer B.D. Kemp from No. 2 T.C. arrived on a Staff Visit.

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PERSONNEL STRENGTH

STAFF:

OFFICERS

AIRMEN

CIVILIANS

R.C.A.F.	141	1050	
R.A.F.	1	27	
R.N.Z.A.F.	3	11	
R.A.A.F.	2	1	
C.D.C.	2	5	
R.C.A.S.C.	1	3	
C.P.C.		4	
R.C.N.V.R.		4	
Meteorologists			8
Y.M.C.A.			1
Cooks			4
Messmen			72
Labourers			3
Firemen			33
Pumpmen			3
Carpenters			1
Plumbers			1
Stationary Engineer			1
Painters			1
Inspector Construction			1
Stenographers, Grade 1 (Female)			1
	150	1105	136
R.C.A.F. (W.D.)	4	155	
<u>TRAINEES</u>			
R.C.A.F.	29	93	
R.A.F.		392	
R.A.A.F.		12	
R.N.Z.A.F.		9	

NON-EFFECTIVE:

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>		<u>SERVICEABLE</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>
TYPE	ANSON	60	29
	STINSON	1	

(W.A. Murray) Group Captain,
Commanding Officer,
No. 1 C.N.S., R.C.A.F.
RIVERS, Man.

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1-5-43 An informal dance was held in the Officers' Mess and about 100 visitors attended. Normal flying was carried out on the morning trip, but all other scheduled flights were cancelled due to weather conditions.

2-5-43 Lieut. R. Strong, R.C.N.V.R. arrived on temporary duty from Ottawa. Two Educational films "Building a Bomber" and "Are you Talking" were shown in G.I.S. Operations Room. Eight packages of bees arrived to-day. Four packages are being looked after by S/L J.C. Boyd (C2613 S.R. SDM.) and the other four by F/O B.W.M. Murray (C8744 D.A.P.M. S.R.).

A record is being kept to determine which set of bees produce the most honey and so find out which officer is the best bee keeper. There were no morning or evening flights but 24 aircraft completed the afternoon exercises.

3-5-43 P/O H.C. McFadden spoke on "International Exchange" at the Discussion Club. 76 Aircraft took part in scheduled flights and all completed the exercises successfully.

4-5-43 The "Lodestar" took the paratroops for their first jumping exercise from this station. Group Captain W. A. Murray Inspected Training Wing at 13:30 hours and presented Navigators' Wings to fourteen officers employed on the staff as Navigation Instructors. The scheduled morning flight was successfully completed, but all other flights were washed out due to bad weather.

5-5-43 A Station dance was held in the Drill hall for airmen and airwomen of the rank of Corporal and below. Through Mrs. Dick at the Y.W.C.A. Hostess House, arrangements were made for airmen's wives and friends from Brandon to attend. 47 airwomen from #12 S.F.T.S. escorted by Section Officer Knowlton attended the dance. Refreshments were served in the airmen's mess. L.A.C. H.H.B. Mines was master of ceremonies and the Station Band provided the music. There was a special Officers' Mess Meeting to discuss the proposed Officers' Mess in Winnipeg. It was decided that membership to this mess should be on a voluntary basis. The Music Appreciation program included Franck's Symphony in D Minor and Tschaiowsky's Nutcracker Suite. S/L. J.E. Ritchie (85716) reported on Temporary Duty from (A.F.H.Q.) 12 S.F..T.S., Brandon, in connection with Fire Precautions. S/L J.W. Roberts (C1734) Accounts Officer from No. 2 T.C. arrived on Temporary Duty. All trips were washed out because of poor weather.

6-5-43 Sq/O Jeffs, Chief Messing Officer (A.F.H.Q.) accompanied by S/O E.M. Rainer and A/S/O Stacey (#2 T.C.) arrived on a Staff Visit. They inspected the airmen's Mess, Sergeants' Mess and the Officers' Mess and left by rail at 15:30 hours. There were 25 wash-outs on the morning trip due to weather, but the exercise was completed by 13 aircraft.

7-5-43 S/L Banfield from #2 T.C. arrived on Temporary Duty. He is visiting Rapid City and Basswood in connection with the Air Cadet League. At 0800 hours a station parade was held. The parade included two squadrons from Headquarters, two from Maintenance and three from G.I.S. The morning flight was washed out due to the parade and one evening trip was cancelled because of bad weather.

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8-5-43 The regular Saturday Night dance was held in the Officer's Mess this evening. One flight was washed out due to had weather.

9-5-43 F/L Chappel conducted the Mothers' Day Protestant Church Parade which was held in the Recreation Hall at 1100 hours. In connection with the current Victory Loan the station was opened to the Public from 1400 hours to 1700 hours. In spite of rather poor weather intermittent snow flurries and showers, 205 pupils visited the Station. The first visitors to arrive were 13 enthusiastic small boys who disconcerted their guide by the number and technicality of their questions. Three flights were cancelled due to weather.

10-5-43 The morning flight was cancelled because of bad weather. There was one afternoon flight and one evening flight.

11-5-43 A "Revenge" basketball game was played between the officers and Class "68" - Class "68" won. A Press party arrived by G.M.T. to obtain material and photographs on paratroop jumping exercises. The party included L.T. Bishop

and George Young of the Winnipeg Free Press: J.L. Anderson and Bruce Watson of the Winnipeg Tribune, R.W. Noble and F.R. Kemp of the Toronto Star: Eric Anderson of the Canadian Press and L.C. Morrison of the British United Press. They were accompanied by Captain N.J. Anderson, P.R.O. from #10 M.D.: Ft/Lt. N.C. Anderson, P.R.O. from #2 T.C.H.Q. and Sgt. K.H. Hand, R.C.A.F. Press Photographer. An aircraft containing the party accompanied the paratroop flight and obtained aerial photographs of the jumping. Normal flying was carried out.

At 0955 hours Air Vice Marshal A.A.L. Cuffe (C23) (GL) Deputy Inspector General, accompanied by Air Commodore T.A. Lawrence (C.7)(GL) Wing Commander B.M. Aronson (C78) (Equip). F/L D. Eshelman (C3770)(GL) F/L J.R. Alexander (C12111) (Admin) and F/O E.H. Carson (C12611) (Admin) arrived by plane for a tour of inspection. The morning was spent visiting the sections. At 1345 hours a station parade was held. The party departed by plane at 1700 hours.

12-5-43 71 Aircraft completed scheduled flights.

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13-5-43 S/L T.C. Wilson (4080) proceeded to #35 E.F.T.S., R.A.F., Neepawa, Manitoba, to sit as President at a court of Inquiry.

F/L R.R. Goodwin (C4653) (S.R.ADMIN) Station Adjutant left on posting to A.F.H.Q. A/S/O Delahunt assumed duties of adjutant pending the arrival of a replacement for F/L Goodwin. A Wings Parade was held in the afternoon, when Group Captain A.W. Murray presented wings to 39 Navigators and 17 Air Bombers. Two graduates had their wings pinned on them by their mothers who visited the station to attend the ceremony. Flying schedules were completed.

14-5-43 F/O H.F. Hall (14585) Auxiliary Services Officer, arrived on Temporary Duty from No. 2 T.C. Morning and afternoon flights were completed, but the evening flight was cancelled because of bad weather.

15-5-43 A11 flying was cancelled today because of bad weather. The Massey-Harris concert party arrived on the station at 1500 hours. They gave two performances, a matinee and an evening show in the Recreation Hall. Both performances were played to packed houses and were heartily received. The 24 members of the cast - 14 girls and 10 men - remained on the Station overnight and attended the regular Saturday night dance in the officers' Mess. They were entertained at luncheon in the officers' Mess and at dinner in the sergeants' Mess.

16-5-43 The Educational films shown this evening were:- "Atmospheric Pressure". "Compressed Air" and "Around the Corner".

A program of recorded music by American composers was presented in the Recreation Hall. L.A.C. Alfred Walker gave the commentary. Normal flying was carried out.

17-5-43 The topic at the weekly Discussion group was "Should Canada Unite with the U.S.A.?" Members of the group expressed their views freely - and the view-points were legion. No decision was arrived at. Scheduled flying exercises were carried out.

18-5-43 S/L H.H. McFarlane (C2787)(Chap.P) arrived by air on a Staff Visit from No. 2 T.C. 76 Aircraft completed exercises.

19-5-43 The Music Appreciation hour featured a special showing of Walt Disney's "Fantasia". All station personnel were invited to attend. One aircraft on the evening flight landed at Winnipeg with faulty radio. This was remedied and the aircraft returned to Rivers.

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20-5-43 The Officers' Basketball team took a close decision from the Headquarters Staff. The score was 37-25. 81 Aircraft completed scheduled exercises. Wing Officer W. Walker (V30005)(Admin) and Sq./O J.T. Davey (C13578) (Med) both from A.F.H.Q. arrived by Air accompanied by Ft/O B.D. Kemp (V20026) from No. 2 T.C.H.Q. At 1345 hours Wing Officer Walker inspected 2 flights of airwomen, after which she addressed them informally in the library. F/O H. Kemp (C9814) (SR.)(ADMIN) reported on posting from No. 2 E.F.T.S., Fort William, Ontario, and assumed duties as adjutant.

21-5-43 About 30 teams have entered the Doubles Snooker Tournament, first round of which was played in the Drill Hall this evening. 73 Aircraft completed exercises.

22-5-43 One Aircraft on the afternoon trip landed at Yorkton with engine trouble and returned to Rivers at 1750 hours.

23-5-43 48 Aircraft completed scheduled flights. There were no night trips due to adverse weather conditions. A Sunday Evening vesper service of recorded music, singing and worship service has been organized by F/L Chappel, Protestant Chaplain. The first service was held this evening.

24-5-43 The subject at the discussion group this week was "Resolved that a continuance of British Control after the war would be of more benefit to India than independence". Flying was washed out because of adverse weather.

25-5-43 Due to unfavourable weather conditions all flying schedules were cancelled. F/L G.E. Bryce (C3382) (SR.) (AN) and F/O T.L. Byrne (C20499) (SR.) (AE.) Trade Test Officers from No. 2 T.C. arrived on the station at 1400 hours.

26-5-43 A Station Bridge Tournament was played in the Conference Room at 2000 hours. 53 players entered the contest. The First Prize was won by Sgt. R.S. Whitney and the Second Prize by AC2 Jimmie More, after the games refreshments were served in the Snack Bar. The finals of the Men's singles and Mixed Doubles Badminton tournaments were played off this evening. F/L F. Lorenzen out-generalled L.A.C. Jewitt to win the man's singles. There was some excellent badminton played with both players going "all out" to gain points. L.A.C. Jewitt and Cpl. H. MacMurphy won in two straight games against

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26-5-43 (cont'd) L.A.C. Reid and L.A.W. Lindsay in the Mixed Doubles. F/L Eisen (C10535) (SR) (Chap.Heb) arrived on Temporary Duty from A.F.H.Q. F/L Eisen showed motion pictures taken by himself and gave his famous lecture on China, in the Recreation Hall. Wing Commander J.E. Sharpe (C4072)(SR.MED) arrived by air at 1700 hours on a Staff Visit from No. 2 T.C. The morning flight was canceled due to advice from the Met. Section that ceilings were low.

27-5-43 A Wings Parade was held this afternoon when 20 Air Bombers were presented with Wings by Group Captain W. A. MURRAY. At Brandon, Manitoba, No. 1 C.N.S., played Brandon Manning Depot at Softball in the first game in this season's B.D.S.A.A. Schedule. It was a game packed with brilliant plays, pitching and fielding. It was scheduled to be a seven inning fixture but as there was no score on either side at that point the game went on to the 14th inning when No. 1 C.N.S. scored on a 2-base hit to give this station the game 1-0. Scheduled flights were completed with one wash-out.

28-5-43 The Fourth Victory Loan Campaign was conducted by a station committee and a canvass was made of all personnel on the station, both service and civilian personnel. An initial quota of \$55,000 set by No. 2 T.C. was oversubscribed on the opening day. Efforts were, however, continued with the gratifying result that total sales were achieved of \$88,300 to 926 subscribers. Normal flying prevailed.

29-5-43 The Regular Saturday Night dance was held in the Officers' Mess this evening. Scheduled flying was carried out.

30-5-43 A two-hour recorded concert of fine music was held in the Recreation Hall at 1500 hours. Beethoven's Fifth Symphony was played as well as excerpts from "Tristan & Isolde". Both scheduled night flights were cancelled due to weather.

31-5-43 All flying was washed out due to weather conditions. Total flying time for the month of May is 5255 hours 45 minutes.

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Our File: S.1 -5-1CN (0.3)
Ref. Your S.24.5.2 (DSD)
Dated 2nd July, 1943.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

Winnipeg, July 15th, 1943.

S E C R E T

The Secretary
Department of National Defence for Air,
1 Lisgar Building,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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1. Herewith information as requested in your above referenced letter.

Disposition of Course No. 68, Navigators - May 14, 1943.

Original Intake - 48. Adjusted Intake - 54. 15 graduates were granted commissions. 27 posted to #1 "Y" Depot, Halifax, 6 to #5 "M" Depot, Lachine, 5 to #31 Personnel Depot, Moncton, and 1 retained at #1 C.N.S. to train as an instructor and attend Course No. 32 S.N.I. (Nav.) Ceased training 7 and transferred to later courses for medical reasons, 8.

Disposition of Course No. 73 Air Bombers - May 14, 1943.

Original intake - 19. Adjusted intake - 20. 6 graduates granted commissions. 11 posted to #1 "Y" Depot, Halifax, 3 to #1 B. & G., Jarvis, and 3 to Mountain View. 1 was transferred to a later course for medical reasons and 2 ceased training.

Disposition of Course No. 74, Air Bombers - May 28th, 1943.

Original Intake - 20. All trainees graduated. 7 granted commissions. 8 posted to No. 31 P.D., Moncton, 2 to #1 B. & G. S., Jarvis, 2 to Mountain View and 8 to No. 1 "Y" Depot, Halifax.

(B.J. Gorby) F/O,
for A.O.C., No. 2 T.C.

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1-6-43 Wing Commander C.F. Newcombe (C875), in Crane FJ248 arrived from Saskatoon at 1710 hours, and left for Winnipeg at 1730 hours. The morning Flight was washed out due to bad weather. At approximately 0245 hours, Anson 1 R9800 made a forced landing near Mohall, North Dakota, U.S.A. The landing was caused by lack of fuel. A "C" category belly landing was made. No personnel were injured.

2-6-43 At 1100 hours F/S Clarence Madill (R119612) of this Station, and Miss J.L. Blair of Crandall, Man., were married by Fl/Lt N. Chappel, Station Chaplain, in the United Church of Canada, Rivers, Man. Sergeants Joyce; P.J, and Otto, S.B., acted as ushers; and Fl/LT L.S. Walley, as well as a large party of Service personnel and civilians attended. At 2100 hours in the Drill Hall a Station Dance was held for airmen and airwomen of the rank of Corporal and below. Arrangements were made for personnel to bring their wives and friends from Brandon, and a group of Brandon girls chaperoned by Mrs. Bate of the Brandon Y.W.C.A. attended. The Station Orchestra provided the music and refreshments were served in the Airmen's Mess.

The Music Appreciation Hour program included a recording of Brahms's Concerto for Violin and Orchestra, which was played for the first time on this Station. One flight of 33 aircraft took off at 1330 hours, and completed exercises. All other flights were washed out because of poor weather. S/L S.R. Bell (C244) and S/L W.B.F. MacKay (C2207) proceeded on Temporary Duty to Mohall, North Dakota, in connection with the forced landing of Anson 1 R9800.

3-6-43 A special Ascension Thursday Mass for R.C. personnel was celebrated at 1715 hours. The Mass was conducted by F/L J.E. Campbell, R.C. Chaplain.

S/O P.A. Delahunt (V30352) (Admin.) was appointed Investigating Officer to inquire into and report on the system of handling loan cards on the Station.

S/L R.P. Rodgers, (C1228) (SR) (Adm) Auxiliary Services Officer from #1 T.C. arrived by P.M.C. at 1100 hours.

Wing Commander R. MacFarlane (C1125) (SR) (CSO) arrived on Temporary Duty from #2 T.C.

The morning flight consisting of 32 aircraft was completed, but all other flights were washed out due to weather conditions.

4-6-43 A Religious Service for all Jewish Personnel was held in the Conference Room at 1700 hours. 112 scheduled flights were made today. Anson I R9800 was flown back to the Station by S/L S.R. Bell (C244) arriving at 1800 hours.

5-6-43 S/L R. C. Woodhead (C1517) (SR) (Nav) proceeded on Temporary Duty to A.F.H.Q. by rail.

86 flights

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5-6-43 (Cont'd) were completed successfully. Our Station Soccer Team kept it's winning record intact by a 3 to 1 victory over #2 Manning Depot, in a game that was played this evening at Brandon, Manitoba.

6-6-43 One hour of good recorded music from Mendelssohn, Handel, Donizetti, and Mozart was heard at the Music Appreciation Concert. L.A.C. Philip Standley-Smith (GB1623168) presented the program.

Three educational films were shown in the Operations Room of G.I.S. They were "This Is Blitz", "Know Your Enemy Japan", and "Fire Fighting".

At the Vesper Service, which was held this evening at 1900 hours, F/L N. Chappel, Protestant Chaplain, baptized Ann Myrtle MacSween, the daughter of F/O A.J. MacSween.

25 aircraft took off on the morning flight, 23 of which successfully completed the exercise. One aircraft, piloted by Sgt. Rhodes, A.B., (GB657607), was forced down at MacDonald, Man., and another aircraft landed at Winnipeg, Man., piloted by W.O.2 Benson, L.B. (R95319). 48 other flights were completed.

7-6-43 Wing Commander G.M. Ritchie (C2039) (SR) (WB) arrived on Temporary Duty by air from #2 T.C.H.Q. at 1000 hours. He was accompanied by F/L H.P. Smith (C6357) (SR) (WB). Their visit was in connection with the new work being carried out on the Station. 67 scheduled flights were carried out.

8-6-43 Wing Commander J.D. Blane (C198) (P) (GL) departed on posting to #5 "M" Depot, Base Pay Office, Lachine, Quebec.

The morning trip was washed out on advice from the Met. Section. One trip consisting of 29 aircraft took off at 1300 hours and completed exercises. The evening schedule was cancelled because of weather. One aircraft, Anson 1 6579. piloted by P/O K.R. Kidd (J22340) made a forced landing about three miles south of Griswold, Manitoba, with wheels up, in a "C" category crash caused by lack of fuel. No personnel were injured.

9-6-43 At 0830 hours 26 aircraft took off on a bombing exercise which was later washed out. All aircraft returned safely. The afternoon and evening flights were carried out according to schedule. At 1630 hours Anson 1 6579 was flown to the Station from Griswold, Man., by F/O J.G. Broder (J5048).

10-6-43 23 aircraft completed the morning exercise and 38 aircraft completed the afternoon scheduled exercise. The evening flight was washed out.

This afternoon a Wings Parade was held when 32 Air Bombers, Course 75, graduated. G/C W. A. Murray presented the wings and addressed the Class. Two relatives of graduating airmen were present. Mrs. Sloan pinned the Air Bomber Wing on her husband, L.A.C. Sloan, R172224, and Mrs. G. Wallace pinned the Air Bomber Wing on her son, L.A.C. D.E. Wallace, R162789. Three of the graduates were posted to #1 B. & G. Jarvis, Ont., three to R.C.A.F. Mountain View, and twenty-six overseas. Of the original course of 37, four were transferred to later courses for medical reasons, and there was one failure pending reselection.

11-6-43 The morning trip was washed out due to low ceilings over the region. The afternoon trip was completed by 33 aircraft. 35 aircraft took off on the evening flight; 34 completed the exercise and returned to

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11-6-43 (Cont'd) base, and one aircraft was forced down in Winnipeg and will return to base June 12th, 1943.

12-6-43 89 scheduled exercises were completed. On the afternoon flight one aircraft was forced down at Forget, Sask., with a fire, and returned to base at 2010 hours without incident.

13-6-43 87 scheduled flying exercises were completed.

14-6-43 All flying was cancelled today because of low ceiling and rain.

S/L F.L. Morton (C3649) was appointed Investigating Officer for the purpose of inquiring into, and reporting on, claims against the Crown in connection with grass fires supposedly started on bombing ranges at Griswold and Alexander.

15-6-43 S/L W.E. Hobbs (C6129) Command Works and Building Officer, arrived today by air on a visit. P/O J.P. McCrea (C20804) Command Signals Officer arrived in connection with the installation of the new self-energizing battery type of switchboard. 84 flying exercises were completed according to schedule.

16-6-43 101 scheduled flying trips were completed.

S/L A.T. Livingstone (C4012) (AE) arrived on Temporary Duty from #2 T.C. by rail.

A Soccer game was played here between Carberry and our Station team. The score was tied.

17-6-43 99 flying exercises were completed.

At 1120 hours W/C A.G. Goulding MC, DFC (C1980), W/C D.G. Price (C156), and F/O J.A. Iverach (J150339) arrived by air on Temporary Duty in connection with Refuelling Tenders.

18-6-43 S/L R.K. Fraser (c2671) (SR) (Nav) arrived on Temporary Duty from #2 A.O.S., Edmonton, Alberta, on a visit to gain new ideas regarding navigation.

At 0600 hours 30 aircraft took off on a pinpointing exercise, three returning early and the remainder being recalled due to low ceiling. 38 aircraft completed the afternoon flight. The evening trip was cancelled owing to hail and thunderstorms.

19-6-43 93 exercises were completed.

F/L J.R. Alverson (J15004) (SR) (Nav "B") arrived on Temporary Duty from A.F.H.Q. His visit is in connection with Navigation matters.

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20-6-43 The Station Baseball team showed a considerable edge this evening by handing the Shoal Lake Club Team a 10-5 defeat.

The morning flights were washed out due to low ceiling and rain. The afternoon trip was completed by 38 aircraft. 36 aircraft took off on the evening flight, one returning shortly after take-off with Pilot's window blown out, and one returning at approximately 0030 hours with broken collector ring. The remainder completed the exercise and returned to base safely.

A Symphony by Rimsky-Korsokof was featured at this evening's Music Appreciation Hour.

21-6-43 The subject at this evening's debating meeting was "Resolved that the collapse of France was caused by Political rather than Military Reasons".

At approximately 1315 hours, Anson 1 6229 piloted by R119923 F.S. Dow, C.R.H., was involved in a taxiing accident in front of G.I.S. with Anson AX371, and Anson 5162. Anson 6229 was categorized as a "B" crash, 5162 as a "B" crash, and AX371 as a "C" crash. The bomb aimer, while adjusting the bomb sight in the nose of AX371, was injured about the face.

22-6-43 F/L W.H. Cockburn (C6474) (SR) (Adm). and Fl/O B.D. Kemp (V30026) (WD) (Adm) (SR) from #2 T.C.H.Q. arrived at 0930 hours. They comprised a Selection Board for applications for Commissioned Rank, and five members of the Station's were interviewed.

The #1 C.N.S. airwomen's Softball Team played their first League game of the season here tonight, and defeated #12 S.F.T.S. by 16-9. At approximately 0900 hours. Anson I 6888 crashed and sank in Lake Manitoba, about 10 miles west and one mile south of Oak Point. Cause of the accident unknown. All four aircrew are missing. They are R123379 Flight Sgt. Daubner, H.A., NZ425199 Sgt. Skinner, B.J., GB1 806807 L.A.C. Bagster, E.P., and GB1545453 L.A.C. Stewart, P. At 2340 hours a report was received by the Service Police, that GB1385500 Sgt. Copley, J. was believed to have drowned in the Little Saskatchewan River approximately 1½ miles from the Station. A search was immediately carried out.

23-6-43 Shubert's Unfinished Symphony was played at this evening's Music Appreciation Hour.

91 flying exercises were completed. A Douglas Transport D.C.3 piloted by S/L H.O. Madden stopped at this aerodrome today en route from Kapuskasing to Edmonton. S/L E.W.C. Sharpe (62797) arrived from #2 T.C. as Investigating Officer on crash of aircraft Anson 6888.

S/L E.H. Crawford (C5251) arrived by rail from #2 T.C. to take summary evidence re taxiing accident of aircraft Anson 6229.

24-6-43 81 scheduled flights were successfully carried out. The Honorable Frederick Jones, Minister for Defence for New Zealand, accompanied by Mr. R.M. Firth, acting High Commissioner for New Zealand in Canada, and party, arrived on a visit this morning by air. There was a meeting held for all New Zealand personnel to meet the visitors, and both trainee and staff members were interviewed. The party left by air this afternoon.

At 1415 hours G/C W.A. Murray presented wings to the graduates of Course 69N and 76 A.B. Disposition attached in appendix "C". (IMAGE 133.)

25-6-43 There was one flight carried out today by 25 aircraft.

W/C D.G. Price (C159) (SR) (GL) arrived on Temporary Duty from #2 T.C. by air at 1100 hours with W/C H.E. Walker (C181), also from #2 T.C.

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25-6-43 (Cont'd) They discussed D.R. Trainer and Armament matters while here.

This evening the Drill Hall and Recreation Centre of this Station was officially opened with a combined show, broadcast, and dance, featuring Mart Kenney and his Orchestra. The hall was gaily decorated with the flags of all Nations (including the new Flag of Freedom), and with large 6 foot posters painted by two members of the Station Art Club. Group Captain W.A. Murray gave the opening address, after which the Orchestra presented the C.B.C. Broadcast "Victory Parade of Canada's Spotlight Band". Civilian and Service guests were invited from the neighboring towns and Stations, and made up a part of the large crowd attending the dance. Refreshments were served in the Officer's, Sergeant's and Airmen's Messes.

26-6-43 97 flights were completed.

F/L B.M. Murray (C8744) is appointed Investigation Officer for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the disappearance, while swimming, of Sgt. J. Copley, GB1385301, on the night of June 22nd, 1943.

At 1300 hours a member of the Women's Division reported that a body was washed ashore on the River. It was later identified as being that of Sgt. J. Copley. A fire practice was held at 1400 hours. An alarm was turned in from the Hospital and firefighters and auxiliaries carried out their duties in accordance with Station Fire Orders.

27-6-43 103 scheduled flights were completed. One the evening trip one aircraft returned early with radio and gyro horizon u/s.

At 1600 hours GB1385301 Sgt. James Copley's funeral was held in Rivers, Manitoba. The ceremony was performed by F/L Nelson Chappel. Station Chaplain (P). The burial took place in the Rivers Cemetery. At 0810 hours it was reported that Jim Halliday, a civilian worker on the strength of the Station had cut his throat in the washroom of Barrack Block 9A. First aid was applied and he was then moved to the hospital for treatment. Statements made to the R.C.M.P. and the D.AMPMM. indicate that he had attempted to take his own life. Injury is not considered serious, and the R.C.M.P. are arranging for a mental examination of James Halliday.

28-6-43 82 scheduled flights took off, and all trips were completed with the exception of one, which returned early due to the pilot becoming ill.

The subject at tonight's Debating Club meeting was "Resolved that Divorce should be made as easy as Marriage".

29-6-43 G/C J.A. Taunton (C2044) (SR) (W and B) arrived on Temporary Duty from #2 T.C.H.Q. His visit was in connection with the drainage plan for the roof of #5 Hangar and other construction matters.

85 trips were completed. On the evening trip one aircraft returned early due to radio trouble, and one

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29-6-43 (Cont'd) -landed at Winnipeg with a hole in collector ring.

This morning six Cornell aircraft landed for re-fuelling en route for Regina from Fort Erie. They were piloted by Air Transport Auxiliary pilots.

30-6-43 Beethoven's Symphony #7 in "A" Major was featured at this evening's Music Appreciation Hour.

63 flights were completed. The evening flying schedule was washed out because of rain, low ceiling, and possible thunderstorms.

S/L A.R. Cumming (C2576) (SR) (DS) arrived on Temporary Duty from #2 T.C. this afternoon.

There was a meeting of the Station Fund Committee held in the Conference Room at 1000 hours.

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30-June-43 (con't)

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH</u>		<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
<u>STAFF.</u>	R.C.A.F.	174	845	
	R.C.A.F. (W.D.)	4	170	
<u>SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN R.C.A.F.</u>				
	R.A.A.F.	3	3	

R.A.F.	1	12
R.N.Z.A.F.	2	22
C.D.C.	2	5
R.C.A.S.C.	1	3
C.P.C.		4
R.C.N.V.R.		5

CIVILIANS.

Y.M.C.A.		1
Meteorologists		10
Others.		128

TOTAL STAFF. -	<u>87</u>	<u>1069</u>	<u>139</u>
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TRAINEES.

R.C.A.F.	83	66
R.A.F.	3	489
R.A.A.F.	-	2
R.N.Z.A.F.	-	-
<u>TOTAL TRAINEES</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>557</u>

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH.

<u>TYPE.</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE.</u>	(W.A. Murray) G/C., Commanding Officer, No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Manitoba.
Anson.	70	17	
Stinson.	1		

FLYING HOURS. Total Number of hours flown during the month of June 1943 was - 7196.25.

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Appendix "C"
#1 C.N.S.
June 24th, 1943

DISPOSITION OF COURSES GRADUATING JUNE 24th, 1943.

<u>Course 69 N</u>		<u>Course 76 A.B.</u>		<u>Course 21 S.N.I. (P)</u>		<u>Course S.W.I. (N) No. 32</u>	
Intake	60	Intake	39	Intake	27	Intake	28
Transfer	11	Transfer	4	Transfer	Nil	Transfer	2
Discontinued	11	Discontinued	1	Discontinued	4	Discontinued	Nil
Grads. held over	1	Held over	1	Grads held over	2	Held over	Nil
Posted to:-		Posted to:-		Posted to:-		Failure	1
Moncton	34	"Y" Depot	22	No. 2 S.F.T.S.	1	Posted to:-	
Lachine	<u>3</u>	Mountain View	2	No. 17 "	2	No. 4 A.O.S.	4
	60 60	31 P.D.	8	No. 3 "	2	No. 1 "	2
		Jarvis	2	No. 8 "	1	No. 1 C.N.S.	4
				No. 7 "	1	No. 5 A.O.S.	5

	x	No. 1 "	2	No. 7 "	5
		No. 10 "	2	No. 8 "	3
	<u>39</u>	No. 111 "	1	No. 10 "	2
		No. 12 "	2		
x One graduate held over		No. 13 "	1		28 28
		No. 6 "	1		
		No. 16 "	1		
		No. 15 "	3		
		No. 19 "	<u>1</u>		
			27		27

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Appendix "G"
No. 1 C.N.S. Rivers, Manitoba.
June 28th, 1943.

25 Educational Officers arrived on Course No. 1.
Other intakes are as follows 52 reported on Course 79 A.N.,
24 reported on Course 49 A.B., 24 reported on Course 23 S.N.I. (P),
24 reported on Course 33 S.N.I. (N).

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July 1/43 The Senior N.C.O. Quarters building No. 50 and Officers' quarters building No. 49 were occupied today. All flying was washed out due to low ceilings over entire region. In an exhibition game at the Osborne stadium today an R.A.F. Soccer Team from this station defeated the Winnipeg Select 3-1. Sergeant Pilot Bob Dickie, who played centre-forward was the star of the team. (See Appendix "A" at IMAGE 147.)

July 2 Flying Officer A.W. Munro (C6889) (SR) (P.T.&D) arrived from No. 2 T.C. on a staff inspection visit. Flying was washed out this morning because of rain and low ceiling. Thirty-six aircraft took off on the afternoon flight, one returning early with motor trouble. Thirty-seven evening trips were made. A Wings Parade was held this afternoon when two Navigation Officers were presented with badges by the Commanding Officer.

July 3. Fifty-seven day sorties were completed, but night operations were washed out due to heavy rains with accompanying thunder, lightning and clouds. At 2300 hours the body of Flight Sergeant H. A. Daubner, R123379 was recovered near Oakpoint, Manitoba.

July 4. Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 4 in "A" Major was the feature recording at this evenings music Appreciation Hour. Sixty-six day flights were made, but night flying was washed out due to an occlusion moving East with thunderstorms ahead of it. Air Commodore D. V. Carnegie, A.F.C., Director of Flying Training, Air Ministry, (RAF), and Group Captain F. J. Fogerty, D.F.C., A.F.C. (R.A.F.) arrived on a visit. They are remaining on the station overnight.

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July 5/43 The subject at this evening's Discussion Club was "Resolve that all Strikes Should be outlawed for the Duration of the War". The decision was 11 to 4 for the negative. Two Tiger Moths, No. 1115 and No. 1153 arrived on the station. They are for use in connection with instruction of Educational Officers in theory of flight. Our Station hardball Team played No. 12 S.F.T.S. here tonight, and won the match 5-1. Forty-six day trips were made. Eighteen navigation flights were washed out due to possible hail and thunder. The evening flight was completed by thirty-five aircraft.

July 6 The W.D. Softball team went to Brandon this evening to play a League game against the Brandon civilian girls team. The W.D.'s won 11-10. The body of Flight Sergeant H. A. Daubner, R123379, escorted by Flight Sergeant R.A. Furnell, R4177, was shipped today to his home in Powell River. At a special meeting held today it was decided to publish a weekly Digest covering all off duty hours Station Events. Sixty-nine day sorties and thirty-five night sorties were made.

July 7 Sixty-five day flights and thirty-four night trips, were carried out. Dvorak's New World Symphony was played at this evening's Music Appreciation Hour.

July 8 One hundred sorties were made today. The Station Softball Team took their first defeat of the season when they played Virden here this evening. Virden won the game 9-6. There was a Wings Parade at 1400 hours when the Commanding Officer presented Wings to 43 graduates of Course 77 (A.B.) and 39 graduates of Course 70 (N). The intake of Course 70 (N) was 61. Eleven ceased training and eleven were transferred to other courses. Five were posted to "Y" Depot, Halifax, Three to No. 5 "M" Depot, Lachine, twenty-eight to No. 31 P.D., Moncton, and three to No. 31 A.N.S., Port Albert. Thirteen graduates were commissioned. Intake of Course 77 A.B. was 48. One ceased training and four were transferred to other courses. Four were posted to No. 1 B & G School, Jarvis, two Mountain View, twenty-five to "Y" Depot, Halifax, and twelve to No. 31 P. D., Moncton. 14 graduates were commissioned. A water tank of 100,000 gallon storage for emergency purposes, which was converted into an outdoor swimming pool, was officially opened today.

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July 9/43 Fifty-four sorties were made. The evening flight was washed out due to bad thunder storms and a front travelling east about thirty miles per hour. At 1907 hours shortly after the thunder storm had started, a fire alarm was sounded. Some paper had caught fire under Barrack Block No. 50's fire escape. The cause is unknown. The fire picquet responded very well and there was no damage. The "all clear" was sounded at 1920 hours.

July 10 Eight-eight sorties were made today.

July 11 The music Appreciation Hour was presented this evening by Pilot Officer Warren Taylor. The major selection on the program was Brahms's Concerto in "B" Flat. Three Educational Films were shown this evening including "Canada House", "Airwomen", and "Her Father's Daughter".

Morning exercises were washed out due to bad weather. Twenty-eight afternoon trips and thirty-seven evening trips were made. There was an intake of thirty-eight for Course No. 80, Air Bombers today, from No. 5 B & G School, Dafoe, Sask., and an intake of 58 for Course 80 Navigators from No. 3 P.D., Moncton.

The first issue of "The Digest" was published today and covered Station Activities for the coming week. A Memorial Service was held at Cardale, Manitoba to dedicate a Cairn erected by the citizens of the community in memory of four members of the R.C.A.F., Pilot Officer A.W. Willoughby (J11264), R123272 Sgt. J. T. Carter, R55861, Sgt. J.C.W. Gauthiere Dit Larouche, and R103408 Sgt. A.J. Mazur, who lost their lives in a flying accident on July 9, 1942, at the spot where the Cairn stands. No. 1 C.N.S. was represented at the ceremony by an armed party of 24 Airmen under the command of Flight Lieutenant E.H. Bird (C3774). Flight Lieutenant Nelson Chappel, Station Chaplain (P) gave an address. The service was conducted by the local United Church Chaplain, the Rev. Mr. Reynolds, and a large gathering of citizens were in attendance.

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July 12/43 Wing Commander W. R. Pollack (C616) arrived by air at 1930 hours on posting from A.F.H.Q. He assumed duties as Officer Commanding Training Wing. There was a compulsory parade for all W.D. Personnel at 1755 hours in the Recreation Hall when two films "For Your Information" and "Training Table" were presented. There was a short explanatory address given by the Senior Medical Officer before the showing of each film. Seventy-eight day trips were made but the evening schedule was washed out because of the weather.

At 1800 hours all trainee personnel, approximately 640 moved into a new barrack arrangement. All Bomber classes are in B.B. #10 and are known as #1 squadron. All odd numbered navigator classes are in B.B. # 12 and #13 and are known as #2 squadron. All even numbered navigator classes are now located in B.B. #30 and #33 and are known as #3 Squadron. This squadron arrangement is to be the permanent method of housing all trainee personnel.

July 13 H/Flight Lieutenant P. Janz (C26277) Protestant Chaplain arrived today on posting from No. 2 Training Command Headquarters.

Flying Officer J. P. McCrea (C20804) reported on Temporary Duty from No. 2. T.C. His visit was in connection with our request for additional Telephones and cable extensions.

Eight-six sorties were made.

An exhibition of thirty-five Etchings and Wood-cuts by Canadian Artists was opened this evening in the Conference Room. This is the first of a series of Art Exhibits being sponsored by the Y.M.C.A. War Services.

The Station's Softball Team played at Virden tonight, and won the game 13-11.

July 14 The Station Hardball Team played against A15 at Shilo this evening and won the game 5-4. The Station Soccer Team also played A15 at Shilo. They were not so fortunate, however, and lost their game 1-0. At 0845 hours Lockheed 7633 arrived from Brandon with Wing Commander A.D. Kelly (C3975) from A.F.H.Q. and Wing Commander J. A. Sullivan (C25245) and Wing Commander J. S. Sharpe (C4072) from No. 2 Training Command. The party inspected the hospital and departed by air at 1030 hours. A meeting of the Volunteer Band was held this evening after which there was a practice with sixteen instruments playing.

July 15 At 2000 hours a meeting of the Photography Club was held in the Conference Room. All personnel interested in Photography were invited to attend.

Sixty-three day sorties were made. The evening flying schedules were cancelled because of thunderstorms and a cold front.

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July 16/43 Ninety-three sorties were made.

July 17 Squadron Leader E.A. Smith (C2100) (Arm) and Flying Officer S.S. Halter (C14253) (Admin) arrived on Temporary Duty from No. 2 Training Command at 1235 hours. They are on a Court of inquiry being held concerning an accident which occurred at approximately 2345 hours, July 16th, 1943, near Cornwallis, Manitoba, caused by a practice bomb released from an unidentified aircraft. One civilian, Lloyd Wesley Shields, was killed and four other civilians were injured as a result of the accident.

107 sorties were made.

July 18 Sixty-six day trips were made and 34 night trips.

July 19 Ninety-two trips were completed today.

The subject at the weeks' Debating Club was "Resolve that this generation pities its grandchildren". It was a very lively meeting and the majority of the members voted in the negative.

Section Officer E.N. Raynor (V30187), Command Messing Officer arrived this afternoon by Government Motor transport with a party of R.C.A.S.C. Officers. They inspected the R.C.A.S.C. stores.

July 20 The Airwomen's Softball Team went to Shilo this evening to play the C.W.A.C. team at A3. Our team won the game with a score of 14-5.

Thirty-three morning sorties were made. The afternoon flight of twenty-seven aircraft was recalled early due to hail and rainstorms and a high wind. The evening flight was completed by 36 Aircraft.

Air Vice Marshal T.A. Lawrence (C7) (AOC) accompanied by Group Captain D.H. MacCaul (C76) (SAEO), Wing Commander R.M. Aronson (C78) (Equip) and party arrived by air at 1210 hours. This visit was for the purpose of discussing Hangar leanto accommodation.

Air Chief Marshal Courtenay, Air Marshal Welsh, Major General Giles, and party, arrived from Regina in American Aircraft D.C. 3 W 256091 at 1300 hours. They remained on the station for luncheon and then visited G.I.S.

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July 21/43 Group Captain G.P. Dunlop (C171) A.F.C. from No. 2 Training Command arrived in Crane 8167 at 1300 hours on a Staff visit. He inspected the Training Wing.

The Soccer Team played No. 12 S.F.T.S. Brandon, winning with a score of 5-0. The W. D. Softball team took the game from the Brandon C.W.A.C.'s by default.

Favourable weather today allowed all scheduled trips to take off. Twenty-seven morning trips all returned to base safely, but out of the thirty-four afternoon briefings one aircraft returned with the port motor unserviceable. At 1600 hours the crew was again airborne, and all aircraft returned to base safely. Thirty-nine aircraft took off at 2300 hours after completing their exercises returned to base safely. No second night trips were scheduled for this evening.

Four Ferry Command Moths landed at this unit en route to Winnipeg from Regina.

July 22 Fifty day and twenty-three night flights were recorded after the days operations. Wings Parade was held at 1400 hours today with forty-three airmen from Course 71 and thirty-eight airmen of course seventy-eight airbombers being presented with badges by the Commanding Officer. The total intake of course 71 A.N. was sixty-one. Ten were transferred to other courses and eight ceased training. Thirty-five graduates were posted to #31 P.D. Moncton, and eight to #1 "Y" Depot. The total intake for Course 78 (A.B.) was 42. Four were transferred to other courses. Thirty-three graduates were posted to #31 P.D. Moncton, three to #1 "Y" Depot and two to #1 B & G School, Jarvis.

July 23 Wing Commander A.W.B. Barrett, R.A.F. (36001) D.A.T./T Nav. from Air Force Headquarters arrived at 1145 hours on a staff visit.

Fifty-nine day sorties and thirty-nine night sorties were completed. Course No. 33 S.N.I. (Nav) graduated today. The total intake for this course was 26. One ceased training, five graduates were posted to No. 1 A.O.S. Malton, two to No. 2 A.O.S. Edmonton, two to No. 4 A.O.S. London, six to No. 5 A.O.S. Winnipeg, four to No. 7 A.O.S. Portage, four to No. 9 A.O.S. St. John, and two to No. 10 A.O.S. Chatham.

July 24 Forty-nine day trips and thirty-one night sorties were carried out.

July 25 The station Spring Orchestra journeyed to the town of Alexander this evening to provide music for the annual Memorial Service held before the Cenotaph in the town's Central Park.

S/L H. H. McFarlane (C2787) (Chap) and Squadron Leader L. A. Costello (C1931) (Chap) (RC) paid staff visits to this station today.

Fifty-nine sorties were complete. Night operations were cancelled because of unfavourable weather.

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July 25 (Con't) At 0300 hours today Anson 6284 piloted by Sergeant Hume, D.R. G.B.657991 made a forced landing east of Grand Forks, Minnesota, U.S.A. The forced landing was due to the crew being lost and becoming short of gas. They were unable to use their radio because of extreme static. The crew were fortunate enough to land in safety. It was a "C" Category landing.

July 26 The morning flight was washed out due to weather conditions. Thirty-two aircraft completed the afternoon exercise and thirty-four carried out the evening schedule.

"Resolve that our Present Education System is not adequate Training for Citizenship" was the subject at the weekly Open Forum Debate.

Squadron Leader W. B. MacKay (C2207) (A.E.) proceeded on Temporary Duty to Grand Forks, N.D. in connection with the forced landing of aircraft anson 6284.

July 27 Course No. 22 S.N.I. (P) graduated today. The original intake was 24, but two ceased training and one was transferred to another course. The twenty-one graduates were posted as follows: #1 S.F.T.S. Camp Borden - 2, #2 S.F.T.S., Uplands - 2, #3 S.F.T.S. Calgary - 1, #4 S.F.T.S., Saskatoon - 1, #5 S.F.T.S. Brantford, #6 S.F.T.S., Dunnville - 2, #7 S.F.T.S. MacLeod - 1, #8 S.F.T.S. Moncton - 1, #9 S.F.T.S., Centralia - 1, #10 S.F.T.S. Dauphin -1, #11 S.F.T.S. Yorkton - 1, #12 S.F.T.S. Brandon - 1, #13 S.F.T.S. St. Hubert - 8, #14 S.F.T.S. Aylmer - 1, #17 S.F.T.S. Souris, - 1, #19 S.F.T.S. Vulcan - 2.

July 28 Fifty-six day trips and 33 night trips were completed.

July 29 Thirty-four day flights were completed, but the evenings operations were washed out due to numerous thunderstorms.

A competitive showing of prints taken by members of the Photography Club was held this evening. Flying Officer J. Thompson won the contest. His entry was a very fine enlargement of "Breakers" on the Oregon Coast line. The station was fortunate in winning three league games this evening which were played here. The Men's Hardball team defeated A3 18-3, the Men's Softball team defeated A4 12-6, and the W.D.'s Softball Team defeated the C.W.A.C.'s from A3 10-7.

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

July 30/43 Seventy flying trips were completed today. The evening trip was cancelled because of air mass thunderstorms.

July 31 Sixty-three day sorties and thirty evening sorties were made.

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<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH</u>		<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
<u>STAFF</u>	R.C.A.F.	168	934	
	R.C.A.F. (W.D.)	4	172	
<u>SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN R.C.A.F.</u>				
	R.A.A.F.	-	14	
	R.A.F.	-	14	
	R.N.Z.A.F.	-	7	
	C.D.C.	2	4	
	R.C.A.S.C.	-	4	
	C.P.C.	-	4	
	R.C.N.V.R.	-	6	
<u>CIVILIANS</u>				
	Barrack Warden			-
	Meteorologists			10
	Stenographers			1
	Clerks			-
	General Duties			95
	Others			<u>59</u>
	TOTAL STAFF.	<u>174</u>	<u>1159</u>	<u>165</u>

TRAINEES

R.C.A.F.	96	59
R A.F.	-	585

R.A.A.F.	2	1
R.N.Z.A.F.	2	-
TOTAL TRAINEES	<u>100</u>	<u>645</u>

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>	
Anson	70	17	(W.A. Murray) G/C.,
Tiger Moth	2	-	Commanding Officer,
Stinson	1	-	No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

FLYING HOURS Total Number of hours flown during the month of July 1943 was - 8287.35

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Appendix "A"
 July 1st, 1943
 No. 1 C.N.S.

CLIPPING FROM "WINNIPEG FREE PRESS" July 2nd, 1943

Station Soccer Team played Winnipeg Selects at Osborne Stadium, July 1st, 1943.

Classy Display By Rivers Team

Sergeant Pilot Bob Dickie, who today would be playing in big-time English soccer had it not been for the war, scored three fine goals Thursday afternoon as the R.A.F. from Rivers defeated the Winnipeg Select 3-1 in an exhibition football game at Osborne stadium.

The all-round play of the English centre-forward, the way he could distribute the ball and keep his wings moving like clock-work was something worth seeing, and it was quite clear to the fans that he was not ordinary soccer player.

Jack Mearon opened the scoring for the Winnipeggers when he managed to get his head on the ball from Joe Playfoot's free kick and divert it into the net. Jack later missed a penalty in the second half, slamming the ball over the crossbar.

The Winnipeggers played hard enough, but the Old Country fellows had too many tricks up their sleeves for our fellows. Their clever footwork and their smart combination and the perfect crosses of their wingmen had the select team guessing.

It was from accurate crosses by Jack Doran that led to Bob Dickie, who is on Chelsea's retaining list, scoring two well-taken goals after the Selects had scored.

In the second half the Rivers aggregation had a decided edge and Dickie scored his third goal of the game when he rifled the ball home from 28 yards range.

CORNER KICKS ... It is some time since football fans have seen such a fine display of the soccer game . . . The deft touches of the Rivers team, the quick flip of the foot and their headwork was a treat . . . But it was a pity so few was there to see these Old Country boys . . . Murdoch Matthewson, a Scot from Dumbarton, had a trial with the Glasgow Celtic . . . He, along with Dickie, was outstanding for the airmen . . . Doran is a former school boy international . . . Pilot

Officer Allan McSween is the manager of the airmen . . . Allan played here with North Shore United when they won the dominion championship . . . Wally Monson was the star of the local boys . . . The R.AF. from Carberry meets another select team here on Saturday night at Osborne . . They held Rivers to a two-goal tie last week . . . But the league is turning out a much stronger team to oppose the boys from the Old Country this time.

Air Force - Hind: Furneli and Barbour: Holmes, Mathewson and Horner; Grindle, Rogers, Dickie., Nicholson and Doran.

Select - Myslop, (Scottish): Allen (Army) and Graham: Burford (Scottish), Monson (Weston), Dahl (Army), Westman (Weston), Quinn (Scottish), Wedlake (Scottish) and Mearen (Weston).

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Appendix "D"
 No. 1 C.N.S.,
 Rivers.
 July 11th, 1943

DAILY DIGEST OF STATION ACTIVITIES

FOR WEEK BEGINNING JULY 11th, 1943

by kind permission of Group Captain W. A. Murray. Officer Commanding
No. 1 Central Navigation School, RIVERS, MAN.

SUNDAY

JULY 11th

HOURS:	Officer or N.C.O. in Charge
0900-CHURCH PARADE, Roman Catholic Recreation Hall.	F/L GALLAGHER
0930-HOLY COMMUNION, F/L Chappel's Office, Protestant	F/L CHAPPEL
1100-CHURCH PARADE, Protestant, Recreation Hall.	F/L CHAPPEL
1930-MUSIC APPRECIATION HOUR, Conference Room.	
2100-VESPER SERVICE, Conference Room.	AC1 BRADLEY
1930-CINEMA, "China" with Alan Ladd, Recreation Hall.	R. R.

MONDAY

JULY 12TH

1830-INTER-STATION SOFTBALL GAME, "D" Flight vs Maint. 2. No. 1 Diamond.	P/O VICKERS
G.I.S. 1 vs. Maint. 1. No. 2 Diamond.	P/O HARRISON
1900-HARDBALL--CARBERRY vs. No. 1 CNS At Sports Field.	F/L LYONS J.A. PURVES
2000-DEBATING CLUB, Classical and Popular Music will be debated, Conference Room.	P/O MAITLAND R.K.
1930-CINEMA, "The Scarlet Pimpernel" with Leslie Howard - Recreation Hall.	LAW WILCOX

TUESDAY

JULY 13th

1830-INTER-STATION SOFTBALL GAME, G.I.S. 2 vs. Armament, No. 1 Diamond. H.Q. 1 vs. H.Q. 2, No. 2 Diamond.	P/O COULTER
1900-SOFTBALL - SPORTS FIELD A4 Brandon W.D. vs. No. 1 CNS W.D.	P/O VICKERS F/S BOUGHEN
1900-STATION ART CLUB, Conference Room. 2000-Y.M.C.A. EXHIBITION OF ETCHINGS, Conference Room.	J.A. Purves
1930-CINEMA, "The Scarlet Pimpernel" with Leslie Howard.	

WEDNESDAY

JULY 14th

1800-CRICKET, Possibles vs. Probables, Sports Field.	P/O MAITLAND
1830-INTERSTATION SOFTBALL GAME, "A" Flight vs. H.Q. 1, No. 1 Diamond. "B" Flight vs. Transport, No. 2 Diamond.	P/O HARRISON P/O COULTER
1900-SOCCER, No. 1 CN.S. vs. A15 Shilo, at Shilo. Transport leaves M.T. Section at 1700 Hrs. 1900-HARDBALL, No. 1 CN.S. vs. A15 Shilo, at Shilo. Transport leaves M.T. Section at 1700 Hrs.	
1800- STRING ORCHESTRA PRACTICE.	

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July 11th, 1943

JULY 13th

1900-SOFTBALL-SPORTS FIELD A4 Brandon W.D. vs. No. 1 CNS W.D.	FS BOUGHEN
1900-STATION ART CLUB, Conference Room. 2000-Y.M.C.A. EXHIBITION OF ETCHINGS, Conference Room.	F/S PURVES
1930-CINEMA, "The Scarlet Pimpernel" with Leslie Howard.	

WEDNESDAY

JULY 14th

1800-CRICKET, Possibles vs. Probables, Sports Field.	P/O MAITLAND
1830-INTER-STATION SOFTBALL GAME, "A" Flight vs. H.Q. 1, No. 1 Diamond. "B" Flight vs Transport, No. 2 Diamond.	P/O HARRISON P/O COULTER

1900-SOCCER, No. 1 CN.S. vs. A15 Shilo, at Shilo.
Transport leaves M.T. Section at 1700 Hrs.
1900-HARDBALL, No. 1 CN.S. vs. A15 Shilo. at Shilo.
Transport leaves M.T. Section at 1700 Hrs.

THURSDAY

JULY 15TH

1800-STRING ORCHESTRA PRACTICE,
Conference Room.
1830-INTER-STATION SOFTBALL, P/O HARRISON
"C" Flight vs. Servicing Squadron. No 1 Diamond
"D" Flight vs. Workshops, No. 2 Diamond. P/O VICKERS
1900-CHOIR PRACTICE, Conference Room.
1900-W.D. SOFTBALL PRACTICE, Sports Field.
2000-BAND PRACTICE, Conference Room.
1930-CINEMA, "Action In North Atlantic" with
Humphrey Bogart - Recreation Hall.

FRIDAY

JULY 16TH

1700-JEWISH RELIGIOUS SERVICE, LAC GALOP
Conference Room.
1830-INTER-STATION SOFTBALL,
G.I.S. 1 vs Maint. 2. No. 1 Diamond. P/O COULTER
G.I.S. 2. vs. Maint. 1, No. 2 Diamond. P/O VICKERS
1930-CINEMA, "Action In North Atlantic" with
Humphrey Bogart—Recreation Hall.

SATURDAY

JULY 17TH

1930 "SHADOW OF A DOUBT" with Teresa Wright
Recreation Hall.

STATION FIXTURES

BOWLING: Six Alleys are available for open bowling by all ranks, from 1800 - 2200 Hours, on alleys, located at South end of Drill Hall.

BILLIARDS: In the Games Room reserved for Airmen only on the North side of Drill Hall are three Snooker tables etc. as well as Ping Pong tables and Darts. Open play hours 1330 - 1730 and 1830 - 2200 Hours.

ACROBATICS and WEIGHT LIFTING - Every evening on Main floor of Drill Hall.

SWIMMING: The new Swimming Pool located near Officers' quarters is now open to all ranks.

The following hours are to be observed:

0700 - 0900-Officers.	1400 - 1700-O.R.s.	2000 - 2200 - O.R.'s.
0900 - 1200-O.R.'s.	1700 - 1800-Officers.	Mixed bathing Tues., Thurs.,
1200 - 1400-Closed.	1800 - 2000 W.D.'s	Sun., 1400-1700; 2000-2200

Before using the Pool all ranks are warned that showers are compulsory.

SNACK BAR: Located on South side of Drill Hall is open to all ranks at the following hours: 1800 - 2230.

CANTEEN: Airmen's Wet and Dry Canteen Hours:
DRY - 1200-1330 Hours. WET PANTRY BAR
1700-2200 " 1700-2230 Hours. 1000 -1100 Hours.

Notices intended for this "DIGEST" are required to be in the hands of the Y.M.C.A. SUPERVISOR by 1800 HOURS on Wednesday of preceding week.

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

August 1, 1943 Fifty-two day trips and thirty-four evening sorties were carried out, one aircraft on the evening trip returning early with radio unserviceable.

The first of a series of films depicting Canadian life was shown this evening in the G.I.S. Operations Room. The two films shown were "Peoples of Canada" and "Ice-Land of the Prairies".

Rimski-Korsakov's "Scheherazada" was featured at this evening's Music Appreciation Hour.

August 2 "Resolved that the unemployment in the post war world can only be solved in a socialistic state" was debated at this week's Open Forum, and it proved a very controversial subject.

Sixty-one day sorties and thirty-one evening sorties were made.

August 3 Fifty-four day exercises and thirty-six evening exercises were completed.

This Station was notified today by a letter from No. 2 Training Command, File No. 79-8-1 (OA), that it had been awarded the Minister's Pennant for Air Observer Schools for the period ending July 31st., 1943.

August 4 Fifty-eight day flights were completed. The evening schedule was cancelled because of unsettled weather conditions.

August 5 Thirty-eight day sorties and thirty-seven night sorties were made. The Commanding Officer presented wings to the forty-one graduates of Course 72 Navigators and the thirty-five graduates of Course 79 Air Bombers at a Wings Parade held at 1430 hours.

August 6 Forty-nine day flights were successfully completed. At 2230 hours the evening flight, consisting of twenty-two aircraft, took off. Due to ground fog covering our Home Base at Rivers, the aircraft landed at various other airports. Eleven aircraft landed at Souris, five at Brandon, three at Portage, one at Winnipeg, and one at Virden. The Commanding Officer carried out an Inspection of Repair Squadron and the Motor Transport Section today. Course 72 (Navigators), Course 79 (Air Bombers) and Course 20 (Navigation Instructors) graduated today. Disposition attached as Appendix "A", (IMAGE 165).

August 7 Aircraft which landed at Souris, Brandon, Portage, Winnipeg and Virden on August 6th., due to a ground fog over Rivers Base returned to base this morning. There were forty-seven day sorties and thirty-four night sorties.

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August 8/43 The film, "Ferry Pilot" was shown this evening in the Recreation Hall.

Thirty-six day flights and thirty-five night flights were completed.

This evening the Station Choir were invited to take part in the evening Service at the United Church in the town of Rivers. Thirty-four members attended, and the Choir contributed two numbers. LAC C.W. Copestake, GB1682444, sang a solo. The choir were entertained afterwards in a private home.

August 9 Seventy day sorties were made, with one aircraft on the afternoon trip returning to base early with port engine dead. Thirty-two evening trips were successfully completed.

The Intake, of three courses is as follows:

Course 21 Navigation Instructors:

Postings 21 Total 22

Transfers 1

Course 82 Air Bombers

Postings 36 Total 36

Transfers nil

Course 82 Navigators

Postings 52 Total 53

Transfers 1

At a game played here this evening, our Station Hardball Team lost to A. 15 (Shilo) 4-2. This was the first game in the second half of the B.D.S.A.A. Schedule.

August 10 Forty-seven day sorties and thirty-five evening sorties were made.

Several staff officers from No.2 Training Command Headquarters visited this unit today. Squadron Leader E.W.C. Sharpe (C2797) (AIB) was here in connection with the accident of Anson No. 6888. Flight Lieutenant J. Marshall (C3095) (EQUIP) was here concerning the fuel contracts, and Flying Officer A.W. Munroe (C6889) (P.T.&D) made a staff inspection.

At 0150 hours, during a night flying exercise, aircraft Anson 6362 was slightly damaged while flying over the airport when it ran into a flock of ducks. Two members of the crew, FS C.B. Dockery, R115635, and LAC E.S. Reid R162996, were slightly injured by flying glass. The three other members of the crew were uninjured. It was a "D" category crash. At 0952 hours aircraft Anson 6247 made a forced landing near Letellier, Manitoba, with wheels up. It was a "C" category crash. The plane was piloted by FS W. Mytruk R113287, and contained three other crew members, all of whom were uninjured. The forced landing was necessary, as port engine cut out, and the aircraft would not hold altitude on the starboard motor. The damage was slight, but both propellers have to be replaced.

Squadron Leader C.L. Fisher (C4314) reported on Temporary Duty from No. 2 Training Command Headquarters.

August 11 Sixty day trips were completed. The evening schedule was washed out due to weather moving from west to east, which might catch the aircraft on the trip home.

Flight Lieutenant J.W. Stephens (C7582) (M.T) reported on an inspection visit from No. 2 Training Command Headquarters.

In accordance with instructions received from No. 2 Training Command, an Air Force funeral was given Flying Officer W.J. Bieber (J21271) at Miniota, Manitoba. The funeral was held today at 1900 hours. Eight officers, and fifty-five other ranks, including a trumpeter and drummer, attended. Flight Lieutenant Nelson Chappel,

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August 11/43 (cont'd) Chaplain (P), conducted the Service and was assisted by the Rev. Mr. Bowman, of Isabella, Manitoba.

August 12 Thirty-nine day flights and 37 night flights were completed. At 1037 hours, Lockheed 7645 arrived with the Inspector General, Air Vice Marshal G.M. Croil (C65) CBE AFC, the Air Officer Commanding, Air Vice Marshal T.A. Lawrence, (C7), Wing Commander N.L Daynan) (C349), Wing Commander D.G. Price (C156), and party. The Inspector General made an inspection of the Station. The party remained for lunch and departed at 1600 hours.

A "D" category crash occurred on the Station Airdrome at 1625 hours, when aircraft Tiger Moth 1153, piloted by Flying Officer W.G. Mathie (J22217), overturned and damaged a propeller. The accident is thought to be caused by a sudden gust of wind. The pilot was uninjured.

Section Officer E.M. Raynor (V30187) (WD), Command Messing Officer, arrived on a staff visit from No. 2 Training Command Headquarters.

August 13 Thirty-six aircraft completed the morning exercise. Thirty-six aircraft took off on the evening flight, one returning with radio unserviceable. Twenty-four afternoon sorties were made - two of these aircraft were forced down in Carberry.

August 14 Fifty-eight day flights were completed. Thirty-four aircraft set out on the evening flight, thirty-three completing exercise, and one, Anson 6530, landed at Portage at 2355 hours with engine trouble.

August 15 Morning flying was washed out due to bad weather. Seventeen aircraft completed the afternoon trip and thirty-seven aircraft completed the evening trip. The Station String Orchestra played at the Annual Memorial Service at Lenore, Manitoba, this evening at the invitation of the Canadian Legion.

August 16 Fifty-one day trips and thirty-four evening trips were successfully carried out. The Station Hardball team played No. 2 Manning Depot at Brandon this evening, our team winning 4-3. This game gave us first place in the B.D.S.A.A. League for the first half of the schedule, and the right to represent the League in the Provincial playoffs.

August 17 Sixty-seven day trips were completed. Flight Officer B.D. Kemp (V30026) arrived by air at 1000 hours on a Staff Inspection visit.

Wing Commander A.H.S. Gillson O.B.E. (CI537) returned from Temporary Duty Overseas.

Fifty-five day sorties were made with one aircraft landing at Winnipeg with engine trouble. Thirty-five evening flights were scheduled. One of these aircraft returned after a short time with window blown out.

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August 18/43 Sixty-seven day trips were completed. Twenty-nine aircraft took off on the evening schedule, one landing in Winnipeg due to bad weather.

August 19 No day trips were scheduled. Thirty-seven aircraft took off on the evening trip, two landed at Winnipeg, one with engine trouble and one with radio trouble and navigation lights burned out. The remainder completed the exercise and returned safely.

At 1030 hours a Station Parade, consisting of three wings and two graduating courses was formed up on the tarmac for the presentation of the Minister's Pennant to No. 1 C.N.S., and the presentation of wings to the graduates of Course 73 (Navigators) and Course 80 (Air Bombers). Group Captain A. J. Ashton (C59) arrived from No. 2 Training Command Headquarters to make the presentations.

At 1330 hours the Station Field day was held. A large number of spectators arrived for the event and were entertained afterwards in the various messes.

August 20 Sixty-five day trips and twenty-five night trips were successfully completed. The following courses graduated today:

Course 73 Navigators
Course 80 Air Bombers
Course 23 S.N.I. (Pilots)
Course 34 S.N.I.(Navigators)
Course 1 Educational Officers

The disposition is attached as Appendix "N". (See IMAGES 179 & 180).

Air Vice Marshal E.S. Goodwin, CBE, AFC, Director of Training, Air Ministry, arrived by air this afternoon. He is remaining on the Station overnight.

August 21 Thirty-two aircraft took off on the morning schedule - one returning with engine trouble. Thirty-three completed the afternoon trip, and thirty-four aircraft completed the evening schedule.

The Station Soccer team travelled to Winnipeg to play against Carberry for the Manitoba championship. The game was played at the Osborne Stadium, and this Station lost to Carberry 5-0.

August 22 Thirty aircraft completed the morning flight. There was no afternoon flight scheduled, and the evening trip was cancelled due to thunderstorm activity over this region.

August 23 Seventy day trips were completed. Thirty-six aircraft took off on the evening flight. Thirty-four completed the schedule. One returned early with radio unserviceable, and one landed at Regina, reporting all lights were burning and could not be switched off.

"Resolved that the United Nations should police the world following the War" was the topic for discussion at the Open Forum this evening. At No. 12 S.F.T.S. this evening, our Station Hardball team defeated No. 12 S.F.T.S. 5-2.

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August 23/43 (Cont'd) The following intakes were taken on strength:

Course 83 Navigators:

Postings	52	Total	53
Transfers	1		

Course 83 Air Bombers:

Postings	39	Total	40
Transfers	1		

Course 25 S.N.I. (P) :

Postings	24	Total	25
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Transfers	1		
Course 35 S.N.I. (N) :			
Postings	22	Total	22
Course 2 Education Officers:			
Postings	22	Total	22

August 24 Fifty-two day flights and thirty-three night flights were completed.

August 25 At 1000 hours a detail of officers assembled for District Court Martial of R152514 Sergeant Samuel George William Cook, No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Manitoba. President: Squadron Leader E.H. Crawford (C5251), No. 2 T.C.H.Q. Members: Flight Lieutenant H.F. Peters (03805), No. 12 S.F.T.S., Flying Officer J.M. Calnek, (C7695) No. 2 "M" Depot. Waiting Members: Flight Lieutenant A.G. Weaver (C4278), No. 1 C.N.S., Flight Lieutenant S.H. Pallet (C1861), No. 1 CN.S. Prosecutor: Flying Officer G.S. Halter (C14253), No. 2 T.C.H.Q. Defending Officer: Flying Officer J.B.G. Kelshall (J11326), No. 1 C.N.S. Twenty-one officers attended as Officers Under instruction. Fifty-four day trips were completed. Evening flying was washed out, as there were low clouds and a possibility of fog.

August 26 Fifty day sorties were made, one aircraft returned early with Directional Gyro unserviceable. The night scheduled were cancelled on advice from the meteorological section that ground fog would be in before landing time. A Hardball game was played here this evening when our team defeated No. 2 "M" Depot 7-6.

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August 27/43 Air Vice Marshal T.A. Lawrence (C7) arrived by air at 1310 hours. He was accompanied by Section Officer T.E. Christie (V30380), and two PRESS representatives who inspected the Airwoman's Canteen and the Recreation Centre, in connection with W.D. publicity. The party left at 1330 hours.

August 28 Forty-seven day trips were completed. Thirty-four aircraft took off on the evening trip. Thirty completed the exercise and returned safely. Two returned early with engine trouble, and one landed at Portage with engine trouble. A meeting of the Station Sport Committee was held at 1000 hours this morning.

August 29 Forty-four day sorties and thirty-two evening sorties were made. At 0230 hours, Mk. 1 Anson 6024 force-landed at Minot, North Dakota, U.S.A. Landing was effected without damage to crew or aircraft. Beethoven's "Pastoral" symphony was featured as this evening's Music Appreciation Hour.

August 30 A meeting of the Station Fund Committee was held this evening in the Conference Room. The subject, "Should Women be allowed equality with men in all occupations in the Post-war world" was debated at the weekly Open Forum held in the Conference Room. Sixty-nine day trips were completed. The evening flight was washed out.

August 31 Thirty-two aircraft set out on the morning schedule, but were recalled early. One aircraft landed at Brandon and one at Portage. Afternoon and evening flying was washed out because of bad weather. A muster parade for W.D. personnel was held this evening at 1830 hours for the showing of the film "For Your Information". Squadron Leader E.J. Verrier (C2333) (W.&B.) arrived from No. 2 T.C.H.Q, regarding steam heat.

Seven airmen were remustered from Ground Grew to Aircrew during the month.

The Station health during the month of August was, in general, better than it has been at any time this year. The number of patients in the Station Hospital reached a new low of seventeen. Only one infectious disease case was admitted. Sick parades have been comparatively small, the general duties sent here for training being the most frequent visitors on this parade. Work has been started on the new addition to the hospital, but progress has been slow and it looks as though snow will be flying before it is finished. There was a muster parade on the Station, running for three consecutive days for the airmen and one day for the airwomen. This muster parade was for the educational films "For Your Information" and "Nutrition" - Training Table 1", screened for all the personnel at this Unit.

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August 31/43 (Cont'd) The recently inaugurated system of voluntary Church Parades on Sunday mornings has been encouraging. The choir has had a large attendance at the mid-week practice, and a fairly good attendance of those not detained by classes, etc., on Sunday mornings. It is estimated that the interest in religious matters is above average on this Station. A brief devotional service is held for the Protestant personnel on Sunday evenings at 2100 hours, in which the airmen themselves are given training in conducting religious services, and during the service questions are answered by the Chaplains on religious matters. A group has been organized to hold weekly meetings for prayer and Christian fellowship. During the month, about forty copies of the New Testament and other religious literature have been given out to Station personnel.

The first issue of the Station Magazine was released this month. Copy attached as Appendix "O". (NOT attached.)

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31-August-43 (cont'd)

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
<u>STAFF</u> R.C.A.F.	152	1033	
R.C.A.F. (W.D.)	4	196	
<u>SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN R.C.A.F.</u>			
R.A.A.F.	2	1	
R.A.F.	2	3	
R.N.Z.A.F.	6	4	
C.D.C.	2	5	
R.C.A.S.C.	1	3	
C.P.C.	-	4	
R.C.N.V.R.		6	
<u>CIVILIANS</u>			
Barrack Warden			-
Meteorologists			8
Stenographers			1
Clerks			-
General Duties			83

Others			46
TOTAL STAFF -		166	1255
			138
<u>TRAINEES</u>			
R.C.A.F.		96	63
R.A.F.		5	552
R.A.A.F.		2	3
R.N.Z.A.F.		-	16
TOTAL TRAINEES -		104	634

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>	(W.A. Murray) G/C., Commanding Officer, No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Manitoba.
Anson	76	14	
Tiger Moth	1	1	
Stinson	1	-	

FLYING HOURS - Total Number of hours flown during the month of August, 1943 was - 8258.25

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APPENDIX "A"
No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Manitoba.
August 6, 1943.

DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING AUGUST 6th., 1943.

Course 72 Navigators

Total Intake	63	<u>Disposal Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal Transfers and Ceased Trainees</u>	
Graduates	41	#5 "M" Depot, Lachine	4	Transferred to Course 70	1
Trans. to other courses	16	#31 P.D. Moncton	<u>37</u>	" " " 71	1
Ceased Training	<u>6</u>		41	" " " 73	3
	63 63			" " " 75	5
				" " " 76	2
				" " " 81	2
				" " " 74	2
				Posted to #1 "M" Depot	<u>6</u>
					<u>22</u>

Course 79 Air Bombers

Total Intake	38	<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal Transfers</u>	
Graduates	35	#1 B.&G., Jarvis	2	Transferred to Course	80
Trans. to other courses	3	RCAF Station Mountain View	3		3
Ceased Training	<u>Nil</u>	#31 P.D., Moncton	17		
	38 38	#1 "Y" Depot, Halifax	<u>13</u>		<u>3</u>
			35		

Course 20 Navigation Instructors

Total Intake	11	<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal Others</u>	
Graduates	9	#1 I.T.S. Toronto	1	Ceased training - awaiting	
Transferred to other courses	1	#2 I.T.S. Regina	2	posting	1
Ceased Training	<u>1</u>	#3 I.T.S. Victoriaville	1	Transferred to Course	21
					<u>1</u>

11	11	#4 I.T.S. Edmonton	1	2
		#5 I.T.S. Belleville	1	
		#6 I.T.S. Toronto	1	
		#7 I.T.S. Saskatoon	<u>2</u>	
			9	

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APPENDIX "G"
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 August 19, 1943.

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 Station
 FIELD DAY

GROUP CAPTAIN W.A. MURRAY

commanding officer

August 19th, 1943

at 1300 hours

STATION FIELD DAY PROGRAMME. HELD AT No. 1 C.N.S.,
 August 19th, 1943.

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APPENDIX "G" (cont'd)

Annual Track and Field Meet
 No. 1 C.N.S.,

RIVERS, MANITOBA.

August 19th, 1943.

Commanding Officer: GROUP CAPTAIN W. A. MURRAY

OFFICIALS

President of Sports Committee - F/L Minton
Field Captain - F/O Bullis (P.T. and D. Officer)
Official Scorer - S/L Morton
Announcer - P/O Davies
Assistant - F/S Jamieson
Medical Officer - S/L Wilson
Assistant - F/S Smith
Refreshments - S/O McLenaghan
P/O Scott
Grounds - Sgt Linton
Programme - Reg. Taylor
Prizes - F/L Chapell
Traffic - F/L Murray

COMPETITIVE TEAMS

Headquarters Committee:

S/L Boyd, F/O Scott, F/S Furnell, Cpl. Curry.

G.I.S. Committee:

W/C Pollock, S/L McKillop, P/O Maitland, F/O Aitkin, F/O Little.

Flying Squadron Committee:

S/L Bell, F/O Armstrong, Sgt Arnold.

Maintenance Committee:

S/L McKay, F/L Graham, F/S Boughen, Cpl. James.

JUDGES

TRACK:

Starter - F/L Lyons.

Judges - F/O McDonald, F/L Riddell, W.O.1 Racine, F/O Woodman

Timers - F/L Sollin, F/L Smitheringale, F/O Keats.

FIELD:

Jumps - F/O McTavish, F/S O'Donnell, Sgt Menzies Sgt. Couper,
Cpl. Stevenson.

Weights - Cpt. Arnold, P/O Harrison, P/O Milne, P/O Coulter

Tug O' War - W.O.2 Jones.

Children's Events - S/O Leach.

Scoring: 1st, 3 pts.; 2nd, 2 pts.; 3rd, 1 pt.

Number of Score

Events	Time	Entries H.Q. G.I.S. M. F.S. per Wing
Parade	1300	
1st Heat 100 yds.	1330	2
Hop, Step (Airmen 4 W.D.)	1330	2
2nd Heat, 100 yds.	1335	
Tug O' War		1 Team
(G.I.S.vs. Mtce.) 1st Pull	1335	(9 men)
440 yds.	1340	2
75 yds. (W.D.'s)	1345	2
Shot Putt	1345	3
Tug O' War		1 Team
(HQ. vs. F.S.) 1st Pull	1350	(9 men)
1st Heat 220 yds.	1400	2
Tug O' War		1 Team
(G.I.S. vs. Mtce.) 2nd Pull	1405	(9 men)
2nd Heat 220 yds.	1410	
880 yd. Run	1420	2
Run. Brd. Jump (Airmen & W.D.)	1420	3
Discus Throw	1420	3
Tug O' War		1 Team
(HQ. vs. F.S.) 2nd Pull	1420	
Section Commanders' Race	1430	
(S/L and above)		
Pilot's Race in full flying kit - minus packs	1445	
100 yd. Final	1500	
(Winners 1st and 2nd Heat)		
Standing Broad Jump	1500	3
(Airmen & W.D.'s)		
Javelin Throw	1500	3
440 yd. Relay	1510	4-man tm.
Boat Race (Open)	1515	10-man tm.
Tug O' War Finals	1530	
440 yd. Relay W.D.'s)	1580	4-girl tm.
Pole Vault	1540	3
220 yd. Final	1550	
Children's Race	1600	Open
Running High Jump	1610	3
(Airmen 4 W.D.'s)		
220 Low Hurdles	1630	1
Mile Run	1645	Open
Presentation of Awards	1655	
Softball Game	1600	No. 17 S.F.T.S. vs. No. 1 C.N.S.
Hardball Game	1900	Carberry vs. No. 1 C.N.S.

APPENDIX "N" DISBUSEMENT OF COURSES GRADUATING AUGUST 20th, 1943.
 NO. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.
 AUGUST 20, 1943.

Course 73 Navigators

Total Intake	62	<u>Disposal Graduates</u> - all R.A.F.	<u>Disposal Transfers and Ceased Trainees</u>
Graduates	45	No. 31 P.D. Moncton, N.B.	45
Trans. to other courses	12		Transferred to Course 72
Ceased Training	5		" " " 74
	62		" " " 75
Granted Commissions	15		" " " 76
			" " " 77
			" " " 78
			Posted to #1 "M" Depot
			Posted to #2 "M" Depot
			1
			4
			<u>1</u>
			17

Course 80 Air Bombers

Total Intake	44	<u>Disposal Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal Transfers</u>
Graduates	40	RAF - No. 31 P.D. Moncton	4
Trans. to other courses	4	RAAF- No. 1 "Y" Depot	1
Ceased Training	nil	RCAF- No. 1 B&G School	3
	44	RCAF Stn. Mt. View	3
Granted Commissions	17	No. 1 "Y" Depot	<u>29</u>
			40
			Transferred to Course 81A.B.
			Transferred to Course 82A.B.
			<u>2</u>
			4

Course 23 S.N.I. (Pilots)

Total Intake	24	<u>Disposal Graduates</u> - all R.C.A.F.	
Graduates	22	No. 1 S.F.T.S., Camp Borden	1
Trans. to other courses	nil	No. 3 S.F.T.S., Calgary	2
Ceased Training	2	No. 4 S.F.T.S., Saskatoon	2
	24	No. 5 S.F.T.S., Brantford	1
		No. 6 S.F.T.S., Dunnville	3
		No. 7 S.F.T.S., MacLeod	3
		No. 9 S.F.T.S., Centralia	1
		No.10 S.F.T.S., Dauphin	1
		No.12 S.F.T.S., Brandon	1
		No.13 S.F.T.S., St. Hubert	1
		No. 15 S.F.T.S., Claresholme	1
		No.17 S.F.T.S., Souris	2
		No. 3 T.C.H.Q., Yorkton	1
		No.14 S.F.T.S., Aylmer	1
			(OVER)

DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING AUGUST 20th, 1943.(Continued)

Course 34 S.N.I. (NAV)

Total Intake	22	<u>Disposal Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal Others</u>
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Graduates	20	RAAF - #1 A.O.S. Malton	2	Transferred Course 35	1
Trans. to Course 35	1	#9 A.O.S. St. Johns	1	Ceased Temporary Duty	<u>1</u>
Temporary Duty	<u>1</u>	RNZAF- #2 A.O.S. Edmonton	2		2
	22 22	RCAF - #2 A.O.S. Edmonton	1		
		#4 A.O.S. London	3		
		#5 A.O.S. Winnipeg	4		
		#7 A.O.S. Portage	4		
		#8 A.O.S. Ancienne			
		Lorette	1		
		#9 A.O.S. St. Johns	1		
		#10A.O.S. Chatham	<u>1</u>		
			20		

Course 1 Educational Officers

Total Intake	25	Disposal Graduates - all R.C.A.F.		Disposal Ceased Trainees	
Graduates	23	#1 T.C. Headquarters	6	Posted to No. 2 T.C.H.Q.	1
Ceased Training	<u>2</u>	#2 T.C. Headquarters	5	Pending posting instructions	<u>1</u>
	25 25	#3 T.C. Headquarters	3		2
		#4 T.C. Headquarters	<u>9</u>		
			23		

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September 1./43 Flight Lieutenant W.P. Wensley (C5270) (SR) (ADMIN) assumed duties as Senior Administrative Officer on the posting of Squadron Leader J.C. Boyd (C2613) (SR) (ADMIN) to No. 3 Wireless School, Winnipeg, Man. Air Vice Marshal D. McKean, CB, OBE, U.K.A.L.M., arrived by Air at 1000 hours. His visit was in connection with R.A.F. training matters. He was accompanied by Squadron Leader W.H. Corkill (180901) from No. 2 Training Command Headquarters.

Sixty-eight day routine flights and thirty-six evening routine flights were carried out.

September 2 Fifty-two day trips and thirty-seven night trips were completed.

The station Hardball team played against A.15 at Camp Shilo this evening, our team winning 6 - 2.

September 3 Sixty day flights were successfully completed today, and thirty-nine night trips were carried out. Course 74 Navigators and Course 81 Air Bombers graduated today. Disposition attached as Appendix "A" (SEE IMAGE 189).

September 4 Sixty-one day flights and thirty-six evening flights were carried out.

September 5 Sixty-six day trips and fifty-five night trips were carried out.

Squadron Leader D.O. Turnbull (C1516) (SR)(NAV) arrived by Air on temporary duty from A.F.H.Q.

September 6 The annual B.D.S.A.A. Labour Day Track Meet was held in Brandon, and members of this Unit participated, placing the Station third in the Track Meet.

The weekly Debating Club was held this evening, and the subject was "Resolved that Britain and all Other Countries should relinquish their Sovereignty over their Colonies to some other International Authority".

Forty-five day trips were completed. The evening trip was washed out due to cold, rain and frost. Aircraft Anson 6205 was slightly damaged today when Aircraft AX109 collided with it due to the Bowden cable breaking while taxiing.

September 7 All day and night trips were washed out because of weather, which was overcast with a cold front. Squadron Leader J.W.S. Roberts (C1734) (SR) (ACCTS) reported on a Staff Inspection visit at 0800 hours this morning.

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September 7/43 (cont'd) Wing Commander G.P. Gibson, VC, DSO and Bar, DFC and Bar, arrived this afternoon. He gave a talk to the Station's personnel in the Recreation Hall, and was entertained afterward in the Officers' Mess. The regular meeting of the Airmen's Mess Committee was held this afternoon.

The wedding of Section Officer P.A. Delahunt and Flying Officer R.A. Jack took place this evening in the United Church in Rivers. The bride was given in marriage by Group Captain W.A. Murray, the Command Officer of this Station. Following the ceremony a reception was held in the Officers' Mess.

Cesar Franck's Symphony in D Minor was featured on the Music Appreciation hour this evening.

Sixty-two day flights were made. All night flying was washed out due to unfavourable weather.

September 9 Squadron Leader W.B.F. MacKay (C2207)(SR)(AE) left today on posting to No. 18 S.F.T.S., Gimli, Man. Forty-six day sorties and fifty-seven night sorties were carried out.

Squadron Leader J.G. Begg (C2105) (SR) (ARM) reported on temporary duty from R.C.A.F. Station, Mountain View.

September 10 Fifty-five day sorties and thirty-five night sorties were completed.

The Station Hardball team played A.4, at Shilo this evening. Our team won 10 - 2, which enabled them to retain their place at the top of the League.

A dance was held in the Drill Hall this evening for station personnel up to and including the rank of corporal.

September 11 Seventeen aircraft completed the morning exercise. The weather was bad in the afternoon and flying was washed out. Thirty-five aircraft took off on the evening schedule. One landed at Broadview and the remainder completed the exercise and returned to base safely.

September 12 Fifty-six day flights were made. Thirty-two aircraft took off on the evening schedule, two returned to base early, but were replaced.

Two R.A.F. officers who are under training as Navigators contributed to this morning's Protestant Church Service. Flying Officer R. Capper (GB109457) read the lesson, and Flying Officer H.E. Hallam (GB106323) delivered the sermon.

September 13 Fifty-eight day trips were carried out. Thirty-four aircraft took off on the evening flight, one returning early with transmitter unserviceable.

The Station Hardball team had another victory this evening, when they defeated No. 12 S.F.T.S. 8 - 0. The game was played here, and was enthusiastically attended.

September 14 Squadron Leader T. Thomas (33481)(EQU) reported on a Staff Visit. Forty-seven day trips and thirty-five night trips were carried out.

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September 15/43 A muster parade was called for all Senior N.C.O.'s in the Station Theatre at 1800 hours, following which the monthly Sergeant's Mess Meeting took place. The Commanding Officer addressed the meeting and introduced Flying Officer K.F. Bullis, the new Honorary President.

Thirty-five aircraft took off on the morning trip. One landed at Yorkton and returned later. Twenty-one aircraft completed the afternoon trip. Thirty-one night sorties were made.

Flight Lieutenant J.B. Graham assumed duties as Chief Engineer Officer, vice Squadron Leader W.B.F. MacKay, posted.

September 16 Fifty-nine day trips and thirty-two night trips were successfully completed. A "D" Category crash occurred on the tarmac today when Anson 6208 was damaged slightly while taxiing between two rows of aircraft. No personnel were injured.

Squadron Leader A.R. Cumming (2576) arrived on a Staff visit. The Station Orchestra played at a Station Dance at No. 17 S.F.T.S., Souris, this evening.

September 17 Sixty-six day sorties and thirty-one evening sorties were made. Aircraft 6810 landed at Yorkton with engine trouble.

Squadron Leader L.A. Costello (C1931), Command Chaplain (RC) paid a Staff visit to the Station this afternoon.

A wings parade was held at 0900 hours today for two courses - 82 (Air Bombers) and 75 (Navigators) which graduated today. Courses 35 SNI(N) and 24 SNI(P) also graduated today. Disposition attached as Appendices "D" and "E". (See IMAGES 191 & 192).

September 18 Aircraft 6810 returned from Yorkton at 1110 hours. Sixty-one day trips were completed. The evening schedule was cancelled because of low clouds and intermittent rain.

No. 82 Brandon Collegiate Air Cadet Squadron was represented by sixty-seven Air Cadets and three Officers when they visited the Station on an inspectional tour.

September 19 Morning exercises were washed out due to low ceiling. Five aircraft took off and completed the afternoon flight. On the night trip, on which thirty-six aircraft took off, one aircraft returned early with engine trouble, and another failed to complete the schedule due to a dead radio battery. A draft of fifty General Duties airmen reported on the station for drill training.

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September 20/43 Sixty-six day sorties were made. One aircraft on the morning trip returned early with engine trouble. Thirty-six aircraft completed the evening exercises.

September 21 The Station Hardball team played here tonight against A. 15. Our team won 15 - 0.

Fifty day trips were completed. Night flying was washed out due to low ceiling and a fifty mile per hour wind.

September 22 Forty-seven day trips and thirty-five night trips were completed.

September 23 Forty-two aircraft completed day schedules. One aircraft on the afternoon trip landed at Winnipeg with radio trouble. Thirty two evening flights were completed.

Squadron Leader R. Hopper, (C6049), Auxiliary Services Officer from A.F.H.Q., accompanied by Squadron Leader E.S. Hammett (C1971) from No. 2 Training Command, visited the Station today, arriving by Air at 1105 hours, and departing by air at 1330 hours.

September 24 Twenty-six aircraft completed the morning flight. On the afternoon trip, thirty completed the trip and one landed at Yorkton with engine trouble.

September 25 Early in August, 100 young pullets were purchased for the Station, and a chicken coop was erected for them. Today the first egg was laid.

Sixty-two day flights and thirty-five night flights were completed.

September 26 A Station check was held of all Barrack Room Stores. The check was conducted by officers and N.C.O.'s specifically detailed, and every piece of furniture and equipment in each building was counted. There was no day trip scheduled due to this check-up. Thirty-two aircraft completed the evening trip.

September 27 Twenty-six aircraft completed the morning exercise. One aircraft landed at Yorkton with engine trouble. Thirty-eight afternoon sorties were made, and thirty-seven night trips.

September 28 Squadron Leader W.H. Gorkill (180901)(ADMIN) and Section Officer E.M. Raynor (V30187)(MESSING) paid Staff visits to this Unit today.

September 29 Our Station Hardball team played against A. 15 at Brandon this evening in the finals of the B.D.S.A.A. games. Our team was unfortunate in losing 7 - 5. The Station Softball team played Shilo at Brandon, and won, giving them the cup.

September 30 Section Officer P.A. Jack (V30352) (SR)(ADMIN) assumed duties as Senior W.D. Officer, vice Flight Officer B.S. Northwood (V30027)(SR) (ADMIN), posted to No. 5 B. & G. School, Dafoe, Sask.

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September 30/43 (cont'd) Thirty aircraft took off on the morning exercise, one returning to base early with engine trouble. Thirty three aircraft completed the evening exercise, and one landed at Portage with engine trouble.

The Station Health continued to remain very good during the month of September. The number of patients in the Station Hospital fell to a new low of four patients, with a total of sixteen patients in all hospitals. The W.D. Ward was empty for the last week of the month. Sick parades, however, have been larger than would be expected - probably due to the variable weather and lack of heat in the barracks during the early part of the month. The new Hospital addition is progressing very slowly. The new Airmen's Canteen is not completed and this is partially responsible for the delay in completing the Hospital. The old canteen is to become part of the new wing of the Hospital.

Church Parades still continue on a voluntary basis, and personnel are turning out in satisfactory numbers under this arrangement. The Padre continues to take Vesper services on Sunday evening for all personnel wishing to attend.

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30/Sep/43, (cont'd)

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
<u>STAFF</u> R.C.A.F.	159	1198	
R.C.A.F. (W.D.)	3	202	
<u>SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN R.C.A.F.</u>			
R.A.A.F.	3	1	
R.A.F.	1	1	
R.N.Z.A.F.	1	-	
C.D.C.	2	4	
R.C.A.S.C.	1	3	
C.P.C.	-	5	
R.C.N.V.R.	-	6	
<u>CIVILIANS</u>			
Barrack Warden			-
Meteorologists			7
Stenographers			2
Clerks			-
General Duties			74
Others			49
TOTAL STAFF -	<u>162</u>	<u>1399</u>	<u>152</u>
<u>TRAINEES</u>			
R.C.A.F.	109	100	
R.A.F.	3	547	
R.A.A.F.	3	2	
R.N.Z.A.F.	-	23	
TOTAL TRAINEES -	<u>115</u>	<u>672</u>	

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>
Anson	74	16
Tiger Moth	2	-
Stinson	1	-

FLYING HOURS - Total Number of hours flown during the month of September, 1943 was - 8177.45

(W.A. Murray) G/C.,
Commanding Officer,
No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Manitoba.

IMAGE 189 APPENDIX "A"

DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING, SEPTEMBER 3rd., 1943.

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.
September 3, 1943.

<u>Course 74 Navigators</u>		<u>Disposal Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal Transfers and Ceased Trainees</u>	
Original Intake	52	(RAF) No. 31 P.D. Moncton	36	Transferred to Course 75	5
Total Intake	62	" No. 5 "M" Depot,		" " " 76	2
Graduates	40	Lachine, P.Q.	<u>4</u>	" " " 77	
2					
Trans. to other courses	11		40	" " " 78	1
Ceased Training	<u>11</u>			" " " 80	1
	62			Posted to #1 "M" Depot, Toronto	4
	62			" " #2 "M" Depot, Brandon	4
Granted Commissions -13				Awaiting Reselection	<u>1</u>
					22

<u>Course 81 Air Bombers</u>		<u>Disposal Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal Transfers and Ceased Trainees</u>	
Total Intake	40	(RAF) No. 31 P.D. Moncton	32	Transferred to Course 83	1
Graduates	37	" No. 1 B.&G. Jarvis	4	" " " 82	1
Trans. to other courses	2	(RCAF) No. 1 "Y" Depot,		Awaiting Reselection	<u>1</u>
Ceased Training	<u>1</u>	Halifax	<u>1</u>		3
	40		37		
	40				
Granted Commissions -12					

IMAGE 191 APPENDIX "D"

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.
September 17, 1943

DISPOSAL OF COURSE GRADUATES SEPTEMBER 17th, 1943.

<u>Course 82 Air Bombers</u>		<u>Disposal Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal Transfer</u>	
Total Intake	36	#1 B. &G. School, Jarvis	2	Transferred to course 84	-1
Adjusted Intake	<u>3</u> 39	RCAF Stn. Mountain View	2		
Graduates	38	No. 1 "Y" DEPOT, Halifax	20		
Trans. to other		No. 31 P.D., Moncton	<u>14</u>		
courses	<u>1</u>		38		
	39				
	39				

<u>Course 75 Navigators</u>		<u>Disposal Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal Transfers and Ceased Trng.</u>	
Intake	55	#31 P.D. Moncton	42	Transferred to course 76	8
Adjusted Intake	<u>16</u> 71	#1 "Y" Depot, Halifax	1	" " " 77	1
Graduates	43		43	" " " 78	1
Awaiting Reselect.	1			" " " 79	3
Trans. to other				" " " 82	1
courses	15			" " " 83	1
Ceased Training	<u>12</u>			Awaiting Reselection	1
	71				16
	71			Posted to #1 "M" Depot,	7
				" " #2 "M" Depot.	<u>5</u>
					28

Course 35 S.N.I. (Nav.)

Disposal Graduates

Intake		23
Graduates	22	
Retired	<u>1</u>	
	23	23

No. 1 A.O.S.	4
No. 2 A.O.S.	3
No. 5 A.O.S.	3
No. 7 A.O.S.	4
No. 9 A.O.S.	4
No.1 C.N.S.	<u>4</u>
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IMAGE 192 APPENDIX "E"

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.
September 17, 1943.

DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING SEPTEMBER 17th, 1943.

Course 24 S.N.I. (P)

Intake		25
Graduates	20	
Failed	3	
Ceased Trng.	<u>2</u>	
	25	25

Disposal Graduates

#1 S.F.T.S.	1	#9 S.F.T.S.	1
#2 S.F.T.S.	2	#10 S.F.T.S.	2
#3 S.F.T.S.	1	#11 S.F.T.S.	1
#4 S.F.T.S.	1	#12 S.F.T.S.	1
#5 S.F.T.S.	1	#13 S.F.T.S.	1
#6 S.F.T.S.	1	#14 S.F.T.S.	1
#7 S.F.T.S.	1	#16 S.F.T.S.	1
#8 S.F.T.S.	<u>2</u>	#17 S.F.T.S.	1
	10	#18 S.F.T.S.	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	- 20		10

Disposal Ceased Trainees and Failures

Awaiting Posting Instructions	5
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October 1/43 Clear, sunny Indian Summer weather heralded the new month, and picnics, "weiner roasts" and late summer plans were given an important place in the October recreation schedules.

Course 83 Air Bombers and Course 76 Air Navigators graduated today and a Wings parade was held in the Drill Hall at 0900 hours. Wings were presented by Group Captain W.A. Murray. 29 commissions were granted from a total of 83 graduates. Three graduates of Course 83 were posted to No. 1 B.&G. School, Jarvis, Ontario: 1 RCAF graduate was posted to No. 1 "Y" Depot, and 17 RNZAF were posted to the same depot: 16 RAF graduates of Course 83, were posted to No. 31 P.D. Moncton, N.B. Three graduates of Course 76 were posted to No. 45 (Atlantic Transport) Group, Dorval, P.O., and 5 (RAF) were posted to No. 34 A.N.S., Port Albert, Ontario: 1 RCAF was posted to No. 1 "Y" Depot, Halifax, N.S., 37 graduates, RAF, were posted to No. 31 P.D., Moncton, N.B. The original intake of Course 83 was 39, adjusted intake, 40. The original intake of Course 76 was 52, adjusted intake 67. Ceased training in both courses 11, and transferred to other courses 12. Disposition attached as Appendix "A". (SEE IMAGE 202).

Sixty-one aircraft took off and sixty completed day sorties, one aircraft returned early with radio failure. On the night trip thirty-five aircraft took off and two returned early one with gas leak and one with radio unserviceable. One aircraft landed at Portage with engine trouble.

October 2 Squadron Leader H.H. McFarlane, Command Chaplain (P), arrived this morning from No. 2 T.C. on a staff visit.

Sixty aircraft took off on the day trips and completed their exercises successfully. Twenty-five out of twenty-six aircraft completed the evening sortie. One aircraft returned to base early with engine trouble.

October 3 Summer warmth in the air today. Seven aircraft took off and completed the day exercise. Thirty-seven aircraft took off on the evening sortie, thirty-five completing the exercise. One aircraft returned early with engine trouble and another landed in a stubble field at 23.55 hours.

Squadron Leader H.H. McFarlane conducted the Protestant church services in the Recreation Hall.

October 4 Seventy-three aircraft took off on the day's sorties, seventy-two completing the exercise and returning to base safely. One aircraft landed at Broadview with engine trouble. In the evening sortie thirty-two aircraft took off and successfully completed the exercise.

October 5 Fifty-five aircraft took off on the day's sorties, completed the exercise and returned to base safely. In the evening sorties thirty-five aircraft took off, thirty-two completing the exercise and returning to

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October 5/43 (continued) base. At approximately 2300 hours one aircraft landed at Estevan with engine trouble. At 23.40 hours two aircraft- 6642 and DG872 - collided in circuit at 500' North of Airport, killing all occupants of both aircraft. Particulars as Appendix "B". (SEE IMAGE 203).

Wing Commander Binnie, S.O.O., and Wing Commander Aronson, S.E.S.O., visited the unit today on an Inspection tour.

October 6 Squadron Leader E.W.C. Sharpe, No.2 Training Command, arrived this morning to preside at Court of Inquiry into the accident of October 5th. Members were F/L G.E. Youngs, No.12 S.F.T.S., Brandon: F/L K.D. Gibson, No.17 S.F.T.S., Souris, Man.

Sixty aircraft took off on the day's exercises, fifty-nine completing them successfully. One aircraft returned early with engine trouble. Thirty-two aircraft took off and completed the evening sortie.

October 7th Sixty aircraft took off on the day's exercises, fifty-nine returning to base after completing exercises successfully. One aircraft returned early with engine trouble. Thirty-two aircraft took off and completed the evening's sortie successfully.

October 8 Excellent flying weather throughout the day permitted completion of all flying schedules, in which 94 aircraft participated.

Field Marshal Sir John Dill, sometimes referred to as the "foremost strategist In the British Empire" was a distinguished visitor at our station today. He arrived at 13:57 hours from Regina, accompanied by his Aide, Captain Wynne, and Lt. Col, Alex Parker. He was met on arrival by Air Vice Marshal T.A. Lawrence, A.O.C. of No.2 Training Command, who had arrived at 12:35 hours from Neepawa, Man., accompanied by F/L J. Alexander. Guests were entertained at luncheon in the Officers' Mess, -(the piece de resistance being wild duck,) and following luncheon Sir John Dill was taken on a brief tour of the station, where he met and chatted with RAF personnel.

The No. 1 C.N.S. Rivers Concert Party "tried its wings" for the first time when the party journeyed by road to Rapid City where they entertained about four hundred citizens of that locale. The concert was greatly appreciated and promised to be the forerunner of many such entertainments. The Riding Club is proving to be a very popular activity and the twelve

"equine celebrities" of the stables are kept busy showing Canadian, New Zealand, Australian, British and American airmen the beauties of the prairies.

October 9 Flight Lieutenant A.A. Boone, newly arrived Protestant Chaplain, officiated today at the funerals of Sgt. Alfred Lawrence Capon,(New Zealand): LAC Rayston George Smith (Bristol, England,) and LAC Alexander MacArthur (Scotland). The triple funeral was held from the Rivers United Church with burial in Rivers Cemetery. Rev. W.R. Donagh, minister of Rivers United Church, assisted F/L Boone.

Perfect flying weather prevailed and sixty-six aircraft participated in the day's exercises.

A very successful station dance was held in the Drill Hall with the usual "bumper" attendance and guests from Brandon and Rivers. The Station orchestra "Ansonaires" supplied the music.

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October 10/43 F/L A. A. Boone, the new Chaplain (P) of the station conducted his first church service this morning in the Recreation Hall.

Ideal weather prevailed today and fifty-five aircraft took off, with one returning early to base, reporting engine and radio trouble, and one reporting radio trouble.

The Music Appreciation Hour featured an "All request" program this evening which was very well received.

October 11 Incredibly fine weather during the greater part of today enabled sixty-two aircraft to take part in morning and afternoon exercises. One aircraft landed in Winnipeg with engine trouble and one aircraft returned early to base with engine trouble. Flying was washed out in the evening due to high cloud.

October 12 W/CD. R. Gunn, D/O of S (AFHQ) and W/C R.M. McFarlane, No. 2 T. C. (Signals), paid a staff visit to the station today.

Twenty-two aircraft took off on the first sortie of the day, twenty-one completing the exercise and 1 returning to base safely. One aircraft was forced down in Winnipeg with mixture control U/S. Due to low ceilings and poor visibility, flying was washed out for the remainder of the day.

October 13 For the second time this month the station Concert Party journeyed forth to entertain a prairie town audience. Approximately 250 people in Moline Church Hall enjoyed the entertainment and members of the Concert party were guests at a chicken dinner upon their arrival at the hall.

Thirty-two aircraft took off in the morning and several returned to base early due to icing, with one aircraft landing in Winnipeg due to the same cause. In the afternoon, twenty-three aircraft took off and returned to base safely after completing the exercise.

October 14 Forty-four aircraft participated in the morning and afternoon exercises, all returning to base safely. Evening sorties were washed out by Class Instructors, due to their inability to take Astro shots. Ceilings were approximately 2000 feet, with heavy overcast over all the territory.

October 15 Course No.77 Navigators, and Course No. 84 Air Bombers, graduated today and a Wings Parade was held in the Drill Hall at 0900 hours. Wings were presented by Group Captain W.A. Murray. 27 commissions were granted from a total of 79 graduates. 4 Navigators were posted to No. 31 A.N.S. Port Albert, Ontario: 10 were posted to No. 32, O.T.U., Patricia Bay, B.C., and 28 were posted to No. 31 P.D., Moncton, N.B. The original intake of Course No.77 was 52, adjusted intake 64. 3 Air Bombers graduates were posted to No. 1 B.&G., Jarvis, Ontario, 3 to RCAF Station, Mountainview, Ontario: 6 to No. 1 "Y" Depot, Halifax, N.S., and 20 to No. 31 P.D. Moncton, N.B. The original intake of

the course was 39, adjusted intake 41. Course 25 S.N.I.(P) and 36 S.N.I.(N) graduated today also. Disposition of all courses attached as Appendix "E". (SEE IMAGE 207).

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October 15/43 continued Aircraft arrived from Dauphin, Souris, Paulson, Neepawa, Yorkton, Virden, Carberry, Brandon, and Weyburn carrying passengers from those units who were attending the lecture being given here at 1400 hours by W/C Pollard from AFHQ. Ninety-four aircraft took part in morning, afternoon and evening sorties.

October 16 Eighty-nine aircraft participated in morning, afternoon and evening sorties, completed the exercises and returned safely to base.

An informal dance was held in the W.D. canteen, with five pieces of the station orchestra supplying the music and a special dance committee in charge of arrangements.

October 17 Ninety-three aircraft took off on the day's exercises, all but one returning to base successfully. One aircraft landed at Winnipeg at 22.34 hours due to engine failure.

October 18 Intake of courses today was as follows: #87 Navigators, RAF from No. 31 P.D., Moncton, - 52: Course #87 Air Bombers, RAF 31, RCAF, 13: Intake of course 27 S.N.I.(P), 25; Course 37 S.N.I.(N) 25: Intake of Course No. 3 Education Officers, RCAF, 31.

One hundred and three aircraft participated in the day's exercises, all completing and returning to base safely except one forced down in Moosomin with engine trouble, and one returned to base early with radio unserviceable. Rivers Concert Party (No. 1 C.N.S.) journeyed to Oakleigh School again this evening and a very successful concert was the result. The Schoolhouse was packed and overflowing and all the entertainment was much appreciated. A C.P. Teletype machine was installed in the Y.M. office today.

October 19 Eighty-nine out of ninety-two aircraft successfully completed their exercise and returned to base in the morning, afternoon and night sorties. One aircraft was force landed north of Moorepark, one was forced down at Portage with engine trouble.

W/C Sharpe, Command Medical Officer, arrived from Dauphin, paid a brief staff visit and returned to Winnipeg.

October 20 Morning and evening flying trips were washed out due to low cloud and precipitation, twenty-two aircraft took off in the afternoon, completed the exercise and returned to base safely.

October 21 Air Vice Marshal Marix and S/L Duke visited the station briefly today, arriving in Lockheed 7654 from Calgary at 14.07 hours and taking off for Armstrong again at 14:52 hours. Ansons, 6801, 6253, and 6406 arrived from Winnipeg today to be added to the strength. Eighty-nine aircraft took part in the day's exercises and returned to base upon completion, without mishap.

October 22 Eighty-nine aircraft participated in the day's program of flying, successfully completed their exercise and returned to base safely with one exception,- one aircraft returned early with A/S indicator unserviceable.

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October 23/43 S/L E.B. Pounder, No. 1 T.C., arrived today by air to pay a brief visit to the station. Ninety aircraft took off in the morning, afternoon and evening sorties, completed the exercises successfully and returned to base. A very successful, informal dance was held in the W.D. Canteen, with the station orchestra, the Ansonairres in attendance. An informal dance was held in the Officers' Mess, also with an excellent attendance and all reporting a good time.

October 24 Passengers of the Winnipeg-bound TCA were de-planed here this morning and were served breakfast in the Officers' Mess, the Lockheed took off again to its destination at 09:50 hours. One hundred and five planes participated in the Sunday morning, afternoon and evening trips, with the evening trip being recalled. One aircraft landed at Winnipeg, some completed the trip and others received the message and returned early to base. F/L A.A. Boone conducted the Protestant church services and F/L Vincent Thomson was in charge of the R.C. services.

October 25 Morning exercise was washed out due to heavy fog conditions. In the afternoon thirty-nine aircraft took off, completed the exercise and returned to base safely. In the evening, 20:00 hours, thirty-eight aircraft took off and one dropped a flare two miles south of Brandon. All aircraft returned by 0004 hrs.

October 26 W/C Singleton, (Med) AFHQ., W/C Sharpe, SMO, No. 2 T.C., and S/L Sharpe, No.2 T.C., (AIB) paid staff visits to the station today.

One hundred and ten aircraft took off in the various day's sorties. One aircraft was forced down at Portage with a broken fuel line, and #6241 was forced down at Winnipeg at 20:48 hours with port motor unserviceable.

The Victory loan campaign is well under way on the station with various sections in active competition to be shown on the handsome bulletin board as "leading section for the day".

October 27 S/L J.D. Parks. AFHQ, and S/L Minard, of No.2 T.C., arrived at the station this morning. Squadron Leader Parks spoke informally to the W.D. N.C.O.'s in the W.D. Canteen, then to the Officers at 11:30 hours and finally to the N.C.O.'s of the station at 1300 hours. His talks were very much enjoyed by those who heard him and they were considered constructive and helpful.

One hundred and five aircraft took off on the morning, afternoon and evening sorties, all completed the exercise and returned to base.

October 28 Fog condition prevented morning flying, and fifty-eight aircraft completed sorties later in the day.

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October 29/43 Course 78 Navigators and Course 85 Air Bombers graduated today. The Wings Ceremony was held in the Drill Hall and Group Captain W.A. Murray presented the wings. 15 commissions were granted from a total of 46 graduates of Course 78, 3 were posted to #45 Atlantic Transport Group, Dorval P.O., and 43 were posted to No.31 P.D. Moncton, N.B. Total intake of the course was 59, - intake of 52, transferred from other courses 7. Fifteen commissions were granted from a total of 39 graduates of the Air Bombers Course 85. Intake of the course was 38, adjusted intake 40 were posted to # 1 B.& G. Jarvis, Ontario; 23 were posted to #1 "Y" Depot, Halifax, N.S., and 12 were posted to #31 P.D. Moncton, N.B. Disposition attached as app. "F" (SEE IMAGE 208).

Air Vice Marshal John Sully, AMP of AFHQ., and Group Captain Ashton, No. 2 T.C., arrived at 14:25 hours and paid staff visits to the station. AVM Sully inspected messes, canteens, barracks and other places on the station, accompanied by Group Captain Ashton and Group Captain Murray, and at 16:30 hours he spoke to all the N.C.O.'s of the station in the Recreation Hall. At 17:00 hours he addressed all the officer personnel on the station stressing the need for tightening of

discipline, dress and department regulations, the necessity of officers setting the correct example to other ranks, and the fallacy of settling down to thinking that the war was already won.

October 30 The Station was all agog today with preparations for the Mart Kenny Dance. Mart Kenny and his Western Gentlemen arrived in the late afternoon to play for the Station Hallowe'en frolic and guests came from stations and units in the surrounding country to attend. The Drill Hall was appropriately decorated for the occasion, much of the decor being the work of talented members of the decoration committee, and lunches were served in all the messes. The dance was voted an outstanding success by all the guests and even those who were "grounded" here by an early morning fall of snow, plus icing conditions, did not regret that they had come.

Sixty aircraft participated in the day's sorties, all but one completing the exercise and returning to base. One aircraft returned early with radio failure. No night trip was scheduled.

October 31 Five aircraft took off on the morning sortie but were recalled due to bad weather. The evening sortie was cancelled on advice from the meteorological section. The Victory Loan Committee, headed by Flt.Lt. Riddell, is now pointing with pardonable pride to the signboard which reads "The Sky's the Limit" and which today shows our total to be \$112,850.00 with a total of eleven hundred and eighteen subscribers. G.I. S. is still leading the other sections and fine reports have come in from all sections regarding the way the W.D.'s are buying bonds.

The Station Health continued to be very good during the month of October, though there was an increase in the number of persons admitted. The average was 22 persons admitted per day during October, less than one percent of the station strength.

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October 31/43 (cont'd) Sick parades have been smaller during the past two weeks. General duties taking their initial training here were responsible for the larger sick parades earlier in the month. There have been no infectious diseases during the month of October. Work on the new hospital addition is progressing more rapidly now and it is hoped that it will be completed and ready for occupancy by December 1st.

Church parades still continue on a voluntary basis, and personnel are turning out in satisfactory numbers under this arrangement. Communion services, both R.C. and Protestant, are conducted every Sunday morning, and Vesper services on Sunday evenings for all personnel who wish to attend.

IMAGE 201

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31/Oct/43, (cont'd)

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
<u>STAFF</u> R.C.A.F.	147	1209	
R.C.A.F. (W.D.)	4	200	
<u>SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN R.C.A.F.</u>			
R.A.A.F.	3	1	

R.A.F.	1	1
R.N.Z.A.F.	1	-
C.D.C.	2	4
R.C.A.S.C.	1	3
C.P.C.	-	5
R.C.N.V.R.	-	6

CIVILIANS

Barrack Warden		2
Meteorologists		9
Stenographers		2
Clerks		-
General Duties		93
Others		<u>48</u>

TOTAL STAFF -	<u>159</u>	<u>1429</u>	<u>154</u>
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TRAINEES

R.C.A.F.	124	96
R.A.F.	5	530
R.A.A.F.	-	10
R.N.Z.A.F.	-	<u>6</u>

TOTAL TRAINEES -	<u>129</u>	<u>642</u>
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AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>
Anson	88	2
Tiger Moth	1	1
Stinson	1	-

FLYING HOURS - Total Number of hours flown during the month of October, 1943 was - 7726.

(W.A. Murray) Group Captain,
Commanding Officer,
No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

IMAGE 202

APPENDIX "A"

DISPOSAL OF GRADUATES OCTOBER 1st, 1943.

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.
October 1, 1943.

<u>Course 83 Air Bombers</u>		<u>Disposal Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal Transfers and Ceased Trainees</u>	
Original Intake	39	(RCAF)-No. 1 B. & G. Jarvis.	1	Transferred to Course 84	1
Adjusted Intake	40	(RAF)- " " " "	1	Awaiting Reselection	<u>2</u>
Graduates	37	(RNZAF)" " " "	1		3
Trans. to other courses	1	(RCAF)-No. 1 "Y" Depot.	1		
Ceased Training	<u>2</u>	(RNZAF) " " " "	17		
	40 40	(RAF) -No. 31 P.D. Moncton.	<u>16</u>		
Granted Commissions-	13		37		

<u>Course 76 Air Navigators</u>		<u>Disposal Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal Transfers and Ceased Trainees</u>	
Original Intake	52	(RAF)-No 45 Group Dorval.	3	Posted to No. 2 "M" Depot, Brandon	3
Adjusted Intake	67	(RAF)-No 31 ANS, Port Albert	5	Posted to No. 1 "M" Depot, Toronto	6
Graduates	46	(RCAF)No 1 "Y" Depot Halif-		Awaiting Posting	1
Trans. to other courses	12		ax 1	Transferred to Course 77	6
Ceased Training	9	(RAF)-No 31 P.D. Moncton.	37	Transferred to Course 78	1
	67		46	Transferred to Course 79	2
Granted Commissions-	16			Transferred to Course 80	1
				Transferred to Course 83	<u>1</u>
					21

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October 5/43 2340 hrs Avro-Anson 6642, Avro Anson D.G. 872, collided in mid-air at 2340 hours, October 5th, 1943, one mile north of No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers. Nine occupants, names and numbers given below, were instantly killed and both planes totally destroyed, exploding on impact.

R171888 Sgt.	Cummer, J.A.	Calgary, Alta
R177647 Sgt.	Quary, L.P.	Winnipeg, Man.
C26583 P/O	Petrie, D.H.	St. James, Man.
C26582 P/O	Nixon, T.W.	Toronto, Ont.
C24354 P/O	Earl, W.M.	Saskatoon, Sask.
R168250 Sgt.	Plate, L.E.	Kitchener, Ont.
GB1602873 LAC	Smith, R.G.G.	England
GB1553554 LAC	MacArthur, A.	England
NZ426881 Sgt.	Capon, A.L.	New Zealand.

IMAGE 207

APPENDIX "E"

DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING OCTOBER 15th, 1943.

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

October 15, 1943.

<u>Course 77 Navigators</u>		<u>Disposal Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal Transfers and Ceased Training</u>	
Total Intake	64	(RAF) No. 31 ANS Port Albert	4	Transferred to Courses 78	3
Graduates	42	No. 32 OTU Pat. Bay	10	Transferred to Course 79	3
Trans. to other Courses	9	No. 31 P.D Moncton	<u>28</u>	Transferred to Course 76	1
Ceased Training	13		42	Transferred to Course 80	<u>2</u>
	64				9
Granted Commissions-	14			Posted to No. 1 "M" Depot Toronto	10
				Posted to No 2 "M" Depot Brandon	<u>3</u>
					22

<u>Course 84 Air Bombers</u>		<u>Disposal Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal Transfers and Ceased Trainees</u>	
Total Intake	41	(RAF) No. 1 B & G,	2	Transferred to Course 84	1

Graduates	37	No. 31 P.D., Moncton	20	Awaiting Reselection	<u>3</u>
Trans. to other courses	1	(RCAF) No. 31 P.D., Moncton	5		
Ceased Training	<u>3</u>	(RAAF) RCAF Stn. Mt. View.	1		4
	41	No. 1 "Y" Depot Halifax	1		
Granted Commissions-13		(RNZAF) No. 1 B & G. Jarvis	1		
		RCAF Stn. Mt. View	2		
		No. 1 "Y" Depot Halifax	<u>5</u>		
			37		

<u>Course 36 S.N.I. (Nav)</u>		<u>Disposal Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal Transfers and Ceased Trainees</u>	
Total Intake	25	(RAAF) No. 1AOS, Malton	1	Transferred to Course 37	1
Graduates	22	No. 5AOS, Winnipeg	1	Awaiting Posting instructions	<u>2</u>
Transfers	1	No. 10 B & G, Mt. Pleasant, PEI	1		3
Ceased Training	<u>2</u>	(RCAF) No. 1AOS, Malton	3		
	25	No. 2AOS, Edmonton	2		
		No. 5AOS, Winnipeg	3		
		No. 7AOS, Portage	4		
		No. 8AOS, Ancienne Loriette	1		
		No. 9AOS, St. Johns PQ	2		
		No. 10 B&G, Mt. Pleasant	2		
		No. 9 B&G, Montjoli PQ	<u>2</u>		
			22		

IMAGE 208

APPENDIX "F"

DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING OCTOBER 29th, 1943.

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.
October 29, 1943.

<u>Course 78 Navigators</u>		<u>Disposal Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal Transfers and Ceased Trainees</u>	
Original Intake	52	(RAF) #45 Atlantic Transport Grp.	3	Transferred to Course 79	1
Adjusted Intake	59	#31 P.D., Moncton, N.B.	<u>43</u>	Transferred to Course 82	2
Graduates	46		46	Transferred to Course 83	1
Trans. to other courses	5			Transferred to Course 80	<u>1</u>
Ceased Training	6				5
Killed in flying accident	<u>2</u>			Posted to No. 1 "M" Depot, Toronto	4
	59			Posted to No. 2 "M" Depot, Brandon	<u>2</u>
Granted Commissions- 15	59				
					11

<u>Course 65 Air Bombers</u>		<u>Disposal Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal Ceased Trainee</u>	
Original Intake	38	(RCAF)#1 B&G, Jarvis	3	Awaiting Reselection	1
Adjusted Intake	40	#1 "Y" Depot, Halifax	19		
Graduates	39	(RNZAF)#1 B&G, Jarvis	1		
Trans. to other courses	-	#1 "Y" Depot, Halifax	4		
Ceased Training	<u>1</u>	(RAF) #31 P.D. Moncton	<u>12</u>		
	40		39		

IMAGE 210

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

November 1/43 The new month was ushered in with typical November weather and flying was washed out for the entire day. The met section reported low ceilings, rain and some snow.

Flight Lieutenant A.W. Hammond, MC, (SR) (ADMIN) (C3301) took over the duties of Station Adjutant today. S/L Hamilton, (C1726) Equipment, No. 12 S.F.T.S., visited the station today.

November 2 No morning flying due to low ceilings and icing conditions. 57 aircraft took off on afternoon and evening sorties, all but one completing the exercise and returning safely to base. One aircraft returned at 1600 hours with radio unserviceable.

A large concert party, made up of the Station mixed choir and several solo numbers, directed by Mr. C.R. Taylor of the YMCA, presented an entertainment in the Legion Hall, Rivers, to a capacity crowd.

F/L J.C. Taylor, (C8035) W.& B. No. 2 T.C., paid a staff visit to the station today.

November 3 39 aircraft took off on the morning sortie and all aircraft returned to base by 1630 except #8504 at 1830 hours 15 aircraft took off and completed sorties. Pilots reported target at Poplar Point was not alight. At 19:30 hours 24 aircraft took off, #6440 crash landed at Elkhorn, Manitoba, no one injured. On the advice of the met section re adverse weather in the west, the trip was recalled. All other aircraft returned to base safely.

Mrs. R. Wood, Brandon Liaison officer for the YWCA visited the Hostess House on the station today.

November 4 Morning flying was washed out due to low ceilings. At 14:30 hours 31 aircraft took off, a/c landed at Portage due to engine trouble, remained there. At 19:00 hours flying was washed out, low ceilings in western portion, patches of fog. Met outlook "poor". No visiting aircraft today.

S/L L.G. Bell, (C25773) Med., of No. 8 R.D., Winnipeg; F/L B.S. Lyons, (Arm)(C7138) #2 T.C., Major J. Wood and Lieut. W.A. Lowe, RCASC, Winnipeg, paid staff visit to the unit on this date.

November 5 Flying was again washed out due to weather conditions. L-7046 landed at Portage at 11:50 hours with repairs for 9800, and returned to base. At 20:00 hours flying was again washed out due to weather conditions,- low ceiling and icing in clouds. Aircraft 9800 returned from Portage at 18:25 hours. Anson 12206 (Winnipeg) landed here on route to Paulson.

F/L G.A. Kelly, W.& B. #2 T.C., (C20808) paid a staff visit to the station.

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

November 6/43 Morning flying was washed out due to bad weather. 35 aircraft took part in afternoon sorties, two were delayed in returning. Evening flying was washed out due to weather conditions.

F/L Dale Jones, Chaplain (P) arrived on the station today.

This date marked the end of the Victory Loan (Fifth) campaign, and as shown by the campaign bulletin board near the entrance to the station, it was a most successful campaign at this unit. (See picture of board attached, Appendix "A") (NOT attached). The objective for this unit for the Fifth Victory Loan was \$100,000 and the total subscribed was \$124,450, with a total of 1229 subscriptions. G.I.S. held the lead with Headquarters being a close second.

F/O G.C. Crowther, (Obs) (J12975) Rockcliffe, paid a visit to the station today.

November 7 The newest senior padre, F/L Dale Jones assisted at the morning (Protestant) services of worship in the Recreation Hall.

98 aircraft participated in morning, afternoon and evening sorties, completed the exercises and returned safely to base.

November 8 96 aircraft took off from this station today, completed morning, afternoon and evening sorties successfully and returned safely to base.

F/L V.A. Thomson presided this evening at the meeting of the Debating Society when the negative and affirmative sides of the question: "Resolved that Britain is in the process of becoming a secondary world power" were hotly debated.

Flying Officer Austin spoke for the negative side of the question. F/O D.C. Hodson, T.T.O., #2 T.C. Winnipeg, and Auditors, F/O LeBoldus, F/O Helper, and F/O Cole, were staff visitors on the station today.

November 9 76 aircraft took part in the day's exercises and returned safely to base.

The wedding of Pilot Officer G.R. Parks to Miss Fawn Bullock of San Francisco, California, was an event of today which took place in the Roman Catholic church in Rivers, with F/L V.A. Thomson acting as the officiating clergyman.

P/O Schonninge, (Ed.) (C29950) #7 A.O.S. Portage, was a visitor to the station today.

November 10 Today was the official "Poppy Day" on the station and members of the Woman's Division in every section were selling poppies to the personnel. Poppies were sent to us for sale by the Canadian Legion, British Empire Service League, of Winnipeg.

95 aircraft participated in the day's sorties, with evening flying washed out due to icing conditions. The station Concert party presented a very successful concert in Cardale, Manitoba, on this date.

November 11 Armistice Day was appropriately observed with a service in the Recreation Hall at 10:45 hours. The service was taken, by F/L Dale Jones, with F/L Boone and F/L Thomson being present. The choral number "An Airman's Prayer" was rendered by the station choir and the Last Post and Reveille sounded by bugler.

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

November 11/43 (cont'd) Sunshine and plenty of wind today, the latter a 50-60 m.p.h. gale, washed out morning flying. Afternoon flying was washed out when at 54 mile-per-hour wind was registered on the runways at 13:00 hrs. 39 aircraft took off in the evening sorties, 36 completed the exercise and returned safely to base. #6092 returned from Neepawa at 19:15 hours, #6004 landed on port with wheels up at 22:10 hours; #6080 landed at Souris at 23:59 out of gas and remained overnight. Cornells 10858, 10859, 10862, 146572 (American Ferry Command) landed, taking off 12 Nov, 1943.

Total proceeds from the sale of poppies: \$141.30, with G.I.S. and postal sections contributing the larger sums.

November 12 Wings parade was held this morning at 0900 hours in the Drill Hall when Course #79 Navigators, and Course #86 Air Bombers, graduated. Group Captain W.A. Murray presented the wings. 15 were granted commissions from the Navigators' Course and 19 of the Air Bombers were commissioned. Total intake of course #79 was 64, and the total Intake of Course #86 was 44. Course #36 S.N.I. (Nav) graduated today also with 25 graduates from a total intake of 25. Course #26 S.N.I.(P) graduated today, total intake 24, graduates 22, ceased training 2. Course #21 N.I., also graduated this date, total intake 21. Disposition as per Appendix "B" attached, (SEE IMAGES 218 & 219.)

The Station concert party presented a very successful entertainment at Arrow River on this date with 40 members of the choir taking part.

35 aircraft took off in morning exercises, #6080 returned from Souris. 63 aircraft took off and successfully completed afternoon and evening sorties.

W/C R.F. McFarlane, (C1125)(Sigs) #2 T.C., F/O Bates, (C12951) P.T.& D., #2 T.C., W/C A.R. Sinclair, C.A.O. # 2 T.C., and S/L Whiteford, Accounts Officer, #2 T.C., paid staff visits to this unit today.

November 13 37 aircraft took off at 09:30 hours, with general recall at 10:05 hours, all aircraft were safely back to base at 12.20 hours. Afternoon flying was washed out due to general weather conditions, low ceilings, and light snow. Evening flying also washed out with low cloud, icing in low cloud, overcast of high cloud above 8000 feet making astro practically impossible.

A very successful dance was held in the W.D. canteen, observing the 2nd birthday of the W.D.'s.

November 14 F/L Boone and F/L Dale Jones officiated at the Protestant church services this morning. Anthems were presented by the station choir.

57 aircraft took off and completed morning and evening sorties, after noon flying was washed out.

Flt/O E.M. Rayner, Command Messing Officer, paid a staff visit to the station today.

IMAGE 213

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

November 15/43 111 aircraft took off in morning, afternoon and evening sorties, 109 completed the exercises and returned safely to base. AX 247 returned early to base with instruments unserviceable, one aircraft remained at Portage due to unserviceability of lights and radio.

Incoming courses today were: #69 Navigators, total intake 52 (RAF); #89 Air Bombers total intake 45, RCAF, RAAF, RNZAF, RAF. #28 S.N.I. (P) total intake 25; and intake of course #38 S.N.I. (N) 25.

November 16 Lt.Col. W. Bailey, C.D.C. #2 T.C. Winnipeg, paid a staff visit to the station today. Flt/O B.D. Kemp, Command Staff Officer (W.D.) visited the station today also.

101 aircraft took off on morning, afternoon and evening sorties, completed the exercise successfully and returned safely to base.

November 17 Major R. Stephen, Canadian Postal Corps, (N.D.H.Q.) Ottawa, visited this unit today.

The Musical Appreciation Hour was today conducted by Flt.Lt. Dale James and featured Sibelius.

108 aircraft participated in morning, afternoon and evening sorties, completed the exercise successfully and returned safely to base. Anson N9752 forced landed at No. 1 C.N.S., cause being engine u/s.

November 18 The first game of League Basketball of the current season was played at Rivers tonight with the Shilo Paratroopers winning the game 26-24. The game was lost by the Rivers team in the last few seconds of play. Group Captain W.A. Murray started the season off by tossing the first basketball.

Air Vice Marshal T.A. Lawrence, A.O.C. #2 T.C., F/L Alexander, F/L Walls, PRO, Miss Enid Nemy of Canadian Press, Les Bishop of the Winnipeg Free Press, Jas. Anderson and J. Alison of the Winnipeg Tribune arrived at the station at 11:45 hours this morning for a brief visit.

98 aircraft took part in the day's sorties, one aircraft returned early with radio unserviceable, one returned early with port engine unserviceable, and one returned early due to oil failure. All others completed the exercise successfully and returned safely to base.

November 19 S/L Lapin, SMO at No. 7 I.T.S., Saskatoon; F/L Caulfield, Chaplain (P) at No. 7 I.T.S., were visitors at this unit today on route to their home station from No. 2 Manning Depot, Brandon. W/C Michelson, Commanding Officer at No. 12 S.F.T.S. Brandon, was a luncheon visitor at the station today.

107 aircraft took part in morning, afternoon and evening sorties, successfully completed the exercise and returned safely to base.

The Station Choir and entertainment group journeyed to Oakner on this date and presented a concert in the Town Hall to an appreciative audience.

November 20 The Women's Division Softball Team held its season closing banquet this evening in the Airmens' Mess with Flt.Lt. Minton, President of the Sports Committee and Mrs. Minton, and others being special guests. Following the banquet the members of the team were further entertained at the weekly dance in the W.D. Canteen.

105 aircraft participated in the day's sorties and successfully completed the exercise.

IMAGE 214

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Manitoba

November 21/43 Heavy fog this morning grounded the TCA plane here and its nine passengers lunched in the Officers' Mess.

The evening service in Rivers United Church took the form of an "All Air Force" service with the Station Choir, organist (LAC Cotten) and Chaplain, F/L A.A. Boone participating. Following the service those taking part were entertained at a Fireside Hour in the Church Hall.

24 aircraft took off in the morning exercise (13:15 hours) completed the exercise and returned to base. At 19:00 hours 35 aircraft took off and were recalled at 21:30 hours owing to fog expected at 23:00 hours.

November 22 All station buildings were topped with frosty pink instead of the usual red roofing this morning and the shrubs, blades of grass and stubble surrounding the station were white-tipped with heavy frost in the clear, golden sunshine. Morning exercises were successfully completed by 34 aircraft while 33 aircraft took part in the afternoon sortie. 37 aircraft took off on the 19:30 trip, 33 returned to base after a general recall at 22:00 hours due to fog. No. 6538 returned to base at 21:40 due to pilot's illness, Nos. 6426 and 6944 landed at Souris at 23:59 hours. No. 6530 crashed six miles north of Elkhorn, Manitoba. Pilot and crew of three parachuted to safety, only the pilot sustaining minor injuries. The aircraft was a complete write-off.

November 23 All flying was washed out today due to thick fog.

Both the men's station basketball team and the Women's Division team visited Camp Shilo this evening for scheduled games. The men played A-35 Paratroopers and won from them 31-17, while the W.D.'s played the CWAC's A-3 ATC, and won from them 25 to 8.

November 24 32 aircraft took off at 12:00 hours, completed the exercise and returned to base safely. Afternoon and evening sorties were washed out due to low ceilings, poor visibility, and frontal activities giving vent to bad conditions over entire area.

The first Curling meeting of the season was held tonight in the Recreation Hall to set up schedules for the ensuing months. Greater interest in the game is noted .

November 25 61 aircraft took off on morning, afternoon and evening sorties, completed the exercises and returned safely to base. The Shilo men's basketball team from A-3 ATC invaded the station this evening and after a fast and exciting game were defeated by the Rivers' team in the last few minutes of play, score 46-43.

November 26 81 aircraft took part in the day's sorties, completed the exercise and returned safely to base.

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Manitoba

November 26/43 (cont'd) S/L D. Cleland, Trenton, and other members of the Visiting Flight arrived today in Lockheed 7837.

Wings Parade was held this morning at 0900 hours in the Drill Hall when Course #80 Navigators and Course #87 Air Bombers graduated. Group Captain W.A. Murray presented the wings. The total intake of Course 80 Navigators was 66, graduates 49, commissions granted 16. Total intake of Course 87 Air Bombers was 44, graduated 40, granted commissions 16. (Dispositions as per Appendix "F" attached.(SEE IMAGE 224)

November 27 18 aircraft participated in afternoon sorties today, morning sorties were washed out due to poor weather and ground fog, as were also evening exercises.

November 28 21 aircraft took off on morning sorties but were recalled at 09:12 hours due to low ceiling, icing and drizzle. All aircraft returned safely. Continuing bad weather conditions resulted in the washing out of afternoon and evening trips. G/C Blaine and W/C Godson, G.C. (AT/Arm) C1588, #2 T.C., visited the station today.

November 29 Moderately warm and cloudy today, with clearing in the afternoon. 49 day and 19 night sorties were completed G/C White, T.W. RNZAF Liaison officer left by air for Neepawa at 0922 hours. Course #90 Air Bombers commenced today, intake being 52, and 58 RAF were posted in from #31 P.D. Moncton, N.B. for Air Navigators' Course No. 90. Four American Ferry pilots (women) forced down here on route to Regina with aircraft spent the night at the W.D. officers' quarters.

November 30 52 sorties were completed in the morning. Anson 5347 landed at Yorkton, engine trouble and remained overnight. No flying during afternoon and evening due to low ceiling and icing conditions, some snow fell during the night.

Station Health Review

The number of patients admitted to the Station Hospital this month increased considerably, due to an epidemic of influenza. The number of patients in Hospital rose to 61 on November 30th, 1943. Patients with influenza, as a rule, run quite high fever for a day or two then the temperature drops abruptly to normal and, generally, stays down. The Hospital has been much over-crowded. Sick parades have been correspondingly large, many airmen have been treated as out-patients who would ordinarily have been admitted to Hospital if there had been sufficient beds available.

The new addition to the hospital is practically completed and should be in use within the next two weeks.

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Manitoba

November 30/43 (cont'd)

Spiritual Welfare of Personnel

The attendance of station personnel at religious services is quite good. In addition to the regular church parades, held separately on Sunday mornings for Protestant and R.H. worshippers, there are added services in the form of Communion Service for Protestants at 0800 hours, Mass for R.C.'s at 1700 hours, and Vesper Service at 2100 hours for Protestants. In spite of the necessary inconvenience attendant upon holding services in the Recreation Hall, for the time being, the attendance is gratifying and the spiritual consolation deriving from these services is patent. It is hoped,

however, that within the next two months the new chapel will be ready for use, and it is expected that this more appropriate setting will enable the more to be carried on in more fitting fashion.

The occasion of the graduation of the two most recent classes of Navigators and Air Bombers saw the introduction of the use of pledge cards. At the Communion Services held in conjunction with Graduation Day exercises the graduates recited in unison the Service Pledge, a most solemn and moving declaration of loyalty and service to King and country.

The Station Chaplains sponsor and supervise a weekly discussion Club activity. The meetings take the form of an open forum, following the introduction of the topic by selected speakers. Subjects discussed are timely in nature, and a heartening response is accorded through practically all present taking part.

Some five new books have recently been added to the collection of religious literature in the Station Library and Reading Room. A recent check indicates that these books are frequently read.

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

30/Nov/43, (cont'd)

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
<u>STAFF</u> R.C.A.F.	165	1075	
R.C.A.F. (W.D.)	4	206	
<u>SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN R.C.A.F.</u>			
R.A.A.F.	3	-	
R.A.F.	-	-	
R.N.Z.A.F.	1	-	
C.D.C.	1	4	
R.C.A.S.C.	1	3	
C.P.C.	-	5	
R.C.N.V.R.	-	6	
<u>CIVILIANS</u>			
Barrack Warden			2
Meteorologists			8
Stenographers			1
Clerks			-
General Duties			58
Others			97
TOTAL STAFF -	174	1298	166
<u>TRAINEES</u>			
R.C.A.F.	98	93	
R.A.F.	4	462	
R.A.A.F.	-	2	
R.N.Z.A.F.	-	2	
TOTAL TRAINEES -	109	559	

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>
Anson	79	9
Tiger Moth	2	
Stinson	1	-

FLYING HOURS - Total Number of hours flown during the month of November, 1943 was - 6,368.

(W.A. Murray) Group Captain,
Commanding Officer,
No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

IMAGE 218

DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING NOVEMBER 12, 1943. APPENDIX "B"
No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.
November 12, 1943.

<u>Course 79 Navigators</u>	<u>Disposal Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal Transfers & Ceased Trainees</u>
Total Intake	64 RAF No. 32 O.T.U., Pat. Bay 7	Posted to No. 1 "M" Depot, Toronto 7
Graduates	44 RAF No. 31 P.D., Moncton N.B. 37	" " No. 2 "M" Depot, Brandon 2
Trans. to other Courses	8	" " No. 31 P.D., Moncton 2
Ceased Training	11	
Killed in flying accident	1	Transferred to Course 76 1
	64 64	" " " 80 6
		" " " 84 1
Granted Commissions-	15	19

<u>Course 86 Air Bombers.</u>	<u>Disposal Graduates</u>
Total Intake	44 R.A.F. No. 1 B.&G. School, Jarvis. Ont. 2
Graduates	41 R.A.A.F. " " " " " " 1
Graduation date delayed	2 R.C.A.F. RCAF Stn. Mountain View, Ont. 1
Discharged from RCAF-	R.A.A.F. " " " " " " 1
(Medical Reasons)	1 R.C.A.F. No. 1 "Y" Depot, Halifax, NS. 7
	44 44 R.A.A.F. " " " " " " 7
	R.N.Z.A.F. " " " " " " 4
Granted Commissions-	19 R.A.F. No. 31 P.D. Moncton, NB. 18
	41

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DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING NOVEMBER 12, 1943. APPENDIX "B" (Continued).
No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.
November 12, 1943.

Course 36 S.N.I. (Nav)

Disposal Graduates (All R.C.A.F.)

Total Intake	25	#10 A.O.S. Chatham, Ont.	2	#1 A.O.S. Malton, Ont.	1
Graduates	25	# 1 G.R.S. Summerside, PEI	2	#2 A.O.S. Edmonton, Alta.	2
		# S.F.T.S., Calgary Alta	1	#5 A.O.S. Winnipeg, Man.	1
		# 9 A.O.S. St. Johns, P.Q.	7	#4 A.O.S. London, Ont.	1
		# 8 A.O.S. Ancienne Lorette	5	#7 A.O.S. Portage, Man.	3

Course 21 N.I.

Total Intake		21
Graduates	17	
Killed in flying accident	3	
Ceased Training	<u>1</u>	
	21	21

Disposal Graduates

#2 A.O.S. Edmonton, Alta.	2
#1 A.O.S. Malton, Ont.	1
#4 A.O.S. London, Ont.	2
#7 A.O.S. Portage, Man.	2
#8 A.O.S. Ancienne Lorette.	2
#9 A.O.S. St. Johns Que.	2
#5 A.O.S. Winnipeg. Man.	2
#10 A.O.S. Chatham, N.B.	2
#1 C.N.S. Rivers, Man.	2

Disposal Ceased Trainees

Awaiting Posting Instructions- 1

Course 26 S.N.I., (P)

Total Intake		24
Graduates	22	
Ceased Training	<u>2</u>	
	24	24

Disposal Graduates

#1 SFTS Camp Borden, Ont.	1
#2 SFTS Uplands, Ont.	1
#8 SFTS Moncton, N.B.	2
#9 SFTS Centralia, Ont.	2
#10 SFTS Dauphin, Man.	1
#11 SFTS Yorkton, Sask.	1
#12 SFTS Brandon, Man.	2
#17 SFTS Souris, Man.	1
#18 SFTS Gimli, Man.	4
#4 T.C.H.Q., Calgary, Alta.	<u>7</u>
	22

Disposal Ceased Trainees

Posted to No. 23 SFTS, Davidson- 1
Pending Disposition- 1

IMAGE 226

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Manitoba

December 1, 1943 The month of December began in Rivers with no more than a few snowflurries in the early morning, with the weather clearing and becoming colder toward evening. Morning flying was washed out but forty day and thirty-two night sorties were completed. Anson 5347 returned from Yorkton at 11.25 hours, Anson 6229 landed at 12:30 hours wheels up,- would not extend. No injuries.

December 2 29 sorties took off at 08:00 hours and were recalled at 10:40 hours because a snowstorm was reported moving in from the west. Flying was washed out in the afternoon. Visiting flight departed for #7 AOS Portage La Prairie. 30 night trips were completed, one aircraft returning to base with engine trouble. Group Captain B.K. Bunett, DFC, AFC; #33 A.N.S., Hamilton arrived by air and visited this unit today.

December 3 33 day sorties and 35 night sorties were completed successfully today. 31 afternoon sorties took off but were recalled at 15:00 hours on advice of bad weather and low ceilings. Yesterday's threatened snowstorm failed to occur at this location and old residents are already talking of a "green Christmas".

December 4 Today's weather was overcast and mild. 64 day sorties were completed. Night flying was washed out due to fog. Anson 7307 landed near Oak River because of low ceiling, icing. No damage. AX371 landed at Brandon and AX116 landed at Souris due to bad weather conditions.

December 5 Visitors from the South African Air Force (SAAF) seen about the station today caused considerable comment. Captain J.C. Moir, (CI52) and two non-commissioned officers were the SAAF visitors, on temporary duty at this unit. Thirty-three aircraft took off on the first morning sortie, thirty-two completing the exercise and returning safely to base. One 6308 returned at 10:30 hours due to radio unserviceability. Ansons 6307, AX371, AX116, returned during the morning from Oak River, Brandon and Souris, respectively.

This weekend saw the Rivers men's basketball team victorious over the Souris team and the Rivers girls' team the losers to a strong team from No.12 SFTS, Brandon. The Discussion Group, Music Appreciation Hour, Woodworking Club, Hobby Club, and Arts Club, together with the Badminton Rally for the entire station, kept the Drill Hall in a whirl of activity during the entire week, and promises to maintain that whirl during the month.

December 6 Clear, cool weather today resulted in 67 day and 37 night sorties being successfully completed. One aircraft, Anson 2184 returned to base early with starboard motor unserviceable.

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No. C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

December 7 1943 Flight Officer F.M. Douglas, DPR. AFHQ., and Flt.Lt. A.H. Walls, PRO, #2 T.C., were visitors at our station today. Flight Officer Douglas visited the interesting spots on the station with a staff photographer and obtained stories on some of the W.D. personnel. She expressed keen interest in the outdoor and "livestock" interests, visited the riding stables, the chickens, and several other spots.

The girls' basketball team from No.12 SFTS paid a return visit to Rivers and though the Rivers girls were bent on revenging their earlier defeat, the Brandon team were again victorious.

The weather was overcast with a light fall of snow around noon. 34 sorties in the morning, one returned with radio trouble and five returned early to base after encountering snow and low ceilings. Afternoon and night flying were washed out due to icing conditions and low ceilings.

December 8 Greatcoats became more popular today with the colder wind and ice-cooled sunshine. 61 day and 48 evening sorties took off, with three returning to base early in the afternoon on account of icing. Anson 6240 was forced down at Lavenham. The remainder completed the exercises and returned safely to base.

December 9 61 day sorties were completed, and the 24 night trips were recalled at 21:15 hours with a report of snow moving in from the west. The second night trip was washed out. Anson 6240 returned from Lavenham during the morning and Anson 6402 landed at Yorkton with radio and lights unserviceable. Anson 6362 landed at Carberry during the afternoon because of weather conditions.

December 10 Wings parade for Course 81 Navigators, and Course 88 Air Bombers, was held this morning at 0900 hours in the Drill Hall. Wings were presented by the Commanding Officer, Group Captain W.A. Murray. 15 were granted commissions from the Navigators course and 14 commissioned from the Air Bombers course. Courses #3 Education officers, #38 S.N.I.(N), and #27 S.N.I.(P) also graduated today. Disposition as per attached list. (SEE Appendix "A" at IMAGES 234 & 235).

Snow flurries did not prevent 58 day sorties and 52 night sorties from being successfully completed. One night trip, 6420, returned early with radio trouble. Low clouds prevented bombing at Poplar Point. (138843) Flt.Lt. L.P. Wildey, (NAV) of Estevan, Sask., and Flt.Lt. John M. Ewing, (ADM) of #3 M.D. Edmonton were visitors to the station today.

December 11 This was a day of high winds, with low clouds from the northwest towards evening. 54 day sorties were completed. Anson 6092 was forced down at Winnipeg in the morning because of engine trouble, returned to base in the afternoon. Night flying was washed out due to weather conditions.

December 12 47 day trips were completed including 14 aircraft on a special bombing exercise. 47 night sorties were completed with 2 aircraft returning early to base with radio trouble and one with navigation lights and identification lights unserviceable.

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No. 1 C.N.S., River, Manitoba.

December 13/43 Course #91 Air Bombers, Course #91 Navigators, #23 S.N.I.(P), and #39 S.N.I.(N), and No.4 Education Officers commenced today.

59 day and 42 night sorties were completed. Four aircraft returned early to base with engine trouble and two returned early with instruments unserviceable.

December 14 Flt.Lt. H.F. Morris, (C3078) of #165 Squadron, Sea Island, B.C., visited the station today.

60 day and 46 night sorties were completed.

December 15 Wing Commander W. Beaumont. C.O. of #8 Repair Depot, Winnipeg, arrived by air this morning, paid a visit to the station and returned to Winnipeg in the afternoon.

54 day sorties and 50 night sorties were completed successfully today, with weather clear and temperature moderating.

December 16 Personnel of the entire station paraded today in the Drill Hall to receive the personal Christmas message of the A.O.C., Air Vice Marshal Lawrence, of No.2 T.C.

The CWAC basketball team from A3 CATC, Shilo Camp, travelled to Rivers tonight and met defeat by the Rivers girls.

45 day and 48 night sorties were completed successfully today.

December 17 The celebrated Frank Guy Armitage, Internationally known for his "Dickens' Characters" brought his unusual talents to the stage of the Recreational Hall today and his classic presentations were much appreciated.

64 day and 44 night sorties were completed, one aircraft returning early to base because of illness of the operator, and one aircraft returning with engine trouble. Anson 9588 landed at Broadview at 02:12 hours with engine trouble.

The senior W.D. officer attended the formal opening of the Leave Centre for Servicewomen at Brandon today conveying the compliments of the Commanding Officer and members of the Women's Division of the station.

December 18 Santa Clause arrived by air today from his northern haunts and in his bulging pack carried a variety of gifts for approximately 150 children,-sons and daughters of station personnel. His arrival was heralded in a short speech of welcome given to the children and their parents in the Recreation Hall by the Commanding Officer. Excellent weather made it possible for even the small children to be brought to the concert, including a baby just two months old. One "small fry" almost disrupted the proceedings by announcing to all within earshot of his high piping voice that "Santa's beard is made of cotton batting!"

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Manitoba.

December 18/43 (cont'd) However, despite such dangerous announcements the concert, -from the first note of recorded music, right through to the Disney colored cartoons, the Christmas carols, and the distribution of gifts and candy by Santa and his assistant, the Clown, - was considered a great success. (See pictures, Appendix "B") (NOT included).

58 day sorties were completed and night flying was washed out on account of high winds. Anson 9583 returned from Broadview at 14:27 hours. Tiger Moth 3558, being ferried from Regina to Winnipeg, landed at 12:30 hours. As the aircraft turned cross wind it was whipped over on its back, damaging both main planes, propeller and rudder. No injuries to personnel.

December 19 Today's Protestant service of worship was a complete Christmas carol service, with the Station Choir led by LAC Cotten, K., Flt.Lt. Dale Jones and Flt.Lt. A.A. Boone conducted the service.

Flying was washed out in the morning due to high surface winds. In the afternoon twenty-four aircraft took off, completed the exercise successfully and returned safely to base. 50 night sorties were completed

December 20 Wing Commander Price, Flt. Officer B.D. Kemp, of No. 2 T.C., and Section Officer Ferguson, PRO, # 1 T.C., visited the station today, departing early in the afternoon.

66 day and 22 night sorties were completed. Two aircraft from the night sorties returned early to base with engine trouble.

The entire kitchen, dining room and batmen staff of the officers' mess and the kitchen and dining room staff of the sergeants mess, were entertained at dinners tonight by the personnel of the two messes. (See attached pictures, Appendix "C" and Appendix "D") (NOT attached.)

December 21 Officially the first day of Winter, there is still no snow at Rivers. There was a northwest wind today which bore cold messages from Arctic regions, but 62 day sorties and 51 night sorties were successfully completed, nevertheless. Two aircraft returned early to base with instrument trouble.

December 22 Clear, cold weather still prevails and those planning on Christmas leave are divided between wishing for a "white Christmas" and a continuation of the fine weather. 38 day and 22 night sorties were completed.

Squadron Leader T.H. Roxborough, (C3129) Eng. #2 T.C. and Flying Officer H.B. Young, (C12917) ENG., No.8 Repair Depot, were visitors at the station today.

December 23 Today marks the beginning of Christmas leave and another Wings Parade. Course #82 Navigators and Course #89 Air Bombers, Course #22 N.I., graduated today. Wings were presented by Group Captain W.A. Murray. 15 Navigators were commissioned from the course and 21 Air Bombers. (Disposition as per attached list, Appendix "L" at IMAGE 240). 28 day sorties and 23 night sorties were completed. 3 aircraft returned early to base with engine trouble and one with radio unserviceable.

December 24 The weather remains clear and considerably more moderate. 25 day sorties were completed and there was no night flying because of Christmas Eve. An informal dance was held in the W.D. Canteen and, despite the numbers away on leave, it was well attended.

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Manitoba

December 25/43 Christmas Day, and the most surprising thing about it is the weather. Calm, clear and sunny. - much more like an October day than a winter day. Officers and Sergeants paid each others messes the traditional Christmas-

Day visits and the Airmen and Airwomen were served their turkey dinners by their officers and senior N.C.O's. In the afternoon there was a well-attended impromptu concert in the Recreation Hall and in the evening, from 20:00 to 2359 hours there was an " At Home" in the W.D. Canteen for all personnel on duty on the station. A small group also entertained the patients in the hospital with a concert and humourous skit during the evening, and the hospital staff were served their dinner by the Medical officers and Nursing Sisters in the usual traditional manner.

December 26 One or two flakes of snow fell in the morning but it is still dust which carpets the prairies and travelers to this place from eastern and western points are now beginning to point to Rivers, and No.1 C.N.S.. as being "in the banana belt of Canada."

25 day sorties and 23 night sorties were successfully completed.

December 27 With the continuance of fine weather it is not an unusual sight to see members of the Riding Club out in the brisk sunshine for a canter and those responsible for the cleaning on the station are beginning to wish fervently, for snow.

25 day sorties and 24 night sorties were completed, with AX163 returning early to base with one motor running rough, and 6362 returned with dead motor. 6504 returned to base with rough motor. Remainder completed the exercise safely and returned to base.

December 28 Squadron Leader E.J. McCaffery, (J6661, NAV) of AFHQ. was a visitor at this unit today. 23 aircraft took off on the morning exercise, 37 in the afternoon exercise and 33 in the evening sortie. All aircraft completed the exercise and returned safely to base.

December 29 All roads lead out of the station today for those departing on New Year's leave. Good weather still continues and is becoming the popular conversational topic. 68 aircraft participated in morning afternoon and evening sorties, successfully completed the exercise and returned safely to base.

December 30 30 aircraft took off on morning and afternoon sorties. 25 aircraft took off on the evening sortie, and 6882 returned early to base with radio trouble. Recall with instructors to increase speed at 21:55 hours. All aircraft returned by 22:57 hours.

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

December 31/43 The entire station is throbbing with New Year's Eve plans and the great problem of the day seems to be either transportation of guests from distant points or "where to get an orchestra". The main event of the evening was a dance for corporals and below that rank in the Drill Hall with the station orchestra in attendance. The Sergeants are also entertaining at a dance for their friends, and the Officers' Mess is gaiety itself for their annual New Year's Eve Frolic. Anson 9661 was involved in a taxiing accident, the port wing-tip being damaged. No injury to personnel.

Station Health Review.

The number of patients hospitalized during December fell from 59 on December 1st to 21 on December 31st. The epidemic of influenza which was present early in the month has practically died out, only an occasional case being admitted to hospital during the latter part of the month. Twenty-two patients (all male) were in hospital on Christmas Day.

Sick parades were large during the early part of the month but lessened considerably during the holiday season.

Eight cases of chicken pox were admitted to Hospital during the month and one case of Scarlet Fever developed on December 30th.

The new addition to the hospital is still not completed.

Spiritual Welfare of Personnel

Twelve services of Holy Communion (P) were held during the month with a total of 146 attending. Two services of Holy Communion are held every Sunday morning at 0800 and 0900 hours. Voluntary church parade is held in the Recreation Hall at 1100 hours every Sunday morning. Aggregate attendance for the month was 638, average 159.

The new Chapel has not yet been completed but is well under way.

IMAGE 232

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

December 31st, (cont'd)

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
<u>STAFF</u> R.C.A.F.	161	1141	
R.C.A.F. (W.D.)	5	209	
<u>SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN R.C.A.F.</u>			
R.A.F.	-	-	
R.A.A.F.	4	1	
R.N.Z.A.F.	1	-	
C.D.C.	2	4	
C.P.C.	-	5	
R.C.A.S.C.	1	3	
R.C.N.V.R.	-	6	
<u>CIVILIANS</u>			
Barrack Warden			3
Meteorologists			7
Stenographers			1
Clerks			-
General Duties			102
Others			55
TOTAL STAFF	174	1369	1668
<u>TRAINEES</u>			
R.A.F.	3	463	
R.A.A.F.	1	-	
R.N.Z.A.F.	-	-	
R.C.A.F.	76	91	
TOTAL TRAINEES -	81	554	

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>
Anson	77	13

IMAGE 233

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

December 31st/43 (cont'd)

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u> (continued)	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>
Tiger Moth	2	-
Stinson	1	-

TOTAL NUMBER OF FLYING HOURS

Total Number of hours flown during the month of December, 1943, was - 7,415.

(W.A. Murray) Group Captain,
Commanding Officer,
No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

IMAGE 234

Appendix "A"
No. 1 C.N.S. Rivers, Man.

DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING DECEMBER 10, 1943.

<u>Course 81 Navigators</u>		<u>Disposal Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal Transfers and Ceased Trainees</u>		
Total Intake	56	R.A.F. No. 32 O.T.U., Patricia Bay, B.C.	7	Posted to No. 1 "M" Depot, Toronto	5
Graduates	45	R.A.F. No. 31 P.D., Moncton, N.B.	37	Posted to No 2 "M" Depot, Brandon	1
Failed in Air and		R.C.A.F. No.1 Y. Depot, Lachine, Que.	<u>1</u>	Awaiting Disposal	2
Ground work	6		<u>45</u>		
Medical reasons	2			Transferred to Course 82	1
Transfers	<u>3</u>			Transferred to Course 83	1
	56			Transferred to Course 84	<u>1</u>
Granted Commissions	15				11

<u>Course 88 Air Bombers</u>		<u>Disposal Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal Ceased Trainees</u>	
Total Intake	45	R.C.A.F. No. 1 B.&G. School, Jarvis,	1	
		R.A.F. No. 1 B.&G. School, Jarvis,	2	
Graduates	38	R.C.A.F. RCAF Stn. Mountain View, Ont.	2	
			Awaiting Disposition	1
			Transferred to	
			Course 89	4

Transfers	5	R.A.F. No. 31 P.D. Moncton, N.B.	24	to Course 90	<u>1</u>	-
Failed in Air and Ground work	<u>2</u>	R.C.A.F. No. 1 Y Depot, Lachine, Que.	<u>9</u>			
	45		38			67
	45					

Granted Commissions 14

Course 38 S.N.I.(N)

Disposal Graduates, all RCAF

Total Intake	25	R.C.A.F. #1 A.O.S. Malton, Ont.	2
Graduates	25	#2 A.O.S. Edmonton, Alta.	2
		#4 A.O.S. London, Ont.	2
		# 5 A.O.S. Winnipeg, Man.	1
		#7 A.O.S. Portage la Prairie	3
		#8 A.O.S. Ancienne Lorette	3
		#9 A.O.S. St. John, P.Q.	3
		#10 A.O.S. Chatham, N.B.	2
		#36 O.T.U. Greenwood, N.S.	1
		#1 C.N.S. Rivers, Man.	<u>6</u>
			25

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Appendix "A" Continued.
No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.
December 10,1943.

Course 27 S.N.I.(P)

Disposal Graduates (All R.C.A.F.)

Disposal Ceased Trainees

Total Intake	25	#1 S.F.T.S. Camp Borden, Ont.	1	Awaiting Disposition	1
Graduates	20	#2 S.F.T.S. Uplands, Ont.	1	Course Transfer	1
		#3 S.F.T.S. Calgary, Alta.	1	Pending Disposition	3
		#4 S.F.T.S. Saskatoon, Sask.	1		
		#5 S.F.T.S. Brantford, Ont.	1		
		#7 S.F.T.S. McLeod, Alta.	1		
		#9 S.F.T.S. Centralia, Ont.	1		
		#10 S.F.T.S. Dauphin, Man.	1		
		#11 S.F.T.S. Yorkton, Sask.	1		
		#12 S.F.T.S. Brandon, Man.	1		
		#13 S.F.T.S. St. Hubert, Que.	1		
		#14 S.F.T.S. Aylmer, Ont.	1		
		#15 S.F.T.S. Claresholm, Alta.	2		
		#1 O.T.U. Bagotville, Que.	1		
		#16 S.F.T.S. Hagersville, Ont.	2		
		#19 S.F.T.S, Vulcan, Alta.	2		
		#18 S.F.T.S. Gimli, Man.	<u>1</u>		
			20		

Course No. 3 Education Officers.Disposal GraduatesDisposal Ceased Trainees

Total Intake	31	R.C.A.F.		
Graduates	29	#1 I.T.S. Toronto, Ontario.	3	Pending Posting
		# 2 T.T.S. Regina, Sask.	5	Instructions
		# 3 I.T.S. Victoriaville, Que.	4	2
		# 4 I.T.S. Edmonton, Alta.	4	
		# 5 I.T.S. Belleville, Ont.	3	
		#6 I.T.S. Toronto, Ont.	3	
		#7 I.T.S. Saskatoon, Sask.	5	
		#1 T.C. (for reposting)	1	
		# 3 Wireless School	<u>1</u>	
			29	

IMAGE 240

DISPOSITION OF COURSES GRADUATING DECEMBER 23rd, 1943.

Appendix "F"

December, 1943.

No. 1 C.N.S. Rivers, Man.

COURSE 82 NAVIGATORS

Total Intake	56	<u>Disposal Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal Transfers and Ceased Trainees</u>
Graduates	45	RAF. No. 31 A.N.S. Port Albert, Ont.	7	Awaiting Disposition
Transferred to		RAF No. 45 (A.T.)Group, Dorval, Que.	2	Awaiting Reselection
other courses	5	RAF No.31 P.D. Moncton, N.B.	36	Trans.to Course 83,
Ceased Training	<u>6</u>			medical reasons
	56			2
				Trans to Course 80
				(previous training)
				2
Granted Commissions	15			Trans. to Course 84
				1

COURSE 89 AIR BOMBERSDisposal GraduatesDisposal Transfers

Total Intake	49	R.N.Z.A.F. No. 1 Y. Depot, Lachine, Que.	1	Transferred to Course 90	1
Graduates	46	R.A.A.F. No. 1 Y. Depot, Lachine, Que.	1	Transferred to Course 91	1
Transfers	<u>3</u>	R.C.A.F. No. 1 Y. Depot, Lachine, Que.	18	Transferred to Course 91A.	1
	49	R.A.F. No. 31 P.D. Moncton, N.B.	22		
Granted Commissions	21	R.C.A.F. RCAF Stn. Mountain View, Ont.	3		
		R.A.F. Held for disciplinary			
		reasons	1		

COURSE 22 N.I.

Total Intake	15	<u>DISPOSAL GRADUATES</u>		Awaiting posting instructions	1
		RCAF, #1 A.O.S. Malton, Ont.	2		
		#2 A.O.S. Edmonton, Alta.	2		

#4 A.O.S. London, Ontario	2
#5 A.O.S. Winnipeg, Man.	2
#7 A.O.S. Portage La Prairie, Man.	2
#8 A.O.S. Ancienne Lorette, Que.	2
#9 A.O.S. St. John's, Que.	2
#10 A.O.S. Chatham, N.B.	1

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Manitoba.

January 1 1944 The first day of the brand New Year was clear, mild and sunny. The holiday was observed on the Unit in the traditional manner with the officers serving dinner to the airmen in the Airmen's Mess at 1200 hours. The "waiters" were properly organized into teams and officers and airmen alike entered into the spirit of the occasion. Other social events of the day were the formal dinner in the Sergeants' Mess, attended by Group Captain and Mrs. Murray, Squadron Leader Wensley and others, and the informal dance in the W.D. Canteen. There was no flying day or night.

January 2 Mildness still continuing with light scattered clouds and slight threat of snow. 26 day and 26 night sorties were completed with aircraft 6307 returning early with engine trouble and 9800 returned early with radio unserviceable. Flight Lieutenant H.C. Semple (C4620) of Sea Island arrived on the station today to visit #165 Squadron.

January 3 No flying day or night due to low ceiling. Course 92 Navigators, Course 92 Air Bombers, and Course 23 Navigation Instructors commenced today. Oxford AR785 landed at airport at 12.32 hours.

January 4 36 day and 38 night sorties were completed on this clear, cold day. One aircraft returned early to base with compass unserviceable. Group Captain Taunton, W & B., No. 2 T.C., Group Captain Watt, Chief Engineering Officer, No. 2 T.C., Winnipeg, and F/L H.W. Thompson, W & B., No. 2 T.C., arrived today on staff visits.

January 5 Plenty of January nip in the air today but beautifully clear. 56 day and 36 night trips were completed successfully.

Curling is getting under way, with emphasis, on the station and most of the curling enthusiasts are either busy with rocks and brooms or cheering from the spectators' section.

January 6 62 day and 35 night sorties were completed successfully today. The weather remains clear and cold with no hint of snow.

Camp Shilo sent a "convoy" to our station on this date to accompany their A15 Basketball team to our Drill Hall to meet defeat by the Rivers' basketters, score 40-25.

January 7 Fog enveloped the station this morning, 4 aircraft took off but were recalled due to fog conditions. 38 afternoon and 36 night sorties were completed.

S/L C.G. Stogdill,(C4097) (Med) arrived by air today to pay a staff visit, (from No. 8 R.D.)

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

January 8/44 68 sorties were completed today, one aircraft returning early to base with engine trouble. An informal dance was held in the W.D. Canteen this date which was well attended and much appreciated.

January 9 63 day and 38 night trips were completed today and the clear, mild weather continues. Daily routine proceeded as usual with F/L A.A. Boone, Chaplain (P) conducting the service of worship in the Recreation Hall.

January 10 The first snow of the year fell during the early morning but made very little impression on this part of the prairie. 26 morning trips were completed and 23 afternoon trips were recalled at 1530 hours with weather closing in. 37 night trips were completed.

January 11 The men's basketball team journeyed to Shilo Camp and were defeated by the Paratroopers aggregation with a score of 37-32.

57 day and 35 night sorties were successfully completed. One aircraft AX116 landed at Portage La Prairie with unserviceable starboard motor.

January 12 More fog this morning. 14 day and 39 night sorties were completed. AX 116 returned from Portage La Prairie at 1145 hours, three aircraft returned early to base with engine trouble and one with radio unserviceable. The skating rink on the station opened today with an excellent crowd in attendance, and thus another sport has been added to the station's many activities.

January 13 Today was clear and only moderately cold. 45 day and 39 night sorties were completed. Camp Shilo militia again "invaded" our station and this time the "convoy" consisted of 11 vehicles,- various types of personnel carriers and army transport. The vehicles brought a men's basketball team from A3, defeated by Rivers, score 35-23; a CWAC basketball team, which defeated Rivers' girls 23-20, and the men's hockey team which was beaten by Rivers' boys 5-3. A well-attended pre-graduation communion service was held in the Library for students graduation 14th January.

January 14 Wings Parade was held in the Drill Hall at 0900 hours. Presentations were made by G/C.W.A. Murray, with several wings being pinned on by immediate relatives of the graduates. Course 83 Navigators graduated with 24 of the total of 50 being granted commissions. Course 90 Air Bombers also graduated with 18 being granted commissions from a total of 39. Course 25 S.N.I. (P) also graduated today, and Course 39 S.N.I. (N). (See Appendix "A" for disposal, at IMAGES 249 & 250).

39 sorties completed in the morning and 25 aircraft took off in the afternoon. A heavy snowstorm moved in sooner than was expected by the meteorological section and a general recall was sent out at 1450 hours, followed by an order to land at the nearest station sent out at 1455 hours. 16 aircraft put down at Portage, 3 at Carberry, 1 at Winnipeg, 1 at Oberon, 2 at McDonald, and 1 at Hamiota. There was no night flying. W/C J.E. Sharpe (C4072) (Med) and F/L W. Mosley (C25668) (Med) of No. 2 T.C. visited the unit.

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Manitoba.

January 15 1944 Five of the aircraft grounded by yesterday's snow storm returned to base during the morning and the balance of 19 returned safely in the afternoon. There was no night flying due to low ceilings. Excellent entertainment was provided to the personnel of this station today when the Showboat Company of Winnipeg, a troupe of 25 lovely business girls of the capital city, gave two performances in the Recreation Hall. They were well received and gave a good bill of singing, dancing and novelty acts. The girls were billeted over night in the W.D. Barrack block and after their show were entertained at a dance in the Officers' Mess. Music for the occasion was provided by the Ansonaires. (Appendix "B") (NOT attached).

January 16 S/L K.C. Maclure (C1511)(G.L.Nav) of AFHQ arrived by air today on temporary duty.

Ceiling and visibility was bad and there was no flying day or night.

Members of the Concert party from Winnipeg attended the various church services this morning, those attending Protestant service assisted in the service by singing in the choir. During the morning the girls were entertained by skating, horseback riding and various other station activities.

January 17 Courses 93 Navigators, 93 Air Bombers, 30 S.N.I.(P) and 40 S.N.I. (N) commenced training today.

64 day and 37 night sorties were successfully completed. Cloudy but quite mild weather prevailing.

The Discussion Club disbanded temporarily today for lack of speaker. Their final topic was "Resolved that the political emancipation of woman has not proved beneficial". Affirmative won.

January 18 Low, broken clouds in the afternoon and high winds all during the day and night. Flying washed out.

Girls' and Mens' basketball teams and the station hockey team visited Shilo Camp today with the following results:

Hockey, won by Shilo; Mens' Basketball, won by Rivers team; Girls' Basketball, won by CWAC team.

W/C Price and W/C Binney (GL) of No. 2 T.C., arrived by air today to visit the station.

January 19 Flying was washed out in the morning due to fog conditions. 31 afternoon and 36 night sorties were completed, one aircraft returned early to base with engine trouble.

S/L Aitkins, F.C., (Sigs) No. 2 T.C., S/L Turner, (C3086), and W/C Murray, (C151)(Equip) arrived by air today from No. 2 T.C., for staff visits.

January 20 Night flying was washed out due to high winds and the TCA returned here to land in the early evening being unable to land in Winnipeg.

65 day sorties were completed and night flying was washed out.

Souris men's basketball team visited our station today and were beaten 35 to 22. (See Appendix "B")(NOT attached).

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

January 21, 1944 62 day and 31 night sorties were successfully completed today. AX246 returned early with radio unserviceable and AX163 with engine trouble. Mr. W.C. Rumball addressed a large number of the personnel in the Recreation Hall this evening on "Rehabilitation". The staff of the Airmen's Mess were entertained at dinner and a social evening.

January 22 58 day sorties were completed and there was no night flying. Air Commodore Ashton, W/C Sinclair, W/C Turner, of No. 2 T.C, Winnipeg, arrived by air to visit the unit today.

January 23 65 day and 37 night sorties were completed today.

January 24 Today was overcast slightly, but very mild. 65 day and 37 night trips were successfully completed. One aircraft landed at Portage with engine trouble, was checked and returned to base. One aircraft returned to base with engine trouble. 3 aircraft of the night trip returned early to base (20:35 hrs) with radio trouble.

January 25 46 day sorties were completed but night flying was washed out due to some snow and poor visibility.

Rivers' basketball and hockey teams made a return "invasion" trip to Camp Shilo today, with the men's basketball team winning from A3, the hockey team winning from A15, and the CWAC's defeating the airwomen. F/L Airey, F/O Bates, F/O McLaren (D.F.C.), F/O Church, of No. 2 T.C., Winnipeg, visited the unit.

January 26 Weather reports today might have been referring to early Spring ". . . fair and warm". 71 day and 38 night trips were completed. 2 aircraft returned to base with engine trouble, one with transmitter unserviceable and one with airspeed indicator unserviceable. F/L H.F. Peters, W & B., No.12 SFTS, visited the unit.

January 27 56 day sorties were completed and night flying was washed out due to fog conditions. F/L Prowse, (Equip) of # 2 C & M U, Winnipeg, paid a visit to the station today.

A fleet of army vehicles carrying basketball players, hockey players and spectators, arrived at the Drill Hall at about 1900 hours. The CWAC girls' team were again victors over the Rivers' girls, and Rivers men, in hockey and basketball, emerged as victors over A-35 (Paratroopers).

January 28 Wings Parade was held in the Drill Hall at 0900 hours with presentations made by W/C Cooper, several wings were pinned on by relatives of the graduates. Course 84 Navigators graduated with 22 granted commissions out of the total of 44 graduates; Course 91 Air Bombers graduated with 27 commissioned out of a total of 56 graduates. (See Appendix "E", at IMAGE 254, for disposal particulars).

Day and night flying were washed out due to fog and poor visibility. An airman's dance was held in the Drill Hall for corporals and below, music supplied by the Ansonnaires.

January 29 68 day sorties were completed. There was no night flying (Saturday).

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Manitoba

January 30,1944 The day was sunny and moderately warm. These fine days find plenty of customers at the Riding stables, particularly the RAAF and RAF personnel.

23 day and 27 night sorties were completed.

The Music Appreciation Hour continues to attract large numbers of listeners, the Sunday evening programs being particularly well patronized.

January 31 Course 94 Navigators and Course 94 Air Bombers reported in today with 51 reporting on the Navigators' course and 50 on the Air Bombers course.

73 day and 36 night sorties were completed. Anson 8729 landed at Portage with dead engine, returned at 1820 hours. One aircraft of the night trip returned early to base with radio unserviceable.

January 1944

Station Health Review

The hospital was relatively quiet during January, probably due to the unprecedented fine weather. Sick parades have been correspondingly small.

Two cases of chicken-pox and eleven cases of Scarlet Fever have been admitted this month to hospital. All cases have been very mild and uncomplicated. The Influenza epidemic has died out, though an occasional case is still being admitted to hospital for treatment.

The new hospital addition has been completed and part of it is in use as Isolation wards for the infectious diseases.

Spiritual Welfare of Personnel

Numbers attending the daily mass and Holy Communion on the station continues about the same as previous months. Vesper Hour and Bible Classes are getting better attendance and the Pre-Graduation Communion Services are very well attended.

Workers are still busy on the new Chapel and the Chaplains and personnel of the Unit are looking forward to the opening of this building with considerable interest.

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January 31st/44, (cont'd)

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
<u>STAFF</u> R.C.A.F.	150	976	
R.C.A.F. (W.D.)	5	201	
<u>SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN R.C.A.F.</u>			
R.A.F.	-	2	
R.N.Z.A.F.	1	1	
R.A.A.F.	4	1	
C.D.C.	2	3	
C.P.C.	-	5	
R.C.A.S.C.	1	3	
R.C.N.V.R.	-	6	
<u>CIVILIANS</u>			
Meteorologists			7
Y.M.C.A.			2
Radio Operators (Junior Rating)			2
Stenographers			2
Barrack Wardens			3
General Duties			100
Others			59
	<u>163</u>	<u>1198</u>	<u>175</u>
<u>TRAINEES</u>			
R.C.A.F.	87	43	
R.A.F.	3	617	
R.A.A.F.	-	-	
R.N.Z.A.F.	-	1	
R.N.A.F.	1	-	
TOTAL TRAINEES -	<u>91</u>	<u>660</u>	

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>
TYPE		

Anson	76	13
Stinson	1	-
Tiger Moth	1	1

FLYING HOURS

TOTAL NUMBER OF FLYING HOURS FOR JANUARY, 1944 -- 6,652.

(L.O. Cooper) Wing Commander,
Commanding Officer,
No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Manitoba.

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Appendix "A"
No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 14th JANUARY, 1944

<u>Course 81 Navigators</u>	<u>Disposal Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal Transfers and Ceased Trainees</u>
Total Intake 58	R.A.F. No. 32 O.T.U., Patricia Bay, B.C.	4 Posted to No.2 "M" Depot, Brandon 3
Graduates 50	R.C.A.F. No. 32 O.T.U., Patricia Bay, B.C.	1 Posted to No. 1 "M" Depot, Toronto 1
Ceased Training 4	R. A.F. No. 45 A.T. Group, Dorval, Que.	1 Transferred to Course #84 2
Transfers 4	R.C.A.F.)	1 Transferred to Course #85 1
	R.C.A.F., No. 1 "Y" Depot, Lachine, Que.	7 Transferred to Course #88 <u>1</u>
Granted	R.A.F. No. 31 P.D., Moncton, N.B.	23
Commissions <u>24</u>	R.C.A.F., No. 3 A.G.T.S., Three Rivers, Que.	8 8
58 58	R.C.A.F. No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.	2
	R.C.A.F. Awaiting posting advice from DAPS	<u>1</u>
		48
	RAAF, held by M.O.	1
	RCAF held by M.O.	<u>1</u>
		50

<u>Course 90. Air Bombers</u>	<u>Disposal Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal Transfers and Ceased Trainees</u>
Total Intake 54	R.C.A.F., RCAF Station, Mountain View, Ont.	2 Posted to No.5 "M" Depot, Lachine. 1
Graduates 39	R.C.A.F., No. 2 AGTS, Quebec, P.Q.,	1 Posted to No.3 B & G, McDonald 1
Ceased Training 3	R.A.A.F., No. 1 "Y" Depot, Lachine. P.Q.	1 Posted to No.31 P.D. Moncton 1
Transfers <u>12</u>	R.C.A.F., No. 3 AGTS., Three Rivers. P.Q.	8 Transferred to Course #91 8
54 54	R.A.F., No. 31 P.D., Moncton, N.B.	26 Transferred to Course #92 <u>4</u>
	R.A.F. Awaiting posting advice from DAPS	<u>1</u> 15
Granted Commission 18		39

<u>Course 28 S.N.I.(P)</u>	<u>Disposal Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal Ceased Trainees</u>
Total Intake 26	RCAF No.2 SFTS, Uplands, Ontario	3 Awaiting disposition <u>1</u>
Graduates 25	No. 3 SFTS, Calgary, Alta.	1

Ceased Training	1	No. 4 SFTS, Saskatoon, Sask.	1	1
		No. 5 SFTS, Brantford, Ont.	1	
		No. 6 SFTS, Dunnville, Ont.	3	
		No. 7 SFTS, McLeod, Alberta	1	
		No. 8 SFTS, Moncton, N.B.	3	
		No.10 SFTS, Dauphin, Man.	1	
		No. 11 SFTS, Yorkton, Sask.	1	

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Disposal of Courses Graduating 14th January, 1944. (Con'td.)

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Courts 28 S.N.I.(P) (Cont'd.)

Disposal Graduates

RCAF, No.12 SFTS, Brandon, Man	1
No. 16 SFTS, Hagersville, Ont.	1
No.13 SFTS, St.Hubert, Que.	3
No.17 SFTS, Souris, Man.	2
No.18 SFTS, Gimli, Man.	1
No. 3 T.C., Montreal, Que.	1
No. 26 SFTS, Neepawa, Man.	<u>1</u>
	<u>25</u>

Course 39 S.N.I.(N)

Disposal Graduates

Total Intake	23	RCAF No. 1 A.O.S. Malton, Ont.	2
Graduates	<u>23</u>	No. 2 A.O.S. Edmonton, Alta.	4
23	23	No. 4 A.O.S. London, Ont.	2
		No. 5 A.O.S. Winnipeg, Man.	3
		No.7 A.O.S. Portage La Prairie, Man	3
		No. 8 A.O.S. Ancienne Lorette, Que.	3
		No. 9 A.O.S. St. Johns, Que.	2
		RAAF No. 9 A.O.S. St. Johns, Que.	1
		RCAF No. 10 A.O.S. Chatham, N.B.	2
		No. 34 O.T.U., Pennfield Ridge. N.B.	<u>1</u>
			<u>23</u>

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Appendix "E", No. 1 C.N.S.,
Rivers, Man.

DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING JANUARY 28th, 1944.

Course 84 Navigators

Disposal Graduates

Disposal Ceased Trainees, Transfers

Intake	52	R.A.F. No. 31 P.D. Moncton, N.B.	23	Posted to No. 1 "M" Depot, Toronto	1
Transferred from previous course	6	RCAF, No. 2 A.G.T.S. Quebec, Que	12	Posted to No. 2 "M" Depot, Brandon	4
		RCAF No.3 AGTS, Three Rivers, Que	6	Posted to No. 5 "M " Depot, Lachine	1

Total Intake	58	RCAF, held over by M.O.	2	Awaiting reselection	<u>2</u>
Graduates	44	RCAF, Retained at this unit for			<u>8</u>
Ceased Training	7	S.N.I. Course #41	<u>1</u>		
Transferred	6				
C.T. medical reasons	<u>1</u>		<u>44</u>		
	58				58
Granted commissions	22				

Course No.91 Air Bombers

Disposal Graduates

Disposal Ceased Trainees, Transfers

Total Intake	60	RA.F. No. 31 P.D. Moncton, N.B.	35	Ceased training, medical reasons	2
Graduates	56	RAAF No. 1 "Y" Depot, Lachine, Que	1	(Awaiting reselection)	
Ceased Training	2	RCAF RCAF Station, Mountain View	4	Transferred to Course # 92	1
Transferred	<u>2</u>	RCAF No. 2 AGTS, Quebec, Que.	21	Transferred to Course # 93	<u>1</u>
	60	RCAF No. 3 AGTS, Three Rivers, Que.	<u>5</u>		<u>4</u>
			56		
Granted Commissions	27				

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

Feb. 1, 1944 Fair and cool. 63 day and 35 night sorties completed.

Feb. 2 Fair and mild. 56 day and 37 night sorties completed. One aircraft returned to base with radios unserviceable. A/V/M T.A. Lawrence, W/C B.M. Aronson and W/C J.C. Binnie visited the Station today, arriving at 1230 hours and departing at 1620 hours.

Feb. 3 Light clouds. Mild. Two morning briefings washed out on account of low ceiling. 44 day and 38 night sorties completed. Two aircraft returned to base with radios unserviceable.
A gala Sports party for N.C.O.'s and other ranks, was held in the Drill Hall this evening. Games, Contests and refreshments provided entertainment for all. See Appendix "J", (NOT attached.)

Feb. 4 Blizzard from North-east commenced in early morning abating at night. No flying day or night on account of weather.

Feb. 5 Clear and quite cold. 65 day and 24 night sorties completed. One aircraft returned to base with generator unserviceable.
The "Freedomaires", entertainment group from Winnipeg presented a performance including variety dances, songs, skits etc., to the station. They were billeted for the night in the W.D. barrack block, and were entertained in the Officers' Mess.

Feb. 6 Overcast with light snow flurries. Cold. 22 day and 39 night trips completed. 1 aircraft returned to base with radio unserviceable, one with engine trouble and 1 with bombsight unserviceable. No flying in afternoon due to weather.

Feb. 7 Overcast and cold. 25 sorties completed in morning. Afternoon and night flying washed out on account of weather conditions.

Feb. 8 Cloudy and cold. No flying morning. Low ceiling, poor visibility - 27 day and 34 night trips completed. Two aircraft returned to base with engine trouble.

Feb. 9 Clear and cold. 61 day and 35 night sorties completed. 1 aircraft returned to base with engine trouble and one with broken rocker standard.

W/C Price visited the unit from 2 T.C. departing by air the

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Feb. 9/44 (cont'd) same day. A girls High School Basketball team from Brandon visited the station, playing against the W.D. team and were beaten by the airwomen with a score of 28-16.

Feb. 10 Clear and decidedly cold. 56 day and 33 night trips completed. 1 aircraft returned to base with windshield ice and two with radio trouble.

Feb. 11 Clear and cold. 62 day and 25 night sorties completed. Wings Parade was held in the drill hall at 0900 hours. Presentation of wings made by G/C W.A. Murray. F/L W.A. Allen who is on the staff of the Visiting Flight was presented with a Navigator's wing. Operational wings were also presented to F/L L.B. Culp, who graduated with Course 40 S.N.I. (N). The following courses graduated. 85 Navigators, 92 Air Bombers, 29 S.N.I. (P) 40 S.N.I. (N) and 4 E.O.'s. (See Appendix "A" at IMAGES 261 & 262).

A basketball game between the Officers and airmen took place this evening, the airmen taking the lead with a score of 49-44.

Feb. 12 Clear and cold in morning becoming milder and partly cloudy towards evening. 51 day and 18 night trips completed.

Feb. 13 Overcast and mild. Snow in morning. 23 afternoon trips recalled at 17:05 on account of lowering ceiling and reduced visibility. Weather improved and 27 night sorties were completed.

Feb. 14 Cold with some snow in morning then clearing. 35 afternoon and 34 night sorties completed. One aircraft returned to base with generator unserviceable and 2nd turned back at Indian Springs on account of poor visibility. New courses commenced today.

Feb. 15 Clear and cold. 75 day and 35 night sorties completed. Our Station hockey teams played two games this evening, one against No. 2 Manning Depot, Brandon in which No. 1 C.N.S. won by a score of 8-3, and the other against Souris which ended with another win for this unit with a score of 8-4.

Feb. 16 Clear and cold, becoming cloudy toward evening with high wind. 53 day sorties completed. Night flying washed out on account of low ceilings and high wind. An interesting lecture was given tonight by Mr. Dan McCowan who with his thorough knowledge of nature, his beautifully coloured projections and his own natural humor, presented an excellent address on wild life, flowers and scenery in the Canadian West.

Feb. 17 Clear and cold. 58 day and 26 night trips completed. One aircraft returned to base with engine trouble.

Feb. 18 Overcast. Not quite so cold. 76 day and 35 night trips completed. 3 aircraft returned to base on account of bad weather and because of the bad visibility and low ceiling.

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Feb. 19/44 Fair and cool. 50 day and 33 night trips completed. 4 aircraft returned to base with radio trouble.

Feb. 20 Overcast in morning then fair and mild. 65 day and 23 night trips completed. 2 aircraft returned to base in morning because of bad visibility and ceiling.

Feb. 21 Fair and mild. 76 day and 36 night trips completed. One aircraft returned with compass unserviceable. Replaced. Anson 5362 forced landed 7 miles north of Austin, due to engine failure. No injuries or damage. Pilot – WO1 Scrimgeour.

Feb. 22 Fog in some areas in morning. Mostly fair and cool. Snow flurries in late afternoon and evening. 32 a/c took off in morning, recalled at 10:15 on account of fog. 35 a/c took off in afternoon, recalled at 15:30 - low ceilings with snow. Night flying washed out for same reason. Anson 5362 returned to base at 15:00 hours from Austin. The airwomen's basketball team journeyed to Brandon for a return engagement with the Collegiate girls. The score was Brandon 13 - No. 1 C.N.S. 12.

Feb. 23 Fair and cool. 63 day and 36 night trips completed. On afternoon sorties, one a/c returned to base on single engine and one with radio u/s.

Feb. 24 Fair and cool. 57 day and 30 night trips completed. One a/c returned to base with short in electrical system. Lockheed 7548 arrived from Winnipeg at 15:35 with Air Commodore J.A. Ashton, W/C B.M. Aronson, S/L Cross and F/L Collie. The hockey team was at home to a team from Brandon and 2 M.D. The score was 4-2 with No. 1 C.N.S. coming out on top.

Feb. 25 Snow in morning, clearing toward noon. Mild. 26 afternoon and 36 night trips completed. Four a/c returned to base with radio u/s. Wings Parade was held in the Drill Hall at 0900 hrs. Presentations were made by Air Commodore J.A. Ashton. Air Commodore Ashton also presented operational wings to F/O A.J. Hastey of 165 Squadron. F/O Hastey has 34 operational trips over Germany to his credit. (See Appendix "H", NOT attached). Courses graduating were 86 Air Navigators and 93 Air Bombers (See Appendix "A" at IMAGE 263).

A muster parade was held in the Drill Hall at 11:40 hours at which Air Commodore Ashton presented the Efficiency

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Feb. 25/44 (cont'd) Pennant to the Commanding Officer. (See Appendix "C": NOT attached).

Feb. 26 Clear and cool. 62 day and 28 night sorties completed. 1 a/c returned to base with radio u/s., 1 with compass u/s and 1 with engine trouble. 30 new Staff Pilots reporting in, all recent graduates of various S.F.T.S.'s.

Feb. 27 Clear and moderately cool. 41 day and 35 night sorties completed. One a/c returned to base with radio trouble and one with gyro instruments u/s.

Feb. 28 Light overcast and cool. 77 day and 37 night sorties completed. One a/c on morning trip landed at Winnipeg with engine trouble. Returned at 15:30 hours. One a/c on night trip landed at Portage. Starboard window blew out (Anson 9452 - Sgt. Askewe, pilot). Courses 96 Air Bombers and 96 Navigators commenced training. The Red Cross drive started today with F/L Ings as chairman.

Feb. 29 Light clouds and cool in morning, clearing in afternoon, partly cloudy at night. 63 day and 31 night trips completed. Anson 9452 returned from Portage at 14:10 hours. One night trip returned to base, encountered bad weather. 2 returned with radios u/s and one returned because landing light would not switch off. The bonspiel finished this evening and the results were as follows: Grand Challenge Event - Lac Howden, Murray Event - Sgt. Page, Cooper Event - LAC McDonald, Hammond Event - Cpl. Switzer, Wensley Event, F/L Arn, Consolation Event - Sgt. Knott.

Spiritual Welfare of Personnel

There is increased attendance in the services of Holy Communion, and it is gratifying to note that much interest is being taken by the W.D.'s. Voluntary Church parade is held in the Recreation Hall at 11:00 hours every Sunday morning. From a percentage point of view the W.D. personnel rank high as compared with the Airmen.

The Command Chaplain, S/L N. McFarlane visited the station. While here, he inspected the new chapel which is soon to be opened.

Station Health Review

The number of patients hospitalized averaged around 36 per day. Sick parades have varied in size, up to 42 patients have appeared on this parade on some days. Infectious diseases have shown a marked decrease over the number diagnosed last year. The following few cases have been admitted to the hospital; chicken pox, measles, German measles, mumps, scarlet fever.

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#1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man., February, 1944

<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
<u>STAFF</u> RCAF	153	893	
RCAF (W.D.)	4	195	
<u>SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN RCAF</u>			
R.A.F.	-	2	
R.N.Z.A.F.	1	1	
R.A.A.F	4	1	
C.D.C.	2	4	
C.P.C.	-	5	
R.C.A.S.C.	1	4	

CIVILIANS

Meteorologists			7
Y.M.C.A.			2
Barrack Officer			1
Radio Operators (Junior Rating)			1
Stenographers			2
Barrack Wardens			3
General Duties			97
Others			<u>51</u>
	<u>165</u>	<u>1105</u>	<u>164</u>

TRAINEES

R.C.A.F.	89	21
R.A.F.	3	560
R.A.A.F.	-	27
R.N.Z.A.F.	-	2
R.N.A.F.	-	-
<u>TOTAL TRAINEES</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>610</u>

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February 29/44 (cont'd)

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>
<u>TYPE</u>		
Anson	80	20
Stinson	1	-
Tiger Moth	2	-

FLYING HOURS

TOTAL NUMBER OF FLYING HOURS FOR FEBRUARY 1944 - 6974 hours 10min.

(W.A. Murray) G/C
C.O., No. 1 C.N.S.,
RIVERS, Manitoba.

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DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 11th FEBRUARY, 1944.

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

<u>Course No. 85 Navigator.</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal of Transfers and C.T.'s.</u>	
Total Intake	29	RAF No. 32 O.T.U. Patricia Bay, B.C.	5	Posted to No.7 B & G Paulson, Man.	1
Graduates	23	RCAF No. 4 A.G.T.S., Valleyfield, P.Q.	1	Posted to No. 5 M.D., Lachine, P.Q.	3

Ceased Training	5	RAF No. 31 P.D., Moncton, N.B.	<u>17</u>	Posted to No. 1 M.D., Toronto, Ont.	1
Transfers	<u>1</u>		23	Transferred to Course 86.	<u>1</u>
	29				6

Granted Commissions 6.

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<u>Course No. 92 Air Bombers</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal of Transfers and C.T.'s.,</u>	
Total Intake	53	RCAF No. 4 A.G.T.S., Valleyfield. P.Q.	1	Held Pending Instructions from 2 T.C.	3
Graduates	42	RAF No. 31 P.D. Moncton, N.B.	39	Transferred to Course 94	5
Ceased Training	3	RAF Held by M.O.	1	Transferred to Course 93	<u>3</u>
Transfers	<u>8</u>	RAF Held for further flying	<u>1</u>		11
	53		42		

Granted Commission: 14

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<u>Course No. 29 S.N.I.(P).</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal of Ceased Trainings.</u>	
Total Intake	25	RCAF		Awaiting disposition	<u>3</u>
Graduates	22	No. 1 S.F.T.S. Camp Borden, Ont.	3		3
Ceased Training	<u>3</u>	No. 5 S.F.T.S. Brantford, Ont.	1		
	25	No. 6 S.F.T.S. Dunnville, Ont.	1		
		No. 9 S.F.T.S. Centralia, Ont.	2		
		No. 11 S.F.T.S. Yorkton, Sask.	1		
		No. 12 S.F.T.S. Brandon, Man.	2		
		No. 14 S.F.T.S. Aylmer, Ont.	3		
		No. 17 S.F.T.S. Souris, Man.	1		
		No. 18 S.F.T.S. Gimli, Man.	1		
		No. 4 S.F.T.S. Saskatoon, Sask.	1		
		No. 4 T.C., Calgary, Alta.	4		
		No. 5 E.F.T.S. High River, Alta.	1		
		R.N.A.F. Station, Gravenhurst, Ont.	<u>1</u>		
			22		

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DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 11th FEBRUARY 1944, (CONT'D)

<u>Course No. 40 S.N.I.(N).</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>	
Total Intake	26	RCAF	

Graduates	<u>26</u>	
	26	26

No. 1 A.O.S., Malton, Ont.	4
No. 2 A.O.S., Edmonton, Alta.	2
No. 4 A.O.S., London, Ont.	3
No. 5 A.O.S., Winnipeg, Man.	2
No. 8 A.O.S., Ancienne Lorette, P.O.	2
No. 9 A.O.S., St. Johns' P.Q.	4
No.10 A.O.S., Chatham, N.B.	3
No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. (S.N. Course)	1
No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. (Staff)	2
Held for further postings.	1

RAAF

No. 8 A.O.S., Ancienne Lorette, P.Q.	2
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Course No. 4 Education Officers.

Disposal of Graduates

Disposal of Ceased Trainings.

Total Intake	17	
Graduates	14	
Ceased Trainees	<u>3</u>	
	17	17

RCAF

No. 1 I.T.S., Toronto, Ont.	2
No. 2 I.T.S., Regina, Sask.	2
No. 3 I.T.S., Victoriaville, P.Q.	1
No. 4 I.T.S., Edmonton, Alta.	2
No. 5 I.T.S., Belleville, Ont.	3
No. 6 I.T.S., Toronto, Ont.	1
No. 3 B & G School, MacDonald, Man.	2
No. 1 T.C., Toronto, Ont.	
(For Reposting)	<u>1</u>
	14

No. 4 T.C., Calgary, Alta.	1
No. 1 I.T.S., Toronto, Ont.	1
Held Pending Disposition.	<u>1</u>
	3

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No.1 C.N.S., Rivers, Manitoba.

DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 25th FEBRUARY, 1944.

Course No. 86 Navigators.

Disposal of Graduates

Disposal of Transfers and C.T.'s.

Total Intake	57	
Graduates	50	
Ceased Training	5	
Transfers	<u>2</u>	
	57	57

RAF No. 31 P.D., Moncton, N.B.	49
RCAF No. 4 A.G.T.S. Valleyfield, P.Q.	<u>1</u>

Posted No. 7 B & G Paulson, Man.	3
Posted No. 5 "M" Dpo. Lachine, P.Q.	1
Awaiting Disposition	1
Transferred to Course 87	1
Transferred to Course 89	<u>1</u>
	7

Granted Commissions: 16

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Course No. 93 Air Bombers

Disposal of Graduates

Disposal of Transfers and C.T.'s.

Total Intake	57	RCAF to RCAF Stn. Mountain View, Ont.	1	Posted No. 2 "M" Dpo. Brandon, Man.	1
Graduates	53	RCAF No. 2 A.G.T.S. Calgary, Alta.	10	Held pending Instructions from 2 T.C.	1
Ceased Training	2	RAF No. 31 P.D. Moncton, N.B.	<u>42</u>	Transferred to Course 92	1
Transfers	<u>2</u>			Transferred to Course 94	1
			53		
	57				
	57				

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Granted Commissions: 25

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

1st March/44 March came in like a rather gentle lion with snowflurries and overcast skies in the morning and snow increasing during the day. No flying day or night due to these conditions.

Volleyball teams from A3, A15, A35, Shilo Camp; #12 SFTS, Brandon, and #17 SFTS Souris, invaded No. 1 CNS for a volleyball tournament. Twenty-eight games were played during the evening and A3 won the cup.

March 2nd 27 afternoon trips completed but morning and night flying washed out due to low clouds and icing conditions.

March 3rd 70 sorties were completed during the day and 35 night trips. One aircraft returned to base with indicator unserviceable, and one aircraft returned with radio unserviceable. One aircraft landed at Portage (Anson 6494) with engine trouble.

March 4th Some of the much-delayed winter weather has arrived today was quite cold with some snow at night. 66 day trips were completed but night flying was washed out due to weather conditions. One aircraft landed at Portage, starboard engine rough. One aircraft returned to base with radio unserviceable.

March 5 36 aircraft took off this morning but were recalled on account of weather conditions. Afternoon and night trips were washed out also.

March 6th Overcast in the morning with quite strong winds, clearing towards afternoon, TCA (Lodestar trip1) from the East landed here at 17:30, ceiling and visibility were bad at Winnipeg. Took off again at 20:55. 63 day and 36 night trips were completed.

March 7th There was no promise of spring in the air today, just clear, snappy Manitoba cold. Kay Francis, Reginald Gardiner, Martha Hunt and other Hollywood stars, muffled to the ears in fur flying suits, landed here today at 10:49 in Douglas DC3, transport plane. They proceeded, almost immediately, to Shilo Camp by army transport. The DC-3 took off again at 12:20 hours.

77 day and 37 night trips were completed. Two aircraft returned to base with indicator unserviceable and 2 with radio unserviceable.

March 8th 65 day and 34 night sorties were successfully completed. One aircraft returned to base with engine trouble and one with generator unserviceable.

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

March 8th/44 (cont'd) The highlight of the week was the Station Amateur Show in the Recreation Hall. 38 performers took part and gave a variety of entertainment ranging from vocal and instrumental music to novelty numbers and comedy. Prizes were presented by Group Captain W.A. Murray to the best first and second in each group. See Appendix "V attached); (NOT attached).

March 9th 60 day and 29 night sorties were completed today. Two aircraft returned to base with radio unserviceable and one with lights unserviceable.

Group Captain J.S. Scott and W/C D.G. Price, #2 T.C., Winnipeg, arrived in Crane 8147 at 11:05 hours, departing again at 14:15 hours.

March 10th Today was partly cloudy and mild with snowflurries and strong winds at night. Wings parade was held at 0900 hours in the Drill Hall and presentations were made by the Commanding Officer, Group Captain W.A. Murray. Courses graduating were 87 Air Navigators, with 18 granted commissions; Course 94 Air Bombers with 21 granted commissions; #30 S.N.I.(Pilots); #41 S.N.I.(Navigators). (See Appendix "A" at IMAGES 275 & 276). Flying Officer L.W. Haunts, who is at present on a Staff Navigators' Course, was presented with his Operational Wings by the Commanding Officer. (See Appendix "B" NOT attached). Navigators badge was also presented to Flying Officer F.C. Lereux, Navigation Instructor on the staff of this unit.

47 day and 37 night trips completed.

March 11 Anson #6205 crashed 12 miles N.W. of Carberry at approximately 00:30 hours this morning while on a routine Navigation exercise. It was an "A" Category crash. Crew of four Instantly killed were: Pilot, J.26223, Flying Officer R.M. Robbins; W.O.G. R-178050, Cpl. Wickware, B.H.; U/T Navigators, GB1809628 LAC Jones, B.H.N., and GB1568291 LAC Forsythe, W.B. (See Appendix "C" attached). (NOT attached) Squadron Leader E.W.C. Sharpe. No. 2 T.C. appointed Investigating Officer, 12th March, 1944.

March 12th 68 day trips completed and night flying washed out on account of weather. One aircraft returned to base with radio unserviceable.

March 13th 35 afternoon and 34 night trips completed.

Funeral service held at 16:00 hours in Rivers Anglican Church for Lac Jones and LAC Forsythe, U/T Navigators killed in crash of Anson 6205, 11th March. Interment in Rivers' Cemetery, F/L Dale Jones, Sr. Protestant Chaplain officiated. Funeral service of Flying Officer R.M. Robbins was held in Brandon arrangements carried out by No.2 Manning Depot. (See Appendix "D" attached)(NOT attached).

Course 97A Navigators and Course 97A Bombers, and Course 42 S.N.I. (Navigators) commenced.

March 14th 77 day and 35 night trips completed today, weather clear and mild.

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

March 15th/44 63 day and 34 night sorties were completed. One aircraft returned to base with gascock unserviceable. W/C A. Walmsley, #2 T.C. Winnipeg, visited the station today.

Badminton players from Shilo headed by Lt.Col. Reneuf, #A-3 C.A.T.C, participated in a friendly tournament in the Drill Hall tonight, and those taking part were entertained in the various messes after the games.

March 16th No flying today due to low ceiling, snow and overcast. W/C A.R. Sinclair, W/C A. Farmer, W/C Sharpe, S/L A.B. Bevans, and F/L G. Richardson, all of No. 2 T.C. Winnipeg, visited the station today, arriving and departing by air. Sports Night in the Drill Hall was a great success, with hundreds of airmen and airwomen participating in Bowling, Volleyball, gymnastics and group games.

March 17th 72 day and 36 night trips completed. W/C A. Walmsley, No. 2 T.C., returned to Winnipeg today.

March 18th 69 day trips completed, night flying washed out due to low ceilings and poor visibility.

March 19th Cloudy and mild. No flying in morning due to low ceilings. 32 afternoon and 26 night trips completed. 7 night trips returned early due to weather and last briefing washed out for the same reason.

March 20th 51 day and 34 night trips completed. When loading practice bombs in Anson 6688, a bomb exploded, injuring the armourer, investigation of accident was carried out by F/O Rathie.
Staff Nav. course starts.

March 21st 73 day and 26 night trips completed. Third night briefing was recalled at 21:50 hours on report of snow and low ceilings to the east.

March 22nd Local snowstorm in late afternoon necessitated landing of afternoon trips at other aerodromes, -18 at Portage la Prairie, 2 at Winnipeg and 2 at Carberry. Instructed to remain overnight. 35 morning and 25 night trips completed. Two aircraft returned to base and one landed at Winnipeg with engine trouble and one returned with generator unserviceable.

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

March 23rd/44 Air Vice Marshal, T.A. Lawrence, A.O.C., No. 2 T.C., Winnipeg, visited the unit today arriving by air at 13:20 hours and departed at 15:99 hours. G/C Brown, C.O., of No. 7 SFTS, Souris, also visited the station today.

62 day trips were completed and night flying was washed out on account of weather. All aircraft which landed on the 22nd at Winnipeg, Carberry, and Portage La Prairie, returned to base.

March 24th No flying in morning due to weather conditions. 25 afternoon trips were completed. 22 aircraft took off on first night briefing but were recalled at 21:15. 12 aircraft on second night briefing were also recalled on advice of Met Section, as weather gradually clearing but spasmodically unsettled.

Wings parade was held in the Drill Hall at 0900 hours for Courses 88 Navigators and 95 Air Bombers. Presentations were made by the Commanding Officer, Group Captain W.A. Murray. (See Appendix "F" at IMAGE 282). 12 graduates of

Course 88 were commissioned and 16 graduates of Course 95 were commissioned. Operational wings were presented by the Commanding Officer, to F/L J.C.H. Blackburn, No.1 Staff Nav. Course. (See Appendix "G" NOT attached.)

March 25th 68 day and 34 night trips were completed today, weather clear and cold.

March 26th 75 day trips were completed. Anson 6312, piloted by P/O A.V. Robinson, forced landed in field near Carnegie. Port engine cut out. No damage or injuries. Night flying was washed out on account of the weather.

March 27th 73 day trips completed, 32 night trips were sent out but were recalled at 22:50 hours due to unsuitable weather in south portion of trip. One aircraft returned to base with generator unserviceable and one aircraft returned to base with radio unserviceable. Courses 98 Navigators and 98 Air Bombers commenced training today. Nursing Sister (Matron) J.E. Porteous from AFHQ and W/C J.E. Sharpe, from No. 2 T.C., visited the station today.

March 28th 65 day and 35 night trips completed.

March 29th 57 day and 36 night trips were completed today.

March 30th 55 day and 35 night trips completed today. One aircraft returned to base with a/s indicator unserviceable.

March 31st Heavy snow in early morning, clearing a little toward noon, then overcast. No day sorties due to weather. 36 night trips completed.

G/C Atkinson, SPSO of No.2 T.C., Winnipeg, visited the station today.

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

March, 1944 Entertainment on the Station during the latter part of the month included a memorable visit from the RCAF Swingtime Troupe. F/O Ashdown, O/C the troupe, conducted auditions on the station in the form of talent scouting. The Troupe entertained at the Recreation Hall on the 22nd and 23rd, gave an interesting program at the Airmen's Dance which was held in the Drill Hall on the 24th, and entertained briefly at the W.D.'s "At Home" held in the W.D. Canteen on the afternoon of March 25th. The Swingtime Troupe were again featured in the limelight of the Officers' Dance, at the Officers' Mess, on Saturday night 25th March, and assisted in the choral work of the Protestant service on Sunday morning, 26th March.

Over a hundred women were entertained at tea in the W.D. Canteen and shown to various sections of the station on the occasion of their first "At Home", 25th March. Mrs. W.A. Murray, Mrs. Hugh Murray, and Mrs. J. Grant (wife of the Mayor of Rivers) assisted in pouring tea.

STATION HEALTH

The number of patients hospitalized in the Station Hospital during the month of March averaged around 45. The majority of patients were hospitalized because of acute throat infections and influenza. Sick parades averaged 34 patients per day, W.D. 's included.

Four cases of infectious diseases admitted, two of chicken pox and two of mumps.

SPIRITUAL WELFARE

The new system of Church parades is now accepted as an established fact, each Wing attending on a separate Sunday. The attendance at the Protestant Services rose to 836 for the month and the average per Sunday was 209. There were fifteen services of Holy Communion with an aggregate attendance of 103.

It is expected that the new Station Chapel will open on Easter Sunday.

Squadron Leader R. Frayne, former Protestant Chaplain at this station and now returned from overseas duty, paid a visit to the station in March and gave interesting and inspiring talks to the personnel.

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#1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man., March, 1944

<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
<u>STAFF</u> RCAF	155	1008	
RCAF (W.D.)	5	201	
<u>SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN RCAF</u>			
R.A.F.	-	-	
R.N.Z.A.F.	1	-	
R.A.A.F.	3	1	
C.D.C.	2	5	
C.P.C.	-	5	
R.C.A.S.C.	1	4	
<u>CIVILIANS</u>			
Meteorologists			7
Y.M.C.A.			2
Barrack Officer			1
Radio Operators (jr. rating)			1
Stenographers			2
Barrack Wardens			3
General Duties			97
Others			46
	<u>167</u>	<u>1224</u>	<u>159</u>

TRAINEES

R.C.A.F.	103	50
R.A.F.	9	606
R.A.A.F.	4	16
R.N.Z.A.F.	-	14
R.N.A.F.	-	-
	<u>116</u>	<u>686</u>

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>
Anson	79	13
Stinson	1	-
Tiger Moth	2	-
Norseman	1	-

FLYING HOURS

TOTAL NUMBER OF flying hours for the month of March, 1944, - 7,806 hours and 35 minutes.

(W.A. Murray) G/C.,
C.O. No. 1 C.N.S.,
Rivers, Manitoba.

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APPENDIX "A" Page 1.
No. 1 C.N.S. Rivers, Manitoba.

DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 10th MARCH, 1944.

<u>Course No. 87 Navigators</u>	<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal of Transfers and C.T.'s.</u>
Total Intake	53 RAF No. 32 O.T.U. Patricia Bay, B.C.	6 Posted No. 31 P.D. Moncton, N.B.
Graduates	47 RAF No. 31 P.D. Moncton, N.B.	40 Transferred to Course 88 (Medical reasons)
Transfers	4	Transferred to Course 91 (" ")
Ceased Training	<u>2</u> RAF Grad. held by M.O. for Medical reasons	<u>1</u> Transferred to Course 93 (" ")
	53 53	47 6
Granted Commissions 16		

<u>Course 94 Air Bombers</u>	<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal of Transfers and C.T.'s.</u>
Total Intake	59 RCAF R.C.A.F. Station Mountain View, Ont.	1 Transferred Course No.95 (Medical reasons)
Graduates	45 RCAF No. 1 AGTS Maitland, N.S.	3 Transferred Course No.96 (Medical reasons)
Transfers	11 RCAF No. 2 AGTS Calgary, Alta.	1 Transferred Course No.93
Ceased Training	<u>3</u> RCAF No. 4 AGTS Valleyfield, P.Q.	1 Awaiting Instructions from No. 2 T.C.
	59 59 RAAF No.1 "Y" Dpo. Lachine, P.Q.	<u>3</u>
		RAF No. 31 P.D, Moncton, N.B. <u>38</u> 14
Granted Commissions 21 45		

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 10th MARCH, 1944.

<u>Course No. 30 S.N.I. (P)</u>	<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal of Transfers and C.T.'s</u>
	RCA F	
Total Intake	25 No. 1 SFTS Camp Borden, Ont.	2 Transferred to Staff Pilots

Graduates	22	No. 4 SFTS Saskatoon, Sask.	1	Awaiting Disposition	<u>1</u>
Ceased Training	<u>5</u>	No. 5 SFTS Brantford, Ont.	1		
		No. 6 SFTS Dunnville, Ont.	2		3
	25	No. 8 SFTS Weyburn, Sask.	1		
	25	No. 9 SFTS Centralia, Ont.	1		
		No.10 SFTS Dauphin, Man.	2		
		No.11 SFTS Yorkton, Sask.	1		
		No.12 SFTS Brandon, Man.	2		
		No.14 SFTS Aylmer, Ont.	2		
		No.17 SFTS Souris, Man.	2		
		No.18 SFTS Gimli, Man.	2		
		No. 4 T.C., Calgary, Alta.	<u>3</u>		
			22		

<u>Course No. 41 S.N.I. (N)</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal of Transfers and C.T.'s</u>	
		RCAF			
Total Intake	24	No. 1 AOS., Malton, Ont.	5	Held, pending disposition	Nil
Graduates	24	No. 4 AOS., London, Ont.	3		
Ceased Training	<u>Nil</u>	No. 5 AOS., Winnipeg, Man.	3		
		No.7 AOS., Portage la Prairie, Man.	2		
	24	No. 8 AOS., Ancienne Lorette, P.Q.	3		
	24	No.10 AOS., Chatham, N.B.	1		
		No. 36 OTU., Greenwood, N.S.	<u>1</u>		
			18		
		No. 9 AOS., St. Johns, P.Q.	3		
		Held, pending disposition	<u>3</u>		
			24		

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DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 24th MARCH, 1944

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No. 1 C.N.S. Rivers, Manitoba.

<u>Course No. 88 Navigators.</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal of Transfers and C.T.'s.</u>	
Total Intake	57	RAF No. 31 P.D., Moncton, N.B.	36	Posted 5 "M" Depot, Lachine, P.Q.	1
Graduates	36			Posted 31 P.D. Moncton, N.B.	3
Transfers	13			Posted 7 B & G School, Paulson, Man.	1
Ceased Training	5			Killed in flying accidents	3
Killed in				Transferred to Course 90	6
Flying Accidents	<u>3</u>			Transferred to Course 89	5
				Transferred to Course 95	1
				Transferred to Course 91	<u>1</u>
	57		36		
	57				

Granted Commissions: 12.

<u>Course 95 Air Bombers.</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal of Transfers and C.T.'s.</u>	
Total Intake	51	RCAF R.C.A.F. Station Mountain View, Ont.	1	C.T. Awaiting Disposition	3
Graduates	45	RAAF R.C.A.F. Station Mountain View, Ont.	1	Transferred to Course 96	1
Transfers	5	RAAF No. 1 "Y" Depot, Lachine, P.Q.	11	Transferred to Course 97	<u>4</u>
Ceased Training	<u>3</u>	RAF No. 31 P.D. Moncton, N.B.	26		
		RCAF No.1 AGTS Maitland, N.S.	2		8
		RCAF No. 4 AGTS Valleyfield, N.S.	1		
	51	RAAF - Held by M.O. (Medical Reasons)	<u>1</u>		
	51		43		

Granted Commissions: 16

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

1st April/44 Clear and cool. 69 day and 39 night trips completed. 1 aircraft returned to base with radio u/s.

2nd April Clear and mild. 60 day and 36 night trips completed. 1 aircraft returned to base with radio u/s. Anson DG812, while on a low level navigational exercise, struck an object on the ground about 8 miles east of Killarney at approximately 1050 hours. E category accident. Leading edge of mainplane damaged. Nose of fuselage and landing light perspex broken. Tailplane stabilizer damaged. Personnel, crew of 4 uninjured. Apparently carelessness and disobedience of orders on part of Pilot R194755 Sgt. Burton, L.H. Anson 5347. while on navigation exercise, forced landed, wheels up, 2 miles south-east of village of Mair, Saskatchewan, at approximately 1600 hours, following failure of starboard engine. "D" category accident. Broken flange on cylinder. Cylinder came loose. Both props and pitot head damaged. Very slight damage to airframe. Crew of four uninjured. Pilot P/O E.A.E. Fagg, (J39600).

3rd April Cloudy and mild. 65 day and 37 night trips completed.

4th April Clear and mild. 73 day and 37 night trips completed. One aircraft returned to base with radio u/s.

5th April Clear and mild. 67 day and 39 night trips completed.

6th April Clear and mild. 61 day and 37 night trips completed. One aircraft returned to base with engine trouble. Anson V 12345, en route Winnipeg to Regina made belly landing on aerodrome at approximately 1215 hours. Undercarriage collapsed. No injuries to personnel. Aircraft not on strength this unit.

Wings parade was held in the drill hall at 0900 hours. Presentation of wings was made by the Commanding Officer, Group Captain W.A. Murray. Courses graduating were 89 Navigators, 96 Air Bombers, 31 S.N.I.P., 42 S.N.I.I., and 23 N.I. (See Appendix "A" at IMAGE 290, 291 & 292).

7th April Light clouds in morning, clearing toward noon. Mild. Good Friday. No flying or classes.

8th April Clear and quite mild. 57 day and 36 night trips completed. One aircraft landed at Dauphin at 0950 hours with engine trouble.

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

8th April/44 (Ctd) Left Dauphin 1035 hours, landed Rivers 1122 hours. One aircraft returned to base at 1630 hours on single engine.

9th April Clear and quite mild during the day, becoming cloudy at night. 45 day trips completed. 33 night trips took off but at 2325 hours aircraft were instructed to land wherever possible as ceiling had dropped to 500'. Landings were made as follows: Souris, 1; Broadview, 8; Virden, 19; Moosomin, 2; Rivers, 3. Broadview reported Anson 6502 undercarriage u/s and 6241 landed on single engine. One a/c on afternoon trip returned to base with engine trouble. Anson 6502, mentioned above, landed partially cross wind, and in avoiding a stalled aircraft, ran off edge of runway collapsing starboard of undercarriage. Radius rod of undercarriage broken, port aileron damaged. Some holes in undersurface of mainplane. No technical failure. Crew of 5 uninjured. Pilot P/O E.G. Arndt, (J40883).

10th April Partly cloudy and cooler. 47 day and 38 night trips completed. All aircraft which landed on other aerodromes on night of 9th returned to base excepting 6502 under repair at Broadview.

This evening the No. 2 Training Command badminton doubles for this area were held in the drill hall. Five teams participated in an elimination tournament. Men's doubles were won by No.17 S.F.T.S. Ladies' doubles, No. 8 S.F.T.S, mixed doubles No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers.

11th April Scattered light clouds. Mostly clear and mild. 70 day and 37 night trips completed. Anson 6494 when landing at 2350 hours after a navigation exercise overshot runway and tail plane struck a field marker resulting in damage to tail assembly and fuselage, "B" category accident. Crew of 5 uninjured. Pilot R181864 Sgt. Anderson, G.W.

12th April Clear and mild. 69 day and 39 night trips completed. One a/c returned to base with radio u/s.

13th April Overcast and mild. Strong winds and dust storms, in afternoon. Low clouds and unsettled at night. 53 day trips completed. 16 afternoon photo trips and all night flying washed out on account of weather. 2 A/C returned to base and one landed at Portage with engine trouble.

14th April Clear and mild. 76 day and 36 night trips completed. The a/c which landed at Portage on 13th returned at 1420 hours. Another a/c (6241) landed at Portage with broken valve.stem at 1030 hours. Returned to base at 17:10.

15th April Clear and mild. 60 day and 34 night trips completed. One a/c returned to base with wireless key u/s.

16th April Clear and quite mild. 51 day and 35 night trips completed. Anson Mk. 1 AX 366, on night

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16th April/44 (Ctd) navigation exercise forced landed ½ mile west of airport at 2345 hours. Starboard engine failed, pilot could not maintain height and ordered crew of four to jump, which they did. He then tried to reach airport but was not successful. No injuries to personnel. Port propeller, both undercarriages and engine support structures damaged. "C" category accident.

17th April Clear and mild. 67 day and 32 night trips completed. 1 a/c returned to base with a/s indicator u/s and one with engine trouble. Commanding Officer's inspection parade was held at 1800 hours on the drill square for Flying Squadron, Met., Arm., Photo., and Signals Sections. W/C D.G. Price visited the station, arriving at 1300 hours and departing at 1430 hours. An extensive drill course began today for all officers and N.C.O.'s.

18th April Clear and mild. 57 day and 36 night trips completed. The station indoor track meet opened tonight with 76 athletes participating in ten events. All Wings of the station participated with Training Wing coming out on top.

19th April Light clouds. Mostly clear and mild. 70 day and 38 night trips completed. One aircraft returned to base with engine trouble, one with battery not charging and one with u/c that would not retract. W/C G.W.N. Groves, Chaplain from No. 4 Training Command, arrived at the station today, A/C J.C. Ashton visited the Station today. No. 1 C.N.S. W.D. basketball team won the D.D.A.A. basketball championship tonight from No. 12 S.F.T.S. with a score of 49 to 42 in the series.

20th April Light haze in morning, then clear and mild. 65 day and 30 night trips completed. One a/c returned to base with radio u/s.

21st April Light scattered clouds. Mostly fair and mild. Wings Parade held at 0900 hours in Drill Hall. Presentations made by the Commanding Officer, Group Captain W.A. Murray. Courses graduating were 90 Navigators, and 97 Air Bombers. (See Appendix "A" at IMAGE 293). 68 day and 36 night trips completed. One aircraft returned with radio u/s.

22nd April Light haze in early morning, then fair and mild. 65 day and 26 night trips completed.

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23rd April/44 Clear and mild in morning, becoming cloudy in afternoon. 46 day trips completed. 36 night trips took off but were recalled at 22:55 as snow and rain encountered and weather considered unsuitable for type of exercise.

24th April Cloudy and cool. 78 day trips completed. Night flying washed out due to weather conditions West and generally low stratus expected. Today marked the opening of the sixth Victory Loan Drive. A muster parade of all personnel was held in the drill hall and Group Captain Murray addressed the station regarding the effort that he hoped would be put forth in order to exceed our quota. F/L Riddell, who is heading the committee at this station also spoke on behalf of the Victory Loan Committee.

25th April Cloudy in early morning, then clear and cool. 73 day and 26 night trips completed, 1 night trip, Anson 6856, landed at Virden - electrical failure. Stayed overnight.

26th April Clear and mild. 54 day and 36 night trips completed. Anson 6856 returned from Virden at 0935 hours. One a/c returned to base with transmitter u/s and one because of sick navigator.

27th April Clear and warm. Strong winds in afternoon. 50 day and 25 night trips completed.

28th April Overcast and cool. Rain at night. 73 day trips completed. Night flying washed out due to low ceiling, rain and smoke from prairie fires.

29th April Rain in morning. Low clouds throughout day. Rain again at night. No flying on account of weather. The Great West Life entertainment troupe arrived on the station and played to a large appreciative audience. After the show, they were entertained in the Officers' Mess. The mixed doubles badminton finale for No. 2 Training Command was won by No. 1 C.N.S. This game was played at Saskatoon with a large appreciative audience.

Spiritual Welfare of Station

The Station Chapel was dedicated by W/C H. McFarlane, Command Chaplain, on Sunday, April 23rd. The station was well represented by all sections and it is hoped that this chapel will be used by all personnel at all times. W/C L.A. Costello, Command Chaplain, R.C. conducted mass in the chapel on Sunday morning at 0900 hours.

The attendance during the month showed a marked increase, an aggregate for the month being 1206 for 6 services - an average of 201. There were 14 Holy Communion services with a total of 270 - an average of 19.

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April/44 W/C G.W.N. Groves, the newly appointed Staff Chaplain for the R.A.F. for Western Canada visited the station this month.

Station Health Report

The number of patients hospitalized dropped from 53 at the first of the month to 28 on the last day. The average number hospitalized for the month was 35. Sick parades average 31 airmen per day and between 4 and 5 airwomen per day.

The following infectious diseases were hospitalized during the month:

Scarlet Fever	- 2
Measles	- 2
German Measles	- 4
Chicken Pox	- 1

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#1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man., April, 1944

<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
<u>STAFF</u> RCAF	194	1008	
RCAF (W.D.)	5	185	

SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN RCAF

R.A.F.	-	-
R.N.Z.A.F.	1	-
R.A.A.F	4	1
C.D.C.	2	5
C.P.C.	-	4
R.C.A.S.C.	1	4

CIVILIANS

Meteorologists		7
Y.M.C.A.		2
Barrack Officer		1
Radio Operators (jr. rating)		1
Stenographers		1
Barrack Wardens		3
General Duties		95
Others		63
	<u>207</u>	<u>1224</u>
		<u>173</u>

TRAINEES

R.C.A.F.	61	109
R.A.F.	4	556
R.A.A.F.	4	5
R.N.Z.A.F.	2	11
R.N.A.F.	-	-
	<u>71</u>	<u>681</u>

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>
TYPE, Anson	84	17
Stinson	1	-
Tiger Moth	2	-
Norseman	1	-

FLYING HOURS

Total Number of Flying hours for the Month of April, 1944, - 8611 hours and 10 minutes.

(W.A. Murray) G/C.,
C.O. No. 1 C.N.S.,
Rivers, Manitoba.

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No. 1 C.N.S. Rivers, Manitoba.

DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 7th APRIL, 1944.

Course No. 89 Navigators

Disposal of Graduates

Disposal of Transfers and C.T.'S.

Total Intake	57	RAF No. 32 O.T.U. Patricia Bay, B.C.	9	Transferred to Crse 90 (Medical Reasons)	4
Graduates	42	RAF No. 5 O.T.U. Boundary Bay, B.C.	4	Transferred to Crse 92 (Medical Reasons)	1

Transfers	6	RAF No. 31 P.D. Moncton, N.B.	<u>29</u>	Transferred to Crse 96 (Medical Reasons)	1
Ceased Training	<u>9</u>			Posted to No. 31 P.D. Moncton, N.B.	1
	57			Posted to No. 7 B.&G. School, Paulson, Man.	4
	57			Posted to No. 5 "M" Dpo. Lachine, P.O.,	1
				Awaiting Reselection	<u>1</u>
Granted Commissions: 15					15

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<u>Course No. 96 Air Bombers</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal of Transfers and C.T.'s.</u>
Total Intake	52	RAAF No. 1 "Y" Depot, Lachine, P.Q.	8 Transferred to Crse 97 (Medical Reasons) 3
Graduates	44	RNZAF No. 1 "Y" Depot, Lachine, P.Q.	1 Transferred to Crse 98 (Medical Reasons) 4
Transfers	7	RAAF R.C.A.F. Stn. Mountain View, Ont.	2 Awaiting Instruction from No. 2 T.C. <u>1</u>
Ceased Training	<u>1</u>	RAF No. 31 P.D. Moncton, N.B.	<u>29</u>
	52	RAF No. 5 O.T.U. Boundary Bay, B.C.	44
	52		8
Granted Commissions: 13			

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DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 7th APRIL, 1944. No. 1 C.N.S. Rivers, Manitoba.

<u>COURSE No. 31 S.N.I. (P)</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal of Transfers and C.T.'s</u>
Total Intake	24	RCAF	
Graduates	18	No. 1 SFTS Camp Borden, Ont.	3 Transferred to Staff Pilots, No. 1 C.N.S. <u>6</u>
Ceased Training	<u>6</u>	No. 3 SFTS Calgary, Alta.	2
	24	No. 4 SFTS Saskatoon, Sask.	1
	24	No. 6 SFTS Dunnville, Ont.	4
		No. 7 SFTS McLeod, Alta.	2
		No.11 SFTS Yorkton, Sask.	1
		No.12 SFTS Brandon, Man.	2
		No. 16 SFTS Hagersville, Ont.	2
		No. 17 SFTS Souris, Man.	<u>1</u>
			18

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Course No. 42 S.N.I. (N) Disposal of Graduates Disposal of Transfers and C.T.'s

Total Intake	26	
Graduates	26	
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	26	26

RCAF		
No. 1 A.O.S. Malton, Ont.		3
No. 4 A.O.S. London, Ont.		3
No. 5 A.O.S. Winnipeg, Man.		2
No. 7 A.O.S. Portage la Prairie		1
No. 8 A.O.S. Ancienne Lorette, P.Q.		2
No. 9 A.O.S. St. Johns, P.Q.		1
No. 10 A.O.S. Chatham, N.B.		1
No. 3 O.T.U. Patricia Bay. B.C.		2
No. 5 O.T.U. Boundary Bay, B.C.		3
No. 1 G.R.S. Summerside, P.E.I.		2
No. 168 Squadron, Rockcliffe, Ont.		1
No. 1 C.N.S. Rivers, Manitoba		3
RAAF		
No. 4 A.O.S. London, Ont.		1
No. 1 C.N.S. Rivers, Man.		<u>1</u>
		26

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DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 7th APRIL, 1944.

<u>Course No. 23 N.I.</u>	<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal of Transfers and C.T.'s</u>
Total Intake	RCAF No. 1 T.C. Toronto, Ont.	C.T. Awaiting Disposition
8	3	<u>2</u>
Graduates	RCAF No. 3 T.C. Montreal, P.Q.	
6	<u>3</u>	
Ceased		
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8	6	2

Granted Commissions: 6

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IMAGE 293

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Manitoba.

DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 21st APRIL, 1944.

Course No. 90 Navigators

Disposal of Graduates

Disposal of Transfers and C.T.'s

Total Intake	63
Graduates	48
Transfers	4
Ceased Training	<u>11</u>
	63 63

RAF No. 31 P.D. Moncton, N.B.	47
RAF - Held by M.O.	<u>1</u>
	48

Transferred to Crse 91 (Medical Reasons)	2
Transferred to Crse 92 (Medical Reasons)	1
Transferred to Crse 93 (Medical Reasons)	1
Posted to No. 7 B.&G. School, Paulson, Man.	4
Posted to No. 5 "M" Dpo, St. Hubert, P.Q.	4
Posted to No. 31 P.D. Moncton, N.B.	1
Awaiting Reselection	<u>2</u>

Granted Commissions: 16

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Course No. 97 Air Bombers

Disposal of Graduates

Disposal of Transfers and C.T.'s

Total Intake	57
Graduates	50
Transfers	5
Ceased Training	<u>2</u>
	57 57

RAF No. 31 P.D. Moncton, N.B.	44
RAAF No. 1 "Y" Dpo. Lachine, P.Q.	2
RNZAF No. 1 "Y" Dpo. Lachine, P.Q.	1
RAAF - Held over by M.O.	1
RAF - Held over by M.O.	<u>2</u>
	50

Transferred to Crse 98 (Medical Reasons)	4
Transferred to Crse 99 (Medical Reasons)	1
Awaiting Instructions from No. 2 T.C.	<u>2</u>
	7

Granted Commissioner 16

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Appendix "C"

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. April, 1944

2nd April - An investigation was conducted by S/L G.C. Upson on the accident involving Anson DG812. Pilot, R194755 Sgt. Burton, L.H. A Summary of Evidence was taken and the case disposed of summarily by the Commanding Officer. The accused was severely reprimanded.

16th April - An investigation was conducted by S/L G.C. Upson to enquire into a flying accident to Anson A/C AX366. Pilot, J41204 P/O N. Staynor.

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#1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

1st May/44 Low clouds with light intermittent drizzles of rain. Mild. No flying day or night on account of weather.

2nd May Cloudy and cooler. 68 day and 39 night trips completed. Two aircraft returned to base with radio u/s.

3rd May Cloudy and cold. High winds from the north. No day flying on account of weather. Night take-off delayed two hours on account of weather. 41 night trips completed. Anson Mk 1 6229 on night navigation exercise forced landed near Glen Ewen at 0430 hours, 4th May. Pilot was lost and ran short of fuel. Wheels up landing. Both props and pitot head damaged. "E" Category. No injuries to personnel.

4th May Clear and cool. 49 day and 34 night trips completed. 1 aircraft returned to base with engine trouble and one with transmitter u/s.

S.L. Pitcairn visited unit from No. 2 T.C.

5th May Clear and cool, becoming warmer during the day. C.O.'s inspection of Training Wing held at 0800 hours in the Drill Hall. Wings Parade held at 0900 hours in Drill Hall. Presentations made by the Commanding Officer, Group Captain W.A. Murray. Courses graduating were 91 Air Navigators, 98 Air Bombers, 43 S.N.I. (N) and 1 Staff Navigators. (See Appendix "A" at IMAGES 303 & 304). 60 day and 36 night trips completed. A/C 6229, which was forced landed at Glen Ewen on 4th May, returned to base at 1700 hours. One A/C 6363 landed at Portage la Prairie with engine trouble.

6th May Partly cloudy and mild. 64 day and 37 night trips completed. Anson 6363 returned from Portage La Prairie at 1100 hours. One night trip returned to base on single engine.

7th May Light clouds and mild in morning. Clouds increasing with local showers in afternoon. 52 day trips completed. Night flying washed out due to low ceiling and poor visibility over targets and danger of thunderstorms.

8th May Cool with scattered clouds. 73 day and 33 night trips completed. 1 aircraft returned to base with sick navigator. 1 night trip returned to base with outer landing light stuck on the "on" position necessitating disconnection of battery.

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9th May/44 Clear and mild in morning, becoming partly cloudy toward noon with strong east winds. Showers at night. 38 morning trips completed. 1 trip washed out - sick bomb aimer. One returned with engine trouble, trip sent out in another aircraft. No flying afternoon or night on account of weather.

10th May Clear and warm. 67 day and 40 night trips completed. One A/C returned to base with starboard motor u/s and 2 with radio u/s.

11th May Cloudy and mild. 52 day trips completed. Night flying washed out. Unfavourable met report.

12th May Cloudy and mild, partially clearing in afternoon. 39 morning trips only partially completed. Recalled due to low ceiling. 33 afternoon and 33 night trips completed. One aircraft landed at Portage with starboard motor u/s, returned to base at 0200 hours.

13th May Cloudy and mild with light intermittent rainfall in early morning, clearing by afternoon. 58 day and 39 night trips completed. 1 A/C returned to base with sick navigator and 1 with engine trouble.

14th May Light overcast and warm. Smoke from forest fires in afternoon. 46 day trips completed. Night flying washed out due to poor visibility.

15th May Clear and warm. Becoming cloudy in evening with short heavy rainfall about 1900 hours. Smoke over this area again at night. 64 day trips completed. 37 night trips took off but were recalled at 2235 hours due to poor visibility. 1 to 3 miles in smoke. 1 A/C returned to base on single engine. Anson 6562 landed at Estevan with engine trouble and remained overnight. Staff Navigators Course No. 3 and Compass Adjuster's Course No. 1 commenced training. See appendix "A" at IMAGE 305 for particulars of intake.

16 May Overcast and cool, clearing in afternoon. Partly cloudy at night. 64 day and 33 night trips completed. 2 A/C returned to base, one with engine trouble and both with radio u/s.

Two men's softball games were played - the first of the season with Maintenance "Wimpies" winning from the Thunderbolts.

17th May Clear and moderately warm. 51 day and 40 night trips completed. 1 A/C returned to base with radio u/s. The W.D. softball league opened today and two games were played.

18th May Overcast and cool. Light spatters of rain at night. 67 day trips completed. Night navigation exercises washed out on advice of Met officer.

19th May Light clouds, cool. Clearing towards noon. Weather closing in again in evening. 52 day

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19th May/44 (Ctd) trips completed. Night flying washed out - low ceilings. One A/C landed at Portage with starboard engine u/s. Returned to base 1720 hours.

Wings parade held at 0900 hours in Drill Hall. Presentations were made by the Commanding Officer, G/C W.A. Murray. Graduating courses were 92 Nav. and 99 A.B. (See Appendix "A", page 4 at IMAGE 306). The Commanding Officer also presented operational wings to F/L B. Ferguson, S.N.I. (N) Staff and P/O D.H. Giffin, Staff Pilot, formerly a W.O.A.G. on operations.

Australian Air Liaison party composed of W/C P. Arthur D.F.C. and S/L C.B. Walker D.S.O. visited unit and interviewed Australian personnel.

20th May Solid overcast with intermittent drizzles of rain. Mild. Ceiling and visibility very poor. No flying day or night.

21st May Cloudy with light rain in early morning clearing toward noon. Cloudy again at night with thunder showers. 24 trips completed in afternoon. No flying morning or night due to weather.

22nd May Partly, cloudy and mild. 38 day and 50 night trips completed. 2 aircraft returned to base with engine trouble, and one without lights and radio.

Courses 102 Nav. and 102 A.B. commenced training. Particulars of intake are shown at Appendix "A" page 3, IMAGE 305.

23rd May Cloudy and mild with rain showers. No day or night flying due to weather conditions.

24th May Cloudy and mild with rain in morning. Partially clearing in afternoon. Closed in again at night with more rain. 24 afternoon trips completed. No morning or night flying due to weather. Mk 1 Anson 6488 landed at Yorkton with engine trouble, remaining overnight.

25th May Partly cloudy and mild. Clearing during morning. 55 day and 52 night trips completed. One aircraft returned to base with a/s ind. u/s and two with radio trouble. An airman's dance was held in the Drill Hall and visitors included airwomen and C.W.A.C.'s from Brandon.

26th May Clear and mild. 55 day and 48 night trips completed. One a/c returned to base with radio u/s. Air Vice-Marshall T.A. Lawrence visited the station.

27th May Clear and mild. 44 day and 46 night trips completed. 4 aircraft returned to base on account of engine trouble.

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28th May/44 Clear and warm throughout the day. Becoming cloudy at night with light rain. 48 day trips completed. 45 night trips took off but were recalled at 0135 hours on account of deteriorating weather conditions. 2 a/c returned to base with radio trouble.

29th May Clear and quite warm. 55 day and 44 night trips completed. 1 aircraft returned to base with radio u/s. The R.C.A.F. Swing Time Show Unit visited the station on Monday. They presented two shows, one at 1830 hours, the other at 2030 hours. Both houses were packed and approximately 1000 personnel saw the show. This was a return engagement with the show slightly changed. It was an excellent performance and well received by the audience. This troupe is one of the best of its kind and they present a high caliber of entertainment.

30th May Fair and quite warm. Light smoke haze. Cloudy at night. 41 day trips completed. Night flying washed out due to poor visibility and thunderstorms expected.

31st May Partly cloudy and warm. Thunder showers in mid-afternoon, and again at night. 29 morning trips completed. Afternoon and night flying washed out on account of weather and smoke. One a/c returned to base with radio u/s.

SPIRITUAL WELFARE OF PERSONNEL

With the coming of spring, marriages have become the order of the day. During the month three have been solemnized in the station chapel.

During the month both Command Chaplains (P) and (R.C.) have visited the station and have conferred with the Commanding Officer and with the chaplains.

To replace F/L Thomson, R.C. Padre who has been posted to No. 4 S.F.T.S., Saskatoon, we were pleased to welcome to No. 1 C.N.S., F/L Courtemanche who was posted in from Weyburn, Sask. having been previously at Moncton, N.B.

F/L Dale Jones together with required parties travelled to Birtle to pay last respects to P/O Butcher who had been killed while on training exercises at Dafoe.

Other than the special items mentioned above the work of the chaplains has been of a routine nature.

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#1 CNS, Rivers, Man.

May/44

STATION HEALTH REPORT

The number of patients hospitalized increased from 31 on the first day of the month to 37 on the last day. The average number hospitalized for the month was 37. Sick Parades averaged 31 airmen per day and between 5 and 6 airwomen per day.

The following infectious diseases were hospitalized during the month.

Scarlet Fever	-	5
Measles	-	2
German Measles	-	5

SPORTS

League play was resumed this month after a rain out on the previous week's play. Baseball, softball, volleyball, horseshoes and soccer league games were played. The lacrosse players were out warming up and teams from various leagues were busy practicing. The tennis courts will soon be completed and leagues started in both singles and doubles. The swimming pool will also be ready for us in about a week.

BASEBALL

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers Station team won their game from A-5 Shilo by a score of 10 to 2, starting out the season on the right side of the ledger. This ball team should give a good account of itself this summer.

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#1 CNS, Rivers, Man.

May,1944

SOFTBALL

The station Softball team also won its first game, playing #17 E.F.T.S. from Souris in a hard fought battle, the score being 4 to 2.

The Inter-Unit station league showed 8 games played during the month, the scores being: Mosquitos - 16, Spitfires - 12. Hellcats - 21, Mustangs - 8. Thunderbolts - 31, Typhoons - 4. Lodestars - 15, Marauders - 3. Cornells won by default from Yales, Hudsons - 12, Hurricanes - Fortresses - 6, Catalinas - 5, and Harvards won by default from Hollies.

Two games were played in the W.D. Softball league with the Ojibways winning from the Cree by 10 to 8 and the Hurons taking the Iroquois by 13 to 5.

VOLLEYBALL

Station Volleyball enthusiasts got their league under way this month. Starlings won from Orioles; Skylarks won from Redbirds; Woodpeckers won from Bluejays; Hawks won from Robins and the Swans won by default from Quails. The best of a three game series each night decides the winner in this group.

HORSESHOES

Four games were played in this league during the month. Best of three games decides the winner. Foxes won from Antelopes; Cheetahs won from Lions; Beavers won from Otters; and Porcupines won by default from Tigers.

SOCCER

The station team won their first game in the B.D.S.A.A. League, completing a clean sweep for all our three teams this month. They whitewashed a team from A-3 Shilo by a 15 to 0 score. The Great Britain lads had it all over the Army squad who hardly got by centre field with the ball. This team is going places and should take the honours for their league.

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#1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man., May, 1944

<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
<u>STAFF</u> RCAF	166	1050	
RCAF (W.D.)	4	184	
<u>SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN RCAF</u>			
R.A.F.	-	-	
R.N.Z.A.F.	1	-	
R.A.A.F	4	1	
C.D.C.	2	4	
C.P.C.	-	5	
R.C.A.S.C.	1	5	
<u>CIVILIANS</u>			
Meteorologists			8
Y.M.C.A.			2
Barrack Officer			1

Radio Operators (jr. rating)			1
Stenographers			1
Barrack Wardens			1
General Duties			114
Others			50
	<u>178</u>	<u>1249</u>	<u>178</u>

TRAINEES

R.C.A.F.	80	130
R.A.F.	4	534
R.A.A.F.	3	8
R.N.Z.A.F.	-	10
R.N.A.F.	-	-
	<u>87</u>	<u>682</u>

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>
<u>TYPE</u> , Anson	124	15
Stinson	1	-
Tiger Moth	1	1
Norseman	1	-

IMAGE 302

#1 CNS, Rivers, Man

May: FLYING HOURS

TOTAL NUMBER OF FLYING HOURS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1944, - 7362 hours and 35 minutes.

(W.A. Murray) G/C.,
C.O. No. 1 C.N.S.,
Rivers, Manitoba.

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DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 5th MAY, 1944. No. 1 C.N.S. RIVERS, Manitoba.

Course No. 91 Navigators

Disposal of Graduates

Disposal of Transfers and C.T.'s

Total Intake	56	RAF No. 32 O.T.U. Patricia Bay. B.C.	5	Transferred to Crse 92 (Medical Reasons)	2
Graduates	47	RAF No. 31 P.D. Moncton, N.B.	41	Transferred to Crse 93 (Medical Reasons)	2
Transfers	6	RAF - Held by M.O. (Medical Reasons)	<u>1</u>	Transferred to Crse 94 (Medical Reasons)	1
Ceased Training	<u>5</u>			Transferred to Crse 93 (Discp. Reasons)	1
				Posted #5 "M" Dpo. St. Hubert, P.Q.	2
	56		47	Posted #31 P.D. Moncton, N.B.	<u>1</u>

Granted Commissions: 16

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Course No. 98 Air Bombers

Disposal of Graduates

Disposal of Transfers and C.T.'s

Total Intake	57	RCAF to RCAF Stn. Mountain View. Ont.	5	Transferred to Crse 99 (Medical Reasons)	3
Graduates	52	RCAF to No. 2 AGTS Calgary, Alta.	7	Posted to No. 5 "M" Dpo St. Hubert, P.Q.	1
Transfers	3	RCAF to No. 1 AGTS Maitland, N.S.	10	Failed in ground work - awaiting reselection	<u>1</u>
Ceased Training	<u>2</u>	RCAF to No. 3 AGTS Three Rivers, P.Q.	11		
		RNZAF to No. 1 "Y" Dpo. Lachine, P.Q.	13		
					5
	57	RAF to No. 31 P.D. Moncton, N.B.	4		
		RCAF - Held by M.O. (Medical Reasons)	<u>2</u>		
Granted Commissions:	26				
			52		

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DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 5th MAY, 1944 No.1 C.N.S. Rivers, Manitoba.

Course No. 45 S.N.I. (Navigators)

Disposal of Graduates

Disposal of Transfers and C.T.'s

Total Intake	21	RCAF No. 1 A.O.S. Malton, Ont.	2	NIL
Graduates	21	RCAF No. 4 A.O.S. Landon, Ont.	3	
		RCAF No. 5 A.O.S. Winnipeg, Man.	2	
		RCAF No. 7 A.O.S. Portage la Prairie, Man.	2	
		RCAF No. 9 A.O.S. St. John's P.Q.	3	
		RCAF No.10 A.O.S. Chatham, N.B.	2	
		RCAF No. 2 A.N.S. Charlottetown, P.E.I.	2	
		RCAF No. 5 O.T.U. Boundary Bay, B.C.	2	
		RCAF No. 1 C.N.S. Rivers, Man.	1	
		RAAF No. 8 A.O.S. Ancienne Lorette	<u>2</u>	
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Course No. 1 Staff Navigators

Disposal of Graduates

Disposal of Transfers and C.T.'s.

Total Intake	26	RCAF No. 1 A.O.S. Malton, Ont.	3	Returned No.7 A.O.S. Portage La Prairie	1
Graduates	22	RCAF No. 2 A.O.S. Edmonton, Alta.	3	Returned No.8 A.O.S. Ancienne Lorette	2
Transfers	1	RCAF No. 4 A.O.S. London, Ont.	4	Transferred to Course No. 42 S.N.I.(N)	<u>1</u>
Ceased Training	<u>3</u>	RCAF No. 5 A.O.S. Winnipeg, Man.	1		
		RCAF No. 7 A.O.S. Portage la Prairie	1		
	26	RCAF No. 8 A.O.S. Ancienne Lorette, P.Q.	1		4

RCAF No. 9 A.O.S. St. John's P.Q. 3
 RCAF No.10 A.O.S. Chatham, N.B. 2
 RCAF No. 1 C.N.S. Rivers, Man. 3
 (All returning off Temporary Duty)
 RCAF No. 4 A.O.S. London, Ont. 1

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INTAKE OF COURSE

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

15th May, 1944

Intake of Course 1 Compass Adjustors.

Intake of Course No. 3 Staff Navigators.

3 RCAF from No. 1 C.N.S. Rivers, Man.
 2 RCAF from 1 S.F.T.S. Camp Borden, Ont.
 1 RCAF from 11 E.D. Calgary, Alta.
 1 RCAF from 135 SQUADRON, Patricia Bay, B.C.
 2 RCAF from #6 Squadron, Coal Harbour, B.C.
 1 RCAF from 9 S.F.T.S. Centralia, Ont.
 1 RCAF from 1 GRS Summerside P.E.I.
 1 RCAF from 16 S.F.T.S. Hagersville, Ont.
 1 RCAF from 11 S.F.T.S. Yorkton, Sask.
 1 RCAF from RCAF Stn. Sydney.
 1 RCAF from #4 Squadron Uclulet B.C.
 1 RCAF from #6 R.D. Trenton, Ont.
 1 RCAF from 7 B & G Paulson, Man.
 1 RCAF from #3 R.D. St. Stephen. N.B.
 1 RCAF from #4 R.D. Scoudouc, N.B.
 1 RCAF from 12 S.F.T.S. Brandon, Man.

4 RCAF from No. 1 A.O.S., Malton.)
 4 RCAF from 4 A.O.S. London.)
 1 RCAF from 1 CNS Rivers, Staff.)
 2 RCAF from #5 A.O.S. Winnipeg.)
 2 RCAF from 7 A.O.S. Portage La Prairie.)
 1 RCAF from 10 A.O.S. Chatham.) On Temporary Duty to
 3 RCAF from 8 A.O.S. Ancienne Loreotte.) Course 3.
 3 RCAF from 9 A.O.S. St. Johns, Que.)
 1 RCAF from 3 O.T.U. Patricia Bay.)
 1 RCAF from 31 O.T.U. Debert.)
 2 RCAF from 2 A.O.S. Edmonton.)
 1 RCAF from 31 O.T.U. Debert. (Posted to Course 3.
 2 RCAF from 34 O.T.U. Pennfield Ridge. (

TOTAL 27

TOTAL 20

22nd MAY. 1944.

Intake of Course 102 Air Navigators.

52 RAF from 31 P.D., Moncton. N.B.

TOTAL 52

Intake of Course 102 Air Bombers.

10 RCAF from 31 B & G Picton Ont.
 2 RAF from 31 B & G Picton Ont.
 14 RCAF from 7 B & G Paulson Man.
 4 RAF from 7 B & G Paulson Man.
 3 RCAF from 7 B & G Paulson, Man.
 13 RCAF from 5 B & G Dafoe, Sask.

2 RAF from 5 B & G Dafoe, Sask.
 2 RNZAF from 5 B & G Dafoe, Sask.

TOTAL 50

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 No. 1 C.N.S. RIVERS, Manitoba.

DISPOSAL Of COURSES GRADUATING 19th MAY, 1944.

<u>Course No. 32 Navigators</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal of Transfers and C.T.'s</u>	
		RAF No.5 O.T.U. BOUNDARY BAY B.C.	6	Transferred to Course 99 (Med Reas.)	1
Total Intake	52	RAF No. 31 P.D. MONCTON N.B.	38	Transferred to Course 93 (Med Reas.)	2
Graduates	45	RAF Held by M.O. (Medical Reasons)	<u>1</u>	Transferred to Course 94 (Med Reas)	4
Transfers to 92.	4			Transferred to Course 95 (Med Reas)	1
Ceased Training	3			Posted No. 5 "M" Depot St. Hubert P.Q.	2
Transfers	<u>8</u>		<u>45</u>	Posted to 31 P.D. Moncton N.B.	<u>1</u>
	56 56				
Granted Commissions:	16				11

<u>Course No. 99 Air Bombers</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal of Transfers and C.T.'s</u>	
Total Intake	47	RCAF to RCAF Stn. Mountain View Ont.	4	Transferred to Course 100 (Personal Request) due	
Graduates	49	RAF to 5 OTU BOUNDARY BAY B.C.	2	to Compassionate Leave.	1
Transfer to 99.	4	RCAF to 1 AGTS MAITLAND N.S.	11	Transferred to Course 100 (Med Reas)	<u>1</u>
Ceased Training	NIL	RCAF to 2 AGTS CALGARY ALT'A.	4		
Transfers	<u>2</u>	RCAF to 3 AGTS THREE RIVERS P.Q.	15		
		AUS. to No. 1 "Y" Depot, LACHINE P.Q.	2		2
		N.Z. to No. 1 "Y" Depot, LACHINE P.Q.	1		
	51 51	RAF to 31 P.D. MONCTON N.B.	<u>10</u>		
Granted Commissions	25				
			49		

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

1/June/44 Cloudy with thunder showers in morning, partly clearing in the afternoon, but deteriorating again toward midnight. No flying in morning. No navigation trips in afternoon but 21 aircraft sent out in square search for Anson 11502 reported missing by No. 18 S.F.T.S. Unable to finish search due to bad weather and returned to base. Thirty-two

night trips took off but were recalled at 2350 hours due to weather. Three aircraft landed at Portage and one at Carberry. Group Captain W.A. Murray (CAN C544) inspected No. 320 Squadron of Air Cadets at Rivers, Man.

2/June/44 Partly cloudy and warm. Cloudy at night with high wind and heavy rain. Wings Parade was held at 0900 hours in the Drill Hall. Presentations were made by the Commanding Officer, G/C W.A. Murray. The newly acquired station band was in attendance for the first time and added greatly to the impressiveness of the ceremony. A supporting flight of W.D. personnel was also in attendance. At the same ceremony operational wings were presented to F/O B.F. Sutton, Navigator "B" presently on Course No. 3 Staff Navigators. Graduating courses were No. 32 S.N.I.(P), 44 S.N.I. (N), 93 Navigators and 100 Air Bombers. (See appendix "A" at IMAGES 315 & 316 for further details.) One aircraft returned from Carberry at 1130 hours and three from Portage at 1215 hours. These aircraft had landed at other aerodromes on night of 1st of June on account of weather. All scheduled flying day and night was washed out because of unfavourable weather.

3/June/44 Cloudy and cool with heavy showers. Strong wind from north-east. No flying day or night on account of weather.

4/June/44 Low heavy clouds, strong north-east wind, quite cold. Intermittent showers. No flying day or night on account of weather.

5/June/44 Low heavy clouds with showers in morning. Quite cool. Partially clearing in afternoon. Thirty-seven afternoon and 49 night trips completed. One aircraft returned to base with sick navigator, three with radio unserviceable and one with bomb sight unserviceable. Courses 103 Navigators, 103 Air Bombers, 33 S.N.I.(P) and 45 S.N.I.(N) commenced training. (See appendix "A" at IMAGE 318 for particulars of intake.)

6/June/44 Partly cloudy and cool. Sixty-three day and 47 night trips completed. "D" day was observed to-day.

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

6/June/44 A muster parade of all personnel was held on the parade square. F/L T. Dale Jones conducted a short service prevailing upon Divine Providence to protect our troops.

7/June/44 Scattered clouds in morning, clearing in afternoon. Fifty-five day and 47 night trips completed. Two aircraft returned to base with engine trouble and one with radio unserviceable.

8/June/44 Clear and moderately warm. Sixty- three day and 49 night trips were completed. One aircraft 6494 landed at Winnipeg at 1519 hours with generator trouble. Returned to base 1718 hours. W/C W.E. Hobbs (C6129) visited the station to-day.

9/June/44 Scattered light clouds. Mostly clear and moderately warm. Course No. 2 Staff Navigators graduated. (See appendix "A" Page 3 at IMAGE 317 for details.) Fifty-eight day and 48 night trips completed. One aircraft returned to base on single engine and two with radio trouble.

10/June/44 Partly cloudy and warm in morning. Clouds increasing during the day. Twenty morning trips were completed. Thirty-five afternoon trips took off but were recalled because of weather. Forty-four night trips were completed. One aircraft returned to base with engine trouble and one with generator unserviceable.

Paratroopers from Camp Shilo put on a demonstration jump. The landing was made on the triangular strip of ground formed by the runways. Two officers and ten N.C.O.s made the successful jump.

There was a taxiing accident involving Anson 1 6426, and Anson V. 12388. The Wing of 6426 was damaged but there was no injury to personnel.

11/June/44 Light overcast and cool. Fifty-three day and 48 night trips completed. Anson aircraft Mark 1 6426 collided with aircraft 12388. P/O J.H. Merchant (J41757) pilot. An investigation was conducted by F/L W.C. Wright (J12054). The findings resulted in a Summary of Evidence in the case of P/O J.H. Merchant.

12/June/44 Cloudy and mild. Rain at night. Group Captain Niblett DFC, DDT/Nav. Air Ministry and party of 6 officers, 5 N.C.O.s arrived by air from Winnipeg at approximately 1900 hours on tour with Mk 111 Stirling Bomber. No training flights day or night on account of weather.

13/June/44 Low heavy overcast, mild, with intermittent rain. Partly clearing in late afternoon followed by thunder showers. No flying day or night due to weather.

14/June/44 Scattered clouds, mild clearing towards noon. Sixty-seven day and 50 night trips were completed. A/V/M K.M. Guthrie visited the station, arriving by air at 1200 hours and departing at 1330 hours. Group Captain Niblett and party departed this morning for Calgary. (C151) W/C W.M. Murray (Equipment) arrived by air at 1200 hours.

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

15/June/44 Light high overcast and cool. Seventy-seven day and 48 night trips completed. Two aircraft returned to base with engine trouble, two with radio trouble and one with starboard window blown out. Mark V Anson 12395 on night navigation exercise crashed on Lake Manitoba approximately 6 miles north west of Marshy Point at 0110 hours following engine failure in the air. A category crash. The aircraft floated for several hours enabling the crew to be picked up at approximately 0930 hours by a C.P. Air Lines Junkers sea plane from Lac du Bonnet. No one was injured. They were taxied to the west shore, taken to MacDonald hospital and returned to unit on 17th June. The aircraft sank later in the day. Crew consisted of J38118 P/O W.D. Bates, pilot. R192725 Cpl Wek. C.E. Wireless Operator. GB1893206 LAC Hageman, M.E. u/t navigator. AUS437594 LAC J.P. McLaren and GB1796206 LAC Kennedy, H.W. u/t Air Bombers. Investigation is being conducted by S/L W.C.E. Sharpe (C2797) of No. 2 Training Command.

16/June/44 Cloudy and cool. Some light fine rain in morning. No flying day or night owing to low ceiling over entire area.

Wings parade for Courses 94 Navigators and 101 Air Bombers was held at 0900 hours in the Drill Hall, with Station Band in attendance. Presentations were made by S/L W.C. Langstaff DFC (see appendix "A", page 7 at IMAGE 321 for particulars of graduating courses). Navigator wings were also presented to the following instructors of this unit - F/O J. Booth, F/O G.C. Lee and F/O A.G. Moreton.

17/June/44 Cloudy and cold, ceiling improving in afternoon. No morning flight. Thirty-one afternoon and 25 night trips completed. One aircraft landed at Dauphin with engine trouble. Four returned to base with radio trouble.

18/June/44 Clear and cool. Fifty-seven day and 50 night trips completed. Anson 12359 returned from Dauphin at 1510 hours. Two aircraft returned to base with radio trouble. Anson Aircraft Mk V 12266 after returning from morning flight,

dropped two practice bombs on the tarmac of "D" flight Hangar. One of the bombs exploded, injuring R196191 AC1 Lahti, W.I. An investigation was conducted by F/L E.H. Bird (C3774).

19/June/44 Clear and moderately warm. Sixty-two day and 47 night trips completed. One aircraft landed at

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

19/June/44 (Ctd) Broadview with engine trouble in morning, returning at 1545 hours. Courses 104 Navigators, 104 Air Bombers and No. 4 Staff Navigators commenced training. See appendix "A", page 8 at IMAGE 322 for particulars of intake.

G/C W.A. Murray (CAN C544) left today for Ottawa to attend a Navigation conference. S/L S.R. Bell (C224) assumed the duties of Acting Commanding Officer during his absence.

20/June/44 Cloudy and cool during day. Thunder showers at night. Sixty-three day trips completed. One aircraft returned to base with radio unserviceable and one with sick navigator. No night flying on account of weather.

21/June/44 Cloudy and cool in morning. Ceiling poor. No flying. Thirty-four afternoon trips completed. No flying at night on account of weather. One aircraft returned to base with generator unserviceable.

22/June/44 Partly cloudy and cool. Seventy day and 48 night trips completed. Two aircraft returned to base with radio unserviceable, three with engine trouble, one with lights unserviceable and one on account of weather.

23/June/44 Light clouds mostly fair and warm, cloudy at night. Fifty-seven day trips completed. Night flying washed out on account of threatening bad weather. Course No. 3 Navigation Refresher graduated. (See appendix "A", page 5 at IMAGE 319 for particulars).

24/June/44 Light clouds mostly fair and warm during day. Cloudy at night with heavy showers. Sixty day trips completed. Night flying washed out on account of weather.

25/June/44 Mostly fair and warm during the day. Showers at night. Sixty-one day trips and 48 night trips completed.

26/June/44 Cloudy and cool with showers throughout day and heavy rains at night. Course No. 2 Compass Adjusters commenced training. (See appendix "A", page 6 at IMAGE 320 for particulars of intake). Twenty-five morning trips completed. Afternoon and night flying washed out on account of weather.
G/C W.A. Murray returned from Ottawa.

27/June/44 Cloudy and cool with heavy rains throughout day. Cloudy at night with high wind. No flying day or night on account of weather.

28/June/44 Quite cool. Clearing in morning. Sixty-eight day and 45 night trips completed. One aircraft returned to base with radio unserviceable.
S/L W.J. Hawkins (C1751) arrived today from No. 7 A.O.S., Portage La Prairie, Man., to assume the duties of Chief Instructor.

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

29/June/44 Clear and warm. Sixty-two day and 40 night trips completed. Two aircraft returned to base with engine trouble and two on single engine. Tiger Moth 1153, pilot P/O J.H. Merchant (J42757) whilst taxiing, tail wheel post broke off, apparently due to normal wear and tear. Pilot uninjured.

30/June/44 Partly cloudy and warm. Seventy-two day trips completed. Night flying washed out.

Wings parade was held in Drill Hall at 0900 hours. Presentations were made by the Commanding Officer. Courses graduating were 95 Navigators, 102 Air Bombers and 45 S.N.I. (N). (See appendix "A", page 9 at IMAGE 323 & page 10 at 324 for details).

Investigation of accident involving Mark V Anson 12395 is still in progress.

Investigation of accident involving Mark V Anson 12266 is awaiting approval of No. 2 Training Command.

Summary of Evidence in the case of P/O J.H. Merchant in connection with the accident involving Mark 1 Anson 6426 and 12388 is awaiting disposal by the Air Officer Commanding.

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man., June , 1944.

ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS

Softball: The interest in Men's Softball is increasing each week and competition is quite keen. Fourteen games were played this month and three were defaulted. Mustangs, Harvards and Hurricanes are tied for first place with 31 points each. In the B.D.S.A.A. League No.1 C.N.S. and No. 17 S.F.T.S. are leading teams in the league.

W.D. Softball: Six games were played this month in the station league. The Crees, Iroquois and Hurons are the leading teams. In the B.D.S.A.A. Shilo is the winning team. However, No. 1 C.N.S. are determined to win games and are practicing hard for their next game with A.15.

Soccer: The Soccer field is one of the busiest on the station and when two or more lads are free they have a ball out on the field practicing. Six games were played during the month.

Tennis: On Monday, June 10th, the five tennis courts were ready for play. The station is divided into wings, namely Headquarters, Maintenance, and Training Wing. Each wing has two evenings per week, for organized play. Three courts are set aside for this purpose - the other two being for casual games.

Track Meet: Plans are progressing for the big Track Meet to be held soon. Committees are working hard and the representatives in the Wings are lining up their teams. Prizes are to be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each event. Running races, hurdles, jumps, weights, tug-of-war, relays, softball, soccer and baseball games will make up the program for the day.

HEALTH OF PERSONNEL

The number of patients in hospital this month has been consistently low, at one time there were only six patients. Sick parades continue to be fairly large, averaging about 30 men and 4 W.D.s a day. Infectious diseases have pretty well died out, four patients only were admitted with these, one with German measles and 3 with mumps.

SPIRITUAL WELFARE OF PERSONNEL

With the moving of the Chaplain's office to the Chapel Building personnel interviewing the Padres are brought more closely into the chapel atmosphere. It is felt this will give the Padres more vital influence over the personnel, as compared with the opportunity experienced when the office was in the Drill. Three Parade services were held during the month with an attendance at each of about 250. One voluntary service had an attendance of 75. There was also an evening Vesper service held in the Chapel.

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#1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man., June, 1944

<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
<u>STAFF</u> RCAF	217	1106	
RCAF (W.D.)	5	193	
 <u>SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN RCAF</u>			
R.A.F.	-	-	
R.N.Z.A.F.	1	-	
R.A.A.F	5	1	
C.D.C.	2	4	
C.P.C.	-	4	
R.C.A.S.C.	1	5	
 <u>CIVILIANS</u>			
Meteorologists			9
Y.M.C.A.			2
Barrack Officer			1
Radio Operators (jr. rating)			1
Stenographers			1
Barrack Wardens			1
General Duties			103
Others			46
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	231	1313	164

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<u>TRAINEES</u>			
R.C.A.F.	47	145	
R.A.F.	2	545	

R.A.A.F.	2	4
R.N.Z.A.F.	-	<u>11</u>
	<u>51</u>	<u>705</u>

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>
Type Anson	115	26
Norseman	1	-
Tiger Moth	2	-

FLYING TIME

Total Number of Flying Hours for the month of June, 1944 - 6871 hours.

(W.A. Murray) G/C,
C.O. No. 1 C.N.S.,
RIVERS, Manitoba.

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DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 2nd JUNE, 1944.

<u>Course No. 93 Navigators</u>	<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal of Transfers and C.T.'s.</u>
Total Intake 59	RAF No. 6 O.T.U. COMOX, B.C. 9	Transferred to Crse 94 (Med. Reasons) 2
Graduates 33	RAF No. 31 P.D. MONCTON, N.B. <u>24</u>	Transferred to Crse 95 (Med. Reasons) 3
Transfers 10		Transferred to Crse 96 (Med. Reasons) 1
Ceased Training <u>16</u>	<u>33</u>	Transferred to Crse 97 (Med. Reasons) 2
		Transferred to Crse 99 (Med. Reasons) 1
59 59		Transferred to Crse 100 (Med. Reasons) 1
		Posted No. 31 P.D. Moncton, N.B. 2
Granted Commissions : 11		Posted No. 3 B.&G. School, MacDonald, Man. 5
		Posted No. 5 "M" Dpo. St. Hubert, P.Q. 4
		Awaiting Reselection 2
		Posted No. 7 B.& G. School, Paulson, Man. <u>3</u>
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<u>Course No. 100 Air Bombers</u>	<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal of Transfers and C.T.'s.</u>
Total Intake 48	RCAF No. 1 AGTS Maitland, Nova Scotia 1	Transferred to Crse 101 (Med. Reasons) 2
Graduates 45	RCAF No. 2 AGTS Calgary, Alta. 1	Transferred to Crse 102 (Med. Reasons) <u>1</u>
Transfers <u>3</u>	RCAF No. 3 AGTS Three Rivers, P.Q. 5	
	RNZAF No. 1 "Y" Dpe. Lachine, P.Q. 1	3
48 48	RAF No. 31 P.D. Moncton, N.B. <u>37</u>	

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No. 1 C.N.S., RIVERS, Manitoba.

DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 2nd JUNE, 1944.

<u>Course No. 32 S.N.I. (Pilots)</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal of Transfers and C.T.'s.</u>
Total Intake	26	RCAF	
Graduates	25	No. 1 SFTS CAMP BORDEN, Ont.	1 Transferred to Course No. 33 (Med. Reasons) <u>1</u>
Transfers	<u>1</u>	No. 2 SFTS UPLANDS, Ont.	1
		No. 4 SFTS SASKATOON, Sask.	1
	26	No. 5 SFTS BRANTFORD, Ont.	2
	26	No. 9 SFTS CENTRALIA, Ont.	2
		No.10 SFTS DAUPHIN, Man.	1
		No. 11 SFTS YORKTOH, Sask.	1
		No.12 SFTS BRANDON, Man,	1
		No.13 SFTS NORTH BATTLEFORD, Sask.	5
		No.14 SFTS AYLMEER, Ont.	2
		No.17 SFTS SOURIS, Man.	2
		No.18 SFTS GIMLI, Man.	2
		No. 4 TC CALGARY, Alta.	3
		No. 1 OTU BAGGOTVILLE,, P.Q.	<u>1</u>
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<u>Course No. 44 S.N.I. (Navigators)</u>		<u>DISPOSAL of Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal of Transfers and C.T.'s.</u>
Total Intake	20	RCAF	
Graduates	<u>20</u>	No. 2 A.N.D. CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.	1
		No. 4 A.O.S. LONDON, Ont.	2
	20	No. 5 A.O.S. WINNIPEG, Man.	3
	20	No. 7 A.O.S. PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Man.	4
		No. 8 A.O.S. ANCIENNE LORETTE, P.Q.	4
		No. 9 A.O.S. ST JOHN'S P.Q.	3
		No. 10 A.O.S. CHATHAM, N.B.	1
		RAAF	
		No. 2 A.N.S. CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.	1
		No. 5 A.O.S. WINNIPEG, Man.	<u>1</u>
			20

DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 9th JUNE, 1944.

<u>Course No. 2 Staff Navigators</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal of Transfers and C.T.'s.</u>
Total Intake	26	RAF - Returned off Temporary Duty	Returned No. 4 A.O.S. LONDON, Ont. on
Graduates	22	No. 36 OTU GREENWOOD, N.S.	1 Completion of Refresher Course 2
Ceased Training	1	No. 31 P.D. MONCTON, N.B.	1 Returned No. 1 A.O.S. MALTON, Ont. on
Completed Refresher Course	3	No. 33 ANS HAMILTON, Ont.	1 completion of Refresher Course 1
		RAAF	C.T. Returned No. 8 A.O.S. ANCIENNE
	26	No. 10 AOS CHATHAM, N.B.	1 LORETTE, P.Q. <u>1</u>
	26	No. 1 CNS RIVERS, Man.	1
		RCAF	4
		No. 1 AOS MALTON, Ont.	2
		No. 2 AOS EDMONTON, Alta.	1
		No. 4 AOS LONDON, Ont.	1
		No. 5 AOS WINNIPEG, Man.	2
		No. 7 AOS PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Man.	2
		No. 8 AOS ANCIENNE LORETTE, P.O.	1
		No. 9 AOS ST. JOHNS, P.Q.	3
		No. 10 AOS CHATHAM, N.B.	1
		No. 1 CNS RIVERS, Man.	1
		No. 2 WIRELESS SCHOOL, CALGARY, Alta.	1
		Held pending Posting Instructions	2
			22

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3rd June, 1944.

INTAKE OF COURSES

Intake of Course No. 103 Air Navigators.

Intake of Course No. 103 Air Bombers

52 RAF from No. 31 P.D. MONCTON, N.B.

12 RAF from No. 5 B.&.G.S. Dafoe, Sask.
2 RCAF from No. 7 B.&.G.S. Paulson, Man.
14 RAF from No. 7 B.&.G.S. Paulson, Man.
7 RNZAF from No. 8 B.&.G.S. Lethbridge, Alta.
2 RAF from No. 8 B.&.G.S. Lethbridge, Alta.
8 RCAF from No. 8 B.&.G.S. Lethbridge, Alta.
4 RAAF from No. 8 B.&.G.S. Lethbridge, Alta.

TOTAL: 52

TOTAL: 49

Intake of Course No. 33 S.N.I. (Pilots)

- 4 RCAF from No. 1 "Y" Depot, Lachine, P.Q.
- 9 RCAF from No. 1 A.G.T.S. Maitland, N.S.
- 2 RCAF from No. 2 A.G.T.S. Calgary, Alta.
- 3 RCAF from No. 3 A.G.T.S. Three Rivers, P.Q.
- 1 RCAF from No. 4 B.&G. Fingal, Ontario.
- 4 RCAF from No. 1 C.N.S. Rivers, Manitoba.
- 1 RCAF from Repat. Pool, Rockcliffe, Ont.
- 1 RAAF from No. 33 S.F.T.S. Carberry, Man.
- 1 Transfer from Course No. 32

TOTAL 26

Intake of Course No. 45 S.N.I. (Navigators)

- 2 RCAF from No. 1 A.O.S. Malton, Ont.
- 5 RCAF from No. 2 A.O.S. Edmonton, Alta.
- 4 RCAF from No. 4 A.O.S. London, Ont.
- 2 RCAF from No. 5 A.O.S. Winnipeg, Man.
- 3 RCAF from No. 7 A.O.S. Portage la Prairie, Man.
- 3 RCAF from No. 9 A.O.S. St. Johns, P.Q.
- 1 RCAF from No. 1 Repat. Depot, Rockcliffe, Ont.
- 1 RCAF from No. 3 R.D. W.A.C. Vancouver, B.C.
- 1 RAAF from No. 2 A.O.S. Edmonton, Alta.

TOTAL 22

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DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 23rd June, 1944.

<u>Course No. 3 Nav. Refresher</u>	<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal of Transfers and C.T.'s</u>
Total Intake	<u>10</u>	
	Postings	
	RCAF No. 5 A.O.S. Winnipeg, Man.	1
	RCAF No. 7 A.O.S. Portage la Prairie, Man.	1
	RCAF No. 9 A.O.S. St. Johns, P.Q.	1
10	RCAF No 10 A.O.S. Chatham, N.B.	1
	Returning from Temporary Duty	
	RCAF No. 1 A.O.S. Malton, Ont.	1
	RCAF No. 3 O.T.U. Patricia Bay, B.C.	1
	RCAF No. 4 A.O.S. London, Ont.	1
	RCAF No. 6 O.T.U. Comox, B.C.	1
	RCAF No. 7 A.O.S. Portage la Prairie, Man.	1
	RCAF No. 9 A.O.S. St. Johns, P.Q.	<u>1</u>
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		NIL

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INTAKE OF COURSES - 26th June, 1944.

Intake of Course No. 2 Compass Adjusters

RCAF Station Sydney, N.S	RCAF	1
No. 8 SFTS Weyburn, Sask.	RCAF	1
No. 122 Squadron, Pat Bay, B.C	RCAF	1
No.126 Squadron, Dartmouth, N.S.	RCAF	1
No. 5 Squadron TorBay, Nfld.	RCAF	1
RCAF Station Goose Bay, Lab.	RCAF	1
No. 4 Repair Dpo. Scoudouc, N.B	RCAF	3
No. 15 SFTS Claresholm, Alta.	RCAF	1
RCAF Station Gander, Nfld.	RCAF	1
No. 2 ASU. Stanley, N.S.	RCAF	1
No. 116 Squadron Gander, Nfld.	RCAF	1
No. 1 SFTS Camp Borden, Ont.	RCAF	2
No. 1 O.T.U. Bagotville, P.Q.	RCAF	1
No. 2 F.I.S. Pearce, Alta.	RCAF	1
No.132 Squadron Tofino, B.C.	RCAF	1
No. 1 G.R.S. Summerside, P.E.I.	RCAF	1
No. 36 O.T.U. Greenwood, N.S.	RCAF	1
No. 1 C.N.S. Rivers, Man.	RCAF	<u>1</u>
TOTAL		21

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DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 16th JUNE, 1944

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<u>Course No. 94 Navigators.</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal of Transfers and C.T.'s</u>	
Total Intake	60	RAF No. 5 O.T.U. BOUNDARY BAY, B.C.	6	Transferred to Crse 98 (Med Reasons)	1
Graduates	42	RAF No. 31 P.D. MONCTON, N.B.	<u>36</u>	Transferred to Crse 97 (Med Reasons)	6
Transfers	8			Transferred to Crse 95 (Med Reasons)	1
Ceased Training	<u>10</u>		42	Awaiting Reselection	4
	60			Posted to No. 31 P.D. MONCTON, N.B.	3
	60			Posted to No. 5 "M" Dpo. St. Hubert,	2
				Posted to RCAF Stn. Rockcliffe Ont.	<u>1</u>
Granted Commissions: 14					18

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<u>Course No. 101 Air Bombers</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal of Transfers and C.T.'s</u>	
Total Intake	51	RAF No. 5 O.T.U. BOUNDARY BAY, B.C.	8	Awaiting Reselection.	<u>1</u>
Graduates	50	RAF No. 31 P.D. MONCTON, N.B.	5		
Ceased Training	<u>1</u>	RAAF No. 1 "Y" DPO LACHINE, P.Q.	4		1
		RNZAF No. 1 "Y" DPO LACHINE, P.Q.	2		
		RCAF No. 3 A.G.T.S. THREE RIVERS, P.Q.	21		
	51	RCAF No. 1 A.G.T.S. MAITLAND, N.S.	4		
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Granted Commissions: 16

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INTAKE OF COURSES 19 JUNE, 1944

Intake of Course No. 104 Air Navigators.

35 RAF from No. 31 P.D. MONCTON, N.B.
10 R.C.A.F. from No. 2 I.T.S. REGINA, Sask.
7 R.C.A.F. from No. 4 I.T.S. EDMONTON, Alta.

TOTAL 52

Intake of Course No. 104 Air Bombers.

30 R.A.F. from No. 5 B&G. S. DAFOE, Sask.
3 R.A.F, from No. 7 B&G. S. PAULSON, Man.
7 R.C.A.F. from No. 5 B&G. S. DAFOE, Sask.
6 R.C.A.F. from No. 7 B&G. S. PAULSON, Man.

TOTALS: 46

Intake of Course No. 4 Staff Navigators

3 R.C.A.F. from No. 1 A.O.S. Malton, Ont.
1 R.C.A.F. from No. 7 E.F.T.S. Windsor, Ont.
4 R.C.A.F. from No. 4 A.O.S. London, Ont.
1 R.A.F. from No. 33 A.N.S. Port Hope,
2 R.C.A.F, from #5 A.O.S. Winnipeg, Man.
3 R.C.A.F. from #7 A.O.S. Portage la Prairie, Man.
1 R.C.A.F. from #1 C.N.S. RIVERS, Man.
1 R.C.A.F. from #7 S.F.T.S. MacLeod.
1 R.C.A.F. from #15 S.F.T.S. Claresholm.
1 R.C.A.F. from #19 S.F.T.S. Vulcan.
3 R.C.A.F. from #9 A.O.S. ST, Johns, P.Q.
3 R.C.A.F. from #8 A.O.S. Ancienne Lorette.
1 R.C.A.F. from #10 A.O.S. Chatham.
1 R.C.A.F. from #13 S.F.T.S. North Battleford

TOTAL: 26

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DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 30th June. 1944.

Course No. 95 Air Navigators

Disposal of Graduates

Disposal of Transfers & C.T.'s

Total Intake 59 RAF No. 6 O.T.U. COMOX, B.C. 5 Transferred to Course 96 (Med. Reasons) 2

Graduates	37	RAF No. 31 P.D. MONCTON, N.B.	<u>32</u>	Transferred to Course 98 (Med. Reasons)	3
Transfers	6			Transferred to Course 103 (Med. Reasons)	1
Ceased Training	<u>16</u>		37	Awaiting Reselection	1
				Posted No. 3 B.&G. MacDonald, Man.	5
	59		59	Posted No. 7 B.&G. Paulson, Man.	2
				Posted No. 5 " M" Dpo. St. Hubert, P.Q.	4
				Posted No. 31 P.D. Moncton, N.B.	<u>4</u>
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<u>Course No. 102 Air Bombers</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal of Transfers & C.T.'s.</u>	
Total Intake	51	RCAF No. 1 A.G.T.S. MAITLAND, N.S.	3	Transferred to Course 104 (Med. Reasons)	1
Graduates	44	RCAF No. 2 A.G.T.S. CALGARY, Alta.	1	Awaiting Disposition	<u>6</u>
Transfers	1	RCAF No. 3 A.G.T.S. THREE RIVERS, P.Q.	28		
Ceased Training	<u>6</u>	RAF No. 31 P.D. MONCTON, N.B.	8		7
		RNZAF No. 1 "Y" Depot, LACHINE, P.Q.	<u>4</u>		
	51		44		

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No. 1 C.N.S. RIVERS, Manitoba.

DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 30th June, 1944.

<u>Course No. 45 S.N.I. (NAVIGATORS)</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal of Transfers & C.T.'s.</u>	
Total Intake	22	RCAF			
Graduates	22	No. 1 A.O.S. Malton, Ont.	1	NIL	
		No. 4 A.O.S. London, Ont.	1		
		No. 5 A.O.S. Winnipeg, Man.	4		
		No. 7 A.O.S. Portage la Prairie, Man.	3		
		No. 8 A.O.S. Ancienne Lorette, P.Q.	3		
		No. 9 A.O.S. St. Johns, P.Q.	3		
		No.10 A.O.S. Chatham, N.B.	1		
		No. 4 Training Command, Calgary, Alta.	3		
		No. 1 C.N.S. Rivers, Manitoba	2		
		RAAF			
		No. 4 Training Command, Calgary, Alta.	<u>1</u>		
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IMAGE 1509

1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

1/Jul/44 Scattered light clouds. Mostly clear and quite warm. Sixty-six day and 33 night trips completed. One aircraft, Anson 12407, landed at Portage with instruments u/s and one returned to base with radio u/s.

2/July/44 Rain in early morning, then clearing and warm, becoming cool at night with high wind from north west. Thirty-six afternoon trips completed. No morning or night flying on account of weather conditions. Anson 12407 returned from Portage at 1334 hours.

3/July/44 Fair and cool. Seventy-three day and 33 night trips completed. One aircraft landed at Broadview with engine trouble returning to base same day. W/C Gillson, Nav. Visiting Flight, arrived by rail at 2220 hours. Course No. 4 Nav. Refresher commenced training, composed of 10 officers transferred from No. 4 Staff Navigators.

4/July/44 Light scattered clouds, mostly fair and moderately warm. A/V/M Guthrie, A.O.C. No. 2 Training Command arrived by air at 1435 hours from Carberry departing by air at 1533 hours. Sixty-five day and 31 night trips completed. One aircraft landed at Paulson with engine trouble and one returned to base with radio unserviceable. One aircraft, Anson V 12365 on Saskatoon trip remained overnight at Saskatoon for repairs.

5/July/44 Overcast and cool. Thirty-four trips took off in morning but due to deteriorating weather general recall was sent at 1005 hours and instructions to land at nearest aerodrome at 1013 hours. Eleven landed at Winnipeg, 1 at Petrie, 1 at MacDonald, 1 at Dauphin, 14 at Portage, 6 returned to base including one with engine trouble and one with propeller trouble. All returned to base in afternoon. No afternoon trips sent out. Seventeen night trips took off but violent electrical storm came in shortly before midnight. Four aircraft landed at Portage, 2 at Brandon and 2 at Winnipeg. Balance returned to base with exception of Anson V 12364. This aircraft was caught by the storm and apparently was thrown about violently from proximity to a cumulo nimbus cloud. Pilot ordered crew to escape by parachute which they did by rear door. Pilot, in bailing out, appears to have become entangled in the tail assembly and was fatally injured. Aircraft crashed about 10 miles west of No. 12 S.F.T.S., Brandon, "A" Category crash. Crew was composed of J42435, P/O W.H. Rowland, pilot fatally injured.

IMAGE 1510

1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

5/July/44 (Ctd) R158463 Cpl Kerber, B. Wireless Operator uninjured; / GB749959 LAC Fulkes, H.M. u/t Navigator, uninjured; GB1693996 LAC King, R. u/t Navigator, uninjured; GB1796168 LAC Ivory, J. u/t Air Bomber, slightly injured. Investigation conducted by No. 2 Training Command.

6/July/44 Mostly clear and cool during day. Cloudy with showers and electrical storms at night. Sixty day trips completed. Night flying washed out on account of weather.

7/July/44 Cloudy and cool. No flying in morning due to low clouds and icing conditions. Thirty-two afternoon trips took off but recalled at 1543 hours. No night flying due to low clouds from west with high wind.

8/July/44 Partly cloudy and cool. Sixty-nine day and 36 night trips completed. One aircraft returned to base with battery u/s, two with radio trouble and one with generator u/s.

9/July/44 Clear in morning becoming cloudy toward noon. Heavy rains in later afternoon and evening. Sixty-eight day trips completed. Night flying washed out on account of weather. One aircraft returned to base with engine trouble.

10/July/44 Partly cloudy and cool with heavy rain. All morning and afternoon trips washed out. Forty-two trips completed in the evening. Aircraft Anson 12004 forced landed at Max, North Dakota out of fuel. No one injured. No damage to aircraft.

11/July/44 Weather clear and cool. Sixty-eight trips completed on morning and afternoon flights. Thirty-five night flights.

12/July/44 Weather clear. Sixty-seven day trips and 38 night trips completed. W/C W.M. Murray visited the station today, arriving by air at 1745 hours.

13/July/44 Weather clear in morning. 23 morning trips completed. Afternoon flying cancelled due to low clouds and poor visibility. 36 night flights completed.
Group Captain A.J.S. Taunton and W/C R.S. Cross arrived by air at 1030 hours.

14/July/44 Weather cloudy, light rain all morning. Fog in evening. Wings Parade for Course 36 Air Navigators and 103 Air Bombers held in Drill Hall at 0900 hours. G/C W.A. Murray, Commanding Officer, presented the Wings. (See Appendix "A", page 1, at IMAGE 1516 for details).
G/C Brown, Commanding Officer, No. 17 S.F.T.S., Souris, arrived by air G/C Will, Director of Airmen Personnel Services. Day flying washed out. Night flying washed out.

IMAGE 1511

1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

15/July/44 Clear sky. Thirty-seven morning trips, 70 night trips. Fifteen officers reported for the new intake of S.N.I. (P) Course No. 34, which commences July 31.

16/July/44 Weather clear during day, cloudy and rainy in the evening. Thirty-eight day trips completed. Night flying washed out.

17/July/44 Weather clear. Seventy-eight day flights, 41 night flights completed. G/C A.J. Taunton arrived on the station at 1030 hours and departed at 1530 hours.

18/July/44 Inspection of training wing was made by Group Captain Scott (SASO), No. 2 Training Command. His party consisted of S/L Pitcairn, S/L Bland and S/L McCullough.

19/July/44 Weather clear. Seventy-one day trips, 42 night trips. Aircraft 12393 collapsed undercarriage as a result of a swing on landing. Sgt. Green was the pilot. No one was injured. Investigation carried out by F/L W.C. Wright. Findings showed that an Anson V has a tendency to swing to the left on landing and if not corrected at once by the pilot, he will ground loop to the left as in this case.

Weather partly overcast in the morning, clear in afternoon and evening. S/L H. Hunter (C3628) of No. Training Command arrived by air for consultation of deferred aircrew.

20/July/44 Cloudless sky. Thirty-nine day trips, 45 night trips.

Today the personnel spent the afternoon participating in a Station Track and Field meet. A large turnout of spectators were on hand to watch the airmen and W.D.'s battle it out for the honours. Mrs. W.A. Murray presented the trophies to the winners of each event. In the evening our teams from Rivers finished the day's events with three wins and a tie. The girls' Softball team won their first game of the season from Shilo with a score of 11-9. The men's Softball team won from Virden, 2-0. The baseball team took Carberry by 11-3 and the Soccer team tied with Carberry at 1-1. An Airmen's Dance in the Drill Hall brought this very successful day to a conclusion.

IMAGE 1512

1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

21/July/44 Weather partly cloudy and warm. Sixty-seven day trips. Heavy clouds layer at night. Night flying washed out.

22/July/44 Weather clear and warm. 73 day trips. 46 night flights.

23/July/44 Clear weather. Fifty-nine day trips and 46 night trips completed.

24/July/44 Weather warm and clear. Forty-eight day trips and 25 night trips completed.

25/July/44 Seventy-five day trips, 42 night trips. Weather clear, normal routine. W/C L.A. Costello, R.C. Chaplain visited the station, arriving at 0945 hours and departing at 1430 hours.

26/July/44 Weather clear. Sixty-seven day trips, 38 night trips. Normal routine.

27/July/44 Partly cloudy and cool with light rain in afternoon. Twenty-nine morning trips, 39 night trips. Dr. A.J. Brace F.G.S. spoke to the personnel of the station tonight. His address was very informative and his picture of China and her position in this conflict was vividly portrayed.

28/July/44 Group Captain T.W. White visited the station today. Wings Parade held in drill hall 0900 hours. G/C Brown from No. 17 S.F.T.S., Souris, Man., presented wings to Courses 104 Air Bombers, 97 Air Navigators; No. 4 Nav. Refresher and 33 S.N.I.(P) also graduated. (See Appendix "A", page 2, at IMAGE 1517 for details.)

29/July/44 Sixty-four day trips, 42 night trips. Weather clear.

30/July/44 Weather clear. Sixty-two day trips, 46 night trips.

31/July/44 Weather clear during day, 52 day trips. Fog in evening; night flying washed out.

IMAGE 1513

No. 1 CNS, Rivers, Man. July/44

ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS

Twenty-one games of Softball, five games of W.D. softball were played this month. The teams are in good form for the play-offs which will be starting early in August. Other games that are played constantly are baseball, soccer, tennis and golf.

The swimming pool is a very popular place during the warm weather and swimmers are making good use of the facilities.

HEALTH OF PERSONNEL

The station Hospital was very quiet during the early part of the month, the number of patients fell to 7 but rose to 40 in the latter part of the month, the increase being due mostly to surgical patients. Sick parades averaged 29 patients a day for the month. There have been no infectious diseases during July.

SPIRITUAL WELFARE OF PERSONNEL

Three Parade Services were held during the month with an attendance at each-of about 290. One voluntary service had an attendance of 75. An evening Vesper service was also held in the chapel. Holy Communion was held three times weekly, with a special communion for the graduating courses every second week.

IMAGE 1514

#1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man., July, 1944

<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
<u>STAFF</u> RCAF	207	1138	
RCAF (W.D.)	5	200	
 <u>SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN RCAF</u>			
R.A.F.	-	-	
R.N.Z.A.F.	1	-	
R.A.A.F	5	-	
C.D.C.	3	4	
C.P.C.	-	4	
R.C.A.S.C.	1	6	
 <u>CIVILIANS</u>			
Meteorologists			9
Y.M.C.A.			2
Barrack Officer			1
Radio Operators (jr. rating)			1
Stenographers			1
General Duties			102
Others			46
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 <u>TRAINEES</u>			
R.C.A.F.	50	89	
R.A.F.	6	523	

R.A.A.F.	2	35
R.N.Z.A.F.	<u>1</u>	<u>21</u>
	<u>59</u>	<u>668</u>

IMAGE 1515

#1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man., July, 1944

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>	<u>SERVICEABLE</u>	<u>UNSERVICEABLE</u>
Type Anson Mk I	56	1
Anson Mk V	63	29
Norseman	1	
Tiger Moth	2	

FLYING TIME

Total Number of Flying Hours for the month of July, 1944 - 8322 hours.

(W.A. Murray) G/C,
C.O. No. 1 C.N.S.,
RIVERS, Manitoba.

IMAGE 1516

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DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 14th JULY. 1944

<u>Course No. 96 Air Navigators</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal of Transfers & C.T.'s</u>	
Total Intake	52 plus 4 transfers =56		Transferred to Course 98 (Med. Reason)	3
Graduate	34	RAF No. 5 O.T.U.	" " " 97 " "	6
Transfers	12	RAF No. 31 P.D.	" " " 99 " "	2
Ceased Training	<u>10</u>		" " " 100 " "	1
	56	54	Posted to No. 31 P.D.	3
			Posted to No. 3 W.S.	1
			Posted to No. 3 B. & G. S.	4
			Posted to No. 5 "M" Depot	1
			Awaiting Reselection	<u>1</u>
				22

Course No. 103 Air Bombers

<u>Course No. 103 Air Bombers</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal of Transfers and C.T.'s</u>	
Total Intake	49 plus 0 transfers = 49		Transferred to Course 104	2
Graduates	36	RAF No. 5 O.T.U.	Awaiting Reselection	<u>11</u>
Transfers	2	RCAF No. 3 AGTS		13
Ceased Training	<u>11</u>	RCAF No. 1 AGTS		
	49	RAF No. 31 P.D.		
		RAAF No. 1 Y Depot		

IMAGE 1517

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DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 28th JULY, 1944.

<u>Course No. 97 Air Navigators</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal of Transfers & C.T.'s</u>
Total Intake	52 plus 15 transfers = 67		Transferred to Course 101 (Med. Reasons) 1
Graduates	48	RAF No. 6 O.T.U. 9	" " " 99 (" ") 1
Transfers	5	RAF No. 31 P.D. <u>39</u>	" " " 98 (" ") 3
Ceased Training	<u>14</u>	48	Awaiting Disposition 3
	67		Awaiting Reselection 2
			Posted to No. 3 B. & G.S. 3
			Posted to No. 2 W.S. 1
			Posted to No. 5 "M" Depot 2
			Posted to No. 31 P.D. 1
			Posted to No. 1 "M" Depot 1
			S.O.S. missing June 22/43 <u>1</u>
			19

<u>Course No. 104 Air Bombers</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal of Transfers & C.T.'s</u>
Total Intake	46 plus 3 transfers = 49		
Graduates	38	RCAF No. 1 AGTS Maitland 3	Transferred to Course 105 4
Transfers	5	RCAF No. 3 AFTS Three R. 6	Transferred to Course 106 1
Ceased Training	<u>6</u>	RAF No. 31 P.D. Moncton <u>29</u>	Awaiting Reselection <u>6</u>
	49	38	11

Course No. 33 S.N.I.(P) Graduates - 21

No. 1 SFTS Camp Borden	1
No. 2 SFTS Uplands	4
No. 3 SFTS Calgary	3
No. 5 SFTS Brantford	1
No. 7 SFTS McLeod	3
No. 10 SFTS Dauphin	1
No. 12 SFTS Brandon	1
No. 15 SFTS Claresholm	2
No. 17 SFTS Souris	1

Total Intake	26
Graduates	21
Transfers	1
Ceased Training	<u>4</u>
	26

Course No. 4 Nav. Refresher

Intake	10
Graduates	<u>10</u>
	10 10
Disposal of Graduates	
#10 A.O.S. Chatham	1
#7 SFTS McLeod	2
#9 A.O.S. St. Johns	1
# 8 A.O.S. Ancienne L.	3
# 5 A.O.S. Winnipeg	2

No. 19 SFTS Vulcan
No. 4 B. & G.S. Fingal

3
1
21

#4 A.O.S. London

1
10

IMAGE 1519

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

1/Aug/44 Heavy ground fog in morning. Thirty- seven day trips completed in afternoon. Forty- four night trips completed. No. 54 S.N.I.P. class commenced with an original intake of 24 plus one transfer, P/O Graham, from Course 58. Course 47 S.N.I.N, commenced with 22 officers. Course 107 Navigator commenced with 51 O.R. and 2 officers. Course 107 Air Bombers commenced with 48 O.R. and 3 officers.

2/Aug/44 Weather clear and warm. Sixty-seven day trips. Overcast and thunder storms in evening. Night flying washed out.

3/Aug/44 Clear and moderate temperature. Sixty-eight day trips, 86 night trips. Normal routine.

4/Aug/44 W/C Langford contacted Flying Squadron to search for a crashed aircraft from Souris. Search organized. 25 day trips completed. 46 night trips completed. Aircraft 6436 landed at 7 A.O.S. at 0030 hours with one engine u/s. One exhaust valve was burnt out.

5/Aug/44 Clear and warm. Sixty-four day trips completed. Twenty-eight night trips. Normal routine.

6/Aug/44 Clear weather all day. Fifty-nine day trips completed. Twenty-seven night trips completed. Normal routine.

7/Aug/44 Heavy rain at 0530 hrs. Night flying completed. Overcast most of the day. No. 4 Compass Adjusters commenced classes this morning with an original intake of 22. F/L F.E. McLaren DFC and F/O T.B. Dooley of No. 2 T.C. paid Training Wing a visit in connection with Aircrew Leadership Training. Discussion took place on material for "The Gen Club." R203617 Sgt Power. A.T. was seriously injured in aircraft accident near Virden, Man. The accident occurred on S.W. quarter of Section, 17, Township 10, Range 26W at 1510 hours. Sgt. Power was taken to Virden Civic Hospital suffering from multiple fractures and cuts. Aircraft Tiger Moth 1153 was completely wrecked. The pilot was out on solo practice at the time of mishap. Cause obscure and investigation has begun. Night flying was resumed and 33 trips completed.

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1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man

8/Aug/44 Sgt Power R203617 died in Virden Hospital at 0400 hours as the result of the aircraft accident the day previously. Overcast and some rain. Day flying washed out. Weather cleared in evening and 33 night trips completed. Mr. Glen and Mr. Robinson, Dept. of Transport officials paid flying squadron a visit. A Discussion took place on Airway traffic control. W/C Malcolmson, # 12 S.F.T.S. arrived by air to discuss traffic control.

9/Aug/44 F/L Martin, Command Investigation Board, arrived by air from Souris.

Morning flight washed out because of thunder storms. Thirty-six afternoon trips completed. Violent thunderstorm at 2300 hours. Night flying washed out. Normal routine.

10/Aug/44 S/L Hawkins and party of officers and N.C.O.s attended the funeral of Sgt. Power at Virden, Man.

Seventy-three day trips completed. 43 night trips completed. Normal routine. Weather clear.

C1701 A/C W.E. Cockram arrived on the station by air accompanied by C3689 S/L R.M. Frayne. C2213 W/C R.S. Cross visited the unit to-day arriving by air at 1500 hours.

11/Aug/44 134655 F/O J. May, DFC, and 173447 P/O Hill F.V. arrived by air from Winnipeg to spend 3 days observing navigation training among R.A.F. personnel. Wings parade held in the Drill Hall at 0900 hours. Wings were presented by G/C. W.A. Murray. A/C Cockram, A.F.H.Q., and S/L Frayne, 2 T.C. attended wings parade. Cloudy and cool weather. Sixty-one day trips completed; 41 night trips, completed.

12/Aug/44 Weather clear and bright. Seventy-two day trips, 34 night trips. Normal routine.

13/Aug/44 Fair and warm weather Seventy-three day trips, 35 night trips completed. Normal routine.

14/Aug/44 Fair and warm weather. Thirty-seven day trips, 46 night trips completed. Normal routine.

15/Aug/44 Clear and bright weather. Thirty-day trips, 30 night trips completed. Normal routine.

16/Aug/44 S/L Harris and F/L Cooke arrived by air from # 2 T.C. to discuss the installation of A.R. Radio receivers. Weather clear and bright. Sixty-nine day trips completed. Thirty-seven night trips completed.

17/Aug/44 Weather clear and bright. Seventy-six day trips, 32 night trips completed. Normal routine.

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

18/Aug/44 Weather clear and bright. Seventy-four day trips completed, 31 night trips completed. Normal routine.

19/Aug/44 Weather clear. 62 day trips, 40 night trips completed. P/O Gibb force landed 2 miles east of Summerberry due to engine failure. Aircraft 12371 damaged in "B" class crash.

20/Aug/44 Weather clear and bright. 63 day trips, 35 night trips completed. Aircraft 12400 landed at Portage La Prairie with engine trouble. No one injured.

S/L Lupton of T.F. Branch, No. 2 T.C. arrived by air.

21/Aug/44 Weather clear. Sixty-five day trips, 34 night trips completed. Normal routine.

22/Aug/44 Weather clear. Fifty-eight day trips, 43 night trips completed. Normal routine. G/C Molsom and W/C J.C. Binnie visited the station.

23/Aug/44 Clear weather. 45 night trips, 72 day trips completed. Aircraft 12393 forced down at Broadview, Sask. due to engine trouble. No one injured. No damage to aircraft.

24/Aug/44 Wings parade held in drill hall at 0900 hours. G/C Murray presented the Wings to the graduating Navigators and Air Bombers. Class 47 S.N.I. (N) graduated; 22 members. No failures.

38 day trips, 39 eight trips completed.

A/V/M K.M. Guthrie OBE accompanied by G/C H.H. Atkinson and G/C J. Scott, MC AFC, and F/L R.B. McDonald arrived by air at 1730 hours.

25/Aug/44 Sky overcast. Heavy rain during night. Air Officer Commanding, No. 2 Training Command, inspected the station. Flying washed out on account of weather. T.C.A. grounded here all morning. Captain, Copilot, stewardess, aircrew of 8 spent the morning in the Officers' Mess.

At 1400 hours a station parade and inspection was held. A/V/M K.M. Guthrie OBE took the salute. Five aircraft completed bombing exercises on the home range. Thirty-four aircraft at night.

A/C Carnegie, of the D.A.T. Branch, Air Ministry, visited the Station.

26/Aug/44 Cool, cloudy all day. Seventy aircraft completed morning and afternoon sorties. Aircraft 12024 returned

IMAGE 1522

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

26/Aug/44 (contd..) early to base proppitch control unserviceable. Thirty-five aircraft on night sorties. Aircraft 12362 returned early to base - lost escape hatch.

Many Commanding Officers of Units in this Command and some of their staff visited the Unit and an informal gathering with the Air Officer Commanding took place in the Officers' Mess.

27/Aug/44 Sixty aircraft completed morning and afternoon sorties. Thirty-six aircraft participated in two night trips. Aircraft 12285 returned early to base, starboard light unserviceable. A/V/M K.M. Guthrie and party departed this morning by air.

28/Aug/44 Flying washed out due to met conditions. Sixty-aircraft completed morning and evening sorties successful. Aircraft 12273 returned early to base - windows blown out. Aircraft 12009 returned early to base with radio unserviceable. Thirty-seven aircraft in night sorties with aircraft 12285 returned early to base - starboard nav light unserviceable.

29/Aug/44 Very heavy cold rain. Flying washed out. Sky overcast. Night flying washed out after due consideration of met conditions. An Airmen's dance took place in the Drill Hall this evening.

30/Aug/44 Morning and afternoon trips washed out because of weather conditions. Forty-three aircraft participated in night sorties with Aircraft 12261,12401,12202 returning early because of bad weather, and 12285 radio unserviceable.

31/Aug/44 Weather clear. Fifty-five aircraft completed morning and afternoon sorties successfully, aircraft 12016, 12348, 12407 returning early to base with engine trouble. Twenty-eight aircraft participated in night flights, aircraft 12408, 12285 returning early to base with transmitter unserviceable and Port Nav light unserviceable.

MEDICAL REPORT

Number of patients in the Station Hospital fell from 34 at the beginning of the month to 10 on the 16th then rose to 25 again towards the end of the month, the increase being due to admission of patients for surgical operations. Sick parades averaged 23 patients a day during the month.

There no infectious diseases admitted to hospital during August. One case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis (RAF trainee) was diagnosed and patient is now in the Ninette Sanitarium.

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August, 31, 1944 (contd)

Spiritual Welfare of the Station

The average strength for R.C. personnel for the month was 829. Sunday church services were held on the four Sundays at 0900 hours and at 1715 hours. Daily services held at 1715 hours. On August 23rd there was a change of R.C. Padres on the station. Padre Courtemanche exchanged posts with Padre Thomson at No. 4 S.F.T.S., the latter returning to Rivers where he had previously been stationed from 7th August, 1943, to 12th May, 1944.

The average attendance of Protestant Church services for the month of August was 175. Three services a month were compulsory and the 4th voluntary. A special baptism service was held in the Chapel on August 3rd, 1944. Three W.D.s received baptism.

SPORT ACTIVITIES

On August 14th, the Track and Field teams journeyed to No. 3 B. & G. School, Macdonald, where they competed in the track and field meet. Both the men's and W.D. events were won by No. 1 C.N.S.

On August 19th, our team competed in the inter-Command track and field meet held in Winnipeg. Our W.D. team came out on top with the men's team winning second place.

Swimming: On August 2nd our swimming team visited Birtle, Man. to take part in "Water Gala" sponsored by the Birtle Swim Club. Ten airmen and three W.D.s made the trip. No. 1 C.N.S. took top honors for the meet placing in each event and bringing home six firsts, 2 seconds, and 4 thirds. Results were:

50 yd. Free style: 1. F/O Dilworth; Sgt. Hart

50 yd. Back Stroke: 1. F/O Dilworth 3. WO1 Theriault

50 yd. Breast stroke: LAC Simpson.

100 yd Free style: 1. P/O Laidlaw; 2. Sgt. Hill; 3. WO1 Theriault.

Men's Service Relay: 1. #1 CNS - Laidlaw, Adamson, Theriault, Dilworth.

Men's Diving: 1. WO1 Theriault

W.D.'s Diving: 3 AW1 Attwood.

W.D.'s 50 yd. Free Style: 3 AW1 Attwood.

IMAGE 1524

No. 1 C.N.S. Rivers, Man. August, 1944

Swimming (Cont'd): The Area Swimming meet was held in Brandon, Tuesday, August 8th. The team from Rivers, were the champions of the meet and will journey to Winnipeg for the finals August 12th.

Results for No. 1 C.N.S., are as follows: Relay 1st place with P/O Laidlaw, WO1 Theriault, LAC Moore and Sgt Brownlee making up the team.

50 yd. free style; 1st Sgt Brownlee;

100 yd. Free Style P/O Laidlaw 1st;

50 yd. Breast Stroke LAC Simpson 1st;

500 yd. free style WO1 Theriault 1st.

Men's Diving WO1 Theriault 2nd; Ted Allen 3rd;

200 yd free style Sgt Hill 1st. Skelly 2nd.

Ladies diving AW1 Attwood 2nd.

Softball: The Station Softball team was knocked out in a sudden death game with No. 12 S.F.T.S. in the Area playdowns. They won their first game with Souris by a score of 8 to 7. The final at Rivers was a very close game with each of the teams having an off inning. Brandon won 7 to 6. A large crowd of spectators turned out for this important game.

Tennis: On August 6th, 1944, No. 1 C.N.S. was at home to teams from No. 7 A.O.S., Portage and No. 17 S.F.T.S., Souris; No. 3 B. & G. School, McDonald; No. 33 S.F.T.S., Carberry and No. 12 S.F.T.S. Brandon in an Area Tennis Tournament to decide winners for the Command Meet in Winnipeg. The events were men's Doubles, Mixed Doubles and Women's Doubles. A double knock out schedule was run off in the three events.

In the men's Doubles, No. 1 C.N.S. carried off the honors by defeating 33 S.F.T.S., Carberry, the finals by straight sets 6-2, 6-4. The mixed doubles also went to No. 1 C.N.S., when they took No. 3 B. & G. MacDonald. 6-2, 6-4 in the finals. The Women's Doubles was won by No. 3 B. & G. defeating No. 1 C.N.S., 6-1, 6-2. Some very good tennis was played in spite of a stiff breeze. During the tournament, 294 games were played by the 26 competitors. On August 12th our teams met at the Command Tournament with No. 1 C.N.S. winning the men's doubles.

Baseball: The station baseball team went to Winnipeg on August 12th for the Command Championships. They won their game from No. 4 S.F.T.S., Saskatoon, giving them a place in the finals.

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#1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man., 31 August, 1944

<u>Personnel Strength</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
<u>STAFF</u> RCAF	277	1238	
RCAF (W.D.)	5	204	
<u>SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN RCAF</u>			
R.A.F.	2	-	
R.N.Z.A.F.	-	-	
R.A.A.F	5	-	
C.D.C.	4	5	
C.P.C.	-	4	
R.C.A.S.C.	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>	
	294	1458	

CIVILIANS

Meteorologists

Y.M.C.A .			2
Barrack Officer			1
Radio Operators (jr. rating)			1
Stenographers			1
General Duties			99
Others			46
	<u>294</u>	<u>1458</u>	<u>159</u>

TRAINEES (cont'd)

IMAGE 1526

#1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man., 31 August, 1944 (cont'd)

<u>TRAINEES</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>
R.C.A.F.	49	124
R.A.F.	1	466
R.A.A.F.	1	6
R.N.Z.A.F.	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>
	54	602

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
<u>Type</u> Anson I	17	1
Anson V	82	16
Norseman	1	-
Tiger Moth	1	-

FLYING TIME

Total Number of Flying Hours for the month of August, 1944 - 8,584: hours, 40 minutes.

(W.A. Murray) G/C,
C.O. No. 1 C.N.S.,
RIVERS, Manitoba.

IMAGE 1527

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DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 4th AUGUST, 1944.

<u>Course No. 5 Staff Navigators</u>	<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal of Transfers</u>
Total Intake 17	No. 1 A.O.S., Malton 3	Transferred to Crse. 4 1
Graduates 16	No. 4 A.O.S., London 2	
Transfers Out <u>1</u>	No. 6 A.O.S. Winnipeg 2	

17	No. 7 A.O.S. Portage	1
	No. 8 A.O.S. Ancienne L.	3
	No. 9 A.O.S. St. John's	2
	No. 10 A.O.S. Chatham	1
	No. 6 O.T.U. Comox	1
	No. 1 C.N.S. Rivers	<u>1</u>
		16

Course 1 Compass Adjusters

Disposal of Graduates

Disposal of C.T.'s

Total Intake	20	No. 1 "Y" Depot Lachine	6	Posted to No. 1 C.N.S.	1
Graduates	12	No. 168 8qdn. Rockcliffe	1	Posted 3 B. & G. Macdonald	3
Ceased Training	<u>8</u>	T.D. #3 W.S. Wpg.	2	Posted 11 S.F.T.S. Yorkton	1
	20	W.A.C.	2	Posted 4 B. & G. School Fingal	1
		Pending Posting	<u>1</u>	Posted 10 S.F.T.S. Dauphin	1
			12	Posted 12 S.F.T.S. Brandon	<u>1</u>
					8

IMAGE 1528

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DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 11TH AUGUST, 1944.

Course 105 Air Bombers

Disposal of Graduates

Disposal of Transfers and C.T.'s

Total Intake	46	RAF No. 31 P.D, Moncton	9	Transferred to Crse 106 (Med. Reasons)	7
Plus transfers	5	RCAF No. 1 AGTS Maitland	2	Awaiting Disposition	14
Plus 2 from #2 A.O.S.	2	RCAF No. 3 AGTS Three R.	4	Posted #1 "M" Depot Toronto	1
Graduates	30	RCAF No. 1 "Y" Depot	<u>15</u>	Training suspended	<u>1</u>
Transfers	6		30		23
Ceased Training	16				
Training suspended	<u>1</u>				
	53				

Course 98 Navigators

Disposal of Graduates

Disposal of Transfers and C.T.'s

Total Intake	52	RAF No. 6 O.T.U.	6	Trans. to Crse. 99 (Med. Reasons)	2
Previous Courses	10	RAF No. 31 P.D*	<u>24</u>	Trans. to Crse. 100 (Med. Reasons)	3
Graduates	29		29	Trans. to Crse. 101 (Med. Reasons)	1
Transfers	6			Posted #1 "M" Depot Toronto	4
Ceased Training	<u>27</u>			Posted #9 B. & G.	2
	62			Posted #6 "M" Depot	5

Posted #31 P.D.	8
Posted #3 W.S. Winnipeg	1
Posted # 3 B. & G. Macdonald	4
Posted #2 W.S.	1
Posted RCAF Stn. Mountain View	1
Awaiting Reselection	<u>1</u>
	33

IMAGE 1529

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DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 25th AUGUST, 1944.

<u>Course 106 Air Bombers</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal of Transfers & C.T.'s</u>	
Total Intake	50	RAF No. 5 O.T.U.	2	Trans. Crse. 107 (Med. Reasons)	4
Plus transfers	8	RAF No. 31 P.D.	5	Trans. Crse. 108 (Med. Reasons)	2
Graduates	43 58	RAAF No. 1 "Y" Depot	15	Awaiting Disposition	4
Transfers out	6	RNZAF No. 1 "Y" Depot	10	Awaiting Discharge	1
Ceased training	<u>9</u>	RCAF No. 2 A.G.T.S.	5	Posted #1 "M", Depot	1
	58	RCAF No. 3 A.G.T.S.	<u>6</u>	Posted 7 B. & G. Paulson	1
			43	Posted #25 E.F.T.S. Assiniboia	1
				Posted #17 S.F.T.S. Souris	<u>1</u>
					15

<u>Course 99 Navigators</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal of Transfers & C.T.'s</u>	
Total Intake	50	RCAF No. 2 A.G.T.S.	10	Trans. to Crse. 100 (Med. Reasons)	4
Plus transfers	8	RAF No. 6 O.T.U.	4	Trans. to Crse. 101 (Med. Reasons)	1
Graduates	37 58	RAF No. 31 P.D.	16	Posted #31 P.D.	3
Transfers	5	RCAF No. 3 A.G.T.S.	4	Posted #1 "M" Depot	1
Ceased training	<u>16</u>	RCAF No. 1 A.G.T.S.	<u>4</u>	Posted #9 B. & G.	1
	58		37	Awaiting Reselection	1
				Posted #3 W.S.	1
				Posted #3 B. & G.	1
				Posted #5 "M" Depot	7
				Discharged	<u>1</u>
					21

Course 47 S.N.I.(W)

Disposal of Graduates

Total Intake	22	No. 1 T.C. Toronto	5
Graduates	22	No. 2 T.C. Winnipeg	7
		No. 4 T.C. Calgary	2
		No. 3 T.C. Montreal	7
		No. 1 A.O.S., Malton	<u>1</u>
			22

IMAGE 1531

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

1/Sep/44 Weather clear and sunny. 60 aircraft participated in morning and afternoon sorties. Aircraft 12025 returned early to base with engine trouble. 32 aircraft completed evening sorties with Aircraft 12400 returning early due to engine trouble.

2/Sep/44 Weather cloudy. 55 day trips completed. 42 night flights completed. Normal routine.

3/Sep/44 Weather clearing. 66 aircraft despatched by day and 42 aircraft by night. Normal routine.

4/Sep/44 Weather clear. 42 day trips completed. Night flying ahead of schedule, no trips made. New Norseman #2469 delivered to the station for a flying ambulance.

5/Sep/44 Day clear. 76 day trips, 37 night trips completed. Normal routine.

S/L N.M. Gilchrist from A.F.H.Q. arrived on the station today.

6/Sep/44 Clear weather. 37 day trips, 32 night trips. Normal routine.

7/Sep/44 Anson 12355 piloted by Sgt Turgeon force landed at Devil's Lake, N.D. with engine failure. No one injured. No damage to aircraft.

72 day trips, 22 night trips.

8/Sep/44 Wings parade for course 100 Navigators and Course 107 Air Bombers held in Drill Hall 0900 hours. Group Captain W.A. Murray made the presentations.

Course No. 4 Staff Navigators graduated, 17 officers. The class were here on temporary duty and returned to their respective units. Weather overcast and raining. Flying washed out.

9/Sep/44 Weather clear all day. Cloudy at night. 56 day trips, 46 night trips completed. Second take off night trips cancelled due to ground haze and poor visibility. Normal routine. W/C J. Rossie Brown RAF Staff Protestant Chaplain from A.F.H.Q. arrived on the station today.

10/Sep/44 Cloudy and cool. Light rain. Flying washed out all day. Normal routine.

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1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

11/Sep/44 Course 110 Air Bombers commenced with 59 personnel. Course 110 Navigators commenced with strength of 35. Weather cloudy in morning, clearing in afternoon. 39 day trips in afternoon, 28 night trips completed. G/C H.H. Atkinson, S/L M.A. Cockburn from No. 2 T.C. arrived by air at 1200 hours and departed at 1430 hours.

12/Sep/44 Cloudy and cool. 56 day trips. No night flying due to low ceiling. Heavy fog in morning.

13/Sep/44 Clear and cool in afternoon. 32 day trips completed. Normal routine. W/C J. Rossie Brown departed by air.

14/Sep/44 Fog in morning. Flying resumed in afternoon. 34 trips completed. 44 night trips completed. S/L Heard reported from London, Ont., to take over the duties of Head of Specialist Courses.

15/Sep/44 Clear and cool. 81 day trips completed, 22 night trips. No. 2 Compass Adjusters graduated. Normal routine.

16/Sep/44 Cloudy and cool. 32 night trips. 21 day trips completed. W/C Pilkington, A.F.H.Q., and S/L Pitcairn of No. 2 T.C. arrived by air to discuss a new syllabus for the Staff Navigator Course. Three Norseman aircraft landed on route to Edmonton piloted by the W.A.S.P.

17/Sep/44 Weather clear and cool. 76 day trips. Low ceiling in evening. Night trip washed out. Visiting aircraft Norseman AAF/ATC Pilot Lenore McClory, A/C4470376 Pilot Marcare McCormick, A/C4470375 departed for Lethbridge. Normal routine.

18/Sep/44 65 day trips, 37 night trips. Weather clear. Normal routine.

19/Sep/44 Low clouds in morning. 28 aircraft flew in afternoon. 41 night trips completed. Normal routine.

20/Sep/44 Weather clear and cool in morning. 20 trips made. Afternoon flying washed out. No night flying.

21/Sep/44 Weather clear and cool. 35 day trips. 38 night trips. Normal routine. S/L R.R. Goodwin and S/L S.T. Bigelow from No. 2 T.C. and S/L Proudfoot from No. 7 A.O.S. arrived on the station.

22/Sep/44 Weather clear and cool. Courses 101 Navigator and 106 Air Bombers held graduation in Drill Hall at 0900 hours. G/C W.A. Murray presented the wings to graduates. Course 34 S.N.I.P. and Course 48 S.N.I.(N) specialist Courses graduated. W/C W.E. Hobbs from No. 2 T.C. visited the station.

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1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

23/Sep/44 Weather clear and cool. 68 day trips, 27 night trips. Normal routine.

24/Sep/44 Weather clear and cool. 71 day trips, 30 night trips. Normal routine.

25/Sep/44 Clear and cool. Course 49 S.N.I.N. and Course 35 S.N.I.P. commenced. Course 111 Air Bombers commenced with 49 students and 1 transfer from Course 108. Course 111 Navigators cancelled. 54 day trips, 45 night trips.

26/Sep/44 Clear and cool. 74 day trips, 29 night trips. Normal routine.

27/Sep/44 Clear and cool. 64 day trips, 32 night trips. Normal routine.

28/Sep/44 Clear and cool. 74 day trips, 19 night trips. Normal routine.

29/Sep/44 Aircraft accident Anson V12309. F/O J. Rawlinson pilot, uninjured. Tail wheel assembly damaged. "C" type crash.

Weather clear. 79 day trips. Flying washed out for night flying due to rain.

30/Sep/44 Weather overcast. First fall of snow for this season. Day flying washed out. Rain in evening. Flying washed out.

ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS

Track and Field Meet: The regular track and field meet of the Brandon District Services Athletic Association was held on Monday, September 4th, 1944, and eleven competitors were represented from this station and came off with second place in both the men's and women's sections.

RUGBY: The rugby team started the season in fine style by defeating No. 18 S.F.T.S., Gimli, Man., in Winnipeg on September 30th, with a score of 24 - 0. There are approximately 20-30 boys who turn out regularly each night for practice. This unit anticipates a fine season with keen competitors.

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1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. Sep./44

ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS (CONT'D)

Baseball and Softball: With the season about over, our team are picking up some top places in the play offs. Three games were played in the B.D.S.A.A. league with a split in wins and losses. The first game between No. 12 S.F.T.S., and our boys ended up with a decided victory for Rivers, the score being 12-1. Shilo won the next game from No. 1 C.N.S. in a closely contested game with a score of 5-4. In the third game with No. 12 S.F.T.S., our boys were victorious with a score of 5-0.

Basketball: The W.D.'s have started the season, having had 3 practice games with good turnouts at all games.

SPIRITUAL WELFARE OF STATION

Protestant Church Parade - approximate attendance for month was 1600.

Special Services: On Friday 15th September, the Battle of Britain Memorial Service was held at a Commanding Officer's Parade. Suitable introduction was made by the Commanding Officer and prayers and devotions were conducted by the Chaplains (P).

During the month the Unit was visited by W/C Rossie Brown, R.A.F. Staff Chaplain. Contact was arranged for him with as many of the R.A.F. personnel as duty schedules could permit. A lecture was set apart for him to address the R.A.F. classes.

The present number of R.C.s on station strength is 302.

Sunday services have been held in the Station Chapel each Sunday morning during the month of September, consisting in Mass at 0900 hours and again at 1715 hours. The average attendance during the month has been 102.

On alternate weeks, graduation exercises of a religious nature were held on the eve of the Wings Parade. The R.C. graduates met in the station chapel at 1700 hours to hear a parting message from the chaplain, and to recite in unison the Service Pledge and to assist at Mass offered for the graduate.

IMAGE 1535

1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. Sep/44 (cont'd)

HEALTH OF PERSONNEL

The health of personnel on the station remained fairly good during September. Sick parades for airmen averaged 26 per day and for W.D.s 3 per day. Number of patients hospitalized averaged 30.

One case of German measles was admitted to Hospital during the month.

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
<u>STAFF-R.C.A.F.</u>	256	1119	
R.C.A.F. (WD)	4	195	

SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN RCAF

R.A.F.	2	1
R.A.A.F.	4	-
R.N.Z.A.F.	-	-
C.D.C.	3	5
C.P.C.	-	3
R.C.A.S.C.	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>
	270	1329

CIVILIANS

Meteorologists	10
Y.M.C.A.	2
Barrack Officer	1

IMAGE 1536

1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. Sept/44 (cont'd)

<u>CIVILIANS (CONT'D)</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
Radio Operators (Jr. Rating)			1
Stenographers			2
General Duties			92
Others			45
	<u>270</u>	<u>1329</u>	<u>153</u>

TRAINEES

R.C.A.F.	47	132
R.A.F.	1	454
R.A.A.F.	1	22
R.N.Z.A.F.	-	20
	<u>49</u>	<u>668</u>

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

Type Anson Mk V	82	16
Norseman	2	-

FLYING TIME

Total Number of Flying Hours for the month of September, 1944 - 7,534 hours 35 minutes.

(W.A. Murray) G/C,
C.O. No. 1 C.N.S.,
RIVERS, Manitoba.

IMAGE 1537

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DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1944.

<u>Course 4 Staff Navigators</u>	<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>
Total Intake 17	4 A.O.S. London 4
Graduates 17	33 A.N.S. Hamilton 1
	7 A.O.S. Portage 3
	19 S.F.T.S. Vulcan 1
	1 A.O.S. Malton 3
	1 C.N.S. Rivers 1
	15 S.F.T.S. Claresholm 1
	9 A.O.S. St. John 2

<u>Course 107 Air Bombers</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal of Transfers and C.T.s</u>	
Total Intake	46	RAF 5 O.T.U.	4	Posted 3 B. & G.	3
Plus Transfers	4	RAF 31 P.D.	28	Awaiting Reselection	3
Graduates	42 50	RNZAF 1 "Y" Depot	7	Trans. 109 (Medical Reasons)	<u>2</u>
Transfers out	2	RAAF 1 "Y" Depot	1		8
Ceased training	<u>6</u>	RCAF 1 A.G.T.S.	1		
	50	RCAF 3 A.G.T.S.	<u>1</u>		
			42		

<u>Course 100 Air Navigators</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal of Transfers and C.T.s</u>	
Total Intake	53	RAF 5 O.T.U.	5	Trans. 105 (Medical Reasons)	2
Plus Transfers	8	RAF 31 P.D.	33	Trans 101 (Medical Reasons)	3
Graduates	39 61	RCAF 2 AGTS	<u>1</u>	Trans. 106 (Medical Reasons)	1
Transfers out	9		39	Trans. 103 (Medical Reasons)	2
Ceased training	<u>13</u>			Trans. 102 (Medical Reasons)	1
	61			Awaiting Posting	3
				Posted #31 P.D.	2
				Posted #9 B.&G.	2
				Posted #2 W.S.	2
				Posted #3 B. & G.	1
				Posted #5 "M" Depot	1
				Posted #1 "M" Depot	<u>2</u>
					22

IMAGE 1538

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DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 15th SEPTEMBER, 1944

<u>Course 2 Compass Adjusters</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal of C.T.s</u>	
Total Intake	21	Posted #1 "Y" Depot	14	Posted #501 P.H.U., Halifax, N.S.	1
Graduates	15	Staff #1 C.N.S.	<u>1</u>	Posted #4 R.D. Scoudouc, N.B.	4
Ceased Training	<u>6</u>			Posted #3 R.D., Vancouver, B.C.	<u>1</u>
	21				6

DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1944.

<u>Course 108 Air Bombers</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal of C.T.s and Transfers</u>	
Total Intake	54	RCAF 2 A.G.T.S.	3	Awaiting Posting	8
Plus Transfers	2	RCAF 3 A.G.T.S.	11	Posted 1 "M" Depot	1
Graduates	44 56	RAF 31 P.D.	29	Trans. 110 (Medical Reasons)	1
Transfers out	2	RNZAF 1 "Y" Depot	<u>1</u>	Awaiting Reselection	1
Ceased Training	<u>10</u>		44	Trans. 110 (Harvest Leave)	<u>1</u>
	56				12

<u>Course 101 Air Navigators</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal of C.T.s and Transfers</u>	
Total Intake	52	RAF 6 O.T.U.	6	Posted 5 "M" Depot	1
Plus Transfers	9	RAAF 1 "Y" Depot	2	Posted 1 "M" Depot	4
Graduates	47 61	RAF 31 P.D.	<u>39</u>	Posted 3 B. & G.	1
Transfers out	3		47	Trans. 102 (Medical Reasons)	1
Ceased Training	<u>11</u>			Trans. 104 (Medical Reasons)	1
	61			Posted #9 B. & G.	1
				Trans. 103 (Medical Reasons)	1
				Posted 31 P.D.	3
				Posted 2 W.S.	<u>1</u>
					14

<u>Course 48 S.N.I.(N)</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates (Cont'd)</u>	
Total Intake	21	2 T.C. Winnipeg	8	168 Sqd. Rockcliffe	1
Graduates	21	3 T.C. Montreal	7	Pennfield Ridge	1
		9 A.O.S. St. John	1	1 A.O.S. Malton	<u>2</u>
		4 T.C.	1		21

IMAGE 1539

No. 1 CNS, Rivers, Man.

1/Oct/44 Clear and cool. 71 day trips, 23 night trips. Normal routine.

2/Oct/44 Weather clear and cool. 37 morning trips. P.M. flying washed out due to Pilot Instructors' meeting. 36 night trips. All students flown.

3/Oct/44 Weather clear and cool. 51 day trips and 41 night trips completed.

4/Oct/44 81 day trips; all students flown. Clear and warm. 39 night trips. General routine day.

5/Oct/44 Weather overcast and raining. Flying washed out. Normal routine. G/C W.A. Murray left for No. 7 A.O.S.. Portage La Prairie, Man. to present wings to the graduating class.

6/Oct/44 Rain - day flying washed out. Night flying washed out due to strong gusty cross winds. Cleared in evening. W/C H.R. Griffith, A.F.H.Q. and W/C T.E. Kirk, No. 2 T.C., arrived by air at 1100 hours. Wings parade held for Courses 102 Navigators and 109 Air Bombers. Wings presented by G/C W.A. Murray.

7/Oct/44 Low ceiling in morning. Flying washed out. 44 night trips completed with clearing weather.

8/Oct/44. Foggy. Morning flight washed out. 44 P.M. flights. Night flying washed out.

9/Oct/44 Morning - foggy - morning flight washed out. Visiting Flight with W/C D.I. Macklin AFC as O.C. arrived this A.M. 36 P.M. flights - 46 night flights Course 112 Air Bombers commenced with intake of 45.

10/Oct/44 Warm - overcast sky. 36 afternoon flights. 28 night trips. Normal routine.

11/Oct/44 Weather clear and cool. 67 day trips, 25 night trips completed. Normal routine.

12/Oct/44 Clear and cool. 36 afternoon flights completed. 46 night trips. W/C A.C. Singleton, A.F.H.Q. and W/C T.E. Kirk, No. 2 T.C., visited the station to-day.

IMAGE 1540

No. 1 CNS, Rivers, Man.

13/Oct/44 Clear and cool. 62 day trips completed. 24 night trips completed. Normal routine.

14/Oct/44 Clear and cool. 61 day trips, 43 night trips completed. Normal routine. There was a small fire involving Duff Company Oil Distributors this afternoon. No damage to R.C.A.F. property, approximate time of fire 20 minutes. (See Appendix B)(NOT SHOWN)

15/Oct/44 Weather clear and cool. 43 day trips completed. 12 aircrew Free French u/t Air Bombers transferred from Course 112 to Course at St. Johns, Quebec, for further training. W/C R.N. Frayne arrived by air at 1215 hours and departed at 1700 hours.

16/Oct/44 Weather clear and cool. 37 aircraft made day trip. No night flying.

17/Oct/44 Clear and cool. 58 day trips completed. Normal routine.

18/Oct/44 Clear and cool. 62 day trips, 41 night trips. Normal routine.

19/Oct/44 Clear and cool. Aircraft accident on hangar apron. Anson 12168 taxied into Anson 12397. No one was injured. Damage slight. 54 day trips. 38 night trips completed.

20/Oct/44 Clear and cool. Wings Parade held at 0900 hours in the Drill Hall, for courses 103 Navigators and 110 Air Bombers. Group Captain W.A. Murray, Commanding Officer, made the presentation. F/O Robertson, F/L Lindsay, F/O Bird, ex-operations officers arrived by air. They were guest speakers at a Victory Bond rally held in the Drill Hall to inaugurate the bond drive for this Unit.

G/C W.A. Murray inspected Training Wing on the morning parade. 202 officers, 615 men were on parade, following inspection the Commanding Officer took the salute on the march past.

64 day trips, 32 night trips completed.

21/Oct/44 Weather clear and cool. 66 day trips, 43 night trips completed. Course 103 Navigators and Course 110 Air Bombers were given 1 months special leave on instructions from A.F.H.Q. Course 113 Air Bombers and Course 113 Navigators reported on station to commence training.

22/Oct/44 Weather, low clouds and raining. Flying washed out. Normal routine.

IMAGE 1541

No. 1 CNS, Rivers, Man.

23/Oct/44 Low clouds and raining in morning, clearing in late afternoon. Morning and afternoon trips washed out. Night flying resumed. 44 night trips being completed. Victory Loan Campaign began today with a muster parade of all personnel in the Drill Hall.

24/Oct/44 Clear and gusty in morning. Strong winds in afternoon. Flying washed out. 22 morning trips completed.

25/Oct/44 Clear and cool. 47 day trips, 21 night trips completed.

26/Oct/44 Clear and cool. 57 day trips, 21 night trips completed. Normal routine.

27/Oct/44 Heavy fog in morning, clearing in early afternoon, 7 day trips, 23 night trips completed. A/V/M K.M. Guthrie OBE arrived by air at 1115 hours and departed at 1230 hours.

28/Oct/44 Clear and cool. 59 day trips, 40 night trips completed. Normal routine.

29/Oct/44 10 pilots posted to the navigation school at Charlottetown. Heavy fog all day and night. Flying washed out.

30/Oct/44 Heavy fog and rain. Flying washed out all day and evening.

31/Oct/44 Heavy fog, flying washed out all day and night.

ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS

Rugby: Our rugby team is doing a grand job under the coaching guidance of F/O Foster. Games were played in Winnipeg and at McDonald, and our team made a great showing. The final game between No. 3 Wireless School and No. 1 C.N.S. should prove very exciting.

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No. 1 CNS, Rivers, Man. 31/Oct/44 (cont'd)

Bowling and Badminton:

Inter-section bowling leagues in five and ten pins have been set up and are in operation. Inter-section badminton teams are beginning in November. All sections are keenly interested in these two sports and some good competition is anticipated.

Basketball: The basketball teams, both men and women are practicing steadily and the two coaches promise us really first rate teams in the coming season.

Banquet: In honour of the teams that participated in Summer Sports on behalf of this station and also for winners and runners-up in the inter-section softball league, a banquet was held at the Airmen's Mess on Wednesday, October 11, with approximately 100 people present. The Commanding Officer presented a trophy to the winners of the inter-section softball league as well as crests to this team and players of the station teams.

Crafts and Hobbies: Progress is being made in the Crafts and Hobbies Shop. Benches are being erected and power stools installed and repaired.

The W.D.S. have started sewing classes, under the direction of Miss Evelyn Warren of Brandon. Four sewing machines have been lent by the Canadian Legion and many of the airwomen are taking advantage of the instruction.

Dances: A successful Airmen's dance was held in the Drill Hall on Thursday, October 12th, with approximately 600 people attending.

On October 31st, a Victory Dance was held in the Drill Hall for all ranks. Admission to this dance was one war saving stamp, and prizes for novelty dances during the evening were given in the form of war savings certificates. Approximately 1500 attended this very successful dance.

HEALTH OF PERSONNEL

The number of patients in hospital averaged twenty-five during October. Sick parades averaged three W.D.s and twenty one other personnel a day.

One case of Spinal Meningitis was admitted to Hospital, an airman from No. 12 S.F.T.S., spending a 48 hour pass at his home in Rivers. He made a good recovery and has been discharged as cured.

IMAGE 1543

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. 31/Oct/44 (cont'd)

SPIRITUAL WELFARE

The present number of R.C.s on station strength is 327.

Sunday Services have been held in the station chapel each Sunday during the month of October, both at 0900 hours and at 1715 hours. The average attendance during the month at these services was 109.

Average attendance at the Protestant Service during month of October was 1600.

Sunday Services are on a basis of three compulsory and one voluntary. It is noted at the voluntary service that the attendance is almost as large as the compulsory services.

Total Number of Flying Hours for the month of October, 1944 - 7, 971 hours, 20 minutes.

(W.A. Murray) G/C,
C.O. No. 1 C.N.S.,
RIVERS, Manitoba.

IMAGE 1545

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. Oct/44 (cont'd)

DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 6th OCTOBER, 1944

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

Course 102 Navigators

		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal of C.T.'s & Transfers</u>	
Total Intake	52				
Plus Transfers	2				
Graduates	41 54	No. 5 O.T.U.	5	Posted #31 P.D.	5
Transfers out	4	No. 31 P.D.	<u>36</u>	Posted #3 B&G	3
Ceased Training	<u>9</u>		41	Posted #1 "M" Depot	1
	54			Transferred 104 (Medical)	1
				Transferred 103 (Medical)	2
				Transferred 105 (Medical)	<u>1</u>
					13

Course 109 Air Bombers

		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal of C.T.'s & Transfers</u>	
Total Intake	44				
Plus Transfers	2	No. 5 O.T.U.	1	Awaiting Reselection	7
Graduates	37 46	No. 2 A.G.T.S.	1	Transferred 111 (Medical)	1
Transfers out	2	No. 3 A.G.T.S.	22	Transferred 110 (Medical)	<u>1</u>
Ceased Training	<u>7</u>	No. 3 R.D.	4		9
	46	No.31 P.D.	<u>9</u>		
			37		

DISPOSAL OF COURSE GRADUATING 20th OCTOBER, 1944.

Course 103 Navigators

		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal of C.T.'s & Transfers</u>	
Total Intake	52				
Plus Transfers	6	No. 31 P.D.	38	Posted #31 P.D.	11

Graduates	38	58
Transfers out	2	
Ceased Training	<u>18</u>	
	58	

Awaiting Posting	3
Posted #1 "M" Depot	2
Transferred 105 (Medical)	1
Posted #5 "M" Depot	1
Transferred 104 (Medical)	1
Posted #2 W.S.	<u>1</u>
	20

IMAGE 1546

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. Oct/44 (cont'd)

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DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 20th OCTOBER, 1944 (Cont'd)

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

Course 110 Air Bombers

Disposal of Graduates

Disposal of C.T.'s & Transfers

Total Intake	54				
Plus transfers	3	R.C.A.F. Pending Posting	25	Awaiting Disposition	8
Graduates	48	R.A.F. No. 31 P.D,	1	Transferred 111 (Harvest Leave)	<u>1</u>
Transfers out	1	R.N.Z.A.F. #1 "Y" Depot	<u>22</u>		
Ceased Training	<u>8</u>		48		9
	57				

Course 49 S.N.I.(N)

Disposal of Graduates

Disposal of C.T.'s

Total Intake	22				
Graduates	20	No. 2 T.C.	9	Awaiting Posting	2
Ceased Training	<u>2</u>	No. 3 T.C.	9		
	22	No. 4 T.C.	1		
		No. 1 A.O.S.	<u>1</u>		
			20		

DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 27th OCTOBER, 1944.

Course 3 Compass Adjusters

Disposal of Graduates

Disposal of C.T.'s

Total Intake	22				
Graduates	14	#1 "Y" Depot	14	Posted #10 R.D.	1
Ceased Training	<u>8</u>			Posted #11 R.D.	2
	22			Posted #1 S.FT.S.	2
				Awaiting Posting	<u>3</u>
					8

IMAGE 1548

1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

1/Nov/44 Overcast, low ceiling. Flying washed out. S/L K. Pitcairn T. Navigation, #2 T.C. arrived to discuss new Staff Navigators Course set up.

2/Nov/44 Overcast, low ceiling and first snow fall of the season. Flying washed out in morning. 15 trips completed in the afternoon. No night flying.

3/Nov/44 Low ceiling, heavy snow. Flying washed out. Course 104 Navigators and Course 111 Air Bombers graduated. Wings parade was held in the Drill Hall at 0900 hours. G/C. W.A. Murray presented the wings.

4/Nov/44 Low ceiling and fog. Flying washed out all day. Normal routine.

5/Nov/44 Flying washed out, low ceiling, rain and fog. Normal routine.

6/Nov/44 Low ceiling, fog and rain. Flying washed out. Course 114 Navigators reported on the station with intake strength of 104 airmen. Course 114 Air Bombers reported on the station with an intake strength of 59 airmen.

7/Nov/44 Low ceiling and fog. Flying washed out all day.

8/Nov/44 Low ceiling and fog. Flying washed out all day. Courses are falling behind in the flying schedule. Application made to Command to extend graduating courses for one week.

9/Nov/44 Heavy fog all day. Flying washed out.

10/Nov/44 Heavy fog all day, flying washed out. No. 2 T.C. approved the extension of graduating courses by one week.

11/Nov/44 Heavy fog all day, flying washed out. 24 pilots posted this unit for retention until required. Remembrance day service held in Recreation Hall at 1100 hours. Station personnel attended.

IMAGE 1549

1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

12/Nov/44 Heavy fog in morning, clearing in later afternoon. 34 night trips took off but were recalled at 2040 hours due to unsettled weather conditions. Anson V 12009 landed at Broadview due to low ceiling. W/C H.O. Madden, C.O. 165 Squadron, arrived by air from Sea Island at 1700 hours.

13/Nov/44 Heavy fog in morning. Flying washed out for the day. T.C.A. grounded at Rivers.

14/Nov/44 Low ceiling in morning, clearing in afternoon. 41 afternoon trips, 47 night trips. Anson V 12328 landed at Moosomin, Sask. with engine trouble.

15/Nov/44 Low ceiling and icing conditions. T.C.A. were forced to land on the station. Flying washed out in morning. Flying returned in the afternoon with 29 aircraft. Night flight washed out because of low ceiling.

16/Nov/44 Low ceiling. S/L Derry, #2 T.C. arrived from Gimli by air to discuss the pilot pool situation. Low ceiling. Flying commenced but was recalled due to icing conditions.

17/Nov/44 Low ceiling and dense fog. Flying washed out. Wings Parade held for Course 105 Navigators in the Drill Hall at 0900 hours. Wings were presented by Group Captain W.A. Murray. Course 112 Air Bombers Wings Parade had to be cancelled due to lack of flying time. Extension of course was granted by No. 2 T.C. for one week. Course 35 S.N.I. (P) and Course 50 S.N.I. (N) graduated. There will be no more intakes for these courses according to advice received from No. 2 T.C.

18/Nov/44 Low ceiling, heavy fog, flying washed out.

19/Nov/44 Low ceiling, heavy fog in morning, flying washed out. Course 104 and Course 105 Navigators and Course 104 Air Bombers, R.C.A.F. are being transferred to the Reserve under authority of No. 2 T.C.

24 pilots which were intended for Course 36 S.N.I.(P) were transferred to the Reserve of officers on instructions from No. 2 T.C.

Notification received from Australian Air Liaison Officer to post all C.T.'s back to Australia. G/C G.S. Goulding visited the station today arriving at 0930 hours departing at 1500 hours.

20/Nov/44 Low ceiling, fog most of the day. Flying washed out.

IMAGE 1550

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

21/Nov/44 Heavy fog all day, flying washed out. Normal routine. Course 116 Air Bombers commenced with an intake of 26.

22/Nov/44 Clearing skies, and cool. 58 day trips, 46 night trips. Completed. Normal routine. C1931 W/C L.A. Costello, Command Chaplain (RC) and C3689 W/C R.M. Frayne, Command Chaplain (P) arrived by air at 1030 hours.

23/Nov/44 High clouds but overcast. 84 day trips, 31 night trips completed. Anson No. 12365 returned to base with punctured wing. Pilot FS G.P. Coleman, R178428. Investigation proceeding.

24/Nov/44 Low overcast in morning. Flying washed out. Wings Parade held for 112 Air Bombers in the Drill Hall at 0900 hours. 31 men were presented with wings. Group Captain W.A. Murray presented the wings. 53 day trips completed. Night flying washed out. W/C Pounder, S/L Heslop, F/L Wright of Navigation Visiting Flight, Trenton, Ontario, arrived by air from No. 7 A.O.S., Portage la Prairie, Man.

25/Nov/44 Low ceiling, flying washed out completely. Extension to Course granted by No. 2 T.C. for Course 114 Air Bombers due to unfavourable weather conditions.

26/Nov/44 Low ceiling, some snow falling. Flying washed out. Normal routine.

27/Nov/44 Fog and low ceiling, flying washed out. Normal routine. G/C. W.A. Murray departed for Winnipeg by rail to attend Commanding Officer's Conference. W/C W.J. Hawkins assumed command of the Station in the absence of the Commanding Officer.

28/Nov/44 Heavy overcast, 20 morning trips completed. Afternoon flying washed out. 24 night trips completed.

29/Nov/44 Overcast and cold. 52 day trips completed. 42 night trips completed. G/C Murray returned 1530 hrs.

30/Nov/44 Low ceiling in early morning, clearing in late morning. 35 day trips completed, 37 night trips completed. Investigation of Anson 12365, pilot FS G.B. Coleman still proceeding.

IMAGE 1551

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. November/44 (cont'd)

SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Rugby: No. # 3 Wireless School won the combined Services League Championship by defeating our Rivers Pathfinders on the 4th of November in Winnipeg's Osborne Stadium. Score was 15-5 giving No. 3 the two game total point series by total score of 26 - 12.

Basketball: Rivers Men's basketball team played and won four inter station league games this month. Scores were as follows: Rivers vs 15 Shilo - 54- 46; A-35 Shilo vs Rivers 45 - 19; Souris vs Rivers 63 - 32; A15 Shilo vs Rivers 63 - 35. Inter unit basketball and volleyball are proving very popular and are being played daily with all sections participating.

Badminton and Bowling: Badminton and bowling tournaments are now in full swing. Many personnel are showing a keen interest in these two sports.

General: Interest in both the Hobby Shop and Photo Club has increased. The Hobby Shop is a large room set aside in the Drill Hall and it has taken on the appearance of a busy work shop.

Entertainment: On November 30th an Airmen's Dance was held in the Drill Hall. Music was provided by the Ansonaires, and an excellent turnout of Corporals and below enjoyed this very successful affair.

SPIRITUAL WELFARE OF STATION

The average number of R.C.'s on strength for the month of November was 322.

The average attendance at Sunday Services during the past month has been 143.

Three ordered services for Protestants were held in the month, and one voluntary.

Remembrance Day was suitably observed at this Unit. Those not employed on essential duties were invited to a Service in the Recreation Hall at 1045 hours. Some 400 attended.

At the Commanding Officer's request the Chaplains on the Unit conduct prayers in turn at the weekly Commanding Officer's parade.

IMAGE 1552

1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. November, 1944 (cont'd)

HEALTH OF PERSONEL

Number of patients in Station Hospital past month averaged 18. There were 71 admissions including 10 W.D.s and 1 civilian. Average number on daily sick parade was 25 including 3 W.D. personnel.

There were 3 cases of Chicken Pox during the past month admitted to Hospital.

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Civilian</u>
<u>STAFF</u> R.C.A.F.	259	1096	
R.C.A.F.(WD)	5	179	

SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN RCAF

R.A.F.	3	2
R.N.Z.A.F.	-	-
R.A.A.F.	-	-
C.D.C.	3	4
C.P.C.	-	3
R.C.A.S.C.	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
	271	1287

CIVILIANS

Meteorologists		10
Y.M.C.A.		2
Barrack Officer		1
Radio Operators (Jr. rating)		1
Stenographers		2
General Duties		94
Others		<u>52</u> (Cont'd)

IMAGE 1553

CIVILIANS (CONT'D)

Totals . . .	<u>294</u>	<u>1458</u>	<u>162</u>
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TRAINEES

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>
R.C.A.F.	13	258
R.A.F.	1	256
R.A.A.F.	<u>1</u>	<u>10</u>
	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

Serviceable

Unserviceable

Anson Mk V	89	10
Stinson	1	-

FLYING TIME

Total Number of Flying Hours for the month of November, 1944 - 2,603 hours 45 minutes.

(W.A. Murray) G/C,
G.C. No. 1 C.N.S.,
RIVERS, Manitoba.

IMAGE 1554

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DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 3/Nov/44

Course No. 184 Navigators

Disposal of Graduates

Disposal of Transfers & Ceased Trainees

Total Intake	56	RAF - #31 P.D. Moncton, N.B.	24	Posted #31 P.D. Moncton	11
Graduates	34	RCAF - Posted to Release Centres		Posted #2 W.S. Calgary	1
Ceased Training	18	Pending Discharge	<u>10</u>	Posted #3 B.&G. MacDonald	2
Transfers Out	<u>4</u>		34	Posted #1 "M" Depot, Toronto	3
	56 56			Posted #3 R.D. Vancouver	1
				Transferred to 105 (Medical Reasons)	1
				Transferred to 106 (Medical Reasons)	<u>3</u>
					22

Course No. 111 Air Bombers

Disposal of Graduates

Disposal of Transfers & Ceased Trainees

Total Intake	50	RCAF - Posted to Release Centres		Posted #31 P.D. Moncton	10
Graduates	39	Pending Discharge	7	Transferred to 113 (Medical Reasons)	<u>1</u>
Ceased Training	10	RAF - Posted #31 P.D. Moncton	<u>32</u>		
Transferred Out	<u>1</u> 50		39		11

IMAGE 1555

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DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 17/November/44.

<u>Course No. 105 Navigators</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal of Transfers & Ceased Trainees</u>
Total intake	59	RCAF - Posted to Release Centres	Posted #31 P.D. Moncton 14
Graduates	36	Pending Discharge 9	Posted #10 B.&G. Mt. Pleasant 1
Ceased Training	19	RAF - Posted #31 P.D. Moncton <u>27</u>	Posted #2 W.S. Calgary 1
Transfers Out	<u>4</u>		Discharged 2
	59 59		Posted #3 W.S. Winnipeg <u>1</u>
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<u>Course No. 35 S.N.I.(Pilots)</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>	Disp	<u>Disposal of Transfers & Ceased Trainees</u>
Total Intake	25	<u>RCAF</u>		
Graduates	24	No. 1 SFTS Camp Borden 2		Transferred to Staff #1 CNS
Ceased Training	1	No. 2 SPTS Uplands 3		(Ceased Training Medical Reasons) 1
		No. 4 SFTS Saskatoon 3		
		No. 10 SFTS Dauphin 2		
		No. 12 SFTS Brandon 1		
		No. 14 SFTS Kingston 3		
		No. 17 SFTS Souris 5		
		No. 18 SFTS Gimli 2		
		No. 19 SFTS Vulcan 2		
		No. 9 SFTS Centralia <u>1</u>		
			24	

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<u>Course No. 50 S.N.I.(Navigators)</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal of Transfers & Ceased Trainees</u>
Total Intake	22	RCAF	
Graduates	22	No. 1 T.C. H.Q. Toronto 4	NIL
		No. 2 T.C. H.Q. Winnipeg 7	
		No. 5 T.C. H.Q. Montreal 10	
		No. 8 A.O.S. Ancienne Lorette <u>1</u>	
			22

IMAGE 1556

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DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 24/November,1944

<u>Course No. 112 Air Bombers</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal of Transfers & Ceased Trainees</u>
Total Intake	45	RCAF - Posted to Release Centres	Pending Discharge 1
Graduates	31	Pending Discharge 16	Transferred to Crse 112 #9 A.O.S. 12

Ceased Training	1	RAF - Posted #31 P.D. Moncton	14	Transferred to 112 (Medical Reasons)	<u>1</u>
Transfers Out	<u>13</u>	RNZAF - Posted #2 R.C. Lachine	<u>1</u>		
	45 45		31		14

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IMAGE 1557

1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

1/Dec/44 Clear sky. Very frosty. Wings parade for Course 106 Navigators and 3 New Zealand Air Bombers from Course 112 Air Bombers. 38 graduates were presented with wings by Group Captain W.A. Murray. W/C V.J. Hawkins proceeded on temporary duty to No. 2 Air Command, Winnipeg. 86 day trips, 40 night trips completed. Souris reported Aircraft 11535 missing. Later reported crashed.

2/Dec/44 Heavy fog in early hours of morning. Flying washed out until afternoon, 46 day trips completed. Ventura aircraft being delivered this Unit crash landed at Fleming, Saskatchewan.

3/Dec/44 High overcast in morning. Low ceiling in afternoon. Fog in evening. 47 day trips, night flying washed out. 4 aircraft landed in Neepawa, 1 aircraft at Souris, and 1 aircraft at Virden due to fog conditions at home airport.

4/Dec/44 High overcast, 59 day trips. Night flying washed out.

5/Dec/44 Fog. Flying washed out all day. Normal routine.

6/Dec/44 Weather clear in morning, fog at night. S/L Warren, No. 2 A.C. Education Officer visited G.I.S. 82 day trips. No night flying.

7/Dec/44 Heavy fog all day. Flying washed out.

8/Dec/44 Fog in morning. High overcast in afternoon. 39 afternoon trips completed. 35 night trips.

9/Dec/44 Low ceiling in morning. High overcast in afternoon. 39 afternoon trips. Night flying washed out. No. 4 Compass Adjusters graduated - 18 pupils.

10/Dec/44 Fog all day. Flying washed out. Night flying washed out.

11/Dec/44 Clear sky.

IMAGE 1558

1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

12/Dec/44 Clear and cold. 70 day trips completed, 59 night trips completed.

13/Dec/44 High overcast and cold. 84 day trips completed. Night flying washed out due to cold front approaching this area, containing light rain and snow.

14/Dec/44 Low clouds in morning, clearing in afternoon. 36 afternoon trips completed, 66 night trips completed. W/C Howells, R., RAF Chaplain arrived 1700 hours by air.

15/Dec/44 High overcast in morning and snow fall in afternoon. 36 day trips completed. 15 night trips completed. Course 107 Navigators and Course 113 Air Bombers were presented with wings at a Wings Parade held in the Drill Hall at 0900 hours. Group Captain W.A. Murray presented the wings. 17 W.O.G.'s posted to this Unit from Lachine.

16/Dec/44 High overcast. 63 day trips. Night flying washed out. W/C Howells, E., RAF Chaplain departed 1700 hours by air.

17/Dec/44 Low overcast in morning. No flying. 34 day trips completed in afternoon. Night flying washed out.

18/Dec/44 High overcast. 81 day trips completed. Night flying washed out. Crane No. 7956 piloted by F/O Bland landed due to adverse weather at Brandon.

19/Dec/44 Low ceiling in morning clearing in afternoon. 45 day trips completed. 43 night trips completed. Normal routine.

20/Dec/44 High overcast in morning, low ceiling in afternoon and night. 25 day trips completed. Night flying washed out. Group Captain W.A. Murray proceeded on temporary duty to No. 2 A.C. by air at 1000 hours.

21/Dec/44 Low ceiling and snow. No flying all day. Normal routine. Course 112 Air Bombers graduated. Group Captain Murray presented the wings. G/C W.A. Murray returned from temporary duty at 1100 hours by air.

22/Dec/44 High overcast and cold. 34 day trips and 31 night trips completed. Normal routine.

23/Dec/44 Low ceiling in morning clearing in the afternoon. 28 afternoon trips completed. Night flying washed out.

IMAGE 1559

1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

24/Dec/44 High overcast. 36 day trips, 20 night trips completed.

25/Dec/44 Christmas day; Training Wing closed for the day. A hearty Christmas dinner was enjoyed by all airwomen and airmen, served by officers and Senior N.C.O.s

26/Dec/44 Clear and cold. 34 day trips, 36 night trips completed.

27/Dec/44 Strong winds, high overcast. 52 day trips. Night flying washed out due to low overcast for 2nd trip. First trip completed.

28/Dec/44 Low ceiling. Flying washed out both for day and night. Normal routine.

29/Dec/44 52 trips scheduled for the day, 49 trips completed. Two aircraft returned to base early in afternoon. Night flying washed out.

30/Dec/44 Flying all washed out, low clouds and fog.

31/Dec/44 Flying all washed out.

SPORTS AN ENTERTAINMENT

Service Basketball: Four games were played this month. There were won and 1 was lost: Shilo A35 38 Rivers 64: Shilo A3 38 Rivers 49; Brandon 28 Rivers 49; Rivers 29 Souris 38. First half of schedule completed with Rivers leading by 1 point.

Inter Unit Basketball and Volley Ball: Games have been played on a regular schedule, but everything was disrupted by the holidays; will continue in full swing after the New Year.

Badminton: A badminton night was held with fifty members of the Badminton Club attending. A social was held in W.D. Canteen at the conclusion of this very successfully evening.

IMAGE 1560

1 C.N.S., River, Man. Dec/44 month end

SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT (CONT'D)

Boxing: Three men were sent to No. 4 S.F.T.S., Saskatoon, Sask. Two men participated and lost the decision.

Hockey: Practices were called for in the latter part of the month. Due to poor weather conditions hockey has not got under way very well, but it is expected to be in full swing early in the New Year.

Entertainment

An afternoon's entertainment was provided for all personnel on Christmas afternoon in the Recreation Hall. Sing songs, musical and monologue presentations were on the program.

A Children's Christmas party was held in the Recreation Hall on Thursday December 21st. Approximately 70 children of personnel attended.

A very successful Airmen's Dance was held on Wednesday evening, December 20th. Hostesses came in from Brandon. Music was supplied by the Station Orchestra.

General: Many R.A.F. personnel were provided with hospitality in Brandon and Winnipeg by the Y.M.C.A.

SPIRITUAL WELFARE OF THE STATION

The average number of R.C.s on strength during the month of December was 284.

Church services continue to be held on Sundays in the Chapel at 0900 hours and again at 1730 hours. These services are fairly well attended, averaging 125. On week-days, there is Mass in the Chapel at 1715 hours.

Special services were held on December 8th, Christmas and New Year's day. For Christmas, in addition to the Christmas morning service, there was a Midnight Mass, preceded by the singing of Christmas carols. The capacity of the Chapel was taxed by the attendance at the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

Early in the month, a visit was paid to the station by the Command Chaplain (RC), W/C L.A. Costello.

IMAGE 1561

1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. Dec/44 month end

SPIRITUAL WELFARE (CONT'D)

Four ordered Protestant church services were held with a parade from each of the wings. On a particular Sunday of the month, a marked absence of officers and N.C.O.s attending these services has been noticed. Voluntary services were held on one Sunday and every Sunday evening in the Chapel.

Suitable services were held through the Christmas season, printed sheets containing the well known carols were distributed. A Preparation Class for Communion has met weekly in the Chapel.

HEALTH OF PERSONNEL

Number of patients in Station Hospital for the past month averaged 12.7. There were 36 admissions, including 5 W.D.s and 1 civilian. Average number on daily sick parade was 13.7. including 1.7 W.D. personnel.

No cases of infectious diseases were admitted to hospital during the month of December.

PERSONNEL STRENGTH

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
<u>STAFF</u> R.C.A.F.	272	834	
R.C.A.F. (WD)	3	184	

SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN RCAF

R.A.F.	4	2
C.D.C.	3	6
C.P.C.	-	3
R.C.A.S.C	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>283</u>	<u>1032</u>

IMAGE 1562

1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. Dec/44 month end (cont'd)

CIVILIANS

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
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Meteorologists	9
Y.M.C.A.	2
Barrack Officer	1
Radio Operators (Jr. Rating)	1
Stenographers	2
General Duties	98
Others	50

Totals	<u>283</u>	<u>1032</u>	<u>163</u>
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TRAINEES

R.C.A.F.	1	166
R.A.F.	-	<u>384</u>
	1	550

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH Serviceable Unserviceable

Anson Mk V	90	3
Norseman	1	-
Ventura	3	2

FLYING TIME

Total Number of Flying Hours for the month of December, 1944 - 6,642 hours 45 minutes.

(W.A. Murray) G/C,
C.O. No. 1 C.N.S.,
RIVERS. Manitoba.

IMAGE 1563

DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 1st December, 1944

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

<u>Course No. 106 Navigators</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal of Transfers & Ceased Trainees</u>	
Total Intake	57	1 RCAF Pending Posting	1	Posted #31 P.D. Moncton	14
Graduates	38	5 OTU Boundary Bay	4	Awaiting Posting	3
Ceased Training	17	6 OTU Comox, B.C.	4	Transferred to 110 (Medical)	1
Transfers Out	<u>2</u>	31 P.D. MONCTON, N.B.	<u>29</u>	Transferred to 107 (Medical)	<u>1</u>
	57 57		38		19

DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 9th December, 1944

<u>Course No. 4 Compass Adjusters</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal of Transfers & Ceased Trainees</u>	
Total Intake	21	3 OTU Pat Bay	3	Transferred to 5 (Medical)	1

Graduates	17	5 OTU Boundary Bay	3	Awaiting Posting Instructions	<u>3</u>
Ceased Training	3	6 OTU Comox	3		4
Transfers Out	<u>1</u>	8 OTU Greenwood	2		
	21	Pending Posting Instructions			
	21		<u>6</u>		
			17		

DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 15th December, 1944.

<u>Course 107 Navigators</u>	<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal of Transfers & Ceased Trainees</u>			
Total Intake	55	RAF #31 P.D. Moncton	33	Transferred to 110 (Medical Reasons)	1
Graduates	34	RAAF #7 RC Calgary	<u>1</u>	Posted #31 P.D. Moncton	14
Ceased Training	19		34	Transferred to 109 (Medical Reasons)	1
Transfers Out	<u>2</u>			Awaiting Disposition	<u>5</u>
	55				21
	55				

<u>Course 113 Air Bombers</u>	<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal of Transfers & Ceased Trainees</u>			
Total Intake	42	Posted 8 R.C. Vancouver	6	Pending Discharge	2
Graduates	36	Posted 7 R.C. Calgary	6	Transferred to 114 (Medical)	1
Ceased Training	2	Posted 6 R.C. Regina	3	Transferred to 116	<u>3</u>
Transfers Out	<u>4</u>	Posted 4 R.C. Toronto	4		6
	42	Posted 31 P.D. Moncton	14		
	42	Posted 3 R.D. Vancouver	<u>3</u>		
			36		

IMAGE 1564

DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 22nd December, 1944

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

<u>Course 114 Air Bombers</u>	<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal of Transfers & Ceased Trainees</u>			
Total Intake	59	Posted 8 R.C. Vancouver	6	Posted #3 R.D. Vancouver	1
Graduates	53	Posted 7 R.C. Calgary	12	Awaiting Disposition	3
Ceased Training	5	Posted 6 R.C. Regina	2	Awaiting Discharge	1
Transfers Out	<u>1</u>	Posted 4 R.C. Toronto	5	Transferred to 116 (Medical)	<u>1</u>
	59	Posted 3 R.C. Rockcliffe	3		6
	59	Posted 2 R.C. Lachine	1		
		Posted 1 R.C. Halifax	1		
		Posted 5 OTU Boundary Bay	11		
		Posted 31 P.D. Moncton	<u>12</u>		
			53		

DISPOSAL OF COURSE GRADUATING 29th December, 1944

<u>Course 108 Navigators</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal of Transfers & Ceased Trainees</u>	
Total Intake	52	Posted 8 R.C. Vancouver	4	Transferred to 109 (Medical)	4
Graduates	37	Pending Posting	1	Posted RCAF Stn. Edmonton	1
Ceased Training	11	Posted 7 R.C. Calgary	3	Posted 31 P.D. Moncton	3
Transfers out	<u>4</u>	Posted 6 R.C. Regina	1	Awaiting posting	1
	52 52	Posted 5 R.C. Winnipeg	1	Discharged	4
		Posted 4 R.C. Toronto	5	Posted #407 E.M.U. Swift Current	1
		Posted 2 R.C. Lachine	1	Posted W.A.C. Headquarters	<u>1</u>
		Posted 5 OTU Boundary Bay	7		15
		Posted 6 OTU Comox	6		
		Posted 31 P.D. Moncton	<u>8</u>		
			37		

IMAGE 1565

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

1/Jan/45 Happy New Year. No flying. As at Christmas, a hearty New Year's Dinner was enjoyed. All officers visited the N.C.O.'s Mess, and were received with marked hospitality.

2/Jan/45 Morning flight twenty-five aircraft scheduled and twenty-five flew. Aircraft 12009 returned to base early with A/S indicator unserviceable. In the afternoon all flying was washed out due to poor weather conditions. The night flying was washed out due to weather. Aircraft 12017 force landed in field one mile west of Pipestone. Hangars satisfactory.

3/Jan/45 During the day 51 aircraft were scheduled and 50 flew. Aircraft 12222 nosed over and bent prop at 1124 hours, the pilots were from Training Flight. The tailwheel of P/O Williams aircraft came off Aircraft 12336. Aircraft 12013 returned to base with the operator too sick to carry on with the trip. Night - 29 aircraft scheduled and 19 flying; four aircraft returned to base early, 122145 electrical system unserviceable; 12313 port motor unserviceable, 12010 windshield frosted; 12331 unable to contact base and windshield frosted.

4/Jan/45 Morning 22 aircraft scheduled, 15 flew. Afternoon 32 aircraft scheduled and 19 flew. Night 40 aircraft scheduled, 4 flew but were recalled.

5/Jan/45 Flying all washed out due to extremely cold weather.

6/Jan/45 Day 44 aircraft scheduled and 44 flew. Night 43 aircraft scheduled but briefings and flying washed out due to adverse weather conditions.

7/Jan/45 During the day all flying was washed out due to unsuitable weather conditions. At night 43 aircraft were scheduled 34 flew, 2 were washed out at briefing and 7 washed because they would not start. Condition of hangars satisfactory.

8/Jan/45 No aircraft scheduled in the morning, 22 scheduled in the afternoon and one was washed out. At night 24 were scheduled and 15 flew. W/C W.J. Hawkins, S/L J.F. Heard departed Rivers 1530 by rail on visit to U.S.A. visiting Navigation Schools.

IMAGE 1566

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

9/Jan/45 Briefing and flying washed out on account of weather in the morning, afternoon and night.

10/Jan/45 Flying all washed out on account of weather.

11/Jan/45 All flying washed out due to weather. Lodestar 562 left Portage 1025 could not land at Rivers, landed at Minot.

S/L Yoeman, R.A.F. accountant officer, visited station.

12/Jan/45 Flying all washed out on account of weather.

13/Jan/45 During the day 63 aircraft were scheduled, 31 flew as 32 were washed out in the afternoon flight. Night flying and briefings were washed out due to weather.

W/C Costello, Command R.C. Chaplain, arrived by rail 1500 hours to take R.C. services in absence of F/L Thompson.

14/Jan/45 Inclement weather conditions, flying all washed out.

15/Jan/45 Flying all washed out, fog and low cloud. W/C Costello, Command R.C. Chaplain, departed by rail 0800 hours.

16/Jan/45 Briefings and flying washed out due to weather.

17/Jan/45 Briefings and flying washed out due to adverse weather reports.

18/Jan/45 Flying and briefings washed out due to low cloud and fog. Conditions normal.

19/Jan/45 Morning flights washed out. 40 aircraft scheduled in afternoon and 40 flew. For night trips 41 aircraft were scheduled and 41 flew. Aircraft 12291 returned early with radio unserviceable and compass out. Course 109 Air Navigators graduated.

20/Jan/45 Morning flight had 32 aircraft scheduled, two were washed out. Afternoon and first evening flight were washed out. 25 were scheduled for second evening flight and 23 flew. Six aircraft down at Saskatoon on routing navigation flight, one overshoot on landing, no one hurt.

21/Jan/45 Sixty-six aircraft scheduled for day flights and no wash outs, 48 scheduled for night flights and all flew, two returned to base early. Six aircraft remained in Saskatoon.

22/Jan/45 Day flights had 54 aircraft scheduled and all flew; 55 aircraft were scheduled for night flight and all flew. Aircraft 12012 remained at Saskatoon.

IMAGE 1567

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

23/Jan/45 Forty-nine aircraft scheduled to fly and 49 flew during the day. First night trip 24 scheduled and flew, second night trip 26 scheduled and none flew. Aircraft 12272 landed wheels up. No one hurt. Investigation conducted by F/O J.D. Haigh.

24/Jan/45 Fifty-eight aircraft scheduled, 57 flew. At night 61 were scheduled and 60 flew. Condition of hangars satisfactory. Course No. 5 Compass Adjusters graduated.

25/Jan/45 Fifty-seven aircraft scheduled and 55 flew, 2 were washed out in morning flight. 26 scheduled for night flight and 1 washed out. Condition of hangars satisfactory. W/C W.J. Hawkins and S/L J.F. Heard returned from U.S.A. at 0800 hours by rail.

26/Jan/45 Morning flight and night flight washed out due to weather. 37 scheduled and 36 flew in afternoon flight. Condition of hangars satisfactory. Anson aircraft 12004 returned to base with bent props. Summary of Evidence taken by F/L A.H.J. Zaitlin.

27/Jan/45 Seventy-seven aircraft scheduled for day flights, 74 flew. On night flight 35 scheduled and three were washed out due to lack of operators.

28/Jan/45 Afternoon flight 43 were scheduled but two were washed out. Night flight 45 were scheduled and 44 flew. Condition of hangars satisfactory.

29/Jan/45 Twenty-five aircraft scheduled in morning flight and 24 flew; all were recalled at 0950 hours because of icing condition and poor visibility. The afternoon flight was washed out. At night 36 were scheduled two washed out. W/C Davidson T. Nav. visited the station. G/C W.A. Murray departed Rivers on annual leave. W/C W.J. Hawkins took over Command.

30/Jan/45 Eighty-three aircraft scheduled for day flying and 43 were washed out. Forty-two were scheduled for night flight and two were washed out. Condition of the hangar was satisfactory. Six aircraft at Calgary over night. Investigation on Aircraft 12272 submitted to Command. Summary of Evidence on P/O Derhak concerning Aircraft 12004 submitted to Command.

IMAGE 1568

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

31/Jan/45 Seventy-five aircraft scheduled to fly and 74 flew. On the night trip 30 aircraft were scheduled, two washed out.

SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Senior Basketball: Out of four games played this month our fast playing team lost only one which brings them into the finale. The scores were as follows: Rivers 65 Souris 29; Rivers 69 A15 Shilo 30; Rivers 55 A15 Shilo 32; Rivers 74 A35 Shilo 37; Rivers 45 A7 Shilo 31; Brandon 56 Rivers 31.

Hockey: Hockey is finally on its way, and is enjoyed by many spectators as well as those playing. Two games were won and two were lost. Scores as follows; A15 Shilo 7 Rivers ; Brandon 7 Rivers 2; Rivers 7 A3 Shilo 3; Rivers 12 Carberry 3.

W.D. Basketball: In the first game of the area playoffs "Our Girls" defeated Brandon 21 - 13.

Inter Unit Sports: Games of inter unit volleyball and basketball leagues are being played daily, to the satisfaction of all concerned. Great rivalry is shown between sections which creates a feeling of good sportsmanship and the will to win.

Entertainment: On 26th January a dance was held for Corporals and below, and as usual the dance was received with enthusiasm. Hostesses were in attendance from Brandon. An enjoyable evening was spent.

On 27th January the Show Boat concert party from Winnipeg gave two concerts and were afterwards entertained in the Officers' Mess. Voted a good show.

General: An amplifying system has been installed in the Airmen's Mess by the Y.M.C.A. Broadcasts of news both local and world wide are accompanied by a good selection of recording during the noon hour.

An entertainment committee has been formed with the purpose of furthering activities of the committee already in existence.

SPIRIT WELFARE OF STATION

R.C.: The average enrolment of R.C. personnel for the month was 253.

IMAGE 1569

No. 1 C.N.S., River, Man. 31/Jan/45

R.C. (Cont'd)

Sunday services, consisting of Mass and sermon, were held in the station chapel at 0900 hours and at 1730 hours each Sunday. The average attendance was 112. Week day services were held daily in the Chapel at 1715 hours.

Graduation exercises for graduating R.C. personnel of Navigation courses were held in the Chapel on January 5th and January 19th.

The feast of Epiphany on January 6th was observed with appropriate ceremonies both morning and evening.

A beautiful pair of hand-wrought iron candlesticks was presented for use on the altar by Mr. Frank Hartnell, a civilian blacksmith on the Station.

Protestant: Three church parades and one voluntary morning service were held this month along with voluntary evening services. The average attendance for the month was 810.

Communion was held Sunday mornings at 0800 hours. A marked increase in the attendance of officers was noted.

Having been duly confirmed two candidates were received as members of the church.

A service was held for the graduating courses. Class 109 Air Navigators with approximately 100% were in attendance.

HEALTH OF PERSONNEL

Number of patients in Station Hospital for the past month averaged 22. There were 90 admissions including 19 W.D.'s and 3 civilians. The average number on daily sick parade was 19 including average of 3 W.D. personnel.

IMAGE 1570

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. 31/Jan/45.

HEALTH OF PERSONNEL (Cont'd)

One case each of Chicken Pox and German Measles were admitted to hospital during the month of January.

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
<u>STAFF:</u> R.C.A.F.	256	894	
R.C.A.F. (WD)	3	197	

SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN RCAF

RA.F.	4	2
C.D.C.	4	5
R.C.A.S.C.	1	3

CIVILIANS

Meteorologists		9	
Y.M.C.A.		2	
Barrack Officer		1	
Radio Operators		1	
Stenographers		2	
General Duties		94	
Others		54	
<u>Totals</u>	266	1101	163

TRAINEES

R.C.A.F.	2	132
R.A.F.	-	265
R.A.A.F.	-	14
	2	411

IMAGE 1571

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH:</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
Anson Mk V	89	4
Norseman	1	-
Ventura	1	4

FLYING TIME

Total Number of Flying Hours for the month of January, 1945 - 4,796 hours.

(W.A. Hawkins) W/C,
C.O. No. 1 C.N.S.,
RIVERS, Manitoba.

IMAGE 1572

DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 19th January, 1945.

Appendix "A" Page 1
No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

<u>Course No. 109 Navigators</u>	<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal of Transfers & Ceased Trainees</u>
Total Intake 52	5 O.T.U. Boundary Bay 6	Posted to #31 D.P., Moncton 10
Plus Transfers in 5	4 R.C., Toronto 2	Awaiting posting 1
Graduates 38	8 R.C., Vancouver 7	Discharged 1
Ceased Training 12	7 R.C., Calgary 3	Transferred to 110 (Medical) 3
Transfers out <u>7</u>	31 P.D., Moncton. <u>20</u>	Transferred to 113 (Medical) 1
57 57	38	Transferred to 119 (Medical) 1
		Transferred to Pilot Training <u>2</u>
		19

DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 24th January, 1945.

<u>Course No. 5 Compass Adjusters</u>	<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal of Transfers & Ceased Trainees.</u>
Total Intake 22	RCAF Station, Moncton 6	Posted #13 SFTS, North Battleford 1
Transfers in 1	#1 "Y" Depot, Moncton 2	Posted #8 R.D., Winnipeg 2
Graduates 15	#3 R.D., Vancouver 3	Posted #12 SFTS, Brandon 1
Ceased Training <u>8</u>	#4 R.D., Scoudouc 2	Posted RCAF Station, Trenton 1
23 23	#5 E.D., Moncton <u>2</u>	Posted RCAF Station, Moncton 1
	15	Discharged <u>2</u>
		8

IMAGE 1573

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

1/Feb/45 Thirty-two aircraft scheduled and one washed out in morning flight, forty-three scheduled in afternoon and two washed out. Thirty-three scheduled for night flights and twenty-eight flew.

2/Feb/45 Thirty-five scheduled for day trips but all washed out, seventy-eight were scheduled for night flights, nine were washed out. C3129 W/C Roxborough arrived at 1015 hours by air and departed 1400 hours by air.

3/Feb/45 Flying washed out due to snow, low cloud and icing.

4/Feb/45 Seventy-six were scheduled for day flights and seventy-five flew; thirty-six were scheduled for night and thirty-five flew. Conditions of the hangars normal.

5/Feb/45 Flying all washed out due to bad weather. Investigating officer's report on a flying accident to Anson 12398 on January 30th, 1945, was submitted to Command Headquarters.

6/Feb/45 Sixty-nine aircraft scheduled and sixty-nine flew during the day. Twenty-three were scheduled for night flight and none were washed out. Conditions of the hangars were satisfactory.

7/Feb/45 Fifty aircraft scheduled and two were washed out for day flights. Eighteen scheduled for night trips and two washed out. Condition of hangars satisfactory.

8 /Feb/45 Sixty-six aircraft scheduled for day trips, one washed out. Thirty scheduled for night trips, all flew. C6900 W/C Mahoney arrived by air 1420 hours and departed by air at 1730 hours. W/C Mahoney is Command Medical Officer.

9/Feb/45 Twenty-three aircraft scheduled for morning flight, all flew. Flying washed out for the rest of day and night due to high winds. A fire broke out in the furnace room of B.B. 30 at 0150 hours. The all clear sounded at approximately 0330 hours.

10/Feb/45 Sixty-two aircraft scheduled for day flights and all flew. Thirty-five scheduled for night flights with two washed out.

IMAGE 1574

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

11/Feb/45 Forty-six aircraft scheduled for day trips and one washed out. Thirty-four scheduled for night trips and nil washed out.

12/Feb/45 Flying all washed out due to low ceiling and icing conditions.

13/Feb/45 Flying all washed out due to low ceiling over whole area.

14/Feb/45 Morning flight washed out. Forty scheduled for afternoon trips and all flew. Thirty-nine scheduled for night trips and one washed out.

15/Feb/45 Twenty-nine aircraft scheduled for morning trip, twenty-eight flew. Afternoon flying was washed out due to high gusty winds. Forty-one were scheduled for night flying, three were washed out. G/C Murray returned from annual leave. The proceedings of a Court of Inquiry re fire in B.B. 30, were submitted to No. 2 A.C.

16/Feb/45 Morning flights washed out due to low temperatures. Forty-eight were scheduled for afternoon and six were washed out. Thirty-two aircraft were scheduled for night flight and six were washed out. Conditions of hangars satisfactory.

17/Feb/45 Eight one aircraft scheduled for day flights, four were washed out. No night flying.

18/Feb/45 Sixty aircraft scheduled for day flights, fifty-six were flying. Thirty-one aircraft were scheduled for night trips and three were washed out.

19/Feb/45 Fifty-one aircraft were scheduled for day trips and one was washed out, forty four were scheduled for night flying and four were washed out.

20/Feb/45 Seventy aircraft were scheduled for day trips and sixty-eight flew. For night trips twenty four were scheduled and twenty two flew.

21/Feb/45 Fifty nine aircraft scheduled for day trips and three were washed out. Forty-four for night trips and eight washed out. C4405 W/C Franks Med. A.F.H.Q., C14763 W/C Farmer Med. A.F.H.Q. arrived 1545 hours by air and departed at 1630 hours.

22/Feb/45 Sixty-six aircraft scheduled for day trips with no washouts, thirty-five scheduled for night trips with three washed out.

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

23/Feb/45 Sixty-five aircraft scheduled for day trips with one washout. Night flying washed out due to weather conditions. W/C Davidson T. Nav., No. 2 A.C. arrived by air.

24/Feb/45 Flying all washed out due to weather. Lodestar 562 in Regina. C2131 W/C MacDonald T. Photo A.F.H.Q. arrived by rail at 2245 hours. A large number of personnel witnessed the arrival of the Lancaster from the Empire Air Navigation School of Shawbury, England. Included in the crew were A/C Mackworth DFC, Commandant of the Empire Air Navigation School, W/C MacKinley DFC, W/C Jobbins, and W/C Baker. Officers from units in No. 2 A.C. arrived to hear the lectures and see the demonstrations of the latest navigation aid.

25/Feb/45 No morning flight scheduled, twenty-eight scheduled for afternoon with no washouts. Night flying washed out due to weather. Condition of hangars satisfactory. W/C. MacDonald T. Photo departed by rail at 1630 hours.

26/Feb/45 Sixty-four aircraft scheduled for day flying and one washed out. Twenty-nine scheduled for night with no washouts. The Lancaster departed for Calgary at 1000 hours today.

27/Feb/45 Fifty-three aircraft scheduled for day flying and one washed out, thirty-six scheduled for night trips and none washed out. Two Venturas at Gimli and one Lodestar at Winnipeg.

28/Feb/45 All flying washed out due to inclement weather.

SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Senior Basketball: In the Area Air Force playoffs Rivers defeated Souris 57-42 but in the final game with Brandon, Rivers was defeated 57-42.

In the final two games of 1944-45 season. Rivers broke even with 1 win and 1 loss. A-5 Shilo the "underdogs" of the league pulled a "nigger in the wood pile" and defeated Rivers by 11 points.

Hockey: Rivers represented the B.D.S.A.A. in the Command playoffs in Brandon, and lost a very closely

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. 28/Feb/45

Hockey (Cont'd). contested game to Saskatoon who went on to win the Championship. The score was 3-2.

Boxing: On February 14th, the area Boxing Eliminations were held; in addition to five regular boxing matches, the program consisted of a blind fold boxing match and wrestling match. 650 were in attendance.

W.D. Basketball: Rivers continued their winning streak defeating Brandon twice 22-12 and 30-11 which completed the two out of three finals for Area representation in the Command Playoffs. In the Command playoffs on February 15th the girls were defeated by No. 8 R.D.

Curling: The curling club as in every year, is one of the station's most popular sports. Under the leadership of F/L Murray, president of the club, they will soon have completed another successful year.

Two curling teams from Rivers invaded A-3 Shilo for the Challenge Cup - "they didn't get it."

Inter Unit sports: Popular as always, with many in attendance both as participants and spectators.

Entertainment:

A Sports party was held in the Drill Hall on the 7th of February. Those who attended were divided into five groups, and they rotated from one game to another spending approximately twenty minutes at each. The station band was in attendance and a short session of dancing wound up the evening.

The "Priorities of 1945", a concert party from Winnipeg put on two good shows Saturday 17th February.

A dance for Corporals and aircraftmen was held in the Drill Hall on Tuesday 20th February. Hostesses were in attendance from Brandon. According to all reports it was thoroughly enjoyed.

General: Glove making has been started in the hospital and a reorganization meeting of Hobbies and Crafts Club was held.

The station committee has taken steps to produce a unit show in March. F/O LeFluffy, O.C. Servicing Squadron has the details well in hand.

SPIRITUAL WELFARE OF STATION

Protestant: During February, the three wings of the station arranged for their church parade on a particular Sunday. A good representation of officers was noticed.

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. 28/Feb/45

Protestant (Cont'd)

Voluntary services were held on the fourth Sunday morning and every Sunday evening.

An Anglican form of Holy Communion is held every Sunday morning at 0800 hours. Sunday evenings are devoted to a communion service familiar to non-Anglicans.

Mid week Lenten services are being held at 1900 hours.

R.C.: On February 21, a visit to the station was made by the Deputy Principal Chaplain (RC), W/C J.E. Cahill, accompanied by the Command Chaplain, W/C L.A. Costello.

W/C Cahill inspected the work of the station chaplain, and inquired in to figures on attendance at church services, etc. Following this a brief tour of the station was made.

For an observance of the season of Lent, special services for R.C. personnel are being held each Friday evening in the station chapel. These services were held on February 16th and February 23rd, and will continue until Easter.

The average strength of R.C. personnel for the month was 261. The average attendance at Sunday church services was 117 and for daily Mass Service on weekdays was 21.

HEALTH OF PERSONNEL

Number of patients in Station Hospital for the past month averaged 13. There were 55 admissions, including 3 W.D.'s and 2 civilians. The average number on sick parade was 18 including average of 2 W.D. personnel.

Two cases of Scarlet Fever and two cases of Rheumatic Fever were admitted to station hospital during the month of February.

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PERSONNEL STRENGTH

Officers

Airman

Civilians

<u>STAFF:</u> R.C.A.F.	246	886
R.C.A.F. (WD)	3	203

SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN RCAF

R.A.F.	4	2
C.D.C.	5	6
R.C.A.S.C.	1	3

CIVILIANS

Meteorologists		9
Y.M.C.A.		2
Barrack Officer		1
Radio Operators		1
Stenographers		2
General Duties		94
Others		54

259	1110	163
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TRAINEES

R.C.A.F.	19	109
R.A.F.		332
R.A.A.F.		14
	19	455

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

Serviceable

Unserviceable

Anson V	81	11
Ventura	2	3
Norseman	1	

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. 28/Feb/45 (Cont'd)

FLYING TIME

Total Number of Flying Hours for the month of February, 1945 - 5,774 hours 45 minutes.

(W.A. Murray) G/C.
C.O. No. 1 C.N.S.,
Rivers, Man.

DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 2nd February, 1945.

<u>Course No. 110 Navigators</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal of Transfers and Ceased Trainees</u>	
Total Intake	35	6 O.T.U. Comox	5	Posted to #31 P.D. Moncton.	6
Plus transfers in	5	4 R.C. Toronto	4	Discharged	4
Graduates	26	7 R.C. Calgary	2	Transferred #113	2
Ceased Training	11	8 R.C. Vancouver	8	Transferred #9 A.O.S.	1
Transfers out	<u>3</u>	6 R.C. Regina	1	Pending posting	<u>1</u>
	40 40	31 P.D. Moncton	<u>6</u>		14
			26		

<u>Course No. 116 Air Bombers</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal of Transfers and Ceased Trainees</u>	
Total Intake	26	6 R.C. Regina	1	Discharged	3
Plus transfers in	4	4 R.C. Toronto	3	Awaiting Disposition	1
Graduates	24	5 O.T.U. Boundary Bay	3	Posted to #31 P.D. Moncton	1
Ceased training	5	1 "Y" Depot, Moncton	<u>17</u>	Transferred to #119	<u>1</u>
Transfers out	<u>1</u>		24		6
	30 30				

1/Mar/45 Due to weather conditions flying was washed out all day. Lt. Col Crosby. H.S., Command Dental Officer arrived and departed by air.

2/Mar/45 Sixty-four aircraft scheduled for day trips and five washed out. Thirty-seven were scheduled for night trips and one washed out.

3/Mar/45 Sixty aircraft scheduled for day flying and two washed out. Thirty-four were scheduled and one washed out in night trips.

4/Mar/45 Nineteen aircraft scheduled for afternoon trips, all flew. Twenty-six were scheduled for night flying and two washed out.

5/Mar/45 Morning trips washed out. Afternoon flights had twenty-five aircraft scheduled and one washed out. Thirty-one were scheduled and one washed out on night trip.

6/Mar/45 Morning flight washed out, thirty-four scheduled for afternoon trips and all flew. Twenty-nine were scheduled for night trips and all flew.

7/Mar/45 Forty-eight aircraft were scheduled for day trips and all flew. Forty-eight were scheduled for night trips with two washed out. W/C Slaughter, RAF Staff Chaplain, arrived at 1900 hours by air.

8/Mar/45 Morning flights washed out. nineteen aircraft scheduled for afternoon trips and all flew. Thirty-four were scheduled for night flying and all flew. Condition of hangars were satisfactory. W/C Slaughter departed at 1430 hours by air.

9/Mar/45 Morning flight thirty-nine aircraft scheduled and eighteen did not get off. A general recall went out for aircraft to land at Brandon. Afternoon flights washed out. Night flights had thirty-seven aircraft scheduled and none washed out.

10/Mar/45 Day flights, thirty-nine aircraft scheduled and one washed out. Night flights, eighteen scheduled and one washed out. S/L Langstaffe, W.C., T Nav. A.F.H.Q., W/C E.R. Pounder T. Nav., No. 1 A.C., W/C Davidson,

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10th March, 1945 - cont'd) T. Nav., No. 2 Air Command, arrived at 1430 hours by rail to attend navigation conference.

11/Mar/45 No day flying detailed. Twenty-eight aircraft scheduled and one washed out on night trips. S/L W.C. Langstaffe, W/C E.R. Pounder and W/C Davidson Departed by rail at 1600 hours. G/C A.B. Searle and W/C B.C. Andrews arrived by air for G.C.M. in case of P/O D.G. Irwin and LAC J.F. Irwin.

12/Mar/45 Morning flight cancelled. Afternoon flight thirty-nine aircraft were scheduled and three washed out. Night flying twenty-nine scheduled and one washed out. G/C A.B. Searle and W/C B.C. Andrews departed by air.

13/Mar/45 Thirty-four scheduled for morning flights and all flew. Afternoon flights washed out as were the night trips. G/C W.A. Murray departed Rivers at 2230 hours by rail to attend G.C.M. at North Battleford. W/C W.J. Hawkins assumed temporary command.

14/Mar/45 Flying washed out due to weather.

15/Mar/45 Flying washed out due to adverse weather conditions.

16/Mar/45 Sixty-seven aircraft scheduled and sixty-six flew in the day flights. Thirty were scheduled for night flying and all washed out. G/C W.A. Murray returned Rivers from North Battleford at 1510 hours.

17/Mar/45 Fifty-four aircraft scheduled for day flying, all washed out. Ten scheduled for night trips and one washed out.

18/Mar/45 Day trips washed out. Thirty-five aircraft scheduled for night flying and one washed out.

19/Mar/45 Fifty aircraft scheduled for day trips and all flew. Thirty-three aircraft scheduled for night trips and all flew. G/C W.A. Murray departed Rivers 0800 hours to attend Commanding Officer's conference at No. 2 Air Command, returning at 1800 hours.

20/Mar/45 Thirty-two aircraft scheduled for day flights and all flew. Thirty-seven aircraft scheduled for night trips and one washed out.

21/Mar/45 Fifty-four aircraft scheduled for day trips and one washed out. Twenty-six scheduled for night trips and all flew. Norseman 2459 down at The Pas.

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

22/Mar/45 Fifty-seven aircraft scheduled and four were washed out. No night flying scheduled.

23/Mar/45 Seventy-seven aircraft scheduled for flying and seventy-four flew. Twenty-two scheduled for night trips and twenty-one flew.

24/Mar/45 Thirty-four aircraft scheduled for day trips and all flew. No night trips scheduled.

25/Mar/45 Flying washed out due to weather.

26/Mar/45 Flying all washed out due to weather.

27/Mar/45 Flying washed out due to weather, low ceiling and snow flurries.

28/Mar/45 Thirty aircraft scheduled and nine flew on morning trip. Afternoon trips had thirty-five scheduled and all flew. Thirty-five were scheduled for night trips and all flew.

29/Mar/45 Twenty-seven aircraft scheduled for morning trips, twenty-five flew. Thirty-seven aircraft scheduled for night trips and thirty-six flew. No. 1 C.N.S. celebrated the closing of the B.C.A.T.P. with an "Open House" from 1400 hours to 1700 hours, during which time the wives and friends of personnel witnessed the Station Wings Parade, a flying display by Instructional Flight and the dropping of paratroopers from Camp Shilo. Light refreshments were served. Considering the fact that No. 1 C.N.S. is a considerable distance from any large town or city, it was noted with pleasure that a great deal of interest was shown by the citizens of the surrounding district.

30/Mar/45 Good Friday, no flying.

31/Mar/45 Thirty-one aircraft scheduled for day trips and two were washed out. Briefing and flying for night trips scrubbed due to weather.

IMAGE 1584

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. 31/Mar/45

SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Senior Hockey: In the finale of the B.D.S.A.A. Hockey, Rivers and A15 Shilo both have one game to their credit in the two out of three series, but warm weather has held up the final game.

Senior Basketball: A couple of practices were held in anticipation of a home exhibition series with Portage, but this was postponed because of transportation difficulties.

W.D. Basketball: The home and home series with Brandon "Y" wound up with a win for both teams on their respective floors.

Boxing: Rivers supplied six of the boxers in the R.C.A.F. Golden Gloves show in Winnipeg. LAC Hope, A Rivers lad, won the light heavyweight crown. An excellent local boxing bout was presented to 700 personnel in attendance on Wednesday 14th March. An admission charge of 10¢ per head was turned over to the Red Cross.

Inter Unit Sports: Reeser's Jewellery Store donated a shield for the Inter Unit Basketball league, which has added the enthusiasm and competition in this sport. A very successful Bandminton Tournament was held this week with fifty people taking in four nights of playing.

Curling: With the advent of the warm weather the curling season has drawn to a close, but there is talk of a banquet in the offing.

General: A sock mending service has been established by the Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A. and the Airmen's Wives Club.

An Airmen's Dance was held in the Drill Hall on Thursday March 22nd with hostesses in attendance from Brandon. A good time was had by all.

The Trumpet Call Revue from Winnipeg gave two shows on the 24th March. Personnel were well satisfied with the night's entertainment.

Our own station show is scheduled for its first showing the first week in April.

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No. 1 CNS, Rivers, Man. 31/Mar/45 (cont'd)

SPIRITUAL WELFARE OF STATION

Protestant: The services followed the usual plan of having Headquarters, Maintenance and Training Wings responsible for a parade at an ordered service, each wing on a particular Sunday. On the fourth Sunday and also every Sunday evening, a voluntary service was held. At all services the voluntary element was larger than during any previous month of the present padre's service on this unit.

During the month a Lenten service was held every Tuesday or Wednesday evening. The attendance was encouraging enough and it is hoped to continue some mid-week services of this kind even though Easter is past.

Communion Services: Communion services are held every Sunday at 0800 hours and after the evening Services every alternate Sunday. The morning communion conforms somewhat to the Anglican service, the evening follows the order usually observed in non-Anglican communion.

Graduating Class Service: This feature has been observed for every class on the day prior to graduation. The attendance is usually 100%, of protestant personnel. The service incorporates worship, dedication, parting message and communion.

Good Friday: On the station there was a service at 1030 hours in the chapel to commemorate the Crucifixion. The service was well attended by all ranks.

R.C.s The R.C. Chaplain of No. 12 S.F.T.S., Brandon, visited the station for three days, March 19th to 21st inclusive, and preached a series of conferences to the R.C. personnel, by way of a spiritual refresher. The programme consisted of a service in the chapel at 0700 hours each morning, at which an instruction was delivered, and a similar service at 1715 hours each afternoon, and a longer sermon each evening at 1900 hours. This short refresher series was very well attended at all services.

There has been a noted decrease in the number of R.C. personnel on station strength, being now less than 250, the smallest number for several years.

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No. 1 CNS, Rivers, Man. 31/Mar/45 (cont'd)

HEALTH OF PERSONNEL

The number of patients in the Station Hospital for the past month averaged 20. There were 67 admissions, including 9 W.D.'s. The average number of sick parade was 16, including an average of 2 W.D. personnel.

Six cases of Scarlet Fever and three cases of Rheumatic Fever were admitted to the Station Hospital during the month of March.

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH</u>	<u>Offices</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
<u>STAFF:</u> R.C. A. F.	276	952	
R.C.A.F. (WD)	3	193	
<u>SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN RCAF</u>			
R.A.F.	5	2	
C.D.C.	4	7	
R.C.A.S.C.	1	4	

CIVILIANS

Meteorologists	9
Y.M.C.A.	2
Barrack Officer	1
Radio Operators	1
Stenographers	2
General Duties	93
Others	48

289 1,157 156

TRAINEES

R.C.A.F.	27	25
R.A.F.	<u>1</u>	<u>296</u>
	28	321

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No. 1 CNS, Rivers, Man. 31/Mar/45 (cont'd)

PERSONNEL STRENGTH (CONT'D)

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
Anson V	73	10
Ventura	5	-
Norseman	1	

FLYING TIME

Total Number of flying hours for month of March, 1945 - 5, 595 hours 10 minutes

(W.J. Hawkins) W/C,
C.O., No. 1 C.N.S.,
RIVERS, Manitoba.

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No. 1 CNS, Rivers, Man. 31/Mar/45 (Cont'd)

DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 16th MARCH, 1945.

Appendix "A" Page 1
No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

<u>Course No. 113 Navigators</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal of Transfers & Ceased Trainees</u>	
Total Intake	52	#6 O.T.U. Comax, B.C.	3	Posted #31 P.D. Moncton	3
Plus Transfers in	3	#5 O.T.U. Boundary Bay, B.C.	1	Posted #17 S.F.T.S. Souris	2
Graduates	29	#1 "Y" Dpo. Moncton, N.B.	14	Posted #1 "Y" Dpo.	2
Ceased Training	21	#5 R.C. Winnipeg, Man.	4	Discharged	13
Transfers Out	<u>5</u>	#4 R.C. Toronto, Ont.	2	Pending Discharge	1
	55 55	#7 R.C. Calgary, Alta.	3	Transferred to 114 (Medical)	3
		#8 R.C. Vancouver, B.C.	1	Transferred to 107 (Medical)	1
		#6 R.C. Regina, Sask.	<u>1</u>	Transferred to 117 (Medical)	<u>1</u>

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<u>Course No. 119 Air Bombers</u>	<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal of Transfers & Ceased Trainees</u>
Total Intake 27	#6 R.C. Regina, Sask. 1	Posted #1 "Y" Dpo. Moncton 1
Plus Transfers in 1	#7 R.C. Calgary, Alta. 1	Awaiting Disposition <u>2</u>
Graduates 25	#4 R.C. Toronto, Ont. 5	3
Ceased Training <u>3</u>	#6 O.T.U. Boundary Bay, B.C. 1	
28 28	#1 "Y" Dpo. Moncton 2	
	#7 R.C. Calgary, Alta. 13	
	Pending Posting <u>2</u>	
	25	

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. 31/Mar/45 (cont'd)

DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 29th March, 1945.

Appendix "A" Page 2
No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

<u>Course No. 114 Navigators</u>	<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal of Transfers & Ceased Trainees</u>
Total Intake 107	#6 O.T.U. Boundary Bay, B.C. 2	Posted #31 P.D. Moncton, N.B. 6
Plus Transfers in 4	#23 E.F.T.S. Yorkton, 5	Posted #2 T.S.U. Penhold, Alta. 1
Graduates 74	#3 R.C. Rockcliffe, Ont. 6	Posted #17 S.F.T.S. Souris, Man. 1
Ceased Training 29	#4 R.C. Toronto, Ont. 20	Posted #7 Photo Wing Rockcliffe, Ont. 1
Transfers out <u>8</u>	#8 R.C. Vancouver, B.C. 9	Posted #8 R.D. Trenton, Ont. 1
111 111	#6 R.C. Regina, Sask. 6	Posted #1 C.N.S. Rivers, Man. 1
	#7 R.C. Calgary, Alta. 7	Posted #2 C.A.M.U. 1
	#2 R.C. Lachine, Que. 2	Posted to Pilots Course 1
	#1 R.C. Halifax, N.S. 1	Discharged 16
	#6 R.C. Winnipeg, Man. 5	Transferred to 117 (Medical) 7
	#1 "Y" Dpo. Moncton, N.B. <u>12</u>	Transferred to 119 (Medical) <u>1</u>
	74	37

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DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 22nd MARCH, 1945.

<u>Course No. 5 Staff Navigators</u>	<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal of Transfers & Ceased Trainees</u>
Total Intake 12	Posted W.A.C. H.Q. 3	Nil
Graduates <u>12</u>	Awaiting Posting 2	
12 12	On Leave - Awaiting Posting 6	
	Ceased T.D. Returned to own units <u>1</u>	

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DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 9th MARCH, 1945.

<u>Course No. 51 S.N.I.(N)</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal of Transfers & Ceased Trainees</u>	
Total Intake	20	Posted W.A.C. for reposting	2	Posted #1 A.C.	2
Graduates	15	Posted #1 Reconnaissance	3	Posted #2 A.C.	1
Ceased Training	3	Posted #2 A.C. for reposting	<u>10</u>	Transferred to 52	<u>2</u>
Transferred Out	<u>2</u>		15		5
	20 20				

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

1/Apr/45 Day trips washed out due to weather. Fourteen aircraft scheduled for night trips and all flew.

2/Apr/45 Twenty-two aircraft scheduled for day trips and all flew. For night trips 37 were scheduled and two were washed out.

3/Apr/45 Fifty aircraft were scheduled for day trips and 48 flew. Thirty-three were scheduled for night trips and all flew.

G/C W.A. Murray proceeded on temporary duty to North Battleford by air at 1400 hours to attend General Court-Martial as President. W/C W.J. Hawkins assumed temporary command.

4/Apr/45 Forty-eight aircraft were scheduled for day trips and one was washed out. Thirty-five were scheduled for night trips and two were washed out.

Wg/O Tayler of A.F.H.Q. and Sq/O Laidlaw of No. 2 Air Command, arrived 1900 hours by air.

5/Apr/45 Twenty-nine aircraft scheduled for day trips and all flew. Twenty-nine aircraft scheduled for night trips and 27 flew, fifteen landed away from here due to adverse weather. The crew of one aircraft bailed out and one man was a fatality.

G/C Murray returned from temporary duty at 1230 hours by air. Wg/O Tayler and Sq/O Laidlaw departed 1530 hours by air.

6/Apr/45 Flying and briefings washed out due to adverse weather, snow and fog expected. This Unit had its first fatal accident since July, 1944. GB3006857 LAC Taylor, B.W.D. was fatally injured while jumping from aircraft No. 12325. An investigating officer, S/L O'Day, was appointed by No. 2 Air Command.

7/Apr/45 S/L Edwards, Nav. 1 at No. 2 A.C. visited the station. Flying all washed out due to low cloud and bad weather.

8/Apr/45 Flying all washed out due to bad weather and low cloud.

9/Apr/45 All flying washed out due to low ceiling and icing conditions. Investigation completed in regard to the accident to aircraft 12325.

IMAGE 1591

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

10/Apr/45 Fifty-eight aircraft scheduled for day trips and one was washed out. Briefing and flying for night trips washed out due to weather.

W/C Mahoney, P.M.O., arrived 1415 hours by air and departed 1600 hours by air.

The Eighth Victory Loan drive started with usual slow but steady drive to the top with our objective set at \$195,000.00. This Unit is out to top it, as in the past.

11/Apr/45 Flying all washed out due to weather. Norseman 2459 only aircraft away from base.

12/Apr/45 Aircraft scheduled for day trips were 47 in number. Eighteen were washed out, the afternoon trips were washed out due to weather. Twenty-seven were scheduled for night trips and one was washed out.

13/Apr/45 Sixty-eight aircraft were scheduled for day trips and four were washed out. Thirty-six were scheduled for night trips and one was washed out.

14/Apr/45 Forty-six aircraft scheduled for day trips and none were washed out. Twenty were scheduled for night trips and two were washed out.

15/Apr/45 Twenty-nine aircraft scheduled for morning trips and all flew. Afternoon trips washed out. Thirty-five scheduled for night trips and two were washed out.

16/Apr/45 Morning flights washed out as the weather was unsuitable. Afternoon trip, twenty-nine were scheduled and sixteen flew. Night trips washed out due to weather.

17/Apr/45 Day trips washed out due to high winds and poor visibility. Night trips washed out due to weather.

18/Apr/45 Sixty-two aircraft scheduled and sixty flew, on day trips. Thirty were scheduled for night trips and Twenty-nine flew.

19/Apr/45 Sixty aircraft were scheduled for day trips and fifty-nine flew. Forty were scheduled for night trips, two were washed out.

20/Apr/45 Morning trips washed out due to weather. Twenty-nine were scheduled for the afternoon, twenty eight flew. Night flying washed out due to unfavourable weather conditions and forecast.

W/C G. Milson arrived 1600 hours by rail, pending posting.

21/Apr/45 Sixty-eight aircraft scheduled for day trips and all flew. Night flying washed out due to overcast. A/C Collins, D/A/M/P R.A.F., arrived 1100 hours by air. W/C Ellis, R.A.F. Staff Chaplain arrived at the same time.

IMAGE 1592

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

22/Apr/45 All flying washed out due to low ceiling and light snow.

23/Apr/45 Morning trips washed out due to weather. Twenty-five aircraft scheduled for afternoon and all flew. Thirty-nine aircraft scheduled for night trips and two were washed out.

W/C Milson departed 1600 hours by rail. A/C Collins, D/A/M/P R.A.F. and W/C Ellis, R.A.F. Staff Chaplain departed at 1500 hours.

24/Apr/45 Sixty-three aircraft scheduled for day trips and sixty-two flew. Thirty-nine aircraft scheduled for night trips and all flew.

25/Apr/45 Seventy-seven aircraft scheduled for day trips and 71 flew. Thirty-five scheduled for night trips and all flew.

26/Apr/45 Sixty-seven aircraft were scheduled for day trips and twenty-nine flew. Afternoon trips all washed out except for a Staff Nav. trip due to weather. Twenty-seven scheduled and all flew on night trips.

27/Apr/45 Morning trips all washed out. Forty-two were scheduled for afternoon trips and fourteen flew, junior courses washed out. Night flying all washed out due to frontal conditions.

28/Apr/45 All trips for day washed out except low level, due to weather conditions. Thirteen aircraft flew out of Fifty-eight scheduled. Night trips all washed out due to weather conditions.

29/Apr/45 Forty-nine aircraft scheduled and all flew on day trips. Thirty-six were scheduled for night trips and one was washed out.

30/Apr/45 Fifty-four aircraft scheduled for day trips, fifty-two flew. Thirty-five scheduled for night trips. All flew.

SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

With all inter station leagues completed personnel at this unit have fallen back on inter unit sport.

IMAGE 1593

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. 30/Apr/45 (cont'd)

Basketball: Many games of basketball, both W.D. and airmen have been played.

Volleyball: As usual volleyball is still a very popular sport with keen competition between sections.

Bowling: This has proven one of the most popular indoor sports at this unit. Next month should see the wind up of the bowling league and the naming of the station champ.

Floor Hockey: Bruised shins, scrapped knuckles and a multitude of minor scratches are usually the result of floor hockey, but they come back for more - truly a game for the superior male.

Hobbles and Handicrafts: We have the hobby shop work divided into two sections. One for woodworking only and the other for plastics and leather meeting in separate rooms. The wood work shop has all the necessary hand tools and a turning lathe. There are a group of girls making gloves and some working at plastics in this shop. The hospital is also doing leather work in ladies hand bags, purses and watch straps as they have a room set up with equipment.

Work on Station Committees: The Sports Committee met and decided to get crests for all those who represented the Station in sports and also for the winners of the Inter-section leagues. Those will be given out at a sports banquet to be held at a later date. The library committee met and received the report for the preceding month, which was satisfactory. They also took steps to see that the hospital was well supplied with books.

The rifle club held their spring re-organization meeting and competition will start next Tuesday after a lull during the winter months due to the fact that we had no indoor range. Interest is good and we are looking forward to a large membership and a good season.

Station Committees: The Photo club had their monthly meeting and tentative plans were made for another contest a little later in the spring. It was found that the Club was operating well. The Library Committee met and received the report for the month approximately 1600 books were circulated during March. The supply of magazines and papers was good and the hospital were being kept supplied with new reading material.

An unusually cold spring has retarded the organization of outdoor sports but as soon as the weather improves, all personnel will greet the advent of baseball, soccer and track with their usual enthusiasm. Thirty bicycles, the property of the Station Fund, are ready for use, greeted with marked enthusiasm last year, it is predicted that this year will see the bicycles in great demand. The "No. 1 C.N.S. Riding Academy" has twelve horses available for use of personnel, a thoroughly enjoyable recreation with many bumps and groans.

IMAGE 1594

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. 30/Apr/45 (cont'd)

Entertainment: The Station show "All Clear to Land" played in the Recreation Hall on the 4th and 5th of this month. Directed by F/O "Des" LeFlufy this show was a huge success.

SPIRITUAL WELFARE OF STATION

R.C.: On Saturday, April 21st, W/C T.H. Ellis, the R.A.F. Staff Chaplain (RC) from A.F.H.Q., Ottawa, paid a visit to this unit, in the interests of R.A.F. personnel (RC), and he remained for two days, taking the Sunday morning service in the Chapel on April 22nd.

The number of R.C.s on station strength averages 295.

The attendance at the church services on Easter Sunday was high, the capacity of the Chapel being taxed for both morning and evening services.

Protestant: During the month, the three wings of the Station, Training, Headquarters and Maintenance, arranged for a parade for the church service, each on a different Sunday morning. The interest of officers was very favourable and their appreciation offers encouragement both for Padre as well as the men they serve. Besides these, there were nine voluntary services for a total of 475, representing the best average in the Padre's service at this Unit.

Holy Communion: Instead of the former 0800 hour communion on Sunday morning, it is now being held after morning worship and is better attended. Every alternate Sunday after the evening worship, the Communion Service as commonly observed by the non-Anglicans, is held and is proving a success.

Bible Study: This class for Bible instruction and discussion meets on Tuesday evenings and has an average attendance of 10. The Gospel of St. John is the text of study.

HEALTH OF PERSONNEL

Number of patients in Station Hospital for the past month averaged 15. There were 37 admissions, including 3 W.D.'s and 1 civilian. The average number on sick parade was 21, including an average of 2 W.D. personnel. One case of Scarlet Fever was admitted to Station Hospital during the month of April.

IMAGE 1595

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. 30/Apr/45 (cont'd)

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
<u>STAFF</u> : R.C.A.F.	249	1049	
R.C.A.F. (WD)	5	209	

SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN RCAF

R.A.F.	7	1
C.D.C.	4	6
R.C.A.S.C.	1	4

CIVILIANS

Meteorologists			10
Y.M.C.A.			2
Barrack Officer			1
Radio Operator			1
Stenographers			2
General Duties			89
Others			43
	264	1269	148

TRAINEES

R.C.A.F.	110	94
R.A.F.	9	280
R.A.A.F.	119	377

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
Anson V	82	12
Ventura	1	2
Norseman	1	

FLYING TIME: Total Number of flying hours for month of April, 1945 - 5, 478 hours and 30 minutes.

(W.A. Murray) Group Captain,
C.O., No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

IMAGE 1596

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

APPENDIX "A" Page 1.

DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 13th April, 1945.

No. 1 C.N.S., RIVERS, Man.

<u>Course No. 6 Nav.(N) Refresher</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal of Transfers & Ceased Trainees</u>
Total Intake	13	RCAF Station St. Hubert, P.Q. 11	Failed in ground and Air work.
Graduates	11		Awaiting Disposition 2
Ceased Training	<u>2</u>		
	13 13		

DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 27th APRIL,1945.

<u>Course No. 7 Nav(W) Refresher</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal of Transfers & Ceased Trainees</u>
Total Intake	13	Posted RCAF Stn. St. Hubert, P.Q. 13	Nil
Graduates	<u>13</u>		
	13 13		

<u>Course No. 117 Navigators</u>		<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>	<u>Disposal of Transfers & Ceased Trainees</u>
		<u>RAF</u>	
Total Intake	64	#1 "Y" Dpo. Moncton, N.B. 38	Posted #1 "Y" Dpo. Moncton 11
Plus Transfers In	8	Held Pending Posting Instructions 11	Killed in Flying Accident 1
Graduates	54	<u>RCAF</u>	Transferred to 118 (Medical) 2
Ceased Training	12	#8 R.C. Vancouver, B.C. 3	Transferred to 119 (Medical) <u>3</u>
Transfers Out	<u>6</u>	#7 R.C. Calgary, Alberta. 1	
	72	#4 R.C. Toronto, Ont. <u>1</u>	18
		54	

IMAGE 1598

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

1/May/45 All flying and briefings washed out due to weather.

2/May/45 Morning trips washed out due to low cloud. Forty-one aircraft scheduled and flew on afternoon trips. Night trips washed out due to low cloud.

3/May/45 Morning trips washed out due to weather. Forty-one aircraft scheduled for afternoon trips and all flew. Thirty-six scheduled for night trips and thirty-four flew.

4/May/45 Sixty-one aircraft scheduled for day trips and fifty-seven flew. Thirty-seven aircraft were scheduled for night trips and four were washed out.

5/May/45 Forty-seven aircraft scheduled for day trips and forty-seven flew. Thirty-seven scheduled for night trips and all flew.

6/May/45 Flying all washed out due to weather.

7/May/45 At 1400 hours to-day G/C W.A. Murray officially announced to all personnel at a muster parade the end of the European war. Cheers greeted the announcement that the remainder of to-day and all of to-morrow would be a holiday. A short thanksgiving service was held; hymns were sung and prayers were led by F/L Gowdy, Chaplain (P) and F/L Thompson Chaplain (RC). At the conclusion of the service G/C Murray announced that canteens would be open all afternoon. The playing of God Save the King ended the short but very effective service of thanksgiving. The dance committee of the Messes and Canteens had made preparations many days before and it wasn't long before the celebration was in full swing. It will be many years before personnel of this unit forget V-E day at No. 1 C.N.S., a memory of a great day and a great celebration.

8/May/45 V/E day announced as May 8th. No flying until May 10th.

9/May/45 No flying to-day. Station activities as usual.

IMAGE 1599

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

10/May/45 Fifty-three aircraft scheduled and all flew. Seventy scheduled for night trips and all flew. At 1400 hours /C Mahoney, P.M.O., Lieut/Col Crosley, Command Dental Officer and S/L Porteous, Chief Matron of the Nursing Sister Branch of R.C.A.F. arrived by air and departed at 1630 hours by air.

11/May/45 Day trips washed out due to inclement weather. Forty-eight aircraft scheduled for first night trip, forty-seven flew. Second night trip washed out due to low ceiling and rain.

12/May/45 Morning trip washed out due to weather. Forty-aircraft scheduled for afternoon trip and thirty-nine flew. Sixty-nine scheduled for night trips and sixty-eight flew.

13/May/45 Fifty-three aircraft scheduled for day trips and all flew. Sixty-nine scheduled for night trips and sixty-seven flew. S/L Mclea T/Nav of No. 2 Air Command visited wing.

14/May/45 Fifty aircraft scheduled for day trips and forty-nine flew. Sixty-three scheduled for night trips and fifty-nine flew.

15/May/45 Fifty-three aircraft scheduled for day trips and all flew. Sixty-four scheduled for night trips and one was washed out.

16/May/45 Forty-nine aircraft scheduled for day trips and all flew. Sixty-five aircraft scheduled for night trips and sixty-two flew.

17/May/45 Forty-nine aircraft scheduled for day trips and forty-eight flew. Forty aircraft scheduled for night and thirty-eight flew.

18/May/45 Forty-six aircraft scheduled for day trips and forty-four flew. Night trips washed out due to low ceiling.

19/May/45 Fifty aircraft scheduled for day trips and forty flew, ten aircraft washed out due to low ceiling in area of operations. Night trips washed out due to low cloud.

20/May/45 Fifty-one aircraft scheduled for day trips and fifty flew. Twenty-four aircraft scheduled for night trips and twenty-three flew.

21/May/45 Thirty-eight aircraft scheduled for day trips and all flew. All night flying washed out due to weather. W/C T.H. Rosborough, A.E. from No. 2 A.C. arrived at 1000 hours departing at 1545 hours by air.

IMAGE 1600

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

22/May/45 Fifty-five aircraft scheduled for day trips and fifty-one flew. Thirty-two scheduled for night trips and all flew.

23/May/45 Forty-eight aircraft scheduled for day trips and forty-five flew. Thirty-three scheduled for night and thirty-two flew.

W/C J.A. Hall, Service Auditor from A.F.H.Q. arrived 2200 hours by rail.

The Lancaster Aries from E.A.N.S., England, arrived from Toronto at 1331 hours. Staff Navigators were lectured and shown through the aircraft. The Aries departed for Edmonton at 1820 hours.

24/May/45 Twenty-five aircraft scheduled for day trips and 25 flew. Twenty-seven aircraft scheduled for night trips and twenty-six flew. One returned early.

25/May/45 Fifty-two aircraft scheduled for day trips, fifty-flew, and one early on return. Thirty-three scheduled for night, thirty aircraft flown. W/C J.A. Hall departed 1400 hours by rail.

26/May/45 Twenty-three aircraft were scheduled for day trips and twenty-three flew. All night flights were washed out on account of weather.

G/C Sinclair, S.O.A.F. No. 2 A.C. and W/C Monteith arrived 1020 hours by air and departed 1040 hours by air.

27/May/45 Twenty-three aircraft scheduled for afternoon flight and twenty-three flew. Twenty-six scheduled for night flights and twenty-five flew.

28/May/45 Twenty-five aircraft scheduled for morning flights only nine flew due to weather. Thirteen afternoon flights washed out on account of weather. Twenty-four aircraft detailed for night flights and twenty-one aircraft flew.

29/May/45 Thirty-seven aircraft scheduled to fly day trips, thirty-four aircraft flew. Night flying washed out due to weather.

30/May/45 Forty aircraft scheduled for day trips and thirty-eight flew. Thirty-five scheduled for night trips and thirty-four flew.

IMAGE 1601

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

31/May/45 Twenty-eight aircraft scheduled for day trips, twenty-seven aircraft flew. No aircraft were scheduled for night trips.

General: As predicted last month, No. 1 C.N.S. went over the top in the Eighth Victory Loan campaign with a total of \$204,000.00. Our quota was \$195,000.00. All sections subscribed 100% of quota. Great praise and congratulations are due to the Victory Loan organizers S/L Gordon and F/L Murphy, and those who worked under them.

SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Sports really got under way in May in spite of the unfavourable weather. The softball season started on Monday May 21st with a mammoth parade of 15 ball teams to the Sports field where a knockout tournament was played on this and the following night. The final game between the Band and Riggers could not be played off owing to the absence of the band on temporary duty but this event is looked forward to with great interest.

The girls league consisting of 5 teams got under way on Wednesday, May 23rd, and great interest is being shown. Station soccer has begun and consists of a knockout series between the trainee courses which also provide most of the talent for the station team.

Four tennis courts on the apron of Maintenance Hangar are in operation and work is starting on a court in the skating rink while some enthusiasts are getting in considerable practice on the courts in Rivers.

About thirty baseball players turned out for the station team and practices are being held regularly and the first game of the interstation league will be played on June 13th.

In inter station softball the first games were played Thursday May 28th when Brandon (No. 2 A.C.U. Men's and Girls' teams visited No. 1 C.N.S. Our men won 7-0 and the girls lost 8-9. Much competitive spirit is being displayed in the series.

Inter station soccer begins June 6th with a game between the home team and Brandon Military Hospital.

A very fine boxing show was held May 9th consisting of ten bouts-a very good crowd turned out.

The horse shoe pits (6 new ones) were put in beside the drill hall. The new location seems popular and the pits are in constant use.

IMAGE 1602

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. 31/May/45 (cont'd)

SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT (CONT'D)

A station golf club has been organized and work is proceeding on the course. More assistance of a manual nature would speed things up considerably but in any event the official opening is expected about June 15th. Golfers who attempt a premature opening will be permitted to exchange golf clubs for shovels.

The cycling and riding clubs are in full swing and quite popular since P.T. credits are being given to Air Force personnel for cycling and to horses for riding.

A wind up dance for the bowling league was held on May 16th, and for the badminton club a weiner roast ended the season on May 23rd.

Hobbies and Crafts: In the woodwork shop lately some nice lamps, ash tray stands and plates have been turned out. In plastics most of the activity is in model crafts lately. Bill folds, belts and watch straps are being made in leather. Other hobbies are going well. Douglas Street Y.M.C.A. Handicraft supervisor for this command spent four days here instructing in leather work. Practically all the time was spent on tooling leather as this was a department we had not started here before. Eighty-one people attended the leather classes and received instruction. Considering the time of year when so many outdoor activities are getting underway it was a fairly gratifying response.

General: There was a large sports meeting Monday with representatives from all the softball teams who have entered the league. Plans were completed for getting the league started with a bang Monday evening. All teams will meet at the Drill Hall and proceed to the sports field. A knockout tournament will be played Monday and Tuesday nights to get the teams acquainted with the serious business of the league starting Wednesday.

Entertainment: The Victory Loan dance held on the first of May was a grand success. Four \$50.00 Victory Bonds were given away and about 1200 people thought it one of the best dances which have ever been held here. Wednesday a Victory Loan Concert troupe from Command gave us a concert and this was followed by 12 boxing bouts. Three Victory Loan Bonds were given away at this also.

IMAGE 1603

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. 31/May/45

SPIRITUAL WELFARE OF STATION

Church Services: The arrangement continued during the month whereby each of the three wings on the station was responsible for sending an attendance to the morning service, each on a particular Sunday in turn. Voluntary services were held every Sunday evening.

V-E Day. The occasion was celebrated by having a muster parade of all personnel, approximately 1500 met in the Drill Hall for a short service. Accompanied by the Station band, suitable hymns were sung. Prayers were led by the Padres, and a short message on the solemnity of the occasion given by the Commanding Officer. Afterwards two minutes silence was observed in memory of those who sacrificed their lives.

The Chaplain took part in a mass service in the community of Rivers on the evening of V-E day, and delivered the address.

Communion Services: Every Sunday after morning service, the Holy Communion is observed after the manner of the Anglican form. On every alternate Sunday evening a Communion service is held following the worship, and the Non-Anglican form with individual service is used.

Wings Graduation: The two classes during the month attended 100% (Protestant) the special service provided on the morning proceeding graduating day. Besides devotions, there was a suitable dedicatory message and communion.

The Chaplain also officiated at the Wings Banquet for these classes and lent his interest in their celebration.

Commanding Officer's Weekly Inspection. At the parade of the Commanding Officer's inspection, the Chaplain is privileged to lead the officers and other ranks in prayer.

Bible Class: A class is held every Tuesday evening for instruction and discussion on the Gospel of St. John. There is a roll of about twenty.

Committee: As president of the Library Committee the Padre gives supervision of the Library. The unit library is efficient and is well used. Co-operation is given in welfare, hobbies, choir and other features of station activity.

Interviews: Every incoming and outgoing personnel is interviewed. A census card is made out for each.

IMAGE 1604

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. 31/May/45 (cont'd)

SPIRITUAL WELFARE (CONT'D)

There has been good use made of the Padre's office. An increase in concern regarding release from R.C.A.F. is noted. The number of requests for help on compassionate grounds was increased during the month. No serious domestic situations came to our notice. None came in with any moral difficulty. Spiritual inquiry was very encouraging. Despite the current restlessness due to the end of War in Europe the morale remains very good.

R.C.: The month of May proved uneventful in that nothing unusual took place to change the even tenor of routine activities.

The R.C. chaplain joined with the Protestant Chaplain in offering hymns and prayers of Thanksgiving at the muster parade to mark the opening of the V-E day celebrations.

Due to postings and discharges, this month saw a noticeable decrease in the number of R.C. personnel on this station. The number of R.C. personnel at present is approximately 260.

In addition to the customary daily service in the chapel at 1730 hours for R.C.'s during the month of May there were special devotions on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 1930 hours each week in honor of the Virgin Mary for the month of May.

HEALTH OF PERSONNEL

The number of patients in Station Hospital for the past month averaged 16. There were 60 admissions, including 6 W.D.'s, 6 Convalescents and 2 civilians. The average number on sick parade was 16, including W.D. personnel.

There was one case of Mumps and one case of Measles admitted during the month.

IMAGE 1605

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. 31/May/45 (cont'd)

<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
<u>STAFF:</u> R.C.A.F.	228	910	
R.C.A.F. (WD)	3	166	

SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN RCAF

R.A.F.	7	-
C.D.C.	4	5
R.C.A.S.C.	1	6

CIVILIANS

Meteorologists			10
Y.M.C.A.			1
Barrack Officer			1
Radio Operator			1
Stenographers			2
General Duties			88
Others			46
	243	1087	149

TRAINEES

R.C.A.F.	49	44
R.A.F.	1	268
	50	312

<u>AIRCRAFT STRENGTH</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Unserviceable</u>
Anson V	76	8
Ventura	3	-
Norseman	1	

FLYING TIME: Total Number of flying hours for month of May, 1945 - 6,400 hours and 35 minutes.

(W.A. Murray) Group Captain
C.O., 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

IMAGE 1606

DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING 11th May, 1945. APPENDIX "A" Page 1.
No. 1 C.N.S. Rivers. Man.

Course No. 118 Navigators

Disposal of Graduates
RAF

Disposal of Transfers & Ceased Trainees

Intake	66	5 O.T.U. Boundary Bay, B.C.	4	Posted #1 "Y" Dpo Moncton. N.B.	11
Transfers In	3	#1 "Y" Dpo. Moncton N.B.	<u>39</u>	Awaiting Disposition	1
Graduates	43			Interrupted Training (Hospitalized)	1
Ceased Training	12			Trans. to 119 (Medical)	5
Transfers Out	13		43	Trans. to 121 (Medical)	7
Interrupted Training	<u>1</u>			Trans, to 123 (Medical)	<u>1</u>
	69	69			26

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DISPOSAL OF COURSE GRADUATING 25th May, 1945.

<u>Course No. 119 Navigators</u>	<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal of Transfers & Ceased Trainees</u>		
Intake	40	#5 O.T.U. Boundary Bay, B.C.	1	Posted #1 "Y" DPO. Moncton, N.B.	6
Transfers In	10	#1 "Y" Dpo. Moncton, N.B.	35	Transferred to 121 (Medical)	3
Graduates	37			Transferred to 122 (Medical)	3
Ceased Training	6	RCAF		Transferred to 123 (Medical)	<u>1</u>
Transfers Out	<u>7</u>	#8 R.C. Vancouver, B.C.	<u>1</u>		
	50	50	37		13

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DISPOSAL OF COURSE GRADUATING 25th May, 1945.

<u>Course No.1 Nav. Refresher</u>	<u>Disposal of Graduates</u>		<u>Disposal of Transfers & Ceased Trainees</u>		
Intake	125	#2 A.C.	109	Transfers Out to Courses NB13(1) NB14(2)	3
Plus Transfers in	Nil			Ceased Trainees Awaiting Disposal	11
Graduates	109			Interrupted Training (Hospitalized)	<u>2</u>
Ceased Training	11				
Interrupted Training	2		<u>109</u>		16
Transfers Out	<u>3</u>				
	125	125			

IMAGE 1607

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

1/June/45 Forty-one aircraft detailed for day trips and thirty-nine aircraft flew. There was no night flying scheduled.

2/June/45 Forty-one aircraft scheduled for day trips and thirty-nine flew. No night trips scheduled.

3/June/45 Forty aircraft scheduled for day trips and thirty-eight flew. One early on return. Twenty aircraft scheduled for night trips and nineteen flew. One early return.

4/June/45 Morning flight of nineteen aircraft washed out due to weather. Ten aircraft scheduled for afternoon trip and ten aircraft flew. Twenty-two aircraft scheduled for night trips and twenty-four aircraft flew. Two early returns.

5/June/45 Twenty-seven aircraft scheduled for day trips and twenty-four aircraft flew. Night trip twenty-nine aircraft scheduled and twenty-seven aircraft flew.

6/June/45 Forty-seven aircraft scheduled for day trips and forty-six flew. Thirty aircraft scheduled for night trips and twenty-nine flew.

7/June/45 Twenty-four aircraft scheduled for day trips and twenty-two flew. Sixteen aircraft scheduled for night trips and fifteen flew.

8/June/45 Fifty-three aircraft scheduled for day trips and fifty flew. Thirty-four aircraft scheduled for night trips and thirty-three flew. The R.A.F. Lancaster 'Axies' and personnel from E.A.N.S., Shawbury, England, landed at this Unit. The purpose of the visit being made to demonstrate the latest type of airborne navigation aids and explain new developments in the methods of navigation. Crew personnel were: 60329 S/L A. Potter Officer i/c of Mission, J3525 S/L A. Imrie, Captain; 145841 F/O J.A. Stephens, No. 2 Pilot; 126693 F/L W.N. Whalley DFC, No. 2 Navigator (Radar); 172579 F/O J. Richards, wireless operator; 1115392 WO L. Ryan, wireless operator; 15405 F/L S.H. Carter, Course Commander/Techniques; J37157 F/L B.A. Keith, Editorial writer Liaison Branch E.A.N.S.; 1446467 LAC J.A. Sanderson, fitter; 942635 Cpl W.S. Gardner, Fitter; 910136 LAC H.J. Dean, electrician; R136339 LAC G. Helwing, Radar.

IMAGE 1608

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

9/June/45 Fourteen aircraft scheduled for morning trip and twelve flew. Afternoon trips washed out. Night trips washed out.

10/June/45 Thirty-three aircraft scheduled on day trips and twenty-one flew. Night trips washed out due to adverse weather conditions.

11/June/45 All flying washed out due to inclement weather.

12/June/45 Twenty-two aircraft scheduled for day trips and all flew. Fourteen aircraft scheduled for night trips and all flew.

13/June/45 Thirty-nine aircraft scheduled for day trips and thirty-seven flew. Night trips washed out due to adverse weather conditions.

14/June/45 Morning flights washed out due to weather, nineteen aircraft scheduled for afternoon and eighteen flew. Night trips were washed out due to adverse weather.

15/June/45 Twenty-seven aircraft scheduled for day trips and twenty-five flew. Twenty-six aircraft scheduled for night trip and all flew.

16/June/45 Thirty-four aircraft scheduled for day trips and thirty-three flew. No night flying detailed.

17/June/45 Thirty-eight aircraft scheduled for day trips and thirty-eight flew. Thirty-two aircraft scheduled for night trips and all flew.

18/June/45 Thirty-two aircraft scheduled for day trips and thirty flew. All night flying washed out due to rain and low clouds.

19/June/45 Thirteen aircraft scheduled for morning trips and all flew. No afternoon trips were scheduled. Thirty-four aircraft scheduled for night trips and all flew.

20/June/45 Thirty-seven aircraft scheduled for day trips and all flew. Thirty-three aircraft scheduled for night trips and thirty-one flew.

21/June/45 Forty-seven aircraft scheduled for day trips and forty-five flew. Thirty-three aircraft scheduled for night trips and all flew.

IMAGE 1609

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

22/June/45 No morning trips were scheduled. Thirty-three aircraft scheduled for afternoon flight and thirty-two flew. Night flying washed out due to weather.

23/June/45 Morning trips washed out due to weather. Eleven aircraft scheduled for afternoon flights and all flew. Twenty-one aircraft scheduled for night trips and all flew.

24/June/45 Thirty aircraft scheduled for day flights and twenty-nine flew. Twenty-one aircraft scheduled for night trips and eleven flew, first briefings scrubbed.

25/June/45 Sixteen aircraft scheduled for day flights and fifteen flew. Twenty-one aircraft scheduled for night trips and twenty flew.

26/June/45 Twenty-four aircraft scheduled for day flights and twenty-four flew. Night trips washed out due to weather.

27/June/45 Flying all washed out due to unsuitable weather.

28/June/45 Flying all washed out due to inclement weather.

29/June/45 Flying all washed out due to bad weather.

30/June/45 Morning trips washed out due to weather. Twenty-six aircraft scheduled for afternoon trips and all flew. Night flying washed out due to low clouds and rain.

SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Softball: The intersection league carried out its scheduled games in spite of unfavourable weather and keen competition featured the games. There are fourteen teams playing and the Hospital team is in the lead.

IMAGE 1610

No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. 30/June/45 (cont'd)

Sports and Entertainment (Cont'd)

The Girls' Softball League is not functioning as well as the men's. Quite a number of games were played during the month but postings out have affected the teams.

Interstation fastball has been in full swing and keenly contested. Weather caused postponement of a few games which will be caught up in July. Souris is leading in the men's and No. 2 A.C.U. Brandon in the girls. Rivers stands second in both.

Baseball: Only inter unit baseball is in operation and the men's team played one outside game. Weather again caused postponement of two games.

Soccer: An inter-class league for trainees has provided a number of games and much entertainment for the classes. Only three inter-unit games were played, a couple being postponed.

Tennis: Tennis courts on the station have been in operation and play has been active when weather permitted.

Golf: The station golf course of nine holes has been completed and is in fine shape. The course will be officially opened on July 2nd by the Commanding Officer and a tournament will follow.

Archery: An Archery Club has been organized and shoots are held twice each week. Suitable targets have been set up and the W.D.'s particularly are showing a great deal of interest.

Weight Lifting: A weight lifting club of approximately fifty members has been formed and has taken over the old ping-pong room in the drill hall. Daily workouts are the regular routine.

Horseshoe pits: Six new horse shoe pits have been completed beside the drill hall and are getting a lot of use. A tournament is planned for July.

Swimming: The swimming pool is in operation and during fine weather has been used by large numbers of personnel. Showers and footbaths are in use.

Bowling: Remains remarkably popular during the summer months. All alleys are in operation.

Cycling: Has come into its own and practically all club bicycles are in use.

Riding: The horses of the Riding Club are getting plenty of workouts. The club itself has a large

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. 30/June/45 (cont'd)

SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT (CONT'D)

number of members.

SPIRITUAL WELFARE OF STATION

Protestant: The usual arrangement of having each of the three wings, Headquarters, Maintenance and Training Wings parade to church services at a Sunday service was continued during the month. Besides this there were voluntary services held every Sunday evening and also on the fourth Sunday morning.

Holy Communion: Communion was celebrated every Sunday after the morning service and after the evening Service on alternate Sundays.

Special Service for Graduating Class: On the Thursday morning before the Wings Parade, a service was held in the Chapel for the class. There was 100% attendance of Protestants. They chose their favourite hymns, provided the accompaniment and entered heartily into the service. The service was made up in devotions, dedicatory message and prayer, with Holy Communion following.

Baptism and Weddings: There was a Baptism service for the infant son of an officer and his wife in the Chapel. The wedding of a Corporal and his W.D. bride took place in the Chapel with all R.C.A.F. attendance. About eight R.C.A.F. personnel were present. Reception followed in the Y.W.C.A. Hostess House.

Bible Class: A weekly Bible class is held in the Chapel for instruction and informal discussion on the Gospel of St. John. About 26 are enrolled with an average class attendance of nine.

Interviews: All incoming and outgoing personnel are interviewed. The usual midsummer inquiries about matrimony have been maintained this year. Several outstanding domestic cases are before the padre at the present time, the first for some months of this nature. However, these reflect no general change in morale. Four personnel were bereaved through passing of relatives. The telegrams were relayed by the padre and assistance given in consoling the homes.

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. 30/June/45 (cont'd)

SPIRITUAL WELFARE OF STATION (CONT'D)

Roman Catholic: The number of R.C. personnel on station strength for the month of June, 1945, averaged 273.

Sunday services were held each Sunday in the Station Chapel at 0900 hours and at 1730 hours. The average attendance at these services was 103.

A visit was received on Sunday, June 17th from the R.C. padre of No. 2 A.C.U., Brandon, who took the services in the absence of the station chaplain, away on annual leave.

The Command Chaplain (RC), W/C L.A. Costello visited the station for a brief inspection on Sunday, July 1st, 1945.

PERSONNEL STRENGTH

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
<u>STAFF:</u> R.C.A.F.	221	930	
R.C.A.F. (WD)	3	166	

SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN RCAF

R.A.F.	11	-
C.D.C.	4	6
R.C. A.S.C.	1	3

CIVILIANS

Meteorologists			10
Y.M.C.A.			2
Barrack Officer			1
Radio Operator			1
Stenographers			2
General Duties			87
Others			<u>23</u>
	240	1,106	128

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. 30/June/45 (cont'd)

PERSONNEL STRENGTH (CONT'D)

Officers Airmen Civilians

Trainees

R.C.A.F.	44	44
R.A.F.	1	283
	45	327

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

Serviceable

Unserviceable

Anson V	78	6
Ventura	4	1
Norseman	1	-

FLYING TIME:

Total Number of Flying Hours for month of June, 1945 - 4,173 hours and 50 minutes

(W.A. Murray) G/C,
C.O., No. 1 C.N.S.,
RIVERS, Manitoba.

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

1/Jul/45 Fifty-eight aircraft scheduled for day trips and fifty-six flew. Forty- one aircraft scheduled for night trips and thirty-nine flew.

2/Jul/45 No day trips scheduled because of holiday. Three aircraft scheduled for Staff Navigators' night trip and all flew.

3/Jul/45 Thirty-nine aircraft scheduled for day trips and thirty-eight flew. Thirty aircraft scheduled for night trips and all flew.

4/Jul/45 Forty-four aircraft scheduled for day trips and forty flew. Twenty-four aircraft scheduled for night trips and all flew.

5/Jul/45 Twenty-five aircraft scheduled for morning flight and twenty-four flew. No afternoon or night flying scheduled. The Station Men's Baseball team went to A15 Shilo, score being Rivers 6 and A 15 - 5.

6/JUL/45 Air Vice Marshall K.M. Guthrie, Air Officer Commanding No. 2 Air Command and attending party, G/C C.H. Greenway, W/C R.S. Cross and G/C W. M. Murray inspected this unit. No morning trips scheduled. Twenty-six aircraft scheduled for afternoon trips and all flew. Twenty-three aircraft scheduled for night trips and all flew.

7/Jul/45 Forty-four aircraft scheduled for day trips and forty three-flew. Nineteen aircraft scheduled for night trips and eighteen flew.

8/Jul/45 Thirteen aircraft scheduled for morning trips and all flew. Afternoon briefings and flight were washed out due to rain. Twenty-three aircraft scheduled for night trips and thirteen flew, ten trips washed out due to weather. There was a men's Exhibition Fastball game between A15 Shilo and Rivers. the score being Rivers - 12 and A15 - 2.

9/Jul/45 Thirty-three aircraft scheduled for day trips and twenty-seven flew. Twenty-four aircraft scheduled for night trips and all flew.

Three aircraft from No. 7 Photo Wing, Rockcliffe, Ont., a Mitchell, Spitfire, and Anson took photographs of the total eclipse. The Mitchell took photographs from a

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

9/Jul/45 (cont'd) height of 26,000 feet, the Spitfire from 34,000 feet, and the Anson from 17,000 feet. Eight Ansons from this unit also viewed the total eclipse.

10/Jul/45 Twenty-eight aircraft scheduled for day trips and twenty-two flew. Twenty-four aircraft scheduled for night trips and all flew. Men's Fastball team played Souris losing to them, score being Rivers 1 and Souris 2.

11/Jul/45 Thirty-nine aircraft scheduled for day trips and all flew. Twelve aircraft scheduled for night trips and all flew. Girls Fastball team played A3 Shilo, score being Rivers 12 and A3 3.

12/Jul/45 Fifty-four aircraft scheduled for day trips and all flew. Fourteen aircraft scheduled for night trips and all flew.

13/Jul/45 Morning flights washed out for Commanding Officer's inspection. Twenty-three aircraft scheduled for afternoon trips and all flew. Twenty-two aircraft scheduled for night trips and twenty-one flew.

Both Men's Baseball and Fastball teams attended the Sports day in the town of Rivers. W.D.'s Fastball team also attended. Each team won first prize.

14/Jul/45 Twenty-six aircraft scheduled for day trips and all flew. No night trips were scheduled.

15/Jul/45 Twenty-three aircraft scheduled for day trips and seven flew. No night trips; washed due to weather. C1751 W/C W.J. Hawkins assumed temporary command during the absence on temporary duty of CAN/C544 G/C W.A. Murray. The C.O. accompanied Ventura Flight on combined exercise with Specialist Squadron. Lectures held at Trenton, C.I.U., Toronto and Dorval. One aircraft went on to Summerside, P.E.I.

16/Jul/45 Flying washed out in the morning due to had weather. Twelve aircraft scheduled for afternoon trips and all flew. Nineteen aircraft scheduled for night trips and all flew.

17/Jul/45 Thirty-eight aircraft scheduled for day trips and all flew. Night trips washed out due to bad weather.

18/Jul/45 Flying washed out in the morning due to bad weather conditions. Ten aircraft scheduled for afternoon trips and all flew. Twenty-five aircraft scheduled for night trips and twenty-four flew.

Men's baseball team attended Shilo Sports day. The score between A15 and Rivers was A5 6 and Rivers 3.

19/Jul/45 Forty-six aircraft scheduled for day trips and forty-four flew. One night trip only with twenty-two aircraft and all flew. W.D.'s Fastball team beat A3 score being Rivers 5 and A3 3.

20/Jul/45 Thirty-five aircraft scheduled for day trips and all flew. Night trips washed out due to presence of thunderstorm.

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

21/Jul/45 Forty-seven aircraft scheduled for day trips and all flew. No night flying scheduled.

22/Jul/45 Thirty-nine aircraft scheduled for day trips and all flew. Twenty-four aircraft scheduled for night trips but twenty-three only flew.

23/Jul/45 Twenty-five aircraft scheduled for day trips and all flew. Fifteen aircraft scheduled for night trips and all flew.

24/Jul/45 Thirty-six aircraft scheduled for day trips and all flew. Twenty-seven aircraft scheduled for night trips and all flew.

Men's Fastball team went to Souris, score being Rivers 6 and Souris 5.

Col. Hon C.W. Gibson, Minister for Air and attending party including AVM Guthrie, G/C Greenway, G/C Dunlop, F/L Denomy visited Unit.

25/Jul/45 Twenty-seven aircraft scheduled for day trips and all flew. No night flying due to bad weather. In the Inter-section fastball finals (semi) G.I.S. took the game from the Hospital. "D" Flight won from "A" Flight.

26/Jul/45 No morning flight scheduled. Twenty-six aircraft scheduled for afternoon trips but only thirteen flew. Twelve aircraft scheduled for night trip and eleven flew.

Station baseball team took part in the tournament at Oake Lake, Man., winning their first game and losing the second. C1751 W/C W.J. Hawkins relinquishes temporary command on return from temporary duty of CAN/C544 G/C W.A. Murray.

27/Jul/45 Morning trip cancelled due to weather. Twenty-five aircraft scheduled for afternoon trip but only thirteen flew. Night flying washed out due to bad weather conditions.

Men's Fastball team went to Carberry winning the game; the score was Carberry 13 and Rivers 14.

28/Jul/45 Twenty-five aircraft scheduled for day trips but only twenty three flew. Ten aircraft scheduled for night trips and all flew.

29/Jul/45 Twenty-six aircraft scheduled for day trips and all flew. Thirty-two aircraft scheduled for night trips and only twenty-one flew. Station golf team played No. 2 A.C.U. team at Brandon. No. 2 A.C.U. team were the winners.

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

30/Jul/45 Thirty-nine aircraft scheduled for day trips and all flew. Night flying washed out due to unfavourable weather.

Baseball team went to A3 Shilo. The score was Rivers 10 and A3 3. A station tennis tournament was held to select representatives for the Area Tournament.

31/Jul/45 Twenty-five aircraft scheduled for day trips and all flew. Fourteen aircraft scheduled for night trips and thirteen flew.

In the game between the fastball teams of Carberry and Rivers, Rivers won from Carberry, score being Rivers 2 and Carberry 1. The W.D. Fastball team played a team from the town of Rivers. The Score was 7 - 1 in favour of the W.D.s.

SPIRITUAL WELFARE OF STATION

Protestant: The unit was visited by W/C B. Howells, RAF Staff Chaplain on two week ends during the absence of unit chaplain on annual leave. W/C Howells conducted the Church Services and made special arrangements to interview R.A.F. personnel.

On Sunday July 1st, the Station Band and the Protestant Chaplain took part in the Memorial Service at Rivers. The Chaplain gave the address and officiated at the ceremony of honouring the young men in the community who gave their lives in this war.

Roman Catholic: After completing a most successful tour as station Chaplain F/L V. Thomson bade a fond farewell to this unit and to the host of friends he had made here. He will be missed by those whom he helped in a personal way and by all others whose interests he had at heart. He was a member of various committees organized to promote the welfare of station personnel. Good luck to you F/L Thomson.

W/C Howells, RAF Staff Chaplain No. 2 Air Command Winnipeg, visited the station in the interests of R.A.F. personnel. While here he substituted for F/L Gowdy, Station Chaplain (P), absent on annual leave.

Personnel (RC) on station strength at the end of the month numbered 234, the smallest for some years. The decrease is due to the large number of discharges granted during the month.

HEALTH OF STATION

The number of patients in this hospital for the month of July averaged 29, including convalescents. There were 71 admissions. The average number on sick parade was 15, including W.D.'s and Air Cadets. There was one case of Chicken Pox admitted during the month.

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. 31/Jul/45 (cont'd)

HEALTH OF STATION (CONT'D)

The Air Officer Commanding inspected the hospital on 6th July, 1945. The following week Colonel Gibson, Minister for Air, accompanied by the Air Officer Commanding inspected the hospital.

F/L Horner was posted to this station from No. 10 Repair Depot, Calgary, Alta. Immediately after his posting he proceeded on temporary duty to Yorkton, returning two weeks later.

There have been no serious accidents nor illnesses during the past month.

The Convalescent Hospital was opened in the north wing of the hospital in May. One large four bed ward was set up as an occupational therapy room and a supply of wood, plastics and leather secured. FS Smith was placed in charge. A lounge room was fitted out where there was formerly a six bed ward. Furniture was finally procured from No. 8 Repair Depot after waiting an interval of two months. It is now quite satisfactory. The physiotherapy equipment that was already present in the hospital was augmented by several important items including a paraffin bath. Patients started to arrive early in May before the hospital was really organized and work was carried out on them at a decided disadvantage. However, in June FS Evans was posted in to take care of the reconditioning exercises. He immediately took charge and has done a very excellent job up to date. During July the average number of patients was 15. All types of cases were admitted - fractures, post-appendectomy, post-herniorrhaphy and a number of medical cases. Due to the excellent facilities on the station, several types of entertainment have been provided for the patients.

PERSONNEL STRENGTH

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
<u>STAFF:</u> R.C.A.F.	227	836	
R.C.A.F. (W.D.)	4	172	

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man. 31/Jul/45 (cont'd)

SERVICE PERSONNEL OTHER THAN RCAF

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
R.A.F.	12	-	
C.D.C.	4	7	
R.C.A.S.C.	1	2	

CIVILIANS

Meteorologists	10
Y.M.C.A.	2
Barrack Officer	1
Radio Operator	1
Stenographers	2
General Duties	88
Others	<u>37</u>

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TRAINEES

R.C.A.F.	28	36
R.A.F.	<u>--</u>	<u>300</u>
	28	336

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

Serviceable Unserviceable

Anson V	79	5
Norseman	-	2
Ventura	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>
	83	8

FLYING TIME:

Total Number of Flying Hours for month of July, 1945 - 4,808 hours 15 minutes.

(W.A. Murray) G/C
C.O. No. 1 C.N.S.,
RIVERS, Manitoba.

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DISPOSAL OF COURSE GRADUATING 6th JULY, 1945.

Course No. 122 Navigators

Disposal of Graduates - RAF

Disposal of Transfers & Ceased Trainees

Intake	26	#1 "Y" Depot, Moncton	18	#1 "Y" Depot, Moncton	8
Transfers in	5			Transfers out	2
Graduates	18			Interrupted Training	1
Ceased Training	10			Awaited disposition	<u>2</u>
Transfers out	2				
Interrupted Training	<u>1</u>				13

DISPOSAL OF COURSE GRADUATING 6th JULY, 1945

<u>Course No. 56 S.N.I.(N)</u>			<u>Disposal of Graduates - RCAF</u>			<u>Disposal of Transfers & Ceased Trainees</u>	
Intake	10		No. 2 A.C. for reposting -	4		No. 1 A.C.	1
Transfers in	nil		No. 1 R. & N.S., Summerside	<u>3</u>		Awaiting Disposition	1
Graduates	7					No. 7 R.C.	<u>1</u>
Ceased training	<u>3</u>			7			3
	10	10					

DISPOSAL OF COURSE GRADUATING 11TH JULY, 1945.

<u>Course No. 15 Nav (B) Refresher</u>			<u>Disposal of Graduates - RCAF</u>			<u>Disposal of Transfers & Ceased Trainees</u>	
Intake	14		Retained at No. 1 C.N.S. awaiting			Posted to Release Centres	13
Transfers in	2		disposal instructions	3			
Graduates	3						
Ceased Training	<u>13</u>						
	16	16					

IMAGE 1508

COPY: **16**ORGANIZATION ORDER 613

FILE: 192-10-18/1 (DOE)

DATE: 23 August, 1945

DISBANDMENT OF 1 CENTRAL NAVIGATION SCHOOL, RIVERS, MAN.

(This Order supercedes 00 192)

INFORMATION

- As a result of the successful conclusion of the war in Europe and also of the war against Japan, the continued operation of this unit is no longer necessary. It is intended to disband 1 CNS, Rivers, Man.

EXECUTIONEffective Date

- This unit is to cease the performance of its function effective 31 August, 1945 and is to disband effective 15 September, 1945.

Establishment

3. Establishment 2 2 QE 001 concerning personnel and major equipment is to be cancelled effective 15 September, 1945.

Personnel

4. The posting of staff and trainee personnel is to be arranged by AFHQ and the AOC, 2 AC.

Equipment & Supplies

5. Equipment, supplies, forms, stationery and publications are to be disposed of in accordance with existing instructions. AMSO/DES is to issue special directives where necessary in amplification of these instructions.

Buildings & Properties

6. The taking over of buildings and properties from the CO, 1 CNS, is to be effected by the AOC, 2 AC.

Care & Maintenance

7. The AOC, 2 AC, is to arrange for care and maintenance of buildings and property pending further instructions from AFHQ as to their future use or disposal.

Boards of Officers

8. A Board of Officers is to be appointed by the AOC, 2 AC, for the purpose of disposing of documents.

Reports

9. The AOC, 2 AC, is to report to AFHQ when notion respecting the disbandment of 1 CNS has been completed.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

1/Aug/45 Fifty-two flights scheduled for day trips and 39 flew. Twenty-five scheduled for night and all flew. J3500 W/C G.F. Jacobson took over duties as Chief Instructor, replacing C1751 W/C W. Hawkins, now discharged.

2/Aug/45 Twenty-six trips scheduled for day flights and 26 flew. Twenty-five scheduled for night and all flew.

3/Aug/45 Twenty-six trips scheduled for day flights and all flew. Night flying washed out due to bad weather.

4/Aug/45 Flying for both day and night washed out due to low cloud.

5/Aug/45 Flying for both day and night trips washed out due to low cloud.

6/Aug/45 Thirty-eight trips scheduled for day flights and 36 flew. Thirteen trips scheduled for night and all flew. Venturas left for Summerside, P.E. with Specialist Squadron. F/O Stacey forced landed at Sioux Lookout, Ont., but continued two days later.

7/Aug/45 Twenty-six trips scheduled for day flights and twenty-four flew. Ten trips scheduled for night and all flew. District Area Track and Field Meet held at this unit. Winners of this Meet represented the Area at the Command Track Met. This Unit took part in the Area Tennis Tournament held in Brandon and won the Mixed Doubles, Ladies Singles and Doubles and Men's Singles Events.

8/Aug/45 Forty-trips scheduled for day flights and all flew. Fourteen scheduled for night and all flew.

9/Aug/45 Thirty-seven flights scheduled for day trips and all flew. Night flying washed out due to poor visibility.

10/Aug/45 Flying for both day and night washed out due to low ceiling.

11/Aug/45 Thirty-eight aircraft scheduled for day trips and all flew. Night flying washed out due to poor visibility. W.D. Track Team from this unit were winners of the Command Track Meet held at Winnipeg. Baseball Team from this unit represented the Northern Area at the Command Baseball Tournament held at Calgary.

12/Aug/45 Sixty-seven flights scheduled for day trips and all flew. Night flying washed out due to poor weather.

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No. 1 C.N.S., Rivers, Man.

13/Aug/45 Forty-nine aircraft scheduled for day trips and forty-eight flew. Twenty-seven scheduled for night trips and twenty-six flew. Horseshoe Team from this Unit took part in the Area Tournament at Souris and came out as winners.

14/Aug/45 Flying washed out in morning. Twenty-four trips scheduled for afternoon flights and all flew. V-J night was announced tonight by radio broadcast. A muster parade was held wherein the Commanding Officer delivered a short speech, followed by a short service by both R.C. and Protestant Chaplains.

15/Aug/45 Due to V-J announcement, daily routine washed out for two days.

16/Aug/45 Holiday for all personnel due to V-J celebrations.

17/Aug/45 No flying: otherwise normal routine. Representatives from the Station participated in the Command Swimming Meet, held at Brandon.

18/Aug/45 No flying. Normal routine.

19/Aug/45 Twenty-one aircraft scheduled for day trips and all flew. Thirty-seven scheduled for night trips and thirty-six flew.

20/Aug/45 Forty-nine aircraft scheduled for day trips and all flew. Thirty-four scheduled for night trips and thirty-three flew. Softball finals in both Men's and W.D.'s Events held on the Station. W.D.s game finished with Rivers defeating Brandon 5 - 3. The Men's Team was less successful, losing to Souris 8 - 7.

21/Aug/45 Sixty-three aircraft scheduled for day trips and 61 flew. Thirty-six scheduled for night trips and all flew. W.D.'s Softball Final played at Brandon with Rivers again winning this time 12 - 11.

22/Aug/45 Flying washed out due to "Air Force Day" being sponsored in aid of the R.C.A.F. Benevolent Fund. Approximately 12,000 people attended this event. A baseball and softball tournament was held with three outside teams, as well as the Station teams participating. Area Soccer Final was held on the Station Pitch with Souris defeating Rivers 4 - 2. The Station Cricket Team defeated the team from Portage La Prairie by a decisive score. The Command Horseshoe Final was held.

23/Aug/45 Training ceased to-day. Rivers trampled Souris in the Area Final of the Cricket tournament.

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24/Aug/45 W.D. Fastball team left for Winnipeg to participate in the Command Finals, as representatives of the Northern Area.

25/Aug/45 W.D. Fastball team defeated Calgary in the playoff to win No. 2 A.C. Championship.

26/Aug/45 All R.A.F. trainees left this unit for return to the United Kingdom on cessation of training at this unit.

27/Aug/45 Due to the closing of this unit there is a great movement of personnel out of this unit on posting and release.

28/Aug/45 Normal routine.

29/Aug/45 Normal routine.

30/Aug/45 Camp Shilo played Softball against Rivers, Shilo winning 6 - 2.

31/Aug/45 This Unit was well represented in the Command Tennis Tournament at No. 10 R.D., Calgary with a team composed of Ladies Singles and Doubles, Mixed Doubles, and Men's Singles. During the month, the intersection Fastball tournament was held with the hospital team emerging as victors.

SPIRITUAL WELFARE OF STATION

Visit of A/C W.E. Cockram, Director of Chaplaincy (P) to the station on 22nd August, 1945 accompanied by W/C R.M. Frayne, Command Chaplain.

On V-J day service at Muster Parade was held when word of Japanese surrender was made known. Entire station personnel led in devotions by the Station padres. Two minutes silence was observed in memory of those who sacrificed their lives in the war.

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DISPOSAL OF COURSES GRADUATING AUGUST, 1945.

Course No. 124 Navigators - Graduated 3 Aug. Disposal of Graduates - RAF Disposal of Transfers and Ceased Trainees

Intake	27	No. 1 "Y" Depot, Moncton	23	C.T.'s to 1 "Y" Depot, Moncton	7
Transfers in	2			Transfers Out	<u>2</u>
Graduates	20				
Ceased Training	7				9
Transfers Out	<u>2</u>				
	29		29		

Course No. 125 Navigators - Graduated 17 Aug. Disposal of Graduates - RAF Disposal of Transfers and Ceased Trainees

Intake	26	No. "Y" Depot, Moncton	23	C.T.'s to 1 "Y" Depot, Moncton	2
Transfers in	2			Transfers Out	2
Graduates	23			Interrupted Training	<u>1</u>
Transfers Out	2				
Ceased Training	2				5
Interrupted Training	<u>1</u>				
	28		28		

Course No. 126 Navigators Graduated 31 Aug. Disposal of Graduates - RAF Disposal of Transfers and Ceased Trainees

Intake	26	No. 1 "Y" Depot, Moncton	26	C.T.'s to 1 "Y" Depot, Moncton	5
Transfers In	5				
Graduates	26				
Ceased Training	<u>5</u>				
	31		31		

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