

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

5-47-20-425
JAS

R.A.F. Form 540

See instructions for use of this form in K.R. and A.C.I. para. 1340 and War Manual Pt. II, chapter XX, and notes in R.A.F. Pocket Book.

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

No. of pages used for day 8.

Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
R.C.A.F. Station Thelthorpe.	1.12.44.		There was no operations to-day. This evening 4 Squadron party, composed of ground and aircrew personnel was held in the Airmen's Mess. Some 800 personnel turned up and enjoyed a real feast. The airman from the RCAF Blackout Show who were on the Station, gave an hour's performance to the Stage. Numerous speeches were made, among whom were the Station and Squadron Commanders, G/C L.H. Leconte "DYE" (C1181) and W/C H.C. Leducx (G.911) respectively. This gathering was specially intended for the many ground crew who have been on the strength of the "Alouettes" since its formation, and who are now being repatriated.	
	2.12.44		16 aircraft were detailed to attack Hagen this evening. One a/c returned early with hydraulic trouble and bomb load was jettisoned. 15 a/c. attacked primary and 2 attacked the alternative. They all returned safely. There was 10/10ths strato-cumulus cloud in the T/A with tops at 14,000 feet. Due to this no T.I.s. were seen although some crews noted a light red glow below clouds. Raid assessment was not possible. Heavy flak was quite variable in barrage form bursting at levels up to 18,000 ft. but the majority was below 17,000 ft. Searchlights were ineffective. One aircraft experienced flak damage.	A.2875 to A.2890 incl. Appendix 49/44.
	3.12.44		The Squadron was not required for operations and no flying was carried out due to bad weather conditions.	
	4.12.44		15 aircraft were detailed to attack Karlsruhe and all took-off. All attacked primary and returned safely. There was 4 to 10/10ths strato-cumulus clouds in the T/A which appeared to be rapidly dispersing in the later stages of the attack. Many crews were able to identify the target visually and bombed on assumed heights of red or green T.I.s. while others bombed on the glow of fires through cloud. General opinion seems to be that fire concentration was good with very little evidence of bombing west of the Rhine. Three large explosions were noted. Defences were slight in the T/A with some light flak bursting at 10 to 12,000 ft. and heavy flak in a meagre loose barrage form 16/20,000 ft. Searchlights were very few and hampered by clouds. One very experienced crew report some heavy flak bursting with a white flash at approximately 17,000 ft. and throwing out a shower of sparks which went 3/400 feet above the original burst. A few fighter flares were seen in the T/A and several crews report having seen both single and twin jet-propelled aircraft. None of these made approaches sufficiently close for an accurate description.	A.2891 to A.2905 incl. Appendix 50/44.
	5.12.44		14 aircraft were detailed to attack Soest and all took-off. All attacked primary and returned safely. One a/c landed at Old Buckenham due to lack of petrol. There was nil to 9/10ths patchy strato-cumulus clouds with large gaps in the T/A. All crews report a good concentration of markers principally green T.I.s. but all markers seem to have been a bit late. The raid generally appears to have been quite successful with the whole T/A well on fire. Many explosions were noted and one, particularly large, at 2127 hours which gave off a heavy cloud of black smoke up to about 6,000 feet. There was little evidence of scattered bombing. Heavy flak in meagre barrage scattered over a very wide height and from 15,000 ft. to over 20,000 feet. No enemy aircraft were seen but a few fighter flares were noted in the T/A.	A.2906 to A.2919 incl. Appendix 51/44.
	6.12.44		16 aircraft were detailed to attack Osnabruck and all took-off. One returned early due to hydraulic trouble and 15 attacked primary returning safely. 8 aircraft landed away. There was 10/10ths stratus cloud in thick layers in the T/A with a considerable amount of cumulus with tops varying from 9,200 feet with much haze. Vis. was generally poor. The crews saw markers and most bombing was done on D.R. or Geo. No satisfactory assessment of the raid is possible. Heavy flak was slight to moderate in a loose barrage form bursting between 15,000 ft. to 25,000 ft. with searchlights ineffective. Several fighter flares were seen from the T/A to the Dutch coast on return but no combat took place and no claim is made. Eight aircraft are reported as being seen shot down on the homeward journey from the target to as far West as 0405E.	A.2920 to A.2935 incl. Appendix 52/44.

www.bombercommand.com

W.H.A.

Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
R.C.A.F. Station	7.12.44		There was no flying carried out to-day, due to the bad weather conditions. All crews enjoyed a stand down.		
Tholthorpe	8.12.44		Flying training, only, was carried out to-day.		
			P/O L.R. Brochu (J86412) - Pilot, an old member of the Squadron, visited his friends to-day, being on leave from No. 22 O.I.S. Many enjoyed driving his 1940 De Soto along the country side.		
	9.12.44		There was no operations to-day due to unfavourable weather conditions. One aircraft, piloted by P/O. J.M. St. Laurent, J88524, which was engaged on a training flight, experienced engine trouble and the aircraft was vibrating so violently that the pilot ordered the crew to bale out. Five members of the crew did so; the pilot and flight engineer remaining in the aircraft and they succeeded in landing successfully at Rockington. Before landing, the propeller of the starboard outer engine was thrown off. None of the crew was injured.		
	10.12.44		17 aircraft were required for operations but this was cancelled due to unfavourable weather prevailing.		
	11.12.44		No flying was carried out. In the afternoon, the first snow fall covered the Tholthorpe mud and everyone seemed to be closer to home as they commented on the beautiful night.		
	12.12.44		Eleven aircraft took part in the day's training programme. The Squadron was not required for operations.		
	13.12.44		19 aircraft were required for operations but this was cancelled due to weather conditions. The Squadron Headquarters building has been repainted by the Orderly Room Staff. Now everyone can enjoy working in a clean and healthy place "even at night"!		
	14.12.44		The aircrew enjoyed a stand-down to-day, as far as flying is concerned. Lectures were given all day by the Section Leaders.		
	15.12.44		20 aircraft were required for operations but it was cancelled due to bad weather. No flying was carried out.		
	16.12.44		There was no operations flying to-day. The A.O.C. No. 6 (RCAP) Group A.V.M. C.M. McEwen, M.C.19 D.F.O., presented the Squadron with a trophy towards the efficiency pennant for the month of November. He also inspected the Squadron in a Hollow Squadr. formation and in addressing the ground crew, he spoke highly of the good results obtained in the past.		
	(night)				
	17/18.12.44.		21 aircraft were detailed to attack Duisburg during the night. Two aircraft returned early due to throttle linkage broken and hydraulics O/S, respectively. One aircraft piloted by J87112 P/O Desmarais, J.R.J.M. crashed near Alne Village, shortly after take-off. The bomb load exploded and all members of the crew were killed. The cause of the accident is unknown.		A.286 to A.286 incl. Appendix 53/44.
			18 aircraft attacked primary and returned safely. Some were diverted and others returned to base. There was 10/10ths stratus and strato-cumulus clouds in the T/A with tops from 12/18,000 ft. through which a glow could be seen. On run-up, one crew saw markers ascending but these quickly disappeared. No assessment of the raid possible although a few explosions were seen probably from large bombs. Heavy flak was in slight barrage form bursting from 17/22,000 feet, and slight light flak self-destroying at about 15,000 ft. (Continued.....)		

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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

No. of pages used for day 8.

Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
R.C.A.F. Station	17/18.12.44.	Night	Particulars of the crew of the crashed aircraft are as follows:		
Tholthorpe.	(Continued...)				
			CAN-J6711E 1/P/O Desmarais J.R. Pilot	POINTS 26	POINTS 26
			CAN-J2941E 2/P/O Bernier J.H.L. Navigator	106	106
			CAN-J6852E 2/P/O Dubois J.E.L. WOP/AG.	29	29
			CAN-J68821 2/P/O Labrecque J.C. A/S	28	28
			CAN-J90899 2/P/O Gauthier R.C. R/AG	32	32
			CAN-J18602E 2/P/O Lariviere J.R. W/AG	Nil	Nil
			RAF-186889 2/P/O Blackburn J. P/Eng.	26	26
			CAN-J6283E 2/P/S Paré J.M.J. W/Under/AG	6	6
	18.12.44		6 aircraft were required for operations this afternoon but this was cancelled.		
	19.12.44		15 aircraft were required for operations again to-day but it was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. No other flying was carried out.		
	20.12.44		15 aircraft stood-by again for operations but due to the prevailing bad weather, was cancelled.		
	21.12.44		Operations were again cancelled due to weather conditions. The funeral of the crew which was killed on the early morning of 18th December, was held this morning at the Harrogate Reginald Cemetery. It was attended by a great number of their friends, who also acted as pall bearers.		
	22.12.44		17 aircraft stood-by for operations again to-day, but it was again cancelled. When not required in their sections, all aircrew personnel are kept busy decorating their respective Messes for Christmas.		
	23.12.44		There was no flying to-day. All available aircrew personnel gave a hand in decorating the Messes.		
	24.12.44		16 aircraft took-off to attack Dusseldorf Airfield. All attacked primary and returned safely. 14 aircraft were diverted to RAF Station Rivenhall, one was landed at Attlebridge and one at Sudbury. All crews report no cloud with some ground haze and smoke, and good visibility. The target was copiously marked and bombing was particularly concentrated, with bursts seen on all runways and on the field itself. Several explosions and fires among buildings were also noted. Heavy flak was moderate to intense most of which was predicted "seen" in a barrage from 15,000 ft. Many aircraft received flak damage, principally in target areas.		A.2867 to A.2972 incl. Appendix 64/44.
			Mr. Paul Dupuis, French Canadian War Correspondent, visited the Squadron for the purpose of recording messages from all personnel, for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.		
	25.12.44		Approximately 450 N.C. personnel attended the Midnight Mass in the Station R.C. Chapel. The ground crew personnel enjoyed a first class turkey dinner, served by the Officers and Senior N.C.O.'s, whilst a band from York was playing soft music. Many old members of the Squadron are spending Christmas with us. In the evening a dance was held for the "Baka" only, whilst the Officers and Senior N.C.O.'s enjoyed a stag party xxxxx presented by a few members of the R.C.A.F. "Blackouts".		

(u)

Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
RCAF STN. THOLTHORPE.	26.12.44.		The whole station was enveloped in fog all day. The Officers had their dance in the Officers' Mess this evening. All had a good time.		
	27.12.44.		The few crews left on the Squadron (16 are still on diversion) were required for operations but this was cancelled later due to the bad weather conditions.		
	28.12.44.		7 aircraft were detailed to attack Opladen in the early morning. All attacked primary and returned safely. There was 10/10ths low stratus and fog in the T/A with tops between 1,600 and 2,000 ft. Marking was concentrated in a small area with both red and green T.I's but although markers could be seen burning, ground detail was indefinable and no assessment can be made. Heavy flak was particularly negligible, bursting about 17/19,000 ft. One a/c which was hit by flak in T/A, landed at Hunston. All crews which had been diverted on the 24th December, returned to the Squadron to-day. Every member was given a warm welcome by the Station Commander at Rivenhall, Sussex, where they spent Christmas Day. A letter of appreciation is being forwarded to the Stn. Commander of that Station to-day.		A.2973 to A.2979 incl. Appendix 55/44.
	29.12.44.		19 aircraft were detailed to attack Trois Dors Marshalling Yards and all took-off. One returned early due to hydraulics W/S (undercarriage would not retract). 16 a/c attacked primary and returned safely. There was 10/10ths thin low stratus in the T/A between 5/4,000 feet with excellent visibility. The target was well marked with both red and green T.I's and some sky markers all of which were concentrated. No assessment of the raid is possible as no ground detail could be seen but bombing seemed well around the markers. Heavy flak was slight in the T/A principally in barrage form mostly below with some reaching about 21,000 feet. There was very little evidence of prediction and searchlights were hampered by cloud. Over the Selgfried line, defences seem to be increased. Almost all crews report seeing the contrail of a V.2.		A.2980 to A.2998 incl. Appendix 56/44.
	30.12.44.		17 aircraft were detailed to attack Cologne Marshalling Yards and all took-off. One aircraft attacked secondary target due to instruments being W/S, having been hit by flak. 16 aircraft attacked primary and returned safely. There was 10/10ths strato-cumulus with tops 6/10,000 ft. The target was well marked with Waganai flares, and although most crews reported the sky markers as being concentrated, several stated that they were somewhat scattered at various times. Some red T.I's were also visible and were bombed by one crew. Cloud prevented a definite assessment of the results, but bombing was generally concentrated. Glow from fires in the target area was reported by all crews. Several instances were reported of aircraft with Navigation lights on approaching, over and beyond the target, across France and the English Channel. Slight Heavy flak in barrage, bursting mainly from 16/19,000 ft. Also some light flak was observed bursting around the sky markers. No searchlights.		A.2999 to A.3015 incl. Appendix 57/44.
	31.12.44.		All is very quiet on this last day of the year but at 12 P.M. sharp, the whole station seemed to have awakened when cheers, songs and shouts were heard, especially from the Control Tower. Everyone was celebrating the commencement of a New Year. Training was carried out to-day by 15 aircraft. In the afternoon a Church Parade was held in Yark to celebrate the 2nd Anniversary of operation of No. 6 (RCAF) Group. The R.C. Squadron, composed of personnel from this Station, was commanded by S/Ldr. L.F. Dupuis ("DRU", J86018) of this Unit.		

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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

No. of pages used for day 8

Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.			References to Appendices	
RCAF STATION THOLTHERPE, YORKS.	31.12.44.	CASUALTIES.			OF.	TRIPS	POINTS	HOURS.
		CAN. J87112	A/P/O. Desmarais, J.R.	Pilot. "DFC"	28	102	141.45	Killed on 18.12.44.
		CAN. J29412	A/P/O. Bernier, J.M.L.	Nav.	26	98	142.06	in flying accident.
		J88326	A/P/O. Dubois, J.S.L.	WOP/AG	29	105	149.45	
		J88921	A/P/O. Labrecque, J.O.	B/A.	26	97	155.45	
		J90899	A/P/O. Gauthier, R.G.	R/AG.	32	114	169.45	
		E155028	A/P/O. Lariviere, J.R.	M/AG	nil	nil	nil	
		RAF. 186868	A/P/O. Blackburn, J.A.	P/Eng.	29	92	142.10	
		R26356	A/P/O. Paradis, J.M.J.	W/Omcr.	6	24	36.10	
		HONOURS & AWARDS.						
		J87150	A/P/O. J.G.R.W. Sicotte	Pilot. Awarded D.F.C. (Immediate)				
		J87112	A/P/O. J.R. Desmarais	Pilot. Awarded Immediate D.F.C.				
		J88635	A/P/O. J.L. Macrotte	Pilot. Awarded Immediate D.F.C.				
		J18447	A/P/O. R.D. Hemphill	Pilot. Awarded Immediate D.F.C.				
		RAF. 383390	Sgt. McAbendroch, E.A.	P/Eng. Awarded Immediate D.F.M.				
J28993	A/P/O. J.E.H. Gourdeau	Pilot. Awarded Immediate D.F.C.						
J88127	A/P/O. C.A.J. Dionne	Pilot. Awarded Immediate D.F.C.						
COMMISSIONS.								
J90890	P/O. Finsgar, A.C.J.	W/AG - Commissioned w.o.f. 2.10.44.						
J91125	P/O. deGrosbois, C.E.	A/G - Commissioned w.o.f. 17.10.44.						
J81267	P/O. Bergkvist, J.G.	A/G - Commissioned w.o.f. 26.10.44.						
J90998	P/O. Donnetto, D.G.	A/G - Commissioned w.o.f. 20.10.44.						
J90892	P/O. Gauthier, R.G.	A/G - Commissioned w.o.f. 17.10.44.						
J91042	P/O. Cassels, J.	W/AG - Commissioned w.o.f. 26.10.44.						
J82107	P/O. Barnish, J.L.	B/A - Commissioned w.o.f. 2.10.44.						
J82178	P/O. Vermette, J.E.	A/G - " " 17.10.44.						
J92473	P/O. Enslin, E.H.	A/G - " " 26.10.44.						
J92183	P/O. Forsythe, E.S.	A/G - " " 26.10.44.						
J82070	P/O. Dwyer, W.H.	A/G - " " 20.10.44.						
J80672	P/O. Lapierre, J.M.H.	W/AG - " " 15.10.44.						
J92028	P/O. Golin, W.F.	W/AG - " " 20.10.44.						
J92057	P/O. Kartomahit, K.	W/AG - " " 18.10.44.						
J92377	P/O. Boyd, F.A.	A/G - " " 20.10.44.						
J92701	P/O. Knook, H.P.	A/G - " " 8.11.44.						
J92640	P/O. Latour, J.J.E.	B/A - " " 8.11.44.						
J92641	P/O. Leblanc, R.S.T.	B/A - " " 8.11.44.						
J92652	P/O. Phelps, M.D.	A/G - " " 8.11.44.						
J92453	P/O. Arsenault, P.H.	A/G - " " 15.10.44.						
RAF. 187038	P/O. Dawkins, R.E.W.	P/E - " " 26.10.44.						
RAF. 186094	P/O. Heritage, G.C.	P/E - " " 18.10.44.						
POSTINGS IN.								
J89658	P/O. Desbriens, J.J.A.	Pilot Posted from 76 Base wof. 2.12.44.						
E145799	P/S. Tremblay, G.E.J.	Nav.						
E202453	P/S. D'Avril, J.H.H.	W/AG.						
J58736	P/O. Parent, J.A.	B/A.						
E55637	P/S. Langevin, G.	W/AG.						
E216691	P/S. Lamontagne, L.P.	W/AG.						
R219105	Sgt. Minguet, A.S.	P/Eng.						

www.bombercommand.com

W

Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
RCAP STN. THOLTHORPE.	31.12.44.				
	<u>POSTINGS IN.</u>				
	(CONTINUED)				
			J.22018 P/O. Racibot, C.B. Pilot. Posted from 76 Base wef. 5.12.44.		
			J40526 P/O. Marc-Aurele, H. Nav. " " " " " "		
			R19853 Sgt. Depot, M.H. W/AG. " " " " " "		
			R94301 Sgt. Dumouchel, J.A.P. P/A. " " " " " "		
			R138028 P/S. Lariviere, J.R. P/AG. " " " " " "		
			R201256 Sgt. Leboeuf, R.S. M/AG. " " " " " "		
			R202187 Sgt. Panasuk, P. P/Eng. " " " " " "		
			R65575 P/S. Anderson, M.H.S. Pilot. Posted from 76 Base wef. 19.12.44.		
			R136643 P/S. Beaudry, J.E.R. Nav. " " " " " "		
			R177985 P/S. DeBruyemaere, A.V. W/AG. " " " " " "		
			J40447 P/O. Charron, H.E. P/A. " " " " " "		
			R273047 Sgt. Pallatier, J.M.G. P/AG. " " " " " "		
			R171212 Sgt. Seguin, J.P. M/AG. " " " " " "		
			R130733 Sgt. Roy, J.D. P/Eng. " " " " " "		
			J. 5958 P/L. Laporte, W.R. Pilot. Posted from 76 Base, wef. 23.12.44.		
			J42771 P/O. Rodrigue, L.P. Nav. " " " " " "		
			R134752 Sgt. Lemonde, P. W/AG. " " " " " "		
			J40677 P/O. Foley, J.A. P/A. " " " " " "		
			CAN. 81652 P/S. St-Onge, J.E. P/AG. " " " " " "		
			R253880 Sgt. Veromosa, J.L. M/AG. " " " " " "		
			R177470 Sgt. Arcand, J.R. P/Eng. " " " " " "		
			R250587 Sgt. Gregory, F.C. A/G. Posted from 433 RCAP Sqn. wef. 21.12.44.		
			R184320 Sgt. Kuczmá, H.P. A/G. Posted from 62 RCAP Base wef. 4.12.44.		
			R158732 Sgt. Lavoie, M.J.P. Pilot. Posted from 62 RCAP Base wef. 5.12.44.		
			<u>POSTINGS OUT.</u>		
			J35234 P/O. Forman, W.E. Pilot. Posted to 406 RCAP Sqn. wef. 17.12.44.		
			J36830 P/O. Davis, J.B. Nav. " " " " " "		
			R198986 P/S. Jones, A.L. W/AG. " " " " " "		
			J35598 P/O. Giffin, P.H. P/A. " " " " " "		
			R273611 P/S. Barker, K.K.K. P/A. P/A. " " " " " "		
			R264874 P/S. Byers, A.C. M/AG. " " " " " "		
			RAF. 3020510 Sgt. O'Hanlon, O. P/Eng. " " " " " "		
			J91042 P/O. Cassels, J. W/AG. Posted to 22 O.T.U. wef. 5.12.44.		
			J65535 P/O. Marshall, W.W. Nav. Posted to RCAP "R" Depot wef. 11.12.44.		
			J23588 P/O. Garsneau, J.F.R. Nav. " " " " " "		
			J91084 P/O. Guibeault, J.J. P/A. " " " " " "		
			J57788 P/O. Whyte, J. P/AG. " " " " " "		
			990601 P/O. MacLeod, W. A/G. " " " " " "		
			J57532 P/O. Asselin, W.C. A/G. " " " " " "		
			J88490 P/O. Osborne, W.C. A/G. " " " " " "		
			J57433 P/O. Macgibbon, J.A.I. Pilot. Posted to 22 O.T.U. wef. 20.12.44.		
			R257776 Sgt. Wilson, G.R. A/G. Posted to 62 RCAP Base (N.E. Sick) wef. 30.11.44.		
			R162843 Sgt. Corbett, L.S. A/G. " " " " " "		
			R94472 WO1. Lockett, J.H.P. P/A. Posted to 24 O.T.U. wef. 5.12.44.		
			R136732 WO2. Lavoie, M.J.P. Pilot. Posted to 76 RCAP Base wef. 9.12.44.		
			CHANGE IN COMMAND. Nil.		
			CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATION. Nil.		

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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

No. of pages used for day 8.

Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices	
RCAF STN. THOLTHORPES	3	1.12.44.				
			AIRCRAFT ON CHARGE. 23 Halifax Mk. III.			
			HEALTH:- Squadron health in general for the month of December has been satisfactory considering the prevailing weather conditions.			
			PROMOTIONS. J16068 F/O. MacKinnon, T.J. - Pilot. Promoted Temp. Flight Lieutenant wef. 6.10.44. J59212 F/O. Serpentes, L.F. R/A. Promoted to Temp. Flying Officer wef. 23.6.44. J85583 F/O. Marshall, A.W. Nav. Promoted to Temp. Flying Officer wef. 24.9.44. J11763 T/F/L. Chapman, T.H. Pilot. Promoted to Acting Squadron Leader wef. 20.11.44. J56211 F/O(A/F/L) Bourassa, J.M. R/A. Promoted to Temp. Flying Officer wef. 19.8.44. C8875 F/O. Horsnell, G.H. W/Sgt. Promoted to Temp. Flying Officer wef. 4.10.44. J56566 F/O. Page, J.E.J. A/G. Promoted to Temp. Flying Officer wef. 24.9.44. J28027 F/O. Bouchard, C. Pilot. Promoted to Temp. Flight Lieutenant wef. 5.11.44. J.3279 F/O. Lesenne, G. Pilot. Promoted to Temp. Flight Lieutenant wef. 5.10.44. J87150 A/F/O. Sicotte, J.G.R.W. Pilot. Promoted to Acting Flight Lieutenant wef. 14.10.44.			
			NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF UNIT AS AT 31.12.44.			
			R.C.A.F. OFFICERS: AIRCREW: 145. GROUND:- 1. RCAF AIRMEN AIRCREW: 104 GROUND: Nil.			
			ResvFs " " 17 " nil RAF " " 26 " nil			
			TOTAL " " 162 1 150 nil			
			OPERATIONAL SORTIES CARRIED OUT DURING DECEMBER/44. Night: 125 - Day: 16 - TOTAL: 141.			
			OPERATIONAL, NON-OPERATIONAL AND FLYING TRAINING HOURS DURING MONTH OF DECEMBER/44.			
				DAY	NIGHT	TOTAL
			Operational:	69.40	826.40	896.20
			Flying Training:-	115.00	21.20	136.20
			Other flying:-	2.50	nil	2.50
			BOMB EXPENDITURE		(TONS -2,240 lbs)	H.B. INCENDS.
			Bombs dropped from 1.1.44 to 30.11.44.		5,901	278.
			Bombs dropped during month of December/44.		550.5	59.6
			Cumulative total from 1.1.44.		6,451.5	337.6
			NUMBER OF COMBATS WITH ENEMY AIRCRAFT: Nil.			
			SHORT RESUME BY SQUADRON COMMANDER FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER/44.:-			
			Bad weather sharply curtailed both operational and training flying work which resulted in the emphasis being placed on ground work. Morale of the Squadron continues to be very high.			

Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
			<i>H. G. Ledez</i> (H. G. Ledez) <u>Wing Commander, Commanding,</u> <u>425 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron</u>	
			DISTRIBUTION: AIR MINISTRY KINGSWAY } 2 copies. H.Q. RCAF G/S. } 2 copies. H.Q. 6 GROUP } 1 copy.	

SECRET.

www.bombercommandmuseumarchives.ca