

U-boat threat sparks change

When the U-boat began to become an increasing threat to the supply lines to Europe it was decided that the role of the station near Summerside should be adjusted to help meet the threat.

Subsequently on July 6, 1942 No. 9 SFTS was moved to Centuria, Ontario, and the Prince County base was then designated as No. 1 General Reconnaissance School for the training of pilots and navigators for their role in the war at sea.

At this time only the SFTS buildings were available and it soon became obvious that a heavy building program would have to be undertaken immediately.

To get the new school into operation half of the staff from No. 31 GRS in Charlottetown were transferred to Summerside. The new CO was Group Captain F.R. Miller, CBE, CD, who later rose to the rank of Air Chief Marshal, and he held the command until June 1943.

The training course for pilots required nine weeks and for navigators four weeks. By May 1944 some 3412 pilots were trained along with 2400 navigators and 192 navigators W, at that time 576 aircrew were under training at the unit.

SPACE AT PREMIUM
With this vast number under training classroom space was at a premium. To accommodate them, lean-tos in hangars, the drill hall, canteens, barrack

rooms and the link trainer room were utilized for classes.

On February 5, 1945 the station designation again came in for a change. It was now under the command of Group Captain A. Lewis, AFC, who held the command until the end of January 1946.

Under the new setup the station became known as No. 1 General and Navigation School. This meant that there would be a smaller number of classes and would not require any increase in the instructional staff or classrooms.

This phase of aircrew training remained in effect until sometime in February 1946 when a new peace-time organization came into being which also ensured that RCAF Station Summerside would remain an integral part of the RCAF.



FIRST ARGUS ARRIVES IN SUMMERSIDE

Fate of Labor government may hang on 1,000 votes

HULL, England (AP) — The fate of Prime Minister Wilson's Labor government may well depend on the showing in Thursday's byelection here of a red-bearded journalist who doesn't like U.S. policy in Viet Nam.

Richard Gott, 27, a London

journalist, quit the Labor party to run as a candidate of a group calling itself the Radical Alliance. His single platform is a protest against Wilson's support for American policy in Viet Nam.

A Labor defeat Thursday

would send its House of Commons majority down to the absolute minimum of one vote and might force a new general election.

Henry Solomons, Labor MP who died last November, wrested the Hull North seat from the Conservatives in the October, 1964 general election by a margin of 1,181 votes.

It's this margin that Gott hopes to capture. He thinks he may have as many as a thousand supporters—enough to satisfy him as it probably would ruin Labor's chances of winning the byelection.

While confirmed Labor voters regard him as something between a nuisance and a menace, he seems to be finding a sympathetic audience among women and the young.

Labor's candidate, Kevin McNamara, 31, a Hull law instructor, follows the party line to the letter and stays clear of emotional debate on Viet Nam.

Conservative candidate, assails Labor for rising taxes and prices.

The Liberal candidate, Mrs. Laurie Millward, a housewife and Hull city councillor, demands more roads and industrial development for Hull.

Two unknowns also are running: They are Kelvin Woodburn, a "world government" candidate, and Russell Eckley, who claims support from the "legions of God." Even Eckley's candidacy could make a difference. He is listed first on the ballot and that's usually worth at least 50 to 100 votes.

Mar. commander extends greetings

The following congratulatory message on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of RCAF Station Summerside has been received from Rear Admiral William H. Landymore, Commander of the Maritime Command.

"The officers and men of Maritime Command join me in extending greetings to RCAF Station Summerside on their 25th anniversary.

"We also express our congratulations and gratitude to the community of Prince Edward Island for having made service at the station both happy and memorable for all RCAF personnel who have served there.

In Maritime Command we look forward with confidence and enthusiasm to the next quarter century of association between the station and the community."



REAR ADM. LANDYMORE

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On Their 25th Anniversary
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Men and women at RCAF
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The RCAF**
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sonnel on this happy occasion.
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293 Water St.

At this moment, though, in the integration of forces as planned by the government, one might feel a loss of identity. But, it is a common cause for which we strive . . . a common unit front against the forces of evil. So, in unity there is strength!

However, when asked if the Air Force will lose its individuality, you might well ask, would a bird survive walking instead of flying? . . . NO, they shall fly . . . yes, **LONG MAY YOU FLY!**

May we at Holman's offer our good wishes on the occasion of the 25th year of RCAF Station Summerside. May we also say a warm thank you to the men and their families who regularly patronize the stores of Holman's.

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