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REXMEB	1-11-43		<p>Weather: Cloudy. Continuous slight rain at first with fog later.                      P/O A.M. Stoddale (Can.J.10407)(Nav.) was promoted to the rank of Acting Flight Lieutenant w.e.f. 6-10-43.                      No operations were ordered and owing to unfavourable weather conditions no flying was permitted. During the forenoon the wireless operators spent time on practice. During the afternoon the aircrew personnel were given an interesting lecture on night fighter tactics by Wing Commander Maxwell, MBE, of 604 Squadron. Also a lecture on security was given by the Station Intelligence Officer.</p>	<p>30907 <b>SECRET</b></p>
	2-11-43		<p>Weather: Cloudy. Drizzle at first and fog most of the day.                      P/O W.C.S. McGehean (Can.C.18285)(Arm.) was attached to the Squadron from Headquarters, No. 6 Group w.e.f. 2-11-43.                      A stand down was in effect and ground training was given the aircrew personnel. One squad of air gunners practiced sheet shooting, and others took dingy drill.</p>	
	3-11-43		<p>Weather: Cloudy with some drizzle, fog and mist.                      Operations were ordered for to-night. Fifteen of our aircraft took part in a bombing raid on Düsseldorf. Eleven completed the operation successfully, three aircraft returned early due to technical difficulties while the remaining aircraft failed to return. Occupants of the missing aircraft were: Can.A.57631 P/S Byars, G.J. (Pilot), P/O D.A. Hain Smith (Can.J. 20717)(Nav.), 182926 Sgt. Bates, S.W.M. (R/S), P/O G.W. Rignborne (Can.J.12854)(WU/AG), Can.A.62281 Sgt. Heins, H.J. (WU/AG) and 1809442 Sgt. Hunt, G.S. (Rear/AG). The captain had had each made 1 sortie of 6 hours and 45 minutes, while the remainder of the crew 1b. H.C. bomb, 32 x 30 lb and 810 x 4 lb incendiary bombs. The operation totalled 61 hours and 30 minutes flying time. Can.A.182327 Sgt. Kay, S., the rear gunner in "M" - 18285 had combat with a twin engined enemy fighter, no claim being made by Sgt. Kay.</p>	<p>See Appendix A.11 References A.1 to A.15</p>
	4-11-43		<p>Weather: Cloudy with mist and fog.                      P/O L.W. Byars (Can.J.18107)(A/B) was posted from the Squadron to No. 24 O.T.U. w.e.f. 4-11-43.                      P/O R.M. Hale (Can.J.17968)(Nav.) was posted from the Squadron to No. 23 O.T.U. w.e.f. 4-11-43.                      No operations were ordered. Air gunners took two hours turret manipulation practice and one squad practiced sheet shooting. Eight wireless operators were on "Geo" training.</p>	
	5-11-43		<p>Weather: Cloudy with mist, rain and drizzle later.                      P/L S.J.W. Rawson MBE (Can.J.10982)(Pilot) has been promoted to the rank of Acting Squadron Leader and reported to the Squadron as O.C., "B" Flight, w.e.f. 6-10-43.                      No operations were ordered and a stand down was in effect. The air bombers held a discussion on the previous operation and stress was laid on the importance of getting to the target on time. Wireless operators were on "Geo" training and moras practice. S/L O'Sullivan, MBE Group Gunnery Leader visited the Gunnery Section and gave a lecture on training. About 30 air gunners were also lectured on the Boulton Paul Turret by Sgt. Goudie, N.C.O. 1/c Armoury. Full details of the Press Button Aircraft Recognition Trainer have been handed to the Station Engineer Officer.</p>	



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ESKING	6-11-43		Weather: Cloudy with slight rain or mist. Fair to fine later in the day. P/O K.S. Clowes [147693] (A/G) was posted from the Squadron to No. 15 I.T.U. w.e.f. 6-11-43. Full training programme was put into effect to-day, no operations being ordered. Air to sea firing, practice bombing and general flying during the day and 7 aircraft carried out a cross-country exercise during the night. Wireless operators not on flying duties gave the air bombers instruction on Marconi equipment and S.O.S. procedure. Air gunners did 2 hours turret manipulation, one squad practiced sheet shooting and two squads did aircraft recognition training.		
	7-11-43		Weather: Fair. P/O K.A. Craig (Can.J.18104) (W/O) was posted from the Squadron to No. 23 O.T.U. w.e.f. 7-11-43. P/O G.A. Fitzgerald (Can.J.17331) (A/G) was posted from the Squadron to No. 22 O.T.U. w.e.f. 7-11-43. Operations were ordered but were cancelled at about 1700 hours. In celebration of the Squadron's first anniversary, a very successful party was held in the N.A.A.F.L. on the evening of 7th Nov., 1943. Many former members of the Squadron were in attendance. A very entertaining programme was put on by squadron artists and the music for dancing was provided by the R.S.F. "White Wings" Orchestra.		
	8-11-43		Weather: Fair to cloudy with fog and mist. No operations ordered and the squadron was stood down. Air gunners spent the afternoon on the 25 yard range. Nine aircraft took off at 1950 hours and carried out a night cross country exercise. W/O J.B. Pattison [ ] the Squadron Commander and his crew took aerial photographs of the Skipton station during the afternoon.		
	9-11-43		Weather: Fair to cloudy with slight mist. Notification was received from Air Ministry that Can.R.120004 P/S Hingston, P.W. (Pilot) and Can.R.124280 P/S Kalse, S.R. (Pilot) have been appointed to the rank of Pilot Officer w.e.f. 6-10-43 and 12-9-43 respectively. N No operations were ordered. During the afternoon 12 aircraft were engaged in training flights consisting of air to sea firing and local cross country exercises. Several crews took dinghy drill.		
	10-11-43		Weather: Fair to cloudy. Some mist and drizzle. A Station parade was held this day at 0740 hours. Inspection was carried out by Group Captain J.L. Plant the Station Commander. P/O J.R. Calderbank (Can.J.27605) (A/G), P/O A. MacDonald (Can.J.22384) (Pilot), P/O W.C. Shields (Can.J.21634) (W/O), S/L D.H. Kenney [ ] (Can.S.4801) (Pilot) was attached to the Squadron pending posting from No. 1664 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 10-11-43 to be O.C. "A" Flight. No operations were ordered and a full training programme was instituted. Air Bombers spent time on "Bee", W/T, Engineer Co-op and Link trainer. Two aircraft were on fighter affiliation one on cross-country and one on air to sea firing exercises. In the afternoon crews went to Ripon for swimming and dinghy drill.		

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16-MDE	11-11-43		<p>Weather: Fair to cloudy, slight mist at first.</p> <p>On the night of 11/12th November, 1943, 5 of our aircraft took part in a bombing raid on Cannes. These aircraft took off between 1800 hours and 1815 hours. Visibility was good and a very effective and concentrated raid was carried out. All the aircraft returned safely.</p> <p>P/O B. Gargett (Can.J.18867)(Nav.) was posted to the Squadron from No. 419 Squadron w.e.f. 11-11-43.</p> <p>Seven aircraft also carried out a night cross-country exercise. A full training programme was in progress for the aircrew members not taking part in the night flying operations. The air bombers spent time on "Gee", W/T, and Link Trainer and the Wireless operators practiced launching the dinghy kite.</p>		See Appendix A.11, references B.1 to B.5.
	12-11-43		<p>Weather: Fair to cloudy. Good visibility.</p> <p>P/L C.M. Higgins (Can.J.33711)(Adm.) was attached to the Squadron this day from No. 62 Base, to assume duties as Adjutant. In the place of P/L J.D. Carruthers who was admitted to hospital at Basingstoke.</p> <p>No operations were ordered. The training programme included fighter affiliation flights, practice bombing and air to sea firing. Three aircraft carried out a night cross-country exercise.</p>		
	13-11-43		<p>Weather: Fair to cloudy. Slight hail shower in the afternoon. Good visibility.</p> <p>Information was received from Air Ministry that Can.J.122430 P/S Clark, G.F. (A/G) has been appointed to the rank of Pilot Officer w.e.f. 13-10-43, and Can.J.126082 P/S Mitchell, H.W. (Pilot) appointed to the rank of Pilot Officer w.e.f. 6-10-43.</p> <p>No operations were ordered. Only two aircraft made training flights. Time was spent in ground training by aircrews. Six wireless operators were on "Gee" training and four others on Marconi. A night flying programme was planned but was cancelled due to unfavourable flying weather.</p>		
	14-11-43		<p>Weather: Fair, becoming cloudy with showers of rain and sleet. Good visibility. High Winds.</p> <p>P/O W.S. Hampton (Can.J.23298)(Pilot), P/O W.S. Wordsworth (Can.J.20965)(Nav.) and P/O P. Watson (135072)(A/G) were posted to the Squadron from No. 1659 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 14-11-43.</p> <p>No operations were ordered and no flying was possible. A full training programme was instituted for the aircrew personnel. The flight engineers had a questionnaire on the Mk.II and Mk.V Halifax aircraft. The wireless operators wrote a test at S.H.Q. Briefing Room. Pilots and navigators were also given tests and the pilots were asked questions on navigation to the mutual benefit of all concerned.</p>		
	15-11-43		<p>Weather: Cloudy with intermittent rain, turning to showers later. Visibility good.</p> <p>No operations were ordered. A full ground training programme was put into effect for air crew personnel. S/L B.A.M. Rawson RMC (Can.J.19982)(Pilot) and his crew set out on a lecture tour in a Halifax aircraft, their first stop being at Perthore.</p>		
	16-11-43		<p>Cloudy with rain and sleet showers. Good visibility.</p> <p>P/O G.M. Wade (151246)(A/B) was posted from the Squadron to No. 437 Squadron w.e.f. 16-11-43. The Squadron was not required for operations. Three aircraft were detailed for a sea search. One dinghy was located, the aircraft circled it and sent its position but no news of it being picked up has been received as yet. Fighter affiliation flights were made during the day and five aircraft carried out a night flying exercise.</p>		

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LECKWEE	17-11-43		<p>Weather: Cloudy with rather frequent showers of rain and sleet. Visibility generally good. Information was received from Air Ministry that Can. 2.118304 P/S Merkle, A.L. has been appointed to the rank of Pilot Officer w.e.f. 3-10-43.</p> <p>No operations were ordered. Four aircraft were detailed to carry out a sea search. One dinghy was spotted by S/L D.H. Kenney RMC but it was empty and partly deflated. Four crews carried out cross-country flights, two were on fighter affiliation and one on an air to sea firing exercise. Air gunners practiced sheet shooting, several crews did dinghy drill, four air gunners received radio training, air bombers took "Cee" and astro training.</p>		
	18-11-43		<p>Weather: Cloudy with frequent rain, hail, and sleet showers until evening, becoming fair. Good visibility.</p> <p>S/L D.H. Kenney RMC (Can. 4.4801) (Pilot) was posted to the Squadron on occasion of attachment from No. 1664 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 18-11-43, to be Officer Commanding, "A" Flight.</p> <p>S/L A.P.S. Chipping (108170) (Pilot) was posted from the Squadron to No. 1664 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 18-11-43.</p> <p>One cross-country flight was carried out during the afternoon. S/L B.F.H. Reason RMC returned from a demonstration tour of O.T.U.'s.</p> <p>Operations were ordered for tonight. Sixteen of our aircraft took part in a bombing raid on Mannheim and Ludwigschan. All aircraft took off between 1630 hours and 1645 hours. Visibility over the target was poor due to 10/10ths cloud. Owing to navigational difficulties the target was difficult to locate. As a result of this three of the aircraft bombed Frankfurt and one was believed to have bombed Darmstadt. The raid was not considered to have been a success. Two aircraft were forced to return early due to technical failure and one aircraft "A" - JB277 is missing. The crew members of the missing aircraft were as follows: Can. 2.13233 P/S Smith, S. (Pilot), P/O G.M. Webber (Can. J.20397) (Nav.), P/O J.B. Findlay (Can. J.23224) (A/B), Can. 2.16243 Sgt. Stewart, R.A. (P/S), 133750 Sgt. Davis, O.S. (W/M), Can. 2.186496 Sgt. Crawford, J.J. (W/M), Can. 2.117063 Sgt. Morris, P.K. (A/B), P/S Smith, S. had two strikes to his credit with 15 hrs. and 25 mins., Sgt. Morris, P.K. had 5 strikes with 31 hrs. and 50 mins. while the remainder of the crew had not yet completed an operational trip.</p>		See Appendix A.11 references B.1 to B.16
	19-11-43		<p>Weather: Fair until evening, then cloudy with rain and drizzle. Visibility moderate to good. Information was received from Air Ministry that Can. 2.118304 P/S Merkle, A.L. has been appointed to the rank of Pilot Officer w.e.f. 3-10-43.</p> <p>Operations were ordered for this night. Thirteen of our aircraft were detailed to attack Leberkussen. 12 of these aircraft took off between 1620 and 1635 hours while the remaining one - JB164 - failed to take off due to technical failure. Visibility was poor owing to 10/10ths cloud. Owing to lack of P.P.F. marking and the intense cloud the raid was not considered a very successful one. One aircraft returned early due to technical difficulties while the remaining eleven carried out the raid and returned to base safely.</p>		See Appendix A.11 references C.1 to C.13.
	20-11-43		<p>Weather: Fair to cloudy with mist, fog and drizzle.</p> <p>P/O W.A. Hicks (Can. J.22600) (Nav.) and P/O J.D. Knox (Can. J.26330) (A/B) were posted to the Squadron from No. 1699 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 20-11-43.</p> <p>Information has been received from Air Ministry that 617231 P/S Vann, P.M. (Nav.), 1212975 P/S Walker, D.F. (W/M) and 1267361 P/S Kettel, R.A. (W/M) have been appointed to the rank of Pilot Officer w.e.f. 9-9-43, 16-10-43 and 19-10-43 respectively.</p> <p>Operations were not ordered and as the weather was unfit for flying, no training flights were made. No ground training was undertaken but the Commanding Officer held a review of the two previous operations.</p>		

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LESTER	21-11-43		Weather: Cloudy with much drizzle, fog and mist. No operations were ordered for to-night. During the forenoon the aircrew personnel were assembled together for a lecture by the Commanding Officer on various subjects. During the afternoon S/L Beathorn from No. 6 Group gave a lecture on air sea rescue. Air Training Corps Cadets visited the Station and were shown around the aircraft by members of the Squadron.		
	22-11-43		Weather: Fair to cloudy with some mist. P/L G.N.W. Baker (Can.J.7804)(Nav.) proceeded on attachment to C.N.S., Orange, for the purpose of attending a Navigation Course. Operations were ordered for tonight. Twelve of our aircraft were detailed to attack Berlin. Eleven of these took off between 1645 hours and 1710 hours while one - ME999 - failed to take off. 10/10ths cloud obscured the ground while visibility above the cloud was good. P.F. was very good and the target was well marked. The attack was concentrated and considered a successful operation. One aircraft returned early owing to technical trouble while the remaining ten aircraft carried out the operation successfully and returned to base safely. During the afternoon the air gunners completed two hours turret manipulation practice. There was little other ground training carried out due to early briefing for the operation. During the evening a farewell party was held in honour of G/C J.L. Plant the Station Commander who has been posted from the Station. G/C J.G. Bryans who is succeeding G/C Plant as Station Commander was in attendance.		See Appendix A.11 reference E.1 to E.12.
	23-11-43		Weather: Cloudy with some drizzle, fog and mist. P/O T. Siltala (Can.J.22679)(Pilot), P/O W.A. Cook (Can.J.21981)(Nav.), P/O A.C. McKenzie (Can.J.25356)(A/B) and P/O K.B. Malcolm (Can.J.17107)(A/B) were posted to the Squadron from No. 1664 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 23-11-43. G/O J.G. Bryans (Can.J.116)(Pilot) assumed command of R.C.A.F. Station, Leeming, w.e.f. 23-11-43 vice G/C J.L. Plant (Can.C.140)(Pilot). No operations were ordered and the squadron was stood down. All aircrew attended a lecture at 1400 hours in the Station Cinema on P.F.P. technique. The lecture was given by G/C Searby of No. 35 P.F.P., No. 6 Group.		
	24-11-43		Weather: Cloudy with mist, rain and drizzle later. Due to unfavourable weather conditions the squadron was stood down from operations. Ground instruction was given the aircrew. The wireless operators trained on wireless and 'See'. 26 air gunners had a written gunnery test, 12 went swimming and took dinghy drill and six were on signals training. The pilots held a discussion in the crew room, flak being the main topic discussed. Air Bombers had a discussion on raids and tactics and also took training on astro, Gee and Link.		
	25-11-43		Weather: Cloudy, visibility moderate. Operations were ordered and 17 aircraft were detailed for a raid on Frankfurt. Main briefing was set for 1400 hours but was set back to 1600 hours with take-off at 2350 hours. Three aircraft failed to take off. Two for technical reasons and one was damaged in a taxiing accident with another aircraft from 427 Squadron. Fourteen of our aircraft took off between 2319 and 2336 hours. Visibility was very limited. P.F.P. was very scattered and ineffective. Due to weather conditions the raid was difficult to assess, but was not considered a success by most of the crews. Two aircraft returned early, one due to technical		See Appendix A.11 reference F.1 to F.17.

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ESMILG	25-11-43	(Cont'd)	difficulty and the other due to a mid-air collision with another aircraft, believed to have been a Halifax. Nine completed their mission and returned safely to base while the remaining three aircraft are missing. Members of the missing aircraft were as follows: #W - JD325 E/O W.A. Bloch (Can.J.2312) (Pilot), E/O D.A. Hogg (Can.J.2132) (Nav.), E/O E.A. Burton (Can.J.24484) (A/B), 369326 Sgt. Wainwright, T. (P/S), 338142 Sgt. McGray, V.W. (WO/AG), Can.J.19153 Sgt. Mote, D.J. (M/AG) and Can.J.172877 Sgt. McCallum, P.F. (A/G). E/O Bloch had two sorties with 13 hrs. and 30 mins., E/O Burton had made 1 sortie of 7 hrs. and 45 mins. and the remainder of the crew had made no previous operational trips. Aircraft #W - W9974 Can.R.106305 WO2 Smith, D.M. (Pilot), E/O J.J. Thurston (Can.J.14165) (Nav.), Can.R.114213 WO2 Nelson, D.E. (A/B), 156862 Sgt. Benton, J.A. (P/S), 1982981 E/S Abbott, E.F. (M/AG), Can.R.147287 E/S Davis, R.H. (A/G), E/O M. Rabinovitch (Can.J.17663) (M/AG), WO2 Smith had made 13 sorties totalling 75 hrs. and 34 mins., E/O Thurston - 14 trips, 78 hrs. and 14 mins., WO2 Nelson - 13 trips, 74 hrs. and 27 mins., Sgt. Benton - 1 trips, 10 hrs., E/S Abbott - 9 trips, 48 hrs. and 17 mins., E/O Rabinovitch - 24 trips, 140 hrs. and 48 mins., E/S Davis - 6 trips, 36 hrs. and 05 mins. Aircraft #A - JB411: E/O V.Y. Haines (Can.O.1922) (Pilot), Can.R.87074 E/S Monoroff, S. (Nav.), Can.R.54322 E/S Copping, H.J.L. (A/B), 1818062 Sgt. Roberts, A.W. (P/S), 1479071 Sgt. Lowe, W.S. (M/AG), E/O D.G. Scott (Can.J.27608) (M/AG), Can.R.123022 E/S Gardiner, A.F. (A/B), E/O Haines had made 3 sorties with a total of 22 hrs. and 20 mins., E/S Monoroff - 9 trips, 48 hrs. and 05 mins., E/O Scott - 2 trips, 12 hrs. and 30 mins., E/S Gardiner - 14 trips, 86 hrs. 05 mins., and E/S Copping, Sgt. Roberts and Sgt. Lowe each with one trip, 8 hours and 05 minutes.		
	26-11-43		Weather: Fair or fine. Good visibility. Information was received from Air Ministry that 1399771 E/S Clark, G.A. (Pilot) and AUSA4458 E/S Bewly, K.H. (Pilot) have been appointed to the rank of Pilot Officer w.e.f 26-11-43 and 10-10-43 respectively. Operations were ordered for tonight and eight of our aircraft were detailed to attack Stuttgart. See Appendix Briefing was held at 1345 hours and take off time was 1645 hours. All aircraft except one took off successfully. This aircraft #W JD333 piloted by Can.R.142367 E/S Bahr, E.O. took off at 1648 hours and shortly after taking off the port outer engine failed. The port inner engine was only developing half its power and the aircraft was forced to land in a field with wheels up. A fire developed in an engine upon landing but was automatically extinguished. The aircrew escaped uninjured. The remaining seven aircraft report a successful raid on Stuttgart. The target was well marked and P.F.F. was on time and well concentrated. A good concentration of fires was seen by most aircraft reflecting on the clouds. The port outer engine of one aircraft #W285 flown by E/O H.W. Mitchell (Can.J.18923) became unserviceable on the way in to the target and the operation was completed on three engines. The bomb load was dropped from only 10,000 ft as the aircraft could not keep its height. Aircraft #K JD164 was hit by flak causing a port engine to become unserviceable and also causing control trouble. After two unsuccessful attempts to land on 3 engines and with the controls working improperly the aircraft was ditched in the channel just off Thorney Island. The crew was rescued by motor launch and were all uninjured. The captain of this crew was Can.R.144983 E/S Charlebois, P.A.		All references G.1 to G.3.
	27-11-43		Weather: Fair or cloudy with fog and drizzle. E/O H.W. Smyth (Can.J.20914) (A/B) was posted from the Squadron to No. 163 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 27-11-43. No operations were ordered and the squadron was stood down. During the forenoon the aircrew were given ground training. 12 flight engineers had a lecture on flying control at the...		

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	28-11-43		Weather: Cloudy with fog, drizzle and rain, becoming fine. No operations were ordered for tonight. Aircrews were given ground instruction. Mid-upper air gunners received instruction from the Signals Section. Wireless operators trained on "See". The air-bombers were given a lecture on night photography. Two aircraft carried out night cross country exercises. The issuing of the ribbon for the 1939-43 Star to those qualified commenced today.	
	29-11-43		Weather: Fine, becoming cloudy with rain and showers. S/L Seaborn, No. 6 Group Air Sea Rescue officer visited the Squadron today to interrogate P/S Charlesels with reference to their ditching off Thornley Island. No operations were ordered for tonight. Three aircraft were on local flying during the day. Three other aircraft also carried out a night cross-country exercise. Training was given the aircrews not taking part in flying activities. Air gunners received 2 hours turret manipulation and were also instructed on the Browing gun and the Boulton-Paul Turret. Several crews were given dinghy drill.	See Append. A.11 Reference G.2.
	30-11-43		Weather: Fair or fine with occasional showers. P/O E.I. Benner (Can.J.8811)(Nwr.)(Bomba) was posted from the Squadron to No. 62 (RCAP) Base W.S.C. 30-11-43. P/O W.D. Bailey, Navigator, who returned recently to this country after having been reported missing on 12th June, 1943, paid a visit to the Squadron today. The first issue of 1939-43 Star ribbons has been completed with a total of 1111 ribbons issued to date. No operations were ordered and aircrews were given ground instruction. Air Bombers received training on "See", Link and Night Astro. They were also given a lecture on incendiaries. Three aircraft carried out a night cross-country exercise. Fourteen wireless operators proceeded to Hull to visit the N/W Section there. The remainder of them were given dinghy drill. P/L L.W. Follard, Gunnery leader visited 1699 Con. Unit and inspected the Night Vision Training equipment there. Ten air gunners were asked shooting and the remainder received a turret lecture.	
			<b>GENERAL</b> The general health of the Squadron continued to be excellent throughout the month. Several concerts have been given by visiting parties and motion pictures have been shown regularly.	
			<b>MOVEMENTS</b> The following operational aircrews were posted to the Squadron during the month w.s.c. dates as stated: Can.R.119900 Sgt. Chumick (A/G), Can.R.125779 P/S Sturup, B.V. (A/B), Can.R. 134821 Sgt. Young, J.O. (A/G), 696891 P/S Johnston, W.S.C. (Nwr.B), 1444453 Sgt. Toft, A.J. (Pilot), 1579264 Sgt. Blackburn, V.H. (WO/AG) and 1822036 Sgt. King, R.H.S. (P/S) were posted from 1699 C.O. w.s.c. 8-11-43. 1126298 Sgt. Gullid, H. (WO/AG), 1457753 Sgt. McCarthy, H.J.	

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L-3ME			<p>(P/S), P/O J.R. Calderbank (Can.J.27605)(A/G), P/O A. Macdonald (Can.J.22384)(Pilot), P/O W.C. Shields (Can.J.21694)(Nav.), Can.R.146903 Sgt. Mollison, and Can.R.174900 Sgt. Chapman, T.B. (A/G) posted from 1664 C.U. w.e.f. 10-11-43. Can.R.27015 P/S Davis, J. (A/B), Can.R.188011 P/S Murrie, L. (A/G), P/O S. Gargett (Can.J.18867)(Nav.), 100365 P/S Poole, S. (A/G), 1482903 Sgt. Marshall, H. (WO/AG) and 1289038 Sgt. West, D.A. (P/S) posted from 419 Squadron w.e.f. 11-11-43. P/O B. Watson (159072)(A/G), P/O W.S. Hampton (Can.J.23298)(Pilot), P/O E.S. Wordsworth (Can.J.20965)(Nav.), 1604938 Sgt. Jarvis, C.F. (P/B), Can.R.113021 WO2 Clarke, J.N. (WO/AG), Can.R.179991 Sgt. Parker, W.G. (A/B), and Can.R.194844 Sgt. Jacobson, J.W. (A/B) posted from 1669 C.U. w.e.f. 14-11-43. S/L D.H. Kenney RMC (Can.C.4801)(Pilot) posted from 1664 C.U. w.e.f. 18-11-43. 1332984 Sgt. Green, G.F. (A/G), 1790031 Sgt. Lamrenos, W. (P/S), Can.R. 128464 P/S Mitchell, L.L. (Pilot), Can.R.138378 P/S Bennoff, B. (Nav.), Can.R.161238 P/S Thompson, D.L. (A/B), Can.R.98523 WO2 James, G.S. (WO/AG) and Can.R.176943 Sgt. Hunter, C.S. (A/G) posted from 1664 C.U. w.e.f. 17-11-43. Can.R.113272 P/S Forster, B.L. (Nav.) posted from 408 Squadron w.e.f. 18-11-43. P/O W.S. Hicks (Can.J.22600)(Nav.), P/O J.B. Knox (Can.J. 27770)(A/B), 1484108 Sgt. Ward, J.W. (WO/AG), 1698999 Sgt. Green, R.C. (P/S), 1852711 Sgt. Brewett, R.S. (A/G), Can.R.72852 Sgt. Clay, H.G. (A/G) and Can.R.132849 Sgt. Wilkinson, J.L. (Pilot) posted from 1679 C.U. w.e.f. 20-11-43. P/O W.A. Cook (Can.J.21981)(Nav.), P/O A.J. McKenna, (Can.R.23236)(A/B), P/O K.S. Malpas (Can.R.17107)(A/B), P/O T. Saitels (Can.J.22673)(Pilot), Can.R.123343 P/S Cornfield, S.A. (WO/AG), 1798942 Sgt. Richards, S.G. (P/S), and 1570900 Sgt. Hosman, H. (A/G) posted from 1664 C.U. w.e.f. 23-11-43. 1346510 P/S Begg, J.(A/B) posted from 405 Squadron w.e.f. 28-11-43.</p> <p>The following operational aircrew were posted from the Squadron to the Units shown w.e.f. dates stated: 1673210 Sgt. Williams, D.I. (P/S), posted to 434 Squadron w.e.f. 4-11-43. 1391199 P/S Chand, D.W. (A/G) posted to 21 O.T.U. w.e.f. 2-11-43. P/O L.J. Boyes (Can.J.10107)(A/B), posted to 24 O.T.U. w.e.f. 4-11-43. P/O R.W. Hale (Can.J.17368)(Nav.) posted to 23 O.T.U. w.e.f. 4-11-43. P/L J.W. Kerr (Can.J.11940)(Nav.) posted to H.Q. No. 6 (RCAP) Group w.e.f. 2-11-43. P/O K.A. Craig (Can.R.18108)(WO/AG) posted to 23 O.T.U. w.e.f. 7-11-43. P/O G.A. Fitzgerald (Can.J.17921)(A/B) posted to 22 O.T.U. w.e.f. 7-11-43. 1319273 P/S Hall, G.S. (Pilot), 1144199 P/S Bernard, W.J. (Nav.), 1188711 P/S Brooks, P.G. (A/B), 1623207 Sgt. Jones, T.L. (P/S), 1333553 P/S Shaul, S.A. (WO/AG), 1241326 P/S Moleran, G.R. (A/G), 1388906 P/S Reinelt, R.G. (Pilot), 1821098 Sgt. Hardes, A.R.W. (Nav.), 1426637 Sgt. Pappacorus, J.S. (P/S), 696812 Sgt. Williams, D.H. (WO/AG), Can.R.189982 Sgt. Barnbrough, R.V. (A/G), Can.R. 97854 P/S Shields, W.P. (A/G), and Can.R.21074 Sgt. Byrnes, G. posted to 433 Squadron w.e.f. 16-11-43. P/O R.V. Smyth (Can.J.20914)(A/B) posted to 1679 C.U. w.e.f. 27-11-43. 1236723 P/S Pass, W. (Nav.) posted to 24 O.T.U. w.e.f. 29-11-43. 1907087 Sgt. Bamrose, M. posted to 1666 C.U. w.e.f. 30-11-43. P/O R.I. Bomer (Can.J.8811)(A/B) posted to No. 62 (RCAP) Base w.e.f. 30-11-43. Can.R.148405 P/S Laird, J.S. posted to 1666 C.U. w.e.f. 30-11-43. Can.R. 778997 Sgt. Horton, W.S. (P/S) and Can.R.148984 P/S Villa, J. (A/G) posted to 1679 C.U. w.e.f. 30-11-43.</p>		

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