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of (Unit or Formation) 426 (R.C.Y.M.) Squadron

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
Linton-on-Ouse	1.11.44		CAN/C.2311 F/L W.H. Waller, Admin., who has been the Squadron Adjutant for the past nine months is posted to RAF HQ Depot, Warrington effective this date. For re-organisation to Canada. CAN/C.2627 F/O A.P. Mackell, Admin., presently attached from 6 Group H.Q. assumes the duties of Squadron Adjutant. Twenty-one aircraft took off between 1700 and 1800 hours and carried out an attack against OBERHAUSEN. CAN/J.22008 F/O. E.L. Layman in aircraft N.P. 814 was an early return due to being unable to raise his undercarriage. Two aircraft failed to return, CAN/J.28475 F/O Gorham, R.M. and crew and CAN/J.29202 F/O Anderson and crew.		A.2219 A.2232 B.109
Linton-on-Ouse	2.11.44		Seventeen aircraft took off at approximately 1600 hours for a raid on DUSSELDORF. Two aircraft are missing from this operation, CAN/J.18119 F/L C.W. Boddington and crew and CAN/C.35286 F/O. Brodie, R.J. and crew. CAN/J.22030 F/O G.S. Hamilton and crew crash landed at BRUSSELS and all the crew are reported safe.		A.2233 A.2249
Linton-on-Ouse	3.11.44		Seventeen of our personnel departed for Warrington today. No operations scheduled for this date and only local flying training was carried out.		
Linton-on-Ouse	4.11.44		Sixteen aircraft took off at approximately 1700 hours and carried out an attack on BOCHUM. Two aircraft are missing from this operation, CAN/J.35886 F/O. ELDER, H.W. and crew and CAN/J.29200 F/O. Jones, R.M. and crew.		A.2250 A.2265
Linton-on-Ouse	5.11.44		No operations scheduled for this date. W/C. C.G.V. Burgess (G.265) left for seven days leave and J.5808 S/L. J.R. May assumes the duties of C.O. in his absence. F/O. Brodie, R.J. (35286) and F/O. G.S. Hamilton (J.85240) who crash landed in France and Belgium respectively arrived back on the Squadron tonight having been flown from Brussels to England.		
Linton-on-Ouse	6.11.44		A daylight raid was carried out this date by fourteen aircraft on OBERHAUSEN. All a/c returned safely to base although practically all a/c were riddled considerably by light flak. Not an especially well-attacked due to heavy cloud over the targets. CAN/C.2827 F/O. A.P. Mackell, Admin., posted to 426 Squadron as Adjutant w.e.f. XMAS 1.11.44, also appointed A/S/Int. w.e.f. same date. Aircraft L.W.200 "CAN/J.29085 F/O. G. Elder, captain, being an early return from today's operations due to engine failure caused by a broken connection in the fuel control.		
Linton-on-Ouse	7.11.44		Squadron held in readiness for operations all day but it never materialized. As there was only one serviceable aircraft not standing by for operations this was used to check out two new crews that arrived on the Squadron. No other flying training was undertaken.		
Linton-on-Ouse	8.11.44		No operations scheduled this date. Local flying training carried on all day with two night cross-country exercises carried out.		
Linton-on-Ouse	9.11.44		Another day with no operations scheduled. The full day was devoted to flying training with two night cross countries laid on.		

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Linton-on-Ouse	10.11.44		No operations scheduled again today. Flying training carried out all day.		
Linton-on-Ouse	11.11.44		No operations again today and flying training carried on all day.		
Linton-on-Ouse	12.11.44		Fourteen aircraft laid on for an early morning operation but everything was scrubbed shortly after midnight. Another full day of flying training. Two new crews posted to the Squadron bringing the total back up to thirty crews.		
Linton-on-Ouse	13.11.44		Still no operations scheduled. Flying training carried out all day with night cross countries laid on for all crews.		
Linton-on-Ouse	14.11.44		No operations scheduled again today. CAM/J.5808 S/L. J.R. May formerly "A" Flight Commander awarded the D.F.C.		
Linton-on-Ouse	15.11.44		No operations scheduled again today for the ninth day running. Six cross country exercises laid on for last night but were scrubbed due to weather.		
Linton-on-Ouse	16.11.44		The Squadron finally carried out an operation to-day. Fourteen aircraft took off at approximately 1300 hours and attacked Julich. This was a close support raid with the British Army. Due to icing conditions very few aircraft got their bombs away which made this a very unsuccessful attack. One aircraft L.W. 205 "F" piloted by Cam. J8808 P/O A.W. Hutchins was an early return and to being unable to raise his undercarriage which apparently was damaged during take-off. All efforts to raise the undercarriage were unsuccessful and he returned to base where he carried out a beautiful landing on one wheel. The aircraft was damaged considerably but all crew members were unharmed.	A-2279 to A-2281 B.111	
Linton-on-Ouse	17.11.44		No operations scheduled and due to bad weather all flying was cancelled.		
Linton-on-Ouse	18.11.44		Fourteen aircraft carried out a raid on Munster to-day. All aircraft returned safely to base with the exception of aircraft L.W. 205 piloted by Cam. J88154 P/O G.A. Selfe which was diverted to Thurnham.	A-2292 to A-2305	
Linton-on-Ouse	19.11.44		No operations scheduled for to-day and due to poor flying weather no flying training was carried out. The Squadron Commander gave all pilots in the Squadron a lecture on engine handling.		
Linton-on-Ouse	20.11.44		Operations were laid on for this afternoon but the effort was scrubbed just prior to briefing.		
Linton-on-Ouse	21.11.44		Seventeen aircraft from the Squadron carried out a successful raid against Gaostry Remal to-day. All aircraft returned safely to base but Cam. J88262 P/O T.J. Hunt after calling Flying Control on R/T and being instructed to great circles at 2000 feet failed to report again. A crash was reported near R.G.A.F. Station, Tholthorpe aerodrome which turned out to be this aircraft, all members were killed outright with the exceptions of Cam. J88262 P/O J.G. Ross (Nav.) who is dangerously injured and Cam. R212632 F/Sgt Murray C.W. (R.A/F) who is seriously injured.	A-2306 to A-2332	

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Linton-on-Ouse	22.11.44		No operations scheduled for this date and due to poor flying weather no training was undertaken.				
Linton-on-Ouse	23.11.44		No operations scheduled for to-day.				
Linton-on-Ouse	24.11.44		Ten aircrafts laid on for a night operation which was subsequently scrubbed. An Officers party was held in the mess to-night which was a huge success.				
Linton-on-Ouse	25.11.44		No operations scheduled for to-day. Eight aircrafts participated in a night shooting bird exercise.				
Linton-on-Ouse	26.11.44		Twelve aircrafts were laid on for an operation which was scrubbed due to extremely poor flying weather at Base.				
Linton-on-Ouse	27.11.44		Seventeen aircrafts took-off commencing at 1600 hours and carried out a raid against Neuss. All aircrafts returned safely to this country but were diverted to various stations in the south due to the inclement weather at Base.		A-2323 to A-2339		
Linton-on-Ouse	28.11.44		No operations scheduled as aircrafts did not return from their diversion bases until late in the afternoon. Two now crews carried out a night across country.				
Linton-on-Ouse	29.11.44		No operations scheduled to-day. Two day and two night cross countryes were carried out as well as some local flying.				
Linton-on-Ouse	30.11.44		Sixteen aircrafts carried out a raid on Duisburg. All aircrafts returned safely to Base. Two aircrafts also carried out a day across country.		A-2340 to A-2356		
CASUALTIES							
NUMBER	PERIOD	NAME	NATURE	FADE	TRIPS	POINTS	HOURS
J68475	2/0	R.S. BOREHAM	MISSING	1.11.44	10	38	55.10
K169946	2/0	E. COURTIS	MISSING	1.11.44	8	31	45.50
K158590	Sgt	J.Y. NERDON	MISSING	1.11.44	8	31	45.50
K225150	Sgt	A.G. MCLEOD	MISSING	1.11.44	8	31	45.50
K594289	Sgt	R. CHALTON	MISSING	1.11.44	8	31	45.50
K188162	Sgt	M. MORRISON	MISSING	1.11.44	8	31	45.50
K103255	Sgt	A.G. PALFREY	MISSING	1.11.44	8	31	45.50
J29202	2/0	W.C. ANDERSON	MISSING	1.11.44	3	12	17.15
J36947	2/0	G.J. MULLIN	MISSING	1.11.44	1	4	6.05
K565145	Sgt	F.R. RIDGELL	MISSING	1.11.44	1	4	6.05
K194594	2/0	G.G. GATES	MISSING	1.11.44	1	4	6.05
K282461	Sgt	Z. LARSEN	MISSING	1.11.44	1	4	6.05
K263216	2/0	L.G. GRANTHAM	MISSING	1.11.44	1	4	6.05
K263200	2/0	J.A. MULSA	MISSING	1.11.44	1	4	6.05

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			CASUALTIES (Continued)			DATE	TRIPS	POINTS		
NUMBER	NAME	NATURE								
J12319	S/L BODDINGTON	G.W. (P)	MISSING	2.13.44	6	21		35.20		
J37741	S/L HARRISON	R.W. (P)	MISSING	2.13.44	4	16		24.35		
H13526	S/L CAMPION	C.H. (W)	MISSING	2.13.44	4	16		24.35		
H138401	WO1 BISHOP	R.Y. (P)	MISSING	2.13.44	4	16		24.35		
2206212	S/L CHURCH	R.H. (P)	MISSING	2.13.44	4	16		24.35		
J40837	S/L MITCHELL	R. (A)	MISSING	2.13.44	4	16		24.35		
H103379	S/L LAWLER	J.W. (P)	MISSING	2.13.44	4	16		24.35		
J35886	S/L ELIOT	H.W. (P)	MISSING	2.13.44	23	82		114.00		
J39145	S/L COOK	G. (P)	MISSING	2.13.44	21	76		106.40		
J30026	S/L HOPPER	L.J. (B)	MISSING	2.13.44	21	76		106.40		
J36275	S/L CLEMENTS	J.E. (P)	MISSING	2.13.44	21	76		106.40		
1472413	Sgt. HENSHAW	R.F. (P)	MISSING	2.13.44	21	76		106.40		
R25625	S/L MULLEY	H.M. (P)	MISSING	2.13.44	21	76		106.40		
R272260	S/L POTTER	G.A. (P)	MISSING	2.13.44	21	76		106.40		
J59290	S/L JONES	R.E. (P)	MISSING	2.13.44	15	55		77.20		
R52230	S/L COOPER	A.L. (P)	MISSING	2.13.44	21	76		104.20		
J35658	S/L YOUNGER	D.S. (P)	MISSING	2.13.44	13	50		69.30		
J35067	S/L HUX	R.W. (P)	MISSING	2.13.44	12	43		64.55		
1491307	Sgt. MCINTOSH	E. (P)	MISSING	2.13.44	13	50		69.30		
R277237	S/L HIRE	E.H. (P)	MISSING	2.13.44	13	50		69.30		
R26060	S/L JESSINGS	E.R. (P)	MISSING	2.13.44	13	50		69.30		
J38284	S/L HUNT	T.J. (P)	KILLED	21.11.44	9	35		53.05		
R451205	S/L SWEENEY	D.J. (W)	KILLED	21.11.44	7	27		42.00		
J35367	S/L HOPPER	C.E. (P)	KILLED	21.11.44	7	27		42.00		
R26253	S/L REYNOLDS	H.R. (P)	KILLED	21.11.44	7	27		42.00		
R221365	S/L ATKINSON	J.M. (P)	KILLED	21.11.44	7	27		42.00		
POSTINGS IN										
J11062	S/L BISHOP	L. (Pilot)	Posted from G1 (R.G.A.F.) Base W.e.f. 5.11.44							
J29072	S/L HUTCHINSON	A.M. (Pilot)								
J39015	S/L CAMPBELL	L.M. (A/C)								
B120415	Sgt. LOW	L. (P)								
14804682	Sgt. SHAW	R.P. (P)								
H137501	Sgt. MACDONALD	R.H. (P)								
2246614	Sgt. RUSHER	R.H. (P)								
J11058	S/L KIRKPATRICK	J.O. (Pilot)								
J40052	S/L PERIN	R.E. (Pilot)								
J22507	WO1 LARSON	J.A. (P)								
J38395	S/L STYLINSKI	R.E. (P)								
3020559	Sgt. GILES	L. (P)								
R261724	Sgt. HENRION	R.W. (P)								
R256881	Sgt. GUNNISON	R.B. (P)								
O28127	S/L MACKEL	L.F. (A)	Posted from No. 6 (R.G.A.F.) Group W.e.f. 1.11.44							

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CAN/222288	P/O LINSTEAD, J.B.	(A/C) Posted from 129 (RCAF) Squadron w.e.f. 10.11.44			
* R/196071	S/L MCGROD,	H.D. (A/C) * * * * * 10.11.44			
* R/120459	Sgt. WILFREY,	P.W. (A/C) * * * * * 12.11.44			
* R/222991	F/O BURTON,	C.S. (Pilot) * * * * * 12.11.44			
* R/400259	F/O TAYLOR,	H.J. (Pilot) * * * * * 11.11.44			
* R/392669	D/O SHERMAN,	H.W. (A/C) * * * * * 11.11.44			
* R/221727	Sgt. JANETSON,	G. (NAV) * * * * * 11.11.44			
* R/200812	Sgt. EDWARD,	E. (P/B) * * * * * 11.11.44			
* R/121136	Sgt. HARRISON,	E. (NAV/AC) * * * * * 11.11.44			
* R/116167	Sgt. GRIMMING,	H.T. (P/C) * * * * * 11.11.44			
* R/6274	Sgt. CHILDMAN,	P.O. (Capt) * * * * * 11.11.44			
* R/40065	F/O SHIPMAN,	G.L. (Nav) * * * * * 11.11.44			
* R/38283	D/O HARRIS,	P.H. (A/B) * * * * * 11.11.44			
* R/196057	Sgt. MCLAUGHLIN,	D.H. (NAV) * * * * * 11.11.44			
* R/467675	Sgt. BEECHER,	D.H. (P/B) * * * * * 11.11.44			
CAN/222558	Sgt. KNOKER,	J. (NAV/AC) * * * * * 11.11.44			
* R/227020	Sgt. PARHAM,	J. (P/C) * * * * * 11.11.44			
* R/185118	F/O PRADIMENT,	L.P. (A/C) * * * * * 11.11.44			
* R/37111	F/O WAIT,	M.S. (Pilot) * * * * * 12.11.44			
* R/39365	F/O MCKEE,	P.M. (Nav) * * * * * 17.11.44			
* R/205555	F/S WAY,	W.A. (A/B) * * * * * 17.11.44			
* R/126596	Flt. OFFICER,	B.J. (NAV) * * * * * 17.11.44			
R/134694	Sgt. TOWELL,	W.A. (P/B) * * * * * 17.11.44			
CAN/222875	Sgt. BRUGGERS/TAPP,	R.A. (A/C) * * * * * 17.11.44			
CAN/22265137	Sgt. COONES,	W.W. (A/C) * * * * * 17.11.44			
CAN/135612	F/O WALKER,	J.D. (Pilot) * * * * * 20.11.44			
CAN/1190503	Sgt. FEATHERSTONE,	G.H. (Nav) * * * * * 20.11.44			
CAN/132309	F/O CAHOON,	G.A. (A/B) * * * * * 20.11.44			
CAN/1221451	Sgt. GRAVE,	M.E. (NAV) * * * * * 20.11.44			
CAN/12226553	Sgt. CAMPBELL,	J.D. (P/B) * * * * * 20.11.44			
* R/70207	Sgt. LAING,	J.E. (NAV/AC) * * * * * 21.11.44			
CAN/1220841	Sgt. MORRISON,	G.E. (A/C) * * * * * 21.11.44			
* R/37075	F/O SWINN,	H.M. (Pilot) * * * * * 21.11.44			
* R/38210	F/O DOLPH,	H.W. (NAV) * * * * * 21.11.44			
* R/40100	F/O ANDREWS,	D.J. (A/B) * * * * * 21.11.44			
* R/224584	Sgt. MACCALLUM,	H.L. (NAV/AC) * * * * * 21.11.44			
* R/2239114	Sgt. MARSH,	H.S. (P/B) * * * * * 21.11.44			
R/73040772	Sgt. WATSON,	R. (A/C) * * * * * 21.11.44			
CAN/222944	F/O BATHMAN,	S. (Pilot) * * * * * 21.11.44			
* R/38168	F/O CARES,	T.D. (NAV) * * * * * 21.11.44			
* R/39922	F/O GRANT,	G.P. (A/B) * * * * * 21.11.44			
* R/383072	F/O GIBRA,	G.P. (NAV) * * * * * 21.11.44			
R/1874656	Sgt. WIE,	I.R. (P/B) * * * * * 21.11.44			
CAN/1267627	Sgt. SOUTHERN,	F. (NAV/AC) * * * * * 21.11.44			
* R/266633	Sgt. BARTILL,	W.J. (P/C) * * * * * 21.11.44			

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CAN/B 190256	V/S TAPP, J.H. (Nav)		Posted from 76 (R.C.A.F.) Base w.e.f. 21.11.44		
CAN/B 1559	V/S GALTHER, R.H. (Pilot)		Posted from 76 (R.C.A.F.) Base w.e.f. 30.11.44		
# J.40922	V/O BROADFOOT, R.H. (Nav)				
# J.35362	V/O SHERE, J.W.V. (A/B)				
# J.196166	V/S MACDONALD, J. (Nav)				
# J.252659	S/L DAVIDSON, J.P. (P/B)				
# J.47588	S-L LACOMBE, H. (A/B/AG)				
# J.27788	S-L MONTGOMERY, H.W. (P/C)				
# J.38207	V/O HAMILTON, D.W. (Pilot)				
# J.38186	V/O KERKIEWICZ, G. (Nav)				
# J.40038	V/O NICOLLE, G.P. (A/B)				
# J.2571182	S-L MURDOCK, M.G. (Nav)				
# J.255378	S-L MCNAUL, J. (M/H/G)				
# J.271023	S-L TROTTER, W.G. (S/C)				
# J.304031	S-L MORAN, J. (P/B)				
POSTING OUT					
CAN/B 2341	V/L WALKER, W.H. (A & S.D.)		Posted to RCAF "R" Dept, Warrington w.e.f. 1.11.44		
# J.38994	E/O LITTLE, A.T. (A/C)				3.11.44
# J.38557	E/O TAYLOR, W.T. (Pilot)				
# J.38655	P/O KINGFARROW, P.C. (Nav)				
# J.38592	P/O BROWN, W.R. (Pilot)				
# J.38951	P/O MC CALLUM, J.P. (Nav)				
# J.38729	V/O TORRIS, J.D. (A/B)				
# J.47823	V/O MARIN, L.A. (Pilot)				
# J.29845	V/O HETHERINGTON, J.N. (Nav)				
# J.47877	V/O SPENCE, R.E. (Pilot)				
# J.38166	E/O WEBSTER, W.M. (Pilot)				
# J.38122	V/O CLANCE, A.E. (Nav)				
# J.38154	V/O SWICK, A.B. (NAV)				
# J.38178	E/O WOLDE, G.R. (A/B)				
# J.38186	E/O HILLERHAND, G.R. (A/B)				
# J.38270	E/O SIMPSON, G.C. (A/B)				
# J.38266	E/O BROWN, G.O. (A/C)				
# J.38332	V/O BRONER, R.L.W. (A/B)				
# J.38350	V/S SEEDERER, P.C. (A/C)				14.11.44
# J.38550	V/S SMITH, H.D. (A/C)				
# J.38539	S-L ROBERTS, L. (A/C)		42 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron		10.11.44
# J.38487	V/O LAIF, L.W. (A/C)		42 (R.C.A.F.)		6.11.44
CAN/B 22605	V/O PHILIP, S.C. (Nav)		62 (RCAF) Base		10.11.44
# J.38606	S/L MAY, J.H. (Pilot)		H.C.L.O.		20.11.44
# J.90525	P/O HARRISON, C.G. (A/C)		R.C.A.F., 42nd DEPOT, Warrington w.e.f. 27.11.44		
# J.88230	P/O IRWIN, D.G. (A/C)				
# J.82655	P/O WILLIS, F. (A/C)				

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CAN/J. 87196 P/O MUNSTER, R.	R.J. (WAC)	Posted to RCAF "T" Depot, Warrington w.e.f. 27.11.44			
* J. 90588 P/O STANLEY, W.R.	(A/B)				
* J. 90534 P/O REDFERN, W.R.	(A/B)				
* J. 25028 F/L SHERIDAN, J.R. (Pilot)	(A/B)				
* J. 87662 P/O HARRIS, D. (Pilot)	(A/B)				
* J. 28829 F/L BOYD, W.M.	(A/B)				
* J. 204507 S/R ROBERTS, L.	(A/B)				
* J. 90651 P/O KOMICKI, S.	(A/B)				
* J. 90152 P/O ARTHUR, W.S. (Pilot)	(A/B)				
* J. 88888 F/L LAWLESS, P.A. (Pilot)	(A/B)				
* J. 37219 F/L STEWART, A. (WAG)	(A/B)				
* J. 82395 P/O WASLENCHUK, H.	(A/B)				
* J. 182943 S/L PEARCE, F.A. (Pilot)	(A/B)	A.O.A.C. R.E.F. 21.11.44			
* J. 182909 S/L THOMPSON, E.H.	(A/B)	405 (RCAF) Squadron w.e.f. 28.11.44			
COMMISSIONING					
* J. 86591 S/L ARTHUR, W.S. appointed to the commissioned rank of P/O. w.e.f. 31.8.44					
* J. 120623 WO1. MAYNERS, W.L.					
JAP/181173 S/L COOPER, J.V.					6.8.44
* J. 220256 S/L NOGUEIRET, E.					19.9.44
* J. 1524168 S/L MATERMAN, M.J.					1-10.44
* J. 4495730 S/L MCFARLAIN, W.					19.9.44
CAN/855700 F/L HOLMES, L.					5.9.44
* J. 200731 F/L HARRISON, G.G.					20.9.44
* J. 204809 F/L STANLEY, W.R.					6.9.44
* J. 205756 F/L STRAUSS, E.H.					11.9.44
* J. 204807 F/L MACHINAN, D.G.					14.9.44
* J. 2222700 F/L REEVES, W.R.					14.9.44
* J. 2204033 F/L GRANT, M.H.					14.9.44
HOURS & AWARDS					
CAN/J. 5808 P/L J.R. MAY Awarded D.D. (non-immediate)					
* J. 85720 P/O C.R. SNARE award D.D. (non-immediate)					
PROMOTIONS					
CAN/J. 14412 F/L DRISCOLL, R.J. (Nav) Promoted Temp. Flight Lieutenant w.e.f. 25.9.44					

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