

## OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

of (Unit or Formation) No. 431 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON.

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
THOLTHORPE	1943	1st Dec.	<p>(1) Operations were called for to-day, twelve crews being detailed for late afternoon take-off. This was changed to late evening take-off, and finally "scrubbed".</p> <p>(2) One aircraft on air test, and one on height test.</p> <p>(3) Bomb Aimers on GHS Training and Astro Star Recognition.</p> <p>(4) Daily Inspections carried out.</p> <p>(5) Squadron Leader <del>Seaburne</del>, No. 6 Group Air-Sea Rescue Officer, advised Unit about arrangements for baths in York, regarding dinghy drill practice twice weekly.</p> <p>(6) The Squadron Signals Leader, Flight Lieutenant Nutt, amended No. 6 Group Standing Signals Instructions, checked and returned Bomber Codes.</p> <p>(7) Five aircrew N.C.O.'s posted from the Squadron.</p>		
	2nd Dec.		<p>(1) Thirteen crews detailed for operations to-day, but they were cancelled when crews were out at aircraft. Local flying and one cross-country carried out, together with three air tests.</p> <p>(2) Bomb Aimers instructed on Manual Releases, and, in the afternoon, levelling bomb sights. Morse training given to WOP/AG's and flimsies amended.</p> <p>(3) Daily Inspections carried out as usual.</p> <p>(4) W/O Newson (DFO) returned from Buckingham Palace party, where 250 were in attendance, including many high-ranking Officers from the three Services.</p> <p>(5) Twenty Officers and N.C.O.'s were presented with the 1939/43 Star Ribbon.</p>		
	3rd Dec.		<p>(1) For the third day running, Operations were called for, and fourteen crews took off for a raid on LIEPZIG. P/O Rubie returned early with one engine feathered, and P/S Hawtison returned with overload tank not functioning properly. All returning crews landed after daybreak, the average time being 8:45 hours, the longest trip undertaken so far by the Squadron. Unfortunately, four crews did not return: Pilots - J6276 S/L R.C. Cook, J24430 P/O A.V. Edgar, R119578 P/S R.W. Ritchie, 1335994 P/S F. Long. These included some of the finest in our Squadron. S/L Cook was "B" Flight Commander, and had only been with the Squadron some three weeks, and 131168 P/L E.L. Lister, of S/L Cook's crew, was our Bombing Leader since April, 1943. Signals received from P/S Long indicated that he had gone down into the sea off the Dutch coast, but sea-search has revealed no trace so far. It was a hard blow for the Squadron to lose these</p>		

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TROUTHORPE	1945 3rd Dec.	(cont'd)	valuable men. Squadron Leader Forbes (DFC), from 6 Group Headquarters, attended interrogation when crews returned. (2) Two of our u/t crews were moved up to operational class to-day. Pilots of the crews were: F/S Johnson and F/S Maher. (3) GSE Training for WOP/AG's carried out. Bomb Aimers loaded "window" and helped with bombing-up for operations. (4) Daily Inspections, as usual, carried out.		
	4th Dec.		(1) No operations to-day. Somewhat quieter after first three days of month. Two cross-country training flights carried out, Bomb Aimers doing part navigation. (2) Remainder of Bomb Aimers practised Astro and Dry Swim. WOP/AG's spent a good part of the morning on Morse training. (3) Usual daily inspections carried out. (4) F/O Prosser acting as Signals Leader to-day - training only. (5) Logs from previous operations checked and gone over with each Navigator. (5) Concentration positions completed and sent to 6 Group.		
	5th Dec.		(1) Stand down to-day. One air-to-air firing, two fighter affiliation tests, and three cross-country details carried out. (2) WOP/AG's had one hour session on GSE training, and films amended. Lectures given on Signals organization, and also one on "S.O.S." and Distress procedure. Bomb Aimers had map reading in the afternoon. Remainder given lectures on Mk. 14 Bomb Sight. Ten Astro watches obtained from bombing section. (3) Flight Lieutenant T.R. Walker (Adjutant) visited Croft to-day to check on accommodation for Squadron move.		
	6th Dec.		(1) Weather extremely poor to-day. Operations not called for. Two air tests and one fighter affiliation carried out. (2) Bomb Aimers had GSE instruction and then a lecture on Bomb Sights and bombing gear. (3) Two aircraft had compasses swung. (4) Movement Order prepared for move of Squadron.		

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THOLTHORPE	1943 6th Dec.	(cont'd)	(5) Fifteen aircrew R.C.O.'s interviewed by W/O Newson (DFC) and Group Captain Gordon, for commissioning. (6) Four new crews posted to the Squadron from No. 1664 Conversion Unit. The Pilots were: RM/608 P/S G.E. Howey, R/2201 P/S F.M. Skaff, RM/1888 P/S J. Howell, RM/0572 P/S H. Krentz. (7) Two Army Officers reported for liaison duties with the Squadron and were taken care of by Squadron Leader Higgins, "A" Flight Commander. (8) Twenty-five aircrew personnel received the 1939/43 Star Ribbon. (9) W/O Newson (DFC) attended a conference, in the morning, at No. 62 (R.C.A.F.) Base.		
	7th Dec.		(1) Stand down to-day. (2) All sections preparing and packing for move of Squadron. Heavy equipment, etc., being checked before packing. Movement Order despatched to proper authorities. (3) Squadron Leader Scott, the Unit's Padre, left for R.C.A.F. "B" Depot, to take up new duties. (4) Cypher Officers from No. 62 Base visited the Squadron to check on all secret documents. (5) A demonstration of the air-borne life boat was given to all aircrew personnel in the afternoon.		
	8th Dec.		(1) No flying to-day. (2) Advance party proceeded to Croft at 0900 hours under the direction of Flight Lieutenant Valentine to prepare for Squadron arrival on 10th December. Three Officers, eight Senior R.C.O.'s, and twenty-eight other ranks made up the party, which proceeded by road. (3) A station parade and inspection by the Base Commander, No. 62 (R.C.A.F.) Base, was cancelled owing to poor weather. (4) More packing by all sections. Looks like a wholesale May Day move.		
	9th Dec.		(1) Stand down due to move. (2) R.A.F. M.T. Road Party proceeded to Croft with heavy equipment. Forty vehicles, each additionally manned with three ground crew personnel per vehicle, made up the convoy. This was a heavy day for packing remainder of Section equipment and personal baggage. (3) Wing Commander Powell (DFC, DFC) gave an interesting Navigational lecture to aircrew personnel.		
THOLTHORPE - CROFT	10th Dec.		(1) Stand-down to-day. Thirteen aircraft and crews took off from Tholthorpe to Croft with last farewell to Tholthorpe. Squadron Leader Higgins, "A" Flight Commander, was in charge of the Air Party.		



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THOLTHORPE - CROFT	1943 10th Dec. (cont'd)		(2) The Main Party (Bail), under Flight Lieu tenant T.R. Walker, Adjutant, was on parade at 0800 hours, ready to proceed. 250 personnel - air and ground crew - marched to Baskelf Station, a distance of three miles, entrained at 0920 hours for Croft, and then marched from Croft Station into camp - some four miles - arriving at 1115 hours. All personnel were billeted down by 1800 hours, with baggage all accounted for - we hoped. The remainder of the heavy equipment arrived by R.A.F. M.T. (See Appendix "B".)		
CROFT	11th Dec.		(1) First day at new Station. Sections hard at work getting settled in the various quarters. Much unpacking to do. (2) Operations called for. Eight aircraft detailed for a special mission, but finally "scrubbed". (3) Aircrew from No. 428 Squadron were briefed along with our own crews. (4) W/C Newson (DFO) gave a lecture at 1400 hours to all aircrew. (5) Rear Party, under Flying Officer Harris, arrived at 1600 hours from Tholthorpe, thereby completing the move of the Squadron from Tholthorpe to Croft.		
	12th Dec.		(1) No operations to-day. Local f'lying and beam approach training carried out. Three aircraft on fighter affiliation, and one cross-country. (2) A conference was held with Station Signals Officer by Squadron Signals Section. (3) A Morse training table and work room was fitted up; Bomb Aimers were detailed to erect training apparatus. (4) Daily inspection were carried out as usual. (5) A great deal of work was done by the various Sections in setting up their quarters satisfactorily.		
	13th Dec.		(1) Stand down again to-day. Eight cross-countries were detailed for the afternoon. Weather became very poor and consequently, detail was "scrubbed". Local flying, including bombing, carried out. (2) Group Captain R.M. Edwards (MFO), Officer Commanding, R.C.A.F. Station, Croft, held a conference with Squadron Commanders and Adjutants, to discuss Squadron problems and difficulties. Much was cleared up at this meeting, and it is evident that full co-operation can be expected in all matters.		

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CROFT	1943				
	13th Dec.	(cont'd)	(3) Squadron Leader Izzard, Group Signals Officer, visited the Squadron signals Section in the afternoon.		
			(4) Aircraft "H" and "D" had compasses swung.		
	14th Dec.		(1) Weather to-day unfit for flying. Visibility very poor.		
			(2) All new crews under training attended a lecture in briefing room by Wing Commander W.F.M. Hanson (RAC) Squadron Commander.		
			(3) Compasses on aircraft "R" were swung.		
			(4) Daily Inspections were carried out.		
			(5) Wireless Operators attended a discussion on Wireless Installation in Halifax Aircraft, and the Squadron Signals Leader, Flight Lieutenant Nutt, examined three W.C.O.'s in Grade I tests.		
			(6) Section Officers Stevenson and Rowntree, Cypher Officers from Middleton St. George, visited the Squadron to check all secret documents.		
			(7) Arrangements were made for Engineers to take Link Trainer instruction.		
			(8) Bomb Airmen practiced a dry swim.		
	15th Dec.		(1) No operations called for to-day.		
			(2) A special class in Astro was held for Flight Engineers - started with Sextant training.		
			(3) A lecture on Bombing procedure and general "Gen" on Operations was given to Bomb Airmen.		
			(4) Compasses were swung on three aircraft.		
			(5) A meeting was held with Flight Commanders and Section Leaders to discuss problems of organisation now that the Squadron has settled down in its new quarters.		
			(6) All aircrew personnel, by crews, reported to the Dental Officer for a complete check-up.		
			(7) Daily Inspections carried out as usual in the morning, with turret manipulation.		
	16th Dec.		(1) No operations called for to-day. Weather unfit for flying.		
			(2) Flight Engineers received further instruction on Astro.		
			(3) Two new crews lectured on Bombing procedure by Bombing Leader.		
			(4) Daily Inspections carried out, also harmonisation of guns and aircraft.		
			(5) A Recognition Lecture was given to all aircrew by the Gunnery Leader, Flight Lieutenant L.L. Miled (RAC).		

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GROFT	1943				
	16th Dec.	(cont'd)	(6) The guns of four aircraft were completely stripped and cleaned.		
	17th Dec.		(1) Stand down to-day. Ground training only carried out.		
			(2) Instruction in star recognition, with one hour lecture on Astro theory, given to all Flight Engineers.		
			(3) Lecture on Bombing Drill and procedure, A.M.L. Practice, and M.C. 14 Bomb Sight procedure, for operations, given all Air Bombers.		
			(4) Two new aircraft had compasses swung.		
			(5) Squadron Leader H.M. Taylor, Padre, and Flying Officer H.W. Egglestone, Public Relations Officer, from Leamington, visited the Squadron in the afternoon and met the O.C. of the Squadron, Wing Commander W.P.M. Dawson (RMC).		
			(6) Fitters serviced Training Turbine motor.		
	18th Dec.		(1) Operations called for to-day and twelve aircraft detailed. After such preparation, detail was "scrubbed".		
			(2) Flight Engineers given instruction on Sextant manipulation and practiced gun and upon shots.		
			(3) In the afternoon, Flight Lieutenant Phillips gave a lecture to aircrew on escaping from enemy territory.		
			(4) Bomb Aimers not detailed for Operations loaded "window".		
			(5) Link training given for operations preparation.		
			(6) Gunners and Navigation Sections worked on expanding set-up in sections.		
	19th Dec.		(1) Stand down to-day. Eleven aircraft were air-tested during the day for approximately one hour each. Two new aircraft ferried from Middleton St. George to Groft. Local flying and ground training carried out.		
			(2) Flight Engineers on Link trainer practice in the morning.		
			(3) Bomb Aimers received lectures on M.C. 14 Bomb Sight, and a demonstration on camera operation. In the afternoon, they received Link trainer and A.M.L. Practice.		
			(4) Daily Inspections were carried out.		
			(5) A lecture was given to Air Gunners on tactics, and further instructions were given to the senior crews by the Gunnery Leader.		

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GROFT	1943 20th Dec.		(1) Twelve aircraft detailed for Operations - target: <u>BRASSPOT</u> . Eleven aircraft took off. One returned early with rear Gunner ill. All others returned safely. Interrogation reports indicated a successful trip. P.F.F. doing a good job. (2) Bomb Aimers not on Operations were out at aircraft checking Mk. 14 Bomb Sight, and they also had a lecture on levelling the Mk. 14 Bomb Sight. (3) Remaining aircrew received a lecture from the Intelligence Officer. (4) Aircraft "W" had compass pump. (5) Lecture on aircraft recognition given to Air Gunners. (6) Harmonization of three aircraft carried out.		
	21st Dec.		(1) Weather extremely poor to-day. No operations or local flying attempted. One new aircraft ferried from <u>Widdleton St. George</u> to Groft. (2) All aircrew were given a lecture on Flying Control and Station organization generally. (3) Sextant instruction and astro given to all Flight Engineers, assisted by instruction by Navigation Section. (4) Flying Officer <u>LeFleur</u> , from No. 6 Group Headquarters, visited and inspected the Squadron Central Registry, giving some useful advice on procedure. (5) Flight Lieutenant <u>T.R. Walker</u> , Adjutant, attended a Court Martial at Tholthorpe. Flying Officer <u>R.D. Lawson</u> , Bomb Aimer, took over temporarily as Adjutant.		
	22nd Dec.		(1) No Operations called for to-day. Seven aircraft detailed for Command Bullseye. (2) Instruction given to Flight Engineers on Star and Constellation Recognition. (3) Bomb Aimers on A.M.L. Practice and Link Trainer in the morning. In the afternoon, Bomb Aimers practiced Dry Swim, G.E. and Navigation training. (4) Harmonization of new aircraft carried out.		
	23rd Dec.		(1) Stand down again to-day. Six aircraft on night cross-country and bombing, which was successfully carried out. (2) Bomb Aimers on Link Trainer. Remainder on A.M.L. and cleaning out window from all aircraft. (3) Daily Inspections carried out, also harmonization of eight aircraft. (4) Practical instruction given to all new crews by sections.		

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CROFT	19 & 23rd Dec.	(cont'd)	(5) Wing Commander Newson (WFO) visited Topcliffe Night Vision Centre.		
	24th Dec.		(1) Twelve aircraft detailed for "guarding". All took off and returned safely, successfully carrying out the detail.		
			(2) Remainder of Bomb Airmen on Link Trainer.		
			(3) Monthly GSE Report completed and sent to No. 6 Group.		
	25th Dec.		(1) Much to everyone's surprise, Operations called for, but "scrubbed" shortly after, to the joy of all concerned. Stand down to celebrate Christmas Day.		
			(2) Navigation tracings for previous night's operations completed and sent to Naval Officer, No. 6 Group Headquarters.		
			(3) Officers from this Squadron, along with those of No. 434 Squadron, marched, en masse, to the Airmen's mess, led by Group Captain D.M. Edwards (AFC), Commanding Officer of R.C.A.F. Station Croft, to serve the usual Christmas dinner to the "orks". A wonderful meal was served on this occasion, and it was the consensus of opinion that it would be a wonderful war if they could eat like that every day.		
			(4) Wing Commander Newson (WFO), Officer Commanding, and several other Officers of the Squadron, visited the Hospital and gave out cigarettes and chocolate bars to a number of patients. This gesture was very much appreciated.		
	26th Dec.		(1) Operations not called for. One aircraft on local flying and air test, one on air-to-sea firing. One Bomb Aimer detailed for flying and photographing of Croft.		
			(2) Seven Bomb Airmen on Link Trainer. Remainder on GSE and A.M.L.		
			(3) Six u/t crews were moved up into the "Fresher" class, and are now operational. Pilots: R96935 Flight Sergeant J.T. Corriveau; R140271 R02 H.F. Morrison; R146908 Flight Sergeant C.W. Howes; R135221 Flight Sergeant A.W. Timmuth; R78201 Flight Sergeant F.M. Skeaff; and R130902 Flight Sergeant J.F. Artymuk.		
			(4) Aircraft "P" had compass swing.		
			(5) Daily Inspections and check harmonization made on five aircraft.		
	27th Dec.		(1) Eight aircraft detailed for night cross-country and bombing. One aircraft on air-to-air firing, and one on air-to-sea firing and height test.		

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OBFFT	19 & 20 27th Dec. (cont'd)		(2) Fighter affiliation attempted but unsuccessful owing to change of arrangements unknown to this Squadron. (3) GSE Training carried out and Engineers given some Astro instruction. (4) Guns removed from four aircraft and completely serviced. (5) Wing Commander Henson (DFG), Officer Commanding, forwarded a cable to His Worship, Mayor Bruce Whiteside, of the Town of Simcoe, Ontario, Canada, expressing his thanks to the people of the town for their kindness in "adopting" the Squadron.		
	28th Dec.		(1) No operations to-day. Seven aircraft took part in a night cross-country. As the majority of these crews were new to the Squadron, they made an "operational" take-off in order to increase efficiency in judging times, run-up, and taxi-ing. (2) Three aircraft had compasses swung. (3) Bomb Aimers had a lecture on bombing procedure and Link and GSE Training, and, in the afternoon, more GSE and A.M.L. (4) Air Gunners on daily inspections and gun check in the morning. In the afternoon, they received aircraft recognition and tactics lecture. Remainder on training turret.		
	29th Dec.		(1) Operations called for to-day. Target: <u>REGLIN</u> . Fourteen aircraft detailed, but only thirteen took off. Aircraft "X" scrubbed at the last minute due to broken fuel cable. Two crews did not return. Pilots: Flying Officer J.N. Nelson (J5644); Flying Officer G.E. Bishop (J22395). Two aircraft diverted, one to Woodbridge and the other to <sup>Coldishall</sup> <del>Colishall</del> . Interrogation reports indicated a "good show" all the way. P.P.F. did a splendid job and the attack was well concentrated, keeping fighter activity to a minimum. The airmen were extremely happy over this show. (2) Daily inspections and harmonisation of new aircraft carried out along with check of aircraft detached for operations. (3) Air Gunners detailed for their first operation received a lecture by the Gunners Leader, Flight Lieutenant Moleed, on tactics to be employed and instructions re freeing of guns and turrets. (4) Navigation Logs checked for previous night's cross country.		



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CROFT, Yorks.	1943	31st Dec.	PRESENT STRENGTH OF SQUADRON.		
			OFFICERS		
			R.C.A.F.	40	1
			R.C.A.F. (USA)	-	-
			R.A.F.	27	-
			W.A.A.F.	-	-
			TOTAL	67	1
			GROUND CREW		
			R.C.A.F.	91	321
			R.C.A.F. (USA)	-	4
			R.A.F.	83	72
			W.A.A.F.	-	32
			TOTAL	174	429
			ESTABLISHMENT UNDER WHICH SQUADRON OPERATES-362 dated 1.10.43.		603
			HEALTH OF SQUADRON-GOOD		
			POSTING-OFFICERS ABOARD-OUT		
			P/O J.A. Bess J17975 GD Posted to 1666 Q.U. w.e.f. 3.12.43 Authy 60/2452/43 dated 2.12.43		
			P/O L.E. Cragg J19032 GD Posted to 22 O.T.U. w.e.f. 3.12.43 Authy 60/2458/43 dated 2.12.43		
			P/L A/S/L R.G. Cook J6276 GD Reported missing on 4.12.43 Authority awaited.		
			P/O A.W. Edgar J24430 GD		
			P/O J.V. Shannon J11226 GD		
			P/O M.V. Snow J16804 GD		
			P/O A.E. Freeman J23892 GD		
			P/O G.H. Armstrong J27607 GD		
			P/O J. Fish 129043 GD Posted to 433 Squadron w.e.f. 4.12.43. Authy 60/2409/43 dated 1.12.43		



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GROFT, Yorks.	1943 1st Dec.		POSTINGS - OFFICERS AIRBORNE - OUT (cont'd)				
			P/L	R.L. Lister	151168	GD	Reported MISSING on 4.12.43. Posted to War Com. N/E Acc'ts Depot, Unbridge, W.c.f. 4.12.43. N/E Missing. Authy: Awaited.
			P/O	G.A. Beattie	117772	GD	Posted to No. 22 OUF. W. w.c.f. 12.22.43. Authy: 66/2529/43 4/5.12.43.
			P/O	R.A. Irwin	114212	GD	Posted to 61 (HAF) Base w.c.f. 9.12.43. Authy: 66/812/780 4/8.12.43.
			P/O	R.M. Passant	111234	GD	Posted to War Com. N/E Acc'ts Depot w.c.f. 25.11.43. Authy: Awaited.
			P/O	R.F. Jackson	147993	GD	Posted to R.D.U. w.c.f. 8.12.43. Authy: 6011418/43. 4/1.12.43.
			P/O	G.O. Garrood	110796	GD	Reported MISSING on 19.11.43. Posted to HAF O/S H.Q. N/E w.c.f. 19.11.43. Authy: 66/2225/43 4/21.11.43.
			P/L A/S/L	R.G. Cook	16276	GD	Posted to HAF O/S H.Q. N/E Missing w.c.f. 4.11.43. Authy: 66/2564/43 4/6.12.43.
			P/O	G.H. Armstrong	127607	GD	Posted to HAF O/S H.Q. N/E Missing w.c.f. 4.11.43. Authy: 66/2563/43 4/6.12.43.
			P/O	D.R. Short	112691	GD	Posted to HAF O/S H.Q. N/E MISSING w.c.f. 25.11.43.
			P/O	G. Rich	126847	GD	Authy: 66/2360/43 4/27.11.43.
			P/O	P. Bannet	123639	GD	
			P/O	A.E. Freeman	123992	GD	Posted to HAF O/S H.Q. N/E MISSING w.c.f. 4.11.43.
			P/O	A.W. Edgar	124430	GD	Authy: 66/2524/43 4/6.12.43.
			P/O	G.T. Cook	120971	GD	Posted to 61 (HAF) Base w.c.f. 23.12.43. Authy: 66/812/780 4/22.12.43.
			P/O	S.H. Mitchell	129679	GD	Posted to 61 (HAF) Base w.c.f. 16.12.43. Authy: 66/1256/43 4/16.12.43.

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CROFT, Yorks.	1943 31st Dec.		POSTINGS - OFFICERS ATTACHED - IN		
			P/O G.A.W. Shank J20419 GD Posted from 1659 C.U. waf 29.11.43. Authy: Gq/2414/43 d/1.12.43.		
			P/O P.F. Gandy J25531 GD Posted from 1659 C.U. waf 1.12.43. Authy: Gq/Sig/2951 d/3.12.43.		
			P/O J. Cunningham J22593 GD Posted from 1664 C.U. waf 6.12.43 (reporting		
			P/O J.A. Linds J22075 GD 16.12.43), Authy: Gq/2962/43 d/6.12.43.		
			POSTINGS - ATTACHED M.C.O.'s - OUT		
			R120625 P/S A/S Streetman, K.G. Posted to 61 (RCAP) Base waf 9.12.43. Authy:		
			R92227 W/O WOP/AG Wakely, W.G. Gq/Sig/280 d/8.12.43.		
			R165480 Sgt. A/S Poppe, V.G.		
			R190586 Sgt. A/S Freeman, C.F.		
			R161248 Sgt. A/S Hishes, A.F. Posted to 61 (RCAP) Base waf 23.12.43. Authy:		
			R189711 Sgt. A/S Graham, D.A. Gq/2789/43 d/23.12.43.		
			R124480 Sgt. A/S Verry, P.H.		
			R156233 Sgt. Wav. Thomson, T.A.		
			R155214 Sgt. WOP/AG Klemper, F.V.		
			R190889 Sgt. A/S Elliott, S.B.		
			R173247 Sgt. A/S Deledandro, F.J.		
			R269893 Sgt. P/S Bithren, J.R. Reported MISSING waf 29.12.43. P/S Missing.		
			R158185 P/S A/S Gummie, G. Authy: Awaiting.		
			R194061 Sgt. A/S Whelan, J.J.		
			R151311 Sgt. A/S Kehoe, G.		
			R368171 P/S WOP/AG Robin, L. Posted to 1666 C.U. waf 2.12.43. Authy:		
			R529851 P/S Wav. Abbott, W. Gq/Sig/2851 d/2.12.43.		
			R814772 Sgt. P/S Brown, L.D.		
			R16794 P/S A/S Ali, P.L.		

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CROFT, Works	1943	1st Dec.			
			3427357 Sgt. W/CE/AG Jenkins, V.	Reported MISSING on 4.12.43. Posted to War Cas.	
			3892458 Sgt. A/G Inford-Pike, D.	N/E Acc'ts Depot Exbridge waf 4.12.43. Authy:	
			3332294 P/S Pilot Long, F.	Awaited.	
			3892305 P/S M av. Steven, F.R.		
			3336730 P/S A/B Brown, G.F.		
			3377862 Sgt. WOP/AG Burley, W.G.		
			3562678 Sgt. A/G L'Argent, J.G.		
			337041 Sgt. WOP/AG Brookman, H.J.		
			1047841 Sgt. P/N Wood, G.		
			3816048 Sgt. A/G Phillips, M.V.		
			3207241 P/S WOP/AG Hill, J.R.	Posted to No. 15 O.T.U. waf 3.12.43. Authy:	
				60/Sig/P228 4/2.12.43.	
			60347 P/S Pilot Bryant, E.J.	Posted to No. 62 (RCAP) Base N/N Sick waf	
				7.12.43. Authy: HQ/Sig/P46 4/7.12.43.	
			1394501 Sgt. P/N Muir, M.	Posted to 61 (RCAP) Base waf 9.12.43. Authy:	
				60/Sig/P80 4/8.12.43.	
			3004516 Sgt. P/N Marshall, R.	Posted to 61 (RCAP) Base waf 23.12.43. Authy:	
				60/Sig/P207 4/22.12.43.	
			32853253 Sgt. P/N Rummegar, W.	Posted to 61 (RCAP) Base waf 23.12.43. Authy:	
			3814579 Sgt. A/G Stinson, D.S.	60/Sig/P206 4/22.12.43.	
			3391075 Sgt. WOP/ATR Rosworthy, L.	Reported MISSING on 29.12.43. Posted to War Cas.	
			2236185 Sgt. A/G Fielding, A.H.	N/E Acc'ts Depot, Exbridge, waf 29.12.43. N/N	
			1085013 Sgt. P/N Goodall, F.C.	Missing. Authy: Awaited.	
			1443325 Sgt. WOP/ATR Doffin, N.		
			1604807 Sgt. P/N Denning, A.E.		
			1610290 Sgt. Nav. Walker, P.		
			FOSTER - ALBION E.C.O.'s - III		
			3578545 P/S WOP/AG Bryant, A.E.	Posted from 429 Bdn. waf 30.11.43. Authy:	
				60/2322/43 4/1.12.43.	

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GROFT	1943	1st Dec.	<p> 135221 P/S Pilot Timouth, A.C. Posted from 1666 G.U. waf 12.12.43. Authy: 60/2677/43 4/13.12.43.  136692 P/S Nav. Richardson, A.C.  137087 Sgt. A/S Totaro, I.C.  138452 Sgt. A/C Walton, A.C.  138582 Sgt. Pilot Young, J.C.  139683 P/S Nav. Thompson, T.C.  139830 Sgt. A/S Verry, P.C.  139834 Sgt. WO2/AS Klescher, P.C.  139889 Sgt. A/C Elliott, S.C.  136731 Sgt. A/C Crosswell, A.C.  137347 Sgt. A/C Delacandro, P.C. Posted from 1666 G.U. waf 12.12.43. Authy: 60/2769/43 4/23.12.43.  137201 Sgt. Pilot Shreff, P.C. Posted from 1666 G.U. waf 12.12.43 (reporting  1317029 P/S Nav. Mellenly, H.C. off leave 16.12.43. Authy: 60/2561/43 4/6.12.43.  139871 Sgt. A/S Magnusson, J.C.  139847 Sgt. A/C Tomlin, A.C.  1351808 P/S Pilot Howell, J.C. Posted from 1666 G.U. waf 6.12.43. (reporting  1360454 Sgt. A/S Moss Outler, H.C. off leave 16.12.43. Authy: 60/2561/43 4/6.12.43.  132211 WO2 WO2/AS Howell, L.C.  1394360 Sgt. A/S Vernon, C.C.  1377615 Sgt. A/S Bette, J.C.  1346908 P/S Pilot Hovey, C.C.  1342239 P/S Nav. Stevenson, C.C.  1333173 Sgt. A/C Harris, A.C.  1363842 Sgt. A.C. Gardell, I.C.  1340579 P/S Pilot Ennis, H.C. Posted from 1666 G.U. waf 6.12.43. Authy: 60/2561/43 4/6.12.43.  1366777 Sgt. A/S Leach, P.C.  1308449 WO2 WO2/AS Milnes, J.C.  1308302 Sgt. A/C Bingham, J.C. </p>		

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			R223415 Sgt. A/E Blackp. J.A. Posted from 1666 C.U. waf 29.12.43. Authy: G/Sig/P374 4/28.12.43.		
			<b>PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS - AIRCRAFT OFFICERS</b>		
			P/O P.E. Gulliver J24448 GD Promoted to T/P/O waf 5.9.43. Authy: R.C.A.F. Q/S Orders 725-730, 1943.		
			P/O L.E. Grog J190032 GD Appointed to Commission the RCAF R.C.A.F. waf 15.10.43. Authy: A.M. Letter 1602501/43/8.7(1)(a) 4/22.11.43.		
			P/O A.R. Johnston J18988 GD Appointed to a Commission in the R.C.A.F. waf 19.8.43. Authy: A.M. Letter 1602541/43/8.7(a)(3) 4/17.11.43.		
			P/O W.R. Knowlton J22596 GD Promoted to T/P/O waf 23.6.43. Authy: RCAF Q/S Orders 731-737, 1943.		
			P/O M.V. Snow J16804 GD 28.7.43. Promoted to T/P/O waf dates above opposite names.		
			P/O W.K. Maylor J17272 GD 9.9.43. Authy: G/Sig/P374 4/12. 4/6.12.43.		
			P/O J.W. Yang J25542 GD Promoted to T/P/O waf 16.10.43. Authy: RCAF Q/S Orders 755-761 4/1943.		
			<b>PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS - AIRCRAFT R.C.O.'s</b>		
			R115313 P/S A/E MacDonald, R.E. Promoted to T/P/O2 waf 14.8.43. Authy: RCAF Q/S Order 738-745/1943.		
			R165480 Sgt. A/E Pope, Y. Promoted to T/P/O waf 5.9.43. Authy: RCAF Q/S Order 738-745/1943.		
			R130902 Sgt. Pilot Artymink, J.P. Promoted to T/P/O waf 5.9.43. Authy: A2(AM) CanR130902 4/2.12.43.		
			R161248 Sgt. A/E Bishop, A.F. Promoted to T/P/O waf 5.8.43. Authy: A2(AM) CanR161248 4/9.12.43.		
			R155582 Sgt. Pilot Young, J.P. Promoted to T/P/O waf 5.9.43. Authy: RCAF Q/S		
			R152455 Sgt. Pilot Halliwell, R.E. Order 746/43.		



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CROFT	1945 1st Dec.		<b>PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS - AIRCRAFT C.O.'s (cont'd)</b>		
			2127857 P/A Nav. Harris, J.D. Promoted to T/W2 ref 14.8.43. Authy: HQAF O/S Order 755-761/43.		
			2149736 P/A A/C Zelenovis, J. Promoted to T/W2 ref 2.10.43. Authy: A20an/Can2149736 d/23.12.43.		
			2133397 P/S A/C Morison, J.B. Promoted to T/W2 ref 28.10.43. Authy: A20an/Can2133397 d/1.11.43.		
			1213524 Sgt. WOP/AG Smiley, R.M. Promoted to T/P/S ref 28.11.43. Authy: G6/01538/8/P.4.		
			657036 Sgt. WOP/AG Moody, G.P. 27.12.43. Promoted to T/P/S ref 28.12.43. Authy: G6/01538/8/P.4.		
			1445282 Sgt. Nav. Pitt, A. 19.12.43. Authy: G6/01538/8/P.4.		
			1270417 Sgt. WOP/AG Stamp, I.C.		
			<b>RECORDS AND AWARDS</b>		
			1314935 P/S Pilot Smith, K.W. Awarded the DISTINGUISHED FLYING MEDAL w.e.f. 10.12.43. Authy: GIN/1314935 d/14.12.43.		
			939251 WO A/C Berresford, G. Authorized, subject to confirmation, to wear the ribbon of the 1939 "Star". Authy: G6/8378/P.1. d/23.10.43.		
			1004554 P/S A/C Clark, B.		
			657347 P/S Pilot, Bryant, V.J.		
			1031744 Sgt. WOP/AG Glyne, D.A.		
			1092305 P/S Nav. Stearn, D.B.		
			1335994 P/S Pilot Long, F.H.		
			1377862 Sgt. WOP/AG Burley, W.G.		
			1379270 P/S WOP/AG Gould, W.D.		
			1380169 P/S WOP/AG Barrow, J.S.		
			1435622 P/S WOP/AG Gribben, J.H.		

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			2437316 P/S A/S Wynn, H.G. Authorized, subject to confirmation, to wear		
			2490037 Sgt. P/S Hould, R. the ribbon of the 1939/43 "Star". Authw:		
			2562678 Sgt. A/S L'Argent, J.G. 6Q/2978/P.L. 4/23.10.44.43:		
			2801217 Sgt. P/S Egan, R.S.		
			2805025 Sgt. P/S Little, G.D.		
			2194278 P/S WSP/AS Gable, J.A.		
			2207451 P/S WSP/AS Hill, J.R.		
			2237379 P/S Hm. Gonschke, J.H.		
			2270917 Sgt. WSP/AS Stamp, L.G.		
			2272222 P/S WSP/AS Wood, G.		
			2309506 Sgt. A/S Black, I.H.		
			2324835 P/S Pilot Smith, I.W.		
			2328730 P/S A/S Brown, G.P.		
			2342713 P/S Pilot McMillan, R.		
			2347712 P/S A/S Klein, I.G.		
			2348726 P/S A/S Zshnovis, T.		
			2348915 Sgt. P/S Heider, G.		
			2352338 Sgt. P/S Frye, J.A.		
			2357289 Sgt. A/S Thompson, A.G.		
			2380729 P/S A/S Binkley, B.G.		
			2393597 P/S A/S Morrison, J.B.		
			2396599 P/S Pilot Hewison, W.R.		
			2393146 Sgt. A/S Broughton, J.W.		
			P/O E.H. Breckling 138092	GD	
			P/O R.A. Gilman 120068	GD	
			P/O G.O. Gurney 135630	GD	
			P/O R.C. Destrall 120086	GD	

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GRDF, Yorks.	1943 31st Dec.		RECORDS AND AWARDS (continued)		
			P/O R.F. Jackson 117993	C.D. Authorized, subject to confirmation, to wear	
			P/O R.D. Leman 135113	GD the ribbon of the 1939/43 Star. Authy.	
			P/O W.W. Lawrence 51603	GD 66/8376/P.L. dated 23.10.43.	
			P/L R.L. Mather 131168	GD	
			P/O R. Menden 148462	GD	
			P/O F.E. Mitchell 129679	GD	
			P/L D.W. Myers 126901	GD	
			P/L A. Nutt 130917	GD	
			P/O D. Prosser 148778	GD	
			P/L J.R. Valentine 31183	GD	
			P/O R. Walker 124729	GD	
			P/O R. Wemy 159047	GD	
			P/O R.P. Rubie 159564	GD	
			P/O W. Henry 160853	GD	
			P/L R.H. Martin 311750	GD	
			P/O R. MacLean 321633	GD	
			P/O W.F.M. Henson 0983	GD	
			P/O W.K. Mayler 312272	GD	
			P/O A.W. Furman 321354	GD	
			P/L G.V. Higgins 315695	GD	
			P/O D.R. Wiley 311131	GD	
			P/O J.E. Armstrong 327607	GD	
			P/O G.A. Dentie 317772	GD	
			P/O J.A. Begg 317975	GD	
			P/O A.G. Brock 310422	GD	
			P/O S.V. Conley 318328	GD	
			P/O J.L. Denny 322230	GD	
			P/O A.E. Johnson 318988	GD	

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GROFT	1943	31st Dec.	<p><u>MISSING PERSONNEL - INFORMATION RECEIVED</u></p> <p>F/O D.J. MacMillan, J12160 GD The death of the W/N Officer, previously reported missing on 13.5.43, is presumed to have occurred on 14.5.43. Authy: A.M.P404210/43 d/4.12.43.</p> <p>1389188 Sgt. A/B Williams, H.G. The death of the W/N airman, previously reported missing on 21.5.43, is presumed to have occurred on 22.5.43. Authy: A.M.P404370 d/7.12.43.</p> <p>1239188 Sgt. Wav. Williams, R.A. The death of the W/N airman, previously reported missing on 21.5.43, is presumed to have occurred on 22.5.43. Authy: A.M.P404370 d/7.12.43.</p> <p>1385277 Sgt. Pilot Buck, R.A. The death of the W/N airman, previously reported missing on 21.5.43, is presumed to have occurred on 22.5.43. Authy: A.M.P404370/43 d/9.12.43.</p> <p>1334932 Sgt. WOP/AG McManus, A.G. The death of the W/N airman, previously reported missing on 3.7.43 is presumed to have occurred on 4.7.43. Authy: A.M.405969/43/P.3.k d/8.12.43.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT ON CHARGE:-</u> IK296; 11173; IK305; 12142; IK318; 12175; IK363; IK352; 12150; 12151; 12382; IK680; IK964; IK991; IK698; IK705; IK308; 12174.</p>		
			<p><i>W.M. Newson</i></p> <p>(W.F.M. Newson) W/Mr.</p> <p>Wing Commander Commanding</p> <p>No. 431 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron</p> <p>*****</p>		