

Uplands, Ontario

8 Feb. 1943

High overcast. Flying. Anson Mk II 8441, piloted by R123437 Flight Sergeant Crocker, C.M., was given recall at tender before take-off and in turning failed to observe a snow drift on his starboard side. The port wheel struck the snow drift and aircraft nosed up, damaging both propellers. Pilot was uninjured.

9 Feb. 1943

Overcast to clear. Flying most of the day. A taxiing accident occurred when R66581 Sgt Ruddell, J. (student) in Harvard 3153 turned around at the far end of the runway after landing, and taxied into Harvard AH201, piloted by R154054 LAC Derbyshire, K., who had just landed with permission of T.C.A. (in control at that time), and was taxiing to the intersection where he collided with the first aircraft. No injuries.

Squadron Leader J.A. Macdonell posted in as Senior Administrative Officer, replacing Squadron Leader F. Belway, who assumed the former's position as Senior Administrative Officer at Rockcliffe.

10 Feb. 1943

Overcast with snow in afternoon. Flying curtailed. Visit to Station by Commanding Officers of Recruiting Centres, together with officials from A.F.H.Q., the whole remaining for evening dinner in the Mess. Sleet and rain later at night.

11 Feb. 1943

Low overcast to partly cloudy. Very little flying. Station was visited for lunch by Vice-Admiral Neales, Air Vice-Marshal Collard, and Brigadier Weeks, together with other high-ranking officials of the three Services - the occasion being the visit of Jack Benny, Mary Livingstone, Don Wilson, Rochester, and Mrs. Anderson, with other members of the cast. A hilarious luncheon ensued, topped in the evening with a performance by the entire cast at the Auditorium in Ottawa for personnel of the three Services. Weather clearing up.

12 Feb. 1943.

Partly cloudy. Flying most of the day. R66185 WOI Couse, J.M. with R158735 LAC Wilson, R.S., as student had completed several practice spins and was returning to the airport when the engine suddenly failed. A forced landing was carried out with the undercarriage retracted due to heavy snow conditions. No injuries sustained.