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Serial: 21252

Title: Lockheed Silver Star 3PT serial:21252 Accident Card

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Subject: This accident involved 2 aircraft on 1954-October-21. They are: Silver Star s/n 21048, Silver Star s/n 21252. This accident involved 3 people. Fletcher CR, Wheeler TD, Ciret C This accident had 3 fatalities. C Ciret FAF Survived service no: Silver Star 21252,Flight Lieutenant Clifford Ronald Fletcher RCAF Killed in Flying Accident service no:33137 Silver Star 21048, Flying Officer Thomas Digby Wheeler RCAF Killed in Flying Accident service no:38438 Silver Star 21048

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1 Oct — October opened with the announcement of 42 promotions of airmen and airwomen on the unit, with the usual round of congratulations and condolences being passed among personnel. Small, controlled parties were in effect at various station clubs.

4 Oct — S/L LJ Hill and 4 other members of the visiting Flight from FIS were on the station to carry out Instructor's Category Tests.

First Corporal's Service Training Course commenced on the unit with 14 Corporals registered.

F/L AF Wilson, unit Education Officer for 2½ years, departed on transfer to Centralia.

6 Oct — F/C CW McKeag reported on transfer, to fill position of unit Education officer.

12 Oct — Lt/Col JE Van Iterson, Netherlands Air Military and Naval Attache visited the unit during the afternoon.

14 Oct — A/C JL Bryans and inspecting party of 11 staff officers, arrived on the unit to carry out the annual inspection. The Guard of Honour met the Gp/Cdr on arrival following which the inspection and ceremonial drill parade was carried out. During the afternoon staff officers carried out inspection of sections.

15 Oct — Station Band began re-organising after a summer stand-down. The need for practice by the Band was demonstrated at the Gp/Cdr's Inspection parade and it is hoped that a full-time Band Master will be supplied in the near future.

18 Oct — A Board of Officers was assembled to consider semi-annual promotion of officers on strength.

W/C DF Dunning proceeded on 7 days T. D. to the Guided Missiles course at RCAF station Clinton.

S/L EG Gork MATP reported for 2 week's annual training in the Accounts Section.

19 Oct — G/C ED Richer proceeded on T. D. to CO's conference at TCHQ. W/C N Burden assumed command.

20 Oct — The wood-working hobby shop re-opened after the summer close-down period.

21 Oct — A serious air accident occurred at 1330 hours, involving a mid-air collision between Silver Stars #21048 and #21252. F/L C Fletcher and F/O TD Wheeler were killed and Sgt C Ciret (FAF) parachuted to safety. Following the collision, which occurred 50 miles north on the shores of Lake Winnipeg, a successful para-jump was carried out by Para-Rescue personnel to assist Sgt Ciret at the scene of the crash and during the following 7 days, rescue and salvage work were greatly aided by 111 C and R flight and the helicopter from CJATC, Rivers.

F/L JA Glover, STelO, proceeded on 2 weeks T. D. to the Guided Missiles course at RCAF station Clinton.

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