



## MG 489 - Moose Jaw Air Training Base 1941 Photographs

**Dates:** 1941-1942

**Extent:** 1 artefact; 111 photographs

**History:** A civilian flying club aerodrome 7.4 km south of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, became a federal installation just after the outbreak of World War II and was called the RCAF Station Moose Jaw. A new aerodrome was completed in 1941 and the station was the site of the British Commonwealth Air Training Program (BCATP) which used Harvard and Oxford aircraft to train pilots from Commonwealth and other countries. RCAF Moose Jaw was de-commissioned in 1946 and returned to civilian use. These photographs were taken by a pilot stationed at the air base in 1941-1942.

**Custodial History:** This collection of photos was taken by a pilot stationed at the air base near Moose Jaw, and were purchased by the University of Saskatchewan Archives and Special Collections in 2013.

**Scope and Content:** This small collection consists primarily of photographs depicting life on the base as well as travels to other destinations in Canada, including Banff, Alberta, and Regina SK. A felt "Moose Jaw Millers" badge is also included.

**Arrangement note:** Stored in an album prior to acquisition, these photos were received sans album, and without original order. They have been roughly ordered by size, and by subject content, with those images of the base itself being listed first, and ventures off-base being given later numbers.

**Restrictions:** There are no restrictions on access.

**Artefacts:**

- 01- Moose Jaw Millers badge, with ribbons.

**Photographs:***Envelope 1:*

- 01- [CHAB station]
- 02- "Sunset"
- 03- "Flopp It" [front] "This guy cannot swear" [back]
- 04- [Sky over base]
- 05- [Military officials]

*Envelope 2:*

- 06- "Clearing Roads for Building. (Camp)"
- 07- "Buffalo Camp Background"
- 08- [Recruiting office]
- 09- "Wind-swept icicles, Nov 1941"
- 10- [pilot portrait by water]
- 11- "'Bill' in park, Regina, April 1941"
- 12- "Fred's Cafe (Palace) Moose Jaw"
- 13- "More mud, 1941" [on base]
- 14- "Early to bed B.B. Hut 12 B"
- 15- "Hut 'B' 13-2-42"
- 16- [Duty Pilot building]

*Envelope 3:*

- 17- "Myself, Lew, Jordy"
- 18- "Y.M.C.A. Regina"
- 19- [interior]
- 20- "Water after thaw" [on base]
- 21- [icicles on base]
- 22- [statue of Winston Churchill]
- 23- [young pilots with dog]
- 24- [Plane]
- 25- "A smashing 'pancake' / 'it only froze'" [plane on runway]
- 26- "Tinker at controls tuning up for cross country"
- 27- "Snow Flurrie" [on base]

*Envelope 4:*

- 28- "Boxing Day 1940." [closed?]
- 29- [summer on base]
- 30- "Moose Jaw Nov.1941"

- 31- " 'Bill' on Fourth Ave" [in uniform]
- 32- "Fourth Ave."
- 33- [on base]
- 34- "Cloudy" [planes in flight]
- 35- [Plane on runway]
- 36- "Just one of the runways"
- 37- "Anson plane one cold day"
- 38- "Harvards warming up for formation flying"
- 39- [plane]
- 40- [young pilots with dog on base]
- 41- [barracks?]
- 42- "Harvards"

*Envelope 5:*

- 43- "Stan and Darkif"
- 44- "Note Windows Frost" [group picture in snow]
- 45- [group picture]
- 46- [pilot in snow outside base]
- 47- "About a year from now 15-12-40" [in front of Christmas coca-cola billboard]
- 48- "Snow going after 'shanuks'"
- 49- "Stan my best pal out here"
- 50- [sitting in a wheelbarrow]
- 51- "Eric the third musketeer"
- 52- "Paddy"
- 53- "Guess who"
- 54- "Stan and Eric"
- 55- [group picture]
- 56- [sled]
- 57- [group picture]
- 58- "Bob and Larney" [closed?]
- 59- "Larney, Bob's little boy"

*Envelope 6:*

- 60- [bridge]
- 61- [swans]
- 62- "Regina cenotaph, Saskatchewan Hotel left"
- 63- "Canoeing on river"
- 64- [River Park Cabin]
- 65- "Cloudy snow caps 12-2-42"
- 66- "Bridge over freight yard, Moose Jaw"
- 67- [Racoon]
- 68- "Steps into park"
- 69- [waterfowl]

*Envelope 7:*

- 70- [swans]
- 71- [log bridge at Moose Jaw Park]
- 72- "Just after Swift Current"
- 73- [winter landscape]
- 74- [train]
- 75- "Regina 'special'" [train]
- 76- [Regina?]
- 77- "Oil tanks, Moose Jaw"
- 78- "Horse Shoe falls"
- 79- "Goffa" [Gopher]

*Envelope 8:*

- 80- "Redskin's Wigwam, Regina"
- 81- [bridge]
- 82- [Royal Canadian Mounted Police]
- 83- "'Clear' 'Snow Cars' 13-2-42"
- 84- "Niagara Falls"
- 85- "Peacocks Wild Animal Park"
- 86- "Moose Jaw Park"
- 87- "Boundary, 13-2-42" [The Great Divide, British Columbia]
- 88- "Young bears"
- 89- "Moose Jaw Park 'Natatorium' in Back Grounds"

*Envelope 9:*

- 90- "A lone bird, Regina park"
- 91- "Before Entering Smith Falls"
- 92- [winter scene]
- 93- "Lake superior frozen"
- 94- [trees]
- 95- [unidentified landscape]
- 96- "Parliament building, Regina"
- 97- "Moon coming over Madison Square"
- 98- "Prairie road"
- 99- "B.C. 13-2-42" [ British Columbia]

*Envelope 10:*

- 100- "Moose in wild animal park"
- 101- "Oiling up" [train]
- 102- "Regina. Parliament buildings over lake"
- 103- "Moose Jaw by night"
- 104- "St. Nicholas from Athabaska St."

- 105- "River Street" [Wimpy's Hamburger Shop/Amil's Taxi]
- 106- "Pleasure Park"
- 107- "St. Nicholas"
- 108- "Athabaska Street"
- 109- "Moose Jaw by night"
- 110- [unidentified winter scene]
- 111- "Blizzard"