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			CAPTURED BY FLIGHT SERGEANT L.J. DOUGET (C. 5193).		
R.C.A.F. STATION, EAST LINDSEY, YORKS.	1.3.44		Routine as usual & weather still dull. Battle Order No.4, 14 crews, prepared for a daylight op. today against Forêt Du Forestal, France. Operation abortive due to 10/10's cloud covering target. All A/C. returned safely with their lethal loads intact. Didn't get a crew state into July, so better do so now. We commenced operations with 27 crews of which 13 were main experienced (over 5 ops.) not counting the C.O., 11 main inexperienced (one to four ops.), six plus crews (Capt. has done an op. as 2nd dicky) and two Freshmen (No Ops.). One Freshman crew lost it's Capt. on the Hamburg do and was posted back to Battle School and one main "B" crew was lost. Today's op. decreased the Freshmen to 111 and increased the plus crews by one.		
	2.3.44		Routine as usual. Personnel reporting in on posting to fill unit vacancies. Order has finally appeared in the Admin. Section and returns are beginning to take shape for transmission. As time goes on it will be possible to organize more detail for this record by getting returns from the various sections. No ops. today but some flying training completed. Requested by S.M.A. to supply 20 C.Os., 2 Spts., 1 W/Spt. & 5 aircrew N.C.Os. for a parade to be held at 62 Base, Linton in the near future.		
	3.3.44		Bright & sunny. Personnel taking advantage of the warmth by stripping to the waist for a bit of "tan". Battle Order No.5, fifteen crews, prepared. A/C. marshalled ready for take-off & then scrubbed. Later in the day Battle Order No.6, nineteen crews, prepared & op. effected the target being Forêt De Happe. One early return due to hydraulic lines bursting. All A/C. returned safely. It is now understood that the bod's selected yesterday for a special parade will be seeing the King & Queen! The Station well appointed, having a good cinema, Y.L.C.A., Barber Shop which makes you think a little of home, Tailor Shop & the usual Messes.		
	4.3.44		Another grand day with everyone taking every advantage of the sun for a "suntan". Battle Order No.7, fifteen crews, prepared & op. effected, target being Bois de Cassan. All A/C. returned safely. The kites were no sooner back than fitters, riggers & armourers were busy getting them ready for the next op., which was then in the making for tomorrow morning early. Due to widely dispersed character of our Stn., bicycles are an important factor and the bicycle shop has been very busy issuing to all the cr's, Sqn. leaders & key bodies. It didn't take long to reduce cont.		

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	5.3.44		Foggy, damp & 10/10's cloud. Early call today for Battle Order No. 8, 19 crews. Briefing at 07:30 hrs. and shortly after marshalling commenced. However, take off was set ahead & did not commence until 10:35 hrs. No modern plumbing in the vicinity of the dispersals & crew room so an "old fashioned" outhouse is being constructed for use. The arrangements indoors was a little too much for the nostrils. The target today was St. Leu D'Assarant and all kites returned safely.		
	6.3.44		Warm & sunny and the groundcrew were working on the kites pretty well stripped of clothing. No ops. today and aircrew availed themselves of the lull to catch up on sleep, sunshine & other forms of relaxation. The V.I.P. parade bodies proceeded to Linton for a dress rehearsal today. Work on our special 'outhouse' has ceased due to a material shortage. With a few ops. tucked under their belts the plus & main "I" crews have all become main "F" crews with one exception, P/Lt. H.C. Barnes (J.7614), who needs one more trip to move up from main "I" to "F".		
	7.3.44		Dull but clearing as the day passes. Hustle & bustle again preparing the kites for another op. Battle Order No. 9, 19 crew, prepared. The target this time is that famous battle area "Green", but two pranged at the end of the runway on landing, luckily without injuries to the crews. S/Ldr. J.F. Clarke, Group Gunnery Leader, visited the unit for discussions with the C.O. & the Sgdn. Q/Ldr. W/O. N. McManara D.F. The 'outhouse' has now been completed, so that all now is to get the "honey" squad to put in the buckets and seats to make it operational.		
	8.3.44		Overcast but clearing later in the day. Again the bustle & hustle of an active op. unit getting ready for another "go" at the "hunn". Kites getting a good checking by the "orks" and being bombed up. Battle Order No. 10, 18 crews, prepared. Later it was reduced to sixteen crews. The target this time is Forêt De Chatilly. Unfortunately something went wrong and time was too short for all kites to get airborne, as a result two A/C. were scrubbed and one crashed through the fences on take off. Fortunately no one was injured and the A/C. can be repaired on the Station. Those that did get off, thirteen in all, reached their objective and returned safely. 146604 P/O. C. Rowell (RAF) W. Op. completed his second tour and is now screened. J.36227 P/O. M.W. Graham A/C. /cont. <i>ffr</i>		

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	9.3.44		A dull morning, clearing in late afternoon then clouding during the evening with showers & lightning in the distance. W/Odr. P.C. Powell DSO DFC, Group Navigation Officer, visited the Sqdn. during the morning for discussions with the C.O. & the Sqdn. Nav. Leader P/Lt. G.H. Steel-Jarvis (J22138). Battle Order No.11, fourteen crews, prepared for target Forest De Meppe. All aircraft returned safely. Three new crews reported in to the Sqdn. and are busy signing in.		
	10.3.44		Cloudy but warm, clearing as the day passed. Crews having a sleep-in after last night's ops. Groundcrew busy checking the kites and getting ready for tonight's operation. Battle Order No.12, 14 crews, prepared. Three new crew skippers, J13316 P/O J.E. McAllister, J35609 P/O R.C. McNeill and J13369 P/O J.W. Sims are on tonight's ops. as 2nd dicker's, so it won't take long to get them operational. The King & Queen are to be at Linton tomorrow, and all last minute arrangements for transport etc., are being completed. The highlight will be the numerous flights on bicycles proceeding to Linton. J9201 W/O J.G. McNeill DFC, J23777 S/L B.L. Wilnot DFC, J17055 P/O H.J. Powell DFC, J13306 P/O R. McManera DFC and J35325 P/O A.W. Timmouth DFC of 415 proceeding to Linton for investiture. Should be quite a day. All our A/C airborne on the Op. by 2000 hrs. Target for tonight is La Pallisa.		
	11.3.44		Overcast, but warm. The Stn. seems to be deserted this morning - everyone who could get their hands on a bicycle has gone to Linton. The special bod's went by transport. All our A/C returned safely from last night's op., although "B" landed in Auster due to engine trouble. Possible stand down today, and the boys seem could use it, as last nite was the fourth in a row. Stand down granted except for two of the new crews who will be participating in a Command Bullseye, this was scrubbed later due to weather. Very happy airman returned to the Stn. from Linton in the early evening; the reason, they had a close up of the King, Queen and Princess Elizabeth. The King presented D.F.C.'s to W/O McNeill, S/L Wilnot and P/O Powell, and D.F.M.'s to P/O Timmouth and P/O McManera. The occasion was well celebrated during the course of the evening.		
	12.3.44		After yesterday's gala events & celebrations in the "locals" last evening, many were the crews /cont. <i>pk</i>		

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R.C.A.F. STATION, WEST HORT, YUKON.	12.2.44	(Cont.)	<p>/the groans over early calls this morning, although it was a grand morning and has been a grand day; warm & sunshiny, for we had an early op. to get rolling. Briefing at 0715, by which time the ground crew really had things rolling. At take-off time all was in order & fourteen kitsa wended their way to enemy territory the target being Mont Richard. Routine then proceeded as usual and during the afternoon the C.O. interviewed the three new crews & they are going on a "bullseye" tonight. S/Ldr. Wilnot of "A" flight is checking them out at the present time.</p> <p>All our A/C. are now back safely from today's ops, although "C" (R107233 W/O Stevens) was forced to land at Wing due to shortage of petrol. Today is the last day our Sqn. groundcrew are on strength as eff. today all are being posted to 62 Base H. S. in accordance with new policy. It is understood the Adj. will be the only 'penguin' left in the Sqn. The ops are not any too happy about leaving their beloved Sqn. even though it is only a paper transaction at the moment. Looks as though something special is cooking ^{OPERATIONALLY} OPERATIONAL for tonight, but only two crews of this Sqn. will be participating. Bags of flap, word received 2000 hrs. that we are "required" for maximum effort tonight. What a job it will be rounding up the crews, although "Tenny" helps quite a bit, but messages have to be rather vague. The "Bullseye" has been cancelled in favour of the "Op." coming up. The maximum effort dropped to three & two spare crews, so the remaining seven crews were sent off to bed. The two crews J23777 S/L. B.L. Wilnot ^{W/O} & J25331 W/O C.I. Gue on the "special" are safely airborne for ????. The other op. will not be airborne until after midnight.</p>		
	13.2.44		<p>Just after midnight two of our kitsa were airborne for enemy territory, the target being Valde in the neighborhood of Coen. All returned safely. The "special" referred to yesterday was an attack on 'Brunswick', quite a hairy do. All returned safely but S/L Wilnot's kite was shot in Stbd. wing holed, port wing at trailing edge with a large amp. outside sixth of flap shot away, H23 shot up & several holes in bomb bay. The grist mill is already grinding out the details of an op. today and Battle Order No.15, consisting of 8 crews, is in the making. Looks like it's going to be another warm sunny day. Battle Order No.15 has now been increased to 15 crews. However, later it was scrubbed, but we are "required" in the morning early. All crews for the morning effort are C.B.'s tonight. All in all it was a peaceful afternoon. All quiet during the evening. <i>fla</i></p>		

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R.C.A.F. STATION, EAST MOOR, YORKS.	14.3.44		This indeed a grand morning, warm & sunny. The erks are busy with last minute checks & engines are being run up & cleared in readiness for the forthcoming op. Battle Order No.15 of yesterday has been amended to cover today's effort & still shows fifteen crews. Air Gunners & P/Engineers are busily engaged on their D.I's. In checking over the record of flying it was surprising to note that including Aug. 12th the Sqdn. has flown a total of 630:05 on day & night ops. J.973		
			S/Ldr. G.A. Swamy, G Group Bombing Leader, visited the Sqdn. to discuss problems & bombing with the C.O. & the Sqdn. B/ldr. Lieut. R.C. Mieshan, R.C.A.S.C., reported to the Sqdn. to get the gen on B.C. ops. during the ensuing week. Our fifteen kites & crews were airborne shortly after 1300 hrs. and the target today is Bons Passilly. Another op. was scheduled for two crews & kites this afternoon but was scrubbed before the Battle Order could be typed. All crews & kites returned from today's op.		
	15.3.44		Early call 0545 hrs., to a foggy morning which the Met Section says will clear by 0900. Hustle & bustle of erks & aircrew getting equipment ready. Battle Order No.16, fifteen crews, prepared and by 1000 hrs. our kites & crews were airborne. Target today is Brussels Malsbrook. Most of our work has been in direct support of the same army in France and here's hoping we are putting the loads where the army wants 'em. Photos taken indicate that we are. Lt. J. Gauthier, Armoured Troops Corps reported to the Sqdn. to get gen on B.C. ops. All crews & kites returned safely from the do and the aircrew were warned to get to bed early. During the latter part of the evening Battle Order No.17 showing 15 crews for an early morning op. was prepared & distributed.		
	16.3.44		A foggy morning, but cleared by 1000 hrs. Clear sky & warm. The early op. was set up & later cancelled. Routine as usual during the morning, erks making last minute checks of the inspections done the previous night and aircrew effecting D.I.'s of guns, bombsights, W/T etc. Shortly after lunch Battle Order No.18, consisting of 15 crews, prepared. Kites & crews safely airborne by 2155 for Kiel.		
	17.3.44		All kites & crews returned from last night's op. without damage or casualties. A sunshiny morning became an overcast & dull afternoon. The Adj. collected some quids and an acquittance roll from Minton to pay the erks that could not be present at the regular pay parade yesterday due to ops. Operations were originally scheduled for tonight but were scrubbed due to weather conditions. /cont. <i>He</i>		

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R.C.A.F. STATION, RAF BRIDGE, YORKS.	17.3.44	(Cont.)	W/O P. Gaffney of 62 Base H. Sq. & S/L Cruttsbank of R.C.A.F. ^{visited on bank} visited the Sqdn. With no no ops. on the local pubs will take a beating tonight.		
	18.3.44		Dull and overcast. The usual routine activities of D.I.'s by arks & aircrew filled the morning with work and the Admin. side had the usual bump to dispose of. During the afternoon Battle Order No. 19 consisting of sixteen crews prepared for operations tonight, the target being Bremen. Since the Sqdn. now consists of aircrew and two penguins an attempt is being made to consolidate all Sqdn. bod's on one living site to facilitate op. calls, transport & control. It is hoped to complete arrangements and the movement of the bod's during the ensuing week to ten days. All kites were safely airborne by 2130 hrs., however "H" NA.608 & "Z" NZ.690 were early returns due to hydraulic failures. They were diverted to Linton as a 432 Sqdn. A/C., which had crashed on take off, was burning within the blast zone of the 2000 lb. bomb it was carrying. The bomb would appear to have split and partially burned before exploding as only a few windows of the Crew Room were broken, although shrapnel and parts of the engines were scattered over a radius of approx. 700 yds. The crew escaped with minor cuts and no one was injured by the explosion although incendiaries, some of which were explosive, were scattered over the airfield. The fires started near the S.I. dispersals soon brought under control.		
	19.3.44		A dull cloudy morning and many tired and sleepy people after a night of hard work endeavoring to clear the runway of wreckage. Large groups of airmen and officers, both ground and air, were diverted by the S.P.'s to the runway to help in the cleanup, as they came to work this morning. Parties commenced at each end of the main runway at arm's length from each other and hand picked the runways clear of shrapnel and tiny bits of wreckage. All kites & crews returned safely from the night's ops., but are scattered around England a bit. The weather closed down so our kites and crews were not able to return.		
	20.3.44		A dull wet day. Routine only effected as most of our kites & crews still at diversion bases due to weather.		
	21.3.44		Overcast, cold and showery. Some flying training effected during the day and night. J.9201 W/Odr. J.G. McNeill IFC, S/Ldr. B.E. Wilmot (J.23777) IFC & crews proceeded to Exeter by air to pick up one of our aircraft that had been having an engine changed. On the way back both aircraft /cont. <i>He</i>		

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R.C.A.F. STATION, EAST MOOR, YORKS.	21.8.44	(Cont.)	both aircraft crashed near Selby, Yorks. killing all occupants. It is a very hard blow to the Sqn. as all members were very popular particularly our C.O. W/Odr. McNeill and 'A' Flight Commander S/Ldr. Wilnot. As one chap so nicely put it "All green T.I's." on their target tonight". Personnel involved are listed on the last day of month under "Casualties".		
	22.8.44		Overcast, cold & showery. Flying training cancelled due to weather, but ground training proceeding under the jurisdiction of J.18186 P/O W.P. Brown, Dep. Flt. Commander "A" Flight, who has been made C.O. protom by the Stn. Commander G/Capt. H.H.C. Rutledge, ably assisted by J.89389 P/O J.H. Little, Dep. Flt. Commander "B" Flight. The Adjutant proceeded to R.A.F. Station, Burn on liaison in connection with the crash mentioned yesterday, and visited the scene of the crash with the Burn C.T.O. According to the Burn C.T.O. witnesses stated the kites were in pieces and burning when they broke cloud base. It is, therefore, assumed the aircraft collided in the air. The sympathetic attitude and co-operation of the R.A.F. Stn. Burn Stn. Adjt., C.T.O. and R.A.F. Stn. Smith Medical Officer is much appreciated. On returning to East Moor the Adjt. was introduced to the new Sqn. Commander G.1183 A/W/Odr. L.H. (Joe) Leconte and J.20711 P/O W.H. Boyd his navigator, who had just arrived from Tholthorpe (425 Sqn.).		
	23.8.44		Cold & overcast. Training, but no ops., carried out during the day and the new Winco was busily engaged touring the Station and Sqn. Sections, meeting his Leaders and Crews. During the afternoon a meeting of the Section Leaders, Flt. Commanders, was held in the Winco's office for the purpose of discussing and detailing Sqn. policy.		
	24.8.44		High overcast and cool. As there were no ops. only a full training programme (cross-country flying and fighter affiliation) was effected during the day. A programme for the evening was laid on but cancelled due to weather. Ceiling dropped to approximately 500 feet and it commenced raining like hell at approximately 20:00 hours. The new W/O. still busily engaged becoming acquainted with the crews, holding "bull sessions" etc. J.7459 P/Lt. J.A. Morris DFC, new "B" Flight Commander & crew reported in. W/Odr. G.A.W. Saunders of 6 Group Accidents Branch visited the Sqn. W/Odr. F. Gaffney of 62 Base visited the Sqn. to discuss policy re. Honours & Awards. Battle Order No.20 was prepared for night ops. but was cancelled just as it came of the duplicator - the clerical staff sure course when that happens.		

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E.C.A.F. STATION, EAST MOOR, YORKS.	25.8.44		Heavy fog prevented carrying out the flying training programme, so the W/C continued his sessions with the pilots and the remaining sections were busy with D.I.'s etc. All aircrew proceeded to the Str. Cinema to see a special V.D. film and hear a brief lecture by the M.O. W/Odr. G.A.W. Saunders of 6 Group Accidents Branch called to pick up W/Odr. McNeill's and S/Ldr. Willet's log books. J.3046 A/S/Ldr. S.R. Frankling, new "A" Flight Commander reported in during the afternoon. Battle Order 21 consisting of 18 crews was prepared. All but three non starters were safely airborne, the target being Brest. The wind changed 180° just as the last 432 Sqdn. kite was taking off and our take off was delayed whilst the aircraft marshalled at the South side of drome taxied to the North end for take off.		
	26.8.44		Light fog, overcast & cool. All kites & crews returned safely but are somewhat scattered, as East Moor was U/S. due to weather. During the afternoon most of the kites & crews returned and were no sooner on the ground than they were being rushed through interrogation & meals in anticipation of an operation which was being laid on. However, it was scrubbed later due to weather.		
	27.8.44		Routine as usual and Yorkshire liquid sunshine dampening spirits and the ground at intervals during the day. Battle Order No.22 consisting of 16 crews prepared during the afternoon. All kites safely away by 18:30 the target being Marquis Mimoyeques. The gang were home early arriving around 21:30 hrs. Considerable flak encountered by some kites but all crews say it was a good prang, the R.I.'s being bang on. RAF 54311 P/O. J.M. Thompson, mid upper gunner, was slightly injured by flak and has a few abrasions on the side of his face as a result.		
	28.8.44		Still wet and overcast. Training was held up for awhile when weather closed in but it was soon under way again after the front passed. Battle Order No.23 prepared consisting of two sections of six crews each for different targets. "Mission le Joe" as our very popular new W/C. L.H. Leconte is known is really getting things shipped into the shape he wants them. A human dynamo if there ever was one. P/O. R.H. Strouts, 6 Group A.S.R. Officer, visited the Sqdn. but was unable to see the C.O. due to op. commitments. All kites safely airborne by 1900 hrs. and home again at various times from 2130 to 2330 hrs., having three targets which were, Anderdalek one crew, Ous on Fornos five crews and Brest six crews. Bags of flak on the 2nd target /cont.		

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	29.8.44		High 6/10's overcast, cool but clear. Training underway, circuits & bumps, air to air fighter affiliation and bombing. The gear came through before lunch that we were required but was scrubbed approx. an hour later so training continues.		
	30.8.44		Overcast, showers & cold. Training proceeding as scheduled, X-country, fighter affiliation etc. A busy day for all, but all routine. Battle Order No. 24 being prepared consisting of fifteen aircraft for an early op. tomorrow. A couple of X-countries out tonight, otherwise all flying (of the hangar type) being effected in the various locals.		
	31.8.44		Clear & sunny with a touch of "fall" in the air. The "all out" came quite early, approx. 0600 hrs., for the op. laid on last night. All kites & crews airborne by 1100 hrs. for Ile de Casambre. All returned o.k. around 1900 hrs. Ops. informed us we wouldn't be required for the night so many took advantage of the stand down to visit Betty's Bar in York and the locals in the surrounding villages, Hasby, Stillington, Farlington, Easingwold and Strensall.		
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R. C. A. F. STATION, EAST MOOR, YORKS.	21.8.44	(Cont.)	Casualties:				
			J. 9201	A/W/O	McNeill, J.G. DFC	Pilot	Killed in flying accident 21.8.44
			J. 23777	A/S/L	Wilmot, R.E. DFC	Pilot	
			J. 23638	A/P/L	McBain, A.H. A.	A/B.	
			J. 22138	A/P/L	Steel-Davis, G.E.	Nav.	
			J. 87719	P/O	Wiles, T.E.	A/B.	
			J. 26874	P/O	Eagleton, W.E.	WCE/AG	
			J. 27947	P/O	Hudson, J.H.	Nav.	
			E21748	Sgt	Harrison, R.G.	A/G.	
			E121261	Sgt	Kitchell, F.W.	A/G.	
			E161433	Sgt	Fox, W.E.R.	WCE/AG	
			RAF. 1522326	Sgt	Malpass, H.W.	P/S	
			RAF. 322081	Sgt	Orthris, T.G.	P/S	
			Postings In:				
			J. 18869	P/O	Ellis, J.W.	Pilot	Posted from 61 Base waf 9.8.44
			J. 11493	P/L	Davis, R.W.	Nav.	
			J. 33088	P/O	Seaton, F.	A/B.	
			E189323	Sgt	Daaschbault, J.	WCE/AG	
			E206397	Sgt	Cunningham, S.	A/G.	
			E231547	Sgt	Stewart, R.W.	A/G.	
			RAF. 1191514	Sgt	Bell, M.	P/S	
			J. 87609	P/O	McNeill, D.D.	Pilot	Posted from 61 Base waf 9.8.44
			J. 29388	P/O	Fletcher, C.L.	Nav.	
			J. 33081	P/O	Underhill, W.	A/B.	
			E183122	P/S	Davis, F.H.	WCE/AG	
			E210798	P/S	White, W.	A/G.	
			E21793	P/S	Ward, R.H.	A/G.	
			RAF. 1829717	Sgt	Owen, D.J.	P/S	
			J. 13316	P/O	Madill, J.H.	Pilot	Posted from 61 Base waf 9.8.44
			J. 37335	P/O	Franks, G.J.	Nav.	
			E179641	Sgt	Moyses, S.A.	A/B.	
			E196609	Sgt	Rhodes, J.G.	WCE/AG	
			E219176	Sgt	Smith, G.H.	A/G.	
			J. 41351	P/O	Smith, A.E.	A/G.	
			RAF. 1649029	Sgt	Genever-Watling, G.	P/S	
			J. 87460	P/O	Chartier, C.A.	Pilot	Posted from 61 Base waf 11.8.44
			E189264	Sgt	Harrison, J.H.	Nav.	
			E189776	Sgt	Veals, J.H.	A/B.	
			E106329	W/O	Morrison, P.	WCE/AG	
			E219685	Sgt	Hunt, D.E.	A/G.	
			E265336	Sgt	Beharriell, J.P.	A/G.	
			RAF. 234816	Sgt	Antrobus, R.J.	P/S	
			J. 87337	P/O	Malagard, D.G.	Pilot	Posted from 61 Base waf 13.8.44
			J. 37111	P/O	Fritchard, E.L.	Nav.	
			J. 28885	P/O	Stank, J.P.	A/B.	
			E164664	Sgt	Taylor, P.E.	WCE/AG	
			E216758	Sgt	Boyle, J.D.	A/G.	
			E274621	Sgt	Allan, G.W.	A/G.	
			RAF. 2209932	Sgt	Tompson, W.H.	P.S.	

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			J. 37121	P/O Stewart, D.J. Pilot		Posted from 61 Base waf 15.8.44
			J. 38339	P/O Huddart, J.W. Nav.		
			J. 37833	P/O Somers, R.A.	A/B.	
			R184716	Sgt Groves, A.A.	WGP/AG.	
			R198413	Sgt Fleming, E.W.	A/G.	
			R251132	Sgt McVean, W.	A/G.	
			RAP. 1489830	Sgt Mumford, A.E.	P/S.	
			J. 7499	P/L Morris, J.A. DFC	Pilot	Posted from 427 Sqn. waf 23.8.44
			J. 7027	P/L Brown, J.	Nav.	
			J. 16781	P/O Kuebler, F.G.	A/B.	
			J. 18899	P/O Lindeber, G.W.	WGP/AG.	
			J. 17140	P/O Scott, G.R.	A/G.	
			J. 63126	P/O Burton, W.R.	A/G.	
			G. 19689	P/O Halladay, H.D.	P/S.	
			RAP. 32163	P/O Yates, J.P.	P/S.	Posted from 1699 C.O. waf 18.8.44
			R265071	Sgt Eaton, G.A.	A/G.	Posted from 61 Base waf 5.8.44
			R268391	Sgt Graham, J.W.	A/G.	
			R274631	Sgt Miller, J.H.	A/G.	
			R274622	Sgt McLean, J.G.	A/G.	
			R274622	Sgt O'Connor, H.J.	A/G.	
			R196102	Sgt Robertson, T.M.	A/G.	
			R270008	Sgt Sample, D.L.	A/G.	
			R268131	Sgt Shubrook, D.G.	A/G.	
			R271316	Sgt Siden, A.W.	A/G.	
			R266293	Sgt Small, D.F.	A/G.	
			R275891	Sgt Roy, C.A.	A/G.	
			RAP. 1790738	P/S Lusdon, G.	P/S.	Posted from 433 Sqn. waf 22.8.44
			RAP. 622244	Sgt Nash, J.E.	P/S.	Posted from 420 Sqn. waf 22.8.44
			RAP. 1475688	P/S Brown, J.R.	P/S.	Posted from 433 Sqn. waf 22.8.44
			RAP. 1729008	P/S Swarbrick, A.G.	P/S.	Posted from 433 Sqn. waf 31.8.44
			R. 37897	Sgt Malood, J.H.	P/S.	Posted from 61 Base waf 31.8.44
			R18945	P/S Bailstein, R.H.	A/G.	Posted from 424 Sqn. waf 31.8.44
			R218043	Sgt Kerns, W.A.	A/G.	Posted from 431 Sqn. waf 31.8.44
			R274971	Sgt Griffin, J.H.	A/G.	
			J. 21982	A/P/L Atkins, S.G.	A/G.	Posted from 425 Sqn. waf 28.8.44
			J. 23838	A/P/L McHain, L.H.A.	A/B.	Posted from 424 Sqn. waf 6.8.44
			J. 19303	P/O Sumley, H.H.	A/G.	Posted from 432 Sqn. waf 23.8.44
			J. 87606	P/O McNeil, W.C.	Pilot	Posted from 425 Sqn. waf 28.8.44
			J. 29845	P/O Ray, P.D.	Nav.	
			R192977	P/S Sante, D.G.	A/B.	
			R178261	P/S Saltsenberger, W.A.	WGP/AG.	
			R108006	Sgt Rafferty, J.P.H.	A/G.	
			R170738	P/S Walker, B.	A/G.	
			RAP. 1994833	Sgt Parker, C.E.	P/S.	
			J. 26731	P/O McQuiston, J.H.	Pilot	Posted from 61 Base waf 31.8.44
			J. 25572	P/O McElone, G.F.	Nav.	
			J. 37825	P/O Egan, J.	A/B.	

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R. C. A. F. STATION, EAST MOOR, YORKS.	31.8.44(Cont.)	R210530	Sgt	Walker, A. J.	WCE/AG	Posted from 61 Base wef 31.8.44		
		R188323	Sgt	Cavanagh, J. O.	A/G.			
		R.40424	P/O	Stephens, K. H.	A/G.			
		R13144	Sgt	Stogryn, J.	P/E			
		Discharges Out:						
		J.10417	P/L	Mollcool, W. J.		Nav.	Posted to 61 Base wef 6.8.44	
		L.86327	P/O	Graham, H. L.		A/G.	Posted to 1664 C.U. wef 21.8.44	
		L.4094	P/L	Doyle, P. E.		Medical	Posted to RCAF HQ R.F. of M.O. wef 29.8.44	
		L.7499	P/L	Morris, J. A.		Pilot	Posted to 429 Sqn. wef 28.8.44	
		L.7027	P/L	Brown, J.		Nav.		
		J.16781	P/O	Kumbler, F. G.		A/B.		
		J.18839	P/O	Imbker, G. W.		WCE/AG		
		J.17140	P/O	Scott, G. E.		A/G.		
		L.85126	P/O	Burton, W. E.		A/G.		
		L.19689	P/O	Halladay, H. D.		P/E		
		G.18435	P/O	G. T. MacKenzie DFC		Intell.	Posted to 64 Base wef 27.7.44	
		R27891	Sgt	Roy, C. A.		A/G.	Posted N/S Sick to 62 Base wef 18.8.44	
		J.19565	P/O	Smiley, R. E.		A/B.	Posted to 429 Sqn. wef 28.8.44	
		Promotions:						
		J.18506	P/O	McNamara, R. JEM		A/G.	Promoted A/P/L wef 17.7.44	
		J.11763	P/O	Chapman, R. H.		Pilote	Promoted P/P/L wef 15.5.44	
		R164664	Sgt	Taylor, P. E. L.		WCE/AG	Promoted P/S wef 26.4.44	
		R189723	Sgt	Dauchambault, J. J. R.		WCE/AG	Promoted P/S wef 4.7.44	
		R165700	P/S	Moffat, J. E.		A/B.	Promoted W.O.2 wef 14.8.44	
		R17087	P/S	Todaro, L. E.		A/B.	Promoted W.O.2 wef 14.8.44	
		R164654	Sgt	Taylor, P. E. L.		WCE/AG	Promoted P/S wef 26.4.44	
		R161769	Sgt	Abson, J. D.		Nav.	Promoted P/S wef 15.7.44	
		R189264	Sgt	Harrison, J. H.		Nav.	Promoted P/S wef 15.7.44	
		R106329	WCE	Harrison, R.		WCE/AG	Promoted W.O.1 wef 18.3.44	
		R222991	Sgt	Hastler, R. R.		A/G.	Promoted P/S wef 15.7.44	
		R148411	Sgt	Hargrey, R. A.		A/B.	Promoted P/S wef 25.3.44	
		R205204	Sgt	Hanson, C. G.		WCE/AG	Promoted P/S wef 20.6.44	
		R.91824	Sgt	Baptiste, R. J. J.		A/B.	Promoted P/S wef 6.5.44	
		R.77145	Sgt	Sealey, C. A. R.		A/G.	Promoted P/S wef 16.7.44	
		R189048	Sgt	Harper, J. R.		WCE/AG	Promoted P/S wef 23.5.44	
		R161394	Sgt	MacLeod, W. A.		A/B.	Promoted P/S wef 6.5.44	
		R179680	Sgt	Mahoney, R. J.		Nav.	Promoted P/S wef 17.8.44	
		R178943	Sgt	Lane, W. D.		Pilot	Promoted P/S wef 17.6.44	
		R.97258	WCE	Roberts, P. G.		WCE/AG	Promoted W.O.1 wef 22.12.43	
		R.178937	Sgt	Graham, W. R.		A/B.	Promoted P/S wef 23.4.44	
		R201798	Sgt	White, W. W.		A/G.	Promoted P/S 29.7.44	
		R180892	Sgt	Switzer, R. G.		A/B.	Promoted P/S wef 15.7.44	
		R155438	Sgt	Webb, W. B.		WCE/AG	Promoted P/S wef 26.4.44	
		R195122	Sgt	Davis, F. B.		WCE/AG	Promoted P/S wef 4.7.44	
		R217793	Sgt	Ward, R. H.		A/G.	Promoted P/S wef 29.7.44	
		R176141	WCE	Vitarilli, D. A.		WCE/AG	Promoted W.O.1 wef 21.6.44	
		R184868	Sgt	Morris, S. E.		A/B.	Promoted P/S wef 1.7.44	

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R.C.A.F. STATION, EAST MOOR, YORKS.	31. 8. 44	(Cont.)	Promotions (Cont.)		
			R137722 W/O2 Steele, W.B. WCE/AG Promoted W/O.1 waf 25.7.44		
			R163900 Sgt Smith, H.M. WCE/AG Promoted P/S waf 4.7.44		
			R172339 Sgt Hancock, G.E. A/B. Promoted P/S waf 6.5.44		
			R152298 Sgt Bourrier, W.L. A/B. Promoted P/S waf 20.5.44		
			R. 97258 W/O2 Roberts, P.C. WCE/AG Promoted W/O.1 waf 22.12.43		
			R394993 Sgt Currie, J.A. WCE/AG Promoted P/S waf 4.7.44		
			R138409 Sgt Kerr, J.L. Pilot Promoted P/S waf 23.6.44		
			R177221 Sgt Beilbarts, H.J.G. Nav. Promoted P/S waf 17.6.44		
			R212827 Sgt Parks, G.D. A/G. Promoted P/S waf 15.7.44		
			R203808 Sgt Boyce, H. A/G. Promoted P/S waf 15.7.44		
			R233463 Sgt James, R.L. A/G. Promoted P/S waf 29.7.44		
			R200189 Sgt Willson, E.J. A/G. Promoted P/S waf 29.7.44		
			R122299 W/O2 Veyard, G.F. WCE/AG Promoted W/O.1 waf 1.4.44		
			R199771 Sgt Higgins, G.G. WCE/AG Promoted P/S waf 4.7.44		
			R187382226 Sgt Buss, J. P/S. Promoted P/S waf 25.7.44		
			J. 69061 P/O Britt, J.L. Pilot Promoted A/P/O. waf 25.7.44		
			J. 23638 P/O McEain, A.H.A. A/B. Promoted A/P/O. waf 6.8.44		
			Commissions:		
			R138777 P/S Wilton, F.E. A/B. Appointed to a commission waf 5.5.44(38719)		
			R212827 Sgt Parks, G.D. A/G. waf 7.44(38760)		
			R394823 Sgt Farr, R.J. A/G. waf 26.6.44(38797)		
			R07233 W/O2 Stevens, R.M. Pilot waf 4.7.44(38794)		
			R117440 W/O1 Lambson, A.H.E. A/G. waf 1.5.44(38728)		
			R.A.F. 2207664 Sgt Potter, J.E. P/S. waf 3.7.44(179046)		
			R.A.F. 1890090 P/S Webber, G.E. A/G. waf 11.7.44(179242)		
			R.A.F. 1801820 Sgt Warren, R.G. P/S. waf 13.7.44(179222)		
			R154962 W/O2 Murray, G.H. Nav. waf 10.7.44(38795)		
			R147900 P/S Munstato, R. A/B. waf 10.7.44(38783)		
			R. 61634 W/O1 Dubois, J.H.L. WCE/AG waf 22.7.44(38826)		
			R.A.F. 1896270 Sgt Larke, F.E. P/S. waf 15.7.44(179621)		
			R138409 Sgt Kerr, J.L. Pilot waf 15.7.44(38836)		
			Honours and Awards: Nil		
			Changes in Command: A/W/Odr. L.H. Leocmts (G.1181) assumed command of the Squadron waf 23.8.44		
			vice A/W/Odr. J.G. McNeill (J.9201), who was killed in a flying accident on the evening of August 21st.		
			Changes in Administration: Nil		
			Aircraft on Charge: Halifax Mk. III - 23		
			Flying Times: Operational - 1211:15 Non-Operational - 247:26		
			No. of Operational Sorties: 263		

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			Total brought forward (Sqn. in Bomber Command)	2000 1000 700 230 118 90 lbs. load 4 lbs. load	
			Total for August	- - 228 - 16 - -	
			Total:-	31 135 1908 42 132 1312	17490
			Number of Combs with Boney Aircraft - 4		Appendix "A"
			Strength:		
			R.C.A.F. Officers	87 4	
			R.C.A.F. Airman	109 -	
			R.A.F. Officers	11 -	
			R.A.F. Airman	33 -	
			RESUME BY SQUADRON COMMANDER:		
			During the month of August, I was appointed Commanding Officer of the newly formed 415 Bomber Squadron. On my arrival, I found the Squadron in very good shape, but I thought a little re-organization would be necessary. With the support of the Station Commander and the Station Squadron Leader Administrative, this was completed in a few days. Since the 21st of August, the Squadron has operated on five occasions and an extensive training programme has been carried out. The aircrew personnel are very keen, and the groundcrew are doing their best. It is a great honour for me to be with the famous 415 Squadron.		

Heante
 (A. H. Lecomte) Wing Commander,
 Officer Commanding,
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