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of (Unit or Formation) No. 427 Squadron, R.C.A.F.

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R.C.A.F. LEBNIO	1.4.45		Weather: Cloudy with occasional slight rain during morning. Continuous moderate rain in evening. Vis moderate. Wind SW'ly 20-40 mph, gusty at times. Easter Day. Very quiet, appropriate to the occasion. No operations laid on. Today is the 21st Anniversary of the founding of the R.C.A.F. A parade was called, but later washed out due to rain.		
	2.4.45		Weather: Variable mists with rain early. Showers at midday. Vis good. Wind W'ly 10-25 mph, gusty at times, falling back light late in evening. Operation Order No. 370 issued detailing 5 aircraft for Mining, and Operations Order No. 371 detailing 9 aircraft for bombing. Both Operations were scrubbed due to uncertainty of the exact whereabouts of the front line in Europe.		
	3.4.45		Weather: Air becoming fine. Showers of rain and hail during morning. Vis excellent. Wind 10-35 mph W-NW'ly, gusty at times. Seven aircraft detailed for bombing on Operations Order No. 372. Effort was practically stillborn. Tried again later in the day, with the same seven aircraft with the same net result.		
	4.4.45		Weather: Air becoming cloudy. Shower at midday. Vis excellent becoming moderate late. Wind mainly W'ly 3-20 mph. Finally got cracking with two good efforts, a 3 kite Mining "Do" in the "Onions" area, and a 17 kite bombing attack on HERSBURG. All aircraft took off, and all returned safely to base, one being diverted to Blackbus. Crews report the weather in the Mining area was 4/5/10ths cloud with tops generally 6000 to 7000 ft. Visibility above cloud being very good with a bit misty sky. All aircraft mined on H2S. Crews considered this a successful attack and that mines were laid in correct positions. Bombing crews report 7 to 10/10ths strata cumulous cloud over target with tops 6/10000 above which visibility was very good. Some ground marking was reported. Sky marking was considered inadequate. Several crews orbited the target due to uncertainty as to what to bomb. Assessment of success is difficult as target was almost completely obscured by cloud, but several large explosions were reported, two in particular at 2232 and 2234 after which dark smoke rose to 3/4000 ft. Bombing variously reported from scattered to concentrated.		1A-3A Off B. Reported
	5.4.45		Weather: Cloudy becoming fine in late afternoon. Continuous rain before dawn. Showers at midday. Vis poor till dawn then becoming excellent. Wind W'ly 5-20 mph. Fifteen aircraft laid on in Operations Order 377 for bombing raid. This was later scrubbed. Stand down till 0930 hours of the following morning.		1A-13B Off B. 1 B.
	6.4.45		Weather: Air becoming cloudy. Continuous rain during late morning and afternoon. Vis good becoming poor during evening with fog forming late. Wind light variable. Quiet day. Nothing laid on. Aircrew boys were given a talk on the Victory Bazaar.		
	7.4.45		Weather: Overcast to almost becoming fine during evening. Vis poor to moderate. Wind light variable. Five aircraft were detailed for mining, and eleven for bombing. Both were scrubbed. Later on they tried again with eleven aircraft for bombing. Bombing effort was scrubbed during briefing.		
	8.4.45		Weather: Mainly fine. Fog during morning. Vis poor to moderate. Wind light S.W. Eleven aircraft detailed to bomb HANNOVER. Operation Order 380. All aircraft took off and		mm

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R.C.A.F. LORNING	8.4.45.	cont'd	<p>successfully completed their missions. All aircraft were diverted to Berahore. Crews report weather over the T/A was 8/10 to 10/10 thin stratus with tops between 1000 ft. & 4000 ft. P.F.V. Marking was plentiful and well sustained. Although the bombing was claimed to be very concentrated, no outstanding area or aim of the fires could be assessed because of the cloud cover. There were several explosions noted between 2231 hours and 2242 hrs. In view of the target being cloud-obscured, enthusiasm regarding the attack was somewhat curtailed. A reasonably good assessment, all things being equal, was the general opinion.</p> <p>427 "H" was attacked by an ME.262 from Stbd quarter up at 2420H 0337H, 2216 hrs, 17800 feet outward. First sighted at 300 yards. The R.A. opened fire at 250 yards. During evasion action the E/A was lost. No strikes seen.</p> <p>427 "H" 5400H 0948H, 2216 hrs, 17800 ft (Outwards) a ME.262 came in from Port Quarter down. First sighted at 200 yds. The R.A. opened fire with 150 rounds. Violent evasive action was taken and E/A disappeared. No strikes noted.</p> <p>427 "H" 5520H 0930H 2232 hrs, 14000 ft (Homeward). A ME.262 came in from eastern, stbd down at 500 yds. Our s/c took evasive action and the R.A. opened fire. The E/A closed in to about 200 yds then broke away to Port and was lost. No strikes were seen.</p> <p>427 "H" 5520H 0930H 2232 hrs, 14000 ft (Homeward). Fishponds indicated an E/A at 1000 yds off Stbd qtr. At 500 yds the R.A. identified the E/A and opened fire. The E/A broke off dead astern at 200 yds and was lost. No strikes were seen.</p> <p>427 "H" 5520H 0930H 2232 hrs, 14000 ft (Homeward). A ME.262 came from Stbd behind and slightly above, crossing the nose. The R.A. opened fire no strikes were noted.</p> <p>NOTE: All of the encounters by 427 "H" followed in quick succession. No accurate time or height could be given for the latter two engagements. No firing was noted at any time from the enemy.</p>		IC - HC app B. G. 2
	9.4.45.		<p>Weather: Fine to fair with fog early. Vis poor. Wind light S'ly.</p> <p>Crews returned from diversion at Berahore about 1320 hours. Five crews were detailed for Mining Spans on Operations Order No. 382 issued today Target KIR. BAY. F.O. 1934 hrs. Crews were not back at base by midnight.</p>		ID - 5D app B. G. 3
	10.4.45.		<p>Weather: Fair to cloudy, becoming overcast late. Vis poor to moderate. Wind mainly light variable or E.S.E. fly 5 - 10 mph.</p> <p>Crews returned from Gardening by 0123 hours. They report weather over T/A was clear with some very low stratus cloud or haze. Visibility above this was good. Crews mined on H2S and consider the effort as successful.</p> <p>Operations Order No. 382 issued today detailing 11 aircraft. Take off was at approximately 1315 hours. The target was LORNING. All crews returned safely to base by 2136 hrs. Crews report weather over the target was clear with some slight ground haze. P.F.V. Marking was considered excellent. Crews saw read into the target and bombed either visually, as on the markers according to the H.Q.'s instructions. A good concentration of bombing was reported. All crews consider the raid to be a definite success.</p> <p>Wing Commander 427 Squadron HQ (7/10131), the Squadron Commander, was screened upon the completion of his second tour.</p>		IS - NE App "A" 3. 4
	11.4.45.		<p>Weather: Overcast to cloudy. Periods of continuous rain. Vis poor. Wind mainly N'ly at 5-10 mph.</p> <p>Quiet day with no Operations laid on. All aircrew personnel of this Squadron visited S.S.G. this afternoon to have X-Rays taken.</p>		mb

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	13.4.45		Weather: Mainly fine with fog forming late. Vis mainly good becoming poor later. Wind, light variable. Two Operations Orders issued this morning. Operation Order No. 383 detailed 4 crews on mining, and No. 384 detailed 10 crews on Bombing. All crews took off around 2000 hours. Target for Gardening was KIM. Day's Bombing target was at KIM itself. Crews were not back by midnight.		
	14.4.45		Weather: Cloudy with a period of continuous rain, moderate at times. Vis moderate to poor. Wind S'ly 5-15 mph. All crews returned safely to base by 0249 hours. Crews report weather in the Target Area (Gardening - Target No. 10) was 5/10 to 10/10 stratus cloud with tops ranging from 2000 ft. to 6000 ft. Some crews claimed that instead of cloud a thick sea haze obscured the area. Visibility above was fair to unlimited. All crews aimed on H28. The operation is considered successful. In the Bombing area there was 10/10 stratus cloud with tops 3000 ft. above the target. Above cloud visibility was good. M.B. instructed crews to bomb alternative target. This was done by all except one crew who did not hear M.B. until after bombing. Gasping green f.l.s. were seen in good time and quantity. Plus the glow of the green on the ground made identification of target sure. Bombing was fairly well concentrated, but scattering was seen. Glow from the target could be seen for at least 50 miles. Accurate assessment of the raid impossible due to prevailing cloud coverage. 427 sqs reports: 0405H 1010H 0325H 6 hrs 17000 ft 4 Fishpond 1000 yds up stbd. We corked stbd. A visual obtained on 4/1 2/1 - 2/0 and 1/0 fired 200 x 50 rounds respectively as 2/1 veered to stbd and was lost.		I.F - 4F App "B" Pg 5 1G - 10G App "B" Pg 6
	15.4.45		Weather: Cloudy becoming fine. Visibility good except early and late, then moderate. Wind S'ly 10-15 mph. Operations through this morning detailing 15 aircraft. Main briefing was scheduled for 1500 hours. Operations were scrubbed, however, around 1600 hours with the order to "Stand By".		
	16.4.45		Weather: Fair to cloudy. Visibility moderate. Wind S'ly 10-15 mph. Operations Order No. 386 issued today detailing 15 aircraft for Bombing. Main briefing scheduled for 2000 hrs. Aircraft took off around 2245 hours. Target SCHWANDORF. Aircraft were not back at base by midnight.		I.H - 15.H App "B" Pg 7
	17.4.45		Weather: Fair to cloudy. Visibility excellent. Wind Wly 5 - 10 mph. Aircraft returned safely to base by 0808 hours. 427 "C" ME.426 piloted by 2/L W.E. Towns (J.20385) was an early return, landing at base at 0042 hours, on three engines. Crews report weather over the target ranged from clear to 3/10 to 9/10 thin stratus cloud or ground haze. The target was well and consistently marked. All crews bombed on the instructions of the M.B. who was loud and clear. The M.B. gave regular and concise instructions. As the raid progressed the target became completely obscured by columns of dense greyish-black smoke rising to 8000 ft. 4 outstanding explosions occurred at 0401 0403 0408 and 0411 hrs, and in 2 instances emitted smoke which might have indicated oil stores. The attack is considered to have been quite successful.		

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R.O.A.F. LORNING	18.4.45		Weather: Fair to cloudy. Visibility excellent. Wind W-NW'ly 5-15 mph. No operations through today, but Training Program came through in the morning. 15 A/c were detailed for Cross-Country, Range Bombing, Air to Sea and Fighter Affiliation. Aircraft were airborne at 1500 hours. 2 Crews were detailed for W/A, Cross-country, and Range Bombing. Take-off at 2000 hours.		
	19.4.45		Weather: Fine. Visibility excellent becoming moderate late. Wind light variable. More training through to-day. Three crews detailed for Range Bombing, Air to Sea and Fighter Affiliation at 1400 hours. Two crews detailed for Range Bombing & Cross-Country at 1430 hrs. and three crews detailed for Cross-Country, Range Bombing & R/Affiliation at 1900 hours.		
	20.4.45		Weather: Fair to cloudy. Slight rain during late afternoon. Visibility moderate. Wind mainly light variable. Operation Order No. 387 came through today detailing 5 aircraft for Mining. This was later scrubbed. Stand down till 1300 hours following morning.		
	21.4.45		Weather: Cloudy. Slight shower at noon. Visibility moderate becoming excellent. Wind NW'ly 10-20 mph. Tried again with same Operation Order as yesterday. This time kites took off at approximately 2007 hours. Aircraft were not back by midnight. The Squadron was called in for a parade early this afternoon. The occasion was the presentation of the Bristol Bomber Trophy to our Squadron for the best bombing score for March. The trophy was presented by Air Vice Marshal G.M. Walker, MBE, DFC, MC, MC(C), MC(S), MC(W) Group. The trophy was received by Wing Commander V.P. Canderton DFC on behalf of No. 427 (Bomber) Squadron.		1.1-5f App "B" Pg 8
	22.4.45		Weather: Wind Cloudy. Wind S-ly 10-15 mph. Vis. good. Aircraft returned to base from Gardening by 0220 hours. Target - KATVEDAT (SILVERTHORN). Crews report 2 - 6/10 broken stratus and cirrus - no. Max 6000, tops 14000 was encountered in Garden Area. Visibility was good to excellent. Crews aimed on H2S and visually. All reported good aiming runs and consider attack successful. Operation Order No. 388 was issued today detailing 10 aircraft. Take off at approximately 1600 hours. Target BOMBS. Aircraft returned safely to base by 21.45 hours. Crews report weather over the target ranged from 3/10 to 10/10 stratus cumulus with tops 6,000 to 10,000 ft. Visibility above the cloud was considered slightly heavy to excellent. No target marking was observed by any of the crews. The H.B. was heard before the target, and by some account the target, but no instructions were received to bomb. Some crews did not hear the H.B. at all. All crews reported the actual aiming point to have been cloud obscured.		1d-10d App "B" Pg 2
	23.4.45		Weather: Cloudy becoming fine. Visibility moderate. Wind N'ly 5-10 mph. Raining late. The Squadron held a farewell presentation today for Wing Commander V.P. Canderton DFC (J10133) who is leaving the Squadron after completion of his 2nd tour. The presentation took place outside No. 2 Mess. W/O Canderton received a silver trophy from S/L G.O. Collins (J. 5819) on behalf of the Squadron. Squadron pictures were then taken with W/O Canderton and his		mm

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	24.4.45.		Weather: Weather fine becoming fair. Visibility moderate to poor. Wind S.E.'ly 5 - 10 mph. A quiet day with no Operations. 2 Crews were detailed for Range Bombing & S.R.A. Bombs, and 1 for Mailings.		
	25.4.45.		Weather: Cloudy. Visibility poor. Wind light at first becoming N'ly 5-10 mph. Operation came through today with Operations Order No. 390 detailing 10 aircraft. Take-off was at approximately 1300 hours. The target was WASHINGTON. All crews returned safely to base by 2000 hours. Crews report no cloud over the target, but it was busy with a lot of smoke in the area. Most crews heard the H.B. land and clear, and on his instructions bombed Hickam. There was a good concentration of bombing in the area of the aiming point, but some bombs fell short, also some in the water. It was thought by most crews that the scattered bombing was caused by the compactness of the group, as this hindered a good bombing run. An explosion is reported at 1722 hours, and a column of black smoke rose to 2000 ft.		1. K - 10 K. App "B" Pg. 10.
	26.4.45.		Weather: Cloudy. Occasional rain. Wind N'ly 5-10 mph. Visibility poor to moderate. Operation Order No. 391 was issued today detailing 15 aircraft. This was later scrubbed. The rest of the day was quiet.		
	27.4.45.		Weather: Cloudy. Occasional showers. Wind N'ly 10-15 mph. Visibility good. Yesterday's Operation Order was again put through today, but was scrubbed again before briefing. Some training was carried on.		
	28.4.45.		Weather: Fine becoming cloudy with snow showers. Wind N'ly 10-15 mph. Visibility good. Several new crews have arrived during the week. They are participating in training exercises and lectures to make them good "Operational Types."		
	29.4.45.		Weather: Cloudy. Occasional showers, rain about. Visibility good. Wind 10-15 mph. Still no Operations through, but History is still being made. A.C. Ombrose has submitted F.541 completed at 1300 hours on the 29.4.45. Must be working for a repeat.		
	30.4.45.		Weather: Cloudy with snow. Visibility good. Wind 10-15 mph. A quiet day, although training was carried out this afternoon. P/L A.L. D'Em DFC (J.25496) was posted to HQAF "H" Depot today. P/L D'Em is the Squadron Signals Officer. A telegram was immediately made out to recall P/L D'Em from leave when he walked in himself and offered to take it down for despatch.		

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R.C.A.F. LEMING	2.		REQUIRE AND AWARD: N/A	
	3.		CANADIAN: ONE: 29115 R/O W.A. Gunning - Killed on 22.4.45, in motorcycle accident.	
	4.		FOREIGN:	
			<p> <i>J 1321 R/O G.S. Dunbar Posted from R.O. No. 6 Group ref 14.3.45.</i> <i>J 9360 R/O J.E. Tullifson " to 2nd Regt " 3.4.45.</i> <i>J 3897 R/O H. Brown " " 9.4.45.</i> <i>J 3628 R/O A.G. Horton " " 24.4.45.</i> <i>J 3595 R/O J.V. McMillan " " 29.3.45. (Commissioned)</i> <i>J 5967 R/O B. Malkinsky " " 1.4.45.</i> <i>J 9377 R/O J.S. Grant " " 3.4.45.</i> <i>J 3894 R/O R.H. McBride " from 76 Base " 3.4.45.</i> <i>J 4938 R/O H. Newfield " " " " 7.4.45.</i> <i>J 4072 R/O R. Ward " " " " 29.3.45.</i> <i>J 4245 R/O R.J. Ouchman " " " " 31.4.45.</i> <i>J 4033 R/O R.B. Sharwood " to 63 Base " 25.4.45.</i> <i>J 2182 R/O R.J. Towler " from 76 Base " 16.4.45.</i> <i>J 2732 R/O P. Lyle " to 424 Regt " 16.4.45.</i> <i>G 1452 R/O J.C. McNeill " " " " 16.4.45.</i> <i>J 3970 R/O G.M. Campbell " from 429 Regt " 16.4.45.</i> <i>J 3981 R/O W.J. Robinson " " " " 16.4.45.</i> <i>G 3182 R/O L.E. Wimmer " " " " 16.4.45.</i> <i>J 4478 R/O H.O. Malins " " " " 16.4.45.</i> <i>J 4648 R/O J.C. Gough " to 2nd Regt " 16.4.45.</i> <i>J 2872 R/O F.W. Hillard " " " " 16.4.45.</i> <i>J 2708 R/O H.C. Chapman " " " " 16.4.45.</i> <i>J 3503 R/O A. McVern " from 63 Base " 16.4.45.</i> <i>J 3512 R/O L.W. Webb " " " " 16.4.45.</i> <i>J 3433 R/O R.M. McEwen " " " " 16.4.45.</i> <i>J 4222 R/O R. Wilson " " " " 16.4.45.</i> <i>G 9439 R/O R. Macle " 427 Regt " 16.4.45. (On Comm.)</i> <i>G 3382 R/O H.M. Roberts " to 63 Base " 26.3.45.</i> <i>J 3749 R/O A.W. Hughes " from 1661 C.U. " 18.4.45.</i> <i>J 4344 R/O H.O. Richmond " " " " 18.4.45.</i> <i>J 4266 R/O L.L. Kaiser " " " " 18.4.45.</i> <i>J 2942 R/O A.L. Taylor " 1660 " 20.4.45.</i> <i>J 4271 R/O L. MacLennan " " " " 20.4.45.</i> <i>J 1132 R/O R.F. Pope " 76 Base " 20.4.45.</i> <i>J 2341 R/O H.D. McArthur " " " " 20.4.45.</i> <i>J 1480 R/O K. Macle " " " " 20.4.45.</i> <i>J 3484 R/O A.H. Wyatt " " " " 20.4.45.</i> <i>J 3818 R/O A.C.B. Reid " " " " 20.4.45.</i> <i>J 2137 R/O H.O. Morris " 1660 C.U. " 20.4.45.</i> <i>J 4272 R/O R.J. Duncan " " " " 20.4.45.</i> <i>J 4415 R/O R.G. Hughes " " " " 20.4.45.</i> <i>J 9342 R/O A.L. Hicks " 75 Base " 15.4.45.</i> </p>	

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	5.		PROMOTIONS J-17000 P/O A/W/L R.O. Stewart to A/W/L wef 1.5.44. J-10123 P/O R.M. MacKay to A/W/L wef 29.3.45. J-30385 P/O R.O. Wall to A/W/L wef 5.3.45. J-89878 P/O D.W. Murray to A/W/L wef 5.3.45.																																										
	6.		CHANGE IN STATION COMMAND: NIL																																										
	7.		CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION: RMC Flight Lieut. J.S.D. Francis (G.35439) replaced Flight Lieut. H.O. Holroyde (G.9960) as Squadron Adjutant.																																										
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	9.		AIRCRAFT ON CHARGE: LANCASTER I - 18. LANCASTER III - 4.																																										
	10.		COMMISSIONS: J-93867 P/O R. Maltinsky. Joined for duty 30.3.45. J-93975 P/O J.S. Grant. " " " 1.4.45. G-94289-288 R. Harle. " " " 12.4.45. J-94263 P/O R.G. Roberts. " " " 16.4.45. J-94278 P/O R.F. O'Leary. " " " 20.4.45. J-94281 P/O R.L. Mahon. " " " 23.4.45.																																										
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