

# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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Croft	1944	1st Aug.	The following received Commissions, today: R.107897 WO.1 Hooker, R.J. (WOP/AG) (CAN), whose personal number is now J.37554, R.129071 WO.2 Magnuson, J.P. (A/B) (CAN), given personal number J.87579, R.192770 P/S Carefoot, E.W. (A/C) (CAN), given new number J.87470, and R.179523 Sgt. Turner, R.E. (Nav.) (CAN), given new number J.87497. All of these airmen were appointed to Commissions in the R.C.A.F. (Special Reserve). Twelve aircraft took off on a raid on ACQUET. All returned safely, though the raid was hardly a success, as the aircraft brought their bombs back.		
		2nd Aug.	Advice received that R.153225 P/S Robinson, H.C. (Nav.) (CAN), R.160599 WO.2 Fairless, A.G. (Pilot) (CAN) and R.197342 Sgt. McPherson, J.L. (A/G) (CAN), who went "Missing" on a raid on STENRADE, on 16th June, 1944, are now presumed killed. R.187722 P/S Hazel, R.E. (A/C) (CAN) and R.184187 P/S A.L. Gabel (A/C) (CAN), who went "Missing" on 27th April, 1944, on a raid on MONTZEN, are now known to be dead, but J.18158 P/O L.L. Anderson DFM (WOP/AG) (CAN) and J.25542 P/O J.J. Iyng (A/B) (CAN), of the same crew, are prisoners of war. R.152029 Sgt. E.O. Green (A/G) (CAN) and J.19424 P/O E.O. Johnson (Pilot) (CAN), who went "Missing" on a raid on STENRADE, on 16th June, 1944, are now known to have been killed. The Squadron stood by for operations, all day long, for a raid which was eventually scrubbed. The following crew was posted to this Squadron from No. 1659 Con. Unit for Operational duties:-		
		3rd Aug.	Pilot: J.25995 P/O G.E. Kercher (CAN) Nav.: J.13392 P/O P.T. Birch (CAN) WOP/AG: R.121547 Sgt. J.V. Dempsey (CAN) A/B: R.193190 Sgt. K.E. West (CAN) P/S: 1825577 Sgt. J.R. Ferry (RAF) MU/AG: R.210674 Sgt. W.H. Sheane (CAN) R/G: R.215076 Sgt. T. Murishon (CAN) J.17400 P/O D.E. Harris (Nav.) (CAN) posted from this Squadron to No. 61 (BCAF) Base. Fifteen aircraft were scheduled for a raid on FORST-DE-NIEPPE. All returned from a successful trip. R.1814772 Sgt. Brown, L.D. (P/B) (RAF) posted from this Squadron to No. 4 Group (No.102 Squadron).		
		4th Aug.	Fourteen aircraft made a successful raid on Bois-de-Jemma. Some flak was encountered and		

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	5th Aug.		R.159937 P/S Legault, A.E.D. (A/G) (CAN) was posted from this Squadron to No. 1659 Con. Unit for instructor duties. Notice of Commissions, in the R.A.F. V.R., received of the following: 1833687 P/S Embury, P.G. (P/E) (RAF), given new number 179223, and 1601820 Sgt. Warren, B.G. (P/E) (RAF), given new number 179224, who is now at No. 415 (RAF) Squadron. Fourteen aircraft carried out a successful raid on LER D'HESSERET. Flak defenses were strong and two aircraft were slightly hit. However, all aircraft returned safely.		
	6th Aug.		A.41091 P/L L.L. McLeod <sup>(A/G) (AUS)</sup> <del>WOP/AG</del> , Gunnery Leader, was posted to No. 63 (RAF) Base, as Base Gunnery Leader. The following were screened, today, from further operations, on completion of successful tours: 168975 P/O A. Pitt (Nav.) (RAF), J.19841 P/O E.E. Halliwell (Pilot) (CAN), J.86566 P/O E.J. Mowbray (Nav.) (CAN), J.86940 P/O J.D. Kingston (A/B) (CAN), J.86547 P/O J.R. Baker (WOP/AG) (CAN), 2209731 Sgt. Davies, W.G.R. (MU/AG) (RAF) and 676154 Sgt. Turner, J. (P/E) (RAF). No Operations, today -- Local Flying and Training, only.		
	7th Aug.		Fifteen aircraft took part in a successful raid on the CANV AREA. All returned safely. R.194123 Sgt. Parr, E.J. (A/G) (CAN) appointed to a Commission in the R.C.A.F. (S.R.) and given personal number J.87597. R.169934 P/S Legault, A.E.D. (A/G) (CAN), who has recently been screened, appointed to a Commission, in the R.C.A.F. (S.R.) and given personal number J.87633 (posted to No. 1659 Con. Unit, for instructor duties). Auction sale held, in the afternoon, in aid of Prisoners of War Fund. 126901 P/L D.B. Moyes (Nav.) (RAF), Navigation Leader, screened from further Operations, on completion of his second tour.		
	8th Aug.		Fourteen aircraft carried out a successful raid on FOREST-DE-CHARENTILLY. All returned safely. One aircraft, MZ.517 "D", with J.86154 P/O M. McMillan (Pilot) (CAN) at the controls, was seriously damaged by flak, while on the target run. Despite this, a perfect picture was obtained. With one engine shot out, two gas tanks holed and extensive damage,		

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Croft	19 & 20th Aug.		this gallant crew were successful in safely landing their aircraft in England -- a very good show.		
	9th Aug.		The following crew was posted from No. 419 (RCAF) Squadron for Operational duties: J.9532 P/L H.M. Smith (Pilot) (CAN), J.13151 P/O J.E. Siman (Nav.) (CAN), R.151357 WO.2 Dorrell, J.W. (WOP/AG) (CAN), J.29703 P/O W. White (A/B) (CAN), R.55410 Sgt. Embree, L.F. (P/E) (CAN), R.197239 Sgt. Cornell, W.R. (WOP/AG) (CAN) and R.221319 Sgt. Supergia, G. (A/G) (CAN). J.86182 P/O J. Zehnovis (A/C) (CAN) screened from further Operations, on completion of a successful tour. R.197162 Sgt. Ballantine, J.L. (WOP/AG) (CAN) granted a Commission in the R.C.A.F. (S.R.) and given personal number J.17631. Twelve aircraft took off, for a raid on LA BRETEQUE (south-west of PARIS). All returned safely.		
	10th Aug.		The following crew is posted to No. 431 (RCAF) Squadron, from No. 1666 Con. Unit, for Operational duties: R.102336 WO.1 Sorenson, S.P. (Pilot) (CAN), R.178902 Sgt. Carveth, J.C. (Nav.) (CAN), R.101637 WO. Stewart, I.E. (WOP/AG) (CAN), R.191042 Sgt. Fawcett, J.A. (A/B) (CAN), R.804717 Sgt. Larman, N.W. (P/E) (RAF), R.103387 Sgt. Johnston, A.P. (WOP/AG) (CAN) and R.191161 Sgt. Garbutt, C.O. (R/C) (CAN). Fourteen aircraft detailed for Operations, today. One was a non-starter and the remainder returned safely, from a raid on LA BRETEQUE.		
	11th Aug.		Stand-by for the Group, today, as His Majesty the King, Queen Elizabeth, Princess Elizabeth and other high ranking dignitaries honoured No. 431 (RCAF) Base with a visit. The following Air Gunners were posted to No. 431 (RCAF) Squadron, for Operational duties: R.177637 Sgt. Bishop, H.G. (CAN), R.271668 Sgt. Brackett, P.C. (CAN), both from No. 1666 Con. Unit, and R.263727 Sgt. Gill, A.P. (CAN), R.274951 Sgt. Griffin, J.D. (CAN), R.248043 Sgt. Kerns, W.A. (CAN), R.271706 Sgt. Munro, T.R. (CAN), R.271562 Sgt. Tipple, F.G. (CAN), R.253932 Sgt. Tischuk, G.N.G. (CAN) and R.204395 Sgt. Ward, G.L. (CAN), all from No. 1666 Con. Unit. Notice received of Commissioning of R.190528 Sgt. Dignard, A.L.A. (A/C) (CAN), in the R.C.A.F. (Special Reserve) and given new number C.37700.		
	12th Aug.		The following personnel were screened, today, from further Operations, on completion of a successful tour: A.412558 P/L J.C. King (Pilot) (AUS), 173123 P/B A. Barnes (Nav.) (RAF), 136910 P/O O.M. Gilmour (A/B) (RAF), 1520555 P/B Pym, F.D. (WOP/AG) (RAF), 176436 P/O		



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Croft	9 4 4 12th Aug.		I.H. Black (R/G) (RAF), 174567 P/O J.T.H. Beech (P/X) (RAF), J.86569 P/O J.B. Lamoureux (MU/AB) (CAN) and 158300 P/O J. Hannaford (WOP/AG) (RAF). Word received that R.225025 P/S Browning, G.H. (Nav.) (CAN) appointed to a Commission in the R.C.A.F. (S.R.) and given personal number C.87693. Thirteen of our aircraft successfully raided <del>PALEISE</del> <sup>LANEUVILLE</sup> , all returning safely. One of our aircraft joined a raid on BENSSTICK and also returned safely. The following crew was posted to this Squadron, from No. 1666 Con. Unit, for Operational duties: J.27291 P/O H.F. Williamson (Pilot) (CAN), J.29332 P/O G.J. Saunders (Nav.) (CAN), J.40211 P/O A.L. Mills (WOP/AG) (CAN), J.36891 P/O A.N. Mercer (A/B) (CAN), 1390444 Sgt. Eldridge, D.A. (P/X) (RAF), R.211821 Sgt. Graham, W.J. (MU/AG) (CAN) and R.213270 Sgt. Blworthy, W.G. (A/G) (CAN).		
	13th Aug.		A stand-by for Operations, today. However, the raid was scrubbed, before briefing. A small, informal luncheon was held, on the occasion of the posting of the Station Commander, who departed today. The following were screened from further operations, on completion of a successful tour: J.85154 P/O M. McMillan (Pilot) (CAN), J.21354 P/O A.H. Perstman (Nav.) (CAN), 173890 P/O D.A. Clynne (WOP/AG) (RAF), J.87470 I/O E.W. Carefoot (MU/AG) (CAN), J.87436 P/O F.G. Lewis (R/G) (CAN), 179223 P/O P.G. Dambury (P/X) (RAF) and J.18241 P/O W. Edwards (WOP/AG) (CAN).		
	14th Aug.		R.83411 Sgt. Roche, G.W. (A/G) posted to No. 420 (RCAP) Squadron. 158800 P/O R.J. Hannaford (WOP/AG) (RAF) posted to No. 435 (RCAP) Squadron. R.173736 P/S Hollman, S.A. (WOP/AG) (CAN) posted from No. 424 (RCAP) Squadron, to No. 431 (RCAP) Squadron, for crewing. Seventeen aircraft were ordered to carry out an air attack on the PALEISE AREA. There were two non-starters, due to engine trouble. The balance reported no cloud, but some ground haze. Yellow T.I.'s were bombed and, from all reports, it was a successful attack. All our aircraft returned safely.		
	15th Aug.		A.416549 P/O W.G. Craig (Pilot) (AUS), who was recently screened, was posted to No. 1659 Con. Unit, for instructor duties. Two crews were posted to this Squadron, from No. 1664 Con. Unit, for Operational duties: J.26053 P/O L.H. Laing (Pilot) (CAN), J.35906 P/O I.W. Bonter (Nav.) (CAN), J.35778 P/O D.G. Smith (A/B) (CAN), J.40210 P/O R.M. Hyde (WOP/AG) (CAN), R.266317 Sgt. Marsh, F.J. (MU/AG) (CAN), R.217630 Sgt. Crisp, J.R. (R/G) (CAN) and 3020201 Sgt. Morris, R. (P/X) (RAF), also J.27637 P/O D.L. Hagar (Pilot) (CAN), J.36942 P/O A.C. Kelly (Nav.) (CAN).		

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	16th Aug.		159564 P/O R.P. Rubie (Pilot) (RAF) posted from this Squadron to No. 20 C.T.U., for instructor duties. Fifteen aircraft were detailed for a raid on KIEL. There were four non-starters, due to mag. drops, and late bombing. One aircraft failed to return and the following crew is listed as "Missing": J.17647 P/O T.H. Doble (Pilot) (CAN), J.11486 P/L H.D. Macallister (Nav.) (CAN), J.35008 P/O G.F. O'Donnell (A/B) (CAN), R.107249 WO.1 Gerniquet, G.E. (WOB/AG) (CAN), R.219927 Sgt. Faragher, J. (MU/AG) (CAN), R.253287 Sgt. Snell, D.E. (R/C) (CAN) and 1294373 Sgt. Crawley, S.E. (P/E) (RAF). The balance of aircraft reported 6 to 8/10ths thin drifting clouds, tops 16,000 to 18,000 ft. Crews identified target by T.I.'s Red and Green. Few crews heard the Master Bomber. However, the attack was considered satisfactory and numerous scattered fires were observed.		
	17th Aug.		R.179405 Sgt. Lafreniere, J.H.P. (A/B) (CAN) posted from No. 432 (ICAF) Squadron to No. 431 (ICAF) Squadron, for Operational duties. 117392 P/O L. Keir (P/E) (RAF), who was recently screened, posted to No. 1666 Con. Unit and 1676754 Sgt. Turner, S. (P/E) (RAF), also recently screened, posted to No. 1659 Con. Unit, both for instructor duties. J.15841 P/O E.E. Halliwell (Pilot) (CAN) posted to No. 24 C.T.U. for instructor duties. 1805035 Sgt. Little, G.D. (P/E) (RAF) appointed to a Commission and given new number 179424. J.87154 P/O R.M.C. Francoeur (P/E) (CAN) screened from further Operations, after 35 trips. R.178314 WO.2 Hendrie, D.M. (A/C) (CAN) screened from further Operations, after 35 trips. No Operations, today. Extensive training program carried out all day and evening. J.25178 P/L N.G. McLeod (Pilot) (CAN)		

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Croft	1944 17th Aug.		and crew participated in a sea search for a crew from No. 434 (RCAP) Squadron, who were forced to ditch on their return from a raid on ILE. By expert airmanship on the part of the whole crew and, particularly, by outstanding navigating by J.24058 P/O L. Peters (Nav.) (CAN), the lost crew was located. A Lindholm dinghy was successfully dropped and then a high speed launch was directed to the area. All seven members of the ditched crew were saved. The praises of the whole Station are, today, directed to this magnificent effort -- a difficult job well executed.		
	18th Aug.		168976 P/O G.B. Collins (Nav.) (RAF) posted to No. 30 O.T.U., for instructor duties. 168975 P/O A. Pitt (Nav.) (RAF) posted to No. 26 O.T.U., for instructor duties. Both were recently screened. R.102336 WO.1 Sorenson, S.P. (Pilot) (CAN) appointed to a Commission in the R.C.A.F. (S.R.) and given personal number J.37805. R.156129 Sgt. Pinniger, W.F. (WOP/AG) (CAN) granted a Commission in the R.C.A.F. (J.R.) and given new number J.87862. J.13141 P/O J.E. Simman (Nav.) (CAN), Navigation Leader, promoted to the rank of Acting Flight Lieutenant. C.86244 P/O J.A. Bruce (P/E) (CAN) is to attend No. 10 Flight Engineer Leaders Course. Sixteen aircraft were detailed for a raid on BUREN, <del>ONE FAILED TO TAKE OFF</del> Though diverted, all returned safely to this country. The crews reported that the weather was clear, with slight haze, though no cloud. P.F.F. were on time and apparently well concentrated. The residential area was on fire and great explosions were clearly seen. The glow from the fires could be seen for eighty miles. Considered a good attack.		
	19th Aug.		No Operations, today, Weather, however, quite good and extensive training program followed out.		
	20th Aug.		176485 P/O J.R. Dixon (A/G) (RAF) posted to No. 61 (RCAP) Base, Dalton, for instructor duties. No Operations, no flying - weather very poor all day. Interviews for Commissions held in morning and afternoon.		
	21st Aug.		53680 P/O O'Connor, T.R.G. (P/E) (RAF) posted from R.C.A.F. Station, Wembleton, to No. 431 (RCAP) Squadron, as Flight Engineer Leader. New crew posted to No. 431 (RCAP) Squadron, from No. 1659 Con. Unit, as follows: J.37053 P/O W.S. Patterson (Pilot) (CAN), J.13417 P/O A.D. Edwards (Nav.) (CAN), R.201039 Sgt. Wipp, H.R. (WOP/AG) (CAN), J.36871 P/O W.S. Cooper (A/B) (CAN), 1600804 Sgt. Kenny, R.A. (P/E) (RAF), R.250282 Sgt. Murphy, D.J. (WOP/AG) (CAN) and R.206351		



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	22nd Aug.		CAN. C.846 S/L A.P. Blackburn (Pilot)'s crew were posted to No. 434 (2CAF) Squadron. The crew is as follows: J.24691 P/O J.D. McGavin (Nav.) (CAN), J.27113 P/O H. Rubin (A/B) (CAN), R.165118 WO.2 Woodstock, J.J. (WOP/AG) (CAN), R.117240 WO.1 Stewart, J.A. (AU/AG) (CAN), R.112686 WO.1 McDowell, C.A. (R/G) (CAN) and 54217 P/O G. Reynolds (P/E) (RAF). There were no Operations, today -- training, only.		
	23rd Aug.		Stand-by for Operations, all day. However, this Squadron was not called. C.11382 P/L R.M. Mickles (Admin.) (CAN), Adjutant, attended a conference at No. 6 (2CAF) Group Headquarters. R.178314 WO.2 Hendrie, D.M. (A/G) (CAN), who was recently screened, appointed to a Commission and given personal number J.88100.		
	24th Aug.		Word received that J.29975 P/O A.L. Cameron (Nav.) (CAN), J.29667 P/O G.J. Johnston (A/B) (CAN) and R.148100 Sgt. Niven, W. (A/G) (CAN), who bailed out over HAMBURG on night of 28/29th July, 1944, are known, now, to be Prisoners of War. J.14513 P/O J. Stoyan (Nav.) (CAN) and J.19403 P/O J.B. Morison (A/G+) (CAN), who went "Missing" on 28th April, 1944, on a raid to MONTEN, are now known to be Prisoners of War. Word also received that J.15830 P/L J.C. Burns (Nav.) (CAN) and 1579620 Sgt. J.C. Pereday (P/E) (RAF), who went "Missing" on night of 16/17th June, 1944, on a raid to STEDRADE, are now reported Prisoners of War. J.26867 P/O S.S. Redmond (Nav.) (CAN), who went "Missing" on night of 26/29th July, 1944, on a raid to HAMBURG, is now a Prisoner of War and that R.191820 Sgt. Murray, E.J. (A/G) (CAN), who was in the same aircraft, is now known to be dead. 173400 P/O A.B. Heron (A/G) (RAF) screened from further Operations and posted to No. 64 (2CAF) Base, Croft. Nine aircraft were detailed for Operations. Later, one aircraft was deleted from the Battle Order and then the effort was, finally, scrubbed, just prior to briefing.		
	25th Aug.		Word received that R.121956 Sgt. Black, R.M. (P/E) (CAN) appointed to a Commission and given		

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	25th Aug.		personal number C.88210. Also, R.154190 WO.2 Meyer, J.K. (A/B) (CAN) appointed to a Commission and given personal number J.37991. J.36947 P/O J.R. Baker (WO2/AG) (CAN) posted from No. 431 (RCAP) Squadron to No. 86 O.T.U., for instructor duties. 132055 P/S Iym, P.D. (WO2/AG) (RAF) appointed to a Commission in the R.A.F. (V.I.) and given personal number 179035. Eighteen aircraft carried out a raid on BREST. There were no non-starters. All the aircraft were diverted. One aircraft, ME658, with J.25026 P/O R.W. Harrison (Pilot) (CAN) as captain, missed the diversion and the crew was forced to abandon the aircraft, when short of fuel. All the members of the crew landed safely, in the hills of Cumberland, with only minor injuries. At diversion base, Membury, aircraft "C", with R.177579 P/S Pitzak, A.C. as captain, blew a tire, on take-off, and crashed into two parked gliders, setting fire to all three aircraft. None of the crew were injured. From all accounts, the raid on BREST was successful, in every respect.		
	26th Aug.		Word received that J.40214 P/O A.M. Mills (A/C) (CAN) and J.26303 P/O J.P. Harris (Pilot) (CAN) are known to be dead, after being reported "Missing" on the night of 28/29th July, 1944, over HAMBURG. From the same crew, R.169529 Sgt. Brown, P.M. (A/B) (CAN) is known to be a prisoner of war. J.15603 S/L W.C. Vanexan, DFC, (Pilot) (CAN) screened from further Operations, on completion of two successful tours, after 61 trips over enemy territory, as was his Navigator, J.16831 P/O E.B. Hutchinson (CAN), who had completed 57 trips. Also screened, were A.412565 P/L P.A. Badgery (Pilot) (AUS), 151070 P/O J.H. Page (A/B) (RAF), 1575595 P/S D. Meddings (WO2/AG) (RAF) and 178229 P/O W.S. Sparkes (P/E) (RAF). Notice received of Commissions for R.125416 WO.2 Gladish, G.M. (WO2/AG) (CAN), given new number J.88026, and R.189717 Sgt. Francis, N.A. (A/B) (CAN), given new number J.88177. R.187568 P/S Gignac, D.L. (A/C) (CAN) appointed to a Commission and given new number J.88222. Operations were scheduled, for four aircraft, but the effort was scrubbed, before briefing.		
	27th Aug.		C.24448 A/P/L P.E. Guillevis (Pilot) (CAN) promoted to the rank of Acting Squadron Leader. 161008 P/O J.C. Haldon (A/C) (RAF) promoted to the rank of Acting Flight Lieutenant. Eleven aircraft were detailed for a raid on MARQUISE/TIMOTEDQUES. The crews reported no cloud and the target well marked with T.I.'s. The Master Bomber was well heard and evidently pleased with the effort. All our aircraft returned safely.		



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	29th Aug.		No Operations, today, but extensive training carried out, day and night.		
	30th Aug.		No Operations called for, today -- only maximum training. R.193503 P/S Milne, T.C. (A/G) (CAN) posted from No. 431 (RCAP) Squadron to No. 419 (RCAP) Squadron, for Operational duties. R.218043 Sgt. Kerns, W.A. (A/G) (CAN) and R.274951 Sgt. Griffin, J.D. (A/G) (CAN), both posted to No. 415 (RCAP) Squadron, for Operational duties.		
	31st Aug.		Word received that J.86308 P/O F.A. Longstaff (Pilot) (CAN) is known to be a prisoner of war, after being reported "Missing" on night of 20/29th July, 1944, over HALBURG. From the same crew, J.87015 P/O D.A. Cooper (WOP/AG) (CAN), J.23117 P/O J.W.K. Dunn (Nav.) (CAN), R.167306 Sgt. Jackson, G. (A/G) (CAN) R.171060 Sgt. Cole, R.S. (P/E) (CAN) are all known to be dead. 169153 P/O J. Cable (WOP/AG) (RAF), 173890 P/O D.A. Clyne (WOP/AG) (RAF), 179835 P/O F.D. Fym (WOP/AG) (RAF) and J.18241 P/O W.E. Edwards (WOP/AG) (CAN) all posted, for instructor's duties, to No. 82 O.T.U. and 22 O.T.U. Fifteen aircraft were detailed for a morning raid on Isle de SEZEMORE. All returned safely to this country.		

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Croft	1944 31st Aug.		<u>PRESENT STRENGTH OF SQUADRON</u>					
			<u>Officers</u>	<u>Aircrew</u>	<u>Groundcrew</u>	<u>Total</u>		
			R.C.A.F.	121	2	123		
			R.A.A.F.	28	-	28		
			R.A.A.F.	2	-	2		
			<u>Total</u>	151	2	153		
			<u>Airmen</u>					
			R.C.A.F.	101	277	378		
			R.A.F.	29	5	34		
			W.A.A.F.	-	8	8		
			<u>Total</u>	130	290	420		
			<u>POSTINGS IN - OFFICERS</u>					
			P/O J.C. Haldon	161008	posted from	No. 1659 C.U.	w.e.f.	29-7-44
			W/O E.M. Mitchell	C.175	" "	No. 61 Base	"	27-7-44
			P/O G.E. Kercher	J.25995	" "	" "	"	3-8-44
			P/O P.T. Burch	J.13392	" "	" "	"	3-8-44
			P/L H.M. Smith	J.9532	" "	No. 449 Sqn.	"	9-8-44
			P/O J.E. Siman	J.13141	" "	" "	"	9-8-44
			P/O W. White	J.29703	" "	" "	"	9-8-44
			P/O H.P. Williamson	J.27291	" "	No. 61 Base	"	13-8-44
			P/O G.W. Saunders	J.29332	" "	" "	"	13-8-44
			P/O A.L. Mills	J.40211	" "	" "	"	13-8-44
			P/O A.N. Mercer	J.36391	" "	" "	"	13-8-44
			P/O L.N. Laing	J.26053	" "	" "	"	15-8-44
			P/O I.W. Bonter	J.35906	" "	" "	"	15-8-44
			P/O D.G. Smith	J.35778	" "	" "	"	15-8-44
			P/O R.M. Hyde	J.40210	" "	" "	"	15-8-44

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			P/O D.L. Hagar J.27637 posted from No. 61 Base w.e.f.	15-8-44	
			P/O A.G. Kelly J.36942 " " " " " "	15-8-44	
			P/O H.W. MacKenzie J.37189 " " " " " "	15-8-44	
			P/O H.S. Ames J.30554 " " " " " "	15-8-44	
			P/O J. Hope J.36578 " " No. 426 Sqn. " "	14-8-44	
			P/O J.S. Patterson J.37953 " " No. 61 Base " "	23-8-44	
			P/O A.G. Edwards J.13417 " " " " " "	23-8-44	
			P/O W.S. Cooper J.36871 " " " " " "	23-8-44	
			POSTINGS OUT - OFFICERS		
			P/O A.E.D. Legault J.37633 posted to No. 1659 C.U. w.e.f.	11-8-44	
			P/O E.E. Harris J.17400 " " No. 61 Base " "	2-8-44	
			P/O G.E. Wilson J.19402 " " No. 405 Sqn. " "	31-7-44	
			P/O C.D. McGavin J.24691 " " No. 434 Sqn. " "	22-8-44	
			P/O H. Rubin J.27113 " " " " " "	22-8-44	
			P/O E.E. Halliwell J.19841 " " No. 24 C.T.U. " "	19-8-44	
			P/O F.M. Skeaff J.56571 " " No. 64 Base " "	14-8-44	
			P/O J. Zehanovich J.86182 " " No. 1666 C.U. " "	23-8-44	
			P/O G. Reynolds 54217 " " No. 434 Sqn. " "	22-8-44	
			P/O R.P. Rubie 159564 " " No. 20 C.T.U. " "	18-8-44	
			P/O A. Pitt 168975 " " No. 28 C.T.U. " "	19-8-44	
			P/O J.R. Dixon 176485 " " No. 61 Base " "	21-8-44	
			P/O L. Keir 177393 " " No. 1666 C.U. " "	18-8-44	
			P/O G.E. Collins 168976 " " No. 30 C.T.U. " "	19-8-44	
			P/O R.G. Hannaford 158800 " " No. 405 Sqn. " "	14-8-44	
			P/O J.T.H. Beech 174567 " " No. 1666 C.U. " "	24-8-44	
			P/O A.B. Heron 176480 " " No. 64 Base " "	25-8-44	
			P/O F.G. Banbury 179223 " " No. 1666 C.U. " "	28-8-44	
			P/O(A/Z/L) L.L. McLeod 222 A.414091 " " No. 63 Base " "	5-8-44	
			P/O W.G. Craig A.416549 " " No. 1659 C.U. " "	15-8-44	



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Croft	1944 31st Aug.		POSTINGS IN - AIRMAN (AIRCORE)		
			Sgt. Armstrong, J.W. R.182216 posted from No. 61 Base w.e.f.	30-7-44	
			WO.1 Jardine, H.I. R.113595 " " " " " "	30-7-44	
			Sgt. Beck, G.E. R.190301 " " " " " "	30-7-44	
			Sgt. Jowett, M.S. R.201444 " " " " " "	30-7-44	
			WO.2 Gemiquet, G.E. R.107249 " " " " " "	30-7-44	
			Sgt. Paragher, J. R.219227 " " " " " "	30-7-44	
			Sgt. Snell, D.E. R.253287 " " " " " "	30-7-44	
			WO.1 Waddell, R.G. R.122107 " " " " " "	30-7-44	
			WO.2 Low, A.A. R.139428 " " " " " "	30-7-44	
			Sgt. Walters, E.F. R.21585 " " " " " "	30-7-44	
			Sgt. Gwynne-Vaughan, D.E. R.224034 " " " " " "	30-7-44	
			WO.1 Heppenstall, L.P. R.116381 " " " " " "	30-7-44	
			Sgt. Fogarty, J.M. R.151361 " " " " " "	30-7-44	
			Sgt. Bee, L.D. R.256051 " " " " " "	30-7-44	
			Sgt. Atherley, W.F. R.250636 " " " " " "	30-7-44	
			Sgt. Dempsey, J.V. R.121547 " " " " " "	3-8-44	
			Sgt. West, E.E. R.193190 " " " " " "	3-8-44	
			Sgt. Sheane, W.H. R.210674 " " " " " "	3-8-44	
			Sgt. Murison, T. R.215076 " " " " " "	3-8-44	
			Sgt. Gill, A.F. R.263727 " " " " " "	5-8-44	
			Sgt. Griffin, J.D. R.274951 " " " " " "	5-8-44	
			Sgt. Kerna, W.A. R.218043 " " " " " "	5-8-44	
			Sgt. Munro, T.R. R.271706 " " " " " "	5-8-44	
			Sgt. Tipple, P.G. R.271562 " " " " " "	5-8-44	
			Sgt. Tischuk, G.N.G. R.253932 " " " " " "	5-8-44	
			Sgt. Ward, G.L. R.204396 " " " " " "	5-8-44	
			Sgt. Bishop, H.G. R.277637 " " " " " "	5-8-44	

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			Sgt. Brackets, P.O. R.271668 posted from No. 61 Base w.e.f. 5-8-44		
			WO.2 Dorrell, J.W. R.161357 " " No. 419 Sqdn. " 9-8-44		
			Sgt. Cornell, W.R. R.197349 " " " " " 9-8-44		
			Sgt. Supergia, G. R.221319 " " " " " 9-8-44		
			Sgt. Embree, L.F. R.55410 " " " " " 9-8-44		
			WO.1 Sorenson, S.P. R.102336 " " No. 61 Base " 11-8-44		
			Sgt. Carveth, J.C. R.178903 " " " " " 11-8-44		
			WO.2 Stewart, I.E. R.101637 " " " " " 11-8-44		
			Sgt. Fanset, J.A. R.191042 " " " " " 11-8-44		
			Sgt. Johnston, A.P. R.103397 " " " " " 11-8-44		
			Sgt. Garbutt, C.O. R.191161 " " " " " 11-8-44		
			Sgt. Graham, W.J. R.211321 " " " " " 13-8-44		
			Sgt. Eworthy, W.G. R.213270 " " " " " 13-8-44		
			P/S Hollman, S.A. R.173735 " " No. 424 Sqn. " 14-8-44		
			Sgt. Marsh, F.J. R.266317 " " No. 61 Base " 15-8-44		
			Sgt. Crisp, J.R. R.217630 " " " " " 15-8-44		
			Sgt. Crookes, W.H. R.205066 " " " " " 15-8-44		
			Sgt. Thompson, R.D. R.258124 " " " " " 15-8-44		
			Sgt. Wigg, H.E. R.201039 " " " " " 23-8-44		
			Sgt. Murphy, S.W. R.258282 " " " " " 23-8-44		
			Sgt. Taggart, J.H. R.206351 " " " " " 23-8-44		
			Sgt. Lafreniere, J.H.P. R.179405 " " No. 432 Sqdn. " 17-8-44		
			P/S Content, J.M. R.195050 " " No. 64 Base " 15-8-44		
			Sgt. Blythin, W.O. R.2201560 " " No. 61 Base " 20-7-44		
			P/S Buckley, J. 977055 " " No. 434 Sqdn. " 27-7-44		
			Sgt. Gower, A.J. 1895954 " " No. 61 Base " 30-7-44		
			Sgt. Crawley, S.E. 1294373 " " " " " 30-7-44		

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Croft	1944 31st Aug.		POSTINGS IN - AIRCEN (AIRCEN) (Continued)						
			Sgt. Shaw, E.R.	1092454	posted from	No. 61 Base	w.o.f.	30-7-44	
			Sgt. Garland, A.E.	1395257	"	"	"	30-7-44	
			Sgt. Perry, J.E.	1325577	"	"	"	3-8-44	
			Sgt. Larman, N.W.	1304717	"	"	"	11-8-44	
			Sgt. Ridridge, D.A.	1330444	"	"	"	13-8-44	
			Sgt. Morris, R.	3023201	"	"	"	15-8-44	
			Sgt. Pedrazzini, E.H.	1811053	"	"	"	15-8-44	
			Sgt. Kenny, R.A.	1500304	"	"	"	23-8-44	
			POSTINGS OUT - AIRCEN (AIRCEN)						
			WO.2 Woodstock, J.J.	R.165118	posted to	No. 434 Sqn.	w.o.f.	22-8-44	
			WO.1 Stewart, J.A.	R.117240	"	"	"	22-8-44	
			WO.1 McDowell, C.A.	R.112536	"	"	"	22-8-44	
			Sgt. Roche, G.W.	R.33411	"	No. 420 Sqn.	"	14-8-44	
			Sgt. Sparkes, D.	R.155929	"	No. 423 Sqn.	"	21-8-44	
			P/S Clay, F.J.	R.187051	"	No. 64 Base	"	27-8-44	
			Sgt. Brown, L.D.	1814772	"	No. 102 Sqn.	"	3-8-44	
			Sgt. Elbourn, J.D.	1573070	"	No. 64 Base	"	9-8-44	
			P/S Mason, G.	612121	"	No. 423 Sqn.	"	21-8-44	
			CASUALTIES						
			P/O T.H. Dahle	J.17537	Missing	"	w.o.f.	17-8-44	
			P/L H.D. Macallister	J.11406	"	"	"	17-8-44	
			P/O C.F. O'Donnell	J.35003	"	"	"	17-8-44	
			WO.1 Gerniquet, G.E.	R.107249	"	"	"	17-8-44	
			Sgt. Faragher, J.	R.219927	"	"	"	17-8-44	
			Sgt. Snell, D.E.	R.253237	"	"	"	17-8-44	
			Sgt. Crawley, S.E.	1294373	"	"	"	17-8-44	



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Croft	19 & 31st Aug.		<u>APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS</u>		
		P/O	D.A. Clyne 173890 Commissioned	W.O.F. 25-6-44	
		P/O	F.G. Banbury 179223	" 15-7-44	
		P/O	R.J. Stone 173371	" 5-7-44 (Missing 29-7-44)	
		P/O	A.E.D. Legault J.37633	" 26-6-44	
		P/O	J.L. Ballantine J.37631	" 26-6-44	
		P/O	E.W. Carefoot J.37470	" 24-6-44	
		P/O	R.J. Hooker J.37554	" 26-6-44	
		P/O	J.F. Magnusson J.37579	" 26-6-44	
		P/O	R.E. Turner J.37497	" 24-6-44	
		P/O	F.G. Lewis J.37456	" 26-6-44	
		P/O	R.J. McGrien C.37452	" 24-6-44 (Missing 29-7-44)	
		P/O	J. Coates J.37305	" 15-7-44	
		P/O	W.P. Pinniger J.37362	" 5-7-44	
		P/O	D.G. Brittain J.37345	" 15-7-44	
		P/O	C.H. Browning G.37393	" 24-6-44	
		P/O	A. Dignard C.37700	" 5-7-44	
		P/O	R.M. Black C.33210	" 15-7-44	
		P/O	N.A. Francis J.33177	" 11-7-44	
		P/O	D.L. Gignac J.38222	" 21-7-44	
		P/O	G.M. Gladish J.38026	" 30-5-44	
		P/O	D.M. Hendrie J.38100	" 15-7-44	
		P/O	J.K. Meyer J.37991	" 11-7-44	
		P/O	S.P. Sorenson J.37341	" 4-6-44	
		P/O	C.D. Little 179424	" 15-7-44	
		P/O	F.D. Pym 179635	" 21-7-44	
		P/O	N. Marris 55392	" 21-7-44	
		P/O	W. Nicolson 132430	" 21-7-44	

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		P/O	A. Pitt 168975 Promoted to Temporary Flying Officer w.e.f. 5-6-44.					
		P/O	G.B. Collins 168976 " " " " " " 5-6-44.					
		P/O	J.A. Cable 169153 " " " " " " 5-6-44.					
		P/O	D.S. Borland J.12057 " " " Plt. Lieutenant " 5-6-44.					
		P/O (A/S/L)	W.C. Vanexan J.15603 " " " " " " 8-6-43.					
		P/O	K.K. Davis J.36374 " " " Flying Officer " 1-4-44.					
		P/O	D.D. Connor J.86156 Appointed to Acting Flying Officer w.e.f. 26-6-44.					
		P/O	J.R. Lightbown J.35649 " " " " " " 20-7-44.					
		P/O	M. McMillan J.35154 " " " " " " 26-6-44.					
		P/O	F.M. Skeaff J.36571 " " " " " " 26-6-44.					
		P/O	J.D. Fetherston J.85151 " " " " " " 26-6-44.					
		P/O	T.A.T. Rhodes J.85276 " " " " " " 26-6-44.					
		P/O	E.M. Reesor J.35387 " " " " " " 26-6-44.					
		P/O	T.A. Shore J.35611 " " " " " " 26-6-44.					
		P/O	E.E. Halliwell J.13841 " " " " " " 26-6-44.					
		P/O	R.R. Haw J.35451 " " " " " " 8-7-44.					
		P/O	H.C. McVicar J.37030 " " " " " " 26-6-44.					
		P/O	J.E. Sisman J.13141 " " " Plt. Lieutenant " 9-8-44.					
		P/O (A/P/L)	F.E. Gullewin C.24448 " " " Sqdn. Leader " 20-8-44.					
		P/O	J.C. Haldon 161008 " " " Plt. Lieutenant " 5-8-44.					
			<u>HONOURS AND AWARDS</u> - Nil.					
			<u>OPERATIONAL SORTIES FOR AUGUST</u> - 225					
			<u>FLYING TIMES FOR AUGUST</u> - Operational - 1285:52 Hrs.					
			Non-operational - 315:11 Hrs.					
			<u>TONS OF BOMBS (2240) DROPPED DURING PERIOD</u>	<u>H.E.</u>	<u>M.C.</u>	<u>G.P.</u>	<u>Mines</u>	<u>Incendiaries</u>
			From 1-1-44 to 31-7-44, inclusive	38	890	1360	33	182
			<u>TONS OF BOMBS DROPPED DURING AUGUST</u>	13	19	51	-	28
			<u>TOTAL TO DATE</u>	51	909	1411	33	210

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Croft	1944 31st Aug.		<p><u>NUMBER OF COMBATS WITH ENEMY AIRCRAFT</u> - Nil.</p> <p>Total number of enemy aircraft destroyed during the month of August - Nil.</p> <p>Total number of enemy aircraft probably destroyed during the month of August - Nil.</p> <p>Total number of enemy aircraft damaged during the month of August - Nil.</p> <p><u>NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT ON CHARGE</u> - 13.</p> <p><u>CHANGES IN COMMAND</u> - Nil.</p> <p><u>CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION</u> - Nil.</p> <p><u>SQUADRON COMMANDER'S RESUME</u></p> <p>The first half of the month, the Squadron was engaged in a large number of Operational sorties. During the latter half, however, there was a considerable decrease in Operational flying, mainly due to inclement weather. Flying training for the month progressed satisfactorily, mainly due to the falling off in Operational requirements, towards the end of the month. August saw a record number of crews screened from Operations, including all our Australian skippers. On the whole, from the point of view of sorties flown and bombs dropped, the month's record is quite encouraging. It also saw the resumption of attacks on German targets.</p> <p><i>E.M. Mitchell</i> (E.M. Mitchell) V/Cdr., Wing Commander, Commanding, No. 431 (RCAP) Squadron.</p>	No. of pages used for day