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THE VIEW FROM

THE FORE-PEAK



As this issue of the Sky Sentinel goes to press, we at Unit are completing the final arrangements for Operation "CLEAR SKY". As you read this, therefore, you will know how the exercise turned out. As I see it, with some co-operation from the weatherman we should have the best exercise yet.

I have just returned from visiting and talking with nearly all the Regional Supervisors in the Province of New Brunswick and the Republic of Madawaska and I am more than ever assured that the Ground Observer Corps in this area is equal to the task of supplying vital detection and tracking information to the Air Defence Forces of North America and Operation "CLEAR SKY" will give further proof of the ability and willingness of our splendid civilian volunteers.

In the meantime, I have before me a report on the exercise just concluded by the Ground Observer Corps in Newfoundland. The report has been rendered by the Operations Officer of the Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron (USAF) which receives GOBC information from Gander Filter Centre. Behind the formal, official wording of the report there is an account of which the Ground

Observer Corps in Newfoundland can be justly proud.

I think I can now tell you quite frankly that this time last year Air Defence Command entertained grave doubts that communications in Newfoundland could support a Ground Observer Corps system capable of fulfilling its assigned role in Air Defence. In the interim, Observers, communications staffs and Filter Centre teams with the assistance of the training teams of the Detachment, have attacked the difficult problems which existed and in this exercise have given ample proof that detection and surveillance over Newfoundland by the GOBC is of a very high standard. The Ground Observer Corps of Newfoundland has proved its ability to supply this vital information to the Air Defence Forces - information that can be obtained in no other way.

Here are a few highlights of this very successful exercise:

Percentage of Posts On Watch	92.5%
Average Time Delay Telephone	2.9 min.
Average Time Delay Telegrams	33.9 min.

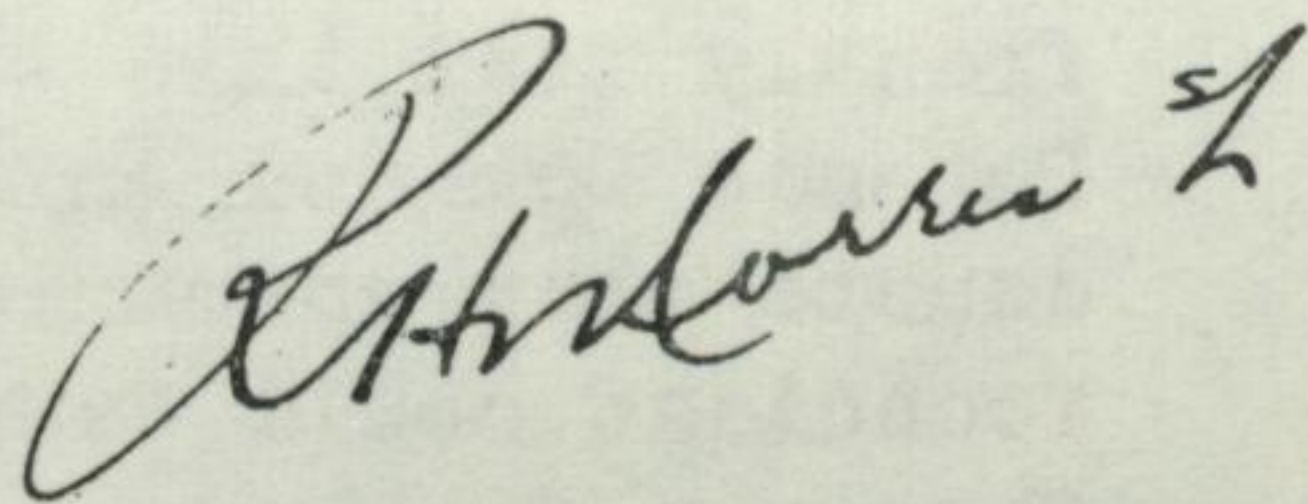
Our heartiest congratulations to the Ground Observer Corps in Newfoundland. Your splendid exercise provides an

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JUST BOY

object lesson to us all of the triumph of hard work and a spirit of co-operation over serious difficulties.

In closing, I would like to say a word to Chief Observers throughout the Atlantic Provinces area. As you know, the training teams endeavour to arrange liaison and training visits as frequently as possible. If, however, your Post requires further assistance from the RCAF in any way, do not hesitate to get in touch through your Regional Supervisor with the Officer Commanding the GOBC Detachment in your area. It is our job to give you every assistance in fulfilling your important Air Defence role. Help us to help you. Let us know your requirements.



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After a male baby outgrows long dresses and triangles and acquires pants, freckles, and so much dirt that relatives don't dare to kiss him, he becomes a BOY.

A boy is nature's answer to that false belief that there is no such thing as perpetual motion. A boy is a growing animal of superlative promise who can swim like a fish, run like a deer, climb like a squirrel, balk like a mule, bellow like a bull, eat like a pig, or act like a jackass, according to climatic conditions.

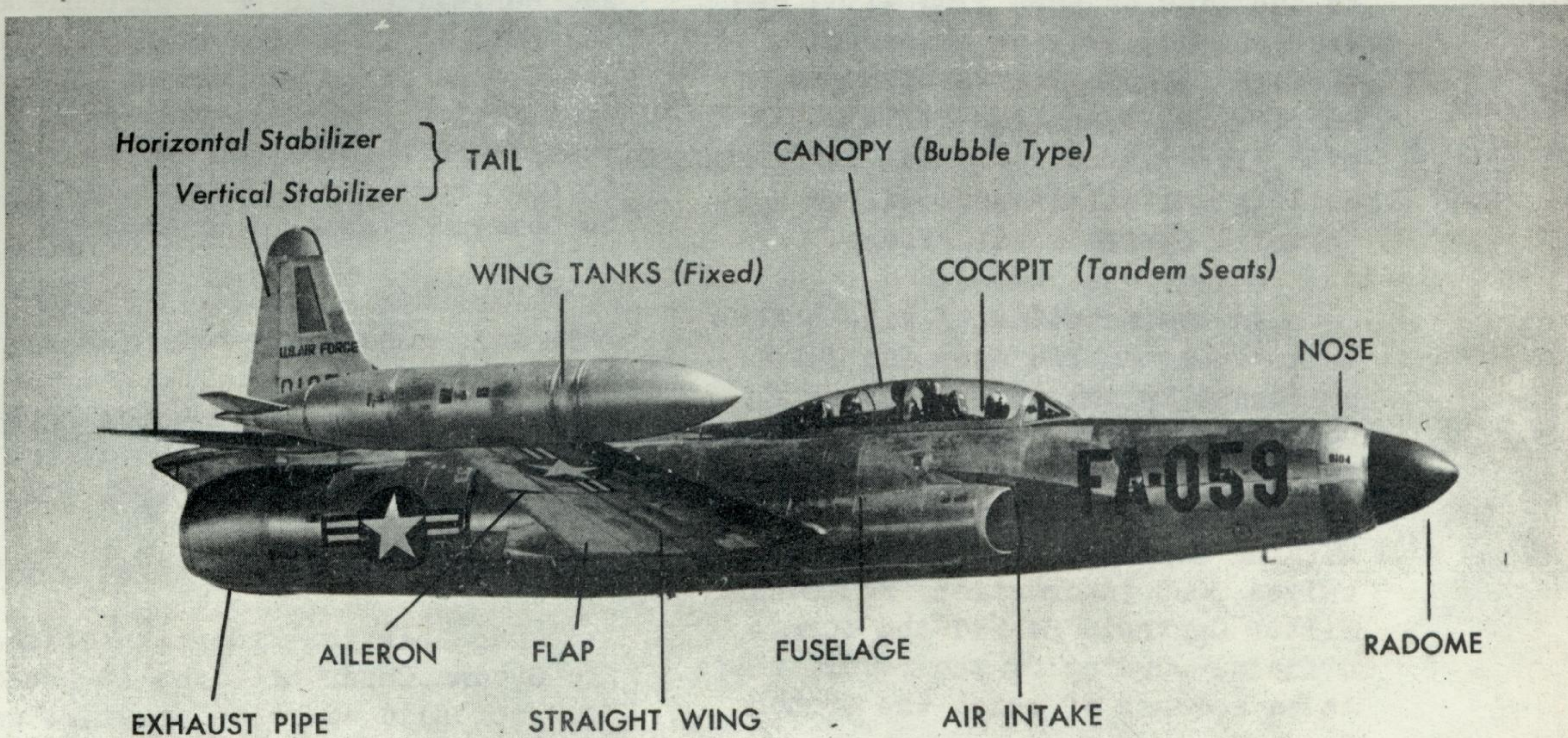
A boy, if not washed too often and kept in a cool, quiet place after each accident, will survive broken bones, hornets, measles, fights and nine helpings of pie.

A boy is a piece of skin stretched over an appetite; a noise covered with smudges. A boy is the problem of our times, the hope of the world. Every boy born is evidence that God is not yet discouraged with men.

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Award of Merit

On 23 April, 1957 an Award of Merit Ceremony was held at the Moncton Filter Centre in honour of Observation Post HOTEL ALFA 55 BLACK of BEAR ISLAND, New Brunswick. Twenty-seven of the thirty-one volunteers of this Post made the journey to Moncton for the ceremony accompanied by the Regional Supervisor and his Assistant of their area, Mr. & Mrs. Walter F. Wade. Following a delicious dinner served by the Filter Centre volunteers, Mr. Frank Murch, Chief Observer of Observation Post HOTEL ALFA 55 BLACK, was presented with the Award of Merit plaque and framed citation by G/C M.E. Pollard DSO DFC AFC CD, Commanding Officer of RCAF Station Chatham, New Brunswick.



Mr. Frank Murch Being Presented With Award by G/C Pollard

Also present for the above ceremony were W/C E.C. Briese CD, Sector Commander at RCAF Station St. Margarets; W/C K.W. Smith of 5 Supply Depot, RCAF, Moncton; S/L R.H. Morris, CO 7 GOBC Unit; F/L D.L. Giggey of 7 Unit HQ; F/L G.W. Hynes, Detachment Commander 70 Detachment, Truro, N.S. and all the officers on staff of 71 GOBC Detachment, Moncton, F/L R.C. Hussey, Detachment Commander, 71 Detachment was Chairman for the ceremony.

MORE PICTURES OF THIS CEREMONY ON NEXT PAGE

Congratulations for making "Sky Scan 57" the most successful exercise ever held by the GOBC in Newfoundland are definitely in order to YOU -- the civilian volunteers who participated so actively in this exercise. Your co-operation, your interest and your enthusiasm are commendable.

The following areas in Newfoundland are especially commended for their wonderful showing. Each area listed attained 100% "ON WATCH" and it sure looked good on that Status Board. For the areas which did not attain this high percentage, it is something to aim for when our fall exercise rolls around. So, here are the honour roll areas:

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We are also proud to pay tribute to the USN and USAF formations that participated so wholeheartedly in this exercise and without their co-operation "Sky Scan 57" would not have been possible.

Our thanks too, to the staffs of the various telephone exchanges and telegraph offices in Newfoundland for their co-operation in the speedy transmission of all Aircraft Flash messages, so necessary to make an exercise of this nature a success.

It would be unfair to end this report without mentioning the Filter Centre volunteers who gave freely of their time to participate in "Sky Scan 57". We are especially thankful of our youngest group of Filter Centre volunteers, "The WHEZZ KIDS", who are high school students at both Hunt Memorial Academy and St. Joseph's School. These teenagers completely manned the Operations Map table every day from 4 to 6:30

(some stayed later). They even missed their lunch periods at times in order to participate in this exercise. A good show on the part of these teenagers.

SO -- TO EACH AND EVERY ONE WHO IN ANY WAY PARTICIPATED TO MAKE "SKY SCAN 57" THE SUCCESS IT HAS BEEN -- THANKS.

**POST OF THE
MONTH**

We have chosen the Observation Post at Lord's Cove, Deer Island, as our Post of the Month because we consider it to be one of the better Posts in the 71 Detachment area. Mr. E.S. "Eddie" Lord, the Chief Observer, and Mr. Ira Butler, his able assistant, have recruited 41 active Observers.

Deer Island, being close to the shore of the Bay of Fundy, is in a strategic location as far as the Ground Observer Corps is concerned.

Mr. Lord is the Manager for the New Brunswick Telephone Company on Deer Island, but in his spare time, besides working for the GOBC, he acts as bandmaster for two brass bands - one on Deer Island and one on Campobello Island. He has an expensive collection of band records of which he is very proud.

It is always a pleasure for officers of this Detachment to conduct training lectures at Deer Island, due to the keenness of the Observers who are almost all high school students. During exercises, we can always be certain that the Post will be on watch.

Keep up the good work JULIETT ALFA 00 GREEN.

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Award

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Merit

On Wednesday May 15 the Ground Observer Corps Award of Merit was presented to Mr. Ralph A. Blois, Chief Observer at Observation Post MIKE QUEBEC 15 BLACK, located at Mount Uniacke, Nova Scotia. The picture below shows Mr. Blois after he received the Award and G/C J.H. Roberts AFC CD who made the presentation.



Mr. Blois and his Observers, in addition to having a very well trained Observation Post numbering 33 Observers, also have constructed at their own expense an Observation Post building. This is indeed a fine example of community co-operation in assisting the RCAF. A picture of the building appears below.



The Ground Observer Corps Award of Merit is the highest award given by the RCAF to civilian volunteers, and only a very few are annually presented across Canada. G/C J.H. Roberts AFC CD, Senior Air Staff Officer at Maritime Air Command, Halifax represented Air Vice Marshal L.E. Wray OBE AFC CD, Air Officer Commanding, Air Defence Command in making the official presentation.

Before the actual presentation ceremony G/C Roberts officially declared open the Observation Post building built by the volunteers, and then accompanied Mr. Blois to the tower where an "Aircraft Flash" message was placed. The official party then proceeded to the Mount Uniacke Community Hall where, before a capacity audience, the Observation Post volunteers presented a one-act play and other variety acts.

At the conclusion of the entertainment the official presentation of the Award of Merit was made by G/C Roberts. S/L R.H. Morris CD, 7 GOB Unit, and F/L G.W. Hynes, Detachment Commander Truro Filter Centre, also spoke and offered congratulations to Mr. Blois. Mr. Blois in his speech of acceptance thanked all present, and especially thanked those who had in any way assisted him in his Ground Observer Corps work in the community.

S/L R.H. Morris assisted by F/L D.L. Giggey then presented Ground Observer Corps wings to seven volunteers of the Mount Uniacke Post.

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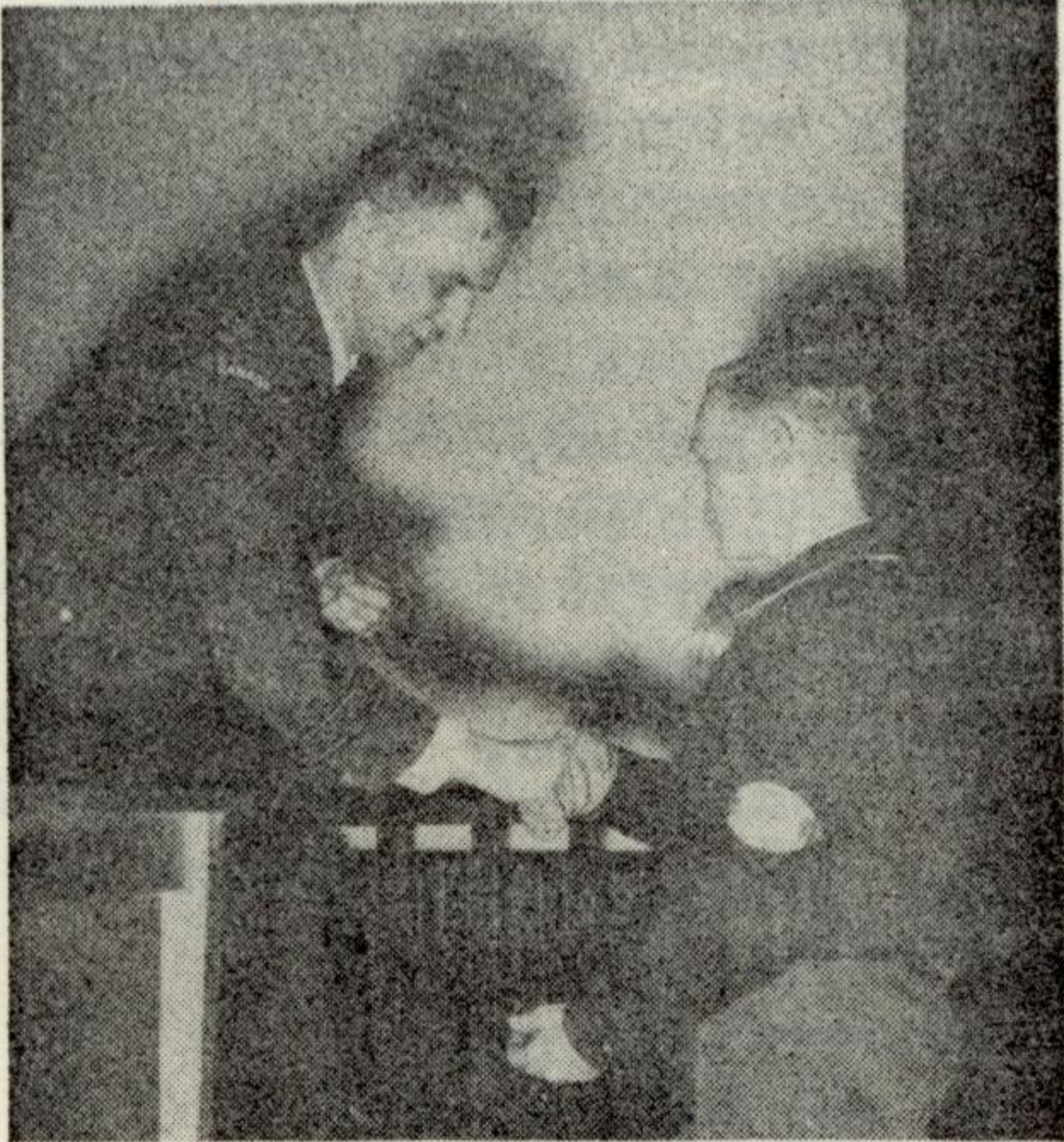
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AWARD OF MERIT (Cont'd)

Pictured below is S/L R.H. Morris presenting GOBC Wings to one of the Observers of the Mount Uniacke Post following the Award of Merit Ceremony.

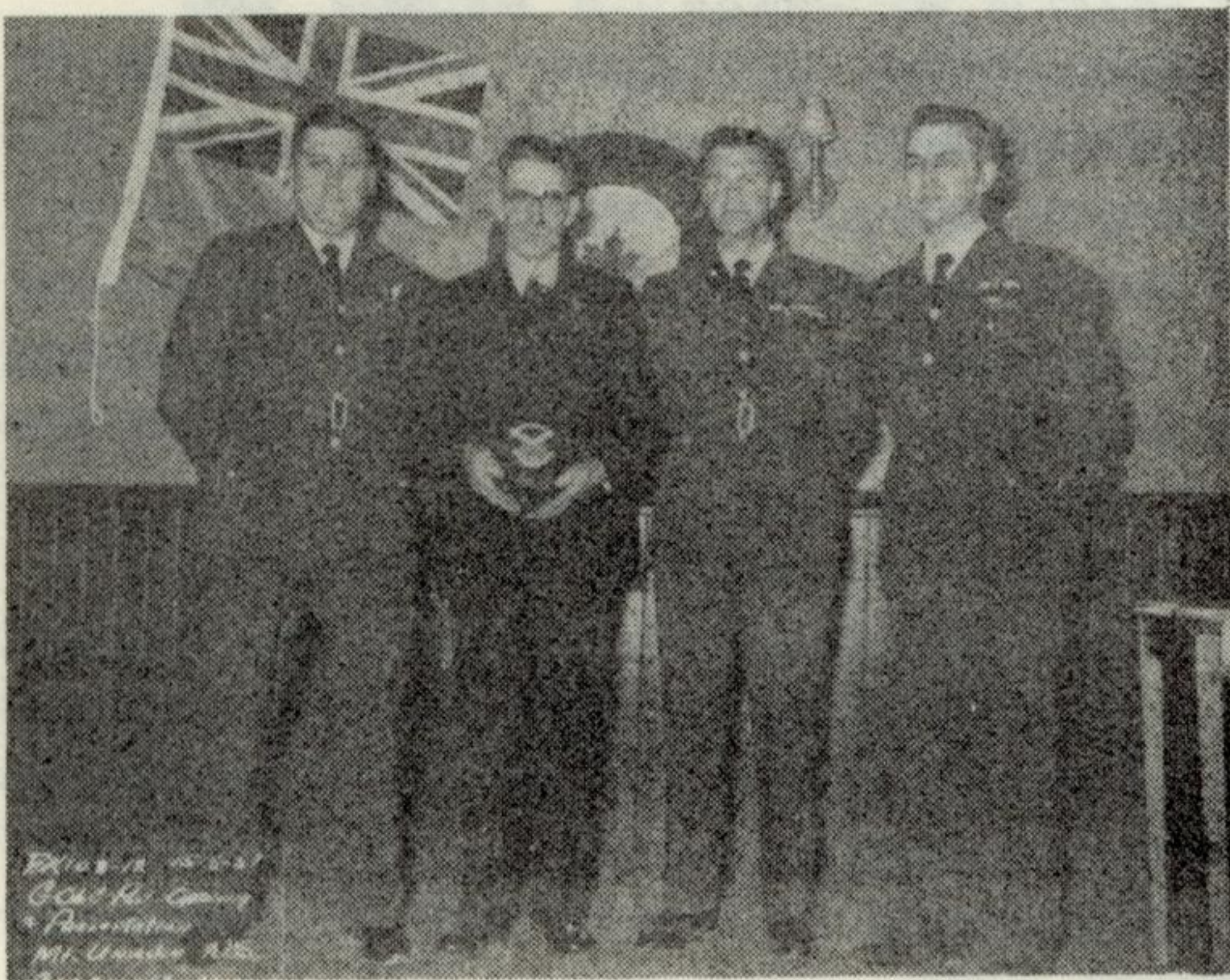


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The evening concluded with a delightful supper served by the members of the Mount Uniacke Ground Observer Observation Post.

The picture below shows, left to right, F/L G.W. Hynes, Mr. Ralph Blois (holding his Award of Merit plaque), G/C J.H. Roberts and S/L R.H. Morris.



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CHIEF

OBSERVERS'

CONFERENCES

As most of our civilian volunteers are aware, a conference for all Chief Observers in the 70 Detachment area has been held annually at the Truro Filter Centre. Although over 300 Chief Observers were invited to these conferences, very rarely were there more than 75 attending any one conference. The RCAF staff considered that the main reason for such small attendance was the distance that Chief Observers had to travel, so, on the recommendation of several Regional Supervisors and Chief Observers it was decided to hold regional Chief Observers' conferences.

The first such conference was held at the YMCA Sydney on Saturday 11 May and all Chief Observers from Cape Breton Island were invited. Although some 60 Chief Observers were invited, only ten Observation Posts were represented at the conference. The Truro Detachment sent notification to the Chief Observers two weeks in advance of the date and requested Chief Observers to forward acceptance or refusal to Truro under cover of a stamped self-addressed envelope. We are sorry to report that only 17 of the 60 Chief Observers thought enough of the conference to notify us of their intentions.

At the conclusion of the one day conference a visit to a RCAF station took place and was very much enjoyed by the delegates. Chairman of the conference was F/L G.W. Hynes, Detachment Commander of 70 Detachment. Attending the conference were F/Os J.H. Waugh and T.G. Mitchell and LAC D.B. MacKenzie.

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Observation Posts represented at the conference at Sydney were:

Grand Etang	Englishtown
North Sydney	Glance Bay
Baddeck	Port Morien
Iona	Mira Gut
Edwardsville	Craigmore

The RCAF staff are very grateful to Captain J.M. Wilson, Regional Supervisor of area T-12, for arranging accommodations at the YMCA for the conference and also for arranging that the ladies from the YMCA supply two excellent meals for the delegates.

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PHOTO TAKEN AT SYDNEY CONFERENCE, left to right: P. Murphy, C. Barro, F/O JH Waugh, A. Scott, F/O TG Mitchell, K. MacDonald and Jack MacFarlane.



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CONFERENCE

HELD AT

RCAF STATION GREENWOOD

Lakeville	Liverpool
Tremont	Greenfield
Kentville	Blockhouse
Port Maitland	Indian Point
Yarmouth	New Ross
Lower East Pubnico	Hubbards
Shelburne	Blandford
	Tusket River

The second regional conference of Chief Observers was held at RCAF Station Greenwood on Sunday, May 19th 1957. This included Chief Observers from the South Western part of the Province. Over 80 invitations were sent out but again the percentage attending was low. Only 21 Observation Posts were represented and a great number of Chief Observers again did not bother to advise us if they were attending or not.

Attending the conference were the following RCAF personnel:

F/L G.W. Hynes - Detachment Commander
 F/L D.L. Giggey - 7 GOB Unit
 F/O J.E. Waugh - Truro
 F/O G.R. Lees - Truro
 F/C G.F. Pineo - Truro
 Cpl E.F. Corscadden - Truro

The following Observation Posts were represented at the conference:

East Margaretsville
 Digby
 Annapolis Royal
 Port Lorne
 Berwick

We were particularly glad to see Mr. Francois LeBlanc, the Light Keeper at Tusket River, and Mrs. LeBlanc attend the conference, also Captain and Mrs. P.K. Iversen from one of our Mobile Observation Posts at Lunenburg.

W/C E.C. Atkinson, Regional Supervisor Area T-2, also attended the conference.

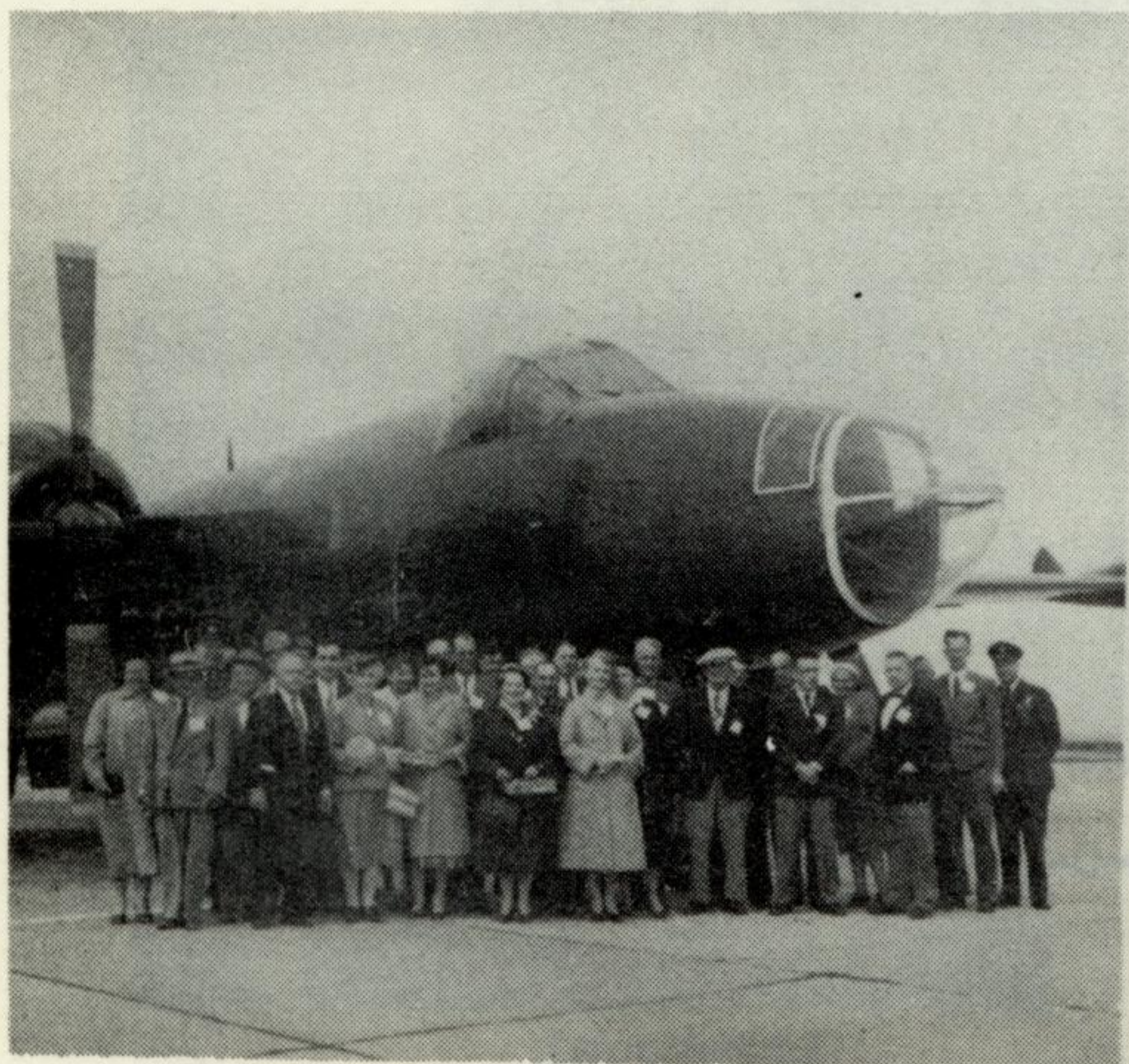
Many informative items were covered on the agenda and the delegates expressed the opinion that the conference was a success.

After the conference concluded at approximately 1600 hours, the delegates were taken on a tour of RCAF Station Greenwood and were shown the latest types of operational aircraft.

Both the RCAF staff and the delegates are grateful to the Commanding Officer of RCAF Station Greenwood - G/C C.G.W. Chapman DSO CD, who kindly arranged the station tour and also allotted space for the conference.

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Photograph below shows a group of the delegates to the Chief Observers conference held at RCAF Station Greenwood taken in front of one of the Neptune aircraft.



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CHIEF OBSERVERS' CONFERENCE

TRURO FILTER CENTRE

A conference of Chief Observers was held at the Truro Filter Centre on Sunday 26 May, 1957. The Chairman was F/L G.W. Hynes, Detachment Commander, 70 GOBC Detachment. Forty-eight Chief Observers or Official Observers attended this conference.

A course of instruction concerning all aspects of the Ground Observer Corps field organization was given by RCAF staff members. At the conclusion of this, a period of open discussion took place and many interesting subjects were discussed.

The group was then shown the Operations Room at the Filter Centre, and the handling of "Aircraft Flash" messages was explained. A short practice exercise was demonstrated by RCAF staff members. This exercise showed the delegates how aircraft are tracked using Ground Observer Corps information.

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The conference adjourned at 1700 hours.

Shown below are two photographs of delegates to the Truro conference. One photo is taken in the Operations Room and one in the Lounge.



FIELD NEWS

70 DETACHMENT

CAPE BRETON

Since our last issue, Victoria and Inverness Counties have been visited again. Road conditions were much improved, but on one occasion Captain Wilson, Supervisor of Area T-12, had the misfortune to get his car stuck in soft mud near Dingwall. Fortunately a number of local stalwarts came along and lifted the rear end bodily out of the hole. By covering the soft spot with spruce boughs we were able to get by.

QUEBEC BRAVO 10 BLACK at Baddeck and QUEBEC BRAVO 21 BLACK at Englishtown both had wings presentation ceremonies in April. Wings were presented to nine Observers at each post by F/O Mitchell of 70 GOBc Detachment. These posts are to be congratulated on their obviously active state. The Englishtown Post recently lost its Chief Observer, Daniel E. MacLean, whom we would like to thank for his useful work in the past and wish good fortune in his new life in Ontario. Mr. MacLean is ably succeeded by one of his Observers, Mrs. Ruth MacAskill. We were happy to welcome Mrs. MacAskill to our recent Chief Observers' Conference in Sydney. Good for you Ruth! It is too bad more of our Chief Observers in Cape Breton did not find time to come along.

We have another new Chief Observer at Baddeck Forks, where Mr. M.W. MacLeod has resigned, feeling that he could not discharge his responsibilities properly on account of the nature of his everyday work. We are grateful to Mr. MacLeod for his faithful work in the past and hope that he can continue to lend a hand in the future. Succeeding him is Mrs. R.B. MacPhee, teacher at the Baddeck Forks School. Welcome to the Ground Observer Corps, Mrs. MacPhee.

A training team from Truro spent a very fruitful ten days in Inverness County early in May. All Posts in Regional Area T-10 were visited, except one where the Chief Observer was on vacation. At Belle Cote the Chief

Observer, Mr. Louis P. LeBlanc has resigned on account of his health. Thank you for your past services Mr. LeBlanc. We were fortunate to obtain as the new Chief Observer for Papa Bravo 52 Black, Mr. Ronald J. Tompkins whom we heartily welcome to our organization.

At North Sydney we have had a very smooth transfer of authority from Chief Observer Grover Hull to his Assistant William ("Bill") Keeping. Mr. Hull has given us faithful service for many years and we shall be happy to have him continue his association with the Ground Observer Corps as Alerting Deputy for Quebec Bravo 41 Black. Like Mrs. MacAskill of Englishtown, Mr. Keeping made a good beginning in his new position by attending the conference at Sydney. We were glad to have you with us, Bill.

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NEW REGIONAL SUPERVISOR - T-16

We are very happy to write that Mr. C.A. (Sandy) Durno of Bridgewater, Nova Scotia has taken over the duties of Regional Supervisor for area T-16. Mr. Durno is a veteran of the RCAF having served during World War II. Mr. Durno is employed with the Department of Veterans Affairs, and does considerable travelling throughout T-16 in connection with his DVA work. He, therefore, has a thorough knowledge of the countryside and knows many people within his GOBc area.

Welcome to the GOBc Sandy, we all look forward to meeting you soon.

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NEW CHIEF OBSERVER

AT
SPRINGFIELD

Springfield has been without a Post for quite some time. We have been fortunate in obtaining the assistance of Mr. R.L. Conrad to take over the duties of Chief Observer. Mr. Conrad is a former Observer at Springfield

and also operates the local telephone exchange. Another link has been fitted into our Ground Observer Corps chain. Welcome, Mr. Conrad.

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ANOTHER
NEW
POST

Mr. W.K. Mailman of Hemford, Nova Scotia has volunteered to act as Chief Observer for his community. Mr. Mailman operates a general store at Hemford. We are glad to have you with us. We look forward to having a very active Post in your community.

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TRURO FILTER CENTRE NEWS

All the teams from the Truro Filter Centre have been progressing favourably during the past two months. In preparation for Exercise "CLEAR SKY" which will be held on 12 June 1957 combined training is being held on alternate nights of each week and will continue until the date of the exercise. We will have three full teams operating for the exercise and all members are anxiously looking forward to 12 June.

In addition to combined training, regular classes are being held.

Pictured below is a photo of a team known as "THE ROCKETS" which meets at the Filter Centre on Wednesday afternoons.



FILTER CENTRE

WINGS PARADE

The Truro Filter Centre plans to hold a Wings Parade for Filter Centre volunteers on Wednesday 19 June. We hope to have over 30 volunteers qualified to receive the Ground Observer Corps wings - symbol of a fully trained Filter Centre volunteer.

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VISIT
TO
RADAR
STATION

On 7 May 1957 a group of volunteers from the Truro Filter Centre paid a visit to a Radar Station. There were 23 volunteers in the group and the trip was arranged by F/L G.W. Hynes, who accompanied the party.

The volunteers were shown over the RCAF Station and were especially impressed with the Radar operations room. As many of this group will be employed on Radar Telling work in the future they felt that the information gained during the visit was most informative and helpful.

At the conclusion of the visit, coffee and sandwiches were served in the Officers' Mess. The group are very grateful to the officers and staff of the Radar Unit who made their trip so enjoyable.

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7 GOBC UNIT CONFERENCE

TRURO, NOVA SCOTIA

On 25-27 April 1957 a conference of all officers of 7 GOBC Unit was held at the Truro Filter Centre. The purpose of this conference was to discuss organizational and training problems in the Atlantic Provinces. Chairman of the conference was our Commanding Officer,

S/L R.H. Morris CD and S/L C.E. Harris DFC CD of Air Defence Command, St. Hubert, P.Q. was in attendance.

Officers of 7 Unit who attended this conference were: F/L G.W. Hynes, F/Os J.H. Waugh, G.R. Lees, T.G. Mitchell, R.W. Kaye of 70 Detachment; F/L R.C. Hussey, F/Os J.M. Lutes, J.P. Sperdakos, R.H. Buckley and G.D. Perkins of 71 Detachment; F/L W.H. Dyck, F/O K.M. Joy and P/O M.E. Vince of 72 Detachment; F/L D.L. Giggey, F/O R.J. Stewart and WO1 A.G. Grant of 7 Unit Headquarters.

The planning of the 1957/58 years work was discussed, and ways and means to improve training standards and the general operational efficiency of the Corps in the 7 Unit area was also considered. A number of decisions were reached, and those that effect the civilian volunteers will be published elsewhere in this issue.

Below is a photo of a group of the officers attending the conference. They are left to right: S/L Harris, F/L Hussey, F/L Hynes, S/L Morris and F/L Dyck.



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"HOMESICK"

- Sara Wade MacDonald

Did you ever think when you left home
You'd be out in the world all alone?
There aren't those little things 'round
to remind
You of all the people who were always
so kind.
So I sat down and began to list
When I left home, the things I missed.
I miss the snow-white cherry blossom,
I miss the seasons; spring and autumn.
And then, I miss mum's home made pies,
And yes, I even miss the flies !!
I miss my bed with two broken springs,
And the one long, one short sound on
the phone when it rings.
I miss every one of the folks at the
corner.
I don't belong here - I'm classed as
a for'ner.
And then there's the shed with the
swinging door -
I miss things I never thought of before.
I miss the cold; I miss the heat,
And I miss shopping on our one front
street.
In this city, it's unheard of to see
a moose,
Down here just the wolves run around
loose.
I'd give all these ships with their
masts and helms,
To be back once more in The City of
Elms.

ED NOTE: This poem was written by Regional Supervisor Wade's lonely daughter when in training at the Victoria General Hospital in Halifax.

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CHUCKLE

Overheard at a party at one of our Filter Centres: "Of course you can take me home. I'm your wife."

Traffic is so bad in one big city that if you give a man an inch he'll try to park his car in it.

PERSONALITY SKETCHES

W/C E.C. ATKINSON - Supervisor T-2



W/C E.C. Atkinson was born at London, England in the year 1900. He came to St. John's, Newfoundland in 1919 with the Trans Atlantic Flight pioneers, Alcock and Brown. From 1919 to 1921, W/C Atkinson was employed with Eastern Canada Air Lines operating out of Truro, N.S. In 1921, he moved to Annapolis Royal where he joined the firm of Banks Hardware Limited. In 1940, W/C Atkinson joined the Engineering Branch of the RCAF where he was in charge of salvage and repairs of RCAF aircraft. He was retired from the RCAF in 1946 and returned to Annapolis Royal.

W/C Atkinson is a charter member and past president of "The Order of Good Cheer" which dates back to 1606 and was re-organized in 1927. He is also Past President of the 102 Morphee Wing of the RCAFA, and Past President of Port Royal Branch 21 of the Canadian Legion.

Although W/C Atkinson has been, and still is a very busy man, he is able to find time to assist the Ground Observer Corps in its very important defence work. He volunteered as Regional Supervisor with the GOBC for area T-2 on 26 April 1954 and since that time has shown a great deal of interest, and has given of his time and energy to this work.

W/C Atkinson and his son, who was also a member of the RCAF during World War II, operate Banks Hardware Limited at Annapolis Royal.

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Colonel H.H. Ritchie - Supervisor M-21



When Air Defence Command gave the Ground Observer Corps the green light to establish the GOBC in the province of New Brunswick, one of the first men to rally to the call was Colonel H.H. Ritchie of Fredericton, who is presently the Regional Supervisor of Area M-21. Col Ritchie has an excellent service background. He served with the Royal Canadian Artillery as a Captain in the First World War. He saw service with the 28th Field Battery as well as with the Command Brigade. Eventually he was placed in command of the 12th Field Battery and performed an outstanding job.

From 1927 on, he served as Chief Game Warden for the province until his retire-

ment in 1954. He is at present time director of Civil Defence for the City of Fredericton.

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For the past four years, Colonel Ritchie has done an invaluable service for the Ground Observer Corps and his area is considered one of the best. At the time of writing, Colonel Ritchie is suffering a stubborn eye infection which has forced him to remain at home, but we are happy to report there are definite signs of improvement and we send to him the good wishes of all the members of the Ground Observer Corps and special prayers for his quick recovery.

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Mr. ALBERT SODERO - Supervisor N-16



Mr. Albert Sodero, Harbour Breton, is the REGIONAL SUPERVISOR of Area N-16. Formerly a CNT operator, Albert is quite familiar with the communication problems of his area. He is now employed as Secretary of the local Cottage Hospital.

Mr. Sodero was born and raised in Harbour Breton. He is married and is the father of one child. His hobbies - another ardent hunter and fisherman.

The work Mr. Sodero is doing as Regional Supervisor of N-16 is very much appreciated by 72 Detachment and 7 Unit Headquarters.

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QUIZ

- 71 GOBC DETACHMENT, MONCTON, N.B.

1. When the plotter says "SAY AGAIN ITEM 6", how do you answer if you are the Observer?
2. When you see a fighter and a bomber flying side by side, how do you make your report?
3. If you see a bomber with 4 jet motors, how would you report it in Item 2?
4. What do the letters "WEFT" mean with regard to aircraft recognition?
5. Do you report an aircraft which is obviously landing or taking off at an airport near your post?
6. What is the meaning of TIME DELAY?

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News

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FROM



DETACHMENT

CHIEF OBSERVERS' CONFERENCE

On Sunday, 26 May 1957, a highly successful Chief Observers' conference was held at the Moncton Filter Centre with upwards of 100 Regional Supervisors, Chief Observers and/or Assistant Chief Observers in attendance.

A complete review of all phases of the Ground Observer Corps operations, both in the field and the filter centre was carried with special emphasis on exercises, both past and future.

S/L R.H. Morris and F/L D.L. Giggey of Unit Headquarters, Halifax were in attendance and addressed the conference from the point of view of the Ground Observer Corps' role in the country's defence.

A number of photographs were taken at this conference but unfortunately only one was clear enough to reprint. That one, showing a group of volunteers during coffee break in the lounge, is shown below.



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ATTENTION / Another Chief Observers' conference is planned for sometime in June. This conference will be for all CHIEF OBSERVERS IN P.E.I.

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The ranks of the Ground Observer Corps were considerably weakened with the passing of Lt/Col J.A. Leger, Regional Supervisor of Area M-11.

Colonel Leger, who was a resident of Newcastle, has long been an active and keen member of the Ground Observer Corps. To his family and friends go the sincerest sympathy of all members of 71 GOBC Detachment and 7 GOBC Unit.

W E L C O M E

We would like to extend a hearty welcome to two new REGIONAL SUPERVISORS - MR. HOWARD SORENSEN of New Denmark for Area M-10 and MR. FREDERICK BREAU of Lower Neguac for Area M-11.

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C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

Congratulations to F/L & Mrs. R.C. Hussey on the birth of their first daughter born on 8 May. We understand all members of the family are doing well.

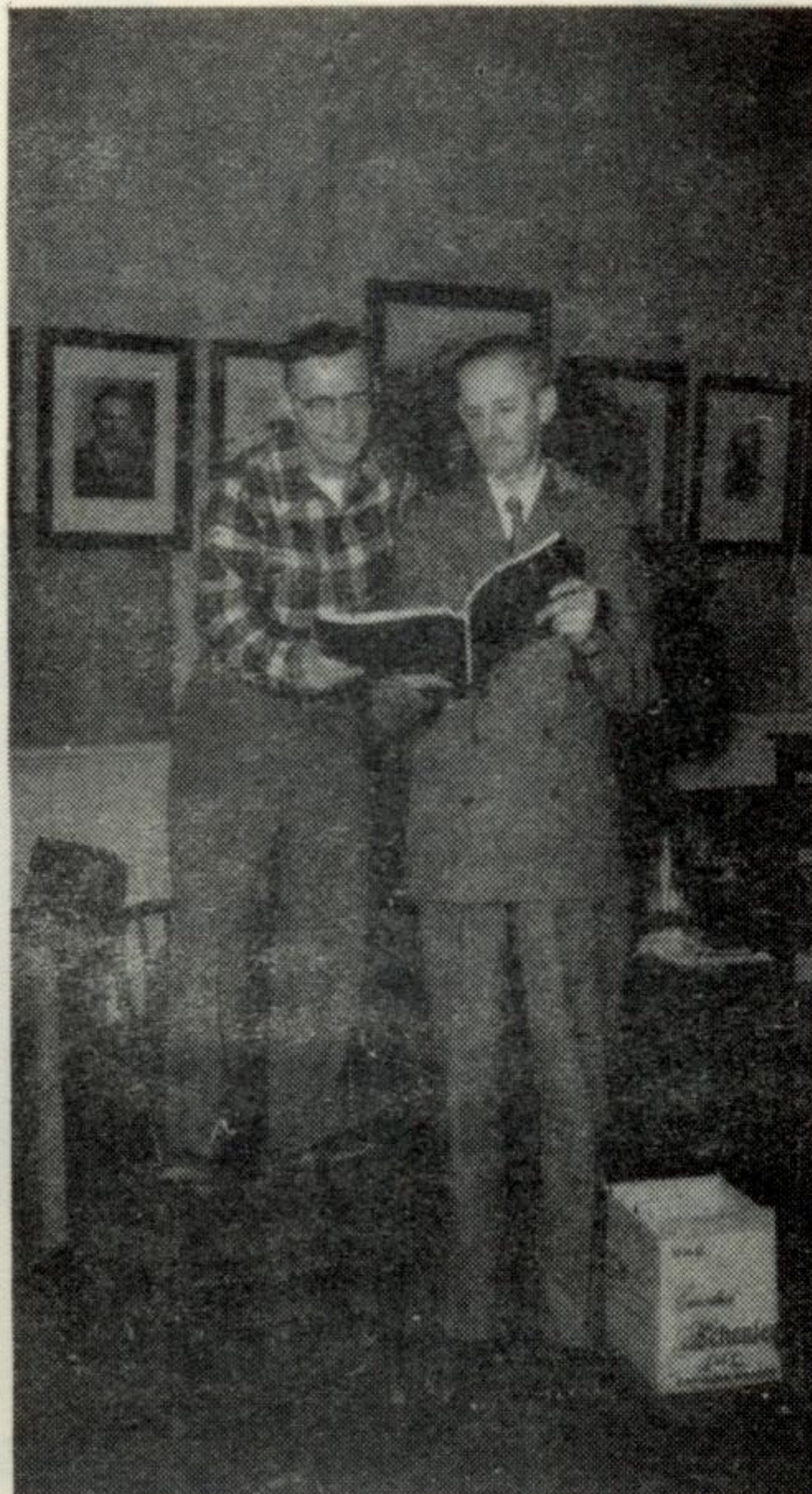
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WINGS

PARADE

AREA M-15

F/O M.W. Thompson of 71 GOBc Detachment recently visited area M-15 and conducted a training lecture and Wings Parade for the Observation Posts at Woodstock, Belleville and Debec. The photo directly below shows the whole group and the one below it shows a number of the volunteers receiving their wings from F/O Thompson.



"THE LONG AND THE SHORT OF IT !"
Chief Observers Arnold Morse (left) of Belleville and Hazen Craig of Woodstock.

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ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1. Say - "ITEM 6 MIKE BRAVO 32 BLACK" (Use code name of your own Post).
2. After reporting one aircraft, say "I HAVE ANOTHER MESSAGE FOR YOU" and then report the other aircraft.
3. Report as "JET".
4. WINGS, ENGINE, FUSELAGE, TAIL.
5. No.
6. The difference in time to the nearest minute from when the aircraft is at the closest point to your post and you hear "Air Defence, Go Ahead Please".

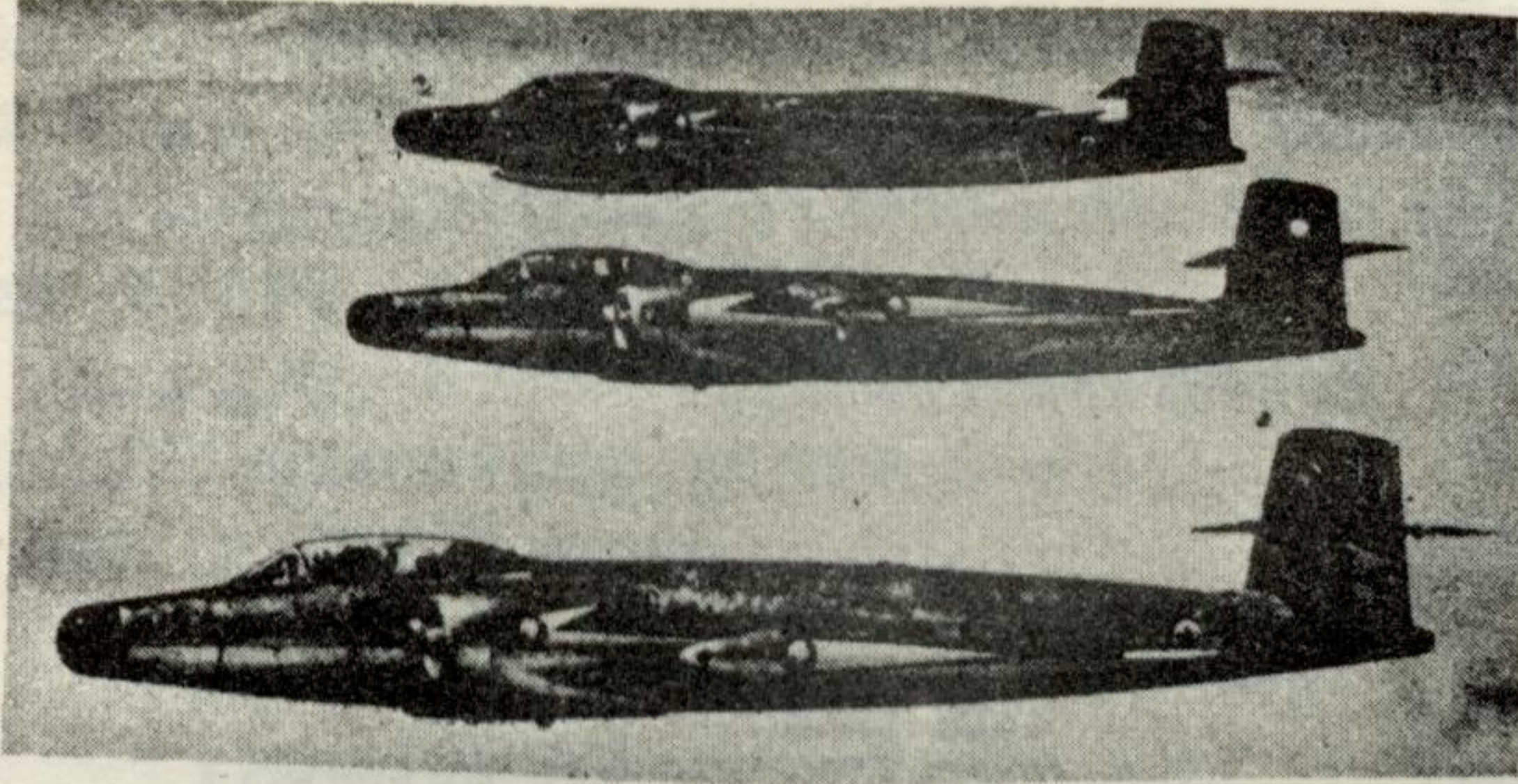
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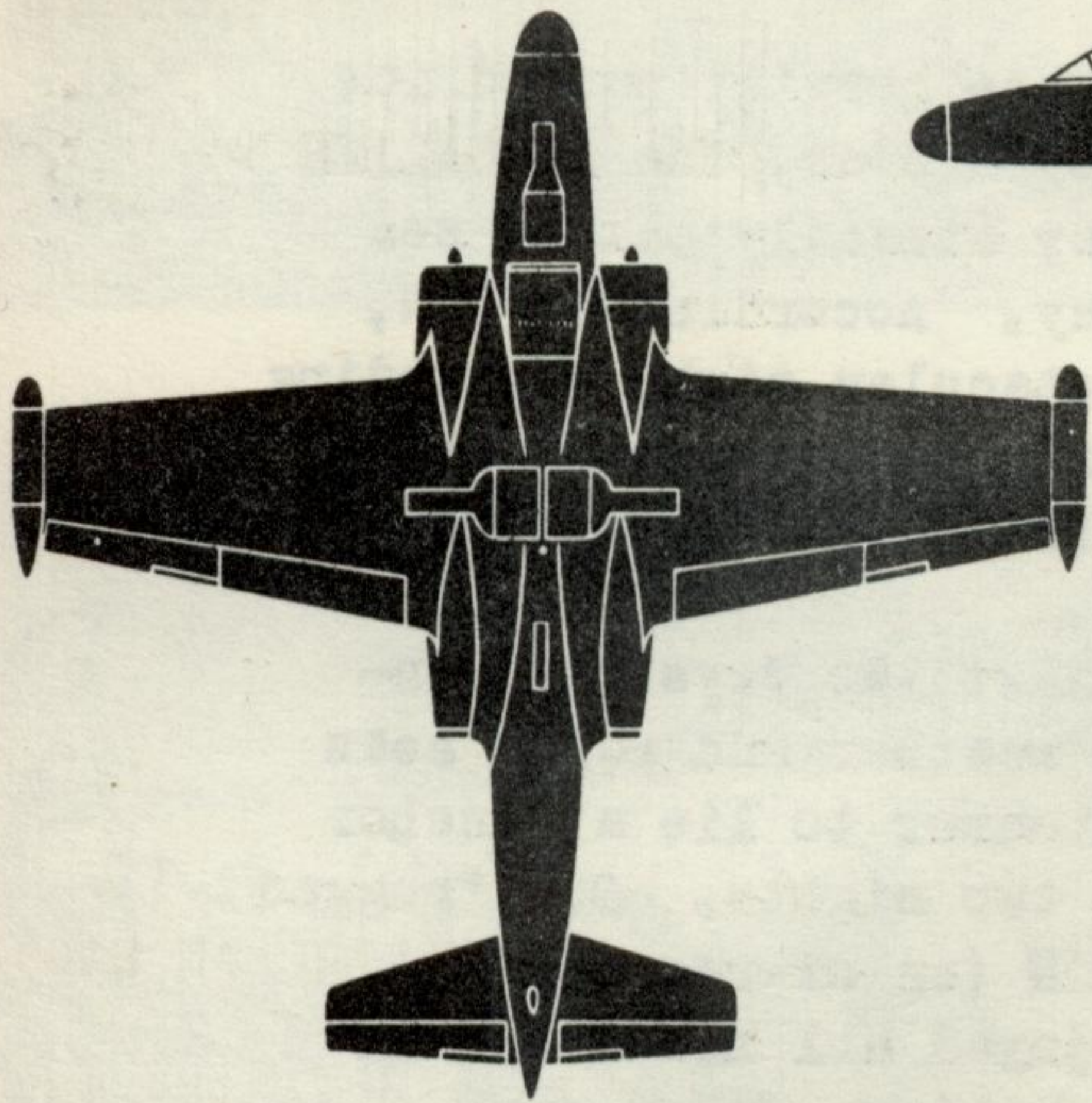
Pictured above, left to right: F/O Thompson, Carol Sterns, Arnold Morse, Phyllis McLellan, Parker Tobin, James Berry and F. Hazen Craig.

Aircraft Recognition



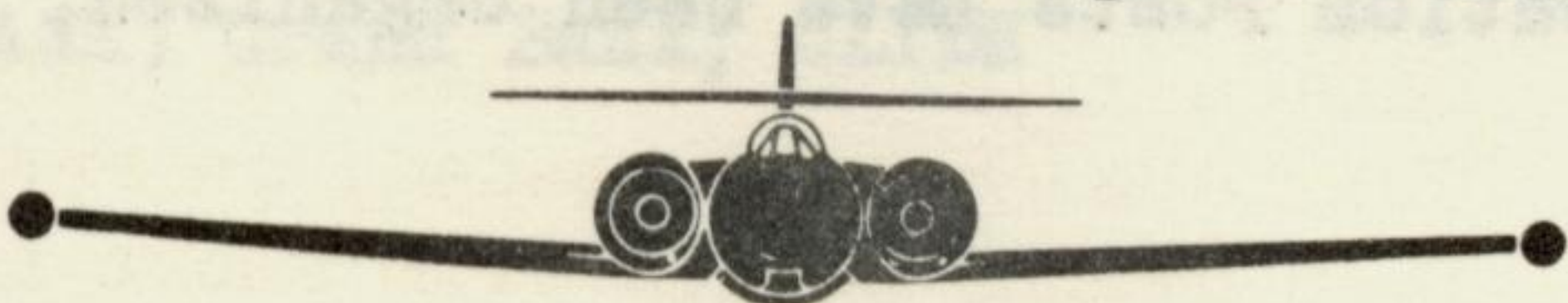
CF - 100 CANUCK

The CF-100 is a two seat all weather fighter. Designed to the requirements of the RCAF, it was the first aircraft to be wholly designed and built in Canada. It is built by AVRO Aircraft Limited.



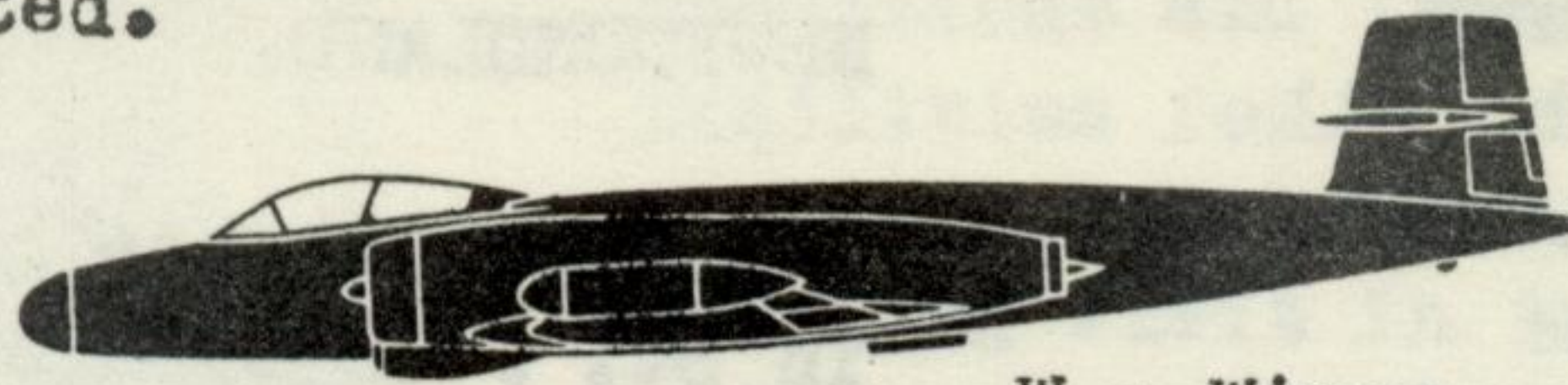
HEAD ON VIEW

- W - Wings - Low wing monoplane.
- E - Engine - Two large engines set on wing next to fuselage.
- F - Fuselage - Round in this view.
- T - Tail - Tail plane has wide span and set high on fin.



PLAN VIEW

- W - Wings - Slight taper of leading edge - more pronounced taper on trailing edge - square tips.
- E - Engine - Set in against fuselage and extending equal distance beyond leading and trailing edges of wing.
- F - Fuselage - Cigar shaped - extending well ahead of wings.
- T - Tail - Tail plane has tapered leading edge - fairly straight trailing edge - square tipped & wide span.



SIDE VIEW

- W - Wings - Not a recognition feature in this view.
- E - Engine - Long engines.
- F - Fuselage - Cigar shaped - rounded nose - cockpit bubble well forward.
- T - Tail - Very square - tail plane set high on fin.

The CF 100 carries pilot in front cockpit, navigator/radar operator behind.

Span: 52 feet

Length: 52 feet 6 inches

Powered by two Orenda Turbojet engines.

REPORT AS: JET - FIGHTER

News Items



DETACHMENT

HATS OFF TO

OBSERVATION POST

GOLF DELTA 03 BLACK

There has been a noticeable and commendable increase in the morale and interest of the civilian members of the Ground Observer Corps recently in Newfoundland. An outstanding example of this took place during the first ten days of May in the twin communities of TRAYTOWN and GLOVERTOWN.

Under the very capable leadership of the Chief Observer, Harry LeDrew, a concentrated effort by all volunteers of GOLF DELTA 03 BLACK, a specially constructed tower was erected on a height of land to be used exclusively as an Observation Post. Contributions of money, materials and labour were freely given by the volunteer members of the two communities. In the short period of ten days, this tower was ready for Exercise "SKY SCAN 57" with a total of 35 trained Observers on the duty roster for the exercise period.

The official opening of this - the first specially constructed Observation Post in Newfoundland - has been scheduled for the first week in July, to coincide with the planned visit of our Commanding Officer, S/L RH Morris, to this area.

We here at the Gander Filter Centre are very proud of the volunteers of GOLF DELTA 03 BLACK, and take our hats off to you, Harry, and to your staunch volunteers for your efforts in the interest of air defence. Yours is an example of what co-operative

spirit can accomplish, and we hope that other Observation Posts will follow this commendable example.

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BEATON

AROUND

THE COAST

WITH BEATON!!

F/O RON BEATON of 72 Detachment, Gander took to the high seas aboard the S.S. BACCALIEU on May 1st on a field training trip to the Observation Posts along the southern coast of NEWFOUNDLAND.

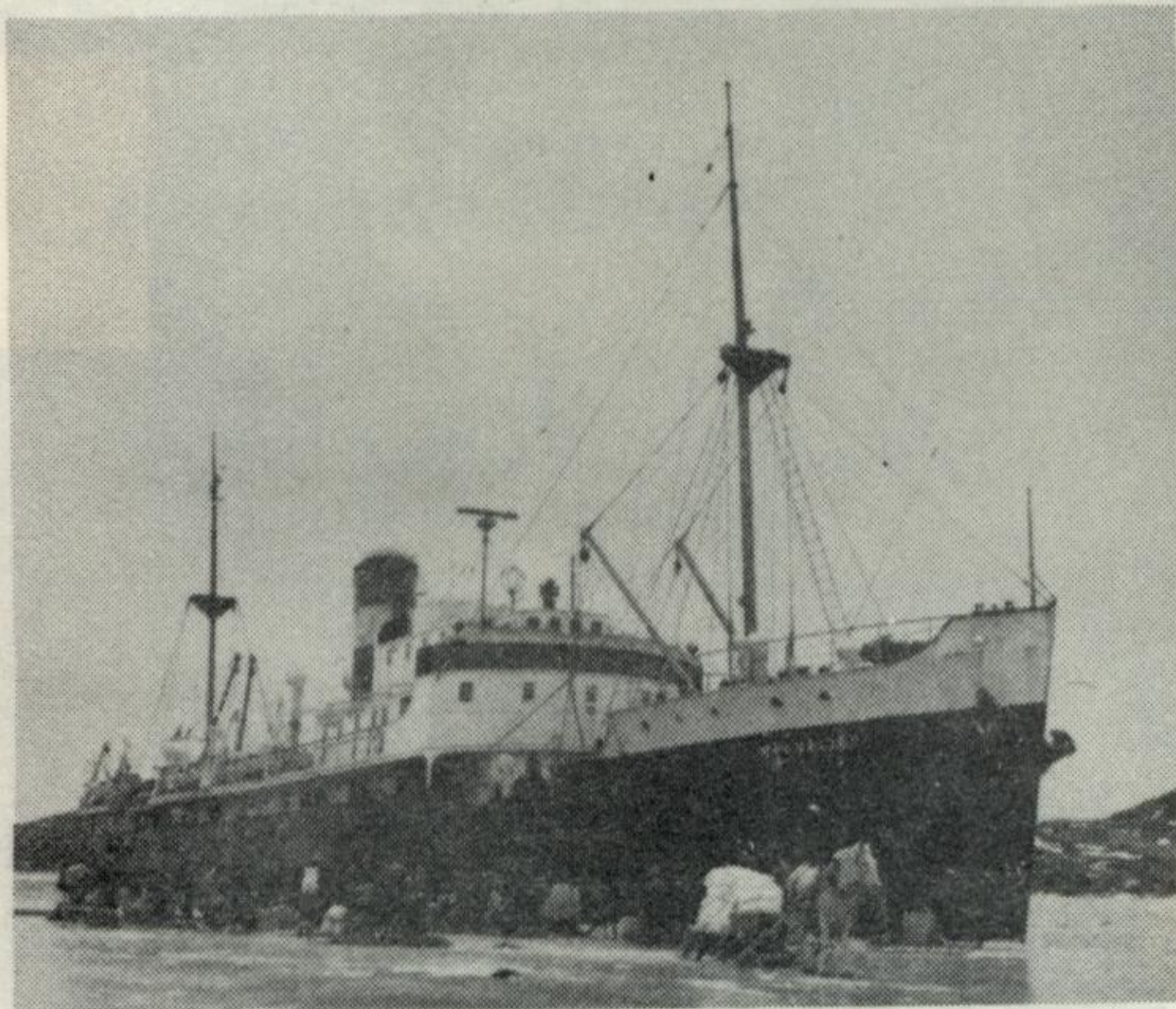
Through the heavily packed ice in St. John's harbour, the BACCALIEU pushed her way steadily out to sea that first day. According to RON, it was a spectacular sight - grinding ice all around and the occasional iceberg to thrill the passengers.

On the next two days out, increasing bad weather and rough seas forced the steamer to lie at anchor for the next two nights. Our "rugged sea-going" RON (an ex-navy type) claims he enjoyed all his meals in spite of the bilious green complexions of some of his fellow passengers.

The schedule of the BACCALIEU forced RON to make visits to some of the Chief Observers at very odd hours, but the co-operation of these patriotic volunteers of the Corps must be commended.

At many of the localities where Observation Posts have been organized,

it was impossible for the steamer to dock due to either her size or the vast ice fields tight to land. An outstanding example of this was at Milltown, Bay D'Espoir. At this point, the ice was packed tight far out into the bay, and Philip Kendall, Chief Observer of ECHO CHARLIE 15 BLACK, travelled via horse-drawn sleigh, over 20 miles of ice to meet RON. The two photographs below show the BACCALIEU unloading on the ice in the BAY D'ESPOIR area.



Chief Observer FRANK PEARCE,
(ECHO CHARLIE 40 BLACK) Burin;
THEODORE ETCHEGARY, (ECHO BRAVO
35 BLACK) St. Lawrence; ROGER
SPENCER (ECHO CHARLIE 00 BLACK)
Fortune; GEORGE WALSH (ECHO CHARLIE
10 BLACK) Grand Bank; CLYDE

BANFIELD (FOXTROT CHARLIE 03 BLACK)
Bay L'Argent; WILLIAM SHIRLEY (ECHO
CHARLIE 22 BLACK) English Harbour
West; JOHN F. DAY (ECHO CHARLIE 12
BLACK) Harbour Breton; REG SIMMS
(ECHO CHARLIE 03 RED) Hermitage;
REG DURNFORD (DELTA CHARLIE 13 BLACK)
Francois; E.W. TAITE (CHARLIE CHARLIE
33 BLACK) Ramea and RAYMOND DOLOMOUNT
(BRAVO CHARLIE 13 BLACK) Rose Blanche,
met the boat accompanied by one or
more of their Observers, to receive a
training talk and visit with RON.

Albert Soderro, Harbour Breton,
Regional Supervisor of N-16 and John
Fudge, Port Aux Basques, Regional
Supervisor of N-17, were also visited
by our sea-faring training officer.

It was regretted that it was not possible to visit all the Chief Observers at all of the Observation Posts on the south coast because of ice conditions and inadequate harbour facilities for the BACCALIEU at some of these localities. Plans for another training visit in the near future are under way, and at that time every effort will be made to visit each and every Observation Post along this coast.

The co-operation of all the volunteers visited and their hospitality to RON on his recent trip was very much appreciated and made the trip that much more pleasant.

We would like to express our appreciation to these volunteers for the splendid effort they are making in the interest of the air defence system.

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72 DETACHMENT WISHES TO INTRODUCE
THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERS OF NEWFOUNDLAND:



Mr. Frank Pearce, Chief Observer since Feb 1954 of ECHO CHARLIE 40 BLACK is the town manager of Burin. This is the second career for Frank; he retired from the teaching profession before taking on the present duties. His main outside interests, other than GOBC, are church activities and active participation in the youth programs of his community. Frank is married and has spent most of his life in Burin.

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Mr. THEODORE ETCHEGARY, resident engineer for the St. Lawrence Mining Corporation at St. Lawrence has been the Chief Observer of ECHO BRAVO 35 BLACK for the past 4 years. His recent

resignation, because of pressure of business, is regretted. He has just recently returned from Mexico, where he spent several months helping to open a new plant for his firm. A native Newfoundlander of French ancestry, Mr. Etchegary has travelled over a great deal of North America in his chosen profession.

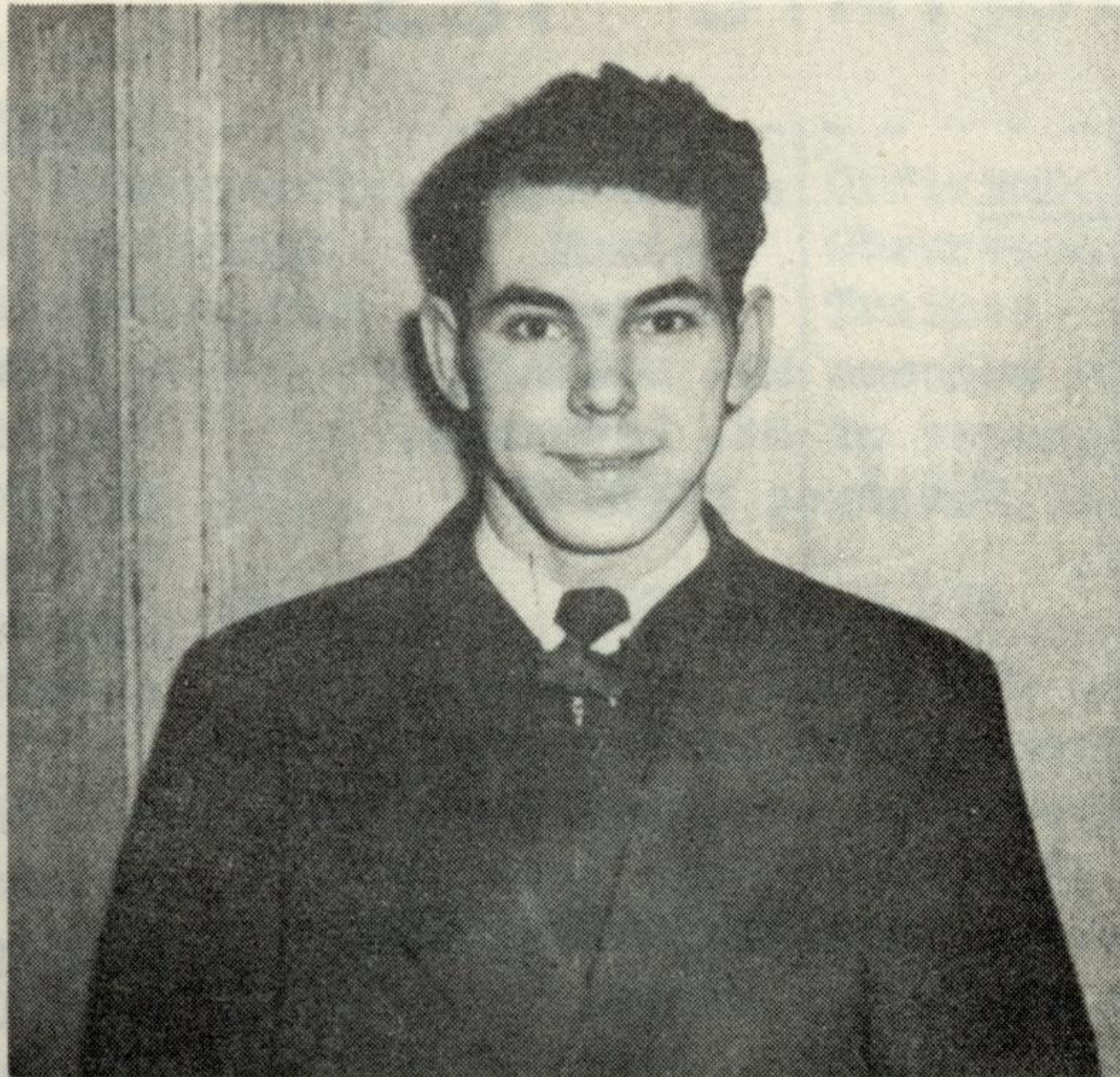
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Mr. ROGER SPENCER has been the Chief Observer of the Fortune Observation Post ECHO CHARLIE 00 BLACK, since early in 1954. Roger is an operator with CNT at Fortune, his hometown. He is married, has an infant daughter, and lately has been very busy constructing a new home for his family.

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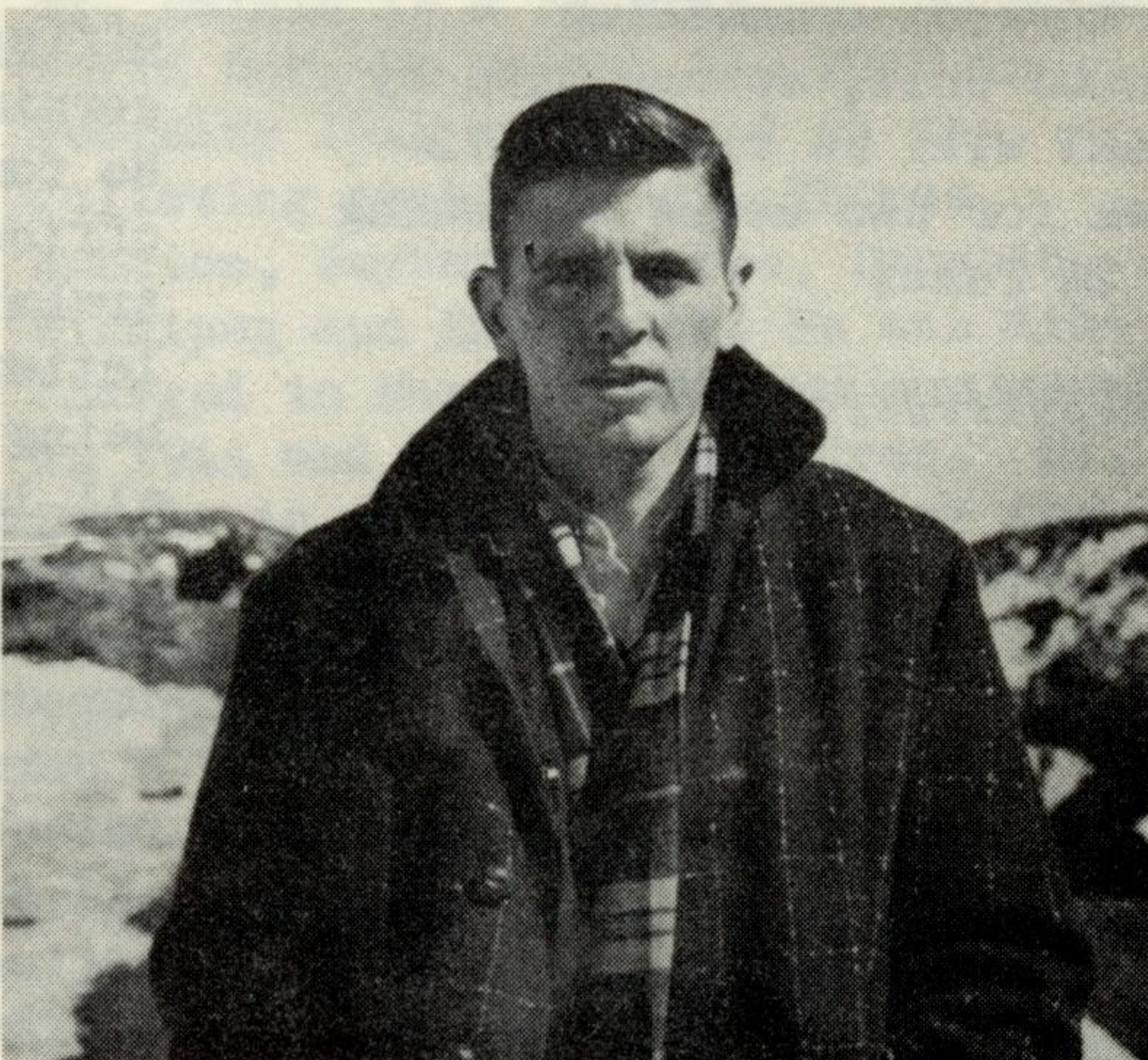
MR. CLYDE BANFIELD, Bay L'Argent, whose photo appears on the top of the next page, has dual jobs with the GOBC. He is the Ass't Regional Supervisor for N-16 and has been the Chief Observer of FOXTROT CHARLIE 03 BLACK for the past four years. Clyde is the second generation of Banfields to be employed as CNT operator at Bay L'Argent and his daughter is his assistant. Looks like the third generation of Banfields will be the CNT operator in Bay L'Argent.



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Mr. REGINALD SIMMS, CNT operator at Hermitage took on the duties of Chief Observer of ECHO CHARLIE 03 RED over three years ago. He is married, one child and his hobby - Radio.

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Mr. JOHN F. DAY, manager of a general store at Harbour Breton has been the efficient Chief Observer of ECHO CHARLIE 12 BLACK since 1955. A keen family man, John is an ardent fisherman and hunter.

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Mr. RAYMOND DOLOMOUNT, another CNT operator, has been carrying out the duties as Chief Observer of BRAVO CHARLIE 13 BLACK, Rose Blanche since 1954. Although married and the father of one child, Ray still finds time to pursue his favourite hobbies - boating and fishing.

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WORDS
OF
WELCOME

We wish to welcome MR. MICHAEL STERMA, town manager of St. Lawrence, as the new Chief Observer of ECHO BRAVO 35 BLACK.

MR. GERALD HENNEBURY, Bonavista, an official observer for some years, has now been appointed as Chief Observer of GOLF DELTA 53 BLACK. Good Luck in your new position. Mr. Hennebury is the accountant at Ryan's Store, Bonavista.

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VISIT
TO
NEWFOUNDLAND

S/L R.H. MORRIS, Commanding Officer of 7 GOBc Unit, accompanied by F/O R.J. STEWART will be visiting 72 Detachment area for two weeks beginning approximately 24 June.

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TRAINING
REMINDER

This space will be taken up in this issue to deal with three items of information that can be termed more of an "administrative" nature than "training". They are as follows:

1. In order to reduce some of the paper work of our Regional Supervisors and Chief Observers, it has

been decided that Forms 4 (List of Observers at each Observation Post) will not be required any more from the Chief Observers. Instead, the Detachment officers will complete a Form 4 during each Liaison, Training Lecture or visit to an Observation Post. We would like to thank all the Chief Observers who were so faithful in sending in Forms 4 monthly in the past.

2. The number of Sky Sentinels published each issue has been increased to enable distribution to each Observer of an Observation Post. Of course, two or three Observers in one family will still be issued with one as well as one to a husband and wife. We hope this way all of our Observers will get a chance to read the Sky Sentinel.

3. Many letters are arriving at Detachments from our civilian volunteers addressed to one of the officers of the Detachment concerning field training, supplies to be forwarded, etc. As at least three officers are away each week on training in the province, sometimes letters will wait two weeks before being answered. May we suggest that all letters be addressed to the Detachment Commanders in the future. In this way replies can be forwarded immediately. If any volunteer has a personal matter to discuss with a Detachment officer, by all means address such correspondence to the officer concerned. The correct addresses of the three Detachments are as follows:

70 GOBc Detachment

Detachment Commander
70 GOBc Detachment, RCAF
51½ Inglis Street
TRURO, Nova Scotia

71 GOBc Detachment

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LATEST STATISTICS

Detachment Commander
71 GOBc Detachment, RCAF
10 Alma Street
MONCTON, New Brunswick

72 GOBc Detachment

Detachment Commander
72 GOBc Detachment, RCAF
GANDER, Newfoundland

	Observation Posts Located	Observation Posts Trained	Official Observers Trained	Filter Centre Vols. Trained
70	283	262	3,096	112
71	284	257	2,876	72
72	226	183	1,115	55

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NOTE !!!!!

A full report of Exercise "CLEAR SKY" will be in the next issue. "Hope you left your eyes on the skies on 12 June."

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7 GOBc

UNIT

STENOGRAPHER



Introducing Mrs. Audrey Romkey, 7 GOBc Unit efficient stenographer, coffee-maker and jack-of-all trades. Audrey has been with 7 Unit for the past four years. One of her big jobs is typing and assembling the Sky Sentinel. She recently became Mrs. John Romkey. We pass along our sincere best wishes for many years of wedded bliss.

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NEWS

EDMUNDSTON -- ALYRE DAIGLE was elected president of No. 251 Madawaska Wing, RCAF Association at its last general meeting.

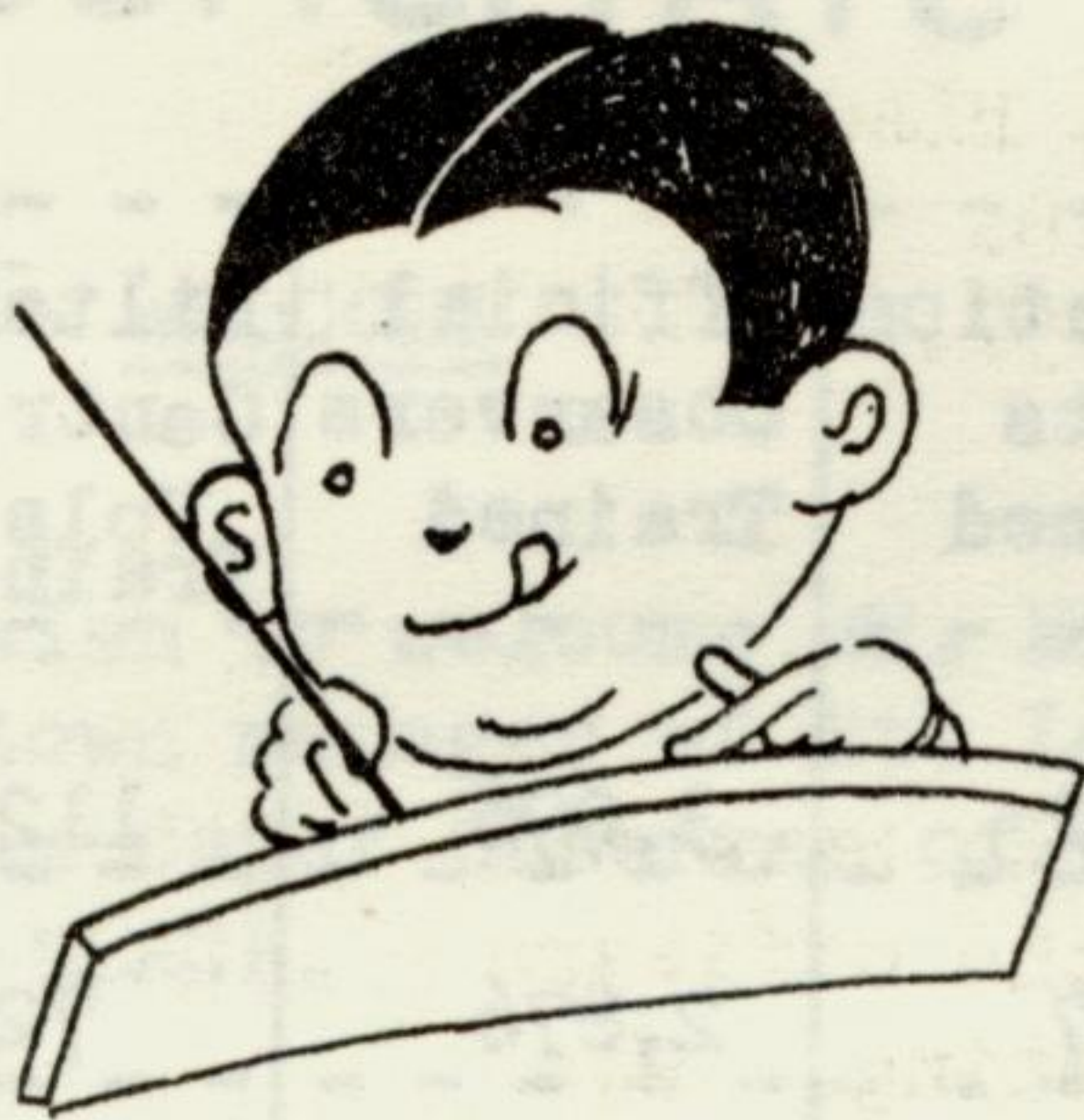
Mr. Daigle is a veteran of the Second World War. He joined the RCAF in February 1941 and served at the following stations, St. Thomas, Moncton, Weyburn, Pierce, Dauphin, Winnipeg and Dartmouth. He was discharged in March, 1946. He was married in 1944 and has four children. Mr. Daigle is Assistant Supervisor for Madawaska County and Chief Observer of the Edmundston Post, Ground Observer Corps.

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Pictured Below is Chief Observer S.J. LaPierre of Mike Quebec 43 Black of Area T-18 of N.S. with his Observers who are all members of his family.



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Letters to the Editor

JULIETTE QUEBEC 03 BLACK
Castalia, Grand Manan, N.B.
May 15/57

"News for Sky Sentinel"

Dear Sir -

F/O Perkins and LAC MacDonald of the R.C.A.F. visited Area M-4 for three days May 13-15 and while here gave a training lecture with films at the Grant Manan Regional High School.

The gathering was very well attended and a good deal of interest shown. Following the training lecture, F/O Perkins held a Wings parade and presented 17 trained members of JULIETTE QUEBEC 03 BLACK with their Wings.

(H.C. Macaulay)
Chief Observer.

Ed. Note

Mr. Macaulay - you are referred to the "Training Reminder" this issue in regard to increased distribution of the Sky Sentinel.

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CASTALIA, Grand Manan, N.B.
May 21/57

"News Item from Area M-4"

Dear Sir -

Juliette Quebec 14 Black at North Head, Grand Manan, N.B. has a new Chief Observer in the person of LESLIE J. SEARS. "Les" replaces Harry MacDonald who shortly after his appointment moved away from this area. The new Chief Observer is local manager of Gundry-Pymore Limited and a resident of North Head, N.B.

Yours very truly,

(H.C. Macaulay)
Juliette Quebec 03 Black

KILO ALFA 24 BLACK
Apohaqui, N.B.
June 6th, 1957.

Dear Commanding Officer:-

I was very pleased to attend the conference and to have the opportunity of meeting you and Flight Lieutenant Giggey also the officers of 71 Detachment and Observers. It was a very interesting meeting. Wish to thank you for your kindness.

I am going to be able to help with the Exercise Clear Sky as I went to see my doctor Tuesday and he found me a lot better and said that I would not have to be hospitalized so I am very happy about it.

Had a meeting and prepared for the exercise. One of my Official Observers said she would be willing to take an exercise for me if I had to go away at anytime so I am going to teach her what to do and then the Post will be able to be on watch all through the exercise. The other members can only come for a few hours at a time.

We are not having any more meetings till Fall unless something turns up in the meantime. Then we are going to have our annual party - instead of in January - on September 4 or 11th and hope that the Staff and wives or sweethearts of 71 Detachment will be able to attend. If you and F/L Giggey are in the vicinity at that time, come too. My members suggested that they thought a good advertisement for the Ground Observer Corps would be the stamps to put on back of the letters as everybody has to write far and near and wished to know if each Observer could have a few for their own use. We hope to take some pictures of our Observation Post at the party and will forward some to you. Called Mr. Kirk up while in Saint John Tuesday and told him that I would be able to help with Exercise Clear Sky. He mentioned seeing you.

Hope that the exercise proves to be a big success.

Sincerely,

Pauline J. Wiles
Chief Observer.

ED'S NOTE

Nice to hear from you again Miss Wiles. Your suggestion about the stamps was forwarded to our Detachment in Moncton who will forward you a supply for issue to your Observers.



Pictured above are the Observers of KA 24 B. Miss Wiles is fourth from the left - front row.

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JOTTINGS

W E L C O M E TO THE G O B C

We welcome to the Ground Observer Corps Filter Centres at Truro and Moncton five RCAF Auxiliary officers who will be assisting in the Filter Centre training.

These officers are in the RCAF Reserve and will be working at the Filter Centres two nights a week. All five officers are former Filter Centre Team Captains and are quite familiar with the GOBC.

At 70 Detachment, Truro are:

F/O A.G. Cruickshank

F/O J.M. Sanford

F/O N.J. MacGregor

F/O C.G. Wright.

At 71 Detachment, Moncton is:

F/O J.M. Casey DFC.

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Following is a photo taken at Observation Post JULIETTE ALFA 24 BLACK, RUSAGONIS, New Brunswick, during Exercise DEER HUNT. Left to right, Mrs. M. Alexander, Miss Alice Mersereau, Phyllis Cogswell and Arthur Seely.



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DID
YOU
KNOW ??????

1. SOS does not stand for anything. It is merely a combination of letters easily transmitted and received by wireless.
2. The sun is nearest the earth in our winter season. It gives us less heat then because the earth's position is such that the rays come down slantwise, and a given amount of heat is distributed over much more surface than in summer.
3. Captain Kidd was hanged for murder. He hit one of his sea-men over the head with a bucket and killed him. The charge of piracy was never proved.
4. A plant depends on the air for practically all its nourishment. It combines air with water by photosynthesis to manufacture its food. The soil provides only a trace of mineral foods.

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AIRCRAFT FLASH

EXERCISE "CLEAR SKY" -- REPORT

Exercise "CLEAR SKY" has just ended. Here are some highlights and statistics.

WEATHER - Rain and low overcast in Quebec and the Gaspé Peninsula caused the cancellation of the exercise in the Quebec area. As a result of this, some confusion was caused among the volunteers in New Brunswick as some of the radio stations in the Gaspé area announced that the Exercise was cancelled. We believe this information reached some Posts in Northern New Brunswick and resulted in their going off watch. The weather in the Maritimes as a whole was fairly good during the day with the exception of a secondary warm front in the afternoon which caused showers and fog in parts of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

CHANGE IN TRACKS - Due to the cancellation in Quebec, the tracks of our participating aircraft had to be changed slightly and some aircraft were unable to take part. This probably caused some of our Observation Posts to see no aircraft. We hope this did not happen but if it did we are very sorry.

STATISTICS - 70 GObC Detachment: Of 267 Posts alerted - 199 reported on watch. 1,198 Aircraft Flash Message calls were received with an average time delay of 1.05 minutes. There were over 66 Filter Centre Volunteers manning the Operations Room during the day.

Regional Areas 100% on watch for the whole period in 70 Detachment area were: T-1, T-6, T-13, T-20 and T-25.

71 GObC Detachment: Of 283 Posts alerted - 216 reported on watch. 1,527 Aircraft Flash Message calls were received with an average time delay of .88 minutes. There were over 62 Filter Centre Volunteers manning the Operations Room during the day.

Regional Areas 100% on watch for the whole period in 71 Detachment area were: M-4, M-16, M-21, M-22, M-24 and M-25.

A complete report on Exercise "Clear Sky" will be forwarded by the Detachments to each Regional Supervisor and Chief Observer as soon as possible.

HEARTIEST THANKS GO TO ALL VOLUNTEERS WHO TOOK PART IN EXERCISE "CLEAR SKY"

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A MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM WING COMMANDER E.C. BRIESE, SECTOR COMMANDER OF 2 ADCC
IN THE MARITIME PROVINCES, BY S/L RH MORRIS, CO OF 7 GOBC UNIT:

MESSAGE FORM

FILE

FOR COMMEN/SIGNALS USE

NUMBER

PRECEDENCE - ACTION	PRECEDENCE - INFO DEFERRED	DATE - TIME GROUP	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
FROM	SEC ST MARGARETS		PREFIX GR
TO	7 GOBC UNIT HALIFAX		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
INFO			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER AO 203 - 14 JUN

FROM MY OWN OBSERVATION AND THAT OF MY OFFICERS IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT EXERCISE "CLEAR SKY" WAS ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL TO DATE PD THE INFORMATION TOLD TO THE RADARS WAS SMOOTH FLOWING, ACCURATE AND TIMELY PD WILL YOU EXTEND MY CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE GOBC WHO TOOK PART FOR A JOB WELL DONE PD

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