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olthorpe, Yorks.	103045		Operations were called for and 15 attents are detailed to attack "pleasing. All car-	
1		- 1	graft took off safely and 12 alreadt successfully attacked the primary target. All	
			aircraft returned safely to Base. Aircraft "R" Capt. J. 38977, P/O J. Homard unable to	
***************************************			bomb as bomb doors could not be opened. Training consisted of one cross country. Two	
		e,	new oraws reported to the Squadron for ope rational duties - Captains: J.22726, 3/0 Glose,	
	10		ReD. and Je92097, F/O Parcett, Hele Infofmation was received releasaifying as presumed	
***************************************			dead, J.90758, P/O H.E. Simone missing J/L May. 19ths no compared of the company	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
	2.3.45		Operations were called for and 14 aircraft were detailed to attack "COLOGIE". All air-	
1			craft took off and successfully attacked the primary targets. All aircraft returned eafely	•
		3	to perse two new ocean more openied but	
9	3-3-45	***************************************	No operations were called for to-day. Training consisted of 15 aircraft on cross countries.	***************************************
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	1-2-		until 2359 hours but later cancelled due to operations being called for. The operation	
		14/2	was cancelled. During the might the derodrime was shot up by enemy intruders.	44
75, -1 - 1-	Jan 3n45		Operations were called for but later candelleds. Pilots received a lecture on MARK VIII	
			Automatic Pilots A stand down was granted until 0900 hours.	
of Section 1	5-3-45		Operations were called for and 15 aircraft were datailed to attack "GHESTEZ". All air-	
			creft took off. Two aircraft creshed after take off - "U" Capt. J.93048, P/O Sollie, RaFa	
			and "W" Capts J.89818, P/O Clark, W.E., killing 6 numbers of Sollie's orew and 4 numbers	
8			of Clark's crows. The remainder were slightly injured. Aircraft "P" Capts J. 20988, F/L	
			Medicine Hele returned early due to loing conditions. Aircraft of Capts Ja14713, 1/4	
	0.7415		Glover, VaR. feiled to return from the operation. I strongft landed in France due to .	
			petrol shortage - they weres "F" Capts Ja37905, F/O Lapp. Rajs - "Y" Capts Ja37437, F/O	<del>M</del>
1.			Hill, heGe and "H" Capt. J.90210, P/O Monagy, J.H. Who created on landing, were were anim-	
melandie, Torks.	7.3.15		tred. The remainder of the sircraft landed away in England due to petrol shortage.	
	6.3.45		All grows who were diverted away in England returned to Base to-day. J.37905, E/O Legy	
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holthorpe, Yorks.	7.3.45		Operations called for 12 strengt to attack FIRMATICSTERS. All strength took offer any	
			successfully attacked the primary targets and returned sefely to beace. Je37137, P/O Hill a	nd
A			orew returned from diversion in France bringing J. 90210, P/O Menery and ever with them-	
	8-3-45		Operations were called for and 14 sironeft were detailed to attack "HAMPHIRG", All sir-	- 10
			ereft took off, successfully attacked the primary target and returned safely to have	
			A new grow reported to the squadron to-day for operational duties - Capt. J.42463. 2/0	
			County to the real of the county of the coun	
	5.3.45		J.27705 F/L Shotton, W.H. Pilot	
	-		J.37883 P/O Dauncey, M.B. 3300 Hours /B	
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			J.23570 9/0 Basons, S.A. A/B	
			R-98669 WOI O'Compos, H-M- WOP	
	5.3.43		Information received to-day that Ja89305, P/O Surles, C.P. missing 16/17 August 1944 is	
4.0		4	now reclassified missing believed billed and BAP179265, P/O Hansford, A. missing 21/25	
			Avril 1944 is now presumed deads	
Policy of the second	8+2+13		Operations were called for but later cancelled. Emining consisted of one cross country-	
	9.3.45			
			Statistic 1111 000 hours	
	10.3.45		Ne operations were called for in the sorming, and a Training Programme was organized for	
			the day. A new grew reported for operational duties the skipper being J.27809, J/L Rush,	
			Lake F/O Todoran, Me was obsested out in the secreting on a training flight, and on diverting	·
			to Carmaby, wrote off "P" for Freddie. Home of the over were injured.	
	11.3.45	146	Operations called for and the sirgraft were detailed to attack #8888 . All sirgraft took	
holtrone, Imks.	1.3.45		off safely, and attacked the primary target, and returned safely to base. The following	
•			member of P/L Field, R.B.T. grow were surcessed;	
		ok rateli	J.45746 F/L Field, R.B.T. Pilot	
			J. 24551 F/O Green, P.C. A/B R261577 F/S Relson, D.E. A/G	
			R176371-W02-Willoughby, LaG- A/G	

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holthorpe, Yorks.	12-3-45		14 aircraft were detailed to attack the target of "DORTHUND". The aircraft all got away	
			safely and the primary target was attacked, and all aircraft returned safely to base. P/O	
			Ford, T.F. J.49321, lost and engine on his way to the target just before reaching the French	
***************************************			coast line. P/O Ford however, despite this carried on to the target, and returned success-	
			fully on three engines to base.	
	13.3.45		Again 14 aircraft detailed for operations. The target this day being "WUPPERTAL". The	
			primary target was successfully attacked and all aircraft returned safely to base. There	
			was an early return, P/O Menery, JaH. losing an engine shortly after take-off. P/O Cilles-	
	1200		pie, J.C. returned on three engines.	
	14.03.45		14 aircraft again on operations. The target was "METERMUNEN". P/O Simonson had P/O	
***************************************			Trudell with him as 2nd Pilet. The primary was successfully attacked and all o/o	
			returned safely to base. The following personnel listed as missing have now for official	
			purposes been presumed deads=	
			J-28213 F/O Redmond, A.S. Missing: 21/25-1-1944 R147210 Sgt MacDougally J-H. Missing: 3/4-5-1944	
			J.90753 P/O Heidman, W.H. O. Missing: 15/16-3-1944	
			J-87528 F/O Young, WaH. Missing: 30/31-5-1944 RAP176005 F/O Warren, A. Missing: 20/21-4-1944	
			RAF1652948 Sgt Gough, P.P. Missings 20/21-4-1944	
	15.3.45		10 grows were detailed again for operations, the target this time: "GASTROP-PAUDEL", All	
			s/a were airhorne safely, and attacked the primary. All the circums expressed themselves	e Tolkinger
			well satisfied with the raid, and described it as a really good prange. Thile this raid	
			Was in progress the call came through for seven more a/o to take part in a raid on "Hagen".	
			The target was auccessfully attacked, all a/s returned eafely to base. Goe e/e reported	
			combats over the target area. (Details of sortic for PAL close for the target HAGEN) No. 528.	
	16.3455		No ops ho-day, and all oress get a much needed afternoon off. Two new oress reported in	
	*5***		R191848, P/S heyen, J.E. and J.20366, P/L MoIntyre, B.J. are the skippers. Stand-down till 2559 hours.	
	17-3-45	24,50	14 aircraft detailed for ops, but the operation was sombbed. A training programme was	
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	19-5-45		Allegraft Lorded at 0750 hours from least might's maid, so carries who had been open ting ware	*************************
			all in bed. Age to dail' mouther, there was only ground training for the reachabler of the	
	-		carbon. 2/5 Plyan went to liagreen loor in the afternoon to pick up the adversary which	
	13.50	-	landed there from the op. stord down until 2359 hours.	
	20.3.45		Ground training coursed on during the day with one more going to lityon for dingly drill.	
			A small enough of air technique in afternoons . Ope call through at 1000 hous for 45 a/a.	
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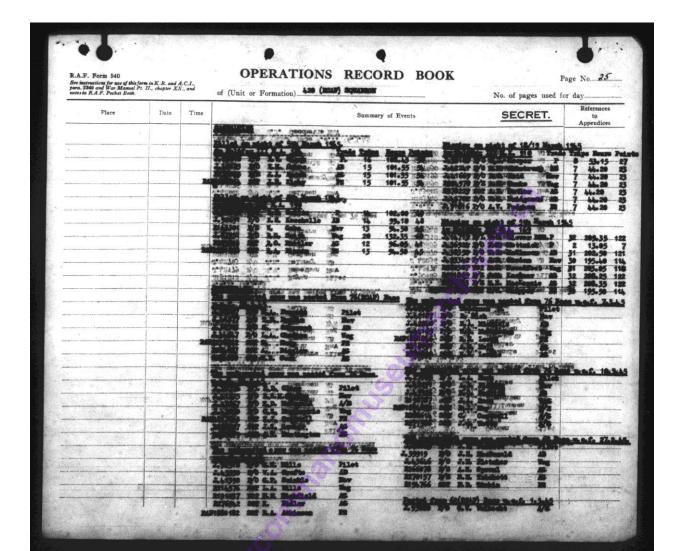
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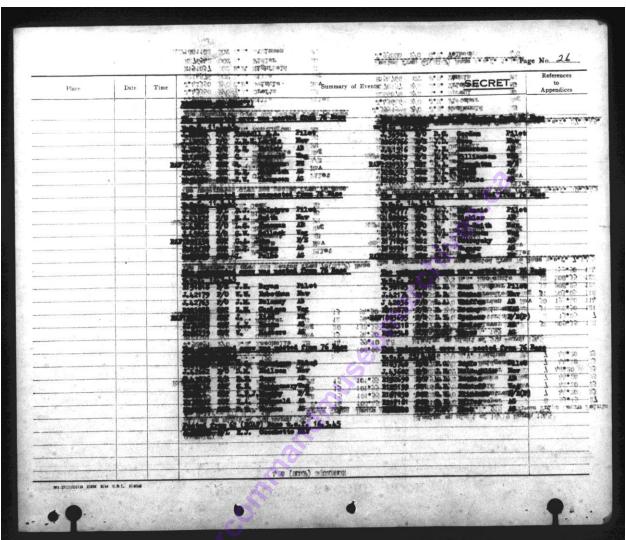
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heltherpe, Yorks.	22.3.45		Seventeen aircraft were detailed for ops to-day - the first one being airborne at appro-	
neitherpe, rolls			rimately 1145 hours. F/O Toderan returned early on three engines. The target was DORSTON.	
			15 a/c attacked the primary. One early return - J.42469, F/O N. Toderan - due to engine	
***************************************			trouble this trip was abortive and complete bomb load was jettisoned. J.92777, P/O A.J.	
			McKenzie was over the target area but his bombs hung up and could not be released.	
			aircraft returned safely. P/O Bagnell arrived back in a Liberator from his diversion.	
			P/O Howard, J. promoted to Might Lieutenant, on appointment to deputy flight-commander.	
	*		J.27718, W/C W.G. Phelan posted to 62 Base W.e.f. 24.2.45	
			The following personnel posted as missing, have now for official purposes been presumed	
			dead:- J.85411 P/O P.J.O. Lapointe Missing: 4-5-1944	
			J. 16041 F/O A.H.B. Hall Missing: 1*5*1544 RAF-91090 P/O A.F. Goodall Missing: 28-5-1944	
			Nothing doing all day but call through for seventeen grees with take-off approximately at	
	23.3.45		Nothing doing all day but call incount to secure as a carried on during the day, as 0400 hours to-merrow morning. Very little air training was carried on during the day, as	
		-	the cress were sent to bed early in the aftermoon.  The seventeen cress detailed yesterday were finally airborne at 0900 hours and all returned.	
	24.3.45		The seventeen crews detailed yesterday were illustry critical and the seventeen crews detailed yesterday were illustry critical and the seventeen crews detailed yesterday were illustry critical and the seventeen crews detailed yesterday were illustry critical and the seventeen crews detailed yesterday were illustry critical and the seventeen crews detailed yesterday were illustry critical and the seventeen crews detailed yesterday were illustry critical and the seventeen crews detailed yesterday were illustry critical and the seventeen crews detailed yesterday were illustry critical and the seventeen crews detailed yesterday were included and the seventeen crews and the seventeen critical and the seventeen critica	
			safely to base after bombing GLADBER. An early return was made by J.42469, F/O N. Toderan	
			Abertive sorties and all bombs were jettisomed. 15 siroraft attacked the primary. Sgt.	
			Doyle, E.G., R185760, and even, reported in this morning for operational duties. At mid-	
		1.1	night a call came through for mineteen cress for an early morning mission.	***************************************
	25.3.45	1 1	Bineteen grews called at 0430 hrs for 0700 hrs take-off. P/S Bryan's aircraft swung on	
	( Part   1	1 . 1	take-off and had to change aircraft, otherwise all aircraft were airborne safely. All	
			kites were diverted to the north of the group due to duff seather, but returned to base	
<u> </u>	45.0		later on in the day with the emention of P/O Bagnell who had to leave his a/o at Dishfort	b
Marriago Again and Pa			dus to heavy flak damage. The primary target was attacked by all 19 si roraft. B/O Gordon	
			landed at Carnaby on three engines. No further call through for operations. The target	
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			No operations all day, but new graws doing training. Shans going underway for Squadron	
	26.3.45		No operations all day but her direct in the Airmen's Neaft.	

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d.therpe, Tenks	27.3.45	We operations call through for veloy so plans going about for Squadron party which will	
		be held tenight. A small assessed of air tradulog was carried on during the day. The party	***************************************
***************************************		was held in the sizema's MASS and proved a great success. During the source of the evening	
	12	C. 1181 G/C Lecente on behalf of the circum presented TO1 Magnificant R51758 with an erchid	
1	-	for the ground area. Official methes has been received at this unit the J.39400 B/O E. T.	A-1000
		Landers, previously reported missing has been reclassified as a P.O.V. and E.255711 E/3	
		Hable G.A. has been listed as deed and is now reclassified missing beleived killed in action.	***************************************
	28.3.45	He bettle order through again to-day. Training me limited to the ground due to duff	
		weather. Stand down until 2559 hours, Order case through for all instruments in aircraft	
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	29.3.45	No battle enter again to-day- locks as if there are no same turnets last. Wery little	* #***********
		familiar was correled out. Trans down to 2359 hours.	***************************************
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