

# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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1.5.45	Croft					This Squadron was not required for Operations today. Air and Ground training carried out. Air Gunners beat the Pilots at a softball game this afternoon with a score of 15 to 5. Gunnery Leader reports that Air Gunners completed Daily Inspections and that they were on training all morning. Wireless Operators were also on Daily Inspections. Bombing Section reports nine aircraft on bombing training and that Air Bombers were on Map folding at the Intelligence Section. A lecture was given on radar equipment and Link Trainer exercises were done. Navigation Leader reports Navigators completed Dry Swims and Speed ups. Training on H2S modifications carried out. Nine aircraft were on training flights today, five on Cross Countries and four on local details.	
2.5.45	Croft					No Operations today. Twelve aircraft were airborne today. Four on Cross Countries, six on Flabpend and Radar training and two on local training flights. Navigators attended lectures on the Mark VII indicator.	
3.5.45	Croft					No Operations today. Some crews carried out flying training. Ground training was done also. Wireless Operators defeated the Air Gunners at a softball game this afternoon. Bombing Section reports that Dry Swims with Navigators and Link Trainer exercises were carried out all day. Navigators starting to freshen up on Astro-Navigation. Fifteen aircraft were on training flights today. Three on Cross Countries and the rest were on local training consisting mainly of Radar training, fighter affiliation and practice bombing.	
4.5.45	Croft					P/L T. Newman, our Gunnery Leader, attended Group Gunnery Leaders conference held at No. 63 Base, Leeming, at 10.00 hours this morning. Future training for Par East was covered and volunteers for Par East discussed. Word came through that we would be required for Operations tomorrow. However, this Operations was cancelled. Eight aircraft airborne today. Two on Cross Countries, remainder on radar bombing with fighter affiliation and practice bombing. Dry Swims done by Navigators. An Astro-Navigation lecture was given to Navigators and Bomb Alizers.	
5.5.45	Croft					No Operations. Flying training carried out in the morning but had to be cancelled in the afternoon because of adverse weather conditions. The Gunnery Leader reports that forty gunners were asked if they would volunteer for the Par East phase. Over 75% said "Yes". Forms were being completed by all Sections by personnel wishing to attend the Post VE day courses being held on this Station. It appears that about 50% wish to attend one course or another. Signals Section completed Flabpend and Ground training. The Bombing Leader reports Link Training was done all day and Astro shots taken. The Navigators Section says most Navigators were practising Astro. A radio was purchased for the section by the section. Navigators trimmed the Bomb Alizers at softball with a score of 12 to 9. Nine aircraft took off today on training Cross Countries with practical bombing and beam approach details.	
6.5.45	Croft					No Operations today. Two Flights Commanders and the Squadron Commander attended a conference at No. 64 RCAF Base.	

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6.5.45 (Cont'd)	Croft					<p>regarding flying aircraft to Canada. Flight Engineers did daily inspections on their aircraft. Air Gunners commenced Japanese aircraft recognition training at the Night Vision Section today. Skeet shooting and daily inspections done as usual. Signals Leader reports Daily Inspections on aircraft carried out and all O.K. as usual. Wireless Operators commenced Morse practice. A lecture was given on Looping and Radio Compass. Instructions were received by the Navigation Section from No. 6 Group HQS concerning transporting aircraft to Canada. An extensive training program was prepared. Bombing Section reports air aircraft up on training. The afternoon was spent by Air Bombers folding charts in the Map Room. When the sun came out Astro shots were taken. A ten minutes Memorial Service was held in the Squadron Crew Room. Nearly everyone attended. Six aircraft took part in Astro-Cross Country exercises. Navigators spent most of the morning plotting astro shots, attended a lecture in the afternoon on the Astro Compass and at night were shooting stars.</p>	
7.5.45	Croft					<p>No Operations or flying today. At the regular morning conference all crew were given the following information by the Squadron Commander who attended a conference of Squadron Commanders at No. 65 Base yesterday. 1. All future training will be carried out without the use of Gee and H2S. 2. Ground training for all crews will start at 0900 hours, Wednesday 9th May, 1945 and will last four days. 3. Flying training will consist of twenty six hours cross country and beam flying and there is a possibility of a further fourteen hours air training with special equipment. 4. Link training will consist of eight hours per pilot. (a) There will be three Link Instructors on the Station who will be instruction twenty out of every twenty four hours. 5. A crew from Transport Command will come to this Base and give lectures. 6. All training both ground and air is to be completed by May 23rd. - All this is to be done in preparation for the Squadron to fly their aircraft to Canada. Some ground training was done today however most of the time was taken up by crews swinging loops on their aircraft. Navigators and Bomb Aimers were working out stars shots taken the previous night. A training committee of six Navigators Officers were elected to mark logs and charts of Navigators on Bry Swine and Cross Countries.</p>	
8.5.45	Croft					<p>Today is VE-Day. It was announced over the radio last night. A stand-down was declared for the Squadron. A church service was held and baseball game, roller skating and other sports arranged. Unfortunately it rained most of the afternoon making it necessary to cancel most of the sports program. Celebrating was done in one form or another by most of the personnel but no damage has been reported. All in all celebrating was controlled very well.</p>	

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9.5.45	Croft					VE-1 Day. Squadron stood down today. Sports and baseball games scheduled for this afternoon were postponed on account of rain.	
10.5.45	Croft					This Squadron was detailed for ten aircraft today for Exodus (bringing prisoners of war back to United Kingdom) by 1534 hours all aircraft had taken off successfully. The liberated prisoners were picked up at Jurincourt. Four aircraft on air tests today. No. 6 Group H.Q. letter 60/3295/Trg. dated May 8th, 1945 was received today outlining the provisional air and ground training for pilots and a ground training syllabus for Navigators and Wireless Operators which is to commence today.	
11.5.45	Croft					Nine of our aircraft picking up prisoners of war brought them safe back to Westcott then returned back to base between 0248 hours and 0954 hours. The other aircraft was "B", which was left at Jurincourt with a technical failure. No flying training today. Intensive ground training commenced today for the anticipated Atlantic Hop. All aircrew attended a lecture and were informed of the contents of the intensive training program which was to be covered within four days.	
12.5.45	Croft					All aircrew on intensive ground training again today.	
13.5.45	Croft					Ground training continued today for aircrew in preparation for flight to Canada.	
14.5.45	Croft					The intensive ground training for aircrew was completed today except for Navigators, now for the flying. Pilots, Navigators and Wireless Operators carried out loop swinging of their aircraft.	
15.5.45	Croft					Eleven aircraft completed their first daylight Cross Country. This commenced the Flying Training program for crews flying to Canada. There are twenty aircraft on the Squadron so twenty-two crews were chosen to prepare to ferry the aircraft. These crews were divided into two sections of eleven aircraft each. They are referred to as No. 1 and No. 2 Squads. Loop swinging on aircraft was continued on today.	
16.5.45	Croft					The other eleven crews of No. 2 Squad, selected to fly to Canada, completed their Cross Country in daylight in preparation for the Atlantic Crossing.	
17.5.45	Croft					Eleven aircraft of the No. 1 Squad completed their first night Cross Country.	
18.5.45	Croft					The Squadron Adjutant attended a conference at No. 64 Base regarding documentation of personnel flying to Canada. It is proposed that three clerks will arrive at 64 Base next Wednesday and prepare an organization at Base to collect all documents from Squadrons in the Base, Stations and HQAF O/S H.Q. of personnel posted to Canada. No. 2 Squad consisting of eleven aircraft did their second daylight cross-country.	
19.5.45	Croft					No. 1 Squad completed their second daylight cross-country, consisting of eleven aircraft.	

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20.5.45	Croft					No flying today because of adverse weather conditions.	
21.5.45	Croft					Cross Countries scheduled were cancelled due to adverse weather conditions.	
22.5.45	Croft					Four aircraft air tested. No further flying because of poor flying weather.	
23.5.45	Croft					No Flying today due to adverse weather.	
24.5.45	Croft					179601 P/O M.Y. Saunders (WO/AIR) was tried by a General Court Martial today commencing at 1000 hours. He was charged with being absent without leave, breaking close arrest and issuing several cheques without sufficient funds in the bank to cover them. The Court Martial was over by 1800 hours but the findings of the Court have not been promulgated as yet. No. 2 Squad got away on their third daylight cross country.	
25.5.45	Croft					No flying today due to weather.	
26.5.45	Croft					No. 1 Squad completed their fourth and last Cross Country in preparation for crossing the Atlantic. Twelve aircraft took part.	
27.5.45	Croft					No flying today.	
28.5.45	Croft					Twelve <del>training</del> aircraft were air tested today. No further flying.	
29.5.45	Croft					No. 2 Squad completed their last Cross Country. This meant that twenty crews were completely trained and prepared to ferry their aircraft to Canada.	
30.5.45	Croft					No flying today. A farewell party was held by the Navigation Section at the George Inn, Piercebridge. A very fine dinner was provided and a good time was had by all.	
31.5.45	Croft					No Flying today. During the past month intensive ground and air training has been carried out by All Wireless Operators on the Squadron. Emphasis being placed on V.F. procedure, radio facilities, loop theory and practical, in preparation for the Trans-Atlantic hop. - In the Navigation Section emphasis was placed on Astro-Navigation, Wireless aids and drifts. And a general review of basic D.R. navigation was stressed to the Navigators. Of all Sections the Navigation Section had the most work to do in preparation for the Atlantic hop. They had loop swinging, clicking the astro compass brackets and navigational instruments which haven't been used on the Squadron and had to be dusted off and put in working order. - The Gunnery Leader reports that the first part of May, was taken up on Japanese aircraft recognition and skeet shooting. Forty-four gunners in the twenty-two crews selected to fly home were kept busy doing Daily Inspections and taking drifts while flying to assist the Navigator. When flying training program was completed Air Gunners removed all guns from all the aircraft on the Squadron for cleaning, greasing and were put back for the Trans-Atlantic hop. Six hours lectures were attended on the March II G. Open Gunweight and one hour on	



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		<b>CASUALTIES - NIL</b>					
		<b>POSTINGS-IN</b>					
	F/R E214092	F/S Reynolds, J.H.	w.c.f.	12.5	45		
	F/R E203310	SGT Dafos, W.A.	w.c.f.	12.5	45		
	F/R E202977	SGT Dzanka, J.	w.c.f.	12.5	45		
	F/R E220621	SGT Bown, P.H.	w.c.f.	12.5	45		
	F/R E206201	SGT Londry, S.E.	w.c.f.	12.5	45		
	F/R E219144	F/S Daroh, K.A.	w.c.f.	12.5	45		
		<b>POSTINGS-OUT</b>					
	A/G E206476	F/S Moodie, H.J.	w.c.f.	26.4	45	R Depot	
	A/G E253890	W/O Archibald, J.	w.c.f.	19.4	45	R Depot	
	A/G E257382	W/O Burke, D.	w.c.f.	19.4	45	R Depot	
	A/G E209215	F/S Thompson, J.	w.c.f.	19.4	45	R Depot	
	A/G E270322	F/S Sheffield, W.L.	w.c.f.	21.5	45	R Depot	
	NAV E191754	W/O Cropp, G.	w.c.f.	7.5	45	R Depot	
	F/A E191683	F/S Barber, G.	w.c.f.	7.5	45	R Depot	
	F/R 177846	F/O Illingworth, A.	w.c.f.	18.5	45	A.C.A.O.	
	F/S 186901	F/O Matthews, G.	w.c.f.	18.5	45	A.C.A.O.	
	F/S 186145	F/O Booth, G.	w.c.f.	18.5	45	A.C.A.O.	
	F/S 186643	F/O Cameron, V.	w.c.f.	18.5	45	A.C.A.O.	
	F/S 183897	F/O Barton, H.	w.c.f.	18.5	45	A.C.A.O.	
	F/R 1570070	F/S Kilbourn, J.	w.c.f.	12.5	45	433 Squadron	
	F/S 1688040	SGT Nichols, G.	w.c.f.	12.5	45	429 Squadron	
	F/R 1581429	F/S Sims, D.	w.c.f.	12.5	45	429 Squadron	
	F/R 1567279	F/S Newton, F.	w.c.f.	12.5	45	429 Squadron	
	F/S 1626120	F/S Miller, K.	w.c.f.	12.5	45	427 Squadron	
	F/R 1897413	F/S MacKay, H.	w.c.f.	20.5	45	A.C.A.O.	
	F/R 1895649	SGT Bobbins, J.	w.c.f.	29.5	45	A.C.A.O.	

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	Pilot J16688	P/L Henry, R.G.		w.e.f.	19.4.45	R Depot	
	Pilot J35150	P/L Wagan, J.		w.e.f.	19.4.45	R Depot	
	B/A J27388	P/O Jarvis, J.		w.e.f.	19.4.45	R Depot	
	WO/AG J89151	P/O Williams, W.R.		w.e.f.	19.4.45	R Depot	
	WO/AG J89191	P/O Woodstock, A.		w.e.f.	19.4.45	R Depot	
	WO/AG J82956	P/O Joyce, J.		w.e.f.	19.4.45	R Depot	
	A/G J87806	P/O Dallner, P.		w.e.f.	19.4.45	R Depot	
	A/G J40553	P/O Grimmer, W.		w.e.f.	19.4.45	R Depot	
	A/G J88067	P/O McDowell, A.		w.e.f.	19.4.45	R Depot	
	A/G J89842	P/O MacDonald, J.		w.e.f.	19.4.45	R Depot	
	A/G J33185	P/O Scollard, W.F.		w.e.f.	19.4.45	R Depot	
	A/G J31226	P/O Baxter, J.		w.e.f.	19.4.45	R Depot	
	A/G J93163	P/O Cowlin, E.		w.e.f.	19.4.45	R Depot	
	A/B J93149	P/O Fyves, R.L.		w.e.f.	19.4.45	R Depot	
	NAV J16946	P/O Coleman, A.		w.e.f.	10.5.45	1666 C.U.	
	B/A J38248	P/O Welsh, P.		w.e.f.	10.5.45	1659 C.U.	
	WO/AG J36266	P/O Grappier, G.J.		w.e.f.	12.5.45	No. 6 Aircrew School	
	Pilot J87286	P/O Isenberg, M.		w.e.f.	10.5.45	R Depot	
	Nav J28497	P/O Dunn, A.		w.e.f.	1.5.45	RCAP O/S H3S	
	B/A J25733	P/O Murphy, P.		w.e.f.	1.5.45	RCAP O/S H3S	
	NAV J89036	P/O Armitage, H.		w.e.f.	1.5.45	RCAP O/S H3S	
	NAV J36266	P/O Hunter, H.		w.e.f.	1.5.45	RCAP O/S H3S	
	WO/AG J90883	P/O Kaufman, H.		w.e.f.	1.5.45	RCAP O/S H3S	
	Nav J38344	P/O Wilson, J.		w.e.f.	1.5.45	RCAP O/S H3S	
	A/G J89397	P/O Phelps, G.		w.e.f.	1.5.45	RCAP O/S H3S	
	A/B J90845	P/O McMillan, H.		w.e.f.	21.5.45	R Depot	
	WO/AG J38331	P/O Wilson, G.		w.e.f.	21.5.45	R Depot	

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<b>POSTINGS-OUT (Cont'd)</b>							
	WO/AG J8967A	P/O Fox, R.				w.e.f. 21.5.45	R Depot
	A/G J83170	P/O Rowan, A.M.				w.e.f. 21.5.45	R Depot
	NAV J93153	P/O Middleton, P.				w.e.f. 8.5.45	R Depot
	NAV J38386	P/O Quarntroon, H.				w.e.f. 8.5.45	R Depot
	NAV J36177	P/O Rowlynk, P.				w.e.f. 8.5.45	R Depot
	A/G J94172	P/O Pullerton, G.				w.e.f. 8.5.45	R Depot
	A/G J17394	P/L Newman, T.				w.e.f. 25.5.45	489 Squadron
	Pilot J29273	P/L Andrea, J.				w.e.f. 10.5.45	R Depot
	A/G J88203	P/O Stewart, J.				w.e.f. No. 64 Base 28.5.45	
	A/G J94361	P/O Hourse, W.				w.e.f. 28.5.45	No. 64 Base
	A/G J94433	P/O Smith, M.				w.e.f. 28.5.45	No. 64 Base
<b>PROMOTIONS</b>							
	A/B J89001	P/O Pepin, R.				to P/O w.e.f. 23.2.45	
	Pilot J24473	P/O Kaguk, R.				to P/L w.e.f. 19.3.45	
	A/G 088800	P/O Squair, G.				to P/O w.e.f. 21.2.45	
	P/B J88968	P/O Buckoll, D.				to P/O w.e.f. 7.1.45	
	A/G J17394	P/O Newman, T.				to P/L 5.1.45	
	A/G J89197	P/O Phelps, M.				to P/O w.e.f. 8.1.45	
	WO/AG J89467	P/O Ward, L.				to P/O w.e.f. 21.2.45	
	WO/AG J89671	P/O Fox, R.				to P/O w.e.f. 7.1.45	
	NAV J89605	P/O Bruce, G.				to P/O w.e.f. 8.3.45	
	Pilot J88996	P/O Kitchen, J.				to A/P/L w.e.f. 27.3.45	
	Pilot J89071	P/O Yuill, M.				to A/P/L w.e.f. 27.3.45	
	Pilot J17017	P/O Dundas, E.				to P/L w.e.f. 11.3.45	
	WO/AG J85732	P/O McKellan, D.				to P/O w.e.f. 23.9.44	
	B/A J44144	P/O Miller, H.				to P/O w.e.f. 7.10.44	
	B/A J88302	P/O Williams, F.				to P/O w.e.f. 2.1.45	

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<u>PROMOTIONS (Cont'd)</u>							
	Pilot J41956	F/O	Anderson, M.	to	7/0 w.e.f.	21.11.44	
	Pilot J21165	F/O	Hawes, F.	to	7/8 w.e.f.	18.11.45	
	B/A J24539	F/O	McDougal, S.	to	7/1 w.e.f.	19.3.45	
	F/E J49329	F/O	McGay, G.	to	7/0 w.e.f.	11.1.45	
	F/E J49335	F/O	Paulson, G.	to	7/0 w.e.f.	11.4.45	
	F/E 160494	F/S	White, D.	to	W01 w.e.f.	28.4.45	
	F/E 220467	Sgt	Booth, W.	to	7/8 w.e.f.	22.3.45	
	F/E 189743	Sgt	MacKay, R.	to	7/8 w.e.f.	14.5.45	
	F/E 189833	Sgt	Holland, R.	to	7/8 w.e.f.	14.5.45	
	F/E 303080	Sgt	Harry, R.	to	7/8 w.e.f.	14.5.45	
	F/E 305050	Sgt	Corbett, A.	to	7/8 w.e.f.	21.5.45	
	NAV E192391	F/S	White, L.	to	W02 w.e.f.	28.4.45	
	A/G E100797	W02	Batchford, G.	to	W01 w.e.f.	6.5.45	
	A/G E278837	Sgt	Rooke, W.	to	7/8 w.e.f.	14.4.45	
	A/G E282313	Sgt	McLean, H. G.	to	7/8 w.e.f.	11.5.45	
	NAV E196538	F/S	Lordly, D.	to	W02 w.e.f.	11.5.45	
	A/G E207488	F/S	Golinaky, K.	to	W02 w.e.f.	11.5.45	
	A/G E262355	F/S	Kril, P.	to	W02 w.e.f.	11.5.45	
	F/E E139596	Sgt	Cassidy, J.	to	7/8 w.e.f.	17.5.45	
	A/G E201183	W02	McCurich, W.	to	W01 w.e.f.	20.5.45	
<u>PROMOTIONS</u>							
	W0/AG E198494	F/S	Croalin, G.	Comm.	w.e.f.	19.2.45 (J94260)	
	W0/AG E165106	W/O	McLean, N.	Comm.	w.e.f.	18.3.45 (J94690)	
	W0/AG E252006	F/S	Jessons, A.	Comm.	w.e.f.	11.4.45 (J94326)	
	W0/AG E184717	W02	Smith, G.	Comm.	w.e.f.	11.4.45 (J94718)	
	F/S E201133	Sgt	Spearman, A.	Comm.	w.e.f.	11.4.45 (J94759)	
	NAV E177372	W02	Reid, F.	Comm.	w.e.f.	11.4.45 (J94717)	

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<b>COMMISSIONS (Cont'd)</b>							
	P/R	R202282 SGT	Foss, R.	Comm. w.o.f.		19.4.45 (J94776)	
	B/A	R182055 P/S	Balstora, L.	Comm. w.o.f.		11.4.45 (J94683)	
	A/G	R268281 P/S	Connor, R.	Comm. w.o.f.		11.4.45 (J94791)	
	P/R	R139596 P/S	Casavant, J.	Comm. w.o.f.		18.4.45 (J94793)	
	A/G	R209215 P/S	Thomson, A.	Comm. w.o.f.		10.4.45 (J94760)	
	A/G	R250920 P/S	Gingell, E.	Comm. w.o.f.		10.4.45 (J94769)	
	A/G	R207488 P/R	Gelinsky, K.	Comm. w.o.f.		18.4.45 (J94777)	
	A/G	R166286 P/S	Saul, H.	Comm. w.o.f.		18.4.45 (J94796)	
	P/R	R25215 SGT	Stanfield, J.	Comm. w.o.f.		18.4.45 (J94797)	
	A/G	R257869 P/S	Higgs, R.	Comm. w.o.f.		16.4.45 (J94784)	
	P/R	1897740 SGT	Honeyburn, N.	Comm. w.o.f.		11.4.45 (J94714)	
	P/R	2221183 SGT	Pepper, W.	Comm. w.o.f.		19.4.45 (196911)	
	WQ/AG	R2428788 P/S	Horrobin, P.	Comm. w.o.f.		11.4.45 (R2428788)	
<b>HONOURS &amp; AWARDS : NIL</b>							
<b>CHANGES IN COMMAND : NIL</b>							
<b>CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION : NIL</b>							
<b>AIRCRAFT ON CHARGE : 20 LANCASTER X</b>							
<b>LANCASTER X OPERATIONAL FLYING TIME BY DAY :</b>						156 hrs. 50 mins.	
<b>LANCASTER X OPERATIONAL FLYING TIME BY NIGHT :</b>						N I I.	
<b>LANCASTER X NON-OPERATIONAL FLYING TIME BY DAY :</b>						585 hrs. 55 mins.	
<b>LANCASTER X NON-OPERATIONAL FLYING TIME BY NIGHT :</b>						101 hrs. 30 mins.	
<b>TOTAL FLYING TIME DURING THE MONTH OF MAY :</b>						744 hrs. 15 mins.	844.15?
<b>NUMBER OF OPERATIONAL SORTIES : 10 sorties ( Excl. du. )</b>							
<b>NUMBER OF BOMBY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED : NIL</b>							
<b>NUMBER OF COMBATS : NIL</b>							
<b>WEIGHT OF BOMBS DROPPED DURING THE MONTH OF MAY : NIL</b>							
<b>TOTAL WEIGHT OF BOMBS DROPPED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR : 4,436,880 lbs. or 2,115 English Tons.</b>							

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
STRENGTH OF SQUADRON AS AT 23.59 HOURS ON 31ST MAY, 1945							
Officers				Airmen			
		Aircraft	Groundcrew			Aircraft	Groundcrew
		RAF	1			87	-
		RAF	12			8	-
		RCAF	1			-	-
		Total	162	1		95	-
<p>COMMANDING OFFICER'S REMARKS : -</p> <p>Early in this month of May 1945 the declaration of VE Day added the word "Final" to the record of the active part played by 434 Squadron in the first phase of the war to end wars. It was not surprising to see the casual manner in which the news was received, since many of the Officers and men had relations and friends either missing in this phase of still fighting in the Pacific. Hence, when the instructions were received regarding training in preparation of the Atlantic crossing as the first step towards training for the Pacific war, the crews worked hard in order to reach a high standard of efficiency. The competition was so keen that the final selection of crews could only be made on the basis of seniority with the Squadron, since all were considered quite capable to carry out the crossing. It is hoped that the majority of us will be with the Unit from the time it reforms in Canada until the war in the Pacific reaches a final and satisfactory conclusion.</p>							
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