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MONTUE OF JUNE, 1944 (1st to 30th).

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R.C.A.F. Station - Thetford	1. 6. 44		16 a/c were detailed for operations in the evening, but this was cancelled at the last minute. To-day is the 1st day of organized P.T. for the Squadron and everyone seems to enjoy it. "Vickie" the Squadron Mascot, has completed her 16th trip over the enemy territory. Vickie is a stuffed bunny originally from Ottawa, posted to 425 Squadron and received on Easter Day, by the Squadron Adjutant. All crews showed great admiration for Vickie and it was therefore decided to take her on strength as A.W.C.; immediately promoted to t/Sgt. and appointed to operational duties. Her trade is Operational Overseer Mk. III and entitled to her operational egg when accompanied, in any Mess. She wears pink and dark brown colours and a sash which hangs a Holy Medal blessed by the Late Revd. Brother Andre of Montreal, in significance of safety. She also wears the Canadian Voluntary Service Medal and Spas. On Mother's Day, she was appointed to Assistant Section Officer Mk. II (rank which she wears) on being declared a mother-to-be by "tit Doe". An increase of birth of 6 is expected shortly from Canada. Her log book is kept up-to-date and a list of 11 crews are booked in to take her up on future ops.		
	2. 6. 44		14 aircraft were detailed to attack Neufchateau Navy Anti-aircraft post. All took-off and returned safely to base. Most a/c bombed on Green Hill and reported bomb-bursts well placed around them. Explosions were noted at 0017 hrs, 0019 hrs, and 0031 hours. Defences were light. A little L/F (low flying) and H/F to 6,000 feet. No S/L's. Weather Cloud varying from nil to 7/10 drifting over target, tops to 6,000 feet. All the mud holes around 425 Section have been filled and the land scaping nearly completed due to the co-operation of all personnel. One aircraft fired at an enemy fighter. No damage is claimed (See Combat Report attached)		A1597 to A1610 Incld. Appendix 6.
	3. 6. 44		14 aircraft were required for operations this evening, but this was cancelled at the last minute due to weather conditions. Approximately 20 French-Canadian ground crew reported on posting in the past week in replacement for English-speaking personnel. More exchanges are expected during the month.		
	4. 6. 44		The squadron was not required for operations this evening due to heavy rain fall all day. and there was no flying carried out, except for one air test. P.T. is being carried out every morning.		
	5. 6. 44		18 aircraft were detailed to attack Hougues gun positions. All attacked primary target and returned safely. The following crew arrived on posting from 1659 Gun Unit, J. 29849 P/O Macmillan W.G. - Pilot J. 29845 P/O Roy F.D. - N/A K. 192397 Sgt. Santo D. - N/A R. 176261 Sgt. Schenberger W.A.P. - N/A R. 170558 P/S Walker R. D.P. - R/AG R. 108006 Sgt. Barratt J.E.H. - MU/AG 1894833 Sgt. Parker G.C.Z. - N/E R.A.F. Owing to cloud results could not be seen but most crews report bomb bursts in vicinity of Red I.L.'s, which were rather scattered. Defences over target practically nil. Weather, clear 8 to 10/10ths, tops, 5/7,000 ft. with layer above base 10/11,500 ft. Crews report icing in cloud on most of route.		A1611 to A1620 Incld. See page

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R.C.A.F. Station Thilthorpe.	6.6.44		For the Second Time since formation of the Squadron, 19 aircraft took-off on operations and all returned safely. The target was a Railway Bridge at Gourness. Bomb bursts seen mainly in and around the T.L.'s. The aiming point being seen in my cases. Explosions were noted at 0021 hours, .0022 hrs. and 0023 hours with much smoke. Petrolous: Practically nil. Slight L/F. no S/L's. Weather: Clear with cloud above 7/10 to 10/10ths. Base 5,000 ft. 5,000 feet. The opening of the Second Front really cheered both ground and air crew of the Squadron. Everyone goes to work with a true determination. The following crew arrived on posting from 1666 Con. Unit.		A1629 to A1647 Incl.
			J.27638 F/O Straight N.H. → Pilot R.16989 Sgt. Müller N.F. - Nav. J.35245 F/O Collins R.S. - W/A/G J.21766 F/O Durna S.R. - R/A J.40215 F/O Steele P.W. - A/G R.251621 Sgt. Harris G.R. - M/U/G R.14650 Sgt. Soden P. - P/B		Appendix 7.
			One aircraft fired at an enemy fighter. No damage is claimed. (See Combat Report attached)		
7.6.44			11 aircraft were detailed to attack Achères, France; all attacked primary and returned safely to base. One of our aircraft in which Wicks the Squadron mascot, was flying, piloted by F/O E.E. Kirk (J.23768) was attacked by two enemy fighters. One FW.190 is claimed as destroyed as it was seen to catch fire and explode on the ground. No damage is ascertained to the other enemy aircraft, which was also fired at. Bombing was well concentrated around the T.L.'s and all s/c bombed on the Green T.L. according to Master Bomber instructions. Explosions were seen at 0122 and 0140 hrs., and fires were burning. Defences practically nil. but moderate light flak from Paris defences ahead of target. Weather: Mainly clear with some haze. 8 to 10/10ths, cloud above base 6,7000 ft. The following crew arrived on posting from 1666 Con. Unit.		A1648 to A1656 Incl.
			J.25933 F/O Bennett W.E. - Pilot J.35059 F/O Lowther N.H. - Nav. R.19764 Sgt. Bennett N.G. - W/A/G J.35022 F/O Ball N.H. - R/A R.215492 Sgt. McLean L.E. - R/A/G R.252702 Sgt. Morrison A.H. - M/U/G 1188976 Sgt. Cattran W.E. - P/B R.A.F.		Appendix 8.
			The following crews were posted from this Unit to No. 431 and 432 Squadrons respectively:-		
			J.15603 S/L Vannam W.G. "PDC" → Pilot J.12851 F/O Hutchinson R.B. - Nav. 1352948 Sgt. McDonald J.N. - W/A/G R.128244 W/O Gorley D.M. - R/A R.169226 F/O St. Credar J. - R/A/G R.205254 Sgt. Anderson C.C. - M/U/G 1322948 Sgt. Thomas C.L. - P/B R.A.F.		
			J.5116 S/L Bryson M. - Pilot J.85670 F/O Thomson T.A. - Nav. J.19878 F/O Tupper P.E. - W/A/G J.86173 F/O Verry P.E. - R/A R.190989 Sgt. Elliott S.R. - R/A/G J.36709 F/O Isomae H.G. - M/U/G		
			1804516 Sgt. Marshall R.W. - P/B R.A.F.		

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R.C.A.F. Station			One aircraft was detailed to attack Versailles Metelots Marshalling Yards in the evening. All took off and returned to base. One aircraft was hit by flak and returned to base. Aircraft classified as "GAG". Nobody was injured.		
Tholthorpe	8.6.44		10 aircraft were detailed to attack Mayenne Marshalling Yards and all returned safely. One aircraft crash-landed at Dinsforth one member of the crew was slightly injured. REASON FOR CRASH-LANDING The great majority of crews heard and followed the M.B.'s instructions to bomb the stdd. edge of the Yellow T.I.'s. The reds and Green T.I.'s were somewhat scattered but the Yellow and Whites were concentrated. Two crews had a visual of the Railway lines and report that they were apparently running into the Yellow T.I.'s. Large explosions were logged at 0145, 0146, 0147 and 0150 hours; and a smaller one at 0155 hours. The explosion at 0147 hours was particularly huge. White flash up to 500 ft. Several good fires were left burning and black smoke had risen to 4,000 feet. Defences Negligible; very slight H/F and some L/F. Weather: Clear with 10/10th cloud above. Base 305,000 feet. Flying training during the day consisted of 3 aircraft on fighter affiliation and practice bombing. One aircraft was attacked twice by enemy fighter. No damage claimed. (See Combat Report attached.)		A1659 to A1660 Incld.
	9.6.44		10 aircraft were detailed to attack Lemois air field and all returned safely. All aircraft report T.I.'s well concentrated with fires around them and much smoke rising to 1200 feet. One aircraft reports explosion at 0026 hrs. W/B was heard by most crews. Defences: L/F. was moderate to 5,000 feet mostly being horsepower from guns in marshaling yard and town areas. About 6 G/L's were active and attempted to co-operate with flak. Weather: clear over target with cloud above 4/10 to 8/10 base 5,000 to 8,000 ft. The following crew arrived in posting from 431 Squadron: J.13999 S/L Philbin G. R. - Pilot J.85009 F/O Reed R.A. - Nav. 171593 F/O Stamp L.G. - W/MG R.A.F. R.115821 WO Lee J. E. - W/A 100454 WO Clark R. - WAC R.A.F. 171591 F/O Beresford C. - WAG R.A.F. R.115824 Sgt. Greene W.R. - W/E One night cross-country was carried out in the evening. One aircraft was attacked by enemy fighter. (No damage claimed) See Combat Report attached.		A1669 to A1670 Incld.
	10.6.44		10 a/c were detailed to attack Versailles Metelots Marshalling Yards in the evening. All took off and returned to base. 1 aircraft was hit by flak and returned to base. Aircraft classified as "GAG". Nobody was injured. Attack appears to have been successful. Red and Yellow T.I.'s were plainly visible to most crews bombed on instructions from master Bomber. Bomb bursts appeared to be well concentrated and explosions were noted at 0041 0050 and 0107 hrs. Defences: L/F and H/F slight and intermittent increasing as attack progressed from 5,000 to 7,000 ft. G/L's few and ineffective. Weather: Clear no cloud slightly hazy. Ground details visible. Flying training consisted of 2 a/c on dual flying, one on fighter-affiliation and bombing and 2 on night cross-country and bombing. One aircraft was attacked by many fighters. (No damage claimed) (See Combat Report attached)		A1679 to A1680 Incld. Appendix 12. <i>BBM</i>

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425 (R.C.A.F.) Station	11.6.44		The Squadron was not required for operations this evening. Flying training was carried out as follows: 8 A/J's on Fighter affiliation and bombing and 3A/C on night cross-country.		
Tholthorpe	12.6.44		15 aircraft were detailed to attack Cambrai Junction and all took-off. 14 a/c claimed to have attacked the primary. One went to target but all bombs hung up. Jettisoned 2x500 lb. L.R., and brought back remainder of load. Much smoke over target obscured details but bombing appears to have been mainly in vicinity of Red T.I., and yellow spot fires. Master Bomber gave several aiming points and H.P. not as accurate as usual. Several crews stated that the timing of the Amiens raid coincided with our a/c passing over, gave them a good chance to intercept. Weather: clear, slightly hazy without cloud above 3 to 6/10ths. Base 10 to 14,000 feet.	A1689 to 1703 Incl.	Appendices 13 & 14.
	13.6.44		Flying training consisted of 5 a/c on fighter affiliation, practice bombing and air to air firing. One a/c carried out a night cross-country and bombing. Two enemy fighters are claimed as destroyed on the attack on Cambrai. (See combat reports attached)		
	14.6.44		The squadron was not required for operational to day. Flying training consisted of 8 a/c engaged on day cross-country and 3 a/c aircraft on air test. The following crew arrived on posting from 1664 G.M. Unit:		
			R.136732 Sgt. Lavoie M.J.P. - Pilot R.180757 Sgt. Hanif J.P. - Nav. R.179316 Sgt. Noisier J.R. - W/A/G R.161531 Sgt. Lalonde J.P. - A/B R.195725 Sgt. Roach C.G. - R/A/G R.168320 Sgt. Kusuma H.P. - M/G 1592787 Sgt. Reiper P. - P/E R.A.F.		
	14.6.44		18 aircraft were detailed to attack St-Pol Railway Centre and all took-off. They all claimed to have attacked primary and all returned to base. Red and Green R.I.'s and yellow S.P. well concentrated with bomb bursts in and around them with much dust and smoke swirling around. Master Bomber was clearly heard and no aircraft had occasion to orbit. One aircraft fired at enemy fighter (see combat report) Defences: very slight H/F. Numerous S/L ineffective owing to clouds. Weather: Cloud 8 to 10/10ths. Top 10,000 Feet with one cap over target. 7 aircraft carried out fighter affiliation, practice bombing and air-to-air firing during the day.	A1704 to A1721 Incl.	Appendix 15.
	15.6.44		Ex 13 aircraft were detailed to attack Boulogne in the evening and all took-off. One aircraft landed away due to aircraft having been hit by flak. Nobody was injured. Bomb bursts scattered in and around the Red T.I.'s with some scattered bombing at first cloud obscured ground detail, but sharp explosion was seen by many crews at 2251 hrs. and smaller ones at 2252 hrs. and 2257 hrs. Weather: 8/10 to 10/10ths. Thin cloud tops 8 to 10,000 feet. 10/10ths cloud above. Base 16, to 18,000 feet. Defences: H/F moderate in cloud-barrier and predicted fire to a/c heights. 1/2 moderate, nose-piping. One aircraft is missing the crew was as follows:	A1722 to A1723 Incl.	
			J.25768 F/O Kirk E.E. - Pilot J.23944 F/O Peasey H.C. - Nav. J.28661 F/O Hagen P.D. - W/A/G J.27390 F/O Stubble D. - A/B J.35710 F/O Collins R.P. - R/A/G R.169561 Sgt. McEvoy B.E. - M/W/A/G R.145016 Sgt. Adams G. - P/E R.A.F. R.195367 Sgt. Furness R.U. - Under Gunner.		

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R.C.A.F. Station	15.6.44 (Cont'd)		Remainder of aircraft attacked primary and returned safely. Two aircraft carried out local flying and practice bombing during the day.		
Thelthorpe	16.6.44		The following crew arrived on posting from 1666 G.M. Units. J.86106 P/O Tailleur A.P. - Pilot B.136907 Sgt. Dufour J.C. - Nav. B.83452 WO1 Watson W.W. - W/A/G R.136822 Sgt. Arsenault J.A. - A/B R.211884 Sgt. Bouchez M.A. - R/A/G R.201064 Sgt. Ciroux J.L. - MU/AG 1569829 Sgt. Kinneer E.P. - N/E R.A.F. XN In the evening 16 aircraft were detailed to attack Sautrecourt and all took-off and attacked primary. Red Z.L. were in three batches and bomb bursts were seen mainly in and around them. Explosions noted at 0317 hrs., 0319 hrs., and 0322 hrs. Most crews consider P.P.F. all little late, Z.L.'s being first seen at 0315.15 hours. Defences over target: slight H/F 12,000 to 16,000 feet, S/L's few and ineffective owing to cloud. Weather: 7/10 to 9/10 cloud, tops 7,000 to 10,000 feet. One aircraft fired at an enemy fighter. No damage is claimed. (See combat report attached.) One aircraft was hit by flak and landed away from base. The pilot J27683 P/O H.M. Ronald was severely injured and died from wounds received. The a/c was landed by the Bomb Aimer.	A1735 to A1750 Inc.	
	17.6.44		11 aircraft were detailed to attack Oissancy/Meurville-en-Brie, in France. All attacked primary and returned safely. Details of attack lacking owing to clouds, but glow of Red and Yellow Z.L. appeared to be well concentrated and explosions were noted at 0308 hours, 0310 hrs and 0326 hours. Defences: over target: slight H/F 10,000 to 12,000 feet. S/L's few and ineffective owing to clouds. Weather: 10/10 cloud, tops at 6/8,000 feet. Flying training to-day consisted of 2 aircraft on practice bombing. 3 other aircraft which had landed away returned to base this date. Mr. Paul Dupuis Canadian War Correspondent is visiting the Squadron for a few days. One aircraft fired at an enemy fighter. No damage is claimed. (See Combat Report attached)	Appendix 17.	A1751 to A1761 Inc.
	18.6.44		17 aircraft were required for operations but this was cancelled at approximately 1800 hours. X Most of the officers celebrated the Stand Down in the Officers' Mess and all joined in for a sing song party. The following crew arrived on posting from 1666 G.M. Units. R.112271 WO2 Boisier P.W. - Pilot J.28182 P/O Kallal J.T. - Nav. 157925 P/O Franklin K. - W/A/G R.A.F. H176514 Sgt. Harvish J.L. - A/B R183350 Sgt. Morash D.L. - R/A/G R2210433 Sgt. Arkay G.J. - MU/AG 1568461 Sgt. Bailey R.H. - N/E R.A.F. Flying training was carried out as follows: 9 aircraft engaged on fighter affiliation, air to air firing and S.R.A.F.		D. 1944 J. 1944

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R.C.A.F. Station Thalthorpe	19.6.44		19 aircraft were scheduled for operations but this was cancelled. At approximately 1030 hrs. this morning, a fire was reported to have started in the Crew Room. However prompt action was taken and the fire was extinguished, causing practically no damage. The Squadron Commander, gathered all N.C.O.'s aircrew and Section Leaders in Sgt's Mess after operations were cancelled and a good time was had by all. P/Lt. C.A.E. Davis (OB446) Admin. the former Squadron Adjutant, proceeded this date en route to R.A.F. Station St. Athan.		
	20.6.44		20 aircraft were detailed to take part in operations, but this was cancelled at the last minute. Flying training consisted of 13 aircraft which carried out Fighter Affiliation, air to air, practice bombing and dual checks.		
	21.6.44		18 aircraft carried out a daylight attack on St. Martin L'Hotier, France. All attacked primary and returned safely. Most crews found difficulty in identifying the green T.L.'s and a number of crews bombed visually. Some scattered bombing was observed but main bombing was in and around the T.L.'s. Master Bomber was heard to say the T.L.'s were accurately placed. Slight heavy flak to North and South of Target mainly predicted. Weather: drifting cloud 3 to 5,000 feet. tops obscured target at times. 1 aircraft carried out a night cross-country.		A1762 to A1779 Incld.
	22.6.44		The squadron was not required for operations to-day. Flying training was carried out as follows: 13 aircraft on Day-Light Formation Practice; 11 aircraft on cross-country fighter affiliation, S.R.A.F. and local flying. One aircraft carried out a night cross-country. S/Ldr. R.R.G. McCall (C2665) No. 6 RCAF Group Senior P.R.O., visited the Squadron.		A1780 to A1796 Incld.
	23.6.44		Flying training to-day consisted of 3 a/c on fighter affiliation and one on practice bombing. 3 aircraft carried out night cross-country. 17 aircraft were detailed to attack Miantiques, France, and all returned safely to base. 16 attacked primary and one returned early due to undercarriage up. All a/c bombed on Red-Tri. mostly under instructions from Master Bomber and report that T.L.'s were well concentrated. Details of target could not be seen, but some a/c report smoke rising through clouds. Weather: 8/10 to 10/10 cloud, tops at 4,000 to 6,000 feet. Defences: Slight H/F to 10,000 feet. to 12,000 feet. Slight H/F to 8,000 feet. S/L's few and not effective.		<i>See</i>

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R.C.A.F. Station	24.6.44		17 aircraft were detailed to attack Bamberg Constructional works in the evening; all attacked primary and returned safely. Flying trial "P.E. Red and Green T.L." mainly well concentrated with one Red T.L. separated from others. Bomb bursts in and around the T.L.'s and vivid white explosion at 0151 hrs. with much black smoke. Defences very slight H/F with numerous 2/3's. Batteries opened several m/s but were not supported by A/A or fighters. Weather: Clear with ground haze. Flying training consisted of 4 aircraft engaged on air to air, fighter affiliation and practice bombing & local flying. 2 aircraft carried out night cross-country. C.1807 hrs. Group Captain W.V. McCarthy, Chief R.C. Chaplain, R.C.A.F. Overseas, visited the Squadron and celebrated Holy Mass at 1700 hours in the Station Chapel.		A1797 to A1813 Incl.
Thalthorpe					
	25.6.44		17 aircraft required for operations in the evening, but this was cancelled during the day. The Squadron was standing by for operations in the evening but was not required. Dinner Music by the 3 R.R.C. Band was greatly enjoyed this evening in the Officers' Mess. The following crew arrived on posting from 1664, Cawdron Units:		
			J.12555 S/o Dugas M.J. - Pilot		
			J.22696 S/o Stakeman J.G. - Nav		
			R.110638 Sgt. Crispin J.P. - W/O		
			R.158728 Sgt. Ranger J.A. - A/B		
			R.253228 Sgt. Savoie J.W. - B/G		
			R.151371 Sgt. Frederic J. - MUAG		
			622599 Sgt. Tryner W. - P/B R.A.F.		
			8 aircraft carried out Fighter Affiliation, bombing, air to air firing and cross-country during the day.		
	26.6.44		The Squadron was given a stand down, not being required for operations to-day on account of rain. Lt. May, D.M. of the R.C.S., from No. 1 C.S.R.A.I. reported to-day for one week, in order to gain Air Force experience. Hon. Mr. Henri Geoffrion, French Canadian, Quebec Attaché to the British Government, visited our Squadron. He was amazed of the organization and co-operation of all Sections throughout the Station. J.223902 F/O E. Atkins (S/A) reported to-day on posting from 427 Squadron, for Bombing Leader's duty.		
	27.6.44		17 aircraft were detailed to attack Forst D ¹⁴⁴ Constructional Works and all attacked primary, returning to base. Red T.L. in form of triangle with bombs bursting in and around them. Explosions reported at 0032 and 0039 hrs. Defences very slight H/F and I/F. S/L's few and not effective. Weather: slight scattered cloudings up to 6/800 ft. ⁺ One aircraft M.Z. 685 "A" came back with one engine feathered and crashed on landing into aircraft L.W. 380 "B" which was bombed up. Both aircraft caught fire which resulted in bombs exploding and causing injuries to the following personnel, who were helping extricate the crew from the burning aircraft: C.111 Air-Commander A.D. Ross, Base Commander; a piece of shrapnel partly cut his left arm, near the wrist, which necessitated amputation. R2779962 F/O MacKenzie, M. and R2168006 LAC Wilcox, L., of MAP Stn. Thalthorpe were also injured. All members of the crashed aircraft were extricated, the pilot was dangerously injured, receiving severe laceration of left lower back and possible fracture of spine and was		A1814 to A1830 Incl.
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R.C.A.F. Station Tholthorpe	27.6.44 (Cont'd)		<p>admitted to York Military Hospital. The Flight Engineer was also admitted to York Military Hospital suffering of lacerating right wrist and possible other injuries. Remainder of crew suffered on slight injuries and were admitted to Stn. Sick Quarters. The crew was as follows:-</p> <table> <tbody> <tr><td>R.135730</td><td>T/Sgt. Invans M.W.P.</td><td>Pilot</td></tr> <tr><td>R.180757</td><td>T/Sgt. Hault J.P.</td><td>- NAV</td></tr> <tr><td>R.175516</td><td>T/Sgt. Boisjoux J.M.</td><td>- N/A</td></tr> <tr><td>R.181531</td><td>T/Sgt. Lalonde J.A.J.</td><td>- N/A</td></tr> <tr><td>R.195725</td><td>T/Sgt. Rochem C.O.</td><td>- R/AG</td></tr> <tr><td>R.184432</td><td>T/Sgt. Kusma H.P.</td><td>MU/AG</td></tr> <tr><td>R.189709</td><td>T/Sgt. Piché A.H.</td><td>- Under Gunner</td></tr> <tr><td>1550707</td><td>Sgt. Raper R.</td><td>- R/Aggs R.A.P.</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	R.135730	T/Sgt. Invans M.W.P.	Pilot	R.180757	T/Sgt. Hault J.P.	- NAV	R.175516	T/Sgt. Boisjoux J.M.	- N/A	R.181531	T/Sgt. Lalonde J.A.J.	- N/A	R.195725	T/Sgt. Rochem C.O.	- R/AG	R.184432	T/Sgt. Kusma H.P.	MU/AG	R.189709	T/Sgt. Piché A.H.	- Under Gunner	1550707	Sgt. Raper R.	- R/Aggs R.A.P.		
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	28.6.44		16 aircraft were required for operations but due to unfavourable weather this was cancelled in the evening.																										
			The most exciting and unusual surprise we have had yet since on operations, says S/Lt. G.D. Stevens, Nav. (J9502). "Is the story that S/Lt. Alf. T. Risch, Sgt. Nav. Leader (J17010) "IPC" himself gave us upon returning from Temporary Duty that of his sudden marriage". Since he is at the same time posted from the Squadron to RCAF Stn. Dalton, the Squadron Commander, Sqdn. Adjutant and Section Leaders with many other officers, entertained and initiated the newly-wed' and Posties, the Alouette way. All what S/Lt. Risch said in the early hours of the morning after the party, was - quote: "Thanks boys, but my wife will never believe me" UNQUOTE.																										
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	30.6.44		17 aircraft were required for operations but this was cancelled at the last moment in the evening. No flying was carried out due to the squadron standing by all day for operations. The Squadron Commander, Wing Commander L.H. LeComte (C1181) visited Air Commodore A.J. Ross, Base Commander, (G111) and the other airmen and ground crew personnel hospitalised at York Military Hospital, following the aircraft accident on the morning of the 28th June/44. Reports on everyone of the injured personnel is quite favourable, except for the two ground crews on strength of Station Headquarters, 2275561 WO MacKenzie, M. and R1386106 WO Wolfe, R. CASTAULITIES: J25788 P/O. Kirka E.E. - Pilot Missing night of 15/16 June, 1944. J25944 F/O. Fahey, R.C. NAV. ■ J28861 P/O. Hogan, F.D. N/A. ■ J27898 P/O. Stubbs, D. R.A. ■ J66710 P/O. Collings, G.R. R/A. ■ R165561 Sgt. McEvoy, F.M. (M.U.A.G.) ■ 1408881 Sgt. Khan, C. F.R. (RFF) ■ R138387 Sgt. Purmer, R. Under Gunner. ■																										
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COMMISSIONS: T/F/O. J.A.C. Bourassa - B/A - J86211 - Appointed to a commission wef 18.4.44. T/F/O. E.P. Maitlin. Nav. J86151 " " " 15.4.44. T/F/O. J.S. Stokes. B/A J86144 " " " 23.3.44. T/F/C. V.R. Vincent. Pilot J86475 " " " 14.3.44. T/F/O. P.E. Verney. B/A J86173 " " " 24.3.44. T/F/O. J.G.M. Landry. Pilot J86683 " " " 10.5.44. T/F/O. C.H. Morinelli. F/E 0865775 " " " 24.2.44. T/F/O. J.V. Irvine. Pilot J86686 " " " 15.5.44. T/F/O. J.A.R. Piquette. W/AG J86683 " " " 23.5.44. T/F/O. J.E.W. Page. A/G J86686 " " " 24.3.44. T/F/O. W. Watson. W/AG J86686 " " " 25.5.44.					
POSTINGS IN: T/F/O. R.A. Reed. Nav. J86809 Posted from 431 Sqn. wef 7.6.44. T/F/O. N.H. Straight. Pilot J27638 Posted from 61 RCAF Base on 6.6.44. T/F/O. R.S. Collins. W/AG J85245 " " " " S/F/O. S.B. Duvane. B/A J86176 " " " " T/F/O. E.W. Steele. A/G J86215 " " " " T/F/O. W.C. MacNeil. Pilot J86606 " " " 3.6.44. T/F/O. P.D. Roy. Nav. J29845 " " " " T/F/O. W.E. Dennett. Pilot J86933 " " " 7.6.44. T/F/O. W.J.L. Lowther. Nav. J86039 " " " " T/F/O. N.H. Ball. B/A J85022 " " " " T/F/O. A.F. Billings. Pilot J86106 " " " 15.6.44. T/F/O. J.T. Hallal. Nav. J26482 " " " " T/F/O. Mgr. Degasi. Pilot J86566 " " " 25.6.44. T/F/O. J.E. St-Arnaud. Nav. J28824 " " " " T/F/O. E. Atkins. B/A J21982 Posted from 427 Sqn. on 22.6.44 for 6/1st duties. A/S/L G.B. Philibin. Pilot J13999 Posted from 431 Sqn. on 7.6.44.					
POSTINGS OUT: A/W/O. R.A. McLennan "DFC". Pilot J86137 Posted to 408 RCAF Sqn. on 24.6.44. A/S/L M. Bryson. Pilot J5116 Posted to 432 RCAF Sqn. on 7.6.44. A/S/L W.C. Vanzen "DFC". Pilot J15605 Posted to 451 RCAF Sqn. on 7.6.44. A/F/O. Aspinwall "DFC" Aspinwall. J17640 Posted to 61 RCAF Base on 29.6.44. T/F/O. T.M. Thompson. Nav. J86870 Posted to 432 RCAF Sqn. on 7.6.44. T/F/O. M.P. Tupper. W/AG J13378 " " " " T/F/O. R.G. Yeomans. A/G J86709 " " " " T/F/O. H.J. Tully. Nav. J20072 " 406 " 28.5.44. T/F/O. G.J. Harper. F/E 019825 " " " " T/F/O. B.E. Hutchinson. Nav. J18631 " 451 " 7.6.44. T/F/O. B.E. Verney. W/AG J86376 " 452 " " T/F/O. A.N. Dunn. Nav. J28487 " 61 (RCAF) Base on 30.6.44. T/F/O. E.L. Weston. B/A J23256 " " " "					
CHANGES IN COMMAND: MIL.					
CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION: MIL.					
AIRCRAFT OF CHARGE: 20 B.Mkix Mar III.					
HONOURS: A/F/O. L.H. Lockett. Pilot 0.1161 - Appointed A/W/Odrwes 24.6.44. A/F/O. W.C. Vanzen "DFC". J15605 Appointed A/S/Ldr. wef 1.5.44. A/F/O. M. Bryson. J5116 Appointed A/S/Ldr. wef 7.6.44. T/F/O. B.E. Wilmet. J23772 Appointed A/F/Ltr. wef 20.4.44.					

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			<p><u>HEALTH:</u> In general the health of the Squadron has improved during the last month. Bicycle accidents are still prevailing. An unfortunate aircraft accident on the early hours of the 26th June resulted in several members of this unit being admitted to hospital. However, only one of them, the pilot of the crashed aircraft, was seriously injured.</p> <p><u>NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF UNIT AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1944.</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>R.C.A.F. OFFICERS: AIRCREW: 79 GROUND CREW: 2</td> <td>RCAF AIRMEN: Aircrew: 153 Ground crew: 242</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R.A.F. " " "</td> <td>RAF " " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R.A.A.F. " " "</td> <td>WAAP Airwoman: " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">86</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2</td> <td style="text-align: right;">153</td> <td style="text-align: right;">242</td> </tr> </table>	R.C.A.F. OFFICERS: AIRCREW: 79 GROUND CREW: 2	RCAF AIRMEN: Aircrew: 153 Ground crew: 242	R.A.F. " " "	RAF " " "	R.A.A.F. " " "	WAAP Airwoman: " "	86	2	153	242		
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