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Bishforth	1.6.43	<p>WEATHER Cloudy; continuous rain till dawn, then showery, with thunderstorm in evening.</p> <p>The Squadron was stood down from operations and the Engineering Officer and his maintenance party worked to get the serviceability of a/c raised. J.17116 P/O J.J. McBerrett and crew were posted to 1679 Conversion Flight, Bantock, to convert to Lancaster II a/c and to act as instructors. All members of this crew are officers, three of them being commissioned at this Unit. J.15087 S/L P.W. Parker, DFC, Flight Commander "A" flight was also posted to 1679 Conversion Flight to act as Commanding Officer.</p> <p>A farewell party was held in the Officer's Mess for 425 Squadron who have been operating with 425 Squadron from Bishforth for some months; many visitors from neighbouring Stations attended.</p>																																						
Bishforth	2.6.43	<p>WEATHER Cloudy, with showers and a thunderstorm. Continuous rain later.</p> <p>J.13918 P/O S.D. Bartlett and crew, J.13011 P/O J.C. Mitchell and crew, J.13021 P/O Sims and crew and 42528 Sgt. P.J. Stuart and crew were attached to 1679 Conversion Flight, Bantock, to convert to Lancaster II a/c. These four crews have accomplished very excellent service and hope to continue when they are "converted".</p> <p>The Squadron turned out to bid farewell to No. 425 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron who took off on the first leg of their journey eastward. The two Squadrons have worked together during the time together for some months and 425 Squadron wished them Happy Landings in their new field of endeavour.</p> <p>A stand down from operations was welcomed as it enabled a training programme to be organized. This included 7 a/c on cross country exercises and one a/c on local circuits and landings, and also gave a number of new crews their first flying since reporting to the Unit.</p> <p>S/Lt. J.A. Kelly (C.2027) who has recently arrived from Canada after a spell in R.C.A.F. Headquarters, Ottawa, Canada, and has been under study in administrative duties, was attached pending posting to a new Conversion Unit opening at R.C.A.F. Station, MALDEN, on 5th June 1943.</p>																																						
Bishforth	3.6.43	<p>WEATHER Cloudy to overcast. Continuous rain till noon, then occasional showers.</p> <p>Four aircraft were detailed for mining operations in NORTH HAVENFUR. All a/c took off but because of cloud over target three were unable to locate the mining point and returned to base with their load. All crews reported visibility bad and 6 to 4/10th cloud from 900 to 3,000 feet. One crew finding a break in the cloud were able to pin point and plant their vegetables in the allotted area.</p>		<p>8143 - 11446</p>																																				

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Dishforth	3.6.43	(Continued)	W/O G. G. G. G. G., D.F.C., accompanied by specialist officer of the Squadron visited R.A.F. Station, Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks., to discuss equipment problems preparatory to moving. An R.N.S.A. show played for the Squadron personnel in the R.A.A.F.I.		
Dishforth	4.6.43		WEATHER: Cloudy; showers early. Good fog at dawn. Continuous rain in evening. A good operational effort was required and thirteen crews were selected and work began on bombing up. Due to very bad meteorological reports the operation was scrubbed at 1300 hours. G.19711 S/Lt. A. Macmillan represented the Squadron at a stirring "Wings for Victory" Rally at Starley. The enthusiasm displayed this commodity should go "over the top" on their target. A motion picture courtesy Canadian F.N.C.A. played in the mess.		
Dishforth	5.6.43		WEATHER: Cloudy; very occasional showers. Good vis. in afternoon. S.12254 Sgt. L.F. Archibald was detached to 1529 R.A.F. flight for a course in Bom Approach Training. Three a/c piloted by S.10255 S/Lt. J.B. Hillwood, S.11252 S/O. R.N. Epps and S.9594 S/O. H.L. Patch took part in a "Wings for Victory" Rally at DAYTON BUILDING with a splendid exhibition of formation flying. The Squadron had a stand down from operations due to weather conditions over target areas. S.12087 S/Lt. R.N. Parker, DFC, reported from 1679 Conversion Flight at Eastmoor that conversion training was proceeding and his time was being logged on Lancaster II's by Squadron pilots.		
Dishforth	6.6.43		WEATHER: Cloudy; frequent showers; thunderstorms at noon. The Squadron was again stood down from operations due to weather conditions. A training program of cross country flying was arranged but "dew" weather at BAE forced cancellation of the program. W/O L. G. G., accompanied by G/O J.L. Flint attended a Station and Squadron Commander's conference at No. 6 (R.A.A.F.) Group Headquarters in the afternoon. G.1617 S/Lt. D.N. French was attached to No. 1 Engine Handling Course, Westcott for a four-day course.		
Dishforth	7.6.43		WEATHER: Cloudy; shower early; occasional rain or drizzle in afternoon and evening. Operations were ordered. Ten a/c being called. Crews were selected and a/c prepared. Just before briefing, the Squadron effort was reduced to four, due to weather conditions only the most experienced crews being allowed to go, about two hours before take-off. deteriorating weather conditions forced abandonment altogether of the operation. S.12176 S/Lt. S.H. Swaine, DFC, reported to the Unit on posting from No. 6 (R.A.A.F.) Group Headquarters and assumed command of "B" Flight. Information was received that 1178763 Sgt. D.H. Pencock, S.11239 S/O. G. Miller and S.2525 Pilot Officer B. Lundy, DFC were prisoners of war. <b>SECRET</b> Three Sergeants, five Corporals and thirty-seven other ranks reported to the Unit from No. 3 F.O.C. BOURBONVILLE. The airmen were all ground trades and were posted with a view to raising the Squadron personnel from a Medium to a Heavy Bomber Establishment.		A.372

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Dishforth	8.6.43		<p>WEATHER: Cloudy; continuous slight rain until dawn, with fog. Good visibility in afternoon.</p> <p>Another stand down from operations. Very "dull" weather over target areas with deteriorating conditions at base being the reason. Plans are proceeding apace for the movement of the Squadron which is taking place on June 18th. W/O Grady R.S.O., R.A.F.C. and section leaders visited R.A.P. Station Linton for the purpose of selecting office accommodation so that the move may be accomplished by having sections able to move directly into their new quarters.</p> <p>Mr Huddle, R.A., R.D.P. Technical Officer, R.A.A.R. Scarborough, visited the Squadron R.D.P. Section, assisting the personnel in the Section with latest methods and checking their present knowledge.</p> <p>W/O J.H. Dodge, J.21046, who attended the night vision course at Drifffield, was placed first in the class.</p>																										
Dishforth	9.6.43		<p>WEATHER: Mainly fair. Moderate visibility. Intermittent slight rain in evening.</p> <p>Operations were ordered, 10 aircraft called for, crews selected and aircraft prepared. Weather conditions at base showed signs of deteriorating and target areas were cloudy so the operation was cancelled at 22.00 hours.</p> <p>12 Officers under the command of W/L A. MacMillan, Squadron Gunnery Leader, reported to Sutton Bank Range for firing practice.</p> <p>W/O C. Ransay, J.1113, mentioned in dispatches - 6 Group Routine Order.</p> <p>The Sergeants' Mess sponsored a party and dance which was attended by the Squadron personnel.</p>																										
Dishforth	10.6.43		<p>WEATHER: Overcast all day. Moderate to poor visibility.</p> <p>The Squadron had a stand down from operations due to weather conditions. 130887 W/O, D.S.M. Hackett reported to the Unit as Electrical Officer from No. 4 G.S.M.</p> <p>210167 W/O J.R. Bridger was promoted to Flight Lieutenant w.e.f. 22nd May 1943.</p> <p>217202 W/O Eric De Rimes and crew reported to the Unit from 23 G.S.M.</p> <p>215298 W/L M. Roach, Squadron Bombing Leader, attended Bombing Leaders' Conference at H.Q. No. 6 Group.</p> <p>May parade on the Station was well attended by the Squadron personnel.</p>																										
Dishforth	11.6.43		<p>WEATHER: Cloudy; intermittent slight rain before dawn and again in afternoon.</p> <p>The following crews were detached to 1679 Conversion Flight at Easthorpe to begin conversion to Lancaster II aircraft.</p> <p>J11552 W/O R.F. Epps and crew                  R25223 Sgt G.H. Fitts and crew                  R12669 Sgt Summers R.A. and crew.</p> <p>The Squadron was ordered for bombing operations on Bascoide, 10 aircraft were detailed but only nine took off as one developed a break in an inter-com lead which could not be located and remained in the base. One aircraft, H.N. 291, developed an over heated port engine and was forced to turn back landing at 02.36 hours - "B" refers. Seven aircraft bombed the target in good weather conditions. R.P.F. were well concentrated and many large fires were seen. Flew well as heavy as on some recent raids. The remaining aircraft, H.N. 291, has not been heard of since take off. Details of the missing crew and trips and operational hours are as follows:-</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>W/O</th> <th>N.D.</th> <th>Pilot</th> <th>On Trip</th> <th>On Home</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>R78232</td> <td>W/O Hayes</td> <td>N.D.</td> <td>Pilot</td> <td>0</td> <td>08.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J20373</td> <td>W/O Bennett</td> <td>J.L.</td> <td>Navigator</td> <td>0</td> <td>00.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R16696</td> <td>Sgt Richardson</td> <td>D.G.</td> <td>Air Bomber</td> <td>0</td> <td>00.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		W/O	N.D.	Pilot	On Trip	On Home	R78232	W/O Hayes	N.D.	Pilot	0	08.30	J20373	W/O Bennett	J.L.	Navigator	0	00.00	R16696	Sgt Richardson	D.G.	Air Bomber	0	00.00		ANNY - 1945
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Dishforth	11.6.43	(continued)	<p>           1119135 SGT Schmehorn G.L. WOE/MS            1113462 SGT Mackenzie D.A. A/G         </p> <p>           0P. TRIPS, 0P. HOME,            0 00.00            0 00.00         </p> <p>           83264 P/O Patch H.L. and crew, one of the first crews to be formed on the Squadron, completed their first tour on the operation over Besselburg and now enter their second period. This is the first crew in the Squadron to complete a tour.         </p> <p>           AN "EXHIBITION SERVICE SHOW 'THE MACHINISTS'" was put on in the N.A.A.F.I. Two shows were given and both were thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.         </p>		
Dishforth	12.6.43		<p>           WEATHER: Cloudy at first, becoming fair. Intermittent slight drizzle before dawn. Good visibility.         </p> <p>           310225 P/O J.R. Millard is appointed to the rank of Squadron Leader and to the Command of "A" Flight.         </p> <p>           The following aircraft received appointments to commissioned ranks:-         </p> <p>           169260 Sgt Whiting W.H.            139592 Sgt Swenson I.R.A. (Missing on operations)            1178763 Sgt Penneck D.H. (Missing on operations)         </p> <p>           Five aircraft were delivered to 438 Squadron at Duxford. As seven experienced crews are at present detached to 1679 Conversion Unit, two aircraft are the nucleus the Squadron will be required to operate until June 15th.         </p> <p>           14024 W/O L. Crooks D.S.O., D.F.C. and 015711 P/O A. Hamilton attended a Conference at Headquarters 6 Group on "MORNING".         </p> <p>           There was a stand down from operations which enabled the Squadron to carry out CROSS country and training flights. Aircraft H.S. 375, piloted by 317502 P/O D.R. De Bloome overshot ON LANDING and was damaged to the extent of rendering it "Out of Service". No members of the crew were injured. The remainder of the training was carried out without incident.         </p>		
Dishforth	13.6.43		<p>           WEATHER: Fine to fair. Very good visibility.         </p> <p>           There was another stand down from operations but the Squadron were advised that a nucleus aircraft would be expected on the 14th.         </p> <p>           14024 W/O L. Crooks D.S.O., D.F.C. visited 1679 Conversion Flight at R.C.A.F. Station, Bessborough.         </p> <p>           The United States Army Detachment to the School of Military Engineering Softball team visited the Station and played an exhibition game with the Station team. The score was 17 - 9 in favour of the R.C.A.F. Dishforth. Sgt Perry R.H. (CAF. 6620), an aviator of the Squadron, pitched excellent ball for the winners. All members of the Station team are 426 Squadron personnel.         </p> <p>           The W.A.A.F. personnel held a farewell party on their site which was well attended. Distinguished visitors present were Air Commodore P.O. Watt and Group Captain Carverham.         </p>		
Dishforth	14.6.43		<p>           WEATHER: Cloudy. Occasional showers. Very good visibility.         </p> <p>           Four a/c took off on a sea search but were unable to locate any trace of a dingy. All a/c returned to BASE.         </p> <p>           2nd Lt. E. Gaunt (CAF. 66278) and crew were attached to 1679 Conversion Flight, BASSBOURNE.         </p> <p>           E. 126221 Sgt. Derry, W.P. and crew posted to R.C.A.F. Base, TORONTO, reporting to R.A.F. Station, MONTROSE-ON-MARCH June 10th, replacement crew for R.C.A.F. Overseas Squadron.         </p> <p>           E. 113168 Sgt. Logan, E. 79136 P/O. O'Shea, A.L.; E. 96705 Sgt. Coulombe, J.A.R. and E. 173250 Sgt. Barry, D.A. (all pilots) reported to R.C.A.F. Station, MONTROSE, to operate with 402 Squadron for experience. Unfortunately the operations were scrubbed. Two softball games were         </p>		A.156-d.459

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Dishforth	14/6/43	(Continued)	played during the day. The Squadron Air Gunner challenged the Pilots to a game. The gunners say it won't happen again. The U.S. Army Detachment of the School of Military Engineering, strengthened by several new players again played the Station team, anxious for revenge for the "drubbing" administered on the 12th June. An excellent game was the result but the home team proved just strong enough to win 8-7 in a last inning episode that scored three runs, following the game the American visitors attended the Airman's Dinner in the N.C.A.A. Hall. THESE GAMES ARE VERY DEFINITELY CONTRIBUTING TO A SPIRITUAL REALITY BETWEEN THE ALLIED SERVICES.		
Dishforth	15/6/43		WEATHER: Cloudy, fair in evening. Heavy shower before dawn. The award of several decorations to former Squadron personnel was announced. J.17214 S/O. J.J. McAnock, now at 1679 Conversion Flight, awarded D.F.C., and J.10676 S/O. V. Rolfe, also at 1679 Conversion Flight, awarded D.F.C., J.17117 S/O. G.S. Henson and R.9600 Sgt. Lutz Holtz now at 433 Squadron, awarded D.F.C. and D.F.M. respectively. The Squadron was stood down from operations and all energies were directed to preparing to move. Several truck loads of Wellington equipment were transported to Eastcote and handed over to 433 Squadron forming at that Station. G.1677 S/O. D.F. French and crew were posted to 433 Squadron where S/Lt. French was given the post of Flight Commander with that Squadron. The following Captains and crews were detached to 1679 Conversion Flight, Eastcote: S.15176 S/Lt. Wally Swainson and crew, J.22805 S/O. D.H. McKay and crew and R.12094 Sgt. Archibald and crew, to convert to Lancaster II a/c. R.12082 Sgt. G.P. Hansen reported to the Squadron on posting from No. 76 Squadron.		
Dishforth	16/6/43		WEATHER: fair at first, then cloudy with showers. Thunderstorms at 1500 hours. The last morning on which the Squadron were expected to operate "Wings" had dawned. With a move starting every one in the base, the personnel secretly hoped our final day would be marked with a flourish. However our hopes were not fulfilled as NEW AIRCRAFT WERE REQUIRED FOR MINING operations. The crews were detailed, a/c serviced when it was discovered that no mines were left on the Station, finally they arrived by road and the engines went to work. During the middle of loading word came through that the operation was "scrubbed". Thus our first call on 12th January was for mining and it was "scrubbed", so our last was for mining and it was "scrubbed". To add to our troubles, four crews were posted to 433 Squadron and efforts were made to rush their clearance so that they would not interfere with the move. At noon word was received to hold the posting as the formation of 433 Squadron has been delayed. ALL INSTRUCTIONS WERE RECEIVED to return to Dishforth all equipment already delivered to Eastcote for 433 Squadron. Trucks rushed to Eastcote and equipment began to come back. Thus a hard day's work was the fate of all personnel and the net results were an operational and administrative standpoint "no hits, no runs, no awards." The advance party Appendix "A" to Movement Order No. 1 of 425 Squadron, under command of J.11499 S/O. J. Down and 50096 S/O. R.J. Thomas reported from 1559 Conversion Unit, 130687 S/O. D.H.M. Hibbert was detached to 617 Squadron.		
Dishforth	17/6/43		WEATHER: fine early, then fair to cloudy with good visibility. The day was spent in completing plans for the Squadron movement on 18.6.43. All Sections completed packing ready to move early in the morning. The a/c were flown to R.O.A.F. Station, EASTCOTE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM HQ. No. 6 (R.O.A.F.) GROUP.		

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Bishforth & Linton-on-Ouse	18.6.43		WEATHER: Cloudy with continuous light rain most of day. Moderate to poor visibility. Made a slow start - but intense activity - business and jobs all packed at the parade square ready to receive their loads. Kits were packed, buses called up and A36 Squadron set out for their new home. All personnel except the rear party ate the noon meal in Linton and in a short time all sections were moved in and the Squadron was ready for business.		
Linton-on-Ouse	19/6/43		WEATHER: Cloudy with intermittent slight rain or drizzle until 0900 hours. Moderate visibility. Information received that (080972) and Lt. S. Gunn, U.S.A.A.F., (formerly E.120080 Sgt. S. Gunn of the R.C.A.F.) had been granted an immediate award of the Distinguished Flying Cross (D.F.C.) for his part in the rescue of the crew of the B-24 Superfortress (J.17401) posted to No. 311 P.O. at Northampton. Squadron busy setting up in their new home.		A.416
Linton-on-Ouse	20.6.43		WEATHER: Mainly cloudy; intermittent slight rain in morning. Moderate visibility. A very quiet day. J.13018 P/O. D.B. Shuttleworth and crew, and 628038 Sgt. Stuart and crew were attached to 1679 Conversion flight. The first two Flight Engineers to be posted to the Unit reported.		
Linton-on-Ouse	21.6.43		WEATHER: Mainly fair; intermittent slight drizzle early; slight shower in morning. Good visibility. J.3990 P/O. J.D. Hughes and crew, J.14328 P/O. Spafford, and crew, 627253 Sgt. Brown, J. and crew and E.122017 Sgt. Griffin, W.P. and crew, were detached to 1679 Conversion flight for conversion to Lancaster in P/O. P/O. H.A. Edwards, S.M.S., Officer Commanding, R.C.A.A.F. Station, LINTON-ON-OUSE, and W/O. L. Groves, R.C.A.F., P.O., Officer Commanding, A36 Squadron, met all Senior R.O.O.'s and discussed various plans etc., with them. Issues started in again following a period of preparation for the move when all privileges had been cancelled. Many happy faces seen as leave passes began streaming from the DUNSMY ROOM. WEATHER: fair, becoming cloudy. Intermittent slight rain in afternoon. Poor to moderate visibility. E.3364 P/O. H.K. Patch and E.79425 Sgt. J. Vatch were posted to No. 26 O.S.U. J.16858 P/O. R.J. Murphy was posted to No. 23 O.S.U. and J.17412 P/O. T.A. Clark was posted to 1679 Conversion Unit. This was the first crew of the Squadron to complete an operational tour and be screened as instructors.		
Linton-on-Ouse	23.6.43		WEATHER: Mainly cloudy; slight shower at 0900 hours. Moderate to good vis. Eleven M/20's were posted to the Squadron. E.10136 Opt. R. Kelsey was posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot, Warrington pending repatriation to Canada for aircrew training.		
Linton-on-Ouse	24.6.43		WEATHER: fair till noon, then cloudy; intermittent slight rain at 21.00 hours. Very good visibility. E.61767 Opt. S. Hestery and E.156549 Sgt. full. Allan were posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot, Warrington, pending repatriation to Canada for aircrew training. J.11232 P/O. Epps, R.F. and crew, and E.122658 Sgt. Summers, H.B. and crew ceased detachment to 1679 Conversion Unit. Two new Flight Engineers reported to the Squadron.		

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Linton-on-Ouse	25.6.43		WEATHER: Cloudy all day. Good visibility. A Mess Meeting was attended by officers of the Squadron, J. 2172 P/O. A.J. Gibson was married in Harrogate - best wishes from all the Squadron personnel. The ground crew were detached to R.C.A.F. Station, DISHAMPTON to look after a/c left there when the Squadron moved.		
Linton-on-Ouse	26.6.43		WEATHER: Cloudy all day. Moderate to good visibility. J. 1023 S/L. J.B. Millward and crew, J. 1409 P/O. P.L. Knoble and crew, 65725 Sgt. Brown, J. and crew, and J. 1497 P/O. J. McEg and crew were detached to 1679 Conversion Flight. J. 1776 S/L. W.H. Swenson, DFC, and (082972) 2nd Lt. S. Gaunt, DFC, and crew, including PILOTS ENGINEERS, command attachment at 1679 CONVERSION FLIGHT. J. 2543 Sgt. YARSTON, R.F.; J. 13357 Sgt. Jones, C.R. and J. 1467 P/O. R.V. Holton and crew were posted to 429 Squadron.		
Linton-on-Ouse	27.6.43		WEATHER: Fair; moderate visibility. A very quiet day. J. 14452 Sgt. S.J. Day reported on posting to 1659 Conversion Unit.		
Linton-on-Ouse	28.6.43		WEATHER: Fine early; mainly cloudy day. Moderate visibility. 1095416 Sgt. T. Augustus, A/C, reported to the Squadron on posting from 203 Squadron. The Squadron football team defeated S.R.C. LINHAM-OLNEY team 2-0.		
Linton-on-Ouse	29.6.43		WEATHER: Fine morning; fair afternoon; cloudy evening. S.M. 1162 Sgt. P.A. Hunter reported to Squadron on posting from 429 Squadron. J. 2172 P/O. A.J. Gibson promoted to the rank of Temp. Flying Officer u.c.f. 21.2.43. J. 2032 P/O. J. Mackay promoted to the rank of Temp. flying Officer u.c.f. 6.5.43.		
Linton-on-Ouse	30.6.43		WEATHER: Cloudy all day; occasional very slight drizzle. Good vis. R. 12024 Sgt. L.F. Archibald and J. 2236 P/O R.H. McKay and crew reported back to Unit from 1679 Conversion Flight. Summary of Conversion training for the month. Five crews reported back from Conversion Flight training. The — at present undergoing conversion training.		
			<p>RECOGNITION: The undermentioned D.F.C.s, since posted to Units stated, were awarded the D.F.C. (non-immediate):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>J. 17117 P/O. G.S. Holliman (posted 405 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron).</li> <li>J. 17118 P/O. J.F. McSavock (posted 1679 Conversion Flight)</li> <li>J. 10078 P/O. T. Rolfe</li> </ul> <p>The undermentioned R.C.O. was awarded the D.F.C. (non-immediate):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>R. 26080 Sgt. Lutz Holby (posted to 405 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron)</li> </ul> <p>The undermentioned officer of the R.C.A.F. was awarded the D.F.C. (immediate)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(082972) 2nd Lt. S. GAUNT (formerly R. 12024 Sgt. S. Gaunt, R.C.A.F.).</li> </ul>		
			<p>COMMISSIONS: Information was received during the month authorising the appointment of the undermentioned R.C.O.'s to the commissioned rank of Pilot Officers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>R. 21022 Sgt. Lutz Holby (pilot, since reported missing) 1173763 Sgt. D.H. Pennock (now prisoner of war)</li> <li>R. 26080 Sgt. Lutz Holby (posted 405 Squadron).</li> </ul>		

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			<p><b>PROMOTIONS:</b> The undermentioned officers were promoted to the ranks stated <i>v.o.s.</i> dates stated:</p> <p>J. 40255 P/O (A/E/L) J.B. Millward to A/E/L <i>v.o.s.</i> 16.6.43</p> <p>J. 40187 P/O J.B. Bridger to A/E/L <i>v.o.s.</i> 22.5.43</p> <p>J. 21723 P/O J.B. Gibson to P/O. <i>v.o.s.</i> 24.5.43</p> <p>J. 20852 P/O J.B. Gifford to P/O. <i>v.o.s.</i> 24.5.43</p> <p>J. 13021 P/O W.L. Shaw to P/O. <i>v.o.s.</i> 31.5.43</p> <p>J. 14782 P/O H.P. Gwynne to P/O. <i>v.o.s.</i> 30.5.43</p> <p>J. 14815 P/O H.L. Drake (missing) to P/O. <i>v.o.s.</i> 24.5.43</p> <p>J. 14772 P/O G. Millan (missing) to P/O. <i>v.o.s.</i> 24.5.43</p> <p>J. 14392 P/O H.P. Morris to P/O. <i>v.o.s.</i> 25.5.43</p> <p>J. 20163 P/O L.H. Power to P/O. <i>v.o.s.</i> 25.5.43</p> <p>J. 14328 P/O W. Sparford to P/O. <i>v.o.s.</i> 14.5.43</p>																																
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