

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	1-8-43		<p>P/O R.D. Marrion (Can.J.14387), P/O J.A. Radford (Can.J.142177), P/O G.W. Peal and (Can.J.23633) P/O B.G.D. Jackson (Can.J.21204), P/O R.H. Freiburger (Can.J.22699), P/O J.A. Warkentin (Can.J.23122) were all posted to this Squadron from 22 O.T.U. w.e.f. 1-8-43.</p> <p>Notification was received from Air Ministry that 1392374 Sgt. Bailey, W.G., Can.R.131699 Sgt. Rabinovitch, M., Can.R.96473 Sgt. Hale, R.W. and Can.R.126957 Sgt. Tucker, W.W. had been appointed to the rank of Pilot Officer.</p> <p>Notification was received from Air Ministry that Can.R.128077 Sgt. A.J. MacLachlan and P/O R.F. Davies (Can.J.21939) had been classified "Missing - believed killed in action".</p>		
	2-8-43		<p>Eleven of our aircraft took part in a bombing raid on Hamburg. Eight of these successfully completed the operation. Two returned early while the other one failed to take off. S/L D.T. French and crew were attached to 1664 C.U., Croft to take the conversion course. <i>Message 7 AM damaged on landing (non op) when one of collapsed.</i></p>		See Appendix A.8, Pages 1 and 2.
	3-8-43		<p>Six of our aircraft took part in gardening operations on Beches, all of them completing their operation successfully.</p>		See Appendix A.8, Pages 2 and 3.
	6-8-43		<p>Notification was received from Air Ministry that P/O G.H. DeBusasco (J.17554), P/O W.A. Follows (Can.J.12302), P/O M.B. Spence (Can.J.17487), Can.R.109811 P/S G.D. Coe and Can.R.116471 Sgt. B.E. Palmatier had been reclassified "Missing - believed killed in action".</p>		
	7-8-43		<p>In connection with the movement of the Squadron to Leeming, a farewell officers' dance was held in Suttan Hall with officers of R.C.A.F. Station, East Moor also in attendance.</p>		
	8-8-43		<p>A sergeants' farewell party was held in the Sergeants' Mess prior to the departure of the Squadron from East Moor.</p>		
	9-8-43		<p>Notification was received from Air Ministry that 656099 P/S H.V. Holmes had been classified "Missing - believed killed in action" and also that P/O E.J. Bepham (130258) had been reclassified "Prisoner of War".</p>		

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EAST MOOR	9-8-43		A concert was staged in the Station Cinema, the artists being all service personnel. After the concert an airman's dance was held, music being supplied by the Station Orchestra.		
	11-8-43		In commencement of the Squadron's move to Leeming the advance party consisting of thirty-five men and P/L Dilworth (officer in charge) departed from East Moor at 1000 hours travelling by motor transport.		
	12-8-43		The main party of the Squadron with P/O G. Fentony in charge departed from East Moor at 1000 hours by bus enroute to Leeming.		
LEEMING	13-8-43		Notification was received that Can.R.139686 Sgt. D.I. Howard, Can.R.134035 Sgt. A.E. Atkinson, Can.R.103246 Sgt. F.R. Windibank and Can.R.142433 Sgt. W.J. Reid had been classified "Missing - believed killed in action".		
	14-8-43		P/O G. Jarvis (128010)(B/A) was posted to 432 Squadron w.e.f. 14-8-43.		
	16-8-43		The first section of the rear party arrived in Leeming from East Moor. In connection with the Squadron's conversion to Halifax aircraft the following eight pilots and their crews proceeded on attachment to No. 1679 C.U. for training: S/L A.P.S. Chipling, P/L S.F.N. Rawson, P/O H.W. Malone, P/O J. Bowen, P/S Hall, G.E., Sgt. Hingston, P.W., Sgt. Kalso, S.R. and Sgt. Mitchell, H.W.		
	18-8-43		The remainder of the rear party with P/O Fitzgerald in charge, arrived in Leeming from East Moor thereby completing the movement of the Squadron from East Moor to R.C.A.F. Station, Leeming. Notification was received from the Air Ministry that 1187663 Sgt. H.E.J. Horton and 1380201 P/S E.A. Emms had been reclassified "Prisoner of War".		
	19-8-43		Notification was received from Air Ministry that Can.R.134098 Sgt. J.P.G. O'Reilly had been classified "Missing - believed killed in action".		

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<u>RECORD</u>	21-8-43		W/L-G. Pentony and crew proceeded on attachment to 1664 C.U. for conversion training. P/O G.W. Bedford (J20135) was posted to R.C.A.F. Station Leeming, N.E. sick; w.o.f. 17-8-43.		
	23-8-43		Notification was received from Air Ministry that Can.R.91313 Sgt. Craig, K.A. had been appointed to the rank of Pilot Officer w.o.f. 18-7-43 and Can.R.98885 Sgt. Boyes, L.J. also appointed to the rank of Pilot Officer w.o.f. 21-7-43. Air Ministry also notified the Squadron that P/O R.G. Clarke (J.21825) and P/O A.B. Drummond-Hay (J.21465) had been reclassified "Prisoner of War" and that Can.R.176995 Sgt. J.O. Hills, P/O W.A. Sneath (J.17777) and 1098762 Sgt. J.T. Hindley have been classified "Missing - believed killed in action".		
	27-8-43		Notification was received from Air Ministry that Can.R.93994 Sgt. Johnston, J.S., R.59965 P/S Conroy, R.P., 93941 P/S Smith, J. and 1550829 Sgt. McConnell-Jones, A.C. have all been appointed to the rank of Pilot Officer.		
	28-8-43		P/O R.H. Hunt (133617) (Pilot) and P/O R.H. Hamal-Smith (143464) (Nav.) posted from 1699 C.U. W.E.F. 28-8-43. Notification was received from Air Ministry that P/O L.S. Thompson (116202) has been promoted to the rank of Flight Lieutenant w.o.f. 10-7-43.		
	30-8-43		P/O J.W. Astbury (J.21324) was posted to 409 Squadron w.o.f. 30-8-43.		
	31-8-43		The following pilots and their crews proceeded on attachment to 1699 C.U. for conversion training: P/O B.G.D. Jackson, W/O Mills, K.P., Sgt. Clark, G.A., Sgt. Murray, R.S., Sgt. Smith, D.M. <del>DM</del> , Sgt. Wick, S.A. and Sgt. Markley, A.L. P/O A.P. Smith (J.10025) was posted to the Squadron from 419 Squadron w.o.f. 31-8-43 for duties as Squadron Signals Leader.		

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			<u>GENERAL</u>		
			The general health of the Squadron continued to be excellent throughout the month. Several excellent concerts were given by visiting parties and motion pictures have been shown regularly.		
			<u>MOVEMENTS</u>		
			The following operational aircrew were posted to the Squadron during the month w.e.f. dates stated: P/O R.H. Fredburger (J.22699) (A/B), P/O B.S.D. Jackson (J.21204) (Pilot), P/O R.D. Marriot (J.14187) (Nav.), P/O G.W. Pealand (J.23653) (A/B), P/O J.A. Radford (J.14217) (Nav.)		
			P/O W.H. Warkentin (J.23122) (A/B), 1117346 Sgt. Boustead, S. (WO/AG), 1573074 Sgt. Redstone, P.O.P. (WO/AG), 1129440 Sgt. Parker, E.N. (WO/AG), 8an.R.67507 Sgt. Kealy, L.J. (A/G), Can.R.120136		
			Sgt. Clendinning, R.S. (Nav.), Can.R.128217 Sgt. Wick, S.A. (Pilot), Can.R. 182327 Sgt. Kay, S. (A/G), Can.R. 118304 Sgt. Markley, A.L. (Pilot), Can.R.155366 Sgt. Innde, A.S. (A/G) posted from No. 22 O.T.U. w.e.f. 1-8-43. 1391663 Sgt. Wilson, R. (P/E), 8an.R.81110 Sgt. Houlding, E.C. (P/E), Can.R.161907 Sgt. Shierlaw, A.G. (A/G) posted from No. 1699 C.U. w.e.f. 3-8-43.		
			1655210 Sgt. Williams, D.I. (P/E) posted from No. 1699 C.U. w.e.f. 10-8-43. Can.R.127857 Sgt. Barrie, J.D. (Nav.) posted from 432 Squadron w.e.f. 18-8-43. P/O R.H.V. Hunt (135617) (Pilot)		
			P/O A.H. Hamel-Smith (143464) (Nav.), 1043892 Sgt. Greenfall, R.J. (WO/AG), 1076767 Sgt. Bates, A. (P/E), 1133954 Sgt. Rawlinson, T. (Pilot), 1199615 Sgt. Buckley, V.R. (WO/AG), 1319146 Sgt.		
			Board, R.W.H. (A/B), 1356415 Sgt. Bush, W. (WO/AG), 1594555 Sgt. Williams, K. (Pilot) 1585448		
			Chapman, E.H. (Nav.), 1605770 Sgt. Head, L.R. (P/E), 1620465 Sgt. Cantt, O.L. (Nav.), 1682799		
			Sgt. Hall, J.E. (P/E), 1851826 Sgt. Hunt, A.H. (A/G), 1890009 Sgt. Hitchin, M.W. (A/G), 1890090		
			Sgt. Webber, G.S. (A/G), 8an.R.104613 Sgt. Murphy, A.J. (A/B), Can.R.117164 Sgt. Cochrane, J.R.H. (A/G); Can.R.152523 Sgt. Moleen, M.M. (A/G), Can.R.155696 Sgt. Nelson, A.G. (A/B); Can.R.166090		
			Sgt. Kozicki, W. (A/G), Can.R.185666 Sgt. McCaffery, D.R. (A/G) posted from No. 1699 C.U.		
			w.e.f. 28-8-43. Can.R.95286 Sgt. McIntyre, G.W. (P/E) posted from 427 Squa dron w.e.f. 30-8-43.		
			The following operational aircrew were posted from the Squadron to the Units indicated w.e.f. the dates stated: Can.R.105644 Sgt. Bruce, S.H. (Pilot) posted to 23 O.T.U. w.e.f. 9-8-43.		

