

## OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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

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Place	Date	Time	Compiled by: R.G. Bowron, Flight Lieutenant, (C.7249) <span style="font-size: small;">Summary of Events (R.C.A.F.)</span>	<b>SECRET.</b>	References to Appendices
R.C.A.F. STATION MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	TUESDAY 1.8.44		Thirteen crews were detailed and briefed for daylight operations on ACQUET. All took off but returned with their loads on instructions from the M.C. as the target was obscured by cloud. All returned safely to base. This was P/O KR. "NICK" CARTER'S (J.85388, RCAP) last trip of a successful tour. Three cross countries and circuits and bumps were flown. P/O G.A. GOSNEY (54247) Flight Engineer Leader proceeded to ST. ATHANS for liaison and getting up on Lancaster. P/O J. HOLTZE (J.85593, RCAP) flew "M - Mike" back from ASTON DOWNES where it had been demonstrating modifications to engineer panel etc. Ground school on conversion is continuing.		A.179
	WEDNESDAY 2.8.44		Eighteen crews were detailed for a daylight operation but it was scrubbed at 1130 hours and crews detailed to standby for a daylight tomorrow morning. Three crews commenced conversion ground school. Not much flying training was possible due to huff weather but two familiarizations and circuits and landings were flown. Gunners had lectures on Fraser Nash turrets and skeet shooting and Bomb Aimers lectures on Radar and Gee. P/O "NICK" CARTER and crew are screened and will proceed on leave. The Squadron will miss Nick and his cheery grin when he leaves us but we are glad to see him complete his tour.		
	THURSDAY 3.8.44		Twenty crews were detailed for a daylight operation on BOIS DE CASSON. Head by W/C MOLEIGH our Squadron Commander, all took off, bombed successfully and returned safely. Some very good photos were secured showing the attack to be a good prang. P/O A.J. CARTER (J.22971, RCAP) on his first trip made it both ways on three engines, showing great determination and courage. P/L J.E. JUDGESON (J.85067, RCAP) made his last trip on his first tour. No flying training was possible as all aircraft were on operations. Ground school and lectures for crews on conversion were continued.		A.180
	FRIDAY 4.8.44		Sixteen crews on another daylight operation in the BOIS DE CASSON region. All bombed successfully and returned to England. All were diverted but returned to base in the evening excepting "M - Mike" which was holed by flak and stayed at DISHPORTH. Two cross countries and air to air firing details were flown. Ground training and lectures were continued with conversion lectures, bomb aimers - radar and Gee and Gunners on Fraser Nash turrets. Flight Engineer had a link training programme.		A.181

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R.C.A.F. STATION, MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	SATURDAY	5.8.44	Eighteen crews were detailed for a daylight operation on a Buss Bomb site at LEU D'ESSEBERT. All bombed successfully and returned safely, reporting a good attack. S/L P.G. LORD, DFC, (J.4883, RCAP) and crew are screened. F/L G.J. EDWARDS (J.14043, RCAP) is taking over "A" Flight as Commander and S/L A.C. HULL (G.1256, RCAP) is transferring to "B" Flight. No flying training was carried out as there were no available aircraft. W/O W.A.G. MCLEISH DFC (J.4883, RCAP) flew F/O W.C. PATRICKIEVE (J.25437, RCAP) to DISPOURTH to ferry back "M - Mike". Owing to weather F/O PATRICKIEVE landed at CREPT. New crews in, had ground training and conversion lectures.		A.182
	SUNDAY	6.8.44	Stand down to-day for a change and the boys will get a much needed rest. The haze prevented much flying training, one cross country being flown. F/O PATRICKIEVE returned from CREPT in the morning with "M - Mike". Ground training and lectures were continued for new crews.		
	MONDAY	7.8.44	Fifteen crews were detailed for an operation near CAEN. This operation was scheduled for a daylight attack but was postponed until the evening. W/O MCLEISH, DFC, was scheduled to lead the attack but was screened before take-off and grounded and was replaced by F/O W.R. EDMONDSON, (J.26767, RCAP) and returned safely to base. Flying training was limited to three night cross country and bombing details. Ground lectures were carried on for new crews and Air Bombers had link practice.		A.183
	TUESDAY	8.8.44	S/L A.C. HULL is our new Squadron Commander, replacing W/O MCLEISH who was screened yesterday. F/L G. GONYOU (J.25985, RCAP) is replacing S/L HULL as Flight Commander of "B" Flight. Twenty one crews were detailed for a daylight operation on an oil dump at FORET DE CHANTILLY near PARIS. This number was reduced to fourteen and ten minutes before briefing time raised to sixteen. Sixteen took off, bombed successfully with a good attack and returned safely. Moderately heavy flak was encountered and six kites were held but no personnel were injured. No flying training was possible owing to all our aircraft being detailed early in the day and the number being reduced late.		A.184
	WEDNESDAY	9.8.44	Seventeen crews were detailed and briefed for evening operations on COULONVILLERS. All took off, bombed and returned to base safely. As P.P.P. marking was off it is doubtful if the attack was successful. Moderate flak was encountered but no incidents were reported. Ground training was continued for new crews which practically completes their conversion. Ground training, no flying was carried out.		A.185

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R.C.A.F. STATION, MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	THURSDAY 10.8.44		Fourteen crews were detailed and briefed for night operations on an oil refinery at LA PALLICE. All returned safely after a quiet trip. Three crews went out on a Bullseye exercise. No flying training was done but ground lectures and training were continued. F/L CONYER returned from the Junior Commander's Course at CRANWELL.		A. 186
	FRIDAY 11.8.44		No flying of any description to-day as the station was honoured by a visit of Their Majesties, The King and Queen and Princess Elizabeth. This was a big day for the Squadron. The Station parade was under the command of our Officer Commanding, W/C A.C. HULL, and fifty personnel were supplied for the parade. The rest of the Squadron were lining the route and spectators. An Investiture was held by His Majesty in number three hangar and the following Squadron personnel decorated: W/C W.A.G. MOLESH, DEC. (J.4886, RCAF), S/L P.C. LORD, DEC. (J.4883, RCAF), S/L G.E.J. MURPHY, DEC. (J.20392, RCAF), F/L H.W. BARNHART, DEC. (J.14199, RCAF), F/O W.W. ROBSON, DEC. (J.14214, RCAF), F/O P. STUART, DFM, (171465). Following the parade the Royal Party proceeded to the mess where officers of the rank of Flight Lieutenant and above were assembled. A party was held in the mess in the evening at which the Squadron was well represented.		
	SATURDAY 12.8.44		A big training programme was planned for to-day but operations were ordered suddenly and eleven aircraft detailed for an attack on BRUNSWICK. F/O L.S. ELMKETT (J.18073, RCAF) returned early through illness of his rear gunner, the rest attacked the target for a good prize and returned safely excepting F/O J.A. MCGEEGON (J.27912, RCAF) and crew who failed to return. A Bullseye was laid on for the evening but it too was scrubbed and six crews went on an evening attack on PALATSE instead. All bombed successfully and returned safely after a mad scramble getting them bombed up and away. Eight details of fighter affiliation and one radar check were flown but ground training went for a Burton during the preparation for operations. No operations scheduled for to-day as training was continued with day radar cross countries, day and night circuits and bumps being flown. Ground training and lectures were carried out with gunners having aircraft recognition lectures and tests, air bombers Gee and H2S, Flight Engineers, hydraulics, WOP's practised on Bendix and the Air Gunners fired 275 rounds on aircraft shooting. F/L MUGGLESTON of No. 6 Aircrew School Dalton visited the Flight Engineer Section and is to take delivery of the instructional Merlin Engine.		A. 187  A. 188
	SUNDAY 13.8.44		No operations scheduled for to-day as training was continued with day radar cross countries, day and night circuits and bumps being flown. Ground training and lectures were carried out with gunners having aircraft recognition lectures and tests, air bombers Gee and H2S, Flight Engineers, hydraulics, WOP's practised on Bendix and the Air Gunners fired 275 rounds on aircraft shooting. F/L MUGGLESTON of No. 6 Aircrew School Dalton visited the Flight Engineer Section and is to take delivery of the instructional Merlin Engine.		

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R.O.A.F. STATION, MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE.	MONDAY 14.8.44		Nineteen crews were detailed for a daylight operation in support of the army in the FALAISE area. All bombed and returned safely to base. Flying training was limited to two cross countries owing to operations taking so many kites. Flight Engineers had link training and other sections lectures. P/L MASSEY Base Bombing Leader, paid his first visit to the Squadron. Twenty five officers attended a luncheon held in honour of Marshall of the R.A.F. LORD TRENCHARD. LORD TRENCHARD gave an informal talk regarding the situation in NORMANDY, and the effects of the bombing done by our heavies.		A.189
	TUESDAY 15.8.44		Fifteen CREWS were detailed for a daylight operation on a fighter dome at SOESTERBURG in BELGIUM, our attack being led by W/C HULL. W/O A.P. JAKEMAN (R.157925, RCAP) and crew failed to return. A successful attack was reported by all. One day familiarization, circuit and bumps and a solo were flown but all night flying was scrubbed. Ground training was carried out with new crews starting conversion ground school. Flight Engineers had more link and air gunners had turret manipulation practice and lectures on Fraser Nash turrets and fired 250 rounds on sheets.		A.190
	WEDNESDAY 16.8.44		Fifteen crews were detailed and briefed for operations on STETTIN. All took off but P/O T.D. NICHOL-CARNE (J.27904, RCAP) returned early due to engine failure. Thirteen crews returned safely reporting a good prang but P/O W.C. FAINGRIEVE (J.25437, RCAP) and crew failed to return. Major NICHOLSON of 6 Group H.Q. Unit, P/O P.S. RAPPERY, (J.26452, RCAP) W/O S.V. ELIOSOFF (R.11172, RCAP), P/O M.A. NORE (J.87168, RCAP) went as second pilots. Two details of fighter affiliation and air to air firing and two cross countries were flown but night flying training was cancelled. Ground training was carried out in the sections and the WOP's started painting their section to get it ship shape. Bomb aimers had Lancaster familiarisation and Bendix.		A.191
	17.8.44		Fifteen crews were detailed to standby for operations which were scrubbed before briefing. P/O K.G. BOLLISTON (J.26466, RCAP), P/O G. WALKER (J.86364, RCAP), took off on a sea search for a 431 Squadron crew but the dinghy was sighted by its own squadron members. P/O NOEL and P/O RAPPERY were checked out on Lancaster. Two cross countries and fighter affiliation details were flown. Advice was received of the Promotion of P/L G.J. EDWARDS, (J.11045, RCAP) O.C. "E" Flight, to Acting Squadron Leader. Ground training was continued with Bombers Having Ops		

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R.C.A.F. STATION, MILMINGTON ST. GEORGE	THURSDAY 17.8.44		and Radar. Flight Engineers lectures on log keeping and link instruction. Gunners Fraser-Nash turret instruction and sheet shooting. The WOPs are still busy painting their section.		
	FRIDAY 18.8.44		Seventeen crews were detailed for operations on BHEGON. All took off but P/O G.W. COMBET (J.86482, RCAP) and crew failed to return. The rest returned safely to England but were diverted on account of duff weather over base. This operation included the 2000 th sortie of this Squadron since its formation, the honour of making this sortie fell to P/O A.J. CARTER (J.22971, RCAP). The P.R.O. was present before takeoff and took pictures of the crew and of the aircraft which was "E-Rater." Flying training was very light with two air tests and some dual instruction being flown. Ground training was continued as usual with Air Bomber practising Astro shots and doing link.		A.122
	SATURDAY 19.8.44		Nine crews returned from diversion bases and were interrogated reporting a bang-on prang on BHEGON last night with large fires. No operations were laid on for to-day and flying training was limited, to circuit and bumps practise and two crews taking part in a Bullseye exercise. Two crews started conversion ground school.		
	SUNDAY 20.8.44		No operations are scheduled for to-day and the weather is duff with rain and some wind. No flying training has been laid on owing to this duff weather. The WOPs completed their paint job and have the installation of the Rendix equipment practically finished. The C.O. gave a two hour lecture on tactics. It being the adjutant's birthday, he took the afternoon off and went to YARM to celebrate it braving the wind and rain on a bicycle in company with P/O BENTON (our Radar officer), P/O Joe MCCONNELL and P/O Frank Taylor. The rest of the kites have not yet returned from diversion bases.		
	MONDAY 21.8.44		No operations laid on for to-day but bags of training was carried out before the weather turned duff. Four cross countries, five details of fighter affiliation and air to air firing, one bombing detail and two air tests were flown. Two crews did circuits and landing and soloed and three pilots were checked out on Lancs. The rest of our kites returned from diversion bases except P/O Jenney in "S-Sugar."		
TUESDAY 22.8.44		Seventeen crews were detailed for operations but they were scrubbed fairly early. Four details of fighter affiliation air to air firing and bombing were carried out and also one radar cross			

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R.C.A.F. STATION, MILBURN ST. GEORGE.	TUESDAY 22, 8.44		country and some circuits and buses. Three new crews have started their ground conversion school. Crews are coming in so fast that it is impossible to get to know them yet or sort them out.		
			F/L M. STEELE (J.21985, RCAP) Bombing Leader is posted to 433 Squadron to fill the post there. Mike has been on the Squadron for a year all but four days having come with W/O F.A.G. MCLEISH DFC our ex C.O. F/O R.G. BOGS (J.28457, RCAP) is taking over the Bombing Leader's post as he has had a lot of experience as Deputy Leader.		
	WEDNESDAY 23, 8.44		The weather is still very dull so no operations or flying training were laid on. F/O JANNEY returned from diversion at SWINDESBY in "S-Sugar". A stand-by for C100 hours was ordered but later cancelled so the boys went to the station dance where the R.C.A.F. Band were playing. Bob Almera had link practice and other sections had ground training and lectures as usual. The Adjutant attended a Squadron Adjutant's Conference at Group. Several matters pertaining to Squadrons were discussed and the conference was a success.		
	THURSDAY 24, 8.44		Nine crews were detailed for a special daylight operation which was scrubbed in favour of a night operation of eighteen crews, which also was scrubbed before take-off. The preparation for operations and all available kites being bombed prevented flying training, although five details of fighter affiliation and two cross countries were laid on and cancelled. New crews continued ground lectures and W/O A.C. HULL, gave a lecture to all airores regarding dress and discipline, responsibility of Captains, etc. F/O R.S. BENCH (J.28726, RCAP) flew the Oxford to SKIPTON and DISHEPETH on liaison visits.		
	FRIDAY 25, 8.44		Seventeen crews were detailed for operations on HUSSELLHEIM carrying a cookie and incendiaries. F/L CONYON was a non-starter due to inter-com trouble in his own kite and the spare. The rest took off and returned to ENGLAND safely. These on returning were diverted to HUSBANDS BOSWORTH, HARRINGTON and MARKET HARBOROUGH. Preliminary reports indicate a good going and a hot target. F/SGT R.B. MAXWELL (R.165426, RCAP) put up a very good show, especially as it was his first trip as Captain of aircraft. When forty minutes from the target his aircraft was struck by flek which set his starboard outer on fire, seriously wounded his Flight Engineer and slightly wounds F/SGT MAXWELL in the leg and put the electrical system out. F/S MAXWELL feathered the engine and extinguished the fire and despite his wound and the unserviceable engine, pressed		A.193

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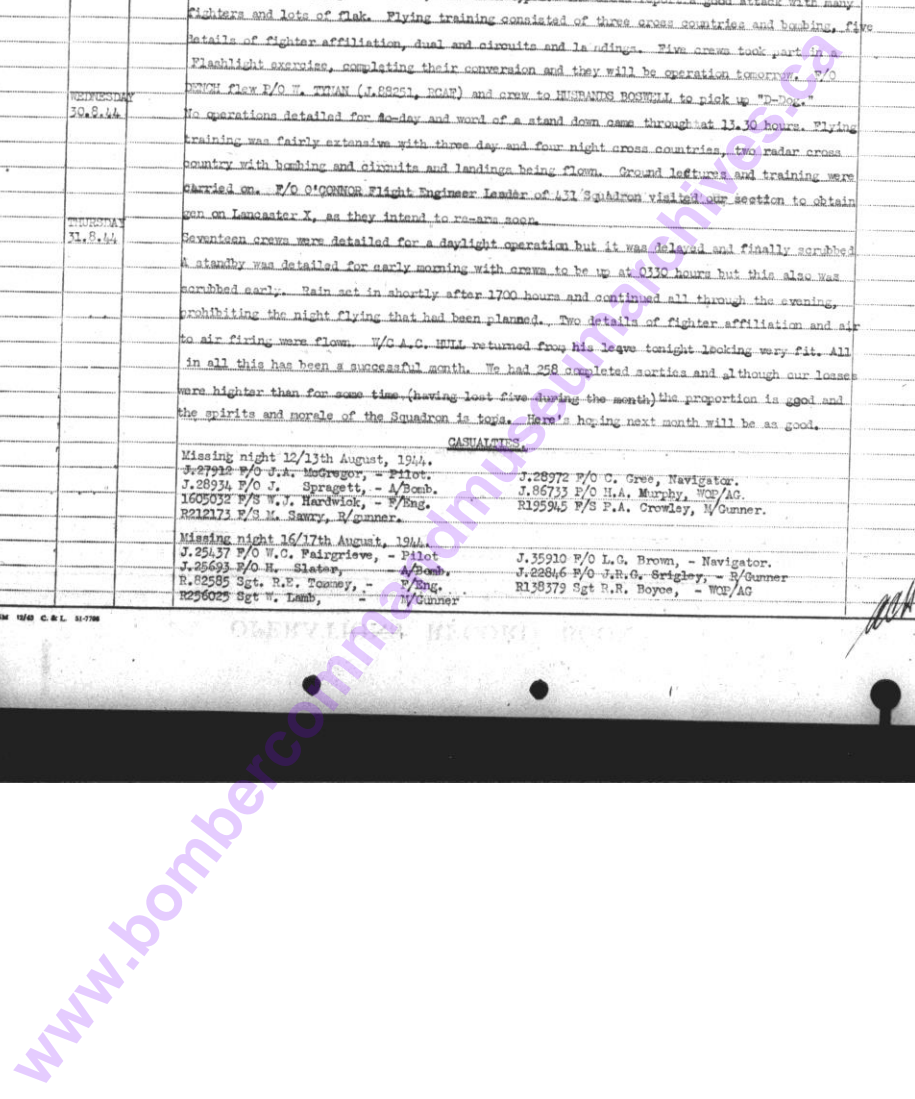
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R.C.A.F. STATION MIDDETON ST. GEORGE.	FRIDAY 25.8.44		<p>on to the target in an endeavour to bomb. This was not possible owing to the electrical failure but he succeeded in jettisoning his load "live" shortly after leaving the target. He returned to England and made a three engine landing at THORNEY ISLAND. The Flight Engineer P/O T. E. REGARRETT (1814703) died of his wounds shortly after arriving at THORNEY ISLAND. Six details of fighter affiliation, two cross countries and circuits and landings were flown. P/L BIRCH visited the Squadron to air-test and report on Lancaster X aircraft. P/O HULL and P/O FURMAN attended a Station conference re engineering.</p>		
	SATURDAY 26.8.44		<p>P/O HULL proceeded on leave last night and P/L R.J. SPURRY assumed command of the Squadron. More or less panic to-day as operations were laid on for any available kites. We had four but only two crews who had finished conversion. The weather is duff and a smoky haze all over the base and the diverted kites ordered home. Two succeeded in landing bringing our total possible for operation up to four. The rest were re-diverted and were to be bombed up and take off from the diversion base. The operation however was scrubbed at the last minute. Late in the evening our diverted kites returned from Algeria excepting "J-Love, D-Dog, N-Man". No flying training was possible all day. New crews continued their ground training and lectures.</p>		
	SUNDAY 27.8.44		<p>Eighteen crews were detailed to attack a V-site near Minsyecques in France. This number was reduced to thirteen who all took off, bombed and returned safely. A good prang was reported with no untoward incidents. Word was received of the promotions of P/L GONDON to Acting Squadron Leader and P/O JANNEY and P/O ROSS to acting Flight Lieutenants, a good show all round. Advice was also received of the Immediate Award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to P/O N.E. BROWN (J.24433, RCAP) an ex-pilot, now at 82 O.T.U. OSSINGTON, P/O D. JACKSON (179221) Flight Engineer, for P/O K.E. CARTER (J.85388, RCAP) who is now sergeant, P/O A.J. CARTER (J.22371 RCAP) P/O N.L. ULEH (171622) and P/O E.A. HARRISON (R149282, RCAP). Circuits and bumps and one radar cross country was flown and ground training for new crews continued. Flight Engineers had link training.</p>		A.124
	MONDAY 28.8.44		<p>Stand-down with no operations laid on to-day. The weather is not very good so that all night flying laid on was cancelled. A standby was called and crews warned twice to have it scrubbed each time. Ground lectures and training to-day, especially for new crews and Flight Engineers had a long link programme.</p>		

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R.C.A.F. STATION, HELDWATER ST. GEORGE	TUESDAY 29.8.44		Operations on STOTTEN are laid on again with seventeen crews detailed. All took off but P/O L.S. PLUNKETT (J.18071, RCAP) and crew are reported missing having failed to return. This was P/O PLUNKETT's eighth trip on his second tour. They had not been on the Squadron long, but were becoming very popular as they were keen types. The crews report a good attack with many fighters and lots of flak. Flying training consisted of three cross countries and bombing, five details of fighter affiliation, dual and circuits and landings. Five crews took part in flashlight exercise, completing their conversion and they will be operation tomorrow. P/O BENCH flew P/O W. TITAN (J.88251, RCAP) and crew to HUSBANDS BOSWELL to pick up "D-Dog."		A.195
	WEDNESDAY 30.8.44		No operations detailed for today and word of a stand down came throughout 13.30 hours. Flying training was fairly extensive with three day and four night cross countries, two radar cross country with bombing and circuits and landings being flown. Ground lectures and training were carried on. P/O O'CONNOR Flight Engineer Leader of 411 Squadron visited our section to obtain opinion on Lancaster X, as they intend to re-arsee soon.		
	THURSDAY 31.8.44		Seventeen crews were detailed for a daylight operation but it was delayed and finally scrubbed. A standby was detailed for early morning with crews to be up at 0330 hours but this also was scrubbed early. Rain set in shortly after 1700 hours and continued all through the evening, prohibiting the night flying that had been planned. Two details of fighter affiliation and air firing were flown. W/O A.C. HULL returned from his leave tonight looking very fit. All in all this has been a successful month. We had 258 completed sorties and although our losses were higher than for some time (having lost five during the month) the proportion is good and the spirits and morale of the Squadron is tops. Here's hoping next month will be as good.		
			<b>CASUALTIES.</b> Missing night 12/13th August, 1944. J.27912 P/O J.A. McGregor, - Pilot. J.28934 P/O J. Spragett, - A/Bomb. 1605032 P/S W.J. Hardwick, - P/Eng. R212173 P/S M. Sawry, R/Gunner. Missing night 16/17th August, 1944. J.25437 P/O W.C. Fairgrieve, - Pilot. J.26693 P/O H. Slater, - A/Bomb. R.82585 Sgt. R.E. Toomey, - P/Eng. R256025 Sgt W. Lamb, - W/Gunner. J.28972 P/O C. Cree, Navigator. J.85733 P/O H.A. Murphy, WCE/AG. R195945 P/S P.A. Crowley, W/Gunner. J.35910 P/O L.G. Brown, - Navigator. J.22846 P/O J.H.G. Strigley, - R/Gunner. R138379 Sgt R.R. Boyce, - WCE/AG		

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<b>MISSING NIGHT OF 18/19th August, 1944.</b>					
R.C.A.F. STATION, MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE			J. 86189 F/O C.M. Corbet, - Pilot.	J. 36321 F/O S.P. Bryans, - Navigator	
			J. 35736 F/O C.L. Jones, - A/Bomb.	R181619 Sgt A.R. MacNaught - WCP/Air.	
			R202589 Sgt T. Davidson, - W/Commer.	R189057 F/S R.V. Good, - W/Commer.	
			1876535 Sgt R.G. Rutfield, - F/Eng.		
<b>MISSING DAY OF 15th August, 1944.</b>					
			R157295 W/O A.E.A. Jackson - Pilot.	172420 F/O L.W. Hetherington - Navigator	
			R30101 W/O T.B. Cleaver, - WCP/Air.	J. 28945 F/O D.W. Brown, - A/Bomb.	
			1894352 Sgt S.W. Weight, - F/Eng.	R208111 F/S F.C. Revell, - W/Commer.	
			R217083 F/S G.W. Rhyts, - W/Commer.		
<b>FATALLY WOUNDED NIGHT OF 25/26th August, 1944.</b>					
			1811703 Sgt. Recabarran, R.P. - F/Engineer.		
<b>MISSING NIGHT OF 23/30th August, 1944.</b>					
			J. 18703 F/O I.C. Plinkett, - Pilot.	J. 18855 F/L W. Gardiner, DFC - Navigator	
			R155922 Sgt D.A.G. Sparke - W/Commer.	J. 18125 F/O R. Bellis, - WCP/Air.	
			R20043 Sgt J. McFarlane, - F/Eng.	R. 58688 W/O R.B. Gravist-Chapman, - A/Bomb.	
			1591236 F/S H. Gordon, - W/Commer.		
<b>PILOTS.</b>					
<b>POSTINGS IN.</b>					
			F/O F.S. Reftory, J. 26452, 15.8.44 No. 61 Base	F/O B.B. Miller, J. 21668, 6.8.44 No. 61 Base.	
			F/O M.A. Noel, J. 87348, 10.8.44 " " "	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	
			" H.W. Walker, J. 87551, 6.8.44 " " "	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	
			F/O D.P. Pools, J. 26662, 17.8.44 " " "	F/O R.B. Peacock, J. 26624, 16.8.44 " " "	
			F/O V.M. Gaskin, J. 85292, 18.8.44 " " "	F/O R.J. Fisher, J. 87264, 19.8.44 " " "	
			Sgt D.J. Mackie, R16025, 17.8.44 " " "	F/O G.V. Wilson, R14720, 10.8.44 " " "	
				W/O G.W. Pearce, R. 3030, 25.8.44 " " "	
<b>ATR BOMBERS.</b>					
			F/O H.A. Armstrong, J. 36897, 13.8.44 " " "	F/O G.J. Bezaire, J. 25061, 6.8.44 " " "	
			F/O H.M. Thompson, J. 36921, 17.8.44 " " "	F/O W.F. Burke, J. 26900, 19.8.44 " " "	
			F/O H.G. Hewitt, J. 37134, 19.8.44 " " "	F/O H.F. McKay, J. 28899, 18.8.44 " " "	
			F/O H.J. Yanko, J. 36223, 26.8.44 " " "	Sgt J.W. Wark, R18650, 6.8.44 " " "	
			Sgt F.J. Bibbons, R18245, 7.8.44 " " "	Sgt J.G. Mokondia, R18235, 10.8.44 " " "	
			Sgt A.W. Trimble, R18616, 10.8.44 " " "	Sgt J. Lariviere, R16510, 17.8.44 " " "	
<b>FLIGHT ENGINEERS.</b>					
			1896201 Sgt Garganier, S.C. 10.8.44 " " "	1797700 Sgt Dempsey, O.M. 6.8.44 " " "	
			1798452 " Marrey, J. 7.8.44 " " "	1462601 " Tossell, D. 7.8.44 " " "	
			635233 " Godwin, P.W. 16.8.44 " " "	1668947 " Fryde, N. 17.8.44 " " "	
			1685188 " Housman, J. 19.8.44 " " "	2220818 " Nicholas, J. 12.8.44 " " "	
			2220005 " Holsman, T.H. 18.8.44 " " "	1872324 " Southey, F.W. 25.8.44 " " "	

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			R178080 Sgt Larrimore, J.L.	10.8.44 No. 61 Base	R166212 P/O G.R. O'Brien,	7.8.44 No. 61 Base.
			R174870 P/O Rodgers, A.D.	10.8.44 " " "	R189504 " J.D. Desautels	17.8.44 " " "
			R179331 Sgt LaPorte, J.W.M.	19.8.44 " " "	R146120 " W.C. Montgomery,	25.8.44 " " "
			<b>Navigators.</b>			
			P/O H. Wright, J.37736	11.8.44 " " "	P/O T.R.C. Kelly, J.37529	6.8.44 " " "
			P/O A.C. Langley, J.35508	6.8.44 " " "	" J. MacDonald, J.36834	7.8.44 " " "
			P/O J.V. VanRighem, J.35508	17.8.44 " " "	" G.R. Cameron, J.36377	19.8.44 " " "
			P/O W. Burke, J.37202	17.8.44 " " "	" J.W. Pitt, J.37167	18.8.44 " " "
			R151188 Sgt Clarke, R.H.	18.8.44 " " "	R170837 Sgt Thompson, J.	25.8.44 " " "
				<b>Air Gunners.</b>		
			R122512 Sgt Miller, W.O.	6.9.44 " " "	R156865 Sgt Rakus, A	6.8.44 " " "
			R163236 " Orlinton, G.A.	" " " " "	R198224 " Maloo, G.H.	" " " " "
			R218835 " McKelvie, B.T.	7.8.44 " " "	R219043 " McCarty, J.L.	7.8.44 " " "
			R214618 " Farnmore, P.O.	21.7.44 No. 52 Squadron	R208006 " Watson, J.W.	10.7.44 " " "
			R213468 " Bell, L.R.	10.8.44 No. 51 Base	R212152 " Campoy, W.A.G.	" " " " "
			R262111 " Carr, W.P.J.	" " " " "	R254653 " Derragh, D.J.	17.8.44 " " "
			R264209 " Seibert, C.O.	17.8.44 " " "	R255817 " Elayton, R.A.	19.8.44 " " "
			R264246 " Keating, J.A.	18.8.44 " " "	R.83806 " Knight, W.C.	17.8.44 " " "
			R259563 " Gray, R.	18.8.44 " " "	R.94136 " Edwards, S.L.	17.8.44 " " "
			R101100 " Frowst, A.L.	17.8.44 " " "	R.76919 " Grovier, A.	19.8.44 " " "
			R.N.76919 " Nibbet, W.	19.8.44 " " "	R255283 " Magent, N.	" " " " "
			R256017 " Nolan, T.L.	" " " " "	R277304 " Wright, J.E.	21.8.44 " " "
			R.88150 " Rogers, T.L.	25.8.44 " " "	R208956 " Shaw, N.	25.8.44 " " "
			R155929 " Sparkes, D.A.G.	21.8.44 " " "	612121 " Mason, C.	21.8.44 " " "
				<b>Pilots.</b>		
			P/O F.W. Magill, J.85833	29.7.44 RCAP UK NE Unit	P/O H.N. Fowers, J.85365	5.8.44 No. 2 C.T.U.
			W/O H.L. Hoelich, J.1886	8.8.44 No. 61 Base	P/O P.O. Lard, J.4881	12.8.44 No. 6 Group.
			P/O H.L. Gouthro, J.85838	11.8.44 No. 22 C.T.U.	P/O B. Side, J.85307	16.8.44 " 86 C.T.U.
			P/O E.R. Caster, J.85488	15.8.44 " 166 G.U.	P/O K. Hawthorn, J.85932	20.8.44 " 166 G.U.
			P/O J.A. McGregor, J.27912	13.8.44 RCAP UK NE Unit	P/O W.C. Fairgrieve, J.25437	17.8.44 RCAP UK NE Unit.
			P/O C.W. Corbett, J.86182	19.8.44 " " "	" " " " "	" " " " "
				<b>Air Bombers.</b>		
			P/O A.H. Beaton, J.86901	11.8.44 A.C.A.C.	P/O D.W. Brown, J.86731	15.8.44 RCAP UK NE Unit.
			P/O F.O. Hanna, J.86731	" " " " "	P/O J. Spraggett, J.28934	13.8.44 " " "
			P/O G.M. Barber, J.16930	2.8.44 No. 63 Base	P/O R. Parson, J.29121	23.7.44 " " "
			P/O T.P. Parlor, J.86869	4.8.44 " 166 G.U.	P/O G.L. Jones, J.35736	19.8.44 " " "
			P/O D.L. Smith, J.13589	22.8.44 " 166 " "	P/O H. Slater, J.25693	17.8.44 " " "
			P/L M. Steele, J.21985	" " " 153 Sqn	P/O J.R. Scigley, J.22816	" " " " "
			P/O W.R. Talmage, J.22425	27.7.44 " 165 G.U.	P/O M.A. Henry, J.19136	28.8.44 " 169 G.U.
			119882 P/S Howard, R.H.	2.8.44 A.C.A.C.	" " " " "	" " " " "

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<b>POSTINGS OUT.</b>					
			<b>W.o.f. Posted to</b>	<b>W.o.f.</b>	<b>Posted to</b>
R.C.A.F. STATION, MILBURN ST. GEORGE			F/O G.H. Carley, C.19491 17.8.44 No. 61 Base	F/O E.F. Taylor, C.19526 17.8.44 No. 166 C.N.	
			F/O W. Dale, 17354 5.8.44 " " " "	F/O A.V. Bedford, 172117 18.8.44 No. 166 " "	
			F/O G.B. Parry, 176959 18.8.44 " " " "	1677287 Sgt Wilkinson E.A. 18.8.44 No. 166 " "	
			1684661 P/S Meadows, T.H. 1.8.44 No. 504. Sqn. 220192 " Johnson, " 22.7.44 " " " "		
			1605032 P/S Hardwick, W.J. 13.8.44 War Can. No. Acc.R. 82585 " Tolson, J.R. 17.8.44 RCAF No. Unit.		
			1894352 Sgt Wright, S.W. 15.8.44 " " " " 1801225 " Betson, L. 23.8.44 " " " "		
			1876525 " Knfield, R.O. 19.8.44 " " " " Depot.		
<b>Wireless Operators Air.</b>					
			F/L B.L. Smith, DPA117761 29.7.44 War Can No. E. Acc. Dept.		
			F/O L.L. Saunders, J.87115 21.8.44 No. 1664 C.N.	F/O H.A. Murphy, J.86735 11.8.44 W.O. A. No. 61 Base.	
			F/O J.S. Horricks, J.87063 21.8.44 " " " "	F/O R. Armstrong 176928 21.8.44 A.C.A.C.	
			F/O A.W. Suttles, 177913 11.8.44 " 1659 " "	F/O W.A. Clark 17759 " " " "	
			F/O A. Tuckey, 178502 21.8.44 " 1664 " "	F/O W.A. Clark 17759 " " " "	
			1337511 W/S Morgan, R.Y. 5.8.44 " 1666 " R183773 Sgt Boyce, W.S. 17.8.44 RCAF No. Unit.		
			1167251 W/O Knight, G.C. 21.8.44 " 1659 " R181519 " MacNaught, R.R. 12.8.44 " " " "		
<b>NAVIGATORS.</b>					
			F/O F.J. O'Connor, J.20254 19.8.44 A.C.A.C.	F/O J.A. Urquhart, J.86171 29.7.44 RCAF No. Unit.	
			F/O F. Churchill, J.21566 " " " " " "	F/O G. Greer, J.28972 11.8.44 " " " "	
			F/O E.A. Namith, J.20713 25.8.44 No. 61 Base	F/O L.G. Brown, J.25210 17.8.44 " " " "	
			F/O W.W. Robson, DFC J.11211 25.8.44 " 6 Group	F/O G.P. Hyams, J.36321 17.8.44 " " " "	
			F/O W.W. Fell, 158821 19.8.44 " 13. Ctu	F/O J.W. Hetherington, 172402 15.8.44 War Can Acc'ta. Dept.	
<b>Air Gunners.</b>					
			F/O A.G. Miller, J.87137 11.8.44 No. 1664 C.N.	F/O T.A. Collins, J.12012 29.7.44 B Depot	
			F/O J.H. McDowell, J.19472 " " " " " "	F/O S.L. Deakin, 177711 11.8.44 21. C.N.	
			1570669 P/S Taylor, D.R.F. 5.8.44 " " 21 O.T.U. P/S Law, W.E. R181963, 5.8.44 No. 1664 C.N.		
			1853105 P/S Forster, H.M.G. 17.8.44 " " 20 " " R212175 " Savel, E. " " " "		
			1809159 " Greenacre, A.J. " " " " 20 " " R212175 " Savel, E. " " " "		
			R208111 " Bavel, E.C. 15.8.44 RCAF No. Unit R189027 " Good, W.H. 19.8.44 " " " "		
			R217081 " Whyte, G.E. " " " " R202589 Sgt Davidson, " " " " " "		
<b>PROVISIONS.</b>					
			F/O R.G. Marshall, J.19504, 12.8.44 2/9/0	F/O E.F. Taylor, C.19526 17.8.44 2/9/0	
			P/S G.W. Gorbet, J.86498, 26.6.44 1/9/0	F/O A.E. Gilbert, 184113 26.6.44 1/9/0	
			F/O S. Huston, J.19887 " " " " " "	F/O J. Koresky, J.85910 " " " " " "	
			S/L W.G. Hall, 0.1256 " " " " " "	F/O F.T. Fordham, 173166 " " " " " "	
			F/O P. Stuart, 171166 17.7.44 2/9/0	1500211 SGT Butler, W.O. 30.8.44 2/9/3	
			1567404 Sgt Hamilton, H. 21.8.44 2/9/3	R208916 " Strapps, L. 28.8.44 " "	
			R159338 " Hill, W.S. 11.4.44 2/9/3	R12972 " Sutherland, H.G. 25.4.44 " "	
			R120632 W/O Shepherdson, 7.6.44 2/9/0.1	R13406 P/S Fritchard, W.S. 22.3.44 2/9/0.2	
			R243010 W/O G. R. R. 1.7.44 " " " "	R152128 Sgt Savel, E. 17.6.44 2/9/3	
			R164676 Sgt Lupinsky, J. 1.7.44 2/9/3	R165126 " Maxwell, R.B. 11.3.44 " "	
			R171386 " Sullivan, T.P. 17.6.44 " "	R181223 " Catlett, H. 20.5.44 " "	
			R181516 " McKennie, J.G. 17.6.44 " "	R181784 " Ruberry, M. 1.7.44 " "	
			R106232 P/S Olson, C.R. 8.3.44 2/9/0.2	R134870 W/O Rodgers, A.D. 8.3.44 2/9/0.1	
			R151488 Sgt Clarke, R.R. 15.7.44 2/9/3	R141742 W/O Eliseoff, S.V. 18.6.44 " "	

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<u>PROMOTIONS.</u>						
P.C.A.F. STATION, MIDDLETOWN ST. GEORGE			R152050 Sgt. Walker, H.W. 11.5.44 T/P/S	R164510 Sgt Lariviere, J.P. 23.7.44	T/P/S	
			R172697 " Cassels, R.A. 15.7.44 " "	R178080 " Larrimore, J.L. " " " "	" "	
			R181131 " Hubber, H.J. 6.5.44 " "	R182465 " Gibbons, P.J.W. 15.7.44	" "	
			R182191 " Mattison, W.P. 18.7.44 " "	R183660 " Burke, J.P. 15.7.44	" "	
			R186616 " Trithie, A.W. 17.6.44 " "	R189504 " Desmarieau, T.A. 4.7.44	" "	
			R.84891 P/S Gaisie, J.L.W. 28.8.44 T/W/O.2.			
	<u>COMMISSIONS.</u>					
			R165010 (J.87858) W/O Rickward, R.G. 2.7.44	R165314 (J.87750) P/S Mardock, T.G. 15.6.44		
			R186508 (J.87923) P/S Rudyk, S. . . 30.6.44	R192112 (J.87927) P/S Naldrett, J.F. 15.7.44		
			R200828 (J.87929) P/S Garrison, G.W. 16.7.44	R17748 (J.87875) W/O DePretis, A. 26.6.44		
		R148664 (87949) W/O McWilliams, W.A. 30.6.44	R150180 (J.87942) W/O Glatworthy, B.L. 15.7.44			
		R157995 W/O (J.87959) Jakeman, A.E.A. 15.7.44	R169082 (J.87981) W/O Chapman, F.H. 30.6.44			
		R.98630 (J.87924) Forster, B.R. Sgt. 2.7.44	R163893 (J.87937) P/S Gagne, J.S. " "			
		R176659 (J.88064) Bent, G.T. P/S " " " "	R107822 (J.88061) " Dunne, W.A. " "			
		R22826 (J.88277) Goadney, J.T. W/O " " " "	R128895 (J.88064) W/O Lawson, J.H. 2.7.44			
		R116325 (J.88211) Tynan, W.W. W/O 18.7.44	R163742 (J.88013) " Adams, A.P. 19.7.44			
		R167504 (J.87921) P/S Adams, H.A. 15.7.44	R185778 (J.88012) Sgt Wellman, J.W. 18.7.44			
		R189057 (J.88022) P/S Good, R.E. . . 11.6.44	1480149 (178888) P/S Armstrong, R. 12.6.44			
		1388002 (179417) Sgt Bedford, A.J. 15.7.44	1033237 (179403) Sgt Hetherington, L.W. 25.7.44			
		2201992 (179221) " Jackson, D. 2.7.44	1803903 (179859) " Colwill, C.J. 15.7.44			
		1853195 (179396) " Townsed, S. . . 15.7.44	1570593 (179418) " Mackie, W. 19.7.44			
<u>HONOURS AND AWARDS.</u>						
The following received the Immediate Award of the Distinguished Flying Cross.						
W/O A.J. Carter, (J.22971). W/O P.A. Harrison, (R.149282)						
<u>CHANGES IN COMMAND AND ADMINISTRATION.</u>						
A/W/C A.C. HULL, (C.1256, RCAP) has assumed command of the Squadron on screening of A/W/C						
W.A.G. MCLEISH (J.1886, RCAP) A/S/L G.L. GONYOU (J.25985, RCAP) has become Flight Commander						
of "B" Flight filling the vacancy created by the appointment of W/C A.C. HULL to command the Squadron.						
<u>AIRCRAFT ON CHARGE.</u>						
LANCASTER X - 23						
<u>OPERATIONAL AND NON-OPERATIONAL FLYING TIMES.</u>						
Operational Day : 608.13 Non-operational Day : 229.05						
" Night : 852.32 " " Night : 102.18						

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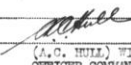
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R.C.A.A.F. STATION, MIDDLETON, GEORGE			<u>NUMBER OF OPERATIONAL SORTIES.</u>		
			258.		
			<u>MONTHLY CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF BOMBS DROPPED AND MINES LAID.</u>		
			Tons (224)		
			Bombs and Mines dropped from 1.1.44 to 31.7.44	800	2153
			during August, 1944	200	116
			Cumulative Total	800	3053
				277	
			<u>NUMBER OF COMBATS WITH ENEMY AIRCRAFT.</u>		
			There were ten combats with enemy aircraft during the month. One enemy aircraft was destroyed.		
			<u>STRENGTH.</u>		
			Aircrew	Groundcrew	Total
R.C.A.A.F. Officers			109	2	111
" W.D. "			-	-	-
" Airmen			112	260	392
" W.D. Airwomen			-	-	-
R.A.F. Officers			10	-	10
W.A.A.F. "			-	-	-
R.A.F. Airmen			32	3	35
W.A.A.F. Airwomen			-	2	2
Australian Officers			-	-	-
" Airmen			-	-	-
New Zealand Officers			1	-	1
" Airmen			-	-	-
USA (RCAP) Officers			1	-	1
" Airmen			5	-	5
			<u>Short Remarks by Squadron Commander Personally.</u>		
			During the month of August 428 Squadron was called upon on more than one occasion for a maximum effort and during the first sixteen days the Squadron operated on twelve separate occasions. This heavy commitment made it impossible to train sufficient new crews to keep pace with the screening of four expired crews, and as a result most of the remaining crews were on every raid during this period.		
			A total of two hundred and fifty-eight sorties were carried out for a loss of five crews, and operational flying together with flying training made a grand total of 1792 hours. The fact that this number of hours was completed without accident can be attributed to the close co-operation between the ground crew and aircrew, each doing its utmost to eliminate this unnecessary wastage of good aircraft.		

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R.C.A.P. STATION, MIDDLETON S.T. GEORGE			(continued)		
			The Squadron is most appreciative of the hard work put in by the Armament Section this month, as quite frequently bomb loads were changed a number of times before the aircraft finally got away, and on several occasions armament personnel were hobbling up aircraft until the last possible take-off time. However, due to the efforts of the Armament Section none of our aircraft were late in taking off.		
			W/C MOIRISH was screened on the 7th of the month and the Squadron has lost a very able leader. However, the Squadron can still benefit from his wide experience as he was based no further than base.		
			 (A.C. HULL) WING COMMANDER, OFFICER COMMANDING, No. 428 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON.		

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