

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

of (Unit or Formation) 429 SQUADRON, R.C.A.F.

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
EAST MOOR	1/6/43		W/O J.A.P. Owen (33066) was posted from this Squadron to R.C.A.F. Station, East Moor, Supy, pending posting w.o.f. 1/6/43 and A/S/L J.L. Seward (Can.C1664) was posted from 425 Squadron to this unit, to command, and appointed Acting Wing Commander, w.o.f. 1/6/43.		
	3/6/43		Four Wellington aircraft from this squadron took part in a gardening sortie on Jellyfish. All these safely returned to base after completing the operation.		See Appendix A6 Page 1
	9/6/43		Notification received that W/O J.Loomis (Can.C8264) promoted to rank of Acting Flight Lieutenant w.o.f. 22/3/43 and that Can.R.115634 Sgt DeBussac, G.H. was appointed to the rank of Pilot Officer, w.o.f. 30/4/43.		
	11/6/43		Eighteen aircraft from this Squadron took part in a bombing raid on Dusseldorf. Fourteen of the aircraft successfully completed the operation, one returned early, and the remaining three were not reported after leaving base. Members of the missing crews were: 956945 W/S Ellison R. (Pilot), 1392374 Sgt Bailey W.S. (New.), 1187663 Sgt Horton H.E.J. (B/A) 1378799 Sgt Nicholson E.C. (W/O), and Can.R.129105 Sgt Mulleney W.J. (A/G). P/O R.P. Davies Can.J.21939 (Pilot), Can.R.128774 Can.R.128774 Sgt Campbell B.S. (New), Can.R.148402 Sgt Zeidel R. (B/A), Can.R.108469 Sgt Fallefer L.F. (W/O), and Can.R.128077 Sgt MacLachlan A.J. (A/G), Can.R.57965 W/S Conroy R.F. (Pilot), Can.R.73913 Sgt Leitch, G.A. (New), P/O G.R. Denmore Can.J.17486 (B/A), Can.R.105921 W/S Nelson, G.A. (W/O), and Can.R.144158 Sgt Burns J. (A/G)		See Appendix A6 Pages 1, 2 and 3.
	12/6/43		Four of our aircraft took part in a gardening sortie on Hectarines. They returned safely to base, one, after completing the operation successfully and the others with the vegetables which they were not able to plant in the one case due to losing range on gas and in the other due to dropping position being out of range.		See Appendix A6 Pages 3&4.
	13/6/43		Six of our aircraft took part in a gardening sortie on Jellyfish. All returned safely to base after completing the operation.		See Appendix A6 Page 4

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EAST MOOR	15/6/43		A/P/L G.C. Barton (133341), Gunnery Leader, was posted from this Squadron to 434 Squadron and P/L D.T. French (Can.C.1617) was posted this unit for flying duties from 426 Squadron and promoted A/S/L from this date.		
	21/6/43		Sixteen Wellington aircraft from this Squadron took part in a bombing raid on Krefeld. Nine of the aircraft successfully completed the operation, two returned early, a third turned for base with engine trouble and the remaining four aircraft were not reported after leaving base. Members of the missing crews were: P/O J.L.F. Lowm Can.J.13992 (Pilot), Can.R.119786 Sgt Siaffart A.J. (Nav), Can.R.82786 Sgt Wood J.K. (B/A), Can.R.131818 Sgt Rhodes A.S. (W/Op), and Can.R.116334 Sgt Calder W.I. (A/G). 1380201 P/S Emma E.A. (Pilot), P/O E.P. Lapham 130256 (Nav) 656099 P/S Holmes H.B. (B/A), 1385666 Sgt Wright W.H. (W/Op), and P/O D.S. Milne Can.J.13868 (A/G). Can.R.131714 Sgt Star EA (Pilot), Can.R.132169 Sgt. Kopchuk, J (Nav.), Can.R.157098 Sgt. O'Reilly, J.P.G. (B/A), Can.R.143317 Sgt. Orlinski, O.P. (W/Op.) and Can.R.105126 Sgt. Parkinson W.G. (A/G.) P/O. G.H. Debussan Can.J.17554 (Pilot), P/O. H.B. Spence (Nav.) Can.J.17487, P/O. W.A. Follows Can.J.12302 (B/A.), Cap.R.109811 P/S Coe G.D. (W/Op.), and Can.R. 116671 Sgt. Palmstier, D.B. (A/G.)		See Appendix A6 Pages 5, 6 and 7
	22/6/43		Group Routine Orders, Serial No. 28, announced the award to A/S/L, J. Logan Savard (Can.C.1664) of the Distinguished Flying Cross. Twelve Wellington aircraft from this Squadron took part in a bombing raid on Mulheim. Eight of the aircraft successfully completed the operation, two returned early, and the remaining two were not reported after leaving base. Members of the missing crews were: P/O J.L. Savard D.F.C. Can.C.1664 (Pilot), P/O. J.S. MacIntyre Can.J.10050 (Nav.), Can.R.79434 P/S Laberge, J.G.A. (B/A.), 971456 W/O. Allen, J. (W/Op.), and P/O. R. Bonenfant Can.J.17396 (A/G.). Can.R. 80220 W/O. Speath W.A. (Pilot), P/O. R.G. Clarke Can.J.21925 (Nav.), P/O. A.B. Drummond-Hay Can.J.21465 (B/A.), 1058762 Sgt. Hindley, J.T. (W/Op) and Can.R.176395 Sgt. Hills, J.O. (A/G.)		See Appendix A6 Pages 7 and 8

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EAST MOOR	24/6/43		Fourteen aircraft from this unit took part in a bombing raid on Wuppertal. Ten of the aircraft successfully (completed) the operation, three returned early, and the remaining aircraft was not reported after leaving base. Members of the missing crew were: Can.R. 90360 P/S O'Leary L.F. (Pilot), Can.R. 133222 Sgt. Peart, H.B. (Nav.) Can.R. 150902 Sgt. Keay C.W. (B/A), 1191334 Sgt. Meach F.M. (W/Op.) and Can.R. 155731 Sgt. Hicks, H.S. (A/G.)		See Appendix A6 Pages 9, 10 and 11
	25/6/43		Five Wellington aircraft from this Squadron took part in a bombing raid on Gelsenkirchen. The aircraft successfully completed the operation and four of them returned safely to base, the fifth crashed on landing at Hardwick, the crew being uninjured.		See Appendix A6 Page 11
	26/6/43		Four of our aircraft took part in a gardening sortie on Jellyfish. They all returned safely to base, three planting the vegetables as ordered and the fourth bringing them back on being unable to obtain satisfactory pinpoint.		See Appendix A6 Pages 11 and 12
	28/6/43		S/L J.A. Piddington (39562) posted this unit from 434 Squadron, to command, and appointed Wing Commander w.e.f. 28/6/43. Twelve Wellington aircraft from this Squadron took part in a bombing raid on Cologne. Ten of these successfully completed the operation, the remaining two returning early.		See Appendix A6 Pages 12 and 13
<u>GENERAL</u>					
The general health of the Squadron continued excellent throughout the month. Several excellent concerts were given by visiting parties and motion pictures were shown on other occasions.					
<u>MOVEMENTS</u>					
The following operational aircrew were posted to the squadron during the month w.e.f. dates stated: P/O. H.P. Blackman 134380 (Nav.) and P/O. G. Jarvis 12810 (B/A) both from 199 Squadron w.e.f. 18/6/43; S/L J.A. Piddington 39562 (Pilot) from 434 Squadron, to command, Wing Commander post, w.e.f. 28/6/43; P/O. P. Renton 136295 (A/B) from 434 Squadron, 29/6/43					

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			<p>P/O. R. G. Clarke Can. J. 21825 (Nav.) and P/O. A. Drummond-Hay Can. J. 21465 both from 22 O.T.U. 1/6/43; A/B/L. J. L. Savard Can. C. 1664 (Pilot) and P/O. J. S. MacIntyre Can. J. 10050 (Nav.) both from 425 Squadron 1/6/43; P/L. D. T. French Can. C. 1617 (Pilot), P/O. J. A. DeRosenroll Can. J. 14804 (Nav.), P/O. J. P. Greco Can. J. 20863 (A/W.), and P/O. A. J. Miles Can. J. 20853 (WO/AG), all from 426 Squadron 15/6/43; P/O. W. F. Armstrong Can. J. 22477 (Nav.), P/O. H. V. Malone Can. J. 14867 (Pilot) and P/O. J. J. Thurmeier Can. J. 14165 (Nav.), all from 426 Squadron 26/6/43; P/O. R. A. Farquhar Can. J. 14805 (Nav.) from 434 Squadron 29/6/43; P/O. H. M. Brown Can. J. 13077 (Nav.) from R. C. A. F. Station Topoliffe; 1058762 Sgt. Hindley J. T. (WO/AG) from 22 O.T.U. 1/6/43; 1393048 Sgt. Stevens, R. (WO/AG) from 425 Squadron 1/6/43; 658040 Sgt. Smart W. H. (B/A) from 199 Squadron 18/6/43; 1027332 Sgt. Stabler, W. L. (WO/AG), 1389771 Sgt. Clark, C. A. (Pilot), 1600620 Sgt. Morgan A. (A/G), 1053456 Sgt. White R. G. (WO/AG), 1217783 Sgt. Fendleton J. E. (Pilot) and 1500557 Sgt. Collins D. (Nav.), all from 199 Squadron 18/6/43; 1371853 Sgt. Gilfeather F. H. (A/G) from R. C. A. F. Station, Middleton St. George 21/6/43; 1127114 Sgt. Greive, R. (WO/AG) from 426 Squadron 26/6/43; 591518 Sgt. Scarth R. (A/G) and 1129400 Sgt. Reineck L. (WO/AG) both from 434 Squadron 29/6/43; Can. R. 80220 W/O. Sheath, W. A. (Pilot) and Can. R. 176395 Sgt. Hills, J. C. (A/G) both from 22 O.T.U. 1/6/43; Can. R. 79494 P/S Leberge J. C. A. (B/A) and Can. R. 108314 P/S Bonenfant R. (A/G), both from 425 Squadron 1/6/43; Can. R. 102844 Sgt. Pierce R. B. J. (A/G) from 197 Squadron 18/6/43; Can. R. 54483 Sgt. Salmon, D. D. (A/G), Can. R. 55435 Sgt. Turcotte F. H. (Pilot), Can. R. 107388 Sgt. Lejeunesse U. R. (A/G), Can. R. 10711 Sgt. Stoker, J. S. (A/B), Can. R. 124602 Sgt. Tupper M. F. (WO/AG), Can. R. 125684 Sgt. Legault J. E. (WO/AG), Can. R. 130577 Sgt. Mamo R. H. (A/B), Can. R. 130983 Sgt. Lefoy L. S. (A/G), Can. R. 133357 Sgt. Jones C. R. (Pilot), Can. R. 137725 Sgt. Hamilton D. G. (A/G), Can. R. 138283 Sgt. Allester, G. D. (A/B) and Can. R. 139837 Sgt. Ford L. E. (Nav.), all from 426 Squadron 26/6/43; Can. R. 126957 Sgt. Tucker W. W. (A/G) and Can. R. 106557 Sgt. Wray J. D. (WO/AG) both from R. C. A. F. Station, Topoliffe, 26/6/43.</p> <p>The following operational aircrew were posted from the Squadron during the month to the Units indicated w.e.f. dates stated: Can. R. 72856 P/S Champion, E. C. (P), Can. R. 112301 Sgt. Paquette J. E. (B/A), Can. R. 148537 Sgt. Ferris, J. E. (A/G), Can. R. 177110 Sgt. McKenzie J. E. (N).</p>		

