

Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events		SECRET.	References to Appendices			
R.G.A.F. STATION, RAF BRAN, SUFFOLK FOREST, YORKSHIRE.	17.3.45		Cambridge HTL				<i>Pages 1 to 6 changed to same as</i>		
		CAN. 100000	S/O	Thomas, J.	Pilot	Posted from 76 (RAF) Base, w.e.f. 4.2.45			
		CAN. 100001	S/O	Forbes, D.A.	W/O	"			
		CAN. 100002	S/O	Coak, J.	A/S	"			
		CAN. 100003	S/O	James, R.H.	W/O	"			
		CAN. 100004	S/O	King, W.	A/S	"			
		CAN. 100005	S/O	Harrison, H.R.	A/S	"			
		CAN. 100006	S/O	Hickins, L.M.	S/O	"			
		CAN. 100007	S/O	Jones, R.H.	Pilot	Posted from 76 (RAF) Base, w.e.f. 3.2.45			
		CAN. 100008	S/O	Thompson, H.E.	W/O	"			
		CAN. 100009	S/O	Harvey, H.A.	A/S	"			
		CAN. 100010	S/O	Hutchinson, J.	W/O	"			
		CAN. 100011	S/O	Hutchinson, G.L.	A/S	"			
		CAN. 100012	S/O	Macdonald, G.H.	A/S	"			
		CAN. 100013	S/O	Arnold, R.A.	S/O	"			
		CAN. 100014	S/O	Wheat, P.H.	Pilot	Posted from 76 (RAF) Base, w.e.f. 10.2.45			
		CAN. 100015	S/O	Valentine, R.A.	W/O	"			
		CAN. 100016	S/O	Wells, A.B.	A/S	"			
		CAN. 100017	S/O	Wright, H.J.	W/O	"			
		CAN. 100018	S/O	Wright, H.J.	A/S	"			
		CAN. 100019	S/O	Lowrie, F.	A/S	"			
		CAN. 100020	S/O	Guy, L.	S/O	"			
					Cambridge				
		CAN. 100021	S/O	Wain, G.R.	Pilot	Posted to 407 Squadron, w.e.f. 28.4.45			
		CAN. 100022	S/O	Wain, G.R.	W/O	"			
		CAN. 100023	S/O	Wain, G.L.	A/S	"			
		CAN. 100024	S/O	Wain, G.L.	W/O	"			
		CAN. 100025	S/O	Wain, G.L.	A/S	"			
		CAN. 100026	S/O	Wain, G.L.	A/S	"			
		CAN. 100027	S/O	Wain, G.L.	A/S	"			
CAN. 100028	S/O	Wain, G.L.	A/S	"					
CAN. 100029	S/O	Wain, G.L.	A/S	"					
CAN. 100030	S/O	Wain, G.L.	A/S	"					
CAN. 100031	S/O	Wain, G.L.	A/S	"					
CAN. 100032	S/O	Wain, G.L.	A/S	"					
CAN. 100033	S/O	Wain, G.L.	A/S	"					
CAN. 100034	S/O	Wain, G.L.	A/S	"					
CAN. 100035	S/O	Wain, G.L.	A/S	"					
CAN. 100036	S/O	Wain, G.L.	A/S	"					
CAN. 100037	S/O	Wain, G.L.	A/S	"					
CAN. 100038	S/O	Wain, G.L.	A/S	"					
CAN. 100039	S/O	Wain, G.L.	A/S	"					
CAN. 100040	S/O	Wain, G.L.	A/S	"					

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R.C.A.F. STATION, WEST HOB, SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.	11.5.45		Baseball Game staged between Pilots and Navigators, game won by latter 23 - 13. (Pitchers battle - won?)	
	12.5.45		Weather - Fair to Cloudy. Section Leaders commencing to check up "paper" work. "Moving Date" in report noted by all - and now that it appears we are "Canada-bound" - a brief business in "second-hand Cars and Motor-cycles" being discussed.	Pages 1 to 6 compiled by H. G. G.
	13.5.45		Weather - Fair to Cloudy. Squadron Commander issued 11 Recommendations for D.F.C.'s Squadron Commander held 20 interviews for Consideration. 11 received "Recommended" whilst remainder "Not Recommended". All forwarded to Station Headquarters for further interviews by Station and Base Commanders.	
	14.5.45		Weather - Fair - Showers during late afternoon. No flying. Baseball game played between AG's and Navigators. Won by former 11 - 3. Golf Tournament being planned for end of next week. To be staged at Stranmillis Golf Club.	
	15.5.45		Weather - Fair to Cloudy. Squadron disbanded as at this date. Authority: Bomber Command Letter, reference B/S.33743 (20), dated 17th May, 1945. Attached is a list of appendices together with articles - considered suitable for Historical Records at Air Force Headquarters. Future recordings of Squadron events will be attached as an appendix to R.C.A.F. Station West Hobs' Operations Record Book (Form 540) until such time as Posting Date for R.C.A.F. Station, West Hobs is announced.	
DISBANDMENT OF SQUADRON				
<p>With hostilities against Germany at an end this Squadron officially completed its activities on 15th May, 1945. Reformation of No. 475 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron in the days to follow can give back upon most satisfactory record of achievements in this particular theatre of war - both within Canada and elsewhere within Bomber Command. It has an alternative has been received concerning future plans for Squadron personnel. Some are going to be redeployed for the so-called Second Theatre and to this we say - Good Luck.</p>				

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24 C.A.F. STATION, FOOT HILL, SOUTH WEST, YORKSHIRE.	6.3.45		Weather - <i>Cloudy - slight rain - becoming fine.</i> No operations scheduled. Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Services well attended by Squadron Personnel. Squadron Commander - CAPT J. H. Bell - held a meeting of Flight Commanders and Section Leaders concerning Flying Training Programme Policy. Honorary "A" & "B" Pilots will perform Flying Displays on an alternate day and night basis. This will be done by flying being performed entirely during afternoon period thus leaving morning period available for ground operations. All flights commenced operating on this basis today by flying 40 aircraft during afternoon for 2 1/2 hours whilst at night 4 aircraft flew from 19:00 hours onwards. Squadron Commander - CAPT J. H. Bell - held a meeting of Flight and Section Commanders - to discuss, in detail, the appropriate programme of entertainment previously planned. This programme to commence immediately following the official declaration at 19:00 hours tomorrow by the Prime Minister of Great Britain - The Most Honourable Winston Churchill, M.P., M.C., M.B.E. - that Victory in Europe has been achieved by the Armed Forces of the Allied Nations. Feature event of said programme will be the Squadron Party - including both Air and Ground Crews. All Airframes are stored in Squadron Safe.		Pages 1 to 6 Continued by Reference
	7.3.45		Weather - <i>Cloudy.</i> No flying. Advice received late in afternoon that tomorrow - 8th 3th 1945 is to be recorded as Victory - in - Europe Day. W/L. P. Bell - Squadron Commander immediately on receipt of this information - called a meeting of Flight and Section Commanders - to discuss, in detail, the appropriate programme of entertainment previously planned. This programme to commence immediately following the official declaration at 19:00 hours tomorrow by the Prime Minister of Great Britain - The Most Honourable Winston Churchill, M.P., M.C., M.B.E. - that Victory in Europe has been achieved by the Armed Forces of the Allied Nations. Feature event of said programme will be the Squadron Party - including both Air and Ground Crews. All Airframes are stored in Squadron Safe.		
	8.3.45		Weather - <i>Cloudy - slight rain.</i> Squadron Personnel attended their respective Thanksgiving Church Services at 11:00 hours. Services conducted by Station and Squadron Chaplains, and were most impressive. In afternoon - following the official declaration by the Prime Minister - activities commenced. Good fun had by all and no one injured.		
	9.3.45		Weather - No flying. No. 1 Mess still being celebrated by Squadron Personnel - everybody having an enjoyable time.		
	10.3.45		Weather - <i>fine to cloudy.</i> No flying. No. 1 Mess (see you tomorrow).		
	11.3.45		Weather - <i>Rain.</i> No flying. Mess now commencing in Mess - as to our future. Decision has been reached by the Mess Headquarters that this Squadron will be disbanded on 15.3.45. 50% of Squadron placed on 11 days leave. Messy Room Staff being preparing passes.		(Continued Page 3)

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R.A.F. STATION, RAIT HILL, SURREY, ENGLAND, YORKSHIRE.	1.3.46		".....in the Merry, Merry Month of May", so goes the popular Ballad - and as said Month commences hopes are being held high that before it dawns to a conclusion peace will have descended upon the "Anglo-Saxons of the West". Instantly peace is declared no doubt our "Dear Army" will become "Dear Army to be so Dear Home, Dear....." - MMH to suit the mood of the moment. <i>Weather - Cloudy - turning fine in late afternoon.</i> No operations scheduled. Flying training programme - consisting of 12 aircraft - 21.00-22.00 hours. Administration Conference, presided over by CAPT. J. J. G. W. B. Martins, Senior Base Administrative Officer, held today at 10.00 (A.M.) hours. Present: Senior Base Administrative Officer, Station and Squadron Adjutant, etc. Major items on agenda - V. V. Day Celebrations and Personnel Programme for immediate period following. In this regard this Squadron has incorporated its programme with that of the Station Head quarters - which programme feature sports, lectures, tours of facilities - etc. - other points discussed included "new" order re uniforms, discontinuing of Aircrew Members and Documentation Routine prior to the conference being announced the Commandant, Air Commodore G. E. Hurley said a few words of appreciation to the Officers present - which was only to the core. Following adjournment - tea and coffee. (Under which they secured the "ten torts").		<i>Pages 1 to 6 completed by [Signature]</i>
	2.3.46		<i>Weather - Cloudy.</i> No operations scheduled. 10:00 hours Flying Training flown by 3 aircraft. Air Officers' Contact Pilots 9-9 in the evening part of the Squadron football league. Much enthusiasm being shown by all sections and good fun should be secured by all participating. CAPT. J. J. G. W. B. Martins is directing the League activities.		
	3.3.46		<i>Weather - Cloudy - turning to rain.</i> No operations scheduled. Flying Training programme continued today with 4 aircraft flying 11:00 hours. Today's football game won by Navigators - who defeated Squadron Headquarters by a 4-1 score. Brochure showing what and how the future of Squadron activities. With war in Europe ending - a "Swedish" finish - such talk as to the possibility of our being converted to new type of aircraft - should this materialise might result in our Squadron being attached to the best base - prior to entering into "second phase" action.		
	4.3.46		<i>Weather - Cloudy.</i> No operations scheduled. Flying Training today totalled 11:00 hours by 4 aircraft. Football Game Score - A.C.'s 3 A/B's 2 - 11 lines. League today has seen good participation by all section teams.		
	5.3.46		<i>Weather - Cloudy - with slight rain.</i> No operational or training flying carried out today. Ground lectures held by section leaders. No football game scheduled for today. Instructions received that - should decision be reached that this Squadron will be converting to a new type of aircraft - ground lectures for pilots Navigators and		
	6.3.46		The Officers will continue on 6.3.46. Lectures will deal with procedure to be followed re flying to the new type and will last for 4 days. More moon!		

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R.C.A.F. STATION, WART HALL, SUTTON, WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.	11.5.45		Baseball game staged between Pilots and Navigators, game won by latter 23 - 13. (Pitching battle - 10/7).		Pages 1 to 6 compiled by S. S. S.
	12.5.45		Weather - Fair to Cloudy. Section leaders consenting to class to "paper" some "moving date" in regard made by all - and now that it appears we are "Canada-bound" - a brisk business in "second-hand cars and motor-cycles" being discussed.		
	13.5.45		Weather - Fair to Cloudy. Squadron Commander issued 11 Recommendations for D.O.C.'s. Squadron Commander held 30 interviews for consideration. 11 received "Recommended" whilst remainder "Not Recommended". All forwarded to Station Headquarters for further interviews by Station and Base Commanders.		
	14.5.45		Weather - Fair - Thunderstorm during late afternoon. No flying. Baseball game played between WAF's and Navigators. Won by former 11 - 3. Golf tournament being planned for end of next week. To be staged at Stranmillis Golf Club.		
	15.5.45		Weather - Fair to Cloudy. Squadron disbanded as at this date. Authority: Bomber Command Letter, reference B.P. 3,324/03, dated 15th May, 1945. Attached is a list of appendices together with articles - considered suitable for Historical Records at Air Force Headquarters. Future recordings of Squadron events will be attached as an appendix to R.C.A.F. Station Headquarters Operations Record Book (Form 540) until such time as Posting Date for R.C.A.F. Station, Wart Hall is announced.		
DISBANDMENT OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE					
<p>With hostilities against Germany at an end this Squadron officially completed its activities on 15th May, 1945. The personnel of No. 417 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron in the days to follow can give back upon and satisfactory record of their services in this particular theatre of war - both within Canada and elsewhere within Bomber Command. It has no objective has been received concerning future plans for Squadron personnel. However, as a great many will be volunteering for the so-called "second phase" and to them we say - Good Luck.</p>					

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U.S. A.F. STATION, EAST MICH, SUPPORT GRP, YORKSHIRE	13, 3, 43		Consolidation File		Pages 1-6 changed to month
			Consolidation File		
			CAN. 219909 P/O Thomas, J. Pilot. Posted from 76 (RCAF) Base, u.s.f. 4.3.43		
			CAN. 219551 P/O Forbes, D.A. Navigator.		
			CAN. 224822 P/S Cook, J. A/B.		
			CAN. 217495 P/O Jones, J.L. W/P.		
			CAN. 227495 P/S Cook, J. A/B.		
			CAN. 227981 P/S Harrison, H.R. A/G.		
			CAN. 222021 P/S Hawkins, J.L. W/P.		
			Consolidation File		
			CAN. 219373 P/O Jones, H.L. Pilot. Posted from 76 (RCAF) Base, u.s.f. 3.3.43		
			CAN. 214752 P/S Tindley, W.E. Navigator.		
			CAN. 214752 P/O Hootney, H.A. A/B.		
			RAF. 488246 SGT Mathewson, J. A/G.		
			CAN. 228770 P/S Mathewson, G.L. A/G.		
			CAN. 228770 SGT MacDonnell, G.D. A/G.		
			RAF. 644169 SGT Amott, R.H. W/P.		
			Consolidation File		
			CAN. 214956 P/O Fisher, F.B. Pilot. Posted from 76 (RCAF) Base, u.s.f. 30.3.43		
			CAN. 214956 P/O Fulmerston, K.A. Navigator.		
			CAN. 223581 P/S Mackay, A.J. A/B.		
			CAN. 211772 P/O Mackay, A.J. W/P.		
			CAN. 211772 P/O Mackay, A.J. A/B.		
			CAN. 211772 P/O Landon, F. A/G.		
			RAF. 159742 P/S Gange, L. W/P.		
			Consolidation File		
			CAN. 219222 P/O Hearn, G.H. Pilot. Posted to 405 Squadron, u.s.f. 28.4.43		
			CAN. 214667 P/O Sargent, H.H. Navigator.		
			CAN. 214724 P/O House, J.L. A/B.		
			CAN. 221832 P/S Rayson, D. W/P.		
			CAN. 227960 P/S Glassford, G.H. A/G.		
			CAN. 219449 P/S Brewster, G. A/B.		
			RAF. 136574 P/S Walby, J. W/P.		
			Consolidation File		
			CAN. 219079 P/O Moyne, R.A. A/B. Posted to RCAF O/S, H.L. u.s.f. 1.3.43		
			CAN. 219203 P/O Walker, A.J. W/P.		
			CAN. 214771 P/O Jones, J. Navigator. Posted to 22 O/S, u.s.f. 30.3.43		
			CAN. 215316 P/L MacCallister, J.L. Pilot. Posted to RCAF HQ Depot, u.s.f. 4.3.43		
			RAF. 632944 SGT Hedges, J.H. W/P. Posted to RAF Stn, Warton, u.s.f. 7.3.43		
			CAN. 212822 P/O Chown, G.H. Navigator. Posted to RCAF O/S, H.L. u.s.f. 7.3.43		
			CAN. 221912 P/S Langan, W.A. A/G. Posted to RCAF HQ Depot, u.s.f. 7.3.43		
			CAN. 219279 P/O Palmer, F.W. A/G.		
			CAN. 229461 P/S Mathewson, G.L. A/G.		
			CAN. 227079 P/S Mathewson, G.L. A/G.		
			CAN. 214340 P/O Mathewson, G.L. A/G.		
			CAN. 212922 P/O Chown, G.H. W/P.		

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R.C.A.F. STATION, RUST HALL, SURREY - Cdn. 100107, YORKSHIRE	15.3.45		Northam Unit Comm.					
		CAN. J.9457 P/O Perkins, M.A.	A/B.	Posted to RCAF 1st Depot, u.c. 7.3.45	<i>Pages 1 to 6 compiled by Secretary</i>			
		CAN. J.9539 P/O Purdie, F.B.	Inv.	" " " " " " " "				
		CAN. J.1186 P/O Northrop, J.R.	Pilot.	" " " " " " " "				
		CAN. J.13906 P/O Boyens, R.	A/B.	" " " " " " " "				
		CAN. J.40332 P/O Stanning, J.G.	A/B.	Posted to RCAF 1st Depot, u.c. 10.3.45				
		CAN. J.77329 SGT Kelly, R.A.	S/W.	" " " " " " " "				
		CAN. J.23877 P/O Deane, W.H.	Inv.	Posted to RCAF 1st Depot, u.c. 10.3.45				
		CAN. J.23922 P/O Atkins, R.G.	A/B.	Posted to 63 (RCAF) Base, u.c. 12.3.45				
		CAN. J.57385 P/O Ryan, J.	A/B.	Posted to 63 (RCAF) Base, u.c. 12.3.45				
		CAN. J.22594 P/O Goodwin, A.S.	Pilot.	Posted to 63 (RCAF) Base, u.c. 12.3.45				
		CAN. J.94838 P/O Burt, D.L.	Inv.	" " " " " " " "				
		CAN. J.83133 P/O Bartlett, P.S.	A/B.	" " " " " " " "				
		CAN. J.59059 P/O Russell, J.A.	A/B.	" " " " " " " "				
		Proposals and Recommendations						
		CAN. J.36972 P/O Riddle, L.A.	Pilot.	Appointed to the rank of A/B. u.c. 10.4.45				
		CAN. J.9232 P/O Ross, G.R.	Pilot.	" " " " " " " "				
		CAN. J.19176 P/O Morris, R.G.	A/B.	" " " " " " " "				
		CAN. J.37480 P/O Hillbank, R.R.	Pilot.	" " " " " " " "				
		CAN. J.83049 P/O Reebler, J.	Pilot.	" " " " " " " "				
		CAN. J.24982 A/B Atkins, R.G.	A/B.	" " " " " " " "				
		CAN. J.24403 P/O Goodwin, A.S.	Pilot.	" " " " " " " "				
		CAN. J.91197 P/O Goodwin, P.L.	Pilot.	" " " " " " " "				
		CAN. J.52788 P/O Macintosh, R.L.	Pilot.	" " " " " " " "				
		CAN. J.34226 P/O Tommasini, A.H.	Pilot.	Promoted to the rank of A/B. u.c. 12.4.45				
		CAN. J.42442 P/O Dunlop, R.S.	A/B.	" " " " " " " "				
		CAN. J.68487 P/O Haldy, J.S.	A/B.	" " " " " " " "				
		CAN. J.65692 P/O D'Aquino, J.C.B.	A/B.	" " " " " " " "				
		CAN. J.2480 P/O Wilson, D.A.	A/B.	" " " " " " " "				
		CAN. J.194077 P/O Wilson, D.A.	A/B.	" " " " " " " "				
CAN. J.192282 P/O Campbell, J.M.	Inv.	" " " " " " " "						
CAN. J.279423 SGT Millar, H.G.	A/B.	" " " " " " " "						
CAN. J.180919 SGT MacLeod, T.	A/B.	" " " " " " " "						
CAN. J.225017 S/O Forsythe, M.G.	A/B.	" " " " " " " "						
CAN. J.224420 SGT Millar, H.G.	Pilot.	" " " " " " " "						
CAN. J.212670 S/O Sturges, G.L.	A/B.	" " " " " " " "						
CAN. J.201240 S/O MacGill, H.	Pilot.	" " " " " " " "						
CAN. J.220948 S/O Boyd, G.H.	A/B.	" " " " " " " "						
CAN. J.207553 S/O Wilson, J.S.	Inv.	" " " " " " " "						
CAN. J.230640 S/O Burt, D.L.	W/O.	" " " " " " " "						
CAN. J.227600 SGT Conn, A.A.L.	A/B.	" " " " " " " "						
CAN. J.270431 SGT Horne, H.R.	A/B.	" " " " " " " "						
CAN. J.193692 P/O Dickson, J.M.	W/O.	" " " " " " " "						
CAN. J.140028 SGT Boyack, R.L.	S/O.	" " " " " " " "						
CAN. J.284472 SGT Belaney, J.H.	A/B.	" " " " " " " "						

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R. C. A. F. STATION, EAST MICH, SUFFERN CO. FOREST, Y. H. E. STR.	25.3.45		Propositions Contd. OAL 1290255 SGT Winfield, G. H. 1/G Presented to the rank of 2/G. u.o.f. 14.4.45 RAF 1627493 SGT Swan, M. J. 2/G " " " 2/G. u.o.f. 20.2.45 RAF 1866062 SGT Roy, L. W. 2/G " " " 2/G. u.o.f. 3.4.45		Pages 15 & 16 continued by B. Sawant
			Commissions. RAF 1690721 SGT Wilson, J. 2/G Appointed to commission, u.o.f. 3.3.45 (196407) OAL 1864483 W/O2 Doolan, M. G. 4/G " " " u.o.f. 6.2.45 (194617) OAL 1820648 W/O2 Barr, R. G. 1/G " " " u.o.f. 26.3.45 (194633)		
			Honours and Awards: NIL.		
			Person in Command: NIL.		
			Direct on Charge: Halifax III. 15. Halifax VII. 2.		
			During Flights: Operational Flgts: NIL. Non Operational Flgts: 62:45 hours Night: NIL. Day: 11:25 hours.		
			Sorties: NIL. No. of bombs: NIL.		
			Bombs Dropped: 2000 lb. 1000 lb. 500 lb. 250 lb. 112 lb. 50 lb. Inc. 4 lb. Inc.		
			Weight of Bombs:		
			Brought forward: 429 2728 1264 869 277 1512 36767		
			Total bombs dropped: 492 2729 1261 868 277 1512 36758		
			Strength:		
			Officers: 142		
			R. C. A. F. Airman: 126		
			R. A. F. Officer: 6		
			R. A. F. Airman: 30		
			R. C. A. F. Airman: 1		
			R. C. A. F. Airman: 1		

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 (J. H. BALL) Wing Commander,
 Officer Commanding,
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