

## OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

of (Unit or Formation) **424 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON**CAN. C-11615  
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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
SKIPTON-ON-SWALE	1.5.45		<p><b>WEATHER:</b> Cloudy becoming fair to cloudy. Frequent showers during day. Good visibility. except in showers.</p> <p><b>WINDS:</b> Fresh N.W.'ly.</p> <p><b>OPERATIONS:</b> The Squadron was not required for operations to-day.</p> <p><b>GENERAL:</b> Weather made it impossible to continue sports programs. Lack of targets and general lack of knowledge of future plans is creating a strong feeling of restlessness.</p> <p><b>TRAINING:</b> The eight most recently arrived crews flew to-day on cross country and air to sea firing exercises.</p> <p><b>FLYING TIMES:</b> Operational - Nil; Non-Operational - Day - 41.06 hrs. Night - Nil.</p>	
DO	2.5.45		<p><b>WEATHER:</b> Cloudy with occasional showers, becoming fair. Good visibility.</p> <p><b>WINDS:</b> N.W.'ly.</p> <p><b>OPERATIONS:</b> Again no call on the Squadron to operate.</p> <p><b>GENERAL:</b> General activity on the part of those not called upon to fly.</p> <p><b>TRAINING:</b> Eight crews carried out flying training, H2S, fighter affiliation, fishpond, etc., combined with their cross country exercises.</p> <p><b>FLYING TIMES:</b> Operational - Nil; Non-Operational - Day - 21.08 hrs. Night - Nil.</p>	
DO	3.5.45		<p><b>WEATHER:</b> Fair becoming cloudy with occasional showers. Good visibility.</p> <p><b>WINDS:</b> N.W.'ly wind.</p> <p><b>OPERATIONS:</b> The Squadron was called upon for a MINING effort involving eight aircraft. All preparations were made, the crews briefed, and took off in the evening for the KATTEGAT but while in the circuit were given recall instructions and flew locally for an average of four hours each to reduce their landing weight, landing safely with their mine load.</p> <p><b>GENERAL:</b> Happy activity preparing for operation - otherwise uneventful.</p> <p><b>TRAINING:</b> Despite preparations for the operation three of the less experienced crews carried out cross country exercises, fighter affiliation, air to sea, etc.</p> <p><b>FLYING TIMES:</b> Operational - Night - 40.44 hrs.; Non-Operational-Day-7.41 hrs. Night - Nil.</p>	A.2161-A.2168
DO	4.5.45		<p><b>WEATHER:</b> Fair to fine becoming fair to cloudy during afternoon. Good visibility.</p> <p><b>WINDS:</b> N.W.'ly wind backing light S.E.'ly.</p> <p><b>OPERATIONS:</b> Nil</p> <p><b>GENERAL:</b> Sports main activity other than practice flying.</p> <p><b>TRAINING:</b> Eight crews carried out flying training, air to sea, practice bombing and homing.</p> <p><b>FLYING TIMES:</b> Operational - Nil; Non-Operational - Day - 19 hrs. 22 mins. Night - Nil.</p>	

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SKIPTON-ON-SWALE	5.5.45		<p><b>WEATHER:</b> Fine becoming cloudy. Period of rain afternoon and evening, moderate visibility.</p> <p><b>WINDS:</b> Light variable becoming S.E.'ly.</p> <p><b>OPERATIONS:</b> The Squadron was not required to-day.</p> <p><b>GENERAL:</b> Restlessness of crews increases with lack of operations. Weather washed out sports programme.</p> <p><b>TRAINING:</b> Cross country exercises were laid on for this afternoon, but cancelled due to weather.</p> <p><b>FLYING TIMES:</b> No flying to-day.</p>		
DO	6.5.45		<p><b>WEATHER:</b> Cloudy with period of rain early morning, fair to fine later. Moderate-visibility becoming good.</p> <p><b>WINDS:</b> Light variable becoming W.fly.</p> <p><b>OPERATIONS:</b> Still not required.</p> <p><b>GENERAL:</b> Sunday and very quiet.</p> <p><b>TRAINING:</b> Ten crews carried out cross country exercises combined with fighter affiliation, practice bombing, etc.</p> <p><b>FLYING TIMES:</b> Operational - Nil; Non-Operational - Day - 36 hrs. 51 mins. Night - Nil.</p>		
DO	7.5.45		<p><b>WEATHER:</b> Fine becoming cloudy, moderate visibility, becoming pear.</p> <p><b>WINDS:</b> Light variable.</p> <p><b>OPERATIONS:</b> Still not required.</p> <p><b>GENERAL:</b> VE Day - 1. to-morrow is the Big Day. Instructions received to commence training May 9th preparatory to flying home and crews concerned recalled from leave. The whole Squadron is elated at the prospect.</p> <p><b>TRAINING:</b> Eleven crews carried out Radar cross country exercises.</p> <p><b>FLYING TIMES:</b> Operational - Nil; Non-Operational - Day - 33.47 hrs. Night - nil.</p>		
DO	8.5.45		<p><b>WEATHER:</b> Cloudy, fog early morning, rain during afternoon. Moderate visibility.</p> <p><b>WINDS:</b> Light S.E.'ly.</p> <p><b>OPERATIONS:</b> The Squadron was called upon for EXODUS operations. 12 experienced crews and one servicing crew. All landed safely at BRUSSELS, but the aircraft captained by CAN.J.17061 S/L C.P. Lundeen DFC had tire trouble and was left with the servicing crew while CAN.J.17061 S/L C.P. Lundeen DFC flew their aircraft on the return journey. Each A/C returned 24 ex Prisoners of War to Wing, and returned safely to base. <i>to be microfilm / subject 255</i></p> <p><b>GENERAL:</b> VE Day. Contrary to general expectations there were no scenes of wild jubilation. Too much energy was taken by the Exodus operation, a job everyone enjoyed to the full. The Squadron was well represented at the Station Dances in the evening. Training to fly home postponed until May 10th.</p> <p><b>TRAINING:</b> - Nil.</p> <p><b>FLYING TIMES:</b> Operational - Day - 55.57 hrs. Night - Nil; Non-Operational - Nil.</p>		A.2169-A.2181

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SKIPTON-ON-GWALE	9.5.45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Cloudy with severe thunderstorms becoming fair to fine. Good visibility.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Light S.E.'ly becoming W.'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> EXODUS again. This time eleven aircraft to JUVINOCOURT, to WING, to BASE. All aircraft carried out their task with the exception of that captained by CAN.J.22101 P/O J.W. Emerson which hit low wires at Juvincourt. A safe landing was made but it was considered unwise to risk a passenger load on return due to possible damage and the aircraft and crew returned to base via R.A.F. Benson for a damage check up. CAN.J.18591 P/O J.A. Keane and his servicing crew returned the aircraft left for servicing yesterday. <i>Base damaged 240</i></p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> Little activity other than the Exodus operation. The more hardy continue to celebrate. The decision not to fly any 63 Base personnel home is a crushing disappointment, <del>EXX</del> especially when it is remembered that the Squadrons actually operated on Lancasters and some of the more favoured will have to convert.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Nil.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> Operational - Day - 60.46 hrs. Night - Nil; Non-Operational - Nil.</p>		A.2182-A.2192
DO	10.5.45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Fine becoming cloudy, good visibility becoming moderate.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Light S.E.'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> EXODUS for the third day, this time BASE to JUVINOCOURT to WESTCOTT to BASE, with fifteen aircraft participating, without unusual occurrence.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> Among the Prisoners of War returned to-day was CAN.J.41115 P/O W.D. Lighthall, missing Pilot not hitherto reported. "Bill" was very popular and the whole Squadron is delighted at the news. <i>Total no. of POW's transferred - 386</i></p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Nil.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> Operational - Day 72.41 hrs. Night - Nil; Non-Operational - Nil.</p>		A.2193-A.2207
DO	11.5.45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Fair <del>fine</del> becoming cloudy with period of slight rain during afternoon, moderate visibility.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Light variable or light S.E.'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> Nil.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> Duff weather washed out sports arrangements and most personnel rested after Exodus trips.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> One crew on cross country and H2S exercise.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> Operational - Nil; Non-Operational - Day - 2.25 hrs. Night - Nil.</p>		
DO	12.5.45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Fine, but cloudy early afternoon with slight rain. Mod. visibility to poor in rain.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Calm, or light S.E.'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> Nil. Preparations made for a sixteen aircraft Exodus trip which did not materialise.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> Crews recalled for training permitted to resume interrupted leave. This evening CAN.J.86043 P/O R.A. McLeod DFC had a narrow escape from death when his motorcycle plunged over the Ripon Bridge. He is in Northallerton Hospital with a broken thigh and will be u/s a considerable time.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Nil, standing-by for possible Exodus operation.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> Operational - Nil; Non-Operational - Day - 1.32 hrs. Night - Nil.</p>		

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SKIPTON-ON-SWALE	13.5.45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Cloudy becoming fair. Period of rain becoming showery. Moderate visibility becoming good.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Light S.W.'ly. becoming fresh W.'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> Nil</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> Dog days, with disappointment that Exodus is not continuing - uneventful.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Nil.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> Nil.</p>		
DO	14.5.45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Fair periods with occasional showers. Good visibility.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Fresh S.W.'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> Nil</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> General activity.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Nil.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> Operational - Nil; Non-Operational - Day - 2.06 hrs. Night - Nil.</p>		
DO	15.5.45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Fair to cloudy becoming fair again. Good visibility.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Fresh S.W.'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> Nil</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> All available personnel engaged in training. Otherwise uneventful.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Sixteen crews flew cross country No.2.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> Operational - Nil; Non-Operational - Day - 26.59 hrs. Night - Nil.</p>		
DO	16.5.45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Fair becoming cloudy with a short period of rain in early morning. Good visibility.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> S.W.'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> Nil.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> A dull day with Squadron Officers helping on the decorating job in the Officers Mess that began to-day.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Nil.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> Operational - Nil; Non-Operational - Nil.</p>		
DO	17.5.45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Fair to cloudy becoming fair, slight rain. Good visibility.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> S.W.'ly becoming light N.W.'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> Nil.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> Authority received to count Exodus operations against tours. On this basis four crews, those captained by CAN.J.29040 F/L K.J. MacDonald, CAN.J.35941 F/O M.A. Mitchell, CAN.J.37209 F/L W.E. Beckett, and CAN.J.35869 F/O G.E. Reynolds <del>WFO</del>, were screened to-day.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Nil</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> Nil.</p>		

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SKIPTON-ON-SWALS	18.5.45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Cloudy becoming fair, good visibility becoming moderate.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> N'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> Nil.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> CAN.J.37206 P/O J.G. Agnew, former Squadron member and ex-Prisoner-of-war visited Squadron and told some interesting tales of Nazi efforts to extract information from their prisoners.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Two crews on local practice.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> Operational - Nil; Non-Operational - Day - 2.23 hrs. Night - Nil.</p>		
DO	19.5.45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Cloudy becoming fair. Good visibility.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Light S.E.'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> Nil.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> CAN.J.17500 P/L C.G. Kerr, former Signals Leader and recently returned Prisoner of War, visited Squadron.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Five crews on E2S Cross Country and Air to Sea firing exercises.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> Operational - Nil; Non-Operational - Day - 11 hrs. 56 mins. Night - Nil.</p>		
DO	20.5.45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Cloudy, slight rain in late afternoon. Good visibility but moderate in rain.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Easterly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> Nil.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> Sunday and because of weather, abnormally quiet. Very early this morning CAN.J.17110 P/O S.W. Hensley had an accident in his motor car and was taken to Northallerton with a broken neck. Fortunately his condition is not dangerous.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Weather stopped air training.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> Nil.</p>		
DO	21.5.45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Fog early morning becoming fair to cloudy with good visibility in afternoon.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Light variable becoming N.W.'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> Nil.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> The Station education programme started to-day, and realizing their proximity to "Givvy Street" and the urgent need to prepare themselves, a good representation from the Squadron was present. Squadron Navigators and Bomb Aimers began classes each to learn the others trade.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Eleven A/C up to-day on local flying, practice bombing, and air to sea firing exercises.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> Operational - Nil; Non-Operational - Day - 23.40 hrs. Night - Nil.</p>		

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SKIPTON-ON-WALES	22.5.45		<p>WEATHER: Cloudy, becoming fine after dusk. Visibility moderate becoming good.</p> <p>WINDS: N.N.W.'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Nil.</p> <p>GENERAL: Classes continue and general activity.</p> <p>TRAINING: Eight crews took part in H2S cross country exercises.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Nil; Non-Operational - Day - 21.49 hrs. Night - Nil.</p>		
DO	23.5.45		<p>WEATHER: Fine becoming fair to cloudy. Poor visibility becoming moderate.</p> <p>WINDS: Light variable at first becoming N.N.W.'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Nil.</p> <p>GENERAL: Domestic Day, first of a regular series to improve the condition of living quarters that had necessarily to be neglected while more pressing matters demanded our full energies. A Station Parade laid on for Saturday morning.</p> <p>TRAINING: No flying training to-day.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Nil.</p>		
DO	24.5.45		<p>WEATHER: Cloudy becoming fair. Good visibility becoming moderate.</p> <p>WINDS: N.N.W.'ly banking S.E.'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Nil.</p> <p>GENERAL: CAN.R.165480 F/S (Now Flying Officer) V. Poppa ex Prisoner of War visited Squadron and provided a very amusing sequel to some correspondence we have had with his Mother. It seems when he was reported Prisoner of War she began to worry about his watch and our utmost efforts were not sufficient to locate it. Poppa to-day admitted that he had pawned it before going missing.</p> <p>TRAINING: Five A/C took part in cross country exercises to-day.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Nil; Non-Operational - Day - 18.26 hrs. Night - Nil.</p>		
DO	25.5.45		<p>WEATHER: Cloudy with period of slight rain. Good visibility.</p> <p>WINDS: N.W.'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Nil.</p> <p>GENERAL: Authority received to take two aircraft daily on cross country exercises to Germany so that personnel may see the bomb damage. Ground crews up to a limit of five in addition to regular crews are permitted, and the first two flights were carried out to-day.</p> <p>TRAINING: Eight A/C took part in cross country and H2S cross country exercises to-day.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Nil; Non-Operational - Day - 30.57 hrs. Night - Nil.</p>		
DO	26.5.45		<p>WEATHER: Cloudy, showers in evening. Good visibility.</p> <p>WINDS: Light variable.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Nil.</p> <p>GENERAL: Scheduled parade postponed until next Saturday. First week-end on semi-peace-time basis of 5 1/2 day week.</p> <p>TRAINING: Nil.</p> <p>GENERAL FLYING TIMES: No flying to-day.</p>		

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SKIPTON-ON-SWALE	27.5.45		<p>WEATHER: Slight rain in morning becoming cloudy. Good visibility becoming poor.</p> <p>WINDS: N.N.W.'ly falling light.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Nil</p> <p>GENERAL: First Sunday off, general stand-down on Station.</p> <p>TRAINING: Nil</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: No flying.</p>		
DO	28.5.45		<p>WEATHER: Thick fog early morning. Fair becoming cloudy with showers and thunderstorms.</p> <p>Moderate visibility.</p> <p>WINDS: Light variable.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Nil</p> <p>GENERAL: Everyone busy this morning completing and handing in their Continuance of Service Declaration forms. A goodly percentage of personnel have volunteered for service in the Pacific Theatre.</p> <p>TRAINING: Duff weather prevented any air training.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: No flying.</p>		
DO	29.5.45		<p>WEATHER: Cloudy becoming fair. Rain early morning. Good visibility.</p> <p>WINDS: N.W.'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Nil</p> <p>GENERAL: Sports programme in full swing this afternoon.</p> <p>TRAINING: Nil</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: No flying.</p>		
DO	30.5.45		<p>WEATHER: Mainly fair with good visibility.</p> <p>WINDS: S.W.'ly becoming Southerly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Nil</p> <p>GENERAL: CAN.C.12615 P/L H.R. Jarman, Squadron Adjutant, flew as passenger with CAN.J.35648 P/L J.A. Stuart and crew on the cross country over Germany and reported an excellent trip with perfect visibility.</p> <p>TRAINING: Eight crews took part in H2S cross country exercises and two crews made cross country flights over Holland and Germany taking along groundcrew personnel.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Nil; Non-Operational - Day - 41.07 hrs. Night - Nil.</p>		
DO	31.5.45		<p>WEATHER: Cloudy with moderate to good visibility.</p> <p>WINDS: Southerly</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Nil</p> <p>GENERAL: Those not engaged in flying took active part in sports.</p> <p>TRAINING: Ten A/C took part in Radar X country and practice bombing exercises.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Nil; Non-Operational - Day - 28.43 hrs. Night - Nil.</p>		

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SKIPTON-ON-SWALE	31.5.45		<p><u>SUMMARY</u></p> <p><u>CASUALTIES - MISSING OR KILLED - NIL</u></p> <p><u>CASUALTIES - INJURED - ACCIDENTALLY</u></p> <p><u>Night 11th May, 1945</u></p> <p>WOP CAN.J.86043 P/O R.A. McLeod DFC AG CAN.J.47110 P/O B.W. Hamley</p> <p><u>POSTING IN - CREWS - NIL</u></p> <p><u>POSTING IN - MISCELLANEOUS PERSONNEL</u></p> <p><u>OFFICERS - R.C.A.F.</u></p> <p>A/D CAN.J.26721 P/O I.L. HUNTON 426 Squadron 23.5.45</p> <p><u>OFFICERS - R.A.F.</u></p> <p>F/E R.A.F.188092 P/O T. ADAMTHWAITE 431 Squadron 12.5.45</p> <p><u>AIRMEN - R.C.A.F. - NIL</u></p> <p><u>AIRMEN - R.A.F.</u></p> <p>P/P/E R.A.F.1569252 P/S SPEARING T.O. 431 Squadron 12.5.45</p> <p>P/E " 1897383 SGT GIBSON, C.W. 420 Squadron 13.5.45</p> <p>P/E " 2218942 SGT REAP, D. " " " "</p> <p>P/E " 1817865 SGT COTTELL, R.J. " " " "</p> <p>P/E " 1899350 SGT JOHNS, G.A. " " " "</p> <p><u>POSTING OUT</u></p> <p><u>OFFICERS - R.C.A.F.</u></p> <p>E CAN.J.23379 A/P/L KING, J.L. DFC "R" Depot 4.5.45</p> <p>AB " J.35809 P/O LACHANCE, F.O. 1659 C.U. 30.4.45</p> <p>N " J.37538 P/O HIRLEY, V.R. 24 O.T.U. 3.5.45</p> <p>AG " J.90193 P/O BHEAUME, O.B. 63 Base 2.2.45</p> <p>P/P/E " J.47833 P/O DUNS, G.A. 405 Squadron 13.5.45</p> <p>P/P/E " J.90118 P/O KRATING, R.B. 420 " " "</p> <p>N " C.1508 P/L CHRISTIE, R.D. O/S H.Q. 1.5.45</p> <p>P " J.87605 A/P/L PEARSON, F.O. DFC " 1.5.45</p> <p>P " J.11327 A/S/L GREEN, R.W. " 1.5.45</p> <p>AB " J.35812 P/O MOSS, F.H. " 1.5.45</p> <p>P " J.27679 A/P/L SANDERS, S.D. DFC "R" Depot 7.5.45</p> <p>N " J.37787 P/O PENNIE, R.R. O/S H.Q. 10.5.45</p> <p>P " J.85095 A/P/L COHAN, H.H. DFC 63 BASE 5.5.45</p> <p>P " J.26991 P/L SILLERS, D.R. DFC "R" Depot 17.5.45</p> <p>N " J.37177 P/O MANNING, F.R. " " 10.5.45</p> <p>N " J.35513 P/O TUSTIN, T.G. " " " "</p> <p>N " J.38345 P/O CAMPBELL, A.G. " " " "</p>		



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SKIPTON-ON-SWALE	31.5.45		POSTING OUT					
			OFFICERS - R.C.A.F. (Continued)					
			WOP	CAN. J. 93927	F/O SMITH, G.	To "R" Depot	W.E.P.	10.5.45
			WOP	CAN. J. 93751	F/O HICKIE, P.W.	" "	" "	" "
			AG	" J. 93774	F/O CAMPBELL, J.	" "	" "	" "
			AB	" J. 36872	F/O WISSELER, G.H.	" "	" "	21.5.45
			N	" J. 35520	F/O LOWRY, G.A.	" "	" "	" "
			AB	" J. 92631	F/O LAFRENIERE, P.	" "	" "	" "
			WOP	" J. 93772	F/O CAMPBELL, A.	" "	" "	" "
			OFFICERS - R.A.F.					
			FE	RAP. 178734	F/O BROMLEY, R.J. DFC	A.C.A.C.	W.E.P.	17.5.45
			AG	RAP. 185457	F/O WAINWRIGHT, J.L.	" "	" "	" "
			AIRMEN - R.C.A.F.					
			F/P/E	CAN. K. 220621	F/S POWE, E.B.	434 Squadron	W.E.P.	12.5.45
			"	" R. 204201	F/S LOWRY, G.E.	" "	" "	" "
			"	" R. 219144	F/S DARGH, K.A.	" "	" "	" "
			"	" R. 252783	F/S HALL, M.E.	405 Squadron	W.E.P.	13.5.45
			"	" R. 200460	F/S MAYOROS, B.	" "	" "	" "
			F/E	" R. 201448	Sgt WALKER, E.	420	W.E.P.	13.5.45
			"	" R. 193872	Sgt JARVIS, A.W.	" "	" "	" "
			"	" R. 215288	Sgt DELANEY, F.A.	" "	" "	" "
			WOP	" R. 180931	W/O RUPEY, K.E.	1659 G.U.	W.E.P.	14.5.45
			"	" R. 207290	W/O PRIESTLEY, A.A.	"R" Depot	" "	7.5.45
			AG	" R. 212947	W/O HAYDON, P.G.	" "	" "	7.5.45
			AB	" R. 136687	W/O RANDALL, R.E.	O/S H.Q.	" "	1.5.45
			AG	" R. 254912	F/S BUCHAN, R.D.	" "	" "	1.5.45
			AG	" K. 265519	F/S BELL, T.L.	"R" Depot	W.E.P.	10.5.45
			AG	" R. 257973	F/S BROWN, D.A.	" "	" "	" "
			AG	" R. 219722	W/O HAMILTON, J.J.	" "	" "	" "
			AG	" R. 212159	W/O MCKENZIE, W.D.	" "	" "	" "
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			"	" 1560735	F/S GRANT, W.M.	" "	" "	" "
			"	" 1825141	F/S COSGROVE, J.	" "	" "	" "
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