

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

of (Unit or Formation) 424 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
SKIPTON-ON-WHALE	1-4-45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Cloudy with continuous rain late evening, heavy at times. Good visibility except in rain.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Gusty S.W. - W.'ly wind.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> The Squadron was not required for operations to-day.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> Sunday - a quiet, uneventful day.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Flying training was laid on but scrubbed due to weather.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> NIL.</p>		
-DO-	2-4-45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Cloudy becoming fair to fine. Good visibility.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Fresh S.W.'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> Not required to-day.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> Those not concerned with ground and air training have been set to work on sports grounds, preparing borden ball court and repairing soft-ball diamond back stop.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Four cross-countries and air-to-sea firing.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> OPERATIONAL - Nil; NON-OPERATIONAL - Day - 8 hrs. 42 mins.-Night - 11 hrs.16 mins.</p>		
-DO-	3-4-45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Fair with occasional showers. Good visibility.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Fresh W.'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> The Squadron was warned for operations involving seven aircraft for bombing and four for mining. After all arrangements made, the operations were cancelled.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> All the Squadron's energy expended in preparation for operations, otherwise uneventful. The crew Captained by CAN/S.85095 P/L H.E. Cowan was screened to-day.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Some air training carried out to-day.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> OPERATIONAL - Nil; NON-OPERATIONAL - Day - 6 hrs. 18 mins. - Night - Nil.</p>		
-DO-	4-4-45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Cloudy with occasional light showers. Good visibility.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Moderate W.'ly backing S.W.'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> Shortly after tea-time 13 A/C took off on a bombing mission to MORGENTHAU and shortly after that 4 A/C departed for MINING at OSLO. All the mining A/C returned safely but the Squadron was not as fortunate with the bombing operation, losing one aircraft and crew ("W" EF.150, CAN/S.41735 P/O J.W. WATSON) in a crash at High Wycombe on the return journey. A/C "K" RA.504 captained by CAN/S.16230 P/L J.P. MATHESON landed at Silverston due to icing conditions on return.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> A day and night cross-country to-day.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> OPERATIONAL - Day - Nil; Night - 139 hrs. 42 mins. NON-OPERATIONAL - Day - 4 hrs. 03 mins. - Night - 4 hrs. 01 mins.</p>		A.2061-A.2064 A.2065-A.2077
-DO)	5-4-45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Cloudy with rain in morning, becoming showery. Visibility good except in rain.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Moderate S.E.'ly becoming fresh W.'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> Not required to-day.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> Crews rested in morning after operations and worked on Sports Field in afternoon when weather permitted. CAN/S.27679 P/L S.D. SANDERS and Crew were screened to-day.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Nil.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> OPERATIONAL - Nil; NON-OPERATIONAL - Day - 51 mins.; Night - Nil.</p>		

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SKIPTON-ON-SWALE	6-4-45		<p>WEATHER: Cloudy with rain in afternoon. Visibility moderate.</p> <p>WINDS: Light N.W. 'ly or calm.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Nil</p> <p>GENERAL: Uneventful day with sports rained out in afternoon.</p> <p>TRAINING: Six crews carried out cross country exercises, plus radar check.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: OPERATIONAL - Nil; NON-OPERATIONAL - Day - 22 hrs. 08 mins.; Night - Nil.</p>		
-DO-	7-4-45		<p>WEATHER: Cloudy. Visibility moderate to poor.</p> <p>WINDS: Light S.E. 'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Nil.</p> <p>GENERAL: A quiet day spent in Sections cleaning up.</p> <p>TRAINING: All flying training cancelled due to poor visibility.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Nil.</p>		
-DO-	8-4-45		<p>WEATHER: Visibility moderate to poor.</p> <p>WINDS: Light S.E. 'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Ten Squadron A/C took off in the early evening against HAMBURG and after a good A. 2078-A. 2087 attack in poor visibility all landed safely at Little Harwood on a weather diversion.</p> <p>GENERAL: Horse-shoe pits completed and in operation.</p> <p>TRAINING: Two daylight and one night cross-country flights.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: OPERATIONAL - Day - Nil; Night - 61 hrs. 25 mins.</p> <p>NON-OPERATIONAL - Day - 4 hrs. 13 mins.; Night - 4 hrs. 40 mins.</p>		
-DO-	9-4-45		<p>WEATHER: Fine with fog at first with visibility less than 1000 yards improving to moderate.</p> <p>WINDS: Light S.E. 'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: IN the early evening six Squadron A/C took off to HIDE the area 54.50N. 10.54E. A. 2088-A. 2093 XOM in KIEL BAY. Five were successful but the A/C piloted by CAN/J. 3794 P/O J.E. Pache had HZE difficulty and was not able to mine. On the return trip A/C W/V SP. 128 (Captain CAN/J. 35869 P/O G.E. Reynolds) caught fire in the rear turret and landed at Woodbridge, CAT. AC.</p> <p>GENERAL: General Squadron routine.</p> <p>TRAINING: Cross-country exercises were carried out to-day.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: OPERATIONAL - Day - Nil; Night - 33 hrs. 45 mins.</p> <p>NON-OPERATIONAL - Day - 12 hrs. 37 mins.; Night - Nil.</p>		
-DO-	10-4-45		<p>WEATHER: Fair to fine. Visibility poor to moderate.</p> <p>WINDS: Fresh S.E. 'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Shortly after lunch ten A/C of this Squadron took off on a daylight BOMBING mission against LEIPZIG. The attack was an excellent one, carried out in good visibility under fine fighter cover and all returned safely to base.</p> <p>GENERAL: Borden Ball pitch completed and practice game held - Navigators vs. Bomb Alarms.</p> <p>TRAINING: Two A/C were up on training flights during the afternoon.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: OPERATIONAL - Day - Nil; Night - 82 hrs. 30 mins.</p> <p>NON-OPERATIONAL - Day - 5 hrs. 17 mins.; Night - Nil.</p>		A. 2094-A. 2013

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SKIPTON-ON-SWALE	11.4.45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Cloudy with light rain, visibility moderate.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Light N.W.'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> Nil.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> A dull day spent mainly in quarters' clean up.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Weather curtailed flying training.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> OPERATIONAL - Nil. NON-OPERATIONAL - Day - 2 hrs. 04 mins.; Night - Nil.</p>		
-DO-	12.4.45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Cloudy becoming fine. Visibility poor to good.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Fresh W.'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> Nil.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> Ball games scheduled for this afternoon cancelled due to flying training programme.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Good weather and the operational hall provided an awaited opportunity for intensive training. Mine crews flew on bombing, air firing, radar and fighter affiliation exercises while the remainder were on lectures.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> OPERATIONAL - Nil; NON-OPERATIONAL - Day - 21 hrs. 19 mins.; Night - Nil.</p>		
-DO-	13.4.45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Fair to fine, visibility moderate to good.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Light S.E.'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> Eleven bombing and six mining aircraft took off on operations against KIEL in the early evening. After successful attacks in poor visibility all A/C returned safely being diverted to Damborough due to weather at base. One A/C, that piloted by C/M/G.41155 P/O M.J. AMM, reported running into two E/A/C on the bombing mission but no claim is made after exchange of fire.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> Usual Squadron routine.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Nil.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> OPERATIONAL - Night - 10 1/2 hrs. 34 mins.; NON-OPERATIONAL - Nil.</p>		A-2104-A-2114 A-2115-A-2120
-DO-	14.4.45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Cloudy with some rain - visibility moderate to poor.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Fresh S.E.'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> Squadron not required to-day.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> After all preparations made for a dance in the Officers' Mess, word received from 6 Group that a period of mourning for President Roosevelt would be observed and the dance was postponed until next Saturday.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> A considerable amount of flying training carried out this afternoon.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> OPERATIONAL - Nil; NON-OPERATIONAL - Day - 12 hrs. 43 mins.; Night - Nil.</p>		
-DO-	15.4.45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Fair to cloudy. Visibility good to moderate.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Light S.W.'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> The Squadron was warned for a 15 A/C effort but after all preparations were made, the operation was cancelled.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> Mixed sports for those not flying.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Four A/C flew cross-country exercises combined with bombing and fighter affiliation.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> OPERATIONAL - Nil; NON-OPERATIONAL - Day - 1 hr. 57 mins. Night - 20 hrs. 10 mins.</p>		

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SKIPTON-CH-SWALE	16.4.45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Fair. Visibility moderate to good.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Light variable.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> In the early evening 15 A/C took off on a BOMBING raid on SCHWANDORF. Raid highly successful and comparatively uneventful except that electrical failure made it impossible for CAN/J.43908 P/O H.V. MANN and crew in A/C "D" NG.456 to drop bombs in target area. They were later jettisoned alive and all A/C returned safely to base shortly after midnight.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> Most of the personnel were concerned throughout the day with preparations for the operation, otherwise uneventful.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> A few training flights were carried out during afternoon and evening.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> OPERATIONAL - Day - Nil; Night - 133 hrs. 01 mins.</p> <p>NON-OPERATIONAL - Day - 2 hrs. 05 mins.; Night - 6 hrs. 11 mins.</p>		A.2121-A.2135
-DO-	17.4.45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Cloudy. Visibility good.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Light variable.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> Squadron not required to-day.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> The new screening policy resulted in the removal from operations of CAN/J.11327 S/L R.W. Green, "B" Flight Commander; CAN/J.25379 P/L J.L. King DFC, his Deputy; and CAN/J.26991 P/L D.E. Sillers.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Seven A/C on air training - cross-country, fighter affiliation, bombing, etc.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> OPERATIONAL - Nil; NON-OPERATIONAL - Day - 14 hrs. 51 mins.; Night - 2 hrs. 02 mins.</p>		
-DO-	18.4.45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Fair to cloudy - visibility good.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Light N.W.'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> Nil</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> Scarcity of operations is being felt more and more by the operating crews whose restlessness becomes daily more apparent.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Full use of weather and inactivity taken to augment training. Eleven A/C flying cross-country exercises, bombing, fighter affiliation, etc.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> OPERATIONAL - Nil; NON-OPERATIONAL - Day - 36 hrs. 30 mins.; Night - Nil.</p>		
-DO-	19.4.45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Fine. Visibility good.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Light variable.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> Third day of inactivity.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> Where possible and when not in conflict with training programme, sports laid on.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Another heavy training day. Eleven A/C airborne on cross-country, air-to-sea firing, bombing, etc.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> OPERATIONAL - Nil; NON-OPERATIONAL - Day - 26 hrs. 56 mins.; Night - Nil.</p>		

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SKIPTON - ON-SWALE	20.4.45		<p>WEATHER: Cloudy with occasional showers. Visibility moderate to good.</p> <p>WINDS: Light variable, becoming N.W.'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: It appeared for a time that the operational lull would be broken with five A/C detailed for a mining effort and 10 A/C for a bombing mission but before take-off the operation was cancelled.</p> <p>GENERAL: Happy preparations for the operation otherwise uneventful.</p> <p>TRAINING: Nil.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Nil.</p>		
DO	21.4.45		<p>WEATHER: Fair to cloudy. Visibility good.</p> <p>WINDS: Fresh N.W.'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Five Squadron A/C participated in a successful MINING operation against the KATTHAT, all returning safely to base.</p> <p>TRAINING: Preparations for the operation held training down to five cross country and fighter affiliation exercises. Navigation lectures also held.</p> <p>GENERAL: In the morning the Squadron was visited by C.M. C.1362 W/C G.A. Roy R.F.O. Previous Squadron Commander, who was for a long time a Prisoner of War in hospital in Germany. He has lost a leg but appeared very fit despite his long illness. In the evening the Officers Mess Dance postponed from last Saturday. a huge success.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Day- Nil; Night- 31 hrs. 50 mins.</p> <p>Non-Operational - Day- 17 hrs. 53 mins.</p>		A.2136-A.2140
DO	22.4.45		<p>WEATHER: Fair to cloudy with occasional showers. Good visibility.</p> <p>WINDS: N.W. Fly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: In the late afternoon 10 squadron A/C took off for a raid on BREMEN but on the instructions of the Master Bomber did not bomb, jettisoning part of their load in the designated area and returning safely to base. A/C 3* RA.307 (Captain G.M. J. 9323) P/O D.R. Saunders) was badly shot up by flak. The Pilot being struck in the eye by an a fragment. Despite this he brought the A/C safely to base where he was hospitalized for treatment.</p> <p>GENERAL: Sunday, and extremely quiet.</p> <p>TRAINING: Two cross country exercises.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Day- 55 hrs. 23 mins. ; Night- Nil.</p> <p>Non-Operational - Day- 6 hrs. 28 mins. Night- Nil.</p>		A.2141-A.2150
DO	23.4.45		<p>WEATHER: Fair becoming fine. Good visibility.</p> <p>WINDS: N.W.'ly becoming light S.E.'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Nil</p> <p>GENERAL: In a basketball game played today the Gunners defeated the Pilots by a score of 15 to 14.</p> <p>TRAINING: A big day with 10 crews flying cross country exercises plus the usual fighter affiliation, air to sea, etc.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Nil; Non-Operational - Day - 29 hrs. 55 mins. Night- 3 hrs. 28 mins.</p>		

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SKILTON - ON - STALS	24.4.45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Fine, considerable smoke haze.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Light S.W.'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> Preparations made for an operation involving 10 A/C but it was cancelled before take off.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> Large scale moving of quarters making room for new crews (we now total 36) and shipping screened beds to 4 site.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Two new crews checked out. Five of the more recent arrivals took part in a Bullseye exercise.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> Operational - Nil. Non-Operational - Day - 1 hr. 53 mins. Night - 16 hrs. 33 mins.</p>		
DO	25.4.45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Fine but hazy, becoming cloudy with slight rain in late evening.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Calm to light N.W.'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> Ten Squadron A/C took off shortly after lunch time on a daylight attack on WANGEROOGE. All returned safely, but two Officers were injured by flak; CAN. J.16/20 P/L J.M. Matheson, Captain of A/C "J" NG.446 (Wound in eye) and CAN. J.897/4 P/O J. Duggan, the Squadron Commander's Engineer (wound in thigh). Both have been hospitalised and neither is seriously injured.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> Further sports, with horse shoe pitching proving most popular.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Three crews on cross-country exercises.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> Operational - Day - 46 hrs. 10 mins. Night - Nil. Non-Operational - Day - 6 hrs. 42 mins. Night - Nil.</p>		A.2151-A;2160
DO	26.4.45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Cloudy with rain during afternoon. Poor visibility.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> N.W.'ly becoming calm.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> The Squadron was warned for an operation involving 15 A/C which was cancelled before take-off.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> The weather kept personnel off the sports field and the day was uneventful.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Preparations for the operation made any training programme impossible.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> No flying to-day.</p>		
DO	27.4.45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Cloudy with rain. Good visibility.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> N.W.W.'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> Nil.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> CAN.C.994 W/C R.W. Norris, the Squadron Commander, called a meeting of all personnel to discuss activities to replace operations, which seem to have nearly ceased.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Cross country exercises - two crews.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> Operational - Nil; Non-Operational - Day - Nil; Night - 8 hrs. 27 mins.</p>		
DO	28.4.45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Fair to fine becoming cloudy. Wintry showers in afternoon. Good visibility.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> E.W.'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> Nil.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> In a baseball game played to-day the Gunners defeated the Bombers, 10 - 4.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Six aircraft participated in air training.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> Operational - Nil; Non-Operational - Day - 11 hrs. 18 mins. Night - Nil.</p>		

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SKIPTON-ON-SWALE	29 th Apr 45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Cloudy with frequent wintry showers especially after dusk. Good visibility.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Fresh N.W.W.'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> Nil</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> All personnel took the opportunity of recreation recreation - otherwise uneventful.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> No training to-day.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> No flying to-day.</p>		
DO	30 th Apr 45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Fair to cloudy with wintry showers. Good visibility.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> N.W.'ly wind.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> Nil</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> Normal Squadron routine.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Night crews on flying training, principally homings and fighter affiliation.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> Operational - Nil; Non-Operational - Day - 20 hrs. 47 mins. Night - Nil.</p>		
DO	30 th Apr 45		<p><u>SUMMARY</u></p> <p><u>CASUALTIES - MISSING - NIL</u></p> <p><u>CASUALTIES - KILLED</u></p> <p><u>Night - 4/5th APRIL, 1945</u></p> <p>P J.42735 F/O WATSON, J.W.</p> <p>N J.39894 F/O BOCHFORD, J.</p> <p>AB R.183665 F/S ARMSTRONG, C.N.</p> <p>WOP R.177285 W/O THOMSON, S.</p> <p>PE R.198096 SGT ASHDOWN, E.T.</p> <p>MU R.222206 F/S ROBINSON, S.J.</p> <p>RG R.170976 F/S HOWSE, C.J.</p> <p><u>CASUALTIES - INJURED</u></p> <p><u>22nd April, 1945.</u></p> <p>P J.89293 F/O SAUNDERS, D.R. (Slightly)</p> <p><u>25th April, 1945</u></p> <p>P J.16230 F/L MATHESON, J.P. (Slightly)</p> <p>PE J.89754 P/O DUGAN, J. (Slightly)</p>		

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SKIPTON-on-AVON	30.4.45		POSTING IN - CREWS		
			<u>W.E.F. 4.4.45</u>	<u>W.E.F. 9.4.45</u>	
			P J.27003 F/L MOIR, C.D.	P J.41721 F/O SNELL, M.S.	
			N J.37522 F/O CROSSMAN, L.G.	N J.41670 F/O CHAMOCK, J.H.	
			AB R.183213 F/S BAKER, K.J.	AB J.42744 F/O KNIGHTS, A.C.	
			WOP R.205157 W/O SHILLINGTON, W.G.	WOP R.210879 F/S RITA, A.N.	
			FE R.113066 SGT KERR, K.	FE R.215288 SGT DELANEY, P.A.	
			MU R.218446 W/O BAKER, L.H.	MU R.270777 SGT HENDRY, J.A.	
			RG R.201123 F/S DELONG, C.A.	RG K.268195 SGT BALFOUR, N.D.	
			<u>W.E.F. 9.4.45</u>	<u>W.E.F. 18.4.45</u>	
			P J.18591 F/O KEARNS, J.A.	P NZ.128092 F/O ESPINER, P.C.	
			N J.86689 F/O LOFTHOUSE, J.	N J.41500 F/O MCKEE, J.O.	
			AB J.87975 F/O MUSTARD, A.F.	AB J.42738 F/O MORPHY, J.M.	
			WOP J.86043 F/O MLECKO, R.A. DFC	WOP R.197442 SGT MORTON, R.K.	
			FE 1571130 F/S DRYDEN, S.G.	FE 1567208 F/S LILES, R.	
			MU J.93444 F/O DEALY, T.W.	MU R.221443 SGT MAXWELL, J.W.	
			RG J.10663 F/L WIGGERT, M.W.	RG J.46175 F/O MONTGOMERY, E.B.	
			<u>W.E.F. 18.4.45</u>	<u>W.E.F. 19.4.45</u>	
			P J.27873 F/L PICKARD, R.A.	P J.6225 F/L WHITE, J.V.	
			N R.63574 SGT TRUSSLER, A.G.	N R.272750 SGT BOWES, W.H.	
			AB J.45159 F/O KRAST, W.O.	AB J.44845074 F/O GILLESPIE, G.C.	
			WOP J.46029 F/O FIERCE, R.R.	WOP J.46346 F/O WEINSTEIN, H.	
			FE 1621330 F/S SEVERN, D.	FE 1567743 SGT BENSON, D.R.	
			MU R.284476 SGT STONE, P.L.	MU R.290433 SGT HILL, A.H.	
			RG R.280287 F/S TURNBULL, G.R.	RG R.287651 SGT KELLY, M.S.	
			<u>W.E.F. 20.4.45</u>	<u>W.E.F. 21.4.45</u>	
			P J.41077 F/O LEE, D.G.	P J.19646 F/O PATCH, H.E.	
			N J.44084 F/O HODGINS, E.R.	N R.141765 W/O WINDLATE, J.J.	
			AB R.256016 F/S GRIFFIN, R.G.	AB J.19598 F/O WATT, L.R.A.	
			WOP R.196723 W/O KERRY, A.A.	WOP J.87942 F/O GUNTER, J.A.	
			FE K.220621 SGT FOWE, P.B.	FE 1880770 SGT BOWMAN, A.	
			MU R.291597 SGT CAMPBELL, F.J.	MU R.202543 SGT MCLURE, H.D.	
			RG R.217582 SGT BOONE, C.E.	RG J.19124 F/O DELL, O.H.	

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W.E.P. 21.4.45				
P	J.19931	F/O	WORM, W.P.	P J.41480 F/O COPE, A.D.
N	R.211784	F/S	STANDINGER, G.A.	N J.41421 F/O ROSENTHAL, L.O.
AB	J.38391	F/O	CAMERON, G.H.	AB J.40931 F/O AYRES, P.H.
WCP	R.183226	W/O	WOLEY, E.A.	WCP K.250817 F/S MURPHY, J.R.
FE	R.204201	Sgt	LONGLEY, C.E.	FE J.47833 F/O DUNS, G.A.
MU	R.275441	F/S	PINTON, C.M.	MU R.225230 F/S FRENCH, L.C.
RG	R.274888	F/S	WHITNEY, T.K.	RG R.262347 F/S GLINES, G.W.
W.E.P. 21.4.45				
P	J.19142	F/O	NOMIS, G.A.	
N	J.43562	F/O	HOLLINGER, R.H.	
AB	J.44335	F/O	BARKER, A.H.	
WCP	R.152337	Sgt	PILLER, J.D.	
FE	R.252763	Sgt	HALL, M.E.	
MU	R.284441	Sgt	LAURIN, E.H.	
RG	R.251479	Sgt	MORSE, W.J.	
POSTING IN - MISCELLANEOUS PERSONNEL				
OFFICERS - R.G.A.F.				
A/B	CAN.J.92631	F/O	J.H.P. LAPRINTIE	from 432 Sqn. W.O.F. 30.3.45
R.A.F. - NIL				
AIRMEN - R.G.A.F.				
WCP	CAN.R.252886	F/S	ARNOLD, R.J.	from 420 Sqn. W.O.F. 1.4.45
WCP	CAN.R.190772	W/O	PARQUHANSON, J.	from 433 Sqn. W.O.F. 31.3.45
AG	CAN.R.212159	F/S	MCKENZIE, W.D.	from 433 Sqn. W.O.F. 31.3.45
AG	CAN.R.260680	Sgt	DONPH, B.	from 431 Sqn. W.O.F. 16.4.45
R.A.F. - NIL				
AB	RAF.12162811	Sgt	KIDD, L.E.	from 420 Sqn. W.O.F. 15.4.45
POSTING OUT				
OFFICERS - R.G.A.F.				
N	CAN.J.37519	F/O	BARKETT, A.R.	" " Depot 3.4.45
AG	CAN.J.39410	F/O	GLOW, T.	" " " "
AG	CAN.J.39473	F/O	KING, M.K.	" " " "
P	CAN.J.16733	F/O	MACLEAN, G.S.G.	" " " 2.4.45
AB	CAN.J.25696	F/O	JACKMAN, J.M.	" " " 19.4.45
AB	CAN.J.23525	F/O	MALONEY, W.	" " " "

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			WOP CAN.J.90544 P/O CRAWFORD, E.H. "R" Depot TO 19.1.45		
			AG CAN.J.40213 P/O FRENCH, C.D. " " " " 30.1.45		
			AC CAN.J.35580 P/O JOHNSON, N.A.S.G. " " " " 16.1.45		
			AG CAN.J.35652 P/O GUTHMAN, M.G. 24 O.T.U. 6 Aircrew School 25.1.45		
			AB CAN.J.35014 P/O PARSONS, P.J. 445 SQDN. 27.1.45		
			WOP CAN.J.37360 P/O SKIFFER, R.O.L. 405 " " 28.1.45		
			P CAN.J.86694 P/O MCILL, J.L. DFC " " " " 28.1.45		
			N CAN.J.42290 P/O BROWNLOW, W.G. " " " " " " 28.1.45		
			AB CAN.J.42007 P/O REMINGTON, J.L. " " " " " " 28.1.45		
			P/E CAN.J.46766 P/O BOYLE, R.H. " " " " " " 28.1.45		
			OFFICERS - R.A.A.F.		
			P/E RAF.190750 P/O CANTHORPE, C.A.A. A.C.A.G. 9.1.45		
			P/E RAF.190746 P/O ROTHWELL, J. " " " " 15.1.45		
			ATTEND - R.C.A.A.F.		
			AB CAN.100024 W/O CHOQUETTE, J.M. 76 BASE 6.1.45		
			AG CAN.R.101006 P/S NORRIS, W.C. 63 BASE 28.1.45		
			N CAN.R.188800 P/S DICKIE, L.R. 63 BASE 13.1.45		
			WOP CAN.R.168139 W/O SHAW, I.D. 405 SQDN. 28.1.45		
			AG CAN.R.168463 P/S MUNN, F.W. " " " " " " 28.1.45		
			AG CAN.R.280214 P/S SUTHERLAND, W.J. " " " " " " 24.1.45		
			WOP CAN.R.76420 W/O MCULLY, G.L. "R" Depot 19.1.45		
			AG CAN.R.162855 P/S DICKIE, J.F. " " " " " " 19.1.45		
			AG CAN.R.204943 W/O SPRINGER, S.V. " " " " " " 28.1.45		
			AG CAN.R.217042 W/O ROBERTS, W.S. " " " " " " 28.1.45		
			ATTEND - R.A.A.F.		
			P/E RAF.1861379 WOT FUTCHER, T. A.C.A.G. 9.1.45		
			AG RAF.1625087 W/O FIELSTAD, E. " " " " 9.1.45		
			P/E RAF.625122 P/S GAYLER, M.E. " " " " 16.1.45		
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			P CAN.J.90553 P/O MCINROY, R.A. PROMOTED TO RANK OF A/E/O W.O.F. 30.12.44		
			P CAN.J.89293 P/O SAUNDERS, D.R. " " " " A/E/O " 26.11.44		
			AG CAN.J.47110 P/O HEMSLAY, R.W. " " " " T/E/O " 1.1.45		
			P CAN.C.994 S/L NORRIS, R.W. " " " " A/E/O " 4.1.45		
			P CAN.J.17061 P/L LINTNER, C.F. DFC DFC " " " " A/E/O " 28.1.45		
			P CAN.J.9040 P/O MACDONALD, J. W.O. " " " " A/E/O " 16.1.45		
			P CAN.J.85095 P/O COWAN, R.H. DFC " " " " A/E/O " 10.1.45		
			P CAN.J.36648 P/O SPURGE, J.A. DFC " " " " A/E/O " 16.1.45		
			P CAN.J.37209 P/O BUCKETT, W.E. " " " " A/E/O " 10.1.45		
			P CAN.J.89816 P/O CHURCH, W.A. " " " " A/E/O " 23.12.44		
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			R.C.A.F.		138	1		130	
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			R.A.F.		4	-		23	
			N.A.		1	-		-	
					143	1		153	
			<u>NUMBER OF COMBATS WITH BOMB AIRCRAFT</u>						
			<u>NO. OF COMBATS NO CLAIM DEST. PROB. DAMAGED</u>						
			2 2 (SEE APPENDICES 71 AND 72)						
			<u>COMMANDING OFFICER'S RESUME</u>						
			<p>April has been a rather wearisome unsatisfactory month from an operational point of view. The training, however, has been 'bang-on' from the exercise-completed point of view.</p> <p>During operations for April, the Squadron lost one crew on bombing detail. Very few pieces were recovered from the aircraft which crashed near R.A.F. Benson almost on track back. The crew were all killed.</p> <p>There were no accidents for the month and airmanship has been very good, especially operational take-offs and landings and R/F procedure.</p> <p>The Squadron took part in two day bombing, five night bombing, and four mining operations putting in a total of 100 sorties of which 97 were primaries. We flew 688 operational hours and 350 training hours. The Squadron is working efficiently and once more the Groundcrew are to be commended for their hard and excellent work in giving us 'wizard' servicing at all times.</p> <p>The Sections have again all surpassed last month's efforts and Nav. timing has improved exceptionally well.</p> <p>There were no non-starters and no early returns.</p> <p>All personnel in the Squadron are co-operating in an excellent manner in almost all respects. Even our participants in the course at Sheffield have obtained high marks.</p>						
			<p style="text-align: right;"><i>R. W. Norris</i> (R. W. NORRIS) WING COMMANDER, COMMANDING 424 (REAP) SQUADRON.</p>						
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