

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

of (Unit or Formation) No. 434 Squadron (R.C.A.F.)

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
Craft	1.4.44		Advice received re three commissions this date: Gen. R.165168 P/Sgt Ivan E. B. (Air Bomber) granted a commission in the RCAF (SR) with the rank of Pilot Officer and given personal number Gen. J.85179. Also Gen. R.165168 P/Sgt Jackson D.E. (A/B) who was killed in a flying accident 19.3.44 commissioned in the RCAF (SR) and given personal number Gen. J.85152. RAF 150627 Sgt Lichtley J.G. (WOP/SG) commissioned in the RCAF V.R. in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personal number 173062. An additional crew posted to the Squadron this date from 166 Conversion Unit, personnel as follows: 67058 P/O H. J. Hopkins (Pilot), Gen J.26227 P/O M. Melath (Nav), RAF 147389 Sgt Brewster D.G. (WOP/SG), RAF 145087 P/O A. Wood (A/B), Gen R.108345 Sgt Kumary H.A. (P/SG), RAF 160616 P/O Staples F.A. (W/SG), RAF 169538A Sgt Judd K.W. (A/B). Twelve aircraft presented on a mining operation near Marshalling Islands. All returned safely, one being diverted to RCAF Station, Topolife.		
Craft	2.4.44		Sunday, a drab rainy day -- the usual church services being held. No flying either training or operational, due to inclement weather. Advice received that RAF 1073251 P/Sgt Holmes F.J. (A/B) who was posted to 405 Squadron 22.2.44 commissioned in the RCAF (SR) in the rank of Pilot Officer, and given personal number 173060.		
Craft	3.4.44		A dull foggy day with visibility such to make even driving an automobile dangerous. Gen 22068A Sgt Sharma B.A. (A/B) commissioned in the RCAF SR in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personal number Gen J.85152 -- congratulations. Information received that RAF 156616 P/O G. B. Burgess (Nav) who went missing on operations 30/31st August 1943 against Humber (Humber now classified as killed, no flying due to inclement weather.		
	4.4.44		Information received from Air Ministry that Gen J.14780 P/O H. J. Gallagher (Nav) and Gen R.162385 P/Sgt Temple H.L. (A/B) who went missing on operations against Leipzig 19.2.44 now captured and prisoners of war. Inclement weather this date, no flying, either training or operational. A security film shown to all aircrew in the morning and ground crew in the afternoon.		
Craft	5.4.44		Notification received of an immediate post-distinguished Flying Medal to Gen R.716097 Sgt Hugh Patrick (W/SG) -- well earned and congratulations. Information from Air Ministry advised that Gen J.13546 P/O A.E. Hester (Nav) who went missing in crew of Gen J.834 2/4. L.W. Smell on an operation against Berlin 29.3.44 classified as killed and remainder of crew		

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Crest (continued)	5-8-44		as yet unidentified. No flying this date due to inclement weather. A crew meeting was held in the afternoon to discuss the proposed squadron party.	
Crest	6-8-44		Heavy fog still present during the forenoon but operations scheduled. Sixteen aircraft were to proceed on a bombing mission but cancelled at briefing. Day spent preparing for operations -- rather a let down. GAW E-10930 W/O Constable W.P. (Nav) commissioned in the NCAP(SR) and given personal number J-85261.	
Crest	7-8-44		GAW 2627 W/2 GMB H. (Pilot) granted a commission in the NCAP(SR) in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personal No. J-85329 -- congratulations. Sixteen aircraft scheduled to proceed on operations but cancelled at briefing. Literature and forms received regarding the Canadian Victory Loan -- a committee to be appointed in the immediate future and the drive will be under way.	
Crest	8-8-44		GAW J-13619 W/D J.E. Marier (Nav) posted to this unit from AOG Squadron as Squadron Navigation officer replacing WAF 121549 W/O H. Curry (Nav) who is grounded on account of falling eyeglass. GAW E-13314A W/O Prith H.D.P. (Pilot) commissioned in the NCAP (SR) and given personal No. J-85330. No operations scheduled this date -- training in progress only.	
Crest	9-8-44		Easter Sunday -- very good attendance at both P.C. and Protestant church services. GAW E-15265 W/2 Sgt Campbell J.D. (N/A) and GAW E-175387 W/2 Sgt Dupont J.A. (A/G) commissioned in the NCAP (SR) and given personal numbers J-85335 and J-85333 respectively. An unfortunate accident occurred at approximately 0010 hours -- GAW E-162723 F/O Westcott P.G. (Amourer) killed instantly when hit by a service vehicle driven by GAW J-10615 W/O Hummel J.E. (Pilot). An investigation is in progress as to the present no decision as to blame can be established. Sixteen aircraft proceeded on an operation against Lille. All aircraft except one early return (GAW J-26726 W/D W. Wright, Pilot) made a successful attack on the target and returned safely to base.	
Crest	10-8-44		GAW E-148521 W/2 Sgt Goulet H.S. (Pilot) and GAW E-148111 W/2 Sgt Hagarth A.H. (Pilot) commissioned in the NCAP (SR) and given personal numbers J-85351 and J-85353 respectively. Sixteen aircraft proceeded on an operation against Chart, made a successful attack and returned safely to base.	

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Croft	11.1.44		<p>GN R.130056 P/Bgt K. A. McDonald (Pilot) commissioned in the RCAF (SN) in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personal number J.85126. Information received from Air Ministry advising that RAF 1239637 Sgt Trisby F. (W/P/AC) who went missing on operations 6/7 September 1943 now classified as killed. No operations scheduled this date - one cross country flight only. Thirtysix senior NCO's absent from the Sergeants' Mess meeting this date and being paraded before the Station Commander tomorrow.</p>		
Croft	12.1.44		<p>Ops J.19387 P/O P.V.M. Shoarwaga, GN J.15422 P/O J.H. Evans and GN J.18668 P/O J.W. Snelgrove, pilots of this squadron, appointed to the rank of Acting Flight Lieutenant. Congratulations and requests to the officers' mess liquor ration. Dinner held this date at RAF Regional Command, Harrogate, for GN R.162723 LtG Westcott P.O., who was killed in a road accident 9.1.44. Fifteen aircraft proceeded on a mining operation near Heligoland. All successfully completed the operation except an early return due to engine trouble - this aircraft piloted by GN J.19725 P/O A. Doran.</p>		
Croft	13.1.44		<p>RAF 1653210 Sgt Williams D.T. (P/Sgt) and RAF 1685410 Sgt McDonald J.W. (P/Sgt) commissioned in the RCAF and given personal numbers 173605 and 173602 respectively. Information from Air Ministry advises that RAF 1577200 Sgt G.W. Ford (W/P/AC), who went missing on operations against Leipzig 19/20th February 44 now prisoner of war. No operations scheduled this date - training only.</p>		
Croft	14.1.44		<p>RAF 1651753 Sgt Tonkin J.W. (A/O) granted a commission in the RCAF (SN) and given personal number 173599. This officer was posted to No. 405 Squadron 25.3.44. GN J.10973 P/O G.P. Macfarlane (Pilot) posted to this squadron who was crossed with GN J.20960 P/O A.G. Stacey (W/P), GN R.124515 W/O Snow G.W. (W/P/AC), RAF 155027 Sgt Mack P.S. (M/AC), GN R.197869 Sgt Gordon R.T. (A/O) and RAF 131776 P/O J.E. Arpott (P/A). No operations scheduled this date - 10 aircraft detailed to proceed on a ball's eye - cancelled at 1730 hours. A crew meeting held regarding a sports committee and arrangements for the various sports appointed.</p>		
Croft	15.1.44		<p>No operations scheduled - training only. Inquest re GN R.162723 LtG Westcott P.O. (Absence) which was adjourned 10.1.44 until 1400 hours this date was held with a jury of seven. A crew meeting was held during the afternoon, a lecture being given by G.19740 P/O W.S. Harris, Station Educational Officer on rehabilitation.</p>		

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Croft	16.4.44		Sunday - the usual church services being held. COW R.11927A W/O Stephenson G.F. (WOP/SG) posted to this unit from 127 Squadron. No operations scheduled this date - training only. An officers mess meeting was held during the afternoon which cut down on the very valuable squadron administrative working time.		
Croft	17.4.44		RAF 1532032 Sgt Buckman R.P. (WOP/SG) posted to this unit from 126 Squadron. COW R.120231 W/O Gerrit J.A. (A/N) commissioned in the RCAF (SR) in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personal number J.85408. Sixteen aircraft scheduled to proceed on operations this date but cancelled 10 minutes prior to main briefing. Total Victory Loan sales for this squadron to date \$6,100.00.		
Croft	18.4.44		COW R.72500 W/O Halsey H.P. (A/N) commissioned in the RCAF (SR) in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personal number J.85399. Total Victory Loan sales this date \$11,850.00. Seventeen aircraft proceeded on a mining operation in Kiel Bay. All aircraft returned safely to base and carried out a successful operation with the exception of one early return. This is the largest number of aircraft ever supplied by this squadron for one operation.		
Croft	19.4.44		No operations scheduled this date - training only. Three aircraft proceeded on a sea search returning safely to base but nothing sighted. Information received that COW J.22853 P/O W.P. Windsor (Pilot), who went missing on operations against Lorient on 19.11.43, taken prisoner of war, now reported to have died 4.12.43 in Basque Hospital Kirubinde/Dortmund and buried 10.12.43 at Principal Cemetery, Dortmund.		
Croft	20.4.44		Seventeen aircraft proceeded on an operation against Lene and all returned safely to base. The Officer Commanding, W/O G.S. Bartlett (RAF 39926) also proceeded on this operation. Sixteen aircraft originally scheduled but unfortunately there were two non-starters.		
Croft	21.4.44		COW J.25373 P/O D.G. MacDonald (Pilot) posted to RCAF "W" Depot Warrington, being technically unsuitable for operations in this Group due to his inability to fly above 16,000 feet. Ten aircraft proceeded on a mining operation at Neustadt Elbe - all laid mines and returned safely to base. RAF 121563 P/O H.C. Curry, previous Navigation Leader of the squadron, awarded a Non-Immediate D.F.C. - very congratulations.		
Croft	22.4.44		RAF 39926 W/O G.S. Bartlett D.F.C. proceeded on temporary duty to RCAF Station HighCarth as		

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Craft (continued)	22.1.44		President of a Court of Inquiry - <u>Officer</u> <u>167348</u> <u>Sgt</u> <u>Roby</u> <u>G.P.</u> (<u>RAF/AR</u>) commissioned in the <u>RAF</u> (<u>AR</u>) and given personal number <u>1.85515</u> . <u>RAF</u> aircraft proceeded on an operation against <u>Leam</u> . <u>RAF</u> early return due to slight leak in starboard inner engine. <u>RAF</u> and a successful attack and returned safely to base. <u>RAF</u> total progress made - the <u>RAF</u> 's total <u>£11,500</u> .		
Craft	23.1.44		<u>RAF</u> on the usual evening church services being held. Attendance rather lacking due to 16 aircraft on operations previous night. Total <u>RAF</u> total sales this date <u>£16,700.00</u> which brings the Squadron very near the required quota of <u>£27,000.00</u> . <u>RAF</u> aircraft proceeded on a night operation to <u>Leam</u> Channel - all returning to base safely.		
Craft	24.1.44		<u>Officer</u> <u>161900</u> <u>Sgt</u> <u>G.W.</u> <u>Wyle</u> (<u>RAF/AR</u>) commissioned in the <u>RAF</u> (<u>AR</u>) in the rank of pilot officer and given personal number <u>1.85505</u> . <u>RAF</u> <u>160702</u> <u>Sgt</u> <u>R.A.</u> <u>Walker</u> (<u>RAF/AR</u>) who was standing on operations against <u>Leam</u> on 20/21 September 1943 was classified as killed. The aircraft proceeded on a night operation at <u>Leam</u> Channel - all returning safely to base. This is the fifth consecutive night of operations for this squadron.		
Craft	25.1.44		<u>Officer</u> <u>160800</u> <u>Sgt</u> <u>Alberts</u> <u>R.L.</u> (<u>RAF/AR</u>) and <u>Officer</u> <u>161400</u> <u>Sgt</u> <u>Law</u> <u>R.T.</u> (<u>RAF/AR</u>) granted commission in the <u>RAF</u> (<u>AR</u>) in the rank of pilot officer and given personal numbers <u>1.85518</u> and <u>1.85513</u> respectively. <u>Officer</u> <u>161600</u> <u>Sgt</u> <u>Lawrence</u> <u>L.G.</u> who was standing as second pilot on an operation against <u>Leam</u> on 24.1.44 was captured and classified prisoner of war. <u>RAF</u> aircraft scheduled to proceed on operations this date but cancelled one half hour prior to take-off. This would have been the sixth consecutive night of operations but they have cancelled out which failed would have been a record for this squadron.		
Craft	26.1.44		<u>RAF</u> total sales this date reached <u>£16,500</u> . The <u>RAF</u> leader, <u>S/L</u> <u>R.C.E.</u> <u>Ward</u> (<u>RAF</u> <u>161100</u>) advised that during the week of <u>RAF</u> the <u>RAF</u> were successful in obtaining <u>RAF</u> (<u>AR</u>) "night patrol" pictures. His aircraft proceeded on a night operation off <u>Leam</u> Island. All the returned with them due to the failure. <u>RAF</u> aircraft proceeded on a night operation to <u>Leam</u> Channel. All aircraft returned safely to base.		
Craft	27.1.44		<u>Officer</u> <u>161100</u> <u>Sgt</u> <u>Roby</u> <u>G.P.</u> (<u>RAF/AR</u>) commissioned in the <u>RAF</u> (<u>AR</u>) in the rank of pilot officer and given personal No. <u>1.85515</u> . <u>Officer</u> <u>161400</u> <u>Sgt</u> <u>Law</u> <u>R.T.</u> (<u>RAF/AR</u>) who was standing on operations		

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Crest (continued)	27.A.44		<p>against Ludwig 19.2.44 was reported as prisoner of war. Sixteen aircraft proceeded on a bombing operation against Nuremberg. All but ten aircraft, B-24's and B-29's, returned to base. Personnel missing as follows: CWO R. 52535 WO Tiger B. (Pilot) 8 up trips, 68 up hours; CWO J. 20962 P/O A. Young (W/O) - 8 trips, 68 up hours; CWO J. 25408 P/O V. Kilwood (P/A) - 8 up trips, 68 up hours; CWO R. 162605 Sgt Brown W. (W/O/S) - 7 up trips, 62 up hours; CWO R. 187-572 Sgt Westerman B. (W/O/S) - 8 up trips, 68 up hours; CWO R. 176712 Sgt Merrill G. (P/A) - 7 up trips, 68 up hours; RMP 220816 Sgt Randall A. - 8 up trips, 68 up hours. Second crew: CWO J. 18773 P/O G. McCall (Pilot) - 8 up trips, 68 up hours; CWO J. 20960 P/O A. Sherry (W/O) - 8 up trips, 68 up hours; RMP 131726 P/O Amcott J. (P/A) - 2 up trips, 11 up hours; CWO R. 184515 W/O Shaw G. (W/O/S) - 2 up trips, 11 up hours; CWO R. 155087 Sgt A. Mack (W/O/S) - 2 up trips, 11 up hours; CWO R. 157849 Sgt Y. Gaudin (P/A), 2 up trips, 16 up hours; RMP 182996 Sgt A. Fuller (P/S) - 2 up trips, 11 up hours.</p>	SECRET.
Crest	28.A.44		<p>CWO R. 155088 W/O Kingston P.A. (A/O) granted a commission in the RCAF (W/O) in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personnel No. J. 45513. No operations scheduled this date - training only. Having been on operations for last seven nights out of seven all personnel are taking advantage of weekends for a well earned rest. Mail over the Victory Loan quota of £17,000 with a total of £18,000 this date.</p>	
Crest	28.A.44		<p>RMP 6708 P/O N. J. Hughes (Pilot), CWO J. 28227 P/O W. Wilson (W/O), RMP 147348 Sgt Brownie J.G. (W/O/S), RMP 145827 P/O Noel M.B. (A/O), RMP 146763 Sgt Williamson T.C. (P/S), RMP 160615 P/O G. Staples (W/O/S), RMP 188534 Sgt John E.P. (A/O), posted to 51 Squadron for operational duties. Ten aircraft proceeded on a mine operation to Nuremberg Flak - all returning to base.</p>	
Crest (continued)	29.A.44		<p>Sunday - usual church services being conducted. No aircraft proceeded on a bombing operation to Nuremberg and ten on a mine operation to Nuremberg Flak. One early return from mining but all returned safely to base. This brings our total sorties for the month of April to 201 and total since formation of squadron to 799.</p>	

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			OFFICERS		AIRMEN				
			ATLONIC	GROUND CREW	ATLONIC	GROUND CREW			
			WAAF 62	2	89	229			
			WAAF (W.A.) -	-	-	-			
			RAF 20	-	30	25 (Including 7 WAAF)			
			RAF (C.A.S.) 1	-	-	-			
			WRAF -	-	-	-			
			RAF -	-	-	-			
			TOTAL 102	2	128	255			
			Number of hours flown Operationally during the Month of April, 1944 - 885 hrs. 35 Mins.						
			Number of hours flown Non-operationally during the month April, 1944 - 90 hrs. 45 Mins.						
			Number of Operational sorties during the month of April, 1944 - 261 Sorties.						
			Number of Aircraft and type on charge of Squadron on 30 April, 1944 - 22 Aircraft.						
			WEIGHT OF BOMBS						
			Weight of Bombs dropped from 1st Jan. 1, 1944, to March 31, 1944.		Weight of Bombs dropped for the month of April, 1944.				
			Bombs	1,727,480 lbs. 774 (English Tons)	Bombs	255,600 lbs. 115 (English Tons)			
			Mines	117,00 lbs. 52 (English Tons)	Mines	225,400 lbs. 127 (English Tons)			
			TOTAL	1,844,480 lbs. 826 Tons.	TOTAL	481,000 lbs. 242 (English Tons)			
			TOTAL FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF YEAR - 3,114,560 lbs. 1,490 Tons.						
			(G.S. BARRACKS) W/O Wing Commander, Commanding No. 434 Squadron (R.C.A.F.)						

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