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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
RCAF STATION THULSTRAPEL	1.4.45		The 8th Canadian Victory Loan Campaign was unofficially opened to-day, and the Squadron quota of \$40,000.00 was reached after two hours of canvassing. At the end of the day, the total of \$44,800.00 was reached. There was no flying to-day due to bad weather conditions.	
	2.4.45		The Squadron was not required for operations. Flying training was carried out by 15 aircraft.	
	3.4.45		There was no flying to-day. Aircrew personnel attended lectures in their different sections.	
	Night 4/5-4-45		Thirteen (13) aircraft were detailed to attack Hamburg (Hamburg-Bismarck) and all took off. All attacked the primary and returned safely. There was nil to 1/10th low stratus cloud in the target area, top at 2/5,000 feet with good visibility. The M/B was heard prior to the opening of the attack giving instructions "Basement Flight Plan". Subsequent instructions were made with reference to ground markers. Most crews bombed on mixed red and green T.I.'s all of which were quite well concentrated. It was also possible to identify the target area visually by the river and dock area. Several explosions were noted, one of which took place at 2235 hours, followed by a column of smoke rising to 14,000 feet. Heavy flak on the target was slight to moderate barrage, bursting principally below the stream. There was some light flak bursting about 10,000 feet. Searchlights were numerous but ineffective. Defences at Heligoland and Texel were active. Heavy aircraft were seen prior to target in the T/A and on the way home. The first Victory Loan Dance was held in the Station Cinema this evening. All kinds of jokes were told in order to promote the sale. Even the S.A.A. (C/Lt. B. Campbell, 0.5775) beautiful girl friend was exhibited for a kiss at the cost of \$500.00; with great determination. W/Lt. Campbell himself took this extra bond. The Squadron Adjutant, W/Lt. J.E.R. St-Amour (013682) stood on his head for \$200.00 and the Sta. Warrant Officer, R66118 W/O J. E. Laballe, offered his moustache and the little Mt of hair he has left on his head for \$ 500.00	A-3555 to A3567 incl. Appendix 44/45.
	5.4.45		There was no operations to-day. Training was carried out by 17 aircraft.	
	6.4.45		There was no operations. 15 aircraft were engaged on flying training during the day.	
	7.4.45		There was no flying to-day. Lectures were given to aircrew during the day in their respective Sections.	
	Night 8/9-4-45		15 aircraft were detailed to attack Hamburg this evening and all took off. 14 a/c attacked the primary, A/G M.L. 419 a/c, P/O. Miller, was abortive over enemy territory; overshoot target, off course, due to 2 combats and evasive action. Bomb load was jettisoned. There was 10/10ths thin low stratus estimated between 2 and 5,000 feet. Clear above clouds. Vis was good. Master Bomber was heard clearly by a few crews but most of them had difficulty in hearing him as they were obscured by clouds. There crews that heard Master Bomber bombed as instructed. Remainder used their own initiative, bombed on either sky markers or H2S. Some particularly large explosions were seen between 2216 and 2248 hours lighting up sky and penetrating clouds. No other results were observed. Heavy flak was slight to moderate bursting between 14,15,000 feet principally below with some evidence of penetration. Searchlights were few and ineffective. Some light and heavy flak at Kiel Canal. Both single and twin engines and jet propelled enemy aircraft were seen over the target and on the homeward route to the Dutch Coast. Fighter flares were numerous on second and third legs from target. 15 a/c landed at Niverville. A/G M.L. 419 a/c, P/O. Campbell landed at Niverville due to engine trouble, the propeller of port inner engine having been lost 20 minutes before target. A/G M.L. 201 a/c, P/O. MacMahon landed at Niverville. The Squadron's final count for the 8th V.L. Campaign as at 1800 hrs to-day was \$90,000.00, being more than double the objective of \$40,000.00 and having reached the whole station quota of \$90,000.00. The aim now is for the over \$100,000.00 mark which it is hoped, will be reached before the 23rd April, the closing date. One enemy a/c is claimed damaged by M.L. 419 a/c, P/O. Miller and one as probably damaged by a/c M.L. 937 "T" P/O. Giguere. (See combat reports).	A-3568 to A-3582 incl. Appendices 45, 46 and 47/45. Miles

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BCAF SHELTHORPE.	9.4.45		Aircraft returned from their diversion base in the late afternoon. A banquet for all Section Heads and the 8th V.L. representatives, Officers and airman, was held in the Officer's Mess this evening. There was a busy speakers and a detailed report by sections, was given. All enjoyed the good food and drink.		
	10.4.45		12 a/c were detailed to attack Leipzig this evening; all took-off; 11 attacked the primary and one N.E. 137 "G" W/O Ledoux, attacked the alternative target. There was no cloud in the target area with very good visibility. All crews report having heard the W/B clearly well before T.O. 2. and followed his instructions as far as possible. Earlier crews report a good concentration of well placed markers. Bombing appeared quite accurate and smoke rose to about 3,000 feet. Route and tactics were good with not better than expected. All crews were early due to winds being on reciprocal to those expected, and sufficient time was not wasted. Fighter escort was adequate. Heavy flak was only slight, scattered mainly into panels. Single jet aircraft were seen in the target area; one N.E. 163 is claimed as damaged, probably destroyed, by a/c N.E. 937 "G" W/O. Gignere. A "Dipper" gunner sighted fighter attacking a Lancaster 500 yards away, he opened fire and a/c was seen to stall and fall on its back and going in a steep dive. This was verified by three members of the crew. A/C N.E. 201 "G" - W/O. McMahon landed at Woodbridge.		A.358 to A.359 incl. Appendices 48 and 49/45
	11.4.45		There was no operational flying to-day and no training was carried out. Lectures were given to aircrew and games were played in the afternoon.		
	12.4.45		No flying was carried out to-day. Aircrew personnel attended lectures in their respective sections.		
	Night 13/14.4.45		17 a/c were detailed to attack Kiel this evening and all took-off. All attacked the primary and returned safely. The target was attacked in 10/10ths this low cloud, tops assessed from 3 to 4,000 feet, with horizontal vis. good. Marking plentiful but scattered for the most part. Several small explosions seen but assessment is difficult to determine due to cloud cover. Heavy flak in the target area was slight, bursting at 14,000 to 17,000 feet in barrage form. Light flak was moderate to heavy, bursting from 18,000 to 22,000 feet. Searchlights were few and ineffective. There was some evidence of enemy aircraft in target area. 16 aircraft landed at Farnborough and one a/c N.E. 203 "G" (W/O. Rivet) landed at Smith. To-day the Squadron reached the \$100,000.00 mark in Victory bond sales.		A.359 to A.361 incl. Appendix 50/45
	14.4.45		Aircraft returned from diversion in the afternoon. The 8th Victory Loan Dance was held in the Station Cinema this evening. All Messes had an open night and a good time was had by all. No flying was carried out besides a/c returning from diversion.		
	15.4.45		Flying training was carried out by 10 aircraft. Mr. Paul Dupuis, Canadian War Correspondent for the B.B.C. in London, is visiting our Squadron for registration purposes.		
	16.4.45		There was no operations to-day. Training was carried out by 6 aircraft during the day.		
	17.4.45		20 aircraft were called for operations this morning but this was cancelled shortly before take-off time due to weather. No flying was carried out.		
	18.4.45		20 aircraft were detailed to attack Heligoland in daylight, and all took-off. N.E. 19 a/c attacked primary. W/O N.E. 479 "G" (W/O. Bellamy) returned early due to port outer engine failure. His bomb load was jettisoned. The target was attacked in clear weather with extremely good visibility, although on the way up there was some thin stratus about 12,000 feet. Some crews saw red T.I's which were short of the aiming point but all crews were able to identify the target visually. Master bomber was heard clearly commencing at H-15 hrs, his instructions were good and concise. As the raid progressed markers were obliterated by smoke which was seen to rise from 3 to 5,000 feet. Numerous and fires and explosions noted. One crew which arrived after the attack was over, reports complete obliteration of target. The smoke had cleared leaving a good view of desolation. This last mentioned crew was a/c N.E. 941 "G" W/O. Baudouin; engine trouble developed but after take-off and proceeded to target and back, on 3 engines, the reason for being late at target. (Continued on page 3.....)		A.362 to A.361 incl. APPENDIX 51/45

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RCAF Stn. Thelthorpe	18.4.45 (CONTINUED)		All crews report very meagre heavy flak with a maximum of 6 bursts at one time. Most crews report not seeing any enemy aircraft, but the crew which bombed last saw three M.E. 262 directly above at 700 yards flying the same course, but no attack was made even though our a/c was on three engine lines.		
	19.4.45		No operations were carried out to-day. Flying training was carried out by 11 aircraft.		
	20.4.45		Flying training was carried out by 14 aircraft to-day. The Squadron not being required for operations.		
	21.4.45		14 aircraft were on flying training again to-day.		
	22.4.45		16 aircraft were detailed to attack Bremen this afternoon and all took-off. 15 aircraft returned with their bomb loads as instructed by Master Bomber due to clouds over target. A/C N.R. 137 "K" W/C Jackson jettisoned its bomb load due to engine and brake pressure troubles. The target area was obscured by cloud most of the time from 6/10 to 10/10 the stratoscumulus tops from 5 to 8,000 Feet. Marking was seen by some crews and that that seen appeared to be accurate, but most crews were unable to see any marking due to cloud. The Master Bomber was heard by many crews at 1850 hours, instructing to stand by for further orders, but at 1905 hrs. the operation was cancelled. Defences on target were negligible, but those at Wilhelmshaven were active with heavy flak seen to be accurate and predicted; intensity slight. No enemy aircraft seen. A/C N.R. 136 "P" P/S. Jackson, landed on the Continent at B.77, due to engine trouble which developed on way to target.		A.362 to A.367 incl. Appendix 52/45
	23.4.45		The Squadron was not required for operations to-day. Flying training was carried out by 12 aircraft during the day. The Sqn. Adjutant, P/L. J.R.R. St. Amour, 1362, was admitted to Sick Quarters to-day suffering of "la grippe".		
	24.4.45		There was no training to-day due to bad weather conditions.		
	25.4.45		The biggest event of the day was the raffle of a \$500.00 was held; the lucky winner was 2216154 Sgt. J.L.G. Mc Cormack (A/C), a new arrival on the Squadron. 18 aircraft were detailed to attack Magdeburg to-day and all took-off. and attacked primary, returning safely. There was no cloud in the target area but some haze. Visibility was between 7 to 10 miles. Some crews saw the red T.L. early in the attack but others could not, due to the amount of smoke and dust. All crews followed the W/P's instructions which were clear and easily carried out. He was first heard at 1700 hours and at intervals thereafter. Bombing appeared to be quite well concentrated around the aiming point, although there was some evidence of undershooting. Crews report the target as quite well controlled but complaint of bombing over the target. The stream headed to spread after bombing but was recalled into formation by the leader. The route and tactics were quite satisfactory with the met. good. Heavy flak in barrage form was slight to moderate, decreasing as the raid progressed, bursting between 8 to 11,000 feet. Defences at Wilhelmshaven were active. One crew reports seeing an M.E. 262 on the run into the target but it did not attack.		A.368 to A.369 incl. Appendix 53/45
	26.4.45		15 a/c were called for operations but this was cancelled in the afternoon due to bad weather conditions. The 6th Victory Loan Campaign has come to a close and financial sales for the Squadron alone amounted to \$123,000.00.		
	27.4.45		There was no flying to-day. The Sqn. Adjutant, P/L. J.R.R. St. Amour (1362) came out of Sick Quarters to-day, feeling like a new man.		

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RCAF Thulthorpe.	28	4-45	The Squadron was stood down to-day, the whole Station as well, in order that all personnel be on parade in the afternoon at 1515 hours. The reasons: The Honourable and Mrs. Vincent Messer, Canadian High Commissioner in England, will be presenting shields to the Station and this Squadron Commander for the outstanding results of the 8th Victory Loan Campaign. The parade was assembled in front of the Control Tower; it was very cold with a strong wind blowing; then rain, snow and sleet began to fall and everybody was soaked, when it was decided to hold the ceremony in the R. A. L. Messing Room all proceeded, on the double. The distinguished visitors arrived at approximately 1500 hours, accompanied by the Base Commander, A/C. W. H. Hickey (C.131). Words of congratulations were extended to all ranks for their magnificent efforts and the shields were presented, after which the parade was dismissed and everybody crowded in front to have a look at the shields. A Station Dance was held in the Cinema in the evening and all messes were opened to visitors. A good time was had by all.		
	29	4-45	The Squadron is preparing to convert to Lancaster aircraft and ground courses have already started for the aircraft. The first aircraft is expected to arrive in a few days. A strong wind is still blowing and the weather is very cold; a big contrast with the warm weather that had been prevailing for over a week. There was no flying to-day.		
	30	4-45	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX The cold weather is still prevailing. A snow storm fell late last night accompanied by a heavy wind. The Squadron Adjutant, P/Lt. J.E.R. St-Amour (3152) proceeded on nine days leave to-day. He is being replaced by P/O. J.M.R. Charette (W/A.C.) a screened type.		
			CASUALTIES. Nil.		
			WOUNDS & AWARDS:		
			J.6958 T/O Lt. J.R. Laporte (Pilot) - Awarded Immediate D.F.C. on 7.6.45.		
			J.6810 T/O Lt. J.A. Brasseur (Pilot) - Awarded Immediate D.F.C. on 7.6.45.		
			C.6875 T/O C.K. Hornell (P/Eng.) Awarded Non-Immediate D.F.C. on 17.4.45.		
			J.6745 T/O G.H. Jacobs (W/O)		
			J.6745 T/O G.H. Jacobs (Pilot)		
			J.1286 T/O L. M.F. Archambault (Pilot) - Immediate D.F.C. on 17.4.45.		
			COMMISSIONS.		
			J.6818 P/O R.J. deRocheera - P/O - Commissioned eff. 14.12.44.		
			J.6827 P/O K.L. Foster - A/C - " " 26.2.45.		
			J.64207 P/O A.S. Golden - A/C - " " 7.12.44.		
			J.64186 P/O J.E.G. Marcell - A/C - " " 11.1.45.		
			J.64179 P/O A. Young - W/O - " " 16.2.45.		
			J.64198 P/O M.B. Sumner - W/O - " " 15.2.45.		
			J.64187 P/O F.D. Dawkins - W/O - " " 26.2.45.		
			J.64186 P/O J.E.M. Asselin - A/C - " " 25.2.45.		
			J.64178 P/O L. Richardson - W/O - " " 11.1.45.		
			J.64194 P/O L.G. Tremblay - W/O - " " 10.1.45.		
			J.68544 P/O M.J.Y. Bourdon - W/O - " " 8.1.45.		
			R.196826 P/O W.F. Clarke - P/O - " " 11.1.45.		
			R.196826 P/O T.J. Whyte - P/O - " " 7.12.44.		

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RCAF Trolthorpe.	30.4.45.	(CONT'D)	<p>From 76 RCAF Base eff. 4.4.45.</p> <p>FOSTERING IN.</p> <p>J.80082 P/O. D.S. Chapman - Pilot. J40789 P/O. P.A. Greenwell - Inv. J42843 P/O. W.H. Halsep W/AG. J44340 P/O. H.A. Adams B/A. R132049 Sgt. R. Adams B/AG. J46498 P/O. G. Ben. M/AG. R232717 Sgt. Sheshan, J. P/Eng.</p> <p>From 454 RCAF Sqn. eff. 2.4.45.</p> <p>J42183 P/O. J.P. Mason - Pilot. J43605 P/O. Lavigne, J.O. Inv. J44177 P/O. Dufour, G.D. W/AG. J43527 P/O. Garth, J.S.R. B/A. R277129 Sgt. Havel, J.M.R. P/AG. R268174 Sgt. Clamie, Y. M/AG. R215532 Sgt. Harris, R.J. B/A.</p> <p>From 76 RCAF Base eff. 17.4.45.</p> <p>R198749 W/S. Dumont, J.L. Pilot. R274556 Sgt. Mason, H. Inv. R233983 P/O. Beaud, M.B. W/AG. J43641 P/O. Thibault, R.J. B/A. R216646 P/O. Gosselin, J.P.M. B/AG. R277048 Sgt. Gosselin, J.R. M/AG. R162392 Sgt. Leslis, D.G. P/Eng.</p> <p>From 76 RCAF Base eff. 21.4.45.</p> <p>J35631 P/O. Leroux, J.A.A. Pilot. J255218 P/O. Landis, G.A.L. Inv. J45688 P/O. Anctil, J.L. W/AG. R156908 P/O. Pailletier, J.L.M. B/A. R204400 Sgt. Fleury, L.P. B/AG. R252412 P/O. Fournessault, J.R.G. M/AG. R275923 Sgt. Monnley, S.S. P/Eng.</p> <p>J17388 P/O. Turange, D.J. Pilot. Posted from 76 RCAF Base eff. 24.4.45. J40390 P/O. Brabant, S.G. Inv. R234108 P/O. Beaud, M.B. W/AG. J40541 P/O. Brabant, S.G. B/A. J89069 P/O. Thomasin, J.J.R. B/AG. R27428 P/O. Landault, J.J. M/AG. R4306044 Sgt. Boardman, R.G. P/Eng.</p> <p>J86854 P/O. Lussier, J.L.G. Pilot. Posted from 76 RCAF Base eff. 11.4.45. R148472 W/O. Denary, J.R.B.L. A/G. Posted from 420 RCAF Sqn. eff. 4.4.45. R41866425 P/O. Tilley, P.A. A/G. Posted from 420 RCAF Sqn. eff. 7.4.45.</p> <p>FOSTERING OUT.</p> <p>J86571 P/O. G.R. Lewis Pilot. Posted to 1804 Com. Unit eff. 2.4.45. J34822 P/O. G.R. Atkinson B/A. Posted to 1859 Com. Unit eff. 2.4.45. J91192 P/O. J.R. Hookemull. W/AG. Posted to RCAF "R" Depot eff. 20.3.45. J90658 P/O. W. Calvert. A/G. J32540 P/O. J.J.B. Labour. B/A. Posted to 1804 Com. Unit eff. 11.4.45. R18472 Sgt. H. Wilson. W/AG. Posted to RCAF "R" Depot eff. 24.3.45. J14058 P/O. J.J. MacKinnan. Pilot. Posted to RCAF "R" Depot eff. 12.4.45.</p>	<p>From 76 RCAF Base eff. 10.4.45.</p> <p>R212437 P/O. Jackson, W.J. - Pilot. R202606 P/O. Brown, J.C. Inv. R163057 P/O. King, W.M. W/AG. R256601 P/O. Wood, M.S. B/A. R289886 Sgt. McAvie, E.A. B/AG. R289650 Sgt. Lawrence, J.H. M/AG. R290000 Sgt. Albradidge, J.H. P/Eng.</p> <p>From 76 RCAF Base eff. 13.4.45.</p> <p>R61635 W/O. Ross, E.J. Pilot. R202058 Sgt. Demers, J.P.A. Inv. R202340 Sgt. Baillet, J.A. W/AG. R199868 P/O. Bergeron, J.M. B/A. R194022 P/O. Bessard, A.R. B/AG. R207114 Sgt. Labourelle, J.G. M/AG. J48122 P/O. Futtarar, R. P/Eng.</p> <p>From 76 RCAF Base eff. 20.4.45.</p> <p>J32187 P/O. Beal, R. Pilot. R141916 W/O. Siguin, J.M. Inv. R184098 W/O. Parent, V.L. W/AG. J40549 P/O. Dufindt, P.E. B/A. R276765 Sgt. Denisot, J.M.J. B/AG. R216154 Sgt. Coulombe, J.L.G. M/AG. R255359 Sgt. Dawson, T.P. P/Eng.</p> <p>From 76 RCAF Base eff. 20.4.45.</p> <p>J42988 P/O. Farron, R.E. Pilot. J45537 P/O. Mchoud, J.P.P. Inv. R20728 Sgt. Deslauriers, J.P. W/AG. J42703 P/O. Dume, J.G. B/A. R136272 Sgt. Beauchemin, J.L. B/AG. R128462 Sgt. Grandin, J.G.R. M/AG. R200917 Sgt. Beaver, S.E. P/Eng.</p>	

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POSTINGS OUT (CONTINUED)					
			J.56681 A/W/Lt. J.R.H. Lafreniere "DFU" (Pilot) - Posted to RCAF "R" Depot waf. 9.4.45.		
			137744 F/O. J.F.R. Lafrose. Inv.		
			138217 F/O. J.O.R. Bouchard. Inv.		
			138358 F/O. R.A. Hawkins. Inv. Posted to 6 Group HQ Unit eff. 9.4.45.		
			138828 A/W/Lt. J.L. St. Laurent. Pilot. Posted to RCAF "R" Depot eff. 19.4.45.		
			138828 A/W/Lt. J.S. O. Peirce. Pilot.		
			132775 A/W/Lt. W.M. Burke. Pilot.		
			136485 A/W/Lt. G.R. Simmonds-Ferrier. Pilot.		
			132927 A/W/Lt. J.S. MacNeil. Pilot.		
			136227 F/O. J.C. Boyer. Inv.		
			132948 F/O. J.A. Montagna. Inv.		
			134544 F/O. H.J.V. Bourdon. B/A.		
			132733 F/O. J.A.S. Labonté. B/A.		
			136367 F/O. W.G. McWherpoon. B/A.		
			138353 F/O. J.G.R. Moran. B/A.		
			138346 F/O. J.J.G. Bonin. B/A.		
			138558 F/O. P.G.R. Gendron. W/A.G.		
			142281 F/O. A.G. Blum. A/G.		
			138989 F/O. M.A. Ross. A/G.		
			135813 F/S. J.E. Reanli. A/G.		
			134174 F/O. L.G. Trumbly. A/G.		
			136814 F/S. A.A. Alger. A/G.		
			134165 F/O. A.L. Asselin. A/G.		
			1317541 F/S. A. Gauthier. A/G.		
			134174 F/O. K. Sanderson. A/G.		
			137742 A/W/Lt. R.F. Dullie. Pilot. 27.4.45.		
			138373 A/W/Lt. G.R. Umbot. Pilot.		
			130259 F/O. J.G.A. Throu. Inv.		
			130659 F/O. R.M. Chisholm. A/G.		
			135515 F/O. G. Brantson. A/G.		
			138718 F/O. W. Skerley. A/G. Posted to 1859 Con. Unit eff. 30.4.45.		
			1325499 F/S. Sloan, C.F. A/G. Posted to RCAF "R" Depot eff. 29.4.45.		
			134454 F/S. Sanderson, H.A. A/G. " to 408 RCAF Sqn. eff. 19.4.45.		
			1344528 W/O. Bud'Home, J.R.A. B/A. Posted to 22 O.T.U. eff. 19.4.45.		
			137051 W/O. Clay, F.H. A/G. Posted to A.C.A.C. Catterick eff. 28.4.45.		
			1379142 F/O. K.L. Sutherland. A/G.		
			13894242 F/S. Samson, P.H. F/S. Posted to 428 RCAF Sqn. eff. 14.4.45.		
			13771725 Sgt. Wilson, M.W. F/S. Posted to 428 RCAF Sqn. eff. 14.4.45.		
			136677 F/O. Foley, J.H. B/A. Posted to RCAF "R" Depot eff. 25.4.45.		
			135616 F/S. J.R. Fraser. A/G. Posted to RCAF "R" Depot eff. 26.4.45.		
			131773 F/S. R.A. Polyz. A/G. Posted to RCAF "R" Depot eff. 30.4.45.		
CHANGE IN COMMAND: - RI.					
CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATION: - RI.					
AIRCRAFT ON CHARGE: - 21 Halifax Mk. III.					
HEALTH:	There was no aircraft accident involving injuries to personnel this month. Two airmen were hospitalized due to motor cycle accident. There was no dangerously ill medical cases and no outbreak of infectious diseases. Morbidity rate within expected ranges.				

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			PROMOTIONS:		
			358381 P/O. J.O. Evans. - Pilot. Promoted A/P/Lt. off. 7.3.45.		
			358080 P/O. M.J. Violette. Pilot. " " " " 28.3.45.		
			357792 P/O. E.F. Millie. " " " " 15.3.45.		
			358573 P/O. S.G.E. Chabot. " " " " 15.2.45.		
			31146 P/O. H.C. Chappel. " " " " 13.1.45.		
			353155 P/O. J.T.E. Giguere. " " " " A/P/O. off. 1.2.45.		
			351158 P/O. G.R. Turcotte. " " " " 16.1.45.		
			352448 P/O. J.E. Marcoux. " " " " 8.3.45.		
			351159 P/O. J.A.R. Hulsinger. " " " " 9.3.45.		
			351127 P/O. L.R. Paquette. " " " " 6.3.45.		
			352018 P/O. G.G.J. Saniotte. " " " " 7.12.44.		
			359097 P/O. J.M.R. Charotte. W/AC. " " " " 2/8/0.		
			358610 P/O. E.F. Lockman. " " " " " " " " 21.2.45.		
			358778 P/O. E. MacLay. A/O. " " " " 11.1.45.		
			359287 P/O. H. McGhie. W/AC. " " " " 28.2.45.		
			350210 P/O. J. Koldasch. Pilot. " " " " A/P/Lt. 22.3.45.		
			351158 P/O. G.R. Turcotte. " " " " " " " " 24.3.45.		
			351159 P/O. J.A.R. Hulsinger. " " " " " " " " 24.3.45.		
			351127 P/O. L.R. Paquette. " " " " " " " " 24.3.45.		
			311286 P/O. R.F. Archambault. " " " " " " " " 19.4.45.		
			RA356145 P/O. W. Fryer. W/AC. " " " " A/P/Lt. 8.4.45.		
NUMBERS SUPERIOR OF UNIT AS AT 30th APRIL, 1945.					
R.C.A.F. OFFICERS: AIRCREW: 143 GROUND CREW: 1. RCAF AIRMEN AIRCREW: 150 GROUND CREW: Nil.					
R.A.F. " " " " Nil RCAF " " " " 20 " Nil					
TOTAL " " " " 158 " " " " 170 " Nil					
OPERATIONAL SORTIES CARRIED OUT DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1945:- Day: 66 - Night: 45 TOTAL: 111.					
OPERATIONAL, NON-OPERATIONAL AND BOMBING TRAINING DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1945.					
				DAY	NIGHT
			Operational:-	363.25	295.35
			Flying Training:-	435.50	43.00
			Other Flying:-	17.00	-
					TOTAL
				805.75	338.35
BOMB EXPENDITURES:- (TONS, 2,240 lbs) -					
				NUMBER	NUMBER
				H.E.	INCENDIS.
			Bombs dropped from 1.1.44 to 30.3.45.	7,606.17	947.3
			Bombs dropped during month of April, 1945:-	489.7	Nil
			Cumulative total from 1.1.44	8,095.87	947.3
NUMBER OF COMBATS WITH ENEMY AIRCRAFT: - Three (3). - On 8.4.45 - one enemy a/c damaged and one probably damaged. On 10.4.45. - One enemy a/c probably destroyed.					

Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
RCAF THORPE	30.4.45	(CONT'D) SHORT	RESUME BY SQUADRON COMMANDER FOR MONTH OF APRIL, 1945.		
The Squadron went out on operations only 8 times during the month of April, but on the other hand, an extensive training programme was carried out. There were no crew losses on operations or training. The crew strength was gradually built up to arrive at a total of 37 crews by the end of the month. 6 crews were screened during the month.					

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