

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	SUNDAY	1.4.45		No operations detailed for today and it being Easter Sunday practically the entire Squadron attended the Church services. Flying training consisted of five details of air to sea firing three cross countries and two bombing details. Ground school was continued with Flight Engineers on lectures on log snags and use of the nautical mile and also lectures on feathering, circuits and electrical faults. Air bombers were on the radar trainer and bench, Wops amendment schedules and Morse practise. Navigators on H2S trainer. Air gunners had general lectures. Several pilots attended the promotion board for captains of aircraft.		
	MONDAY	2.4.45		Operations were laid on for this evening but they were scrubbed before briefing. Flying training was continued with four details of fighter affiliation, air to sea firing and bombing, three cross countries and two air tests being flown. Ground training was carried out with air gunners on harmonization and turret manipulation, some pilots on link, navigators on dry swim, Wops continued with amendments and Morse practise and lectured pilots on V.H.P and 1196, Master Bomber, Air-Sea rescue procedure, etc. Bomb aimers spent the day on radar trainer and blind panel drill. A busy day all around was experienced.		
	TUESDAY	3.4.45		Operations were laid on for a morning take-off but they were scrubbed after briefing. They were again laid on for the evening but again were scrubbed and we are standby for an early morning call. The preparations for operations prevented much flying training and reduced ground training to a minimum. One cross country with fighter affiliation, air to sea firing and bombing was flown.		
	WEDNESDAY	4.4.45		The crews were called early to brief at 0300 hours for operations but they were cancelled at 0400 hours and crews returned to bed. At noon, operations were again laid on and eighteen crews were detailed for night operations on MERSEBURG. P/O E. MARTIN (J.93267, RCAP), P/L E.C. McDONALD (J.24766, RCAP), P/O D.W. MURRAY (J.43791, RCAP) made their first second pilot trip. All crews returned safely from the attack reporting a good prang. The operations prevented flying training as no kites were available. Ground training was carried out on a limited scale with air gunners on turret manipulation and harmonization, air bombers on panel drill, and P/E's on DI's.		A.32
	THURSDAY	5.4.45		Operations were laid on today but they were scrubbed very quickly. The duff weather and operations scrubbed flying training. Ground training was continued with air bombers on radar and bench. Navigators on speed-ups and dry swim, air gunners and P/E's on D.I.'s. A station parade was		

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R.C.A.F. STATION, MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	THURSDAY	5.4.45	held in the forenoon at which the A.C.C. in C. presented the Squadron Badge to the Squadron. Owing to the boys being in bed after last night's operations our turn-out was not very large but this was unavoidable. The Squadron Badge is a "Death's Head Shrouded" and our motto is "Usque Ad Finem" (To the very end).		
	FRIDAY	6.4.45	No operations are laid on today as flying training went ahead. Four radar cross countries, two details of fighter affiliation, one detail of radar bombing and S.B.A. were flown. Ground training was continued with Air Bombers on radar, Flight Engineers on Engine handling lectures and Wops on an amendment session. The Air Gunners spent the day cleaning guns, checking turrets and turret manipulation. P/L J.H. LAWSON (J.88065, RCAP) gave the Flight Engineers a lecture on gunnery and sighting in the afternoon. Two new crews reported in for duty. Pilots are F/O G. GREEN (J.85443, RCAP) and F/O W.G. MOOREHEAD (J.42823, RCAP). F/O Moorehead is Halifax trained so will have to have some conversion time in.		
	SATURDAY	7.4.45	Operations were scheduled with seventeen crews detailed for a night attack but they were cancelled just before takeoff. All flying training was cancelled due to the weather being unfavourable and kites being bombed up. Air bombers spent the time before briefing on radar, air gunners had aircraft recognition and fired 875 rounds of skeet, navigators speed ups and dry swim. Flight Engineers were on engine handling. The campaign for the 8th Victory Bond is well under way with results indicating that the quota will be well exceeded. W/C GALL		
	SUNDAY	8.4.45	Operations were laid on with 16 crews detailed for a night attack on HAMBURG. All crews returned A.33 safely but were diverted on return ^(see 11 bound in report attached) on account of poor weather over base. Flying training was restricted to one cross country with fighter affiliation and bombing. Ground training was continued as usual and F/O MOOREHEAD started his conversion on ground school but is unable to fly as his navigator is ill.		
	MONDAY	9.4.45	All diverted aircraft except "F - Fox returned from the diversion base. No operations were scheduled for today and flying training was limited to one radar cross country with air to sea firing and bombing. Ground training was carried on with air bombers on radar and bench. Air gunners on aircraft recognition and skeets, Wops on Morse, F/E's had ground school for new crews.		

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R.C.A.F. STATION, MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE.	TUESDAY	10.4.45	The boys were called early this day for operations on LEIPZIG. Seventeen crews finally took off after the times had been set back several times. They all returned safely reporting a very good prang. P/O L.M. BEAD, (J.92577, RCAF) landed away on account of engine trouble. The operation prevented any flying training as no kites were available. Ground training was also restricted and was mainly for new crews, especially gunners and engineers.		A.34
	WEDNESDAY	11.4.45	Due to bad weather no operations are scheduled and flying training was restricted to one familiarization flight. Ground training and bond sales were pushed. Air gunners concentrated on DI's and aircraft recognition and fired 400 rounds of skeet. The Signal Section had an amendment session and got all the new gen. air bombers were on radar, while P/E's had lectures on "Snaga in Flight". The bond sales are mounting and the objective in sight.		
	THURSDAY	12.4.45	No operations are scheduled for today so flying training was in order. Five long H2S cross countries were flown and one crew engaged in local flying. Air bombers attended a film on tuning H2S in the forenoon and had lectures in the afternoon by S/L FOLEY of Group H.Q. Wops had their usual DI's and continued on the amendments and gen. Air gunners had turret manipulation and harmonised aircraft while P/E's had a lecture on "P.F.P. and Bombing Technique" by J.A. ROTH (J.38288, RCAF) of the Bombing Section. Pilots and navigators attended a lecture on H2S by the Group Navigation Leader. It was a successful day for training all around and really brought the total hours up.		
	FRIDAY	13.4.45	"Friday the 13th" so all the boys woke up wondering if we would operate. Operations were laid on for a night do on KIEL. Eighteen crews took off but P/O H.P. YARDEN (J.24596, RCAF) returned early due to engine trouble. P/O D.M. PAYNE (J.38377, RCAF) and crew failed to return. They were a "gen" crew and will be missed by all. The remainder reached England safely and were diverted to Church Broughton. Preliminary reports indicate that it was a bang-on prang. The operations prevented much flying training but one familiarization flight with circuits and landings was flown. Ground training was carried on as usual for crews not on operations.		A.35
	SATURDAY	14.4.45	No operations are laid on to-day and no flying training as kites are still unavailable. The kites returned from diversion base during the day and were DI'd and bombed up. Ground training was carried on for those not on yesterday's op. but the boys returning went to bed for a much needed sleep. It was a quiet day on the whole with not much doing.		

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R.C.A.F. STATION, MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE.	SUNDAY 15.4.45		A lovely day with real weather so ops are sure to come through during the day. Most of the boys attended Church this morning. Ops came through at noon for an evening takeoff but they were scrubbed during briefing. Flying training consisted of two H2S cross countries, three details of air to sea and fighter affiliation with bombing. Air gunners harmonized kites, took lectures on Glenn Martin turrets and fired 225 rounds of skeet. Air Bombers were on Radar and bench and Flight Engineers on lectures.		
	MONDAY 16.4.45		Operations were laid on for operations on SCHWANDORF. The times were put back, but 46 finally took off late in the evening. E/O D.L. LISK (J.95120 R.C.A.F.) was to make his first trip swung on the runway and burst a tire. The remainder pranged the target and returned safely. W/O GALL left on leave and S/L R.W. SWARTZ (J.10572 R.C.A.F.) is taking over the Squadron. Flying training was very light and ground training was restricted to those not on operation.		A. 36
	TUESDAY 17.4.45		No operations detailed for to-day and those on ops last night are sleeping in. Flying training consisted of two fighter affiliation bombing, air to sea firing and S.B.A. Ground training was continued for those not on ops. Word was received that a first tour now consists of 30 trips. Therefore S/L SWARTZ and crew, E/O R.T. ANDERSON (J.35506 R.C.A.F.) and five of his crew, E/O J.D. ROSE, DFM (186039) E/O J. MARRY (190527) E/L J.H. LAWSON (J.88063 R.C.A.F.) E/O R.J. YANKO (J.36223 R.C.A.F.) were screened to-day. This means that we will need a new Flight Commander for "B" Flight and also some spare Flight Engineers to replace Rose and Marry.		
	WEDNESDAY 18.4.45		No operations are detailed for to-day as flying training was in order. Seven H2S cross countries with Air to Sea firing, fighter affiliation and bombing were flown, also one compass swing and circuits and landings. E/L A.D. MURCH, (J.39551 RCAP), E/L G.E. FRALL, (J.39558 RCAP) and E/L A.E. WEBB, (J.18722 RCAP) took part in a gaggle exercise to get practice as gaggle leaders. Ground training was carried out with Air Bombers on radar and panel drill, Air Gunners on turret manipulation both Fraser-Mark and Glenn Martin. Flight Engineers had lectures on "Snags in Flight" and Engine Handling. E/O C.A. PIKE, (J.93495 RCAP) and crew reported in for duty, they are tempo trained so won't need much training before being ready for ops.		

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R.C.A.F. STATION MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE.	THURSDAY	19.4.45.	Again no operations so flying training went on as usual. Six H2S cross countries with fighter affiliation, Air to Sea firing and bombing, three cross countries and one detail of fighter affiliation, Air to Sea firing, bombing and map reading were flown. Ground training hours were also added on to with Air Gunners on D.I's and skeets, WOPs on Morse and Bendix. Flight Engineers started conversion for new crews and Navigators on dry swim and speed-up. Air Bombers spent the day on radar and panel and "A" fighter pilots were on link. The victory Loan Campaign is going strong and the Squadron is well over the quota set.		
	FRIDAY	20.4.45.	Another day of flying training with no operations scheduled at all. Two cross countries with fighter affiliation and bombing, and two air tests were flown. Ten crews took part in a gaggle exercise in the afternoon. E/L MITCH, (J.39551 RCAP) returned early from the gaggle as his smoke generator went up a filling the kite with fumes. Flight Engineers had lecture on log keeping and revision. Air Gunners spent the day on turret manipulation. Air Bombers on radar and bench, WOPs on D.I's. E/O HUGHES, (J.41079 RCAP) and crew reported in for duty.		
	SAURDAY	21.4.45.	No operations are detailed for to-day, and flying training was withheld in order to give Maintenance an opportunity to service the kites. Added impetus was given to the Bond Drive as this is the last day. At the conclusion the Squadron had purchased over £ 65000 on a quota of £ 40,000 which is considered a good show, and an example for the Home Front. Generally a quiet day.		
	SUNDAY	22.4.45.	Fifteen aircraft took off to-day for an attack on BREMEN. One aircraft "L" returned early due to engine failure. The remainder reached the target, but failed to drop their bombs, being unable to identify the target visually. Training was limited to one S.B.A. Flight. The air gunners D.I'd aircraft and also trained on turret manipulation.		4. 37
	MONDAY	23.4.45.	No operations carried out to-day but a considerable number of training flights took place. Eight details of air fitting, bombing practice, fighter affiliation, local flying being flown. The air gunners fired 700 rounds of skeet and D.I'd the aircraft. Instructions have been received to standby for an early call. S/L P.W. MacDONNELL, (C.1633 RCAP) with crew reported from No 431 (RCAP) to resume Command of "B" Flight. E/O D.B. ARCHER, (J.29223 RCAP) and crew also reported on posting for operational duties.		

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R.C.A.F. STATION MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE.	TUESDAY	24.4.45.	Fifteen crews were detailed for night operations which were cancelled before take off. A few training details were carried out in the afternoon. S/L D.W. LAMONT, DFC, formerly Officer Commanding "A" Flight, now on strength of Headquarters No. 6 Group, visited the Squadron and had the opportunity to feel the controls of a Lancaster again. Air Gunners had turret manipulation and fired 225 rounds of skeet.		
	WEDNESDAY	25.4.45.	Operations are detailed with fifteen crews briefed for a daylight operation on WANGEROOGE. All took off and returned safely to base with the exception of "D" dog landing at CARNABY and "N" man at GROFT. Only two details of flying training were carried out due to the operational requirements. A fair amount of ground training was carried out by those crews not detailed for operations.		A. 38
	THURSDAY	26.4.45.	Operations were laid on for fifteen crews. Crews were briefed at 1100 hours but this was cancelled shortly after briefing. Crews were instructed to standby until the 1700 hours broadcast. Nothing materialized and a stand down was declared until following morning. A fair amount of ground training was carried out.		
	FRIDAY	27.4.45.	Operations laid on again, fifteen crews detailed. This was scrubbed before briefing. Six details of local flying were carried out in the morning. The Squadron was stood down for the afternoon.		
	SATURDAY	28.4.45.	No operations scheduled for to-day. A fair amount of training was carried out during the day. Bad weather prevented night flying. Usual D.I's were done by the Air Gunners and Wireless Operators, Navigators and Bomb Aimers had radar ground training. The Squadron Adjutant F/L R.G. BOWRON, (C.7249 RCAF) proceeded on leave. P/O R.G. RICHEY, (J.35537 RCAF) is deputizing during his absence. Canada's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, the Honorable Vincent Massey and Mrs. Massey with numerous high ranking R.C.A.F. Officers from this Group, were visitors at Middleton St. George.		
SUNDAY	29.4.45.	Weather very dull to-day and therefore no flying took place. A party of 35 R.O.C. women from DURHAM CITY were visitors on the Station. After visiting various points of interest, at 1630 hours, as scheduled, they arrived at the Squadron and were shown around aircraft by pilots of the Squadron.			

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R.C.A.F. STATION MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE.			<u>CASUALTIES.</u>		
			<u>Killed morning of the 30th. April 1945.</u>		
			F/L W.G. Campbell. (J.21450)		
			SGT J.R. Kay. (R142448)		
			SGT S.E. Berryman. (R186388)		
			F/S W.G. Ward. (1567245)		
			F/S T.D. Lawley. (R214612)		
			SGT J.L. Tweedy. (R286646)		
			SGT R.J. Wright. (R287664)		
			<u>Missing night of the 13/14th. April 1945</u>		
			F/O D.M. Payne. (J.38377)		
			F/O G.C. Riley. (J.40826)		
			F/O V.M. Banks. (J.42258)		
			SGT I.F. Sinclair. (R210749)		
			W/O E.V. Miller. (R183653)		
			F/S E.R.C. Casey. (R270482)		
			F/S A.E. Vardy. (R288006)		
			<u>POSTINGS IN.</u>		
			Posted from RCAF 'R' Depot w.e.f. 31.3.45.	Reposted from 428 Sqn. w.e.f. 1.4.45.	
			F/L Miller, B.B. (J.21668)-Pilot.	F/O MacDonnell, W.A. (J.93933)-W/AG.	
			Posted from 64 Base w.e.f. 28.3.45.	Reposted from 428 Sqn. w.e.f. 25.3.45.	
			F/O Riley, G.C. (J.40826)-Nav.	F/L Webb, A.S. (J.19722)-Pilot.	
			Posted from 76 Base w.e.f. 31.3.45.	Posted from 76 Base w.e.f. 5.4.45.	
			F/O Brown, G.L. (J.85443)-Pilot.	F/O Lisk, D.L. (J.93120)-Pilot.	
			F/O Bragg, K.K. (J.43419)-Nav.	F/O Beaton, R.G. (J.11378)-Nav.	
			F/O Peters, R.J. (J.41772)-A/B.	F/O Holliswell, J.W. (J.10668)-A/B.	
			SGT Charlton, K. (R146755)-W/O.	F/S McAssand, K.O. (R159357)-A/AG.	
			SGT Gould, R.J. (1305886)-P/E.	SGT Twist, T. (1684886)-P/P/E.	
			SGT Ford, R.G. (R286002)-A/G.	SGT Smith, J.I. (R282408)-MIG.	
			SGT McDonald, J.E. (R273768)-A/G.	SGT Lawhead, D. (R282413)-A/G.	
			Reposted from 428 Sqn. w.e.f. 1.4.45.	Reposted from 428 Sqn. w.e.f. 1.4.45.	
			F/O Brown, D.R. (J.29096)-Pilot.	F/O Mitch, A.D. (J.39251)-Pilot.	
			F/O Freil, G.E. (J.39558)-Pilot.	F/O Cox, G. (J.41866)-Pilot.	
			Posted from 431 Sqn. w.e.f. 6.4.45.	Posted from 426 Sqn. w.e.f. 14.4.45.	
			F/O Blackart, S.G. (J.19194)-A/G.	F/S Samson, P.H. (1894242)-P/E.	
			Posted from 76 Base w.e.f. 14.4.45.	Reposting from 75 Base w.e.f. 17.4.45.	
			F/O Moorehead, H.G. (J.42823)-Pilot.	F/O Pilon, G.A. (J.93435)-Pilot.	
			F/O Dunlop, G.G. (J.42669)-Nav.	SGT Morris, G.R. (2221553)-P/E.	
			SGT Desautels, J.R.G. (R219221)-A/B.	SGT Goldstein, M. (R156440)-Nav.	
			F/O Matheson, D.R. (J.43263)-W/AG.	SGT McFaul, R.B. (R195423)-A/B.	
			SGT Glare, G.J. (R146646)-P/E.	W/O Duncan, D.G. (R180585)-W/AG.	
			SGT Magnus, J. (R280357)-MIG.	SGT Clayton, J. (R279468)-MIG.	
			SGT Sharpe, G.W. (R262540)-A/G.	SGT Stuckey, G.I. (R281088)-A/G.	

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R.C.A.F. SEATION MIDDERTON ST. GEORGE.			POSTINGS IN. Reported from 428 Sqn. w.s.f. 14.4.45. F/O Piercon, L.H. (J.94187)-W/AG. Posted from 75 Base w.s.f. 22.4.45. F/L Campbell, W.G. (J.21450)-Pilot. F/S Ward, W.G. (1567245)-P/E. SGT Barryman, S. (R186388)-A/B. SGT Kay, J.H. (R141448)-Nav. F/S Lawley, T.D. (R214612)-WOP. SGT Tweedy, J.L. (R286646)-A/G. SGT Wright, E.J. (R287664)-A/G. Posted from 429 Sqn. w.s.f. 19.4.45. SGT Marchant, W.M. (R182221)-P/E. Posted from 431 Sqn. w.s.f. 23.4.45. S/L Macdonnell, F.W.H. (G.1633)-Pilot. F/O Keen, G.R. DFC. (J.17489)-Nav. F/O Pilek, A.F. (J.43614)-A/B. F/O Stein, K.H. (J.44716)-W/AG. SGT Hopkins, R.J. (1812572)-P/E. F/S Hulcoop, H. (R290381)-W/AG. F/S Hunchberger, W.B. (R224505)-A/G. Reported from 428 Sqn. w.s.f. 3.4.45. F/O Freall, C.E. (J.39958)-Pilot. Posted from 431 Sqn. w.s.f. 26.4.45. SGT Bogan, T.A. (R185286)-P/E.	Reported from 428 Sqn. w.s.f. 17.4.45. F/O Adams, G.W. (J.94244)-A/G. Posted from 75 Base w.s.f. 20.4.45. F/O Hamble, D.S. (J.41079)-Pilot. F/O Sprung, F.R. (J.28697)-Nav. SGT Stitzel, T.W. (R123290)-A/B. SGT Grass, H. (R219720)-W/AG. SGT Apperley, P.S. (R209267)-P/P/E. F/S Jens, L.J. (R100010)-WOP. SGT Huffman, I.E.G. (R70262)-A/G. Reported from 428 Sqn. w.s.f. 7.4.45. F/O Eliosoff, S.V. (J.88974)-Pilot. Posted from 75 Base w.s.f. 23.4.45. F/O Archer, D.B. (J.29223)-Pilot. F/O Earl, R.A. (J.47829)-P/E. SGT Milne, J.K. (R190377)-A/B. SGT Flanagan, R.J. (R161627)-A/B. F/S Clarke, J.F. (R180965)-WOP. SGT Ormston, D.G. (R293626)-WOP. SGT Watson, D.S. (R255160)-A/G. Posted from 419 Sqn. w.s.f. 11.4.45. F/O Thompson, W.G. (J.26723)-A/B.		
			POSTINGS OUT. Posted to 64 RCAP Base w.s.f. 29.4.45. F/O Prendergast, H. (R78811)-P/E. Posted to RCAP 'R' Depot w.s.f. 30.4.45. F/S Wilson, C.B. (R178190)-A/G. Posted to RCAP 'R' Depot w.s.f. 9.4.45. F/O Boulston, K.G. (J.26466)-Pilot. Posted to 64 Base w.s.f. 25.4.45. F/L Craton, J.D.C. (J.15666)-Pilot. Posted to 1666 Cdn. Unit w.s.f. 12.4.45. F/O Follard, A. (J.93388)-A/G. Posted to RCAP 'R' Depot w.s.f. 29.4.45. F/O McKay, H.J. (J.28899)-A/B. F/O Handin, H.S. (G.91022)-P/E. Posted to 62 Base w.s.f. 20.4.45. SGT Field, D.W. (R185939)-P/E.	Posted to 1666 Cdn Unit w.s.f. 24.4.45. F/O Bezaire, G.J. (J.25061)-A/B. Posted to 432 Sqn. w.s.f. 1.4.45. F/O Delmarco, F.V. DFM (J.85421)-A/B. Posted to 63 Base w.s.f. 9.4.45. F/O Taylor, R.E. (J.38212)-Nav. Posted to 24 O.T.U. w.s.f. 11.4.45. F/O Ross, R.G. (A/R/L) (J.28357)-A/B. Posted to RCAP 'R' Depot w.s.f. 9.4.45. F/O Murray, J.H. (J.25033)-Nav. Posted to RCAP 'R' Depot w.s.f. 9.4.45. F/O Miller, W.G. (J.92319)-A/G. Posted to 62 Base w.s.f. 11.4.45. SGT Gault, J. (R199507)-P/E. Posted to RCAP 'R' Depot w.s.f. 24.4.45. F/O Hughes, D.G. (J.86053)-A/G. Posted to RCAP 'R' Depot w.s.f. 21.4.45. SGT Whyte, M.A. (R80994)-P/E.		

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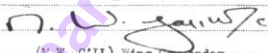
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			<u>POSTINGS OUT.</u>		
			Posted to 405 Bdn. W.C.F. 28.4.45.		
			F/O Varden, B.F. (J.24596)-Pilot. F/S Mackie, G.D. (R210038)-W/O.		
			F/O Harris, R.C. (J.11662)-Nav. F/O Moffatt, W.B. (J.4873)-P/O.		
			F/O Gray, N.J.W. (J.12253)-A/B. F/S Abrams, R.C. (R90916)-MDG.		
			F/S Petrie, A.W. (R279367)-A/G.		
			<u>PROMOCTIONS.</u>		
			F/O A.L. Ross: (J.16986) 28.4.45. T/P/L. R162318 W/O2 Moatmond, D.A. 26.4.45. T/W/O1.		
			R223737 F/S Dupont, N.J. 14.4.45. W/O 2. R186388 SGT Barryman, S. 19.2.45. T/P/S.		
			R286002 SGT Ford, R.G. 14.4.45. T/P/S. R189206 F/S Calder, J.C. 28.4.45. T/W/O2.		
			R107450 W/O2 Forrest, G. 16.4.45. W/O 1. R194785 F/S Matheson, D. 28.4.45. T/W/O2.		
			R27268 SGT McDonald, J.L. 14.4.45. T/P/S. R202202 F/S Despreux, D.W. 28.4.45. T/W/O2.		
			R280619 SGT Skene, R.W. 30.3.45. T/P/S. R207313 F/S Barclay, R.G. 17.4.45. T/W/O2.		
			R28213 SGT Lawhead, D. 14.4.45. T/P/S. R214612 F/S Lawley, T.D. 15.3.45. T/W/O2.		
			R282921 SGT Menzell, L.W. 30.3.45. T/P/S. R287664 SGT Wright, E.J. 2.3.45. T/P/S.		
			R213814 F/S Bates, S.A. 14.4.45. T/W/O2.		
			<u>COMMISSIONS.</u>		
			R147311 W/O1 Pollock, G.N. 15.2.45. (J.93931) R218713 F/S Mac-Donnell, W.A. 17.1.45. (J.93933)		
			R121871 F/S Adams, G.W. 21.1.45. (J.04244) R196368 W/O Pierson, L.H. 20.1.45. (J.94187)		
			R244140 F/S Baxter, A.G. 3.4.45. (J.94233)		
			<u>HONOURS AND AWARDS.</u>		
			The following is a list of the honours and awards received during the month.		
			<u>Distinguished Flying Cross.</u>		
			F/O B.B. Gray. (J.18650) (J.23903) F/O G.R. Jones. (J.29368)		
			F/O F.W. Rose. (J.23903) N/L W.L. Turnbull. (J.35824)		
			<u>CHANGE IN COMMAND.</u>		
			NIL.		
			<u>CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATION.</u>		
			NIL.		
			<u>NUMBER OF OPERATIONAL SORTIES.</u>		
			145.		
			<u>OPERATIONAL AND NON-OPERATIONAL FLYING TIMES.</u>		
			Operational Day : 300:55 hours.		
			" Night : 523:00 "		
			Non Op. Day : 397:15 "		
			" Night : 51:5 "		
			<u>MONTHLY CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF BOMBS DROPPED AND MINES LAID.</u>		
			Bombs and mines dropped from 1.1.45 to 31.3.45. (2240) 800 lbs. 182 INC.		
			" " " " during April 1945. " 1183 " 813		
			Cumulative total 800 7926 813		
			<u>NUMBER OF COMBATS WITH ENEMY AIRCRAFT.</u>		
			There were two combats reported during the month. No claim is made.		

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
R.C.A.F. STATION MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE.			<u>STRENGTH</u>		
			<u>AIRCREW</u> <u>GROUNDCREW</u> <u>TOTAL</u>		
			R.C.A.F. Officers 138 1 139		
			" W.D. " - - -		
			" Airmen 107 - 107		
			" W.D. Airwomen - - -		
			R.A.F. Officers 8 - 8		
			" Airmen 18 - 18		
			<u>SHORT RESUME BY SQUADRON COMMANDER PERSONALLY.</u>		
			<p>April was only a fair month for operational flying, 115 sorties for 824:00 hours, one crew was reported missing. A fair amount of flying training was carried out, 402:00 hours and 38:00 hours other flying. One crew crashed on a training flight, all were killed and the aircraft was a complete write-off. Two crews were screened during the month and one was posted to P.F.F. On the other hand seven new crews reported for duty to replace the losses. One immediate and three non-immediate D.F.C.'s were awarded. Considerable time was spent on ground training due to the lull in operations, brought about by the rapid advances of the allied armies.</p>		
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