

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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of (Unit or Formation) 426(R.C.A.F.P.) SQUADRON.

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
			NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF UNIT AS AT 15th OCTOBER 1942.		
			Officers.		
			Air Crew. Ground.	Airmen.	
			R.C.A.F. R.C.A.F. (USA) R.A.F. R.A.F. (CAN) R.N.Z.A.F. R.A.A.F.	R.C.A.F. R.C.A.F. (USA) R.A.F. R.A.F. (CAN) R.N.Z.A.F. R.A.A.F.	
			Total Strength. Nil. Nil.	Nil. Nil.	
			426 (RCAF) Squadron commenced forming at DISHFORTH, YORKS on 15th OCTOBER 1942, intake being composed of Canadian and British Personnel, under the Command of W/O S.S. Blanchard.		
			Establishment: 451 - Officers and 180 Airmen and Airwomen.		
Dishforth.	15 Oct.		Weather: - Cloudy with fair period in the evening. Visibility moderate becoming good. Wind S.W.-W. 15-25 mph. Gusty all day.		
			Honours & Awards: - Nil.		
			Commissions: - Nil.		
			Promotions: - Nil.		
			Postings: - Nil.		
			Changes in Station Command: - Nil.		
			Changes in Administration: - Nil.		
			Changes in Unit Command: - Nil.		
			Aircraft on Charge: - Nil.		
			Health: - Nil Personnel.		
Dishforth.	16th Oct.		Weather: - Cloudy with slight drizzle in evening. Visibility good. Wind S.W.-W. 15-20 mph. Gusty, moderating 10-15 mph.		
			Honours & Awards: - Nil.		
			Commissions: - Nil.		
			Promotions: - Nil.		
			Postings: - Nil.		
			Changes in Station Command: - Nil.		
			Changes in Administration: - Nil.		
			Changes in Unit Command: - Nil.		
			Aircraft on Charge: - Nil.		
			Health: - Nil Personnel.		
Dishforth.	17th Oct.		Weather: - Cloudy with slight rain in the evening. Visibility good. Wind S.S.W. - W. 10-15 mph. Gusty in afternoon.		
			Honours & Awards: - Nil.		
			Commissions: - Nil.		
			Promotions: - Nil.		
			Postings: - 128615 P/O L.E. Gadsby, P/O J10887, P/O K.D. Wilson, J11239, P/O D.W. Simpson, J10891, P/O C. McKimmon, posted from No 22 O.T.U.		
			Changes in Station Command: - Nil.		
			Changes in Administration: - Nil.		
			Changes in Unit Command: - Nil.		
			Aircraft on Charge: - Nil.		
			Health: - Nil Personnel.		

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continued over Dishforth.	18th Oct.		<p>Weather:- Cloudy with intermittent rain and drizzle. Visibility good. Wind Westerly, light backing S.Westerly at night.</p> <p>Honours & Awards:- Nil.</p> <p>Commissions:- Nil.</p> <p>Promotions:- Nil.</p> <p>Postings:- Nil.</p> <p>Changes in Station Command:- Nil.</p> <p>Changes in Administration:- Nil.</p> <p>Changes in Unit Command:- Nil.</p> <p>Aircraft on Charge:- Nil.</p> <p>Health:- Nil Personnel.</p>		
Dishforth.	19th Oct.		<p>Weather:- Mainly cloudy. Visibility moderate during hours of darkness but excellent during day light. Surface wind light and variable.</p> <p>Honours & Awards:- Nil.</p> <p>Commissions:- Nil.</p> <p>Promotions:- Nil.</p> <p>Postings:- Nil.</p> <p>Changes in Station Command:- Nil.</p> <p>Changes in Administration:- Nil.</p> <p>Changes in Unit Command:- Nil.</p> <p>Aircraft on Charge:- Nil.</p> <p>Health:- Nil Personnel.</p>		
Dishforth.	20th Oct.		<p>Weather:- Mainly cloudy with rain from dusk till midnight. Visibility moderate at first with fog at dawn, becoming moderate later. Wind-light South Easterly at first veering Westerly, 5-10 mph.</p> <p>Honours & Awards:- Nil.</p> <p>Commissions:- Nil.</p> <p>Promotions:- Nil.</p> <p>Postings:- In. Can. J45046. P/O R.H. Lowe, from No 22078. F/L Post. Can. J15029. P/O (A/P/L) M. Roach from No 28 Squadron for F/L Post. Can. J6008. P/O (A/P/L) C.S. Dewie, DFC from No. 26 OTU for S/L Post. Can. G15711. P/O A. McMillan from 419 Squadron for F/L Post.</p> <p>Changes in Station Command:- Nil.</p> <p>Changes in Administration:- Nil.</p> <p>Changes in Unit Command:- Nil.</p> <p>Aircraft on Charge:- Nil.</p> <p>Health:- General. Good. (a) Air crew:- Good. (b) Ground crew:- Good.</p>		
Dishforth.	21st Oct.		<p>Weather:- Fine at first becoming fair with rain in late afternoon. Cloudy later. Visibility good at first, becoming moderate after dusk. Wind North Westerly at first, backing slowly to South East after dusk, 5-10 mph.</p> <p>Honours & Awards:- Nil.</p> <p>Commissions:- Nil.</p> <p>Promotions:- Nil.</p> <p>Postings:- 70203. P/L A.W. Ellis from No 79 Signals Wing for F/L Post. G157. W/C S.S. Blanchard. from No 22078 to command on formation. W/C Post. 97610. P/O E.W. Jeanneret. from No 22078.</p> <p>Changes in Station Command:- Nil.</p> <p>Changes in Administration:- Nil.</p> <p>Changes in Unit Command:- Nil.</p>		

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			Continued:- 21st Oct.	
			Changes in Station Command:- Nil. Change in Administration:- Nil. Change in Unit Command:- Nil. Aircraft on Charge:- Nil. Health:- General:- Good. (a) Air Crew:- Nil. (b) Ground Crew:- Nil.	
Dishforth.	22nd Oct.		Weather. Rain at first becoming cloudy later, Visibility very good after cessation of rain. Wind South- Westerly, 5-10 mph. Honours and Awards:- Nil. Commissions:- Nil. Promotions:- Nil. Postings:- 121548, P/O A.T.Sprosen from 405 Squadron for Navigation Officer Duties P/L Post. P/O Mundle from 405 Squadron for Bombing Leader Post P/L Post. J10255, P/O J.B.Millward, J11224 P/O J.F.Lewis, R55392 P/O R.G.F.Hunt from 230TU.	
			Changes in Station Command:- Nil. Changes in Administration:- Nil. Aircraft on Charge:- Nil. Health:- General:- Good. (a) Air Crew:- Nil. (b) Ground Crew:- Nil.	
Dishforth.	23rd Oct.		Weather. Fair at first with intermittent light rain during the afternoon and evening. Visibility very good. Wind mainly South- Westerly 5-10 mph, falling light after dusk. Honours and Awards:- Nil. Commissions:- Nil. Promotions:- Nil. Postings:- P/O Mundle to 424 Squadron for Bombing Leader Post- P/L Post. J10892, P/O J.B.Monkton from 22 OTU.	
Dishforth.	23rd Oct.		Changes in Station Command:- Nil. Changes in Administration:- Nil. Changes in Unit Command:- Nil. Aircraft on Charge:- Wellington Mark 3, No DP617 Port Engine 224056 Starboard Eng: 311055. " " " " DP620 " " 224168 " " 224091. " " " " DP619 " " 224147 " " 224025. Health:- General:- Good. (a) Air Crew:- None on Sick Report. (b) Ground Crew:- 3, Airmen reported sick and given Med.	
Dishforth.	24th Oct.		Weather:- Mainly fair with occasional showers. Visibility very good. Wind Southerly at first becoming South- Westerly later 10-15 mph. Honours and Awards:- Nil. Commissions:- Nil. Promotions:- Nil. Postings:- CAN. J. 15087 P/O F.W.Parker from 23 OTU P/L Post. Changes in Station Command:- Nil. Changes in Administration:- Nil. Changes in Unit Command:- Nil. Aircraft on Charge:- Wellington Mark 3, No BJ888, Port Engine 311324, Starboard Engine 311140. Health:- General:- Good. (a) Air Crew:- None on Sick Report. (b) Ground Crew:- 2 Airmen on Sick Report given M & D.	

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Continued:- Dishforth.	25th Oct.		<p>Weather:- Fair at first, with rain during the late afternoon and evening. Visibility good at first, becoming moderate later. Wind mainly South Easterly 5-10 mph at first, increasing to 10-15 mph veering sharply to South West at 22.00 hours to 10 mph.</p> <p>Honours and Awards:- Nil.</p> <p>Commissions:- Nil.</p> <p>Promotions:- Nil.</p> <p>Postings:- Nil.</p> <p>Changes in Station Command:- Nil.</p> <p>Changes in Administration:- Nil.</p> <p>Changes in Unit Command:- Nil.</p> <p>Aircraft on Charge:- Nil.</p> <p>Health:- General:- Good.</p> <p>(a) Air Crew:- None reported Sick.</p> <p>(b) Ground Crew:- 2 Airmen on Sick Report given M & D.</p>		
Dishforth.	26th Oct.		<p>Weather:- Mainly cloudy with light rain before dawn. Wind Westerly, 10-15 mph backing Southerly after dawn 5-10 mph. Visibility fair to good, but poor at dusk.</p> <p>Honours and Awards:- Nil.</p> <p>Commissions:- Nil.</p> <p>Promotions:- Nil.</p> <p>Postings:- 77663 P/L G.N. Sellars from 3 S OP T.F., for duty as Adjutant, S/L Post. 07615 P/L W.H. Roberge from 425 Squadron, Supy, for Engineer Duties.</p> <p>Changes in Station Command:- Nil.</p> <p>Changes in Administration:- Nil.</p> <p>Changes in Unit Command:- Nil.</p> <p>Aircraft on Charge:- Nil. Wellington Mark 3, X3600 Port Eng: 186609, Stbd Eng: 186649.</p> <p>Health:- General:- good.</p> <p>(a) Air Crew:- None reported sick.</p> <p>(b) 1 Officer and 3 Airmen on Sick Report given M & D.</p>		
Dishforth.	27th Oct.		<p>Weather:- Fair to cloudy, becoming fine after dusk. Wind Southerly backing South Easterly 5-10 mph. Visibility moderate becoming poor at times.</p> <p>Honours and Awards:- Nil.</p> <p>Commissions:- Nil.</p> <p>Promotions:- Nil.</p> <p>Postings:- Nil.</p> <p>Changes in Station Command:- Nil.</p> <p>Changes in Administration:- Nil.</p> <p>Changes in Unit Command:- Nil.</p> <p>Aircraft On Charge:- Wellington Mark 3, X3455, Port Eng: 186622, Stbd Eng: 1867590.</p> <p>Health:- General:- Good.</p> <p>(a) Aircrew:- Nil.</p> <p>(b) Ground Crew:- Nil.</p>		
Dishforth.	28th Oct.		<p>Weather:- Fog at first, becoming cloudy. Slight rain towards midnight. Wind light South Easterly at first, becoming North Westerly. Visibility poor with fog till noon.</p> <p>Honours and Awards:- Nil.</p> <p>Commissions:- Nil.</p> <p>Promotions:- Nil.</p> <p>Postings:- 128421 P/O G.F. Ruddock from 22 OTU for Flying Duties.</p> <p>Changes in Station Command:- Nil.</p> <p>Changes in Administration:- Nil.</p> <p>Changes in Unit Command:- Nil.</p>		

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Dishforth	30th Oct		<p>Weather:- Cloudy with intermittent rain or drizzle. Cloudy after dusk. Wind Northerly 10-15 m.p.h. - Visibility poor.</p> <p>Honours and Awards:- Nil</p> <p>Commissions:- Nil</p> <p>Promotions:- Nil</p> <p>Postings:- J15643 F/O J.F. Marsh from 420 Squadron for Flying Duties.</p> <p>Changes in Station Command:- Nil</p> <p>Changes in Administration:- Nil</p> <p>Changes in Unit Command:- Nil</p> <p>Aircraft on Charge:- Nil</p> <p>Health:- General - Good</p> <p>(a) Aircrew - Clear</p> <p>(b) Ground Crew - Clear</p>																																					
Dishforth	31st Oct.		<p>Weather:- Mainly cloudy with light rain at first. Wind North Westerly 5 - 10 m.p.h.</p> <p>Visibility moderate.</p> <p>Honours and Awards:- Nil</p> <p>Commissions:- Nil</p> <p>Promotions:- Nil</p> <p>Postings:- Nil</p> <p>Changes in Station Command:- Nil</p> <p>Changes in Administration:- Nil</p> <p>Changes in Unit Command:- Nil</p> <p>Aircraft on Charge:- Nil</p> <p>Health:- General - Good</p> <p>(a) Aircrew - 1 Sergeant reported sick and given M & D.</p> <p>(b) Ground Crew:- 3 Corporals and 1 Airman reported sick. Given light duty and Medicine.</p>																																					
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Continued			<p>OPERATIONAL, NON- OPERATIONAL AND TRAINING FLYING HOURS. OCTOBER 1942.</p> <p>(a) Operational Flying Hours Day - Nil Night - Nil</p> <p>(b) Non-Operational Flying Hours Day - 1 hour 5 minutes. Night - Nil</p> <p>(c) Training Flying Hours Day - Nil Night - Nil</p> <p>AIRCRAFT ON CHARGE AS AT 31st October 1942.</p> <p>Number. Type. 6 Wellington Mark III</p> <p><i>M. Beanehard</i> Wing Commander, Commanding, No. 426 (RCAP) SQUADRON.</p>		