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PLACE	DATE	TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS	REFERENCE TO APPENDICES
No. 3 S.F.T.S. CALGARY, Alberta.	9-11-41		Church parade held for Protestant and Roman Catholic personnel. Squadron Leader S.B. Willan, Command Chaplain, and Rev. Father W. Cassidy officiating at the respective services. No flying carried out during day but night flying continued under excellent conditions. Pilot Officer's M. Stober, A.J. Lewington and L.M. Linnell flew a group of 8 American Army Air Corps ferry pilots to Lethbridge. Mr. C.W. Helmer, Canadian manager of Western Airlines Co., was also a member of the party who had delivered Harvard aircraft to No. 34 S.F.T.S., Medicine Hat. Course No. 40 posted to No. 1 Squadron. Officers entertained guests at tea in afternoon. Maximum Possible Flying Hours - 24:00.	
	10-11-41		Normal flying instruction continued under excellent weather conditions both day and night. Squadron Leader G.M. Martin, Flt.Lt. F.R. McManus, Medical Officer, Flying Officer G.G. Anderson took off at 1110 hours to locate reported crash at Big Springs School approximately 25 miles north west of Calgary. Wing Commander W.E. Kennedy also joined search in Anson AW454. Both aircraft landed about a mile from the scene of the crash which proved to be Menasco Moth 4833 from No. 2 Wireless Flying Squadron. On arrival the aircraft was on fire and the pilot, Flying Officer J. Robinson dead and LAC Gravell, K.M. badly injured and burned after being dragged from the burning aircraft by Mrs. Francis Walsh, School teacher, of Big Springs School. Mrs. Walsh braved great personal risk in rescuing LAC Gravell and received bad facial burns in so doing. The fire was extinguished and medical aid rendered to LAC Gravell. The civilian doctor of the district was present at the scene on the arrival of the party from this unit. The unit ambulance under Flt.Lt. W.S. Metzler, located the scene of the crash after some difficulty and conveyed the injured man to the Colonel Belcher Hospital where he died shortly afterwards. Remains of Flying Officer Robinson were returned to city. Flying Officer G.G. Anderson remained on guard until the arrival of the guard from No. 2 Wireless School at 1630 hours under Squadron Leader A.C. Heaven, Officer Commanding No. 2 Wireless Flying Squadron. Cause of crash - undetermined. Air Vice Marshal S.J. Goble, R.A.A.F., paid a routine visit to the Station in the afternoon and met the personnel of Course 42, being newly arrived Australians. Maintenance Squadron attended practice drill for Armistice Parade in morning. Regular monthly Officers' Mess meeting held, there being 48 Officers in attendance, routine business of the mess being discussed. Flying carried out for 09:30 hours. Maximum Possible Flying Hours - 24:00.	