

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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R.C.A.F. STATION, EAST MOOR, SUTTON CLIFFS, YORKSHIRE	1. 10. 44.		Sunday, a rest from operations. In morning Squadron personnel attended Protestant and Roman Catholic Church Parades. In afternoon Training Program continued - with 15 aircraft doing Air to Air Firing, H.Z.S. and Fighter Affiliation. Personnel not flying commenced serious gardening work, around Squadron Headquarters site. Weather remains cool and clear.		
	2. 10. 44.		Weather continues to be cool - but sunny. Training Program continues, with 18 aircraft busy. Remainder of Squadron personnel busy at lectures and gardening of site. Usual - End-of-Month - Returns taxing Orderly Room personnel, but the paper war is being won, slowly but surely. Decision should be known in a few days re our new "Name". Groundcrew now voting re Title, and all indications point to our being named "The Broncho Squadron" with the City of Calgary as our adopted City. "I.M.C.A." have agreed to place two radars down at Bishopscote Point. This will prove a great benefit - morale - to groundcrew personnel, who, on numerous occasions are required to wait around lengthy periods of time - while aircraft are away. A "Dinner" party is being planned for Friday evening - operational duties permitting - under the guidance of the C.O. for groundcrew - in recognition of their fine efforts during the past month, which has seen this Squadron really "Go to Town" in France, Germany etc. etc. No operations scheduled.		
	3. 10. 44.		Weather continues to be cool and sunny. Training program still swinging, with 21 aircraft dotting the horizons. Lectures and Gardening. The Squadron Adjutant and two wireless numbers, attended an "Officers Under Instruction" on Courts Martial held on East Moor, Station. Interesting experience for all. New Squadron Adjutant being selected to replace <i>CAR. C. 11734 P/L A.E. Carveth</i> , who is due to report at Stennington on 12. 10. 44. for S.Admin. Course. Five crews away on leave, and the new crews busy as beavers on training flights. Link Trainer Section due for more work from 415 personnel.		
	4. 10. 44.		YIPPEE! It's happened - 415 led the Base Squadrons during the past month for all-round efficiency, and rumour has it that maybe we have topped the whole Group. More later. Meanwhile the C.O. is wearing a grin from ear-to-ear, and likewise the remainder of the Squadron personnel. From notes known, 423 - the Alouette Squadron came 2nd. Their "Driving tactics" paying-off. C.O. of Station, East Moor held a conference in his office at which most of the Section and Squadron Commanders were present. Business brought up - included Fund for French Relief; Telephone Installations; Station Morale; Kit Inspections, and last but by no means least The 7th. Canadian Victory Loan Campaign. The slogan this period is - "Invest in Victory" <i>OF CAR. C. 22823 P/O R.G. Bennett - Assistant Adjutant of East Moor - (and who this week will replace CAR. C. 11734 P/L A.E. Carveth as Adjutant of 415) has been appointed Chief i/c. Convassers - This Squadron has been given the total of \$25,000 as its objective, and from past experience should easily top this mark. The Group, that is No. 6 (R.C.A.F.) Group en masse - has been allocated an objective of \$750,000 which is half again over the last period. Training continues today with 19 aircraft completing details.</i>		

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R.C.A.F. STATION, EAST MOOR, SUTTON-OFF-FORSST, YORKSHIRE	5. 10. 44.		Weather - wet, but not too cool. Another Training Program scheduled, due to there being no operations commitments. 19 aircraft participated in Cross-Country, Fighter Affiliation, R.Z.S. and Air-to-Air Piping Flights. The aircrew remaining on the ground engaged in extensive landscaping activities. They have collected bricks and stones and are using them to line the paths and walks in the Squadron Headquarters area, avoiding very attractive designs on the surrounding, rather unhealthy-looking lawns. Wearing the permanent has caused the boys to take an increased interest in everything connected with the Squadron. Five aircraft took part in night flying training. Enjoyable evening had by a number of officers who attended a Dance at R.C.A.F. Station, Dinton.		
	6. 10. 44.		Weather - cool. Operations today. Due to sudden notification it was necessary to employ screened aircrew members to help bomb-up aircraft. 21 aircraft raided Dortmund, with good results. 19 aircraft temporarily diverted, Dromes approximately within 40 miles of this Station, with the other two managing to reach home late. Screened personnel today starting to mount.		
	7. 10. 44.		Weather - cool and cloudy. Operations were on and then cancelled. The aircraft which were diverted yesterday returned to the Station. As a result of the operations off, the party for the Groundcrew of 413 Squadron was held in the Squadron crew room. The party turned out to be a roaring success. The five kegs of beer lasted the evening and coffee and sandwiches were served. The C.O. brought up the question of re-naming the Squadron as "Bronze Squadron" and this met with roars of approval.		
	8. 10. 44.		Weather - fair with misty rain for a few minutes in the afternoon. There was an emergency Mess meeting in the Station Officers and Sergeants Messes at which each Mess voted to contribute £25 to the Bomber Command Fund. Members of the Squadron are still having trouble keeping their bicycles owing to the constant borrowing without permission, but Station Headquarters are doing their best to cut out this practice by having S.P.'s make a more thorough check. Seven aircraft engaged in training flights today, e.g. Air-to-Air Piping, and Fighter affiliation.		
	9. 10. 44.		Weather - cool today and sky overcast. CAN. J. 18706 P/L R. Mollmara, Gunnery Leader, in charge of collecting for the French Fund, wound up his campaign with a total of £25-16-6d. At noon Operations were on and a battle order was prepared. All aircraft returned safely and crews reported a good prang. Target was Bochum.		
	10. 10. 44.		Weather - cloudy. Despite several minor discomforts, at present unavoidable, such as no weekly change of sheets and pillow-cases, between services for officers, morale of Squadron personnel extremely good. S.Ad.O. of Station CAN. G. 3072 S/L E.L. Parry has promised help in these matters. No "Ops" today - thus training program "laid on" - with 10 night flights across-country.		
	11. 10. 44.		Weather - heavy rain. No flying of any sort today. Lectures occupied time of most of the aircrew members. Aircrew members CAN. J. 40425 P/O T.H. Stephens and CAN. E. 188873 Sgt Cavanagh, J.D. sent off on a visit to "Sheffield" Refresher School. Slight case of thickness between the ears - which a touch of discipline will no doubt quickly eliminate.		

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R.C.A.F. STATION, EAST MOOR, SUTTON ON FOREST, YORKSHIRE	12. 10. 44.		Weather - cloudy, but good enough weather for Operations. 15 aircraft detailed. Target Wanne Mekeel. 7th Canadian Victory Loan Campaign commenced. Objective \$ 25,000.		
	13. 10. 44.		Weather - fog and rain. Sad news! Today necessary to record two deaths - as result of flank wounds received during yesterday's raid on Wanne Mekeel - CAN. J. 37335 P/O C. J. Pradzik, Navigator with CAN. J. 13316 P/O J. E. McAllister, and CAN. R. 208904 Sgt Washook, M.R. MU/AG of CAN. J. 37121 P/O D. J. Stewart's crew - both died. The passing of these two fine chaps is keenly felt by all. First loss of personnel since initial raid by this Squadron. As a result of a most determined attack on Wanne Mekeel the C.O. has recommended CAN. J. 13316 P/O J. E. McAllister for an immediate award of the D.F.C. Went in on three engines and with his Navigator knocked out.		
	14. 10. 44.		Weather - rain. Today, Squadron participated in a double-header against Duisberg. In the morning group of 17 aircraft got into the battle while in the night-cap 19 aircraft saw action. Results - 36 hits - 36 runs - no errors! Duisberg batteries threw several wicked looking flak-balls, but our laddies breezed home easy winners. All station and Squadron personnel really put over this master effort and everyone is tired but happy in the knowledge that Jerry Land has a few more vacant lots in which to roam.		
	15. 10. 44.		Weather - fair. Dese Bessie once again is hard at work. This time she has dropped a bug into the aircrew nest, by whispering that there is possibility of them - on completion of Operational Four - returning immediately to the Land of the Maple Leaf. The Adjutant is busy denying said rumors - although truth to tell - with tongue somewhat in his cheek. Tonight - W. Whensham is the target. 12 aircraft being detailed and 11 to help.		
	16. 10. 44.		Weather - extremely wet and unpleasant - but said weather offset by the announcement that our Squadron C.O. CAN. C. 1181 W/O L. H. Leconte - awarded a Hon-Immediate D.F.C. Universal acclaim forth coming, and of course, drinks were sponsored by said C.O. to all and sundry - both in Sergeants' and Officers' Messes. CAN. C. 11704 S/L A. Patterson, our Squadron P/O - hours de combat in Sisk Quarters, with severe cold. So far this month - when most our "Ops" Squadron personnel have managed to keep the Training Program on top line, hoping to make it two in a row in regard to Base Efficiency Award.		
	17. 10. 44.		Weather - a Jekyll & Hyde combine - with sun and rain alternating. The author of that popular play "Mind & Body" must surely have based it on experience in Yorkshire. Funeral services held today for CAN. J. 37335 P/O C. J. Pradzik and CAN. R. 208904 Sgt Washook, M.R.		

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R. G. A. F. STATION, EAST MOOR, SUTTON CLIFFS, YORKSHIRE	18. 10. 44.		Weather - rain. Orderly Room Staff augmented by loan of two clerks from Station Headquarters - thus CAN. R. 83740 Sgt Booth, I. R. C. O. i/c Orderly Room - somewhat happier. Much discussion at present time re Rehabilitation and Service in Far East. Many of the Squadron personnel have already worked out the benefits of the former, whilst the latter - sentiment veers to "If need be - O.K.". No "Ops" today - but 11 aircraft did try cross-country flights - with good results being shown by Navigators and WOP/AG's.		
	19. 10. 44.		Weather - still a-raining. No operations. Adjutant busy attempting to secure more crews for Squadron. A strict watch is being kept to ensure that the Squadron will not suffer from an Operational shortage due to screwing. Group Headquarters personnel (W/L Groom and W/O Ormandy) both most sympathetic to our regulations and life is made much easier by their extremely pleasant co-operation. As a matter of fact - this Squadron has been treated at all times by immediate higher authorities in A. I. manner. Aircraft engaged in training flights - 2 night - 1 day.		
	20. 10. 44.		Weather - ditto yesterday - rain! 7th. Canadian Victory Loan leading off to a good start - with 36 Irish Gunnery Leader CAN. J. 10706 W/L. E. HENNESSY R.F.C. - doing the whipping-up/shakale. A 25,000 objective should easily be attained with something to spare. No flying today.		
	21. 10. 44.		Weather - need we say? - rain. No flying. Aircrew Personnel - attending Lectures. Commiserating notion for R.C.C. aircrew members slowly but surely being carried out. Slight difficulty being experienced - what with flying duties requiring said members - when Station or Base Commanders available to interview them - but - on the whole - won't be long before 415 backlog completely erased. Minor complaints received today from Officers, no allowances being forthcoming in lieu of batman services. At present only about 1 batman for 70 Officers.		
	22. 10. 44.		Weather - no rain - but cloudy and cool. To date £ 29,200 worth of 7th. Canadian Victory Loan Campaign Bonds bought by Squadron personnel. Station Dance to be held tonight re said Campaign - during which it is hoped additional sales will be made. Two training flights carried out. - Fighter affiliation with Spitfires from Dalton. Results good. Lately several cases of theft of Flying Clothing and today Special Air Ministry Constables in civilian clothes - reported, to be hoped the culprits will be apprehended.		
	23. 10. 44.		Weather - bright sunshine. Squadron highly honoured by a visit today of His Eminence the Bishop of Quebec, Cardinal Villeneuve. Accompanying him on his tour of the Squadron was Air Commander Charost - Chief Roman Catholic Padre Sweeney, and our Squadron Padre CAN. G. 7725 S/L Fitzgerald. His Eminence met many of the Squadron personnel and one was struck by his extremely lively interest in Flying affairs. Watched take-off of 24 aircraft, detailed to attack Essen and quite noticeable that he was deeply interested. All aircraft returned safely and reports from crews indicate that he most certainly absorbed a sound thrashing. Y.M.C.A. Supervisor - Mr. Jack McAllan has agreed to place two radios down at the A & B. Messers Huts. Will be of good morale nature to our heavily worked groundcrew. Tomorrow should see the target detailed today visited.		
	24. 10. 44.		Weather - unsettled. Operations scheduled. 12 aircraft in air. 11 airborne, 1 scrubbed. Bombers shared out the target detailed today. 11 aircraft.		

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R.C.A.F. STATION, EAST MOOR, SUTTONLOW FOREST, YORKSHIRE	25. 10. 44.		Weather - No rain today. Twenty four aircraft took off on a raid to Homburg, highest number in the Group of any Squadron. No early returns, and all came back without even a diversion. We had two crews screened today. There were operations scheduled for the 26th., and all aircraft went off to bed early.		
	26. 10. 44.		Weather - cloudy. CAN. J. 57794 P/O R.M. Stevens a pilot with the Squadron, who has been posted to 16 O.T.U. received an award of the immediate D.F.C. today. Operations were on and then cancelled. No flying was carried out. In the evening the C.O. and Adjutant attended a party for the C.O. G.D. M. Evans, who will be married to a Opl. W.A.A.F. on the Station. It was a good do, and lasted until late hours.		
	27. 10. 44.		Weather - A sunny day. One training flight and practice bombing was carried out. Victory Loan sales were completed today, and the Squadron had a total of £ 96,870. An excellent effort.		
	28. 10. 44.		Weather - raining. 20 aircraft raided Cologne in a day-light attack, and all returned safely. Good results reported by aircrew members.		
	29. 10. 44.		Weather - fair and cloudy. 13 aircraft engaged in training flights. An unusual amount of Air-to-Air firing was carried out, and 44 practice bombs were dropped.		
	30. 10. 44.		Weather - good, no rain. 21 aircraft went on a night raid to Cologne and were all diverted on the return trip. That is always a great nuisance for the entire Station owing to the great amount of extra work involved. The weather closed in very quickly about 23.00 hrs. We had one early return. The end of the month is at hand and without adequate C.O.'s. Room staff we are rather hard-pressed. All returns will be difficult to complete and no doubt we will be hearing from our various Headquarters to speed up said returns.		
	31. 10. 44.		Weather - cloudy no rain. A signal arrived posting our G.O. CAN. C. 1281 W/O L.H. Leconte to the position of G.O. at R.C.A.F. Station, Thelthorpe, and appointing him to the rank of G.C. One new crew arrived today CAN. J. 28606 P/O D.W. Falconer, Pilot. We want new crews very badly owing to an enemy being screened. Aircraft returned from diversion points today. CAN. C. 841 W/O F.W. Ball, Pilot, who had been double - banking with the former G.O. took command of the Squadron today. W/O Ball a member of the Regular Air Force, has seen extensive service in Canada, and has to date completed nine operational sorties in this country. All in all this has been a most busy month - but looking back at all work performed - in air and on land - every reason to believe and hope - that it will once again gain the Base Efficiency Award. As a matter of fact rumor already has it that we have done so.		

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R.C.A.F. STATION, EAST MOOR, SUTTON-LANGHESS, YORKSHIRE.	31. 10. 44.		Casualties :-			
		CAN.	J. 37335	P/O Prawdick, G.J.	Nav.	Died of wounds sustained on 13. 10. 44.
		CAN.	R. 203804	Sgt Washook, M.	A/G.	Died of wounds sustained on 13. 10. 44.
			Postings in:-			
		CAN.	J. 20027	P/L Thompson, G.A.	Pilot.	Posted from 61 (R.C.A.F.) Base, w.o.f. 16. 10. 44.
		CAN.	J. 33706	P/O Gladding, F.	Nav.	
		CAN.	J. 33232	P/O Bellard, J.V.	A/B.	
		CAN.	R 137363	P/S Callery, M.P.	WOP.	
		CAN.	R251774	P/S Garner, H.C.	MU/AG.	
		CAN.	R251449	Sgt Stringer, R.J.	P/AG.	
		R.A.F.	1440325	Sgt Bancroft, G.A.	P/S.	
		R.A.F.	3639827	P/O Hitchcock, W.R.	Pilot.	Posted from 61 (R.C.A.F.) Base, w.o.f. 18. 10. 44.
		CAN.	J. 39827	P/O Lovelidge, R.D.	Nav.	
		CAN.	R192711	P/S Robin, D.A.	A/B.	
		CAN.	R206491	Sgt Hooper, W.D.	WOP.	
		CAN.	R198785	Sgt Gill, W.B.	MU/AG.	
		CAN.	R204409	Sgt Gordon, J.R.	P/AG.	
		R.A.F.	936931	Sgt Ridley, A.E.	P/S.	
		CAN.	J. 42038	P/L Wainill, A.S.	Pilot.	Posted from 61 (R.C.A.F.) Base, w.o.f. 29. 10. 44.
		CAN.	J. 39873	P/O Donley, W.L.	Nav.	
		CAN.	R198033	Sgt Jenner, W.A.	WOP.	
		CAN.	J. 33413	P/O Carreau, R.A.	A/B.	
		CAN.	J. 43952	P/O Page, F.H.	A/G.	
		CAN.	R132923	Sgt Kilgore, A.R.	MU/AG.	
		CAN.	R163115	Sgt Fox, W.G.	P/S.	
		CAN.	J. 226606	P/O Falconer, D.W.	Pilot.	Posted from 61 (R.C.A.F.) Base, w.o.f. 29. 10. 44.
		CAN.	R172093	P/S Ferris, F.D.	Nav.	
		CAN.	R123822	WO1 Ghosen, W.R.	WOP.	
		CAN.	R164413	P/S Perkins, H.G.	A/B.	
		CAN.	R209451	Sgt Seidmore, W.A.H.	A/G.	
		CAN.	R217740	Sgt McBall, J.A.	MU/AG.	
		R.A.F.	1296909	Sgt Colless, A.A.	P/S.	
		CAN.	C. 841	W/G Ball, F.W.	Pilot.	Posted from 427 Squadron, w.o.f. 31. 10. 44.
		R.A.F.	132430	P/O Nicholson, W.	P/S.	Posted from 431 Squadron, w.o.f. 1. 10. 44.
		CAN.	R167275	Sgt Nicolls, R.F.	Nav.	Posted from 61 (R.C.A.F.) Base, w.o.f. 30. 9. 44.
		CAN.	R199499	WO2 Braithwaite, G.W.	A/B.	Posted from 403 Squadron, w.o.f. 18. 10. 44.
		CAN.	J. 13370	P/O Montgomery, A.M.	Nav.	Posted from 61 (R.C.A.F.) Base, w.o.f. 25. 10. 44.
		CAN.	R132987	Sgt Blad, M.	A/G.	Posted from 61 (R.C.A.F.) Base, w.o.f. 22. 10. 44.
		CAN.	R272997	Sgt Monkman, A.H.	A/G.	Posted from 61 (R.C.A.F.) Base, w.o.f. 24. 10. 44.
		CAN.	R164401	WO1 McIntyre, R.E.	A/G.	Posted from 62 (R.C.A.F.) Base, w.o.f. 19. 10. 44.
		CAN.	C. 85348	P/O Booth, J.I.	P/S.	Posted from 431 Squadron, w.o.f. 1. 10. 44.
		R.A.F.	1396298	Sgt Taylor, C.	P/S.	Posted from 403 Squadron, w.o.f. 3. 10. 44.
		R.A.F.	1614506	P/S Robinson, J.	P/S.	Posted from 431 Squadron, w.o.f. 1. 10. 44.

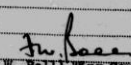
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		CAN.	J. 88326	P/O	Dubois, J.E.L.	W/O. Posted to 408 Squadron, w.e.f. 7. 10. 44.
		CAN.	J. 87068	P/O	Andrews, D.R.	Pilot. Posted to 1664 Com. Unit, w.e.f. 26. 10. 44.
		CAN.	J. 87926	P/O	Babb, G.J.	A/G. Posted to 61 [R.C.A.F.] Base, w.e.f. 12. 10. 44.
		CAN.	C. 17495	P/O	Lapchuk, T.	Intell. Posted to 62 [R.C.A.F.] Base, w.e.f. 11. 10. 44.
		CAN.	J. 87965	P/O	Munshi, H.	A/B. Posted to R.C.A.F. 'R' Depot, w.e.f. 23. 10. 44.
		CAN.	J. 87955	P/O	Murray, G.S.	Nav. Posted to R.C.A.F. 'R' Depot, w.e.f. 23. 10. 44.
		CAN.	J. 86283	P/O	Richardson, A.L.	Nav. Posted to R.C.A.F. 'R' Depot, w.e.f. 23. 10. 44.
		CAN.	J. 2046	P/L	Frankling, S.R.	Pilot. Posted to R.C.A.F. 'R' Depot, w.e.f. 23. 10. 44.
		CAN.	G. 1181	W/O	Leconte, L.H.	Pilot. Posted to R.C.A.F. Stn. Tholthorpe, w.e.f. 31. 10. 44.
		CAN.	R207327	P/S	Lisdelle, J.L.	A/G. Posted to 62 [R.C.A.F.] Base, w.e.f. 29. 9. 44.
		CAN.	R139571	P/S	Higgins, O.C.	W/O/AG. Posted to 24 O.T.U. w.e.f. 10. 10. 44.
		CAN.	R169401	P/S	Ford, G.S.	W/O/AG. Posted to 24 O.T.U. w.e.f. 10. 10. 44.
		CAN.	R215901	W/O	McIntyre, R.E.	A/G. Posted to 62 [R.C.A.F.] Base, w.e.f. 29. 9. 44.
		CAN.	R215725	P/S	Turner, S.B.	A/B. Posted to 62 [R.C.A.F.] Base, w.e.f. 30. 9. 44.
		CAN.	R161721	P/S	Moore, F.L.	A/G. Posted to 61 [R.C.A.F.] Base, w.e.f. 9. 10. 44.
		CAN.	R197942	P/S	Gronin, J.A.	A/G. Posted to R.C.A.F. 'R' Depot, w.e.f. 23. 10. 44.
		RAF.	1263457	P/S	Simpson, A.	P/E. Posted to A.C.A.C. w.e.f. 25. 10. 44.
		RAF.	1790738	P/S	Lusden, G.	P/E. Posted to A.C.A.C. w.e.f. 31. 10. 44.
		RAF.	1475688	P/S	Brown, J.R.	P/E. Posted to A.C.A.C. w.e.f. 31. 10. 44.
			Promotions and appointments.			
		CAN.	R. 97888	P/S	Baptiste, F.J.	A/B. Appointed to the rank of P/O w.e.f. 15. 7. 44. (J. 88133).
		RAF.	1600246	P/S	Brown, R.W.	W/O. Appointed to the rank of P/O w.e.f. 17. 9. 44. (183614).
		RAF.	1324734	Sgt	Duff, R.A.	P/E. Appointed to the rank of P/O w.e.f. 10. 9. 44. (183063).
		CAN.	R162184	P/S	Jakubiec, M.	A/B. Appointed to the rank of P/O w.e.f. 28. 9. 44. (J. 88570).
		RAF.	1455167	P/S	Reid, J.T.H.	P/E. Appointed to the rank of P/O w.e.f. 2. 10. 44. (184080).
		CAN.	R159144	P/S	Moorhouse, D.J.	W/O. Appointed to the rank of P/O w.e.f. 2. 10. 44. (J. 89027).
		CAN.	J. 85989	P/O	Little, J.D.	Pilot. Appointed to the rank of A/B w.e.f. 15. 9. 44.
		CAN.	R. 98187	W/O	Bow, G.L.	A/G. Appointed to the rank of P/O w.e.f. 14. 10. 44. (J. 89411).
		CAN.	J. 85606	P/O	MacNeil, W.G.	Pilot. Appointed to the rank of A/B w.e.f. 28. 8. 44.
		CAN.	R. 96822	W/O	D'Amboise, J.G.E.	W/O. Appointed to the rank of P/O w.e.f. 20. 10. 44. (J. 89672).
		CAN.	R. 94675	Sgt	Krook, C.W.	Pilot. Appointed to the rank of P/O w.e.f. 20. 10. 44. (J. 89667).
		CAN.	R. 97554	P/S	Deilharts, H.J.	Nav. Appointed to the rank of P/O w.e.f. 26. 10. 44. (J. 89749).
		CAN.	R179620	P/S	Mahony, H.P.	Nav. Appointed to the rank of P/O w.e.f. 26. 10. 44. (J. 89750).
		CAN.	R183900	P/S	Smith, H.W.	W/O. Appointed to the rank of P/O w.e.f. 26. 10. 44. (J. 89788).
		CAN.	R107463	Sgt	Lebercans, G.J.	A/G. Appointed to the rank of P/O w.e.f. 26. 10. 44. (J. 89643).
		CAN.	R219176	Sgt	Smith, G.H.	A/G. Promoted to the rank of P/S w.e.f. 10. 9. 44.
		CAN.	R211166	Sgt	Ballerlyne, L.J.	A/G. Promoted to the rank of P/S w.e.f. 23. 9. 44.
		CAN.	R203574	Sgt	Bayerle, S.J.	A/G. Promoted to the rank of P/S w.e.f. 23. 9. 44.
		CAN.	R108006	Sgt	Raftery, J.P.	A/G. Promoted to the rank of P/S w.e.f. 29. 9. 44.
		CAN.	R215323	Sgt	Valde, V.L.	A/G. Promoted to the rank of P/S w.e.f. 23. 9. 44.
		CAN.	R17406	Sgt	Wesman, L.D.	A/G. Promoted to the rank of P/S w.e.f. 10. 9. 44.
		CAN.	R203808	Sgt	Molden, W.	A/G. Promoted to the rank of P/S w.e.f. 10. 9. 44.
		CAN.	R167461	P/S	Pape, J.C.	Nav. Promoted to the rank of P/O w.e.f. 11. 9. 44.
		CAN.	R210530	Sgt	Walker, A.J.	W/O. Promoted to the rank of P/S w.e.f. 23. 9. 44.
		CAN.	R17395	Sgt	McLeod, J.M.	P/E. Promoted to the rank of P/S w.e.f. 1. 8. 44.
		CAN.	R167063	Sgt	Lebercans, G.J.	A/G. Promoted to the rank of P/S w.e.f. 1. 10. 44.

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R.C.A.F. STATION, EAST MOOR, SUTTON-COLDFEAST, YORKSHIRE.	31. 10. 44.		Promotions Continued.				
		GAN.	R144118	Sgt Lee, H.D.	A/G.	Promoted to the rank of T/S. w.o.f. 1. 10. 44.	
		GAN.	R260163	Sgt Orbach, M.A.	A/G.	Promoted to the rank of T/S. w.o.f. 10. 9. 44.	
		GAN.	R138913	Sgt Warren, F.S.	WAG.	Promoted to the rank of T/S. w.o.f. 26. 3. 44.	
		GAN.	R175448	P/S Doyle, G.J.	WAG.	Promoted to the rank of T/WO2. w.o.f. 29. 8. 44.	
		GAN.	R173736	P/S Hollman, S.A.	WAG.	Promoted to the rank of T/WO2. w.o.f. 12. 10. 44.	
		GAN.	R134960	P/S Warner, H.G.	A/G.	Promoted to the rank of T/WO2. w.o.f. 9. 10. 44.	
		GAN.	R246666	Sgt Lording, B.A.W.	A/G.	Promoted to the rank of T/S. w.o.f. 14. 10. 44.	
		GAN.	R186485	Sgt Lovie, C.	A/G.	Promoted to the rank of T/S. w.o.f. 10. 10. 44.	
		GAN.	R223305	Sgt Graves, P.T.	A/G.	Promoted to the rank of T/S. w.o.f. 14. 10. 44.	
		GAN.	R193413	Sgt Fleming, H.M.	A/G.	Promoted to the rank of T/S. w.o.f. 14. 10. 44.	
		GAN.	R245223	Sgt Clark, J.T.	A/G.	Promoted to the rank of T/S. w.o.f. 14. 10. 44.	
		GAN.	R133873	Sgt Dwanagh, J.G.	A/G.	Promoted to the rank of T/S. w.o.f. 14. 10. 44.	
		GAN.	R271152	Sgt Hooper, W.	A/G.	Promoted to the rank of T/S. w.o.f. 14. 10. 44.	
		GAN.	R196664	P/S Briley, W.	A/B.	Promoted to the rank of T/WO2. w.o.f. 23. 3. 44.	
		GAN.	R192711	Sgt Hobie, D.A.	A/B.	Promoted to the rank of T/S. w.o.f. 26. 3. 44.	
		GAN.	R137868	Sgt Callery, H.P.	WAG.	Promoted to the rank of T/S. w.o.f. 26. 3. 44.	
		GAN.	R172995	P/S Graham, W.R.	A/B.	Promoted to the rank of T/WO2. w.o.f. 23. 10. 44.	
		GAN.	R164664	P/S Taylor, P.B.L.	WAG.	Promoted to the rank of T/WO2. w.o.f. 23. 10. 44.	
		GAN.	R254624	Sgt Allan, G.W.	A/G.	Promoted to the rank of T/S. w.o.f. 26. 10. 44.	
		GAN.	R216798	Sgt Boyle, J.D.J.	A/G.	Promoted to the rank of T/S. w.o.f. 23. 10. 44.	
		GAN.	R159498	P/S Webb, W.B.	WAG.	Promoted to the rank of T/WO2. w.o.f. 26. 10. 44.	
		GAN.	R161144	WO2 Pelletier, J.M.J.R.	A/B.	Promoted to the rank of T/WO1. w.o.f. 22. 10. 44.	
		GAN.	R227111	Sgt Binder, J.A.	WAG.	Promoted to the rank of T/S. w.o.f. 23. 10. 44.	
		GAN.	R192402	P/S Hmurst, A.	A/G.	Promoted to the rank of T/WO2. w.o.f. 23. 10. 44.	
		GAN.	R257736	Sgt Sullivan, J.A.J.	A/G.	Promoted to the rank of T/S. w.o.f. 23. 10. 44.	
		GAN.	R161731	P/S Moore, P.T.	A/B.	Promoted to the rank of T/WO2. w.o.f. 23. 10. 44.	
			<u>Honours and awards.</u>				
		GAN.	C. 1181	W/O Iscoote, L.H.	Pilot.	Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.	
			<u>Change in Command.</u>				
			W/C. P.W. Ball, (C.341) assumed command of the Squadron, effective 31. 10. 44. vice W/C. L.H. Iscoote, D.F.C., posted to R.C.A.F. Station, Thelthorpe.				
			<u>Change in administration.</u>				
			P/L. A.B. Carwith (C.11734) attached R.A.F. Station Stannington w.o.f. 12. 10. 44. for Senior Administration Course, P/C. E.C. Bennett (C.23825) taking over the duties of Squadron Adjutant temporarily.				
			<u>Aircraft on Charge.</u> Halifax Mk. III. - 28.				
			Flying Hours: Operational Day: 419:34 hrs. Non Operational: Day: 287:07 hrs. Night: 492:02 hrs. Night: 44 :30 hrs.				
			Sorties: 164. No. of combats: 4.				

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R.C.A.F. STATION, EAST HOOR, SUTTON OULFORD ST, YORKSHIRE.	31. 10. 44.		Bombs Dropped.	2000lb.	1000lb.	500lb.	250lb.	100lb.	30lb. Incend.	4lb. Incend.		
			Month of Oct.	73	323	1270	-	378	-	2270		
			Brought Forward.	55	938	3813	42	467	1312	-	42,968	
			Total Bombs Dropped.	128	1461	5083	42	845	1312	-	90,138	
<u>Strength:</u>			<u>Aircraft</u>		<u>Groundcrew</u>							
R.C.A.F. Officers.			135		2							
R.C.A.F. Airmen.			140		-							
R.A.F. Officers.			16		-							
R.A.F. Airmen.			43		-							
<u>REMARKS BY SQUADRON COMMANDER.</u>												
On assuming command of 445, I found a very well organized and smooth running Squadron. Two weeks of double banking with the former G. C. has given me a good chance to size things up. The Squadron has made an all out effort in October and our heavy operational commitments have necessitated screening many of the older crews. It is gratifying to learn the Squadron has again won the Base Efficiency Award, and it is hoped we can soon be replenished with crews so that we can make it three wins in a row.												
It is interesting to note that I am the fourth member of my class to serve with 445 and third to be its Commanding Officer. My predecessors, however, flew with the Squadron in its Coastal Command days.												
 (P. W. Hall) Wing Commander, Officer Commanding, No. 445 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.												