

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

of (Unit or Formation) No. 408 (B.C.A.B.) Squadron, Leamington, Yorks

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LEADING	12.5.43		Weather: Cloudy with rain up to mid-day and showery in afternoon. Moderate visibility later becoming good. Strong wind. Nine aircraft carried out a successful bombing operation over DUNKERK. All aircraft returned without casualty. Two aircraft were forced to return to base early, one due to engine going u/s, and the other due to oxygen failure.		A.1635 - A.1643																																																
LEADING	13.5.43		Weather: Cloudy with rain and fog in morning, breaking to fair with moderate visibility later. Seven aircraft departed from this base for bombing operations over DUNKERK. One aircraft was forced to return to base early due to rear turret going u/s. One aircraft failed to return to base. One aircraft (mid-upper) bailed out at low altitude over target; remainder of crew returned to base without casualty. Below are the operational hours and trips of the aircraft crew.		A.1644 - A.1654																																																
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LEADING	21.5.43		Weather: Fair becoming cloudy with good visibility. We were stood down for operations to-day. Ground training was carried out for aircrew personnel.																																																		

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LEBORG	22.5.43		Weather: Fog in early morning, becoming cloudy with moderate visibility. Rain in evening. We were stood down for operations to-day. Ground training was carried out for aircrew personnel.		
LEBORG	23.5.43		Weather: Fair, occasional showers with good visibility. Twelve aircraft departed from this base for bombing operations over HAMBURG. All aircraft returned to base except one. Considered a very successful raid. Below are the operational hours and trips of the visiting crew.		A.1655 - A.1666
			<div> <div> C/N. J. 7430 P/O Jones, MacKenzie, COLVER (Pilot) 3 18.30 C/N. J. 100909 P/O LEVINSKY, James, Ray (Nav.) 2 19.30 C/N. J. 14818 P/O Harry, HUNTER (A/B.) 1 1.06 C/N. J. 12438 SGT WILSON, Frederick. (W/P/N) 1 1.06 C/N. R. 94489 SGT BLANDY, David. (A/B.) 1 1.06 C/N. R. 12317 SGT BLANDY, Stuart, Henry. (A/B.) 1 1.06 C/N. R. 20006 SGT HOGUE, John. (P/SG) 1 1.06 </div> </div>		
LEBORG	24.5.43		Weather: Fair with occasional showers and good visibility. We were stood down for operations to-day. No. 427 Squadron on this station was officially adopted by M.G.M. Film Corporation and had official M.G.M. photographers making a news reel out of the presentation of a small bronze lion. The M.G.M. representative requested that he would like actually well to take a few pictures of this Squadron. Several shots were taken around the hangar, airfield and of a number of aircraft who had been out on the Dortmund raid the night previous.		
LEBORG	25.5.43		Weather: Fair to cloudy with occasional showers and good visibility. Fifteen aircraft were prepared for operations, but four were scrubbed prior to take-off. The remaining nine took off from this base for bombing operations over F. BRESCIA. All aircraft returned to base without incident.		A.1667 - A.1675
LEBORG	26.5.43		Weather: Fair to cloudy, intermittent rain in evening, low visibility becoming good towards midnight. Fifteen aircraft were prepared for operations, but all were scrubbed prior to take-off.		
LEBORG	27.5.43		Weather: Fair to fine with good visibility. Fifteen aircraft were prepared for operations. Four were scrubbed prior to take-off. The remaining twelve took off from this base for bombing operations over HAMBURG, which was considered a successful raid. All but one returned to base without incident. Below are the operational hours and trips of the visiting crew:		A.1676 - A.1687
			<div> <div> C/N. A. 10130 P/O GUNN, Kenneth, Oswald (Pilot) 3 18.30 C/N. R. 74052 P/O (A/B.) HESLOUGH, Vallard, Victor. (Nav.) 2 19.30 C/N. R. 11862 P/O GORDON, Arthur, WOOD (A/B.) 1 1.06 C/N. R. 77336 SGT IVOR, William, Albert. (W/P/N) 1 1.06 C/N. R. 100320 SGT YEN, Joseph, Vincent, John Raymond. (A/B.) 1 1.06 C/N. R. 117670 SGT OGDON, Joseph, Napoleon, Pascal, Rogers. (A/B.) 1 1.06 C/N. R. 13130 SGT HOGUE, John, Douglas. (P/SG) 1 1.06 </div> </div>		
			<p>Head was released from R.A.F. Station Portsmouth advising us of the death of R. 16683 Sergeant JONES, Julian Lewis (W/P-Night Observer) and R. 16676 Sergeant ARNOLD, George (Wireless Operator (A/B. Observer)). Both above named airmen were spending their leave at the above named city and were killed by enemy action (air raid) on Sunday May 23rd, 1943. Neither of these airmen had any operational trips of leave.</p>		
LEBORG	28.5.43		Weather: Fair with excellent visibility. We were stood down from operations to-day. Ground training was carried out for aircrew personnel.		

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LEADING

29.5.43

Weather; Fair to cloudy, good visibility. Twelve aircraft took off from this base for bombing operations over WATERLOO. All aircraft but two were successful on this operation and all returned safely to base.

A-1698 = A-1699

LEADING

30.5.43

Weather; Cloudy with rain and drizzle in the morning moderate visibility. Later cloudy with moderate visibility becoming fine with good visibility towards dusk. We were stood down today from Operations. Ground training was carried out by aircrew personnel.

LEADING

31.5.43

Weather; Cloudy with occasional showers. Moderate visibility. We were again stood down today and ground training was carried out by aircrew personnel.

REWARDS AND AWARDS: Great rejoicing in the Squadron. Our genial Squadron Commander C.1351 P/O E.D.L. Fooks, received the immediate award of the Distinguished Flying Cross. Also Caterpillar Pins and Membership Cards were presented to 13329 P/O R.H. Mitchell P.O.C., 13707 P/O H. Gausch; 13370 P/O R.M. Quance; 103405 P/O D.W.T. Chidley.

PROMOTIONS:- P/O R.V. Fisher, P/O J. McCreedy, P/O B.H. Smith, P/O T.W. O'Connell were promoted to the rank of Flying Officers. P/O A.G. Hair received a promotion to P/Wright Lieutenant.

DEPARTED:- NIL

ARRIVED IN COAST:- NIL

REPORTS ON CREWS:- 21 Landing Page Halides MK II's and 1 L.A. V.

REMARKS:- The general health of both air crew and ground crew is good. Morale is high. Very little upper respiratory infection. Fewest cases of V.P.S. reported in ground crews. No new cases occurred in air-crews. We have made seventy eight Operational sorties, five crews failed to return.

PERSONNEL ON STATION:-

OFFICERS	NO. OF	PILOTS	NAVIGATORS	ENGINEERS	GROUND CREW	PERIOD	STATUS	AVIATION	OTHER	PERIOD	STATUS
PILOTS	15	27	12	11	13	2	Officers	1	Officers	1	5
NAVIGATORS	18	25	12	15	26	11	Airmen	568	ATUCN		609
A.G.	5	1	9	58	66	36			C.D.G.		2
P/SX.	1	1	1	15	31	22			P.A.A.F.		42
ATE D.M.	2	10	2	20	35	13			TOTAL AIRCRAFT PERSONNEL		69
M/P/G	2	9	7	18	36	18			Officers	NIL	
							Airmen	2	Airmen		187

W.H.M. 1/4/44

A. (A.G.S. PERKIN, D.F.C.)
Wing Commander, Commanding
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