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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
Linton-on-Ouse	6.10.44		No operations again today as flying training was again curtailed due to bad weather.		
Linton-on-Ouse	7.10.44		No operations again today with no operations scheduled as extensive training was carried out.		
Linton-on-Ouse	8.10.44		No operations scheduled as training was carried out and four aircraft participated in a Battle Area Reconnaissance flight. The aircraft dropped incendiary bombs on a target area near the village of Heslerton.		
Linton-on-Ouse	9.10.44		Again no operations but extensive training, the crews returning to base at 17.00 hours.		
Linton-on-Ouse	10.10.44		No operations again today but sports training was carried out and personnel not engaged in flying played football on the sports field. A dance was held in the officers mess attended by most of the personnel and a get together was held at the "Punch Room" a night club located in all stations including the Wireless Station, Flight and Section Officers Mess.		
Linton-on-Ouse	11.10.44		Planes were detailed for operations and all took off between 16.00 and 17.00 hours to attack Bradford. This was an all out effort and it is understood that 6 Group again lead all existing raids for miles of aircraft based service in the operation. The attack was considered very successful, two of the aircraft "P" L.W. 739 piloted by 23762 P/L Wall. Who failed to return from the operation and nothing has been heard of or seen, P/L Morris who ever had just been posted to this squadron. All aircraft reported having previously completed 20 sorties. Another of our aircraft was an early return, "P" L.W. 203 piloted by 232517 P/O J.W. Lester which landed at base.	A2065 to A2066	
Linton-on-Ouse	12.10.44		Aircraft kept returning to base all day from Bradford, training was also carried out.		
Linton-on-Ouse	13.10.44		Operations came through at 16.00 hours for operations with take off at 17.00 hours. Countermeasures was held for protection against fighters. Weather was very poor, however briefing was just completed when the alert was passed.		
Linton-on-Ouse	14.10.44		Planes were detailed for operations and all took off at 17.00 hours to attack Bradford. The target was Huddersfield in the hour and apparently it was a very successful attack. All aircraft returned to base with the exception of "P" L.W. 634 piloted by 230615 WO2 Fawcett H.E. which landed at Bradford at 18.00 hrs. He was taken to hospital by 23762 P/L Morris R.F. who was shot down in the head by a piece of flak. With difficulty he was removed from his aircraft and given first aid. Upon landing at base he was admitted hospital in York and sent there to Sheffield but bypassed any surgery at Doncaster.	V3410 to V3411	
Linton-on-Ouse	15.10.44		Stand down today as concentration was on training.		
Linton-on-Ouse	16.10.44		Operations were called for but postponed from a night to morning.		

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Minton-on-Ouse	12.10.44		Twelve aircraft took off at approx. 07.25 hours to again bomb targets in the hour at WAMS HEDDE; all aircraft returned safely to base. Operations were suspended due to bad weather and all aircraft were recalled to base again except those participating in the "Wingman" who did not need a local flying training program had been held on when weather was good. Operations were again suspended due to bad weather and all aircraft were recalled to base again except those participating in the "Wingman" program. Operations were subsequently put off until the early morning. 1000 hours.		A2081 to A2092
Minton-on-Ouse	13.10.44		Weather was not good a local flying training program had been held on when weather was good. Operations were again suspended due to bad weather and all aircraft were recalled to base again except those participating in the "Wingman" program. Operations were subsequently put off until the early morning. 1000 hours.		
Minton-on-Ouse	14.10.44		Briefing was at 05.45 hours this morning and 15 aircraft took off commencing at 06.00 hours. The target for the ops ration was the German city of Duisburg. All returned safely to base with the exception of one which landed at Gainsby and later returned to base. Operations were again called in the afternoon leaving at 22.00 hours sixteen aircraft again took off for the second time in 24 hours to again bomb the city of Duisburg which mission was again successfully completed by 15 aircraft of the aircraft 100 N.P. 741 piloted by S/L R.M. Fulller R.A.F.		A2093 to A2109
MINTON-ON-OUSE	15.10.44		Operations were again in order and ten were called for. All took off starting at 17.10 hours for the support of WILHELMSTADT which was successfully bombed. A mix up occurred on return when all were directed to another station which they could not locate. All but two therefore returned to base and landed while two landed away.		A2110 to A2124
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Minton-on-Ouse	16.10.44		Bad weather limited flying activities to local flying only. 1000 hours.		
Minton-on-Ouse	17.10.44		A stand down for the day and night as all available aircraft were parked off on training, but the effort almost completely went up due to poor visibility.		
Minton-on-Ouse	18.10.44		Operations were scheduled for the afternoon and then postponed to an early morning effort.		
Minton-on-Ouse	19.10.44		Operations were scheduled for the early morning and cancelled for the day with night with a possibility of an early morning mission. A victory party was held at 22.00 hours held in the hangar with victory shields, balloons and confetti by the Flying Club members of the Squadron attended and the sales of Victory bonds were considerably increased.		
Minton-on-Ouse	20.10.44		Bad weather again cancelled all flying for the day. A squadron party was held inside operations of the mess hall which was attended by practically all air and ground crews. A good program was laid down including an orchestra which provided any type of music during the course of the evening. There was also supplies of beer which ran out early. Other features of the entertainment were recitations and top dancing by some members of the Flying Club followed by a sing song conducted by G/C O.L. Annie the station Comptroller and W/C G.W. Burgess R.A.C. Captain Commander and a raffle was held for a £200.00 victory bond which was won by S/L R.M. Fulller 327550. All in all a very successful and enjoyable party was held which undoubtedly enhanced the good will of the squadron in general.		
MINTON-ON-OUSE	21.10.44		Operations were scheduled and 16 aircraft took off commencing at 16.10 hours. About one hour after take off all were recalled to base and landed safely after getting down to a safe landing weight.		
Minton-on-Ouse	22.10.44		Operations were again scheduled and 20 were set to take off at 11.00 hours when the effort was again postponed. A charity was commenced today to the Life Boat Fund for £50. This money was donated by the members of the squadron by individual subscription.		

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Linton-on-Ouse	23.10.44		Operations were scheduled and 20 aircraft took off at 16.00 hours. All aircraft attacked the primary (Hamm, Krupp works and other industrial plants). Weather delays were late, and several abandoned-to-entity, nevertheless loss crews believe the target was well-punched. On return all of our aircraft landed okay, but all other aircraft landed safely at home. A 1000 lb bomb dropped from an aircraft landed at the end of the runway and buried itself 15 ft. but due to aircraft low altitude		A2135 to A2153
Linton-on-Ouse	24.10.44		Operations were scheduled and 14 aircraft prepared to take off at 16.00 hours, but were scrubbed just before takeoff.		
Linton-on-Ouse	25.10.44		20 aircraft carried out a daylight raid against HAMBURG. Target was obscured due to 10/10 cloud, but attack carried out and all aircraft returned safely to base. 365582 P/O Lebelle P.A. and crew screened with the completion of today's operations.		A2154 to A2173
Linton-on-Ouse	26.10.44		R193200 P/B Tenny R.M. appointed to a command off. 26.10.44. No operations scheduled today all flying wash out due to fog. The Strength-Visitors Room closed last night. 29.450 was withdrawn from the squadron which is 115% of our quota.		
Linton-on-Ouse	27.10.44		19 aircraft scheduled for operations but were scrubbed at 16.20 hours. Two crews carried out night cross country training.		
Linton-on-Ouse	28.10.44		20 aircraft took off at 15.00 hours on a raid against HAMBURG. P/B 606 "P" piloted by G/R6230 P/O Hamilton-Gale was an early return due to failure of the hydraulic system. Remaining aircraft carried out a successful attack, two crews and three spare personnel were screened with the completion of yesterday's operations. 365582 P/O Lebelle P.A. and crew, 365520 P/O Irvin P.A. and crew, 162513 W/C L.G. Jones, A/C, R122802 W/C Logue E. A/C and R56501 Sgt Arthur E. E. P.		A2174 to A2193
Linton-on-Ouse	29.10.44		No operations scheduled for today. Day devoted to fighter affiliation training, legal and cross country flying.		
Linton-on-Ouse	30.10.44		An early morning operation was scheduled but was scrubbed just prior to takeoff. 20 aircraft took off at 17.20 hours and carried out an attack against HAMBURG. All aircraft returned safely to this country but were diverted to various bases in the South due to the weather closing in at base.		
Linton-on-Ouse	31.10.44		22.30H 2/P. Lieutenant J. W. and crew, 367136 2/P. Davies G.R. (A/B) 162479 P/O Barnes J. G. (A/B) screened after last night's operations. 1/L Kennedy L.J. 312271 (A/B) screened having completed his second tour of operations. No operations were scheduled today. No training programme could be laid on as all crews struggled in from their diversion bases of the previous night.		

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POWERS IN - (Cont'd)					
J22602 P/O ANDREWS			R.W. (PILOT) Posted from 61 (R.G.A.F.) Base W/2 20,10,44		
J35057 P/O MILLIN			G.R. (PILOT) " " " "		
R194504 SGT COOK			G.R. (A/B) " " " "		
1525145 SGT KIRKELL			T.R. (A/B) " " " "		
1622561 SGT L. ASHON			J. (A/B) " " " "		
2051816 SGT CHRISTIE			L.W. (A/B/M) " " " "		
K243010 SGT MULKA			J.L. (A/C) " " " "		
POWERS OUT					
J22602 P/O ALLAN			J.S. (A/B) Posted from 62 (R.G.A.F.) Base W/2 20,10,44		
Q25200 S/L BROWN			R.D. (PILOT) Posted from 61 (R.G.A.F.) Base W/2 21,10,44		
240023 S/L GIBSON			R. (PILOT) " " " "		
R179055 SGT FREDERICK			W. (A/B) " " " "		
J20147 S/L JONES			J.O. (A/B) " " " "		
1516507 SGT SMITH			G. (A/B) " " " "		
2250044 SGT CHRISTIE			T.R. (A/B/M) " " " "		
R260022 SGT STELL			J. (A/C) " " " "		
J22027 S/L CLARK			G.D. (PILOT) Posted from 61 (R.G.A.F.) Base W/2 20,10,44		
J27002 S/L DUNN			G.D. (PILOT) " " " "		
J34002 S/L TURNER			Z.P. (A/B) " " " "		
R252522 SGT SOUTHERN			Z.D. (A/B) " " " "		
2210001 SGT DALTON			Z.H. (A/B) " " " "		
R24007 SGT THOMAS			V.R. (A/B/M) " " " "		
R159454 SGT DONNELLY			Z.Z. (A/C) " " " "		

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POSTERS OUT (Gen'ts)					
3544723	7/8	MEGRATH	M.L. (A/C)	Posted to 405 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron w.o.f. 16-10-44	
355947	7/8	MCLEARY	A.G. (A/C)	R.C.A.F. 2nd DEPOT WASHINGTON w.o.f. 23-10-44	
355702	7/8	DOW	C.A. (A/C)		
357502	7/8	MALLARD	E.L. (A/C) (WAV)		
355673	7/8	BAGGETT	T. (A/C)		
355717	7/8	HUNTER	S.A. (A/C)		
355381	7/8	GILSON	R.A. (A/C)		
355225	7/8	WALTERS	T.L. (A/C)		
355942	7/8	BAKER	T.W. (A/C)	No. 3 (RCAF) P.R.O. w.o.f. 23-10-44	
1600570	SOFT	HEDGES	G. (A/C)	405 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON w.o.f. 30-10-44	
COMMISSIONED					
1615263	SOFT	ROBINSON	M.L. (A/C)	Appointed to commission w.o.f. 16-8-44 (Killed)	
1616531	NO-1	SCHELES	T.C. (A/C)		
1621792	7/8	WEIGHT	K. (A/C)		
1621202	SOFT	WILLIS	M.A. (A/C)		
1620483	SOFT	MORRISON	T.L. (A/C)		
1606930	SOFT	WILLIS	T. (A/C)		
156019	SOFT	WELSH	R. (A/C)		
1593549	7/8	DAWBER	T.G. (A/C)		
1629936	7/8	MOUPAIN	T.H. (A/C)		
1616387	7/8	HOGARTY	T.P. (A/C)		
1619572	7/8	HOOD	T.O. (A/C)		
1618312	7/8	MACMILLAN	S.A. (A/C)		
1612008	7/8	HUNTER	S.A. (A/C)		
1616011	7/8	MCLEARY	R.D. (A/C)		
1610613	NO-1	FRASER	M.E. (PILOT)		
1616497	7/8	MALDON	M.L. (A/C)		
1615539	SOFT	PHILIPS	M.L. (A/C)		
177697	SOFT	HATT	G.D. (A/C)		
1617932	NO-1	WHITEHORN	M.E. (PILOT)		
1616405	7/8	SHREVE	M.E. (A/C)		
1620644	7/8	HILLERAND	L.W. (A/C)		
1623339	SOFT	LAIT	L.W. (A/C)		
1616444	SOFT	COOK	M.J. (A/C)		
1619412	SOFT	COOK	M. (PILOT)		
1616522	7/8	MCLEARY	R.E. (A/C)		
1616061	SOFT	MCLEARY	A.G. (A/C)		
1616214	7/8	THOMPSON	T.R. (A/C)		
1616243	7/8	MCLEARY	G.M. (A/C)		
1616197	7/8	MCLEARY	P.H. (A/C)		
1616321	SOFT	MCLEARY	T. (A/C)		
1615727	SOFT	MCLEARY	R.A. (A/C)		
1616321	NO-1	KIRKPATRICK	R.C. (A/C)		
1616753	7/8	LITTLE	A.J. (A/C)		

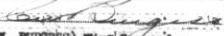
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			PROMOTIONS: CAN/R. 187721 F/Sgt. E.S. Neill awarded B.E.M. (Military Division) - London Gazette of 17.10.44 (posted 420 (RCAF) Squadron) CAN/Z. 18.25 F/O. W.G. Kent awarded D.F.C. (immediate) 8.10.44.		
			PROMOTIONS: J-42483 F/O. R.N. Graham promoted to the rank of Temp. Flying Officer w.o.f. 14.8.44 G-265 A/F/C G.W. Burgess promoted to the rank of Temp. Wing Commander w.o.f. 16.2.44 J-23848 F/O. S.M. Seaman appointed to the acting rank of Flight Lieutenant w.o.f. 10.9.44 J-85992 F/O. H.R. Becker appointed to the acting rank of Flying Officer w.o.f. 1.10.44		
			CHANGES IN COMMAND: Nil		
			CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION: Nil		
			AIRCRAFT OR CHANGE: 24. Halifax Mark VII		
			OPERATIONAL AND NON-OPERATIONAL FLYING TIME: Operational 563.05 Non-Operational 298.40		
			NUMBER OF OPERATIONAL SORTIES: 164 successful 188 / 87 total.		
			MONTHLY AND CUMULATIVE TOTALS OF BOMBS DROPPED:		
			Total bombs dropped to 30.9.44 478 tons 2160 lbs. 516 tons 1440 lbs. Total bombs dropped during October 1944 657 tons 220 lbs. 58 tons 2070 lbs. Total bombs dropped to 31.10.44 2126 tons 40 lbs. 578 tons 1240 lbs.		
			NUMBER OF COMBATS WITH ENEMY AIRCRAFT: Halifax Mk. VII engaged on an operational mission to BOCHUM, Germany, on the night of the 9th October 1944 and encountered a F.W. 190. The rear gunner opened fire and scored several hits and saw the F.W. going down in an uncontrollable dive.		
			BURDENED:		
			Officers	Flying	Ground
			R.C.A.F.	449	-
			R.A.F.	11	-
			Total	460	1
			AIRMEN		
			R.C.A.F.	402	-
			R.A.F.	59	-
			Total	461	-

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SQUADRON COMMANDER'S SUMMARY:					
<p>The month of October saw attention switched to our old friend, the Ruhr. Synthetic oil plants and latterly towns as a whole. As the month progressed the Ruhr once more became the "Happy Valley" of old days. Crews still find they prefer daylight trips to this sector in preference to night attacks.</p> <p>The weather and operational commitments combined to make training as desired difficult although during the month eight new crews were trained and commenced their tour.</p> <p>161 sorties were flown which is lower than the past few months due to poor weather and at times shortage of a/c and crews.</p>					
 <p>(G.W. BURGESS) Wing Commander, Officer Commanding, 426 (R.G.A.F.) Squadron, Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks.</p>					
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