

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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Place	Date	Time	Compiled by: R.G. Bowen, Flight Lieutenant (G.7249, R.C.A.F.)	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
R.C.A.F. STATION, MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	1.11.44	WEDNESDAY		Nineteen crews were detailed and briefed for moonlight operations on OBERHASSEN. All took off bombed and returned safely. The target was obscured by ten-tenths cloud and sky markers used. The results were hard to assess but it is considered the attack was successful. One air-test and one radar cross country with bombing were flown. Ground training was continued with Air Gunners firing 100 rounds on skeets, Wops having lectures on diversions, early returns and call signs. Air Bombers took link training.		A.220
	2.11.44	THURSDAY		Seventeen crews were detailed for moonlight operations on DUSSELDORF. All took off but P/O W. KOTSEK (J.3526, RGAF) was an early return caused by delay in takeoff which prevented him from reaching the target on time. P/O HOLTZ (J.85593, RGAF) and crew failed to return. Jack was very popular and always willing and cheerful and will be greatly missed. Heavy flak was encountered over the target, several kites being holed. Flying training was limited to one radar cross country with bombing. Ground training was carried on as usual with Air Bombers on radar training and blind panel drill, air gunners fired 200 rounds on skeets and Wops and Flight Engineers had lectures.		A.221
	3.11.44	FRIDAY		No operations were laid on to-day so flying training was carried out with available kites although most of them stayed bombed up. Five details of air to air firing and fighter affiliation, five bombing details and one radar cross country were flown. Wops had lectures on amendments for "Gen" bags, use of c/s and a review of the latest changes in W/T orders. Air bombers were on link training and panel drill. Flight engineers had a "Quiz" exam on training subjects. Air gunners fired 200 rounds at skeets.		
	4.11.44	SATURDAY		Sixteen crews were detailed for operations on BOCHUM. All took off, bombed and returned safely. R156865 F/S B. BAKUS, rear gunner in "B-Sugar" (P/O H. WALKER, J.87551, RGAF) shot down a jet propelled enemy fighter which is claimed as destroyed. This was a cracking good show. There was a very high wind on landing and some difficulty was experienced. P/O G.H. PAULI (J.27557, RGAF) overshot the runway in "M-Mike" and crash landed. The aircraft was a complete writeoff but none of the crew injured. There was no flying training due to operations but ground training was continued. Air bombers took Morse under P/O W. MATTHESON (J.89204, RGAF) Flight Engineers had two hours turret manipulation and fired 125 rounds at skeets.		A.222

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R.O.A.F. STATION, MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	SUNDAY 5.11.44		No operations were laid on for to-day but crews are standing by for a daylight tomorrow morning. No flying training was carried out excepting one air test as kites are being bombed up. Ground training went on as usual, gunners firing 125 rounds of skeets and practising turret manipulation. Air bombers took radar training and blind panel drill. Flight Engineers lectures and discussion on log keeping.		
	MONDAY 6.11.44		Sixteen crews were called early this morning for an attack on GELSENKIRCHEN. Take-off was delayed and they finally left at noon. All bombed successfully and returned safely. P/O V. KORESEY (J.85940, RGAF) did a corker over the target and received fifteen flak holes. P/S READ, L.M. (R176219, RGAF) left by rail for Woodbridge to ferry back "K-King". The Wops started a new system of monthly return and got the gun on it today. The air bombers not on operations took link and air gunners fired 140 rounds of skeets and had 1 1/2 hours turret manipulation. P/S READ returned from Woodbridge with "K-KING" but no other flying, training or operational was done. Ground training was continued with air bombers on radar training and camera lectures. Air Gunners on turret manipulation and skeet shooting (125 rounds). Flight Engineers on link. Wops had lectures on electrical circuits, fuses, inter-comm. and power supplies. An Air-Sea rescue lecture was given to all crews in the Briefing Room at 1400 hours. W/O A.G. HULL (C.1256, RGAF) returned from leave and resumed command of the Squadron.		A.223
	TUESDAY 7.11.44		No operations were laid on for to-day. Flying training was three bombing details at Bradbury Range and one radar cross country. W/O HULL, also flew an air test and a cross country. Bomb Aimers took link. Wops had lectures on M/P dingy radio, and emergency and SOS procedure. Some engineers took link and the rest lectures. Air Gunners continued turret manipulation practice and fired 210 rounds of skeet. P/O E.B. PEACOCK (J.26634, RGAF) flew S/L G. DONEYOU (J.25985, RGAF) to SHREWSBURY in the Oxford returning in the afternoon. The weather is not very good with rain squalls and wind.		
	THURSDAY 9.11.44		No operations are detailed for to-day so a full training programme was organized. Five details of bombing and two air tests were flown during the day and four crews took part in a Bullseye and Flashlight exercise at night. Air bombers were on day swims. Wops on lectures. Air Gunners fired 125 rounds on skeets. Two new crews started conversion lectures with the Flight Engineer.		

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R.C.A.F. STATION, MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE.	THURSDAY 9.11.44		A lecture was held in the H.A.A.P.I. for all aircrew on POW's.		
	FRIDAY 10.11.44		No operations again to-day so training was continued with available kites. One radar cross country, one cross country and bombing, eight details of fighter affiliation and air to air firing and five details of bombing were flown. Bomb aimers were on link, W/T practice and blind panel drill. Air gunners had three hours on turret manipulation and fired 200 rounds of skeets. Wopa had a lecture by Sgt. Brubette of the station electrical section on the electrical circuit of the Lancaster X. F/O FORDHAM returned from 431 Squadron where he had been geming up their Flight Engineers on Lancaster.		
	SATURDAY 11.11.44		Eighteen crews were called at 0200 hours and briefed at 0400 hours for operations which were scrubbed at 0730 hours. The aircrew then went back to bed to catch up on some sleep so no training was carried out in the forenoon. Three crews practised beam flying in the afternoon. The Wing Commander gave a lecture on discipline, dress and deportment and the Squadron then paraded for a drill period of two hours and then were given the rest of the day off.		
	SUNDAY 12.11.44		All the Squadron were out at 0830 hours in best blues, buttons and shoes polished etc. for Station Commanders Parade. The parade was commanded by W/O HULL (G.1256, RCAP, with the following Flight Commanders; S/L G. COYUO (J.25985, RCAP) F/L D. LAMONT (J.7476, RCAP) F/L S.G. ROSS (J.28537, RCAP) F/L A.E. PARMENTER (162618). The parade was a decided success and the Station Commander commented very favourably on the turnout. No operations were scheduled so training was extensive in the afternoon. Three radar cross countries, three details of Fighter affiliation, air to air firing, three bombing details and one cross country were flown. Flight engineers not flying spent the afternoon cleaning and tidying up their section. Air gunners fired 200 rounds of skeets. Bomb aimers had panel drill and Wopa a "Gen" session. Absentees from the C.O.'s parade spent the afternoon in the bomb dump.		
	MONDAY 13.11.44		No operations scheduled for to-day again. The new schedule for ground training commenced to-day, in all sections. This schedule is designed to bring more liaison between the sections so that each knows what the other is doing. Some snags may be encountered the first week but once it gets rolling it should prove very beneficial. Wop's had more practice in the forenoon and a Group W/T exercise in the afternoon. Flight Engineers had a lecture and discussion on		

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R.C.A.F. STATION, MIRAMON ST. GEORGE	MONDAY 13.11.44		"Snags in Flight" under the direction of P/O FROSTBERGMAST (178811) in the forenoon and Morse practise and a lecture on MF and SOS procedure by P/O G.R. OLSEN (188426, RGAF) in the afternoon. Air Bomber had lectures by P/L PARMENTER (Flight Engineer Leader) on fuel system and the navigators sat in on a bombing lecture. Dry swiss were held in the afternoon. Air Gunners had a lecture on Fishpond and fired 300 rounds of skeet. Flying training consisted of three details of Fighter affiliation, four details of bombing, SBA and Fishpond training flights. P/O R.W. PAGE (1.35427, RGAF) reported in for duty and were assigned to "A" Flight.		
	TUESDAY 14.11.44		No operations or flying training were scheduled to-day on account of extremely dull weather. Ground training was continued with Bendix lectures in the forenoon and Intelligence and bombing lectures in the afternoon for Air bombers, Wops and navigators on M/F and SOS procedure, pilots on more practise. Flight Engineers had lectures on the stars and use of the sextant and a lecture and discussion on entries of snags of Poms 700 by P/S Farnworth, N.C.O. i/c "B" Flight Maintenance. P/L Parmenter also gave the pilots a "quiz" on engine handling and feathering. Air Gunners had lectures on HGS and Cee. All aircrew attended a movie in the briefing room in the afternoon.		
	WEDNESDAY 15.11.44		No operations laid on again to-day. The weather started off very dull but cleared in the afternoon and allowed some flying training. Two day and two night bombing details and four Fishpond training exercises were flown. Four crews took off on a flashlight exercise but were recalled. Flight Engineers had a lecture and discussion on engine handling and construction led by P/O M. DITHAM (183042), Wops lectures on M/T procedure and "gan", P/L A. DUNNIGER, (J.24076, RGAF) Signals Leader lectured the pilots on emergency and SOS procedure. Air gunners continued lectures and fired skeets in the afternoon. P/O J.H. LAWSON (J.99063, RGAF) returned from leave and resumed his duties as Gunnery Leader which he took over from P/L G.W. PATTER (J.19721, RGAF) who is posted to 1666 C.I. as Gunnery Leader.		
	THURSDAY 16.11.44		Fifteen crews were called early for a daylight attack on JULICH near AACHEN. All took off bombed and returned safely. The target was obscured by 10/10 cloud but the prang was considered successful. P/O J. KORESKY (J.85940, RGAF) and crew completed their tour and will be soreness. Flying training was limited to one radar cross country and bombing detail and two		A.224

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R.C.A.F. STATION, MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	THURSDAY 16.11.44		Fishpond training practises. Ground training for crews not on operations was continued with Air Gunners on spotlight trainer and firing 100 rounds of skeets. Air bombers on radar training and Wops on Morse practise.		
	FRIDAY 17.11.44		Fifteen crews were called early and briefed for daylight operations which were cancelled prior to take-off. The crews went back to bed but ground training was carried out for the rest with Wops on Fishpond trainer, Air Bombers on blind panel drill. Air gunners attended a film on "Booby traps" and a lecture by P/O LAWSON regarding the Gunnery Section. W/C HULL gave a lecture to all aircrew in the afternoon on discipline, efficiency etc. The only flying training carried out was one cross country as the weather was very dull.		
	SATURDAY 18.11.44		Fifteen crews were briefed in the morning of operations on MURSTON. Led by W/C HULL all took off, bombed and returned safely to England, eight crews including W/C HULL, were diverted to OUSSTON as other Squadron were diverted to this base. The target was covered by 10/10 cloud but the attack was considered fairly successful. Some flak was encountered over the target. P/O PAGE made his second dicey trip with W/C HULL. Flying training was limited to one radar cross country with radar bombing and one cross country with bombing at Bradbury range. Fourteen gunners went to Sutton Bank for range practise and fired 275 rounds of skeet on return. Flight Engineers took lectures in their sections. S/L FERGUSON (G.1579, HQAP) and crew reported in for operational training. They are posted to 64 Base and only on attachment to the Squadron.		A.225
	SUNDAY 19.11.44		Operations were laid on for twelve kites (which was all there was available) but they were scrubbed due to duff weather. The diverted kites returned from OUSSTON, flying with a 300 ft. ceiling and using S.E.A. to land. No flying training was possible due to the duff weather and the preparation for operations stopped most of the ground training so the afternoon (after briefing) was called a Squadron stand-down and the crews allowed to take the time off.		
	MONDAY 20.11.44		Nineteen crews were detailed for operations but after the times being changed a couple of times they were finally scrubbed about 1700 hours. As all available aircraft were bombed up no flying training was possible. Bomb aimers took lectures on Mk XIV Bombight, 53 fuse and various pistols. Flight engineers had another discussion on "Snags in Flight" led by P/O ROBERTSCAST and started conversion training for S/L FERGUSON and crew. Air gunners had one hour spotlight		

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R.C.A.F. STATION, MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	MONDAY	20.11.44	trainer and then re-organized their section. P/O D.S. WALSH (37032, RCAF) and crew reported in for duty and were assigned to "B" Flight.		
	TUESDAY	21.11.44	Twenty crews, including W/O HULL, were detailed and briefed for an attack on a synthetic oil at CASPERO-BAIKET. All took off, bombed and returned safely. The attack was considered very successful. F/L EDWARDS (J.26267, RCAF) was attacked by an enemy aircraft identified as a FW190. S/L FERGUSON made his second-dicky trip with W/O HULL. Ground training was continued with air gunners on aircraft recognition and spotlight training firing 325 rounds on skeets. S/L FERGUSON continued conversion lectures with the Flight Engineers and Air Bombers took Bendix lectures and blind panel drill.		A.226
	WEDNESDAY	22.11.44	The crews on operations last night caught up on their sleep this morning. Operations came through at noon and seventeen crews were detailed but all operations were cancelled by 1700 hours on account of duff weather. No flying training was carried out. Ground training was continued with bomb aimers on course practice and taking bombing lectures from F/L ROSS (J.28357 RCAF) Bombing Leader. A detail of air gunners left for Sutton Bank but the turret was w/s so they returned with no practice. Flight Engineers and some bombers were on link and Wops on a "Gen" session. Aircrew attended a movie in the briefing room in the afternoon.		
	THURSDAY	23.11.44	Seventeen crews were again detailed for operations which were scrubbed about 1600 hours before briefing. Flying training was limited as most of the kits were bombed up. W/O HULL checked out S/L FERGUSON on circuits and landings and S.B.A. was practised. Ground training was continued as usual. Flight Engineers held a quiz directed by P/O HENNINGCAST, Air Bombers were on HPS lectures in the forenoon and the Bombing Leader gave the pilots a bombing lecture. Air Gunners harmonized two aircraft and took spot light training and aircraft recognition. 175 rounds were shot on skeet. Signal section had an amendment session.		
	FRIDAY	24.11.44	Seventeen crews were detailed for operations for the third consecutive day and operations were again scrubbed. Two cross countries and three details of S.B.A. were flown during the day. Air Gunners fired 500 rounds on skeets and took spotlight training in the forenoon. The afternoon was devoted to checking and harmonizing aircraft and cleaning turret periscope. Flight Engineers took lectures on engine handling, hydraulics etc. Air Bombers took a lecture on		

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R.C.A.F. STATION, MILBURN ST. GEORGE.	FRIDAY 24.11.44		Airman ship by S/L GONYOU "E" Flight Commander (J.25985, RCAP).		
	SATURDAY 25.11.44		No operations were laid on for today so maximum training was carried out. Two radar cross countries and S.B.A., six night cross countries, and circuits and landings were flown. Eleven crews practised formation flying with fighter affiliation and bombing. S/L FERGUSON finished conversion ground school. P/L PARMENTER DFC, secured an electro-pneumatic ram for instructional purposes in the Flight Engineers section. Air Gunners were on aircraft recognition and had an "interlecture" on the Middle East from P/O HINKLE. Wireless operators had Fishpond training.		
	SUNDAY 26.11.44		Stand-down again to-day as no operations were detailed. An extensive training programme was laid on but most of it had to be scrubbed owing to the advent of bad weather. Eight crews took off for bombing but were recalled when only four had completed the detail. Six details of air to air firing and fighter affiliation were completed. Air gunners fired 375 rounds on skets and harmonized aircraft. Flight Engineers had a written "quiz" prepared by P/O Prendergast while air bombers had blind panel drill and instruction on the 53 tail pistol (long delay). Wireless operators had Fishpond and Bendix training.		
	MONDAY 27.11.44		Eighteen aircraft were detailed for operations on NEUSS. All took off, and bombed but were diverted on return. The raid was considered successful in spite of duff meteorology gen on winds. One crew did local flying training but no other was carried out. Air Gunners harmonized aircraft and also had aircraft recognition but couldn't shoot skets and no cartridges are available.		A.227
	TUESDAY 28.11.44		All diverted aircraft excepting P/L EDMONDSON returned to base in the afternoon. P/L EDMONDSON aircraft requires repairs to engines so arrangements are being made to fly groundcrew down to it. Three details of H2S, bombing and three air tests were flown but other flying details were cancelled owing to duff weather. P/O W. TYNAN (J.88215, RCAP) and crew have completed their tour and were screened on arrival back at base. Ground training was carried on as usual for crews not on diversion. Air gunners had a sports afternoon which went over very well.		
	WEDNESDAY 29.11.44		No operations are scheduled to-day so training was again stressed. Thirteen details of H2S bombing, six range bombing details, five details of fighter affiliation and some S.B.A. were flown. P/O D.R. WALSH (J.37032, RCAP) started conversion flying completing a radar cross		

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R.C.A.F. STATION, MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE.	29.11.44		with bombing. P/S MACKIE (R168425, RCAP) carried out night fighter affiliation. Bomb aimers had link training, Wops P attend training. Fifteen air gunners went to Sutton Bank on a firing detail firing 2600 rounds. Operations are laid on for early morning so eighteen crews are detailed and standing by.		
	THURSDAY 30.11.44		Eighteen crews were called at 0445 hours for early briefing for operations which were scrubbed at 0730 hours. Crews went back to bed and were called again at 1130 hours to again brief for operations on HUISBURG. Eighteen finally took off at 1630 hours but P/L ELLISON (J.9436, RCAP) returned early due to engine failure which also made the rear turret unserviceable. The rest bombed and returned safely. A good attack was reported. Flying training was nil and ground training was limited to those crews not on operations.		
			CASUALTIES		
			Missing day of 2nd November, 1944.		
			P/O J. HOLTZ, (J.85593) - Pilot. R155128 P/S Samuel, A.G. - A/Bomb. R143619 W/O Ruhl, H.H. - WOP/AG. R164918 Sgt Bachant, J.F.J. - A/Gun.	R164676 P/S Lapinsky, J. - Navigator. P/O E. Crossley, (185784) - P/Engineer. R147377 Sgt Dorell, M. - A/Gun.	
			POSTINGS IN.		
			W.o.f. 18.11.44 from 76 Base. P/O E.W. Page, (J.35427) - Pilot. P/O S.D. Hewson, (J.39370) - Nav. P/O A.A. Dixon, (J.37705) - A/Bomb. P/O R. Eber, H. (J.42359) - WOP/AG. 1880694 Sgt Owen, G.D. - P/Eng. P/O K. McDivitt, K. J.43668 - MIG. P/O A.T. LeBlanc, J.42865 - A/Gun.	W.o.f. 19.11.44 from 76 Base. P/O D.R. Walsh, (J.30372) - Pilot. P/O J.S. Morris, (J.36321) - Nav. P/O A.R. Lindsay, (J.40093) - A/Bomb. R200654 Sgt Daley, W.A. - WOP/AG. 1895344 " Hope, J. - P/Eng. R116653 " Taylor, E.M. - MIG. R100258 " Pratt, M.H. - A/Gun.	
			W.o.f. 30.11.44 from 76 Base. P/L J.K. Goldie, (J.5981) - Pilot. P/O H. Wilson, (J.38166) - Nav. J.40105 P/O Brown, E.A. - A/Bomb. R.56025 Sgt Horner, L.G. - WOP/AG. R211227 " Proulx, R.E. - P/Eng. R27259 " Landers, G.R. - MIG. R268117 " Thorburn, W.G. - A/Gun.	W.o.f. 29.11.44 from 76 Base. P/O H. Clark, (J.90197) - Pilot. R167954 Sgt Grabb, B. - Nav. R188387 " Carter, J. - A/Bomb. R220117 " Filipchuk, S. - WOP/AG. R197107 " Ross, M. - MIG. R283112 " Burrows, M. - A/Gun. 3000365 " Morris, P. - P/Eng.	
			W.o.f. 30.11.44 from 76 Base. P/O W.G. Ashby, (J.29776) - Pilot, P/O B.M. McLeod, (J.27265) - A/Bomb. R180416 Sgt Smith, A.G. - Nav. R351199 Sgt. Charren, J.A. - WOP/AG. R192699 Sgt Melhado, B. - P/Eng. R211664 Sgt Abner, J.D. - MIG. R225230 " Harrington, W.O. - A/Gun.		

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<u>PROMOTIONS OUT.</u>					
R.C.A.F. STATION, MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE.			<p>W.C.F. 10.11.44 to "R" Depot.</p> <p>F/O W.S. Hall, J.87592 - Pilot</p> <p>F/O C.R. Smith, J.26699 - Nav.</p> <p>F/O G.A. Trotter, J.2797 - A/Bomb.</p> <p>F/O F.R. Hill, J.69989 - WOE/AG</p> <p>F/O A.H. Orens, J.87200 - Nav.</p> <p>F/O J.W. Gagne, J.87357 - A/Bomb.</p> <p>F/O D.R. Richmond, J.89169 - A/Gun.</p> <p>F/O J.A. Wadell, J.89158 - "</p> <p>F/O J.W. Wellman, J.88012 - " W.C.F. 14.11.44</p> <p>R151488 F/S Clarke, R.R. - A/Bomb.</p>		
			<p>W.C.F. 30.11.44 to A.C.A.B.</p> <p>F/O S.J. Tomson, 179396, A/Gun.</p> <p>F/O F. Hookie, 179418 "</p> <p>F/O R. Callaway, 186262 WOE/AG</p> <p>F/O S. Walsh, 186240 F/Eng.</p> <p>F/O T. Meadows, 184772 "</p> <p>181788 Sgt Deves, G. "</p> <p>F/O T. Healy, J.22838 A/BOMB to 1659 C.I. w.c.f. 22.11.44</p> <p>F/O R.T. Richardson, J.29350 Nav. " 6d Base " " "</p> <p>F/O H.W. Barnhart, J.44192 " " " " 16.11.44</p> <p>F/O J. Martin, J.28715 Pilot " 76 " " 16.11.44</p> <p>F/L G.W. Patten, J.19721 A/GUN " 1666 C.I. " 6.11.44</p>		
			<p>W.C.F. 28.11.44 to "R" Depot.</p> <p>F/O L. Anderson, J.89065 - WOE/AG</p> <p>F/O S.W. Candy, J.89994 - A/Gun.</p> <p>F/O H.H. Copping, J.89198 - "</p> <p>F/O B.G. Gilmour, J.28672 - A/Bomb.</p> <p>F/O G. Graham, J.90678 - A/Gun.</p> <p>F/O L.R. Hosman, J.87782 - Pilot</p> <p>F/O R.S. Noble, J.21041 - A/Bomb.</p> <p>F/O H.K. Smith, J.87249 - Pilot</p> <p>F/O J.W. Wallace, J.89064 - A/Gun.</p> <p>F/O J.R. Watson, J.88746 - "</p>		
			<p>F/O E.G. Carruthers, J.90636, A/Gun.</p> <p>F/O W.J. Cole, J.88972 "</p> <p>F/O D. Donald, J.89070 "</p> <p>F/W A.W. Gilbert, J.85115 Pilot</p> <p>F/O J. Knipeberg, J.27501 Nav.</p> <p>F/L D.T. Nicholl-Came, J.27904 Pilot</p> <p>F/O E.S. Sangster, J.28268 Nav.</p> <p>F/O L. Thompson, J.86977 A/Gun.</p> <p>F/O J.E. Walton, J.86994 "</p> <p>R171594 W/O Calder, D.G. A/Bomb.</p>		
			<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PROMOTIONS.</u></p> <p>F/O F.V. DeMarco, J.85421 24.9.44 T/P/O</p> <p>R202019 Sgt Chevalier, L. 11.11.44 P/S</p> <p>R261914 " Cameron, J.R. " " " "</p> <p>R262605 " Happer, W.D. " " " "</p> <p>R208207 " Walton, T.A. 15.11.44 " "</p> <p>R189938 " Fartich, F.O. 25.11.44 " "</p> <p>R218144 " Scofield, S.L. " " " "</p> <p>R254110 " Baxter, A.G. " " " "</p>		
			<p>R185995 Sgt Pollard, A. 11.11.44 W/S</p> <p>R220747 " Scott, A.G. " " " "</p> <p>R265307 " Johnston, A.M. " " " "</p> <p>R189160 F/S Lee, S.F. 20.11.44 W/O.2.</p> <p>R212676 Sgt Smith, W.G. 15.11.44 P/S</p> <p>R204506 " Vireg, J.S. 28.11.44 " "</p> <p>R223700 " Giles, L.K. 25.11.44 " "</p> <p>R266096 " Patterson, P.J. " " " "</p>		
			<p style="text-align: center;"><u>COMMISSIONS.</u></p> <p>R120632 W/O Shepherson, W.J. 2.9.44 (J.90122) R181506 W/O W.S. Fritthard, 3.9.44 (J.90123)</p> <p>R255230 P/S Bell, J.G. 14.9.44 (J.90199) R186574 P/S Kehl, K.H. 30.9.44 (J.90335)</p> <p>R191755 P/S Lutz, W.R. 1.10.44 (J.90332) R192368 P/S Wright, W.R. 7.9.44 (J.90425)</p> <p>R200076 P/S McGielland, G.W. 14.9.44 (J.90532) R190758 Sgt Willey, H.J. 15.9.44 (J.90322)</p> <p>R156865 P/S Rakus, B. 9.10.44 (J.90730) R170837 Sgt Thomson, J.J. 1.10.44 (J.90835)</p> <p>R199276 P/S Grant, R.O. 6.9.44 (J.90477) R209002 P/S Carruthers, R.G.H. 1.10.44 (J.90836)</p> <p>R199322 P/S Graham, G.M. 1.10.44 (J.90876) R147372 Sgt Dorrell, K. 21.11.44 (J.90844)</p> <p>R181516 P/S McKenzie, J.G. 11.11.44 (J.90892) R266047 " Nolan, T.L. 18.10.44 (J.91079)</p> <p>969120 Sgt Harris, J.C. 1.10.44 (J.90670) R186189 P/S Callaway, 1.10.44 (186182)</p> <p>1594400 " Crossley, E. 7.9.44 (185764) R292093 Sgt Rose, J.D. 6.9.44 (186432)</p> <p>1896944 " Hoyland, A.G. 13.9.44 (185685) R295352 " Billingham, H. " (185656)</p> <p>2211672 " Walsh, B. 1.10.44 (186240) R222395 " Campbell, J.D. 13.10.44 (186446)</p>		

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