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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Operations	References to Appendices
Linton-on-Ouse	1.9.44		No operations but extensive training program carried out. Eight aircraft were offered for a night Bulls-eye which was scrubbed when operations were called for an early morning show.	
Linton-on-Ouse	2.9.44		The operations scheduled for the morning with take off at approximately 1100 hours were postponed for three hours then scrubbed all together on account of heavy rain and low cloud. All flying was washed out, all sections conducted extensive ground training consisting of quiz programmes and written examinations.	
Linton-on-Ouse	3.9.44		Operations were scheduled and fifteen aircraft took off at 1500 hours in rather dirty weather to bomb an airfield at Volkel in Holland. Fourteen successfully bombed the target and returned to base, landing at Diversional airports. "C" L.W. 206 crashed down England crashed at Oxford near Henley, having spun in from 14000 ft. The pilot was P/O Lamb, R.A. J87830 who was killed in the crash. Three other members of the crew, Sgt. Robinson, R.A. 1675262 P/S, Sgt Willis, A.J. R221202 MU/Lg, and P/S Wright, W., R251792 Rear gunner, were also killed. P/S Wright was still in the rear turret, Sgt Robinson baled out and his parachute opened but he slipped through the harness and P/S Willis' parachute was apparently fouled by the tail plane and the shroud lines out. The crash occurred in a disused area of an U.S.A.A.F. airfield where six minutes after the crash the bombs blew up, killing seven American Airforce personnel and a civilian and demolishing several buildings. The three other members baled out and landed without injury to themselves. They were P/O Mallalieu, R.E.B. J87902 the navigator, Sgt Wyffer, R.M. R201012 the WOP/Lg and P/O Longley, R.T. J20860 the Bomb Aimer.	A1836 to A1849
Linton-on-Ouse	4.9.44		Dull weather, prevented our aircraft from returning to base, and cancelled all but local flying for the day.	
Linton-on-Ouse	5.9.44		Weather still unsettled and no operations on for the day although considerable training was done consisting of fighter affiliation, bombing, and air to air. At 1700 hours word came through that there would probably be an early morning take-off.	
Linton-on-Ouse	6.9.44		Bad weather, cancelled all operations and flying for the day.	
Linton-on-Ouse	7.9.44		Weather again limited all flying to local only. P/O Simmons, S.A. J86680 awarded the Immediate D.F.C.	
Linton-on-Ouse	8.9.44		Although operations have been pending for several days, they were again postponed on account of poor weather and crews are standing by.	
Linton-on-Ouse	9.9.44		A long awaited break in the weather came this morning when fifteen aircraft took off at 0600 hours to bomb Le Havre but due to heavy overcast over the target, all aircraft returned to base with their bomb loads. On the return trip "A" H.P. 681 piloted by P/O Wilding, J.A. J27908, caught fire and crashed at Wallingford near R.A.F. Station, Benson, Oxford. The pilot and flight engineer Sgt Andrew, J. 1199069 were killed. The other five members of the crew successfully baled out without serious injury.	A.1850 to A.1864

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Linton-on-Ouse	10.9.44		Le Havre was again the target and in much better visibility. The mission was completed and the sixteen aircraft which took off successfully returned to base.		A1865 - A1880
Linton-on-Ouse	11.9.44		Fifteen aircraft were detailed for operations and all took off and successfully bombed a synthetic oil refinery by day at Gestrop Raxtel in the Ruhr Valley. All returned safely to base with the exception of Sgt. H.P. 737 which landed at Woodbridge with two engines u/s due to flak damage. Several other aircraft had minor flak damage.		A1881 - A1895
Linton-on-Ouse	12.9.44		Operations were again scheduled and the target for the day was Wanne Eikel in the Ruhr valley. Thirteen aircraft took off in the morning and all returned to base around 1600 hours with the exception of K. N.P. 741 piloted by S/O P.L. Buck, J23022 which has been classified as missing from the group, and as seven parachutes were seen to open from an aircraft in difficulties over Holland it is hoped that the whole crew will eventually turn up safely.		A1896 A1908
Linton-on-Ouse	13.9.44		The good weather continues and so do the daylight operations to Germany. Fifteen aircraft took off today at approximately 1545 hours to bomb Osnabruck and all completed the sortie and returned to base.		A1909 A1923
Linton-on-Ouse	14.9.44		No operations scheduled. Cross country and bombing exercises carried out.		
Linton-on-Ouse	15.9.44		Sixteen aircraft detailed for operations to Germany. Fifteen aircraft took off between 2213 and 2239 hours. Aircraft "M" was a non-starter. Engine out on run up.		A1924 A1938
Linton-on-Ouse	16.9.44		The fifteen aircraft on raid to Kiel in Germany returned safely to base, between 0700 and 0426 hours. No difficulties experienced and good results reported. Cross country P.A. & bombing exercises carried out.		
Linton-on-Ouse	17.9.44		Good weather conditions prevailed for daylight operations to Germany. Sixteen aircraft took off at approximately 1030 hours. Target Boulogne, all aircraft returned safely, reporting a successful raid. Five aircraft took part in Bullseye.		A1939 A1954
Linton-on-Ouse	18.9.44		Fifteen aircraft were made ready for big daylight effort expected on the 19th. MAXIMUM day and night training effort requested and carried out. Weather good. Advice received at 1530 hours that operations deferred 24 hours.		
Linton-on-Ouse	19.9.44		Fifteen aircraft still ready and stand by for expected operations. Limited local flying training carried out. Lecture given by Station Intelligence attended by five new crews.		
Linton-on-Ouse	20.9.44		Weather conditions poor, no operations called, some local flying training carried out with limited number of unboxed aircraft available.		
Linton-on-Ouse	21.9.44		No operations, limited local flying carried out.		
Linton-on-Ouse	22.9.44		No operations, limited local flying carried out.		
Linton-on-Ouse	23.9.44		No operations, sixteen aircraft bombed up but target again cancelled.		

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Linton-on-Ouse	24.9.44		The sixth day of dull weather with poor visibility and all flying is again at a standstill. Nineteen aircraft and crews have been detailed for a morning operation.		
Linton-on-Ouse	25.9.44		Nineteen aircraft detailed for operations. Took off shortly after 0900 hours to bomb installations at Calais. All returned safely to base and some aircraft returned to base with visibility over target was not good.		bomb A1955 - A1973
Linton-on-Ouse	26.9.44		Eighteen aircraft took off at approximately 0900 hours to bomb enemy installations concentrations at Calais. All returned safely to base.		A.1974 - A.1991
Linton-on-Ouse	27.9.44		Nineteen aircraft took off at approximately 0700 hours to bomb a synthetic oil refinery at Sterkrade-Holten in the Ruhr Valley. Nine tenths cloud obscured the target and the bombing was considered to be somewhat scattered.		A.1992 - A.2010
Linton-on-Ouse	28.9.44		Nineteen aircraft were detailed for operations and all successfully bombed the target which was coastal guns of the Cape Gris Nez and returned to base.		A.2011 - A.2029
Linton-on-Ouse	29.9.44		There was a stand down but a maximum flying training program was carried out.		
Linton-on-Ouse	30.9.44		Operations were again scheduled and nineteen aircraft took off between 0955 and 1016 hours. The target was again a synthetic oil refinery at Sterkrade-Holten in the Ruhr Valley. Again the bombing was considered to be scattered owing to heavy clouds. One of our aircraft "B" L.W. 682 piloted by P/O Frederickson, T. failed to return and is presumed to have been lost over the target area. P/O Frederickson was on his 26th trip. After a very strenuous week for air and ground crew, the Station Commander gave his permission for all to have a night off for relaxation but to be back in camp by 0900 hours the next morning. Many personnel enjoyed the R.C.A.F. Show "All Clear" which has been playing in the R.A.F.P.I. for the past three days.		A2030 - A2047
			CASUALTIES:		
			J87830 P/O R.A. LAMB (PILOT) killed 3.9.44		
			1675262 Sgt. ROBINSON, H.K. (P/B) killed 3.9.44		
			2223202 Sgt. WILLIS, A.J. (A/G) killed 3.9.44		
			2251792 P/B WRIGHT, W. (A/G) killed 3.9.44		
			327908 P/O WILKING, J.A. killed 3.9.44		
			1193065 Sgt. ANDREW, J.F. killed 9.9.44		
			323022 P/O BUCK, P.L. reported missing 12.9.44		
			323025 P/O WALTER, R.W. (NAV.) reported missing 12.9.44		
			327916 P/O BLOAN, W. (A/B) reported missing 12.9.44		
			2284436 P/B McDONALD, K.J. (A/G) reported missing 12.9.44		
			2186540 P/B DELUCA, J.M. (A/G) reported missing 12.9.44		
			1800367 P/B TURNAM, F.S. (W/S) reported missing 12.9.44		
			1654274 Sgt ROSE, H.F. (P/B) reported missing 12.9.44		

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			CASUALTIES - cont'd		
			J86863 P/O PHILLIPSON, T. (PILOT) reported missing 30.9.44		
			R192114 P/S TURNQUIST, D.E. (NAV.) reported missing 30.9.44		
			R191350 P/S FULFORD, P.E. (WAG) reported missing 30.9.44		
			J28795 P/O NICHOLSON, A.E. (A/B) reported missing 30.9.44		
			157327 SGT SULLIVAN, J. (P/B) reported missing 30.9.44		
			R201561 P/S RYAN, G.E. (WU/A) reported missing 30.9.44		
			R252815 SGT MURPHY, V.A. (A/C) reported missing 30.9.44		
			POSTINGS IN:		
			R136617 WO2 FRASER, M.V. (PILOT) Posted from 61 (R.C.A.F.) Base w.e.f. 7.9.44		
			J27483 P/O TRAPP, D.L. (NAV.) " " " " " " " " " " " "		
			J25743 P/O NORMAN, P.H. (A/B) " " " " " " " " " " " "		
			R165197 P/S BRIDEL, P.E. (WAG) " " " " " " " " " " " "		
			R218619 SGT LAIRD, S.H. (WU/A) " " " " " " " " " " " "		
			R196294 SGT READ, C.H. (A/C) " " " " " " " " " " " "		
			159294 SGT SMYTH, D.R. (P/B) " " " " " " " " " " " "		
			J87495 P/O SWAN, W.A. (PILOT) Posted from 61 (R.C.A.F.) Base w.e.f. 6.9.44		
			J27527 P/O ZATOR, A.S. (NAV.) " " " " " " " " " " " "		
			R188872 SGT FOLEY, H.L. (A/B) " " " " " " " " " " " "		
			R170558 P/S FRASER, J.A. (WAG) " " " " " " " " " " " "		
			R200689 SGT HAMILTON, A.E. (A/C) " " " " " " " " " " " "		
			R220561 SGT CROSS, N.J. (A/C) " " " " " " " " " " " "		
			148868 SGT HANDE, J.H. (P/B) " " " " " " " " " " " "		
			J23003 P/O LAYMAN, T.L. (PILOT) Posted from 61 (R.C.A.F.) Base w.e.f. 6.9.44		
			J25766 P/O MANNING, J.E. (A/B) " " " " " " " " " " " "		
			J40225 P/O FOX, E.C. (WAG) " " " " " " " " " " " "		
			J35907 P/O LAW, S.W. (NAV.) " " " " " " " " " " " "		
			R252789 SGT CAMPBELL, K.T. (A/C) " " " " " " " " " " " "		
			R258163 SGT BOWEN, W.C. (A/C) " " " " " " " " " " " "		
			R258163 SGT BOWEN, W.C. (A/C) " " " " " " " " " " " "		
			1896339 SGT ROBERTS, E. (P/B) " " " " " " " " " " " "		
			1896339 SGT ROBERTS, E. (P/B) " " " " " " " " " " " "		
			168848 SGT SCOTT, A.C.M. (P/B) Posted from 62 (R.C.A.F.) Base N/E Sick w.e.f. 2.9.44		
			J88475 P/O CORHAM, E.E. (PILOT) " " " " " " " " " " " "		
			R162968 SGT GOURTIE, E.E. (NAV.) " " " " " " " " " " " "		
			R205150 SGT WEDDON, A.C. (WAG) " " " " " " " " " " " "		
			R196990 SGT WEDDON, J.P.G. (WAG) " " " " " " " " " " " "		
			R188182 P/O MORRISON, W.E. (A/C) " " " " " " " " " " " "		
			R101358 SGT BALFOUR, G. (A/C) " " " " " " " " " " " "		
			1594899 SGT CHARLTON, R. (P/B) " " " " " " " " " " " "		
			54347 P/O CORNEY, G.A. (P/B) Posted from 428 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron w.e.f. 16.9.44.		

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			J29882 F/O MCCLURE, H.G. (PILOT) Posted from 61 Base (R.O.A.F.) w.o.f. 11.9.44		
			J38177 F/O GRANT, S.M. (NAV.) Posted from 61 Base (R.O.A.F.) w.o.f. 11.9.44		
			J37823 F/O MACPHERSON, H.A. (A/B)		
			R203165 SGT MICHAEL, E.D. (WA)		
			R138966 F/S REEVES, W.R. (MU/AC)		
			R179999 F/S SEIF, T.S. (A/C)		
			1663694 SGT SALTER, J. (F/E)		
			J7446 F/L FRANKS, K.A. (PILOT) Posted from 61 (R.O.A.F.) Base w.o.f. 12.9.44		
			R153402 SGT WATSON, H.B. (NAV)		
			J42483 F/O WARREN, R.W. (WA)		
			J36909 F/O DUNN, F.G.D.G. (A/B)		
			R263371 SGT SCHMUCK, H.J. (MU/AC)		
			R201922 SGT LEE, J.H. (A/C)		
			1896688 SGT LONG, M.G. (F/E)		
			R127932 WO1 HUTCHINS, A.W. (PILOT) Posted from 61 (R.O.A.F.) Base w.o.f. 22.9.44		
			R156225 WO1 WULOU-MIT, F.J. (NAV)		
			R172245 SGT BAKER, F.W. (A/B)		
			R191178 SGT MACPHERSON, R.J. (WA)		
			R250654 SGT ARMSTRONG, L.W. (MU/AC)		
			R255545 SGT CARLSON, A.D. (A/C)		
			1506034 SGT FREEMAN, G.J. (F/E)		
			J10743 F/L GARRETT, G.F. (PILOT) Posted from 61 (R.O.A.F.) Base w.o.f. 17.9.44		
			J85829 F/O ATKINSON, J.L. (NAV)		
			J36081 F/O PARKER, T.G. (A/B)		
			R182678 SGT MILLER, W.G. (WA)		
			1892159 SGT JEROME, R.S. (F/E)		
			R254314 SGT SCOTT, R.B. (A/C)		
			J27550 F/O WILKINSON, R.W. (PILOT) Posted from 61 (R.O.A.F.) Base w.o.f. 30.9.44		
			J36913 F/O WEALE, R.W. (NAV)		
			R190875 SGT PROCKIN, W. (A/B)		
			R198040 SGT WARD, H.A. (WA)		
			R25876 SGT BOURNE, J.B. (A/C)		
			R174792 SGT CALDER, R.G. (A/C)		
			1567167 SGT MERRON, R. (F/E)		
			J29885 F/O LIDDER, G.T.S. (PILOT) Posted from 61 (R.O.A.F.) Base w.o.f. 30.9.44		
			J37748 F/O EYERS, E.W. (NAV)		
			J38249 F/O ROBINSON, R.J. (A/B)		
			R214820 SGT REES, P.H. (WA)		
			R016785 SGT HAYES, D.A. (F/E)		
			R01286 SGT HILL, W.A. (A/C)		
			R273616 SGT PARKER, A.J. (A/B)		

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			POSTING OUT:		
			R10296 S/L PATTERSON, R.D.C. (PILOT) Posted to 1666 O.U. w.e.f. 1.9.44		
			J24592 P/O ATKINSON, T.P. (NAV) " " " A.C.A.C. w.e.f. 5.9.44		
			R107578 W/O GILKINSON, K.E. (WAG) " " " A29 Squadron w.e.f. 8.9.44		
			R198615 P/S GALLAGHER, R.B. (A/G) " " " A.C.A.C. w.e.f. 8.9.44		
			R22600 J26699 P/O FERNBERG, H.E. (A/B) Posted to A.C.A.C. w.e.f. 5.9.44		
			J87625 P/O HARRISON, G.H. (A/B) Posted to A.C.A.C. w.e.f. 5.9.44		
			R156448 P/S HARRISON, G.H.R. (A/B) Posted to commission w.e.f. 29.5.44		
			R204033 P/S GRANT, S.R. (A/G) " " " 425 Squadron w.e.f. 7.9.44		
			J25043 P/O HARRISON, W.R. (NAV) " " " 425 Squadron w.e.f. 11.9.44		
			J86796 P/O WILLIAMS, J.E. (PILOT) Posted to 86 O.T.U. w.e.f. 14.9.44		
			J88285 P/O FURTHUR, R.K. (WAG) " " " 1659 O.U. w.e.f. 14.9.44		
			A151158 P/O KAISER, P.F. (WAG) " " " 21 O.T.U. w.e.f. 16.9.44		
			1680570 SGT RHODES, Sh. (P/B) " " " 405 Squadron w.e.f. 10.8.44		
			177083 P/O OWEN, H. (P/B) " " " 1659 O.U. w.e.f. 16.9.44		
			085792 P/O FERNER, D.L. (WAG) " " " 408 Squadron w.e.f. 15.9.44		
			252618 P/L PARKINER, A.E. (P/B) " " " 428 Squadron w.e.f. 16.9.44		
			174339 P/O MOGOVERN, P.J. (A/G) " " " A.C.A.C. w.e.f. 20.9.44		
			179484 P/O BROWN, J.P. (A/G) " " " A.C.A.C. w.e.f. 20.9.44		
			1523074 P/S RICHARDSON, J.E. (A/G) " " " A.C.A.C. w.e.f. 20.9.44		
			R183132 P/S MCILLAN, Sh. A. (A/G) " " " 425 Squadron w.e.f. 1.9.44		
			R186397 SGT WATKINS, H.L. (A/G) " " " 425 Squadron w.e.f. 1.9.44		
			J18740 P/L HOLLINGSWORTH, J.M. (PILOT) Posted to HQA Q/S H.Q. w.e.f. 5.9.44		
			087925 P/O WEBB, D.J. (P/B) " " " 1666 O.U. w.e.f. 22.9.44		
			R104909 W/O ROUSE, L.J. (WAG) " " " " w.e.f. 23.9.44		
			178483 P/O KEMP, Sh. (P/B) " " " 1666 O.U. w.e.f. 23.9.44		
			R206350 P/S GARNETT, J.P. (A/G) " " " A.C.A.C. w.e.f. 23.9.44		
			J21544 P/O POSLEY, H. (A/B) " " " 61 Base (R.C.A.F.) w.e.f. 27.9.44		
			225708 SGT DICKSON, J.K. (NAV) " " " " " " " " " "		
			R116043 W/O HODGINS, H.B. (WAG) " " " " " " " " " "		
			G.8331 SGT PATFIELD, C.H. (P/B) " " " " " " " " " "		
			R200345 SGT RICHARDS, N.A. (A/G) " " " " " " " " " "		
			R169229 P/S SAUCIER, G.E. (A/G) " " " " " " " " " "		
			087831 P/O THOMPSON, R.L. (PILOT) Posted to 22 O.T.U. w.e.f. 28.9.44		
			J25932 P/O NORTH, A.K. (PILOT) " " " " " " " " " "		
			R201012 P/S KIPPER, E.M. (WAG) " " " " " " " " " "		
			G28037 P/O JOHNSTON, K.M. (NAV) " " " " " " " " " "		
			R177520 P/S DUNWOOD, J.S. (WAG) " " " " " " " " " "		
			1861573 SGT HUGHES, W. (P/B) " " " " " " " " " "		
			J27175 P/O ALLEN, K.E. (NAV) " " " " " " " " " "		
			176973 P/O MCGOWAN, L.B. (WAG) " " " " " " " " " "		
			J22233 P/L RECKENBERG, R.K. (P/B) " " " " " " " " " "		
			Evans, D.C. (NAV) " " " " " " " " " "		

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			COMMISSIONS		
			R133229 WO1 LOWN, D.G. (PILOT) appointed to commission w.e.f. 16.5.44		
			R196741 P/S BESSANT, W. (A/C)		
			R199165 P/S DOWN, S.R. (WAC)		28.6.44
			R156448 P/S HARRISON, C.H.R. (A/B)		14.7.44
			R102361 WO1 LACKMAN, E. (WAC)		29.5.44
			157101A SGT JARVIS, A.R. (S/B)		11.7.44
			R172218 P/S DOWN, R. (NAV.)		1.8.44
			576221 SGT JOHNSON, H. (S/B)		6.8.44
			REWARDS AND AWARDS		
			J. 94650 P/O. E.A. Simmons awarded immediate DFC.		
			CHANGES IN COMMAND - Nil		
			AIRCRAFT ON CHARGE - Twenty-one Halifax Mark VII		
			OPERATIONAL AND NON-OPERATIONAL - FLYING HOURS		
			Operational hours - 1006		
			Training - 208.25		
			No. of operational sorties completed during month - 211		
			MONTHLY AND ACCUMULATIVE TOTAL OF TONS DROPPED		
			Total bombs dropped to 31.8.44		
			Total bombs dropped during September 1944	3652 tons 400 lbs.	485 tons 560 lbs.
			Total bombs dropped to 31.8.44	826 tons 1760 lbs.	31 tons 650 lbs.
				4478 tons 2160 lbs.	516 tons 1410 lbs.
			SWEEPING		
			On ground		
			R.C.A.F.	127	2
			R.A.F.	5	
			Total	132	2
			ATTEMPT		
			R.C.A.F.	106	N11
			R.A.F.	35	N11
			Total	141	
			RECORDERS WITH BOMB AIRCRAFT - Nil		
			SQUADRON COMMANDER'S SUMMARY: During September in spite of indifferent weather 211 sorties were flown. There were no early returns and one non-starter in this period. A shortage of aircraft and crews for training provided a rather unsatisfactory training record for the month.		
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