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OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

of (Unit or Formation) 431 R.C.A.P. SQUADRON

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BURN	1943 Feb. 1st		Pirst twe air firing details were successfully carried out. Flying times DAY 1355 NIGHT Hil
	" 2nd		Visit of Mayer of Dewabury and party to Station in connection with 'Wings for Victory' Campaigh.
			Plying times DAY Hil, HIGHT Hil.
	" 3rd		Wing Commander & Grew, Sgt. Aspden & Crew to Heston Aerodrome with HE 182 & 183 to have serew modi-
			fication done & to secrue febric at points of contact with metal. Pirst sea firing 1 estail.
	97 10 10		P/o wilkinson & 9 Sgt. Pilots went as 2nd. pilots, briefed to Hamburg. All returned before
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			P/o Nutt, REP 130917 awarded the IPM vide London Gazette dated 29.12.42. A.O. Recds.CIM/11706.0
			dated 4-1-43 (Note 1170640 Sgt. Nutt) CITATION. Sgt. (now P/O) Nutt RAF VR 405 Sgdn. (RCAF) as
			wireless operator/air gamner, Sgt. Nutt has rendered excellent service. He has taken part in attacks
	1.25		on a wide range of targets including Berlin, industrial centre in the Ruhr and on the battleships
	1 1000		Scharnhorst and Gneisenau in the Channel. Flying times DAY 935 NIGHT Nil.
	" 4th		Air Sea Firing 1 detail. 4 Sgt. pilots went as 2nd pilots with 51 Sqdn, to Turin & Lorient for
·,			experience, All returned. Flying times DAY 8 hrs. NIGHT Nil.
	= 5th	100	Lecture by P/Lt. Farmery APDU On Air Pighting Tactics. First night flying programs arranged but
		- 31 1	cancelled owing to bad weather conditions. Flying times DAY 2.25 hrs.
	= 6th		Pirst practice bombing over the sea - 4 x 11% 1b bombs combined with air sea firing. F/O Wilkinson
	L. Buck		& Crew. Pirst night flying circuits & bumps carried out. Two aircraft P/Lt Eades & Crew. Sgt.
			Raglesham & Crew bombed in sea using aluminum markers. Flying times DAY 7.50 NIGHT 1.55
	* 7th		Pighter affiliation with a Spitfire piloted by P/Lt Paguery from Driffield, 2 aircraft used, one
			piloted by P/S Hamby & Crew with Sgt. Englesham as 2nd dickey. Weather very good. Visit by Air
			Vice Marshall Carr, A.C.C. & Group. Pighter affiliation again in the afternoon and also air
			firing details. Flying times DAY 11.25 MIGHT 2.35
	* 8th		Flying cancelled owing to bad visibility, compasses of 2 sircraft swang in afternoon. Hight flying
			cancelled owing to weether. Flying times Hil.
	. 9th		Piret 2 day cross country, took off at 1100 hrs, and returned at 1630 hrs, Weather had in the
			morning but aleared up in the afternoon. Two areas detailed for night circuits & busps. Arrival
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BURN	Peb. 17t	oont'	a) did NFT. Night flying cancelled due to bad visibility. Lights failed throughout the camp, some	
		-	for whole night. Flying times BAY 1.15 hrs. NIGHT Nil.	
	" 18th	1	Three aircraft took off on cross country flights in morning, I aircraft in afternoon on cross country	
			with practice bombing. Weather extremely good, 5 aircraft did night circuits & landings. Sgts.	
			Eaglesham, & Reynoldson with P/O Luke want as 2nd pilots in Halifaxes flying from Snaith (51 Sodn)	
			Target was Submarine shelters at Wilhelmshaven. There was a full moon and excellent visibility.	
			All returned. Plying times DAY 22,30 hrs. NIGHT 10,20 hrs.	
	" 19th	1	No flying in morning, 6 aircraft did NFT in afternoon, 3 aircraft did night circuits & landings	
			3 aircraft did night cross countrys, Flying times DAY 4, 20 hrs. NIGHT 1325 hrs.	
	" 20th		No flying in morning 6 aircraft did NFT in afternoon. Night flying cancelled due to bad visibility	
			Flying times DAY 4120 hrs. NIGHT Nil.	***************************************
	" 21st		One aircraft did air firing in morning. Group Capt. Gray visited Station at 12 noon and stayed until	
			late. Local hase prevents flying in the afternoon, One aircraft brought back from Leconfield.	
			Night flying concelled, Flying times DAY 4 hrs. NIGHT Nil.	
	" 22nd		Thick ground haze in the morning prevents flying. Night flying cancelled owing to bad visibility.	
			Flying time Nil.	***************************************
	* 23rd		Visibility about 100 yds, in the morning, No flying, Weather cleared in afternoon, 4 NFTS but	
			night flying cancelled as ground haze came down again. Flying times DAY 5.45 hrs. NIGHT Wil.	
	* 24th		Fog in morning prevented flying, slight clearance in afternoon but only one machine took off on a	251
			weather test, All flying then cancelled. Flying time DAY 20 mins.	
Medic for	* 25th	20 Tab 1	Two cross countrys & firing details in the morning. Visibility was poor with a cold front, Morning	
X 1900	* 25th		cloudy. NFT in afternoon, 4 cross countries and 3 circuits bumps at night. 1 pilot went as 2nd	
	976	-	pilot to Nuremburg from Snaith (51 Sqdn) Returned C.K. Flying times DAY 20.40 hrs. NICHT 22.40 hrs.	
	" 26th		Visibility not very good in morning. 4 MFTS took off in the afternoon, Vis. fairly good, 4 cross	

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BURN	Peb. 26th	(cont'd	countrys and 2 circuits & bumps at night. Visit by G/C Gray to the Squadron in the morning.	1
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			and Wood want as 2nd pilots from Snaith (51 Squn) Target COLOGES. Flying times DAY 1600 hrs.	-
			NIGHT 10.40 hrs.	-
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			2 day cross countrys. 3 MPTS in the afternoon. Visibility very good. Bullseye arranged for night	
			5 aircraft took off for Bullseye between Flamboro' Head, Hall - Leeds. 2 aircraft on night circuit.	
			and bumps. G/C Gray attended briefing for Bullseye.	
	" 28tb		2 day cross country, visibility bad in early morning but cleared by noon. 5 night cross countrys,	
			2 returned early. Visibility good. Flying times DAY 1325 hrs. NIGHT 1930 hrs.	
			Appointments & Promotions	
			P/O D.S. Gooderham, 125513, GD promoted to the rank of F/O w.e.f. 10.11.42	
	ļ		Authy, Extract from London Casette number 35827 d/18.12.42	
			P/O D.J. MacMillan, J.12160, GD promoted to the rank of T/F/O, w.e.f. 8.12.	42
			Authy. A.M.letter 4448988/42/8.7.D. 2. d/6.2.43.	
			Sgt. W.E. Paton, J.22562 (R127926) appointed to a commission in the RCAF	
			(SR) w.e.f. 20,7.42, T.O.S. as an officer 2,2,43, Arthy. 4,96173/43/S.7(f) 1 (b) d/18.2.43.	
			Sgt, C.A. MacDougal, J. 22548 (R. 124714) appointed to accumulation in the RC	P
		-	(SR) W.e.f. 20.7.42. T.O.S. as an officer 24.2.43. Authy. 4496184/43/S.7. (f) 1 (b) 6/17.2.43.	
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			REMARKS BY COMMANDING OFFICER	
			Again bad local visibility has hampered progress throughout the month.	
			Teething troubles with aircraft and the necessity for fabric repairs and renewal of ball races in	
			turrets away from base have also helped to delay the date on which we could offer aircraft & crewa	
			for operations. The fact that 16 spares are held by the parent station for our aircraft is a further	
			complication. We are offering eight (8) aircraft & crews for operations on the 2nd March and hope	
			to build up this number slowly. The Squadron are in good heart & been to get going, despite the	
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