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of (Unit or Formation) NO. 408 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON, LERECTIC

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Place	Date	Time Summary of Events	References to Appendices
TERROLLIC	1.8.43	Weather: Cloudy with some showers around dawn and mid-afternoon. Visibility good to excellent. We were stood down from operations to-day. Flying was confined in the vicinity of the sinkrose. Training for the day consisted of, local flying, air tests, fighter affiliation and air firing. The new navigators who were not familiar with the new type navigation aids were instructed on same the new flight engineers were given instructions on everyoncy hydraulic systems.	•
LESCING	2.8.43	Twelve aircraft were detailed for bombing operations. One aircraft was sorubbed prior to take-of. The remaining aircraft were off on time. The target for this Operation was MUNITO, Jernany. Three aircraft were forced to return to base early due to technical detects assistanced by bad smatch or condition on journey to tie thright. The remaining aircraft succeeded in resulting the prinary target, but checountered severe weather condition. The crews reported that this operation was not considered a successful one. Training for the day consisted of air tests and instructions to the new aircraft successful.	
		During the above mentioned operation, the Wireless Operator of Sergeant Harvey, J.D. ones bailed out of the aircraft upon receiving orders from the captain. The bailed out order was given immediately after the aircraft went into a spin. Before the remainder of the gray had time to bail out, the captain of the aircraft succeeded in straightening out the aircraft at 12000 feet. The paraclists of the Wireless Operator was seen to open. Hereunder in the name of the Wireless Operator was seen to open. Hereunder in the name of the Wireless Operator was seen to open. Hereunder in the name of the Wireless Operator was seen to open. Hereunder in the name of the Wireless Operator was seen to open. Hereunder in the name of the Wireless Operator was seen to open. Hereunder in the name of the Wireless Operator was seen to open. Hereunder in the name of the Wireless Operator was seen to open. Hereunder in the name of the Wireless Operator was seen to open. Hereunder in the name of the Wireless Operator was seen to open. Hereunder in the name of the Wireless Operator was seen to open. Hereunder in the name of the Wireless Operator was seen to open. Hereunder in the name of the Wireless Operator was seen to open. Hereunder in the name of the Wireless Operator was seen to open.	
LEBOUNG	3.8.43	We were stood down from operations to-day. Five aircraft were sent up on air tests. Two aircraft were prepared for "Bullseye". Two aircraft were sent out on a Sea Search. Training for the day consisted of fighter affiliation and lectures to the Air gumbers.	
LEBORG	4.8.4.3	We were again stood down from operations to-day. Training for the day consisted of bombing practice, air to see firing, and instructions to the Filight Angineers on turnet manipulation. Two aircraft were sent up on air tests. Pighter affiliation was concelled due to u/s fighter.	
LEE ING	5,8,43	Weather: Cloudy with frequent precipilation and clouds down to 1000 feet or below. Average visibility. One already was sent up on an air test. The weather was unfit for flying. Ground training was given to the new air gumers. Hamonization checks were also darried out.	
LEPRING	6,8,43	Five aircraft were detailed for "Ballayes", but only four took off. One aircraft collided with a parked aircraft prior to take-off. Two libraft were sent up on aircraft during the day. Air Gunners were given practice on air-to-mes firing. Flight Engineers were given notes on the starting and running up procedure of Lancaster II aircraft.	
LEBON	7.8.43	Seven aircraft were up on mirtents. Daily inspections and mir-to-sea firing was carried out by air gumers. Instructions as to method of using overload tanks and instructions on Lancaster II siruraft was given to the Flight Engineers. The savence party proceeded to R.C.A.F. Station, Lin-	
		ton-on-Ouse to-day with instructions to endeavour to have billets etc. in order for the movement of the main party on the tenth instant. In conclusion, it is well to mention that the weather was un- Cit for flying training to-day.	

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LEBITING	8.8.43		Twelve aircraft were detailed for bombing operations to-day, but this operation was scrubbed at	
			20.00 hours due to unfavourable weather condition. Weather report was cloudy with intermittent	
			rain to mid-day, breaking to fair after dark, with good visibility. Afrerew boys were all praying	
			that a standown would be given the squadron to-noritow as there is a send off party arranged for to-	
			morrow night. Keep your fingers crossed boys and hope for the best.	
TERIDIC	9.8.43		Bags of rejoycing. Squadron stood down, and much licking of lips in anticipation of the giggle	
	-	-	water party to-night. All sections were instructed to essence packing in preparation for leading of hits and equipment at 14.30 hours. Motor Transport vehicles arrived at No. 4 Hangar and leading	in a second
			of Orderly Roan and Mavigation Section equipment proceeded with. All airmen and M.C.C.s were ordered to have all kits packed and deposited in No. 4 Hangar by 17.00 hours with the exception of over	
			night articles. Guards were posted to watch over kits during the night. All personnel were relea-	
			sed to make "Mhoopee" for their last evening at R.C.A.F. Station, Leeming. Hany regrets were heard	-
	1 .		of having to leave this station as the Squadron had spont eleven happy months here. All preparations for move taped-up.	
LEMING A	10.8.43		What a do. A wary enjoyable party for Officers and N.C.O.s. All report a very good time. This	
TON-ON-OUSE			Squadron is moving form R.C.A.F. Station Leeming to R.C.A.F. Station, Linton-on-Case to-day under	
			authority Hondquarters Bomber Semand letter HO/8.20937/11/Org., dated loth July 19.5. No. 1 Transport Company arrived with 32 bused to transport Squadron personnel to R.C.A.P. Station, Linton-	
			on-Cuse at 09.00 hours. The main party embarted and were on their way at 09.35 hours with the ex-	
		-	ception of two three tonners which had to be inspected by the Station Equipment Officer to ancertain if the Squadron was thieving. After a hold up of approximately by hours in which the "Gestapo"	
			located j or 4 medicare hard seat chairs (which by the way had to be taken off the vehicle) the	
	1 1		The movement was carried out without a hitch, until arriving at R.C.A.F. Station, Linton-on-Ouse.	
	1		Then the Squairon reported in to this station, it was found regardless of having an advance party.	
			that little preparation had been made to receive the Squadron. No Fault can be attached to the	
			Squadron's alvance party as they worked and screamed to have things prepared with no avail. There	-
			we're not sufficient beds to access odate officers, thus necessitating last minute rush to set up	
			airmens' bunks with biscuits. N.C.O. accommodation was very inadequate and in many instances.	
	1		other ranks were beded down for the might on biscuits laying on the floor. The blankets were in a	
			dirty condition. There was no hot water for shaving or for baths.	
			The Squairon moved into No. 1 Hangar, and it was found there was no furniture available for offices.	
		10.754	Electrical light bulbs were all missing from the sockets and in all, the state of cleanliness was very bad, even after having the advance party working for the previous two days this tempering office	
	2 40		The blaze cannot be placed on the station as it appears transport was not abailable to move person-	
			nel occupying billets until the evening before and the day of the Squadrone' occupation.	
מבטט-יוט-יוטדי	11.8.73		Many complaints were received from personnel regarding sleeping accommodation, but it is hoped to	
4 1	-		have it ironed out within a few days. All aircrev personnel banged off on seven days leave in order that the Squadron may get setteled down and aircraft serviced for training. It was noted	
			that aircrew personnel were very interested in the new "kites" they are about to convert to, namely	
1110 0 2			"Lancasters Mark II". All N.C.O. aircrost are being billited approximately four miles from the main camp in "Binningbourough Hall". On inspection of this building, it is felt that in time, the boys	
			will be confortably arranged. The biller of other ranks is being gone into as some definite in-	
			provement is necessary for their conforms. Bits of furth line here and there was located for the	
			Squadron Orderly Room, Commanding Officers' and Adjutant's offices as well as the Discipal Office.	
			These offices will be operating marky to-sorrow.	

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
DITOR-ON-OUSE	12.8.43		All aircrew personnel away on leave. Rear party arrived intact at 10.00 hours and Flight Lieutenant 3.6. Brown (2.9899) Officeri/c party reports all buildings left in meat and tidy conditions. More than can be said of the conditions that this squadron noved into. Majority of ground erew Weing	
			attached to base for duty with Repart and Inspection Section. Squadron personnel raised many rel- luctant comments of being detacled from the Squadron. However all have pledged themselves to carry on their duties as well as when working with Squadron. It is felt that their this rule oc-operation can	
	-		be expected. Wing Commander W.D.S. Perris, D.P.C. and Flight Lieutenant A.J. Bond, Squadron addut- ant were requested to pose with the Bare and Station Officers for a group photograph.	
TON-ON-OUSE	13.8.43		Still endeavouring to obtain more suitable arrangements for other ranks and it is hoped that our offorts will be awarted. The Squadron Commander N.D.S. Porris, D.P.C. possived a phone wall from the Squadron Leader Administrative, R.C.A.P. Station, Leening, hi-fily correction in the Squadron on the	
			clearliness of all buildings hold by the Squadron at that station. Also stating that the extent of barrack damages was very commendable, consisting of a few missing light bulbs and broken windows.	
			The Station Parruck Warden, Linton, is endeavouring to on-operate to the best of his shillty with the Squalron to obtain the necessary furniture and fixtures to enable the squalron offices to be equipped, and as promised, that there will be a certain amount available to-corrow. Also be has	
			assured that a demand has been submitted for our requirements. The day was practically taken up with cleaning etc. Section Commanders are still getting their respective places set up for convert	n.
aguo-in-inti	14.8.43		A considerable number of tables and chairs were located and distributed to all Squairon offices to enable the offices to carry on in a make shift way. Other rank billet difficulties are gradually	
			ing ironed out. Wing Commander W.D.S. Perris, D.F.C. Squadron Commander and Flight Lieutenant J. Reynolds, D.F.C., D.F.M. W/T Leader attended the wedling of Squadron Leader C.F. Noore, (x-Adjusted this Squadron) at Harrogate, Yorks. All reports indicate a very nice ceremony and recepts. The Squadron Commander called in at Headquarters No. 6 (PCAF) Group on his return journey to	
			Linton, on official business. This being Saturday night, No. 406 Squadron personnel out at full force to the town of York to ascertain just what makes this highly advertised town tic.	
SETTO-INO-INOTIN	15.8.43		Church services well attended by Squadron personnel. Telephone extentions in Squadron Offices now being installed. Not much doing to-day. Wireless and Gunnery Leaders as well as the Flight Eng-	
			ineer Officer were himy getting the instruction roots ready for conversion. Also preparing notes regarding "Lancastor" aircraft.	
NTON-ON-OUSE	16.8.43		Squadron Leader B.E. Harris (121788) (now transferred to the U.S.A.A.F.) "B" Flight Commander received the non-immediate numrel of the Distinguished Flying Cross. R.110587 Sergeant Boynton, B.D. re-	
			ocived the non-insiediate award of the Distinguished Plying Medal. Also Fing Commander W.F.M. Newson X.F.M. Plijit Commander of this Squadron and now Commander of No. 531 (RCAF) Squadron received the non-inselstate award of the Distingsished Plying Cross.	
		,	More chairs and tables were delivered to the Squadron to-day. The questions of aircrew lockers was taken up with the Equipment Officer and assurance was received that the Squadron will be supp-	
			lied with 120 lookers within the next week,	

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendice
Diton-on-ouse	17.8.43		Very little doing to-day. Section commanders are still busily at work, making up notes on Lancaster Mark II aircraft and getting things straighten out before the aircrew personnel return from leave.	
DITON-ON-OUSE	18.8.43		Another quiet day. Normal routine carried out.	
INTON-ON-OUSE	19.8.43		All aircrew reported back from leave and were instructed to draw necessary flying clothing in pre- paration of commencement of flying training. Ground training set up all completed, and will commonde training to-morrow.	
INTON-ON-OUSE	20,8,43		Conversion training now in full swing. Bround instructions to all aircrew trades consisted of lectures etc. etc. utilizing the entire day. The Squadron Commander W.D.S. Ferris, D.F.C. gave a lecture to all Aircrew personnel. Section Commanders report that the aircrew boysseem to be enjoying the new training.	
INTON-ON-OUSE	21,8,43		No aircraft yet serviceable so ground instructions were carried out. Loctures on Lancaster engines were given to Pilots and Engineers. Air Gumers were given instructions on turret (PAN) drills, and aircraft familiarisation. Loctures on wireless equipment were given to wireless operators.	
ditori-ori-ouse	22-8-43		Some aircraft were sent up on air tests. Lectures to Pilote and Plight Engineers on Hercules engines were again given. Lectures on harmonization of guns and P.N. turrets were given to the Air gunners. The boys are feeling there may around on the new aircraft now and seen to be analous to get going.	
OTON-ON-OUSE	23.8.4.3		Conversion is progressing satisfactorily. Four aircraft were up on conversion during the day. More lectures were given to Pilots and Plight Engineers on Hercules engines. Air gumers were again instructed on manipulation of turrets and P.N. system layout, also browning an revision. Squadron Leader Robers (the Gen Man of the engine handling courses for Hercules and Mertin engines) arrived by air this afternoon to deliver lectures to all Squadron Pilots and Flight Engineers on the handling of Harcules engines.	
			Aircrew lockers now being delivered to the Squadron. Other ranks are being billited in new billets.	
Diton-on-ouse	24.08.1.3		All pilots and flight engineers attended the lecture as well as pictures given under the instruction of Squaren Deader Roberts. All reports indicate a very inscreasing and beneficial locture. Further instructions on the handeling of F/H turrets was given to air gumers. A very quiet day with very little to report.	
Diton-on-ouse	25.8.43		The norming was taken up by lectures and instructions. No flying training carried out due to un- favourable was then conditions. The Squadron was notified by the Station Cornander that all person- nel of the station would be confined to camp until 20.30 hours for the general camp clean up. Several officers of its squadron were detailed to certain bareack blocks in which the Equality person- nel are billited, with instructions to have billies thoroughly closured and show satisfied with the cleanliness of the quarters, personnel could be released my time after 1800 hours.	
Ditar-an-ouse	6. 8.43		Local flying training as well as lectures to pilots and flight engineers was carried out during the day. Nowe lactures and instructions were given to air supports on the manipulation of P./M. turrets and harmonization of same. Normal routine carried out during the day.	

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of (Unit or Formation) No. 408 (R.C.A.F.) SQUARROW, LEWYON-ON-OUSE.

Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
Diton-on-ouse	27.8.4.3		The Squadron Commander, Wing Commander W.D.S. Ferris, D.F.C. (C1551) and Flight Lieutenant C.C. Brown (C9889) Squadron Rapheering Officer proceeded to P.F.F. Group by transport to pick up gen on Lancaster Mark II aircreft to which this squadron is now converting. Considerable local flying was carried out as well as instructional lectures to as all aircrew trades. Approximately 70% of the Squadron pilots have now been converted to Lancaster Mark II aircraft. Thenty airginners proceeded to Sutton Banks firing range by transport for target practice.	
ESTO-IN-INTER	28.8.43		He flying training carried out during this day due to unfavourable weather conditions. All aircrew personnel were released at mid-day. A very dull day with very little to report.	
DITON-ON-OUSE	29.8.43		Due to unfavorable weather and continuing throughout the entire day, no flying training was carried out. Air gunners were given more instructions on the manifulation of F/N turnets. All aircrew were released in early part of afternoon. Another quiet day with very little to report.	
ETTON-ON-OUSE	30.8.43		Considerable flying training was carried out to-day. Thirty eight airgunners proceeded to Sutton Banks Firing Range by transport for target practice. He ground training owing to extensive flying training.	
Diton-on-ouse	31.8.4.3		Terrific air training was carried out by all aircrew personnel. Might flying training was also carried out. The same was scrubbed at approximately 22.90 hours due to ground haze and might fog. No ground training was carried out during the day due to extensive air flying training.	
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			POSTRISS IN (AIRCREM): - The undermentioned aircrew personnel have been posted to this Squadron during the past month. Unit free which posted and effective dates are shown after each crew listed hereunder.	
			F/O W.B. Stewart (JIA66). Posted from No. 24 O.T.U. w.e.f. 1.8.45 to take over duties as pilot for a headless crew.	
			The undermentioned Flight Engineers were posted from No. 1679 Conversion Unit w.c.f. 11.8.43 to fill establishment vacancies in the trade of Flight Engineers. 1010563 SOT Mahon, As; 1381572 SOT Necs, J.; 1714926 SOT Nightingale, N.A.; 1211502 SOT Elliott, M.	.E.
		-	P/O W.T. Wilton (J20218) (milot); 235730 SOT Modaho, D.A. (May.); 109818 SOT Landing, H. (WOP/AC); R100441 SOT Raban, W.E. (A/B); 1292205 SOT Pearm, B.H. (FLT/BN); R167515 SOT Bease, C.A. (Rear A/C). Posted from No. 1679 Sonversion Unit weef. 20.8645.	
			549483 307 Maher, N. (FIR/SD) Posted to this unit from No. 1679 Conversion that w.c.f. 19.8.45 to fill the establishment of Flight Engineer.	
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DITON-ON-OUSE			POSTINGS DF (AIRGREFF):-	Appendices
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	1		NOROURS AND AWARDS:- See daily entries.	
			PROPORTIONS: - The undermentioned Flying Officers ham been promoted to the acting rank of Flight Lieutenant.	
5		1	F/O T.W. Harris (127305)	
1		f	F/O G. Bennett, D.F.C. (J152h8)	
		()	The undermentioned officer was promoted to Temporary Flying Officer.	
1			P/O E.T. Fowler (J21886)	
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	4. 1		ATROPAST OF CTURGE:- Prom 1.8.43 up to and including 10.8.43 up had an appropriate of 22 Walley Days	
			Harries have it always on our charge	
			There are still two Handley Page Halifax Mark II aircraft on our charge at	
			Prom 10.0.43 to 31.8.43 we have had and average of 16 Largester Mark II alm	
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1.00		-	HEALTH: - The general health of the Squadron has been fairly good during the booth. We have had a	
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