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of (Unit or Formation) 420 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

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Waddington	1-3-42 Sunday		<p>The Strength of the Squadron today is:-</p> <table><tr><td>R.C.A.F. Officers (1)</td><td>Aircrew 5</td><td>(11) Ground Crew Nil</td></tr><tr><td>"</td><td>Airmen (1)</td><td>Aircrew 31</td><td>(11) Ground Crew 103</td></tr><tr><td>R.A.F. Officers (1)</td><td>Aircrew 11</td><td>(11) Ground Crew 3</td><td>(One R.A.F. Officer is a Canadian.)</td></tr><tr><td>"</td><td>Airmen (1)</td><td>Aircrew 54</td><td>(11) Ground Crew Posted - 231</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>Attached - 41</td></tr></table> <p>Other Personnel -- Nil.</p> <p>Night Operations were ordered; crews briefed, aircraft bombed up, but were later cancelled. Night flying training, however, was carried out;</p> <p>Marshal of the R.A.F. Viscount Trenchard, G.C.B. G.C.V.O. D.S.O. D.C.F. L.C.D. visited the station and gave a short talk to air crew.</p>	R.C.A.F. Officers (1)	Aircrew 5	(11) Ground Crew Nil	"	Airmen (1)	Aircrew 31	(11) Ground Crew 103	R.A.F. Officers (1)	Aircrew 11	(11) Ground Crew 3	(One R.A.F. Officer is a Canadian.)	"	Airmen (1)	Aircrew 54	(11) Ground Crew Posted - 231				Attached - 41	
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	2-3-42 Monday		<p>A lecture was given by the Armoury Sergeant on Marine Distress Signals with a practice demonstration.</p> <p>Night Operations were detailed and all preparations made but the Operations were cancelled owing to adverse met. reports.</p> <p>Night Flying training was carried out.</p>																				
	3-3-42 Tuesday		<p>A met lecture was given by the Station Met. Officer.</p> <p>Operations were detailed as follows: 4 a/s Bombing - 4 a/s Mining - 1 a/s Mickelling.</p> <p>The Mining and Mickelling Operations were later cancelled but the 4 a/s detailed for bombing successfully carried out raids on the Renault Works, Milancourt, Nr. Paris.</p>																				
	4-3-42 Wednesday		<p>A lecture was given by S/L G.R. Trench, O.C. "A" Flight on "ditching".</p> <p>AN Operations program detailing mining operations was cancelled owing to Met. conditions deteriorating, snow again falling during the evening.</p>																				

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Waddington	5-3-42 Thursday		A lecture on the correct handling of pigeons was given by the N.C.O. pigeoners. Snow continued to fall today and no flying was undertaken. Link Trainer practice was carried out. P/Lt. St. Douglass R.C.A.F. arrived on posting superannuated pending reposting as adjutant.	
	6-3-42 Friday		Wing Commander J.D.D. Collier DFC the Commanding Officer attended a Squadron Commanders conference at R.C.A.F. Headquarters. A Navigation lecture was given by the Squadron Navigation Officer. A lecture was also given on the "Political economic aspect of War".	
	7-3-42 Saturday		A Met. film was shown to crews. Weather conditions were unfavourable for flying and cockpit drill and dingy drill was practised. Link Trainer instruction was undertaken.	
	8-3-42 Sunday		The weather having improved daylight photography was undertaken. Four machines undertook successful night cross country trips. Two machines took off for mining, one, however, could not drop the vegetable and brought it back to base. Two machines took off for bombing, one bombed primary target at E333H, the other bombed secondary target at Wessel.	
	9-3-42 Monday		Three machines took off and successfully bombed E333H. Link Trainer practice was carried out.	
	10-3-42 Tuesday		P/Lt Morrison arrived with two exhibition vans of German equipment. All crews attended and were given talks and information on the working of the equipment which proved very interesting. Two aircraft were detailed to attack docks and shipping at Boulogne but owing to 10/10ths cloud it was impossible to identify target and bombs were brought back to base. Three aircraft successfully dropped nickels in Amiens area. Three aircraft successfully bombed E333H area.	
	11-3-42 Wednesday		Notification received that the posting of P/Lt Douglass as adjutant had been amended and that P/Lt. Conner was to be posted to this squadron in the place of P/Lt. St. Douglass w.e.f. 6th March but P/Lt. Conner has not yet arrived, and No. 5 Group have been notified accordingly. Link Trainer practice was carried out.	

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of (Unit or Formation) 420 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron, Waddington, Lines.

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
Waddington	12-5-42	Thursday	Six aircraft successfully planted vegetables in the allotted position. Day photography was undertaken together with the usual M. P. T. 's and other tests. A lecture was given to crews on the care and handling of Pigeons.	
	13-5-42	Friday	Group Captain C.M. Williams-Jones D.F.C. Bomber Command Chief Engineering Officer inspected the Squadron maintenance works. Four aircraft dropped bombs over the Paris area. Link Trainer practice was carried out. The gunner of one a/c returning from Rikelling successfully bailed out by parachute due to misinterpreting instructions given over intercom.	
	14-5-42	Saturday	Local cross country flying training was undertaken. Cockpit and abandonment of aircraft drill was practised.	
	15-5-42	Sunday	Three aircraft successfully took part in a dummy raid on DUNKELAGE aerodrome. Night aircraft carried out night cross country and one a/c undertook local circuits and landings. The Inspector General of the R.A.F. Air Chief Marshall Sir R.R. Ludlow-Smith KCB CBE DSO MC visited the station and carried out an inspection. Link trainer practice was undertaken.	
	16-5-42	Monday	A talk on flying was given by the Commanding Officer. Eleven machines were detailed for mining operations but weather conditions later caused a cancellation. Formation Flying training was carried out.	
	17-5-42	Tuesday	A lecture was given by the Squadron Navigation Officer on Navigation finalises. Day photography was undertaken. 4 machines carried out night cross country flying.	
	18-5-42	Wednesday	The lecture this morning was on Maintenance and was given by the Maintenance NCO. Twelve machines were detailed for night mining and two machines for night army co-operation exercises but weather conditions caused these to be cancelled. P/L Davidson R.C.A.F. padre and Mr. Dewar Canadian E.M.C.A. visited the station bringing with them a party of two Canadian E.M.C.A. officials and S/L Lee, Auxiliary Services officer from R.C.A.F. HQ.	
	19-5-42	Thursday	P/L W.M. Conner (R.C.A.F.) posted to unit supernumerary pending reposting as Adjutant. A lecture was given by the Station Signals Officer on the use of Lorenz. Seven machines were detailed for mining and six machines were detailed for searchlight co-operation, but weather conditions caused cancellation of all night flying.	
	20-5-42	Friday	A lecture was given on the care and use of the Aldis Lamp by NCO I/s Signals Section. 20 aircraft were bombed up for mining operations, but weather conditions caused cancellation. An inspection was undertaken by S/L Warner Bomber Command Technical Officer.	
	21-5-42	Saturday	A lecture on Air Tactics was given by the Commanding Officer. Clay pigeon firing practice was undertaken by air gunners. Foggy weather precluded any flying.	

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Waddington, Lincoln.

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
Waddington	22-3-42	During	Twelve machines were airied up but bad weather conditions later caused all operations to be cancelled.	
	23-3-42	Monday	A lecture was given by the Squadron Medical Officer. Seven machines were bombed up for operations which were later cancelled. Five machines were airied up, took off for the area and returned to Waddington according to plan. Two machines were detailed for nightalling, but the operations were later cancelled.	
	24-3-42	Tuesday	A lecture was given on bombing by the bombing leader. Clay pigeon firing practice was undertaken by Air Gunners. Four a/c were bombed up but operations for these were later cancelled. Five a/c were airied up, two of these were later cancelled and the remaining a/c took off and successfully completed operations.	
	25-3-42	Wednesday	A lecture on airman's ship was given by a/cdn. Tench. Four a/c were bombed up, took off and three successfully completed operations, the remaining returning early due to engine trouble. Five a/c successfully airied the area allotted to them. All a/c returned safely to base. Air Gunners practised clay pigeon shooting.	
	26-3-42	Thursday	Air Gunners-clay pigeon shooting. Signals officer lectured to airman's ship. Five a/c were airied up and took off for operations, four a/c reported operations successful, but unfortunately one a/c (pilot) Sgt. Grant R.O.A.F. (Obs.) Sgt. Stalker R.O.A.F. (V/ops/A.C.) Sgt. Morgan R.O.A.F. (Gunner) Sgt. Williams R.O.A.F. has failed to return and has been posted as missing. Six pilots practised for one hour each on the Link Trainer.	
	27-3-42	Friday	Airman's practised Clay pigeon shooting. The aircrew were given a lecture on navigation by the navigation officer. Operations for this squadron were stood down for the day.	
	28-3-42	Saturday	Link Trainer practice was undertaken by the pilots. a/cdn. Sanger gave a lecture on intelligence to the aircrew. Eight aircraft were detailed to drop machine incendiaries over LUNN - seven successfully completed the operations but one a/c piloted by a/cdn. Tench failed to return and is posted missing. together with S/S Hyde, R.O.A.F. (V/ops.), S/S Thorne, R.O.A.F. (V/ops.), and Sgt. Duman, R.A. (ROR/A.C.) in Hampden AE 246.	

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
Waddington	29-3-42 Sunday		One aircraft took off for mining, and successfully attained its target and returned. One aircraft took off to search for yesterday's mining crew and on returning to the English Coast was shot up by anti-air. The aircraft crash landed at Duffield. None of the crew were injured.	
	30-3-42 Monday		A lecture was given by the H.Q. i/o Maintenance on carburettor and wing de-icing. Two a/c were bombed up and 2 a/c were aimed up but operations were later cancelled. Two aircraft carried out night circuits and landings. Link Trainer practice was carried out. Eighteen aircraft arrived today from No. 16 G.F.U. The Commanding Officer, W/O J.D.L. Collier DFC posted to Command of 97 (Standa Settlement) Squadron. W/O R.A.L. Brindley (D.F.C.) posted to command 480 (R.G.A.F.) Squadron. No. 57434, Opl. Laid, 1000002 L.O. Gregory, 574757 AGI Hordley and 501170 L.O. Smith worked continuously except for meals, on installing an engine in Haddon 24, 250 from 0830 hours on 25-3-42 to 1930 hours 26-3-42.	
	31-3-42 Tuesday		A lecture was given by Station Assistant Officer on Bombing. Air firing was practised. The numerical strength of the Squadron is:- <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> R.G.A.F. Officers (1) Aircrew 8 " Airmen (24) Aircrew 44 </div> <div> (11) Ground Crew 8 (11) Ground Crew 215 </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> R.A.F. Officers (1) Aircrew 20 " Airmen (4) Aircrew 47 </div> <div> (11) Ground Crew 3 (11) Ground Crew 242 </div> </div> Other personnel -- 181 The number and type of aircraft on charge is:- Haddon 1 -- 16 The number of hours flown during the month is:- Operationally -- 241.25 Hours. Non-Operationally -- 70.00 Hours. NOTE: All personnel were officially credited with enemy aircraft destroyed, damaged or probable --	

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