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| R.C.A.F. Station Thatherpa. | 1.7.44 | | 17 aircraft were detailed to attack Biennais Constructional Works, France in the afternoon. All attacked primary target and returned to base safely. All aircraft report 10/10ths cloud tops 7,000 ft., 9,000 ft., over target obscuring all details of bombing. Most aircraft bombed on GEE remainder on IR. M/B heard giving "SQUAREMILE" as no T.I.'s visible. | A1831 to A1847 Incl. |
| | 2.7.44 | | All personnel aircrew and ground crew except a small skeleton staff, were given a stand-down in the afternoon and evening. A party was organised for the ground crew in the Crew Room. A real good time was had by all. The Station Commander, Group Captain J.L. Hurley (0131) and the Station Admin Officer, S/Ldr. M.H. Connor, (47656) paid the boys a visit and all joined in singing old French-Canadian songs. | |
| | 3.7.44 | | 17 aircraft were required for operations and stood by all day but this was cancelled due to unfavourable weather. There was no flying carried out during the day. | A1848 to A1864 Incl. |
| | 4.7.44 | | 17 aircraft were detailed to attack Biennais, France. All attacked primary and returned safely. All aircraft report 10/10ths Cu. Hm cloud (tops to 15,000 ft.) immediately over the target and it is obscured all details of bombing. All aircraft bombed on GEE or IR and most heard M.B. giving "SQUAREMILE". Some aircraft were seen skirting the cloud and bombing. These would certainly not have been near the A/P. Defences: over target very slight/HP not accurate bursting between 10,000 to 11,000 feet. Flying-training-to-day consisted of two aircraft which carried out a cross-country, bombing and air to air firing. | A1865 to A1881 Incl. |
| | 5.7.44 | | 17 aircraft were again detailed to attack Biennais Constructional Works. They all returned safely after attacking the target. All crews reported bombing well concentrated in rough circle of Red T.I. and Yellow T.I. and consider attack should be a good one. Explosions noted at 0336 and 0338 hours. Defences: very slight HP to 8,000 feet. Weather: No cloud over target but haze and smoke over aiming points. | |
| | | | The undercarriage of one aircraft collapsed on landing as aircraft swung off runway to left. Nobody was injured. Most of the crews were diverted to other aerodromes and returned during the day. | |
| | 6.7.44 | | Only 12 aircraft were required for operations this evening, to attack Coqueroux Constructional Works. All attacked the target with good results and returned safely. All aircraft report M.G. T.I. to be well concentrated with bombs in and around them and M/B was heard directing bombing on Red T.I. Yellow T.I. were seen to be away from A/P. Defences on target very slight HP, and not effective. Weather: over target clear with haze but ground detail visible. All aircraft report electrical storms over U.I. en route on return route. 50,000 cigarettes and 5,000 chocolate bars have been received this date, from the A.O.C. No. 3 Training Command Montreal Air Vice Marshall A. Raymond "A.D.C." (0621) for (as he calls them) "his boys". Official notice has been received from No. 62 Base Commander to-day that our Squadron has won the Base Efficiency Pendant for the month of June. Flying training consisted of two aircraft on cross-country, practice bombing and local flying. | A1882 to A1893 Incl. |

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| R.C.A.F. Station Thalhorpe | 7.7.44 | | 16 aircraft were detailed to attack Casn, France this evening and all took-off. One returned early due to undercarriage U/S. Remainder attacked primary and returned to base. Two aircraft were hit by heavy flak in target area. However nobody was injured. "Target well marked by P.F.F. with T.L.R. and T.I.Y. and bomb bursts were well placed among them. W/S was very good and indicated 8,000 feet as best bombing height, directing bombing to different points. Explosions at 2225 hrs. and 2229 hrs. Several aircraft report one case of underhooting about 1 mile short of A/P. Defences: H/P moderate in barrage from to 8,000 feet. W/P moderate to intense to 9,000 feet. Weather: clear with broken cloud at 12,000 feet. | | A1894 to A1909 Incl. |
| | 8.7.44 | | 14 aircraft were required for operations in the evening but this was cancelled due to unfavourable weather conditions. Flying training consisted of 17 aircraft which carried out Fighter Affiliation Practice bombing air to air and Cross-country. One aircraft carried out Night cross-country. | | |
| | 9.7.44 | | The squadron stood by for operations during the day but was not required. No flying was carried out. The bombing and Navigation Sections are busy decorating their sections both in the interior and exterior. | | |
| | 10.7.44 | | 13 aircraft stood-by all day but for operations, but were not required. Flying training consisted of 7 aircraft which carried out Fighter Affiliation Practice bombing air to air and formation bombing practice. | | |
| | 11.7.44 | | "When are we going on operations." is the Squadron's cry, as it has again been postponed. One aircraft carried out practice bombing during the day. | | |
| | 12.7.44 | | 16 aircraft were detailed to attack Thiverny Ammunition Dump and all aircraft took-off. They all attacked primary and returned safely. Owing to cloud over target most a/c bombed on GEE or B.E. and saw no results of bombing. Those who saw Red T.I. consider attack to be scattered. One aircraft reports plume of light brown smoke rising to 8,000 ft. in target area. W/S when heard was giving "SQUADRON". Other aircraft reported interference on his radio length. Defences: Slight to moderate H/P 14,000 to 16,000 ft. in barrage form. Weather: 9/10 to 10/10th cloud tops 6,000 to 8,000 ft. Most aircraft report Lancaster aircraft crossing our streams on way to target. | | A1910 to A 1925 Incl. 1925 |
| | 13.7.44 | | 16 aircraft stood-by for operations all day but were not required. No flying was carried out to-day. The following crews arrived on posting from 1659 Con. Unit Topcliffe:- 38568 E/O Hutcheon A. - Pilot R18014 Sgt. Bromberg W. - Nav. R19198 Sgt. Cassella J. - W/AG R191255 Sgt. Debevoise W. - A/P R21556 Sgt. Fairley R.R. - R/AG R198791 Sgt. Phillips M.H. - RU/AG 1868440 Sgt. Smith M.S. - P/S R&P | | |
| | 14.7.44 | | The Squadron was not required for operations to-day. Flying training consisted of 9 aircraft on Fighter Affiliation Bombing air to air firing and dual flying. G.I.B.I. W/O L.H. Leconte Squadron Commander, proceeded on leave this date and J.13999 A/S/Ldr. C.B. Philbin "W" Flight Commander, assumes temporary command of the Squadron. | | See |

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| R.C.A.F. Station, Tholthorpe | 15.7.44 | | <p>16 aircraft were detailed to attack NUOOURE Dump this evening. All attacked primary and returned safely to base.</p> <p>B/M first heard at 0137 hrs. giving "Basement" 8,000 ft. and then 7,000 ft. followed by directions to bomb Red T.I. and then between Red and Green T.I. Half the aircraft bombed at specified heights but remainder either did not hear W/B or did so too late to get below clouds. Bomb bursts were seen to be well concentrated around Red and Green T.I.'s but some cases of under and overshooting were reported. Explosions at 0147 hrs. and 0209 hrs. Defences H/F slight to moderate to 10,000 ft. mostly predicted, L/F slight to 5,000 ft. not effective. Weather around 3/10 to 10/10 base 7,000 ft. to 8,000 ft. A strong W/B giving code "Weightlift" was clearly heard at 0130 hrs. giving "Basement" and bombing directions.</p> <p>Information was received today that the following personnel have been granted awards as shown against their names:</p> <p>38854 P/O Vanden Bief (A/B) D.F.C. 36981 P/O Lacaille V.J.P. Pilot D.F.M.</p> <p>Vickie the Squadron mascot has completed 25 sorties and has been screened on her first tour. This evening, on her last trip she was carrying a message to the French people of Nucourt which read as follows: "M. Juillet, (BASTILLES) 1944. FRANCE COMBATTANTE vous envoie par les Canadiens Francais de l'Escadrille "Alouettes" ce symbole de liberation." This note was attached to a French flag and dropped from the aircraft before reaching the target.</p> <p>The following crew arrived on posting from 1666 Conversion Unit:</p> <p>R136792 P/Sgt. Dionne G.A.J. - Pilot J29845 P/O Montagne J.A. - Nav. R124563 Sgt. Arsenault J.A.F. - W/AG R225063 P/Sgt. McDonald J.D. - A/B R220261 Sgt. Aubrey J.A. - R/AG R199827 Sgt. Auld M.F. - W/AG R182397 Sgt. Birse J.H. - P/Sgt R.A.F.</p> | | A1926 to A1941 Incl. |
| | 18.7.44 | | <p>One a/c was attacked by a fighter on operations. No damage claimed. (See combat report attached).</p> <p>13 aircraft stood-by for operations but were not required. This evening the Squadron Commander and Adjutant visited the Squadron patients in Fort Military Hospital.</p> <p>Flying training to-day consisted of 10 aircraft as follows:- Fighter affiliation bombing and air-to-air and night cross-country.</p> <p>The following crew proceeded on posting to 415 Squadron Eastmoor, P/Lt. Wilnot is to assume Flight Commander Post.</p> <p>R21777 A/P/Lt. Wilnot B.H.M.S. - Pilot J23947 P/O Hudson J.H. - Nav. J26854 P/O Egglestone W.R. - W/AG R158177 Sgt. Wiltsie T.H. - A/B J17055 P/O Powell J.H. - R/AG R120752 W/O Fay P.H. - W/AG R852255 Sgt. Malpass M.N. - P/Sgt R.A.F.</p> | | (Appendix 18/44.) |
| | 17.7.44 | | <p>17 aircraft stood-by all day but were not required for operations. Flying training consisted of 2 aircraft on air-to-air and practice bombing.</p> | | |

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| R.C.A.F. Station. Tholthorpe | 18.7.44 | | <p>At approximately 0300 hrs. this morning 17 aircraft took-off to attack Caen 11' Monderville Steel works. All attacked primary and returned safely.</p> <p>Attack appears to have been well concentrated and smoke obscured target details but Master Bomber was definite and clear in his instructions, directing bombing to various parts of the target area. Explosions were noted at 0515 at 0558 hours, and no fire was seen in the target area. No scattered bombing seen to West of River ORNE. Heavy flak was slight to moderate up to 10,000 feet, mainly from target southwards. Light flak was slight. Weather: no cloud but hazy.</p> <p>The bombing was done in daylight and all crews reported the target "fined". Although feeling very tired, every one grins as they listen and tell each of their stories: What a sight... was told by all.</p> <p>9 aircraft carried out fighter affiliation and bombing during the day.</p> <p>01617 W/O D.T. French of No. 5 RCAF Group visited the Squadron today.</p> <p>In the evening 14 aircraft were detailed to attack Vessling Synthetic Oil Plant and all took-off. One returned early (One engine out on take-off).</p> <p>T.I. Red and T.I. Green were well concentrated and all target was covered with thick black smoke with large fire burning in centre. A series of explosions were noted, large ones at 0115hrs. and 0121 hrs. When crews had left target area another large explosion was seen at 0129 hrs. Glow of fire seen 70 miles away. Defences: W/P mds 10,000 ft. to 15,000 ft. not accurate. L/P moderate 5,000 to 10,000 feet. S/L's numerous but not effective smoke screen in sections.</p> <p>One aircraft is missing, the crew was as follows:</p> <p>086106 P/O Tallon A.F. Pilot 0136907 Sgt. Dufour J.G. Nav. 0138006 P/O Watson W.W. W/AG 0138322 Sgt. Irwin J.A. W/AG 0211854 Sgt. Boucher H.A. W/AG 0201855 Sgt. Giroux J.E. W/AG 156329 Sgt. Kinneer R.P. P/N R/P 0224014 Sgt. Cameron W.A. M/UGr. Gun.</p> | | A1982 to A1972 Incl. |
| | 19.7.44 | | <p>The squadron took-off for operations today but was not required.</p> <p>13 aircraft carried out flying training as follows during the day: Fighter affiliation bombing air to air and visual tactics practice. One aircraft overshoot and landing on three engines at Linton and aircraft was slightly damaged by hitting tower pole. Nobody was injured. The following crew arrived on posting from 1666 Con. Unit Womblesdon:</p> <p>086839 P/O Marcotte J.L.A. Pilot 024917 P/O Gote L.P.R. Nav. 0141735 Sgt. Dilude J.E.J. W/AG 0141136 Sgt. Paisner J.P.H. W/AG 0207983 Sgt. Tremblay E.J. W/AG 0177225 P/Sgt. Borgevin J.C. W/AG 1594405 Sgt. Atkinson L. P/N R/P</p> | | |
| | 20.7.44 | | <p>17 aircraft took-off to attack Ferme-du-Forestal in the evening. One a/c returned early (1 engine U/S) Remainder attacked primary and returned safely.</p> <p>Attack opened to time with Red T.I. Closely followed by Yellow T.I. W/B was directing bombing to different points and bombing was well concentrated around markers. Defences: were negligible very slight W/P to 15,000 ft. Weather: mainly cloudless with slight haze. Visibility fair.</p> | | A1973 to A1989 Incl. <i>See</i> |

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| R.C.A.F. Station Tholthorpe. | 20.7.44 | | <p>Flying training consisted of 5 aircraft on V/A and air to air. The following crews arrived on posting from 1659 Con. Unit respectively:-</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="width: 20%;">E177128</td><td style="width: 20%;">Sgt. Noonan J.E.E.</td><td style="width: 20%;">- Pilot</td><td style="width: 40%;"></td></tr> <tr><td>327415</td><td>P/O. Tessier J.W.J.</td><td>- Nav.</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>R164533</td><td>Sgt. Pigeon J.H.J.</td><td>- W/AG</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>R62825</td><td>Sgt. Laliberte L.A.</td><td>- R/B</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>R62838</td><td>Sgt. Paradis J.M.</td><td>- R/AG</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>R191324</td><td>Sgt. Trudeau J.G.R.</td><td>- MU/AG</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>771725</td><td>Sgt. Wilson M.H.</td><td>- F/E RAF</td><td></td></tr> </table> | E177128 | Sgt. Noonan J.E.E. | - Pilot | | 327415 | P/O. Tessier J.W.J. | - Nav. | | R164533 | Sgt. Pigeon J.H.J. | - W/AG | | R62825 | Sgt. Laliberte L.A. | - R/B | | R62838 | Sgt. Paradis J.M. | - R/AG | | R191324 | Sgt. Trudeau J.G.R. | - MU/AG | | 771725 | Sgt. Wilson M.H. | - F/E RAF | | | |
| E177128 | Sgt. Noonan J.E.E. | - Pilot | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 327415 | P/O. Tessier J.W.J. | - Nav. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| R164533 | Sgt. Pigeon J.H.J. | - W/AG | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| R62825 | Sgt. Laliberte L.A. | - R/B | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| R62838 | Sgt. Paradis J.M. | - R/AG | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| R191324 | Sgt. Trudeau J.G.R. | - MU/AG | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 771725 | Sgt. Wilson M.H. | - F/E RAF | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 21.7.44 | | <p>The Squadron was stood down for the day. 6 aircraft carried out fighter affiliation and air to air firing during the day.</p> <p>389013 A/P/Lt. L.F. Dupuis was appointed to the rank of Acting Squadron Leader, this date, as 1st Flight Commander.</p> <p>The following crews arrived on posting from 1659 Con. Unit:-</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="width: 20%;">225368</td><td style="width: 20%;">P/O. St-Jean J.E.C.</td><td style="width: 20%;">- Pilot</td><td style="width: 40%;"></td></tr> <tr><td>336821</td><td>P/O. Baruch J.P.</td><td>- Nav.</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>R96786</td><td>W/O. Parent J.M.F.</td><td>- W/AG</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>228203</td><td>P/O. Dooeste J.H.F.</td><td>- A/B</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>R108269</td><td>Sgt. Lemarche J.R.</td><td>- R/AG</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>R223691</td><td>Sgt. Charlebois R.E.</td><td>- MU/AG</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>2206375</td><td>Sgt. Warren J.</td><td>- F/E RAF</td><td></td></tr> </table> | 225368 | P/O. St-Jean J.E.C. | - Pilot | | 336821 | P/O. Baruch J.P. | - Nav. | | R96786 | W/O. Parent J.M.F. | - W/AG | | 228203 | P/O. Dooeste J.H.F. | - A/B | | R108269 | Sgt. Lemarche J.R. | - R/AG | | R223691 | Sgt. Charlebois R.E. | - MU/AG | | 2206375 | Sgt. Warren J. | - F/E RAF | | | |
| 225368 | P/O. St-Jean J.E.C. | - Pilot | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 336821 | P/O. Baruch J.P. | - Nav. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| R96786 | W/O. Parent J.M.F. | - W/AG | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 228203 | P/O. Dooeste J.H.F. | - A/B | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| R108269 | Sgt. Lemarche J.R. | - R/AG | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| R223691 | Sgt. Charlebois R.E. | - MU/AG | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2206375 | Sgt. Warren J. | - F/E RAF | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 22.7.44 | | <p>14 aircraft were required for operations but this was cancelled. 10 aircraft carried out flying training during the day which consisted of Radar Practice, Circuits and Landings and solo check.</p> <p>All sections joined soft ball and volley ball games in the afternoon.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 23.7.44 | | <p>4 aircraft stood-by for operations but were not required. Flying training during the day consisted of 9 aircraft which carried out practice bombing air to air fighter affiliation and local flying.</p> | | <i>Dec 44</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| R.C.A.F. Station. Thulthorpe. | 23.7.44 | (Cont'd) | The following aircrew personnel have been screened completing their first operational tour:- 35107 A/S/L Jones G.R. - Pilot 35684 P/B Ford I.E. - Nav. 19876 P/O Legault J.E. - W/AG 227588 W/O LaJoussie G. - A/C 251664 P/S McBain I. - W/AG 35412 P/L Brochu L.R. - Pilot 28295 P/O Coudre J.F. - Nav. 218997 P/S Sevigny J.D. - R/AG 2128410 P/S Doucet H.J. - W/AG 285872 P/O Audet J.A. - P/B R.209155 P/S Orien S. - A/C | | |
| | 24.7.44 | | 13 aircraft were detailed to attack Stutt Constructional Works and all took off. Only 3 attacked primary target, remainder abandoned mission on instructions from Master Bomber and brought back bombs. One of them landed at Woodbridge with one engine W/S. Master Bomber was heard giving codeword "Appletart" to abandon mission, from 0012 to 0015 hrs. and most crews brought bombs back. The crew that dropped their bombs did not hear the Master Bomber and report the markers to be scattered. The glow of the markers was quite distinct and two crews report a glimpse of the Red T.L. through a gap in the clouds with a few bomb bursts around them. One small explosion orange in colour seen, reflected through cloud at 0018 hrs. Defences: Negligible. No fighter opposition was encountered but 1 a/c received indications on Manics which lasted for 3 minutes. Weather: 9/10 to 10/10 cloud tops 6/8000 feet. The following Army Officers are visiting the Squadron to gain air Force experience:- Lt. R. MacRae of C.R.U., and Lt. A. Masse of C.R.U. S/Ldr C.A. Sweeney (5783) Group Bombing Leader visited the Squadron to-day. Flying training today consisted of six aircraft on fighter affiliation, bombing and air to air. 4 aircraft carried out night cross-country and bombing. 6 crews returned from leave to-day and 6 others proceeded. W/O J.H. Ledwith (2181) Squadron Commander returned from leave to-day and visited all ground personnel at dispersals. On arrival. | | A1998 to A2002 Incl. |
| | 25.7.44 | | 15 aircraft were detailed to attack Stuttgart in the evening and all took off. 14 aircraft claim to have attacked primary. One returned early (Port inner engine W/S) P.F.F. T.I.R. and T.L.G. appeared to be on time but covering a large area, roughly square shaped; about half of crews heard W/B directing bombing to centre of all T.L.'s, and on to fires. Many fires were burning and most crews considered incendiaries were being dropped. Explosions were noted at 0204 hrs. and 0210 hrs. Glow of fires could be seen up to 100 miles after leaving target. Defences: slight to moderate W/P 14,000 to 18,000 feet. Weather: thin broken cloud 3 to 7/10 the base 17,000 feet. 1 aircraft landed away. One a/c landed Thorney Island (fuel shortage) 1 night cross-country was carried out. One aircraft was attacked by an enemy fighter. No damage is claimed. (See combat report) | | A2003 to A2014 Incl. Appendix 19/44. |

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| R.C.A.F. Station | 26.7.44 | | The Squadron was stood-down to-day. The following crew arrived on posting from 1659 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 33722 | P/O | Desmarais J.R. | - Pilot | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 329418 | P/O | Berlian J.W.L. | - Nav. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 320701 | Sgt. | Degrosbats G. | - R/AG | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 322130 | Sgt. | Gauthier R.C. | - W/AG | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | 27.7.44 | | 18 aircraft stood-by for operations today, but this was postponed until tomorrow. Everyone in the Squadron joined in sports and games in the afternoon. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 28.7.44 | | <p>18 aircraft detailed to attack Hamburg in the evening and all took-off. One returned early (Constant Speed Unit W/S).</p> <p>Attack appears to have been fairly successful. S.I.G. and T.I.R. covering an good area but mainly around A/B and South of River Elbe. Bulk of bombing within the T.I's. but some short. Explosions were numerous between 0113 hrs. and 0122 hrs. with one very large at 0115 hrs. with fire following and appeared to be east of A/B in dock area.</p> <p>Defences: H/F moderate to intense to 20,000 ft. in loose barrage from S/L's. numerous but not effective owing to cloud. Weather: 5/10 to 10/10 thin St. Cloud. Tops. 8,000 to 12,000 ft. two aircraft are missing the crews are as follows:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">336475</td> <td style="width: 10%;">P/O</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Vincent V.R.</td> <td style="width: 10%;">- Pilot</td> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>R17728</td> <td>Sgt.</td> <td>Moore J.R.W.</td> <td>- 2nd Pilot</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>R132552</td> <td>P/S</td> <td>Nelson R.S.</td> <td>- Nav.</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>R122296</td> <td>W/O</td> <td>Impe J.</td> <td>- W/AG</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>R186312</td> <td>Sgt.</td> <td>Watts R.G.</td> <td>- A/B</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>R190555</td> <td>P/S</td> <td>Vance R.H.</td> <td>- R/AG</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>R200224</td> <td>P/S</td> <td>Patterson R.S.</td> <td>- W/AG</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>R143124</td> <td>Sgt.</td> <td>Vanderveen H.</td> <td>- P/S</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>R173217</td> <td>P/S</td> <td>Balsandro J.F.</td> <td>- W/Udr.</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>R145462</td> <td>P/S</td> <td>Barton T.G.</td> <td>- Pilot</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>R172001</td> <td>Sgt.</td> <td>Gibson J.</td> <td>- Nav.</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>R161410</td> <td>P/S</td> <td>Walsh R.R.</td> <td>- W/AG</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>R156811</td> <td>P/S</td> <td>Murray W.A.</td> <td>- A/B</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>R194620</td> <td>P/S</td> <td>Howell J.R.</td> <td>- R/AG</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>R212659</td> <td>P/S</td> <td>Poulos P.</td> <td>- W/AG</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1665785</td> <td>Sgt.</td> <td>Barnicot R.E.</td> <td>- P/S</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>R215536</td> <td>Sgt.</td> <td>Peirey H.R.</td> <td>- W/Udr. Gun.</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> | 336475 | P/O | Vincent V.R. | - Pilot | | | R17728 | Sgt. | Moore J.R.W. | - 2nd Pilot | | | R132552 | P/S | Nelson R.S. | - Nav. | | | R122296 | W/O | Impe J. | - W/AG | | | R186312 | Sgt. | Watts R.G. | - A/B | | | R190555 | P/S | Vance R.H. | - R/AG | | | R200224 | P/S | Patterson R.S. | - W/AG | | | R143124 | Sgt. | Vanderveen H. | - P/S | | | R173217 | P/S | Balsandro J.F. | - W/Udr. | | | R145462 | P/S | Barton T.G. | - Pilot | | | R172001 | Sgt. | Gibson J. | - Nav. | | | R161410 | P/S | Walsh R.R. | - W/AG | | | R156811 | P/S | Murray W.A. | - A/B | | | R194620 | P/S | Howell J.R. | - R/AG | | | R212659 | P/S | Poulos P. | - W/AG | | | 1665785 | Sgt. | Barnicot R.E. | - P/S | | | R215536 | Sgt. | Peirey H.R. | - W/Udr. Gun. | | | A2018 to A2035 Inc 12 |
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| R200224 | P/S | Patterson R.S. | - W/AG | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| R143124 | Sgt. | Vanderveen H. | - P/S | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| R173217 | P/S | Balsandro J.F. | - W/Udr. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| R145462 | P/S | Barton T.G. | - Pilot | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| R172001 | Sgt. | Gibson J. | - Nav. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| R161410 | P/S | Walsh R.R. | - W/AG | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| R156811 | P/S | Murray W.A. | - A/B | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| R194620 | P/S | Howell J.R. | - R/AG | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| R212659 | P/S | Poulos P. | - W/AG | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1665785 | Sgt. | Barnicot R.E. | - P/S | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| R215536 | Sgt. | Peirey H.R. | - W/Udr. Gun. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 29.7.44 | | Aircrew stood-by all day for operations but were not required due to heavy rain which lasted all day. Lectures were given to aircrew on Dinghies during the day. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 30.7.44 | | At 0530 hrs. 15 aircraft took-off to attack Amaya-sun-Seulles. They all attacked primary and returned safely. 3 aircraft landed away. | | A2036 to A2050 Inc 12 Jec 12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| R.C.A.F. Station Thaltheurpe. | 30.7.44 | (Cont'd) | M/B was heard giving "Basecast" 3,000 feet then 2,500 and finally 15,00 feet and instructed crews to descend. The first Red T.I. were a little short and M/B cancelled then by "Lance" but some bomb bursts were seen around the Southern edge of smoke. The Overshoot Red T.I. by a second Yellow T.I. and lastly the Southern edge of smoke. The Attack appears to be successful but it is thought that some undershooting may have taken place. The Army were firing rockets to indicate their position and it is thought that this information should be given to crews at briefing as some crews mistook them for risk and T.I. trails. Fires were seen in the village of Ame-sur-Soulles. Smoke and dust from bomb bursts obscured all ground details. Defences: Negligible. Weather: 8 to 10/10 the cloud. Base 2/3,500 feet. R.C. personnel felt very proud of their newly built Altar as they walked in the Station Chapel to-day. 122 attended the 3rd Mass of the day at 1700 hrs. and 38 received Holy Communion. | | |
| | 31.7.44 | | The following aircrew personnel are posted to No. 61 (RCAF) Base (Dalton) in order to crew up again with pilots and other members of crew: J27415 P/O Messier J.W.L. - Nav. R163578 Sgt. Pigeon J.H.M. - W/AC R62825 Sgt. Laliberte L.H. - A/B R194324 Sgt. Trudeau R.G. - MU/AC R60383 Sgt. Paradis J.M. - B/AC 771725 Sgt. Wilson M.N. - P/S R180757 Sgt. Hault J.P. - Nav. R173316 Sgt. Moineau I.M. - W/AC R161531 Sgt. Lalonde J.A. - A/B R195785 Sgt. Rochon G.S. - P/O The following aircrew are posted as shown, on completion of their first operational tour:- J85017 A/PL C.R. Jones - Pilot to 24 C.T.U. J85412 A/PL L.R. Brochu - Pilot to 22 C.T.U. J85895 P/O J.P. Camire - Nav. to 61 Base Dalton J19876 P/O E.E. Lecault - W/AC to 83 C.T.U. 055872 P/O J.A. Audet - P/S to 61 Base Dalton The squadron Volley Ball League started with a bang this afternoon. The Pilots (Might Flyers) played the Bomb Aimers (Blue Bombers) and won the first game 3 out of 5 series. The Navigators (Braintrust) played the Air Gunners (Straight Shooters) and won the first game 3 out of 5 series. In the evening a 13 aircraft took-off to attack ONUP-IN-TENNOIS and all returned safely. They all landed away from base on return. Aircraft bombed on T.I. Red on instructions from M.D. One aircraft saw T.I. Green go down but no details of bombing could be seen. Defences slight H/F to 13,000 ft. No. 3/L's seen anywhere. Weather: 10/10ths cloud tops 3,000 ft. HONOURS & AWARDS. CAN. J28256 T/P/O E.L. Vawter awarded the "Distinguished Flying Cross" waf. 18.7.44. CAN. R165351 Sgt. McVoy (Missing) A/C awarded the "Distinguished Flying Medal" waf. 21.7.44. CAN. R191347 Sgt. Williams W.R. (W/AC) awarded the "Distinguished Flying Medal" waf. 26.7.44. CAN. J88410 A/P/O Brochu L.R. (Pilot) awarded the "Distinguished Flying Cross" waf. 26.7.44. CAN. J17044 P/O Powell H.J. (A/C) awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross waf. 26.7.44. | | A2051 to A2063 Incls |

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| R.C.A.F. STATION. WOLFHORPE. | 31.7.44. | | COMMISSIONS: J.86941 F/O. V.J.P. Lacaille - Pilot. Appointed to a commission w.s.f. 9.7.44. J.86942 F/O. S.E.M. Hillman - Pilot. " " " " 2.7.46. J.86982 F/O. D.P.G. Morin, - A/G. " " " " J.87389 F/O. L.A.J. Gaudry - Pilot. " " " " J.87386 F/O. P.P. Davies. - W/AG. " " " " J.87254 F/O. L.S. Lafcy. - A/G. " " " " | | |
| | | | POSTINGS IN. J.86648 F/O. A. Hutcheon. - Pilot. Posted from 61 RCAF Base w.s.f. 15.7.44. R180144 F/Sgt. Bromberg, W. - W/AG. " " " " R191988 Sgt. Cassells, J. - W/AG. " " " " R192486 Sgt. Dobrovitch, W. - B/A. " " " " R215536 Sgt. Fairey, E.R. - R/AG. " " " " R198791 Sgt. Phelps, M.D. - W/AG. " " " " 1868440 Sgt. Smith, E.S. - F/E. RAF. " " " " R186792 F/S. Diome, C.A.J. - Pilot. Posted from 61 (RCAF) Base w.s.f. 15.7.44. J29848 F/O. Montagne, J.A. - W/AG. " " " " R154963 Sgt. Arseneault, J.A. - W/AG. " " " " R225043 F/S. MacDonald, J.D. - B/A. " " " " R196887 F/S. Ault, M.F. - R/AG. " " " " R220241 Sgt. Aubry, J.A. - W/AG. " " " " 1182397 Sgt. Slaton, H.J. - F/E. RAF. " " " " J86833 F/O. Marotte, J.L.A. - Pilot. Posted from 61 (RCAF) Base w.s.f. 19.7.44. J24217 F/O. Gota, L.P.R. - W/AG. " " " " R142735 Sgt. Dulude, J.E.J. - W/AG. " " " " R164136 Sgt. Fortier, J.F.L. - B/A. " " " " R207983 Sgt. Tremblay, A.F.J. - R/AG. " " " " R177125 F/S. Bergeron, J.G.G. - W/AG. " " " " 1594405 Sgt. Atkinson, L. - F/E. RAF. " " " " R177128 Sgt. Noonan, J.E.W. - Pilot. Posted from 61 (RCAF) Base w.s.f. 20.7.44. J27415 F/O. Tessier, J.W.L. - W/AG. " " " " R164535 Sgt. Pigeon, J.H. - W/AG. " " " " R62825 Sgt. Laliberte, L.A. - B/A. " " " " R62833 Sgt. Paradis, J.H. - W/AG. " " " " R194324 Sgt. Trudeau, J.G.R. - W/AG. " " " " 771725 Sgt. Wilson, M.H. - F/E. RAF. " " " " J28935 F/O. Goudeau, J.E.H. - Pilot. " " " " 05632 F/O. Pagnon, J.M.L. - W/AG. " " " " R184712 Sgt. Desroches, J.R. - W/AG. " " " " R159943 Sgt. Cousin, J.W.E. - B/A. " " " " R219235 Sgt. Arseneault, P.M. - R/AG. " " " " R186354 F/S. Gauthier, J.E.N. - W/AG. " " " " 1296620 Sgt. Heritage, G.C. - F/E. RAF. " " " " | | |

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| | | | POSTINGS IN (Continued). | | |
| | | | J25368 F/O. St. Jean, E.O. Pilot. Posted from 61 (RCAP) Base wof. 21.7.44. | | |
| | | | J39061 F/O. Berube, J.F. Nav. " " " " | | |
| | | | R06786 WO2. Rivant, J.F.N. W/AG " " " " | | |
| | | | J28203 F/O. Decoste, M.W.D. S/A. " " " " | | |
| | | | R108269 Sgt. Lemerche, J.R.S. R/AG. " " " " | | |
| | | | R223691 Sgt. Charlebois, R.E. MU/AG " " " " | | |
| | | | R206376 Sgt. Warren, J. F/E. RAF " " " " | | |
| | | | J2802 7 F/O. Bouhard, C. Pilot " " " " | | |
| | | | J37765 F/O. Beauvais, J.L.R. Nav. " " " " | | |
| | | | R79046 WO1. Labelle, J.A.H. W/AG " " " " | | |
| | | | J37714 F/O. Lavelle, L.J. S/A. " " " " | | |
| | | | R189728 Sgt. Barty, S.J.C. R/AG. " " " " | | |
| | | | R189661 Sgt. Millard, G.L. MU/AG " " " " | | |
| | | | R61826 Sgt. Knight, J.F. F/E. RAF " " " " | | |
| | | | J37112 F/O. Desmarais, J.R. Pilot. " " " 26.7.44. | | |
| | | | J29432 F/O. Berard, J.W.L. Nav. " " " " | | |
| | | | J28791 F/O. Charbonneau, M.J. W/AG " " " " | | |
| | | | J37717 F/O. Houds, L.H. S/A. " " " " | | |
| | | | R207041 Sgt. Desrosiers, C. R/AG. " " " " | | |
| | | | R221820 Sgt. Gauthier, R.C. MU/AG " " " " | | |
| | | | R236766 Sgt. Blackburn, J. F/E. RAF. " " " " | | |
| | | | J22430 F/O. Pelter, C.A. Nav. Posted from 62 RCAP Base wof. 23.7.44. | | |
| | | | POSTINGS OUT. | | |
| | | | J23777 A/S/L. S.E. Wilnot "DFC" Pilot. Posted to 415 RCAP Sqdn. wof. 16.7.44. | | |
| | | | J28947 F/O. Hudson, J.H. Nav. " " " " | | |
| | | | J28854 F/O. Eagleson, W.R. W/AG " " " " | | |
| | | | R186177 Sgt. Wittse, T.E. S/A. " " " " | | |
| | | | J17055 F/O. Powell, H.J. R/AG. " " " " | | |
| | | | R120782 WO1. Fry, F.E. MU/AG " " " " | | |
| | | | R62225 Sgt. Malpass, M.H. F/E. RAF " " " " | | |
| | | | J27415 F/O. Tessier, J.W.L. Nav. Posted to 61 (RCAP) Base w.o.f. 31.7.44. | | |
| | | | R164585 Sgt. Pigeon, J.H.S. W/AG. " " " " | | |
| | | | R22825 Sgt. Laliberté, L.A. S/A. " " " " | | |
| | | | R22838 Sgt. Paradis, J.M. R/AG. " " " " | | |
| | | | R4482 4 Sgt. Trudeau, J.G.R. MU/AG. " " " " | | |
| | | | 771725 Sgt. Wilson, M.N. F/E. RAF. " " " " | | |
| | | | R18075 7 Sgt. Nault, J. Nav. " " " " | | |
| | | | R172316 Sgt. Noiset, X.L.M.R. W/AG. " " " " | | |
| | | | R161531 Sgt. Lalonde, J.A. S/A. " " " " | | |
| | | | R196725 22 Sgt. Routhon, G.C. S/A. " " " " | | |
| | | | J85017 A/S/L. Jones, C.R. Pilot. Posted to 24 O.T.U. wof. 31.7.44. | | |
| | | | J85412 A/S/L. Brochu, L.R. Pilot. Posted to 22 O.T.U. wof. 31.7.44. | | |
| | | | J36596 F/O. Gendry, J.P. Nav. Posted to 61 (RCAP) Base wof. 31.7.44. | | |
| | | | J19876 F/O. Legault, G.E. W/AG. Posted to 62 O.T.U. wof. 31.7.44. | | |
| | | | C85872 F/O. Andst, J.A. F/E. Posted to 61 (RCAP) Base wof. 31.7.44. | | |

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| | | | POSTINGS OUT (CONT'D) | | |
| | | | J18686 T/F/O. W. West. B/A. Posted to 62 (RCAP) Base wof. 16.7.44. | | |
| | | | J8664 T/F/O. L.S. Ford. Mv. Posted to 61 (RCAP) Base wof. 21.7.44. | | |
| | | | CHANGE IN COMMAND. Nil. | | |
| | | | CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATION. Nil. | | |
| | | | AIRCRAFT ON CHARGE. 24 Halifax Mk. III. | | |
| | | | HEALTH: | | |
| | | | Squadron health in general for the month of July has been satisfactory. Hospital admissions remain constant with many miscellaneous ailments. Sore throats however, are frequent. Bicycle accidents are still numerous causing minor ailments and days off from duty. | | |
| | | | PROMOTIONS: J19050 T/F/O. J.K. Perry W/AG. Promoted T/F/O. wof. 9.3.44. | | |
| | | | R21982 T/F/O. E. Atkins. B/A. Appointed A/F/Lt. wof. 22.6.44. | | |
| | | | J85107 T/F/O. C.R. Jones. Pilot. Appointed A/F/Lt. wof. 15.6.44. | | |
| | | | CASUALTIES: J86106 P/O. Millon, A.F. Pilot. Missing night of 18/19.7.44. | | |
| | | | R186907 Sgt. Dufour, J.G.G. Mv. | | |
| | | | J86806 P/O. Watson, W.W. W/AG. | | |
| | | | R15352 Sgt. Arsenault, J.A. B/A. | | |
| | | | R211844 Sgt. Boucher, H.A. R/AG. | | |
| | | | R201044 Sgt. Giroux, J.L. M/AG. | | |
| | | | 1669829 Sgt. Kimear, R.F. P/E. RAF. | | |
| | | | CAF. 2401A P/S. Cameron, W.A. M/Under. | | |
| | | | R25462 P/S. Barton, T.C. Pilot. Missing night 28/29.7.44. | | |
| | | | R172021 P/S. Gibson, J. Mv. | | |
| | | | R161410 P/S. Welsh, V.E. W/AG. | | |
| | | | R156811 P/S. Murray, W.A. B/A. | | |
| | | | R194620 P/S. Howell, J.E. R/AG. | | |
| | | | R212969 P/S. Foulke, F. M/AG. | | |
| | | | 1665705 Sgt. Barnicot, R.E. P/E. RAF. | | |
| | | | R216586 Sgt. Peirey, R.R. M/Under. | | |
| | | | J86473 P/O. Vincent, V.R. Pilot. Missing night 28/29.7.44. | | |
| | | | R177128 Sgt. Noonan, J.R.W. 2nd Pilot | | |
| | | | R162555 W/O. Walsh, F.S. 1st Mv. | | |
| | | | R122296 W/O. Inge, L. W/AG. | | |
| | | | R156382 P/S. Betts, B.E.G. B/A. | | |
| | | | R190555 P/S. Vance, W.E. R/AG. | | |
| | | | R200024 P/S. Ratterson, R.E. M/AG. | | |
| | | | R143124 Sgt. Vanderveen, H.L. P/E. | | |
| | | | R173247 P/S. Delessandro, F.J. M/Under. | | |
| | | | NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF UNIT AS AT 31.7.44. | | |
| | | | R.C.A.F. Officers: 85 Ground crew: 2 RCAP AIRMEN: Aircrew: 141 Groundcrew: 256. | | |
| | | | R.A.F. " " 10 " " nil RAF " " 52 " " 2 | | |
| | | | W.A.A.F. " " nil " " nil WAAF Airwomen " " nil " " 5 | | |
| | | | TOTAL OFFICERS: " " 95 " " 2 TOTAL " " 180 " " 265 | | |

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| | | | OPERATIONAL SORTIES CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH OF JULY, 1944. DAY: 99 - Night: 134 TOTAL 233. | | |
| | | | <u>OPERATIONAL, NON-OPERATIONAL AND FLYING TRAINING HOURS FOR MONTH OF JULY, 1944.</u> | | |
| | | | Operational: Day: 487.15 Night: 590.55 Total: 1077.70 | | |
| | | | Flying Training: Day 191.20 Night: 77.25 Total: 268.45 | | |
| | | | Other Flying: Day: 23.00 Night: nil Total: 23.00 | | |
| | | | BOMB EXPENDITURE. | | |
| | | | TONS (2240 LBS) H.E. INCENDS. | | |
| | | | Bombs dropped from 1.1.44. to 30.6.44. | 1,921 | 219 |
| | | | Bombs dropped during month of July, 1944. | 518 | nil |
| | | | Cumulative total from 1.1.44. | <u>2,439</u> | <u>219.</u> |
| | | | NUMBER OF COMBATS WITH ENEMY AIRCRAFT: TWO. | | |
| | | | <i>W. Macpherson</i> (Lt. Colonel) Wing Commander, Commanding, 425 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron. | | |

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