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DAILY DIARY

OF

No. 5 Initial Training School,
Belleville, Ontario.

(UNIT OR FORMATION)

PLACE	DATE	TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS	REFERENCE TO APPENDICES
No.5 Initial Training School Belleville, Ontario.	Friday Aug. 8th/41		<p>The Official Day of the Opening of No. 5 I.T.S. - Strength: Officers 19, Airmen 90, Civilians 2. 223 Aircrew reported between the hours of 1200 and 2359. This personnel was posted to Course #33 No. 1 Squadron, and were quartered in the East A.C.'s quarters. The shortage of beds, mattresses, blankets, etc. caused some concern, but with the help extended by Trenton Air Station, No.6 Repair Depot and the arrival of a quantity of equipment from No.1 S.D. at 1045 hours, personnel were accommodated with the exception of six late arrivals by P.M.C. Notification had been received from No.1 T.C. that trouble might be expected from the Entry posted from Dunnville. Steps were taken accordingly, and two Senior Officers met the detachment. No trouble developed, and flags taken from #6 S.F.T.S. were voluntarily returned to the Station Orderly Room on 9-8-41. This Entry was comprised entirely of Americans which since has proved to be made up of excellent material. A temporary Airman's Canteen was opened for business.</p>	
	Saturday Aug. 9th/41		<p>Day devoted by personnel to documentation and preparation for school commencement. O.C. Squadrons Flight Commanders and Instructors had previously compiled syllabus of training and instructional precis.</p> <p>Three Link Trainers which had arrived at Belleville earlier in August, were brought to the Station, and installation commenced.</p> <p>Commanding Officer addressed all under training at 0830 hrs. Stressed necessity of diligence to work and study. Impressed all with need for physical fitness. Outlined difficulties to be met in course of training, and later in theatre of war.</p> <p>Parade Square - The area previously set aside for this purpose was located at the rear of the property on the side of a hill where the ground was subject to drainage. A new location was selected to the south of the Officers quarters and west of the West A.C. Quarters, in full sight of the highway.</p> <p>F/L S.B. Sinclair (W&B) visited the Station in company with S/L J.W. Yule (Org). Problems respecting the Officers Quarters, Medical Selection Board, Service Police Gate House, Fence and Drill Hall, were settled.</p>	