

No.1 Initial Training School - 29 August 1942



William Gerald Phelan was taken on strength with No.1 I.T.S. on August 29, 1942. He was in Course 61. I found that on this website.

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I knew William Gerald Phelan was taken on strength on that day. So I follow that lead.

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E.Q. 1942-48

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### DAILY DIARY

OF  
(UNIT OR FORMATION) No. 1 Initial Training School, RCAF,  
Toronto

PLACE	DATE	TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS
Toronto	1942		
	Aug. 28th		Special Aircrew Guard and Patrol placed on the area adjoining the Clinical Investigation Unit due to removal of the east limit fence during construction of Unit addition.
	29th		Flight Lieutenant J.O. Little (A.F.H.Q.) visits this Unit and inspects Postal facilities. Flying Officer S.C. McLeod (Link Trainer) visits this Unit. Captain P.A. Siple (A.F.H.Q.) visits this Unit studying Coal Chamber technique.
	30th		Church Services - Roman Catholic and Protestant held at 1000 hrs. and 1100 hrs., respectively. Course No. 61, consisting of 119 Aircrew trainees, enters this Unit.
	31st		Strength of Station: 82 Officers, 87 Civilians, 96 N.C.O.'s, 742 Airmen - Total 907. Commanding Officer addresses Course No. 61. Station Carpenter Shop completed this date (cost \$1225.00)

*E.W. Kenrick*  
(E.W. Kenrick) Wing Commander,  
Commanding,  
No. 1 Initial Training School, RCAF,  
Toronto, Ontario.

His name is not mentioned on that page, but the next page tells us which course he was in.

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## DAILY DIARY

OF

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 Toronto

PLACE	DATE	TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS
Toronto	1942		
	Sept. 1st		Station Strength: 82 Officers, 86 Civilians, 96 N.C.O.'s, 641 Airmen - Total 905. Course No. 61 consisting of 119 Trainees commences training at this Unit. P/O D.H. Lyon 114th Squadron, R.A.F. and graduate of course No. 5, this Unit, addresses Aircrew. Sports day prizes presented to Airmen on Noon Parade.
		2nd.	F/O J. MacKenzie (No. 1 Training Command) conducts Trade Test Board at this Unit. F/L J.W. Mackell (Selection Board No. 1 Manning Depot) visits this Unit re Aircrew selection.
		3rd.	Twelve recruiting Officers visit this Unit. Commanding Officer's parade, route march at 0800 hrs. Commanding Officer attends meeting on Aircrew selection at No. 1 Manning Depot. F/L E.B. Cowan, (Accounts Officer) posted this Unit to succeed F/L J.E. Corrigan.
		4th.	S/L E.H. Sharpe and F/L J.G. Vandenberg (No. 1 Training Command) present Audit Report.
		5th.	F/O A.B. Hickey formerly this Unit, and now a wireless operator air gunner, R.A.F. Ferry Command, visits this Station and addresses all Trainees. With a background of six trans-atlantic flights, his 'talks' proved most interesting and useful from a trainee's standpoint.
		6th.	Church Service: F/L W.R. Hamilton (Chaplain No. 1 Manning Depot) conducts special church service at this Unit.
	7th.	S/L H.B. McKibben together with E/L S.K. Sinclair and F/O C. Cooper (No. 1 Training Command) visit this Unit.	

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	Sept. 8th		Wing Commander D.W. Stoneham (A.F.H.Q.) visits this Unit with special interest in re-mustering to Aircrew. Wing Commander F.W. Taylor (No. 1 Training Command, Equipment) visits this Unit. Lieutenant W.L. Elliot (Dental Corps) posted to this Unit.
	9th		Selection Board for Course No. 58 sits at 0800 hrs. Result: 59 Pilots, 7 Air Observers, 13 Air Navigators, 6 Air Bombers, 3 Air Gunners, 6 failed, 6 wastage, Total 94. Wing Commander G.E. Hall (A.F.H.Q.), Major A.P. Gamze, (Medical Corps, Air Branch, United States Army Right Field), S/L H.A. Robinson; (A.F.H.S.), Professor E.F. Burton; (University of Toronto), F/O H.S. Muckle; (No. 12 A.I.D.), Professor H. Grayson Smith; (University of Toronto), S/L W.F. Gouin; (A.F.H.Q.) (D.A.E.), S/L P.W. Webb; (A.F.H.Q.; A.M.S.), F/O M.M. Kempton. (A.F.H.Q.; D.A.E.), Mr. L.W. Billingsley; (National Research Council, Ottawa), F/O B.G. Spencer; (No. 1 Training Command), Mr. Morris Katz; (Chemical Warfare Department, Ottawa), visit this Station attending a special meeting of Clinical Investigation Unit. Major Sterling (Dental Corps) visits this Station inspecting the new Dental Unit. F/L W.E. Jackson and F/O L.E. Hayman, attend meeting of Ontario Rugby Football Union, at Kitchener, Ontario, with authority to enter an R.C.A.F. team from No. 1 Training Command in the O.R.F.U. - first game September 26th.
	10th		Commanding Officer's Inspection followed by route march at 0800 hrs. Meeting at No. 1 Training Command, re R.C.A.F. entry in Ontario Rugby Football Union. Arrangements for training, messing and equipping team discussed and executive appointed, Honourary President, Group Captain H.G. Richards, President; Wing Commander E.W. Kenrick, Manager; W.E. Jackson, Coach; F/O L.E. Hayman.
	11th		F/O G. Huddleston No. 7 Aircrew Course visits this Unit. Redecoration of the Sergeant's Mess completed. Course No. 58 posted from this Unit - Commanding Officer's address and inspection.
	12th		F/L J. Gellner DFC graduate Air Observer, No. 1 Aircrew Course, visits this Unit. S/L D.A. Lee R.A.F. Delegation, Washington, visits this Unit with special interest in Medical Research work.

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PLACE	DATE	TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS
Toronto	1942 Sept. 13th		Church Services: Roman Catholic and Protestant held at 1000 hrs. and 1100 hrs. respectively. Course No. 62 Strength (124) reports this Unit. F/L R. Nunn (No. 5 I.T.S.) visits this Unit for two days, to inspect Visual Link Training section. Dressing room and quarters completed, ready for occupation by football team.
	14th		F/L G.M. Morson, Australian Liaison Medical Officer, visits this Unit, investigating Research work. F/O H.M. Browne (R.A.A.F. Ottawa) visits this Unit with special interest in Aircrew training. F/L D.A. MacIntosh, No. 6 I.T.S. visits this Unit, with special interest in Messing and Rations.
	15th		Wing Commander F.A.L. Mathewson, visits this Station. (A.F.H.Q. Medical) Twelve Officers from this Unit take part in pistol shooting contest, at No. 1 Manning Depot. F/O S.R. Smith from this Unit, visits No. 33 O.T.U. Bagotville, Quebec. Mr. S. Dumoulin, Secretary of the Hamilton Athletic Association, visits this Unit and signs over on loan, all of the Tiger Football Club equipment, for use of the No. 1 Training Command, RCAF., entry in the O.R.F.U.
	16th		Wing Commander G.E.M. Scott, No. 3 P.R.C. Bournemouth, visits this Unit and contributes useful advice for Aircrew being posted Overseas.
	17th		F/L G.N. Morson, R.A.A.F. (Medical) visits this Unit. Commanding Officer's Inspection and route march at 0800 hrs. Station Bowling League commences with twelve team entry. Commanding Officer of this Unit attends meeting at Banting Institute, at which Wing Commander A.D. Kelley outlines his recent visit to the various Commands of the R.A.F.

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## DAILY DIARY OF

(UNIT OR FORMATION) No. 1 Initial Training School, RCAF.,  
Toronto

PLACE	DATE	TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS
	Sept. 18th		F/OR.T. Greer, (No. 1 Training Command) visits this Station. General meeting of all Training Squadrons, Flight Commanders. at 1100 hrs. F/L E.C. Webb attends Air Cadet meeting at No. 1 Training Command. Lieutenant E.O. Carmody, (U.S.A. Navy) of the Bureau of Aeronautical Engineering, Washington visits this Unit, with special reference to Link Training.
	19th		Twenty-two entries from this Unit take part in the R.C.A.F. track meet, at Varsity Stadium. F/L F. Frederickson, (No. 9 E.F.T.S., St. Catharines, visits this Unit. Band and Drill squad from this Station, attend at 1000hrs. and 1400 hrs. in aid of R.C.A.F. Chapter drive, (I.O.D.E.) \$1052.00 raised.
	20th		Church Services: - Roman Catholic and Protestant held at 1000 hrs. and 1100 hrs., respectively Wing Commander D.A. Harding A.F.C. visits this Unit.
	21st		S/L C.A. Buchanan, attends Canadian Ophthalmological Society meeting in Montreal. Visual Link Course commences with Officers in charge of Visual Link Sections at all I.T.S.'s in attendance.
	22nd		All Officers of this Unit attend first "round-table" conference. Purpose of this meeting being to acquaint officer personnel with recent Service orders and regulations, and to further place before them, the work and problems of other sections and branches of the Service. F/L P.D. Cowan gives 30 minute talk on equipment problems. S/L J.C. Whyte, President of Medical Selection Board, and P.M.C. Officers' Mess, posted Overseas Wing Commander D.F. MacDonald A.F.H.Q., Ottawa, addresses Visual Link Course. Short Standard Link course commences this Unit. Group Captain H.G. Richards, (No. 1 Training Command) visits this Unit.
	23rd		Selection Board course No. 59,0800 hrs. to 1600 hrs. F/O R.T. Greer; (No. 1 Training Command) attends. Select: 67 Pilots, 4 Air Observers, 17 Air Navigators, 14 Air Bombers, 2 Air Gunners, 6 wastage Total 110.
	24th		Commanding Officer's Inspection and route march at 0900 hrs. Wing Commander C.G. Barker (R.A.F. Ferry Command, Medical) visits C.I.U. this Station.

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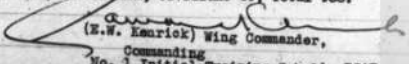
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E.Q. 1953-50

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### DAILY DIARY OF

(UNIT OR FORMATION) No. 1 Initial Training School, RCAF.,  
Toronto, Ontario.

PLACE	DATE	TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS
Toronto	1942 Sept. 25th		Wing Commander H.O. McDonald, F/L C.E. Bennett, F/L G.N. Duthie, visit this Unit and complete arrangements for precision Squad, and march past, at R.C.A.F.-Navy football game.
	26th		R.C.A.F. versus Navy, opening football game at Varsity Stadium. Largest crowd in C.R.F.U. history attend, 17,000 people, with 4,000 turned away at the gates. 1200 Airman and 600 Naval Ratings take part in March Past with precision squad from No. 1 Manning Depot putting on show at half time.
	27th		Church Services: Roman Catholic and Protestant held at 1000 hrs. and 1100 hrs. respectively. S/L A.N. Vale, No. 15 S.F.T.S., S/L H.E. Bolter No. 1 Training Command, visit this Unit. Course No. 65 (122 Airman) reports this Unit.
	28th		F/O C.T. Wheeler, and F/O P. Kirkland, and F/Sgt. P.E. Burden, all of 124 Squadron, Ferry Command, and Aircrew graduates, No. 1 I.T.S., visit this Unit.
	29th		F/O H.A. Prescott and F/O G. Webb, visit No. 7 E.F.T.S., Windsor, Ontario. S/L T.E. Kirk (Medical) reports in to C.I.U. Second "round-table" conference of Officers of this Unit. F/L H.N. Coates addresses Officers on Account Administration and Organization. S/L B.M. Morrow, A.F.H.Q. (Medical) visits this Unit studying oxygen equipment problems.
	30th		Group Captain Percy Greig, A.F.C., and F/L K.D. Foryian both of No. 31 S.F.T.S. visit C.I.U. this Station. F/O P.W. Benson (Armament No. 13 "X" Depot) inspects Armament instruction and equipment at this Unit. Station strength: 87 Officers, 104 N.C.O.'s, 708 Airman, Civilians 89, Total 988.

  
 (E.W. Kauriek) Wing Commander,  
 Commanding  
 No. 1 Initial Training School, RCAF.,  
 Toronto, Ontario.

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## DAILY DIARY OF

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PLACE	DATE	TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS
Toronto, Ontario.	1942 October 1st		Station Strength: 87 Officers, 103 N.C.O.'s 709 Airmen, 89 Civilians, - Total 986. Commanding Officer's inspection and route march at 0800 hrs. F/L A.A. Boehner (Psychiatrist) visits this Unit on temporary duty to replace F/L C.G. Stogdill. Air Vice-Marshal G.O. Johnson, Group Captain B.F. Johnson, Air Commodore G.E. Wait Group Captain E.G. Richards and Group Captain C.H. Tighe, visit this Unit, also attend sports field where Air Vice-Marshal speaks to the NO. 1 Training Command R.C.A.F. Football Team
		2nd	Wing Commander J. Rossie Browne (Chaplain R.A.F.) visits this Unit. Commanding Officer addresses course No. 63 consisting of 122 airmen. St. John Ambulance course for N.C.O.'s commences this Unit. Wing Commander G.E. Hall (Medical A.F.H.Q.) visits this Unit.
		3rd	Parade ground at this Unit completely resurfaced. R.C.A.F. No. 1 Training Command team in training at this Unit score a win over Balm Beach 40 - 6
		4th	Church Services: Roman Catholic and Protestant held at 1000 hrs. and 1100 hrs. respectively.
		5th	Complete redecoration of Airmen's Mess commenced. Squadron Leader E. Sheehan (R.A.F. Ferry Command, Dorval) visits this Unit inspecting oxygen equipment.
		6th	Squadron Leader W.W.S. Lightall <u>RFC</u> (A.F.H.Q.) visits this Unit. Lieutenant Commander Barnard and Sub Lieutenants Smith, Sharpe and Boxer visit this unit to discuss the possibility of Navy - Air Force night football game

PLACE	DATE	TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS
Toronto, Ontario.	October 7th		Selection Board for Course No. 60 with 64 Pilots, 12 Air Observers, 13 Air Navigators, 7 Air Bombers, 1 Wireless Operator Air Gunner categorized, and a wastage of 15. Total 110 Airmen. Squadron Leader W.W.S. Lightall (A.F.H.Q.) sits in on this Board. Group Captain W.E. Cockram (Chaplain A.F.H.Q.) visits this Unit. Squadron Leader C. McCullagh (Chaplain No. 1 Training Command) visits this Unit.
		8th	Commanding Officer's inspection and route march at 0800 hrs; 912 personnel on parade. Station photograph of Station Personnel at 1300 hrs. Sub. Lieutenants Smith, Boxer and Heintzman of the Navy, attend meeting at this Unit and assist in setting up committees for R.C.A.F. - Navy night football game at the Maple Leaf Stadium. Flying Officer C.W. McLeod (Link A.F.H.Q.) visits this Unit.
		9th	Wing Commander D.F. MacDonald visits this Unit addressing Visual Link course attended by Officers in charge of Link Training at all Initial Training Schools. Squadron Leader W. Cunningham (Aeronautical Engineer) A.F.H.Q. visits this Unit inspecting flying clothing. Flight Lieutenant H.M. Hutton (R.A.F. A.F.H.Q.) visits this Unit.
		10th	Report completed at this Unit for conference Initial Training School Commanding Officers at Ottawa. (48 hrs. notice) R.C.A.F. Hurricanes versus Hamilton Wild Cats in Hamilton. R.C.A.F. win 20 - 10
		11th	Church Services: Roman Catholic and Protestant held at 1000 hrs. and 1100 hrs. respectively.
		12th	Commanding Officer of No. 1 Initial Training School attends Initial Training School conference in Ottawa. R.C.A.F. No. 1 Training Command Football Team play Toronto Indians. Score 15 - 1. Nine Officers from this Unit delegated to visit Air Cadet recruiting centres for next ten days.
		13th	Wing Commander T.E.W. Brown (Navigation No. 1 Training Command) visits this Unit. Group Captain F.W. Taylor (Equipment, No. 1 Training Command) visits this Unit. Flight Lieutenant. N.W. Gill (No. 4 Training Command) visits this Unit.
		14th	Routine.
		15th	Commanding Officer's parade and inspection and route march at 0800 hrs.



PLACE	DATE	TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS
Toronto, Ontario.	October 22nd		Selection Board Course 61 sits at 0800 hrs. and categorizes, 66 Pilots, 4 Observers, 26 Navigators, 13 Bombers, 1 Wireless Air Gunner, 1 Air Gunner, with a wastage of 13, Total 125 airmen. Squadron Leader M.A.W. Davidson (Navigation No. 1 Training Command) visits this Unit. Flight Lieutenant W.J. Gladish (Armament No. 1 Training Command) visits this Unit. Section Officer K.K. Goddard (A.F.H.Q.) visits this Unit. Wing Commander F.A.L. Mathewson (Medical A.F.H.Q.) visits this Unit. Flight Lieutenant R.E. Currie (A.F.H.Q.) visits this Unit.
		23rd	Personnel Works and Buildings, No. 1 Training Command have formal dinner in Sergeant's Mess at this Unit. Wing Commander D.F. MacDonald (A.F.H.Q.) together with Flying Officer F.E. Russell (A.N.A.E. A.F.H.Q.) and Mr. E.A. Link and J.K. Taylor of the Link Manufacturing Company Limited, visited this Unit and inspected link equipment. Lieutenant Colonel J.A. Nettvécs (C.D.O. No. 1 Training Command) visits this Unit, together with Major H. Sterling inspecting the new Dental Unit.
		24th	Commanding Officer of this Unit attends Ceremonial and Ensign Presentation of No. 118 "K" Air Cadet Squadron. Sir Elsworth Flavell presents Squadron Ensign. Squadron Leader B. Coles P.M.C. of Officers' Mess posted Overseas on temporary duty. This Unit open to the public from 1400 hrs. to 1700 hrs. Some 3500 people escorted around the Station.
		25th	Church Services: Roman Catholic and Protestant held at 1000 hrs. and 1100 hrs. respectively. No. 1 Initial Training School band attend No. 118 "K" Air Cadet Squadron church parade.
		26th	Squadron Leader A.P. Cooper (A.P.M. No. 1 Training Command); Flight Lieutenant W.R. McAllister No. 1 Training Command visit this Unit.
		27th	Squadron Leader A.G. Vince (A.E. A.F.H.Q.) together with Flight Lieutenant O.R. Alty (A.E. No. 1 Training Command) visit this Unit. Group of Medical Associates visit this Unit for two days stay. W.O. 1 J. Findlay No. 5 "M" Depot visits this Unit following up records of precision drill squads.

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R.C.A.F. R. 55  
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OF

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PLACE	DATE	TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS
Toronto, Ontario	October 15th		Wing Commander C. Russell Commanding Officer No. 7 Initial Training School, Saskatoon visits this Unit. Pilot Officer M. Finbow, graduate this Unit visits Station prior to posting Overseas. Flight Lieutenant M. Morson (R.A.A.F. Medical) visits this Unit. No. 1 Initial Training School band attend at No. 6 "M" Depot.
		16th	Wing Commander J.A. Hutchison, Commanding Officer No. 4 Initial Training School, visits this Unit. No. 1 Initial Training School band attend Air Cadet Squadron parade from Bleor St. Collegiate at 1400 hrs.
		17th	400 airmen from this Unit take part in Victory Loan parade. No. 1 Training Command R.C.A.F. Football Team play Kitchener Panthers score 21 - 9.
		18th	Church Services: Roman Catholic and Protestant held at 1000 hrs. and 1100 hrs. respectively. No. 1 Initial Training School band attend Air Cadet church parade with No. 118 North Toronto "K" Squadron.
		19th	Wing Commander E.G. MacPherson Commanding Officer No. 2 Initial Training School, visits this Unit. Commanding Officer of this Unit visits No. 20 R.F.T.S., Oshawa. Renovation of Officers' Mess quarters commenced this date. Redecoration and enlarging upper mess facilities included in plans.
		20th	Construction on Medical Selection and Clinical Investigation Units proceeding favourably.
		21st	No. 1 Training Command R.C.A.F. Football team in training at this Unit play the Navy under flood lights at Maple Leaf Stadium, score 7 - 7.

R.C.A.F. R. 65  
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## DAILY DIARY

OF

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Toronto, Ontario	October 27th		Pilot Officer N.A. Tolland, (Public Relations Officer No. 1 Training Command) visits this Unit with Mr. Kulick photographer for "Click" magazine. Pictures taken of Aircrew training.
	28th		Wing Commander L.G. Lewis (Armament No. 1 Training Command) visits this Unit. Under instruction from D.M.S. Air Mr. E Clarke associated screen photographer takes coloured moving pictures of P.T. and Drill squads, and of the No. 1 Training Command, R.C.A.F. Football Team. Mr. F. H. Fisher British United Press Officer visits this Unit for the purpose of obtaining background data on training procedure.
	29th		Commanding Officer's inspection and route march at 0800 hrs. Flying Officer R.E. Chandler reports this Unit after considerable operational experience as lecturer in airmanship and allied subjects.
	30th		No. 118 "K" Air Cadet Squadron use drill hall and lecture rooms at this Unit for the first time. Opening dinner held in the Sergeant's Mess following redecoration and refurbishing of same. Squadron Leader S.A. Sprange (No. 1 Training Command) visits this Unit.
	31st		Redecoration of airmen's mess completed No. 1 Training Command R.C.A.F. Football team training at this Unit defeat Toronto Balmy Beach team 20 - 10 Station Strength: 89 Officers, 111 N.C.O.'s, 86 Civilians, 755 Airmen, Total 1021

*[Signature]*  
(N.W. Kenrick) Wing Commander,  
Commanding,  
No. 1 Initial Training School,  
RCAF., Toronto, Ontario.

The information below was taken on the Internet.

Pilot and Air Observer candidates began their 26- or 28-week training program with **four weeks at an Initial Training School (ITS)**.

They studied theoretical subjects and were subjected to a variety of tests. Theoretical studies included navigation, theory of flight, meteorology, duties of an officer, air force administration, algebra, and trigonometry. Tests included an interview with a psychiatrist, the 4 hour long M2 physical examination, a session in a decompression chamber, and a "test flight" in a Link Trainer as well as academics.





At the end of the course the postings were announced. Occasionally candidates were re-routed to the Wireless Air Gunner stream at the end of ITS.

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There is very little information or photos on the Internet about No. 1 Eglinton Hunt Club, Toronto, Ontario.



No. 1 I.T.S.

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This next photo shared by William Gerald Phelan's family was probably taken late October 1942 after these recruits had completed their ITS course. They are now wearing a LAC flash on their caps.



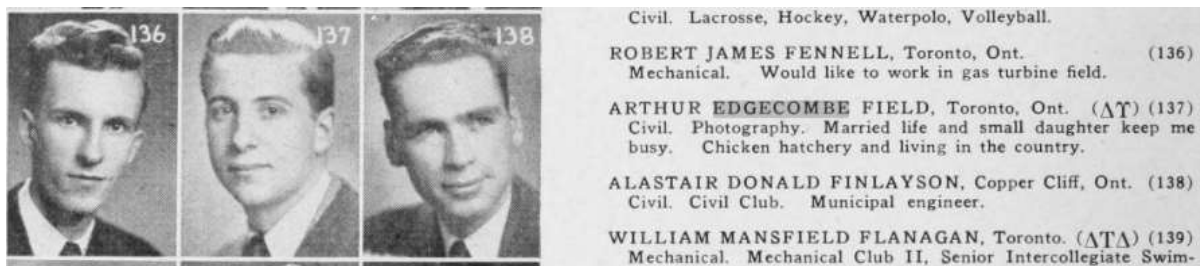
From left to right are William Phelan, Earl Chiswell (Fort Erie), Art Field (Toronto), Herb Middleton (Belleville), Jack Strand (Sault St. Marie).

How many LACs seen on that photo survived the war?

Arthur Edgecombe Field did survive the war.

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FIELD, Arthur Edgecombe P.Eng.

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the peaceful passing of our beloved husband and father on September 7th, 2008 in Southamton, Ontario.

Art was a loving husband to Jean Hamilton for 39 years and the late Mary Stewart for 26 years. He was a caring father to Barbara (Bill Mann), Virginia, Arthur (Nicole Scott), Ross Hamilton (Adriana de Gouvea), Laura Hamilton (Ray Gormley), Carol Wills, and the late Stewart Field. Art will be remembered fondly by his grandchildren Jennifer, Jonathan, Kyler, Ella, Sydney, Eva, Sofia, Ashlyn, Catherine, Sam, James, and his great-granddaughter Reese. Art lived a very full and satisfying life. A graduate of Upper Canada College, he served in the RCAF Squadron 423 as a Pilot Officer in the North Atlantic. He graduated from University of Toronto in 1948 as a civil engineer and had a successful business career in Toronto until his retirement in 1974. Retiring just outside the town of Durham in Grey County, Art established a successful consulting engineering firm,

enjoyed farming, was active in the community, and engaged in municipal politics. In 1993 he and his wife Jean relocated to the town of Southampton where Art golfed, curled and was a member of many community organizations. Art was a passionate reader, a risk-taker, an imaginative thinker and a friend to many. A true gentleman to the end...he will be greatly missed!

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Earl Chiswell also survived.

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Earl Chiswell 1921-2008

Earl Chiswell, 86, beloved husband, father, brother and friend, passed away peacefully on July 2, 2008 at Bigfork Valley Hospital, Minn., due to complications of a severe stroke last October. A private memorial service is planned.

Born in 1921 in Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada, Earl grew up near Ottawa, where his father built aircraft and was the Ottawa Air Club's mechanic on weekends. Earl had his first flight when he was about 10, propped up by cushions so he could see out the rear cockpit. When he was given the stick to control the plane, his love of flying took off. He served with the Royal Canadian Air Force in both theaters of World War II, as a pilot and Flying Officer. A skilled aviator, Earl is credited with saving many crewmen and aircraft under his command. After the war, Earl graduated from the University of Toronto, in Electrical Engineering, and the University of Minnesota in Aeronautical Engineering. He became a research scientist at the U of M in Rosemount, Minn., at Martin Marietta in Boston, MD, and in Tullahoma, Tenn., working with the Von Braun team developing and testing the first rocket engines for the space effort. Founder/owner of EC Electronic Sales in Bloomington, Minn., Earl combined work and flying by piloting his own private plane for cross-country business trips. Earl's daughter, Carrie, was his co-pilot on flights during family vacations. A summer resident of Owen Lake, Minn. since 1958, Earl enjoyed fishing, hunting and all the beauties of the Minnesota northland. He and his wife Molly retired to Owen Lake permanently in 1989. Earl's

lifelong hobby was amateur radio. His FCC licenses were VE3VO and VE3AYE in Canada, and WOIAK in the U.S. A very active DX'er, he worked over 350 different countries during his ham career, and in 1993 was elected to the First Class C.W. Operators' Club, which is limited to 500 active members worldwide. The Quarter Century Wireless Association recognized him in 2003 for 65 years on the air. Earl was a loyal friend, and liberally gave of his time and talents to help and encourage others. He will be remembered and missed by many. Earl was preceded in death by his parents John Sydney and Maisie Chiswell, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., and brother Douglas Chiswell, Orangeville, Ontario, Canada.

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<http://www.fepl.ca/localhistory/files/original/b64162b2225207c4b94e90e194906bd6.pdf>



<http://www.teunispats.nl/jack-edward-gibbs-3.htm>

<https://www.rcfassociation.ca/heritage/history/rcf-prisoners-of-war-pow/>

## ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

### Prisoners of War

September, 1939 10 December, 1944.

This appendix contains the names of those airmen wearing the uniform of the RCAF who were taken Prisoner of War from September, 1939 through to the end of December, 1944. Due to the vagaries of war there was no list of those who were taken P.O.W. during 1945. Some P.O.W.s were repatriated before the end of the war and their names were also excluded from official P.O.W. lists. The format is: P.O.W. number – surname – initial – rank – service number – hometown. A list of abbreviations used can be found on the introduction page.

27702 Chiswell, D.R. WO2 R122801. From Fort Erie, Ontario.

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Herb Middleton also survived.

**<https://maccoubrey.com/service/691/herbert-middleton>**

Herbert Middleton

July 25, 1923 - April 4, 2005

Middleton, Herbert Allan Peacefully at the Northumberland Hills Hospital on Monday, April 4th , 2005, Herb Middleton at 81 years of age. Herb was born in Lindsay Ontario on July 25th, 1923 to Wilfred and Audress Middleton. Schooled at the Belleville BCI and Albert College, Herbert joined the RCAF at 17. He went to England with the RCAF and then was attached to the RAF and sent to India for operations in Burma. He was discharged as a Flying Officer with the 1939-45 Star, Burma Star, Defense Medal, Volunteer Service Medal and the War Medal 1939-45. After the war he located in Toronto and worked as a Real Estate broker. In later years he settled in Cobourg. He was a member of the Cobourg and Callander



Legions, RCAF Association and the Burma Bombers. Herbert will be missed by his sister Margaret and his special friend of 20 years, Leota Edgar. Also missed by his three sons Stephen, David, and Peter. A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, April 14th, at 11 am at the MacCoubrey Funeral Home, 30 King Street East, Cobourg. Visitation to be held at the funeral home on Thursday, April 14th for one hour prior to the service, from 10 to 11 am. Members of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #133 will gather at the funeral home on Thursday, April 14th for a 10:45am Legion Service. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may make memorial donations by cheque to the Canadian Cancer Society. Condolences received at [www.maccoubrey.com](http://www.maccoubrey.com).

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About Jack Strand from Sault St. Marie? Nothing was found on the Canadian Virtual War Memorial website. So my guess is that he survived.

On 23 October 1942 William Gerald Phelan graduated and was promoted to LAC, leading aircraftman.

PLACE	DATE	TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS
Toronto, Ontario.	October 22nd		Selection Board Course 61 sits at 0800 hrs. and categorizes, 66 Pilots, 4 Observers, 26 Navigators, 13 Bombers, 1 Wireless Air Gunner, 1 Air Gunner, with a wastage of 13, Total 125 airmen. Squadron Leader M.A.W. Davidson (Navigation No. 1 Training Command) visits this Unit Flight Lieutenant W.J. Gladish (Armament No. 1 Training Command) visits this Unit. Section Officer K.K. Goddard (A.F.H.Q.) visits this Unit. Wing Commander F.A.L. Mathewson (Medical A.F.H.Q.) visits this Unit. Flight Lieutenant R.E. Currie (A.F.H.Q.) visits this Unit.
	23rd		Personnel Works and Buildings, No. 1 Training Command have formal dinner in Sergeant's Mess at this Unit. Wing Commander D.F. MacDonald (A.F.H.Q.) together with Flying Officer F.E. Russell (A.N.A.E. A.F.H.Q.) and Mr. E.A. Link and J.E. Taylor of the Link Manufacturing Company Limited, visited this Unit and inspected link equipment. Lieutenant Colonel J.A. Mattress (C.D.O. No. 1 Training Command) visits this Unit, together with Major H. Sterling inspecting the new Dental Unit.