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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	Reference to Appendices
EAST MOOR	1/4/43		With effect from today 429 Squadron R.C.A.F. severed its connection with No. 4 Group R.A.F. and entered No. 6 Group (R.C.A.F.). The occasion was signalized by an exchange of telegrams between Wing Commander J.A.F. Owen, the Officer Commanding, and Air Vice Marshal Carr, Air Officer Commanding No. 4 Group R.A.F., referring to the happy associations which this Squadron had as a member of 4 Group. At the same time East Moor ceased to be a satellite of RAF Station, Linton on Ouse and became a Station. The Squadron Officer Commanding, Wing Commander Owen assumed command of R.C.A.F. Station, East Moor.		
EAST MOOR	1/4/43		Flying Officer J. Loomis (RCAP) was reported this Unit w.o.f. today for Engineer Duties.		
EAST MOOR	4/4-5/4		Twelve Wellington Aircraft from this Squadron took part in a bombing raid on KIEL tonight. Eleven completed the operation successfully, the twelfth returning early due to engine trouble.		See Appendix A4 pp 1+2
EAST MOOR	3/4-5/4		Seven of our aircraft took part in a bombing raid on DUISBURG tonight. Four completed the operation successfully, the remaining three returning early.		See Appendix A4 Page 2
EAST MOOR	10/4-11/4		Eleven Wellington aircraft from this Squadron took part in a bombing raid on FRANKFURT tonight. Nine completed the operation as ordered, the tenth returned early due to port engine trouble and the eleventh was not reported after leaving base. Members of the missing crew are: 908611 W/O Jeffaris D.W. (Pilot), 127184 P/O S.L. Knott (Navigator), 970018 W/O Bookett S.E. (Bomb Aimer), 946288 P/S Lewis A.G. (W/E/M), and 1377502 P/S Franklin K.D. (A/G).		See Appendix A4 pp 2+3
EAST MOOR	7/4/43		Wellington Aircraft Z1670 of this Squadron was totally destroyed in a flying accident at Broad Farm, South Kilvington, between Thirsk and Upsall, Yorks at approximately 15.30 hours today. The aircraft was engaged in an air test at the time. Passengers in the aircraft were Can. R106305 Sgt. Smith D.M. (Pilot), Can. R114213 P/S Nelson D.R. (Nar. B.), Can. R114016 P/S Nicoll W.J. (W/E/M), Can. R134089 Sgt. Crimmins R.F. (A/G), Can. R. 90245 Cpl. Madrox J.L. (Nursing Orderly), Can. R62355 Cpl. Lane T.C. (Pitt. 2 E) and 641177 Cpl. Butler H. (Pitt. 2 E). All escaped with minor injuries except P/S Nicoll who suffered a compound fracture of the left fibula and tibia and a simple fracture of the right fibula and tibia. A Court of Enquiry was immediately convened under the presidency of Flight Lieutenant A.P.S. Chipling to investigate the accident.		



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EAST MOOR	14/4/43		Wellington X HE 303 crashed at Huntington, Yorks, between 15.10 and 16.00 hours today and was totally destroyed. The crew were instantly killed. The aircraft was on an air test at the time of the accident. Members of the crew were: 124968 P/O C.W.G. Gray (Pilot), 129766 P/O L.A. Walker (Nav.), 107905 Sgt. Marr C. (B/A), 1219898 Sgt. Whittaker W.J. (WCE/AG) and Can.R50428 Sgt. Clark R.E. (Air Gunner). An immediate investigation was ordered into this fatality.		
EAST MOOR	14/4-15/4		Eight aircraft from this Squadron took part in a bombing raid on STUTTGART tonight. Six completed the operation successfully as ordered, landing at Coltishall, while the remaining two returned to base early.		<i>See Appendix 11 Page 11</i>
EAST MOOR	15/4/43		Flight Lieutenant N. Carrie (RCAP) was posted this Unit w.e.f. today supernumerary for Administrative duties.		
EAST MOOR	10/4/43		Flying Officer S.A. Warren was posted to 29 O.T.U. for Engineer duties w.e.f. today.		
EAST MOOR	16/4-17/4		Thirteen Wellington aircraft from this Squadron took part in a successful bombing raid on MANHEIM tonight. Ten completed the operation as ordered, one returned early due to engine trouble, one returned early owing to the illness of the rear gunner and the thirteenth was not reported after leaving base. One of the aircraft successfully completing the operation crashed on landing at Watlington, the pilot being shaken and the remainder of the crew escaping without injury. Members of the missing crew are: 37019 S/L F.A. Holmes DFC (Pilot), 50436 P/O Mollator J. (Nav.), Can.R104442 Sgt. Ritchie D.S. (B/A), 940017 P/S Gill G. (WCE/AG), and Can.J10875 A/P/L G.A. Lunn (Air Gunner).		<i>See Appendix 11 Page 11</i>
EAST MOOR	17/4/43		The body of Can. R50428 Sgt. Clark R.E. (Air Gunner), killed in a flying accident on April 14th was interred with full service honours in the village cemetery at Sutton on Forest this afternoon. The funeral service was taken by the Squadron Chaplain, Flight Lieutenant H.G. Lowry (RCAP), assisted by Rev. Edwin Coombs, the village rector. An escort was provided by the R.A.F. Regiment and Sgt. Clark's body was borne to the grave by six of his fellow Air Gunners.		
EAST MOOR	17/4/43		Flight Lieutenant A.P.S. Chipling (RAF) was reposted this Unit today for duties as Flight Commander. (Squadron Leader Post). A/P/L A.O. Appleby (66617) Squadron Adjutant was posted supernumerary to R.C.I.P. "B" Depot w.e.f. today awaiting disposal, acting rank to be relinquished.		

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EAST MOOR	19/4/43		Pilot Officer J.C. Garton (133341) (RAF) was posted here today for duties as Squadron Gunnery leader succeeding A/S/L G.A. Lenn, missing as a result of air operations.	
EAST MOOR	20/4-21/4		Six Wellington Aircraft from this Squadron took part in a gardening sortie on Jellyfish tonight. Five carried out the operation as ordered, the sixth returning to base early. One aircraft crashed on landing at EGSTON, the crew being unhurt.	See Appendix A4 Page 6
EASTMOOR	26/27/4		Ten Wellington aircraft from this Squadron took part in a bombing raid on DUISBURG tonight. Eight successfully completed the operation and the remaining two were not reported after leaving base. Members of the missing crews are: 42692 A/S/L J.C. Cairns DEC (Pilot), 133390 Sgt Babbott K.S. (2nd Pilot), 117833 P/O R.H. Larkins (Navigator), 117633 A/P/L G.M.S. Awd (Bomb Aimer), 544898 P/S Lang R.T. (WOP/AG), 115705 P/O S. Bozer (A/G); and Can. R101432 Sgt. Hagan S. (Pilot), 1098224 Sgt. Thompson G.K. (2nd Pilot), 778810 Sgt. Brown M.P. (Navigator), Can. R105100 P/S Purchase P.H. (Bomb Aimer), 776126 Sgt Litchfield S.G. (WOP/AG), and Sgt. Hagan S. (A/G).	See Appendix A4 pp 6-7
EASTMOOR	27/28/4		Seven aircraft from this Squadron took part in a gardening sortie on DESPOLL tonight. All completed the operation successfully and planted the vegetables as ordered.	See Appendix A4 pp 7-8
EASTMOOR	28/4/29/4		Four Wellington aircraft from this Squadron took part in a gardening sortie on BRIANTINE tonight. Three completed the operation successfully and planted the vegetables as ordered. One aircraft, captained by 142541 P/O J.A.E. Lancaster on to the roadway on landing. None of the crew were injured, and the vegetable carried by this aircraft was safely removed.	See Appendix A4 Page 8
EASTMOOR	29/4/43		09292 P/L E.J. Strathdee was posted this Unit w.o.f. today for Admin. duties from Headquarters No. 6 Group and assumed the duties of Squadron Adjutant. He replaced Flight Lieutenant who was posted to R.C.A.F. Station, EASTMOOR w.o.f. April 25th on cessation of attachment.	
EASTMOOR	30/4/43		Notification was received of the promotions of the following officers to the ranks stated: 108178 A/S/L A.P.S. Chipling (Pilot) to the Acting Rank of Squadron Leader w.o.f. April 17th; 10982 P/O B.P.H. Rawson (Pilot) to the Acting Rank of Flight Lieutenant w.o.f. 17/4/43; 10896 P/O J. Dilworth (Nav.) to the Acting rank of Flight Lieutenant w.o.f. 5/3/43 and 13763 P/O P.A. Reynolds (WOP/AG) to the Acting rank of Flight Lieutenant w.o.f. 16/4/43.	

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			<p>The general health of the Squadron continued excellent throughout the month. Despite the pressure of operations, regular training schedules were carried out, both through the medium of lectures and operational training flights. The Bradford hospitality scheme, initiated following the adoption of the Squadron by the "Woolen City" continued to operate successfully with organized parties visiting Bradford residents each fortnight. Captain E.M. Fisher of the Canadian Dental Corps was attached to the Squadron from Headquarters No. 6 Group from 22/4/43 to 29/4/43. Flight Lieutenant Nicholl, Group Historical Officer visited the Squadron during the month to make arrangements for the submission of data for inclusion in the official history of the R.C.A.F. Fifty R.C.A.F. ground personnel ex Canada arrived at the Squadron on posting on April 16th. Notification was received during the month of the commissioning of Sgt. J.A.S. Lancaster (Pilot) (138551) with the rank of Pilot Officer in the R.A.F.W.A. w.o.f. 2/3/43. Pilot Officer ^{LANCASTER} was the first member of aircrew to be commissioned on this Squadron.</p>		
			<p><u>MOVEMENTS OF AIRCREW DURING APRIL:</u> The following members of operational aircrew were posted to this Squadron during the month from the Units mentioned w.o.f. dates stated:</p>		
			<p>281234 P/O J.W. Agthury (Air Bomber) from 22 O.T.U. w.o.f. 29/4/43; P/O E.W.S. Lymn (Pilot) (J13392) from 22 O.T.U. w.o.f. 29/4/43; P/O R.V. Smyth (Air Bomber (J20914) from 22 O.T.U. w.o.f. 29/4/43; 1330467 Sgt. Modon R.S. (W/OAG) from 22 O.T.U. w.o.f. 30/4/43; 569040 Sgt. Smart W.H. (B/A Nav), 578498 Sgt. Milne J.R. (Pilot), 1027332 Sgt. Stables W.I. (W/OAG), 1126573 Sgt. Hedley W.H. (W/OAG), 133336 Sgt. Abbott K.S. (Pilot), 1370343 Sgt. Bundy P.W. (B/A Nav), and 1600620 Sgt. Morgan A. (A/G) all posted from 20 O.T.U. w.o.f. 4/4/43; Can.R119786 Sgt. Saffert A.J. (Nav), Can.R120911 Sgt. Floron H.A. (Pilot), Can.R131818 Sgt. Rhodes A.S. (W/OAG), Can.R134463 Sgt. Gamberg H. (Nav), all from 22 O.T.U. w.o.f. 29/4/43; Can.R103346 Sgt. Windibank P.R. (Pilot), Can.R107266 Sgt. Paul R.B. (B/A Nav), Can.R119968 Sgt. Phillips G.I. (Nav), Can.R126232 Sgt. McKinley H.R. (W/OAG), Can.R131902 Sgt. Staffon J.G. (A/G), Can.R134035 Sgt. Atkinson A.S. (B/A Nav), Can.R. 139214 Sgt. Murray H.E. (Pilot), Can.R. 139686 Sgt. Heward D.I.A. and Can.R142433 Sgt. Reid W.J. (Nav), all from 22 O.T.U. w.o.f. 31/4/43; Can.R33024 Sgt. Looze H. (A/G),</p>		

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