

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

of (Unit or Formation) 225 (C.A.F.) Squadron

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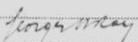
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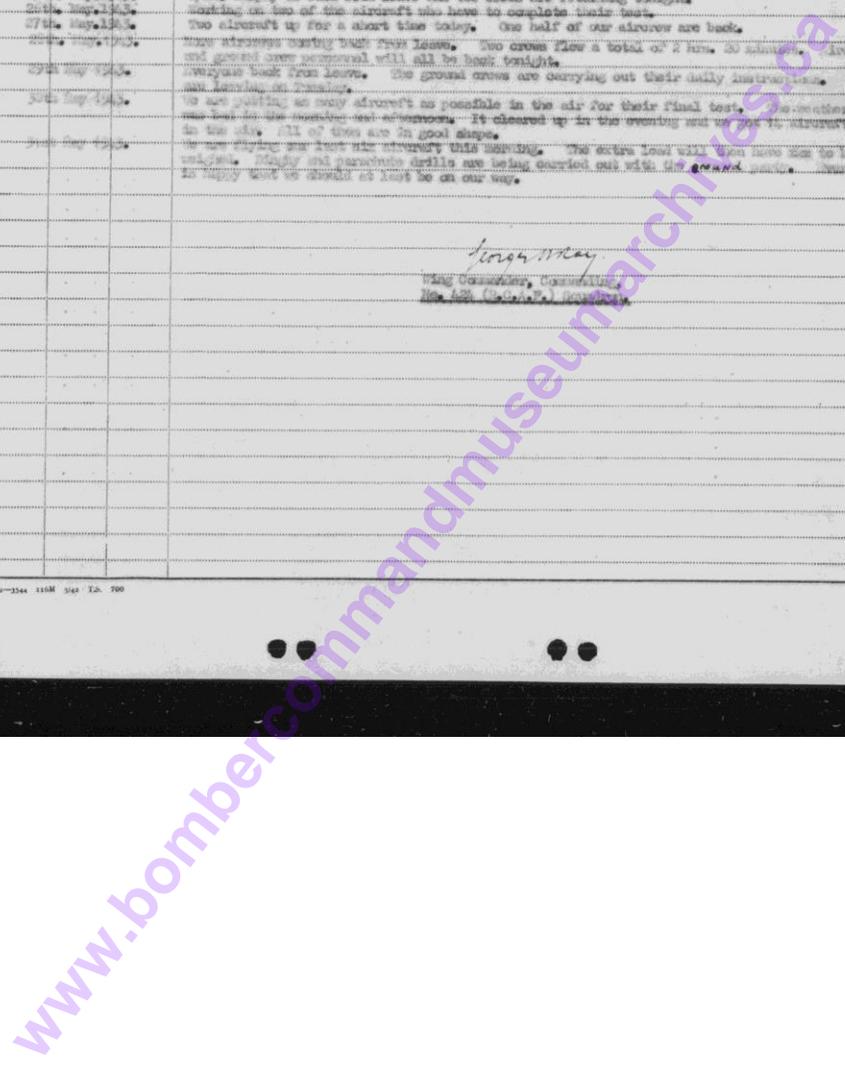
Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET	References to Appendices
	1st May 1943		Due to unfavourable weather we could not carry out our flying programme. The orderly room is still busy making and issuing bills. Most of the ground crew were sent to Bialkora to be issued with tropical kit. The Squadron was taken out of operations today.		
	2nd May 1943		Three cross countries were carried out today. Unfortunately one aircraft crashed near Bourne. Four men were killed. 129582 Sgt. Dave, S. 127297 Sgt. Simpson, S. 128926 P/O Crouch, S. 128927 Sgt. Tucker, S. The Squadron moved today from Leasing to Dalton. The movement was carried out very successfully. No day in in attendance at a conference at Transport Command.		
	3rd May 1943		The Squadron moved today from Leasing to Dalton. The movement was carried out very successfully. No day in in attendance at a conference at Transport Command.		
	4th May 1943		The men and officers are settling down in their new quarters. We are getting every possible maintenance from R.A.F. Dalton. 7 cross countries were carried out. Our new aircraft are cleaned up nicely.		
	5th May 1943		Bad weather. No flying. We have insufficient office space and we find it difficult to get our men and officers in the dispersed quarters.		
	6th May 1943		We got six cross countries done today and we have started on minor inspections. The aircraft are also coming in to Dalton. Tropical kits are still being issued, and the maintenance is working overtime.		
	7th May 1943		Four weather, no flying. The orderly room work is slowing up. We can see that our aircraft will be ready to move on the appointed date.		
	8th May 1943		The bad weather is still holding out. Minor inspections are being carried out on the aircraft which have completed two cross countries.		
	9th May 1943		No possibility of flying yet. The old mess still have to be issued with first aid. New post-logs have come in from accounts to bring us up to establishment. Over half of the ground crew have been granted a 48 hour pass.		
	10th May 1943		No flying. Muster parade held in the mess hall. Only twenty men and we will be up to establishment. The men on the draft are happy and looking forward to their leave. 116 men were posted away today. 111 to 432 Squadron and two to 1609 Converter Unit.		
	11th May 1943		Three cross countries today. We have eight aircraft ready for dispatch. The men are now parading regularly every day. After being dispersed on four stations we are getting organized again as a Squadron. The ground crew who have not had leave are proceeding on a 48 hour pass today.		
	12th May 1943		Eighteen hours of flying were carried out today. Muster parade this morning. Only eight men and we will be up to establishment.		
	13th May 1943		The short cross countries. We have over fifteen aircraft ready for dispatch. Muster parade this morning and this afternoon. Only three men missing and we will be up to establishment. 111 men will be back from leave tonight.		
	14th May 1943		The three lost bombs have arrived. Muster parade this morning. The C.O. warned the men that they would be moving out of Dalton tomorrow morning. Everyone continued to work. This evening we had out rehearsal and distribution of ship index number. For the last week the Orderly Room has been working up to the small hours of the morning. One aircraft was flown today.		
	15th May 1943		The ground crew and the officers travelling by ship left at six o'clock this morning. Everyone moved up. The movement was carried out very successfully. It was night at the port of departure as he did not have a ship index number. Six hours of flying.		
	16th May 1943		Some of the aircraft are now proceeding on leave. 12 days leave will be granted to everyone of them. Thirty eight men on the air party are still working on the aircraft.		
	17th May 1943		Except for the air party, ground crew, the C.O. and a few aircraft who still have to do a last run on their aircraft, everyone is on leave.		



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	18th May 1943		The ground crew left are working overtime on the aircraft. SAC Homer is completing a few of the returns. Everyone should be on leave on the 20th.		
	19th May 1943		The last flight test was completed today. The ground crew will be leaving tomorrow. The maintenance is taking over the servicing of the aircraft and the Engineering Officer of 128 Squadron will see that the aircraft are run up regularly.		
	20th May 1943		Everyone is on leave after duty today.		
	21st May 1943		Everyone on leave. SAC Homer is taking over the orderly room work.		
	22nd May 1943		Everyone on leave.		
	23rd May 1943		Everyone on leave.		
	24th May 1943		Everyone on leave.		
	25th May 1943		S/Lt. Hardy is back from leave and the crew are returning tonight.		
	26th May 1943		Working on two of the aircraft who have to complete their test.		
	27th May 1943		Two aircraft up for a short time today. One half of our aircrew are back.		
	28th May 1943		Some aircrew starting back from leave. Two crews flew a total of 2 hrs. 30 minutes. Aircrew and ground crew personnel will all be back tonight.		
	29th May 1943		Everyone back from leave. The ground crew are carrying out their daily inspections. We are working on the engine.		
	30th May 1943		We are putting as many aircraft as possible in the air for their final test. The weather was bad in the morning and afternoon. It cleared up in the evening and we got 11 aircraft in the air. All of these are in good shape.		
	31st May 1943		We are flying our last air structure this morning. The extra load will then have to be tested. Rigidity and parachute drills are being carried out with the ground parties. Everyone is happy that we should at last be on our way.		


 Wing Commander, Commanding,
 No. 128 (C.O.S.) Squadron.



OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

(Unit or Formation) 43 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron

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	1st May 1943		Due to unfavourable weather we could not carry out our flying program. The Orderly Room is still busy making out Nominal Rolls. Some of the ground crew were sent to Dicksforth to be issued with Tropical Kit. The Squadron was taken off operations today.		
	2nd May 1943		Three cross countries went out today. Unfortunately one aircraft crashed near Penzance. Four men were killed, 2219542 W/Sgt. Dove, W. 1272297 W/Sgt. Simpson, R.N. 1128056 P/O Crouch, R.C. and 1128057. The escaped without injuries. J.13077 J/O Brown, R.N. 1126997 Sgt. Parsons. The Squadron moved today from Lancing to Dalton. The movement was carried out very successfully.		
	3rd May 1943		The men and officers are settling down in their new quarters. We are getting every possible advantage from the new quarters. 7 cross countries were carried out. Our new aircraft are showing up nicely.		
	4th May 1943		No flying. We have insufficient office space and find it difficult to get out men working owing to the dispersed quarters.		
	5th May 1943		We got six cross countries done today and we have started on minor inspections. The new aircraft are showing up nicely. Tropical kits are still being issued and the dentists are working overtime.		
	6th May 1943		Bad weather, no flying. The orderly room work is stepping up. We can see our way ahead and will be ready to move on the appointed date.		
	7th May 1943		The bad weather is still holding out. Minor inspections are being carried out on the aircraft which have completed the cross-countries.		
	8th May 1943		No possibility of flying yet. The old men still have to be issued with fire arms. New postings have come in from records to bring us up to establishment. Over half of the groundcrew have been granted a 48 hours pass.		
	10th May 1943		No flying. Muster Parade held in the Station Mess. Only twenty more men and we will be up to establishment. The men on the draft are happy and looking forward to their move. 116 men were posted away today. 111 to 43 Squadron and two to 153 Conversion Unit.		
	11th May 1943		Three cross countries today. We have eight aircraft ready for dispatch. The men are now parading regularly every day. After being dispersed on four stations we are getting organized again as a Squadron. The ground crew who have not had leave are proceeding on a 48 hour pass today.		
	12th May 1943		Eighteen hours of flying were carried out today. Muster Parade this morning. Only eight more men and we will be up to establishment.		
	13th May 1943		Two short cross countries. We have over fifteen aircraft ready for dispatch. Muster Parade this morning and this afternoon. Only three men missing and we will be up to establishment. All men will be back from leave tonight.		
	14th May 1943		The three Mat. Helios have arrived. Muster Parade this morning. The CO warned the men that they would be moving out of Dalton tomorrow morning. Everyone confined to Camp. This evening evening-out arranged and distribution of ship index numbers. For the last week the Orderly Room has been working up to the small hours of the morning. One aircraft was flown today.		
	15th May 1943		The Ground Crew and the officers proceeding by ship, left at six o'clock this morning. Everyone turned up. The movement was that as we had a stormy. He was caught at the port of embarkation as he did not have a ship index number. Six hours of flying.		
	16th May 1943		Some of the aircraft are not proceeding on leave today. 10 days leave will be granted to everyone of them. Thirty eight men on the air party are still working on the aircraft.		
	17th May 1943		Except for the air party, ground crew, the C.O. and a few aircraft who still have to do a last flip on their aircraft, everyone is on leave.		

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	18th May 1943.		The Ground Crew left are working overtime on the aircraft. SAC Horner is completing a few of the returns. Everyone should be on leave on the 20th.		
	19th May 1943.		The last flight test was completed today. The Ground Crew will be leaving tomorrow. The R.A.F. Regiment is taking over the guarding of the aircraft and the Engineering Officer of 428 Squadron will see that the aircraft are run up regularly.		
	20th May 1943.		Everyone is on leave after duty today.		
	21st May 1943.		Everyone on leave. S.M.S. Dalton is taking over the Orderly Room work.		
	22nd May 1943.		Everyone on leave.		
	23rd May 1943.		Everyone on leave.		
	24th May 1943.		Everyone on leave.		
	25th May 1943.		Pilot Murphy is back from leave and the crews are returning tonight.		
	26th May 1943.		Working on two of the aircraft who have to complete their test.		
	27th May 1943.		Two aircraft up for a short time today. One half of our aircraft are back.		
	28th May 1943.		More aircraft coming back from leave. Two crews flew a total of 2 hrs. & 20 minutes. Aircraft and ground crew personnel will all be back tonight.		
	29th May 1943.		Everyone back from leave. The ground crews are carrying out their daily inspections, we are leaving on Tuesday 31st.		
	30th May 1943.		We are putting as many aircraft as possible in the air for their final test. The weather was bad in the morning and afternoon. It cleared up in the evening and we got 10 aircraft in the air all of them are in good shape.		
	31st May 1943.		We are flying our last six aircraft this evening. The extra load will have to be weighed. Rigidity and pressure skills are being checked ^{checked} out with the gasub party. Everyone is happy that we should at last be on our way.		

Leora Meyer
 Wing Commander, Commandant,
 428 (R.A.F.) Squadron

