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of (Unit or Formation) No. 428 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron,

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET	References to Appendices
Middleton St. George.	1.10.43		<p>Thirteen aircraft were detailed for operations but operations were scrubbed at noon. Put on again at 13.30 hours and scrubbed again at 16.00 hours. Air to air exercises were carried out in the forenoon. Q/Capt. Ross, Station Commander, inspected the hangars and was pleased with their condition. Good show. Sgt. Jacobs' crew reported in from Croft.</p> <p><u>Entry No. 15 P.O.R. 37 dated 1.10.43 (R.C.A.F.)</u></p> <p>CAN.R144258 Sgt. Pilot (1) JACOB J.M. Posted to 428 Squadron from 1664 Conv. Unit                      CAN.R156140 Sgt. A.B. (1) BAUBOURNE A.B. w/f. 30.9.43. TORS. 2.10.43. Auth: 6 Group                      CAN.R194786 Sgt. A.G. (5) DONALDSON W.F. Signal P940 dated 29.9.43.</p> <p><u>Entry No. 20 P.O.R. No. 43 dated 2.10.43 (R.A.F.)</u></p> <p>XXXXX</p> <p>1427457 Sgt. W/O/AG (2) BRACKEN W.D. Posted to 428 Squadron from 1664 Conv. Unit                      1579567 Sgt. NAV. (1) BOUCHER W.R. w/f. 30.9.43. TORS. 2.10.43. Auth: 6 Group                      1801770 Sgt. P/LR/ENG. (1) ACKLAND A. 6 Grp. Signal P.940 dated 29.9.43.                      994709 Sgt. A.G. (5) KEMP G.</p> <p>2.10.43</p> <p>Stand-down to day but two crews from 428 Flight stood by from 12.00 hours for a sea search. P/O Goldstein and P/Sgt. Shepherd and crews reported in from Croft. P/O Goldstein has 2400 hrs. for his credit, being an ex. instructor. Air tests were carried out in the forenoon. ROUTINE normal in other sections.</p> <p><u>Entries No. 3 &amp; 4 P.O.R. 29 (Canadian Officers) dated 4.10.43.</u></p> <p>P/O R.P. GOLDSTEIN. J.12863 G.D. 30.9.43. Posted to 428 Sqdn. from 1659 Conv. Unit w/f. date stated. TORS. 1.10.43. Auth: 6 Grp. Sig. P.943 dated 19.9.43.</p> <p>P/O D.R. KNIGHT. J.20399 G.D. 30.9.43. Posted to 428 Sqdn. from 1664 Conv. Unit w/f. P/S Shepherd's crew. date stated. TORS. 2.10.43. Auth: 6 Grp. Sig. P.940 dated 29.9.43.</p> <p><u>Entry No. 13 FOR 37 dated 4.10.43. (Canadian Airmen) - (P/O Goldstein's crew).</u></p> <p>CAN.R132421 Sgt. A.B. (1) WOYCIEK E. Posted to 428 Squadron from 1659 Conv. Unit                      CAN.R181816 Sgt. A.G. (5) LARSON S.O. w/f. 30.9.43. TORS. w/f. 1.10.43. Auth: 6 Group                      Signal P943 dated 29.9.43.</p> <p><u>Entry No. 16 FOR 37 dated 4.10.43. (Canadian Airmen).</u></p> <p>CAN.R149169 Sgt. Pilot (1) SHEPHERD H.O. Posted to 428 Squadron from 1664 Conv. Unit                      CAN.R152382 Sgt. A/B (1) MCGILLIVRAY D.R. w/f. 30.9.43. TORS. 2.10.43. Auth: 6 Group                      CAN.R194268 Sgt. A.G. (5) MITCHELL N.H. Signal P940 dated 29.9.43.</p> <p><u>Entry No. 20 FOR 43 dated 2.10.43. (RAF) (Sgt. Shepherd's crew)</u></p> <p>4345830 Sgt. W/O/AG (2) STEVENS S.J. Posted to 428 Squadron from 1664 Conv. Unit w/f.                      1800506 Sgt. P/LR/ENG. (1) WALKER J.M. 30.9.43. TORS. 2.10.43. Auth: 6 Grp. Signal                      1812550 Sgt. A.G. (5) MUNN S. P.940 dated 29.9.43.</p>		

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Middleton St. George.	2.10.43.		Entry No. 19 FOR 43 dated 9.10.43. (R.A.F.) (P/O Goldstein's crew).		
			222606 Sgt. A.G. (5) BRABSHAW J.L. Posted to 428 Squadron from 1659 Conv. Unit wef.		
			1127307 Sgt. WOE/AG (2) MANNING A.G. 30.9.43. TORS. 1.10.43. Auth 6 Group Signal		
			1456197 Sgt. Nav. (1) WHONE J.F. P.243 dated 29.9.43.		
			1804410 Sgt. FIR/ENG. (1) ROWLEY C.E.		
	3.10.43.		Air tests were carried out in the forenoon also air to air firing, air to sea firing. 13 aircraft detailed for operations to Essle. One returned early, the rest completed sortie. Sgt. McArthur and W/O Edwards failed to return. W/O Edwards was half way through his second tour and had P/O Goldstein as second pilot. Two aircraft landed at Tangmere on return. Normal routine in all sections.		A.75.
	4.10.43.		Air tests were carried out in forenoon. Ten aircraft were detailed for the night's operations to Frankfort. On account of the early take-off (17.30 hours) crew not on operations marshalled the aircraft. Two were non-starters due to late engine failure. One aircraft returned early. W/O Harrison's crew made their 50th trip and were very happy on return. P/S Harkins on his 17th trip failed to return. Sgt. Buck landed at Bruntiscombe. Routine normal in all sections.		A.76.
	5.10.43.		6 aircraft were detailed for night's operations. Crews were briefed but operations were scrubbed at 17.00 hours. Air tests were carried out in forenoon. Normal routine in sections.		
	6.10.43.		The weather is very bad to-day. Two day flights were carried out. The air gunners did ground practice on range. Operations were briefed but later scrubbed. S/Ldr. Suggitt, our G.O., was promoted to Wing Commander.		
	7.10.43.		P/O Kegan returned from Little Snoring. One bombing detail and air to sea firing was carried out. The crew attended a lecture in the briefing room on evasion tactics. Stand down all day. P/O's Westell and Douglas were promoted to Flight Lieutenants and took over Navigation and Gunnery Leader posts.		
	8.10.43.		Thirteen aircraft attacked Hanover in a successful raid. All were starters and all returned safely. Good show. This is considered due to the fact that from to-day we are the "Ghost Squadron." All aircraft were diverted to Manston. Routine in sections normal.		A.77.
	9.10.43.		Stand down to-day as weather was too bad for aircraft to return.		
	10.10.43.		Stand down again to-day as weather is very unsettled. Some of our aircraft returned from the diversions. S/Ldr. Bartlett reported in and took over as Flight Commander of "B" Flight. P/O's Watkins and Brown reported in for duty from Creort. Normal routine in all sections.		
			Entry No. 1 FOR 21 dated 15.10.43. (RAF OFFICERS).		
			S/L C.S. BARLETT. 39928 G.D. 9.10.43. Posted to 428 Sqdn. wef. date stated.		
			TORS. 1.10.43. Auth 6 Grp. Signal 69/1514/43 dated 8.10.43.		

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Middleton St. George	10.10.43		Entry No. 6 FOR 31 (ROAF OFFICERS). F/O E.H. WATKINS J.7690 G.D. 8.10.43. Ceased to be attached from 428 Sqdn. to 1659 Conv. Unit w/f. date stated. TORB. 9.10.43. Auth: 6 Grp. Signal P.57 dated 8.10.43.		
			Entry No. 7 FOR 31 (ROAF OFFICERS). F/O N.F. BROWN, J.24433 G.D. 8.10.43. Posted to 428 Squadron from 1659 Conv. Unit w/f. date stated. TORB w/f. 9.10.43. Auth: 6 Grp. Signal P.57 dated 7.10.43.		
	11.10.43		Stand down again to-day. Five new aircraft arrived on the Station but four of them were allotted to other Squadrons leaving us one. Three bombing flights were carried out over Strevell range.		
	12.10.43		Stand down again. "A" Flight carried out an "Escape exercise" under conditions similar to enemy and occupied territories. F/Lt's Reilander and Smith were the two section leaders who took part (both were captured incidentally). It was an awesome sight. F/Lt E.S. Brown took over Adjutant's duties from F/Lt H.E. Davies who was posted to Thetford. This was the first day of our drive for the 5th Victory Loan. W/O Suggitt and F/Lt. Madrin (who is in charge of the drive) gave the boys a pep talk. Our target is £30,000. First days takings were £1250 but watch our smoke the next few days. All Section Leaders are co-operating.		
			Entries No. 1 & 2 F.O.S. 32 dated 17.10.43. (ROAF OFFICERS). F/L R.G. BOWREN, C.7249 AASD. 12.10.43. Posted to 428 Sqdn. from ROAF Stn. Middleton St. George w/f. date stated. TORB. 13.10.43. Auth: HQ BC p'gram BQ/827/43 dated 12.10.43.		
			F/L H.E. DAVIES, C.4647 AASD. 12.10.43. Posted from 428 Sqdn. to No. 62 ROAF Base w/f. date stated. (on cessation of attachment) TORB. 13.10.43. Auth: HQ BC p'gram BQ/827/43 dated 12.10.43.		
	13.10.43		Stand down again - raining all day so no flying whatsoever. Twenty to twenty five fitters and riggers are going on a tour through the Royal Electric plant in Stockton this afternoon. This is where they make propellers from the raw material to the finished prop. Bonds were bought to bring our total up to £6100.00		
	14.10.43		Stand down again. Some local flying carried out. One bombing detail and one air to air exercise flown. Routine in sections normal.		
	15.10.43		Stand down again. Rain at 07.30 hours cancelled the Station Parade, scheduled for today. Aircrew have lectures on R.D.P. by Dr. Smith and on Tropical Diseases by M.O. Normal routine.		
	16.10.43		Stand down again to-day. Weather is fair for a change. Fighter affiliation exercises carried out. Two aircraft returned to base from diversion. Routine normal.		

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Middleton St. George.	17.10.43.		No operations again today, rain and fog prevented local flying. The "Escape Exercise" scheduled for "B" Flight was cancelled on account of the rain. Normal routine in sections.		
	18.10.43.		Again a stand down. A.F.O.U. lecture for aircrew was held in the briefing room. Fighter Affiliation exercises were carried out in the afternoon. P/O Hodgkinson's and P/Sgt. Taylor's crews reported in for duty. Routine normal. Our bond total stands at \$20,800.		
			<u>Entry No. 1 FOR 33 dated 19.10.43. (ROAF OFFICERS).</u>		
			P/O R.N. BOWER J.21978 G.D. 15.10.43. Posted to 428 Sqn. from 1659 Com. Unit waf. date stated. TORB. 17.10.43. AUTH: 6 Grp. Sig. P.175 dated 15.10.43.		
			P/O A.K. HODGKINSON J.22156 G.D.		
			<u>Entry No. 3 FOR 38 (ROAF OFFICERS) P/Sgt. Taylor's crew.</u>		
			P/O W.D. NEWMAN J.21644 G.D. 15.10.43. Posted to 428 Sqn. from 1659 Com. Unit waf. date stated. TORB. 17.10.43. AUTH: 6 Grp. Sig. P.175 dated 15.10.43.		
			<u>Entry No. 12 FOR 41 (ROAF AIRMEN).</u>		
			CAN.R12128 SGT. A.B. (1) YOUNG J.S. Posted to 428 Sqn. from 1659 Com. Unit waf. 15.10.43. TORB. 17.10.43. AUTH: 6 Grp. Sig. P.175 dated 15.10.43.		
			CAN.R141568 P/S PILOT (1) TAYLOR L.A.		
			CAN.R162323 SGT. A.B. (1) STEWART J.G.		
			CAN.R169687 P/S A.G. (5) MORIN D.F.		
			CAN.R170629 SGT. A.G. (5) COUGHLIN H.J.		
			CAN.R191070 SGT. A.G. (5) GUGGINS G.W.		
			CAN.R191238 SGT. A.G. (5) GREENING J.A.G.		
			<u>Entry No. 4 FOR 46 (RAF AIRMEN).</u>		
			1182189 SGT. WOF/AG (2) MOSE B.P.A. Posted to 428 Sqn. from 1659 Com. Unit waf. 15.10.43. TORB. 17.10.43. AUTH: 6 Grp. Sig. P.175 dated 15.10.43.		
			1859661 SGT. FLT/ENG. (1) SUMNER A.		
			1560936 SGT. WOF/AG (2) REID A.F.		
			1850861 SGT. FLT/ENG. (1) CUTLER R.W.		
	19.10.43.		16 aircraft were detailed for operations, all crews briefed but the "ops." were scrubbed at 15.15 hours. P/O Williamson and crew were screened on completing 25 trips. Sgt. Gay's crew reported in.		
			<u>Entry No. 1 FOR 35 (ROAF OFFICERS).</u>		
			P/O W.C. CULLEN J.21360 G.D. 18.10.43. Posted to 428 Sqn. from 1664 Com. Unit waf. date stated. TORB. 19.10.43. AUTH: 6 Grp. 6Q/164/43 dated 18.10.43.		
			<u>Entry No. 9 FOR 43 (ROAF AIRMEN).</u>		
			CAN.R130196 SGT. A.B. (1) WATCHUK R.M. Posted to 428 Sqn. from 1664 Com. Unit waf. 18.10.43. TORB. 19.10.43. AUTH: 6 Grp. 6Q/164/43 dated 18.10.43.		
			CAN.R150890 SGT. PILOT (1) GAY W.G.		
			CAN.R188700 SGT. A.G. (5) SWARTZ S.J.		

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Middleton St. George	19.10.43		<p>Entry No. 3 FOR 48 (RAF AIRMAN)</p> <p>1235363 SGT. WOE/AG (2) WYRES W.S. Posted to 428 Sqn. from 1664 Com. Unit waf. date stated, TORS. 19.10.43, Auth: 6 Grp.</p> <p>1485567 SGT. A.G. (5) FRITCHARD A.H. 18.10.43, TORS. 19.10.43, Auth: 6 Grp.</p> <p>4835626 SGT. FLE/SNG. (1) SMITH P. 6/16/43 dated 18.10.43.</p>		
	20.10.43		No operations again today. Poor weather and aircraft being bombed up from yesterday prevented local flying. Normal routine in sections. P/L Reilander arranged for tour of inspection of the Rotol Airscrew Factory at Stockton for 7 pilots and engineers. Dingy drill carried out in the afternoon. Not much enthusiasm for bomb purchasing the last two days. Total now £22,800.		
	21.10.43		Station Parade was held at 06.00 hours. The Squadron paraded in four flights with W/O Suggitt in command. No operations again today and poor weather limited local flying ground training carried out. Routine normal.		
	22.10.43		Operations at last. 16 aircraft scheduled for take-off with Kessel the target. Three were early returns. All returned safely but Sgt. Sykes landed away. Fighter attacks were heavy and Sgt. Emms, rear-gunner in E/O Ford's crew and Sgt. Clamshagen of Sgt. Sykes crew were killed. Sgt. Yule and Sgt. Proctor were wounded, Sgt. Proctor seriously.		A.78.
	23.10.43		Stand down again today. Local flying was limited on account of weather. P/L Reilander took two Naval and one Army officers for a "flip." Dingy drive carried out. Routine normal - all sections.		
	24.10.43		Stand down today, heavy fog and mist all day. No flying, routine normal.		
	25.10.43		Stand down again with some local flying, not much doing. Routine normal.		
	26.10.43		Stand down once more. Poor visibility limited local flying, aircrew attended a lecture on Secret equipment at 09.00 hours. W/O Suggitt is posted to 617 Squadron and the new O.C., S/L French reported in today with his crew.		
			<p>Entry No. 1 FOR 38 (RAF OFFICERS)</p> <p>P/L D.T. FRENCH: O.1617 G.D. 25.10.43. Posted to 428 Sqn. from 429 Sqn. waf. date stated, TORS. 27.10.43, Auth: 6 Grp. Sig. P. 311 dated 24.10.43.</p>		
			<p>Entry No. 2 FOR 38 (RAF OFFICERS)</p> <p>P/O J.P. GIBBO. J.20865 G.D. 27.10.43. Posted to 428 Sqn. from 429 Sqn. waf. date stated, TORS. same date. Auth: 6 Grp.</p> <p>P/O A.J. MILES. J.20853 G.D. . . . . .</p> <p>P/O J.A. DEROGHROLL J.14804 G.D. . . . . . p'gram 6/1779/43 dated 25.10.43.</p>		
	27.10.43		16 aircraft are detailed for operations. W/O Suggitt made his last briefing to the Squadron. The aircraft were all marshalled but ops. were scrubbed at 16.05 hours.		
	28.10.43		Stand down today. Heavy fog and mist. Pilots and bomb aimers attended a lecture on H & S. Routine normal.		

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Middleton St. George.	29.10.43.		Once more a stand down. The weather is rotten, rain and haze all day. Routine in sections normal.		
	30.10.43.		16 aircraft scheduled for operations tonight. Poor weather stopped all local flying. Operations were scrubbed ten minutes before take off. S/L French took his first briefing. W/C Suggitt left for his new post.		
	31.10.43.		Stand down again today. A very good attendance at church this morning as most of the crews attended, very good sermon by S/L Crees. S/L French held a get together lecture in the afternoon <del>in the afternoon</del> . New crews attended a P.O.W. lecture. Routine normal.		
<p>Wing Commander, Commanding, No. 128 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.</p>					

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