

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

of (Unit or Formation) No. 43 Squadron (R.C.A.F.)

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Place	Date	Time	(Duty Officer - <u>N/L J. Glesing</u>) Summary of Events <u>G. 7527</u>	SECRET.	References to Appendices
Craft	1.6.44		Fourteen aircraft scheduled to proceed on operations this date but cancelled prior to briefing. <u>ONE P. 152227 W/Art Mack R. A. (W/AG)</u> , who went missing on operations against Nomon, reported as killed.		
Craft	2.6.44		No operations scheduled - seven sorties carried out during the day - eight aircraft on hulla-eye at night. Personnel not flying engaged in working the command site.		
Craft	3.6.44		Fourteen aircraft scheduled to proceed on operations but cancelled 15 minutes prior to take-off. <u>RAF 30226 W/O C.S. Burdett R.F.C. (Pilot)</u> assumes command of the squadron vice <u>ONE J. 7400 S/L P.M. Watkins (Pilot)</u> . <u>ONE P. 120021 W/Art Lewis J.A.M. (A/O)</u> commissioned in the RCAF (W) in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personal number <u>J. 86377</u> .		
Craft	4.6.44		<u>ONE P. 27205 Sgt Whittingham R.C. (A/O)</u> commissioned in the RCAF (W) in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personal number <u>J. 86216</u> . Fourteen aircraft proceeded on an operations against Golebi - all returning successfully to base.		
Craft	5.6.44		<u>ONE J. 12642 P/O Swainson J.M. (Pilot)</u> , <u>ONE J. 14105 P/O Smith D.R. (W/O)</u> , <u>ONE J. 20125 P/O W.A. Hunt (A/O)</u> , <u>RAF 16972 P/O R.D. Lane (W/AG)</u> , <u>RAF 16942 P/O F. Holmes (W/AG)</u> , <u>ONE J. 12642 P/O L.A. Jackson (A/O)</u> , <u>RAF 16920 P/O S.A. Milton (W/O)</u> - a complete crew - attacked from operations on completion of their first tour with 14 operational sorties and 118 points. This is the first complete crew ever to be successful from operations of our type from this squadron. Fourteen aircraft proceeded on an operations against Marville-Francoville - all making a successful attack and returning safely to base.		IRE
Craft	6.6.44		Information received that <u>RAF 210205 Sgt P.L. Scoble (W/O)</u> and <u>RAF 16972 P/O R.D. Lane (W/AG)</u> , who went missing on operations against Marville-Francoville on 5 October 1943, now reported as killed. <u>RAF 16972 P/O R.D. Lane (W/AG)</u> granted a commission in the RCAF (W) in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personal number <u>175121</u> . Nineteen aircraft proceeded on an operations against Marville-Francoville - no non-shortcuts and no early returns - all making a successful attack and returning safely to base.		
Craft	7.6.44		<u>ONE J. 85778 P/O B.L. Peterson (Pilot)</u> , <u>ONE P. 178203 Sgt Hilton A.R. (W/O)</u> , <u>ONE P. 204502 Sgt Loney A.S. (W/AG)</u> , <u>ONE P. 178203 Sgt Lohland G.S.R. (A/O)</u> , <u>ONE P. 118708 Sgt Sumner G.E. (W/O)</u> , <u>ONE P. 223008 Sgt Richardson W. (W/AG)</u> , <u>ONE P. 220720 Sgt Gorder T.H. (A/O)</u> joined to this		<u>7/7/44</u>

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Craft	1.6.44		Fourteen aircraft scheduled to proceed on operations this date but cancelled prior to briefing. GNR 152027 W/Off Mark R. A. (W/O), who was missing on operations against Montevideo, reported as killed.		
Craft	2.6.44		No operations scheduled - stress exercises carried out during the day - eight aircraft on hills-eye at night. Personnel not flying engaged in turning the communal site.		
Craft	3.6.44		Fourteen aircraft scheduled to proceed on operations but cancelled 15 minutes prior to take-off. W/O C.S. Bartlett R.V.G. (Pilot) assumed command of the squadron vice GNR 17600 N/L P.N. Watkins (W/O). GNR 152027 W/O Dennis J.A.M. (A/O) commissioned in the RAF (W) in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personal number 176177.		
Craft	4.6.44		GNR 172905 Sgt Wittingham R.G. (A/O) commissioned in the RAF (W) in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personal number 176216. Fourteen aircraft proceeded on an operations against Gales - all returning successfully to base.		IRE.
Craft	5.6.44		GNR 176628 W/O Swadlow J.H. (Pilot), GNR 171105 W/O Smith D.H. (W/O), GNR 170165 W/O W.A. Hunt (A/O), GNR 170774 W/O R.D. Lane (W/O), W/O 169432 W/O P. Holmes (W/O), GNR 170400 W/O J.A. McCann (A/O), W/O 170000 W/O S.A. Milton (W/O) - a complete crew - commenced four operations on completion of their first hour with 30 operational sorties and 170 points. This is the first complete crew ever to be assessed four operations at one time from this squadron.		
Craft	6.6.44		Fourteen aircraft proceeded on an operations against Morville-Frasnoville - all making a successful attack and returning safely to base.		
Craft	7.6.44		Information received that GNR 210606 Sgt P.L. Schudale (W/O) and GNR 176000 Sgt P.A. GIBSON (W/O), who were missing on operations against Bremen 2/9 October 1943, now reported as killed. GNR 176149 Sgt Gillett R.G. (W/O) awarded a commission in the RAF (W) in the rank of pilot officer and given personal number 176121. Nineteen aircraft proceeded on an operation to Gales-sur-Meris - no non-alarms and no early returns - all making a successful attack and returning safely to base.		
Craft	7.6.44		GNR 175778 W/O R.L. Peirson (Pilot), GNR 176003 Sgt Milton A.W. (W/O), GNR 170400 Sgt Kenny J.B. (W/O), GNR 170600 Sgt Ishland G.H.E. (A/O), GNR 176758 Sgt Stamer G.W. (W/O), GNR 172900 Sgt Richardson W. (W/O), GNR 172070 Sgt Gordon T.H. (A/O) posted to this		W/O

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Craft	7.6.44		operational duties. The aircraft proceeded on an operation against Yverdon - all making a successful attack and returning safely to base.	
Craft	8.6.44		Operation in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personal number J.56215 and J.56502 respectively. No operations scheduled this date - squadron stand-down for a well earned rest.	
Craft	9.6.44		Operation in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personal No. J.56216 and J.56503 respectively. Operations on completion of their first tour with 129 and 130 points respectively.	
Craft	10.6.44		Operation in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personal number J.56217 and J.56504 respectively. Operations on completion of their first tour with 129 and 130 points respectively.	
Craft	11.6.44		Operation in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personal number J.56218 and J.56505 respectively. Operations on completion of their first tour with 129 and 130 points respectively.	

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Crest	21.6.44		<p>given personal numbers J.86281, 175367 and J.86282 respectively. Personnel aircraft scheduled to proceed on operations, but cancelled at 1900 hours. Information received that RAF 110467, Sgt E. G. Spaight (P/O), who was missing on operations against Berlin 22/23 November, 1943, was reported as killed. CSM J.86309 P/O R.P. Hilder (A/O) and RAF 58000 P/O R. A. Hutton (P/O) posted from this squadron to 1664 Conversion Unit for instructor duties.</p> <p>CSM J.86283 Sgt Gordon J. J. (P/O), CSM J.182222 Sgt Martin G. J. (A/O), CSM J.173865 WO Thomas F.N. granted commissions in the RMP (SR) in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personal numbers G.86339, J.86345 and J.86349 respectively. CSM J.154768 W/O George J.S. (Snr) posted to this unit from A31 Squadron for operational duties to be carried with CSM J.21387 P/O W.V. Ryan (Pilot). CSM J.86177 P/O J.A.M. Swain (A/O) and CSM J.26305 P/O R.E. Smith (Snr) posted to 1664 Conversion Unit for instructor duties. Fltcom aircraft provided on an operation against Berlin. One early return. CSM J.10084 P/O Frank R. (Pilot) in HX.779 due to engine trouble. Three aircraft missing including the officer commanding the squadron which is listed as a check to all personnel of the squadron. Personnel missing as follows: RAF 39208 W/O P.G. Bartlett (Pilot), 130 op hours, 20 sections on second tour; CSM J.14281 P/O R. Kedge (Snr) 149 op hours, 20 sections; CSM J.17286 P/O J. Alexander (P/A), 221 op hours, 21 sections; CSM J.12185 P/O R. Campbell (W/O/S), 123 op hours, 20 sections; CSM J.86778 P/O R. Campbell (W/O/S), 116 op hours, 17 sections; CSM J.26420 P/O R. Jones (P/A), 129 op hours, 20 sections; CSM J.86205 P/O G. Ryle (P/A), 158 op hours, 20 sections. Ground crew: CSM J.86392 P/O Wood R. (Pilot), 57 hours, 17 sections; CSM J.28048 P/O R. Robertson (Snr), 81 hours, 15 sections; CSM J.86218 P/O G. Gordon (P/A) 126 hours, 22 sections; RAF 135082 Sgt R. Bostons (W/O/S), 31 hours, 11 sections; CSM J.216092 Sgt J. Deane (P/A), 78 hours, 15 sections; CSM J.157586 Sgt G. Swain (P/A) 78 hours, 15 sections; RAF 182372 Sgt P. Ely (P/A), 78 hours, 15 sections. Ground crew: CSM J.20787 P/O P. Tandy (Pilot), 106 hours, 18 sections; CSM J.155423 Sgt A. Stragg (Snr), 92 op hours, 16 sections; CSM J.150935 W/O J. Ross (P/A), 92 hours, 16 sections; CSM J.164531 W/O Sgt F. Jones (W/O/S), 92 hours, 16 sections; CSM J.20668 P/O R. Hutton (W/O/S), 85 hours, 20 sections; CSM J.131609 Sgt G. Powell (P/A), 86 hours, 16 sections; RAF 183602 Sgt P. Roberts (P/A) 86 hours, 16 sections.</p>		

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Craft	13.6.44		Information received that GNR J.10973 P/O G. P. McCrean (Pilot) and GNR J.15987 P/O Sgt R.A. Hunt (A/N), who were assigned on operations against Boulogne 22/23 April, 1944, were reported as killed. Also RMP 182728 Sgt Fuller A.E. (P/N) captured and classified prisoner of war. GNR J.10980 P/O R.A. McCrean (A/N) and GNR J.20165 P/O W.A. Hunt (A/N) posted to 1659 Communication Unit for instructor duties. Fourteen aircraft scheduled to proceed on operations this date but cancelled at 1300 hours. GNR J.25178 P/O D.A. McQuay (Pilot), GNR J.35757 P/O J.D.M. Jolley (Sgt), GNR J.12305 P/O P. G. Clark (WOP/SG), GNR J.28603 P/O P. Wilson (A/N), RMP 182728 Sgt Elliott P.T. (P/N), GNR J.21328 Sgt Hall J. (SG/SG), GNR J.20149 Sgt Lane K.E. (A/N) posted to this squadron from 1659 Communication Unit for operational duties. This date brings our total of crews to 29. GNR J.7080 P/O F. Watkins (Pilot) assumes temporary command of the squadron.	
Craft	14.6.44		RMP 160652 P/O P. Wilson (A/N) posted to 29. GNR for instructor duties. RMP 182728 Sgt William J. (P/N), RMP 189928 Sgt James S.A. (P/N), RMP 189920 Sgt Hamilton E. (A/N) and RMP 181306 Sgt Thomas W.G. (A/N), assigned in the RMP (VR) in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personal numbers 17675, 17676, 17679 and 17678 respectively. Fifteen aircraft scheduled to proceed on operations against General. Three non-starters but remaining twelve made a successful attack and returned safely to base.	
Craft	15.6.44		GNR J.15720 P/O Sgt W.E. Wood (Pilot) commissioned in the RMP (SG) and given personal number J.26328. GNR J.18186 P/O R.P. Brown (Pilot), GNR J.2254 P/O D.P. Thompson (Sgt), GNR J.2721 P/O P.J. McGill (WOP/SG), GNR J.01828 Sgt Baptista P.J. (A/N), RMP 189678 Sgt Lutz P.E. (P/N), GNR J.18163 P/O W.G. MacLellan (SG/SG), GNR J.107163 Sgt Robinson G.J. (A/N) posted to this squadron for operational duties from No. 1659 Communication Unit. Thirteen aircraft proceeded on an operation against Boulogne - all making a successful attack and returning safely to base.	
Craft	16.6.44		RMP 189843 P/O Sgt Holligan S.J.A. (P/N) and RMP Sgt Simpson A.J. (P/N) commissioned in the RMP (VR) in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personal numbers 17670 and 17671 respectively. GNR J.18118 P/O Gardner A.B. (Pilot) and crew who were posted from this squadron to 132 Squadron 10.6.44 now cancelled and crew remaining with squadron. Information received that GNR J.2928 P/O L.M. Maxwell (Pilot), RMP 168850 P/O R.W.G. Taylor (WOP/SG), RMP 55122 Sgt R.	

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<u>Quesada</u>	<u>16.4.44</u>		<p style="text-align: right;">SECRET.</p> <p>On 16.4.44, 15 aircraft of 88 Squadron (R.C.A.F.) were dispatched to the target area of the North Channel of the River Mersey, Lancashire, in accordance with the plan of operations for the day. The aircraft were in formation until they were dispersed by the enemy's anti-aircraft fire. The following aircraft returned to base:</p> <p>15 aircraft of 88 Squadron (R.C.A.F.) were dispatched to the target area of the North Channel of the River Mersey, Lancashire, in accordance with the plan of operations for the day. The aircraft were in formation until they were dispersed by the enemy's anti-aircraft fire. The following aircraft returned to base:</p> <p>15 aircraft of 88 Squadron (R.C.A.F.) were dispatched to the target area of the North Channel of the River Mersey, Lancashire, in accordance with the plan of operations for the day. The aircraft were in formation until they were dispersed by the enemy's anti-aircraft fire. The following aircraft returned to base:</p> <p>15 aircraft of 88 Squadron (R.C.A.F.) were dispatched to the target area of the North Channel of the River Mersey, Lancashire, in accordance with the plan of operations for the day. The aircraft were in formation until they were dispersed by the enemy's anti-aircraft fire. The following aircraft returned to base:</p>	
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Camp	17.4.44		<p>SECRET.</p> <p>Rolls presented as follows: O/S 2.2222 S/O P.M. Jones (12/4), O/S 2.2223 S/O J. R. Smith (12/4), O/S 2.2224 S/O G.M. Jones (12/4), O/S 2.2225 S/O E.C. Jones (1/2), O/S 2.2226 S/O Jones M. (1/2), O/S 2.2227 S/O Paul P.M. (12/4), O/S 2.2228 S/O Roberts M. (1/2), O/S 2.2229 S/O E. W. Roberts (12/4), O/S 2.2230 S/O P.O. Miller (12/4), O/S 2.2231 S/O T. Tucker (12/4), O/S 2.2232 S/O E.A. Roberts (1/2), O/S 2.2233 S/O Clark A.S. (1/2), O/S 2.2234 S/O Brown M. (12/4), O/S 2.2235 S/O Robinson P.S. (1/2). This being total count up to 22.</p>	
Camp	18.4.44		<p>The count posted in this section was No. 1228 (including roll including our total number of count to No. 1228) as follows: O/S 2.2222 S/O Manning M. (12/4), O/S 2.2223 S/O Thomas M.S. (12/4), O/S 2.2224 S/O Wilson G.S. (12/4), O/S 2.2225 S/O F.P. Johnson (1/2), O/S 2.2226 S/O Thompson S.M. (1/2), O/S 2.2227 S/O Reilly G.S. (12/4), O/S 2.2228 S/O S. M. Johnson (1/2), O/S 2.2229 S/O M.S. Cooke (12/4), O/S 2.2230 S/O J.F. Wiggall (12/4), O/S 2.2231 S/O W.F. Bogg (12/4), O/S 2.2232 S/O G.S. Lee (1/2), O/S 2.2233 S/O G.M.P. (1/2), O/S 2.2234 S/O Cook G.S. (12/4), O/S 2.2235 S/O Deighton (1/2). The count was established to proceed on operations this date but cancelled 3 hours after starting.</p>	
Camp	18.4.44		<p>An additional count posted to the section this date including 4173 count to No. presented as follows: O/S 2.2222 S/O E.A. Jones (12/4), O/S 2.2223 S/O Thompson S.M. (12/4), O/S 2.2224 S/O Miller M.S. (12/4), O/S 2.2225 S/O Lee M. (1/2), O/S 2.2226 S/O Paul M.S. (1/2), O/S 2.2227 S/O Roberts M. (12/4), O/S 2.2228 S/O Jones (1/2). These counts established to proceed on operations but cancelled at 2100 hours.</p>	
Camp	19.4.44		<p>O/S 2.2222 S/O Cooke A.P. (12/4) posted to this section from 4th section for operational duties. O/S 2.2227 S/O P.M. Manning (12/4), O/S 2.2228 S/O P.S. Bentley (12/4), O/S 2.2229 S/O E. G. Bryant (1/2), O/S 2.2230 S/O J. Hagley (12/4), O/S 2.2231 S/O E.C. Cooke (12/4), O/S 2.2232 S/O P.S. Brown (1/2), O/S 2.2233 S/O E.A. Roberts (1/2) assumed this section on completion of their short term, being due 27 hours, 25 of which was major target.</p>	
Camp	21.4.44		<p>Information received that O/S 2.2222 S/O E.A. (1/2) and O/S 2.2223 S/O Paul S.M. (12/4), who were standing 24/24 target, 24/24, whilst on operations against Dunbar-Edinburgh</p>	<p>077200</p>

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Craft (continued)	21.6.44		new classified as killed. Sixteen aircraft proceeded on an operation against Bremen. All 17 aircraft were damaged, however, and all aircraft returned to base. This brings total number since formation of squadron to 276 - No. 1000 to make history tomorrow for the Blenheim Squadron.	SECRET	
Craft	22.6.44		Information received that WIP 105343 Sgt J.R. Wilson (A/B) and WIP 1132940 Sgt F.G. Plimmer (WIP/A), who went missing on operations against Berlin 22/23 November, 1943, now classified as killed. O/N 2.17618 Sgt Kenneth P.A. (A/B) commissioned in the RCAF (RAF) in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personnel number J.85511. Sixteen aircraft scheduled to proceed on operations but cancelled at 1730 hours. All members of the squadron participated in one hour of physical training as part of the two hour period required per week.	SECRET	
Craft	23.6.44		Information received that O/N 2.16841 W/Sgt J.P.G. Lapointe (A/B), missing on operations against Brunswick 12/18 August, 1943; O/N 2.11608 W/Sgt G.W. Supter (A/B), missing on operations against Berlin 23/24 August, 1943; and O/N J.22059 W/O T. Auldridge (WIP), missing on operations against Berlin 22/23 November, 1943, now presumed killed. One hour of physical training carried out for the entire squadron. Seventeen aircraft scheduled to proceed on operations but cancelled at 1600 hours.	SECRET	
Craft	24.6.44		One additional commissioned to the squadron bringing the total to 32 current personnel as follows: O/N J.26114 W/O G.A. Spalderson (Pilot), O/N J.25762 W/O R. J. Pittman (WIP), O/N 2.13162 WIP Welford T.A. (WIP/A), O/N J.25723 W/O J.B. Mungler (A/B), WIP 1625398 Sgt Webster R.I.M. (W/O), O/N 2.10652 Sgt Mack S.J. (WIP/A), O/N 2.17366 W/Sgt Humberg F.A. (A/B). Based upon O/N J.27721 W/O J.B. Alexander (Pilot), O/N J.35028 W/O J.P. Marshall (WIP), O/N J.25289 W/O J.E. Collins (WIP/A), O/N J.26119 W/O R.E. Chapman (A/B), WIP 1626320 Sgt Mack S. (W/O), O/N 2.10297 Sgt Melchior J.W. (WIP/A), O/N 2.5526, Sgt Lacey G.W. (A/B). Personnel classified as killed. Sixteen aircraft proceeded on an operation against Bremen, all making a successful attack and returning safely to base. The 1000th sortie since the formation of the squadron was flown by O/N J.1956 W/O R. Frost (Pilot) who has been on the squadron practically since its formation and has a total of 35 sorties.	SECRET	
Craft	25.6.44		O/N 2.15716 Sgt R. W. Robert (A/B) commissioned in the RCAF (RAF) in the rank of Pilot Officer.	SECRET	<i>WIP</i>

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Crest	25.6.44		<p>SECRET.</p> <p>and given personnel number J.86510. Sixteen aircraft proceeded on an operation against Germany at 0616 hours, all making a successful attack and returning safely to base. The additional crew posted to the squadron bringing total crew to 5. Personnel as follows: CSM J.2818 W/O M. Murrie (Pilot), CSM J.3637 P/O W.A. Thompson (W/O), CSM E.161218 Sgt G.V. Galloway (W/O/SG), CSM J.3551 W/O R.W. Shale (A/O), RMP 1880206 Sgt James H. (O/W), CSM E.202321 Sgt William F.A. (W/O/SG), CSM E.183805 Sgt William F.H. (A/O); CSM J.16361 P/O V.S. Woods (Pilot), CSM J.25283 W/O A.G. Fisher (W/O), CSM E.106378 Sgt Leonard J.A. (W/O/SG), CSM J.27458 P/O W.J. McLehock (A/O), RMP 1897583 Sgt William R. (O/W), CSM E.251595 Sgt Mackley D.J. (W/O/SG), CSM J.38160 P/O J.B. Buchanan (A/O). Information received through International Red Cross advised that CSM E.11362A, W/O Mollery J., who went missing on operations against Hamburg 27.8.43, later reported as prisoner of war, died while in prison camp.</p>	
Crest	26.6.44		<p>All aircraft standing by this date for operations but nothing developed. Rain during the entire day which curtailed flying training as well as the Physical Training programme. RMP 177602 P/O J. W. McDonald (O/W) posted to 1664 Conversion Unit for instructor duties. CSM E.122223 W/O Malcolm P. (A/O) granted a commission in the RAAF (SG) and given personnel number J.86807.</p>	
Crest	27.6.44		<p>CSM E.162560 W/O Henderson P.H. (A/O), CSM E.167202 Sgt White J.A. (W/O/SG), CSM E.197094 Sgt Thomas R.L. (A/O), and CSM E.204035 Sgt Humphrey J.G. (A/O), commissioned in the RAAF (SG) in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personnel numbers J.86809, J.86810, J.86811 and J.86812 respectively. Sixteen aircraft proceeded on an operation against Germany - all making a successful attack and returning safely to base. (Advised by letter ref 14/6 20/6/44)</p>	
Crest	28.6.44		<p>CSM E.164551 W/O Marshall A.C. (W/O) commissioned in the RAAF (SG) in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personnel number J.86715. All crew standing by for an operation were ordered. Squad will be due for a stand-down day. Information received that CSM E.13602 Sgt Malcolm P.H. (A/O) who went missing on operations against Berlin 6/7th September, 1943, now classified as killed.</p>	
Crest	29.6.44		<p>Following personnel, recently received, posted to units indicated for instructor duties: CSM J.13816 P/O R.J. Bentley (W/O) - 22 O.F.S.; RMP 1822619 P/O Sgt Harris T.G. (A/O) - 18 O.F.S.; CSM J.85283 P/O J.A. Dupont (A/O) - 22 O.F.S.; RMP 173602 P/O J.G. Matherly (W/O/SG) - 18 O.F.S.</p>	

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Croft	29.6.44		The following pilots granted rank of Acting Flight Lieutenant - GSN J85326 P/O A.K. MacDonald, GSN 225746 P/O W.G. Wright and GSN J19519 P/O G.G. McFar - many congratulations. All Aircraft standing by for operations which did not develop.		
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Croft	30.6.44		Operations scheduled this date, times changed three various times and finally Squadron standing by as has been done for past three days. Information received this date of the Immediate Award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to GSN J22091 Flying Officer Raymond Henry James (Bomb Aimer) many congratulations - This is the only award for the Squadron for the Month of June. A total of 200 sorties were flown by this Squadron during the month making the grand total since formation to 1,040. Night main experienced crew lost during the month - the largest number of crew missing in one month since the formation of the Squadron - comparing only with the month of February, 1944.		
NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF UNIT AS AT 30th JUNE 1944					
Officers					
Airmen					
ALLIANCE					
RAF					
RAF (USA)					
RAF (CAN)					
RAF (Other)					
RAF (Total)					
RAF (Total)					
TOTAL					
Number of hours flown operationally during the Month of June 1944 - 257.35 hrs.					
Number of hours flown non-operationally during the Month of June 1944 - 327.25 hrs.					
Number of Operational Sorties during the Month of June 1944 - 200 Sorties					
Number of Aircraft and type on charge of Squadron on 30th June 1944 - 20 Aircraft					

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
			WEIGHT OF BOMBS		
			Weight of Bombs dropped from Jan. 1, 1944 to May 31st, 1944	Weight of Bombs dropped for the Month of June, 1944	
			Bombs 3,278,000 lbs 1,461.5 (English Tons)	Bombs 1,717,000 lbs. 766 (English Tons)	
			Mines 420,000 lbs 191 (English Tons)	Mines N.I.L.	
			TOTAL 3,700,160 lbs 1,658.5 (English Tons)	TOTAL 1,717,000 lbs 766 (English Tons)	
			TOTAL FOR FIRST SIX MONTHS OF YEAR - 5,419,160 lbs or 2,438.5 English Tons		
			<p>First daylight operations for the Squadron were carried out this month. Bombing photographs show good results. Eight crews went missing. Eleven new crews posted to the Squadron. Due to standing by for maximum effort every day have had difficulty in keeping up training especially for new crews.</p>		
			<p><i>(Signature)</i> (P. WICKINS) Squadron Leader, Officer Commanding, No. 42 Squadron (I.C.A.F.).</p>		

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