

28 Apr 56 - 22191 WO2 M Sigurdson, a native of Gimli serving at RCAF Station Lachine, died 25 Apr 56. His body arrived via North Star aircraft from Lachine and a military funeral service was held at the RCAF Stn Gimli Chapel at 1400 hrs 28 Apr 56 with interment at the Gimli Cemetery.

Seat ejection practice for all aircrew staff and students was given.


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8 May 56 - T33 Conversion Course for 9 AETechs and 9 AFTechs from Saskatoon and Edmonton completed, having commenced 30 Apr 56.

29 May 56 - F/O JD Young and 2/Lt E Sutas in T33 21251 and Sgt JG Mastes in T33 21426 collided and were killed at 0928 hrs near Netley. They were the second section of a four plane formation carrying out beacon let-down practice. All bodies were found in the marshes of Netley Lake, Man. There was a fog up to 1,300 feet ASL over the Netley marshes at the time of the accident. The wreckage was found 1/2 miles bearing 100 degrees from the Netley airfield in the Netley Lake. The aircraft had exploded and disintegrated on impact and was under four feet of water with small bits of metal showing above the surface. The three parachutes were found all opened and streamed within 150 yards of the aircraft wreckage. The cause of the crash was assumed to be collision during authorized syllabus formation flying and temporarily assessed as pilot error.

A Board of Inquiry was assembled to investigate and report upon the circumstances surrounding the fatal crash of T33 21251 and T33 21426, consisting of the following:

President	39935 F/L A Whyte Air/P, Stn MacDonald
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