

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

of (Unit or Formation) No. 119 (B.G.A.S.) SQUADRON

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
MIDDLETON ST. CROSS	1st. JULY		Squadron Standdown. Information has been received from Mrs. H. Felton, of the city of KANE/COR, R.G., that the city has adopted the Squadron. A full report is attached as Appendix 1st. Flying training was undertaken. The pilots of the Squadron played the W/Op. A.G.'s at softball, and the Navigators played the Bomb Aimers.		
	2nd. JULY		Squadron standdown. A wet dingy drill was undertaken in the river SEE.		
	3/4 th		13 aircraft were briefed for operations on GLENN. Twelve successfully bombed the target and returned. One aircraft is missing (Pilot officer Bell and crew on their 29th trip). Particulars of the missing crew are: J.17340 P/O R.A.H. Bell (Captain), No. 135930A Sgt. Simpson, A. (Navigator), R.76956 P/Sgt. Hillman, R.G. (Bomb Aimer), R.72543 Sgt. Aronson, J.D. (W/Op. A.G.), R.61765 Sgt. Taylor, W.R. (W/Op.), No. 543238 Sgt. Graham, J.F. (Snd. Gunner), R.65492 P/Sgt. Athan, G.R. (Rear Gunner), R.75690 Sgt. Anderson, J.A. was carried as Snd. Pilot, this being his 1st. operational trip.		A-618- A-630
	4th. JULY		10 aircraft were warned for operations but these were scrubbed at 16.00 hours.		
	5th. JULY		12 aircraft were warned for operations. These were scrubbed at 16.00 hours.		
	6th. JULY		12 aircraft were warned for operations. These were scrubbed at 19.00 hours. The following crews reported from 16659 Convulsion Unit for flying duties: J.4368 P/O D.J. Gorman (Pilot), R.78374 W/O Macdonald, A.G. IEM (Navigator), J.21610 P/O L.G. Vobley (Navigator), R.72866 Sgt. G'Young, R. (W/Op. A.G.), R.52576 Sgt. Holdsworth, G.V. (W/Op.), R.12678 Sgt. Young, J.E. (Snd. Gunner), and J.14753 P/O D.L. Lurie (Rear Gunner). R.94538 P/Sgt. Stewart, R. (Pilot), J.16706 P/O S.H. Jones (Navigator), R.156760 Sgt. Cleveland R.A.F. (Bomb Aimer), R.20389 Sgt. Haldy (W/Op. A.G.), R.67304 Sgt. Sanny, R.R. (W/Op.), R.25264 Sgt. Northcote, L. (Snd. Gunner) and R.11417 Sgt. Garland, A.D. (Rear Gunner).		
	7th. JULY		Squadron standdown. Training in Navigation was undertaken by the Wireless Operators of the Squadron, P/O. Ails. Pennell instructing the Course.		
	8th. JULY		14 aircraft were warned for operations. These were scrubbed at 21.00 hours.		
	9th. JULY		11 aircraft were briefed for operations on GLENN/KIRKST. All aircraft returned, one returning early with rear turret W/O.		A-631- A-641
	10th. JULY		Squadron standdown. The weather being good a wet dingy drill was undertaken by "A" flight in the river SEE. "B" flight aircrew played "B" flight groundcrew at softball, the aircrew winning by a large margin. The following crew reported for flying duties from No. 166 Convulsion Unit: R. 133711 Sgt. Sobin, J.R. (Pilot), J. 14518 P/O J. Sibellis (Navigator) R.14652 Sgt. Mahoney, J.H. (Bomb Aimer) R.30602 Sgt. Farrow, A.V. (W/Op. A.G.), R.72763 Sgt. Macdonald, J.J. (Snd Gunner), R.10458 Sgt. McGarty, D.S. (Rear Gunner), and R.62317 Sgt. Maxwell, R.H. (W/Op.).		
	14th. JULY		Squadron standdown. Astro training was undertaken by the Squadron.		
	12th. JULY		12 aircraft were warned for operations, these were scrubbed at 22.00 hours.		
	13th. JULY		13 aircraft attacked GLENN. 12 completed the mission and returned safely. P/O R.J. Wanner (J.14553) in "B" shot down a Ju-88. One crew is missing from the operation. OMS271 2nd Lt. R.J.J. FURRY (Captain) (an attachment from the U.S. ARMY AIR FORCE), R.156762		A-632-64 A-644

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MIDDLETON ST. GEORGES	13th JULY		Sgt. Oatenden, M. (Navigator), 1339611 Sgt. PERKETT, O.G. (Bomb aimer), 133529 Sgt. GILCHRIST, J.G. (P/O A.G.), 136990 Sgt. GARDNER, J.C. (Flight Engineer), 131764 Sgt. LA HAIGH, K. (Sgt Gunner), and 136928 P/Sgt. BARKIN W.G. (Rear Gunner).		A.62A
	14th JULY		Squadron Standdown. Further training was undertaken in Astro and Navigation.		
	15th JULY		Squadron Standdown. The following crew reported for flying duties from 1659 Conversion Unit: P/O DUNN, J. (Captain), 133437 P/O WALKER, J. (Navigator), 132478 P/O Sgt. KEMP, (Bomb Aimer), 136238 Sgt. BARKER, S. (P/O A.G.), 136929 Sgt. ASHBY, J. (Flight Eng.), 136921 Sgt. HILLMAN, G. (Sgt Gunner) and 136930 Sgt. BISHOP, J. (Rear Gunner). P/O S.A. HENRY (Captain), 136617 P/O S.A. SMITH (Navigator), J. 2154 P/O S.A. LEE, (Bomb Aimer), 136617 Sgt. SALAM, J. (P/O A.G.), 137113 Sgt. BISHOP, J. (Flight Eng.), 136930 Sgt. GIFFORD, S. (Sgt Gunner), 136927 Sgt. BISHOP, J. (Rear Gunner), 136928 Sgt. MATHIAS, J. (Sgt Gunner), 136929 Sgt. BARKER, G. (Navigator), 136930 Sgt. BISHOP, G. (Bomb Aimer), 136927 Sgt. BARKER, J. (P/O A.G.), 136928 Sgt. BARKER, W. (Flight Eng.), 136929 Sgt. BARKER, M. (Sgt Gunner) and 136930 Sgt. BARKER, L. (Rear Gunner).		
	16th July		Squadron Standdown. 136588 P/O SAM BAIRD (Bomb Aimer) reported for flying duties from No. 105 Squadron.		
	17th July		Squadron Standdown. The following crew reported from 1659 Conversion Unit for flying duties: P/O WALKER, J. (Captain), 133437 P/O J. J. WALKER (Navigator), 131918 Sgt. GILFAR, J. (Bomb Aimer), 131099 Sgt. PRIDE, M. (P/O A.G.), 136238 Sgt. ASHBY, J. (Flight Eng.), 136927 Sgt. BARKER, S. (Sgt Gunner) and 136929 Sgt. BISHOP, S. (Rear Gunner).		
	18th July		Squadron Standdown. A game of football was held, the competitors being aircrew officers and aircrew NCO's. The match was won by a large margin. Officers and NCO's of the Gunnery section did a considerable amount of shoot shooting during the afternoon.		
	19th July		Squadron Standdown. The following crew reported for flying duties from 1659 Conversion Unit: P/O WALKER, J. (Captain), 133437 P/O J. J. WALKER (Navigator), 131918 Sgt. GILFAR, J. (Bomb Aimer), 131099 Sgt. PRIDE, M. (P/O A.G.), 136238 Sgt. ASHBY, J. (Flight Eng.), 136927 Sgt. BARKER, S. (Sgt Gunner), 136929 Sgt. BISHOP, S. (Rear Gunner).		
	20th July		Squadron Standdown. The Navigators of the squadron carried out a number of exercises in Astro N procedure, under the supervision of P/O A.G. PARRILL, Squadron Navigation Leader.		
	21st July		Squadron Standdown. Two softball games were played during the afternoon and groundcrew flight aircrew and groundcrew and the other degrees of flight aircrew and groundcrew.		
	22nd July		16 Aircraft were briefed for operations but just as they were about to take off the operation was cancelled.		
	23rd July		17 Aircraft were warned for operations. These were cancelled at 18.00 hours.		

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MILDMONT ST. GEORGE	24th JUNE		11 aircraft were briefed for operations on the target of HAMBURG. All the aircraft successfully bombed the target and returned to base safely.		A. 695 - A. 669
	25th JUNE		10 aircraft were briefed for operations, HAMBURG being the target. 9 aircraft returned safely, 1 aircraft was missing. Particulars of the missing crew are:- R. 6955 Sgt. Chapman, L. (Captain), R. 12790 Sgt. REED, W.E. (Navigator), R. 126192 Sgt. FRENCH, D.R. (Bomb Aimer), 57504 Sgt. STEWART, J. (Flight Eng.), R. 15775 Sgt. BIRD, K. (2nd Gunner), R. 15263 Sgt. FORBES, A.S. (Near Gunner) and R. 8794 P/O A.W. MARSHALL (2nd Pilot). P/O MARSHALL was on his first operational sortie, having reported to the Squadron only a few days earlier. The following were reported from 1659 Conversion Unit for flying duties:- R. 5072 P/O S.A. HARRISON (Captain), R. 14776 P/O S.A. HAYL (Navigator), R. 19136 Sgt. REED, S. (Bomb Aimer), R. 22067 P/O S.W. GALEXIE (Bomb Aimer), 145943 Sgt. DAVIS, W.S. (Flight Eng.), R. 141311 Sgt. ALEXANDER, W.B. (Near Gunner), R. 14120 P/O S.W. HANCOCK (Captain), R. 22209 P/O G.R. DONALDSON (Navigator), R. 141377 Sgt. REED, W.E. (Bomb Aimer), 108131 Sgt. LINDSAY, D. (W/O), 180075 Sgt. SHANER, A.W. (Flight Eng.), R. 12790 Sgt. GOODE, L.M. (2nd Gunner) and 1179705 P/O Sgt. BRIDGEMAN, G.E. (Near Gunner).		A. 666 - A. 675 A. 67A A. 666
	26th JUNE		2 aircraft took part in a sea search but this was unsuccessful. The following were reported to the Squadron from 1659 Conversion Unit for flying duties:- J. 5699 P/O R.H.F. OWEN (Captain), J. 22062 P/O S.A. HARRISON (Navigator), J. 22543 P/O L.D. SWINERTON (Bomb Aimer), 107970 Sgt. BRUCE, W.B. (W/O A.G.), R. 145238 Sgt. DUNNAN, J.J. (Near Gunner), 1577001 Sgt. GIBSON, L.W. (2nd Gunner) and 1800967 Sgt. BOLTON, J. (Flight Eng.). R. 21294 P/O W.E. HAMILTON (Captain), J. 22065 P/O S.W. DAIN (Bomb Aimer), J. 14709 P/O S.L. RIFE (Navigator), 147922 Sgt. ROSE, E.A. (W/O A.G.), 167235 Sgt. HARWAN, J. (Flight Eng.), R. 161439 Sgt. GRIFFIN, E. (2nd Gunner) and R. 172283 Sgt. BUCHANAN, A. (Near Gunner). P/O R. BROWN, who was formerly W/O in charge of the Squadron Ammunition, reported from 6 Group for duty as Squadron Am. Officer.		A. 676 - A. 669
	27th JUNE		44 aircraft attacked HAMBURG and all returned safely, though several sustained damage by flak.		A. 676 - A. 669
	28th JUNE		Squadron attendance. The Squadron Commander, W/Obr. E.E. FERRIS, DFC, accompanied by the Section Leaders (R/Obr. G.A. MURPHY, W/Obr. Flight, P/Obr. A.L. PENNIE, Navigation, P/Obr. W.G. REE - Signals Leader, P/Obr. R.L. SHILLER - Bombing Leader, P/Obr. R.L. KEMION - Gunnery Leader) proceeded to HAMBURG where they were taken aboard a ROYAL NAVY submarine for a trip, which included a number of practice drops. The following were reported for duty (flying) from 1659 Conversion Unit:- R. 15835 Sgt. ODGE, D.E. (Pilot), J. 21246 P/O S.W. DUNNAN (Navigator), R. 140263 Sgt. GIBSON, L.W. (Bomb Aimer), 1418066 Sgt. BRUCE, J. (W/O A.G.), 108157 Sgt. SHANER, A. (Flight Eng.), R. 140616 Sgt. SADESKI, J. (2nd Gunner) and R. 176124 Sgt. BUCHANAN, A.W. (Near Gunner).		
	29th JUNE		15 aircraft attacked HAMBURG. Sgt. ALLEN, S.E. in "P" was obliged to return early as the port inner engine became W/O. The remaining aircraft successfully bombed the target and returned safely. Four landing at GHEAT owing to bad visibility at base.		A. 690 - A. 705
	30th JUNE		12 aircraft were warned for operations but 7 were scrubbed at take-off. The remaining 5 successfully attacked HAMBURG and returned safely. Lt. MURPHY and 9 ratings of the R.E. paid a return visit to the Squadron and were taken on eyes country flights in our aircraft.		A. 706 - A. 710

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MILMANTON ST. GEORGE	31st JULY		14 aircraft were warned for operations. Over task-out had been postponed the operation was finally cancelled. The following crew reported to the Squadron from 1664 Conversion Unit for flying duties:- 1309636 Sgt. WHEE, L.F. (Captain), 1579260 Sgt. BARNES, J. (Navigator); R-117946 Sgt. BARNHILL, A. (Bomb Aimer), 1237630 Sgt. HERBERT, R.G. (W/Op. A.G.), 1603769 Sgt. DANKIN, R.E. (Night Ing.), R-188839 Sgt. JAMES, R.W. (2nd Gunner) and 1813113 Sgt. Godfrey, K. (2nd Gunner).																																																		
	31st JULY		The total weight of bombs dropped during the month was as follows:- 51 x 2,000-lb. H.G., 81 x 1,000-lb. H.G., 4,488 x 50-lb. L.G., and 56,970 x 4-lb. incendiaries.																																																		
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	31st JULY		Number and type of aircraft on charge:- 21 Halifax II Aircraft.																																																		
	31 JULY		Flying Times for JULY 1943:- Operational 57:41.5 Non-Operational 13:05																																																		
			Number of sorties carried out during JULY 1943:- 93																																																		
			Two enemy aircraft are claimed as destroyed during the month. P/O R.J. WAGNER in 'B' shot down a Ju-88 on the night of 13th July, and Sgt. GARDNER destroyed a FW-190 on the night of July 29th.		A.64 and A.67b																																																
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