

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

RAF Form 540

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of (Unit or Formation) 425 (RCAF) SQUADRON.

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References to Appendices

Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events																		
Aboard S.S. Samaria.	1.11.43	1.	<p>NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF UNIT AS AT 1st NOVEMBER, 1943.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>R.C.A.F. OFFICERS:</td> <td>Aircrew: 29</td> <td>Ground Crew: 5</td> <td>RCAF AIRMEN:</td> <td>Aircrew: 76</td> <td>Groundcrew: 329.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R.A.F.</td> <td>"</td> <td>"</td> <td>"</td> <td>"</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL:</td> <td>30</td> <td>"</td> <td>5 TOTAL</td> <td>87</td> <td>329.</td> </tr> </table>	R.C.A.F. OFFICERS:	Aircrew: 29	Ground Crew: 5	RCAF AIRMEN:	Aircrew: 76	Groundcrew: 329.	R.A.F.	"	"	"	"	"	TOTAL:	30	"	5 TOTAL	87	329.
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	1.11.43 to 5.11.43	2.	The sea journey to United Kingdom is progressing and everybody is satisfied of the accommodation and food provided. On the 5th November the ship anchored in Liverpool Harbour.																		
RCAF Sta., Dishforth.	6.11.43		At 1530 hrs, the Squadron personnel started to disembark and embarked immediately en route to R.C.A.F. Station Dishforth. Aboard the train, prior to its departure, personnel were provided with hot tea, distributed by Army personnel. Newspapers and magazines were also distributed through the courtesy of the Lord Mayor of Liverpool's War Fund. The train left Liverpool at approximately 1630, arriving at Topcliffe Railway Station at 2000 hrs. Service Buses were awaiting our arrival and the first one reached R.C.A.F. Station, Dishforth at approx. 2050 hours, where a good meal was enjoyed by everyone.																		
	7.11.43 to 12.11.43		Personnel were kept busy returning their Tropical Kit to Stores and being re-issued to Home Scales. Fatigue parties were also detailed to work in the Messes and to clean hangars and billets. Bonds were sold in connection to the Fifth Canadian Victory Loan, to the amount of \$19,200.																		
	13.11.43 to 30.11.43		On the 15th November, a pay parade was held in the afternoon, after which all squadron personnel proceeded on 16 days Disembarkation Leave until 0800 hrs, 30th November. They all returned on that date except for two airmen A.W.L. and three Officers who were hospitalised during their leave.																		
		3.	HONOURS & AWARDS: Nil.																		
		4.	COMMISSIONS: J18788 P/O. D.H. Callaghan (Pilot) Appointed to a commission in the R.C.A.F. wef. 26.6.43. Auth: A.M. Ltr. A.563017/43/S.7(e)3, dated 27.10.43. J18536 P/O. J.R.M. Westpetit (Pilot) Appointed to a commission in the R.C.A.F. wef. 20.7.43. Auth: A.M. Ltr. A.58365/43/S.7(e)3, dated 5.10.43.																		
		5.	PROMOTIONS: Nil.																		
		6.	POSTINGS: WEE.G.17537 P/O. R.S. Mac (C. & C) Posted to H.Q. 83 Group Rear wef. 15.11.43. Auth: A.M. Sig. P.3373 dated 25.11.43.																		
		7.	CHANGES IN COMMAND: Nil.																		
		8.	CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION: The Squadron became under the Administrative Control of No. 6 (RCAF) Group, on 6th Nov., 1943, date of disembarkation.																		
		9.	AVIATION ON CHARGE: Nil.																		
		10.	WEATHER: A few cases of influenza and colds were prevalent during the past month. Otherwise the health of the squadron was satisfactory.																		
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