

**ARDIS, F/O Beverley Donn (J/26495), RCAF, DFC** \*[rear/mid-upper gunner]

Enlisted in Toronto, 20 July 1942

Trained at No.9 BGS, Mont Joli, Quebec, graduated 14 May 1943

### **RCAF Log Book**

Certificates of Qualification (RCAF R.96)

1. This is to certify that Beverley D. Ardis has qualified as Air Gunner Duties with effect from 14/5/43 Sgd.
2. Night vision Test B'Mth, 28.6.43, 17/32 (seventeen/32), NR S/O
3. This is to certify that P/O Ardis, B.D. has passed the G.L. Course, Assessed "C", with effect from 29.9.43 Sgd.

Crewed with at 1664 OTU

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| 1. | Nav. [navigator]         | P/O McGregor |
| 2. | Pilot                    | F/O Rogers   |
| 3. | B.A. [bomb aimer]        | Sgt. Henry   |
| 4. | WAG [wireless airgunner] | Sgt. Jones   |
| 5. | ENG [engineer]           | Sgt. Roberts |
| 6. | R.G. [rear gunner]       | Sgt. Ker     |

Commissioned Pilot Officer in 1943.

#428 Ghost Squadron, RCAF, flights

04 March 1944, Halifax NA-H, F/L Sutherland, M.U.G., Operations - Brest (landed Leeming) (6:10 night)

05 March 1944, Halifax NA-H, F/L Sutherland, M.U.G., Leeming - base (0:30 day)

06 March 1944, Halifax NA-H, F/L Sutherland, M.U.G., Operations - Trappes (landed Harwell) (5:50 night)

07 March 1944, Halifax NA-H, F/L Sutherland, M.U.G., Harwell - base (1:15 day)

11 March 1944, Halifax NA-H, F/L Sutherland, M.U.G., Operations - Lorient (7:15 night)

21 March 1944, Halifax NA-D, W/C French, M.U.G., Operations - mining D.N.C.O. (recall to base)

23 March 1944, Halifax, NA-Q, S/L McGugan, R.G., Operations - Laon (6:00 night)

25 March 1944, Halifax, NA-T, S/L Watkins, M.U.G., Operations - Aulnoye (6:20 night)

26 March 1944, Halifax, NA-R, S/L McGugan, R.G., Operations - Courtrai (5:25 night)

30 March 1944, Halifax, NA-D, W/C French, M.U.G., Operations - mining (5:50 night)

### **Flights with C. G. Ford (4 operational missions):**

13 April 1944, Halifax NA-J, F/L Ford, M.U.G., Operations - Le Havre mining (4:25 night)

14 April 1944, Halifax NA-L, F/L Ford, M.U.G. air test (0:30 day)

17 April 1944, Halifax II NA-A, F/L Ford, M.U.G., Operations - Kiel mining (6:00 night)

18 April 1944, Halifax II NA-A, F/L Ford, M.U.G., Operations - Copenhagen mining (6:50 night)

20 April 1944, Halifax II NA-A, F/L Ford, M.U.G., Operations - Lens shot up by night fighter, crashed on return to England (5:00 night)

#428 Ghost Squadron, flights  
16 July 1944, Lancaster NA-C, W/C McLeish (2:05 day)  
24 July 1944, Lancaster NA-F, F/L Edwards (0.:20 day)

Awarded D.F.C. 21/4/44 [21 April 1944]

Total Flying for July	2.25 day	
Total for Unit	43.40 day	132.40 night
Grand Total	123.00 day	190.50 night

### **Distinguished Flying Cross (No. 428 Squadron)**

Award effective 13 June 1944 as per London Gazette of that date and AFRO 1660/44 dated 4 August 1944. Citation:

*As air gunner, this officer has taken part in many attacks on targets in Germany including several on the capital. He is a keen, vigilant and resolute member of aircraft crew and has played a worthy part in the successes obtained.*

Award sent by registered mail 23 November 1949.

Discharged 30 October 1945.

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