

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, (G.7249, R.C.A.F.)	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
R.C.A.F. STATION, MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	FRIDAY 2.12.44			No operations were scheduled for to-day. A full flying training programme was laid on but cancelled due to bad weather. Ground training was continued with six navigational tests on the H2S and Fishpond trainer and lectures. In the afternoon all aircrew attended a lecture by W/C A.G. HULL (G.1256, R.C.A.F.) on operational efficiency and a preventative film on V.D. Three crews reported in and were assigned to Flight. P/O H.L. CLARK (J.98197, RCAF) to "A" Flight and P/L J.K. GOULDIE (J.5981, RCAF) and P/O W.G. ASHBY (J.29776, RCAF) to "B" Flight. P/L W.R. EDMONDSON (J.26767, RCAF) and crew returned by rail from STRADISHALL leaving their aircraft for repairs.		
	SATURDAY 2.12.44			A flying training programme was laid on but aircraft were recalled as operations were detailed at 1045 hours. Sixteen crews took off for night operations on HAGEN. P/O R. LATURNER (J.27109, A.229) met severe icing conditions shortly after crossing the French coast. Losing height, he ordered crew to prepare to abandon and at 4000 ft. ordered them to abandon. He regained control and decided to land the aircraft. On contacting landing strip A.61 he was informed that there were soft filled in craters at the end of the runway, so in order to avoid detonating his full bomb load he swung off the runway. The aircraft was badly smashed and is in "B" category. P/O LATURNER was not injured but of those abandoning P/O MS. SUCHARWY (J.37586, RCAF) Navigator and SGT M. HEMPECK (1592635) were killed, the remainder landing safely. It is not known how those killed met their death but it is presumed that Sgt. Hempstead fell through the escape hatch. P/O SUCHARWY's chute was open but it is not known whether by impact or during the descent. The remaining crews reached the target, bombed successfully and returned safely. Ground training was continued with P/E's on engine handling lectures by P/O H. FERGUSON (178811). Air gunners on aircraft recognition, air bombers on bombing lectures. P/O F.J. FORDEHAM (173145) was posted to 43d Sqn. to take over as Flight Engineer Leader. Jimmy will be missed around the section as he is a gun man.		
	SUNDAY 3.12.44			No operations were scheduled for to-day and flying training was limited to two air tests by duff weather. Ground training was carried out with air gunners on turret manipulation, WOPs on gun lectures and air bombers on lectures. Flight Engineers had a quiz on general subjects and three new Flight Engineers were shown around the section. Operations were detailed for early tomorrow morning but they were scrubbed again.		

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R.C.A.F. STATION, MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	MONDAY 4.12.44		Sixteen crews were detailed for operations on KARLSRUHE. All took off, bombed and returned safely. Timing was exceptionally good and a good prang was reported. All flying training was cancelled due to operations. Taking all available aircraft, two of 419 Squadron's aircraft being borrowed for operations as it was. P/O R.J. DUNGH (J.28726, RCAP) and crew completed their first tour and will be screened, also P/O J.A. HENSLEY (J. 85193, RCAP) P/O JD. GENNES (J.18314, RCAP) P/O R. TROPER (J.1822, RCAP) and P/O W.G. KINGSTON (J.85588, RCAP) of P/L D.K. BERRY (J.24034, RCAP) crew who completed their second tour. Ground training was continued with bomb aimers on radar, bench and panel drill and air gunners on aircraft recognition.		A.230
	TUESDAY 5.12.44		Fourteen crews were detailed and briefed for operations on SOEST. Thirteen aircraft took off as P/L G.W. PRATT (J.10102, RCAP) was a non starter. P/L H.A. SHEPHELT (J.915, RCAP) and crew were involved in a collision with a 426 Squadron kite and crashed near HUGBY. The bodies of the two gunners R254110 P/S BAXTER, A.G. and P/O E.E. COOPER (J.82284, RCAP) were recovered also two unidentified bodies. The remainder of the crew have not been found as yet. The aircraft was badly dispersed owing to the bomb load exploding. The four bodies will be buried at Brookwood on 12th December 1944. Three radar cross countries and bombing and two details of Fishpond training were flown. P/O W.G. ASHBY (J.29776, RCAP) flew P/O R. ANDERSON (J.35506, R.C.A.F.) and crew to STRADISHALL in the Oxford to ferry back "N - Nan".		A.231
	WEDNESDAY 6.12.44		A training programme for Fighter affiliation, air to air firing and H2S training was laid on but had to be scrubbed as operations were detailed and all kites were bombed up. Fifteen crews were detailed for operations on OSNABRUCK but P/O E.W. PAGE (J.35427, RCAP) was an early return due to engine trouble. The rest reached the target and bombed on H2S. Ten-tenths cloud was experienced with heavy icing. P/L QUINN's aircraft met static electricity which broke the perspex panel in the pilots canopy and one panel in the mid upper turret and tore off the trailing aerial. The pilot lost height through being blinded with the flash but recovered control and returned safely. The fishpond in V - Victor (P/O I. NELSON J.9436, RCAP) blew up. Air gunners harmonised aircraft and had aircraft recognition. Air bombers on panel drill and radar training and WOPs lectures. Flight engineers were kept pretty busy doing D.I.'s on aircraft for operations. P/O ANDERSON returned from STRADISHALL with "N - Nan".		A.232

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R.C.A.F. STATION, MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE.	THURSDAY 7.12.44		No operations were scheduled for to-day. Flying training was very limited due to the weather closing in early. Three aircraft were ferried to Croft and one detail of bombing and one SBA were flown. Ground training was as usual with air gunners on turret manipulation and spotlight trainer and firing 175 rounds of skeets. Air bombers had panel drill. WOPs gen lectures on Infomemo. P/O Miller and two other Flight Engineers arrived from Dalton for liaison and were given Lenc. gen by P/O PERSBERGAST and P/O C. HAMILTON (18284). Operations are detailed for an early morning attack so crews are confined to camp tonight.		
	FRIDAY 8.12.44		Early morning operations were cancelled and none detailed for to-day. More aircraft were ferried to Croft and four radar cross countries and bombing details and one air test were flown. Air gunners with the Squadron Commander and Flight Commanders attended a lecture on the Gyro Gunsight. W/C HULL lectured on icing conditions and the best way to avoid them. Air bombers were on link. WOPs on Fishpond and radar and Flight Engineers on lectures. Advice was received of the Immediate Award of the D.F.C. to W/C HULL. This was with great approval and a suitable celebration was held.		
	SATURDAY 9.12.44		No operations are detailed for to-day so training is laid on and aircraft de-bombed. Eight crews took part in a Group "Gaggle" exercise, W/C HULL going as second pilot with P/L J.K. GOLDIE (J.5981, RCAF). H28 bombing was practised at the finish of the gaggle. One other radar bombing exercise, one air test and SBA were flown. Night cross countries were detailed but were scrubbed due to operations being detailed for early tomorrow morning and the kites being bombed up again. Ground training was as usual with all sections on lectures and air gunners on turret manipulation. A party was held in the officer's Mess at night but 428 Sqn representatives were few as the crews detailed for early morning were in bed to catch some sleep.		
	SUNDAY 10.12.44		All crews detailed were called at 0200 hours for early briefing but at 0300 hrs they were cancelled and the crews returned to bed. Poor weather prevented any flying training and bombing details laid on for night were cancelled through operations being laid on for tomorrow morning. Ground training was continued with air bombers on panel drill and lectures, air gunners on aircraft recognition and WOPs on Fishpond. Flight Engineers had lectures on M/F and SDS procedure and manual release of bombs.		

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R.C.A.F. STATION, MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	MONDAY	11.12.44	Sixteen crews were detailed for operations which were scrubbed due to duff weather half an hour prior to take-off. The duff weather and operations combined to prevent any flying training whatsoever. Air gunners fired 475 rounds of skeets and took turret manipulation until a break down on the machine occurred. Flight Engineers took link. Other sections had lectures.		
	TUESDAY	12.12.44	No operations are scheduled for to-day so most of the aircraft were de-bombed for a Group "Gaggle". Ten crews participated with good results. After the gaggle practise in H2S "Blind" bombing was carried out. Night cross countries were laid on but were scrubbed due to the weather deteriorating and also due to morning operations being laid on. F/L J.H. LAWSON, (J.58063, RCAP) Gunnery Leader lectured Flight Engineers on the .5 Browning. Wops had Fishpond training, air gunners spent the day on aircraft recognition and air bombers on bombing lectures.		
	WEDNESDAY	13.12.44	All crews detailed were called at 0430 hours for a 0900 hours take-off. Takeoff was put back to 1030 hours, then 1130 hours and finally scrubbed at 1115 hours. The boys were somewhat obsessed as it meant being at the kites for over three hours for nothing. Flying training consisted of two radar cross countries and H2S bombing and one radar bombing exercise. Air crew saw a film in the briefing room in the afternoon. Air gunners fired 275 rounds of skeet and had turret manipulation, some F/E's took link and other sections lectures.		
	THURSDAY	14.12.44	Operations were laid on but were scrubbed early as the weather is really duff. No flying training was possible though some was laid on. In the afternoon all aircrew had an Intelligence lecture on jamming devices, what to carry on ops etc. Air gunners had aircraft recognition and fired 250 rounds of skeets. WOPs had lectures on Incommos and gun, other sections had usual lectures and training. F/L R.G. BOSS (J.28357, RCAP) Bombing Leader returned from seven days leave and relieved P/O L.G. HANLEY (J.35085, RCAP) who had been carrying on for him.		
	FRIDAY	15.12.44	Eighteen crews were detailed for operations on LUDWIGSHAVEN. All took off and returned to England safely and were diverted to HORHAM on account of duff weather over base. No flying training was carried out and all crews were on dinghy drill in the forenoon. Ground training was continued with Air Bombers on radar and N/T, Wops on Fishpond, F/Eng's on link and air gunners on turret manipulation. Gunners also fired 750 rounds of skeets.		A. 233

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	16.12.44				
	SUNDAY		<p>Thirteen crews took off early for operations on LUISBURG. All returned safely but were diverted owing to weather at base. Flying training was laid on but scrubbed as the four available kites were laid on for operations. The crews were briefed but the effort was scrubbed before take-off. Ground training was limited owing to shortage of personnel and operations laid on.</p>		
	17.12.44				
	MONDAY		<p>All crews excepting F/L K.I. NELSON (J.9436, RCAP) returned from diversion base. Operations were laid on with sixteen crews being briefed but they were scrubbed early. One air test was flown but no flying training was possible. Ground training was continued with air bombers on dry swim, Flight Engineers on an engine handling quiz, air gunners had turret manipulation and fired 250 rounds of skeet. Wops had Fishpond training.</p>		
	18.12.44				
	TUESDAY		<p>Sixteen crews were briefed twice for operations but they were eventually scrubbed after several delays and changes of time. The weather is very duff and prohibited any flying training. Ground training was limited owing to operations and an escape lecture by intelligence scheduled for the morning and was scrubbed. An educational film was attended by all personnel in the afternoon. Some Flight engineers were on link and air gunners had four hours turret manipulation and aircraft recognition and fired 250 rounds of skeet. F/O B.B. MILLER (J.21668, RCAP) and F/O R. Laturner (G.27109, RCAP) were promoted to acting Flight Lieutenant.</p>		
	19.12.44				
	WEDNESDAY		<p>Sixteen crews were briefed twice for operations but they were eventually scrubbed after several delays and changes of time. The weather is very duff and prohibited any flying training. Ground training was limited owing to operations and an escape lecture by intelligence scheduled for the morning and was scrubbed. An educational film was attended by all personnel in the afternoon. Some Flight engineers were on link and air gunners had four hours turret manipulation and aircraft recognition and fired 250 rounds of skeet. F/O B.B. MILLER (J.21668, RCAP) and F/O R. Laturner (G.27109, RCAP) were promoted to acting Flight Lieutenant.</p>		
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R.C.A.F. STATION, MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE.	THURSDAY 21.12.44		Sixteen aircraft were detailed for operations on KOLN (COLOGNE). All took off bombed successfully and returned to base. Flying training consisted of two air test and five radar cross countries and bombing. P/L NELSON returned from the diversion base. Ground training was interrupted by the briefing. A/Bombers were on radar and panel drill, A/Gunners on turret manipulation and fired 400 rounds of skeets. P/L J.D. GRATON (J15666, RCAP) and crew arrived for duty. This crew is all second tour. It is the second time on this station for P/L GRATON as he was here with 420 Sqn. until Feb. 1943. P/O R.C. HAMILL his A/Bomb. is also second time here as he was posted from 428 Sqn. (then at Dalton) to 420 Sqn. here during April 1943.		A. 235
	FRIDAY 22.12.44		No operations actually laid on though all crews were standing by. Air training consisted of three H2S cross countries and six bombing details. Night flying was laid on but scrubbed as early morning operations were scheduled and kites had to be bombed up. Ground training was continued with air bombers on dry swim and Wops on lectures re Darky procedure and air gunners were on aircraft recognition all day. W/O HULL lectured all aircrew on dress. All crews were sent to bed early in view of the impending early call though late gen shows it won't be as early as first expected.		
	SATURDAY 23.12.44		Aircrew were called early for operations but they were scrubbed right after operational breakfast, so they were allowed to go back to bed. No flying training was possible owing to the duff weather. Ground training was also delayed owing to pay parade which seemed to take longer than usual. Bomb aimers spent their time at Panel drill and bombing lecture. W ops carried on with Darky procedure. Air gunners had turret manipulation and fired 250 rounds of skeets. P/O W.S. MERRILEY (J.90038, RCAP) and crew reported in for duty.		
	SUNDAY 24.12.44		Sixteen crews were detailed for operations on DUSSELDORF. All took off but were diverted to WETHERSPIELD on return so we do not expect them back for Xmas. Luckily a plentiful supply of "Sweet Caps" was handed out so they will at least have Canadian cigarettes to smoke over the Festive Season. No flying training was done and very little ground training. In the evening an Xmas party was held in the Officer's Mess at which those not on diversion attended. For once there were enough ladies to go around so the evening was a decided success.		A. 236
	MONDAY 25.12.44		Everyone came to work as usual this morning but as no operations were laid on they were allowed		

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R.C.A.F. STATION, MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	MONDAY 25.12.44		to go back to their billets at 1100 hours. A delegation of Sergeants visited the officers Mess and the visit was returned by 25 officers. At noon W/C Hull, S/L LAWRY, S/L EDMONDSON F/L BOWEN and representatives of all sections helped serve the airmen and W.A.A.F. their Xmas dinner. No aircraft returned from diversion bases.		
	TUESDAY 26.12.44		Our aircraft are still diverted and the duff weather prevented flying training though two air tests were flown. Four aircraft were detailed for operations but they were scrubbed immediately after briefing. Ground training on a limited scale was carried on for the crews still here. All around it was a quiet day with the boys resting after the Xmas frolic. An early call for tomorrow morning for four crews scheduled.		
	WEDNESDAY 27.12.44		Four crews were called early this morning for operations but a scrub came through after briefing. All kites except two returned from the diversion base. The crew reported that they were well looked after but accommodation was crowded so they were glad to get home again. Flying training consisted of one radar cross country and local flying. Night practise bombing was laid on but scrubbed due to weather. Ground training was as usual with air bombers on link and Wops busy on amendments and air gunners on turret manipulation. An early call was scheduled for early morning operations and later changed to a midnight briefing.		
	THURSDAY 28.12.44		Eleven crews took off at 0200 hours for operations on OPIADEN. P/O E.W. PAGE (J.35427, RCAF) and crew failed to return. This was a fairly new crew but they were coming along well and were very popular and will be missed. The remainder returned safely. S/L M.W. GALL (C.881, RCAF) and crew reported in to understudy W/C HULL as Squadron Commander. Three cross countries with bombing and one bombing and radar bombing detail was flown. Air bombers spent the day on radar training, air gunners in aircraft recognition and Wops on lectures. Today's trip was the last one for W/O D.J. MACKIE (R168425) RCAF and crew who will be screened.		A.237
	FRIDAY 29.12.44		Operations are detailed for today with twelve crews operating on SCHOLVEN. All took off, bombed and returned safely. S/L G.E. GONYOU (J.25985, RCAF) O.C. "B" Flight completed his tour and will be screened. F/L A.E. DUROCHER (J.24076, RCAF) his Wop will not be screened but will be held as Signals Leader. P/O W.G. ASHBY (J.29776, RCAF) and crew made their first trip. No flying training was carried out due to kites being bombed for operations. Ground training		A.298

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R.C.A.F. STATION, MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	FRIDAY 29.12.44		was carried on with air bombers on a dry swim. Wops on bench practise and Flight Engineers on link. Air Gunners practised turret manipulation and fired 300 rounds of skeet. P/O K.C. BOULSTON (J.26466, RCAP) returned from WETHESSFIELD having been there since December 24th. F/L B.B. MILLER (J.21688, RCAP) is still there waiting for "A - Able" to be repaired. W/C HULL visited No. 6 Group Headquarters tonight to interview G/C LANE. This was a busy day all around with bags of activity.		
	SATURDAY 30.12.44		Fifteen crews are detailed for operations on KALK (COLOGNE) led by W/C HULL who is taking his last trip. All took off, bombed successfully and returned safely reporting a good prang. A screening party was arranged for W/C HULL and crew which went well on into the wee hours. F/L CRATON made his first second pilot trip on his second tour. P/O N.A. NOEL (J.87368, RCAP) ventured too near our own defences near CAMBRAI and was badly holed by our own flak. One thing is certain our A.A. batteries are really accurate. P/O G.W. PEARCE (J.89640, RCAP) left the target on three engines and lost another before reaching England and landed on two which was a good show. Three air tests and one cross country were flown. Ground training was as usual with bomb aimers on panel drill, gunners on aircraft recognition and skeet shooting. The Flight Engineering started S/L GALL on his conversion course. P/O E.B. PRACOCK (J.26634, R.C.A.F.) flew to Manby in the station Oxford with P/O C.M. ROCHE, (J.92208, R.C.A.F.) as passenger.		A. 239
	SUNDAY 31.12.44		No operations scheduled for today and a quiet day generally. Flying training consisted of three cross countries and several cross countries. Ground training was fairly extensive. Air bombers being on blind panel drill, Air gunners on turret manipulation and skeets. Flight engineers continued conversion school for new crews and Wops amended and studied the new diversion schedule. Another year has ended for the Squadron. On the whole it has been a successful year and the Squadron has at least maintained its record as a "Gen Squadron". There aren't any crews on the Squadron now that started the New Year in but fortunately most of them were screened and our losses light. We wind up the year on the same note that we ended 1943, here's hoping the next New Year sees us all back in CANADA with victory won and the war a series of memories, many of them happy and many of them not so happy.		

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R.C.A.F. STATION, MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE			<u>CASUALTIES.</u>		
			<u>Killed on the night of 2.12.44.</u>		
			F/O M.S. Suoharov, (J.37528) - Navigator 1592655 Sgt Hampson, M. - P/Engineer.		
			<u>Killed on the night 5/6th December, 1944.</u>		
			F/L H.A. Sherfelt, J.915, - Pilot J.40469 F/O Reid, J. - Navigator F/O S.W. Pechet, J.35060 - A/Bomb. J.42284 F/O Cooper, E.E. - R/Gunner. 1599273 Sgt Collingwood, C.N. - P/Eng. R204806 F/S Yirag, J.E. - WOP/AG R254110 F/S Baxter, A.G. - W/Gunner.		
			<u>Missing morning 28th December, 1944.</u>		
			F/O E.W. Page, J.35427 - Pilot F/O S.D. Hewson, J.39370 - Navigator F/O A.A. Dixon, J.37706 - A/Bomb. F/O E.A. Eber, J.42359 - WOP/AG F/O R. McDivitt, J.43668 - W/Gunner F/O A.T. LeBlanc, J.42865 - R/Gunner. 1880694 Sgt Owen, G.F. - P/Eng.		
			<u>POSTINGS IN.</u>		
			<u>w.e.f. 19.12.44 from 76 Base.</u>		
			F/L J.D. Oraton, J.15666 - Pilot F/O W.S. McMullen, J.90038 - Pilot F/L R.W. Newton, J.17196 - Nav. F/O W.A. Sage, J.39326 - Nav. F/O R.C. Hamill, J.20884 - A/Bomb. F/O J.A. Roth, J.38288 - A/Bomb. F/O D.C. Graham, J.18627 - WOP/AG R187068 F/S Batswoy, S. - WOP/AG F/O B.B. Gray, J.19650 - P/Eng. R105959 Sgt Katham, W.J.S. - P/Eng. F/O E.R. Egan, J.17548 - W/Gun. R212035 Sgt Dykes, S.D. - W/Gun. R173742 Sgt Llewelin, G.T. - R/Gun. R163474 Sgt Pealey, J.H. - R/Gun.		
			<u>w.e.f. 31.12.44 from 76 Base.</u>		
			F/O A.D. Mutch, J.39551 - Pilot F/O G.J. Ordin, J.21973 - Nav. F/O J.M. Day, J.40725 - Nav. F/O E.M. Hammond, J.91399 - A/Gun. F/O G.V. Barantti, J.40934 - A/Bomb. F/L78731 F/S Hogan, P.E. - A/Bomb. F/O S.N. Gannings, J.89978 - P/Eng. 1806065 Sgt Bullock, M.H. - P/Eng. R196358 F/S Pierson, L.H. - WOP/AG R205967 F/S Gartside, G.J. - A/Gun. R285583 Sgt Truman, V.Z. - W/Gun. R147331 W/O Follock, N. - WOP/AG from 76 Base wof 19.12.44 R285661 - Whiteside, W.H. - R/Gun. F/O R.G. Poole, J.37877 - A/Bomb = 424. Sqn = 27.12.44		
			<u>w.e.f. 23.12.44 from 427 Sqn.</u>		
			S/L M.W. Gall, G.887 - Pilot F/O P.D. Mitchell, J.86554 - A/G from 432 Sqn wof 13.12.44 F/O S.G. Harno, J.38762 - Nav. 1807113 F/S Carrigan, J.V. - P/B = 64 Base = 29.11.44 F/O C.T. Peere, J.36874 - A/Bomb. R218713 F/S MacDonnell, W.A. - WOP/AG R196817 F/S Gifford, R.E. - WOP/AG R223717 F/S Dupont, M.J. - R/Gun. 1880770 Sgt Bowman, A. - P/Eng.		

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			Posted to 405 Sqn. w.s.f. 13.12.44	Posted to "R" Depot	
			F/O J.B. Lindsay, J.28735 - Pilot	F/L L.S. Huston, J.19887 - Pilot wef 11.12.44	
			F/O W.G. MacLennan, J.36771 - Nav.	F/O A.F. Adams, J.88015 - Nav. "	
			F/O J.A. McKinley, J.26541 - A/Bomb.	F/O T. Healey, J.22838 - A/Bomb "	
			1897095 Sgt Horner, E. - P/Eng.	F/O I.M. Bernhardt, 38642 - " "	
			R212876 " Smith, W.G. - WOP/AG	F/O D.J. Hill, 389098 - A/Gun "	
			R261914 " Cameron, J.R. - A/Gun.	F/O K.S. Grant, J.90477 - " "	
			R266096 " Patterson, P.J. - " "	F/O C.R. Olson, J.88426 - WOP/AG 14.12.44	
			Posted to 1666 C.U. w.s.f. 11.12.44	R146798 P/S Levick, C. - " 30.12.44	
			F/O F.W. Shephardson, J.90122 - WOP/AG		
			F/O V.H. Bonney, J.26892 - " "	Posted to 64 Base	
			F/O R.F. Small, 56223 - P/Eng.	F/O I.M. Galloway, J.85386 - A/Gun wef 11.12.44	
			F/O J.W. Madson, C.89346 - " "	F/O H. Billingham, 185656 - P/Eng "	
				F/O W.W. Tynan, J.68214 - Pilot "	
			Posted to 434 Sqn w.s.f. 3.12.44.	F/O R.J. Dence, J.28726 - " 21.12.44	
			F/O F.J. Fortham 173166 - P/eng.	F/O J. Koresky, J.85940 - " 5.12.44	
			1676059 Sgt Farry, W.O. - " "	F/O C.R. Jones, J.29368 - A/Bomb " 6.12.44	
				612121 P/S Mason, C. A/G Posted to 408 Sqn wef 15.12.44	
			<u>PROMOTIONS.</u>		
			F/O D.E. Berry, J.23034 14.10.44 T/W/L	R107450 P/S Forrest, G. 16.10.44 T/W/O	
			F/O D.F. Poole, J.26026 4.11.44 "	R100298 Sgt Pratt, N.W.G. 10.12.44 T/W/S	
			F/O R.G. Hamill, J.20884 6.11.44 "	R116853 " Taylor, E.M. " "	
			F/O E.J. Harrington, J.86423 29.10.44 T/P/O	R121871 " Adams, G.W. " "	
			F/O D.C. Hughes, J.86503 4.11.44 "	R264946 " Keating, J.A. " "	
			F/O E.R. Mitchell, J.86554 19.10.44 "	R176219 P/S Read, L.M. 25.10.44 T/W/O	
			F/O G. Walford, J.86364 2.11.44 "	R206014 " Brunston, K.J. 3.12.44 "	
			R208464 Sgt Daley, W.K. 13.12.44 P/P/S	R168425 " Mackie, D.H. 6.11.44 "	
			R267257 " Cronkrite, T.F. 12.12.44 "	R184089 " Parr, C.B. 23.11.44 "	
			R188387 " Carter, J.H. 10.12.44 "	R147311 W/O Follock, G.W. 29.9.44 T/W/O.t.	
			<u>COMMISSIONS.</u>		
			R207367 P/S Dodd, H. 13.10.44 (J.91119)	P/S R189504 Demarreau, J.A. 16.10.44 (J.91259)	
			R196195 " Meggison, W. 16.10.44 (J.91191)	R113815 Sgt Hanlin, H.S. 13.10.44 (G.91022)	
			R182465 " Gibbons, P.J.B. 9.10.44 (J.91182)	CAN10683 " Nisbet, W. 8.10.44 (J.91115)	
			R197787 " Gardiner, W.F. 18.10.44 (J.90984)	R255483 P/S Baigent, E.R. 29.10.44 (J.92242)	
			1562544 Sgt Fryde, N.W.W. 27.10.44 (187756)	R254633 " Derrough, D.J. " (J.92085)	
			R262114 P/S Carr, W.F.J. 29.10.44 (J.92263)	R206006 " Watson, W.M. " (J.92188)	
			R255857 " Playter, R.A. " (J.92187)	R172697 " Casells, R.A. 10.10.44 (J.92061)	
			R253874 " Alaridge, K.W. " (J.92264)	R179331 " Laporte, J.W. 25.10.44 (J.92379)	
			R265307 Sgt Johnston, A.M. " (J.92423)	R129512 " Miller, W.G. 2.11.44 (J.92319)	
			R159542 " Leahy, B.S.G. 13.10.44 (G.92112)	R260476 " Diver, W.H. " (J.92446)	
			R157790 " Torgart, R.M. 26.10.44 (G.92410)	R183660 " Burke, J.P. 12.11.44 (J.92567)	
			R219169 P/S Campy, W.T. 21.11.44 (J.92596)	R267619 Sgt McMiniman, N. 31.9.44 (J.92106)	
			R207129 " Roche, G.H. 26.10.44 (J.92208)	R101400 " Provost, A.L. 18.10.44 (G.92139)	
			R262004 " Dyck, A. 9.10.44 (J.92060)	1411601 " Tosell, D. 5.12.44 (187257)	
			619340 Sgt Small, R.F. 22.6.44 (56223)	2220818 " Nicholass, J. (187959) 11.12.44	

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<u>COMMISSIONS.</u>					
			R206014 F/S Branston, K.J. 10.11.44 (J.92534)	R213468 F/S Ball, L.R. 23.11.44 (J.92598)	
			R117543 W/O Stark, J.K. 15.9.44 (J.92545)	R178710 " Spendiff, P. 17.11.44 (J.92569)	
			R191831 F/S Snell, R.J. " " (J.92669)	R186816 " " 25.10.44 (J.92552)	
			R176219 " Read, L.M. 10.10.44 (J.92577)	R189160 " Lee, E.F. 9.11.44 (J.92637)	
			R107923 " Krivda, A.A. 22.8.44 (J.92618)	1867916 " Willmore, H.E. 7.11.44 (187957)	
<u>HONOURS AND AWARDS.</u>					
The following personnel received awards during the month: -					
			W/C A.C. Hull, (C.1256) Immediate D.F.O.	S/L G.L. Gonyou (J.25985) Non Immediate D.F.O.	
			S/L G.N. Edwards (J.14045) Non " "	F/L R.A. Anderson (J.6175) " " "	
			F/L F.E. Lynch, (J.8143) " " "	F/O T. Healey, (J.22838) " " "	
			F/O I.M. Galloway (J.85386) " " "	F/O V.P. Skone-Reese (137377) " " "	
			F/O G.B. Frett, (178345) " " "	F/O R.G. Luokett (176176) " " "	
			F/O B. Frankel (J.85367) " " "	F/O F.E. Wort (173274) " " "	
			F/O D.J. Roberts (177714) " " "	F/O H.J. Humphrey (J.24329) " " "	
			F/O T. Horbul, (J.28923) " " "	F/O H. Jackson, (J.19710) " " "	
			F/O G.E. Tindale (J.86581) " " "	F/O W.A. Clark (177367) " " "	
			F/O E.F. Taylor (C19526) " " "	F/O W.F. Jowsey (170881) " " "	
			F/O C.J. Colwill (179859) " " "		
<u>CHANGES IN COMMAND.</u>					
W/C A.C. Hull (C.1256) has proceeded to No. 6 Group Headquarters on screening. S/L M. W. Gall (C.887) is acting as Squadron Commander.					
<u>CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION - Nil</u>					
<u>NUMBER OF OPERATIONAL SORTIES - 161 Sorties.</u>					
<u>OPERATIONAL AND NON-OPERATIONAL FLYING TIMES.</u>					
			Operational Day : 158.54		
			" Night : 882.29		
			Non " Day : 191.30		
			" Night : 65.53		
<u>MONTHLY CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF BOMS DROPPED AND MINES LAID.</u>					
			Tons (2240)	Mines	H.E. INCENDIARIES.
			Bombs and mines dropped from 1.1.44 to 30.11.44	800	5315 727
			" " " during December, 1944	" 792	38
			Cumulative total	800	6107 765
<u>NUMBER OF COMBATS WITH ENEMY AIRCRAFT.</u>					
There was one combat reported during the month. No claims are made.					

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			STRENGTH				
			Aircrew	Groundcrew	Total		
R.C.A.F. STATION, MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE.			R.C.A.F. Officers	164	1	165	
			" W.D. "	-	-	-	
			" Airmen	77	-	77	
			" W.D. Airwomen	-	-	-	
			R.A.F. Officers	14	-	14	
			" Airmen	20	-	20	
<u>SHORT RESUME BY SQUADRON COMMANDER PERSONALLY.</u>							
<p>Flying training was limited during the month on account of bad weather. Operational sorties were slightly in excess of the previous month and were all on German targets. Losses were one crew missing, one crew killed in a crash in this country and two members killed in a third crew. Several crews were screened, including W/C HULL and several more are reaching the screening point. The completion of flying training for the new crews has been delayed to some extent by the bad weather.</p>							
<p><i>D. W. Gall</i> (M. W. GALL) SQUADRON LEADER, OFFICER COMMANDING, No. 428 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.</p>							