

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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of (Unit or Formation) No. 438 Squadron (R.A.F.)

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Place	Date	Time	(Compiling Officer - P/L J. Glesing) C.7927	20784 SECRET.	References to Appendices
Croft	1.7.44		CSM J. 85980 P/O M.G. Hayward (A/R), recently screened from the squadron, posted to 22 O.T.W. for instructor duties. Seventeen aircraft proceeded on an operation against Bismarck, another daylight operation, all making a successful attack and returning safely to base.		
Croft	2.7.44		CSM R. 102667 P/O Daisell J. (WOP/AG) commissioned in the RCAF (SR) in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personnel number J.86713. No flying scheduled this date due to inclement weather, neither training or operational. RSP 169400 P/O G.J. Phillips (WOP/AG) and RSP 176720 P/O S.J.A. Mulligan (P/N) screened from operations on completion of their first tour effective this date.		
Croft	3.7.44		CSM R. 185590 Sgt Lees J.C. commissioned in the RCAF (SR) in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personnel number J.86771. All pilots of this squadron, now totalling 3, are commissioned officers. The first bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross awarded to RSP 19928 Wing Commander G.S. Bartlett D.F.C., who went missing on operations against Arnes 12th June, 1944. The squadron standing by for operations during the entire day, on two occasions all aircraft already in the air were ready for take-off before postponement, and finally postponed until next date.		
Croft	4.7.44		Information received that CSM J. 25698 P/O M. Wood (P/A), CSM R. 167372 Sgt Pasterius D.A. (A/R), and CSM R. 169605 P/Sgt Brown R.A. (WOP/AG), who went missing on operations against Bismarck 27th April, 1944, now reported as killed. CSM J. 15495 P/L G.S. Hardy (WOP/AG) posted to the squadron from 429 Squadron to assume duties as signals leader. Sixteen aircraft proceeded on a daylight operation against Bismarck - all returning safely to base.		
Croft	5.7.44		CSM J. 18927 P/L M.P. Flemming (Pilot) awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross - many congratulations. Seventeen aircraft proceeded on an operation against Bismarck. All returned safely to this country, being diverted to 166 Conversion Unit, Disforth, due to inclement weather at base. Information received that CSM J. 17186 P/O J.R. Alexander (A/R), who went missing on operations against Arnes 12/6/44 reported as killed.		
Croft	6.7.44		RSP 189683 Sgt Gibson I.A. (A/R), RSP 167532 Sgt Brown D. (A/R), RSP 371762 P/Sgt Bird W. (P/R), RSP 183509 P/Sgt Harris I.C. (A/R), RSP 162450 Sgt Brown B. (P/N), RSP 158225 Sgt Page J. (P/N), RSP 387305 P/Sgt Gilwood R.G. (A/R), RSP 183607 Sgt Roberts P.R. (P/N), and RSP 1850875 Sgt Emery W.G. (P/N) commissioned in the RSP Volunteer Reserve and given personnel numbers 177564, 177553, 177521, 177554, 177525, 177552, 177563, 177560 and 177550 respectively.		

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Craft	6.7.44		Information received that CSM J.12105 P/L D.H. Crawford (WOP/AG) who went missing on operations 12/6/44 against Arcais reported as prisoner of war. RMP 176720 P/O S.J.A. Mulligan (P/O), recently screened from operations, posted to No. 1666 Conversion Unit for instructor duties. No operations scheduled this date - training only.		
Craft	7.7.44		CSM J.18443 P/O A.D. Lewis (A/O), squadron Gunnery Leader, granted the rank of Acting Flight Lieutenant. CSM R.17269 Sgt Kincaid J.W. (A/O) granted a commission in the RCAF (SR) in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personal number J.86942. No operations scheduled this date - training only with five cross-countries in progress. An additional crew posted to the squadron bringing total crews to 35. Personnel of new crew as follows: CSM J.4325 P/L D. Boyle (Pilot), CSM R.181390 Sgt Bruce E.G. (Sew), CSM R.128752 P/Sgt Morris R.T. (WOP/AG), CSM J.27388 P/O J.L. Jarvis (A/O), RMP 1593503 Sgt Lee G.R. (P/R), CSM R.224979 Sgt Cook W.B. (W/AG), CSM R.169787 Sgt Phelps G.J. (A/O).		
Craft	8.7.44		CSM R.198027 Sgt Hanton R.T. (A/O) and CSM R.194596 Sgt G. M. Walker (A/O) granted a commission in the RCAF (SR) and given personal numbers J.86839 and J.86906 respectively. Squadron standing by for operations but delayed for further time. Three cross country training flights in progress.		
Craft	9.7.44		RMP 169400 P/O G.J. Phillips (WOP/AG) recently screened from operations posted to 1666 Conversion Unit for instructor duties. Fourteen aircraft proceeded on an operation against Montomah, all making a successful attack and returning safely to this country. All but one were diverted, however, due to inclement weather at base.		
Craft	10.7.44		CSM G.28247 P/O R.F.J. MacKillo (Admin) attached to this Squadron from No. 6 Group Headquarters for temporary administrative duties. CSM G.175 W/O R. M. Mitchell (Pilot) attached to this squadron under training for operational experience, assuming the duties of "B" Flight Commander. Following personnel posted to the squadron to crew with this officer: CSM J.19691 P/O A.W. Morris (Sew), RMP 158808 P/O R.J. Mansford (WOP/AG), CSM R.69068 W/O Barley J.R. (A/O), RMP 977055 Sgt Buckley J. (P/R), CSM J.17930 P/O England R., D.F.M., (A/O), CSM R.187560 P/Sgt Gignac D.L. (A/O), CSM R.145508 P/Sgt Reed J.P. (A/O) and CSM R.191053 Sgt Hobbins K. (A/O) granted commissions in the RCAF (SR) in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personal numbers		

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
Craft	10.7.44		J. 8678 and J. 8679 respectively. Squadron standing by for operations entire day but finally instructed to stand by for an early morning operation.		
Craft	11.7.44		<p>OH J. 7698 P/O P.R. Mathias (Pilot) appointed Acting Wing Commander in command of No. 435 Squadron. OH P. 14786 W/O Bennett S.D. (A/O), OH P. 16578 W/O Short J.L. (W/O), OH P. 14539 W/O Hubble J.R. (W/O), OH P. 12182 W/O Sutton, S.D. (W/O), granted commissions in the RCAF in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personal numbers J. 8787, J. 8789, J. 8782 and J. 8783 respectively. Sigs. standing by all day for operations finally cancelled at approx. 1800 hrs.</p>		
Craft	12.7.44		OH J. 8787 P/O S.D. Sutton (A/O) and OH P. 16578 Sgt James R.H. (A/O) posted to No. 435 Squadron for courier. Sixteen aircraft proceeded on an operation against Bremen, all returning safely to base.		
Craft	13.7.44		OH P. 15288 Sgt J.C. Hunter (A/O) and OH P. 15716 Sgt Davis R.W. (A/O) commissioned in the RCAF (Reserve) S.D. in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personal numbers J. 8711 and J. 8712 respectively. No operations scheduled this date - training only with ten aircraft on a bull's eye.		
Craft	14.7.44		Information received that OH J. 2501 P/O R.R. Young (W/O), OH J. 2725 P/O T. Christie (A/O), OH J. 19369 P/O R. Hughes (W/O), P. 20589 Sgt Huxford J. (A/O) and OH P. 25781 Sgt Dunlop G.J. (A/O), who were standing on operations against Hamilton N.Y.C.A. classified as killed. No operations scheduled this date - training only with 16 cross-country in progress.		
Craft	15.7.44		OH P. 138169 W/O Wilson P.P. (W/O) granted a commission in the RCAF (SR) in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personal number J. 8713. No operations scheduled this date - training only with 4 cross-country.		
Craft	16.7.44		OH 6629 Sgt Silverman J. (A/O) and OH P. 198121 Sgt Stevenson H.O. (A/O) granted commissions in the RCAF (SR) in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personal numbers J. 87215 and J. 87158 respectively. No operations scheduled this date - training only with eight crews on cross-country. OH J. 85329 P/O A. Gubb (Pilot), OH J. 26043 P/O A. McAlpine (W/O), OH J. 86903 P/O R.S. Henderson (A/O), OH J. 86814 P/O J.A. White (W/O), OH J. 86813 P/O R.L. Thomas (W/O), OH J. 86906 P/O G.W. Walker (A/O), WAF 176675 P/O R.A. Jones (P/O) posted from this squadron to 415 Squadron for operational duties.		

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Craft	17.7.44		CAN J.86418 P/O D. Ormrod (Pilot), CAN J.35061 P/O R.E. Russell (Nav), CAN R.1A3522 W/O Carlo T. (WOP/AG), CAN R.17A850 Sgt Hansen D.B. (A/B), RAF 1626125 Sgt Spencer W.G. (P/R), CAN R.25157 Sgt Stewart R.W. (WU/AG), CAN R.256075 Sgt Miller R.W. (A/B), posted to this squadron for operational duties from 1664 Conversion Unit.		
Craft	18.7.44		CAN J.13067 P/O G.B. Wickstrom (Pilot) appointed to the rank of Acting Flight Lieutenant. Information received that CAN R.130256 W/O W. Donaldson (WU/AG), CAN J.27389 P/O G.A. Chapman (A/B), CAN R.12462 W/O Jacrin M.A. (Pilot) and CAN J.28723 P/O J.H. Martin (Nav), who went missing on operations against Sticksrad 16/6/44 reported as prisoners of war. CAN J.19397 P/L P.V.M. Beauchamp (Pilot), recently screened from operations on completion of his first tour, posted to No. 7 P.I.S. for instructors' course. Posting of CAN J.85329 P/O A. Gibb (Pilot) and crew to 115 Squadron cancelled - being replaced by CAN J.18186 P/O W.F. Brown (Pilot), G.2206 P/L D.E. Thompson (Nav), CAN J.27781 P/O E.J. McGill (WOP/AG), CAN R.91824 Sgt Baptiste F.J. (A/B), RAF 1896270 Sgt Latta P.E. (P/R), CAN R.107163 Sgt Leberome C.J. (WU/AG) and CAN J.38161 P/O W. Buckle (A/B). Seventeen aircraft proceeded on an operation against enemy installations outside Gen - taking off at 0305 hours - all making a successful attack and returning safely to base. At 1515 hours fifteen aircraft took off on an operation against Yver. Due to the lack of time for preparing aircraft most took off with insufficient fuel and were forced to land in Southern England to refuel on return. However, all aircraft made a successful attack and returned safely to base.		En route 541 det only 16; and 16 are bombing fuel for only 16.
Craft	19.7.44		RAF 1822399 Sgt Matheson S.F. (P/R) commissioned in the RAF (VR) in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personal number 178883. Information received that CAN R.190251 Sgt G.W. Sutherland (A/B), who went missing on operations against Munich 4/21 September 1943, now classified as killed. CAN J.19422 P/L J.H. Keane (Pilot), CAN J.19751 P/O H.W. O'Gorman (Nav), CAN J.21754 P/O W.L. Roberts (A/B), RAF 169081 P/O J.E. Whelan (WOP/AG), CAN J.19753 P/O W.L. Kunkel (WU/AG), CAN J.88888 P/O G.A. Rice (A/B), RAF 170881 P/O A. Day (P/R) and CAN J.85404 P/O J.A. Grant (A/B), screened from operations on completion of their first tour. No operations scheduled this date - authority received for a squadron stand-down.		
Craft	20.7.44		The Squadron Commander, CAN J.7690 W/O P.H. Watkins (Pilot) interviewed 25 W.C.O.s re commissions.		

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Craft (continued)	20.7.44		Squadron will shortly be 100% officer aircrew personnel if commissions continue. Seventeen aircraft proceeded on an operation against Anderbalk. All aircraft returned safely to this country, only 5 returning to base due to inclement weather. Following personnel screened from operations on completion of their first tour: CSM J.85351 P/O H.A. Goulet (Pilot), CSM J.14750 P/O J. Wallace (Nav), CSM J. 85513 P/O R. Dow (A/B), RMP 176121 P/O D.S. Gillett (W/P/AG), RMP 177553 P/O Silver R. (A/B), RMP 177563 P/O E. Gilmwood (A/B), RMP 177528 P/O Tom J. (P/W),		
Craft	28.7.44		CSM J.19004 P/O R.A. Frost (Pilot), CSM R.141054 W/P Crain A.P. (Nav), CSM J.22091 P/O R.H. James (A/B) and CSM J.87022 P/O J.E. Ritchie (A/B) screened from operations on completion of their first tour. Sixteen aircraft detailed to proceed on operations but cancelled at 1500 hours.		
Craft	22.7.44		151710 CSM R.142224 W/O Sma Tucker H.S. (Nav) commissioned in the RCAF (Reserve) Special Section and given personal number J.87122. Twelve aircraft detailed for operations but cancelled at approximately 1900 hours.		
Craft	23.7.44		Information received that CSM R.52534 W/O2 Vigor R.A. (Pilot), who went missing on operations against Witten 27-4-44, reported as killed. CSM R.120526 W/O2 Goudroy I.J. (W/P/AG) posted to 433 Squadron for operational duties. Fourteen aircraft proceeded on an operation against St. Nazaire. One early return due to engine failure, however, remainder made a successful attack and returned safely to this country.		
Craft	24.7.44		CSM R.111210 Sgt Melancon A.D. (A/B) commissioned in the RCAF (Reserve) R.E. and given personal number J.87367. CSM J.22138 P/O G.E. Engel-Derica (Nav), previously in crew of CSM J.10645 S/L J. Hummel (Pilot), posted to 433 Squadron as Navigation Leader. CSM J.22605 P/O S.G. Philips (Nav) posted to the squadron for crewing with S/L Hummel. No operations detailed this date - training only.		
Craft	25.7.44		Two additional crews posted to the squadron for operational duties from 1664 Operations Unit - personnel as follows: CSM J.36074 P/O J.E. Moffat (Pilot), CSM J.13049 P/O G.P. Cameron (Nav), CSM R.155137 P/Sgt Miller I.G. (W/P/AG), CSM J.36220 P/O A. W. Kesteven (A/B), RMP 1296632 Sgt. Winton G.C. (W/Wg), CSM R.140466 P/O J.A. McManis (W/P/AG), CSM R.215122 Sgt Smith R.E. (A/B), CSM R.171436 Sgt Hart P.L. (Pilot), RMP 136266 P/O H.B. Hunter (Nav), CSM R.160388 Sgt Bond to J. <i>[Signature]</i>		

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Craft (continued)	25.7.44		(WOP/AG), RAF 36273 P/O R. W. Birch (A/R), RAF 182581 Sgt Orr T. (P/R), CSM R. 251875 Sgt Noble R. L. (WU/AG), CSM R. 212914 Sgt Newman W. E. (A/G). Ten aircraft proceeded on an operation against Stuttgart. One early return, P/O J. Stinson (C/M J. 86256) (Pilot) in Halifax W. 696 due to R/T failure. Remaining nine aircraft made a successful attack and returned safely to this country, all being diverted to aerodromes in the south due to inclement weather at base.		
Craft	26.7.44		One additional crew posted to this Unit from No. 1659 Cdn. Unit for operational duties, personnel as follows: J. 25389 P/O Long R. V. (P), J. 57156 P/O Kelley J. H. (N), R. 190192 Sgt Donovan D. H. (WOP/AG), R. 168380 Sgt Braggman R. G. (A/R), 1592882 Sgt Murray W. (P/R), J. 28280 P/O Perkins G. (WU/AG), R. 212139 Sgt Mellan R. A. (A/G), CSM J. 85351 P/O W. A. Goulet (P) posted to No. 24 O.T.U. on completion of tour of operations. J. 19004 P/O Pratt R. A. (P) posted to No. 22 O.T.U. on completion of tour of operations. No operations scheduled - four aircraft local training.		
Craft	27.7.44		CSM G. 175 P/O E. M. Mitchell posted to No. 431 Sqn. CSM R. 169060 WO1 Crain A. E. (New) granted a commission in the RCAF (SR) with the rank of Pilot Officer and given personal number J. 87344. Fourteen aircraft scheduled for operations. Tactics and times changed at approx 1800 hrs.		
Craft	28.7.44		20 aircraft detailed for operations but cancelled indefinitely at 0600 hrs. 18 aircraft detailed for operations. Information received that CSM R. 111632 WO1 Wood W. A., CSM R. 195154 P/Sgt Holdaway F. J., CSM R. 82590 Sgt Beecher A. E. G., CSM J. 85513 P/O F. A. Kingston, CSM J. 19843 P/O W. H. McQueen, CSM J. 13854 P/O D. P. McCallister, CSM R. 145504 P/Sgt Beech G. E., who went missing on 16.6.44 in a raid against Sterkrade are reported as killed. CSM R. 129616 WO2 Kellogg W. J. (WOP/AG) commissioned in the RCAF (SR) with the rank of Pilot Officer and allotted personal number J. 87458. 1503920 P/Sgt Hession A. (WOP/AG), 1314422 Sgt Phillips S. G. F. (P/R), 1605513 Sgt Sgt Payne R. (P/R), 1833287 Sgt Cook J. (P/R), 1814793 Sgt Illingworth A. F. (P/R), 1578599 Sgt Burches R. P. (WOP/AG) have been granted commissions in the RCAF VR with the rank of P/O and allotted personal numbers as follows: 178896, 178851, 178852, 178845, 178846, 178893 respectively. Eighteen aircraft proceeded on an operation against Hamburg, this date. Two aircraft missing, remaining sixteen returned to base. Personnel missing as follows:- CSM J. 27711 P/O Alexander J. (P), 5 1/2 sorties, 18 operational hours; CSM J. 35038 P/O Sherrill J. E. (New), 4 sorties, 13 operational hours; CSM J. 35139 P/O Chapman E. (A/R), 4 sorties, 13 operational hours; CSM J. 36589 P/O		

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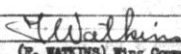
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Craft (continued)	26.7.44		<p>Belina J. (WO/AG), 3 sorties, 10 operational hours; C/N E.102897 Sgt McNeish L. (MU/AG), 6 sorties, 19 operational hours; C/N E.55264 Sgt Larson G. (R/AG), 6 sorties, 20 operational hours; 1002870 Sgt Black J. (P/R), 4 sorties, 13 operational hours; 174215 P/O Smyer F. (P) 10½ sorties, 32 operational hours; C/N J.24226 P/O Patterson, H.No. (Nav) 11 sorties, 32 operational hours; C/N J.28258 P/O Wallace J. (A/B), 9 sorties, 27 operational hours; C/N E.180054 Sgt Murphy J. (WO/AG) 9 sorties, 27 operational hours; C/N E.214011 Sgt Mason H. (MU/AG), 7 sorties, 24 operational hours; C/N E.209197 Sgt Cowen W. (R/AG) 10 sorties, 31 operational hours; 189213A Sgt Whyte R. (P/R) 9 sorties, 27 operational hours. This has been the first Squadron loss since 16 June 1944.</p>		
Craft	29.7.44		<p>No operations scheduled this date - four new crews on local training. C/N J.19631 P/O Morris A.W. (Nav), 158800 P/O Hamford E.J. (WO/AG), C/N E.69068 W/O Hurley J.R. (Nav B), 977055 P/Sgt Buckley J. (P/R), C/N J.17930 P/O Dorland E. WPM (WO/AG), C/N E.187568 P/Sgt Gignac D.L. (A/G) posted to No. 431 Sqn. to crew with W/O Mitchell. The following officers are posted to instructional duties, having completed their operational tours: C/N J.14790 P/O Wallace J.S. (Nav), 1666 Con Unit; C/N J.67884 P/O Grain A.P. (Nav) 1664 Con Unit; C/N J.85513 P/O Dow R.T. (A/B) 1664 Con Unit; J.22025 P/O James R.H. (A/B) 61 (RCAP) Base.</p>		
Craft	30.7.44		<p>C/N J.85326 P/O MacDonald K.A. (B), C/N J.86215 P/O Smith J.S.M. (Nav), C/N J.86281 P/O Bray P. (A/B), C/N J.86540 P/O Watsak E.W. (WO/AG), C/N J.86309 P/O Tarrin P.R. (A/B), C/N J.85330 P/O Frith H.D.F. (P), C/N J.86715 P/O Marshall G.T. (Nav), C/N J.27226 P/O Giddens W.J. (A/B), C/N J.87029 P/O Shark J.L. (WO/AG), J.86216 P/O Whittingham E.G. (A/G), C/N J.86282 P/O McQuinn R.E. (A/G), RAF 176676 P/O Allison J. (P/R) returned from operations on completion of their first tour. Two crews on cross country training. Ten crews scheduled for operations but cancelled at approximately 1830 hours.</p>		
Craft	31.7.44		<p>C/N J.21724 P/O W.H. Johnston (Nav) posted to the squadron from 480 Squadron, for crewing with C/N J.10645 S/L J. W. Hammond (Pilot). Station parade held this date at 1530 hours - well took up entire afternoon. Operations nor training in progress this date due to inclement weather. A total of 171 sorties carried out for the month of July, bringing the grand total since formation of the Squadron to 1211 sorties.</p>		<i>W.S.W.</i>

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NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF UNIT AS AT 31st JULY, 1944.								
Officers								
Aircraft								
Groundcrew								
Aircraft								
Groundcrew								
RCAF			128	3	61	270		
RCAF (USA)			-	-	-	-		
RAF			25	-	20	15 (Including 7 WAAP)		
RAF (CMB)			-	-	-	-		
ROYAL			-	-	-	-		
RAAF			-	-	-	-		
TOTAL			153	3	81	285		
Numbers of hours flown Operationally during the Month of July 1944 - 860 hrs. 25 mins.								
Numbers of hours flown Non-Operationally during the month of July 1944 - 339 hrs. 05 mins.								
Number of Operational Sorties during the month of July, 1944 - 171 Sorties								
Number of Aircraft and type on charge of Squadron on 31st July 1944 - 22 Aircraft								
WEIGHT OF BOMBS								
Weight of bombs dropped from Jan. 1, 1944 to June 30th, 1944								
Weight of Bombs dropped for the Month of July, 1944.								
Bombs			4,991,080 lbs		Bombs	1,407,500 lbs		
			2,227.5 English Tons			690 English Tons		
Mines			428,080 lbs		Mines	N I L		
			191 English Tons					
TOTAL			5,419,160 lbs		TOTAL	1,407,500 lbs		
			2,418.5 English Tons			690 English Tons		
TOTAL FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF YEAR - 6,826,660 lbs or 3,108.5 English Tons								
Commanding Officer's Remarks.								
The only good thing about July was we screened five crews, which is an achievement. The Squadron also visited Stuttgart and Homburg, the first time in quite a while that we have been to Germany. One D.F.C. awarded during the month. There should be more of these in evidence in the near future.								
						 (P. WATKINS) Wing Commander. Commanding Officer, No. 434 Squadron (R.C.A.F.).		