

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

of (Unit or Formation) No. 433 Squadron (R.C.A.F.)

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| Craft | 1.5.44 | | Another bright day--operations scheduled. Administrative staff and section leaders compiling the many and urgent monthly returns. Fourteen aircraft proceeded on a bombing mission to St. Ghislain. All returning safely to base. | | |
| Craft | 2.5.44 | | RAF 157543 Sgt Southgate, R.F. (WOP/AG) commissioned in the RAAF in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personal number 178505. No operations scheduled this date--personnel taking advantage of this for a well-earned rest. W/O G.S. Bartlett D.F.C. (RAF3928) proceeded to RCAF Station as Member of a General Court Martial. | | |
| Craft | 3.5.44 | | RAF 157560 Sgt Newton, B. (WOP/AG) commissioned in the RAAF in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personal number 178502. S/L John Ernest Tyler (RAF11138) (Pilot) awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross--congratulations from the entire Squadron. No operations scheduled this date--training only. | | |
| Craft | 4.5.44 | | Information received that COW 138078 W/O Marshall, W.F. (Nav) and COW J.20482 P/O A.A. Fisher (N/A) who went missing on operations against Frankfurt 20.12.43 recovered 31st Dec/43 and buried 3rd Jan/44 in Military Cemetery, Wealden, graves 77 and 76. RAF 159032 Sgt Boyd, F.G. (A.G.) commissioned in the RAAF in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personal number 178566. No operations scheduled this date--no training due to inclement weather. COW 611382, P/L R.H. Nichols (Admin) attached this Unit for temporary administrative duties. | | |
| Craft | 5.5.44 | | COW R.20904 Sgt Miller, E.B. (A/O) and COW R.22769 Sgt Miller, E.F. (A/O) posted from this Squadron to No. 431 Squadron for operational duties. RAF 96229 Sgt V.F. Messenger (P/O) who went missing on operations against Berlin 21/24th Aug/43 now classified as killed. No operations scheduled this date--training only. | | |
| Craft | 6.5.44 | | Sixth Victory Loan total to date; £12,490.00 which is £5,490.00 over the original quota. Twelve aircraft scheduled to proceed on operations but cancelled one half hour after briefing. COW R.108170 W/O Murphy, F.A.G. (WOP/AG) commissioned in the RAAF in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personal No. J.82715. | | |
| Craft | 7.5.44 | | A bright sunny day--softball game played versus No. 431 Squadron--result--defeated by score of 2-4. Some aircraft proceeded on a minor operation to Hesterton Flies. All aircraft returned safely to base. | | |

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| Croft | 10.5.44 | | No operations to-day--exercises only. CAN 7927 P/L J.O. Gleasing (Admin) proceeded on temporary duty to Doncaster to aircrew Selection Board--one step further along the line to his muster to aircrew. | | |
| Croft | 11.5.44 | | Advice received that RAF 532576 Sgt H. Lindsay (P/E) who went missing on operations against Hanover 27/28th Sept/43--now classified as killed. Eight aircraft proceeded on a bombing operation against Boulogne--all returned safely. | | |
| Croft | 12.5.44 | | CAN R158750 P/S Spence, A.L. (Pilot) commissioned in the RCAF (SR) and given personal number J.85771. Advice received that CAN J.16034 P/O F. L. Rose (Nav) screened from operations. No operations scheduled--training only. RAF 174215 P/O F.C.A. Sawyer (Pilot) CAN R11606 W/O2 Leitch, A.B. (Nav) CAN R180034 Sgt Murphy, J. (WOP/AG) CAN J.28258 P/O J.D. Wallace (A/B) RAF 1892334 Sgt Whybro, R.G. (P/E) CAN R2214011 Sgt Mason, H.R. (MU/AG) CAN R209197 Sgt Cowan, N.E. (A/G) posted to this Squadron from 1659 Conversion Unit for operational duties. | | |
| Croft | 13.5.44 | | CAN J.21327 P/O W.V. Dumas (Pilot) CAN J.29972 P/O A.E. Gibb (Nav), CAN R197710 Sgt Dare, S.F. (WOP/AG), CAN J.22420 P/O J.P. Ault (A/B), RAF 1833287 Sgt Cook, J. (P/S), CAN R250930 Sgt Baldwin, J.E. (A/G), posted to this Squadron from 1666 Conversion Unit for operational duties. No operations scheduled this date--training only. | | |
| Croft | 14.5.44 | | Sunday--the usual Church Service being held. No operations scheduled this date--training only. Ground crew Officers and Pilots of this Squadron provided a spectacular exhibition game of softball--ground crew Officers winning with a score of 5-3. | | |
| Croft | 15.5.44 | | No operations to-day. Twelve Aircraft took part in cross country exercises. Weather cold with intermittent rain. Information received that CAN R97267 WO2 Watson, F.B. (A/G) who went missing on operations against Kassel 22/23rd October, 1943, now classified as killed. Squadron in the midst of converting to MK III--lots of flying. | | |
| Croft | 16.5.44 | | CAN J.25992 P/O G.F. Hodgins (Nav), CAN R130669 WO2 Brown, H. (WOP/AG), CAN R110453 Sgt Kurtzels, A.E. (A/B), RAF 1685861 Sgt Clarke, J.S. (P/E), CAN R209471 Sgt Davitoff, A. (MU/AG), and CAN R192640 Sgt Olafsen, G.W. (A/G) posted from this Squadron to 1666 Con. Unit for crewing with CAN J.17461 P/O J.R. Worrall (Pilot). No flying this date due to inclement weather; ground training only. | | |

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| Croft (CONTINUED) | 24.5.44 | | J.E. Marier (Nav) promoted to rank of A/P/L. Fourteen aircraft called for ops to-day. Thirteen took off--all returned safely, the target being Trouville. | | |
| Croft | 25.5.44 | | Fourteen aircraft scheduled for ops. to-day, however, raid was scrubbed half hour before take-off. | | |
| Croft | 26.5.44 | | No ops. to-day--training only. The dance in the Officers' Mess which was to have been held yesterday and was cancelled--was held to-night. Very large turn out and everyone seemed to have a good time. RAF 174566 P/O E.G. Boyd (A/G) posted to Middleton, St. George, non-effective sick. | | |
| Croft | 27.5.44 | | Seventeen aircraft called for ops., two failed to take off. Remaining fifteen successfully attacked Le Clipon and returned safely. | | |
| Croft | 28.5.44 | | No ops. to-day--training only. First warm day for some time. Ground Officers played the Air Officers at baseball and we were defeated 12-1. | | |
| Croft | 29.5.44 | | No ops. to-day, training and cross country only. Advice received that RAFFR 1621799 Sgt Bilton, G.H.A. (P/E) has been appointed to a commission and given personal number 175723 RAF 39928 W/O C.S. Bartlett, D.F.C., O.G. 434 Squadron proceeded on leave. CAN J.7620 S/L F.H. Watkins assumes command. | | |
| Croft | 30.5.44 | | CAN RMA9094 WO1 Rice, R.G. (A/G) appointed to a commission in the RCAF (SR) and given personal number J.86036. Operations scheduled for to-night but scrubbed within 1 hour of main briefing. 14 Aircraft were called for this operation. | | |
| Croft | 31.5.44 | | Sixteen Aircraft called for ops to-night. All returned safely, though two landed away and there was one early return. Advice received that CAN 11382 W/L R.M. Micles (Admin) ceases to be attached to 434 Squadron from Thelthorpe on attachment to 431 Squadron for temporary Admin. duties. A total of 81 Operational sorties carried out by this Squadron for the month without loss. This brings total number of sorties since Squadron formation to 840 sorties. | | |

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