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OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
Thelthorpe, Yorks.	1st Oct		No Operations called for to-day. Fighter Affiliation, Air to Sea Bombing exercises and three night Cross-Country flights were carried out. Net Ditchy Drills were held at Linton-on-Ouse.		
Thelthorpe, Yorks.	2nd Oct		No Operations. Training continued. Formation Bombing and Air to Sea Bombing exercises were carried out. Ident. J.L. Mills, R.C.A. and Ident. R.C. Junke, R.C.C.S. reported on Liaison attachment duties.		
Thelthorpe, Yorks.	3rd Oct		No Operations. Formation flying and two Cross-Country flights were carried out.		
Thelthorpe, Yorks.	4th Oct		15 aircraft required to attack "BERGHE". 7 aircraft attacked primary target, and 8 attacked the alternative target. 4 aircraft skipped landed away from base due to fuel shortage. Bombing of submarines in harbour thought to have been quite scattered. One stick of bombs was seen to straddle ships in water adjoining U-Boat pens. A terrific explosion was heard which resulted in a big fire and smoke could be seen for 75 miles on way back to base. Ships in harbour were firing. All aircraft returned safely.		1356- 1370
Thelthorpe, Yorks.	5th Oct		No Operations. Station Kit Inspection held in morning. Training continued throughout the day.		
Thelthorpe, Yorks.	6th Oct		A maximum operational effort of 23 aircraft required to attack "DOCKHARD". 24 aircraft One a/o failing to reach target because of fume in Port Outer engine bombed German territory. attacked primary, one aircraft returned early due to engine failure. The attack appeared fairly well concentrated and numerous fires were seen which seemed to be spreading and converging into large fires. Many explosions were reported, a tremendous one at 20.33 hours resulting in what was thought to be a huge oil fire. All aircraft returned safely to diversion aerodromes. J.22349, F/O K.R. Kidd and J.25825, F/O R.M. Alford awarded the "Distinguished Flying Cross".		1371- 1393
Thelthorpe, Yorks.	7th Oct		All aircraft with the exception of two, returned from diversion points to-day. No Operations required. First meeting of the forthcoming Victory Loan Campaign held in the Station Mess. J.27657, F/L G.L. Brown appointed Unit Organizer for the Campaign. Commissioners from each Section were also appointed. Loan objective for 420 Squadron is 25,000 dollars. Two Army Officers on Liaison duties returned to their Units to-day.		

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Thaltheys, Yorks.	8th Oct		No Operations training continued. Two Cross-Country flights were carried out. The following, having completed their first tour of Operations were screened to-day:- RA575931 Sgt Miles, R.J. S/A J.26811 P/O R.M. Gallen F. J.35023 P/O G.W. Henderson A/B J.35760 P/O W. Doney R. J.12306 P/L H.M. Wylie WOP/AIR J.39862 P/O G.F. Pine AG R108058 Sgt Cherry, R.I. W J.28209 P/O R.C. Fredkinton A/B		
Thaltheys, Yorks.	9th Oct		15 aircraft detailed to attack "ROCHE". 13 aircraft attacked the primary and one was hit by flak which necessitated jettisoning whole bomb load. Raid very difficult to assess as results mostly unobserved. A fairly large fire was reported in the vicinity of the target indicator and a few explosions heard. Fighters were encountered on run into target and on the return journey. Training continued with fighter affiliation exercises in the morning and Cross-Country in the afternoon. Ident. L. Milligan R.C.E.M.C. reported on attachment for Liaison duties.		1374- 1407-
Thaltheys, Yorks.	10th Oct		No Operations required to-day. Weather unfit for flying and ground training only carried out. J.34032, P/L A.G. Plummer DFM O.C. "A" Flight appointed to the rank of A/M/L this date.		
Thaltheys, Yorks.	11th Oct		No Operations, personnel employed on a general clean-up of buildings and surroundings. J.26811, P/O R.M. Gallen (P) J.35760, P/O W. Doney (W) J.12306, P/L H.M. Wylie (WOP) and R107058, Sgt Cherry, R.I. (P/S) attached to RCAF Station Udon for Ferrying duties pending posting. The following personnel having completed their tour were screened from Operations this date:- R166292 P/S Tease, J.A. (P) R168277 P/S Bridgman, J.W.F. (A/B) R181070 P/S Bickley, R.J. (W) J.56940 P/O H.J. Baker (WOP) R205531 P/S Teak, R.O. (A/G) R292351 P/S Vaughan, D.F. (A/G)		
Thaltheys, Yorks.	12th Oct		15 aircraft required to-day to attack "WANG-SUMKIL" in the Rhur. 13 aircraft attacked the primary target. Two aircraft attacked the alternative target, one of which was hit by flak on the bombing run when attacking marshalling yards, the other also was hit by flak when attacking built up area in vicinity of Glems. The Mid-Under Gunner of this particular		1408- 1422

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Thelthorpe, Yorks.	(Cont'd) 12 Oct		<p>aircraft was struck by flak and suffered fractured left leg. Aircraft landed at Volkel aerodrome in Holland, where the Mid-Under, B253940, Sgt Cooper, A.E. was removed to No. 34 Casualty Clearance Section British Army, Holland. Aircraft took off from Volkel and landed safely at Base. Due to change in winds A/C arrived late in the primary target area and bomber stream was well spread out. All crews identified the target visually and report bombing fairly concentrated. Training continued with local flying and two Cross-Country flights. Total subscriptions on the Victory Loan Drive on the Squadron amounted to 13,250 dollars.</p>		
Thelthorpe, Yorks.	13 Oct		<p>No Operations called for to-day. Weather unfit for flying and training continued on the ground. With 50% of the personnel now canvassed, total amount of subscriptions has now reached 29,250 dollars.</p>		
Thelthorpe, Yorks.	14 Oct		<p>18 aircraft detailed to attack "DUNSBURG". 16 aircraft attacked primary. Two aircraft jettisoned bombs. One aircraft returned to base with bomb load as bomb doors did not function over target area. Some crews were able to identify target visually and report bombing as fairly accurate. Numerous explosions were reported and fires could be seen for 100 miles on way back to base. One aircraft landed at Woodbridge. A second attack on "DUNSBURG" was carried out in the afternoon. 18 aircraft were required for the operation. 16 aircraft attacked the primary. One aircraft returned to base with bomb load as port inner engine became U/S. One aircraft jettisoned bomb load as pilot was unable to maintain control. Attack very scattered. A few fires were seen with smoke rising. One aircraft landed safely on return journey at Woodbridge, due to collision in air, resulting in fin and rudder being torn off, flush with all plane. The following personnel have completed their first tour of operations and were awarded on this date:</p> <p>G. 1051 W/O G.A. McKenna (P) J. 25020 P/O R.H. Ballantyne (M) J. 00115 P/O F.R. Wilson (M) 1594357 P/O Clayton, W. (M) 179947 P/O L.D. Dower (M) 179850 P/O J. Mc Ardle (M)</p>	1423- 1440	
Thelthorpe, Yorks.	15 Oct		<p>11 aircraft required to attack "WILKINSHAVEN". All aircraft took off and 9 aircraft attacked primary target. 2 aircraft jettisoned bombs as hydraulics became unworkable. Bombing scattered although numerous fires were seen together with some explosions. Poor weather prevented concentrated bombing. Visibility was very poor and target was partially</p>	1441- 1458	1457- 1469

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Thaltheys, Yorks.	(Cont'd) 15 Oct		<p>observed. 2 aircraft with hydraulic trouble returned to base early, other aircraft diverted to Foulsham. No. J.14085, S/L G.J. Edwards, arrived from Middleton St. George to assume the position of Officer Commanding, 120 Squadron, vice No. G.1051 W/O G.A. McKenna, who has been detached to Winklesham. The Squadron was visited to-day by G.1958, W/O A.P. Brickenden of London, Ontario, Canada. The purpose of his visit was to ascertain whether comforts, etc. were being received satisfactorily from the City of London Women's Air Force Auxiliary, who adopted the "Snowy Owl" Squadron sometime ago. It was learned from W/O Brickenden that the London City Council have taken a keen interest in the welfare of the Squadron and have decided to forward comforts, etc. for the personnel. During the course of his visit, group photographs were taken of the old and new Officers Commanding, Flight and Section Leaders, including personnel on strength of the Station who reside in London, Ont. A photograph was also taken of the "Snowy Owl" which was presented to the Squadron by the City of London Women's Air Force Auxiliary. It was understood that W/O Brickenden had made necessary arrangements to take copies of the photographs back to Canada and that he was going to present them personally to the City Council and the Women's Air Force Auxiliary. No. R.163029, P/S Peterson, R.W. having completed his first tour of operations was awarded on this date.</p>	
Thaltheys, Yorks.	16 Oct		<p>No operations called for to-day. Advice received that G.1051, W/O G.A. McKenna awarded the Immediate D.F.C. G.1051, W/O G.A. McKenna, DFC departed for Winklesham on attachment. The following personnel having completed their first tour of operations were awarded to-day: J.16235 P/L Bird, P.O.G. (P) - R42496 WO1 Brooks, J.O. (A/S) - R4P1332817 P/S Williams, K. (WOP) R167410 P/S Lander, J.P. (WUAC) - R.68641 P/S Silver, L.A. (AG) - R4P1665594 Sgt Laking, A.R. (PR) - R251439 P/S Lettmer, D.L. (WUAC) - R260024 P/S McBride, H.K. (AG) - R4P615344 Sgt India, D. (PR) - J.40089 P/O Baird, V.R. (WUAC).</p>	
Thaltheys, Yorks.	17 Oct		<p>No operations called for to-day. All aircraft with exception of one, which were diverted on Ops. 15/16 October returned to base. No flying training carried out due to adverse weather conditions. No. J.16392, S/L Kruger, P.O. DFC, DFM, having completed his second tour was awarded to-day.</p>	

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Thaltherpe, Yorks.	18 Oct		16 aircraft required for operations, which were later cancelled due to weather conditions. No. J.16156, P/O J.E. Cox, DFC who was diverted on return from raid of 16th October, returned to base. Some local flying was carried out to-day. Ground training continued.		
Thaltherpe, Yorks.	19 Oct		Due to operations being cancelled at 04.45 hours this morning all Crews reported for duty at 14.00 hours. Fighter Affiliation exercises were carried out by two Crews. In order that all aircraft could be quartered on the same site, aircraft on No. 7 Site were moved to No. 6 Site. Remaining 420 groundcrew personnel on No. 6 Site were moved to No. 7 Site. No. J27455, P/O Walker, G.B. having completed his first tour of "Ops" was screened to-day.		
Thaltherpe, Yorks.	20 Oct		Advice received to-day that No. 545163, P/O Broad, R.A.F. now a Prisoner of War in Germany. P/O Broad was the P/O in Halifax aircraft ME687 which was reported missing on 17th August, 1944. No operations were called for to-day. The Handley-Page miniature trophy was presented to the Squadron by the Acting A.O.C. G/O McBurney. This trophy was awarded to 420 Sqdn. for having the lowest accident rate in No. 6 Group during the month of September. All aircraft and groundcrew personnel of the Squadron attended the presentation, which was held in 425 Squadron's Briefing Room.		
Thaltherpe, Yorks.	21 Oct		20 aircraft required to attack "HANOVER". All aircraft with exception of two took off. All aircraft recalled to base due to adverse weather conditions. Ground training continued.		1470- 1488
Thaltherpe, Yorks.	22 Oct		No Operations required to-day. One Cross-Country training flight carried out. Ground training continued.		
Thaltherpe, Yorks.	23 Oct		20 aircraft were detailed to attack "ESSEN". 14 aircraft attacked Primary target; one attacked an unknown alternative target; one returned to base early, while another returned. All aircraft brought back. 3 aircraft brought back. No particularly large explosions were noted. Crews unable to give an adequate assessment of the raid as the ground was not visible. Signal received respecting Halifax aircraft ME509 which landed at Walsborough stating aircraft swung to Port on Landing resulting in overshooting, causing damage to Starboard Undercarriage, Starboard Wing Tip and Aileron.		1487- 1509

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Thaltherpe, Yorks.	24 Oct		Operations not called for to-day. Advice received this date (German Information) that No. 1816548, P/S Batt, C.S., R210669, P/S Wintemute, J.D., J.29574, E/O E.H. Smith, captured and now reclassified Prisoners of War. Also, J.15532, P/L Kavits, J.M., R215081, P/S Novack, M., J.29683, P/O V.J. Hubbard, 1544879, Sgt Cracknell, A.W. reported dead and now reclassified missing believed killed in action. The foregoing personnel were reported missing following operations on the night of 15th July, 1944. A canvass of all personnel in 420 Squadron took place to-day, in an effort to raise a 500.- dollars Victory Bond which will presented to the City of London, through the London Women's Air Force Auxiliary, sponsors of 420 "Spooky Owl" Squadron. G.1051, W/O G.A. MacGonn, former Officer Commanding of the Squadron was posted to No. 1666 Conversion Unit, Womblesdon.		
Thaltherpe, Yorks.	25 Oct		18 aircraft detailed to attack "HOMBERG". 17 aircraft attacked primary, 1 aircraft returned early due to W/S Starboard Inner Engine, whilst another aircraft force-landed at Leiston, on return from Ops. The aircraft - (Halifax W386) Capt. J.H.713, P/O V.R. Glover, was hit by a friendly aircraft over the target area by a 1000 lb. bomb which passed between the engines on the Port Main Plane, causing heavy fuel tanks No's 1 & 2, another bomb struck the Starboard Elevator close to the rear turret; a/s did not go out of control. Bombing appeared scattered. All crews reported P.W. markings late and very difficult to see because of heavy clouds. Information received this date (German Information) to the effect that the body of J.24555, P/O F.W. Moffit recovered dead on the 31st August, 1944. Reclassified missing, believed killed. P/O Moffit was the Navigator in Halifax W2687 which was reported missing following night Operations on 16th August, 1944.		1510- 1527
Thaltherpe, Yorks.	26 Oct		No Operations called for to-day. Objective of 500.- dollars reached for City of London Victory Bond and the following cable addressed to the London Women's Air Force Auxiliary was sent: (Quote) - No. 420 "Spooky Owl" Squadron takes pleasure in donating a Five Hundred Dollar Victory Bond to London Women's Air Force Auxiliary for forwarding to Mayor and Council of London to be used at their discretion for charitable purposes. (Unquote). S/L G.J. Edwards posted to No. 420 Squadron, and to assume Command with the Rank of Wing Commander effective 24th October, 1944. Training continued with Lectures being given to all Crews on Flying Control, and Engine Handling.		

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Thelthorpe, Yorks.	27 Oct		No Operations. One Fighter Affiliation & Bombing Exercise was carried out. The Seventh Victory Bond came to a successful conclusion to-day. 420 Squadron total subscriptions amounted to 36,506- dollars. Following personnel having completed their first Operational Tour were screened from Operations this date: J.27697, P/L G.L. Heron (P), J.28969, P/O J.L. Palmer (A/B), J.29135, P/O M.C. Christie (M), R183519, P/S Beetham, J.S. (WOP), J.86267, P/O R.K. MacDonald (AG), R143057, P/S Dennis, W.W. (WMA).		
Thelthorpe, Yorks.	28 Oct		Eighteen aircraft required to attack Cologne. Seventeen aircraft attacked the alternative target on instruction from the Master Bomber, one of which landed at Woodbridge, due to flak injuries received by the M.U.A.C. No. R.26621A, Sgt. Cochran, D. The bombing was concentrated over the whole target area and considerable smoke and numerous fires were seen. Training continued.		1548 1545
Thelthorpe, Yorks.	29 Oct		No operations. Training continued throughout the day.		
Thelthorpe, Yorks.	30 Oct		16 aircraft required to attack "Cologne". One aircraft returned early due to broken throttle rod, and upon landing, with three engines, overshot runway causing damage to aircraft. All aircraft on return from bombing mission were diverted, no assessment of raid is possible. LW.388" landed at Manston airfield due to shortage of petrol. Upon landing, starboard w/s collapsed. Before aircraft could be removed from runway, a Lancaster landed with one wheel and struck the port wing of LW.388" D". Training continued with local flying and bombing exercises being carried out.		1546 1563
Thelthorpe, Yorks.	31st Oct		No operations required today. Aircraft diverted following operations on Cologne returned to base. Training continued.		

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			CAVALRYING RI1		
			POSTINGS IN		
			The under noted crew are posted from 61 (HAP) Base w.e.f. 10.10.44		
			J.2766 P/O S.W. Watson P		
			J.38769 P/O Dominick, A.K. NAV		
			J.38242 P/O Louis, G.J. A/B		
			R130966 Sgt Partridge, W.J. WAC		
			R13005907 Sgt Parker, A.K. P/E		
			R256211 Sgt Lynch, M. A/C		
			R256211 Sgt Jacob, D.J. A/C		
			w.e.f. 1.10.44		
			J.10911 P/L Bailey, R. P.		
			J.39401 P/O Campbell, R.E. NAV		
			J.30669 P/O Ayres, G.W. A/B		
			J.43082 P/O Faucher, A.K. WOP/AG		
			R1652023 Sgt Walker, G.W.J. P/E		
			R275796 Sgt Hastings, G.G. WAC		
			R220336 Sgt Thompson, G.V. A/C		
			w.e.f. 21.10.44		
			J.12266 P/L R.R. Ledingham P.		
			J.35011 P/O L.M. Brown A/B		
			J.38781 P/O D.M. Caldwell NAV		
			R212657 Sgt Chambers, J.H. WAC		
			R220340 Sgt Smith, D.A. A/C		
			R139318 Sgt Davidson, R.G. A/C		
			R13477200 Sgt Anderson, J.H. P/E		
			w.e.f. 21.10.44		
			J.85564 P/O Simpson, L.G. P.		
			J.35041 P/O Russell, R.E. NAV		
			R180953 P/S Rogers, D.W. WAC		
			R225427 Sgt McLaren, G.M. P/E		
			J.85500 P/O Linsinger, R.E. A/C		
			R163408 Sgt Hams, W.H. A/C		
			J.89274 P/O MacMillan, R.P. P.		
			R219116 Sgt Gault, M.H. NAV		
			R210188 Sgt Hudson, D.G. WAC		
			J.38821 P/O Pitter, B.S.M. A/B		
			R158133 Sgt Caird, J.G. P/E		
			R268400 Sgt Bogle, J.R. A/C		
			R265647 Sgt Davis, R.J. A/C		
			The under noted crew posted from No. 61 (HAP) Base, w.e.f. 1.10.44		
			J.11713 P/O Glover, V.R. P		
			R18215 Sgt Gordon, J.R. P		
			J.38250 P/O McKinnon, V.L. A/B		
			R180307 Sgt Broadfoot, D.F. WOP		
			R1807269 Sgt Slipper, H.W. P/E		
			R256663 Sgt MacKenzie, H.E. WAC		
			R21865 Sgt Kesteven, J.M. A/C		
			The under noted have been posted from 431 (HAP) SQUADRON W.E.F. 10.10.44		
			J.84567 P/O R.K. Macdonald A/C		
			J.87123 P/O W. Chumick A/C		
			J.87127 P/O R.G. Tomlin A/C		
			R271568 Sgt Sigale, P.G. A/C		
			From 430 Squadron w.e.f. 11.10.44		
			R1807439 Sgt Parker, R. P/E		
			From 431 Squadron w.e.f. 13.10.44		
			C.87155 P/O R.P. Munnery P/E		
			From 432 (HAP) Squadron w.e.f. 21.10.44		
			J.20074 P/O R.S. Thompson P.		
			R.87875 P/O de Prezis, A. WOP		
			R1379892 P/O G.J. Colvill P/E		
			R183803 P/S Matheson, A.G. WAC		
			R209638 P/S Malchireck, T.G. A/C		
			From 61 (HAP) BASE W.E.F. 18.10.44		
			R1311764 P/S May, G.W. w.e.f. 18.10.44		
			R171572 Sgt Jette, G.A. A/B w.e.f. 19.10.44		
			From 432 SQUADRON W.E.F. 21.10.44		
			J.14045 P/L G.J. Edwards, P/E		
			From 61 (HAP) BASE W.E.F. / w.e.f. 21.10.44		
			J.21562 P/O Davidson, M.L. P.		
			J.38788 P/O Goodette, P.J. NAV		
			J.38289 P/O Goodette, P.J. A/B		
			R154010 Sgt Wickenden, G.G. WAC		
			R1590385 Sgt Bishop, G.M. P/E		
			R161397 Sgt Marchand, J.G. A/B		
			R165726 WO1 McLean, A. A/C		

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			POSTINGS OUT		
		A/G	RAF 7595 F/O Stinson, D.S. Posted to AGAG Brackla w.e.f. 11.10.44		
		RAF	RAF 1982 F/S Hogue, M.M. Posted to 24 OTU w.e.f. 3.10.44		
		F/S	RAF 1184432 Sgt Jennings, G.H. Posted to AGAG w.e.f. 10.10.44		
		F/S	RAF 570542 Sgt Sturt, G. " "		
		RAF	J. 67915 F/O R. Diamond Posted to 62 (HCAF) Base w.e.f. 6.10.44		
		RAF	J. 24324 F/O R.F. Nicolls Posted to HCAF "R" Depot w.e.f. 10.10.44		
		A/G	RAF 131137 F/S Jessiman, D.L. " "		
		A/G	RAF 131105 F/S Fyfe, J.A. " "		
		A/G	RAF 141105 F/S Campbell, G.M. " "		
		A/G	RAF 141105 F/S Brown, A.W. " "		
		A/G	J. 86722 F/O R.D. Anderson " "		
		A/G	J. 27481 F/O L.E. Evans " "		
		A/G	RAF 150907 WOI G.J. Mason " "		
		G.1535	F/O R.E. Priestman Sigs. Radar Posted to 62 (HCAF) Base w.e.f. 28.9.44		
		J. 22811	F/O D.H. White Nav. Posted to 62 (HCAF) Base N.E. Sick w.e.f. 6.10.44		
		RAF 2210219	Sgt Evans, H. F/S Posted to 62 (HCAF) Base w.e.f. 17.10.44		
		R213589	F/S Spillows, H. A/G Posted to 62 (HCAF) Base N.E. Sick w.e.f. 6.10.44		
		J. 29411	F/O J.D. Neave RAF. Posted to HCAF "R" Depot w.e.f. 23.10.44		
		RAF 160823	F/S N.E. Ransom A/G " "		
		J. 89197	F/O W.T. Battick Nav " "		
		J. 89436	F/O R.D. Saunders A/G " "		
		RAF 14111	F/S A.P. Cousineau A/G " "		
		J. 89495	F/O N.E. Pett " Nav " "		
		R201468	F/S F.V. Harvey A/G " "		
		R251739	F/S R.R. Waddell A/G " "		
		J. 86185	F/A R.L. Martin A/G " "		
		RAF 154189	WOI G.R. Gordon A/G " "		
		R251445	F/S L.W. Johnson A/G " "		
		J. 89480	F/O H. Markin A/G " "		
		J. 89443	F/O H. Spillows A/G " "		
		J. 89496	F/O L.M. Metcalfe A/G " "		
		J. 89408	F/O L. Goodman A/S " "		
		J. 26811	F/O R.M. Gallon Pilot Posted to 62 (HCAF) Base w.e.f. 9.10.44		
		J. 15760	F/O W. Downey Nav " "		
		J. 12306	F/O R.M. Wyllie WOI/AG " "		
		RAF 107058	Sgt Cherry, R.L. F/S " "		
		J. 16352	S/L F.G. Kruger DFC DFM Pilot Posted to HCAF "R" Depot w.e.f. 30.10.44		
		RAF 1051	M/G C.A. McKenna Pilot Posted to 1666 Com Unit w.e.f. 20.10.44		
		RAF 144690	F/O C.F. Gibbs F/S Posted to 62 (HCAF) Base N.E. Sick w.e.f. 20.10.44		
		RAF 1821563	Sgt Clements, S.G. F/S Posted to AGAG Brackla w.e.f. 26.10.44		
		RAF 1412461	Sgt Berry, A. F/S " "		
		RAF 1625125	F/S Robson, J. F/S " "		
		J. 16335	M/L F.G.G. Bird Pilot Posted to HCAF "R" Depot w.e.f. 30.10.44		

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			PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS		
PILOT	J. 14032	E/O (A/S/L) A. E. Fincher EFG	Appointed 1/3/44 w.e.f. 21.9.44		
PILOT	J. 16392	E/O (A/S/L) E. G. Kruger EFG EFM	Promoted 2/2/44 w.e.f. 9.5.44		
A/G	J. 10089	E/O R. B. Baird	Promoted 2/2/44 w.e.f. 23.6.44		
WOP/AG	J. 18028	E/O (A/S/L) A. Jenkins	Promoted 2/2/44 w.e.f. 30.12.43		
A/G	J. 40773	E/O R. M. Oakley	Promoted 2/2/44 w.e.f. 23.7.44		
PILOT	J. 14033	E/O (A/S/L) G. J. Edwards	Appointed 1/3/44 w.e.f. 24.10.44		
WOP/AG	J. 13082	E/O A. E. Pausher	Promoted 2/2/44 w.e.f. 6.9.44		
			COMMISSIONS		
E/X	Gen. 61321	E/S Hynes, E. R.	Commissioned w.e.f. 7.7.44		
PILOT	R166292	E/S Trasey, J. A.	5.8.44		
NAV	R156207	WO2 Battick, W. T.	18.8.44		
WOP	R111678	WO1 Macgregor, D. G.	23.8.44		
NAV	R11211	WO1 Wood, W. H.	5.8.44		
A/G	R210670	E/S Marica, N.	6.9.44		
WOP	R151125	E/S O'Kane, E. J.	2.9.44		
A/G	R212560	E/S Shelling, R.	2.9.44		
A/G	R187721	E/S Neill, E. S.	4.7.44		
A/B	R118372	E/S Goodman, I.	2.9.44		
A/G	R123036	WO1 Johnston, D. L.	3.9.44		
WOP	R22107	WO1 Rillar, P. M.	5.8.44		
A/G	Gen. 55396	Sgt Beresford, W. J.	7.7.44		
A/G	R213508	E/S Spilloway, H.	8.9.44		
A/G	R165071	E/S Saunders, B. D.	4.9.44		
WOP	R111729	WO1 Doody, R. F.	16.8.44		
E/X	RAF1893340	Sgt Kerr, P. M.	2.9.44		
E/X	RAF1194432	E/S Jennings, G. H.	5.8.44		
E/X	RAF1609999	Sgt Haighton, G. R.	23.9.44		
E/X	RAF1665594	Sgt Larkins, A. R.	14.9.44		
E/X	RAF1468177	E/S Moore, J. L.	8.9.44		
E/X	RAF515931	Sgt Miles, R. J.	14.9.44		
E/X	RAF1347446	E/S Pinder, A. F.	18.8.44		
WOP	RAF122446	E/S Austin, J. E. G.	22.9.44		
E/X	RAF1893356	Sgt Gibbs, C. W.	5.8.44		
E/X	RAF1413828	E/S Brown, J.	8.9.44		
A/G	R205531	Sgt York, E. D.	23.9.44		
NAV	R169925	E/S Gilmour, M. E.	2.9.44		
WOP	R123298	WO2 Brown, J. W.	19.9.44		
WOP	R118322	WO1 Haldane, W. H.	18.9.44		
A/B	R185653	E/S Jeannotte, J. R. G.	21.9.44		
			REMOVALS AND AWARDS		
PILOT	J. 25825	W/O E. M. Aldred	Awarded the D.F.C. on 14.10.44		
A/G	J. 89260	E/O E. S. Neill	Awarded the B.E.M. on 20.10.44		
			CHANGES IN COMMAND - J. 14035 W/O G. J. Edwards Pilot assumes command of this unit w.e.f. 24.10.44. W/O McEenna relinquishes command on posting to 1666 Con. Unit w.e.f. 24.10.44.		

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
			CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION - Nil		
			AIRCRAFT ON CHARGE - 26 HALIFAX III		
			OPERATIONAL AND NON-OPERATIONAL FLYING HOURS		
			OPERATIONAL.....1124.41 HOURS		
			NON-OPERATIONAL.....226.11 HOURS		
			NUMBER OF SORTIES (OPERATIONAL) 206		
			MONTHLY AND CUMULATIVE TOTALS OF BOMBS DROPPED AND MINES LAID		
			Total No. of tons of bombs dropped during the month of October, 1944. 787.74 tons.		
			Total No. of tons dropped to date during 1944. 2845.09 tons.		
			NUMBER OF COMBATS WITH ENEMY AIRCRAFT		
			Combats.....10		
			Destroyed.....Nil		
			Prob. Destroyed.....Nil		
			Damaged.....1		
			See Appendix "C"		
			STRENGTH		
			ATTACHED		
			R.C.A.F. OFFICERS.....157		
			R.C.A.F. AIRMEN.....116		
			R.A.F. OFFICERS.....16		
			R.A.F. AIRMEN.....40		
			GROUND CREW		
			R.C.A.F. OFFICERS.....1		
			SHORT RESUME BY SQUADRON COMMANDER		
			The squadron completed 206 sorties for 1124 hours and 40 minutes with no crews missing and no serious damage due to enemy action.		
			Due to operational stand-bys and poor weather from mid-month on, the training fell a bit below our usual high standards. This month's details of fighter affiliation, bombing and air to air totalled 226 hours and 10 minutes.		
			Now crews were screened for eight replacements, so we lost a bit of ground numerically.		
			G. J. Edwards W/C (G. J. EDWARDS) WING COMMANDER, OFFICER COMMANDING, NO. 420 (RCAP) SQUADRON.		