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R.C.A.F. Station. Thelthorpe.	1.3.44		One crew proceeded to Little Horwood to ferry aircraft. 11 aircraft were detailed for operations in the evening. The aircraft returned early due to navigational error and D.R. Gompas W/O. Owing to 10/10 obs. tops 10,000 to 15,000 ft. results could not be observed but fires seemed to have been doing fairly well around markers and one aircraft reported sheet of flames up to 10,000 ft. at 0309 hrs. Approx position: 48° 09' 13". Defences slight to moderate. All aircraft attempted photos. All returned safely.		A.1225 to A.1235 incl.
	2.3.44		The Squadron was not required for operations to-day. One aircraft crashed at Creyke, near Eastingsfold, Yorks. All, except the Navigator were killed. R164538 Sgt. Bertrand R. Pilot Killed R157053 W/S Houle J.O.L. Nav. Seriously Injured R185362 Sgt. Goudreau J.J.L. W/O/P Killed R165144 Sgt. Bousquet E.C. B/A Killed 10797 Sgt. Gots G.H. B/AG Killed 9966 Sgt. Trudel R.J. W/AG Killed 183382 Sgt. Dix J.E. P/S Killed R.A.F. R150872 Sgt. Hay D. A/G Killed		
	3.3.44		The undersigned proceeded on Temporary Duty to No. 1 E.C.D.U., Wescott, to attend course on Engine Handling:- 6815039 W/O Dupuis L.P. Pilot 4 aircraft participated in a Bullseye exercises in the evening.		
	4.3.44		Flying Training consisted of the following:- 1 aircraft on Cross-country (day) 3 aircraft on Air to Air Practice.		
	5.3.44		The Squadron was stood down for the day. The regular Sunday Services were held. Group Captain G.H.M. Scott, No. 6 Group and W/Lt. Scott, No. 62 Base Admin. Officer visited the Squadron. W/Lt. M. and P.O. M. Deschamps of D.P.E., R.C.A.F. Headquarters London, visited the squadron this date. Capt. J.A. Gray, Gen. Intell. Corps. of No. 1 C.G.R.W. and Lieut. A.J. Blakney, Carleton & York Regiment, of No. 7 C.I.R.U. Reported to the Squadron for familiarisation visit.		
	6.3.44		10 aircraft were detailed for bombing operations over Trappes. One a/c did not take-off due to port engine failed up. 9 a/c attacked the primary. Crews report P.F.F. T.L. Markers very good and bombs were aimed at centre of target being attacked, no exceptional fires were seen. Weather was clear over target with slight ground haze. One enemy aircraft was sighted and followed one of our aircraft without opening fire. Both gunners opened fire when a/c was at 600 yards range and it immediately turned sharply to stern and was lost to sight. No visible damage was caused to the enemy a/c which was identified as a P.F. 190. Aircraft passed course after having completed one dive, fell and sank. The following crew proceeded to Stockport in order to assist at the funeral of 1855824. Sgt. Dix J.E. who was killed in the aircraft accident on the night of 2nd March. 723788 P/O Kirk R.E. Pilot 723944 P/O Peery H.C. Nav. 723961 P/O Hagen F.P. W/AG 727119 P/O Bush K.F. B/A		A.1236 to A.1244 incl.

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	6.3.44	(Cont'd)	<p>1194013 Sgt. Robertson G.E. P/AG 1165561 Sgt. McSway D.R. MU/AG</p>		
	7.3.44		<p>G.13682 P/Lt. J.E.R. St. Amour (Admin) reported this date on attachment from No. 6 (BDAF) Group Headquarters. Four Officers and 24 N.G.O's aircrew detailed to attend the funeral of Sgt. Bertrand & crew at Harrogate. W/Cdr Gellinas, "BE" and P/Lt. Kennedy of the Auxiliary Services, visited the Squadron. 12 aircraft were detailed to attack LEMANS, France, and they all took-off, but due to the absence of E.E.F. Hawks only 6 attacked the primary, thus causing a large number of aircraft to circle over approximate target area and to bomb late, bombs being aimed at reflection of markers on cloud. Numerous bomb burst flashes were seen reflected against the clouds. A large explosion, white in colour later turning to red, was seen by a number of crews. One aircraft landed safely.</p>		A.1245 to A.1256 incl.
	8.3.44		The Squadron was not required for operations this date. No flying was carried out. Lectures were given to new crew. In the evening a Station Dance was held in the Gymnasium.		
	9.3.44		J15603 P/Lt. W.C. Vansman "BPO" was detailed as Investigation Officer in the case of an accident to an aircraft of No. 426 Squadron piloted by P/Lt. Legens (J14677) W/Cdr Smith, the Base Engineering Officer, visited the Squadron.		
	10.3.44		Officers and airmen of this Unit reported to Station Sick Quarters for blood donation. The Squadron was not required for operations. Two aircraft were detailed for Bulls-eye exercises in the evening.		
	11.3.44		Four aircraft were detailed for local flying during the day and one on Night Cross-Country. In the evening a dance was held in the Officers' Mess.		
	12.3.44		4 aircraft carried out local flying in the morning. Slight rain fall lasted practically all day.		
	13.3.44		<p>Seven aircraft were detailed to attack LEMANS and all took-off. Two returned early due to Undercarriage and Instruments W/S, respectively. 5 aircraft attacked primary target. Attack appeared to be successful. Bomb bursts observed around Red T.I. and smoke seen rising to 10,000 ft. after bombing. P.F.F. and Route were good. Weather clear, little if any cloud. Vis. was good. All aircraft returned safely. Major J.S. Merritt, of the Royal Winnipeg Rifles, No. 1 C.I.E.U., reported to the Squadron for one week's familiarization with R.C.A.F. G.1181 S/Ldr. L.H. Leconte, (Pilot) proceeded to No. 1 E.C.D.U., Wessott, to attend course on Engine Handling. 2 aircraft carried out night cross country.</p>		A.1257 to A.1263 incl.
	14.3.44		The Squadron was not required for operations. Eight aircraft were detailed for Bulls-eye exercises in the evening. J19134 P/O F.B. Denton (Nav) formerly of this unit, now at C.T.U., paid a visit to the Sqdn.		
	15.3.44		13 aircraft were detailed to attack Stuttgart and all took-off. 11 aircraft attacked primary target. 2 aircraft returned early due to Starboard inner oil pressure nil and Aileron controls W/S, respectively. One aircraft ran out of petrol and the crew had to bale out and all		A.1264 to A.1276 incl.

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	15.3.44	(Cont'd)	landed safely in Midlands. All aircraft report fires numerous but scattered over fairly large area and R.F.F. markers widely spread. Glow of fires could be seen up to 100 miles away on return journey. Cloud varied from 1/10 to 10/10th with tops 8 to 12,000 ft.		
	16.3.44		7 aircraft which had landed away from base returning from ops. last night came back to base this date. No other flying was carried out. Discussions on last night's operation took place in the various Section.		
	17.3.44		The Squadron was not required for operations today. Part of the aircraft personnel were granted the day off, remainder attended lectures by their different Section Leaders, or were engaged on flying - 1 day cross-country were carried out.		
	18.3.44		R/O Jackson No. 62 Base P.R.O. visited the Squadron. S/Ldn Seabourne, the Group Air/Sea Base Officer also paid a visit to the Squadron in connection with aircraft training. No flying was carried out to-day. In the evening, 11 aircraft were detailed to attack Frankfurt and all took off. One aircraft returned early due to the Bomb Aimer taking sick. Remainder of a/c claim to have attacked the primary. Most crews report the R.F.F. being on time with the primary. Many well concentrated but few crews made use of the Green Steady Flare placed at the start of bombing run. Many scattered fires were seen near the Red T.I.'s but by the end of the attack, seemed to be taking hold and spreading. Two explosions, 1 yellow and 1 orange, were reported N. of the aiming point. All aircraft returned safely.		A.1277 to A.1287 incl.
	19.3.44		4 aircraft which had landed away last night, returning from operations, came back to base. 2 aircraft carried out local flying, 1 day cross-country and 1 Fighter Affiliation. 1 night cross-country. The following crew arrived on posting from No. 61 (RCAF) Base for operational duties: J25390 P/O Laporte R.E. Pilot J25910 P/O Tetrasulis A.B. BAW K129137 WO1 Laing J.A. W/OP K154163 Sgt. Malette H.C. B/A K136960 Sgt. Laxnesson J.M. B/AG K193475 Sgt. McGowan R. WO/AG 1019937 Sgt. Ward H.V. B/S R.A.F.		
	20.3.44		No flying was carried out due to rain. Lectures were given to new arrivals by Section Leaders.		
	21.3.44		GI651 P/Lt. J.W. Weiss reported to this Squadron to investigate into accident to Halifax L.W. 413 which crashed near Brerley Hill, Staffs. on 16th March, returning from operations. Slight rain prevailed all day.		
	22.3.44		14 aircraft were detailed to attack Frankfurt this evening and all took off. 11 a/c attacked primary and one is missing. Fires in target area were numerous and evidently increasing as glow could be seen up to 150 miles after leaving area. Explosions seen at 2156 hrs and 2204 hrs. Defenses: R.F. light to indicate: S/L's not effective. The missing crew was composed as follows: J20618 P/O Fiddell G.B. Pilot J26063 P/O Duffield L.V. BAW K108261 WO1 Hay G.V. W/OP		A.1288 to A.1301 incl.

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	22.3.44	(Cont'd)	R156968 Sgt. Quinlan R.G. P/A R190129 Sgt. Brins J.E. P/AG R191915 Sgt. Fulham D.W. MU/AG 1876219 Sgt. Patten J.C. P/E R.A.F.																																																										
	23.3.44		G1637 S/Ldr. R.A. Malerson, Acting Squadron Commander attended the Admin. conference held at No. 62 Base. The Squadron was not required for operations this evening. Two aircraft were engaged on local flying during the day.																																																										
	24.3.44		14 aircraft were detailed to attack Berlin this evening. 3 aircraft returned early for following reasons: Port Outer engine over heating; Port outer engine W/S and intercom near turret W/S. One a/c did not take off, Navigator having lost his equipment. 2 a/c are missing. Attack appeared to be successful with fires concentrated around markers and smoke rising to 10,000 ft. Red glow could be seen up to 150 miles away. Defences how W/V numerous but not effective. Particulars of the missing crews are as follows: <table border="1" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr><td>J85045</td><td>P/O</td><td>Jones N.E.</td><td>Pilot</td></tr> <tr><td>J19946</td><td>P/O</td><td>Lazarrell M.C.</td><td>Nav.</td></tr> <tr><td>J19970</td><td>P/O</td><td>Lewdlette J.A.</td><td>W/OP</td></tr> <tr><td>J19836</td><td>P/O</td><td>MacLeod M.E.</td><td>B/A</td></tr> <tr><td>J19980</td><td>P/O</td><td>Tracy J.C.</td><td>P/AG</td></tr> <tr><td>R55806</td><td>Sgt.</td><td>Bouchard J.E.Y.</td><td>MU/AG</td></tr> <tr><td>1676974</td><td>Sgt.</td><td>Mabbott G.W.C.</td><td>P/E R.A.F.</td></tr> <tr><td>J25372</td><td>P/O</td><td>Renaud L.A.</td><td>Pilot</td></tr> <tr><td>J24729</td><td>P/O</td><td>Brasseur F.R.</td><td>Nav.</td></tr> <tr><td>171364</td><td>P/O</td><td>Hanks E.A.</td><td>W/OP R.A.F.</td></tr> <tr><td>R198004</td><td>Sgt.</td><td>Boyer E.W.</td><td>P/A</td></tr> <tr><td>R165365</td><td>Sgt.</td><td>Hast J.J.</td><td>P/AG</td></tr> <tr><td>J87152</td><td>P/O</td><td>Turner G.S.</td><td>MU/AG</td></tr> <tr><td>994362</td><td>Sgt.</td><td>Ridman J.R.</td><td>P/E R.A.F.</td></tr> </table>	J85045	P/O	Jones N.E.	Pilot	J19946	P/O	Lazarrell M.C.	Nav.	J19970	P/O	Lewdlette J.A.	W/OP	J19836	P/O	MacLeod M.E.	B/A	J19980	P/O	Tracy J.C.	P/AG	R55806	Sgt.	Bouchard J.E.Y.	MU/AG	1676974	Sgt.	Mabbott G.W.C.	P/E R.A.F.	J25372	P/O	Renaud L.A.	Pilot	J24729	P/O	Brasseur F.R.	Nav.	171364	P/O	Hanks E.A.	W/OP R.A.F.	R198004	Sgt.	Boyer E.W.	P/A	R165365	Sgt.	Hast J.J.	P/AG	J87152	P/O	Turner G.S.	MU/AG	994362	Sgt.	Ridman J.R.	P/E R.A.F.		A.1302 to A.1314 incl.
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	25.3.44		3 aircraft were detailed to attack Mulmory in the evening but 2 were cancelled in the afternoon. One took-off and returned safely. P.F.F. Markers were on time and exact, and bombs were aimed at centre of P.F.F. T.I.'s. Number of fires seen on target, also large explosions seen N.W. of N.E. Aiming Point flames rising to 15000 ft. After leaving target area a/c report further explosions seen. Weather over target was clear, but slightly hazy. During the day, flying was carried out as follows: 2 aircraft on air test and 3 a/c on night cross-country.		A.1315.																																																								
	26.3.44		10 aircraft were detailed to attack Essen in the evening. All tall-off and attacked the primary, returning safely to base. Glow of fires below cloud and explosions could be seen. Black smoke rising to 22,000 ft. W/V light to moderate in layers from up to 24,000 ft. Searchlights not effective owing to cloud. Weather 10/10 cloud in layers 8,000, ft. and 20,000 ft. thin. All a/c attempted photos. One aircraft engaged on night flying crashed near Christchurch, Wilt., killing 6 members of the crew, who are listed hereunder: <table border="1" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr><td>R18466</td><td>P/O</td><td>Hall G.B.</td><td>Pilot</td></tr> <tr><td>J85140</td><td>P/O</td><td>Grover D.H.D.</td><td>Nav.</td></tr> <tr><td>1480974</td><td>Sgt.</td><td>Martin M.</td><td>WOP R.A.F.</td></tr> </table>	R18466	P/O	Hall G.B.	Pilot	J85140	P/O	Grover D.H.D.	Nav.	1480974	Sgt.	Martin M.	WOP R.A.F.		A.1316 to A.1325 incl.																																												
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	26.3.44		<p>primary, returning safely to base. Glow of fires below cloud and explosions could be seen. Black smoke rising to 22,000 ft. H/W light to moderate in barrage from up to 24,000 ft. Searchlights not effective owing to cloud. Weather 10/10 cloud in layers 8,000 ft. and 20,000 ft., thin. All a/c attempted photos. One aircraft engaged on night flying crashed near Christchurch, Wilt., killing 6 members of the crew, who are hereunder.</p> <p>R154606 P/S Hall C.B. Pilot J82129 P/O Grever D.H.D. Nav. 1480974 Sgt. Newton N. W/OP R.A.F. R161744 Sgt. Forster E.E. B/A 1025524 Sgt. Evans G.H. R/AG R.A.F. 2208949 Sgt. Simpson P.H. P/E R.A.F.</p> <p>The other members who were also in the aircraft escaped with slight injuries</p> <p>GAN24014 Sgt. Cameron W.A. MI/AG R129365 Opt. Reid D.G.D. Radar/Noch.</p> <p>The following crew arrived on posting from 1664 Con. Unit:-</p> <p>10601519 W/Sgt. White L. Pilot USAAF R154577 P/S Lefebvre J.R. Nav. R121517 P/S Conner W/OP R154281 Sgt. Aubrey J.A. B/A 1274596 Sgt. Chant E.J. P/E R.A.F. R124318 Sgt. Belue J.R.M. MI/AG R136908 Sgt. Tremblay E.P. R/AG</p>		A.1316 to A.1325 incl.
	28.3.44		<p>At approximately 3 a.m. this morning, R108209 LAC Parant J.J.E.C. (FITTER .11.E) was found unconscious having fallen off an aircraft which he was refuelling. He died at 3.25 hrs. from internal and external injuries.</p> <p>The following crew arrived on posting from 1664 Con. Unit.</p> <p>10601611 W/Sgt. Krause P.E. Pilot USAAF R161286 P/S Pett K.E. Nav. 2350246 Sgt. West C. O/OP R.A.F. 1808535 Sgt. Higgins A.J. P/E R.A.F. R198670 Sgt. Pickering D. MI/AG R162092 Sgt. Leach J.F. R/AG</p> <p>The squadron was not required for operations to-day.</p>		
	28.3.44		<p>The squadron was not required for operations to-day. In the evening, the fortnightly pay parade was held in the B & T Hanger at 1830 hours.</p> <p>4 aircraft were detailed for Cross-country, fighter affixiating and practice bombing but this was cancelled due to unfavourable weather.</p>		
	29.3.44		<p>Eleven aircraft were detailed for operations this evening but this was cancelled late in the afternoon. No flying was carried out.</p>		
	30.3.44		<p>08446 P/Lt. C.A.E. Davis, Squadron Adjutant, proceeded to RAF Station Wombaton in order to attend a District Court Martial, and returned the same day. In the evening 12 aircraft had been detailed to attack Nuremberg, Germany, and all took off. One aircraft returned early and one is missing. Remainder returned safely. Particulars of the missing crew are as follows:-</p> <p>J10787 P/O Taylor J.R. Pilot R135643 Sgt. Shamus J.R. W/AG R127883 Sgt. Mitchell P.L. R/AG 2213118 Sgt. Furlong P. P/E RAF</p> <p>J24218 P/O G.E. Moore Nav. R157576 Sgt. Macrowie B/A R174796 Sgt. DeWitt MI/AG</p>		A.1326 to A.1337 incl.

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	31.3.44		<p>The Squadron was not required for operations this evening. Flying was carried out as follows: 1 AIRCRAFT on Practice bombing and 2 on Ballseye exercises.</p> <p>Two complete crews reported on posting from 1666 Com. Unit for operational duties:</p> <p>R110459 P/O Selfe G.A. Pilot J24664 P/O Searby G.E. Nav. R168322 Sgt. Rielly R. W/AG J27591 P/O Paul R.V. P/A 1567959 Sgt. Turner J.D. W/AG R.A.F. 1455065 Sgt. Ashford A.E. P/AG R.A.F. 1815589 Sgt. Fellows H. P/D R.A.F.</p> <p>J19726 P/O McDonald J.W. Pilot J14669 P/O House D.G. Nav. R16257 P/S Lee G.H. W/AG J27588 P/O Whetter R.J. P/A J22104 P/O Cross U.N. W/AG R210040 Sgt. Fyfe D.R. P/AG 2201790 Sgt. Burgess J.I. P/S R.A.F.</p>																																																																																																
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			AIRCRAFT ON CHARGE 20 HALIFAX MARK III		
			HEALTH: In general the health of the Squadron has been only fair. Upper respiratory tract infections predominate, of course, and the much poorer conditions under which Squadron personnel work in bomb dumps and dispersals would account for this. Accidents, as would be anticipated, are much more prone to occur amongst Squadron personnel.		
			An unusual number of cases of urticaria has occurred recently, for which no cause has been determined.		
			Spasmodic cases of acute gastro-enteritis are seen, which seem to be largely due to drinking unpasteurized, unboiled fresh milk. As the warm weather comes on, this may be a problem of increasing importance.		
			NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF UNIT AS AT 31st MARCH, 1944.		
			R.C.A.F. OFFICERS AIRCREW: 47 GROUND CREW: 4 RCAF AIRMEN AIRCREW: 110 GROUND CREW: 230		
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			Operational: Day: NIL Night: 671.05 Total: 671.05 hrs.		
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