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RCN Air Reserves

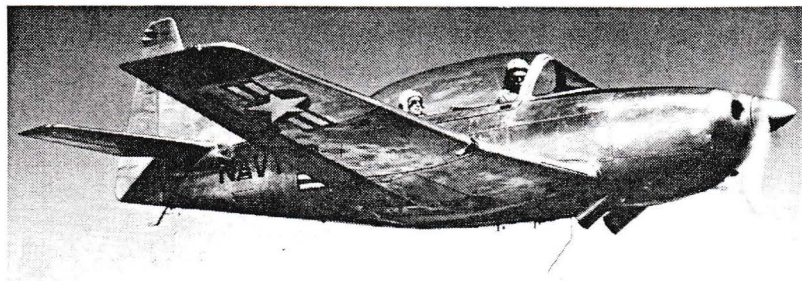
By the end of 1953, the RCN had activated three reserve squadrons, one at Toronto, one at Kingston, and the other at Victoria.

Norwegian Visitors

Recent visitors to Canada were Lieutenant-General Finn Lambrechts, commander-in-chief of the Royal Norwegian Air Force, and Vice Admiral Skule V. Storheil, commander-in-chief of the Royal Norwegian Navy. The two officers were in Canada from November 23 to

Campney told Commons, December 16. Mr. Campney said that 11 of these accidents were classed as major and 26 minor. A total of 13 persons had been killed, seven of these being civilians.

Reported Mr. Campney: "Of the 37 accidents which have occurred, final findings have not yet been arrived at in 14 of them . . . Of these accidents in which investigation have been completed, seven were due to human error, two to inexperienced maintenance, ten to some minor factor in the aircraft which required correction, and four to other causes.



WHAT'LL YOU HAVE: Two schools of thought are represented by the new Temco Plebe (above) and the Ryan 72 Navion trainer (below). The Plebe is a tandem seat trainer while the Ryan 72 represents the side-by-side layout. Both aircraft are currently being evaluated by the USN. The Plebe is particularly unusual in that the prototype machine was delivered to the USN at Pensacola just 75 days after the start of initial design work. Plebe has 225 hp Continental O-470 engine, and while the Ryan 72 can use this engine, prototype has Lycoming GO-435 of 260 hp.



November 27, and during that time Lt.-Gen. Lambrechts inspected the facilities at The de Havilland Aircraft and at Avro Canada in Toronto, and also at Canadair in Montreal. In addition, both officers toured appropriate defence installations in Eastern Canada.

37 CF-100 Accidents

Since the CF-100 went into service with the RCAF, aircraft of the type have been involved in 37 accidents, Associate Defence Minister Ralph

As a result of these accident investigations minor modifications, none of them involving substantial structural changes, have been or are being made from time to time, as in the case of any other aircraft.

From TAC to ADC

RCAF Auxiliary units at Calgary and Winnipeg were recently transferred from the control of Tactical Air Command, with headquarters at Edmonton, to Air Defence Command, with headquarters at St. Hubert, P.Q.

The Air Force gave as its reason for the change the fact that the units were basically fighter squadrons and therefore normally operate with other units under the control of ADC.

Units involved in the change are 17 Auxiliary Wing HQ, Winnipeg, controlling 402 (City of Winnipeg) Fighter Bomber Squadron, 2402 Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, 3052 Technical Training Unit, 4003 Medical Unit, and 5002 Reserve Intelligence Unit, all in Winnipeg. Calgary units are RCAF Station Calgary, 403 Fighter Bomber Squadron, 2403 Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, 3053 Technical Training Unit, and 4010 Medical Unit.

Tactical Air Command will remain responsible for Auxiliary units in Edmonton and Saskatoon, which are training for a strictly tactical air role.

Postings & Careers

• Air Commodore L. E. Wray, OBE, AFC, formerly Deputy Air Member for Personnel at AFHQ, is now in the U.K. attending the 1954 course at the Imperial Staff College.

• Air Commodore H. M. Carscallen, DFC, formerly Chief of Air Operations at AFHQ, is now attending National Defence College at Kingston, Ont.

Shearwater Runway

The lengthening and strengthening of the main runway at HMCS Shearwater, the RCN's air base at Eastern Passage, N.S., has been completed. The runway was increased in length from 5,300 feet to 6,000 feet and beefed up to take aircraft of up to 150,000 lbs., as compared to the previous limit of 65,000 lbs.

RCN Jet Instructor

Lieutenant Alexander E. Fox, RCN, has been posted to RCAF Station Portage la Prairie, Man., where he will give jet training to student Navy pilots destined to fly the new McDonnell F2H-3 Banshees with which Canada's Naval Aviation service is soon to be equipped. Lt. Fox, who will also give training to Air Force students, recently completed an instructor's course at Trenton.

RAF Sabre Order Complete

Eleven F-86E Sabres, last of 376 to be manufactured by Canadair for the RAF, took off from St. Hubert on December 13 for the U.K. The ferry flight was headed by Squadron Leader T. Stevenson, AFC, commanding offi-