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Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks.	1.12.44		No operations scheduled.		
Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks.	2.12.44		Fifteen aircrafts laid on for an operation against Hagen. One aircraft was a none starter due to ignition trouble. All other aircrafts returned safely to Base.	A.2357 to A.2370	
Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks.	3.12.44		No operations scheduled.		
Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks.	4.12.44		Fifteen aircrafts laid on for an early morning operation which was pushed back to an early evening affair, the target being Karlsruhe. All aircrafts returned safely to Base.	A.2371 to A.2385	
Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks.	5.12.44		Fourteen aircrafts were detailed to carry out a raid on Seest Marcelline Yards. One aircraft L.W. 200 "X" piloted by Gnr/35422 F/O A.V. Carter collided with another aircraft on the trip out and all the crew are reported killed. Aircraft L.W. 204 "X" piloted by Gnr/62771 F/L P.G. Chapman failed to return from this operation.	A.2386 to A.2398 B.112	
Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks.	6.12.44		Fifteen aircrafts took off commencing at approximately 1600 hrs. and carried out a raid against Oberhausen. All aircrafts returned safely. Not an especially good raid due to heavy clouds. The crew piloted by Gnr/69418 S/L H.K. Stinson reported two jet-propelled aircrafts shot down by their rear gunner Gnr/B.211946 S/B Pierson, R.	A.2399 to A.2413	
Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks.	7.12.44		No operations scheduled as all aircrafts were held in readiness or an early morning "do" the following day. No training was carried out.		
Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks.	8.12.44		The early morning op. which was laid on was scrubbed and due to poor weather. No training was carried out.		
Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks.	9.12.44		Eleven aircrafts from the Squadron participated in a group "Maggio" exercise which was very successful.		
Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks.	10.12.44		Fifteen aircrafts were ready for an early morning operation which was scrubbed just prior to briefing time. Had our first snowfall of the season to-day.		
Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks.	11.12.44		Seventeen aircrafts prepared for operations which was scrubbed just prior to take-off time.		
Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks.	12.12.44		Nine aircrafts participated in another group "Maggio" exercises to-day. Four night Cross Countries were also laid on but were scrubbed due to a call for morning operations.		
Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks.	13.12.44		Twenty one aircrafts, maximum effort, were prepared for operations. Take-off was scheduled for ten thirty but the effort was scrubbed shortly before that. This was to have a practical "Maggio". Three aircrafts started out on cross countries in the afternoon but had to be recalled early due to fog closing in.		
Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks.	14.12.44		Nineteen aircrafts prepared for an operation which was scrubbed just prior to briefing time. No flying training due to heavy fog.		
Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks.	15.12.44		For the third day running the Squadron went through the motions for an operation, twenty aircrafts being prepared. Heavy fog is still persisting causing all flying to be stopped.		

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Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks.	16.12.44		Weather still continues to be bad. No operations or flying training.		
Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks.	17.12.44		Weather still poor had Squadron prepared for an operation.		
Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks.	18.12.44		Twenty aircraft detailed to attack Duisburg. Take-off commenced shortly after 0200 hrs, and one aircraft bogged down causing quite a panic as numerous other aircrafts were blocked off with the result that one crew was a non-starter. Aircraft L.W. 209 572 Gox/J33003 P/O E.L. Leyson failed to return from this operation. All other aircrafts were diverted to various bases in England. It was a very poor show all around the diversion bases failed to report arrival of crews and up to a late hour in the afternoon fifteen aircrafts were outstanding. Squadron called for ops. again this evening and the only three qualified crews on the Sqn. were laid on. The effort was scrubbed just after briefing.		A.2434 to A.2432
Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks.	19.12.44		Fourteen aircrafts prepared for ops. to-day but due to heavy fog the effort was scrubbed.		
Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks.	20.12.44		Squadron called for ops. again to-day and seventeen aircrafts were laid on. This base was still fogged in and as this apparently was a very important effort the scrub was delayed until the last possible minute in the hopes the fog would lift sufficiently to allow the aircrafts to take-off.		
Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks.	21.12.44		No operations scheduled this date.		
Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks.	22.12.44		Seventeen aircrafts laid on for operations which were scrubbed just after briefing.		
Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks.	23.12.44		No operations called for to-day. Base fogged in.		
Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks.	24.12.44		Sixteen aircraft took-off commencing at noon and carried out an attack against Dusseldorf (Lohausen airfield). Base became fogged once again and all aircrafts were diverted.		A.2433 to A.2448
Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks.	25.12.44		Aircrafts unable to return from diversions but in spite of this a most enjoyable Xmas was had by all.		
Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks.	26.12.44		No operations scheduled to-day. Our aircrafts unable to return from diversion due to bad weather at Base.		
Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks.	27.12.44		Six aircrafts laid on for an early morning operation but fog did not lift sufficiently to allow aircrafts to take-off. All our aircrafts still at diversion.		
Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks.	28.12.44		The weather finally cleared up and seven aircrafts carried out a raid on Opladen in the early morning. All aircrafts returned safely to Base. Also all aircrafts at diversion since 24th with the exception of two which were MIA's returned to Base.		A.2449 to A.2455
Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks.	29.12.44		TO DIVERTED DUESSEN Seventeen aircrafts took-off in heavy fog this afternoon and carried out a raid against Trois-Dorf. One aircraft N.P. Hill 572 Gox/J69414 P/O M.E. Fraser was an early return and was diverted to Leeming. Fortunately the fog lifted in the early evening permitting all aircrafts to return to Base.		A.2456 to A.2471 B.113
Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks.	30.12.44		Sixteen aircrafts took-off commencing at 1720 hrs. and carried out a successful raid against Cologne. One aircraft L.W. 209 572 Gox/J7A55 P/O W.A. Bean (pilot) was an early return due to hydraulic trouble which prevented his from raising his undercarriage.		A.2472 to A.2486 B.114

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			NATURE	DATE	TRIPS	POINTS				
Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks.	31-12-44		No operations scheduled this date permitting all aircrews to enjoy the New Years activities.							
CASUALTIES										
			NUMBER	NAME						
			J6271	P.G. HARRIS	MISSING	5.12.44	4	16 25.10		
			J40063	S.F. C.H. SHIPMAN	MISSING	5.12.44	2	8 13.25		
			J20027	S.F. D.M. MULARRY	MISSING	5.12.44	2	8 13.25		
			J38245	S.F. P.H. HARVEY	MISSING	5.12.44	2	8 13.25		
			J097675	S.F. R. SHOES	MISSING	5.12.44	2	8 13.25		
			K200580	S.F. J. KEEFE	MISSING	5.12.44	2	8 13.25		
			J207005	S.F. J. FORBES	MISSING	5.12.44	2	8 13.25		
			J20424	S.F. A.V. CARTER	KILLED	5.12.44	6	24. 25.25		
			K20240	S.F. A.E. DOWDING	KILLED	5.12.44	8	24.50		
			J22782	S.F. R.R. DOUGING	KILLED	5.12.44	4	16 24.50		
			K179438	S.F. R.L. HARWOOD	KILLED	5.12.44	4	16 24.50		
			POSSSESSES							
			J2018	S.F. R. STENHOUSE	(PILOT) Posted from 76 (RCAF) Base wsf. 2.12.44					
			J20092	S.F. L.R. BRENTON	(PILOT) Posted from 435 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron wsf. 1.12.44					
			J20056	S.F. E.O. SPENCER	(PILOT)					
			J20027	S.F. R.T. MOORHOUSE	(PILOT)					
			J210559	S.F. A. HARRISON	(PILOT)					
			J140543	S.F. G.L. HARRISON	(PILOT)					
			J10640	S.F. W.G. HANNA	(PILOT)					
			J13824	S.F. F.L. HANNA	(PILOT)					
			J14234	S.F. W.J. HILL	(PILOT) Posted from 76 (R.C.A.F.) Base wsf. 7.12.44					
			J22252	S.F. F.M. O'MARA	(PILOT)					
			J160922	S.F. R.M. IRVING	(PILOT)					
			J20425	S.F. R.T. THOMPSON	(PILOT)					
			J200441	S.F. R.M. JACKSON	(PILOT)					
			R22350	S.F. G.W. MCGARRY	(PILOT)					
			J16140	S.F. R.W. MACKAY	(PILOT)					
			J20025	S.F. D.R. BLACK	(PILOT) Posted from 76 (R.C.A.F.) Base wsf. 8.12.44					
			J20435	S.F. A.M. FOTHERINGHAM	(PILOT)					
			J200952	S.F. A.H. SPENCER	(PILOT)					

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POSTING IN (CONTINUED)						
NUMBER	RANK	NAME	NATURE			
B25559	S.M.	J.A. BULLIKER	(A/B)	Posted from 76 (R.G.A.F.) Base wsf. 8.12.44		
B26361	S.M.	H.L. BLATCH	(P/B)			
B269439	S.C.	R.J. BOWMAN	(M/G)			
B272645	S.C.	R.A. BROWN	(P/B)			
B273048	S.C.	R.H. BROWN	(P/B)			
B273150	S.C.	R.H. BROWN	(P/B)			
B273252	S.C.	R.H. BROWN	(P/B)			
B273354	S.C.	R.H. BROWN	(P/B)			
B273456	S.C.	R.H. BROWN	(P/B)			
B273558	S.C.	J.A. WHITFIELD	(PILOT)	Posted from 76 (R.G.A.F.) Base wsf. 11.12.44		
B165652	S.C.	E.W. BURFITT	(NAV)			
J369201	P/O	S.E. CAMPBELL	(A/B)			
B234033	S.C.	K.M. JOHNSON	(M/G)			
B256007	S.C.	HARVEYTON, R.E.	(P/B)			
B273816	S.C.	H.J. HESS	(P/C)			
B273876	S.C.	R.J. MURRAY	(M/G)			
J365611	P/O	J.P. TALOKA	(PILOT)			
J204042	P/O	J.M. SPEDDING	(NAV)			
J369017	P/O	S.G. ANTHONY	(A/B)			
B167300	S.C.	J.E. LAMARQUE	(M/G)			
J252970	S.C.	G. REEDMAN	(PILOT)			
B275281	S.C.	J.A. CHIRANDONE	(M/G)			
B261052	S.C.	A.G. BRAINERD	(P/C)			
B259638	S.C.	A.J. EASTWOOD	(A/C)	Posted from A.B. (RAF) Squadron wsf. 15.12.44		
J223142	P/O	M. GUTHRIE	(NAV)	Posted from 420 (RAF) Squadron wsf. 16.12.44		
J365630	P/O	D.S. WESTON	(PILOT)	Posted from 76 (R.G.A.F.) Base wsf. 19.12.44		
J408821	P/O	H.M. RILL	(NAV)			
J39936	P/O	C.W. GIBBERD	(A/B)			
B223403	S.C.	G.P. DAVID	(M/G)			
B165390	S.C.	M.Y. HULGRAN	(P/B)			
B277725	S.C.	A. GIANGRECO	(M/G)			
B264268	S.M.	L.R. SHAWARD	(P/C)			
J39016	P/O	A.G. DAYTON	(PILOT)	Posted from 76 R.G.A.F. BASE wsf. 29.12.44		
J11502	P/L	A.E. DUNNEDAY	(NAV)			
J28776	P/O	J.L. WHITNEY	(A/B)			
J16132	P/O	J.H. EVANS	(M/G)			
J19867	P/O	R.S. LOWEN	(P/B)			
J36578	P/O	R.A. COOPER	(M/G)			
J17867	P/L	R.W. ELLIS	(P/C)			
POSTINGS OUT						
J25445	P/O	H.R. HEPBURN	(NAV)	Posted to 26 O.T.U. wsf. 1.12.44		
J26480	P/O	J.E. MCGOWAN	(NAV)	Posted to 26 O.T.U. wsf. 1.12.44		
J26552	P/O	R.G. KARRELL	(A/B)	Posted to 26 O.T.U. wsf. 2.12.44		
J365611	P/O	L.E. MATSON	(PILOT)	Posted to RAF "R" Depot wsf. 5.12.44		
J38280	P/O	J.E. KELMER	(A/C)	Posted to 22 O.T.U. wsf. 4.12.44		
J39695	P/O	G.H. MACDONALD	(M/G)	Posted to 26 O.T.U. wsf. 4.12.44		

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			<u>OPERATIONAL AND NON-OPERATIONAL FLYING TIME:</u> Operational Day: 186.15 Night: 615.07 Non-Operational Day: 161.50 Night: 68.31		
			<u>NUMBER OF OPERATIONAL SORTIES:</u> 129 successful operational sorties. 3 Non-successful operational sorties. <u>MONTHLY AND CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF BOMBS DROPPED</u>		
			Total bombs dropped to 30.11.44 5638 tons 1120 lbs. 629 tons 1760 lbs. Total bombs dropped during December 1944 318 tons 1840 lbs. 159 tons 1560 lbs. Total bombs dropped on 31.12.44 1882 tons 620 lbs. 769 tons 1560 lbs. 2220		
			<u>NUMBER OF COMBATS WITH ENEMY AIRCRAFTS</u> On the 6th December 1944, Halifax Mk. VII "T" L.W. 209 on an operational sortie to Osnabruck, aircraft was attacked at 2005 hrs, from port quarter down to dead astern level and broke away to starboard quarter straight down exploding just underneath clouds. This attack was made by a jet-propelled aircraft. At 2013 hrs, another jet-propelled aircraft attacked from port quarter down and then came to dead astern level opening fire at 200 yards, closing at 100 yrs, breaking to dead astern straight down and exploded on the ground. The rear gunner opened fire on both aircrafts and claims to have destroyed both of them.		
			<u>REINFORCEMENTS</u> <u>OFFICERS</u> R.G.A.F. 112 - R.A.F. 13 - TOTAL 34 - <u>AIRMAN</u> R.G.A.F. 112 - R.A.F. 30 - TOTAL 342 -		
			<u>SQUADRON COMMANDER'S SUMMARY:</u> The month of December saw more briefings than operations due to severe weather conditions. In spite of this the raids carried out were quite successful. The diversion of our crews over Christmas was most unfortunate but they all made the best of it in their usual cheerful manner. With the New Year upon us we look forward to better weather to get on with the job.		
				(G.W. BURGESS) Wing Commander, Officer Commanding, 426 (R.G.A.F.) SQUADRON.	

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