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EAST MOOR	14/3-15/3		Four aircraft from this Squadron took part in a gardening sortie, all completing the operation successfully.		See Appendix A3 pp. 6 & 7
EAST MOOR	15/3/43		Can. 10647 WO2 Whitehead S. (Discip), Squadron Warrant Officer was posted to 406 Squadron Middle Wallop w.o.f today, his place being taken by Can. 22565 Flight Sergeant Tully J.		
EAST MOOR	16/3/43		Squadron Leader P.A. Holmes DFC assumed command 429 Squadron w.o.f. today during the absence on leave of Wing Commander J.A.P. Owen, the Officer Commanding.		
EAST MOOR	19/3/43		A group of Canadian airmen visited the city of Bradford today to be guests of Bradfordians who offered the hospitality of their homes following the adoption of the Squadron by the city. They were met on their arrival in Bradford by Flight Lieutenant T.G. Sheriff, first adjutant of the Squadron and their hosts and hostesses. The visit was an unqualified success.		
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EAST MOOR	28/2-1/3		ST. NAZAIRE Ten Wellington aircraft from this Squadron took part in a highly successful bombing raid on ST. NAZAIRE last night. Nine successfully completed the operation, the tenth returning early due to fire breaking out in the Bomb Bay. The raid was highly successful, the whole dockyard area of ST. NAZAIRE being left a mass of flames which could be seen for a distance of 100 miles on the return journey.		See Appendix A 3 Page 1
EAST MOOR	1/3/43		Flying Officer A. Loomis (RCAP) (A.S.) was posted supernumerary to this Unit w.o.f. today.		
EAST MOOR	2/3/43		Six of our aircraft took part in a garraging sortie on Nectarine I, taking off in three minutes. Four completed the operation successfully and planted the "vegetables" as ordered. The fifth was unable to find the target due to haze and returned to base while the sixth was not reported after leaving base. On March 6th a dinghy was picked up at sea containing Sgt. Rethera P.S. and the body of Sgt. Black J.H. (Can.R118099) who had died of exposure a few hours previously. The Air Gunner, Flight Sergeant Billington W.D.M. DSM was killed in action, according to Sgt. Rethera's report, while J15235 Flight Lieutenant C.S. Campbell DFC, Squadron Navigation Officer and 126987 Pilot Officer P.W. Bartleet (WCE/MG) were not seen after the damaged aircraft plunged into the sea and must be presumed dead.		See Appendix A 3 Page 2
EAST MOOR	4/3/43		Five aircraft from this Squadron took part in a sea search which was without results.		See Appendix A 3 Page 3
EAST MOOR	3/3-4/3		Seven aircraft from this Squadron took part in a large scale bombing raid on Hamburg. One returned early, the remainder carrying out the operation as ordered. Aircraft returning from the raid reported HAMBURG all afire with many large explosions noted and fires visible 105 miles on the homeward journey.		See Appendix A 3 PP. 2 & 3
EAST MOOR	5/3/43		Flying Officer L. Dilworth (RCAP) (Nav. B. was posted this Unit w.o.f. today for duties as Squadron Navigation Officer.		
EAST MOOR	5/3-6/3		Seven aircraft from this Squadron took part in a very effective Bombing raid on Essen. Six successfully completed the operation, the seventh crashing on the take-off. This accident resulted in the immediate death of the Navigator, Can.R79393 Sgt. Ball E.M. and injuries to the remaining members of the crew, viz: Can.R55965 E/S. Conroy R.F. (Pilot), Can.R104206 Sgt. Densmore G.R. (Bomb Aimer), 533790 Sgt. Bolas J. (WCE/MG) and Can.R144198 Sgt. Budge J. (A/C). Weather conditions were ideal and returning aircraft reported a highly concentrated and very effective raid.		See Appendix A 3 PP. 3 & 4

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EAST MOOR	23/2/43		Wing Commander J.A.P. Owen resumed command of 423 Squadron w.e.f. today.		
EAST MOOR	26/3-27/3		Eleven aircraft from this Squadron took part in a concentrated bombing raid on DUISBURG. Nine successfully completed the operation, the tenth returned early due to W/T trouble and the eleventh was not reported after leaving base. Members of the missing crew are: 123109 P/O G. Fox (Pilot), 1235043 Sgt. Skelly A.A. (Navigator), 1082668 Sgt. Murray G.H. (Bomb Aimer), 126739 P/O P.S. Bastian (WOP/AG), and 1108414 Sgt. Murray J.M. (Air Gunner).		See Appendix A 3 pp. 8 & 9
EAST MOOR	28/2/43		Two aircraft from this Squadron took part in an Air Sea Search. No results.		See Appendix A 3 page 9
EAST MOOR	29/3-29/3		Thirteen aircraft from this Squadron were detailed for a bombing raid on ST. NAZAIRE tonight. One did not take off and the remaining twelve completed the operation successfully. Four returned directly to base and the rest landed at Middle Wallop, Exeter, Stetton Harcourt, Harwell and Abingdon.		See Appendix A 3 pp. 9 & 10
EAST MOOR	29/3-30/3		Seven aircraft from this Squadron took part in a bombing raid on BOCHUM. Two returned early, two were not reported after leaving base and the remaining three completed the operation successfully. One aircraft crashed on landing at RAF Station, Linton on Ouse, the crew being unhurt. Members of the missing crews are: 1334945 Sgt. Cmty H.D.S. (Pilot), Can R106671 P/S Bain D.L. (Navigator), 1115190 P/S Harp E.R. (Bomb Aimer), 1126204 Sgt. Soett R.S. (WOP/AG) and 135444 Sgt. Whitehead W.P. (Air Gunner); and 1379057 Sgt. Burini K.A. (Pilot), 1316643 Sgt. Aplin W.G.-J. (Navigator), 1378669 Sgt. Kerr J.W. (Bomb Aimer), 1192438 Sgt. Jones W.S. (WOP/AG) and 638615 Sgt. Delbear R. (Air Gunner).		See Appendix A 3 pp. 10 & 11.
GENERAL					
The health of the Squadron continued excellent during the month. Motion pictures were provided each Tuesday evening through the Canadian Y.M.C.A. and each Friday evening through ENSA.					
RECRUITING MEMBERS					
The following operational aircrew were posted to the Squadron during the month w.e.f. dates stated: 1217783 Sgt. Pendleton J.S. Pilot, 1500557 Sgt. Collins D. (Navigator) 129010 P/O G. Jarvis (Bomb Aimer), 1053436 Sgt. White R.C. (WOP/AG) and Can R102846 Sgt. Piaron R.S.J. (Air Gunner) from 1661 Training Unit w.e.f. 5/3/43; 124868 P/O G.W.G. Gray (Pilot), 129766 P/O L.A. Walker (Navigator), 1095055 Sgt. Marr C. (Bomb Aimer), 1219858 Sgt. Whittaker W.J. (WOP/AG)					

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