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This Newsletter is written by the new boss, who is hardly settled into the new job. W/C Twist and I have swapped swivel chairs. My last posting entailed a move of some 3500 miles - this recent one, approximately 80 yards, namely from No. 6 to No. 7 Hangar. I must say that I have no regrets in taking over C.F.S., since the school has always had sort of a sentimental attachment for me. My start in C.F.S. as a pupil coincided with the birth of the school at Camp Borden in 1939, when Norm Petersen, "Ereepy" Dunlop, Marty Mitchell, Dick Waterhouse, Jackie Mellor, Jock Abercrombie, and Joe Mirabelli constituted the staff. It's been a great thrill to see the unit grow and supply the Training Plan with its thousands of instructors. Personally I feel greatly honoured to be appointed O.C., and hope I can discharge the duties in the same capable manner as my very able predecessors.

One of the most satisfying features of this job is having the pick of the flying training personnel to work with, and knowing that the support is very able and at all times willing. Such has always been the case in the past with C.F.S. staff, and I trust the same spirit will continue in the future.

There are some of you on the Visiting Flights whom I haven't had the pleasure of knowing personally, but we shall meet before long.

At some time or other I have had a crack at every type of job that C.F.S. is concerned with, so I should be able to appreciate your problems and difficulties.

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Radical changes are proposed by Air Force Headquarters on the organization of future Visiting Flights. It is proposed to include two flying training personnel, the O.C. and 2 i/c of the Flight, along with a Navigation, Armament, S.B.A. and Link Testing Officers, plus a C.G.I. The organization is not as yet final, but that's some idea of what is expected.

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"Buck" Glassco of the Training Flight has recently had a leg operation at Christie Street Hospital, and will be unserviceable for a few months.

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S/L Cleland, O.C. No. 5 Visiting Flight reports that burglars made their way into the lads' hotel rooms at Calgary, and relieved them of a total of \$450.00 cash - and just before Xmas. Suggest that if you lads insist on walking around like Diamond Jim Brady that you carry the stuff in the form of travellers' cheques.

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Things are very quiet around the Training Flight since the next Course does not arrive until January 3rd. The boys are busy preparing check-off lists for different aircraft, swinging compasses, designing a new T.21, amending C.A.P. 1, Vol.2, and other menial tasks to keep them out of mischief.

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How are the new radio compasses working?

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W/C Johnston is showing definite signs of improvement, and the medical people have great hopes for a complete recovery. He is still in Christie Street Hospital.

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You might check up at each school visited to see if their people who have returned from C.F.S. Refresher Courses are pushing out the gen to the school's staff, and suggest that the O.C. of each Flight mention to the C.I. that members of his staff returning from C.F.S. Courses should be required to deliver lectures to the instructors, shortly after returning to the unit.

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F/L Showler is operating from Moncton to Goose Bay as a transport driver.

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Very few recommendations for possible F.I.S. staff instructors have been coming in. Please make a special effort to seek these people out.

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So long for the present. Hope you all have had an enjoyable holiday.

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