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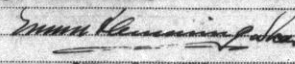
of (Unit or Formation) No. 449 (L.G.A.F.) Squadron

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<u>WILKINSON ST. GEORGE.</u>	1 May.		Squadron Standdown.		
	2 May.		13 Aircraft were briefed for an attack on <u>BUENOS</u> but the operation was scrubbed at 21.00 hours. S/Ldr. D. V. L. Clark posted to No. 1459 Conversion Unit.		
	3 May.		41 Aircraft were warned for an attack on <u>EREN</u> but the operation was scrubbed.		
	4 May.		10 Aircraft attacked <u>DOUBLED</u> this was the best effort put out by No. 449 Squadron and all the aircraft were airborne in 40 minutes. 2 Aircraft, Captained by F/O G. J. Williamson and S. V. Elliott, failed to return. Another Aircraft returned only after sustaining damage by <u>FLAK</u> .		A-450 - A-457.
	5 May.		Squadron Standdown.		
	6 May.		Squadron Standdown. S/Ldr. G. E. Harris and Crew reported from No. 405 Squadron for Flying Duties. F/O. [unclear] and Crew posted to No. 405 Squadron.		
	7 May.		Squadron Standdown.		
	8 May.		Squadron Standdown. F/Lt. H. H. Galloway and Crew, and Sgt. [unclear] and Crew reported from No. 405 Squadron for Flying Duties.		
	9 May.		The Squadron was warned for operations but these were scrubbed.		
	10 May.		Squadron Standdown.		
	11 May.		Squadron again warned for operations, but scrubbed.		
	12 May.		10 aircraft attacked <u>DOUBLED</u> . 2 turned back owing to heavy icing. All the remainder of 2 aircraft failed to return. They were Captained by F/O. [unclear] and F/Sgt. [unclear].		A-458 - A-457.
	13 May.		15 Aircraft attacked <u>BACHIN</u> . 2 Aircraft, Captained by Sgt. Adams G., and Sgt. [unclear] W. H. failed to return.		A-458 - A-457.
	14 May.		Squadron Standdown.		
	15 May.		Squadron Standdown. F/O. [unclear] and Crew, and Sgt. [unclear] and Crew reported from No. 1459 Conversion Unit for Flying Duties.		
	16 May.		3 Aircraft took part in Night Flying, in co-operation with searchlight units. F/O. H. H. [unclear], F/O. J. G. Williams and Sgt. [unclear], with their crews, reported from No. 1459 Conversion Unit for Flying Duties.		
	17 May.		Squadron Standdown.		
	18 May.		3 Aircraft took part in night flying, in co-operation with searchlight units.		
	19 May.		F/O. [unclear] posted to No. 23 O.R.U. F/Lt. J. E. [unclear] posted to No. 1459 Conversion Unit.		
	20 May.		Squadron Standdown.		
	21 May.		Squadron Standdown.		
	22 May.		Squadron Standdown.		



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MEMPHIS ST. GEORGE	23 May		16 Aircraft attacked BOMBERS. 1 Aircraft Captained by Sgt. Green A.S. failed to return. Another Aircraft Captained by P/O F. G. Weston successfully carried out the operation, but was severely damaged by flak, when making base on the return journey two of the engines cut, and the Captain went DOWN, the crew were uninjured.		A-461 - A-478																																				
	24 May		Squadron Standdown. P/O J. D. Under posted to No. 166 Conversion Unit. P/Sgt. Piper F. J. and Sgt. Neale G. V. with their crews posted from No. 169 Conversion Squad Unit for flying duties with No. 449 Squadron.																																						
	25 May		Operations were ordered, but were omitted.																																						
	26 May		Operations again ordered, but omitted.																																						
	27 May		11 Aircraft attacked BOMBERS. All returned safely, though the aircraft Captained by P/O G. R. Mitchell sustained damage to both inboard engines. The Captain however, was able to return safely and landed his aircraft at R.A.F. GULZSHALE.		A-479 - A-482																																				
	28 May		Squadron Standdown. P/O S. A. Reed and Sgt. Arthur R. and their crews reported from No. 169 Conversion Unit for flying duties with No. 449 Squadron.																																						
	29 May		16 Aircraft attacked BOMBERS. Two Aircraft failed to return those were Captained by Sgt. Robert E. S. and Sgt. Hargreaves R. P/O W. L. Hark, P/O A. G., posted to No. 15 L.S.U. for training as Pilot.		A-490 - A-503																																				
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	31 May		Number and type of aircraft on charge:- 20 Halifax II Aircraft.																																						
			Flying Time for May 1943:- Operational 134:15 Non-Operational 177:03																																						
			Number of sorties carried out during May 1943:- 24																																						
			No enemy aircraft are claimed as casualties during the month although a number of combats took place.																																						
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