

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

of (Unit or Formation) No. 432 (R.G.A.F.) SQUADRON.

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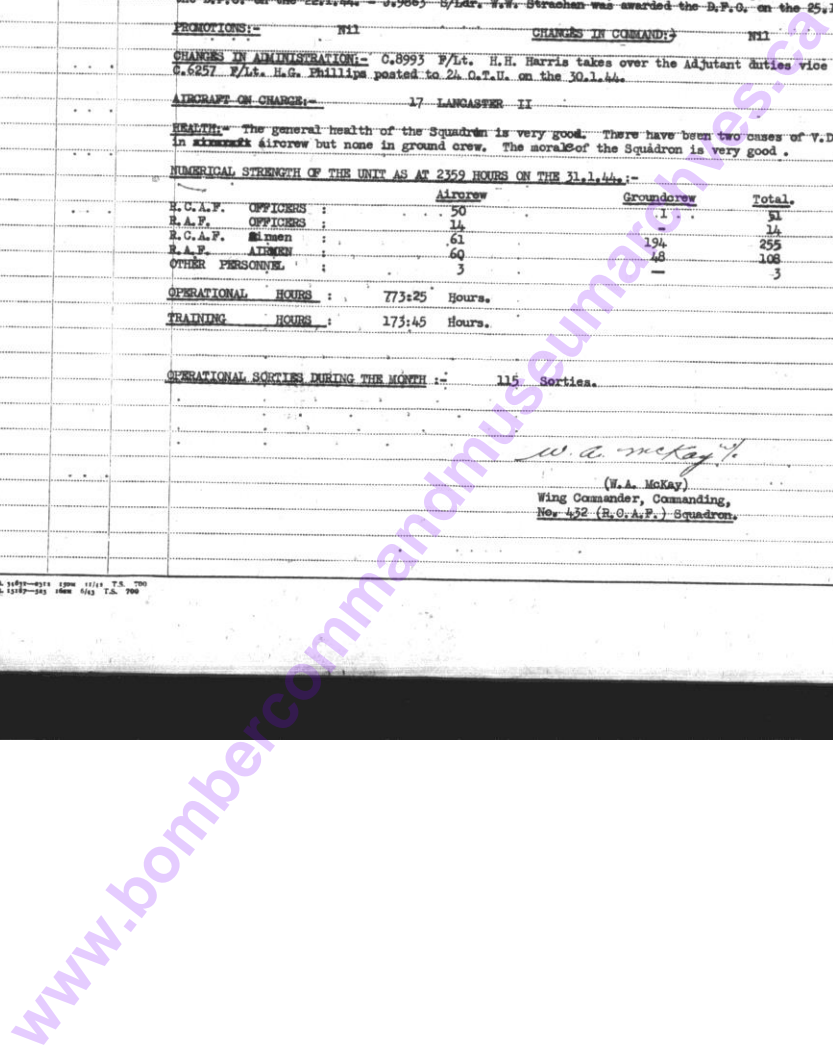
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EASTMOOR	1.1.44		Fourteen aircraft were detailed for bombing operations over BERLIN. Three crews reported sick and were cancelled for operations on orders of the Medical Officer. Two aircraft did not take off owing to technical failure. One aircraft returned early. Eight aircraft bombed the target successfully and returned to base.		A.570 to A.578
EASTMOOR	2.1.44		Thirteen aircraft were detailed for operations over BERLIN. Three aircraft were cancelled owing to technical failure. Ten aircraft took off at scheduled time and bombed the target successfully. One aircraft was badly damaged by enemy aircraft and landed away from base. (Attached is the Pilot's report). One aircraft failed to return from this operations. Below are the operational trips and hours of the member of the crew:-		A.579 to A.588
				OPERATIONAL TRIPS - HOURS	
			J.6643 F/O. John, Allardys, ATANK	6	24:22
			R.22598 F/O. Hedley, DOULL	2 1/2	20:27
			J.25061 F/O. Kenneth, CHIFFORD	2 1/2	18:45
			R.12197 W/O. Scott, John, RINNET	2 1/2	18:45
			R.148367 Sgt. BIRCH, Irene, Adalere, Joseph.	3	21:13
			R193139 Sgt. COBBEN, John, Arthur.	2 1/2	18:45
			1567439 Sgt. COLLINS, William, Roy.	2 1/2	21:24
			+ indicates personnel on second tour.		
EASTMOOR	3.1.44		No operations were detailed for to-day.		
EASTMOOR	4.1.44		No operations detailed for to-day.		
EASTMOOR	5.1.44		Twelve aircraft were detailed for bombing operation on STETTIN. All aircraft took off at a scheduled time. One aircraft returned early owing to engine trouble. Eleven aircraft bombed the target through 10/1000 cloud. There was big fires all over the town. All aircraft returned safely to base. R.151601 P/O. Pike, J.C. and crew were posted in from 1679 G.U.		A.589 to A.600
EASTMOOR	6.1.44		No operations detailed for to-day. Eight crews went on leave A.D. till 0830 hours, Jan. 13th. pursuant to the policy of restricting leave as far as possible to the moon period.		
EASTMOOR	7.1.44		No operations detailed for to-day. G/Capt. H.M. Carswell IFC. (G.148) resumed Command of R.G.A.F. Station, Eastmoor vice W/O. W.A. McKay (J.15175).		
EASTMOOR	8.1.44		No operations were detailed for to-day. The immediate award of the D.F.M. was made to R.149664 P/O. P.W. Dennis and R.156383 Sgt. J.L.H. Quessel.		
EASTMOOR	9.1.44		No operations were detailed for to-day. Two aircraft carried out cross country flights and four aircraft air to air firing.		
EASTMOOR	10.1.44		No operations were detailed for to-day. Seven crews were detailed for night cross country training flight. P/O. Cooper, J.M. (J.6642) and crew arrived in on posting from 1679 G.U.		
EASTMOOR	11.1.44		No operations were detailed for to-day. Due to the bad weather no training flights were made. A number of lectures were given by various sections.		

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EASTMOOR	29.1.44		Operation were "Stood-down" and a program of ground training was carried out.																																		
EASTMOOR	30.1.44		BERLIN was again the target for twelve of our aircraft. One Lancaster returned early while the remaining eleven bombed the objective successfully without loss. One aircraft landed away from base.		A. 673 to A. 684																																
EASTMOOR	31.1.44		<p>Activities were restricted to ground training.</p> <p>HONOURS AND AWARDS :- B149664 P/S. Dennis, E.W. and B.136383 Sgt. Quesnel J.H. were awarded the D.F.M. on the 8.1.44. - J.19308 P/O. J.A. McIntosh and J.18812 P/O. T.B. Spink were awarded the D.F.O. on the 22.1.44. - J.9863 - S/Ldr. W.W. Strachan was awarded the D.F.O. on the 25.1.44.</p> <p>PROMOTIONS :- Nil CHANGES IN COMMAND :- Nil</p> <p>CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION :- C.8993 P/Lt. H.H. Harris takes over the Adjutant duties vice C.6257 P/Lt. H.G. Phillips posted to 24 O.T.U. on the 30.1.44.</p> <p>AIRCRAFT ON CHARGE :- 17 LANCASTER II</p> <p>HEALTH :- The general health of the Squadron is very good. There have been two cases of V.D. in aircrew aircrew but none in ground crew. The morale of the Squadron is very good.</p> <p>NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF THE UNIT AS AT 2359 HOURS ON THE 31.1.44 :-</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Aircrew</th> <th>Groundcrew</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>R.C.A.F. OFFICERS :</td> <td>50</td> <td>1</td> <td>51</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R.A.F. OFFICERS :</td> <td>14</td> <td></td> <td>14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R.C.A.F. SERJENTS :</td> <td>61</td> <td>194</td> <td>255</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R.A.F. AIRMEN :</td> <td>60</td> <td>48</td> <td>108</td> </tr> <tr> <td>OTHER PERSONNEL :</td> <td>3</td> <td>-</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>OPERATIONAL HOURS :</td> <td>773:25 Hours.</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>TRAINING HOURS :</td> <td>173:45 Hours.</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>OPERATIONAL SORTIES DURING THE MONTH :- 115 Sorties.</p>		Aircrew	Groundcrew	Total	R.C.A.F. OFFICERS :	50	1	51	R.A.F. OFFICERS :	14		14	R.C.A.F. SERJENTS :	61	194	255	R.A.F. AIRMEN :	60	48	108	OTHER PERSONNEL :	3	-	3	OPERATIONAL HOURS :	773:25 Hours.			TRAINING HOURS :	173:45 Hours.				
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EASTMOOR	22.1.44.	(Continued)	J.22893 F/O. Lawrence, Firs. LAGACE (Pilot)	10	64:46	
			J.22594 F/O. John, Burles, MAHONEY (Nav.)	9	59:17	
			R115615 F/S. MacDONALD, Donald, Allan. (A/B.)	9	59:17	
			J.27782 F/O. David, Reuzick, HUNTER. (WOP/AG)	9	59:17	
			R90671 F/S. Peterson, William, John. (A/G.)	7	50:34	
			R169422 Sgt. DOUGLAS, William, John. (A/G.)	9	59:17	
			1582830 Sgt. Atkins, William, Goodson. (F/S.)	6	42:17	
			1334287 F/S. POOLE, Jack, Sealy. (Pilot)	14 1/2	93:02	
			1348369 F/S. THOMPSON, William, Miles. (Nav.)	13 1/2	83:00	
			1508954 F/S. BALHAGHNE, Mark, Proctor. (A/B.)	14	90:03	
			1382834 F/S. KISS, Edward, Michael. (WOP/AG)	13 1/2	87:32	
			R169007 Sgt. POOCK, Douglas. (A/G.)	Nil	Nil	
			AIS.420906 F/S. O'DONNELL, William, John. (A/G.)	14 1/2	86:32	
			1504309 Sgt. WILLIAMS, Jack, Herbert. (F/S.)	2	17:10	
EASTMOOR	23.1.44.		Two Canadian Army Officers, Capt. L.C. Winhold (M.427064) and Lieut. E.C. Gooding (M.427448) were attached to this Unit for one week to familiarize them with operations of a heavy bomber squadron. No operations were detailed for to-day.			
EASTMOOR	24.1.44.		Poor weather prevented flying, but a full program of ground training was carried out. W/Odr. H.H. Smith (J.3183) Base engineering officer visited the Squadron.			
EASTMOOR	25.1.44.		Fourteen aircraft were detailed for bombing operations which were later "Scubbed". Four night area countries were carried out by fresher crew.			
EASTMOOR	26.1.44.		No operations were detailed for to-day. PFen telephone conversation received it had been advised that No. 432 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron will convert on Halifaxes III in the Near future. W/Odr. W.A. McKay (J.15175) Squadron Commander went to Skipton-on-Swale to get some gen on these aircraft. Signal received that S/Odr. W.W. Strachan (J.9863) had been awarded the D.F.C.			
EASTMOOR	27.1.44.		Fifteen aircraft detailed for bombing operations over BERLIN. All took off and reached the target. A.645 to A.659 Eleven aircraft returned to base and three landed away. One aircraft failed to return from this operation. Below are the names of the member of the crew with the operational trips and hours:-	OPERATIONAL.		
				Trips.	Hours.	
		J.16514 F/O. Donald, John, PATERSON. (Pilot)	2	13:49		
		J.24222 F/O. Alvin, Donald, BELL. (Nav.)	Nil	Nil		
		R170469 Sgt. HERBERT, Frank, William. (A/B.)	Nil	Nil		
		R99421 F/S. SHERWOOD, Clyde, Allison. (WOP/AG)	Nil	Nil		
		R128433 F/S. WILSON, Robert, Perry. (A/G.)	Nil	Nil		
		J.25690 F/O. Arley, Sides, GATES. (A/G.)	Nil	Nil		
		1449845 Sgt. GREENAWAY, William, Reginald. (F/S.)	Nil	Nil		
EASTMOOR	28.1.44.		Thirteen aircraft were detailed for bombing operations over BERLIN. It was a very late take off. A.660 to A.672 All aircraft took off and successfully bombed the target. All returned to base, 100% effort. W/Odr. G.W. Palmer (J.15818) from No. 6 Group Headquarters visited the Squadron in the afternoon.			