

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

of (Unit or Formation) No. 432 (B.C.A.F.) Squadron.

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EASTMOOR	9.5.45.		No flying. The morning was quiet, interrupted only by the grunts and cries of anguish emitted by those who drank not wisely, but too well. In accordance with base instructions aircraft were marshalled and guarded. Extra service policy roused the camp, but yesterday and to-day were singularly free from untoward incidents. Several softball games were well attended in the afternoon. After the cinema, the Lintonaires Orchestra presided at the Station Dance to climax the second day of Victory in Europe. W.D's. from Linton responded to our invitation and from all appearances had themselves a time.		
EASTMOOR	10.5.45.		No flying. This is "R" Day (Rumour). All hands are back on deck discussing an early return to Canada. Selection of crews to fly the Lancasters to the land of the Maple Leaf were made this morning and preparation for immediate ground training of complete crews is under way. Several postings to "R" Depot were received, mostly types who have completed screening leave.		
EASTMOOR	11.5.45.		Ban on flying lifted, although no flying authorized. Pilots, Navigators, on training taking sun and star shots. Crews are happy over the prospect of flying home. One screened pilot was posted to "R" Depot for repatriation. The fellows of our Squadron took advantage of the transport to Ripon for a few hours of swimming.		
EASTMOOR	12.5.45.		The ban on flying was lifted and five crews were authorized to carry out local and short cross country runs. The rumour about flying home was stopped to-day when our Squadron Commander called the crews in the briefing room and advised them we were not flying home. Also the Squadron Commander remarked that this cancellation was not yet official.		
EASTMOOR	13.5.45.		Sixteen crews were sent on seven days leave. The mess had an air of desertion in the evening. Flying was restricted due to poor weather. In the evening the weather cleared up and our lads were observed playing soft ball and keeping in shape by participating in sports. Games and liberty bus runs are being organized and it is felt this will help to keep the fellows from being browned off due to lack of flying and operational commitments.		
EASTMOOR	14.5.45		No flying. Weather grounded most crews. One screened wireless operator was posted to No. 24 O.T.U. for instructional duties. Three crews carried out H2S and air to sea and local flying. In the evening our soft ball team defeated No. 6 group at Allerton Park. The fellows of our squadron who are not on leave took advantage of the transport available to see the game.		
EASTMOOR	15.5.45.		Weather is again poor. Five crews were employed on flying training and completed H2S, air to sea firing and bombing exercises. It was noted that some person or persons unknown broke into several offices searching for articles of value. They got in the squadron offices and stole approximately 50,000 cigarettes and 10 bottles of Gin. The Service Police have requested assistance from the Special Investigation branch, Darlington, in an endeavour to apprehend the culprits. The mess is very quiet as a large number of personnel are on leave.		
EASTMOOR	16.5.45.		Training practically nil, one crew did an air test. Other personnel completed ground training. A large number of personnel went to the Strensall firing range for a rifle shoot, we out shot No. 415 Squadron 72.1 to 66.6.		



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<u>CASUALTIES:</u> NIL.					
<u>MOVEMENTS:</u>					
<u>Postings In:</u>					
J.22050	F/L	Gifford J.E.	(pilot) posted from No. 74 (RCAF) Base waf		16.5.45.
J.43427	F/O	Donnelly C.F.	(Nav)		"
R261358	SGT	Lennan R.E.	(A/B)		"
R866126	SGT	Langford E.G.	(F/2) (RAP)		"
R.94054	SGT	McQuinn S.E.	(WOP/AG)		"
R280997	SGT	Goodman J.W.B.	(A/G)		"
R280028	SGT	Richard E.J.	(A/G)		"
<u>Postings Out:</u>					
J.10431	S/L	Horan P.J.	(Pilot) posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot		4.5.45.
J.16284	F/L	Wylie D.M.	(Pilot)		"
J.22054	F/L	Traynor G.J.	(WOP/AG)		10.5.45.
R219205	F/S	Bullock W.E.	(WOP/AG)		"
J.92881	F/O	Fraser J.H.	(A/G)		"
R183481	W/O	Nicholson D.J.	(A/G)		"
J.36345	F/O	Clarke A.J.	(Pilot)	No. 1695 (B) D.T. Plt.	2.5.45.
J.90894	F/O	Lawson G.E.	(WOP/AG)	No. 24 O.T.U.	15.5.45.
J.14453	F/L	Wallace J.M.	(Pilot)	R.C.A.F. "R" Depot	9.5.45.
190083	F/O	Hensley E.	(F/E) (RAP)	A.C.A.C.	17.5.45.
195712	F/O	Mortimore J.R.	(F/E) (RAP)	"	18.5.45.
3000073	Sgt	Bloy C.M.	(F/E) (RAP)	"	20.5.45.
1633595	SGT	Davison J.D.	(F/E) (RAP)	"	"
1256683	SGT	Woodley C.H.	(F/E) (RAP)	"	"
J.90605	F/O	Staples D.E.	(WOP/AG)	R.C.A.F. O/S H.Q.	1.5.45.
J.36233	F/O	MacKerron R.F.	(A/B)	"	"
J.92975	F/O	Kerry I.G.	(A/G)	"	"
J.38718	F/O	Saith L.R.	(Nav)	"	"
J.36948	F/O	Rutherford O.B.	(Nav)	R.C.A.F. "R" Depot	7.5.45.
J.28100	F/L	Loppe L.W.W.	(Pilot)	"	"
J.36298	F/O	Robert C.E.R.Y.	(Nav)	"	"
J.94537	F/O	Pawliuk M.	(Nav)	"	"
J.89028	F/O	Malloch M.	(WOP/AG)	"	"
R218209	F/S	McGill J.E.	(A/G)	"	"
R255895	F/S	Bardie J.D.E.	(A/G)	"	"
J.93573	F/O	Hopkins D.L.	(A/G)	"	"
R195595	F/S	De Salvo A.G.	(A/G)	"	"
J.38757	F/O	Spring G.P.	(Nav)	"	21.5.45.
J.92842	F/O	Karen H.W.	(A/B)	"	"
J.38683	F/O	Casey J.H.	(A/B)	"	"
R205031	W/O	Hodgett A.K.	(WOP/AG)	"	"
R264392	W/O	Choquette J.H.H.J.	(A/G)	"	"
R257869	F/S	Groulx E.	(A/G)	"	"
J.94230	F/O	Alwood J.W.	(A/G)	"	"
J.38387	F/O	Kendrick R.J.	(A/B)	"	"

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			<p><b>PROMOTIONS:</b> J.24338 P/O Kirkbride D. (Pilot) promoted to the rank of T/P/O wef 5.3.45.            C.15183 P/O McAughy J.P. (P/B) promoted to the rank of T/P/O wef 27.3.45.            J.24638 P/O Bakins D. (A/B) promoted to the rank of T/P/O wef 19.3.45.            J.49263 P/O Fisher G.R. (P/B) promoted to the rank of T/P/O wef 27.3.45.            J.49268 P/O Miller K.L. (P/B) promoted to the rank of T/P/O wef 27.3.45.            J.49273 P/O Robertson J.K. (P/B) promoted to the rank of T/P/O wef 27.3.45.            J.89876 P/O Burgoyne B.L. (WOP/AD) promoted to the rank of T/P/O wef 2.3.45.            J.89828 P/O Malloch M. (WOP/AD) promoted to the rank of T/P/O wef 5.3.45.            C.21656 A/P/D Roberts G.R. (Admin.) promoted to the rank of T/P/L wef 1.6.44.</p> <p><b>CHANGES IN COMMAND:</b> Nil.</p> <p><b>CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION:</b> Nil.</p> <p><b>COMMISSIONS:</b>            R224518 SGT Biggar H.V. (J.94506) 14.3.45. R177404 W/O Sturton G.F. (J.94701) 28.2.45.</p> <p><b>AIRCRAFT ON CHARGE:</b> 21 HALIFAX VII.</p> <p><b>OPERATIONAL FLYING TIMES:</b> DAY: NIL NIGHT: NIL  <b>NON-OPERATIONAL FLYING TIMES:</b> DAY: 200:26 NIGHT: NIL</p> <p><b>NUMBER OF OPERATIONAL SORTIES DURING THE MONTH:</b> NIL.</p> <p><b>BOMBS DROPPED FROM 1.1.45 to 30.4.45.</b> H.E. (TONS) 1499 DIOC (TONS) 1062 clusters No. 14.            349 clusters No. 15.            231 clusters No. 17.</p> <p><b>BOMBS DROPPED DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, 1945.</b> Nil.</p> <p><b>NUMBER OF COMBATS WITH THE ENEMY.</b> Nil.</p> <p><b>NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF THE UNIT AS AT 23.59 HOURS ON THE 15.5.45.</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>AIRCREW.</th> <th>GROUND-CREW.</th> <th>TOTAL.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>R.C.A.F. Officers.</td> <td>116</td> <td>1</td> <td>117</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R.A.F. Officers.</td> <td>6</td> <td>Nil</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R.C.A.F. Airmen.</td> <td>122</td> <td>Nil</td> <td>122</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R.A.F. Airmen.</td> <td>26</td> <td>Nil</td> <td>26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other personnel.</td> <td>Nil</td> <td>Nil</td> <td>Nil</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>GENERAL SUMMARY</b>            No operations were carried out during this period although training both air and ground was carried out. Enthusiastic celebrations ensued over VE Day, May 8th.            Health and morale of personnel is good.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <i>K.A. PRINCE</i>            Wing Commander, Commanding,            No. 422 (C.A.F.) Squadron.         </p>		AIRCREW.	GROUND-CREW.	TOTAL.	R.C.A.F. Officers.	116	1	117	R.A.F. Officers.	6	Nil	6	R.C.A.F. Airmen.	122	Nil	122	R.A.F. Airmen.	26	Nil	26	Other personnel.	Nil	Nil	Nil		
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