

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

of (Unit or Formation) No. 42 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
CRIFT	1/11/42		Pilots Officers XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX C.F. SMITH and L.N. Brown, together with 7 Sergeant Pilots, all of No.42 Squadron, reported for a period of training as 2nd Pilots. P/O A.S. HARTY (Pilot) was posted to No. 5 P.D.C., for repatriation to CANADA.		
"	2/11/42		The Canadian Trade Test Board visited the Squadron and completed the trade testing of airmen.		
"	3/11/42		Stand down. S/Lt. T.S. BARNHARTT (Engineer) was posted to No.42 Squadron.		
"	4/11/42		Stand down. The following crew was posted to the Squadron from No. 22 C.T.U. for flying duties:- Sgt. Gogson, G.A. (Pilot), Sgt. Hoolay, J.R. (W/Op.A.G.), Sgt. Hanson, G.H. (A.G.), Sgt. Oakley, C.E. (Navigator) and Sgt. Page, C.R. (Obs.H/A).		
"	5/11/42		Stand down.		
"	6/11/42		Three of our aircraft attacked WILHELMSDORF by daylight and all returned safely. Preparations being made for the dispersal of the Squadron prior to conversion.		
"	7/11/42		The Squadron ceased to be operational. Wing Commander XXXXXXXXXXXX , who had been on a short attachment with the Squadron, returned to 102 Squadron. Squadron Leader A. P. BART, commanding "B" Flight, was posted to No. 20 C.T.U., for instructor duties. Pilot Officer P. BARNHAM was posted to No. 156 Squadron. Twelve of our crews were attached to No. 1659 Conversion Unit for training on Halifax aircraft. The following of our aircraft were posted to No. 427 Squadron, which is now commencing to form at CRIFT:- Sgt. Ayuda, A.H. (A.G.), Sgt. King, J.H. (W/Op.A.G.), Sgt. Clark, W.H. (A.G.), Sgt. Wilson, G.W. (Navigator), Sgt. Bellon, A.H. (Pilot), Sgt. Higgins, E.J. (Pilot), Sgt. Hanson, G.S. (A.G.), Sgt. Sawyer, J.G. (Navigator), P/Sgt. Patterson, E.V. (Pilot), Sgt. Parker, A.E. (Obs.H/A), Sgt. Stickey, R.R. (W/Op.A.G.), Sgt. Bedford, B.H. (W/Op.A.G.), Sgt. Sherman, W.A. (Obs.H/A), Sgt. Young, A.E. (Obs.H/A). The following airmen were posted to No. 427 Squadron:- Sgt. Johnson, E.A. (Pilot), P/Sgt. Crossman, G.T. (Navigator), Sgt. Flanagan, E.F. (W/Op.A.G.), P/Sgt. Berg, G.T. (Obs.H/A), and P/Sgt. Wyle, G.H. (A.G.). Sgt. Gogson, G.A. (Pilot), Sgt. Oakley, C.E. (Navigator), Sgt. Hoolay, J.R. (W/Op.A.G.), Sgt. Page, C.R. (Obs.H/A), and Sgt. Hanson, G.H. (A.G.). The following Air Gunners were posted to the Squadron from No. 2 Air Gunners School and attached to No. 1659 Conversion Unit for a short period of training:- Sgt. Austin, E.E., Sgt. JAMES, E., Sgt. Lawson, D., Sgt. Mackenzie, J.J., Sgt. Peacock, P., Sgt. Rock, B.J., and Sgt. Thompson, J.H.		
"	8/11/42		Preparations were continued for the move of the Squadron to HILLSBORO St. GEORGE.		
"	9/11/42		S/Lt. W. G. HARRISON, (Squadron Adjutant), with an advance party, moved from CRIFT to R.A.F. Station, HILLSBORO St. GEORGE. S/Ldr. D.W.S. CLARK was posted to the Squadron from No. 1659 Conversion Unit for duties of Flight Commander. Sgt. Johnson, E., (Navigator) and Sgt. Harris, V.J. (Navigator), posted to the Squadron from R.A.F. SEATH, and attached to No. 1659 Conversion Unit for training.		
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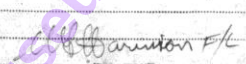
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MILESTON St. GEORGE	11/11/42		The few members of our aircrew who were not attached to 1659 Conversion Unit or to 427 Squadron, moved from GROFF.		
"	12/11/42		Sgt. Ray, J.F. (A.G.), and Sgt. Long, A.M. (W/O.A.G.), were posted to R.A.F. DROPPLE.		
"	13/11/42		The first Halifax Aircraft, three in number, were received by the Squadron.		
"	14/11/42		S/O R. C. SCOTT, Squadron Engineer Officer, and CAPT. D. R. STEWART, Dental Officer, reported to MILESTON St. GEORGE.		
"	15/11/42		Pilot Officer D. CURRY (Navigator), proceeded to CRANAGE for a Navigation Course.		
"	15/11/42		Pilot Officer W. E. TULLING, Electrical Engineer, reported to the Squadron from R.A.F. NIGGALL.		
"	18/11/42		Sgt. Murray, G.F.D., (A.G.) returned to the Squadron from Central Gunnery School, on completion of No.47 Gunnery Leaders Course. Wing Commander H.H. FLEMING, D.P.C., returned to the Squadron from No.1659 Conversion Unit. Two more Halifax aircraft were delivered to the Squadron.		
"	19/11/42		A number of our Officers and Aircrew returned to the Squadron from No.1659 Conversion Unit on completion of their training on Halifax aircraft. A party of fifty of our groundcrew personnel proceeded to R.A.F. Station, HARTON MOOR, for a short conversion course.		
"	20/11/42		Pilot Officer I. G. DUNN (Air Bomber) reported to the Squadron from No.425 Squadron, together with Sgts. Brunet, J.A. (A.G.), Jackson, F. (Navigator) and Williams, R.F. (W/O.A.G.).		
"	21/11/42		Nil.		
"	22/11/42		Six more of our crews returned from No.1659 Conversion Unit on completion of their conversion to Halifax aircraft. Pilot Officer P. FODEN (A.G.) posted to No.429 Squadron.		
"	23/11/42		Nil.		
"	24/11/42		Six more crews returned from No.1659 Conversion Unit. Pilot Officer H.T. MacDONALD (Air Gunner) reported from No.2 Air Gunnery School. Sgt. McEwen, D.A. (W/O.A.G.) was posted back to the Squadron from No.427 Squadron.		
"	25/11/42		The fifty groundcrew attached to HARTON MOOR returned to the Squadron.		
"	26/11/42		Flying Officer J. D. NEARP posted to the Squadron supernumerary for Admin. duties (from 3 F.R.G.) and attached to R.A.F. Station, LEAMING. The following Flight Engineers were posted to the Squadron from No.1652 Conversion Unit: Sgt. Rawson, R.; Sgt. Gower, A.H.; Sgt. Lee, V.; Sgt. Lloyd, A.M.; Sgt. Seabrook-Golden, R.E., and Sgt. Venner, J.G.		
"	27/11/42		Sgt. Rosenberg, P. (Navigator) and Sgt. Clark, M.D. (A.G.) proceeded to No.2 F.D.G., for repatriation to Canada.		

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MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	22/11/42		W/Lt. S. B. Cleveland (Navigator) proceeded to GRANGE for a Navigation Course. W/O Gasco, W.A. (Pilot) was posted to the non-effective strength of S.N.Q. MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE.		
	23/11/42		W/Sgt. Powell, H.T. (A.G.) was posted to No. 22 O.T.U. for instructor duties.		
	30/11/42		One of our Halifax Aircraft, No. 22, 560, crash landed on the ground at 11.00 hours, sustaining damage to propellers and gearwheels. The crew, W/Sgt. Frederick, M.O. (Pilot), W/Sgt. Heber, H.B. (Navigator), Sgt. Rogers, G. (W/O-A.G.), Sgt. Connolly, E. (W/O-A.G.R/A), and Sgt. Cook, J. (A.G.), were uninjured. The cause of the accident is being investigated.		
			Flying		
			Number of Operational Hours for November:	12 hours 25 minutes.	
			Number of Non-Op. Flying Hours for November:	29 hours 55 minutes.	
			Number of Halifax Aircraft on charge:	5	
			The strength of the Squadron as at 30th November, 1942, was-		
			R.A.F.	R.C.A.F.	
			OFFICERS AIRMEN W/O's	OFFICERS AIRMEN	
			Officers 6 30 -	Officers 17 88	
			Airmen 1 163 33	Airmen 4 222	
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