

## OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET	References to Appendices
ESSEME	1-10-43		Weather: Fair to cloudy, with slight mist. P/L L.C. Dilworth (Can.J.10996) (Nav.) Squadron Navigation Officer was posted from the Squadron to Headquarters, No. 6 (RCAF) Group. w.e.f. 1-10-43.		
	2-10-43		Weather: Fair, with good visibility. P/O I.P. McIntosh (Can.J.11962) (A/B) and 1314130 P/3 Banks, T.B. (A/B) were detached to No. 1 A.A.S., Manby w.e.f. 2-10-43 for the purpose of attending a Bombing Leaders Course.		
	3-10-43		Weather: Cloudy with slight rain at first, becoming cloudy. On the night of 3/4th October, fifteen of our aircraft took part in a bombing raid on Kassel. Thirteen of these completed the operation successfully while the remaining aircraft returned early due to technical difficulties.		See Appendix A.10 Reference A.1/15 inclusive
	4-10-43		Weather: Cloudy with intermittent slight rain. On the night of 4/5th October, 1943, eleven of our aircraft took part in a bombing raid on Frankfurt. Ten of these successfully bombed the target, the remaining aircraft being unable to drop its bomb load due to technical failure. The crew of one of these aircraft was forced to abandon it near Heathfield, Sussex, due to a fuel shortage resulting from enemy action.		See Appendix A.10 Reference B.1/11 inclusive
	5-10-43		Weather: Cloudy with intermittent slight rain or drizzle and slight mist. P/L L.S. Thompson (115203) (A/B) and 1949876 Sgt. Holdsworth, G.W. (P/S) were killed as the result of air operations on Frankfurt, their aircraft crashing near Heathfield due to a shortage of fuel and lack of landing facilities.		
	6-10-43		Weather: Cloudy, with rain or drizzle, becoming continuous later. P/O A.M. Stockdale (Can.J.10407) (Nav.) was reported to the Squadron to fill the post of Squadron Navigation Officer.		
	7-10-43		Weather: Fair to cloudy, good visibility.		
	8-10-43		Weather: Fog at first, becoming cloudy with slight mist towards mid-day, but mist forming again at nightfall. P/O S.E. Arbuckle (Can.J.23445) (Pilot) and P/O G.R. Frost (Can.J.21359) (Nav.) were posted to the Squadron from 1659 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 8-10-43. On the night of 8/9th October, 1943, thirteen of our aircraft took part in a bombing raid on Hannover. Twelve of these completed the operation successfully but the remaining aircraft failed to return and was not reported after leaving base.		See Appendix A.10 Reference C.1/13 inclusive
	9-10-43		Weather: Fog at first, becoming fair with mist and slight rain during the forenoon, cloudy with mist later. P/O J.G.M. Reginald (Can.J.114794) (Nav.) was posted to the Squadron from 1659 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 9-10-43.		
	10-10-43		Weather: Fog persisting for most of the morning, becoming cloudy with mist later, but fog forming again after nightfall.		

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ISSING	11-10-43		Weather: Fog at first, becoming fair with good visibility in the forenoon.		
	12-10-43		Weather: Fog at first, becoming cloudy with slight mist.		
	13-10-43		Weather: Cloudy with rain and fog at first, becoming cloudy with drizzle in the evening.		
	14-10-43		Weather: Fog at first, becoming rapidly fair or fine in the forenoon and fair with slight mist in the evening. P/O R.A. Irwin (Can.J.14214) (Mev.) was posted from the Squadron to No 1664 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 14-10-43.		
	15-10-43		Weather: Cloudy with mist and slight rain in the morning, cloudy with fog later.		
	16-10-43		Weather: Cloudy with fog at first, becoming cloudy with slight mist in the forenoon and persisting. The Duchess of Gloucester visited the Station this day to inspect the W.A.A.F. personnel. She also visited the W.A.A.F. barracks, Recreation Centres and Mess.		
	17-10-43		Weather: Cloudy with rain at first, becoming fair to cloudy in the evening. There was a stand-down from operations as extremely bad weather made all flying impossible. Members of air crew were given ground instruction and lectures during the day.		
	18-10-43		Weather: Cloudy, with fog at first, becoming fair to cloudy with slight mist in the afternoon. P/L V.F. Haines (Can.J.1322) (Pilot) and P/O D.J. Scott (Can.J.27608) (A/C) were posted to the Squadron from No. 1664 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 18-10-43. The Squadron was stood down from operations and a party of aircrew went to Ripon for the purpose of doing dinghy drill.		
	19-10-43		Weather: Cloudy, with slight rain at first becoming fair to cloudy with slight mist. Plans were made for carrying out the Squadron's part in the Fifth Victory Loan campaign. The Station objective was placed at \$50,000, the Squadron's share in this amount was set at \$15,000. Twelve crews were detailed for operations which were cancelled at 1545 hours due to unfavourable weather conditions.		
	20-10-43		Weather: Fair to cloudy with slight mist, with showers in the afternoon. Notification was received from Air Ministry that P/O B.G.D. Jackson and P/L B.F.N. Rawson has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. P/L Rawson's appeared in London Gazette No. 36211 of 12-10-43, issued on 15-10-43, and authority for P/O Jackson's award was contained in P/C Signal F418 dated 19 October, 1943. P/O A.A. Ayres (Can.J.12157) (W/O AG), P/O H.D. Paddison (Can.J.22328) (Pilot), P/O J.M. Ramsay (Can.J.24028) (A/B) were posted to the Squadron from 1699 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 20-10-43. A stand-down from operations was in effect and the day was used for ground instruction for air crew personnel. Cross country exercises were carried out during the night.		
	21-10-43		Weather: Fair to cloudy with slight mist. No operations ordered and the day was spent in ground instruction for some air crew members and some bombing practice flights were made. A party went to Ripon for dinghy drill in the afternoon.		

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LEAMING	22-10-43		Weather: Fair to cloudy, with slight mist and slight showers. On the night of 22/23rd October, 1943, eleven of our aircraft took part in a bombing raid on Kassel. Nine of these completed their mission successfully while the remaining two aircraft failed to return and have not been reported since leaving base. Link trainer instruction was given aircrew not taking part in the operation.		See Appendix A.10 References B.1/11 inclusive
	23-10-43		Weather: Cloudy with rain at first, becoming cloudy, fine with slight mist in the evening. Notification was received from Air Ministry that P/O J. Bowen (122988)(Pilot) and P/O F.J.V. Hunt (137617)(Pilot) have been appointed to the rank of Acting Flight Lieutenant w.e.f. 8-10-43. P/L G.E. Pantony (104984)(Pilot) was posted from the Squadron to R.C.A.F. Station Leeming, N/E sick w.e.f. 11-10-43. P/L J.D. Carruthers (Can. 6762)(Admin) the Squadron Adjutant attended a Court-Martial at R.C.A.F. Station, Croft. A stand-down was in effect and the day was spent in reviewing the operation of the previous night and one fighter affiliation flight was carried out by P/S Rawlinson, T.		
	24-10-43		Weather: Fog or thick mist all day. P/O J. Monaghan (127006)(A/B), P/O J. Atkins (Can.J.14000)(Pilot), P/O H.J. Heworth (Can.J.21640)(Nav.), P/O J.L.J. Keenan (Can.J.14033)(Pilot), P/O H.A. Wickens (Can.J.21632)(Nav.), P/O J.L. Widias (Can.J.23742)(A/B) were posted to the Squadron from 1664 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 24-10-43. P/O F.O. Edmonds (52021)(WO/AG) was posted from the Squadron to No. 19 O.T.U. w.e.f. 24-10-43. No operations were ordered and a motion picture on "Ice in Clouds" was shown air crew personnel. A lecture was also given on Flying Control by the Senior Flying Control Officer.		
	25-10-43		Weather: Fog at first, becoming fine with slight mist about noon. Fog forming again in the evening. S/L D.A. French (Can.C.1617)(Pilot) was posted from the Squadron to No. 428 Squadron w.e.f. 25-10-43. No operations were ordered for this day. One aircraft carried out a practice bombing flight, and two aircraft were on fighter affiliation flights. The day was spent in ground instruction and training for air crew personnel.		
	26-10-43		Weather: Fog persisting until noon, fair to cloudy, with mist later, fog forming again late at night. P/O J.W. Cameron (Can.J.21553)(Nav.) was posted to the Squadron from 1699 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 26-10-43. A stand-down from operations was in effect and the time was spent in ground training for many of the air crew personnel. A meeting of all Squadron personnel was held in No. 4 Hangar for the purpose of choosing a suitable Squadron crest. The buffalo appeared to be the most popular of the ideas submitted and action is being taken to have a crest designed for the Squadron.		
	27-10-43		Weather: Cloudy with fog at first, becoming cloudy with mist or slight mist later. P/O W.A. Bloch (Can.J.23312)(Pilot), P/O R.A. Burton (Can.J.24484)(A/B), P/O B.A. Hogg (Can.J.21352)(Nav.) were posted from 1664 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 27-10-43.		

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EGGME	27-10-43		P/O J.A. Deitosenroll (Can.J.14807)(Nav.), P/O J.P. Greco (Can.J.20863)(A/B) and P/O A.J. Miles (Can.J.20833)(WO/AG) were posted from the Squadron to No. 428 Squadron w.e.f. 27-10-43. P/L J.A.E. Lancaster (142541)(Pilot) was posted from the Squadron to No. 167 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 27-10-43. 12 aircraft were ordered for operations tonight and most of the day was spent in preparation for this operation. However, the operation was cancelled immediately prior to take-off time. Some ground training was given those not required for this trip.		
	28-10-43		Weather: Cloudy with fog at first, becoming cloudy with mist later, fog forming again late at night. P/O J.C. Messinger (120566)(Nav.) was posted from the Squadron to No. 1664 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 28-10-43. No operations were ordered and the day was spent in ground training by many of the aircrew personnel.		
	29-10-43		Weather: Overcast with fog at first, becoming overcast with mist and drizzle in late afternoon. A stand-down was in effect during the afternoon and members of air crew spent time in training.		
	30-10-43		Weather: Cloudy with mist at first, becoming slight mist about noon but thickening later in the evening. Information was received from Air Ministry that 1271666 P/S Impey, R.A. (WO/AG) has been appointed to the rank of Pilot Officer w.e.f. 7-10-43. Fourteen aircraft were detailed for operations for tonight but the operation was cancelled just before take-off. Some of the members of the new crews spent time in training during the day.		
	31-10-43		Weather: Cloudy with rain and mist at first, becoming cloudy with mist in the afternoon. Cloudy with rain and mist in the evening. Information was received from Air Ministry that 1504544 Sgt. Jones, T.C. (P/S) has been appointed to the rank of Pilot Officer w.e.f. 3-10-43. A stand-down was in effect and the day was spent in ground training by air crew personnel. Also, a physical training programme was drawn up for air crew personnel.		
			<u>GENERAL</u>		
			The general health of the Squadron continued to be excellent throughout the month. Several concerts have been 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 as stated: 1394634 Sgt. Bridgwell, M.E. (P/S), and 1504544 Sgt. Jones, T.C. (P/S) were posted to the Squadron from No. 427 Squadron w.e.f. 1-10-43. Can.R.196327 P/S Coulter, W. (Nav.) posted from R.C.A.F. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Depot w.e.f. 2-10-43. P/O G.M. Arbuckle (Can.J.23445)(Pilot) and P/O G.R. Frost (Can.J.21399)(Nav.) were posted from 169 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 2-10-43.		



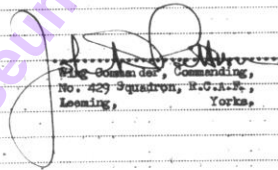
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			<p><b>MEMORANDUM - Cont'd.</b></p> <p>Can.R.138309 Sgt. Morgan, J.C. (A/B), Can.R.142895 Sgt. Galloway, J.R. (P/E), Can.R.169917 Sgt. Banner, W.C. (A/G), 551977 Sgt. Preston, G.M. (A/G), 1344212 Sgt. MacMillan, D. (WO/AG) were posted from 1659 Conversion Unit w.o.f. 8-10-43. P/O J.G.M. Reimbold (Can.J.147341)(Nav.), Can.R.57806 Sgt. Bouchard, J.E. (A/G), Can.R.96520 Sgt. Tremblay, J.A.L. (A/B), Can.R.144986 Sgt. Bertoussini, A.W. (Pilot), 676427 Sgt. Owen, L.S. (A/G), 1318239 Sgt. Bright, R.W. (WO/AG), 1470691 Sgt. Adams, C. (P/S), were posted from 1664 Conversion Unit w.o.f. 9-10-43. 943091 Sgt. Wainwright, S.P. (A/G) and 183096 Sgt. Lambert, D.D. were posted from 428 Squadron and 1664 Conversion Unit respectively w.o.f. 12-10-43. P/L V.V. Heines (Can.C.1322)(Pilot), P/O D.G. Scott (Can.J.27608)(A/G), Can.R.54332 P/S Copping, H.J. (A/B), Can.R.287074 P/S Moncrieff, S. (Nav.), Can.R.123021 P/S Gardiner, A.F. (A/G), 1479011 Sgt. Lums, J.A. (WO/AG), and 1818082 Sgt. Roberts, A.W. (P/S) were posted from 1664 Conversion Unit w.o.f. 10-10-43. P/O J.K. Kyra (Can.J.22157)(WO/AG), P/O H.B. Paddison (Can.J.22999)(Pilot), P/O J.M. Hensley (Can.J.24028)(A/B), Can.R.148405 P/S Laird, J.S. (Nav.), Can.R.150665 Sgt. Saffran, J.A. (A/G), Can.R.191606 Sgt. Carter, N.S. (A/G), 1830862 Sgt. Bryant, W.H. (P/S) posted from No. 1679 Conversion Unit w.o.f. 20-10-43. 1573175 Sgt. Simpson, M. (WO/AG), 1391930 Sgt. Gordon, H. (A/G), 1873548 Sgt. King, R.S. (P/S), 1822237 Sgt. Sinclair, J.H.C. (A/G), and 12422660 P/S Killmer, W.H. (Nav.); Gen.R.142367 Sgt. Baker, S.C. (Pilot) and Can.R.143861 Sgt. Marion, J.J.A. (A/B) posted from 1664 Conversion Unit w.o.f. 20-10-43. P/O J. Atkins (Can.J.14000)(Pilot) P/O R.J. Howarth (Can.J.21640)(Nav.), P/O J.I.J. Keenan (Can.J.14033)(Pilot), P/O H.A. Wickens (Can.J.21632)(Nav.), P/O J.M. Widdie (Can.J.27421)(A/B), Can.R.133155 Sgt. Barley, T.R. (A/G), Can.R.188832 Sgt. Eells, E. (A/G), Can.R.194060 Sgt. Hayes, J.D. (A/G), Can.R.197983 Sgt. Woolney, A.H. (A/G), 1946452 Sgt. Griffiths, W.H. (WO/AG), 1393239 Sgt. Marohant, W.S. (WO/AG), 1990917 Sgt. Carruthers, J.R. (P/S), 1625125 Sgt. Robson, J. (P/S) posted from 1664 Conversion Unit w.o.f. 24-10-43. P/O J.W. Cameron (Can.J.21555)(Nav.), Can.R.125961 Sgt. Senneal, J.H.G. (A/B), 1844283 P/S Charlebois, F.A. (Pilot), 1473332 Sgt. Neville, H.H. (WO/AG), 1930055 Sgt. Moss, J.D. (P/S), 1821975 Sgt. Leith, J.M. (A/G) posted from 1659 Conversion Unit w.o.f. 26-10-43. P/O W.E. Bloch (Can.J.23312)(Pilot), P/O S.A. Burton (Can.J.244841)(A/B), P/O D.A. Hogg (Can.J.21352)(Nav.), Can.J.172877 Sgt. McGallum, F.T. (A/G), Can.R.191533 Sgt. Metz, D.J. (A/G), 558142 Sgt. McGrey, V.W. (WO/AG), 1695286 Sgt. Wainwright, F. (P/S) posted from No. 1664 Conversion Unit w.o.f. 27-10-43. Can.R.134463 P/S Gmberg, H. (Nav.) posted from No. 405 Squadron w.o.f. 30-10-43.</p> <p>The following operational aircrew were posted from the Squadron to the Units shown w.o.f. dates stated: A/P/L G.C. Dilworth (Can.J.10896)(Nav.) posted to H.Q. No. 6 (RCAF) Group w.o.f. 1-10-43. 1993048 Sgt. Stevens, R. (WO/AG) posted to No. 405 Squadron w.o.f. 9-10-43. P/L G.P. Pantony (104384)(Pilot) posted to R.C.A.F. Station, Leeming, P/S sick w.o.f. 11-10-43. P/O H.A. Irwin (Can.J.14214)(Nav.); Can.R.92287 WO/L Wakely, W.P. (WO/AG); Gen.R.180655 P/S Swatman, K.O. (A/B), Can.R.165480 Sgt. Pope, V. (A/G), posted to No. 1664 Conversion Unit w.o.f. 14-10-43. Can.R.136327 P/S Coulter, W. (Nav.) posted to No. 1679 Conversion Unit w.o.f. 18-10-43. Can.R.57359 P/S Rodgers, H.H. (A/G), posted to 432 Squadron, w.o.f. 19-10-43. Can.R.127857 P/S Barrie, J.D. (Nav.) posted to No. 1659 Conversion Unit w.o.f. 20-10-43. P/O P.C. Edwards (52021)(WO/AG) posted to No. 19 O.T.U. w.o.f. 24-10-43. S/L D.T. French (Can.C.1617)(Pilot) posted to 428 Squadron w.o.f. 25-10-43. P/L J.A.S. Lancaster (142541)(Pilot) posted to No. 1679 Conversion Unit w.o.f. 27-10-43. P/O J.A. Detrosseroll (Can.J.14807)(Nav.); P/O J.P. Grace (Can.J.20863)(A/B), P/O A.J. Miles (Can.J.20873)(WO/AG), Can.R.1318A P/S Patten, G.W. (A/G), Can.R.54483 Sgt. Salmon, D.D. (A/G) and 1623770 Sgt. Slight, A.S. (P/E) posted to No. 428 Squadron w.o.f. 27-10-43.</p>		

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<b>RECORD</b>						
<u>Numerical Strength of the Squadron as at 31st October, 1943.</u>						
			(Officers)	Aircrew	Groundcrew	(Airmen)
				Aircrew	Groundcrew	
			R.C.A.F.	49	4	R.C.A.F.
			R.C.A.F. (USA)	3	-	R.C.A.F. (USA)
			R.A.A.F.	16	-	R.A.A.F.
			R.A.F. (CAN)	-	-	R.A.F. (CAN)
			R.N.Z.A.F.	-	-	R.N.Z.A.F.
			U.S.A.A.F.	-	-	U.S.A.A.F.
			W.A.A.F.	-	-	W.A.A.F.
			<b>TOTAL STRENGTH</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>4</b>
						<b>661</b>
						<b>186</b>
						<b>475</b>
<u>Operational, Non-Operational &amp; Training Flying Hours for October, 1943.</u>						
			(a) Operational Flying Hours	DAY	NIGHT	
				NA	NA	
			(b) Non-Operational Flying Hours	DAY	NIGHT	
				NA	NA	
<u>Aircraft on Squadron Strength as at 31st October, 1943.</u>						
			TYPE	Number on Strength		
			Halifax III	17		
			Halifax V	1		
			TOTAL	18		
The Squadron engaged in 4 operations during the month with a total of 45 crew sorties allowed.						
 Wing Commander, Commanding, No. 429 Squadron, R.C.A.F., Leeming, Yorks.						

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