

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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

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DISHPORTH, YORKS.	1-4-43		<p>NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF UNIT AS AT 1st APRIL, 1943.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>R.C.A.F. OFFICERS</td> <td>Aircraft</td> <td>88</td> <td>Ground crew</td> <td>288</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R.A.F. "</td> <td>"</td> <td>Nil</td> <td>"</td> <td>34</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R.A.N.Z. "</td> <td>"</td> <td>Nil</td> <td>"</td> <td>Nil</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R.A.S.A.F. "</td> <td>"</td> <td>Nil</td> <td>"</td> <td>30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>"</td> <td>65</td> <td>"</td> <td>352</td> </tr> </table>	R.C.A.F. OFFICERS	Aircraft	88	Ground crew	288	R.A.F. "	"	Nil	"	34	R.A.N.Z. "	"	Nil	"	Nil	R.A.S.A.F. "	"	Nil	"	30	TOTAL	"	65	"	352	
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	1-4-43		<p>2. Weather: cloudy, shower around noon. Vis. very good. Surface wind W-N.W. 15-25 m.p.h. This squadron was ordered to detail 3 aircraft for mulling operations but this was then cancelled. Training: one a/c detailed for air test and one a/c on N.F.F.</p>																										
	2-4-43		<p>Weather: cloudy, slight drizzle about noon. Vis. very good. Surface wind W-N.W. fly 10-20 mph. This squadron was ordered to detail 3 a/c for bombing operations over St. Nazaire. Take-off was set for 1340 hrs. The three a/c reached a very successful trip. Weather over target was good. Heavy flak were left burning. Heavy flak co-operating with S/L's were encountered. One a/c was damaged by heavy flak and landed safely at Harwell. The two other a/c returned safely to base. Flying training: 2 a/c on Cross-country, 4 on night circuits and landings.</p>	A-391 to A-393 incl.																									
	3-4-43		<p>Weather: Fair to cloudy. Vis. very good. Surface wind S.W. fly 5-10 m.p.h. The squadron was stood down for the day. Flying training was carried out as follows: "A" FLIGHT: 4 a/c on N.F.F. One a/c for day Cross-country. One a/c for night Cross-country. One a/c for local routine flying, one a/c on air fighting practice, one on night dual instructions on new type. "B" FLIGHT: 2 a/c on Cross-country and one a/c on test of aircraft and engines.</p>																										
	4-4-43		<p>Weather: Fine. Visibility moderate. Surface wind, light S.W. or calm. This squadron was ordered to detail sixteen (16) aircraft for bombing operations over Kiel. One a/c returned early due to constant speed unit a/c on port motor. One a/c failed to attack Kiel, unable to identify, owing to 10/10th clouds. Bomb load was jettisoned North end of Sylt due to shortage of petrol. All successful aircraft were unable to observe bombing results due to 10/10th clouds. Light & heavy flak was encountered. One a/c suffered minor damage from heavy flak. If P.F.F. accurate, trip is presumed to have been successful. All aircraft landed safely at Acklington where squadron was diverted. FLYING TRAINING: Eight aircraft were detailed for air tests on N.F.F.s.</p>	A-394 to A-409 incl.																									
	5-4-43		<p>Weather: Mainly cloudy. Vis. was very good. Surface wind: S.W. fly 30-40 gusting to 55; veering N.E. later. This squadron was stood down for the day. Fourteen aircraft returned to base from Acklington where they had been diverted on previous night. Two a/c were detailed for routine flying.</p>																										
	6-4-43		<p>Weather: Fair to cloudy. Vis. was very good. Surface wind: W.W. fly 30-40 gusting to 55 mph. at times. This squadron was stood down for the day. FLYING TRAINING was carried out as follows: "A" FLIGHT: 3 a/c were detailed for air tests on N.F.F.s. 1 a/c for height tests. 2 a/c for Fighter Affiliation, one a/c on practice of circuits and landings. "B" FLIGHT: 2 a/c detailed for Fighter Affiliation. One a/c on test of a/c & engine. One a/c on Night Cross-country.</p>																										
	7-4-43		<p>Weather: Mainly cloudy occasional showers. Vis. moderate to good. Surface wind W-N.W. 40-50. gusting to 60-70 m.p.h. at times. This squadron was stood down for the day. No flying was carried out during the day. Lectures were given to aircrew by their respective Section Leaders.</p>																										
	8-4-43		<p>Weather: Cloudy. Vis. very good. Surface wind: N.W. fly 10-15 m.p.h. W-S.W. later. This squadron was ordered to detail 10 a/c for bombing operations over Duisberg. Weather was poor with 10/10th cloud and icing condition. All a/c successful in reaching target. Bombed on R.T.A. as no markers were visible due to 10/10th clouds. Bombing results could not be observed. One a/c returned early due to severe icing. Bomb load of 2000 lbs bombs and incendiaries were brought back. All successful aircraft returned safely to base. One aircraft failed to return: Wellington X, N.E. 592 "Q" and the crew was composed as follows:</p>	A-410 to A-419 incl.																									

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				OP. TRIPS	OP. HOURS	
DISHPORTH, YORKS.	8-4-43. (Cont'd.)		CAN-R24963 P/Sgt. Smith, J.P. Captain	17	87.25	
			123935 Sgt. Smith, P.A. Navigator	12	68.40	
			CAN-T10020 P/O. Cook, R.G. W.A.M.	15	73.30	
			CAN-R35765 P/Sgt. Darks, G.W.G. Bomb Aimer	14	68.20	
			CAN-R141649 Sgt. Schula, O.E.H. Air Gunner	13	64.20	
	9-4-43.		Weather: Fair at first, soon becoming cloudy. Vis. excellent. Surface wind: W.N.W. 5-10 mph. The squadron was stood down for the day. Flying training was carried out as follows: Four aircraft proceeded on night cross-country and 2 aircraft on air test.			
	10-4-43.		Weather: Cloudy, Vis. excellent. Surface wind W'ly 10-20 mph. This squadron was ordered to detail four a/c for holding but was later cancelled. Twelve other a/c were detailed for bombing operation over Frankfurt. Take-off was set for 2300 hours. Many markers were seen and ground markers observed were very scattered. Heavy flak over target seemed to grow in intensity as attack progressed. Searchlights could not penetrate clouds. Weather was poor with 10/10th clouds at about 8,000 ft. If P.P.F. on target; attack can be regarded as successful. A few a/c observed considerable smoke through clouds. The remainder failed to observe any results. FLYING TRAINING: Eleven a/c were detailed for either air tests or N.F.T.'s.			A-420 to A-431 incl.
	11-4-43.		Weather: Fair to cloudy. Visibility excellent. Surface wind S.W'ly 10-20 mph. This Squadron was ordered to detail five a/c for gardening over Trafford area. Take-off was set at 2110 hrs. All successful aircraft reported a good trip, each planting two vegetables as ordered. Parachutes were seen to open and one hit water. One aircraft Wellington X, H.R. 491 'U', failed to return. The crew was as follows:	OP. TRIPS	OP. HOURS	A-432 to A-436 incl.
			CAN-R121106 Sgt. Carvajal, E.R. Pilot	8	48.05	
			CAN-T13369 P/O. Elliott, G.W. Navigator	6	36.15	
			1313763 Sgt. Perry, B.W. W.OP/A.C.	5	28.30	
			CAN-R22496 P/O. Howard, R.J. Bomb Aimer	8	47.05	
			CAN-T13538 P/O. Kitt, E. Air Gunner	8	46.55	
	12-4-43.		Weather: Cloudy, squally showers at 1830 hrs. Vis. moderate. Surface wind S.W'ly 5-10 m.p.h. The squadron was not required for operations today. FLYING TRAINING: One a/c was detailed for air and height test. Air firing practice was cancelled due to adverse weather. Lectures were given by the respective section leaders.			
	13-4-43.		Weather: Cloudy, visibility moderate. Surface wind S.W'ly 10-15 m.p.h. This squadron was ordered to detail five a/c for Bull's Eye but was then cancelled. FLYING TRAINING: "A" FLIGHT: Five a/c were detailed for Beam Approach Practice. One a/c for air firing test. One a/c for air test. Three a/c for height test. Two a/c for fighter affiliation. "B" FLIGHT: one a/c detailed for N.F.T., one for circuits and landings. Three for routine flying. Two for cross-country. Two for fighter affiliation.			
	14-4-43.		Weather: Cloudy with slight rain early in the day. Visibility excellent. Surface wind S.W'ly 10-20 m.p.h. This squadron was ordered to detail fourteen a/c for bombing operations over Stuttgart. The first a/c was airborne at 2107 hours and the last one at 2115 hrs. One a/c did not take-off due to starting accident. Two a/c returned early due to rear turret W's. Two other aircraft failed to return. All successful aircraft reported a very successful trip. Many large explosions were observed and fires were burning fiercely on leaving target. Weather was good and river and city were visible. All successful a/c landed safely at base. The two missing a/c were crewed up as follows:	OP. TRIPS	OP. HOURS	A-437 to A-449 incl.
			Wellington III X, 378 'W'	22	119.00	
			CAN-T14850 P/O. Donnette, T.A. Pilot	22	207.30	
			CAN-T14820 P/O. Desroches, J.O.L. Navigator	22	172.10	
			CAN-T16270 P/O. Ledoux, G.F.H. W.OP/A.C.	22	132.35	
			656175 Sgt. Vollans, D. Bomb Aimer	22	98.35	
			CAN-R79441 P/Sgt. Bruleau, F.P. Air Gunner	17	98.35	
			1234135 Sgt. Jones, A. Pilot	Nil	Nil.	

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DISHFORTH, YORKS.	14-4-43	Cont'd.	Wellington X, H.E. 735 "S"		
			CAN-1211672 Sgt. Dingman, R.R. Pilot.	5	28.55
			CAN-1234112 W/O. Garland, H.S. Navigator.	3	17.40
			1295535 Sgt. Griffin, C.A.F. W.OB/A.G.	2	11.05
			CAN-122523 W/O. Irwin, T.R.C. Bomb Aimer.	3	14.30
			1337611 Sgt. Gwynne, R.C. Air Gunner.	4	24.35
	15-4-43.		Weather: Cloudy, becoming fair to fine in evening. Vis. very good. Surface Wind: W.S.W'ly 10-15 m.p.h. This squadron was stood down for the day. Discussions regarding last operation were held by section leaders. Four a/c were detailed for air test. One a/c for dual control test. One a/c for circuits and landings.		
	16-4-43		Weather: Fine to fair, Vis. very good. Surface wind: Generally calm or light N'ly. This squadron was ordered to detail eleven a/c for bombing operations over Mannheim. One a/c returned early due to directional gyro a/s. One aircraft failed to identify the target, presumed to have been over Saarbrücken. Bomb load was brought back. One a/c failed to return. All successful a/c reported a very good trip. Large concentration of S/L's co-operating with light and heavy flak were observed. Searchlights did not appear to be accurate. Barrage of heavy flak was inaccurate at 10 to 11,000 ft. Marshalling yards could be plainly seen. Fires were a bit scattered with many other fires in and around centre of town. Majority of fires were in Mannheim itself.		A-450 to A-460 incl.
	17-4-43.		Weather: Cloudy, Vis. very good. Surface wind: W.S.W'ly 15-25 m.p.h. This squadron was ordered to detail a/c for bombing operations and was later cancelled. No flying was carried out during the day. Lectures & discussions were held by section leaders.		
	18-4-43		Weather: Mainly cloudy, Vis. excellent. Surface wind: S.W'ly 10-20 m.p.h. This squadron was stood down for the day. No flying was carried out.		
	19-4-43.		Weather: Fair, visibility: excellent. Surface wind: W'ly 15-25 m.p.h. This squadron was stood down for the day. FLYING TRAINING: 15 a/c were detailed for air tests. One a/c on Gun Turret Test. One a/c proceeded on Cross-country.		
	20-4-43.		Weather: Fine, becoming fair. Vis. becoming excellent. Surface wind: S.W'ly 10-20 m.p.h. This squadron was stood down for the day. FLYING TRAINING: was carried out as follows: 5 aircraft detailed for air tests, One for circuits and landings, one for local flying and one for cross-country. All aircraft and ground crew personnel have started to receive their inoculation in preparation for squadron move.		
	21-4-43.		Weather: Fine, becoming cloudy during afternoon. Vis. poor at first, becoming good, by afternoon. The squadron was ordered to detail two aircraft for sea-search. One a/c took off at 1140 hrs and the 2nd one at 1155 hours. Nothing was observed. No flying was carried out during the day.		A-461 to A-462 incl.
	22-4-43.		Weather: Overcast, with fog until after 1600 hours. Vis. less than 1,000 yards in fog, 2/4,000 in evening. Surface wind calm till 1600 hours, then light, S.W'ly. Squadron was stood down for the day. No flying was carried out during the day. Usual lectures and discussions were held by section leaders.		
	23-4-43.		Weather: Overcast, with continuous rain till noon, thunderstorm at 1900 hrs. Vis. poor at first becoming moderate. Surface wind S'ly 10-15 m.p.h. No flying training was carried out.		
	24-4-43.		Weather: Fair to cloudy, Visibility excellent. Surface wind W'ly 20-30 m.p.h. gusts 40/45. Five aircraft were detailed for aircraft and engine tests.		
	25-4-43.		Weather: Fair to cloudy, Occasional showers. Vis. very good except in showers. Surface wind S.W'ly 25-30 m.p.h. Gusts 45/50 m.p.h. No flying was carried out during the day. All personnel are being kept busy re medical & dental examinations in preparation for squadron move. All equipment is now packed and sorted ready for shipping.		

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DISHFORTH, YORKS.	26-4-43.		Weather: mainly cloudy with occasional showers. Vis. very good except in showers. Surface wind W'ly 25 to 35 m.p.h. 40 to 45 in gusts. This squadron was ordered to detail four aircraft for bombing operations over Duisburg. All aircraft reported a very successful trip. Visibility was good and F.P.W. accurate. Many explosions and numerous fires were reported as observed. All aircraft returned safely to base. No flying training was carried out during the day.	A-463 to A-466 incl.
	27-4-43.		Weather: Cloudy, continuous rain till noon. Vis. good. Surface wind W.S.W'ly 10-20 m.p.h. This squadron was ordered to detail four aircraft for operations and was later cancelled. Flying training: One aircraft was detailed for air test. All other flying was cancelled due to bad weather conditions.	
	28-4-43.		Weather: Fair to cloudy; occasional showers in afternoon. Vis. very good except in showers. Surface wind N.W'ly 10-20 m.p.h. Flying training: 2 aircraft detailed for air tests. All air & ground crew busy getting new aircraft ready for move.	
	29-4-43.		Weather: Cloudy. Intermittent slight rain in late afternoon. Vis. moderate at first becoming very good. Surface wind light and variable or calm. Flying training: 4 aircraft were detailed for air and aircraft and engine tests.	
	30-4-43.		Weather: Overcast with continuous rain until noon. Vis. poor at first becoming moderate. Surface wind S.W'ly 5-10 m.p.h. till noon then N.W'ly 10-15 m.p.h. Flying training: One aircraft detailed for Aircraft & Engine test. Lectures on Middle East were given to all aircrew by complete experienced crew sent for that purpose.	
	3.		HONOURS & AWARDS. CAN-J. 7020 S/P/O. A/P/Lt. J.W. Bell, Navigation Leader, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross w.e.f. 20th April, 1943. CAN-5107665 Sgt. (Pilot) L.F. Williamson was awarded the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal.	
	4.		COMMISSIONS. P/S. F.W. Hodge (J16996 - Nav.) Appointed to a commission as Pilot Officer w.e.f. 6-2-43. Auth: A.M.ltr. A.514359/43/S.7(F)1(b) dated 27-3-43. P/S. J.R.G. Dobb (J16994 - Nav.) Appointed to a commission as Pilot Officer w.e.f. 1-2-43. Auth: A.M.ltr. A.514459/43/S.7(F)1(b) dated 27-3-43. P/S. A.V. Bisch (J17040 - Nav.) Appointed to a commission as Pilot Officer w.e.f. 8-2-43. Auth: A.M.ltr. A.509604/43/S.7(F)1(b) dated 27-3-43. P/S. J.I. Anderson (J17006 - W/C) Appointed to a commission as Pilot Officer w.e.f. 12-2-43. Auth: A.M.ltr. A.514581/43/S.7(F)1(b) dated 23-3-43. P/S. J. Rankin (J17005 - A/C) Appointed to a commission as Pilot Officer w.e.f. 18-2-43. Auth: A.M.ltr. A.514272/43/S.7(F)1(b) dated 23-3-43. P/S. H.R. Manning (J17118 - W/C) Appointed to a commission as Pilot Officer w.e.f. 7-1-43. Auth: A.M.ltr. A.518876/43/S.7(F)1(b) dated 5-2-43. Sgt. Michaud, J.J.P. (J17134 - Pilot) Appointed to a commission as Pilot Officer w.e.f. 23-2-43. Auth: A.M.ltr. A.518876/43/S.7(F)1(b) dated 5-2-43. Sgt. J.V.L. Gauthier (J17108 - Pilot) Appointed to a commission as Pilot Officer w.e.f. 13-2-43. Auth: A.M.ltr. A.468793/42/S.7(F)1(b) dated 2-2-43. P/S. Livingston, R.A. (J17110 - W/C) Appointed to a commission as Pilot Officer w.e.f. 18-2-43. Auth: A.M.ltr. A.518347/43/S.7(F)1(b) dated 5-2-43. P/S. C.C. Atkins (J17234 - W/C) Appointed to a commission as Pilot Officer w.e.f. 4-1-43. Auth: A.M.ltr. A.518268/43/S.7(F)1(b) dated 19-4-43. Sgt. G. Crank (J17056 - Pilot) Appointed to a commission as Pilot Officer w.e.f. 26-1-43. Auth: A.M.ltr. A.459074/42/S.7(F)1(b) dated 30-3-43.	
	5.		PROMOTIONS: J.20375 S/P/O. T.P. Hall (Pilot) Promoted to the rank of Temporary Flying Officer w.e.f. 17-4-43. Auth: A.M. Pgn. 449983/42/S.7(D)2, dated 26-3-43. J15661 S/P/O. A/P/Lt. J. Hudson (Pilot) Promoted to the rank of Temporary Flying Officer w.e.f. 23-11-42. Auth: A.M.ltr. A.448988/42/S.7.D/2 dated March, 1943.	

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DISHFORTH, YORKS.			<p>5. PROMOTIONS: (Cont'd.)</p> <p>CAN-J12981 T/P/O. D.C. Fairley -Nav. Promoted to the rank of Temporary Flying Officer wef. 20-1-43. Auth: A.M.Ltr. A.448988/42/S.7.D.2 dated March, 1943.</p> <p>CAN-J15751 T/P/O. G.H. Rainville "BPM" W/AG. Promoted to the rank of Temporary Flying Officer wef. 4-12-42 Auth: A.M.Ltr. A.448988/42/S.7.D.2 dated 15-4-43, and appointed to the rank of Acting Flight Lieutenant (Summary Leader duties) w.s.f. 7-4-43. Auth: HQ 6 Grp. Ltr. 66/3149/4/P2 dated 21-4-43.</p> <p>T/P/O. J.O.L. Desroches. CAN-J15820 -Nav. Promoted to the rank of Temporary Flying Officer wef. 17-2-43. Auth: A.M.Ltr. A.448988/42/S.7.D.2 dated 15-4-43.</p> <p>T/P/O. J.A.T. Doucette "DEC" CAN-J15960 -Pilot. Promoted to the rank of Temporary Flying Officer wef. 16-2-43. Auth: A.M.Ltr. A.448988/42/S.7.D.2 dated 15-4-43.</p> <p>T/P/O. H. Roberge. CAN-C4615 -Eng. Promoted to the rank of Temporary Flight Lieutenant wef. 1-7-43. Auth: RCAF Overseas Orders No. 509/43 dated 16-4-43.</p> <p>T/P/O. R.E. Duffly. CAN-J13814 -Nav. Promoted to the rank of Temporary Flying Officer wef. 28-2-43. Auth: RCAF Overseas Orders No. 509/43 dated 16-4-43.</p> <p>T/P/O. E. Kitt. CAN-J13838 -A/G. Promoted to the rank of Temporary Flying Officer wef. 28-3-43. Auth: RCAF Overseas Orders No. 509/43 dated 16-4-43.</p> <p>T/P/O. G.W. Elliott. CAN-J13369; T/P/O. H.E. Garland CAN-J13421 and T/P/O. J.A.M. Mothes, Navigators. Promoted to the rank of Temporary Flying Officer wef. 14-2-43. Auth: RCAF Overseas Orders No. 509/43 dated 16-4-43.</p> <p>T/S/Lt/W/O. J.M.W. St-Pierre. CAN-C.786 -Pilot. Promoted to the rank of Temporary Wing Commander, wef. 15-8-42. Auth: RCAF Overseas Orders No. 517 dated 23-4-43.</p> <p>T/W/Lt/S/Ldr. J.L. Savard. CAN-C1664 -Pilot. Promoted to the rank of Temporary Squadron Leader wef. 15-8-42. Auth: RCAF Overseas Orders No. 517 dated 23-4-43.</p> <p>T/P/O. J.W. Young. CAN-J13803 -Nav. Promoted to the rank of Temporary Flying Officer wef. 28-2-43. Auth: A.M.Ltr. A.448988/43/S.7.D.2 dated 15-4-43.</p> <p>6. POSTINGS.</p> <p>CAN-J16271 T/P/O. H.P. Legace, A/G. Posted from this unit to 1629 Con. Unit w.s.f. 1-4-43. Auth: HQ 6 Grp. Sig. P.766 dated 30-3-43.</p> <p>CAN-J15381 T/P/O. A. W.I. F.A. Faguy -A/G. Posted from this unit to 1629 Con. Unit wef. 7-4-43 (Acting rank to be retained) Auth: HQ 6 Grp. Sig. P.761 dated 4-4-43.</p> <p>T/P/O. R.G. Cook. CAN-J10020 -W/AG. Posted from this unit to No.1 R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge, N/E MISSING. wef. 9-4-43. Auth: 6 Grp. Egm. S.982/6/P1 dated 12-4-43.</p> <p>CAN-J11707 T/P/O. H. DeSolla -Pilot and CAN-J20913 T/P/O. G.A. Hill -A/G. Posted to this unit from 22 O.T.U. wef. 10-4-43. Auth: HQ 91 Grp. Egm. 916/1706/29/P2 Air II, dated 30-3-43.</p> <p>CAN-J15751 T/P/O. G.H. Rainville "BPM" A/G. Re-posted to this unit wef. 7-4-43 for Gunnery Leader duties. Auth: HQ 6 Grp. Sig. P.250 dated 10-4-43.</p> <p>CAN-J15960 T/P/O. A.T. Doucette "DEC" Pilot - CAN-J16920 T/P/O. J.O.L. Desroches -Nav. - CAN-J16970 T/P/O. G.P.H. Ledoux -W/AG - CAN-J13112 T/P/O. H.E. Garland, Nav., and CAN-J22593 T/P/O. T.E.C. Irwin -A/G - All posted from this unit to No.1 R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge, N/E MISSING. wef. 15-4-43. Auth: HQ 6 Grp. Egm. S.982/6/P1 dated 16-4-43.</p> <p>T/P/O. A. Pelouquin. CAN-J16920 -W/AG. Posted from this unit to 23 O.T.U. wef. 13-4-43. Auth: HQ 6 Grp. Egm. 66/4859/16/P4 dated 4-4-43.</p> <p>CAN-C1362 T/P/Lt/S/Ldr. G.A. Roy -Pilot. Posted from this unit to 424 (RCAF) Squadron wef. 28-4-43, to command (W/O) (RCAF) Squadron, HQ, Egm. R/P1002/1/P4 dated 23-4-43.</p> <p>CAN-J22205 W/O. M. Sivercar -Nav. Posted from this unit to 427 (RCAF) Squadron, wef. 21-4-43. Auth: HQ 6 Grp. Sig. P.108 dated 21-4-43.</p> <p>T/W/Lt. J.C. Hebert. CAN-C1459 -Pilot) Re-posted to this unit wef. 18-4-43 for Flight Commander duties (S/Lt. Post) w/c 1562 S/Ldr. G.A. Roy. Auth: HQ 6 Grp. Signal T.I.74 dated 23-4-43.</p> <p>124318 T/P/O. M. Gray -CD. Posted from this unit to No.1 RAF Depot, Uxbridge, wef. 17-4-43, N/E MISSING. Auth: HQ 6 Grp. Egm. 66/S.982/6/P1 dated 19-4-43.</p> <p>T/P/O. C.M. Blakney. 121764 -Pilot. Re-posted to this unit wef. 18-4-43 for Deputy Flight Commander duties (P/Lt. Post) Auth: HQ 6 Grp. Sig. P.170 dated 23-4-43.</p> <p>CAN-J10328 T/P/O. W.C. Davidson -Nav. Posted from this unit to 424 (RCAF) Squadron wef. 23-4-43. Auth: HQ 6 Grp. Sig. P.166 dated 23-4-43.</p>		

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