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			MUDERICAL STREETS OF UITT AS AT let SEPTEMBER, 1942.  R.C.A.F. (GIFTONE AIRCRAF, 9 GROUND CREET, 3 R.C.A.F. (Airnen) Aircraw. 52 Ground Creet, 1 R.C.A.F. (U.S.A.)	nv. 303
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ALDERTON.	1-9-42		Weathers. Cloudy, elight intermittent rain in early norming and late evening. Showery in aftermoon.	
			Low cloud, 181 to small amounts at first, becoming 4-9/10 Cu and Sc 2000-4000 ft, increasing to 9-10/10 Sc in evening. Surface wind, SSW-MSW at 5-10 mh. Visibility, 1,000-2,000 yas, at first	
3000	200		soon improving to b-0 miles. At 0220 hours the 2 aircraft standing by for regulated dische-	
		-	search were cancelled. At 1203 hours No. 5 Group requested 9 aircraft for the might's proposed effort and a programs was arranged to meet this request. At approximately 2315 hours 7 aircraft	
- 1	-		were airborne. Pive aircraft successfully attacked the Primary Target which was SAMURUEN in conditions of little cloud but considerable succe have over the Target irea. Of the other 2 air-	
-	-	-	oraft, one, although reaching the Target Area was unable to drop its borbs owing to technical	
		Acres 1	both parely in position 514591.622.06 M. All 7 simunit were harely landed at base by 0623 hours.  The other 2 sircuraft originally detailed for this operation were unable to take off due to yellow's	
			sickness and aircraft being unserviceably.	
Mizeron.	E-9-42		Weather Cloudy at first, with continuous slight rain during morning, becoming cloudy and fair	
			after dust in afternoon. Low cloud, Yarying amounts of Sc. at 3-5000 ft. becoming Pm. at 1000 ft. by 1900 hours. In afternoon, 4-5/10 On. and Sc. at 2000 ft. becoming Nil by 2000 hours. Sunface	A
			wind, SW's 6-12 min, wearing to WS. Tearcasing to 13-15 min, and backing to SW, gradually decreasing to a min, by midmight, Visibility, 2-3 miles, increasing to 6 miles by 0000 hours.	
			Increasing reducily throughout day to 12 males by 1500 hours and gradually decreasing to 6 miles by midridget. At 0620 hours a stand-by of 2 aircount was requested for a possible dinger-search	400000
		Sept of	by No. 5 Group. At 0825 hours this stand-by was cancelled, but at 0925 hours, 3 aircraft hours	
en la company de la	-		requested for the same purpose. At 0955 hours, No. 5 thour said for the number of oress that could be made available for to-might's effort. We were able to supply 6 cross and a programs was	
	1000	100	arranged. At 1139 hours, 3 surgest detailed for the dispresents off Weinfloot were authorse. These 3 grown were required for the might's operations and we requested and received particular to	
			recall them. A comprehensive search had been carried but however, but no distiny was signed. At	The state of
			22.26 hours, 5 aircraft were aircraft. Three mindessfully attacked the Primary Target at KANISHEED in conditions of good visibility with the exception of considerable ground have. Two aircraft	2004
R			ratured early. One from position 51.5591.00,0092, due to the Havigator's Table becoming unservice- able. The other from position 51.7691.00,7592, due to the low speed of the aircraft and imbility	
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			to reach the target/until well after time on target. Both these alreraft returned safely with bashs. The other f aircraft were landed at base by CGL hours, a the other aircraft detailed for this operation was until to take off due to a fatal accident sustained by CMN.48.8876 Add.   NoCornell, Andrew Eleya, killed accidentally by a propeller whilst engines were being started.	0
BALDERSON.	3-9-42•		Weakhor: At first weather was fine, becoming hand by down. Becoming cloudy by 10.00 hus. B.S.T. with continuous pain from 100 to after middley. Becoming cloudy thereafter, with accessional period of internit tent moderate rain. Becoming fine late in might. Lew cloud, III., becoming b-2/20.00. and Soy at 2-2000 fee or below in vain. Lew cloud clearing late in might. Surface what, SSS, 10 msh banding by 9000 hours to SSS, 10-15 msh. Vering in afformation to SN, 10-20 msh. Fallish.	
	-		to 5-10 in evening. Visibility, Generally 1-0 miles, falling in late evening to 3-6 miles.	
			At 0955 hours we were advised by No. 5 Group that this Squadron was stood-down from the night's operations. No Thying took place day or night as all errors were resting after the effects of the previous nights.	
BALDERTON.	1,-9-1,2		Weather: Pine, becoming fair to cloudy with isolated showers. Becoming fair to fine late in right	
DALLABOTON.	sh-h-de-		Tow cloud, NIL, becoming 1-8/10 On, and So, at 2-3000 ft, but 10/10 Gb at 1500 ft, or below in	
			isolated showers. Low cloud dispersing late in night. Surface wind, SW-SSW, 10 mph. increasing to 15-00 mph. Visibility, 4-5 miles, increasing during the day to 10-15 miles. Pathog in exeming to	
11,500			5-8 miles. At 1005 hours, No. 5 Group advised us of a stand-down for all Bomber Cornard.	
710			No flying was ouried out by the Bruadron on this date.	
BALDERTON.	5-9-42.		Weather: The fine at first bedweing fair to cloudy in afternoon, becoming fair to fine at night.  Involved, NIII, becoming 3-5/10 Ou. and Sc. at 3-4000 ft. but 10-10 Gb at 1200 ft. or below in	
10200			showers. Low cloud gradually dispersing at night. Surface wind, SW-SSW, 10 mph. Visibility	
S. P. J	,		At 1005 hours, No. 5 Group advised us of a stand-down for all Bosbar Command. No flying was carried at by this Sandron Shis date.	
BAIDERTON.	6-9-1,2.		Weather: Pine with some cloud during afternoon. Low cloud, NIL, at first. Small assunts Ou. and St. Clauersing by 1900 hours. Surface wind, SSW-W at 10-15 uple. Visibility, 2 miles at first	Shart T
	200	a bysyla	increasing to 25 miles during day, and decreasing to 5 miles by 2100 hours. At 1220 hours,	
			No. 5 Group requested 6 sircraft for the might's operations. At 0030 hours, 7.2.42, 4 sircraft twee sircount. All were successful in reaching and attacking the Privary Parget of MUISHING in	
-			conditions of modius aloud and have. All aircraft were anfaly landed at have by 0013 hours. The	
			other 2 aircraft detailed did not take off for the following reasons. One, owing to a Verby Plated	01.00
			other, owing to pilot selecting whoels up for flage down. (ATA1'6'	
	yet	16)		
PALDERTON.	7-9-42		Weather: Cloudy with alight rain in evening. Low cloud, bill, in morning increasing to 10/10 by 1600 hours and decreasing again during growing. Surface wind, W-60 at 5-10 mgs. Visibility, main-	
angen and			16 3-6 miles. At 1010 hours, No. 5 Group requests of alreast for proposed "CARDET DIP" Operations benefit. At 1011, 6 singuist were surveyed, All more successful in laying Mines in their	7
	10.17	A SECTION AND ASSESSMENT	allotted positions at Inviter in conditions of expellent visibility. All signaft carried Wing	The state of the s
THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN	-	CALL SOL	Books but only 3 used ther against suitable targets. Two borded Flab Shine and the third, Flab and Scarchlight Concentrations 2 Miles Mr. of HEMATE. All alremant returned safely to base by 0200	P. CONTRACTOR IN

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BAIDERPOIT.	8-9-42.		Weathers Cloudy becoming fine. Low cloud, NIL. Surface wind, Mainly Surface 10 mmh. Whibility 1-3 miles; " & 1052 hours, No. 5 favour requested our markium effort and we replied 9, possibly 10, overs. A two-tymas was arranged for 10 adverset. At 152 hours this effort was reduced to 9	Appendices.
			aircraft. At 1954 hours, 9 aircraft were airborne in 8 minutes. Six were successful in attaching the Primary Target of Engineer in conditions of good, but hany visibility. One aircraft attached OFFICHARION owing to inhelity to penderate intense S.L. defences at Primary Target. He two remaining aircraft returned early. One, shortly after take-off due to Pilot's artificial horizon becoming unserviceable, the other from position 50.18%.01.50% owing to the pilot becoming violently side. This aircraft jetticomed the beat are at position 50.50%.01.00%. Eight aircraft were at base by 0.5% hours. One aircraft landed at Thorney Taland at 05.0 hours owing to petrol shortage.	, i
BALDETCI.	9-9-12.		Teather: Becoming cloudy about dawn, fine after 1000 BST. Low cloud, up to 7/10 at 2000 ft. around 500 BST. otherwise MIL. Surface wind, SM. 10 mph. weering at 0900 BST to EST 5-10 mph. and resaming so. Yiathkiity, 5 miles deteriorating to 2-5000 yds. soon after dawn inproving to 2-5 miles. At 10/5 hours, No. 5 Group advised us that the Squadron was stood down from the night's operations. During the day, 1 Oross-Country Flight and some Local Flying was carried out. No further flying was carried out by the Squadron this date.	7
BADSECE	10-9-12.	5 - ap.	Weather: Pine with fog about dams. Low cloud, NGHE. Timidility, 2 miles decreasing to 500-1600 yds. around dams increasing after 9000 SGT to 1-6 miles. Surface wind, Galm or light SgT by and becoming 3 to 55% at 5-10 mph. At 1000 hours, a maximum offort was requested by No. 5 Group and we arranged a progresse for 10 Grows. At 1000 hours, we were forced to reduce this effort to 9 Grows because of one Pilot's sideness. A training programs for 3 chroraft to do circuits and landings was also arranged. At apprecimately 1951 hours, 8 aircraft were aircome. Seven of these successfully attacked the Primary Target which was DESEMIGNEY and miles of no cloud, good visibility and slight have. The 4 remaining aircraft returned early with its best from position 51.3 No. 500. See Secons of about 1914 Opinder lead temperatures. All of these aircraft were successfully landed at base by 0.57 Hours. One of the aircraft detailed for circuits and landings crashed on the aerotrose but, fortunately the over escaped uniques.	AE >78 C Par desinged as Ac
, BALDISTON,	12-9-42		Weather: Pino, Heavy mist at dams. Low cloud, NIL. Surface wind, Light ST by becoming N-Muz. 5-10 mph. Visibility, 2-4 miles at first, falling to 1000-2000 yds. at daws. Increasing to 1-5 miles during the day. At 1250 hours, 16.5 Strong requested 12 airforat for onlight's operations and a programs was arranged which included A freshman urwars. At 1,35 hours our effort was reduced to 7 experienced and A freshman orwars. At 1625 hours, operations were cancelled due to weather conditions. We were advised by No. 5 Group to carry out thanking, but weather also prevented the Squadron from doing so.	J: , , ,
BALDIRYON.	12-9-42.	ALC: S	Weathers Pine, fog developing by 0500 BST, dispersing by 1000. Decoming fair to fine, Low cloud, NTL, becoming 7-9/10 SC, at 5000 fts, dispersing by 0500. Decoming small ensures Ou. at 2-4000 fts, 7-/10/10 Sc, at 1500 fts ferming in evening, dispersing. Surface wind, NUE, 5-10 backing to NUE. soon after dams. Decoming NE*1y 10-15 later. Visibility, 500-1000 yds, at first, increasing at	

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PALDISHNI.	11 / 12 / 12 / 12 / 12 / 12 / 12 / 12 /		down to 1000-2000 yda, increasing during the day to 10-15 miles. Palling in evening to 1-0 miles. At 1055 hours, No.5 Group requested a maximum effort for to-might's operations and we advised Group that we could operate 11 aircraft. Later, this was changed to 7 aircraft and arrangements were made for 4 freelman errors to make Gross Gountry flights and 2 to do circuits and landing sick. At 1916 hours, to reduce our main effort to 6 aircraft the to one of our Pilots being sick. At 1916 hours, take-off was delayed owing to undavourable weather conditions over the continent. At 1925 hours, our Gross-Gountry programs was cancelled due to bed weather. At 1936 hours, operations were cancelled and at 2010 hours, we were advised of a stand-down by Bonber Gomand. Of the 2 aircraft detailed for circuits and landings, one Grasshed on take-off and the two members	
1777			of the crew last their lives. These aimen were GANR.101901 Sgt. FRAUE, F.M. (Filet), and CAN.R.93149 Sgt. KECH, W.G. (WOp.A.G.). These men had done no operational flying	AE395 V
AMDRICAL.	13-942		Weather: Fair or fine. Low cloud, Cu. and Sc. at 2-5000 ft. between 1000 hours and 1900 hours. Otherwise HILs Surface wind, NHE-HE at 5-10 mph. Vindbility, 5-10 miles increasing to 55 miles through the fine of the control of the co	
BALDISHTON.	11-9-42		Beather: Hainly fine. Low cloud, Only very small amounts. Surface wind, Hainly calm. Maibility 6-12 miles but 2,000-5,000 yds. around damy. At 0955 hours, No. 5 Secup requested a maximum effort and we abrised forup that we could arrange for k. experienced and 6 freedman grows. At 1705 hours, the 6 freedman crows were cancelled and if adverte was detailed for circuits and landings. At 1945 hours, k. aircraft were airbornes. Three attacked the Primary Enget which was the Hawall Dodge at WINDINGSHAYER in favourable conditions. The regarding adversaria attacked an energy services k miles IUK. of NORMANIA. All aircraft returned to base by 0.55 hours.	
BALDISPROS.	15-9-42		Teather: Mainly fair with a slight shower in eventity. Low cloud, 3-6/10 Cm. and Sc. at 3-5000 ft. Surface wind, SEF-F at 20-25 mph. and gusty. Visibility, 1-8 miles increasing to 20 miles during day and decreasing to 8 miles after dust. At 1205 hours, this droup was stood down from to-might's operations. No flying was carried out on the Squahron this date. Squahron ordered to nove to RAAP. Station, LEMINE, Yorks. effective September 20, 1942.	
PAIDIRTON.	16-9-12	184	Weatherr Fair to fine, cloudy at times. Low cloud, Mainly 5-8/10 and Sc. at 3-4000 ft. Surface wind, SN-W 20-25 meh. gusty. Visibility, 15-20 miles decreasing to 10 miles by midnight.  At 0935 hours, No. 5 Group advised us that the Squadron would not be required to operate to-might but to hold itself ready for any cell which may be made up it. Nothing materialised and no flying took place, day or might on this date. Preparations for more under way.	
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B ALDERTON.	17-9-42.	- ',	Weathery Pine with acce cloud in afternoon. Lew cloud, NIL at first. Small amounts Ou, and So. Maspersing by 1900 hrs. Surface wind, SSMW. 5-10 mph. Vinibility, 2 miles at first, decreasing to 5-miles in late evening.  At 0940 hours, Schere. Command use atcod down from operations for the might. The Squadron finished operations until conversion to Halifax advanct completed. During the day our Haugdon alreand were ferried to various Estationance Units by A.T.A. Fillots. Advance Party proceeded to R.A.F. LESHING this date. Party of 40 airmen, ground over, detached to No. 1652 Conversion Unit, lieuveton Noor.	a avr
BALDERTON	18-9-42.	4	Weather: Mainly fine. Low cloud, NIL. Surface wind, NIB at 5-10 mph. Visibility, 5-8 miles.  Proparations under way for the coming move of the Squadron.	
BALDERTON	19-9-42.		Weather: Pair to fine. Low cloud, NTL. Surface wind, S-SF17. Visibility 10-15 miles decreasing in late evening. Squadron all pashed and ready to go. Somy to leave Milerrot but looking forward to bigger and better things. Squadron thanked by Group Captain Waller, D.S.O., D.F.C., Officer Commanding R.S.O., STEDFOR, for a job well done.	
BALDERTON. LEMING.			Heather: Though with continuous light rain all day. Moderate to poor visibility. Main Party departed from NUIMERTH and arrived at LEEGING by real at about 1300 hours. Rest of the day was spent getting settled in new quarters.	
Lissonig.	22-9-42.		Weather: Cloudy becoming fair, intermittent rain during the evening. Good visibility.  The new home of the Squadron looks like a mice set-up. New to get settled down and start flying again.	
Liencing.	22-9-42		Reather: Gloudy with showers becoming fair during the afternoon. Very good visibility.  Not much excitement on the Squadron this date. Personnel busy making the most of what equipment we have on hand.	
LESSICHG.	23-9-42.		Weather: Pair with abovers becoming cloudy during the afternoon. Wishelity, very good.  20-day, 44 Airques were attached to No. 1522 Conversion Unit, NABATH 1802, for communion to Halifux airgraft. Ground Greek attached to various Squadrons for experience on Halifux airgraft.	
LEBONG.	24-9-42.		Weather: Cloudy with moderate to poor visibility. Remainder of Aircrew and some of Ground Crew granted leave pending the formation of a Communion Flight at this Unit.	
Lessing.	25-30/9-42		Weathers (25th). Cloudy with interests to rain about dam remaining cloudy during the day with moderate to good visibility. (25th). Fair to along with command showers. Good to very good visibility. (27th). Moderate fog lifting during the norming and becoming fine. Very good visibility after dispersal of fog. (25th). Thick fog at first becoming along with intereststent rain during afternoon and evening. Roderate to poor visibility. (25th). (Cloudy with continuous slight rain during afternoon and evening. Roderate to poor visibility. (25th). (Cloudy with continuous alight rain	4
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L Mary			at first becoming cloudy with moderate visibility and intermittent rain during the evening. (30th) Moderate fog at first becoming cloudy to fair during the afternoon. Visibility improving during the day from moderate to good. Nothing cutstanding at Squadron during this period. Small equipment being received but as yet, no already there. Rumany under regard will be serviceable by the time our aircraft received. Conversion going along without insident at MARSTE MOCK.	
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- WHEET	3-2-3		1 A/S/far proposed to the runk of A/m/ode.  7 Officers (eircrew) posted to this Squadron this month.  6 Officers (aircrew) posted from this Squadron this month.	
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			improvement from the previous mouth. No epidemic compred and the commonst infections seen on Sick Perude were Mild Upper Respiratory Tract infections and Low Gestro Enterities.  Afterwar: Approximately 27 flying days were lost during this period, due for the most part to Head Colds and their sequels. There was one already owish during Gironics and Range with a loss of 2 sincere/peruousel. There were no sixtured Ferrosis or	
74	- +73		Taiverers.  Ground Cron: The health of the Ground Crons during this past month continued to be of a high standard. With the added facilities and advantages of Station Side Quarters at LEBERTO, Yorks., a large master of personnel are having daily exposure to Ultra-Yiold Rays.	
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