

## CENTRAL FLYING SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER FOR VISITING FLIGHTS

No. 1

November 20th, 1943.

Now that all five Visiting Flights are in the field once more and are not likely to be back to base for some months, here is a brief summary of what is going on in the various flights, as well as here at Trenton.

The testing programme at the S.F.T.S's is being handled by Flights 1 & 2, made up as follows:

#### No. 1 Visiting Flight.

O.C. - S/L D.J. Brooker, who has recently returned from E.C.F.S.

F/L G.K. Graham, second in command, and recently acquired from No. 1 F.I.S.

F/L R.G. Long, RAF, also newly posted to C.F.S. from No. 2 F.I.S. at Pearce.

F/O A.C. Dunkelberger, another arrival from No. 1 F.I.S. The servicing is looked after by LAC Allen, E.G., making his first full trip. This flight is at present completing its first tour in No. 3 T.C. They start out on No. 1 T.C. next.

#### No. 2 Visiting Flight.

O.C. - S/L R.C. Stovel, also recently returned from E.C.F.S. and newly posted to C.F.S.

He is ably supported by F/L H.E. Smith, whose experiences while testing in the U.S.A., with No. 1 Flight this year are worth listening to.

F/O J.E. Harrington & F/O G.B. Collinge complete this flight, both from No. 1 F.I.S.

Lockheed 7838 is under the care of Cpl Davy, an old hand at Visiting Flight procedure. This Flight has just started to check No. 2 Command and are at Brandon at this writing.

#### No. 3 Visiting Flight.

This Flight has been reorganized with S/L George Barrett RAF as O.C. and is presently zooming through No. 4 T.C. in great style.

The 2 I.C. is F/L E.D. Finley, well known to C.F.S., while the other two members of the Flight are F/L K.C. Mason, a new arrival from No. 2 FIS at Pearce and F/O I.M. Bergh from No. 1 F.I.S. Sgt Muncaster is making his first trip as crewman in 7656. This should find No. 3 finishing off Swift Current preparatory to descending upon Medicine Hat.

#### No. 4 Visiting Flight.

The Elementary Schools have been getting a thorough going over by No. 4 Flight under S/L O.B. Pulsifer. "Pulse" has an understudy out with him in the person of S/L H.L. Kay, another E.C.F.S. Graduate who has recently joined the C.F.S. ranks.

This Flight has three members of equal service on this job in the persons of F/L H.C. Forbell, F/L F.H. Darragh and F/L C.L. Smith, RAF. Now that No. 1 T.C. has been dusted off, the elementary schools in No. 2 T.C. are getting the benefit of No. 4 Flight's presence. Their schedule calls for a visit to No. 6 E.F.T.S., at Prince Albert, Sask., but this crew always work so far ahead of themselves that they may be on to greener pastures by now. Sgt. Pederson is the Maintenance now on 1529.

#### No. 5 Visiting Flight.

No. 5 Flight, under S/L D.J. Cleland, is currently composed of F/L H.G. Hughes, F/O K.R. Thompson, F/O G.M. Card and F/O G.H. Webster. This Flight has been in No. 2 T.C., since early in October and expect to finish up at Rivers about December 15th, after which they move to No. 4 T.C.,

Judging by the snapshots sent in from S/L Cleland, they are really covering the backwoods at times.

#### TRAINING FLIGHT.

So much for the Flights in the field. There have been several changes in the staff of Training Flight for the Senior Instructors' Course.

This Flight is under the capable direction of S/L E.B. Gale,

who has a fine crew of Instructors, composed of F/L J.C. Cowans, F/L J.A.C. Talbot AFC, F/L J.D. Lamb, F/L H.S. Glassco, F/L D.G. Laidler and F/L J.G. Showler, all of whom are old timers at C.F.S. They have recently been joined by F/L R. Hewitt, RAF, who came to C.F.S. from 31 P.D., at Moncton.

#### POSTINGS.

The latest cause for celebration was F/L M.K. McGuire, who drew a posting to "Y" Depot for shipment overseas. However, Mickey was even luckier, for the posting was amended to 5 "M" Depot, Lachine, which means he will be flying over. Also bidding farewell to C.F.S., was F/L G. McPherson, AFM. After eighteen months at C.F.S., George goes to Charlot-tetown for G.R.S., course and ultimate repatriation to England. Both of them will carry our very best wishes for a successful tour.

It has been noticed in the past that some Visiting Flights have been leaving a station after telling the assembled instructors what fine fellows they were, then putting in a report bristling with criticisms about those same Instructors. This does not help to build up the feeling of confidence which all schools should have in the Visiting Flights. If you have criticisms --and you're bound to -- discuss them frankly at your final meeting. Get the troubles out in the air and help to settle them.

A very good impression has been created by No. 1 V.F., at Uplands. While testing there they preceded the tests by going over the full test with the Instructor on the ground, telling him what was to be done and asking questions relative to his understanding of the procedure. This seemed to have a very good effect and impressed the Instructors favourably -- it also cut down the flying time of the test.

It's a suggestion passed along for your own consideration. It is most important to create a good opinion of the work C.F.S., is endeavouring to do -- and while healthy criticism is good for everybody -- make it constructive instead of destructive.

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On Nov. 11th W/C Twist took off for Love Field, Dallas, Texas, accompanied by W/C Noble, S.M.O. and N/S Longomery, as it had been learned that W/C Johnston's condition was sufficiently improved to permit his return to Canada. The journey was made via Chicago and St. Louis, and they returned to Toronto in one day, in order to cause as little discomfort as possible. While no definite word can be given as yet, W/C Johnston is improving and it is hoped that this improvement will now be more rapid.

Group Captain R.E. McBurney was honoured by the award of the Air Force Cross just prior to being notified of his posting overseas.

On November 3rd Ceremonial Handing Over Parade marked the official termination of G/C McBurney's term as Commanding Officer, R.C.A.F. Station, Trenton. He has been succeeded by G/C A.D. Bell-Irving, who came to Trenton from No. 1 B & G School, Jarvis.

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It is hoped to make this a periodic effort and if you have any ideas, criticisms or suggestions, they will be most gratefully received. If you don't like it, say so! But do say what you would like.

(J.G. Twist) W/C,  
Central Flying School.