

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
Dalton, Yorks	21 Jan		A heavy mist throughout the day made flying impossible. The weekly T.M.C.H. film show took place in the dinner mess. W/O. Weir and P/O. Wilson of No. 6 Group, B.C.A.F., visited the Station.		
	25 Jan		The Squadron's first operational sortie was scheduled for this day. Six aircraft were detailed for "darkening". Crews were each composed of six men and were captained by P/O. W.R. Sudditt, Sgt. Wilson, W/O. Sgt. Ferguson, P/O. W/O. Sgt. Smith, W/O. Sgt. Gordon and P/O. D. Morgan. A few minutes before the scheduled time of take-off the operation was cancelled because of adverse weather conditions.		
	26 Jan		First operational sortie carried out. Six aircraft participated in a raid on Lorient. Total flying time for the operation was 35 hours, 45 minutes. All aircraft returned safely. Results of the raid could not be observed.		A.1
	27 Jan		Two aircraft participated in a "darkening" operation. Total flying time was 7 hrs, 45 mins. A third aircraft (Sgt. Cartier, captain) was unable to go on the sortie because of the failure of the starter motor prior to the take-off. Letter received from Air Marshal H. Stewart, C.B., congratulating the Squadron on the commencement of operations.		A.2
	28 Jan		Poor weather restricted flying. No operations were scheduled, and flying times for training flights were 2 hours 45 minutes day, and 4 hour 30 minutes night.		
	29 Jan		W/O. S.A. Ferguson, No. 6 Group Ground Defence Officer, and Major Jones, R.A.F. Station, Topcliffe, visited the Station to inspect the ground defence system. Six aircraft took part in a raid on Lorient. Due to poor visibility, results are not known for certain. All our aircraft returned safely.		A.3
	30 Jan		Seven crews are still considered to be insufficiently trained to go on operational sorties; their flying training is continuing. Flying times for the day: 2 hours 50 minutes day, 4 hours 0 minutes night.		
	31 Jan		At 0212 hours Wellington aircraft H.E.473 crashed during night flying practice. The pilot (P/O N. Corick, 421502), the navigator (P/O G. Wood, 110688) and the W.Op. A.G. (620257 P/O. Mason) were killed instantly. The rear gunner, 4029334 Sgt Walsh J., was injured.		

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Wellesley, Wash.	1 Jan		Major G.W. Davidson, No. 6 Bomb Squadron, 666th, visited at Wellesley. His flight was cancelled because of unsuitable weather conditions.		
	2 Jan		No flying due to unsuitable weather. Reports supplied by the Canadian Red Cross Society were distributed to Davidson personnel. The weekly cinema presentation by the W.I. Unit took place in the officers' mess.		
	4 Jan		Flying programme (day and night) cancelled. The Commanding Officer, W/O. Park, visited No. 42 (Night) Group, Wellington Base.		
	10 Jan		Reports supplied by the Canadian Red Cross Society were distributed to the personnel.		
	17 Jan		A total of 20 hours' flying was carried out by day.		
	18 Jan		The Canadian hockey team, recently organized by P/O. W.H.D. Brown, succeeded in winning and defeating by 1 goal to nil a team from 140 Squadron.		
	19 Jan		Flying times for today: Day, 12 hours; night, 17 hours - all flying cancelled.		
	20 Jan		An auxiliary fire signal has been established. Each platoon is on duty for a period of one week, from Sunday to Saturday. P/Lt. W.D. Bogg (C.2683) arrived and replaced P/O. J.H. Jackson as Duty Officer.		
	27 Jan		A break in the weather enabled us to complete a night flying training programme of 16 hours.		
	28 Jan		Weather unsuitable for flying.		
	29 Jan		Weather unsuitable for flying.		
	30 Jan		Weather again unsuitable for flying.		
	31 Jan		Conversion of crews to Wellington III aircraft continues. Flying times for today: 11 hours 0 minutes day; 12 hours 15 minutes night.		
	22 Jan		The Squadron is to become operational on Monday, 25.1.43, and preparations are being made to carry out mine-laying operations on that day.		
	23 Jan		A mock operational sortie was carried out to test the effectiveness of the organization set-up for briefing crews, distributing rations, preparation of aircraft for take off, etc. The exercise was carried out smoothly and only minor changes in the procedure were found to be necessary.		

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	2 Jan.		Improved weather conditions have brought about resumption of flying training activities. Flying times for the day: in daylight 2 hours, 40 mins; after dark, 8 hours, 45 minutes.																																		
	3 Jan.		At 0008 hours Wellington III 24155 came off the runway on its take-off run. Part undercarriage, tail-plane section and section on port underside of fuselage were damaged. There were no casualties. At 1230 hours Wellington III 24722, piloted by P/O W. Smith, collided after landing with a service transport truck which was crossing the runway. Two passengers in the truck, 1085200 A.C.P. Morris, J. and 1419214 A.C.P. Keat, D.C., were killed instantly. The driver and one other passenger escaped with slight injuries. No aircrew were injured. The starboard engine and starboard side of the aircraft were damaged seriously.																																		
	4 Jan.		A court of inquiry was assembled under C/O Richardson, R.A.F. Station, Topcliffe, to investigate the accident of 3.1.43 in which the lives of two grandsons personnel were lost.																																		
	5 Jan.		The Squadron was visited by Air Chief Marshal Sir Edgar Ludlow Hewitt, K.C.B., D.M.O., D.S.O., M.C., who was conducted on a tour of inspection of the camp by the Commanding Officer, Wing Commander Barle.																																		
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