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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
R.G.A.F. Station	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 "SQUARESHIE" as no T.I.'s visible.	A1851 to A1857 Incl.
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	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 organized for the ground crew in the Crew Room. A real good time was had by all. The Station Commander, Group Captain J.L. Hurley (G1362) and the Station Admin Officer, S/Ldr. M.N. Connor (A7656) 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.	A1858 to A1861 Incl.
4-7-44			17 aircraft were detailed to attack Biennais, France. All attacked primary and returned safely. All aircraft report 10/10ths CU. Min 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 "SQUARESHIE". Some aircraft were seen skirting the cloud and bombing. These would certainly not have been near the A.P. Defences: over target very slight / M/B not accurate bursting between 10- 14,000 feet.	A1862 to A1867 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 0356 and 0358 hours. Defences: Very slight M/B to 8,000 feet. Weather: No cloud over target but haze and smoke over aiming points.	A1868 to A1881 Incl.
	6-7-44		The undercarriage of one aircraft collapsed on landing as aircraft swung off runway to left. Nobody was injured. Most of the crew were diverted to other aerodromes and returned during the day.	
	7-7-44		Only 12 aircraft were required for operations this evening, to attack Coquerel Constructional Works. All attacked the target with good results and returned safely. All aircraft report Red 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 M/B and not effective. Weather: over target clear with haze but ground detail visible. All aircraft report electrical storms over U.K. on return route.	A1882 to A1885 Incl.
			50,000 cigarettes and 7,000 chocolate bars have been received this date, from the A.S.C. No. 3 Training Command Montreal Air Vice Marshall A. Raymond "A.D.C." (G621) for (as he calls them) "His" Alouettes.	
			Official notice has been received from N.Y. 62 Base Commander to-day that our Squadron has won the Base Efficiency Pennant for the month of June. Flying training consisted of two aircraft on cross-country, practice bombing and local flying.	

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R.C.A.F. Station	7.7.44		16 aircraft were detailed to attack Caen, 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) in target areas. However nobody was injured.	A1894 to A1909 Incl.	
Tholthorpe			"Target well marked by P.P.E. with T.L.R. and T.I.Y. and bomb bursts were well placed amongst them. M/B 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 undershooting about 1 mile short of A/P. Defences: H/F moderate in barrage from to 8,000 feet. L/F moderate to intense to 9,000 feet. Weather: clear with broken cloud at 12,000 feet."		
	8.7.44		16 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		15 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.	A1910 to A1912 Incl.	
			Owing to cloud over target most a/c bombed on G.R. or D.R. and saw no results of bombing. These 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 areas. M/B when heard was giving "squawks". Other aircraft reported interference on his wavelength. Defences: Slight to moderate H/F 14,000 to 16,000 ft. in Barrage form. Weather: 9/10 to 10/11 the cloud tops 6,000 to 8,000 ft. Most aircraft report Lancaster aircraft crossing our streams en route to target.	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 1699 Con. Unit Topcliffe:-		
			J5523 P/O Hutchinson A. - Pilot		
			R18011, Sgt. Bromberg W. - Nav.		
			R19196, Sgt. Cassella J. - WAG		
			R191285, Sgt. Delevrovitch N. - A/B		
			R215536, Sgt. Fairley K.R. - RAG		
			R298791, Sgt. Phillips M.D. - MUAC		
			R68440, Sgt. Smith M.B. - F/E R.A.F		
	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. C.1181 W/C L.H. Leomont Squadron Commander, proceeded on leave this date and C.13999 A/S/Ldr. C.B. Philbin "F" Flight Commander, assumes temporary command of the Squadron.		See

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R.C.A.F. Station.	15-7-44		16 aircraft were detailed to attack NUCCURT Damp this evening. All attacked primary and returned safely to base. 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 M/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. I/F slight to 5,000 ft. two not effective. Weather cloud 9/10 to 10/10 base 7,000 ft. to 8,000 ft. Another M/B giving code "Weightlift" was clearly heard at 0150 hrs, giving "Basement" and bombing directions. Information was received to-day that the following personnel have been granted awards as shown against their names:		Al926 to Al941 Inc.
Tholthorpe			J28256 F/O Fawcett R.M. (A/B) - D.F.C. J36941 P/O Lacaille V.J.P. Pilot D.F.M.  Viviane 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: "14 juillet, (BASTIDES) 1944. FRANCE COMBATANTE vous envoie par les Canadiens Francais de l'Escadrille "Alouettes" ce symbole de libération." This note was attached to a French flag and dropped from the aircraft before reaching the target. The following crew arrived on posting from 1000 Conversion Unit: J15792 F/Sgt. Dionne G.A. J. - Pilot J29813 F/O Montague J.A. - Nav. R134563 Sgt. Arsenault J.A.C. - WAG R225043 F/S McDonald J.D. - A/B R220241 Sgt. Aubrey J.A. - BAC R195827 Sgt. Ault M.F. - MUAG J182397 Sgt. Shatto J.H. - P/E R.A.F.		(Appendix 1B/4)
			One a/c was attacked by a fighter on operations. No damage claimed. (See combat report attached).		
	16-7-44		13 aircraft stood-by for operations but were not required. This evening the Squadron Commander, and Adjutant visited the Squadron personnel in Fort Military hospital. Flying training to-day consisted of 10 aircraft as follows:- Fighter affiliation bombing and air-to-air and night exercises. The following crew proceeded on posting to 415 Squadron Eastmoor. F/Lt. Wilmet is to assume Flight Commander Post.		
			J2777 A/F/L Wilmet R.H. - Pilot J23947 F/O Hudson J.H. - Nav. J26851 F/O Baglestone W.R. - WAG R198177 Sgt. Wilmet T.E. - A/B J57055 F/O Powell J.H. - MUAG R120752 WO Fry P.E. - MUAG 1062256 Sgt. Malpass M.N. - P/E R.A.F.		
	17-7-44		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.		<i>[Signature]</i>

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R.C.A.F. Station.	18.7.44		At approximately 0300 hrs, this morning 17 aircraft took-off to attack Caen 'A' Mondeville Steel works. All attacked primary and returned safely. 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 0545 at 0555 hours, and one 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.		A1942 to A1972 Index
Tholthorpe			The bombing was done in daylight and all crews reported the target "finer". Although feeling very tired, every one grins the listen and tell each of their stories: What a night... was told by all. 9 aircraft carried out fighter affiliation and bombing during the day. C1617 W/C D.F. French of No. 6 RCAF Group visited the Squadron to-day. In the evening 12 aircraft were detailed to attack Wesseling Synthetic Oil Plant and all took-off. One returned early (One engine out on take-off). 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 0115 hrs, and 0121 hrs. When crews had left target area another large explosion was seen at 0139 hrs. Glow of fire seen 70 miles away. Defences: H/F made 10,000 ft. to 15,000 ft. not accurate. L/F moderate 8,000 to 10,000 feet. S/L's numerous but not effective smoke screen in action. One aircraft is missing, the name was as follows:		
			J86106 P/O Tillion A.F. - Pilot R156907 Sgt. Dufour J.G. - Nav. J86806 P/O Watson W.W. - W/A/G R158322 Sgt. Armesault J.A. - A/B R211844 Sgt. Boucher R.A. - R/A/G R201064 Sgt. Circuit J.Z. - M/U/A/G 156829 Sgt. Kinnear R.P. - P/E R.A.F. C162101 P/Sgt. Cameron W.A. - M/Udr. Gun.		
	19.7.44		The squadron is stood-by for operations today but was not required. 13 aircraft carried out flying training as follows during the day: Fighter affiliation bombing air-to-air and visual manœuvres practices. One aircraft overshot and landing on three engines at hanger end aircraft was slightly damaged by hitting tower pole. Nobody was injured. The following crew arrived on posting from 1666 Com. Unit Wimbleton:		
			J86838 P/O Marquette J.L.A. - Pilot R22927 P/O Gote L.P.R. - Nav. R111755 Sgt. Dulude J.E.J. - W/A/G R154136 Sgt. Peirce J.W.L. - A/B R207363 Sgt. Tremblay E.K.J. - R/A/G R177725 P/Sgt. Bergeron J.G. - M/U/A/G 1594405 Sgt. Atkinson L. - P/E R.A.F.		
	20.7.44		17 aircraft stood-by to attack Ferme-du-Forêt in the evening. One a/c returned early (1 engine U/S) remainder attacked primary and returned safely. Attack opened to time with Red T.I. Glimly followed by Yellow T.I. M/B was directing bombing to different points and bombing was well concentrated around markers. Defences: were negligible very slight H/F to 15,000 ft. Weather: mainly cloudless with slight haze. Visibility fair.		A1973 to A1989 Index

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R.C.A.F. Station	20.7.44		Flying training consisted of 5 aircraft on V/H and air to air. The following crews arrived on posting from 1659 Gdn. Unit respectively:-		
Tholthorpe.			J277128 Sgt. Noonan J.R.H. - Pilot J27415 P/O Tessier J.W.L. - Nav. R161533 Sgt. Pigeon J.H.J. - WAG R62825 Sgt. Laliberte L.A. - A/B R62536 Sgt. Paradis J.M. - R/A R194324 Sgt. Trudeau J.G.R. - MUAG R171725 Sgt. Wilson M.N. - V/E R.A.F. J28395 P/O Gourdeau J.E.H. - PILOT C5632 P/O Paspineau H.M.L. - NAV R184712 Sgt. Desroches E.O.J. - WAG R152943 Sgt. Cocheil J.H.H. - A/B 2212235 Sgt. Arsenault P.M. - R/A R185126 Sgt. Gauthier J.H.H. - MUAG R1295620 Sgt. Heritage G.C. - V/E R.A.F.		
	21.7.44		The Squadron was stood down for the day. 6 aircraft carried out fighter affiliation and air to air firing during the day. J86015 A/V/Lt. L.P. Dupuis was appointed to the rank of Acting Squadron Leader, this date, as "A" Flight Commander. The following crews arrived on posting from 1654 Gdn. Unit		
		J25168 P/O St-Jean J.E.C. - Pilot J56861 P/O Bureau J.P. - Nav. R96786 W/O Parent J.M.P. - WAG J28203 P/O Doostie J.H.H. - A/B R108269 Sgt. Lemarque J.R. - R/A E223691 Sgt. Charlebois R.E. - MUAG 2206375 Sgt. Warren J. - V/E R.A.F. J25027 P/O Bouchard J.A.C. - Pilot J37765 P/O Beaurevoir J.M.R. - Nav. R79046 W/O Labelle J.W.L. - WAG R57712 P/O Lovallée J.L. - A/B R189561 Sgt. Milliard G.H. - R/A R189728 Sgt. Hasty J.G.S. - MUAG R189126 Sgt. Knight J.P. - V/E R.A.F.			
	22.7.44	V	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 Leadings and solo check. All sections joined soft ball and volley ball games in the afternoon.		
	23.7.44		10 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.		Rec'd

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Re.C.A.F. Station	23-7-44 (Cont'd)		The following aircrew personnel have been screened completing their first operational tour:-		
Tholthorpe			J85107 A/F/L Jones C.R. - Pilot J85684 V P/O Ford L.E. - Nav. J19876 F/O Legault J.R. - W/A/G R207588 W/C Injouesse U. - A/G R251664 F/S McBain L. - M/U/A/G		
			J85412 F/L Broche L.R. - Pilot J85295 F/O Couture J.P. - Nav. R18987 F/S Sevigny J.D. - R/A/G R194810 F/S Daoust H.J. - M/U/A/G C85872 F/O Audet J.A. - P/R		
			R.209155 F/S Orien S. - A/G		
	24-7-44		13 aircraft were detailed to attack Stuttgart Construction 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 U/S. "Master Bomber was heard giving codeword "Applestart" 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.I. 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 in Monica 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 experiences:- Lt R. Mackie of C.R.A.U. and Lt A. Massie of C.R.U. Sqdrn C.A. Sweeny (W/T) Group Bombing Leader visited the Squadron to-day. Flying training to-day 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/C L.H. Ledoate (G1181) Squadron Commander returned from leave to-day and visited all ground personnel at dispersals. On arrival,		A1990 to A2092 Incld.
	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 U/S) "P.P. E. T.L.B. and Z.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 commented 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 targets. Defences: slight to moderate W/F 14,000 to 18,000 feet. Weather: thin broken cloud 3 to 7/10 the base 17,000 feet. All aircraft landed away. One s/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 A2019 Incld. Appendix 19/b6

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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 Gons - Units:		
Tholthorpe			J37122 P/O Desmarais J.R. - Pilot J37123 P/O Bernier J.W.L. - Nav. J37124 P/O Charbonneau M.J. - WAG J37125 P/O Houde L.M. - A/B R20701 Sgt. Dagoisbros C. - R/A/C R221320 Sgt. Gauthier R.C. - MU/AG 936766 Sgt. MacLennan J. - R/E RAE 3 aircraft carried out air to air practice bombing and local flying during the day.		
	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		18 aircraft detailed to attack Hamburg in the evening and all took-off. One returned early (Constant Speed Unit V.G) Attack appears to have been fairly successful. R.A.F. and T.I.R. covering all good areas, but mainly around A/F 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/F in dock areas. Defences: H/F moderate to intense to 20,000 ft. in loose barrage from S/I's, numerous but not effective owing to clouds. Weather: 5/10 to 10/10 the thin St. Cloud. Tops: 8,000 to 14,000 ft. Two aircraft are missing; the crews are as follows:  R16473 P/O Vincent V.R. - Pilot R177128 Sgt. Roche J.R.W. - 2nd Pilot R126555 P/S Watson R.S. - Nav. R122296 WO1 Image J. - WAG R156932 Sgt. Bettis L.C. - A/B R190555 P/S Vance W.W. - R/A/C R200024 P/S Patterson R.E. - MU/AG R143124 Sgt. Vanderveen H.D. - R/E R173247 P/S Ballesandro J.P. - W/Drv. Display 600ft. 1000ft. 1500ft. 2000ft. 2500ft. 3000ft. 3500ft. 4000ft. 4500ft. 5000ft. 5500ft. 6000ft. 6500ft. 7000ft. 7500ft. 8000ft. 8500ft. 9000ft. 9500ft. 10000ft. 10500ft. 11000ft. 11500ft. 12000ft. 12500ft. 13000ft. 13500ft. 14000ft. 14500ft. 15000ft. 15500ft. 16000ft. 16500ft. 17000ft. 17500ft. 18000ft. 18500ft. 19000ft. 19500ft. 20000ft. 20500ft. 21000ft. 21500ft. 22000ft. 22500ft. 23000ft. 23500ft. 24000ft. 24500ft. 25000ft. 25500ft. 26000ft. 26500ft. 27000ft. 27500ft. 28000ft. 28500ft. 29000ft. 29500ft. 30000ft. 30500ft. 31000ft. 31500ft. 32000ft. 32500ft. 33000ft. 33500ft. 34000ft. 34500ft. 35000ft. 35500ft. 36000ft. 36500ft. 37000ft. 37500ft. 38000ft. 38500ft. 39000ft. 39500ft. 40000ft. 40500ft. 41000ft. 41500ft. 42000ft. 42500ft. 43000ft. 43500ft. 44000ft. 44500ft. 45000ft. 45500ft. 46000ft. 46500ft. 47000ft. 47500ft. 48000ft. 48500ft. 49000ft. 49500ft. 50000ft. 50500ft. 51000ft. 51500ft. 52000ft. 52500ft. 53000ft. 53500ft. 54000ft. 54500ft. 55000ft. 55500ft. 56000ft. 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R.C.A.F. Station	30.7.44 (Cont'd)		M/B was heard giving "Basement" 3,000 feet then 2,500 and finally 1,500 feet and instructed crews to descend. The first Red T.I. were a little short and M/B cancelled them by "Lance" but some bomb bursts were seen around them. M/B directed attack as follows: Overhead Red T.I., 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-Seulles. Smoke and dust from bomb bursts obscured all ground details. Defences: Negligible. Weather: 8 to 10/10 the clouds. 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 crews. J27415 B/O Tessier J.W.L. - Nave R163526 Sgt. Pigeon J.H. - W/AG R22825 Sgt. Laliberte Lute - A/B R194524 Sgt. Trudeau R.G. - MU/AG R26788 Sgt. Paradis J.M. - B/AG 771725 Sgt. Wilson M.N. - S/E  R180757 Sgt. Nault J.E. - Nave R179316 Sgt. Molinier I.M.P. - W/AG  R161531 Sgt. Lalonde J.A. - A/B  R257575 Sgt. Hocher G.G. - A/G The following aircrew are posted as shown, on completion of their first operational tour:- J50017 A/P C.R. Jones - Pilot to 24 O.T.U. J58412 A/P L.R. Brochu - Pilot to 22 O.T.U. J58595 B/O J.P. Gamire - Nave to 61 Base Dalton J58762 B/O J.E. Legeault - W/AG to 22 O.T.U. J58572 B/O J.A. Audet - S/E to 61 Base Dalton  The squadron Veiley Ball league started with a bang this afternoon. The Pilots (night flyers) played the Bomb Aimers (Blue Bomber's) and won the first game 3 out of 5 series. The Navigators (Bombers) played the Air Gunners (Straight Shooters) and won the first game 3 out of 5 series. In the evening a 15 aircraft took-off to attack OUFER-EN-TERNOTS and all returned safely. They all landed away from base on return. Aircraft bombed on T.I. Red on instructions from M. B. Sno. aircraft saw T.I. Green go down but no details of bombing could be seen. Defences: slight N/F to 23,000 ft. No S/L's seen anywhere. Weather: 10/10ths the clouds tops 3,000 ft.  HONOURS & AWARDS CAN.28256 2/Sgt E.L. Vawter awarded the "Distinguished Flying Cross" wsf. 18.7.44 CAN.2165531 Sgt. McEvoy (Missing) A/G awarded the "Distinguished Flying Medal" wsf. 21.7.44 CAN.2191347 Sgt. Williams W.R. (W/AG) awarded the "Distinguished Flying Medal" wsf. 26.7.44 CAN.208442 A/P L. Brochu L.R. (Pilot) awarded the "Distinguished Flying Cross" wsf. 26.7.44 CAN.217044 B/O Powell H.J. (A/G) awarded the "Distinguished Flying Cross" wsf. 26.7.44		A2051 to A2063 incl. <i>Archives.ca</i>

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R.C.A.F. STATION. THORLAKSON	31.7.44.		COMMISSIONS: J.86941 T/P.O. V.J.P. Lacleille - Pilot. Appointed to a commission w.e.f. 9.7.44. J.86942 T/P.O. S.E.M. M.1114ken - Pilot. " " " 2.7.44. J.87389 T/P.O. D.P.M. Morin - A/G. " " " " J.87565 T/P.O. P.P. Davies - W/AG. " " " " J.87254 T/P.O. L.S. Lafey - A/G. " " " "		
			POSTINGS IN. J.86648 T/P.O. A. Hutchison - Pilot. Posted from 61 RCAF Base wpt. 15.7.44. R180144 F/Sgt. Bramberg, W. Navy. " " " " R191983 Sgt. Cassells, J. W/AG. " " " " R192065 Sgt. Dobrovitch, W. B/A. " " " " R215536 Sgt. Fairley, E.R. R/AG. " " " " R186791 Sgt. Phelps, M.D. M/AG. " " " " 1868440 Sgt. Smith, E.S. F/E. RAF. " " " "		
			J.86792 F/O. Dionne, G.A.J. Pilot. Posted from 61 (RCAF) Base wpt. 15.7.44. J28848 F/O. Montague, J.A. Navy. " " " " R164963 Sgt. Araujo, J.A. W/AG. " " " " R225048 F/S. MacDonald, J.D. B/A. " " " " R196697 F/S. Ault, M.F. R/AG. " " " " R220241 Sgt. Aubry, J.A. M/AG. " " " " 1182397 Sgt. Slater, H.J. F/E. RAF. " " " "		
			J.86833 F/O. Marquette, J.L.A. Pilot. Posted from 61 (RCAF) Base wpt. 15.7.44. J24917 F/O. Cote, L.P.R. Navy. " " " " R142335 Sgt. Dulude, J.E.J. W/AG. " " " " R154156 Sgt. Poirier, J.N.L. B/A. " " " " R207983 Sgt. Tremblay, A.T.J. R/AG. " " " " R177125 F/S. Georgevin, J.G.G. M/AG. " " " " 1594405 Sgt. Atkinson, I. F/E. RAF. " " " "		
			R177128 Sgt. Nomar, J.W.W. Pilot. Posted from 61 (RCAF) Base wpt. 20.7.44. J27415 F/O. Tessier, J.W.L. Navy. " " " " R164658 Sgt. Pigeon, J.H.V. W/AG. " " " " R2262 5 Sgt. Laliberte, L.A. B/A. " " " " R22838 Sgt. Parmentier, J.H. W/AG. " " " " R194524 Sgt. Trudeau, J.G.R. M/AG. " " " " 771728 Sgt. Wilson, M.W. F/E. RAF. " " " "		
			J28993 F/O. Goudeau, J.B.H. Pilot " " " " 05632 F/O. Laplante, J.M.L. Navy. " " " " R184712 Sgt. Desroches, J.R. W/AG " " " " R159943 Sgt. Comeau, J.W.E. B/A " " " " R219285 Sgt. Arsenault, P.M. R/AG " " " " R186354 F/S. Gauthier, J.E.H. M/AG " " " " 1295620 Sgt. Heritage, G.C. F/E. RAF. " " " "		

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<b>POSTINGS IN (Continued)</b>					
	J25368	P/O. St.Jean, E.O.	Pilot. Posted from 61 (RCAF) Base w.e.f. 21.7.44.		
	J56661	P/O. Berube, J.P.	Navy. " "	" "	" "
	R96786	W.O. Parent, J.F.N.	W/AG. " "	" "	" "
	J28205	P/O. Decoste, J.M.D.	B/A. " "	" "	" "
	R108269	Sgt. Lamarche, J.R.A.	R/AG. " "	" "	" "
	R223691	Sgt. Charlebois, R.E.	MU/AG. " "	" "	" "
	2206375	Sgt. Warven, J.	P/E. RAF. " "	" "	" "
	J26027	P/C. Bouchard, C.	Pilot. " "	" "	" "
	J37765	P/C. Beauvais, J.L.R.	Navy. " "	" "	" "
	R79046	W.O. Labelle, J.A.M.	W/AG. " "	" "	" "
	J37714	P/C. Lavallee, L.J.	B/A. " "	" "	" "
	R189728	Sgt. Hasty, S.S.O.	R/AG. " "	" "	" "
	R188561	Sgt. Milliard, G.L.	MU/AG. " "	" "	" "
	1891828	Sgt. Knight, J.P.	P/E. RAF. " "	" "	" "
	J87112	P/O. Desmardes, J.R.	Pilot. " "	26.7.44.	" "
	J20419	P/O. Bernier, J.W.L.	Navy. " "	" "	" "
	J28791	P/C. Charbonneau, M.J.	W/AG. " "	" "	" "
	J37717	P/O. Houde, L.M.	B/A. " "	" "	" "
	R207041	Sgt. DeGroot, C.	R/AG. " "	" "	" "
	R221320	Sgt. Gauthier, R.E.	MU/AG. " "	" "	" "
	R256768	Sgt. Blackburn, N.J.	P/E. RAF. " "	" "	" "
	J22430	P/O. Peltier, C.A.	Navy. Posted from 62 RCAF Base w.e.f. 23.7.44.		
<b>POSTINGS OUT</b>					
	J23777	A/P/L. B.E. Wilmet "PFC"	Pilot. Posted to 415 RCAF Sqdn. w.e.f. 16.7.44.		
	J25947	P/O. Hudson, J.H.	Navy. " "	" "	" "
	J28854	P/C. Eaglestone, W.R.	W/AG. " "	" "	" "
	R186177	Sgt. Millett, T.H.	B/A. " "	" "	" "
	J17055	P/O. Powell, H.B.	R/AG. " "	" "	" "
	R120752	W.O. Fry, F.E.	MU/AG. " "	" "	" "
	1682235	Sgt. Malpass, M.N.	P/E. RAF. " "	" "	" "
	J27415	P/O. Tessier, J.M.L.	Navy. Posted to 61 (RCAF) Base w.e.f. 31.7.44.		
	R164539	Sgt. Pigeon, J.H.E.	W/AG. " "	" "	" "
	R62825	Sgt. LeLiberte, L.A.	B/A. " "	" "	" "
	R62838	Sgt. Paradis, J.M.	R/AG. " "	" "	" "
	194564	Sgt. Trudeau, J.G.R.	MU/AG. " "	" "	" "
	771725	Sgt. Wilson, M.N.	P/E. RAF. " "	" "	" "
	R18075	7 Sgt. Neult, J.	Navy. " "	" "	" "
	R173216	Sgt. Noiset, J.E.L.M.R.	W/AG. " "	" "	" "
	R161831	Sgt. Lalonde, J.A.	B/A. " "	" "	" "
	R136725	Sgt. Rochon, G.C.	A/G. " "	" "	" "
	J86017	A/P/L. Jones, G.R.	Pilot. Posted to 24 O.T.U. w.e.f. 31.7.44.		
	J86412	A/P/L. Brochu, L.R.	Pilot. Posted to 22 O.T.U. w.e.f. 31.7.44.		
	J86895	P.O. Lemire, J.P.	Navy. Posted to 61 (RCAF) Base w.e.f. 31.7.44.		
	J19876	P/O. Legault, J.E.	W/AG. Posted to 62 O.T.U. w.e.f. 31.7.44.		
	C85872	P/O. Audet, J.A.	P.E. Posted to 61 (RCAF) Base w.e.f. 31.7.44.		<i>See</i>

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			<b>POSTINGS OUT (CONT'D)</b> J18686 1/2/O. N.West. B/A. Posted to 62 (RCAF) Base wsf. 16.7.44. J66684 1/2/O. E.H. Ford. Navy. Posted to 61 (RCAF) Base wsf. 23.7.44.		
			<b>CHANGE IN COMMAND:</b> N.L.		
			<b>CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATION:</b> N.L.		
			<b>AIRCRAFT ON CHARGE:</b> 24 Halifax Mk. III.		
			<b>HEALTH:</b> 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.		
			<b>PROMOTIONS:</b> J19050 T/F.O. J.R. Perry W/A. Promoted 1/F.O. wsf. 9.3.44. E21982 1/F.O. E. Athina. B/A. Appointed A/F/Lt. wsf. 22.6.44. J65107 1/F.O. C.R. Jones. Pilot. Appointed A/F/Lt. wsf. 15.6.44.		
			<b>CASUALTIES:</b> J86106 P/O. Tallion, A.F. Pilot. Missing night of 18/19.7.44. R136907 Sgt. Dufour, J.G.G. Navy. J86908 P/O. Watson, W.W. W/A. R136822 Sgt. Arsenault, J.A. B/A. R211844 Sgt. Boucher, M.A. B/A. R201044 Sgt. Giroux, J.Z. MU/A. 1569829 Sgt. Klumeer, R.P. F/B. RAF. CAN.2401A P/S. Cameron, W.M. MU/Under. R145462 F/S. Barton, T.C. Pilot. Missing night 28/29.7.44. R1722021 F/S. Gibson, J. Navy. R161410 F/S. Welsh, V.E. W/A. R156811 F/S. Murray, G. B/A. R194620 F/S. Howell, J.B. R/A. R212369 F/S. Paulos, P. MU/A. 1668755 Sgt. Barnicott, R.E. F/B. RAF. R2155356 Sgt. Fairney, B.R. MU/Under. J86473 P/O. Vincent, V.R. Pilot. Missing night 28/29.7.44. R177128 Sgt. Noonan, J.R.W. 2nd Pilot R162655 WO2. Watson, P.S. WAF. Navy. R1222296 WO2. Image, L. W/A. R156832 P/S. Ratza, B.E.G. B/A. R190655 F/S. Vance, W.E. W/A. R200024 F/S. Patterson, R.E. MU/A. R145124 Sgt. Vandersteen, H.L. F/E. R173247 P/S. Dalesandro, F. MU/Under.		
			<b>NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF UNIT AS AT 31.7.44</b> R.C.A.F. Officers: Aircrew: 65 Ground crew: 2 RCAF AIRMEN: Aircrew: 141 Groundcrew: 256. R.A.F. " " 10 " " 111 RAF " " 39 " " 5. W.A.A.F. " " 11 " " 111 WAAF Airwomen: " " 11 " " 5. <b>TOTAL OFFICERS:</b> 95 " " 2 <b>TOTAL</b> 180 " 266		

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<u>OPERATIONAL SORTIES CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH OF JUNE, 1944. DAY: 99 - NIGHT: 134 TOTAL 233.</u>					
<u>OPERATIONAL, NON-OPERATIONAL AND FLYING TRAINING HOURS FOR MONTH OF JULY, 1944.</u>					
			Operational: Day: 467.15 Night: 590.55 Total: 1058.10		
			Flying Training: Day: 151.20 Night: 77.25 Total: 228.45		
			Other flying: Day: 23.00 Night: n/a Total: 23.00		
			<b>BOMB EXPENDITURE.</b> 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. 618 n/a		
			Cumulative total from 1.1.44. 2,739 219.		
NUMBER OF COMBATS WITH ENEMY AIRCRAFT: TWO.					
<i>L. Leconte</i> (L. Leconte) Wing Commander, Commanding, 425 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.					