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OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

of (Unit or Formation) No. 415 (R.C.A.F. Squadron)

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R.C.A.F. STATION, EAST MOOR, SUTTON FOREST, YORKSHIRE	1. 12. 44.		Weather - Cloudy, with occasional rain. Last Lap of 1944 a-coming up and spirits are high that during the next 31 days this Squadron will continue its unbroken string of victories over elements, and Adolph's Bad Boys. One discordant note in our symphony of happy thoughts - rumour has it that the "Alouettes" noosed out this Swordfish Squadron for the Base Efficiency Pennant for last month. More anon! No operational or training flying today, - but lecture rooms busy with definite accent being placed on the H2S procedure.	Pages 1 to 10 compiled by W. B. Bennett
	2. 12. 44.		Weather - Fair. Operations scheduled for the late afternoon. 16 aircraft detailed to visit Hagen. Results of this raid considered "Good" - with all aircraft returning safely.	
	3. 12. 44.		Weather - Cool and fair. Operations scheduled - but scrubbed at the last minute.	
	4. 12. 44.		Weather - Cool and clear. Operations planned - and carried out - with 15 aircraft hitting at Karlsruhe. All of said aircraft returned safely, and reported satisfactory "orange".	
	5. 12. 44.		Weather - Still fair, thus Operations again - this time Soest being the target. 15 aircraft scheduled to participate. All our aircraft returned safely, although several had slight brushes with enemy aircraft, and flak. C/N J. 87460 S/O C.A. Chartier had quite a "Hairy do" when he collided with another Halifax. The astra dome and top section of the fuselage was torn away, and the instrument panel shattered. Also several holes of varying sizes distributed over whole surface of his aircraft. However, he landed safely at his diversion base, Woodbridge.	
	6. 12. 44.		Weather - Fair. Osnabruck is December target No. 4 to-night, and once again 15 aircraft scheduled. Our luck remains good - with all 15 aircraft landing safely, at Base, but had 3 early returns. From their reports Osnabruck received a thorough going over from our bombing.	
	7. 12. 44.		Weather - Fair. With completion of yesterday's raid on Osnabruck this Squadron raised its total of Operational Missions against the enemy to 23. Each operation has seen an average of 16 aircraft being detailed, and from these operations only 3 aircraft have been listed as missing. In addition to said 3 aircraft, 3 individual Aircrew Members have been reported as casualties - truly a remarkable record, and while Lady Luck has been most kind - she has been highly assisted by our accent on correct training procedure.	
	8. 12. 44.		Weather - Fair. No Operational Flying scheduled. Day training programme saw 13 aircraft detailed for cross-country, Air to Air Firing etc., but only 46:00 hours flown due to sudden inclement weather coming through. Ground training continued with H2S receiving much attention.	
	9. 12. 44.		Weather - Extremely bad - rain - high wind. No flying. 10,000 cigarettes received today from the Agent - General of British Columbia. Much appreciated and all Sections plus Special Sections of Station I. a. Switchboard, Flying Control, included on distribution list. Indoor Training Programme being carried out.	

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R.C.A.F. STATION, EAST HUGH, SUTTONS FOREST, YORKSHIRE.	10.12.44		Weather - rain all day. No flying. CAN.C.841 W/C F.W. Ball, Commanding Officer of Squadron proceeded on 7 days leave. CAN.J.5400 S/L J.C. Hovay, DFC, assuming command of the Squadron. Ground training today included lecture by CAN.C.12132 S/L R.W. Scott - Squadron Education Officer, his subject "Rehabilitation". Extremely well presented and proved to be of much interest. Several senior N.C.O.'s interviewed by Station Commander CAN.C.4637 W/C R.A. McLenahan, DFC, re Commissioning, all passed last successfully - now available for the Base Commander.		
	11.12.44		Weather - cold and clear. No operations scheduled. Air and ground training programme scheduled with 11 aircraft participating in the former, whilst HCS again reported on ground. Station Commander again held a Commissioning Session, and 7 senior N.C.O.'s from this Squadron interviewed. At Squadron Commanders daily conference, Squadron Adjutant, CAN.C.44734 S/L A.B. Carveth, requested Section Leaders to review most carefully personnel whom they may consider suitable for Non-Immediate awards to accent particular incident as to date, time and nature of trip, and action performed. Further, the Adjutant requested that prior to forwarding Form 1020A (Application for Commission) to Squadron Commander the person being recommended to be carefully chosen and that care be taken to ensure that only those with all-round abilities be selected.		
	12.12.44		Weather - rain. No flying. Three new crews reported - CAN.J.27357 S/O G.M. Piper, and Crew, CAN.J.83849 S/O J. Hechter, and Crew, CAN.R.166405 S/S McDiarmid, A.P. and Crew, bring our total of crews up to 31. Of this figure as 12.12.44, 16 are operational, with 7 on leave including the C.O. CAN.C.841 W/C F.W. Ball - 5 undergoing pass-ops. training and the remainder sick and on course. Screened Personnel now total 81, and it is to be hoped that posting action will soon be received. P.S. Alouette 1st. Swordfish 2nd. Huff Sad!!! (Something to do with a Base Efficiency Penant for month of November). P.S.S. Watch us in December. !!!!		
	13.12.44		Weather - clear and bright sunshine. Operations scheduled, but cancelled 15 minutes prior to take-off. 17 aircraft were detailed. Squadron Adjutant commenced "Screened Personnel Parade" - to be held daily at 09.30 hours until further notice. Post Office, Interrogation, Site Duties, "Commando Courses", Administrative Courses, activities all being utilized to full advantage to keep screened personnel active whilst awaiting posting. CAN.C.4296 S/L R.G. Walton, now double banking Adjutant S/L A.B. Carveth, who has applied for repatriation to Canada.		
	14.12.44		Weather - cloudy - poor visibility. No flying. Christmas programme suggestions aired for the first time today. Personnel of Squadron - in company with 432 Squadron and Station Headquarters - plan to stage three childrens parties for Orphans in York Institutes. Toys are at present being manufactured by ground airmen in the various station sections. CAN.C.3056 S/L R.H. Perry - Station Senior Admin. Officer, is leader of movement, - with Y.L.C.A. Supervisor Mr. Jack McClelland, CAN.C.12132 S/L R.W. Scott - Education Officer and S/L A.B. Carveth - Adjutant of the Squadron acting as Chief Cooks and Bottlemashers. The latter individual has been ear, eye and nose marked - to masquerade as Father Christmas at said three childrens parties. More anon! More ground training for airmen members today - with Navigation Section having heaviest schedule.		

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R.C.A.F. STATION, EAST MOOR, SUTTON OAK FOREST, YORKSHIRE	15.12.44		Training Flying planned but scrubbed due to weather - consisting of rain - high winds.		
	16.12.44		Weather - high winds - slight rain. Training Flying again planned but due to weather only one hour fifty minutes completed. Ground training programme laid on. Squadron Adjutant secured a long - needed van today - A Notice Board, thanks to co-operation of Senior Admin. Officer. Squadron Working Site completely overhauled today by several Screened Aircrew Members. Garden Bricks replaced; windows washed; briefing room washed; and stoves repaired in sections. Non - Immediate D.F.C. recommendation forwarded this date for CAN.J.13869 P/O J. W. Tins.		
	17.12.44		Weather - cloudy in morning - clearing in afternoon. Living Sites of Squadron Personnel thoroughly inspected today by Squadron C.O. and Adjutant. Satisfactory as to cleanliness but difficulty still being experienced as to correct accommodation space per man. In addition to this over-crowded condition - hot-water for baths and ablution rooms, creating the odd spot of grumbling. Both the accommodation and hot-water situations drawn to the attention of the Station Commander during his inspection and action to remedy same promised. Operations planned for to-night, with 13 aircraft being detailed. This is first mission since 6.12.44, our longest lay-off, and Duisburg was the target. 13 hrs. 15 mins. training flying carried out by 7 aircraft.		
	18.12.44		Weather - Bright sunshine in morning - turning cloudy during afternoon. Visibility fair. Good news! - CAN.J.13800 S/L J.C. Hovey - and - CAN.J.13316 P/L J.E. McAllister - still on strength of Squadron both awarded Non-Immediate Distinguished Flying Cross w.e.f. 8.12.44, and 15.12.44, respectively. In addition Non - Immediate D.F.C.'s and D.F.M.'s received for former members of Squadron - namely - CAN.J.23998 P/O L.W. Patten; DFC - CAN.R.135753 W/O Steel, W.B. DFC. - CAN.R.192514 P/Sgt. Bogle, P.V. DFC. and 1369622 P/Sgt. Dennis, A.V. DFC. S/Ldr. J.C. Hovey, and P/Lt. J.E. McAllister both did the honours at the new Station Bar, and a good time was had by all. Last night's operational sortie of 13 aircraft was against Duisburg with all said aircraft returning safely. All Squadron Sections operating in a most efficient and cheerful manner and hopes are being carried that December will see Base Permanent back on our Flag pole.		
	19.12.44		Weather - Fog. No flying. Squadron Commander, W/O F.W. Ball re-assumed command today upon his return from leave. Mess Meeting today re Christmas and New Year Parties - Operations permitting. Results most satisfactory and life should be pleasant. Further good news today - another Non-Immediate D.F.C. Award. Recipient - P/O W.S. Patterson, C.4791 - and a one of the best selections yet made by the Air Ministry. "Pat" - as he is known to one and all - is 40 years of age - Air Gunner. Prior to commencing in Aircrew duties he was a tank-trainer-instructor for 23 years at various Stations in Canada. Another unusual distinction - he is in private life a School Master - and one of his former pupils is our present Gunnery Leader CAN.J.13306 P/L R. McManara, - who he used to give out, re the 3 R's to, back in German, Manitoba, Canada. The information appended here in regard to P/O W.S. Patterson has been passed on to the Base Public Relations Officer.		

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R.C.A.F. STATION, EAST MOOR, SUTTONLOWNE, WEST, YORKSHIRE	20.12.44.		Weather - Fog !! Ground Training Programme continues. Squadron Commander busy checking Section Leaders re advanced method of Flying and Ground Training with view to still further improve our efficiency. This Squadron now in midst of transformation - with the coming week - should Operations be scheduled - seeing many of its original crews being screened. Next two weeks should see at least 7 complete crews screened - plus odd individual screenings. No. 6 Group Headquarters have advised that we will be replaced as quickly as possible - thus - we have quite honestly requested 9 complete crews postings in to replace the 7 outgoing. Should this come about and no further postings home to Canada be forthcoming, the start of 1945 should see approximately 100 screened personnel on strength, plus about 33 complete crews and 15 spares.		
	21.12.44.		Weather - Fog ! (Vancouverites are happy!!) No flying. Today the Christmas Parties Committee (P/O R.W. Scott, P/O A.B. Garveth, and Squadron Members) - received the good news that 200 odd toys have been completed by Station Personnel - and are now ready for distribution at the 3 Orphanages. "The Adj" - is amused - has been busy practicing his hearty "ho-ho's" - plus acquiring suitable upholstery for the frontage (A pillow) of his Father Christmas Costume !! Still no sign of Operations being scheduled - and the betting is that the day before Xmas will see action being planned - altho' fog shows no sign of lifting.		
	22.12.44.		Weather - fog lifting ! Flying Training Programme scheduled, and 5 aircraft did 14:00 hours on cross-country work. No Operational flying.		
	23.12.44.		Weather - fair. No operations scheduled - thus Flying Training continues - with 9 aircraft putting together approximately 25:00 hours. Today - the first two parties for the Orphans in York. Wonderful fun and Station East Moor can be tremendously proud of its personnel - and their toys - produced during their off-work hours. Youngsters terrifically thrilled by various presents - and, of course, sweets - (candies). Father Christmas (Santa Claus) did his act without mishap - ably assisted by other Squadron and Station personnel. One crew reported in today, CAN. J. 33399 P/O W.G.S. Wilkinson, and Crew.		
	24.12.44.		Weather - clear in morning - but during late afternoon deep fog rolled in from the sea. As predicted - Operations scheduled for late afternoon with 16 aircraft detailed to attack Düsseldorf. 4 Officers and 2 airmen completed a tour of Operations today. During the early hours of this Christmas Eve Day - enemy air activity was reported in the district. Air Raid Warning sounded - and Squadron Sites checked re black-out. All in order. No damage or casualties sustained by Squadron personnel - other than a slight loss of sleep. Aircraft detailed for Operations managed to get off just in time today, the last one beating the in-rolling fog by exactly one minute. Rotten luck for the Aircrew Members having to be diverted to Stations in the Deep South of Xmas Eve. Parties in Officers' and Sergeants' Messes both much quieter than anticipated - altho' everyone present had a right merry time welcoming in Xmas Day, 1944.		
	25.12.44.		Christmas Day, 1944. Weather - miserable - fog ! No flying ! As per time-honoured custom, Officers and Senior N.C.O.'s of Squadron participated in the serving of Christmas Dinner to the other ranks in their Mess. Wonderful fun and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.		

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R.G.A.P. STATION, EAST HOOR, SUTHERLAND FOREST, YORKSHIRE.	26. 12. 44.		Boxing Day - and the fight is still on with Old Man Fog. Unfortunately he's loading on all points.		
	27. 12. 44.		Weather - fog lifting. Diverted aircraft commencing to return to Station. Delayed Xmas Parties held tonight in both Officers' and Senior N.C.O.'s Messes. quite good fun !! S'matter fact - (hic) doggone good parties !!!		
	28. 12. 44.		Weather - clear. Operations scheduled tonight - with 14 aircraft detailed to go against Oplegen. All returned safely. Crews showing plenty of keenness for Operations as news of German counter - attacks reported gaining some headway. Next few days promise to be exciting ones.		
	29. 12. 44.		Weather - clear. Operations tonight and 13 aircraft will form on our Battle Order - going against Trois-Ponts. All returned safely. Results excellent.		
	30. 12. 44.		Weather - continues to favour us with clear skies and Operations today sees us putting 17 aircraft into action against Cologne. All returned safely. Results again reported A. 1.		
	31. 12. 44.		Weather - sunshine in morning, cloudy in afternoon. No operational flying - which is a bit of a blessing. Combining 3 operational missions on successive nights and Seasonal Parties - life's a bit strenuous. However, all personnel - both veterans and freshmen - taking said activities in stride. 8 aircraft participated today on cross-country missions, totalling approximately 13:00 hours. Satisfactory results obtained.		
<p>Commanding Officer's Summary.</p> <p>As the Year 1944 draws to conclusion one senses that the immediate future months will witness the pinnacle of fighting strength being displayed by both the enemy and ourselves. The past week has brought about absolute reverse of opinion as to the conduct of the present battles being fought on the Western Front and no doubt Allied War Leaders will be utilizing our Air Strength to the utmost in support of the land and sea forces.</p> <p>This Squadron during the past month has participated on 9 occasions against the enemy. Despite a change over of almost 50% of our Air Crews the Squadron managed to emerge without loss of personnel or aircraft. The training programme was not quite as satisfactory as our Operational Record, due mainly to the adverse weather conditions, - but believe we were at least equal to other Squadrons operating in this district, on this score.</p>					

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R.C.A.F. STATION, EAST MOOR, SUPTON ON FOREST, YORKSHIRE.	31.12.44.		Casualties :- Nil.				
			Postings in :-				
		CAN. J.27857	E/O	Piper, R.H.	Pilot.		Posted from 76 (RCAP) Base, w.o.f. 12.12.44.
		CAN. J.40800	E/O	Somerville, D.	Nav.		
		CAN. R228364	SGT	Gask, H.J.	WOP.		
		CAN. R231734	SGT	Richardson, J.E.	A/G.		
		CAN. R270857	SGT	Plett, G.E.	A/G.		
		RUF. 1827048	SGT	Kerr, J.D.H.	P/E.		
		RAF. J.40748	SGT	Brindson, R.E.	A/G.		
		CAN. J.38849	E/O	Kochter, J.	Pilot.		Posted from 76 (RCAP) Base, w.o.f. 12.12.44.
		CAN. J.28231	E/O	Kirkland, J.	Nav.		
		CAN. J.36904	E/O	Webster, H.W.H.	A/B.		
		CAN. R146092	W/O	Holson, W.	WOP.		
		CAN. R234086	SGT	Harrison, G.C.	A/G.		
		CAN. R263579	SGT	Jacques, J.H.	A/G.		
		RAF. 1326440	SGT	Hunter, J.	P/E.		
		CAN. J.33379	E/O	Wilkinson, E.C.S.	Pilot.		Posted from 76 (RCAP) Base, w.o.f. 23.12.44.
		CAN. J.40807	E/O	Thomson, A.E.	Nav.		
		CAN. J.40332	E/O	Standing, W.D.	A/B.		
		CAN. R234407	SGT	Schultz, G.F.	WOP.		
		CAN. R37303	SGT	Ashton, J.	A/G.		
		CAN. J.44734	E/O	Baltzer, R.G.	A/G.		
		RAF. R211709	SGT	Fyfe, W.G.	P/E.		
		CAN. J.36428	E/O	Galley, A.E.	Pilot.		Posted from 76 (RCAP) Base, w.o.f. 29.12.44.
		CAN. J.38349	E/O	Warren, J.R.	Nav.		
		CAN. J.44344	E/O	Gingiss, H.P.	A/B.		
		CAN. R204729	SGT	Bartholomew, H.V.	WOP.		
		CAN. R205394	SGT	Knobba, E.H.	P/E.		
		CAN. R225451	SGT	Warrington, A.R.	A/G.		
		CAN. R140093	SGT	Smith, S.W.	A/G.		
		CAN. J.39303	E/O	Ryland, G.A.	Pilot.		Posted from 76 (RCAP) Base, w.o.f. 30.12.44.
		CAN. J.40805	E/O	Lewis, F.S.	Nav.		
		CAN. J.40338	E/O	Suttak, J.E.	A/B.		
		CAN. R169128	SGT	Anderson, G.	WOP.		
		CAN. J.90343	E/O	Boles, L.D.	P/E.		
		CAN. R278385	SGT	Foden, G.J.	A/G.		
		CAN. R167908	SGT	Rude, J.	A/G.		
		CAN. J.40730	E/O	Compton, R.H.	Pilot.		Posted from 76 (RCAP) Base, w.o.f. 31.12.44.
		CAN. J.26352	E/O	Stewart, G.W.	Nav.		
		CAN. J.40036	E/O	Mealings, R.W.	A/B.		
		CAN. R151447	W/O	Dewan, L.L.	WOP.		
		CAN. R204077	SGT	Law, A.F.	P/E.		
		CAN. R27348	SGT	Dekur, W.	A/G.		
		CAN. R271503	SGT	Harvey, W.H.	A/G.		

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R.C.A.F. STATION, EAST MOOR, SUTTON-WOOD-FORREST, YORKSHIRE.	31. 12. 44.		Postings in Cont. :-		
		CAN. R166405	P/S	McDiarmid, A.F.	Pilot. Posted from 76 (RCAP) Base, w.o.f. 11. 12. 44.
		CAN. R182815	SGT	Mraoak, W.L.	Nav.
		CAN. J. 38420	P/O	Hibben, A.E.	A/B.
		CAN. R169432	P/S	Adams, P.E.	WCE.
		CAN. R264447	SGT	Smalle, N.	A/G.
		CAN. R279870	SGT	Roberts, G.L.	A/G.
		RAF. 1697940	SGT	Galv, W.J.E.	P/E.
		CAN. R116832	P/O	Russell, L.A.	Pilot. Posted from 76 (RCAP) Base, w.o.f. 28. 12. 44.
		CAN. R167657	P/S	Gallagher, J.	Nav.
		CAN. J. 39383	P/O	Poryycka, E.	A/B.
		CAN. R474385	P/S	Crackie, G.G.	WCE.
		CAN. R260068	SGT	Jones, W.H.	A/G.
		CAN. R269794	SGT	Brown, R.G.	A/G.
		RAF. 1540203	SGT	Trowsdale, L.	P/E.
		CAN. R196427	P/S	Sirtonaki, E.F.	Pilot. Posted from 76 (RCAP) Base, w.o.f. 30. 12. 44.
		CAN. R195282	P/SGT	Campbell, M.	Nav.
		CAN. J. 40446	P/O	Abel, G.T.	A/B.
		CAN. R176399	P/S	Fasang, F.	WCE.
		RAF. 1896969	SGT	Broughton, H.L.	P/E.
		CAN. R277733	SGT	Gates, H.L.	A/G.
		CAN. R266793	SGT	Begman, E.H.	A/G.
		CAN. J. 9463	P/L	Borrett, W.F.	Pilot. Posted from 76 (RCAP) Base, w.o.f. 27. 12. 44.
		CAN. J. 40328	P/O	Sloan, D.H.	Nav.
		CAN. J. 40404	P/O	Daniel, C.K.	A/B.
		CAN. R274076	SGT	Collins, R.L.	WCE.
		CAN. R266611	SGT	Hagridge, K.E.	A/G.
		CAN. R268493	SGT	Bradley, K.	A/G.
		CAN. R219666	SGT	Rinna, D.A.	P/E.
		CAN. R132022	P/O	Mundy, F.H.	A/B. Posted from 76 (RCAP) Base, w.o.f. 11. 12. 44.
		CAN. J. 18518	P/O	Fradgley, L.P.	A/G. Posted from 426 Sqn. w.o.f. 15. 12. 44.
		CAN. J. 19961	P/O	Geirrich, W.F.	A/G. Posted from 76 (RCAP) Base, w.o.f. 15. 12. 44.
		CAN. R272997	P/S	Monkman, A.H.	A/G. Posted from 427 Sqn. w.o.f. 14. 12. 44.
		RAF. 1529020	P/S	Spinks, Z.W.J.	P/E. Posted from 403 Sqn. w.o.f. 7. 12. 44.
			Postings Out. :-		
		CAN. J. 13844	P/L	Deane, E.K.	Nav. Posted to 426 Sqn. w.o.f. 1. 12. 44.
		CAN. J. 39899	P/O	McGlashan, L.A.	A/G. Posted to 24 O.T.U. w.o.f. 4. 12. 44.
		CAN. J. 89788	P/O	Smith, H.H.	WCE. Posted to R.C.A.F. Dalton, w.o.f. 9. 12. 44.
		CAN. J. 37446	P/O	Aukrey, G.A.	Nav. Posted to 24 O.T.U. w.o.f. 1. 12. 44.
		CAN. J. 90486	P/O	Graham, W.E.	A/B. Posted to RCAP 'R' Depot. w.o.f. 13. 12. 44.
		CAN. J. 58046	P/O	Gow, J.C.	A/B. Posted to RCAP 'R' Depot. w.o.f. 13. 12. 44.
		CAN. J. 29072	P/O	Deryckare, L.R.	Pilot. Posted to 426 Sqn. w.o.f. 1. 12. 44.
		CAN. J. 36894	P/O	Switzer, K.G.	A/B. Posted to 426 Sqn. w.o.f. 1. 12. 44.

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R.C.A.F. STATION, EAST MOOR, SUTTON OAK FOREST, YORKSHIRE	31. 12. 44.		Postings Out Cont.:-				
		CAN. J. 89027	E/O	Moorhouse, D. F.	WOP.	Posted to 426 Sqn. w.o.f. 1. 12. 44.	
		CAN. J. 40640	E/O	Hanna, W. G.	A/G.	Posted to 426 Sqn. w.o.f. 1. 12. 44.	
		CAN. J. 25831	E/O	Que, C. I.	Pilot.	Posted to RCAP 'R' Depot. w.o.f. 27. 11. 44.	
		CAN. J. 90822	E/O	McQueen, A. F.	WOP.	Posted to RCAP 'R' Depot. w.o.f. 27. 11. 44.	
		CAN. J. 26499	E/O	Roberts, B. H.	Pilot.	Posted to RCAP 'R' Depot. w.o.f. 27. 11. 44.	
		CAN. J. 90387	E/O	Santo, B. G.	WOP.	Posted to RCAP 'R' Depot. w.o.f. 27. 11. 44.	
		CAN. J. 36509	E/O	Forbes, P. M.	Pilot.	Posted to 22 U.T.U. w.o.f. 1. 12. 44.	
		CAN. J. 99749	E/O	Bedlhart, H. J. G.	Nav.	Posted to 62 RCAP Base. w.o.f. 13. 12. 44.	
		CAN. J. 55621	E/O	Gingrich, R. W.	Pilot.	Posted to RCAP 'R' Depot. w.o.f. 11. 12. 44.	
		RAF. 195644	E/O	Blackburn, J. H.	WOP.	Posted to RCAP Dalton. w.o.f. 16. 12. 44.	
		CAN. J. 33296	E/O	Kerr, J. J.	Pilot.	Posted to RCAP 'R' Depot. w.o.f. 11. 12. 44.	
		CAN. J. 23848	E/O	Vaughan, R. H.	Nav.	Posted to RCAP 'R' Depot. w.o.f. 11. 12. 44.	
		CAN. J. 37114	E/O	McKillop, S. B.	IPC.	Nav.	" " " "
		CAN. J. 21720	E/O	Foster, D. H.	A/B.	" " " "	
		CAN. J. 23247	E/O	McLusky, J. V.	WOP.	" " " "	
		CAN. J. 22869	E/O	Coaling, D.	A/B.	" " " "	
		CAN. J. 89411	E/O	Thomson, W. G.	A/G.	" " " "	
		CAN. J. 92403	E/O	Rowe, C. K.	A/G.	" " " "	
		CAN. J. 91804	E/O	Hill, R. B.	A/G.	" " " "	
		CAN. J. 90868	E/O	Moffat, J. E.	A/G.	" " " "	
		CAN. J. 90970	E/O	Willson, E. J.	A/G.	" " " "	
		CAN. J. 90970	E/O	Soarf, J. C.	A/G.	" " " "	
		CAN. J. 91003	E/O	Lording, E. A. W.	A/G.	" " " "	
		CAN. J. 91065	E/O	Boyan, H.	A/G.	" " " "	
		CAN. J. 90869	E/O	McCormell, J. T.	A/G.	" " " "	
		CAN. J. 86041	E/O	Mooney, G. H.	A/B.	Posted to 405 Sqn. w.o.f. 12. 12. 44.	
		RAF. 147688	E/S	Brown, J. R.	E/E.	Posted to A.C.A.C. w.o.f. 30. 11. 44.	
		RAF. 190538	E/S	Lumsden, T.	E/E.	" " " "	
		RAF. 174426	Sgt	Matheson, D. C.	E/E.	" " " "	
		RAF. 1729003	Sgt	Swarbrick, A. G.	E/E.	" " " "	
		RAF. 2210539	Sgt	Harrison, A.	E/E.	Posted to 426 Sqn. w.o.f. 1. 12. 44.	
		CAN. R143963	E/S	Harrison, G. L. J.	A/G.	" " " "	
		CAN. R246766	E/S	Bell, B.	A/G.	Posted to RCAP 'R' Depot. w.o.f. 27. 11. 44.	
		CAN. R103927	E/O	Bryan, R. A.	WOP.	" " " "	
		CAN. R184473	E/S	Mihall, R. V.	WOP.	" " " "	
		CAN. R208657	E/S	Scott, J. D.	A/G.	" " " "	
		CAN. R180892	E/S	Switzer, R. G.	A/B.	" " " "	
		RAF. 1860026	Sgt	Waston, Y. J.	E/E.	Posted to 62 (RCAP) Base. w.o.f. 5. 12. 44.	
		CAN. R257463	E/S	James, R. J.	A/G.	Posted to RCAP 'R' Depot. w.o.f. 11. 12. 44.	
CAN. R196402	Sgt	Robertson, T. M.	A/G.	" " " "			
CAN. R212991	E/S	Hosier, M. H.	A/G.	" " " "			
CAN. R271316	Sgt	Sidon, A. W. R.	A/G.	" " " "			
CAN. R190846	E/S	McPhoe, W. D.	A/G.	" " " "			

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R. G. A. F. STATION, EAST MOOR, SUTTON CLIFFS, YORKSHIRE.	31. 12. 44.	<u>Promotions and appointments.</u>						
		CAN R265555	SGT	Woytowich, W.	A/G.	Promoted to the rank of P/S. w.o.f. 25. 11. 44.		
		CAN R179349	SGT	Herring, R. D.	Nav.	Promoted to the rank of P/S. w.o.f. 10. 9. 44.		
		CAN R212572	SGT	Johnston, G. W.	A/G.	Promoted to the rank of P/S. w.o.f. 25. 11. 44.		
		CAN R199033	SGT	Jenner, W. A.	WOP.	Promoted to the rank of P/S. w.o.f. 13. 12. 44.		
		CAN R272564	SGT	Aiken, J. E.	A/G.	Promoted to the rank of P/S. w.o.f. 25. 11. 44.		
		CAN R216261	SGT	Bailey, E. A.	WOP.	Promoted to the rank of P/S. w.o.f. 13. 12. 44.		
		CAN R216258	SGT	Githero, H. C.	WOP.	Promoted to the rank of P/S. w.o.f. 13. 12. 44.		
		CAN R163432	SGT	Adams, F. E.	WOP.	Promoted to the rank of P/S. w.o.f. 13. 12. 44.		
		RAF 1362030	P/S	Gallay, H. F.	WOP.	Promoted to the rank of P/W/O2. w.o.f. 20. 12. 44.		
		CAN R167863	SGT	Bryan, A. L.	P/S.	Promoted to the rank of P/S. w.o.f. 5. 12. 44.		
		RAF 1653404	SGT	Goodenough, R. S.	P/S.	Promoted to the rank of P/S. w.o.f. 13. 10. 44.		
		CAN J. 18186	S/L	Brown, W. F.	Pilot.	Appointed to the rank of A/S/L. w.o.f. 14. 10. 44.		
		<u>Commissions.</u>						
		CAN R163700	W/O2.	Moffat, J. E.	A/B.	Appointed to commission w.o.f. 4. 12. 44. (J. 91104).		
		CAN R161394	W/O2.	MacLeod, W. A.	A/B.	Appointed to commission w.o.f. 4. 12. 44. (J. 50865).		
		CAN R139523	P/S	Deschambault, J. G. R.	A/G.	Appointed to commission w.o.f. 4. 12. 44. (J. 51140).		
		CAN R115756	W/O1.	Andrew, W. H. J.	A/G.	Appointed to commission w.o.f. 11. 12. 44. (J. 51165).		
		CAN R184749	P/S	Hill, R. E.	A/B.	Appointed to commission w.o.f. 3. 12. 44. (J. 52405).		
		CAN R184863	P/S	Morris, S. E.	A/B.	Appointed to commission w.o.f. 15. 12. 44. (J. 52058).		
		CAN R211166	P/S	Ballantyne, L. J.	A/G.	Appointed to commission w.o.f. 21. 12. 44. (J. 92463).		
		RAF 1791923	SGT	Park, L. F.	P/S.	Appointed to commission w.o.f. 21. 12. 44. (133151).		
		CAN R139113	P/S	Warren, P. S.	Nav.	Appointed to commission w.o.f. 23. 12. 44. (J. 92708).		
		CAN R210300	P/S	Walker, A. J.	A/G.	Appointed to commission w.o.f. 23. 12. 44. (J. 92705).		
		CAN R277008	SGT	Semple, D. J.	A/G.	Appointed to commission w.o.f. 30. 12. 44. (J. 92635).		
CAN R170528	W/O	Walker, B. B.	A/B.	Appointed to commission w.o.f. 2. 1. 45. (J. 92662).				
CAN R137363	W/O2.	Gallay, H. F.	A/G.	Appointed to commission w.o.f. 3. 1. 45. (J. 92771).				
CAN R251547	P/S	Stewart, R. N.	A/G.	Appointed to commission w.o.f. 3. 12. 44. (J. 92450).				
<u>Honours and Awards.</u>								
CAN J. 92662	P/O	Walker, B. D.	A/G.	Awarded the Air Force Medal.				
CAN J. 5100	S/L	Hovey, J. C.	Pilot.	Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.				
CAN J. 43316	P/O	McAllister, J. E.	Pilot.	Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.				
CAN R192614	P/S	Bogle, P. V.	A/G.	Awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal.				
<u>Changes in Command.</u> Nil.								
<u>Changes in Administration.</u> Nil.								
<u>Aircraft on charge.</u> 26. - Halifax Mk. III.								
<u>Flying Times :-</u> Operational Day : 75:30 Non-Operational Day : 194:45								
Night : 305:45 Night : 85:40								
<u>Sorties :-</u> % 144 No. of combats - 14.								
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			Month of Dec.	61	620	573	70	59	-	-	
			Brought Forward	226	1906	2297	42	1277	1312	98,303	
			Total Bombs Dropped.	287	2526	643	112	1434	1312	98,303	
			<u>Strength.</u>		<u>Aircraft.</u>		<u>Groundcrew.</u>				
			R.C.A.F. Officers.		161		3				
			R.C.A.F. Airmen.		196		-				
			R.A.F. Officers.		17		-				
			R.A.F. Airmen.		38		-				

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