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| LEAMING | 1.11.45 |      | Fog at first, improving a little during mid-day hours. Renewed fog in mid-afternoon, thinning in late evening. Wind light and variable. One aircraft carried out a cross-country flight during the forenoon today but no other flying was done due to weather conditions. Pilots were engaged in totalling up their log books today to determine their qualifications for Dodge Operations. Several of them will have to have further night and day flying in to order to qualify.   |         |                          |
|         | 2.11.45 |      | Much low stratus and periods of drizzle. Visibility poor. Wind light N-NE'ly. No flying was carried out today owing to unfavourable weather. Four Wireless Operators commenced a Group W/T exercise but this was cancelled by Group due to poor signals. Most of the personnel spent the afternoon engaged in sports. Floor hockey and basketball games were played.   |         |                          |
|         | 3.11.45 |      | Much low stratus, lifting in late afternoon. Drizzle at first, ceasing in mid-morning. Visibility poor, fog after dusk: Wind light N'ly or calm. Due to inclement weather it was impossible to carry out any flying today. One crew was required to standby over the week-end for Dodge Operations and the remainder of the Squadron personnel were stood down. Several pilots were able to complete link training during the forenoon and some ground training was also carried out by members of the other sections.   |         |                          |
|         | 4.11.45 |      | Variable So. Fog at night; thick haze in afternoon. Wind light, variable or calm. One aircraft was ordered for Dodge Operations today. It took-off from Base but landed at Glatton because of the weather. This was the only flying carried out by the Squadron today. Aside from this there was very little activity on the Unit as most of the crew members were away on pass.   |         |                          |
|         | 5.11.45 |      | Overcast; visibility poor, becoming moderate during daylight hours. Wind light SE'ly becoming calm then light N N E'ly. Four aircraft were ordered for flying today. Two carried out cross-country exercises while the other two were detailed for local flying. One of these aircraft, "D" RA71, piloted by P/O W.F. Conley (J92141) crashed into a hill 1300 feet high while breaking cloud. The crash occurred at 1205 hours on <del>XXXXXX</del> Pullan's Farm, Beasmaley Moor, near Ilkley, Yorks, with the result that four of the occupants were killed and four injured. Those killed were the pilot, P/O W.F. Conley (J92141), P/O W.R. Lang (J43946) A/S., P/S A.E. Stinson (R272834) P/S., and Opl. W.J. Ellis (R153318) an instrument repairer. WO2 J.P. Belanger (R276624) W/E/AG., was slightly injured and was admitted to Ilkley Hospital. The three remaining members were P/O A.E. Coleman (J36946) Nav., P/S P.J. Moran (R291031) P/S., and LAC R.W. Henderson (R271683) G/D., who was flying as a passenger. These three were all admitted to the High Royds Emergency Hospital, Menston, suffering from extensive burns and lacerations, all being placed on the dangerously ill list. The aircraft was totally destroyed by impact and fire. WO2 Belanger played a highly commendable part in the accident although <del>injured</del> injured and suffering from shock he was able to move several of the crew away from the burning aircraft after which he set out to find help. He located a farm house from where he phoned the local police who rendered immediate assistance. The aircraft which have been away on Dodge Operations since October 18th, 1945, returned today but were diverted to St. Margans' because of weather conditions. The aircraft which took-off yesterday on Dodge Operations returned today from Glatton because of the cancellation of the trip to Italy. |         |                          |
|         | 6.11.45 |      | Cloudy; poor visibility; light variable or calm winds. All the crews and all but one of the aircraft returned from St. Margans today. The remaining aircraft was left there for minor repairs. The boys were all very pleased to get back to camp after their unusually long stay in Italy. One aircraft took-off for Glatton today on a Dodge Operation but was forced to abandon the flight and divert to Woodbridge due to unserviceability of the A.S.I. and V.H.P.  |         |                          |

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| LEAMING | 6.11.45<br>(Cont'd) |      | Three other aircraft carried out cross-country flights today. Two pilots and their engineers trained on Link while the air bombers trained on H2S. Gunners practised skeet shooting and range firing.  |                          |
|         | 7.11.45             |      | Fine becoming cloudy with intermittent rain in the evening. Visibility becoming moderate; wind calm or light southerly veering westerly and freshening in the evening. Four aircraft carried out local flying exercises this afternoon and three others took-off for Glatton on Dodge Operations. The aircraft which landed at Woodbridge yesterday returned to Base today. One crew also carried out a cross-country detail at night. All available Squadron personnel attended at Station Commander's parade this forenoon which was held in No. 5 Hangar. The necessary equipment will soon be installed in all aircraft to enable them to be used for practice bombing on the range at Donna Nook.   |                          |
|         | 8.11.45             |      | Cloudy becoming fair in afternoon and fine in the evening; visibility good; wind N.W. to N strong; moderating during day. Three aircraft were detailed for day cross-country and all took-off. One was forced to abandon the exercise and return to base due to unserviceability. One other aircraft carried out a night cross-country flight. One aircraft took-off on a Dodge Operation today and flew to Glatton. Some ground training was carried out during the day. The air bombers trained on H2S while the air gunners practised range firing. S/L W. Morrison (J3747) the 'A' Flight Commander attended a Thanksgiving service in Sodalie and represented the station at the Saluting Base during the parade.   |                          |
|         | 9.11.45             |      | Cloudy, occasional slight drizzle; visibility moderate except in precipitation; Wind N to N.E., fresh to strong during the day becoming light in evening. The aircraft which flew to Glatton yesterday returned to Base today as the Dodge Operation was cancelled. No other flying was carried out owing to unfavourable weather during the day but three aircraft completed night cross-country flights. Three pilots and their engineers trained on Link today while the air bombers trained on H2S. A discussion was held this forenoon on "Instruments and Instrument flying" and the opinions of the pilots of this Unit were submitted to S.H. in compliance with a request from Group.   |                          |
|         | 10.11.45            |      | Cloudy, occasional showers; good visibility; wind Northeasterly, light morning and after dark. Moderate in afternoon. One aircraft completed a cross-country exercise this morning and two of the three aircraft on Dodge returned from Italy during the afternoon. The third aircraft was forced to turn back and land at Pomigliano due to unserviceable S2 Gee. Two pilots trained on Link this afternoon but most of the aircrew were kept busy cleaning up their premises before leaving for the week-end.  |                          |
|         | 11.11.45            |      | Cloudy with showers and moderate visibility during darkness; fair to cloudy with good visibility during daylight. Wind N. to N.E., light. Five crews were detailed to standby today for Dodge but nothing developed and no flying was done. As the remainder of the crews were away for the week-end there was very little activity about the station.   |                          |
|         | 12.11.45            |      | Cloudy. Periods of light rain or drizzle, particularly during darkness. Moderate visibility. Wind, N - NE, light. No flying was ordered for today. The funeral of P/O W.F. Conley, P/O W.E. Lang, P/S A.S. Stinson and Cpl W.J. Ellis, who were killed when their aircraft crashed on Nov. 5th., was held this morning. It took place at 10.30 hours in the Regional Cemetery, Harrogate, with the station Chaplain, S/L F.D. Jones and S/L A.S. Roblin, officiating. Full service honours were accorded and the caskets were carried on the shoulders of Squadron personnel. During the afternoon a discussion was held by the pilots on the various Maps and charts in use. Two pilots also trained on Link. The air bombers were given a lecture by the Section Leader, P/L D. Halcrow, on Bombing Range Orders and Bombights. The air gunners practised skeet shooting during the afternoon. |                          |

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| LESMING | 13.11.45 |      | Fine early, becoming cloudy with some drizzle early morning and slight rain in evening. A few bright periods. Good visibility generally, but becoming misty at night. Mainly N-NE winds, light. Two aircraft carried out day cross-country today and another aircraft flew a crew to St. Mangan to pick up an aircraft there. Three other crews carried out night cross-country exercises. Four pilots trained on Link today while the Air Bombers trained on H23. The Air Bombers were also given a lecture by R/L Halorow on Target Indicating. S/L J. Denley of No. 1 Group Headquarters visited the Gunnery Section today to discuss the possibilities of the self-towed Brogue on this Unit.   |                |                          |
|         | 14.11.45 |      | Dull. Intermittent slight rain most of night and again in afternoon and evening. Poor to moderate visibility in morning, becoming very good until evening. Wind light NE'ly, becoming variable, mainly between S and SE, then calm at night. Two aircraft carried out cross-country flights today while four others took-off for Glatton on a Dodge Operation. One other aircraft completed a night local flight. All personnel attended a Station Commander's parade which was held at 08.30 hours this morning. After this all personnel assembled in the Station Cinema for a lecture given by G/C S.H. Evans, the Station Commander. Most of the Squadron members took part in sports in the hangar during the afternoon.   |                |                          |
|         | 15.11.45 |      | Cloudy with fair periods in morning, then fine in afternoon with rapid fog formation. Poor to moderate visibility, becoming bad in afternoon. Winds light variable or calm, becoming S - SSE'ly in afternoon. Two aircraft carried out day cross-country exercises and this was the only flying done today. Two pilots trained on link while the navigators prepared topographical charts for Dodge Operations. The Air Bombers trained on H23 and were also lectured on FFF technique by R/L Halorow. The Air Gunners received instructions on .303 gun maintenance. Dodge Operations were cancelled for the aircraft which flew to Glatton yesterday but they were unable to return to Base today because of poor visibility.   |                |                          |
|         | 16.11.45 |      | Fog all day. Visibility bad. Wind light variable or calm. All flying details arranged for today were cancelled because of unfavourable weather conditions. Several pilots and their engineers trained on link today and the pilots were also given a talk on Radio Aids by S/L H.L. Saunders (J9149), the "B" Flight Commander. The Air Bombers trained on H23. All available personnel reported to Sick Quarters this afternoon for inoculations and a document check. Those receiving inoculations were given a 8 hours stand-down from duty. S/L W.G. Corbett (J20938) arrived today to take over duties as Squadron Navigation Officer. He has just arrived back from Canada, having gone home from the Squadron for special leave. The remainder of the afternoon was mainly devoted to sports in which Volleyball, Basketball and Floor Hockey were most prominent. |                |                          |
|         | 17.11.45 |      | Cloudy. Visibility poor, becoming moderate during day. Wind calm or light S-NE'ly. Two aircraft completed cross-country exercises today and the four aircraft at Glatton returned to Base. Two crews were detailed to stand-by for Dodge Operations over the week-end and the remainder were given 36 hours' passes.  |                |                          |
|         | 18.11.45 |      | Cloudy with long periods of drizzle from noon onwards. Moderate visibility. S-NE'ly light winds. The two crews standing by for Dodge Operations took-off this afternoon to proceed to Glatton. No other flying was carried out today. Today being Sunday the remainder of the Squadron were stood-down so there was very little activity on the Station.  |                |                          |

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| ES.MDE | 19.11.45 |      | Cloudy, with frequent and prolonged periods of drizzle. Moderate to poor visibility, wind light East to SE or calm. Two crews carried out cross-country flights today while another crew flew on an Air Test. Night flying had been arranged but was cancelled owing to weather conditions. S/L T.A. Newman (J17794), the Squadron Gunnery Leader, went to R.A.F. Station at Elsham Wood today to attend a lecture on the Type "D" Bolton Paul Turret, the type now installed in Lincoln Aircraft. Most personnel spent part of the afternoon engaged in sports.   |         |                          |
|        | 20.11.45 |      | Overcast, light drizzle and fog early and late in evening. Visibility bad to poor, wind light or calm. The weather today was unfavourable for Cross-Country exercises but three aircraft carried out local flying. During the afternoon members of the various sections carried out ground training. The Wireless Operators practiced Morse while the air gunners were given S.E.T. Training. Arrangements for a Squadron party to be held tomorrow night, have been completed and tickets distributed to the ground personnel connected with the Unit.  |         |                          |
|        | 21.11.45 |      | Dull, much fog. Visibility bad, temporary improvement in middle of day. Wind light variable or calm. No flying was carried out today owing to unfavourable weather conditions. E/L J. Budd of 1697 Defence Flight, Hemswell, visited the Gunnery Section this morning and gave a lecture to the armourers and gunners on the installation of camera lenses. The afternoon was mainly devoted to sports and most of the Squadron members participated. Air Marshal G.O. Johnson, C.B., M.C., the A.O.C. -in- C, visited the Station today and a formal Mess Dinner was held in his honour with fifteen Officers of the Squadron in attendance. At 18.30 hours this evening Squadron personnel and Squadron groundcrew began to assemble in the Crew Centre and the Third Anniversary Party was soon under way. Air Marshal Johnson was in attendance and spent the evening chatting with personnel of all ranks. G/C M.G. Boyle of Overseas Headquarters and the Station Commander, G/C E.H. Evans, were also in attendance. The Entertainment Committee, J46447 F/O A.M. Band and R251540 WO2 J.A. Cameron, were responsible for the games, contests, prizes and other features which combined to make a success of the party. |         |                          |
|        | 22.11.45 |      | Overcast and foggy, drizzle in evening, visibility bad, wind calm becoming light southerly late in day. No flying was carried out today due to poor weather conditions. Several pilots and their Engineers trained on Link this morning while the air gunners received instruction on the Maintenance of guns. Other crew members from each section were detailed to assist in cleaning up the crew centre after the party the night before. At 1400 hours all personnel were assembled in the Station Cinema where they were shown two films. One dealt with the value of "Map Reading" while the subject of the other was "Means of Avoiding Malaria."   |         |                          |
|        | 23.11.45 |      | Overcast with occasional drizzle, visibility poor, wind light southerly. No flying was ordered for today because of unfavourable weather. Part of the morning was taken up by Pay Parade so far as the NCO's were concerned. In the afternoon personnel paraded to Sick Quarters for further inoculation and documentation. As a result of so many crew members receiving inoculations it was decided to grant a 48 hour pass this week-end to all personnel.  |         |                          |
|        | 24.11.45 |      | Dull, poor visibility, wind calm or light southerly. There was no flying done today as all personnel were given today and tomorrow off duty.   |         |                          |
|        | 25.11.45 |      | Overcast, foggy until evening, visibility bad at first, improving to moderate to good in late evening. Wind light southerly freshening to SW to W fresh to strong in late evening. There was very little activity on the station today and no flying was carried out by the Squadron as all crew members were on pass.   |         |                          |

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| 26.11.45 |      | Cloudy becoming partly cloudy, some light rain just before dawn. Good visibility, wind veering to North moderate to fresh. Three aircraft carried out day cross-country exercises while one completed local flights. Two aircraft also flew on night cross-country flights. Three aircraft also returned from Dodge Operations today. One of these was the aircraft "V" RE173, which left base on 7th November, the other two left on 18th November. One of these, "Q" MS945, flew to Pomigliano to Bari for passengers, returning from Bari to Gatton while the others returned to Gatton directly from Pomigliano. Each aircraft brought back twenty passengers. One crew carried out Dinghy Drill today, several pilots and engineers trained on link and the air gunners practised skeet shooting. The Air Gunners were also given a lecture on "Drogue Packing" by LAC Shiner of No. 1 Group Headquarters. Three crews were detailed to stand-by for Dodge Operations early tomorrow morning. |         |                          |
| 27.11.45 |      | Fine becoming cloudy, good visibility. Wind Northwest moderate becoming light variable then northwest fresh. The three crews detailed for Dodge took-off this morning to fly directly to Pomigliano. One of the aircraft was piloted by the Station Commander, O/C Sqn. Evans, the regular Captain of the crew flew as Second Pilot. Two other aircraft carried out day cross-country and two completed night cross-countries. Some ground training was completed during the day. One crew completed Dinghy Drill, two pilots trained on link while the air bombers trained in H2S. The Air Gunners took S.S.T. Training and practiced rifle shooting. Three crews were detailed for Dodge Operations early tomorrow.  |         |                          |
| 28.11.45 |      | Slight rain early in night then fine with good visibility. Wind Northwest moderate to fresh becoming light variable after dark. Three aircraft were ordered for Dodge Operations but only two took off due to unserviceability of W/T in the other aircraft. One of the aircraft which took-off was forced to return to base also because of W/T trouble. Day and night Cross-Country exercises which had been arranged <del>between aircraft</del> were cancelled because of a shortage of serviceable aircraft. One crew was given a lecture on Air Sea Rescue by JY3217 E/O A.S. Howling, the Squadron Air Sea Rescue Officer. The Air Bombers trained on Radar while the wireless operators practised Morse. The Flight Engineers were given a lecture on <del>the emergency checklist</del> procedure by H/L J.W. Carr DFC (RAF), the Flight Engineer Leader. A party was held in the Gummyery Section by the Air Gunners in the evening and greatly enjoyed by all present.                  |         |                          |
| 29.11.45 |      | Cloudy, good visibility, wind westerly light to fresh, W.S.W. light to moderate after dark. Three aircraft took-off this morning on Dodge Operations and the three which left on 27th November, returned from Italy this afternoon. Two of these aircraft carried twenty passengers each while the third brought back nineteen troops. One aircraft was flown on a cross-country flight today and two others carried out night cross-countries.  |         |                          |
| 30.11.45 |      | Cloudy, good visibility until dawn when clearing skies and local fog developments then fair with visibility deteriorating in smoke to moderate after midday. Fog after dark. Surface wind light S.W. to S. One aircraft took-off on a Dodge Operations early this morning. Three crews also completed day cross-country flights but details ordered for tonight were cancelled due to weather conditions. Two pilots trained on link today, the air bombers trained on Radar and three wireless operators successfully completed a Group W/T exercise. Six air gunners practised rifle shooting and six others were on S.S.T. Training. Four aircraft have now been equipped with bombing gear and practice bombing will commence in December. Several crew members visited Station Sick Quarters this afternoon for inoculations.   |         |                          |

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| <u>CASUALTIES</u>                |      |      |  |         |                          |
| J95141                           | F/O  |      | Conley, W.B. - Pilot - Killed on 5th Nov/45 in Flying Accident     |         |                          |
| J43946                           | F/O  |      | Lang, W.R. - A/B - " " " " " " " " " " " "                         |         |                          |
| R272834                          | F/S  |      | Stinson, A.S. - F/S - " " " " " " " " " " " "                      |         |                          |
| <u>POSTEDS - IN</u>              |      |      |  |         |                          |
| J20958                           | F/L  |      | Corbett, W.G. - NAV. - Posted from No. 3 FRC., w.o.f. 12.11.45     |         |                          |
| J44401                           | F/O  |      | Robertson, J. - FFS - " " RCAP Tholthorpe w.o.f. 16.11.45          |         |                          |
| J29301                           | F/O  |      | Sider, F.S. - Pilot - " " Skipton w.o.f. 19.11.45                  |         |                          |
| OB9304                           | F/O  |      | Shotton, J.A. - F/S - " " "R" Depot w.o.f. 24.11.45                |         |                          |
| R212683                          | F/S  |      | Rundle, O.J. - FFS - " " Tholthorpe w.o.f. 16.11.45                |         |                          |
| R269040                          | F/S  |      | Barnes, H.J. - A/B - " " Topcliffe w.o.f. 16.11.45                 |         |                          |
| R258097                          | W/O  |      | Morris, S.L. - FFS - " " No. 427 Squadron w.o.f. 26.11.45          |         |                          |
| R224811                          | W/O  |      | Reed, S.J. - FFS - " " " " " " " " " " " "                         |         |                          |
| <u>POSTEDS - OUT</u>             |      |      |  |         |                          |
| J90662                           | F/O  |      | Bird, S.D. - W/O/AG - Posted to RCAP Leeming, w.o.f. 20.10.45      |         |                          |
| J93319                           | F/O  |      | Colquhoun, A.B. - A/G - " " 433 Squadron, Skipton, w.o.f. 15.10.45 |         |                          |
| J36946                           | F/O  |      | Coleman, A.F. - NAV. - " " RCAP Leeming, w.o.f. 9.11.45            |         |                          |
| J24248                           | F/L  |      | Vickers, W.D. - NAV. - " " " " " " 3.9.45                          |         |                          |
| R231031                          | F/S  |      | Moran, P.J. - F/S - " " " " " " 3.11.45                            |         |                          |
| R264596                          | W/O  |      | Jones, W.J. - A/G - " " " " " " 7.11.45                            |         |                          |
| 374255                           | F/S  |      | Harrington, P.J. - FFS - " " No. 7 FRC., w.o.f. 6.11.45            |         |                          |
| <u>PROMOTIONS</u>                |      |      |  |         |                          |
| J95178                           | F/O  |      | Bowles, H.G. - A/G - Prom. to T/P/O w.o.f. 8.11.45                 |         |                          |
| J94880                           | F/O  |      | Burnmaster, B.P. - A/B - " " " " " " 27.8.45                       |         |                          |
| J95073                           | F/O  |      | Lorse, W.H. - A/G - " " " " " " 6.11.45                            |         |                          |
| J95331                           | F/O  |      | Maxwell, J.L. - A/G - " " " " " " 7.11.45                          |         |                          |
| R211795                          | W/O  |      | Walsh, J.M. - A/G - " " T/001 " " 12.8.45                          |         |                          |
| <u>COMMISSIONS</u>               |      |      |  |         |                          |
| NIL                              |      |      |  |         |                          |
| <u>CHANGES IN COMMAND</u>        |      |      |  |         |                          |
| NIL                              |      |      |  |         |                          |
| <u>CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION</u> |      |      |  |         |                          |
| NIL                              |      |      |  |         |                          |
| <u>HONOURS &amp; AWARDS</u>      |      |      |  |         |                          |
| NIL                              |      |      |  |         |                          |

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|                        |            |             | <p><u>AIRCRAFT ON SQUADRON STRENGTH ON 30TH NOVEMBER, 1945</u></p> <p>Lancaster Mk. I - 10<br/>Lancaster Mk. III - 10<br/>Total - 20</p>  |           |                          |             |           |          |          |     |   |          |    |        |   |   |        |   |                        |            |          |  |           |  |  |
|                        |            |             | <p><u>OPERATIONAL AND TRAINING FLYING HOURS DURING NOVEMBER, 1945</u></p> <p>(a) Operational Flying Day : 252 hours 20 mins.<br/>Night : Nil</p> <p>(b) Flying Training Day : 150 hours 40 mins.<br/>Night : 78 hours 20 mins.</p> <p>Total Flying : 481 hours 20 mins.</p>   |           |                          |             |           |          |          |     |   |          |    |        |   |   |        |   |                        |            |          |  |           |  |  |
|                        |            |             | <p><u>MEMORIAL STRENGTH OF SQUADRON AS AT 23.59 HOURS ON 30TH NOVEMBER, 1945</u></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>OFFICERS</th> <th>AIRCRAFT</th> <th>GROUND CREW</th> <th>ATTENDANT</th> <th>AIRCRAFT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>R.C.A.F.</td> <td>120</td> <td>1</td> <td>R.C.A.F.</td> <td>46</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R.A.F.</td> <td>1</td> <td>-</td> <td>R.A.F.</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>TOTAL STRENGTH:</b></td> <td><b>122</b></td> <td><b>1</b></td> <td></td> <td><b>46</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>  | OFFICERS  | AIRCRAFT                 | GROUND CREW | ATTENDANT | AIRCRAFT | R.C.A.F. | 120 | 1 | R.C.A.F. | 46 | R.A.F. | 1 | - | R.A.F. | - | <b>TOTAL STRENGTH:</b> | <b>122</b> | <b>1</b> |  | <b>46</b> |  |  |
| OFFICERS               | AIRCRAFT   | GROUND CREW | ATTENDANT   | AIRCRAFT  |                          |             |           |          |          |     |   |          |    |        |   |   |        |   |                        |            |          |  |           |  |  |
| R.C.A.F.               | 120        | 1           | R.C.A.F.  | 46        |                          |             |           |          |          |     |   |          |    |        |   |   |        |   |                        |            |          |  |           |  |  |
| R.A.F.                 | 1          | -           | R.A.F.  | -         |                          |             |           |          |          |     |   |          |    |        |   |   |        |   |                        |            |          |  |           |  |  |
| <b>TOTAL STRENGTH:</b> | <b>122</b> | <b>1</b>    |   | <b>46</b> |                          |             |           |          |          |     |   |          |    |        |   |   |        |   |                        |            |          |  |           |  |  |
|                        |            |             | <p><u>GENERAL</u></p> <p>The number of Dodge Operations carried out during November showed a good improvement over last month. Sixteen complete trips were made while four more aircraft are still in Italy awaiting favourable weather for the return flight. 319 British soldiers were brought back from Italy in the sixteen completed flights. The increase in Dodge Operations is due to the fact that more crews have become qualified as the result of the necessary training they received last month. Five crews are now fully qualified and seven others have been certified capable of flying on Dodge Operations, giving the Squadron a total of twelve crews available. Flying training was continued throughout the month when possible and ground training was undertaken when crews could not fly. Several aircraft have now been fitted with practice bombing gear and practice exercises will commence next month. The Squadron's activities for the month were marred when an aircraft crashed while on a test flight, killing the pilot, P/O W.F. Conley and two members of his crew. One of the passengers was killed while four others were injured and the aircraft totally destroyed. Highlight of the month was the Squadron's Third Anniversary Party to which groundcrew personnel attached to the Squadron were invited. The sports facilities in the hangar were used to good advantage by Squadron personnel with badminton, basketball and floor hockey leading in popularity. The general health of all personnel continued to be excellent throughout the month.</p> |           |                          |             |           |          |          |     |   |          |    |        |   |   |        |   |                        |            |          |  |           |  |  |
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