

Flight into History

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The year was 1946. William Lyon Mackenzie King was Prime Minister of Canada, and Louis St. Laurent was Minister of Justice and Minister in Control of the RCMP. General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chief of Staff of the United States Army, was among the distinguished visitors to Canada, and Newfoundland had not yet joined Confederation.

Stuart Taylor Wood was Commissioner of the RCMP. The uniformed strength of the Force was 2629; land transportation consisted of 768 automobiles (a decrease of 26 from the

previous year due to difficulty in securing new vehicles), 40 trucks and 29 motorcycles. The Commissioner earned \$10,000 per year, assistant commissioners \$3,600, corporals \$3.00 per day, and wages paid to constables were not to exceed \$2.75 per day. Members of the Force were undertaking investigations involving counterfeit food ration coupons, sabotage, the *Special War Revenue Act*, a black market in new tires, as well as seeking out escaped prisoners of war.

In that same year, among many other post-war activities in the RCMP, the

R.C.M.P. AIR SERVICES



G.R.C. SERVICES DE L'AIR

GRUMMAN G21A "GOOSE"

SPEED 120 K
LENGTH 38' 4"
WIDTH 49'
GROSS WEIGHT 9,200 LBS.
ENGINES PRATT & WHITNEY
R 985
450 HP.

CAPACITY 7 PASS.
MANUFACTURED 1944

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LONGUEUR 38' 4"
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MANUFACTURE 1944

INTO SERVICE WITH RCMP
APRIL 23, 1946

EN SERVICE AVEC LA GRC
LE 23 AVRIL 1946

Specifications of C-FMPG Grumman Goose.