

MONTH OF DECEMBER 1942 (1st to 31st)
OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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of (Unit or Formation) 425 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

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DISBORTH, YORKS.	1. NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF UNIT AS AT 1st DECEMBER, 1942:																												
			RCAF : OFFICERS - Aircrew 21 Ground Crew 4 RCAF Airman: Aircrew 111 Ground Crew 282 W.P.F. " " " " " Nil W.P.F. " " " " " Nil " " " " " Nil " " " " " Nil TOTAL: OFFICERS <u>25</u> & TOTAL: TROOP/WOMEN <u>126</u> <u>392</u>																										
	1 Dec/42		Weather: Cloudy with moderate visibility. Wind light S.W. becoming N.W'ly. "A" FLIGHT: 2 aircraft detailed as follows: one aircraft for an air test and one aircraft for practice at circuits and landings and D.C.O. "B" FLIGHT: 2 aircraft detailed for H.P.T.'s and all flying cancelled. OPERATIONS: (Day) - 5 aircraft and 1 aircraft (Reserve) required and cancelled.																										
	2 Dec/42		Weather: Fine with good visibility. Wind calm becoming light N.W'ly. "A" FLIGHT: 5 aircraft detailed for H.P.T.'s and 2 were cancelled. "B" FLIGHT: 9 aircraft detailed as follows: 4 aircraft for training and 1 aircraft were cancelled. 5 aircraft for H.P.T.'s and one was cancelled. OPERATIONS: (Night) - 10 aircraft required and cancelled.																										
	3 Dec/42		Weather: Cloudy with poor visibility deteriorating to fog in evening. Wind light or variable. "A" FLIGHT: No flying. "B" FLIGHT: 7 aircraft detailed as follows: 4 aircraft for training and 2 aircraft were cancelled. Also 3 aircraft for H.P.T.'s and all 3 cancelled. OPERATIONS: (Day): 2 aircraft required and cancelled. (NIGHT): 10 aircraft required and cancelled.																										
	4 Dec/42		Weather: overcast with fog all day. Wind light S.W'ly. "A" & "B" FLIGHT: No flying. OPERATIONS: (Night): 9 aircraft required and cancelled.																										
	5 Dec/42		Weather: Cloudy with moderate visibility improving during the day. Wind S.W'ly 10-15 m.p.h. becoming W.N.W. 15-20 m.p.h. "A" FLIGHT: 5 aircraft detailed as follows: 3 aircraft for H.P.T.'s and D.C.O. and 2 aircraft to proceed on advanced base and D.C.O. "B" FLIGHT: 9 aircraft detailed as follows: 5 aircraft coming back to base and 2 aircraft were cancelled. 4 aircraft for H.P.T.'s and D.C.O. OPERATIONS: (Day): 1 aircraft (Reserve) required and cancelled. (NIGHT) 7 aircraft required and cancelled.																										
	6 Dec/42		Weather: Cloudy with bright periods, but deteriorating visibility. Weather becoming very mild. Wind light. West becoming light S.W'ly and later S.W'ly 20-25 m.p.h. "A" FLIGHT: 2 aircraft detailed for H.P.T.'s and one cancelled. "B" FLIGHT: no flying. OPERATIONS: (Night) 9 aircraft required and 5 aircraft D.C.O. 3 aircraft missing and 1 aircraft D.C.O. Missing aircraft: Wellington III. S.N. 657 "G", Sgt. Crank and crew. S.O.S. Q.D.S. 0066 X 0020 hrs. Not acknowledged.		A-87 to A-95 incl.																								
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	7 Dec/42		Weather: Fair with slight drizzle early morning becoming cloudy remainder of day. Moderate vis. throughout. Wind strong and gusty. "A" FLIGHT: 5 aircraft detailed as follows: 3 aircraft for air test - 2 aircraft were cancelled and 2 aircraft to proceed on advanced base. Only one aircraft D.C.O. "B" FLIGHT: 2 aircraft detailed to proceed on advanced base and D.C.O. OPERATIONS: (Day): 4 aircraft required and cancelled. (NIGHT): 5 aircraft required and D.C.O. (Inclus)		A-96 to A-100																								

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	8 Dec/42		Weather: cloudy with slight rain at dawn. Further rain during evening. Moderate visibility, becoming poor at dusk. "A" FLIGHT: 2 aircraft were detailed for H.P.T. a one aircraft was cancelled, and 1 aircraft came back from advanced base. "B" FLIGHT: 4 aircraft came back from advanced base and 1 aircraft made an Air test. OPERATIONS: (NIGHT): 4 aircraft required and cancelled.		
	9 Dec/42		Weather: Cloudy, moderate visibility becoming poor about dusk, strong wind. "A" FLIGHT: 5 aircraft to proceed on advanced base and D.C.O. "B" FLIGHT: 2 aircraft detailed to proceed on advanced base and 1 aircraft was cancelled. OPERATIONS: (DAY): 4 aircraft required and cancelled. (NIGHT): 3 aircraft required and 7 aircraft D.C.O.		A-101 to A-107 (Inclus.)
	10 Dec/42		Weather: Fair, becoming cloudy with intermittent rain during afternoon. Moderate visibility throughout. "A" FLIGHT: 2 aircraft came back from advanced base. "B" FLIGHT: 1 aircraft came back from advanced base. OPERATIONS: (DAY): 4 aircraft required and cancelled. (NIGHT) No aircraft required.		
	11 Dec/42		Weather: cloudy with intermittent rain during morning, with moderate visibility, becoming fair late evening but poor visibility. "A" FLIGHT: No flying. "B" FLIGHT: 1 aircraft was on a H.P.T. OPERATIONS: (DAY): 5 aircraft required and cancelled. (NIGHT): 4 aircraft required and 3 aircraft D.C.O.		A-108 to A-110 (Inclus.)
	12 Dec/42		Weather: fine at first, but moderate fog. Visibility becoming moderate by mid-day. Cloudy from late afternoon with poor visibility. Continuous rain near midnight. "A" FLIGHT: 3 aircraft came back from advanced base. "B" FLIGHT: 5 aircraft came back from advanced base. 1 aircraft detailed to come back was cancelled. OPERATIONS: No aircraft required.		
	13 Dec/42		Weather cloudy with continuous rain during night. Moderate visibility. Strong wind. Cloudy rest of day with moderate visibility apart from short fair period first part of evening. "A" FLIGHT: 1 aircraft detailed for a Cross-country and D.C.O. "B" FLIGHT: 1 aircraft came back from advanced base, and 2 aircraft detailed for H.P.T.'s and 1 aircraft was cancelled. OPERATIONS: (DAY): 3 aircraft required and cancelled. (NIGHT): 4 aircraft required and cancelled.		
	14 Dec/42		Weather: Partly cloudy with moderate visibility deteriorating to fog and rain in evening. Wind S.W. 10-15 m.p.h. "A" FLIGHT: 4 aircraft detailed as follows: 2 aircraft for H.P.T.'s and cancelled, also 2 aircraft to proceed to an advanced base and D.C.O. "B" FLIGHT: No flying. OPERATIONS: (NIGHT): 4 aircraft required and D.C.O.		A-111 to A-112 (Inclus.)
	15 Dec/42		Weather: Overcast and wet early. Moderate visibility falling to fog in evening. Wind S.W'ly 10-15 m.p.h. "A" FLIGHT: 5 aircraft were detailed for H.P.T.'s and 1 aircraft was cancelled. "B" FLIGHT: No flying. OPERATIONS: (DAY): 5 aircraft required and cancelled. (NIGHT): 5 aircraft required and cancelled.		
	16 Dec/42		Weather partly cloudy with moderate visibility. Wind S.W'ly 20-30 m.p.h. "A" & "B" FLIGHT: No flying. OPERATIONS: (NIGHT): 5 aircraft required, one was cancelled, 1 aircraft D.H.C.O. and 3 aircraft D.C.O.		A-113 to A-118 (Inclus.)
	17 Dec/42		Weather: Cloudy with poor visibility falling to fog in evening. Wind S.W'ly 20-25 m.p.h. "A" FLIGHT: 1 aircraft came back from advanced base. "B" FLIGHT: 2 aircraft detailed for H.P.T.'s and cancelled. OPERATIONS: (DAY): 5 aircraft required and cancelled. (NIGHT): 4 aircraft required and D.C.O.		A-119 to A-122 (Inclus.)
	18 Dec/42		Weather: Overcast and foggy all day. Light southerly wind. "A" & "B" FLIGHT: No flying. OPERATIONS: (NIGHT) 3 aircraft required and cancelled.		
	19 Dec/42		Weather: overcast and foggy until 1900 hours, then wind became V.W'ly 10-15 m.p.h. and visibility good. "A" FLIGHT: 1 aircraft was detailed to come back to base and was cancelled. "B" FLIGHT: No flying. OPERATIONS: No aircraft required.		111

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DISHFORTH, YORKS.	20 Dec/42		<p>Weather: W'ly wind and good visibility early becoming S.W'ly 10-15 m.p.h. with moderate visibility. "A" FLIGHT: 2 aircraft came back from advanced base. "B" FLIGHT: 1 aircraft came back from advanced base and 2 aircraft were on an N.F.T.s OPERATIONS: (NIGHT): 10 aircraft required, 1 aircraft was cancelled, 1 aircraft returned early, 7 aircraft D.C.O. 1 aircraft missing: Wellington III 2.129 "</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>PILOT</th> <th>CO. TYPE</th> <th>HOURS</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>119170</td> <td>S/S. Coadley, J.S.</td> <td>(Pilot)</td> <td>18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>87099</td> <td>S/S. Barwell, R.C.</td> <td>(Navigator)</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>119216</td> <td>Sgt. Coakley, J.</td> <td>(S.O.B./A.G.)</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>85157</td> <td>S/S. Hoyle, L.</td> <td>(Bomb Aimer)</td> <td>11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>87340</td> <td>S/S. Boyd, G.W.</td> <td>(Air Gunner)</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>87340</td> <td>S/S. Raymond, J.H.</td> <td>(Air Gunner)</td> <td>10</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		PILOT	CO. TYPE	HOURS	119170	S/S. Coadley, J.S.	(Pilot)	18	87099	S/S. Barwell, R.C.	(Navigator)	10	119216	Sgt. Coakley, J.	(S.O.B./A.G.)	10	85157	S/S. Hoyle, L.	(Bomb Aimer)	11	87340	S/S. Boyd, G.W.	(Air Gunner)	10	87340	S/S. Raymond, J.H.	(Air Gunner)	10		A-123 to A-131 (Inclus)
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	21 Dec/42		<p>Weather: partly cloudy with rain early. Wind S.W'ly 25-30 m.p.h. gusty backing to S.W'ly in evening. Good visibility. "A" FLIGHT: 1 aircraft came back from advanced base. "B" FLIGHT: 2 aircraft came back from advanced base and 2 aircraft were on local routine flying. OPERATIONS: No aircraft required.</p>																														
	22 Dec/42		<p>Weather: cloudy, moderate visibility becoming good. Wind S.W'ly becoming S.W'ly 10-15 m.p.h. "A" FLIGHT: 1 aircraft came back from advanced base and also 7 aircraft detailed as follows: 3 aircraft for N.F.T.s - 2 were cancelled. 1 aircraft for practice of circuits and landings and cancelled, and 3 aircraft for night Cross-country (Balls eye) 1 aircraft was cancelled. "B" FLIGHT: 7 aircraft detailed as follows: 3 aircraft for N.F.T.s and 1 aircraft cancelled. 1 aircraft for local routine flying. 1 aircraft for a cross-country, and 2 aircraft for practice of circuits and landings. OPERATIONS: No aircraft required.</p>																														
	23 Dec/42		<p>Weather: Fine with good visibility deteriorating to cloudy with fog in evening. Wind S.W'ly 5-10 m.p.h. "A" FLIGHT: 1 aircraft came back from advanced base. "B" FLIGHT: 1 aircraft was on a Cross-country and 1 aircraft was detailed for training and cancelled. OPERATIONS (DAY): 5 aircraft required and cancelled. (NIGHT): 11 aircraft required and cancelled.</p>																														
	24 Dec/42		<p>Weather: overcast and foggy except for few hours in afternoon wind light S.W'ly. "A" & "B" FLIGHT: No flying. OPERATIONS: No aircraft required.</p>																														
	25 Dec/42		<p>Weather: Overcast and fog all day. Light S.W'ly wind. "A" & "B" FLIGHT: No flying. OPERATIONS: No aircraft required.</p>																														
	26 Dec/42		<p>Weather: Fog with drizzle during the morning. Wind S.W'ly 1-8 m.p.h. "A" & "B" FLIGHT: No flying. OPERATIONS: No aircraft required.</p>																														
	27 Dec/42		<p>Weather: Fog with drizzle. Wind S.W'ly light. "A" & "B" FLIGHT: No flying. OPERATIONS: No aircraft required.</p>																														
	28 Dec/42		<p>Weather: mainly cloudy with occasional showers in the afternoon. Visibility poor at first improving to 10-15 miles by 20.00 hours. Wind S.W'ly 5-10 m.p.h. "A" FLIGHT: 9 aircraft detailed as follows: 1 aircraft on circuits and landings and cancelled and 8 aircraft on a N.F.T.s. 2 aircraft were cancelled. "B" FLIGHT: 8 aircraft detailed as follows: 7 aircraft on a N.F.T.s, 2 aircraft cancelled. 1 aircraft on dual instructions. OPERATIONS: (NIGHT): 12 aircraft required and cancelled.</p>																														
	29 Dec/42		<p>Weather: Fair. Visibility good 10-20 miles. Wind N.W'ly 25-30 m.p.h. "A" FLIGHT: 2 aircraft on local routine flying and 1 aircraft on circuits and landings. "B" FLIGHT: 8 aircraft detailed as follows: 2 aircraft on N.F.T. & D.C.O. 6 aircraft on training, either on dual instruction or solo, circuits and landings on new type or local routine flying. OPERATIONS: (DAY): 7 aircraft required and cancelled. (NIGHT): 6 aircraft required and cancelled.</p>																														

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DISBORTH, YORKS.	30 Dec/42.		Weather: Mainly cloudy with occasional showers of snow in the morning. Visibility 4-6 miles. Wind N.W. fly 10-15 m.p.h. at first backing W.S. fly 2-5 m.p.h. "A" FLIGHT: 11 aircraft detailed as follows: 2 aircraft on circuits and landings. 1 aircraft cancelled. 6 aircraft on Air Test or N.F.T. 3 aircraft were cancelled. 3 aircraft for Ball's eye and cancelled. "B" FLIGHT: 6 aircraft detailed as follows: 1 aircraft on local routine flying. 1 aircraft on a cross-country and cancelled. 4 aircraft on night circuits and landings and 2 aircraft cancelled. OPERATIONS: (NIGHT) 6 aircraft required and cancelled.		
	31 Dec/42.		Weather: Fair. Visibility 10-20 miles. Wind N.W. fly 15-20 m.p.h. decreasing later to 10-15 m.p.h. "A" FLIGHT: 9 aircraft detailed as follows: 1 aircraft to proceed to advanced base and cancelled. 6 aircraft for either air test or N.F.T. and all D.C.O. 2 aircraft on night circuits and landings D.C.O. "B" FLIGHT: 6 aircraft detailed as follows: 4 aircraft on N.F.T. and D.C.O. 1 aircraft on a cross-country D.C.O. 1 aircraft on local dual instruction and cancelled. OPERATIONS: (DAY): 6 + 1 aircraft malling and cancelled. (NIGHT): 6 aircraft required. 2 aircraft returned early on account of trouble, and 4 aircraft D.C.O.		A-132 to A-137 (Inclus)
			3. HOURS & AWARDS: Nil		
			4. COMMISSIONS: Sgt. Smith, R.S., appointed to a commission as Pilot Officer (135400) w.e.f. 9 Oct. 1942. Auth: AM Ltr. A.172610/42/S.7(F)I.B dated 15th Dec. 1942. W/O. Harrell, S.M. Appointed to a commission as Pilot Officer (11603) w.e.f. 24th Nov. 1942. Auth: A.M. Ltr. A.146962/42/S.7(F)I(b) dated 16th Dec. 1942. W/O. Sturt, R.S. Appointed to a commission as Pilot Officer (16176) w.e.f. 24th Nov. 1942. Auth: A.M. Ltr. A.17250/42/S.7(F)I(b) dated 11th Dec. 1942. P/S. Leuges, H.P. Appointed to a commission as Pilot Officer (16271) w.e.f. 4th Nov. 1942. Auth: A.M. Ltr. A.17133/42/S.7(F)I(b) dated 16th Dec. 1942. P/S. Ladoux, G.P.H. Appointed to a commission as Pilot Officer (11627) w.e.f. 9th Oct. 1942. Auth: A.M. Ltr. A.171742/42/S.7(F)I(b) dated 16th Dec. 1942. P/S. Clinton, R.S. Appointed to a commission as Pilot Officer (116202) w.e.f. 23rd Nov. 1942. Auth: A.M. Ltr. A.171723/42/S.7(F)I(b) dated 16th Dec. 1942.		
			5. PROMOTIONS: P/O. J. Hudson, Sub-Flight Commander, appointed to the rank of Acting Flight Lieutenant w.e.f. 23 Nov. 1942. Auth: H. & Group Ltr. 1007/11/42 dated 7th Dec. 1942. P/O. G.S. Cartwright, promoted to the rank of Temp. Flying Officer, w.e.f. 1 Oct/42. Auth: A.M. Ltr. A.143993/42/570/2 dated 25 Nov. 1942.		
			6. POSTINGS: P/S/Lt. J.V.F.L. Saint-Pierre (01648) ceases to be attached to R.F. on posting to 257 Oversea H.Q. w.e.f. 30 Nov. 1942. Auth: M.M. Pgm. A.15849/D.P.2/12 3/4 Dec. 1942. P/S/Lt. R.H. Brinton (88395) posted to this unit from 21 OTU w.e.f. 5 Dec. 1942. Auth: H.M. Pgm. W/41085/4/2, dated 2nd Dec. 1942. P/O. A.L. Norway, (13012) posted to this unit from 23 OTU w.e.f. 17th Dec. 1942. Auth: H. & Group Ltr. 1107/10/26/23/Pg dated 7th Dec. 1942. P/O. G.S. Cartwright (111102) previously reported missing is now reported killed on active services on 9 Nov. 1942. Auth: Swanton Marley Signal No. 700 6/12 Dec. 1942. P/O. G.H. Rainville "DEP" (115751) posted to this unit from 217 H.Q. London, w.e.f. 23 Dec. 1942. Auth: A.M. Signal P.3533 dated 22nd Dec. 1942.		
			7. CHANGES IN COMMAND: Nil.		
			8. CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION: Nil.		
			9. AIRCRAFT ON GROUND: 22 Wellington Mk. III.		

