

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

of (Unit or Formation) 120 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON

No. of Pages used for day

Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
	1945			
Tholthorne, Yorks.	1st Feb		Operations were called for and 7 aircraft were detailed to attack "MAINE". All aircraft became airborne and successfully attacked the primary target and all returned to base safely. One of the new pilots was checked out by the Squadron Officer. Sgt Lord of 6 Group visited the Squadron.	
	2nd Feb		Operations were called for and 14 aircraft were detailed to attack "MAINE" (11 aircraft became airborne and attacked the primary target. All but one aircraft returned to base. One aircraft landed away. Training consisted of one cross country and one local flight.	
	3rd Feb		No operations called for to-day. Training consisted of two cross countries and one local flight. Nothing further of importance to-day.	
	4th Feb		Operations called for and 20 aircraft were detailed - 4 aircraft to attack "ROUN", and 16 aircraft to attack "MAINE". All aircraft successfully attacked their primary target and all but one returned to base. One aircraft landed away due to petrol shortage. Sgt Lord (Squadron Officer) returned to base later in the day.	
	5th Feb		Operations called for but later cancelled after being set back twice. Training consisted of 3 cross countries and landings. A new policy with regard to recovery was released to-day, stating that a true recovery should be made.	
	6th Feb		Due to bad weather there was no flying. Crews went to Ribon for wet dinghy drill. Practices for interrogation of Prisoners of War was held in the briefing room. Stand down after 1500 hours. The following were scheduled to-day:- J. 27 231 P/O J.F. Bomber J. 92865 P/O P.D. Beag J. 53777 P/O L.J. Beag J. 92867 P/O R.L. L. Wilber J. 53777 P/O G.O. Bragg J. 7520 S/L V.G. Motherwell IFC P. J. 55132 P/O A.W. MacDonald A/B J. 55915 P/O L.R. McGown IAV J. 92865 P/O L.R. Engstrom IAV W/P J. 52156 P/O T.J. Bibby A/G J. 50784 P/O S.J. Hietson on the A/G C. 67755 P/O H.A. Munnery IFC	
	7th Feb		Operations called for and 16 aircraft detailed to attack "ROUN". All aircraft took off and 7 aircraft attacked the primary. The remaining aircraft were shortive sorties due to 10/10ths cloud over target and difficulty in hearing Master Bomber. All aircraft returned to base. Training consisted of 1 cross country.	

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Thalberg, Yorks.	8 Feb		<p>Operations were called for to-day and 16 aircraft were detailed to attack "WARR KIDNEY" oil plant. All aircraft became airborne and all made successful attacks on the primary target. All aircraft returned safely to base without incident.</p> <p>The following personnel were assessed w.o.f. to-day:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>J. 21376 P/L G.H. Austen</td> <td>Pilot</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J. 23079 P/O G.L. Jackson</td> <td>A/S</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J. 22653 P/O P.J. West</td> <td>NAV</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J. 22050 P/O H.G. Gilman</td> <td>WOP</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R228845 P/B Lynn, J.R.</td> <td>A/C</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R2378866 Sgt Mason, J.R.</td> <td>P/B</td> </tr> </table>	J. 21376 P/L G.H. Austen	Pilot	J. 23079 P/O G.L. Jackson	A/S	J. 22653 P/O P.J. West	NAV	J. 22050 P/O H.G. Gilman	WOP	R228845 P/B Lynn, J.R.	A/C	R2378866 Sgt Mason, J.R.	P/B		THE EARLY HOURS OF THE NIGHT
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			<p>Notification was received to-day that the following personnel were classified missing believed killed. - R122256 W/O D.R. Lorenz, missing 16/17 August 1945. - R2371028 P/O A.E. Goodall missing 27/28 May 1944.</p>														
	9 Feb		<p>Operations were called for and one aircraft was detailed, however the operation was cancelled. There was no training carried out.</p>														
	10 Feb		<p>No operations to-day. Training consisted of 5 aircraft on daylight cross country. No night flying due to Squadron party. The party was held in the crew room for Air Crew and Ground Crew personnel of 429 Squadron. Visitors were G/O J.H. Loomis, W/O Phelan, and W/O Lohr, O.G. 425 Squadron. There was much free beer and sandwiches for everyone and the party was a very successful one.</p>														
	11 Feb		<p>Due to bad weather there was no flying training to-day and no operations were called for. Pilots and Engineers received a lecture on sailing from W/O McCullough. In the afternoon the Squadron aircraft received a lecture from P/L Green on the activities of 100 Group.</p>														
	12 Feb		<p>Due to bad weather there was no flying training and no operations were called for. Aircraft received a lecture from Major Falbet on Army Co-Operation targets. Stand down till 2030 hours.</p>														
	13 Feb		<p>7 aircraft were put on flying training but were cancelled because of operational requirements. 14 aircraft were detailed to attack "ROHLEN" and all aircraft took off. All aircraft successfully attacked the primary target. 13 aircraft returned to base and 1 loaded away and one aircraft "J" - Capt J. 22988 P/L H.A. McNeil is missing from this operation.</p>														

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Dalthorpe, Yorks.	<u>13 Feb</u>	(Cont'd)	A new crew reported to the Squadron to-day to take up operational duties, captain - J. 87629 P/O J.G. Galligan.		
	<u>14 Feb</u>		Operations were called for to-day and 9 aircraft were detailed to attack "CHERITE". All aircraft took off and 8 aircraft attacked the primary target. 6 aircraft returned safely to base. Aircraft by Capt J. 12266, P/O R.R. Ledington landed away. Aircraft "Y" Capt J. 92775, P/O R.C. Gale is missing from this operation. Aircraft "B" Capt J. 41164, P/O W.S. Anderson returned early due to engine failure, crashed on approach killing all but MA Upper Gunner - R. 276319, P/O Gillet, W.R. - J. 20968, P/L H.A. McFola and crew were reported safe to-day having landed away at Juvincourt in France after completing yesterday's operations. Training to-day consisted of one aircraft on a cross country which was recalled early due to operational requirements. Three aircraft are still diverted away from yesterday's operations. A new crew reported to-day for operational duties - Capt J. 38277, P/O J.L. Brown.		
	<u>15 Feb</u>		Due to bad weather there was no flying training to-day and operations were not called for. P/L McFola and J. 92775, P/O R.C. Gale who were reported missing yesterday returned to base from Juvincourt in France where they had both landed after completing their operational trip. A new crew reported to-day, Capt J. 16079, P/L R.R. Flynn. A stand down was given until 2359 hours.		
	<u>16 Feb</u>		Due to bad weather there was no flying training and operations were not called for to-day. The crew attended an A.R.R. lecture. A warning for an early morning operation came through at 1700 hours.		
	<u>17 Feb</u>		Operations called for 15 aircraft to attack "WISSE" - all aircraft took off. One aircraft attacked the primary, the remainder were abortive due to Master Bomber's instructions. All aircraft were diverted away on their return. One aircraft is missing from this operation - "X" Captain J. 35146, P/O M.R. Stock.		
<u>18 Feb</u>		All aircraft returned from diversion but one. One crew was checked out, no other flying due to poor visibility. Information received that aircraft "X" Capt J. 35146, P/O M.R. Stock crashed into a hill in North England while returning from operations, killing all			

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Thaltheorpe, Yorks.	1945				
	18 Feb	(Con'td)	the number of the crew but the rear Gunner, R.197912, P/S Beason, J.A.		
	19 Feb		No flying training due to bad weather, no operations called for. Pilots and Engineers received a lecture from W/O McCullough on Halifax III Hydraulics. Stand down till 2359 hours.		
	20 Feb		Flying training consisted of 2 check outs on new crews and three cross countries. Operations called for and 13 aircraft were detailed to attack "Manshin". All aircraft took off and successfully attacked the primary target. All aircraft returned safely to base.		
	21 Feb		Operations called for and 14 aircraft detailed to attack "Worms". All aircraft took off and successfully attacked the primary target. One aircraft "O" Capt. J.92775 P/O Cole was diverted away, remainder returned safely to base.		
			The following were screened to-day:- 3.2818 P/O G. Smith 3.2818 P/O G. Dyer 3.2822 P/O P. W. Jones 3.2822 P/O G. Vollbracht 3.2822 P/O W. J. Beason 3.2822 P/O R. F. Dobby		
	22 Feb		Training consisted of 3 cross countries, no operations were called for. J.27783, P/L V.M. Shotton returned from diversion. Stand down till 2359 hours.		
		The following were screened to-day:- 3.2818 P/O A.A. Young 3.2822 P/O R.N. Williams 3.2822 P/O R. Salveston 3.2822 P/O A.G. Williams 3.2822 P/O W.H. Hilda 3.2822 P/O J.A. Pattinson			
	23 Feb		Operations were called for and 17 aircraft were detailed to attack "R530P". All aircraft took off and 15 aircraft attacked the primary target. Two aircraft were abortive. One "H" Capt. G. J. 18875, P/L Ryan, R.A.F. was to lead the gaggle formation. The other "H" Capt. G. 13128, P/L Dushanan, D.L. early return due to hydraulic trouble, undercarriage could not be retracted. All aircraft returned safely to base.		
	23 Feb		The following information was received to-day:-		

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	<u>1945</u>				
Thaltherpe, Yorks.	25 Feb	(Con'td)	<p>J. 3876 P/O W. Webb - Reclassified missing believed killed J. 4284 P/O J.H. Walk - Reclassified missing believed killed J. 9185 P/O G.L. Hawks - Reclassified prisoner of war J. 9119 P/O D.O. Mackay - Reclassified prisoner of war J. 9288 P/O J.C. Skidmore - Reclassified prisoner of war (All missing on the night of 16/17 of January, 1945).</p>		
	24 Feb		Operations called for 14 aircraft to attack "KAMOH". All aircraft detailed took off safely and attacked the primary target successfully. All aircraft returned to base without incident. J. 92775, P/O Cole and crew returned from their diversion of the 21st.		
	25 Feb		No operations called for and no flying training carried out. 2 pilots went on link training and two crews went on dinghy instruction. A new crew reported to the squadron for operational duties - Captain J. 39624, P/O D.M. Metrick.		
	26 Feb		No operations required for to-day, training details consisted of 13 cross countries, bombing and gunnery. One pilot went on link training. In the afternoon a parade was held for presentation of trophies, the squadron received the 6 Crow trophy for Gunnery. The presentation was made by the A.C.C. Air Commodore Eason accompanied by the Base Commander, Air Commodore Hurley, who were entertained at tea in the mess after the parade.		
	27 Feb		Operations were called for and 16 aircraft were detailed to attack "MAINE" in daylight. All aircraft became airborne and successfully attacked the primary target. All aircraft returned safely to base. One aircraft "J" Capt. J. 2266, P/L Ledingham, H.R. sustained damage on the wings from falling bombs from other aircraft.		
	28 Feb		No operations were called for, so the squadron concentrated on training. Flying training details numbered 13, and consisted of cross countries, bombing, air to air and fighter affiliation. One pilot attended link training to-day.		
			<p>SHORT RESUME BY SQUADRON COMMANDER</p> <p>The squadron in February did 164 sorties to 13 targets. 6 crews were screened, five new crews received, and eight commissions came through.</p> <p>The weather was just fair for training but 420 still topped the group comfortably in flying training hours, though lost the Gunnery trophy to 425 by 3 points. Honour of Efficiency award is not announced yet.</p> <p>We lost two crews over this country on return from operations. P/O Anderson crashed from about 700 feet in the approach to 28 runway and all but one gunner were killed, P/O Stock, on a diversion course, flew into high ground in Scotland and killed all but the rear gunner. After successfully negotiating enemy territory, it was a sad blow to the squadron to lose these men so close to home.</p>		

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			POSTINGS OUT		
			J. 2511 SGT Becho G.W. A/S Posted to 425 (HMAP) Squadron w.e.f. 23.1.45		
			J. 2515 S/L Milton W.J. A/C Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 5.2.45		
			J. 2518 S/O Giffon J.A. Pilot Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 5.2.45		
			J. 2516 S/O McKoy R.H. Pilot Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 5.2.45		
			J. 2517 S/O Pilling W.L. S/O Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 5.2.45		
			J. 2527 S/O Am L.V. A/C Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 5.2.45		
			J. 2529 S/O Wilkie G.W. A/C Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 5.2.45		
			J. 2528 S/O McArthur E.D. A/C Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 5.2.45		
			J. 2528 S/O Byers W.J. A/C Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 5.2.45		
			J. 2539 S/O Stewart E.G. A/S Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 6.2.45		
			J. 2545 S/O Bennett J.E. P Posted to No. 62 (HMAP) Base NE Sick w.e.f. 2.2.45		
			J. 2545 S/O Davis R.J.P. Nav Posted to No. 62 (HMAP) Base NE Sick w.e.f. 2.2.45		
			J. 2545 S/O Fletcher J.E. WAC Posted to No. 62 (HMAP) Base NE Sick w.e.f. 2.2.45		
			J. 2545 S/O MacDonald J.E. A/B Posted to No. 62 (HMAP) Base NE Sick w.e.f. 2.2.45		
			J. 2545 S/O Spruce A.E. A/C Posted to No. 62 (HMAP) Base NE Sick w.e.f. 2.2.45		
			J. 2545 S/O McKelvey D.H. A/C Posted to No. 62 (HMAP) Base NE Sick w.e.f. 2.2.45		
			J. 2545 S/O Tustin P.H. S/O Posted to No. 62 (HMAP) Base NE Sick w.e.f. 2.2.45		
			J. 2545 S/O MacDonald W.E.L. S/L Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 12.2.45		
			J. 2725 S/O Asher H.D. Pilot Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 12.2.45		
			J. 2725 S/O Baker W.G. WAC Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 12.2.45		
			J. 2725 S/O Copeland E.E. A/C Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 12.2.45		
			J. 2725 S/O Hingle F.G. A/C Posted to 1664 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 12.2.45		
			J. 2725 S/O Gibbs H.J. A/S Posted to A.G.A.C. Brackla w.e.f. 11.2.45		
			RAP18596 S/O Austin J.E. WAC Posted to A.G.A.C. Brackla w.e.f. 25.2.45		
			RAP18597 S/O Sheppard R.W. S/O Posted to A.G.A.C. Brackla w.e.f. 25.2.45		
			RAP18597 S/O Lander M. S/O Posted to A.G.A.C. Brackla w.e.f. 25.2.45		
			RAP18597 S/O Stephens A. S/O Posted to A.G.A.C. Brackla w.e.f. 25.2.45		
			RAP18597 S/O Gibbs G.P. S/O Posted to A.G.A.C. Brackla w.e.f. 25.2.45		
			J. 2825 S/O La Rose E.E. WAC Posted to 62 (HMAP) Base w.e.f. 21.2.45		
			J. 2825 S/O Walker G.G. S/O Posted to 1659 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 28.2.45		
			J. 2825 S/O Hightbridge J.E. S/O Posted to 1659 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 28.2.45		
			J. 2825 S/O Brown J.F. Pilot Posted to 1664 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 22.2.45		
			J. 2825 S/O Armstrong O.H. Pilot Posted to 1664 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 22.2.45		
			J. 2825 S/O McMillan A.J. A/B Posted to 1664 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 21.2.45		
			J. 2825 S/O Reid R.A.C. WAC Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 23.2.45		
			J. 2827 S/O Brown R.J. A/C Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 23.2.45		
			J. 2827 S/O Craig R.T. S/O Posted to R.C.A.F. OVERSIS HEADQUARTERS w.e.f. 1.2.45		
			J. 2827 S/O Smith S.H. S/O Posted to 425 (HMAP) Squadron w.e.f. 21.2.45		
			J. 2827 S/O Sturges W. S/O Posted to 425 (HMAP) Squadron w.e.f. 21.2.45		
			J. 2827 S/O Hartness D.J. A/C Posted to 425 (HMAP) Squadron w.e.f. 21.2.45		
			R13251 W/O Beaudin J.F. WAC Posted to R.M.A.E. & "R" Depot w.e.f. 27.2.45		
			R13252 W/O Dewary J.E.D.L. A/S Posted to No. 62 (HMAP) Base NE Sick w.e.f. 18.2.45		
			J. 2827 S/O Chester W.R. A/B Posted to 1659 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 27.2.45		
			J. 2827 S/O Hibby I.J. A/C Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 23.45		
			J. 2827 S/O Volthrecht G.W. A/C Posted to No. 62 (HMAP) Base NE Sick w.e.f. 22.2.45		

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APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS						
			J. 87951 P/O E.G. Smith WAG Promoted to P/O w.e.f. 2.2.45			
			J. 27748 P/O (A/P/O) W.G. Phelan Pilot Promoted to P/O w.e.f. 5.8.44			
			RAF 174229 P/O E.S. Mulholland P/O Appntd. to A/P/O w.e.f. 23.1.45			
COMMISSIONS						
R.A.F.						
			976846 SGT Messes J.E. P/O 190353 Commissioned w.e.f. 7.12.44			
			1868748 SGT Main W.H. P/O 190354 w.e.f. 23.11.44			
			1899990 SGT Crump J.K. P/O 190751 w.e.f. 7.4.45			
R.C.A.F.						
			RL2784 WO1 Sallis R.F. A/G J. 93048 Commissioned w.e.f. 22.9.44			
			RL4215 P/S Gordon J.R. WAG J. 93342 w.e.f. 10.12.44			
			RL4944 P/S Gault M.H. WAG J. 93344 w.e.f. 16.12.44			
			RL4822 P/S Bishop H.S. Pilot J. 93376 w.e.f. 26.10.44			
			RL19588 WO1 Keane R.H. WAG J. 93524 w.e.f. 3.11.44			
HONORS AND AWARDS						
			RL4563 P/S Engeman L.K. WAG - Awarded the Non-Immediate Distinguished Flying Medal			
CHANGES IN COMMAND. NIL						
CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION. NIL						
AIRCRAFT ON CHARGE 22 HA: P/W III						
OPERATIONAL AND NON-OPERATIONAL FLYING HOURS. Operational: 1229.00						
Non-Operational: 345.40						
NO. OF SORTIES 184						
MONTHLY AND CUMULATIVE TOTALS OF BOMBS DROPPED AND TONS LAID.						
Total No. of tons of bombs dropped during the month of February 1945. 437.82						
Total No. of tons of bombs dropped to date during 1945. 1229.15						
NUMBER OF COMBATS WITH ENEMY AIRCRAFT: Combats.....3						
Destroyed.....1						
Prob. Destroyed.....1						
Damaged.....NIL						
See Appendix "G"						
STRENGTH AIRCRAFT						
			R.C.A.F.	R.A.F.	R.N.E.A.F.	Ground Crew
			Officers	Officers	Airmen	Airmen
Pilots	31	-	NIL	NIL	1 WAG	R.C.A.F. Officers 1.
Air Bombers	29	6	NIL	NIL		R.C.A.F. Airmen NIL.
W/O's	17	19	NIL	NIL		
Air Gunners	14	52	NIL	2		
Navigators	26	6	NIL	NIL		
Flt. Engineers	3	10	14	14		

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