

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

R.A.F. Form 540

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of (Unit or Formation) No. 425 Squadron, R.C.A.F.

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R.C.A.F. STATION, THORNTON, Yorks.,	1.3.45		15 aircraft were detailed to attack Mannheim. All took-off and attacked primary, returning safely to base. Target was attacked in 10/10ths strato-cumulus cloud with tops variously estimated as between 7,000 ft. and some alto-cumulus at 14,35,000 ft. M.B. was heard by most crews instructing them to bomb the blue smoke puffs. The majority of crews checked their position by Dec. Reports indicate excellent concentration of aircraft over the target with marking good and plentiful. Due to cloud it is impossible to assess results of the attack. Slight to moderate heavy flak with a few predicted concentration to port of track. It has been confirmed to-day that this Squadron won the Gummy trophy from 420 Squadron for the month of February. Flying training was carried out by 4 aircraft during the day.		A.3319 to A.3331 incl. Appendix 24/45.																																																								
	2.5.45		16 aircraft were detailed to attack Cologne. Two aircraft had to turn back and bomb loads were jettisoned due to engine failures, they could not attain minimum height and speed; those aircraft were NR. 154 "G" P/O Baillie, and NR. 147 "H" P/O Lafreniere. One a/c, P.N. 172 "G", P/O Racicot, returned with bomb load because target could not be identified properly. 15 aircraft attacked primary and returned safely. There was nil to 5/10ths strato-cumulus cloud in the target area, tops estimated from 4,000 to 6,000 ft. Most crews did not see any ground markers but some saw blue smoke puffs. All crews obeyed the instructions of the M.B. the majority of whom bombed on positions relative to the smoke on the ground. Via, as it was, crews were able to visually identify buildings and landmarks, and report that bombing was well concentrated throughout the target area. Several moderate explosions noted between 1012 and 1015 hrs. Moderate heavy flak with considerable evidence of visual position bursting throughout the height band of the bomber stream. Defences at Bom also active. C.8418 S/Ldr. A.E. Ley, Auxiliary Services representative of No. 6 RCAF District H.Q. York, visited the Squadron to-day.		A.3332 to A.3347 incl. Appendix 26/45.																																																								
	5.5.45		Flying training was carried out by 13 aircraft in daylight to-day, the Squadron not being required for operations. A squadron party was to be held in the Airman's Mess at 2000 hours this evening, until at 1960 hours, when all ground crew were recalled for bombing up and checking the aircraft for the next morning. The party was immediately postponed. The boys turned away with tears in their eyes at the sight of the rolling beer barrels and the most appetizing and well furnished buffet table. All aircraft went to bed early.																																																										
	4.5.45		Everybody was awakened at approximately 0100 hr. this morning by a Tammy announcement, not for operations, as it was thought, but to take shelter, while the J.U. 88's etc, scraped the top of buildings. A few cannon bursts were fired by an aircraft, but no apparent damage was done. Operations were postponed until the afternoon and then it was cancelled, so the Squadron party was held in the evening in the Airman's Mess. Among the honoured guests, the following were present:- A/C J.L. Hurley (G.151) No. 62 Base Commander; H/G C. W. McCarthy (G.1807) Chief R.C. Chaplain Overseas from RCAF O/S H.Q. - W/G. W.G. England "DGC" (J27718) from No. 62 RCAF Base, and one Flight Commander at this Unit; - The Station Commander, G/C L.H. Leacock (G.181) "DGC" introduced the guests while the Squadron showed their usual sign of welcome by giving the "Indian Yell"; All had their fill and the party ended at 2359 hrs. After the draw for a radio raffle had been made, the lucky winner was R24824 Sgt. Hank B.D., Flight Engineer of this Unit.																																																										
Nights 23.5.45	5/6.5.45		15 a/c were detailed to attack Osnabruck this evening and all took off. 11 a/c attacked primary. One a/c N.R. 231 "F" P/O Barty bomb load hung up at target, it was jettisoned live. One a/c is missing as follows:- P.N. 175 "G".		A.3348 to A.3362 incl. Appendix 26/45.																																																								
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	6.3.45		10 aircraft returned from diversion base to-day. Flying training was carried out by 3 a/o. All wounded personnel and ground crew personnel available reported to the Hospital this afternoon to donate blood for the Red Cross.																																																										
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RCAP STATION THOLTHORPE, YORKS	Night 7/8.3.45 (CONT'D)		There was no cloud in the T/A with excellent visibility. Marking was considered good although some markers were a trifle scattered, but the attack was opened on time. Opinions as to the success of the attack are varied. Some crews report small fires with smoke up to about 2 to 4,000 feet while others report very good results. Many crews had difficulty in hearing the M/B as he appeared to be jammed. Defences were very slight with light flak bursting mainly about 8,000 feet and heavy flak bursting at 14/16,000 ft. Defences at Flensburg, Kiel Canal and Heligoland were very active. There was no evidence of fighters although isolated sightings took place on the last leg to target, in the T/A and as far as Heligoland on return. No combat took place and no claim is made. Three a/c were on flying training to-day.		
	Night 8/9.3.45		14 aircraft were detailed to attack Hamburg and all took off, attacking primary and returning safely to base. There was 5-10/10ths thin patchy strato-cumulus in the target area with tops from 3 to 5,000 ft. Ground markers were numerous but not well concentrated. As the raid progressed a fair number of streamers were seen and these too, appeared scattered. The smoke M/B was heard but it was difficult to follow his instructions as these were rapidly changed. Crews report fairly good fires and several explosions between 2151 and 2153 hrs. which each persisted for several moments. Heavy flak was in a tight barrage bursting from 14/16,000 feet and there was some light flak bursting well below the stream. Searchlights were numerous but ineffective. There was evidence of fighter activity over the target and on the way home as far as 0400H. Several fighter flares seen principally around the vicinity of Heligoland. No combat took place and no claims were made. One a/c. was on flying training to-day.		A.3378 to A.3391 incl. Appendix 28/6
	9.5.45		There was no operations to-day. 3 aircraft carried out flying training.		
	10.3.45		There was no operational flying again to-day. 14 aircraft were on day training and 4 a/c on night training.		
	11.5.45		14 a/c were detailed to attack Essen and all took off. All attacked primary and returned safely. There was 10/10ths strato-cumulus variously assessed as from 5/6,000 ft. with vis. above unlimited. A/G concentration in the target area was excellent but no assessment is possible due to cloud cover. Although several crews reported grey-black smoke billowing through cloud tops (about 1 mile square) indicating concentrated bombing. F.A.F. adequate and W.M. directed bombing satisfactorily. He was heard by most crews very clearly. Heavy flak almost negligible with only a few odd bursts scattered over a wide area. No enemy aircraft sighted and no claim made. One aircraft was on flying training to-day.		A.3392 to A.3406 incl. Appendix 29/45.
	12.5.45		14 a/c were detailed to attack Dortmund to-day. One a/c (Lt. 2425 "U" S/O Evans) returned early and jettisoned bomb load, due to Constant Speed Unit U/S. 13 a/c attacked primary and returned safely. The attack was carried out in 10/10ths strato-cumulus, with tops estimated as between 5,000 and 8,000 ft. Report indicate that F.A.F. was on time, accurate and plan-tiful. M/B. heard clearly by most crews and was apparently spreading the attack. All crews reported a large circular spot of black smoke (about 3 to 4 miles radius) billowing up through the tops of the clouds resulting from the head of the attack. Heavy flak practically negligible and no aircraft were damaged. No enemy aircraft encountered and no combat took place. Capt. J.R. Godbout, from No. 5 G.I.F.R., is visiting the Sqdn. for a week's familiarisation. A stock of 500 Squadron Badges (Pins with blue back-ground and golden-coloured lark with the words "Alouette Squadron" printed) has been received from the Manufacturers and they are being distributed to the air and ground crew who feel very enthusiastic about it.		A.3406 to A.3419 incl. Appendix 30/45.

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RAF STATION THOLTHORPE YORKS.	13.3.45		15 aircraft were detailed to attack Wuppertal and all took-off. One returned early and jettisoned bomb load due to port outer engine 1/3. (M.Z. 485 "W" P/O figures). 14 a/c attacked the primary and returned safely. There was 6/10 to 10/10ths cloud with tops assessed as from 5,000 to 8,000 ft. with a very thin layer of 12,000 ft. Target marking was insufficient. 1/3 was heard but too long breaks between comments. Some crews report having seen a small amount of ground detail between breaks in the clouds with some smoke and explosions, but accurate results cannot be assessed due to cloud conditions. Flak in T/A negligible. Slight amount of flak on Rhine. Both inland and outland. Funeral was held today at the R.A.F. Regional Cemetery, Harrogate, Yorks, for the 10 aircrew personnel who lost their lives on the evening of 5th March, when their aircraft crashed shortly after take-off.	A.3420 to A.3454 incl. Appendix 31/45																																																								
	Mgt. 14/15.3.45		15 a/c were detailed to attack Zweibrücken and all took-off. One a/c (NR. 134 "Z" P/O Poirier) returned early and jettisoned bomb load due to oil leak in stbd. inner engine. 15 a/c attacked the primary and returned safely. There was no cloud in the T/A with slight ground haze but good visibility. Crews were able to identify the target by the ground markers which were plentiful and well concentrated. As the raid progressed, fires appeared to be taking a good hold with smoke rising to 4/5,000 ft. Several crews report large explosions at 2019 to 2026 hrs. Very slight heavy flak from 10/34,000 ft. and slight to moderate light flak bursting from 8 to 12,000 ft. Evidence of enemy a/c in the T/A and some crews report seeing fighter planes after leaving the target. All aircrew not engaged on flying gave a hand in tidying up the technical site around their sections. Flying training was carried out by 3 aircraft.	A.3455 to A.3448 incl. Appendix 32/45																																																								
	15.3.45		10 aircraft were detailed to attack Castropaux in daylight to-day. All attacked primary and returned safely. Weather was clear with flight haze; horizontal visibility was good. P.F.F. opened the attack on time. Marking was well concentrated during the early stages of the attack but were soon bombed out. Most crews checked release point by Gee and found it very good. One very large explosion with black oily smoke up to 15,000 feet could be seen 126 miles away from the target. W/H was clearly heard and was most pleased with the results of the bombing. Slight to moderate heavy flak bursting in barrage between 17/19,000 ft. with some concentrations of predicted H/Flak. Bochum and Düsseldorf defences were active. Few enemy a/c were seen, no combat took place.	A.3449 to A.3466 incl. Appendix 33/45																																																								
	Mgt. 16/16.3.45		7 aircraft were detailed to attack Hagen this evening and all took-off. 6 a/c attacked primary and one a/c is missing, as follows: - NR. 172 "Y" (of 420 Sqn) -	A.3467 to A.3465 incl. Appendix 34, 35 and 36/45.																																																								
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	16.3.45.		The Squadron was not required for operations to-day. All aircrew, except 4 new crews engaged on flying, took this advantage to rest as most of the crews flew 8 or 7 sorties in a row lately. A dart competition was held in a Halperby Pub this evening, by all the Section members. The Squadron Adjutant P/L J.S.R. St. Amour (413682) came out on top!																																																																		
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R.C.A.F. STN. THORPE YOKES.	19.3.45		The Squadron was stood-down to-day. The Sqn. Commander W/O.H.C. Ledoux (G.511) and "B" Flight Commander, J13447 S/L R.J. Hemphill "DPO", visited R.C.A.F. Stn. Topcliffe in connection with posting of operational crews. Major M. Parusse of No. 4 C.A.F. is spending one week with the squadron, for air experience.	
	20.3.45		The Squadron was required for operations in the early evening and all aircraft went to bed in the afternoon. However this was cancelled in the evening. W/O. W.V. McCarthy (G1807) Chief R.C.A.F. (S.C.) Chaplain Overseas, was the preacher of a three-day retreat, which terminated this evening; there was a good assistance throughout. Flying training was carried out by 2 aircraft.	
	21.3.45		15 a/c were detailed to attack Rheine to-day and all took-off. 14 a/c attacked the primary. One a/c jettisoned its bombs late, bombs did not go at target because Master Switch was off. (This a/c was N.R. 271 "H" P/O. Turcotte). The Gaggle Leader was S/L.S.G. St. Jean (J25366) flying in aircraft N.R. 157 "K". There was no cloud with some slight ground haze but vis. was very good; W/B was heard clearly on V.H.F. and Mercord giving good instructions although some crews report some excessive discussion with his deputies. Most crews bombed on southerly yellow T.I.'s and claim a good concentration. There were one or two fair explosions followed by <del>heavy</del> smoke which rose to 2/3,000 feet and quickly obscured the target. Crews report that the gaggle formation was good on way to the target, but on the return was less concentrated. There was slight to moderate heavy flak on the target with definite evidence of visual prediction on the leaders. Other crews report similar flak conditions but in barrage form bursting from 10/15,000 ft. Defences on Bocholt area were also active and accurate. No enemy aircraft seen. 2 aircraft were on training to-day. Information has been received that the crew of a/c M.Z. 482 "G" (W/O. Temple) which was reported missing on the night of 12/13th March, have crashed in Belgium near Jarcobs. 6 members of the crew were killed. The Rear Gunner, <del>xxxxx</del> P/S. Balyx, G.A. 'B212779) was thrown out of his turret, then apparently they collided with a Mosquito which also crashed nearby. Sgt. Balyx landed successfully and was suffering of a few cuts and abrasions and will be fit to return to this unit shortly.	A.3480 to A.3494 incl. Appendix 39/45
	22.3.45		16 a/c were detailed to attack Dorsten to-day and all took-off. <del>15</del> attacked primary and returned safely. <del>xxxxxxx</del> bomb load of a/c N.R. 271 "H" (P/L Lescaze) did not go at target when button was pressed; they were <del>xxxxxxx</del> brought back. Clear weather with some ground haze and smoke but horizontal visibility very good & few crews saw red and yellow T.I.'s going down on time but these were quickly obscured by smoke. The majority of crews bombed the centre of the rising smoke as instructed by the W/B. <del>10</del> remainder bombed yellow T.I.'s and Fleckvieh per W/B's instruction. Owing to heavy smoke, crews were unable to assess accurately but bombing appeared to be well concentrated in the T.I.'s. A few small explosions were reported also smoke up to 3,000 feet. Nil to slight heavy flak decreasing as the raid progressed. No enemy aircraft seen.	A.3495 to A.3510 incl. Appendix 40/45
	23.3.45		There was no operations to-day. Training was carried out by 6 aircraft. P/O. E.B. Foreythe (J22183) - Air Gunner - was <del>xxxx</del> accidentally killed at approximately 1030 hours, this morning. He was getting out of a dispersal across the perimeter track, when a truck from RCAF Stn. Linton, loaded with ammunition, hit him; he was instantaneously killed.	

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RCAF STATION THORNTON YORKS.	24.3.45.		15 aircraft were detailed to attack Gladbeck to-day and all took-off. All attacked primary and returned safely. No cloud in the T/A but some smoke and ground haze with good visibility. Crews were able to identify the target by I.I.'s red and green and visually identifying the railways and autobahn. The M/B was heard most clearly on V.H.F. and most of our crews followed his instructions: - to bomb <del>with</del> smoke, which rose to 1/3,000 ft. Some crews report fires and explosions but were unable to make an accurate assessment due to smoke. Defences: heavy flak was slight with some evidence of prediction in the earlier stages of the attack, but later developing into a loose barrage 16/18,000 ft. No enemy aircraft was seen. 4 5 aircraft were on flying training to-day. An inquest was held by the Coroner from York to-day re the death of P/O. E.B. Forsythe (192133) on the 23rd March.		A.3511 to A.3526 incl. Appendix 41/45
	25.3.45.		13 a/c were detailed to attack Munster and all took off. All attacked primary and returned. Weather over target was clear with slight haze and good visibility. <del>Some</del> Some crews identified the target by red and green markers and remainder visually. Those who saw the red and green markers say that they were late but well concentrated and on the A/P. The M/B was heard by the majority of crews and various instructions were followed. Bombing appeared concentrated with some evidence of undershooting, and target was well covered with fires and smoke rising to 2,000 ft. Defences: heavy flak was moderate to heavy in general barrage form bursting between 17,000 and 21,000 ft. with evidence of some visual prediction. Heavy flak from Ruhr defences on route and three to four miles from target area on route in. No enemy aircraft were seen. A/C No. 194 "J" (Wk. Lavoie) crash-landed at Riccaud due to engine trouble, nobody injured. 5 aircraft landed at base, one at Croft and 6 at Dishforth.		A.3526 to A.3538 incl. Appendix 42/45
	26.3.45.		The Squadron was stood-down for the day as far as operations were concerned. Flying training was carried out by 19 aircraft. Many aircrew spent the afternoon playing soft-ball and other games, taking advantage of the weather.		
	27.3.45.		The Squadron Adjutant F/Lt. J.E.R. St. Amour (C13682) attended a conference on the 8th Canadian Victory Loan Campaign at No. 6 RCAF Group H.Q. It has been decided this morning, by the O.C. and all section leaders, to have a special tag attached on the Battle Dress of the different aircrew trades. It has become very confusing for all leaders to recognise their own section personnel, since practically a new SQUADRON moved in during the last few weeks. Flying training was carried out by eleven aircraft to-day.		
	28.3.45.		There was no flying to-day. Aircrew attended lectures in their respective sections.		
	29.3.45.		Training was carried out by 15 aircraft to-day, the Squadron not being required for operations. Taking advantage of the fact that there was no battle order to be typewritten and distributed this evening, the Orderly Room Staff held a party in a Helperby pub; an appetising meal was served and, apparently, everybody enjoyed themselves for the rest of the evening! All the popular French-Canadian songs were in evidence. Among the guests were S/L. E.G. St. Jean "BFC" (J25568) "A" Flt. Commander, F/Lt. J.E.R. St. Amour (C13682) Sqn. Adjutant, P/Lt. J.M. Regimbal "BFC" (114794) Sqn. Navigation Leader, and F/Lt. G. Langlais (022686) Sqn. Pktr. and F/Lt. J.A.C. Bourassa (386211) "BFC", Sqn. Banking Leader.		
	30.3.45.		The aircrew were stood-down to-day. However, early in the evening all aircrew were called back on camp for an early operational take-off to-morrow.		

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			J2728 P/O. Williams, J.R. Nav.		
			J39728 P/O. Lynch, J.H. W/AG.		
			J43537 P/O. Kemp, L.D. B/A.		
			R104666 WO1. Fox, J.V. R/AG.		
			R275143 Sgt. Williams, A.H. MU/AG.		
			R217491 Sgt. Bettison, F.J. P/Eng.		
			From 76 RCAP Base off. 22.3.45		
			J30068 P/O. Miller, S.M. Pilots.		
			J11647 P/O. Moss, R. Nav.		
			R15238 WO2. Darbani, R.D. W/AG.		
			J40769 P/O. Robinson, W. B/A.		
			R260189 P/S. Hill, R.S. R/AG.		
			R26277580 Sgt. Farhute, P. MU/AG.		
			RAF1813857 Sgt. Tams, J.D. P/Eng.		
			From 76 RCAP Base off. 22.3.45		
			J21723 P/O. Hunt, S.M. Pilot.		
			J22223 P/O. Andrew, J.C. Nav.		
			J398939 Sgt. Hall, A.Z. W/AG.		
			J12571 P/O. Chain, R. B/A.		
			J46170 P/O. Kallis, J.Y. R/AG.		
			R277003 P/S. Redgett, J. MU/AG.		
			RAF1813391 Sgt. Woodson, S. P/Eng.		
			From 76 RCAP Base off. 23.3.45		
			J41050 P/O. McMahon, J.P. Pilot.		
			J42770 P/O. Kelly, R.P. Nav.		
			R224078 Sgt. Twiss, G.W. W/AG.		
			J43616 P/O. Stanger, J.W. B/A.		
			R272180 Sgt. Edwards, W. R/AG.		
			R272441 Sgt. Swinson, H.A. MU/AG.		
			RAF1816933 Sgt. Soarles, R.V. P/Eng.		
			From 76 RCAP Base off. 26.3.45		
			R194267 P/S. Beaudoin, J.R. Pilot.		
			J45004 P/O. Seward, F.C. Nav.		
			R188622 WO2. Lemay, J.L. W/AG.		
			J44560 P/O. Brown, R.E. B/A.		
			R207461 P/S. LeFrance, R.G. R/AG.		
			R272115 P/S. Bennett, M. MU/AG.		
			RAF1816495 Sgt. Coupe, J. P/Eng.		
			From 76 RCAP Base off. 29.3.45		
			R24027 P/O. Bagshaw, H.D. Pilot.		
			J2685 P/O. O'Rourke, E.S. Nav.		
			R254091 P/S. Uilyatt, S.W. W/AG.		
			R189211 P/S. Cleland, R.R. B/A.		
			R281439 P/S. Krieger, H.G. R/AG.		
			R219566 P/S. Burgess, J.A. MU/AG.		
			R205068 Sgt. Christyerson, R.A. P/Eng.		
			From 76 RCAP Base off. 22.3.45		
			J2152 P/O. McClements, A.G. Pilot.		
			J1642 P/O. Miles, J.A. Nav.		
			R21180 Sgt. Chisholm, G.J. W/AG.		
			J13773 P/O. Baxter, W. B/A.		
			R278765 Sgt. Besten, D.A. R/AG.		
			R224639 Sgt. McNaughton, T.A. MU/AG.		
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			J3869 P/O. Armstrong, G.S. B/A.		
			R27145 P/S. Paulias, J. W/AG.		
			R267658 P/S. Welbison, R.J. MU/AG.		
			RAF1812583 Sgt. Martin, S.A. P/Eng.		
			From 76 RCAP Base off. 24.3.45		
			J2142 P/O. Donkin, W.E. Pilot.		
			J2221 P/O. Williams, A.C. Nav.		
			J217 P/O. Rowell, P.L. W/AG.		
			J4868 P/O. Leids, J.A. R/AG.		
			R282961 Sgt. Leedy, E.C. B/A.		
			R187754 WO1. Decker, H.A. MU/AG.		
			RAF1866597 Sgt. Littlefield, S.D. P/Eng.		
			From 76 RCAP Base off. 24.3.45		
			J41649 P/O. Rivas, J.R. Pilot.		
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			J41782 P/O. Dero, G.R. B/A.		
			R179488 P/S. Gauthier, J.M. W/AG.		
			R277170 P/S. Dube, J.K. MU/AG.		
			RAF1812866 Sgt. Montgomerie, M. P/Eng.		
			From 76 RCAP Base off. 25.3.45		
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			R265427 P/S. Smith, J.D. Nav.		
			R91240 WO2. Machell, G.C. W/AG.		
			J2739 P/O. Griffith, G.P. B/A.		
			R210790 Sgt. Shaw, A.H. R/AG.		
			J45185 P/O. Repens, D. MU/AG.		
			RAF1899252 Sgt. Philpott, P. P/Eng.		
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			J1089 P/O. Pasquetti, G.R. Pilot.		
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			221935 Sgt. Harcourt, R. R. W/AG.	
			14573 W/O. Roubicek, J. P. W/AG.	
			225717 Sgt. Sabourin, R. A. P/AG.	
			225857 W/S. Clouthier, V. P. W/AG.	
			220294 Sgt. Laroche, R. A. G. P/SpG.	
			RAF.1894212 W/S. Simpson, P. H. P/Eng. Posted from 406 RCAF Sqdn. w/e. 24.3.45.	
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			30995 P/O. Daniels, R. S. W/AG. Posted to 62 RCAF Base (N/S Sqn) eff. 22.3.45.	
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			223496 P/S. Wrigglesworth, L. J. W/AG. " " " " " " " "	
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			RAF.1692115 Sgt. Herton, L. W. P/Eng. " " " " " " " "	
			23703 P/O. Exarke, R. A. G. W/AG. " 426 RCAF Sqn. eff. 12.3.45.	
			32219 P/O. Desjardins, J. R. L. W/AG. " 431 RCAF Sqn. eff. 6.3.45.	
			35150 P/O. Stapanoff, J. C. W/AG. " Aircrew School Dalton eff. 16.3.45.	
			36745 P/O. Fontaine, J. P. W/AG. " 62 RCAF Base eff. 17.3.45.	
			36123 P/O. Houghton, W. E. W/AG. " RCAF Base Depot eff. 2.3.45.	
			35956 P/O. Garpentier, J. H. W/AG. " " " " " " " "	
			36753 P/O. Gauthier, R. H. Pilot. " " " " " " " "	
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			35314 P/O. Arnold, G. W/AG. " 76 RCAF Base eff. 21.3.45.	
			RAF.18826 P/O. Robbins, E. S. W/AG. " " " " " " " "	
			36241 P/O. Brownell, J. F. W/AG. " " " " " " " "	
			360101 P/S. McCaslin, E. L. S. W/AG. " " " " " " " "	
			307022 WOP. Sharpe, R. R. W/AG. " " " " " " " "	
			RAF.1050511 Sgt. Edwards, R. G. W/AG. " 62 RCAF Base (N/S Sqn) eff. 10.3.45.	
			221047 P/S. Edwards, R. G. W/AG. " A-G-A-G. eff. 8.3.45.	
			RAF.186222 Sgt. Smith, R. L. W/AG. " " " " " " " "	
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			RAF.187038 P/O. Davison, R. E. W/AG. " " " " " " " "	
			RAF.186011 P/O. Knight, W. P. W/AG. " 1664 Con. Unit. eff. 1.3.45.	
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			AIRCRAFT ON CHARGE: - 20 Halifax Mark III.	
			HEALTH: The Squadron health was most satisfactory this month, owing to the better weather conditions.	

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			J95901 P/O. Minard, G.L. Nav.	
			J44709 P/O. Chénier, R.J. W/AG	
			J42193 P/O. Mallette, J.J. B/A	
			R254413 P/S. Gauthier, M.D. B/AG	
			R266229 Sgt. Larocque, L.V. MU/AG	
			J48782 P/O. Webster, R. F/Eng.	
			J91152 P/O. Belançet, A.R. Pilot. Posted from 76 RCAF Base off. 9.3.45.	
			J99905 P/O. Dery, M.L. Nav.	
			R136894 WO2. Lohéac, J.R.E. W/AG	
			R73682 Sgt. Tassdale, J.L.R. B/A	
			R16554 P/S. Lacombe, J.L. B/AG	
			R73391 P/S. Frenette, J.L. MU/AG	
			R182748 Sgt. Clark, A. F/Eng.	
			R156732 WO2. Lawie, M.J.P. Pilot. Posted from 76 RCAF Base off. 8.3.45.	
			R199899 Sgt. Villard, J.A.R. Nav.	
			R219053 Sgt. Paquette, J.V. W/AG	
			R195355 Sgt. Grandguille, J.P. B/A	
			R261247 Sgt. Jolicoeur, M. B/AG	
			R136646 Sgt. Robitaille, J.J.L. MU/AG	
			R136841 Sgt. Robitaille, J.J.L. F/Eng.	
			J92848 P/O. Marcoux, J.J. Pilot. Posted from 76 RCAF Base off. 8.3.45.	
			R184276 P/S. Leclair, J.H. Nav.	
			R219025 Sgt. Roy, J.H. W/AG	
			R2025 P/O. Ouellet, J.P. B/A	
			R206597 P/S. Tremblay, L.G. B/AG	
			R177423 Sgt. Morin, J.J. W/AG	
			RMP.303284 Sgt. West, K.W. F/Eng.	
			R194320 P/S. Bellavance, G.J.P. Pilot. Posted from 76 RCAF Base off. 8.3.45.	
			R190954 P/S. Roy, R.W. Nav.	
			R179239 Sgt. Charlebois, J.R.V. W/AG	
			J8305 P/O. Ladouceur, J.O.L. B/A	
			R97052 WO2. Sherrard, P.R. B/AG	
			R14840 P/S. Vignant, L. MU/AG	
			RMP.1596028 Sgt. Johnson, G.A. F/Eng.	
			J91158 P/O. Turcotte, G.R. Pilot. Posted from 76 RCAF Base off. 16.3.45.	
			J40540 P/O. Lengua, G.G. Nav.	
			R204245 Sgt. Lalonde, J.T. W/AG	
			R17191 P/S. Hilaire, J.P.E. B/A	
			R274068 P/S. Raymond, J.A.R. B/AG	
			R253856 P/S. Gahot, J.E.E. W/AG	
			RMP.1827194 Sgt. McGuirk, D. F/Eng.	
			J12952 P/O. Dumais, L.E. Pilot. Posted from 76 RCAF Base off. 19.3.45.	
			R21628 Sgt. Roy, J.R.L. Nav.	
			R207036 P/S. Pelletier, J.L.E. W/AG	
			J44439 P/O. Gault, J.M. B/A	
			J46193 P/O. Bessin, P. B/AG	
			R267402 Sgt. Boudreau, J.C. MU/AG	
			RMP.1681674 Sgt. Spencer, T. F/Eng.	

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			35285 P/O. Poirier, J.E.G. Pilot - Promoted A/P/Lt. w.o.f. 31.12.44.		
			38824 P/O. M.L. St-Laurent Pilot - Promoted A/P/Lt. w.o.f. 9.2.45.		
			32927 P/O. J.B. Mochele Pilot - Promoted A/P/Lt. w.o.f. 31.12.44.		
			35685 P/O. Barrier, G.P. Pilot - Promoted A/P/Lt. w.o.f. 31.12.44.		
			38850 P/O. Lockman, R.P. W/AC - Promoted A/P/Lt. w.o.f. 15.2.45.		
			32975 P/O. Mack, W.H. Pilot - Promoted A/P/Lt. w.o.f. 31.12.44.		
			38826 P/O. Gerbett, W.D. (Missing) Pilot - Promoted A/P/Lt. w.o.f. 31.12.44.		
			35310 P/O. Brassard, J.A. Pilot - Promoted A/P/Lt. w.o.f. 21.2.45.		
			35040 P/O. Keltanetz, J. Pilot - Promoted P/P/O. w.o.f. 1.12.44.		
38824 A/P/Lt. St-Laurent, J.L. Pilot - Promoted P/P/O. w.o.f. 10.1.45.					
38877 A/P/O. S.G. Chabot Pilot - Promoted P/P/O. w.o.f. 5.2.45.					
<b>NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF UNIT AS AT 31st MARCH, 1945.</b>					
R.C.A.F. OFFICERS:		AIRCREW: 142	GROUND CREW: 1	RCAF AIRMEN AIRCREW: 124	GROUND CREW: nil
R.A.F.		" 14	" nil	" 21	" nil
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>" 156</b>	<b>" 1</b>	<b>TOTAL " 145</b>	<b>" nil</b>
<b>OPERATIONAL SORTIES CARRIED OUT DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1945:- Day: 157 - Night: 79 - TOTAL: 236.</b>					
<b>OPERATIONAL, NON-OPERATIONAL AND FLYING TRAINING DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1945.</b>					
		<b>DAY</b>	<b>NIGHT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	
Operational:		1020.25	481.15	1501.40	
Flying Training:-		295.50	87.25	382.75	
Other Flying:-		14.45	nil	14.45	
<b>BOMB EXPENDITURE:</b>					
				(TNS, 2,240 lbs)	<b>H.E.</b> <b>INCEND.</b>
Bombs dropped from 1.1.44 to 31.2.45:-				6,994.17	750.9
Bombs dropped during month of March, 1945:-				612.	196.4
Cumulative total from 1.1.44:-				<u>7,606.17</u>	<u>947.3</u>
<b>NUMBER OF COMBATS WITH ENEMY AIRCRAFT:- Three.</b>					
On 15.3.45, there were two combats but no claim.					
On 18/19.3.45, one w/c claimed damaged.					
<b>SHORT REPORT BY SQUADRON COMMANDER FOR MONTH OF MARCH, 1945.</b>					
Operational strength of the Squadron at the beginning of March was very weak, and continued to drop off until the middle of the month. An influx of crews then began, our strength gradually being renewed to present status. Satisfactory reports are now coming in on our daylight recce formations.					
<p style="margin: 0;"><i>H. Chedans</i> (H.C. Ledoux) Wing Commander, Commanding, 425 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.</p>					

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