

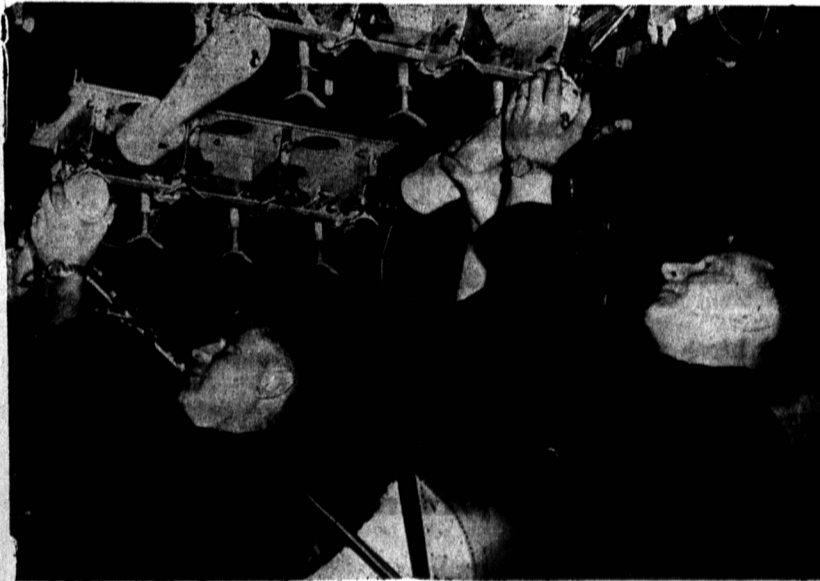
# PICTORIAL VIEWS OF RCAF TRAINING, SUMMERSIDE



Before a crew takes to the air they are thoroughly briefed by F/O Paul Poirier and his briefing team. Experts in their respective fields, each member of the team goes over part of the day's exercise covering every vital point of the trip.



After briefing the crew gathers with crew captain, F/O Willy Cusson who goes over the mission again, ensuring that every man knows what is expected of him. Here he discusses a navigational point with F/O Sinclair Ash.



While the crew attends briefing the ground crew ready the Lancaster for the air. Engine, radios, all equipment is checked and the aircraft loaded with practice bombs.

Before a crew can fly operationally with one of Canada's Maritime Squadrons, it must first spend five months at RCAF Station Summerside, the home of Number 2 Maritime Operational Training Unit.

At 2 (M) OTU instruction is given both on the ground and in the air on the latest anti-submarine devices and weapons used in maritime warfare.

The aircrew trainees come from bases all over Canada and at 2(M) OTU are formed into smooth-working crews. The airmen are taught by instructors who have themselves passed through the school and have years of experience behind them.

The course is divided into two phases, conversion and operational. During the conversion stage each man receives instruction on the specialized equipment and techniques that will make him an asset to his crew. Later, the crews take to the air to put into practice the knowledge gained on the ground.

The training of a crew at 2(M) OTU requires a spirit of class co-operation between instructor and student. The photos on this page describe some of the work done at 2(M) OTU and typify the training done through the Royal Canadian Air Force.



Working in close co-operation with the RCAF Station, Summerside, to stage the Centennial Air Show Saturday at the Charlottetown Airport is the Charlottetown-Wing of the Air Force Association. The Executive includes, left to right, front row, Bud Larabee, Maritime Group Secretary, Reg. Howard, President, Stan McInnis, Maritime Group President, Stewart Chandler. Back row, Jim Currie, Bob Oulton, Secretary, Jack Larabee, George MacDougall and Sinclair MacLeod, Treasurer. Not present in picture Roy Bruce and Joe Gill.



Everything ready, Captain Cusson gets a green light from the control tower.



Airborne at last, the crew takes off for an eight hour patrol over the North Atlantic.



While the members of one course do their flying the other course in residence receive their ground instruction. F/O Bill Madsen, on the left, shows three trainees how a radio transmitter operates.



Much planning goes with the operation of a successful school. S/L Vic Rolfe, DFC, officer commanding the OTU, points out to S/L C. N. Stanley, the chief flying instructor, one of the new subjects to be added to the syllabus.



The personal touch is added when F/O Bill Read reviews a plotting exercise with student navigator F/L Ernie Stevens.



Then it's out to the aircraft, and the crew arrives at the Lancaster for the day's flight.



The day is over at last and several course members enjoy a snooker game in the officers' mess.