

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

5-22-1-419  
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(Unit or Formation) No. 119 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron 2505

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	1/1/43		The Squadron became operational as from the 1st of January. The Station Commander inspected the Hangar and Squadron Headquarters.		
"	2/3/43		Squadron Standdown.		
"	4/2/43		One of our aircraft took part in a Cross-Country flight.		
"	5-7/43		Squadron Standdown.		
"	8/2/43		The Commanding Officer inspected the Barrack Blocks. Six aircraft prepared for operations but these were scrubbed just prior to take-off.		
"	9/2/43		Five aircraft proceeded on a mine-laying operation in the area of the FRISEAN ISLANDS. One aircraft failed to return and its loss was presumed to be due to enemy action.		A 1
"	10/2/43		Squadron Standdown.		
"	11/2/43		A Gas alarm was carried out on the Station between the hours of 9 and 12 noon.		
"	12-18/43		Squadron Standdown.		
"	15/2/43		The Station Commander carried out his weekly inspection of the Barrack Blocks during the morning. Six aircraft set out to attack LORING. One aircraft turned back with engine trouble. The other five completed the operation and returned safely to base.		A 2
"	16-17/43		Squadron Standdown.		
"	18/2/43		Squadron Standdown. The Squadron Commander visited No. 6 Group Headquarters.		
"	19-20/43		Squadron Standdown.		
"	21/2/43		Ten aircraft carried out mining operations in the area of the FRISEAN ISLANDS. All returned safely to base.		A 3
"	22/2/43		Squadron Standdown. The Station Commander inspected the Hangar and Squadron Headquarters. Flying Officer J. B. HINDEN and crew reported for duty from No. 158 Squadron.		
"	23/2/43		Ten aircraft took part in an attack on LORING. All returned safely to base. Fifteen new aircraft reported for duty from No. 1659 Conversion Unit.		A 4
"	24/2/43		Squadron Standdown.		
"	25/2/43		Pilot Officer L. F. ANDERSON and his crew reported for duty from No. 1659 Conversion Unit.		
"	26/2/43		Squadron Standdown.		

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HIDEWING ST. GEORGE	27/1/43		Information was received that the team of KALLOWS, HENRIH COLUMBIA, are Aircrew of No. 417 Squadron. A reply in the affirmative was sent. KALLOWS has always had a personal interest in the Squadron, as it was the base team of Wing Commander J. ("BOB") BURTON, R.F.C., A.F.C., the Squadron's first commanding officer.														
"	28/1/43		Seven aircrew reported for duty from No. 1699 Conversion Unit.														
"	29/1/43		Twelve aircraft set out to attack LORIENT. Five were obliged to turn back owing to adverse weather conditions and engine failures. All aircraft returned safely to base. One aircraft, piloted by Flight Lieutenant A.P. GARDNER, made a belly landing at base but none of the crew were injured.														
"	30/1/43		Squadron Standdown.														
"	31/1/43		Pilot Officer D. GARDNER and six aircrew R.F.C.'s reported for duty from No. 1699 Conversion Unit. 27 aircraft, type BAHRAH II, were on charge on the 31st January. Number of hours flown by the Squadron operationally during the month 184.														
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