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of (Unit or Formation) No. 127 (Squadron) Squadron

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	1945					
Cloud's	1st Jan.		No operations to-day. The standard was enjoyed by the Squadron.			
	2nd Jan.		Sixteen aircraft carried out a raid on HAMBURG. All returned safely from this long and hazardous journey. Clear weather over the target allowed for accurate bombing and the results were most satisfactory.			
	3rd Jan.		Operations called but scrubbed after briefing. Limited training carried out. Word received that CAN J. 12046 P/O A.W. Giroldi (MAC) who went missing 8th May, 1944, on a raid to Hadine St. Pierre is now presumed dead.			
	4th Jan.		No operations to-day. Training carried out during snow storms. The Squadron finds itself in a very embarrassing position regarding serviceable crews, as there are two crews without navigators and two other navigators sick. Apparently it is as difficult to procure navigators as it is to have unwanted and decidedly surplus aircraft posted from the Squadron.			
	5th Jan.		Fifteen aircraft carried out a successful raid on HANOVER. Large fires and explosions were observed from as far away as 120 miles. All our aircraft returned safely to England. This raid on HANOVER and the raid on HAMBURG of the 2nd January, 1945 are definitely classed as wizard prangs - poor Jerry.			
	6th Jan.		Fourteen aircraft took off on a raid to HANAU. Due to cloud and confused markers it is felt that the raid was not very successful. Only thirteen aircraft returned, the other ED-321 SP-P failed to return with the following crew members: CAN J. 6390 P/L B.N. Gillman Pilot, who had (6) trips, 18 points and 20.54 hours on his second tour. CAN J. 16530 P/O G.B. Pool, navigator, CAN J. 18127 P/O W.E. Wickerson, air bomber, CAN J. 85344 P/C T. Negritto, WAG, CAN J. 85676 P/O A.W. Staves MAC, CAN J. 85774 P/O W.G. Cillissie, P/MG and CAN J. 18115 P/L L.K. James, P/M. All members of this crew were second tour men.			
	7th Jan.		Nine aircraft carried out a raid on LUXEMBURG - all returned safely to England though due to weather were diverted. To-day in recognition of her 14 successful trips the Squadron mascot, MINNIE SIMON was promoted to Assistant Section Officer and awarded an immediate DFC for putting the "Hox" on an enemy jet propelled Gremlin. The following were screened from further operations upon completion of successful tours: CAN J. 21448 S/L S.E. Gidley DFC (W), RAF 16904 P/O V. Geddes DFC (M), RAF 175875 P/O S. Morris (W), RAF 145167			

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Croft	1945 7th Jan.		P/O. E. Leinichbury P/O (A/C), R.A.F. 55872 P/O N. Morris (A/C), R.A.F. 177546 P/O P.G. Howe (B/E), CAN.J. 12057 P/L D.S. Portland (P), CAN.J. 50154 P/O R.P.G. Nickland (P), CAN.J. 25557 P/O J.R. Hendry (A/C), CAN.J. 52257 P/O J.H. Beer (W/C), CAN.J. 92605 P/O C.W. Hamilton (A/C), CAN.J. NO2 Sanderson, D.C. (A/C) and R.A.F. 188053 P/O R. Eason (P/C).		
	8th Jan.		No operations - no training due to snow all day long. Lectures on various subjects kept the aircrew occupied.		
	9th Jan.		Word received that CAN.J. 124239 W/C Storremson, C.E. (M) and CAN.J. 121242 Sgt. Marshall, L.F. (A/C) who went missing 25th February, 1944, on a raid to Kiel Bay are now presumed dead.		
	10		CAN.J. 5411 P/L J.N. Nelson (P) who went missing 29th December, 1943 on a raid to Berlin is now presumed dead; CAN.J. 119577 P/L Mitchell, R.M. (P) who went missing 3rd December, 1943 on a raid on Leipzig is now presumed dead; CAN.J. 54215 Sgt. Hodder, G. (P/C) who went missing 3rd December, 1943 on a raid to Leipzig is now presumed dead. No operations or training, weather very poor.		
	10th Jan.		CAN.J. 2512 S/L H.M. Smith assumed temporary command of the Squadron Vice CAN.C. 175 P/C R.M. Mitchell who was posted to the position of Station Commander. No flying-to-day because of snow.		
	11th Jan.		Word received that CAN.J. 35008 P/O C.P. O'Donnell (A/C) who went missing on a raid to Kiel 17-18th August, 1944 is believed killed. Operations called for 5 aircraft but raid was scrubbed.		
	12th Jan.		Nine aircraft scheduled for a raid but the operations was cancelled after briefing.		
		Word received that CAN.J. 206412 Sgt. Lockett, J.P. (A/M) who went missing 12-13th July, 1944 on a raid on Paris is now presumed lost. The following were screened from further operations to-day: CAN.J. 86542 P/O J.P. McWhinney (P), CAN.J. 35022 P/B B.D. Stickles (A/C), CAN.J. 22621 P/O A.A. Grissom (W/C), CAN.J. 12227 Sgt. Wease, W.C. (A/C) and CAN.J. 12254 Sgt. Wilkinson, J.S. (A/B).			
	13th Jan.		Fourteen aircraft detailed for an operation which was later scrubbed. 14 aircraft were bombed up and the weather really not very good there was no training carried out.		
	14th Jan.		CAN.C. 190 W/C R.E. Davenport assumed command of No. 434 (RCAF) Squadron to-day vice		

COMPILED OFFICER Fit. Lt. R.M. McRae

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Craft	1944				
	14th Jun.	0045 1944	On the 14th June 1944, fourteen aircraft took off in the early evening for a raid on MUNSTER. Presence of cloud over the target did not allow for accurate assessment of the bombing results. Thirteen aircraft returned safely, one aircraft RD-905 SH-X captained by CAN.J. 35232 P/O M.A. McLeod (P) who had 19 sorties, 73 points and 126.25 operational hours to his credit, failed to return. The other members of the crew were as follows: CAN.J. 35330 P/O G. Gurwitz (N), CAN.J. 35232 P/O G.R. Ormrod (B/A), CAN.B. 211730 P/B C.R. McDonald (WAG), CAN.B. 150471 WO2 D.J. Ross (M/H/A), CAN.B. 102310 P/B D.G. O'Keefill (B/M) and RA.F. 132155 SOF J. Mann (W/M). This was a very long raid and A31 Squadron acted as a wind finding force on the raid.		
	15th Jun.		No operations to-day, training flights only. Word received that CAN.B. 157267 SGT A.F. Vans- fatten (A/G), who went missing 12th May, 1944 on a raid to LOUVAIN is now presumed dead.		
	16th Jun.		Thirteen aircraft took off on a long trip to raid EINDHOVEN, attacking with good markings, the aircraft really pranged the target, and huge fires and explosions were observed for many miles. All our aircraft returned safely.		
	17th Jun.		The following were screened from operations to-day on completion of a successful tour: CAN.J. 25562 P/O A.R. Mahala (P), CAN.J. 90207 P/O J. Armstrong (N), CAN.J. 25540 P/O A. Ashley (B/A), CAN.J. 88008 P/O H.L. Janine (WAG), CAN.B. 195301 P/B C.E. Beck (A/G), CAN. J. 21073 P/O K.H. Reichen (A/G), CAN.B. 255932 P/B G.N. Tischuk (W/C) and CAN.B. 963787 P/B A.F. 54211 (A/G). Operations called and later scrubbed.		
	18th Jun.		No operations or training to-day. Lectures and Ground School occupied the Squadron during the day.		
	19th Jun.		Operations detailed for the Squadron, but raid was scrubbed before briefing, probably on account of the weather over the target. Word received that RA.F. 2202756 SGT E. Guinan (P) who went missing 16/17th June, 1944 on a raid to STERKEREDE is now presumed dead.		
	20th Jun.		No operations to-day. Limited training carried out. The position of aircraft on this Squadron is lamentable. We now have 4 crews under training and 2 other crews who have yet to do their first operations. With so few aircraft available for training, we will soon find ourselves in a difficult situation for serviceable crews, what with the anticipated screened		

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Graft	19th Jan.	0	Final stage of raid. Weather cleared a little during the afternoon. Operations to resume tomorrow. No more raids planned. Summary of flying on 19th Jan. was poor. A few extra aircraft on a week of good weather and no operations, would be appreciated by all.	
	20th Jan.		Operations called for this Squadron but raid was scrubbed before briefing. Training carried out.	
	21st Jan.		Operations again called and again scrubbed before briefing. Limited training carried out.	
	22nd Jan.		Very cold all day and night.	
	23rd Jan.		Very cold all day and night. No flying due to frost haze. Ground instruction occupied the Squadron during the day.	
	24th Jan.		Word received that J. 17647 P/O T. H. Dable (P) who went missing on a raid on Kiel 17/08 August 1944, is now known dead. No flying today. A mock briefing was held for the benefit of the ground crew to give them some idea of what an operation has to contend with.	
	25th Jan.		Dabbs still very poor - no flying whatsoever. G. 190 W/C Davenport (P) attended Squadron Commanders Conference at Group Headquarters.	
	26th Jan.		No operations today. Weather cleared a little and there was local flying. One aircraft K1805 SW-E while doing an engine feathering day exercise, got into difficulty and the Pilot G.M.J. 29163 P/O J. F. Morton undertook a crash landing in a nearby field. None of the crew were injured.	
	27th Jan.		Operations scheduled and then scrubbed prior to take off. No other flying today. Weather still very cold.	
	28th Jan.		Word received that G.M.J. 88603 P/O E.C. Howey (P) who went missing on a mining operation in Kiel Bay 25/02 February 1944, is now presumed dead. 12 aircraft took off between snow flurries for a raid on Stuttgart. Cloud over the target necessitated the use of aid markers so the damage could not be assessed. All our aircraft returned safely, though diverted to Netherington.	
	29th Jan.		Local training carried out to-day. No operations. Most of our aircraft returned to base.	
	30th Jan.		Weather very poor all day. No operations. The following were screened from further operations to-day:-	

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Craft	30th Jan.		Can. C.175 W/Odr. R.M. Mitchell (Pilot) Ref. 182546 Z/0 J. Buckley (V/Rdg.) Can. J.29163 Z/0 J.V. Norton (Pilot) Can. J.37181 Z/0 A.W. Monahan (Nav.) Can. J.90231 Z/0 J.M. Forsey (A/Nav.) Can. J.92261 Z/0 L.P. Heppenstall (WOP) Can. R.25601 Z/0 L.D. Bee (A/Gnr.) Can. R.25606 Z/0 W.P. Atherley (A/Gnr.) Ref. 185430 Z/0 A.J. Gower (V/Rdg.) Can. J.27637 Z/0 D.L. Hagan (Pilot) Can. J.36943 Z/0 A.G. Kelly (Nav.) Can. J.37189 Z/0 R.W. MacKenzie (A/Nav.) Can. R.205066 Z/0 A.A. Grosson (WOP) Can. R.256126 Z/0 E.B. Thompson (A/Gnr.) Can. J.40554 Z/0 E.S. Ames (A/Gnr.) Ref. 188677 Z/0 R.H.A. Pedramini (V/Rdg.) Can. J.35919 Z/0 F.J. Kusky (Nav.) Can. R.266419 Z/0 R.A. Mc Connell (A/Gnr.) Air Marshall Leckie, (C.R.) (D.S.O.) (D.T.C.) Chief of the Air Staff (R.C.A.F.) visited the Station today.		
	31st Jan.		Operations called for the Squadron, but later cancelled. Can. C.175 W/Odr. R.M. Mitchell (Pilot) departed from the station to take up his new duties as Station Commander at R.C.A.F. Station, Dalton. With W/Odr. Mitchell went the Squadron Leader, Mimie Simcoe (WOP) who though doing only 19 trips was screened and presented to W/Odr. Mitchell as a memento from the Squadron.		

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PRESENT STRENGTH OF SQUADRON						
			Officers	Aircrew	Ground Crew	Total
			R.C.A.F.	145	1	146
			R.A.F.	21	-	21
			TOTAL	166	1	167
			Airmen	Aircrew	Ground Crew	Total
			R.C.A.F.	97	0	97
			R.A.F.	18	0	18
			TOTAL	115	0	115
POSTINGS IN - OFFICERS						
P/O	Granger, E.O.		J.18510	Posted from No. 76 (R.C.A.F.) Base m.e.f. 29.12.44		
P/L	Dale, M.W.		J.5114			
P/O	Davies, R.G.		J.18619			
P/L	Todd, R.L.		J.7024			
P/O	Shawitz, R.J.		J.17048			
P/O	Snow, J.L.		J.17458			
P/O	No Gun, R.		J.39265			
P/O	Hurley, P.J.		J.35226	Posted from No. 68 (R.C.A.F.) Base m.e.f. 1.1.45		
P/O	Whites, R.B.		J.39379		m.e.f. 23.11.45	
P/O	Boston, D.E.		J.40304		No. 432 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron m.e.f. 12.1.45	
P/O	Pink, V.		J.40335			
P/O	Davenport, L.E.		G.190	Posted from No. 62 (R.C.A.F.) Base m.e.f. 12.1.45		
P/O	Mitchell, D.F.		J.75556	Posted from No. 1664 C.I.U. W.E.E. 16.1.45		
The unmentioned aircrew personnel were posted from No. 76 (R.C.A.F.) Base m.e.f.						
18.1.45						
P/O	Dowbiggin, R.E.		J.37628	P/O Glaperton, W.G.	J.39920	
P/O	Green, R.E.		J.31508	P/O Hale, W.P.	J.43269	

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POSTINGS OFFICERS - HQ (continued)					
P/O	M.A. Debrin	J.31753	Posted from No. 434 (RCAF) Squadron w.e.f. 7.1.45		
P/O	Maguire, B.S.	J36899	• • • • •		
P/O	Barlow, G.P.	J41697	• • • • •		
P/O	Otte, G.S.	J31043	• • • • •		
P/O	Wilkinson, A.R.	J38061	Posted from No. 76 (R.C.A.F.) Base w.e.f. 18.1.45		
P/O	Kelly, A.E.	J38320	• • • • •		
P/O	Brockley, A.M.	J36882	• • • • •		
POSTINGS OUT - OFFICERS					
P/O	Zellam, H.	J27147	Posted to R.C.A.F. "H" Depot w.e.f. 2.1.45		
P/O	Talbot, J.G.	J28921	• • • • •		
P/O	Karr, W.R.	J32623	• • • • •		
P/O	Dignard, A.L.A.	087700	• • • • •		
P/L	Christiansen, E.D.	J27672	• • • • •		
P/O	Mc Nealy, H.J.	J37034	• • • • •		
P/O	Magnusson, J.P.	J37579	• • • • •		
P/O	MacDonald, J.N.	J78059	Posted to No. 434 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron w.e.f. 4.1.45		
P/O	Packer, R.	168971	Posted to No. 442 (RCAF) Squadron w.e.f. 3.1.45		
P/O	Morris, A.W.	J19691	Posted to R.C.A.F. "H" Depot, w.e.f. 8.1.45		
P/O	Lamb, T.	086219	Posted to No. 68 (R.C.A.F.) Base w.e.f. 11.10.44		
P/L	Adilman, R.M.	J6390	Posted to R.C.A.F. U/K N/R Unit (Missing) 6.1.45		
P/O	Peale, G.R.	J16530	• • • • •		
P/O	Nickerson, F.J.	J18427	• • • • •		
P/O	Mc Quitty, T.	J65341	• • • • •		
P/O	Staves, A.V.	J86776	• • • • •		
P/O	Williams, W.G.	J86778	• • • • •		
P/O	R/P/L Jones, L.K.	018115	• • • • •		

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POSTINGS OUT - OFFICERS					
			J/0 Jones, G.B. J35096	Posted to 1666 C.U. w.e.f. 9.1.45	
			J/0 Gottfrid, H.H. J360776	Posted to No. 64 (R.C.A.F.) Base w.e.f. 18.1.45	
			J/0 MacLeod, M.A. J350822	Posted to U.K N/Z Unit W.E.P. 14.1.45 (Missing)	
			J/0 Gurwitz, O. J360930		
			J/0 Crabb, G.R.R.H. J38252		
			J/0 Trimble, D.E. J38272	Posted No. 64 (R.C.A.F.) Base w.e.f. 14.1.45	
			J/0 Todd, R.E. J7031	Posted to No. 426 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron w.e.f. 16.1.45	
			J/0 McEwan, W.E. J26952	Posted to 1659 C.U. w.e.f. 16.1.45	
			J/0 Turner, W.H. J35049	Posted to A.C. School, Dalton, w.e.f. 18.1.45	
			J/0 Berlands, D.S. J12057	Posted to No. 1664 C.U. w.e.f. 22.1.45	
			J/0 Tanguay, R. J22776	Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot, w.e.f. 29.1.45	
			J/0 Geddes, J. 168954	Posted to No. 1659 C.U. w.e.f. 24.1.45	
			J/0 Lainohbury, E. 145457	Posted to No. 1659 C.U. w.e.f. 25.1.45	
POSTINGS OUT - OTHER RANKS					
			R/2 Walters, R.T. R31582	Posted to No. 64 (R.C.A.F.) Base w.e.f. 5.1.45	
			R/2 Taggart, J.H. R. 206351	Posted to No. 434 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron w.e.f. 14.1.45	
			R/2 MacBennell, G.B. R. 221730	Posted to R.C.A.F. U.K N/Z Unit w.e.f. 14.1.45 (Missing)	
			W2 Rau, O.J. R. 160471		
			R/2 Cookwill, D.G. R. 182310		
			W2 Clay, F.J. (DEM) R. 187051	Posted to 425 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron w.e.f. 21.1.45	
			Sgt. Mann, J. 1392155	Posted War Cas. N.Z. Acc'ts Depot w.e.f. 14.1.45 (Missing)	
POSTINGS IN - OTHER RANKS					
			R/2 Keaton, J.A. R. 191616	Posted from No. 76 (R.C.A.F.) Base w.e.f. 29.12.44	
			R/2 Simonsen, J.O. R. 210920		
			Sgt. Paige, A.H. R. 203826		

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			Sgt. McLean, W.G. R.192443 Posted from No. 76 (R.G.A.F.) Base w.e.f. 23.12.44		
			Sgt. Westman, A. R.216515		
			Sgt. Jardine, D.A. R204323		
			Sgt. Petrie, G.W. R272635		
			Sgt. Dunk, H.A. R.191749		
			Sgt. Leon, R.R. R.191560		
			F/S Burns, J.D. R.191A32		
			F/S Strath, D.H. R.140937		
			Sgt. Mitchell, E.O. R.195A31		
			Sgt. Common, G.E. R.262085		
			Sgt. Mans, G.E. R.142987		
			F/S Gray, F.J. (DRA) R.187051 Posted from No. 64 (R.G.A.F.) Base w.e.f. 31.12.44		
			F/S Bowe, D.R. R.663034		
			F/S Mc Connell, R.A. R.266419 Posted from No. 432 (R.G.A.F.) Squadron w.e.f. 8.1.45		
			F/S Power, A.J. R.264786		
			F/S Fraser, G.W. R.161232 Posted from No. 432 (R.G.A.F.) Squadron w.e.f. 12.1.45		
			Sgt. Pettifer, A.C. R.60993		
			Sgt. Larky, A.C. R.203626		
			Sgt. Dunge, R. R.260630		
			Sgt. Johnson, H.J. R.196059 Posted from No. 76 (R.G.A.F.) Base w.e.f. 18.1.45		
			Sgt. Mc King, D.E. R.182052		
			Sgt. Keenan, L.L. R.276406		
			Sgt. Vegas, F.J. R.208341		
			Sgt. Lemmer, G.E. R.279506		
			Sgt. Collins, W.J. R.284338		
			Sgt. Perry, A. R.198789 Posted from No. 432 (R.G.A.F.) Squadron w.e.f. 7.1.45		E20
			Sgt. Marshall, J.T. 750019 Posted from No. 432 (R.G.A.F.) Squadron w.e.f. 7.1.45		

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS					
			P/O R. A. Brown J. 92587 Commissioned w.e.f. 28.10.44		
			P/O G. W. Hamilton J. 92685 * * 14.11.44		
			P/O J. N. Mc Arthur J. 92678 * * 8.11.44		
			P/O G. W. Mossley J. 92522 * * 28.10.44		
			P/O E. H. A. Pedranzini 188677 * * 29.10.44		
			P/O J. A. Kestee J. 92735 * * 26.11.44		
			P/O K. R. E. Smith J. 92733 * * 26.10.44		
			P/O A. A. Grosson J. 92824 * * 8.11.44		
			P/O G. M. Gladish J. 93026 Promoted to the rank of T/2/0 w.e.f. 10.11.44		
			P/O J. R. Lightfoot J. 95629 * * * * 26.11.44		
			A/P/O E. M. Morris J. 86287 * * * * 25.11.44		
			P/O R. D. Lawson 135113 * * * * T/2/0 * 4.12.44		
			P/O E. C. Tunney J. 27562 Awarded to the rank of A/3/Lt. w.e.f. 14.12.44		
			P/O J. P. Duggan J. 35871 * * * * * * * *		
			P/O G. F. Mc Neill J. 29098 * * * * * * * *		
			P/O (A/P/O) S. P. Borremen J. 87861 * * * * * * * 4.1.45		
			P/O W. H. Weisendorf J. 89935 * * * * * * * 4.1.45		
HONOURS AND AWARDS - Non-Immediate					
			P/O R. D. Lawson 135113 Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross w.e.f. 16.1.45		
			P/O K. L. Davis J. 36374 * * * * * * * *		
			P/O J. R. Murly J. 88926 * * * * * * * 19.1.45		
			P/O R. Harrison J. 16686 * * * * * * * *		
			A/P/O T. A. Rhodes J. 85976 * * * * * * * *		
			P/O R. A. MacIntyre J. 23880 * * * * * * * *		

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Craft.			<u>OPERATIONAL SORTIES FOR JANUARY - 35</u> <u>FLYING TIME FOR JANUARY, 1945:-</u>	Operational Day:- Nil. Operational Night:- 720.39 hrs. Non-Operational Day:- 79.32 hrs. Non-Operational Night:- 59.09 hrs.	
			<u>TONS OF BOMBS (224.6) DROPPED DURING PERIOD</u> from 1.1.45 to 31.1.45 inclusive.	H.C. S.A.P. H.G. G.P. MINE DEDND	
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			<u>TONS OF BOMBS DROPPED DURING JANUARY -</u>	125 23 199 90 - 101	
			<u>TOTAL TO DATE -</u>	125 23 199 90 - 101	
			<u>NO OF AIRCRAFT WITH ENEMY AIRCRAFT - 1</u> Total number of enemy aircraft destroyed during the month of January:- 1 Total number of enemy aircraft probably destroyed during the month of January:- Nil Total number of enemy aircraft damaged during the month of January:- Nil Number of aircraft on charge:- 16		
			Changes in Command: - Capt. G.190 W/Obs. R.P. Davenport assumed command of No. 431 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron w.e.f. 14. th January, 1945 vice G.175. W/Obs. R.M. Mitchell who was posted to R.C.A.F. Station, Dalton to assume command of the Station. A/B/1dn. G.H. Porter (J.11973) posted from No. 418 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron, w.e.f. 7.1.45, and appointed Flight Commander of "A" flight, vice C.29448 A/B/1dn. P.E. Guillemin (DFO) who was screened from operations.		
			<u>CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION: B I L</u> <u>SQUADRON COMMANDER: RECALL:</u>		
			Operations and training have been hampered this month by heavy snow falls and adverse weather conditions. The shortage of navigators is an acute problem at present we have three U/B crews, because the navigators are sick. This reduces our maximum effort, but on the other hand, gives us more aircraft for training our fresher crews. Morale on the squadron is of a very high standard at present, as the respective sections are pushing ground training to a maximum. This should serve us in good stead for the coming Spring operations.	Wing Commander, Commanding No. 431 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron. <i>Davenport</i>	