

**A Change of C.O.s**

Gloom and despondency reached hitherto unplumbed depths at Penhold when it became known that both the Commanding Officer and the Chief Instructor were posted. Group Captain Pringle leaves to take over an important position at the U.K.A.L.M., and we congratulate him on his appointment. Wing Commander Stratton goes to be Chief Instructor at Medicine Hat, in place of Group Captain Wightman, who comes here as our new Commanding Officer.

Much has already been written in the pages of the "Log" – both on and between the lines – of the Group Captain and the C.I., and though we know they would rather be spared the customary eulogies of farewell, we must repeat that Penhold, under their administration, was a very happy unit. Dismay at the news of their posting was intensified because we were all assuming that we would spend our last months here under their command...though someone had remarked, only a few days before their posting, that it seemed almost too good to last.

Group Captain Pringle had been with us a little more than a year. He has always expressed his versatility by inspiring exact, meticulous thoroughness in working hours, and a gay abandon off duty. Wing Commander Stratton had been at Penhold six months; with disarming modesty he imparted his great knowledge to all in Flying Wing, and to many instructors he gave a renewed and keener respect for the niceties of flying both as an art and a science. We wish Group Captain Pringle and Wing Commander Stratton success in their new positions.

Group Captain W.T.F. Wightman, D.F.C., is already known to a number of us on the station, and we can appreciate that Medicine Hat was upset to learn that he was leaving for Penhold. We are delighted to welcome him here, and we hope he may find some advantages in moving to the green and wooded hills of Central Alberta.