

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

of (Unit or Formation) NO. 419 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	1ST MAY 1945		Operational Stand-down. - Make and Mend. P/L. H.C. Doman and crew reported in. W/G. Ferguson interviewed 15 applicants for commissions. The Squadron has not operated since it attacked WANGEROOGE on April 25th and there is much speculation as to whether there would be any more "Ops". Ground and flying training laid on.		
	2ND MAY 1945		Operational Stand-down. - Make and Mend. Weather at Base cool and cloudy. Ground training and considerable amount of local flying. News in the newspapers is very spectacular these days and bags of rumours that Hitler is dead.		
	3RD MAY 1945		Operational Stand-down. All aircrew assembled in N.A.F.F.L. at 0930 hours to see a training film on Airborne lifeboats. Flying and ground training laid on.		
	4TH MAY 1945		Operational Stand-down. The weather was warm so an extensive sports programme was laid on between the various sections. The Bomb Aimers, being good sports, lost all the events they participated in. The Allies are over-running the whole of Germany and it doesn't look as if the war will last much longer. The aircrew speak as though the bombing of German targets is now definitely over. No flying or ground training to-day.		
	5TH MAY		Operational Stand-down. Weather at Base wet and cold. Crews practicing Navigation at sea and a large amount of ground training being carried out. The Station Commander instructed Service Police to report all personnel leaving the Station in Battle Dress. Three N.C.O.'s and one officer charged for being improperly dressed and given extra duties. There are great days for the newspapers - many reports circulating of peace offers and unconditional surrender being made.		
	6TH MAY 1945		Another Operational Stand-down. It looks as if we have finished operating against Germany for good. All personnel are eagerly following the news and expect "V.E. Day" being disclosed any hour. First indication received to-day that an extensive training programme is to start immediately in order to fly the aircraft home to Canada in the near future, therefore great excitement. All personnel on leave were recalled in order to be available to commence training. Many personnel attended the Station Chapel in the morning. The 6 Group Chaplain gave a very good sermon and the service was enjoyed by all. Ten aircraft took off at 2200 hours on a 7 hour cross country. All navigation was done by radio and		

even before V.E. Day's. Training begun for home flight A.M.

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MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	5TH MAY	(CONT'D)	and astro and good results were obtained.		
	5TH MAY 1945		Operational Stand-down. - "Victory Day" seems eminent. News broadcast at 1500 hours that tomorrow will be "V.E. Day" and that the Prime Minister and His Majesty the King will broadcast. Great excitement and celebration for the morrow being planned. No flying but a limited amount of ground training carried out. The Wireless Operators are feverishly practicing to build up their speed, contemplating a trip home by aircraft.		
	5TH MAY 1945		"V.E. DAY" - CHEERS. '.' - '.' - '.' - '.' - '.' - '.'		
			Two day stand down declared. All personnel adjourned to their various Messes to celebrate. By 1300 hours the boys were really whoofing it up in the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes. At last the great day had arrived and one and all intended to celebrate. The Station Pipe Band was much in evidence and marched around the Mess Buildings followed by all ranks in various stages of intoxication and designs of dress. Many wore top hats and brightly coloured civilian ties. In fact many had no ties as they were being clipped off continuously by merry makers. During the afternoon, much against their will, P/O Vernon and P/O Sims were seized and in a few moments they had both lost the starboard halves of their luminant moustaches. At 2030 hours the celebration in the Officers' Mess hit its peak and the crowd gradually wended its way to the Station Victory Dance in the N.A.F.P.I. The dance was a great success and all returned to their billets completely worn out from a very strenuous day of celebrating. The weather on "V.E. Day" was also wet and it rained off and on until 1600 hours.		
	5TH MAY 1945		Another day of celebration, although very quiet in the morning as all ranks were sleeping off the effects of V.E. Day. A church service of thanks giving was held at 1030 hours and in the afternoon a matinee was shown in the Station Cinema. In the evening all ranks were invited to a dance in the Waffery. During the morning and afternoon the Officer Commanding and Flight Commanders attended FRANK ASHAWARD FROM PLUMB lectures in the Station Intelligence Library and were given the Gen on flying the aircraft home. The lectures were given by S/L. Staddon, A.F.C. from Transport Command.		

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MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	10th MAY 1945		<p>Twenty-two crews selected to undergo training to fly the Lancasters home. Lectures were held in the briefing room for these crews and they were given a general outline as to what form their training would take. Stress was being laid on navigators being proficient in astro and radio navigation and wireless operators familiarising themselves with Department of Transport procedure. Pilots were also receiving instruction on beam flying. All sections participated in Volley Ball during slack hours. The Officer Commanding interviewed twenty applicants for commissions in the afternoon. It is now apparent that the plan laid down to handle the Station activities on V.E. Day and V.E. + 1 was very efficiently organised. Everyone enjoyed themselves and no damage done and everything is definitely back to normal.</p>		
	11th MAY 1945		<p>Navigation Section very busy on Dry Swims. At any time of day Navigators could be seen taking sun shots and in the early hours of the morning they were out taking astro shots. Pilots were busy flying the beam in the Link Trainer. The Squadron O.C. had a two hour conference with the crews who are detailed to fly home.</p>		
	12th MAY 1945		<p>Navigators practicing more dry swims and received lectures on major range procedure. The morning was cold and wet and very little activity took place. A small number attended church at 1115 hours.</p>		
	13th MAY 1945		<p>Training Lectures were held in the morning in 428 Squadron Briefing Room. The 22 crews who are flying home were split into 2 parts for training purposes. At 2200 hours 11 crews took off on their first cross country exercise.</p>		
	14th May 1945		<p>More Training Lectures for the Navigators and Wireless Operators. Eleven aircraft took off in the morning on a cross country exercise. The weather cold and windy remains, with little opportunity for sports for crews who are not flying.</p>		
	15th May 1945		<p>Nice day for a change. Eleven aircraft took off on flying training exercise. A lecture was given to aircraft crews on Pay and Accounts procedure by the Station Accounts Officer. S/L Powell and two civilian newspaper men visited the Squadron to get a story for the Darlington papers on the activities of 419 and 428 Squadrons during the war.</p>		
	16th May 1945		<p>Weather cold and windy again and morning flying exercises had to be scrubbed. The Navigators are all slaving away in the section on Dry Swims across the Atlantic. Nine</p>		

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MIDDLETON ST GEORGE	16th May 1945		(CONT'D) hundred and fifteen copies of the Squadron Crest were forwarded to F/Lt Crawford at H.Q. 6 Group to forward on to the next-of-kin of 419 casualties.		
	17th May, 1945		Eleven aircraft took off on cross country exercises. Link Trainer very busy and Navigators still taking sun astro shots.		
	18th May 1945		Very nice day. In the afternoon spare aircrew worked in the mess and out on the front lawn firing things up for the great Victory Dance planned for tomorrow night. In the afternoon F/L Cox, Senior Briefing Officer from Transport Command, gave all the boys the gen on Transport Briefing.		
	19th MAY 1945		Ground Training carried out in the morning and the afternoon was spent preparing for the evening's dance. F/Lt Tulk really doing a grand job on the "Beer Garden" in front of the Mess. The weather turned very chilly toward evening and consequently the guests could not stay in the "Beer Garden" with any degree of comfort; as a result, the Mess was packed. The RCAF Dance Band from London was very popular and all had a very happy time. (Lots of girls were there).		
	20th May 1945		Complete stand-down in every respect. Victory Dance finished at 0300 - enough said.		
	21st May 1945		Extensive training carried out especially in Navigation and Wireless Sections. Dakota aircraft arrived on Station from Transport Command to take groundcrew to Legens.		
	22nd May 1945		Flying scrubbed. Ground training in full swing. The Dakota took off for the Azores. No. 6 Group Operational Order No. 5/1945 received, giving details of flight to Canada.		
	23rd May 1945		Eleven crews briefed for morning training exercise but this was scrubbed due to bad weather. In the afternoon the Squadron Commander, W/O Ferguson, S/L Watts and two Padres visited personnel of 419 Squadron who are hospitalised in this area.		
	24th May 1945		Eleven crew briefed and took off in the morning for a cross country. F/O J. Vernon, who has been Squadron Navigation Leader since March 17th, finally got his F/Lt today, official May 1st.		
	25th May 1945		Eleven crews took off on their last day-light cross country. Pilots are winding up their link training. Declaration forms were handed out today for personnel to state their		

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MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	25TH MAY 1945		future wishes insofar as the R.C.A.F. is concerned.		
	26TH MAY 1945		Individual sections dishing out drawers and cupboards in anticipation of the move. At 14.30 hours the Squadron assembled and had their picture taken, first "A" Flight, then "B" Flight and each Section individually. Personnel not detailed for flying were given a 48 hours pass.		
	27TH MAY 1945		Ten crews took off on a cross country. Sections very quiet as majority of personnel on a 48. The Commanding Officer spent the morning compiling 1969's on all officers.		
	28TH MAY 1945		Voting started today for the Federal Election. Not much of anything doing.		
	29TH MAY 1945		All personnel flying home started to hand in their baggage. Four crews took off to complete all air training for Trans-Atlantic Flight. W/O Ferguson, S/L Hunter, S/L Watts and F/L Miller attended the Engineer's party at Stockton. An excellent chicken dinner was laid on and then the party moved to the "Unicom" for liquid refreshments.		
	30TH MAY 1945		Personnel flying home were given a briefing at 14.30 hrs. in 428 Squadron briefing room concerning baggage arrangements etc. A number of crews went to the neighbouring pubs for their last drink.		
	31ST MAY 1945		A large crowd gathered at the edge of the aerodrome to cheer 15 aircraft and crews of 428 Squadron as they took off for HOME. Air Chief Marshal Harris, Air Marshal G.O. Johnson and Air Vice Marshal Molwen spoke to those present of the achievements of the R.C.A.F. in the European conflict and the effect heavy bombing had on speeding Victory. It will be our turn tomorrow when 10 of our crews are scheduled to take off at 1000 hours.		
	31ST MAY 1945		(a) CASUALTIES - NIL		
	31ST MAY 1945		(b) POSTINGS IN		
			628748 E/L DUNNAN, E.O. P. Posted from 1661 C.U. (75 Base) waf 30.4.45		
			519333 E/O YIPOND, G.M. N		
			540362 E/O ZELVANY, B. A/B		
			1592872 SGT GORD, E.A. W/O		

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MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	31ST MAY 1945		(b) POSTINGS IN OBT'D.		
			J44988 P/O STOKES, J.S. P/E (P)		
			3033495 SGT TYSON, R.J.W. M/U		
			ANSA33964 P/S GILLIARD, G.P. P/C		
			J86039 P/O MOORE, A.G. P Posted from 76 Base w.o.f. 3.5.45		
			J42672 P/O BOGDAN, L. N		
			J45194 P/O WILSON, W. AB		
			R254991 SGT COOKS, G.A. W/G		
			U206709 SGT ROCHETTE, L.M.J. P/E (P)		
			J46183 P/O MAINDS, L.M. M/U		
			J47106 P/O HEND, L.A. P/C		
			J21845 W/L ROSS, W.M. P Posted from 76 Base w.o.f. 8.5.45		
			J43025 P/O WEBER, P.C. N		
			R91318 P/S MCKELAN, G.F. AB		
			R136905 SGT VIGLITTE, J.Y. WO		
			J44757 P/O MICHENER P/E (P)		
			R283233 SGT THOMBLAY, J.E. M/U		
			R112481 SGT BROWN, B.G. P/C		
			J17995 P/O MCKILIAN, D.J. P Posted from 76 Base w.o.f. 12.5.45		
			J13822 W/L WOLFE, H.E. N		
			J85394 P/O CAMPBELL, H.H. AB		
			J17464 P/O FORRESTER, P.E. WO		
			G19416 P/O KIRKHAM, E.R. P/E		
			J86286 P/O GARDNER, H.E. M/U		
			171461 P/O MITCHELL, J.A. P/C		

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MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	JULY MAY 1945		(b) POSTINGS IN (CONT'D)		
			J17649 F/O CAMPBELL, D.G.	F/E (P)	Posted from 127 Squadron w.e.f. 12.5.45
			R18369A WO2 ROWE, K.W.H.	NAV.	Posted from 12 Squadron, w.e.f. 15.5.45.
		J87585 F/O CHARBONNEAU, M.	A/G	Posted from No. 64 (RCAF) Base w.e.f. 20.5.45	
			(c) POSTINGS OUT		
	JULY MAY 1945		R225203 SGT HENDER, H.N.	F/E	Posted to No. 64 Base w.e.f. 1.5.45 (N.E. Sick)
			R164401 WO1 MOUNTYRE, R.E.	A/G	Posted to 431 Squadron w.e.f. 1.5.45 (Operations)
			J9756 F/L ROBERTSON, M.R.	F	Posted to 405 Squadron w.e.f. 28.4.45 (Operations)
			J15201 S/L LEITH, P.E.M.	N	
			J85213 F/O SHYMA, M.D.	AB	
			J11598 F/L WEBSTER, M.D.	WO	
			189659 F/O HALLIOT, H.H.	F/E	
			J17066 F/L BAKER, J.B.	M/U	
			J87986 F/O SCHWING, A.K.	F/G	
			J36921 F/O SEALS, M.E.	NAV.	Posted to "R" Depot w.e.f. 7.5.45 (Repatriation)
		J38770 F/O OSBORNE, A.	NAV.		
		J90648 F/O BUTTER, C.T.	WOP		
	J15917 F/O SCOTT, E.A.	A/G	Posted to "R" Depot w.e.f. 10.5.45 (Repatriation)		
	J37218 F/O MASON, J.T.	A/B	Posted to "R" Depot w.e.f. 17.5.45 (Repatriation)		
	J36901 F/O FAISLEY, H.S.	A/B	Posted to RCAF O/S H.Q. w.e.f. 1.5.45 (Spec. Duties List)		

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MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	31ST MAY 1945		(c) POSTINGS OUT (CONT'D)		
			1825253 SGT BELL, A.D. F/E Posted to AGAC waf 17.5.45 (Assessment for future duties)		
			1806065 F/S BULLOCK, N.H. F/E		
			793882 F/O STEVENSON, D. A/G Posted to "R" Depot waf 17.5.45 (Repatriation)		
			737735 F/O TOPP, F.C. NAV. Posted to 24 O.T.U. waf 15.5.45 (Instructor)		
			8209375 F/S BUSH, T.H. F/E (P) Posted to 428 Squadron waf 22.5.45 (Operations)		
			094589 F/O ROPER, H.W. F/E Posted to BCAF O/S H.Q. waf 10.5.45 (Spec. duties list)		
			737737 F/O YOUNG, H.R. NAV. Posted "R" Depot waf 21.5.45 (Repatriation)		
			792980 F/O CLARK, J.H. W/O		
			129451 F/L HANDELING, D.W. A/B Posted AGAC waf 22.5.45 (Assessment for future duties)		
			018841 F/O JOY, W.N. F/E Posted "R" Depot waf 22.5.45 (Repatriation)		
			1804511 SGT LEGER, E. F/E(P) Posted to 85 Squadron waf 30.5.45 (Operations)		
			1587798 F/S GASH, J.T.R.E. F/E(P)		
			1524453 F/S SAWYER, P.J. F/E(P)		
			1604598 F/S JONES, K.W. F/E(P)		
			1603978 SGT KRAVYK, K. F/E(P)		
			719267 F/O SCOTT, R.G. W/O Posted "R" Depot waf 30.5.45 (A.M.O. 945/44 para 7)		
			1595350 SGT MAYO, A. F/E Posted to AGAC waf 30.5.45 (Assessment for future duties)		67



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MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	21ST MAY 1945		(a) PROMOTIONS		
			J21323 F/O WALLEY, B.G. P Promoted to T/E/L w.e.f. 16.1.45		
			J89039 F/O LEWIS, H.E. F/E Promoted to T/E/O w.e.f. 14.3.45		
			J89041 F/O WOODROW, G.H. F/E Promoted to T/E/O w.e.f. 14.3.45		
			J48774 F/O MACINTOSH, J.D. F/E Promoted to T/E/O w.e.f. 20.3.45		
			G2148 F/O THOMAS, A.G. F/E Promoted to T/E/O w.e.f. 2.3.45		
			J49264 F/O SULLIVAN, R.G. F/E Promoted to T/E/O w.e.f. 27.3.45		
			J89109 F/O JONES, E.R. A/G Promoted to T/E/O w.e.f. 14.3.45		
			J90260 F/O SMITH, G.L. W/O Promoted to T/E/O w.e.f. 15.3.45		
			J27558 F/O SMITH, G.L. Pilot Promoted to A/E/L w.e.f. 20.4.45		
			J69068 F/O JONES, E. W/O Promoted to T/E/O w.e.f. 21.2.45		
			J17481 F/O FORRESTER, F.R. W/O Promoted to T/E/L w.e.f. 11.3.45		
			J23495 F/O TAYLOR, A.M. NAV. Promoted to T/E/L w.e.f. 5.2.45		
			J17180 F/O GRAM, H.R. Pilot Promoted to T/E/L w.e.f. 2.4.45		
			(a) COMMISSIONS		
				OFFICERS NO.	EFF. DATE
			R252912 F/S GOODMAN, R.A. W/O	J.94532	30.3.45
			R179859 W/O FENTON, R.M. W/O	J.94531	30.3.45
			R197292 F/S COLEMAN, J.A. A/G	J.94529	30.3.45
			R190279 W/O KEENE, P.L. NAV.	J.94570	30.3.45
			R206416 SGT MUIR-HOLLAND, J.T. F/E	J.94571	30.3.45
			R254643 F/S MORRIS, J.E. A/G	J.94553	30.3.45
			R212522 F/S MCGILLIM, J.G. A/B	J.94587	30.3.45
			R206083 F/S BOMBOTTOM, J.B. NAV.	J.94591	30.3.45
			R118753 F/S ROYER, H.W. F/E	G.94589	30.3.45
			R274907 F/S DEWICK, G. A/G	J.94524	30.3.45
			R411961 F/S AINSLIE, R.S. A/G	J.94523	30.3.45

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MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	11ST MAY 1945		(e) COMMISSIONS (CONT'D)		
				<u>OFFICERS NO.</u>	<u>EFF. DATE</u>
			R183895 WO2 GOSHMAN, D.R. Pilot	J.94711	30.3.45
			R159398 WO1 PETERSON, R.M. Pilot	J.94727	6.4.45
			R61598 F/S KINGMAR, G.F. F/E	G.94653	19.2.45
			1568231 F/S WILLIAMS, W.F. NAV.	196368	1.5.45
			(f) HONOURS AND AWARDS		
			The award of the Distinguished Flying Cross (Non-Immediate) was made to:		
			J.88217 F/O ROGERS, H.W. A/G		
			J.7456 F/L CAMERON, W.C. Pilot		
			J.85961 F/O MCNEIL, D.T. NAV.		
			J.86975 F/O WILLIAMS, C.D.F. PILOT		
			J.90515 F/O McDONALD, L.H. Pilot		
			J.86159 F/O NASH, J.A. A/G		
			J.16596 A/F/L CHALCRAFT, W.R. PILOT		
			J.92560 F/O WESTON, J.L. A/G		
			(g) CHANGES IN COMMAND - NIL		
			(h) CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION - NIL		
			(i) AIRCRAFT ON CHARGE (TYPE AND NUMBER)		
			Lancaster X - 20		
			(j) OPERATIONAL AND NON-OPERATIONAL FLYING TIMES		
				<u>DAY</u>	<u>NIGHT</u>
			Lancaster Non-Operational	404.03	213.48
			Lancaster Operational	NIL	NIL

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MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	1st MAY	1945	(k) NUMBER OF SERVICES - OPERATIONAL - - NIL		
			(l) MONTHLY AND CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF BOMBS DROPPED AND MINES LAYED.		
			TON = 224.0 lbs.		
			<b>H.E.</b> <b>INCENDIARIES</b>		
			Bombs dropped during the month of May, 1945                      NIL                      NIL		
			Bombs dropped from 1.1.45 to 30.4.45                      1712.27                      492.53		
			Cumulative total since 1st January, 1945:                      1712.27                      492.53		
			1500 lb Mines                      1000 lb Mines		
			Mines layed from 1st January 1945 to 1st May, 1945:                      NIL                      NIL		
			(Number not tons)		
			(m) NUMBER OF CONTACTS WITH ENEMY AIRCRAFT - - NIL		
			(n) The strength of No. 419 (RCAF) Squadron as at 1st May, 1945, was as follows:		
			R.C.A.F.                      R.C.A.F.                      R.A.F.                      R.A.F.		
			<u>OFFICERS</u> <u>AIWOM</u> <u>OFFICERS</u> <u>AIWOM</u>		
			AIWOM:                      145                      107                      6                      9		
			GROUND CREW:                      1                      -                      -                      -		
			(o) <b>SHORT SUMMARY OF THE MONTH'S ACTIVITIES BY WING COMMANDER M.E. FERGUSON</b>		
			The month of May stood out definitely as the "Victory" month. From VE Day until the end of the month training for the Atlantic Flight took up a great deal of time. The last week in May was taken up with personnel filling out and discussing the Declaration Form. Out of 36 crews on strength the following are volunteers for the Pacific War as first choice:		
			Pilots                      Navigators                      Air Bombers                      WOP/AG's                      Flt. Eng's                      A/G's                      Total		
			20                      13                      17                      17                      11                      38                      116		

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			<p>Letters of thanks were sent to the following for the very generous manner in which they supplied 419 Squadron with cigarettes and comforts:-</p> <p>(a) Mrs. Fulton, Secretary of the Kamloops Auxiliary.</p> <p>(b) Lancaster Bomber Builders, Victory Aircraft, Toronto.</p> <p>(c) Mr. J.B. Cross, President Calgary Brewing and Malting Co., Ltd., Calgary.</p> <p>(p) <u>OUTSTANDING DATES IN 419 SQUADRON'S HISTORY</u></p>		
	15.12.41		419 Squadron Commenced to form at Mildenhall, Suffolk. W/C J. Fulton DFC was appointed Commanding Officer and arrived from RAF Farnborough on 21.12.41. F/D P. Moriarty was appointed Adjutant and assumed his duties on December 29th, 1941. Priority was given to post all available R.C.A.F. Personnel, especially aircrew, to the Squadron and the intention was to have one Flight of Wellington 10's operating as from January 5th, 1942.		
	2.1.42		The Squadron received its first aircraft and by 9.1.42 nine aircraft were on strength.		
	11.1.42		Two Wellington 21145 and X9748, Skippers F/O Cottier and W/C Fulton took off at 1650 hours and attacked BRESE from 14,000 feet, on the first operational sortie from the Squadron. Both aircraft returned safely to base at 2200 hours. Each aircraft dropped six 500 lb S.A.P. Bombs.		
	15.1.42		These two crews again attacked HAMBURG but F/O Cottier crashed in the sea off Spurn Head on the way home, killing F/O Cottier, Sgt. Powell, Sgt. Fugh, and F/O Lomas. Two crewmembers, Sgt. Cox and Sgt. Lucas survived the crash and were rescued. These were the Squadron's first casualties. By the end of January "A" Flight (Flight Commander S/L Turner (Can.)) and "B" Flight (Flight Commander S/L Reid (RAF)) had been organised and 14 aircraft were on strength. In the first month of operating 14 sorties were made and the Squadron strength was as follows:		67h

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	15.1.42	(Cont'd)	R.C.A.F. OFFICERS	Air Crew	12
				Ground Crew	-
			R.C.A.F. AIRMEN	Aircrew	52
				Ground Crew	78
			R.A.F. OFFICERS	Air Crew	8
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	30.5.42		16 Aircraft attacked GLOUCE in the first history making 1000 aircraft raid.		
	1.6.42		19 Aircraft attacked BRESSEN on the 2nd 1000 bomber raid of the war.		
	28.7.42		W/C J. Fulton and Crew E/7464, F/S E. Mcnroe (F), B8994, Sgt. H. Bryden (O) 102997 F/O W.G. Campbell (WG), R6685 Sgt. H.G. Arthur, R66051 F/S H.J. Bell (AG) failed to return from an attack on HAMBURG. On 25.9.42 information was received from the Red Cross, quoting German Information, that F/S Arthur's body was washed ashore. The whole Squadron mourned the loss of the crew and their beloved leader.		
	13.8.42		The Squadron moved to Leeming and five days later moved to Topcliffe.		
	2.9.42		W/C A.P. Walsh, the C.O., failed to return from HAMBURG.		
	30.9.42		The Squadron moved to Croft.		
	10.11.42		The Squadron moved to Middleton St. George.		
	13.11.42		Three Halifax IIIs received and during the months November and December the Squadron was busy converting to Halifax aircraft.		
	1.1.43		The Squadron became operational again.		
	9.1.43		Five Halifax aircraft did mining in the Frisian area, one failing to return.		
	27.1.43		Nine aircraft attacked Berlin.		
	1.7.43		Information received that the City of Kamloops had adopted the Moose Squadron.		
	8.10.43		W/C Fleming posted to No. 6 Group.		

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	22.10.43		W/C McHurdy, C.A., the new C.O., failed to return from raid on KASSEL.	
	12.12.43		Two Canadian Lancaster I's arrived at the Squadron.	
	30.1.44		Conversion to Lancos progressing favourably.	
	27.4.44		Eight Lancos attacked marshalling yards at MONTZEN. This was the first occasion on which Lancaster aircraft participated in an operation in force.	
	15.6.44		Sixteen Lancos attacked BOULOGNE in daylight for the first daylight operation flown by the Squadron.	
	25.7.44		2500th sortie flown by the Squadron.	
	27.7.44		Official Crest, signed by His Majesty the King, received.	
	21.8.44		W/C W.P. Fleasance, DFC and Bar, was screened and Squadron was taken over by W/C D.C. Hagerman DFC.	
	16.9.44		All Squadron ground crew transferred to Base strength.	
	19.10.44		F/L J.A. Anderson returned home from BOTTROP on 1½ engines. He was recommended for the V.C. but was later awarded the DSO and DFC.	
	31.12.44		Total sorties flown since formation: 3,99 Total Lancaster sorties flown: 1,466	
	2.1.45		KB.700 (Ruhr Express) Prototype of Lancaster 10 aircraft, was destroyed by fire as the result of an overshoot after returning from its 50th operation.	
	26.1.45		W/C Hagerman posted to St. Athans. The Squadron taken over by W/C M.E. Ferguson.	
	9.3.45		F/L A.E. Crawford, the adjutant, was posted to 6 Group and replaced by F/L A.T. Miller.	
	25.4.45		"THE LAST TARGET" 15 aircraft attacked the coastal defences at WANGEROOGE in the Frisians.	
	1.6.45		10 aircraft took off at 1000 hours to St. Mawgan, on first leg of trip back to Canada, via the Azores.	
	4.6.45		The remaining 10 aircraft took off at 1200 hours on their way back to Canada.	

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