

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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of (Unit or Formation) No. 429 Squadron, R.C.A.F.

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
LISBON	1-7-45		There was no flying during the day as all our personnel are away for the week-end. The weather was cloudy with fair periods, occasional showers. Visibility was good and wind was WNW-N'ly 5-15 mph.		
	2-7-45		Today everybody had a Holiday to celebrate Dominion Day. It has been cloudy with intermittent rain but the visibility was moderate to good. Wind was NN-NE 5-20 mph.		
	3-7-45		Some flying was carried out during the day. Three aircraft were detailed for bomb disposal. After taking one load from Base they proceeded to Tholthorpe where three more loads were lifted. Four crews were on local flying and two pilots were detailed for Lancaster conversion in the afternoon. Everyone had a good week-end which was spent mostly in the nearby towns. The weather today was cloudy with fair periods. Visibility was good. Wind light becoming WW 8-10 mph.		
	4-7-45		Three aircraft were detailed for bomb disposal and they proceeded to Tholthorpe but this was cancelled and they all returned to Base. Two Continental Cross Country Flights were carried out. One Lancaster Conversion detail was cancelled because of unserviceable aircraft. The day was cloudy with fair periods. Visibility moderate. Wind SW'ly 5-15 mph.		
	5-7-45		Today was fairly quiet as far as flying was concerned. Two aircraft went on Continental Cross-Country Flights and two pilots were checked out and went solo on Lancaster aircraft. It was cloudy with fair periods. Visibility moderate to good. Wind SE veering NW 5-10 mph. It is anticipated that some of our crews will be going to Canada on leave very shortly.		
	6-7-45		As expected eight of our crews are getting ready to leave for home for a months' leave. They will be posted to Torquay and from there proceed to Canada. Seven crews were ready for flying but did not take off due to poor weather. Two aircraft flew, nevertheless, on local flying during the afternoon. The weather was fine becoming cloudy. Visibility good. Wind W'ly 5-15 mph.		
	7-7-45		A Commanding Officer's Conference was held in the morning during which a flying program was made up for Monday the 9th. Our first draft left today for Torquay to await transportation home for leave. O/S 569 S/L H. Comar DFC, our present Commanding Officer, is going to Canada and has been replaced by J9149 S/L H. Saunders DFC who will take over command during his absence. J37947 S/L L.H. Morrison is taking over the duties of "A" Flight Commander from S/L H. Saunders DFC. J37923 S/L J.L. Nelson replaced J6172 S/L E.L. Warrington as "B" Flight Commander. S/L Warrington is also proceeding to Canada. It has been cloudy today with fair periods. Visibility was good. Wind mainly WNW'ly 5-15 mph.		
	8-7-45		Today is Sunday and there is very little doing around the Squadron. Morning. Visibility is excellent although it is clouded over. Wind mainly light and variable.		
	9-7-45		The flying today consisted of three Continental Cross-Country Flights. One crew of "B" Flight was checked out and five crews were on local flying. Navigators held a discussion on Navigation Principles. A lot of varied opinions were expressed due to Navigators coming from different groups. The weather was cloudy with rain, moderate at times, during afternoon and evening. Visibility was moderate to poor. Wind NW'ly 5-10 mph.		

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LEEMING	10-7-45		Flying during the day was cancelled due to adverse weather. One aircraft took-off for a Cross Country but was recalled. All aircrew attended a lecture given by J37947 P/L L.H. Morrison on "Formation Flying" and also the Japanese and their activities in the Pacific Theatre. The day was cloudy with rain during the afternoon and evening. Visibility moderate to poor. Wind NW'ly 5-10 mph.		
	11-7-45		Flying was scrubbed again today due to poor weather. Most of the morning was spent in cleaning up around the sections. In the afternoon sports were organized consisting of swimming, cycling and softball game. A softball game between the Navigators and Gunners was a great success with the Navigators bowing to the Gunners. The weather was cloudy with rain and drizzle during morning. Visibility poor to moderate. Wind NW'ly 5-10 mph falling light S'ly.		
	12-7-45		Some flying was carried out today. Three crews went on Continental Cross-Country Flights, two on Cross-Countries and one on local flying. A crew conference was held during which the days' flying and activities were discussed. The weather was overcast and foggy this morning but it cleared up later. Visibility poor becoming moderate. Wind SSW-SSE 5-10 mph. Three crews visited M.F.D.E. station at Hull. The members of the crews considered the trip as a waste of time.		
	13-7-45		Flying for today consisted of three Continental flights and one aircraft on local flying. All our personnel attended a lecture in the morning given by O14248 P/L T.V. Berto, our Squadron Adjutant, on Service Matters. In the afternoon the Squadron formed part of the Station Commander's Parade. Afterwards a party was held in the crew-room which was a huge success. The party helped the boys to get to know each other a little better. The weather during the day was cloudy with fair periods. Slight rain late in evening. Visibility moderate becoming good. Wind light becoming SW'ly 5-10 mph.		
	14-7-45		No flying carried out today. The morning activities consisted of a general cleaning up around the sections. The afternoon was spent on sports and during the evening a big Station Dance was held. The day was cloudy with fine periods. Thunderstorm early. Visibility moderate to good. Wind SSE-SSW 5-15 mph. falling light.		
	15-7-45		The only flying carried out today consisted of a trip done by O157 W/O E.H. Evans, our Station Commander, who took off with seven passengers to see R.A.F. Station Sumbrook where Leeming may be transferred. Main station does not look too bad but according to the visiting Officers the satellite is terrible. The weather was cloudy with thunderstorms and showers early in the day. Visibility poor to moderate. Wind ESE'ly 5-15 mph. falling light later in the day.		
	16-7-45		The flying that was laid down was cancelled early in the day due to adverse weather. A crew conference was held in the morning on "Cockpit Layout". After a lot of expressed opinions and ideas it was agreed that future heavy bombers should carry the same number of crew members occupying the same positions as they now do. The weather during the day was cloudy with fair periods. Continuous rain during the morning, heavy at times. Showers in the afternoon. Visibility moderate. Wind SSW'ly 10-20 mph. gusty at times.		
	17-7-45		A lot of flying was carried out today. Flying consisted of three aircraft on Continental Cross-Country Flights, three on formation and bombing and two on a Hills' Eye. Bombing was carried out on one exercise only. All personnel not on flying duties witnessed a softball game between Gunners and Pilots, the latter winning with a score of 8 to 5. Weather today was cloudy with fair periods. Visibility moderate. Wind SE'ly 5-15 mph.		

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LEAMING	18-7-45		No flying today and it was declared Sports day. During the morning the N.C.O.'s cleaned up XXXXXXXXXX their billets while the Officers cleaned up their respective sections. In the afternoon another football game was arranged between the Pilots and Gunners. The result this time was in favour of the Gunners who won the game with the score of 13 to 12. The day was fair becoming cloudy. Intermittent slight rain late in evening. Visibility moderate. Wind SSE'ly 5-18 mph.		
	19-7-45		The only flying during the day consisted of three Continental flights. A crew conference was held in the afternoon and aircrew were told that the strength of "Forces of Occupation" were being reduced from four to two Squadrons with thirty crews each. All other aircrew would be going home. A point system will be used to decide who will remain here. All this means another big reassignment, reforming and re-crewing of two Squadrons out of the four at present in England. The Squadrons who have been chosen to stay over here are not known yet. The middle of next week should give us the answer. It was cloudy today with fair periods. Continuous rain and thunderstorm early. Shower in afternoon. Visibility moderate. Wind S'ly 5-16 mph.		
	20-7-45		No flying today. Most of the day was spent by JOL49 S/L H. Saunders, our present Commanding Officer, in interviewing aircrew as to XXXXXX whether they would like to stay in United Kingdom or go back to Canada. So far it looks as if half of the Squadron members wish to go home. This will make it easier in reforming the two remaining Squadrons. The weather was cloudy with intermittent rain. Visibility moderate to good. Wind SWS'ly 5-20 mph.		
	21-7-45		No flying today. Flying program for Monday was made up early today as most of the personnel will be gone for the week-end either on 49's or 36's. The weather was cloudy with continuous rain in afternoon. Visibility moderate. Wind SW'ly 5-12 mph.		
	22-7-45		No flying today as everybody was gone enjoying themselves during the week-end. Word came through late in the morning that flying program for tomorrow Monday would be changed. Continental trips will be cancelled and our aircraft will be detailed for Bomb Disposal. The weather was cloudy with fair periods. Intermittent rain during afternoon and evening. Visibility good. Wind W'ly 10-25 mph.		
	23-7-45		The flying today consisted of ten aircraft being detailed on Bomb Disposal. All aircraft proceeded to Middleton St. George to pick their loads. Personnel not involved in flying were busy doing ground training. Flying program for tomorrow has been arranged and it will be an all-out effort on Bomb Disposal again. The day was mainly fair to fine. Visibility was good. Wind W'ly 10-30 mph. gusty at times.		
	24-7-45		Today eleven aircraft were detailed on Bomb Disposal. After taking one load each from base, aircraft proceeded to Tholthorpe to pick up another load. Ground training was carried out by non-flying personnel. The weather was fair to cloudy. Visibility good. Wind was light becoming W'ly 5-15 mph.		
	25-7-45		Bomb Disposal again today in which eleven aircraft took part. Crews proceeded to Tholthorpe where two loads were picked up by each aircraft. Sports Day scheduled for today was replaced by WAAF's Day. Most of the WAAF's on this Station will be posted away very shortly and today is their farewell party. J37947 S/L Morrison, L.S., pilot, made several short trips in the morning and afternoon taking WAAF's on local flying. A big dance was organized for the evening and everybody seemed to have had a grand time. The weather was fair to cloudy. Visibility was good. Wind NW'ly 5-15 mph.		

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LORNING	26-7-45		Three aircraft on Continental trips and one on local flying was all the flying that was carried out during the day. Five crews, three from "A" Flight and two from "B" Flight, carried out Dingley Drills. Weather for today was mostly cloudy with fair periods. Visibility was good. Wind NE'ly 5-15 mph.		
	27-7-45		Continental Flights scheduled for today were cancelled. The only flying carried out consisted of one aircraft on H2S and Cross-Country and another aircraft was on local flying. Some of our aircrew personnel left tonight on 48 hours pass. The day was very quiet around the sections. The weather was cloudy becoming fair to fine. Visibility was good. Wind N'ly 5-25 mph.		
	28-7-45		No flying carried out today. Some training was carried out by gunners in the morning on skeet shooting. Personnel spent most of the morning in clearing up around their respective sections. In the afternoon most everybody were gone for the week-end. It was cloudy today becoming fair later on. Visibility was excellent. Wind NW'ly 5-12 mph.		
	29-7-45		No flying again today as everybody have gone on week-ends. Flying program was made up for tomorrow and it looks as if it is going to be a fairly busy day. The day was cloudy with fair periods. Visibility was excellent and wind was light becoming W'ly 5-15 mph.		
	30-7-45		Bomb Disposal scheduled for today was scrubbed on account of weather in jetting area. Two aircraft went on Continental Flights and four crews did Formation Cross Country, no bombing was carried out. One pilot was checked out going on a solo flight. Ground training consisted of two crews doing dingley drills and some Bomb Aimers did Link Radar training. The day was fairly busy and most everybody had something to do to keep them occupied most of the day. Weather was fair to cloudy and visibility was moderate.		
	31-7-45		Flying for today consisted of two aircraft on Continental trips and two crews on H2S Cross-Country. Practice bombing could not be carried out by the crews due to low cloud and so details were not completed. The weather again scrubbed our Bomb Disposal program of today. Sports were organized in the afternoon and a softball game between the Pilots and the WOP's was arranged. The score of the game 15 to 6 was in favour of the WOP's. Six of our crews are expected to be posted to Torquay very shortly to proceed on their month's leave in Canada. The date of their departure is not known yet but documents and clearances have been ready for quite some time in order to speed up their trip down to "T" Depot which the crews concerned await impatiently. The breaking down of the four Squadrons into two has not started yet but it is hoped that early August should see it happen. The day was fair becoming cloudy with a moderate visibility.		

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CASUALTIES					
MTL					
POSTINGS - IN					
Can. J92469	E/O		W.G. Bennett	GI/WOAG	Posted from ACBU Bircham Newton w.o.f. 5.7.45
Can. J90662	E/O		S.D. BIRD	GI/WOAG	" " " " " " " " " " " "
Can. J93218	E/O		R.J. Carmichael	GI/WOAG	" " " " " " " " " " " "
Can. J95586	E/O		J. Gailer	GI/WOAG	" " " " " " " " " " " "
Can. J42561	A/S/L		J.B. Morris	GI/Pilot	Posted from 8 ACBU w.o.f. 7.7.45
Can. E172379	E/S		Dyer, L.V.	GI/PFE	Posted from 76 Base w.o.f. 4.7.45
Can. E218773	E/S		Rayner, A.S.	XXXXXXXX	" " " " " " " " " " " "
Can. E233980	SGT		Rothman, G.	XXXXXXXX	Posted from 4 E/S Sobohi, St Athan wof 13.7.45
Can. E262412	SGT		Smith, A.F.	GI/RS	" " " " " " " " " " " "
Can. E283426	SGT		Managh, J.K.	GI/RS	" " " " " " " " " " " "
Can. E288161	SGT		Morrison, B.S.	GI/RS	" " " " " " " " " " " "
Can. E289178	SGT		Reid, G.B.	GI/RS	" " " " " " " " " " " "
Can. E289230	SGT		Ritchie, W.F.	GI/RS	" " " " " " " " " " " "
Can. E289726	SGT		Simpson, R.M.	GI/RS	" " " " " " " " " " " "
Can. E290722	SGT		Ross, J.H.	GI/RS	" " " " " " " " " " " "
Can. E291631	E/S		Moran, P.J.	GI/RS	" " " " " " " " " " " "
Can. E292644	SGT		Moffitt, W.	GI/RS	" " " " " " " " " " " "
Can. E293001	SGT		Mann, J.L.	GI/RS	" " " " " " " " " " " "
Can. E293814	SGT		Spence, G.A.	GI/RS	" " " " " " " " " " " "
Can. E272834	SGT		Stinson, A.S.	GI/RS	" " " " " " " " " " " "
Can. E277631	SGT		Smith, S.	GI/RS	" " " " " " " " " " " "
Can. E280927	SGT		Snow, D.A.	GI/RS	" " " " " " " " " " " "
Can. E288160	SGT		Sveins Johnson, J.	GI/RS	" " " " " " " " " " " "
Can. E289381	SGT		Taylor, S.V.	GI/RS	" " " " " " " " " " " "
Can. E290964	SGT		Thompson, G.A.	GI/RS	" " " " " " " " " " " "
Can. E211026	E/S		Deaman, C.S.	GI/PFE	Posted from 76 Base w.o.f. 15.7.45
Can. E212409	E/S		DeMet, W.F.	GI/PFE	" " " " " " " " " " " "
POSTINGS - OUT					
Can. J87362	E/O		F.K. Augusta	GI/Pilot	Posted to XXXXXXXX No. 69 BASS w.o.f. 30.6.45
Can. J16119	E/L		H.M. Barr	GI/Pilot	Can. J88047 E/O W.J. Bennett GI/AG
Can. J89492	E/O		J.M. Booth	GI/WOAG	Can. J93823 E/O F.T. Brooks GI/Pilot
Can. J88205	E/O		K.K. Burger	GI/AG	Can. J85497 E/O A.B. Church GI/WOAG
Can. J94405	E/O		P.J. Clay	GI/AG	Can. J87600 E/O R.G. Clement GI/Pilot
Can. J89369	A/S/L		J. Omar BPC	GI/Pilot	Can. J20528 E/L W.G. Gorbett BPC GI/Nav.
Can. J41491	E/O		J. Eisen	GI/Nav	Can. J17275 E/L G.F. Finnerly BPC GI/Pilot
Can. J90984	E/O		W.F. Gardiner	GI/WOAG	Can. J32489 E/O H.B. Geddes GI/AG
Can. J90908	E/O		R.W. Gervan	GI/RS	Can. J43030 E/O H.R. Hardstaff GI/Nav.
Can. J65334	E/O		G.H. Highway	GI/WOAG	Can. J90094 E/O G.H. Hanson GI/WOAG
Can. J93379	E/O		H.J. Lookett	GI/AG	Can. J94169 E/O T.F. Lynett GI/AB
Can. J87843	E/O		J.H. Lyne	GI/AG	Can. J25705 E/L J.F. Lynn BPC GI/AB
Can. J42213	E/O		F.R. McGill	GI/Nav	Can. J25123 E/L J.S. Molowan GI/AB

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Can-J89082	F/O	S.R. Piercy	GI/AB	Can-J92057	F/O	W.H. Read	GI/WDAG
Can-J87673	F/O	F.B. Regimbald	DFG GI/AG	Can-J89028	F/O	J.S. Sanderson	GI/AB
Can-J19607	F/O	H.R. Sauvages	GI/WDAG	Can-J92429	F/O	H.A. Shaw	GI/AG
Can-J29990	F/L	W.S. Telford	DFG GI/AB	Can-J42166	F/O	J.E. Thompson	GI/Nav
Can-089573	F/O	H.J. Vallee	DFG GI/Pilot	Can-J14629	F/L	F.J. VanBeek	GI/AG
Can-J8172	F/L	E.L. Warrington	GI/Pilot	Can-J22143	F/L	E.S. Wght	DFG GI/Pilot
Can-J92531	F/O	O.M. Williams	GI/AG	Can-J99366	F/O	H.B. Yule	GI/Nav
Can-J90269	F/O	J.C. Shaw	GI/AG	Can-R13356	WO2	Nason,R.S.	GI/AG
Can-R126481	F/S	McKimmon,M.W.	GI/AG	Can-R19688	WO2	Duffy,J.	GI/AG
Can-R164757	WO2	Fepkas,G.	GI/NAV	Can-R182924	WO2	Downs,L.W.	GI/AG
Can-R193331	F/S	Tweedle,M.H.	GI/AB	Can-R196442	WO2	Mazur,M.	GI/Nav.
Can-R197315	WO2	Spitler,D.A.	GI/WDAG	Can-R199309	WO2	Boudrias,J.A.J.	GI/Nav
Can-R209843	WO2	Crosswell,L.E.	GI/AG	Can-R223357	WO2	Woolmer,A.C.	GI/AG
Can-R295430	WO2	Lewis,G.H.	GI/AG	Can-R261392	WO2	Campbell,K.S.	GI/AG
All posted to RCAF "R" Depot, Torquay w.e.f. 7.7.45							
PROMOTIONS							
Can-J91042	F/O	J. Caspelle	GI/WDAG	From. to	T/2/O	w.e.f.	26.6.45
Can-R218333	F/S	Moody,A.S.	GI/P/AG	From. to	A/WO2	w.e.f.	10.6.45
RAP-1590431	SGT	Windle,K.L.	F/S	From. to	T/2/S	w.e.f.	14.7.45
RAP-1896318	SGT	Taylor,G.W.	F/S	From. to	T/2/S	w.e.f.	5.6.45
Can-J93319	F/O	A.B. Colquhoun	GI/AG	From. to	T/2/O	w.e.f.	2.6.45
Can-J93379	F/O	H.J. Lockett	DFG GI/AB	From. to	T/2/O	w.e.f.	15.6.45
COMMISSIONS							
Can-4333A	WO2	Conley,W.F.	Pilot	Comm. w.e.f.	9.5.45	(J95141)	
Can-R214907	F/S	Lorée,W.E.	A/G	Comm. w.e.f.	6.5.45	(J95073)	
Can-R269611	F/S	Bowles,H.G.	A/G	Comm. w.e.f.	8.5.45	(J95178)	
CHANGES IN COMMAND							
S/L H.L. Saunders DFG (Can-J9149) replaces S/L J. Omar DFG (089569) as Officer Commanding of the Squadron w.e.f. 7.7.45. S/L J. Omar DFG has been posted to "R" Depot, Torquay awaiting transposition for his month's leave in Canada.							
CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION							
NIL							
HONOURS AND AWARDS							
NIL							
AIRCRAFT ON SQUADRON STRENGTH ON 31st JULY, 1945							
Lancaster No. I - 11							
Lancaster No. III - 11							
TRAINING AND OTHER FLYING IN JULY							
(a) Flying Training Day. 361 hrs. 35 mins.							
Night. Nil							
(b) Other Flying Day. 29 hrs. 25 mins.							
Night. Nil							

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