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# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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of (Unit or Formation) 428 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron

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Place	Date	Time	Compiled by: (R.O. Bowron) Flight Lieutenant (C.7249) R.C.A.F.	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
R.C.A.F. STATION MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	THURSDAY	1.2.45		<p>Operations were scheduled for an attack on Ludwigshafen with fourteen crews detailed. Thirteen took off as F/L Goldie (J.5981) R.C.A.F. swung on take-off and ran off the runway bursting a tire. Two kites were diverted and a third F/L Googe (J.11311 R.C.A.F.) landed in France. F/O Noel (J.87368 R.C.A.F.) and crew finished their tour with this trip and will be screened. F/O Walsh (J.37032 R.C.A.F.) landed to hear that he had secured a recruit for the W.A.A.F. in the person of a new daughter. Flying training was limited owing to all available kites being on ops and consisted of local flying only. F/L Pratt (J.10102 R.C.A.F.) returned from Wethersfield with "U" uncle which had been Cat. AC for some time. Flight Engineers had revision in familiarisation and engine handling, wops were on H.2.S. and Fishpond and Bomb aimers practised W/T.</p>		A. 8
	FRIDAY	2.2.45		<p>Weather is pretty duff preventing flying training in the forenoon. In the afternoon ops were laid on with twelve crews briefed for an attack on Weisbaden. All took off but F/L Gaskin (J.85592 R.C.A.F.) developed engine trouble after crossing the English coast, jettisoned his cockpit and returned for base. On approaching base another engine failed and he overshot the drome and crashed in a field some two miles away near Elton. His two gunners F/O Playter (J.92187 R.C.A.F.) and F/O Keating (J.93166 R.C.A.F.) were killed and the aircraft wrecked completely (CAT. "B"). The rest of the crew were shaken badly but uninjured. F/L Berry (J.23034 R.C.A.F.) and crew failed to return from the operation. F/O Pearce (J.89640 R.C.A.F.) and F/O Faulk (J.27557 R.C.A.F.) and crews completed their first tour and will be screened. Ground training was continued with Air Bombers on radar and link, Air Gunners on aircraft recognition and Wops on lectures re. intercomms. and faults. F/L Ross D.F.M. (J.16986 R.C.A.F.) and crew reported in for duty, starting their second tour.</p>		A. 9
	SATURDAY	3.2.45		<p>No operations detailed for today so flying training was carried out. Five radar cross country and two details of circuits and H.2.S. runs were flown. Night flying was scrubbed due to duff weather. Ground training was carried out in the forenoon but all crews not flying were stood down in the afternoon. F/L Gaskin and remainder of his crew were screened today and their tour completed.</p>		

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R.C.A.F. STATION MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	SUNDAY 4.2.45		<p style="text-align: center;"><del>TWELVE AIRCRAFT</del></p> <p>Operations were scheduled with thirteen crews detailed for a night attack on Bosh. Twelve took off, the spare crew (P/O Johnson J.92860 R.C.A.F.) flying as (P/O Read J.92577 RCAP) failed to take off. All returned safely to base. Flying training was limited to one detail of circuits and one ferry flight to Croft. Ground training was continued with Air Gunners on aircraft recognition and D.I's, and Air Bombers on panel drill, WOPS on Fishpond and amending diversion schedules. P/O Roulston, (J.26466 R.C.A.F.) P/L Craton (J.15666 R.C.A.F.) and P/L Googe returned from diversions. Navigators held post mortem on last operation.</p>	<b>SECRET.</b>	A.10
	MONDAY 5.2.45		<p>Fourteen crews were detailed for operations which were scrubbed before take-off. The operation preparations and kites being bombed up prevented any flying training although one crew started on a cross country before being recalled. Ground training went on as usual with the Air Bombers taking link and radar trainer, Air Gunners on D.I's and harmonization and Flight Engineers on link and log marking. The Wops had instruction on Bendix and a successful Group exercise. Navigators were on H.2.S., bench and trainer.</p>		
	TUESDAY 6.2.45		<p>No operations are scheduled for today so flying training is in order despite rainy weather. Three crews carried out training flights with bombing, S.B.A. and H.2.S. practice. Flight Engineers had a quiz on general aircraft services while the Air Bombers were busy painting a new target for Bradbury range. Air Gunners were on D.I's and harmonization. Wops spent the day at Fishpond, Bendix training and lectures on dinghy transmitters. Navigators were on dry swim and speed-up exercises.</p>		
	WEDNESDAY 7.2.45		<p>Operations held on today with thirteen detailed for an attack in the Hassun area (Coch) All took off but the majority brought their loads back without bombing as no instructions were received from the Master Bomber. All returned safely. Some flying training was carried out with four radar cross countries with air to sea firing, S.B.A., and bombing and two night cross countries being flown. Ground training was as usual with Air Bombers on radar trainer. Air Gunners on skeets and Flight Engineers on link. Wops practised Fishpond on the trainer. S/L Conyon (J.25985 R.C.A.F.) Squadron training Supervisor proceeded on leave and his place is being taken by P/O Eliosoff (J.68974 R.C.A.F.)</p>		A.11

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R.C.A.F. STATION MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE.	THURSDAY	8.2.45.	Operations were laid on with a noon briefing but they were scrubbed fairly early. The weather is very duff and prevented much flying though one detail of Air to Sea firing, bombing and S.B.A. was flown. The preparation for ops prohibited much ground training especially as yesterday's crews were allowed to sleep late. Four new crews reported in for duty although they are not 'unfortunately' all Lancaster trained, with training though, they will allow us to operate the number of crews we did before reaching the screening range of so many.		
	FRIDAY	9.3.45.	Operations were again laid on with thirteen crews detailed but again they were scrubbed before take-off. Flying training consisted of one radar cross country, two cross countries with fighter affil and bombing, two cross countries with air to sea firing and bombing. Altogether a successful day for flying training. Air Bombers not flying were on panel drill and link. Air Gunners had lectures on Mk. II GGS and fired 650 rounds of skeets. Flight Engineers had lectures on fuel and pneumatics. A lecture on 100 Group tactics was held in the N.A.A.F.I. in the afternoon.		
	SATURDAY	10.2.45.	Twelve crews were detailed and briefed for operations but they were scrubbed prior to take-off. Flying training was recalled for operations but three details of Air to Sea firing, bombing and fighter affiliation were flown. Night cross countries were laid on but had to be scrubbed on account of the duff weather. Ground training was also interrupted but three new crews were given lectures by the Flight Engineer Section on hydraulics, log keeping and computation. New Air Bombers also had familiarization. Wops were on D.I's and Missions while Air Gunners were on aircraft recognition and fired 275 rounds of skeets. The Adjutant left for leave after duty today, P/O McFadden (J.36395 R.C.A.F.) is holding down his desk during his absence. S/L Magnusson, Station Nav. Officer visited the section for a conference.		
	SUNDAY	11.2.45.	Elven crews were detailed for operations but they were scrubbed as the aircraft were being marshalled. If this keeps up "points" should be awarded for briefings. The weather is pretty rosey resulting in the afternoon flying being scrubbed. In the afternoon F/L LaTurner (027409 R.C.A.F.) flew the A.T.C. in the Oxford and two countries with fighter affil, and bombing were flown. New crews continued with Flight Engineer lectures. Bomb Aimers were on radar training and Air Gunners practised turret manipulation and fired 275 rounds of skeets. Wops practised Bendix and did D.I's Navigators practised H2S on bench and trainer and had dry swim.		<i>[Signature]</i>

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R.C.A.F. STATION MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE.	MONDAY 12.2.45		The weather is exceptionally dull today so no flying training was carried out and no ops were detailed. Ground training continued with bombers on radar training and blind panel drill, Wops on Benix and Fishpond training. Flight Engineers and Pilots had lectures on the nitrogen system and Pilots also had a lecture by P/L Laumer on engine handling, as the Gunners were up on their training they were allowed the afternoon off.		
	TUESDAY 13.2.45		The new Base Commander A/C Dunlop C.B.E., addressed the aircrew, Pilots, Engineers and Wops attended lectures on the electrical system of the Glen Martin Mid upper turret. Ops were laid on for Dresden and nine crew detailed all took off, bombed and returned safely reporting a good prang. Flying training consisted of two night cross countries, two radar cross countries with H2S bombing and fighter affiliation. Three details also completed some local flying training with bombing. Ground training consisted of turret manipulation for air gunners, panel drill for bombers, lectures for Flight Engineers and Wops.		A. 12
	WEDNESDAY 14.2.45		Operations laid on with fourteen on the attack on Chemnitz. All returned safely reporting a good show. Seven new crews made their first trip this time. Flying training was restricted by the operation and only two details of local flying and one circuit and bumps were flown. Ground training was carried on with Air Bombers on radar both bench and trainer, Air Gunners on turret manipulation and 150 rounds of skeets and Flight Engineers on link.		A. 13
	THURSDAY 15.2.45		No operations detailed for today but lots of training. "A" Flight had seven crews on flying training and "B" Flight five. This consisted of cross countries, fighter affil. bombing H2S bombing, Air to Sea firing and radar cross countries. Air Gunners had aircraft recognition and fired 150 rounds of skeets while Air Bombers were on panel drill and radar training. Wops had Bendix training and an amendment session. P/L Ross (J.28357 R.C.A.F.) Bombing Leader left on seven days leave, leaving P/O Peers (J.36874 R.C.A.F.) in charge of the section.		
	FRIDAY 16.2.45		No operations laid on for today and dull weather prevented any flying training. Pilots attended a lecture given by Flying Control and had link and wet dinghy drills. Air Bombers were on link and radar training, Wops carried out D.I's and Air Gunners had aircraft recognition, turret manipulation and fired 100 rounds of skeet. Navigators marked logs and had H2S bench and trainer.		

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	SUNDAY 18.2.45.		Again no operations. This consisted of Air to Sea and Air to Sea. Air Gunners and Flight Engineers had lectures.		
	MONDAY 19.2.45.		No operations carried out. Marking, F.I. D.I's and had allowed to land.		
	TUESDAY 20.2.45.		At last operations reporting a failure of the two port engines. The adjutant ordered the aircraft to land while sliding on the local flying field. The adjutant carried on as usual. The trials of the aircraft were 100% attended.		

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14th April, 1945.  
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R. B. HENNING (Air Officer),  
8.4.45

18.2.45  
"VALERIESNESS. When flying near his aerodrome at 2,000 ft. on a training flight, this pilot had both port engines cut soon out almost at the same time. Suspecting fuel starvation, he did not feather the engines, pending a fuel check. He then decided that the aircraft's performance, with both starboard engines operating full power, and rpm, and the two port engines feathered, was such that it would not remain in the air. He feathered the port engines. He attempted to start the port engines unsuccessfully and crashed, completely destroying the aircraft. An example of poor judgment and alarmship."

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	SUNDAY 18.2.45.		Again no operations but flying training went ahead resulting in fifty three hours on the log. This consisted of radar cross countries, cross countries, bombing, fighter affiliation, S.B.A. and Air to Sea firing. Ground training was also carried out with Air Bombers on radar training Air Gunners on harmonisation, lectures on Glenn Martin turrets and firing 225 rounds of sheet. Engineers had link and the Navigators re-organised their map filing and equipment.		
	MONDAY 19.2.45.		No operations are detailed for today and no flying training due to weather. Ground training was carried out in forenoon with Air Bombers on A.W.B.T. to see slides on transparency of target marking. Flight Engineers had lectures on 'icing' and Wops Bendix training. Air Gunners did D.I's and had aircraft recogniting. The afternoon was called a Squadron stand-down and all allowed to leave camp.		
	TUESDAY 20.2.45.		At last operations with fourteen crews taking off to attack Dortmund. All returned safely reporting a fair prang. W/C Gall crash landed in /N/ fox on a training flight. At 2000ft. the two port engines out and the starboard ones had'nt the power to keep airborne. W/C Gall A. 14 ordered the crew to the rest position and brought kite down. Unfortunately it struck some trees while sliding and was complete write-off. None of the crew were injured. Six details of local flying, cross countries and bombing were flown and ground training was carried on as usual. The Wops attempted a Group exercise but were unable to make contact. The adjutant returned from leave this morning feeling much refreshed and able to cope with the trials and tribulations of an operational Squadron. Navigators spent the a.m. on a dry run with 100% attendance.		

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R.C.A.F. STATION MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE.	WEDNESDAY 21.2.45.		<p>Fourteen crews were detailed for operations on Duisburg. All took off and returned safely.</p> <p>F/L Hay (J.7608 R.C.A.F.) reported a combat with an unidentified aircraft, slight damage was done to our aircraft, and the enemy aircraft fired but no damage is claimed. No flying training was carried out due to operations and kites being bombed up. Ground training was continued for crews not operating.</p>		A. 15
	THURSDAY 22.2.45.		<p>No operations are scheduled for to-day. Flying training consisted of local flying, one cross country, eight details of fighter affiliation, Air and Sea firing and S.P.A. practice were also carried out. Ground training was as usual with Air Bombers on panel drill, Wops on D.I's, amendments, Bendix practice and procedure. Air Gunners did aircraft recognition and fired 150 rounds of skeet.</p>		
	FRIDAY 23.2.45.		<p>Operations were scheduled early to-day and twelve crews, led by W/C Gall, took off for Phorsheim. All returned safely reporting an ideal prang and not much opposition although fighter trails could be seen. Flying training consisted of cross countries and some local flying. Preparations for ops and training flights limited the ground training and very little was carried out.</p>		A. 16
	SATURDAY 24.2.45.		<p>No operations are detailed for to-day so no flying training was in order. Eight aircraft took part in a formation flying practise practically all afternoon. Ground training was continued with Air Gunners on aircraft recognition and skeet shooting. Wops on Bendix and Fishpond, Air Bombers on link. A fairly quiet day all around with most of the crews resting after the ops of the last few days.</p>		
	SUNDAY 25.2.45.		<p>No operations scheduled for to-day so flying training went on apace. Ground training was also carried out with Air Bombers on A.M.B.T. and panel drill in the forenoon and dry swim in the afternoon, Air Gunners were on aircraft recognition and fired 100 rounds of skeet. Flight Engineers had lectures on pneumatics, hydraulics, engine handling, revision etc. Wops spent the day on D.I's, amendments and Morse practice. Some Wops also flew on Fishpond training with F/L Hay (J.7608 R.C.A.F.).</p>		

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R.C.A.F. STATION MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE.	MONDAY 26.2.45.		No operations were detailed for to-day so flying training was continued. Five radar cross countries, one H2S training with bombing were flown. Several pilots were also in links, ground training was as usual with all sections getting in bags of hours while no operations are on.		
	TUESDAY 27.2.45.		Day-light operations were laid on for the first time since Xmas with thirteen crews operating on Malta. The target was covered with cloud so the result were hard to assess. All crews returned safely to base. Flying training was limited to one detail of fighter affiliation, Bombing Air to Sea firing and one cross country. Ground school was restricted to those not operating and every section was in full swing, training hours for the month have been kept up to schedule and results should be good.		A.17
	WEDNESDAY 28.2.45.		Another day-light operation was laid on with early morning briefing, but the crews were re-called shortly after setting course. The boys were allowed to go back to bed on return in order to catch up on sleep, especially as a day-light is promised for to-morrow. The only flying training was two air tests, Fishpond and fighter affiliation, Ground training was continued for those not flying with Air Bombers on radar and Air Gunners on aircraft recognition and skeet shooting, the other section had usual training.		A.18



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R.C.A.F. STATION, MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE.			<u>CASUALTIES.</u>		
			<u>Killed morning of the 3rd. February 1945.</u>		
			F/O J.A. Keating (J.95166)		
			F/O R.A. Flayler (J.92187)		
			<u>Missing night of the 2nd. February 1945.</u>		
			F/L D.E. Berry (J.23034)		
			F/L G.J. Grain (J.21973)		
			F/O F.E. Hogan (J.92655)		
			F/O J.C. Harris (R.186470)		
			F/O C. Walford (J.86364)		
			F/O K.M. Hammond (J.91199)		
			F/O G.H. Roche (J.92208)		
			<u>POSTINGS IN.</u>		
			<u>Posted from 76 Base w.e.f. 6.2.45.</u>		
			F/O G.E. Frail (J.39568) - Pilot.	F/O D.M. Payne (J.38377) - Pilot.	
			F/L C.H. Parker (J.10416) - Nav.	F/O G.C. Riley (J.40826) - NAV.	
			F/O G.W. Carrol (J.41777) - A/B.	F/O V. Banks (J.42258) - A/B	
			Sgt. J.A. Smith (R.221154) - WAG.	SGT E.V. Miller (R.183653) - WOE/AG	
			F/O D.W. McIntosh (J.90906) - F/E	SGT T.P. Sinclair (R.210749) - F/ENG.	
			W/O R.M. Peppin (R.154837) - M/G	SGT E.H. Casey (R.270489) - M/G	
			SGT D. Rawlings (R.279615) - A/G	SGT A.E. Vardy (R.268006) - R/G.	
			<u>Posted from 76 Base w.e.f. 6.2.45.</u>		
			F/O H.D. Hayne (J.7608) - Pilot	F/O C. Cox (J.41866) - Pilot	
			F/O H.S. Wattier (J.41631) - NAV	SGT U. Rubin (R.178800) - NAV	
			F/O J.J. Donner (J.39995) - A/B	F/O D.A. Skelly (J.41611) - A/B	
			SGE S.A. Sharp (R.184668) - WOE/AG	SGT S.G. Wesley (R.382946) - WOE/AG	
			SGT F.A. Westlake (R.191133) - F/ENG	SGT A.W. Stodgell (R.165006) - F/ENG.	
			SGT C.H. Overall (R.284334) - M/G	SGT D.H. Adams (R.291372) - M/G	
			SGT C.A. Mylellan (R.264835) - R/G	SGT J.C. Todd (R.203110) - R/G.	
			<u>Posted from 432 Squadron w.e.f. 12.2.45.</u>	<u>Posted from 64 RCAF w.e.f. 16.2.45.</u>	
			S/L J. Hudson (J.15661) - Pilot	F/O P.V. DeMarco (J.85421) - A/B	
			S/L J.C. Archibald (J.16421) - NAV		
			F/O W.G. McLellan (J.17621) - A/B	<u>Posted from 64 RCAF w.e.f. 14.2.45.</u>	
			F/O B.W. Shaver (J.85776) - WOE/AG	F/O W.C. Hinkle (J.85587) - A/G.	
			F/O J.F.R. Boyer (J.86007) - M/AG		
			F/O P.G. Doucet (J.18412) - A/C	<u>Posted from 76 Base w.e.f. 28.2.45.</u>	
			SGT W.E. Pepper (2221183) - F/E.	F/O D.F. Varden (J.24596) - Pilot	
				F/O R.C. Harris (J.41626) - NAV	
				F/O N.J. Grayser (J.42253) - A/B	
				SGT C.D. Mackie (R.210038) - WAG	
				F/O W.B. Moffat (J.48773) - F/M	
				SGT A.W. Petrie (R.279367) - M/G	
				SGT J.D. Brown (R.90944) - R/G.	

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			Posted from 76 Base w.e.f. 28.2.45.		
			F/O E.F. Ames (J.17504) - Pilot		
			F/O D. McEntee (J.17925) - NAV		
			F/O J.G. Cairns (J.20480) - A/R		
			F/O A.T. Ward (J.46740) - WOP		
			SGT W. Gibbons (48499474) - P/B		
			F/O R. Purneaux (J.85263) - M/G		
			F/O S. Davidson (J.19143) - R/G.		
			<b>POSTINGS OUT.</b>		
			Posted to 1659 Con. Unit. w.e.f. 6.2.45.		
			F/O L.G. Hanley (J.35085) - A/B.		
			Posted to R.C.A.F. O/S H.Q. w.e.f. 1.1.45.		
			F/L G.L. Conyon (J.25985) - Pilot.		
			Posted to R.C.A.F. O/S H.Q. w.e.f. 7.1.45.		
			F/O W.R. Edmondson (J.26767) - Pilot.		
			Posted to War casualties N.E. Accounts Depot w.e.f. 3.2.45.		
			F/O J.O. Harris (486470) - F/SNG.		
			Posted to RCAF W.E. N.E. Unit w.e.f. 3.2.45.		
			F/L D.B. Berry (J.23034) - Pilot		
			F/L C.J. Drinn (J.21973) - NAV		
			F/O J.R. Hogan (J.92655) - A/B		
			F/O G. Walford (J.86364) - WOP/AG		
			F/O K.W. Hammond (J.94499) - A/G		
			F/O C.M. Roche (J.92208) - A/G		
			Posted to RCAF O/S H.Q. w.e.f. 15.2.45.		
			R/L D.W. Lamont (J.7467) - Pilot		
			Posted to RCAF 'R' Depot w.e.f. 12.2.45.		
			F/O G.R. Monette (J.35543) - NAV		
			Posted to 1664 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 12.2.45.		
			F/O B. Rakus (G.90730) - A/G		
			Posted to Instructors School Dalton w.e.f. 13.2.45.		
			F/O J.V. VanTighem (J.35508) - NAV		
			Posted to 24 O.T.U. w.e.f. 15.2.45.		
			F/O J. McFadden (J.36395) - NAV		
			Posted to 1666 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 16.2.45.		
			F/O G.W.A. Pearce (J.89640) - Pilot		
			F/O G.R. Paul (J.27557) - Pilot		
			Posted to RCAF 'R' Depot w.e.f. 15.2.45.		
			F/L A.H. Lerner (J.11233) - Air Obs.		
			Posted to RCAF 'R' Depot w.e.f. 16.2.45.		
			F/SGT H.H. Sims (R.178450) - A/B		
			Posted to 1668 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 21.2.45.		
			F/O N.W.W. Bayle (487756) - F/SNG.		
			Posted to 24 O.T.U. w.e.f. 19.2.45.		
			F/O T.R.C. Kelly (J.37529) - NAV		
			Posted to RCAF 'R' Depot w.e.f. 12.2.45.		
			F/SGT J.J. Davidson (W.249066) - A/G		
			F/SGT D.J. Nelligen (R.221583) - A/G		
			Posted to RCAF 'R' Depot w.e.f. 16.2.45.		
			F/O W.R.L. Garr (J.92243) - A/G		
			F/O J.H. Watson (J.92188) - A/G		
			F/O N.A. Noel (J.67368) - Pilot		
			Posted to 24 O.T.U. w.e.f. 19.2.45.		
			F/O S.L. Uffelmann (J.92835) - A/B		
			Posted to 1668 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 21.2.45.		
			F/O W.G. Montgomery (J.89025) - WOP/AG		

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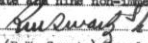
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R.C.A.F. STATION MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE.			<u>POSTINGS OUT.</u>	<b>SECRET.</b>
			Posted to RCAF 'R' Depot w.e.f. 25.2.45.	Posted to A.C.A.C. w.e.f. 25.2.45.
			E/O J.W.M. Elie (J.37467) - NAV	F/Sgt A. Willowby (1876527) - F/S
			E/O J.J. Thompson (J.90835) - NAV	Sgt J. Houseman (1685188) - F/S
			E/O J.W.M. Lepo rts (J.92379) - WOE/AG	E/O J. Nicholas (187959) - F/S
			E/O A.A. Krivda (J.92618) - WOE/AG	Sgt F.W. Godwin (535111) - F/S
			E/O K.J. Branston (J.92337) - A/G	
			F/Sgt H.E. Rogers (R.88459) - A/G	Posted to RCAF 'R' Depot w.e.f. 5.2.45.
			F/Sgt S.G. Scott (R.22077) - A/G	F/L D.F. Poole (J.26026) - Pilot
			F/Sgt N.L. Shaw (R.208956) - A/G	E/O E.B. Beacock (J.26634) - Pilot
				E/O G.M. Mahoney (J.17806) - NAV
			Posted to RCAF 'R' Depot w.e.f. 27.2.45.	E/O K.H. Kehl (J.90337) - WOE/AG
			E/O J.F. Burke (J.92567) - A/B.	E/O C. McClelland (J.90532) - A/G
				F/Sgt R.F. Moleod (R.258115) - A/G
				E/O R.M. Tagart (G.92410) - F/SN2.
			<u>PROMOTIONS</u>	
			E/O G.L. Glover J.17142 9.11.45 T/P/L	E/O H. Frendergast 178811 26.12.44 W/P/O.
			E/O J.H. Lawson J.88063 6.11.45 T/P/O	R.189810 SGT Berry C.D. 18.7.46 W/P/S.
			E/O R.G. Rickard J.87858 2.2.45 T/P/O	R.155782 SGT March, I.J. 27.12.44 T/P/S.
			E/O H. Wilson J.38166 23.1.45 A/P/L	R.187058 W/S Ratsay, J. 20.12.44. T/W/O 2
			F/L J.K. Goldie J.5981 29.1.45 A/S/L	R.208648 SGT Mackenzie J. 10.1.45. T/P/S.
			F/L R.W. Swartz J.29776 20.2.45 A/S/L	R.89172 P/S Campbell S.C. 12.2.45. T/W/O 2
			R.282251 Gordon E.R. 21.1.45. T/P/S.	R.270570 SGT Bellamy J.W. 21.1.45. T/P/S.
			R.279645 Rawlings D. 5.2.45. T/P/S.	R.278268 SGT Marshall W.S. 21.1.45. T/P/S.
			E/O B.K. Bergey J.86576 5.10.44. T/P/O	F/L J. Hudson J.15661 16.2.45. T/S/L
			<u>COMMISSIONS</u>	
			R.130074 W/O W.D. Blue 26.11.44. (J.93016)	1880903 SGT Smith, T.E. 5.12.44. (187957)
			R. 185995 P/S A. Pollard 3.12.44. (J.93588)	1665188 SGT Houseman, J. 10.12.44. (189444)
			189444 P/S B.R. Miller 19.12.44. (J.93416)	1896201 SGT Carpenter, S.G.N. 9.8.44. (190146)
				1758452 SGT Marry, J. 23.12.44. (190327)
			<u>HONOURS AND AWARDS.</u>	
			The following is a list of the honours and awards received during the month.	
			<u>Distinguished Flying Cross.</u>	
			S/L J.K. Goldie. (J.5981) (IMMEDIATE)	F/O J. Koresky, (J.85940)
			F/O H.M. Smith. (J.87249)	F/O B.C. Gilmour, (J.28672)
			F/O L. Kosman. (J.8772)	F/O E.R. Noble, (J.21047)
			F/L A.E. Gilbert. (J.85413)	F/O A.T. Richardson, (J.29330)
			F/L HUSTON	F/L T.D. Nicholl-Garns (J.19887)

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# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	<b>SECRET.</b>	References to Appendices		
R.C.A.F. STATION MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE.			<u>CHANGED IN COMMAND.</u>				
			NIL				
			<u>CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION.</u>				
			NIL				
			<u>NUMBER OF OPERATIONAL SORTIES.</u>				
			125				
			<u>OPERATIONAL AND NON-OPERATIONAL FLYING TIMES.</u>				
			Operational Day : 139:50 hours.				
			" Night : 876:13 hours.				
			Non Ops. Day : 266:45 "				
			" " Night : 49:20 "				
			<u>MONTHLY CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF BOMBS DROPPED AND MINES LAID.</u>				
			Tons (2240) Mines HE DWD.				
			Bombs and mines dropped from 1.1.45. to 31.1.45. 800 634 813				
			" " " during February, 1945. 0 203 308				
			Cumulative total 800 634 1117				
			<u>NUMBER OF COMBATS WITH ENEMY AIRCRAFT.</u>				
			Five				
			There were <del>four</del> combats reported during the month. No claim is made.				
			<u>STRENGTH.</u>				
			AIRCREW GROUND CREW TOTAL				
			R.C.A.F. Officers 154 1 155				
			" W.D. - - -				
			" Airmen 76 - 76				
			" W.D. Airwomen - - -				
			R.A.F. Officers 13 - 13				
			" Airmen 12 - 12				
			<u>SHORT RESUME BY SQUADRON COMMANDERS PERSONALLY.</u>				
			There were 125 sorties flown during the month, an increase over last month with successful raids reported in some instances. Losses on operational flights were one crew missing and two Air Gunners killed in a crash landing on an early return. Training Flying exceeded 300 hours which was good considering spells of poor weather. Ground training was kept up to standard. Five crews completed their tour and were screened and six new crews were posted in. Honours and awards were good with one immediate and nine non-immediate D.F.C.'s awarded.				
			 (R.W. Swartz) Squadron Leader, for Officer Commanding, No 428 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.				

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