

DAILY DIARY

STATION OR UNIT.....Advanced Training Squadron, R.C.A.F., Station, Camp Borden, Ont.....

DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS
1-3-40	While Flying Officer B.C. Andrew was attempting to take off in Oxford 1511 at 2200 hours on night flying practice, the aircraft struck a snow-covered sand dune and was badly damaged. Flying Officer Andrew was not injured but Flying Officer Clarke, the pupil, suffered slight cuts.
2-3-40	Shortly after Sergeant Pilot Arrowsmith had taken off in Battle 1317 the connecting rod broke and tore through the crankcase and the aircraft caught on fire. Sergeant Arrowsmith was burned at the ankles, wrists and face. Flying Officer Fauquier and Sergeant Pilot Moon, two pupils of No.6 A.T.S. Course, departed for Winnipeg to take a T.C.A. radio course.
3-3-40	Sunday
4-3-40	Court of Inquiry convened reaccident to Battle 1317. Flying Officers Bell and Drury posted to Trenton as instructors in F.I.S.
5-3-40	Flying Officers Fraser and Ingram posted to Trenton as instructors in F.I.S.
6-3-40	Nil
7-3-40	Wing Commander Desmond and Squadron Leader Critchley visited Squadron to discuss training programme. While landing Oxford 1506 Sergeant Pilot MacDougall bounced badly and attempted to take off again with the undercarriage retracted. The aircraft struck the ground again and was badly damaged. Neither the pilot or passenger were injured.
8-3-40	Nil
9-3-40	Pilot Officer Edmonds was forced to land Battle 1306 near Parry Sound. As he was 30 miles distant from a telephone, he could not communicate with the Station. As a result a search party was organized to look for him. Pilot Officer Bannock made a forced landing on Cook's Bay with Battle 1316. The pilot was not injured but the undercarriage on the aircraft was damaged.
10-3-40	Two Norseman aircraft arrived from Trenton to assist in the search for Pilot Officer Edmonds. A ground party located him and communicated with the Commanding Officer by telephone. Flying Officers Hone and Rabnett flew in to the scene of the crash.
11-3-40	Nil
12-3-40	Nil
13-3-40	While carrying out a cross-country navigation exercise, Pilot Officer Brunelle made a forced landing with Battle 1308 near Stratford. The aircraft was badly damaged and was later taken to St. Thomas to be used for instructional purposes.
14-3-40	Salvage operations in connection with Battle 1308 commenced.
15-3-40	Pupils being tested on completion of No.6 A.T.S. Course.
16-3-40	Nil
17-3-40	Sunday
18-3-40	Reports being prepared on completion of No.6 A.T.S. Course.
19-3-40	Nil
20-3-40	Nil