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R.C.A.F. Station. Thelthorpe.	6.1.45		15 aircraft were detailed to attack Hanau and all took-off. A/C N.R. 147 "I" piloted by F/O Lafreniere, returned early due to hydraulic failure, and bomb load was jettisoned. 14 aircraft attacked the primary and returning safely. A/C N.E. 620 "I" (W/L Kempill) landed at Angers. There was 10/10ths smoke-visibility at 5/8,000 feet over the target area. Markers were somewhat scattered, and aiming point was not continually marked. Cloud prevented definite assessment of the attack, but a bright glow was seen in the T/A and some bombing appeared to be scattered. Heavy flak was reported in a loose barrage form from 12 to 19,000 feet, bursting mostly at about 14/15,000 feet. Some fighters were seen in the target area. No combat took place. One crew completed a training flight to-day.		A. 3045 to A. 3062 incl. Appendix 3/45
	7.1.45		15 aircraft were on training to-day, the Squadron not being required for operations.		
	8.1.45		A heavy snow fall covers the whole station area, which is keeping the aircraft on the ground. F/O F.J. Belanger (J40041) Bomb Aimer from 582 P.F.F. Squadron, is spending 7 days leave with his many friends on the Squadron.		
	9.1.45		It looks more like Canada with more and more snow falling. Everyone seems to enjoy snow-ball fighting.		
	10.1.45		Snow continues to fall, which keeps the aircraft on the ground. The aircrew seem very anxious to go on operations again instead of shovelling snow all day long.		
	11.1.45		All runways have been cleared, despite the snow falls, ready for a take-off. All aircrew joined in the shovelling, when not required in their Sections. The Squadron Commander, W/O R.C. Ledoux (C.911) proceeded on nine days' leave to-day. He is being replaced by A/S Ldr. E.G. St-Jean (J25568) "A" Flight Commander.		
	12.1.45		17 aircraft were required for operations but this was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. The ground crew personnel were distributed cigarettes, chewing gum and oranges this afternoon by S/Ldr. J.H. Chapman (J11793) "B" Flight Commander and F/Lt. J.A.R. St-Amour (C18682) Squadron Adjutant.		
	13.1.45		17 aircraft were detailed to attack Saarbrücken, taking off in the late afternoon. All attacked primary and returned safely. The weather was clear over the target. Several crews were able to identify the target visually. Markers were accurately placed and were very concentrated. Some sky-markers were seen, but all crews bombed on the concentration of T's. Bombing was generally accurate on the marked area, and some small fires were seen. Heavy flak was very slight, bursting at 12/15,000 ft. Only a few bursts were noted around 18/19,000ft.		A. 3063 to A. 3079 incl. Appendix 4/45.
	14.1.45		17 aircraft were detailed to attack Grevenbroich. All took-off and attacked primary, returning safely to base. There was slight ground haze over the T/A but visibility was good. Red T's were fairly concentrated and well backed up by green T's. Bombing was fairly accurate. A. 3096 incl. and some minor fires and explosions were seen in the target area. Early in the attack slight heavy flak was observed at 18/19,000 ft. but as the raid developed, there was a slight barrage of heavy flak bursting about 12/15,000 feet. Searchlights were active but ineffective. Fighter flares were seen in the target area and on the homeward route (ATE the coast). (CONTINUED.)		A. 3080 to A. 3096 incl. Appendix 5/45.

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R.C.A.F. Station Thelthorpe.	14.1.45	(Cont'd)	One aircraft which was engaged on a training flight, crashed at Dialstone Farm, Hambleton, Thirsk, Yorks at 2145 hours this evening, as it was coming back to base. 6 members of the crew were killed and one dangerously injured. The crew was as follows:-	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>NAME</th> <th>POST</th> <th>STATUS</th> <th>REMARKS</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>J38040</td> <td>F/O Walsh, R.W.</td> <td>Pilot</td> <td>Killed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J41544</td> <td>F/O Gingras J.R.E.</td> <td>Nav.</td> <td>Killed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R125396</td> <td>WO2 Simard J.J.M.</td> <td>W/O</td> <td>Killed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J41622</td> <td>F/O Dubois R.L.</td> <td>R/A</td> <td>Killed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R207284</td> <td>F/S Gnarvin J.L.A.</td> <td>R/AG</td> <td>Killed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R264854</td> <td>Sgt. Mills K.M.</td> <td>F/Seg.</td> <td>Killed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R21728</td> <td>F/S Cusack E.G.</td> <td>M/O</td> <td>Dangerously injured, fracture of left leg and jaw and multiple injuries. He was admitted to R.A.F. Hospital Northallerton.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	NAME	POST	STATUS	REMARKS	J38040	F/O Walsh, R.W.	Pilot	Killed	J41544	F/O Gingras J.R.E.	Nav.	Killed	R125396	WO2 Simard J.J.M.	W/O	Killed	J41622	F/O Dubois R.L.	R/A	Killed	R207284	F/S Gnarvin J.L.A.	R/AG	Killed	R264854	Sgt. Mills K.M.	F/Seg.	Killed	R21728	F/S Cusack E.G.	M/O	Dangerously injured, fracture of left leg and jaw and multiple injuries. He was admitted to R.A.F. Hospital Northallerton.	
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	15.1.45		The Squadron was not required for operations to-day. 11 aircraft took part in the day training programme and 5 aircraft were on night flying.																																		
	16.1.45		14 aircraft were detailed to attack Magdeburg. Aircraft No. 518 "I" (F/O Corbett) returned early due to W/T receiver U/S. 18 aircraft attacked primary. The weather over the target was clear, but as the attack developed, some smoke haze hung over the area. The aiming was well and occasionally marked with green and red T.L.'s. The A/S instructions were very good although some crews did not hear it. Bombing was generally accurate and in the resulting fires entire streets could be seen in flames. One large explosion was seen at 2144 hours. Others seen at 2160 and 2218 hours. The glow from fires in the T/G could be seen from 200 miles away on the return route. Moderate heavy flak was bursting in a S.W. from 15/20,000 ft. Later in the attack there was some evidence of precipitation. A/L's were in operation but were not effective. Fighters were active along the route and a 5 the target area and fighter flares were dropped from the coast on the route in, at the target and back to the coast on the return route. Aircraft L.W. 477 "H" (F/O Chabot) fired at an enemy fighter (M.E. 210 which is claimed as probably destroyed. (See combat report attached).		A2027 to A2110 Incl. Appendix 6																																
	17.1.45		The Squadron was not required for operations to-day.																																		
	18.1.45		Heavy rain which lasted all day prevented any flying to be carried out. Funeral was held at the R.A.F. Regional Cemetery, Harrogate, Yorks, for the crew of J38040 F/O Walsh R.W. KILLED in a flying accident on the night of 14th January. F/Lt. J.M. Belanger "BFC/J40432" was in charge of the party.																																		
	19.1.45		15 aircraft were required for operations but this was cancelled. All aircrew personnel were sent to their respective Sits for a general clean up. Inspection was carried out by the Acting Sqdn. Commander J25368 A/S/L E.G. St. Jean, J11765 A/S/L T.H. Chapman, "B" Flight Commander and the Sqdn. Adjutant F/Lt. J.R.R. St. Amour (C13628). 11 newly commissioned Officers were found to be still billeted with W.C.O.'s. Immediate action was taken to convert W.C.O.'s into Sits for them.																																		
	20.1.45		There was a heavy snow storm during the night and early morning. The Squadron Commander, W/O H.C. Ledoux (C911) returned from leave to-day, and resumed his post, vice A/SLdr. E.G. St. Jean (J25368) "A" Flight Commander.																																		

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R.C.A.F. Station Toothorpe.	21.1.45		There was a snow storm this morning again. The Squadron was required for operations, but it was later cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. Lectures were given to aircrew on Flying Control, by A/S/Lt. E.G. St. Jean (228366) "A" Flt. Commander, and on Non-Starters by "B" Flt. Commander, A/S/Lt. I.H. Chapman (311765). 16 aircraft had been detailed for operations but this was cancelled.		
	22.1.45		Everyone has been complaining of the lack of coal and coke on the living sites. With the rigorous winter conditions and little comfort available for all personnel, it is not understood why arrangements cannot be made for at least keeping our crews warm during time of rest. 18 a/c. were required for operations but this was cancelled again due to adverse weather.		
	23.1.45		There was a conference of all Section Heads in the S.A.D.'O's office to-day regarding discipline of the Station in general.		
	24.1.45		The Sqdn. Adjutant, P/Lt. J.E.H. St. Amour (318682) accompanied by A/S/Ldr. E.G. St. Jean (228366) "A" Flt. Commander, made a round of all sections to distribute cigarettes, chocolates and chewing gum to the ground crew. All ground crew personnel are being moved from No. 3 Site which will be reserved solely for aircrew. Certain huts have been set aside for screened personnel on that site.		
	25.1.45		Personnel are still complaining of the cold huts due to shortage of coal. The Squadron Commander W/Cdr H.C. Ledoux (311) spent the day at No. 6 (RCAF) Group Headquarters where he attended a conference. (A/S/Ldr. L.E. Dupuis "BQ" (388012) Officer i/s training, proceeded to RCAF O/S H.Q. to-day on Temporary Duty.		
	26.1.45		There was a conference of all Section Leaders in the Sqn. Commander's office, on training. Electricity was out all evening on the Station.		
	27.1.45		15 a/c were required for operations and cancelled, at the last minute, due to adverse weather conditions.		
	28/29.1.45		15 aircraft were detailed to attack Stuttgart in the evening and all took off. 14 aircraft attacked primary. A/C N.R. 273 "X" (P/O Ferrier) was Abortive Over Enemy Territory returned from Target Area. Lost enroute and unable to reach target in time to bomb, arriving at Stuttgart at 2345 hrs, markers were not visible. Ordered to return without bombing according to instructions; bomb load was jettisoned safe. There was 10/10ths cumulus cloud in the 1/A with tops from 10/14,000 ft. but visibility was very good. Target marking was apparently 2 1/2 minutes late and some at the opening of the attack. Later there were many sky-markers seen. It is difficult to assess the raid due to cloud but it is reported that a good glow was seen below. On return, this glow was visible for about 100 miles. Heavy flak was only slight to moderate to barrage, principally low with some widely scattered over a height band of 17/20,000 ft. No searchlights in evidence. A few fighter flares seen on the first and second legs out of the target. No combat took place and no claim is made. All crews were diverted to Molesworth U.S.A.A.F. airfield.		A-3111 to AS125 Incl. Appendix 8/45
	29.1.45		Only two crews came back to-day from yesterday's diversion. One crew to return was A/S/Ldr. I.H. Chapman (311885) who completed his last sortie and has now been screened on his first tour. The Squadron was not required for operations to-day.		

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RCAF STN. THORPE.	30.1.45.		The Squadron was not required for operations. Another heavy snow storm fell in the district during the night, which kept the bus service to and from York idle all day.							
	31.1.45.		<p>Today the Station was visited by XXXXXX Air Marshal R. Leslie, (C.11922) Chief of the Air Staff, who was accompanied by Air Marshal I.S. Broadner, C.R., D.S.C. (C.39) A.O.C. in Chief R.C.A.F. G/S H.Q., - Air Vice Marshal C.M. McEwen, C.R., M.C., D.F.C., (C60) and the Command group.</p> <p>J.L. Hurley, (C.131) No. 62 RCAF Base Commander.</p> <p>The Squadron Commander, W/C H.G. Lehoux (C.911) attended a Mess Dinner this evening at R.C.A.F. Stn. Repoliffe.</p> <p>The weather has turned mild and mostly all the snow has now disappeared. A heavy fog closed in at noon.</p>							
CASUALTIES.			NUMBER	RANK	NAME & INITIALS	GRADE	TRIPS	POINTS	HOURS.	
			R177007	F/S.	Cusky, J.T.E.	Pilot.	5	20	34.25	Missing on 5.1.45.
			J22202	F/O.	I. Beperace, J.J.E.	Nav.	11	44	80.10	
			R194179	F/S.	Gastin, R.M.	WOP/AG	4	16	28.15	
			R117646	WO2.	Piche, J.A.R.	B/A.	16	63	97.25	
			R94157	F/S.	Cote, J.A.	B/AG.	4	16	28.15	
			R219184	F/S.	Lemay, J.Y.	MV/AG.	4	16	28.15	
			R184378	Sgt.	Swilmer, R.S.	F/Eng.	4	16	28.15	
			J76431	F/O.	Sagun, J.W.A.	Pilot.	18	71	110.20	Missing on 5.1.45.
			J59006	F/O.	Miedou, J.A.M.	Nav.	16	64	100.20	
			J90872	F/O.	Lepierre, J.M.R.	WOP/AG	17	68	106.40	
			R13051	F/S.	Gastin, R.M.	B/A.	15	60	92.10	
			R215022	F/S.	Simard, R.G.	B/AG.	21	81	126.35	
			R207196	F/S.	Buet, J.J.G.	MV/AG.	19	76	108.40	
			RAF1627207	Sgt.	Neenan, G.B.	F/Eng.	15	60	93.35	
			J28631	F/O.	Brindambo, X.E.	Pilot.	22	84	121.05	Missing on 5.1.45.
			J30335	F/O.	Coleman, L.	Nav.	20	80	111.45	
			J225106	F/S.	DeLong, C.E.	WOP/AG.	20	81	115.50	
			J39592	F/O.	Berry, M.D.	B/A.	20	77	109.55	
			R201304	F/S.	Hutton, G.E.	B/AG.	22	87	121.05	
			R183278	F/S.	McNigan, D.G.	MV/AG.	20	79	106.05	
			RAF1592748	Sgt.	Hewer, S.H.	F/Eng.	20	78	112.05	
			J38040	F/O.	Walsh, E.W.	Pilot.	1	3	7.15	Killed on 14.1.45.
			J41544	F/O.	Gingras, J.R.E.	Nav.	N11			
			R125126	WO2.	Blizard, J.M.	WOP/AG.	N11			
			J4193	F/O.	Ebeau, E.	B/A.	N11			
			R207284	F/S.	Chaudh, J.L.A.	B/AG.	N11			
			R254854	Sgt.	Hillie, E.M.	F/Eng.	N11			
			R61725	F/S.	Coutou, R.O.	MV/AG.	N11			Dangerously injured, on 14.1.45.
HONOURS & AWARDS.			J35881	F/O.	R.J.H. Lafraniere (Pilot)	- Awarded Immediate D.F.C. on 9.1.45.				
COMMISSIONS.			J2728	F/O.	Anderson, M.S.H.	Pilot.	Commissioned w.e.f.		15.11.44.	
			J2817	F/O.	Bumbard, J.O.E.	Nav.			11.11.44.	
			J2837	F/O.	Hunsaville, J.D.G.	W/AG.			14.11.44.	
			J3038	F/O.	Ware, G.N.	W/AG.			14.11.44.	
			J2230	F/O.	O'Rourke, N.S.	W/AG.			15.9.44.	
			J2819	F/O.	Desjardins, J.R.M.	W/AG.			14.11.44.	(CONTINUED)

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RCAF STN. THOLTHERPE.	31.1.45.	COMMISSIONS (CONTINUED)		
		R.F. 188676	F/O	Warren, S. E/Eng. Commissioned w.s.f. 28.11.44.
		R.F. 188672	F/O	Shelmerdine, A. J. 11.11.44.
		R.F. 188951	F/O	Marshall, G.C. 11.11.44.
		POSTINGS IN.		
		J38040	F/O	Welsh, E.W. Pilot. Posted from 76 Base w.f. 8.1.45.
		J1354	F/O	Ciaccia, J.R.R. Nav.
		E12326	WO2	Shaw, J.H. W/AC
		J1523	F/O	Dumas, R.J. B/A.
		E207284	F/S	Chaurin, J.A. B/AC
		R254854	Sgt	Hillis, K.M. F/Eng.
		R21725	F/S	Costeau, R.G. MU/AG.
		J38381	F/O	E. vana, J.C. Pilot. Posted from 76 Base w.f. 7.1.45.
		E163457	Sgt	Young, A. Nav.
		E191704	WO2	Sumner, M.B. W/AC
		J11778	F/O	Pattison, J. B/A.
		E211282	Sgt	Topp, R.H. F/Eng.
		R276144	Sgt	Howard, L. MU/AG.
		R204624	Sgt.	Hanck, E.D. F/Eng.
		J29556	F/O	Lowe, A.R. Pilot. Posted from 76 Base w.f. 9.1.45.
		J4090	F/O	Dobbins, R.G. Nav.
		E201103	Sgt.	McQuigg, K.S. W/AC.
		J4041	F/O	Brownell, J.F. B/A.
		J3549	F/O	Hall, P.J. B/AC.
		E278156	Sgt.	Kyle, J.W. MU/AG.
		E201189	Sgt.	Lynne, J.L. F/Eng.
		E11823	F/S	Temple, A.J.C. Pilot. Posted from 76 Base w.f. 19.1.45.
		J4894	F/O	Irwin, K.H. Nav.
		E210647	Sgt	Edwards, S.H. W/AC.
		E183598	Sgt	Hiscox, G.S. B/A.
		E212773	Sgt	Ridgway, G.A. B/A.
		E200678	Sgt	Banks, A. MU/AG.
		E194699	Sgt	Hinch, J.C. F/Eng.
		J38020	F/O	Violetto, M.J. Pilot. Posted from 76 Base w.f. 22.1.45.
		J1191	F/O	Kevin, J.E. Nav.
		E161704	WO2	Wormier, J.O.C. W/AC.
		E11654	F/O	Locke, R.L. B/A.
		E282641	F/S	Labonte, J.P. B/AC.
		E206877	F/S	Allard, J.G.C. MU/AG.
		E195224	Sgt	Rosen, M.T. F/Eng.
		J1116	F/O	Chappel, M.C. Pilot. Posted from 76 Base w.f. 18.1.45.
		E202232	Sgt	Glass, M. Nav.
		E220519	Sgt	Simelard, J.F. W/AC.
		J5921	F/O	Kousseride, K.C. B/A.
		E270999	Sgt	Korb, D. B/AC.
		E257034	Sgt	Halowsky, W. MU/AG.
		E25972	Sgt	Walker, W.A. F/Eng. 18.1.45.

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R.C.A.F. Station	POSTINGS IN.		R168865	F/S	Giguere J.T.S.	Pilot	Posted from 76 Base wef. 27.1.45.	
			R169577	F/S	Dubois J.A.M.	Nav.	"	
			R208277	Sgt.	Kelusky R.M.	W/AG	"	
Tnolthorpe.			J40928	F/O	Parent J.E.	B/A	"	
			R202179	F/S	Dauphis J.P.J.	B/AG	"	
			R207901	Sgt.	Charbonneau J.J.	M/AG	"	
			R187061	WOE	Clay F.J. "DFM"	A/G	Posted from 431 Sqdn. wef. 21.1.45.	
	POSTINGS OUT.		J16920	F/O	Pelequin A.M. "920"	W/AG	Posted to "H" Depot wef. 2.1.45.	
			J52207	F/O	Harmish J.I.	B/A	"	
			J52067	F/O	Karpoushik T.	W/AG	"	
			J86648	F/O	Brisson A.	B/AG	"	
			J86067	F/O	Brombert W.	Nav.	"	
			J90473	F/O	Belovitch W.	B/A	"	
			J87454	F/O	Gallagher R.L.	A/G	"	
			J92563	F/O	Phillips M.D.	A/G	"	
			J90759	F/O	Gauthier J.E.H.	A/G	"	
			J86615	A/G	Dupuis L.P. "DFG"	Pilot	Posted to RCAP 0/8 HQ wef. 14.10.44 & attached this Unit wef. same date for instruction duties.	
			J37751	F/O	St-Amour R.A.	Nav.	Posted to RCAF School Dalton wef. 18.1.45.	
			J9562A	F/O	Gillette H.F.	W/AG	Posted to 22 O.T.U. wef. 30.1.45.	
			J37766	F/O	Desrochers J.Lois	Nav.	Posted to 62 RCAP Base wef. 50.1.45 (Attached this Unit wef. same date)	
			J37714	F/O	Lavallee J.L.	B/A	"	
			C.5632	F/O	Papineau J.M.L.	Nav.	Posted to "R" Depot wef. 18.1.45.	
			J34937	F/O	Cote L.P.R.	Nav.	"	
			J90645	F/O	Poirier J.P.L.	A/B	"	
			J92466	F/O	Corbett J.E.W.	A/B	"	
			J92453	F/O	Arseault P.M.	A/G	"	
			J91167	F/O	Bergevin J.G.V.	A/G	"	
			J90499	F/O	Desroches J.A.R.	W/OP	"	
			J28933	A/P/L	Gourdeau J.E.H.	Pilot	"	
			R186927	F/S	Dumas L.G.	A/B	"	
			R104978	WO	Briand J.E.	W/AG	"	
			J90228	F/O	Parent J.E.H.	W/AG	"	
			J91153	F/O	Degrosbelle C.	A/G	"	
			R186908	Sgt.	Tremblay L.P.	A/G	"	
			J86666	F/O	Pige J.E.J.	A/G	"	
			R267126	F/S	McGee H.	A/G	"	
			J28918	F/O	Burocher H.K.	Nav.	" 7.1.45.	
			R141735	F/S	Dulude J.E.J.	W/AG	Posted to 62 RCAP Base (ME. Sick) wef. 23.12.44.	
			R207893	F/S	Tremblay A.G.	A/G	"	
			R21725	F/S	Corbeil C.R.	A/G	"	
			R218210	F/L	Hamilton W.E. "DFM"	W/AG	Posted to 108 O.T.U. wef. 1.1.45.	
			RAF185959	F/O	Bailey R.H.	F/E	Posted to A.C.A.C. Brackla wef. 6.1.45.	
			RAF186061	F/O	Hill G.W.	A/G	"	
			RAF186088	F/O	Flynn W.R.	A/G	" 11.1.45.	
			RAF186732	F/O	Hall H.V.	F/E	"	
			RAF186175	F/O	Cassidy J.L.	F/E	"	
			RAF06620	F/O	Scott S. "DFM"	F/E	"	
			RAF186897	F/O	Atkinson L.	F/O	"	
			RAF186094	F/O	Heritage G.C.	F/S	"	
			RAF196652	F/S	Dean R.F.	A/G	"	

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Thorncliffe.			AIRCRAFT ON CHARGE: 23 Bellix III		
			HEALTH - The Squadron health for the month of January was satisfactory, colds being most prevalent, following a spell of cold weather and snow.		
			PROMOTIONS. J87458. A/F/O P.H. Legault DFC Pilot Promoted 27/0 w.o.f. 5.12.44 J86901 F/O J.A.F. Bourdages W/AG Promoted 2/0 w.o.f. 24.11.44 J87435 A/F/O C.J.H. Lareau Pilot Promoted 2/0 w.o.f. 24.12.44 J89658 F/O J.A.L. Desbiens Pilot Promoted 1/0 w.o.f. 2.1.45 J88672 F/O G.S. Chabot Pilot Promoted 1/0 w.o.f. 30.9.44 J88624 F/O G.L. St-Laurent Pilot Promoted 1/0 w.o.f. 4.10.44		
			NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF UNIT AS AT 31.1.45: R.C.A.F. OFFICERS: AIRCREW: 121 GROUND CREW: 1 R.C.A.F. AIRMEN: AIRCREW: 108 GROUND: NIL R.C.A.F. " " " " 12 " " " " NIL R.C.A.F. " " " " 20 " " " " NIL TOTAL " " " " 133 " " " " 128 " " " " NIL		
			OPERATIONAL SORTIES CARRIED OUT DURING JANUARY/45:- 110 nights.		
			OPERATIONAL NON-OPERATIONAL AND FLYING TRAINING HOURS DURING MONTH OF JANUARY/45		
			Operational:- 21 726.25 726.25 Flying Training:- 120.25 34.40 155.05 Other flying:- 2.46 NIL 2.46		
			BOMB EXPENDITURE: (TONS - 2,240 lbs.) H.E. 1000LBS Bombs dropped from 1.1.44 to 31.12.44:- 6,481.5 887.6		
			Bombs dropped during month of January, 1945 181.4 181.2		
			Cumulative total from 1.1.44:- 6,662.9 468.8		
			NUMBER OF COMBATS WITH ENEMY AIRCRAFT:- One - Enemy aircraft claimed as probably destroyed.		
			SHORT RESUME BY SQUADRON COMMANDER MONTH OF JANUARY, 1945. This month has been rather a difficult one because of very poor flying conditions. Heavy snow and 2m frost lasted a good part of the time. Lack of central heating makes living under these winter conditions rather unpleasant.		
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