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			Compiling Officers: (C.12549) P/L L.M. KROHNEY for period from 1st. to 12th. February, 1945. (C.21556) P/L G.R. ROBERTS for period from 13th. to 28th. February, 1945.	
BASTMOOR	1.2.45.		Nine aircraft were detailed to attack main. All took off, attacked the primary target and returned safely to base.	A.2622 - A.2650
BASTMOOR	2.2.45.		Fourteen aircraft were detailed to attack main. All took off except aircraft "B" captained by J.10491 P/L Norman P.J. Apparently the radio burnt out; twelve aircraft attacked the primary. Flak was moderate to intense over the target. Aircraft "H" captained by J.32579 P/O Proud E., was on the receiving end of some flak. Damage was not heavy and no crew member was injured. Aircraft "C" captained by G.20733 P/L Thomas G.H. failed to return from this sortie. J.89337 P/O Hamilton J.D., and his crew were screened on the completion of their first operational tour.	A.2631 - A.2643
BASTMOOR	3.2.45.		No operational commitments. Some training took place, but on the whole it was a very quiet day. The usual Saturday evening activities took place on the Station. As the night wore on a major thrash developed in the Officers Mess.	
BASTMOOR	4.2.45.		Fifteen aircraft were detailed for operations. Five aircraft were detailed to attack main and all attacked the primary. Flak was experienced, but no fighter activity. Two aircraft were detailed to attack secondary. Nine aircraft hit the primary target. Flak was encountered at the old George Hotel. No enemy fighters were sighted. A send off banquet was held at the old George Hotel, for P/O Raymond A. J.E. (G.536) on the occasion of his attachment to No. 45 (R.C.A.F.) Base, and the completion of his second operational tour. The affair was an outstanding success. The menu included cherry of ancient vintage, steaks that one dreams of and such extras as oranges, cigars etc. The Wing Co. was presented with a solid silver mug, suitably inscribed. The presentation was made by J.26761 S/L Grahmnick S. H., who also gave a moving and timely speech.	A.2644 - A.2658
BASTMOOR	5.2.45.		Twelve aircraft were detailed for operations, but the effort was scrubbed. A change in the point system went into effect this morning, now thirty-six trips is the regulation. This makes a sad blow to some of the crews who were on their last trip under the old system.	
BASTMOOR	6.2.45.		No operational commitments to-day. Posting notice to R.C.A.F. "B" Depot received on J.36291 P/O Baron G.A.H. and the part of his crew still here. Red Baron has been Officer Commanding screened personnel following a most successful tour and has done a good job. He is a talented pianist although he rarely displayed his talent. P/O Baron will be missed by all. Squadron Wireless Operators had a party in York.	
BASTMOOR	7.2.45.		Fifteen aircraft were detailed for operations. After some delay the fifteen aircraft detailed took off. Target to night is good, just over the bombing line. (Ray support). There was 8-10/10ths, cloud from 6,000 to 8,000 feet over target. Visibility about cloud was good. Some aircraft received instructions from master bomber to abandon target and brought home. Flak over target was slight of light calibre. Several enemy fighters observed in the target area. A new crew was to-day welcomed to the Squadron, captained by J.11041 P/O J.S. Paul.	A.2659 - A.2673

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EASTMOOR	8.2.45		J.2808 S/L J. E. May reported to the Squadron to take over training duties. S/L May has completed his tour. Fifteen aircraft were detailed for operations and all aircraft took off. Patchy cloud over target and heavy flak in the target area was slight to moderate. Very little fighter activity, no combats and no claims. Aircraft "A" captained by J.93119 P/O Bradley R.I., had to feather one engine and returned to base with bomb load. The hockey club had a dance, some charming girls came out from town and with our V.A.A.F. personnel there were sufficient partners. Slight indulgence in alcoholic libations up the party and it was quite successful.		A.2674 - A.2680
EASTMOOR	9.2.45		No operational commitments. Training was restricted due to dull weather although J.1001 P/O Paul J. So, a new crew, got in circuits and landings with J.2654 P/L Miller W.E. and later in the day completed a cross country. Four crews have gone on leave to-day. The unit was very quiet as the personnel are resting after last night's sortie.		
EASTMOOR	10.2.45		No operational commitments. A very quiet Saturday. We have a stand down until 23.59 hours. Sent one of our wireless operators to Chesham for three weeks discipline. Had notification of a new crew coming in.		
EASTMOOR	11.2.45		No operational commitments. A message was received from the U.C.U.-in-C. 1st. Canadian Army congratulating the Squadron in this group for a very successful effort on the night of 7/8th. February, 1945. J.2840 P/L Sheriff J.P. was screened to-day on completion of his second operational tour. J.2840 is indeed a familiar figure hereabouts and made a popular and stirring figure hereabouts. The entire Squadron wish his good-speed.		
EASTMOOR	12.2.45		No operational commitments. An Officers Mess meeting was held at 1.00 hours. The new P.M.C. is 12844 P/O Paul J. So. J.2870 P/O Thompson J.K. J.2800 was voted for new mess furnishings. A pressing machine is to be purchased. A big dance is to be held on the 17th. March, 1945 and to wind up it was voted to subscribe £50 as an initial amount to be given the prisoners of war fund to be followed by a monthly payment of £25. On the whole a good meeting without too much hattering. Following the Mess Meeting a lecture was given in the station cinema by personnel from No. 100 Group on the subject of Special Equipment.		
EASTMOOR	13.2.45		Fourteen aircraft were detailed to attack targets, and all took off. Visibility over target only fair. Moderate flak. One early return due to engine trouble - Aircraft "X" J.95020 P/O Daly J.J. Feathered engine, jettisoned bomb load and returned to base. Three other aircraft diverted - one in Southern England and two on the continent. One new crew J.15681 S/L J. Hudson (pilot) arrived on posting from No. 1666 Conversion Unit, Washeter. The commanding officer, J.2678 S/L Minkimick S.M. is on temporary duty to the Medical Board, London, and J.11269 S/L J. E. Thompson is filling in. We now have twenty eight crews with nine unserviceable - five being on leave, two are short of navigators and two sick pilots. Two crews are doing cross countries to-night. J.19343 SGT Foley P.P. one of our bomb aimers received his commission and is now J.93343 P/O P.P. Foley.		A.2689 - A.2702
EASTMOOR	14.2.45		Fourteen aircraft were detailed and took off. The target was Chemnitz. There was 8 to 10/10ths cloud over target at 16 to 20,000 feet - visibility fair to good. Some light flak, but no evidence of fighter activity. J.11269 S/L J. E. Thompson, flight commander "B" flight failed to return. J.7751 P/L L. K. Prop completed his twentieth trip on his second tour last night and is relieved. P/O Harris from Overseas Headquarters visited the unit to discuss casualty procedure.		A.2703 - A.2716

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EASTMOOR	15.2.45.		No operational commitments which was fortunate as our crews are pretty well fagged after two heavy nights. The weather to-day has been grand although we have all felt rather glum due to the loss of J.11269 S/L J.H. Thompson and his crew. No word has been received, all we know is that he failed to return.		
EASTMOOR	16.2.45.		No operational commitments. J.89817 P/O Kimbrough J., one of our diverted crews returned to base which leaves us with only 5 crews away. J.15661 S/L J. Wilson and his crew who arrived on the 13th February, are being posted to No. 427 Squadron. One new crew posted in - Captain P.69667 P/S Collins H.J., all members being N.C.O.'s.		
EASTMOOR	17.2.45.		Ten crews detailed to attack Canal on a daylight raid. All 10 aircraft took off. All aircraft were abortive over enemy territory having received instructions from the Master Bomber to abandon mission upon arriving at the target. Fairly tight gauges were formed until abandon mission order was given. No fighter activity observed. All aircraft returned with bomb load. J.10461 P/L F.L. Horn has proceeded to Group Headquarters for his interview preparatory to becoming Flight Commander. There have been numerous changes in our executive staff, we are in line for a new officer Commanding, two new Flight Commanders and a new Adjutant.		A.2717 - A.2726
EASTMOOR	18.2.45.		No operational commitments. A lovely day but some ground fog. All but two of our crews were diverted after yesterday's sortie, but all have returned, we now have only two diverted crews away, one in France, the other in Southern England.		
EASTMOOR	19.2.45.		No operational commitments. W/O Poston from base visited the station and discussed the maintenance of documents. Every effort is being made to keep these up to date, although with such a small staff and shortage of typewriters etc., it is difficult. All aircraft returned and we have no diverted crews. Two crews flew on Air/Sea and bombing training, two crews training on Hqs in conjunction with cross country and bombing exercise.		
EASTMOOR	20.2.45.		Fourteen aircraft were detailed to attack Hamburg, all took off. 10/10ths cloud from 4/5,000 feet. Several large explosions were seen and some fires. There was a heavy concentration of aircraft over the target. Slight to moderate flak with some evidence of prediction. Some fighters were reported in the target area. J.20339 P/L E.S. Maguire reported combat with enemy aircraft and claims damage to same. Several aircraft were seen to explode. One aircraft failed to return captained by J.87362 P/O R.F. Paton. Training to-day included one Hqs, cross country and bombing exercise and two crews on Air/Sea and bombing exercise.		A.2727 to A.2740
EASTMOOR	21.2.45		Fourteen aircraft were detailed to attack Rome and all took off. Visibility over target was good. Numerous aircraft were seen to be shot down either by flak or enemy fighters. J.14453 P/L J.M. Wallace reported starboard aerial damaged by flak. Eleven aircraft bombed primary target and report heavy flak, some predicted. Three of our aircraft failed to return from this sortie, piloted by J.20339 P/L E.S. Maguire, J.93119 P/O R. I. Bradley and J.27670 P/O F.D. Baxter. Very little training due to heavy operational commitments.		A.2741 - A.2754

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EASTMOOR	22.2.45		No operational commitments. Two new crews reported in - pilots being P189667 P/S Gellison W.J. and G.43786 P/O Gregory W.P. We also had our new Commanding Officer report on attachment until J.26761 G/L Nishimick G.H. is posted then he will be posted. P189667 P/S Gellison W.J., did circuits and landings with J.2654 P/L Miller W.E. J.28471 P/O J.H. Hanning and his crew completed their last sortie and were screened effective to-day.		
EASTMOOR	23.2.45		Ten aircraft were detailed to attack Wesm. All took off and all returned. 10/10ths cloud over target and slight to heavy flak reported. Some aircraft were damaged by flak. No aircraft seen shot down. Aircraft were captured by J.90488 P/O Darnand J.S., reported one flak hole. No results could be seen owing to cloud. J.21149 P/O B.A. Head and J.15742 P/O J.C. Clothier and their crews reported in on posting. P189667 P/S Gellison W.J. one of the new crews did a cross country in conjunction with bombing and air to sea firing. G.43786 P/O Gregory W.P. another new crew, were doing circuits and landings. He also completed a cross country.		A.2755 - A.2764
EASTMOOR	24.2.45		Eleven aircraft were detailed to attack Wesm. All took off and all returned. Aircraft captured by J.21149 P/O B.A. Head and J.90488 P/O Darnand J.S. landed at Woodbridge with hydraulic trouble. 10/10ths cloud - tops from 7 to 10,000 feet over target. Visibility generally good. No results seen, but estimate attack was scattered. Slight to heavy flak in barrage zone over target. One aircraft was seen to blow up over target, having been struck by falling bombs. No fighter activity and no combats reported. J.90488 P/O Darnand J.S. in aircraft "A" jettisoned one 500 lbs. bomb safe, which hung up over target. J.2854 P/L Miller W.E. in aircraft "B" reported flak hole in engine of escape hatch. J.10491 P/L Moran F.J. jettisoned hung up bomb. P189667 P/S Gellison W.J. and his crew reported in on posting. Training included cross country and bombing exercise by G.43786 P/O Gregory W.P. and crew.		A.2765 - A.2775
EASTMOOR	25.2.45		No operational commitments. J.11182 P/O with J.S. reported on posting from No. 415 Squadron. Two new crews trained to-day doing circuits and landings, together with local flying. P189667 P/S Gellison W.J. and G.43786 P/O Gregory W.P. one of the new crews did some local flying. Posting notice received on J.21149 P/O B.A. Head and his crew to P.F.P.		
EASTMOOR	26.2.45		No operational commitments. Two new crews completed training to-day with bombing and air to sea firing exercise. Another of our new crews started training with circuits and landings. One crew bank from leave did a cross country and P25 exercise. Three of the new crews did a cross country and bombing exercise. J.28714 P/O B.A. Head checked out P189667 P/S Gellison W.J. on circuits and landings. P189667 P/S Gellison W.J. and G.43786 P/O Gregory W.P. got in more training to-day with a bombing and air to sea firing exercise. Sixteen hours of night vision training was carried out by the Gunnery Section.		
EASTMOOR	27.2.45		Ten aircraft were detailed to attack Wesm. All took off, no early returns. All ten attacked the primary. 10/10ths cloud over target. Bombed on green smoke puff. Target obscured and no results were seen. Marking was poor. J.28714 P/O B.A. Head in aircraft "A" reported slight flak damage to tail plane. J.16984 P/O Wylie D.M. Aircraft "B" jettisoned 1 x 2000 lbs. H.C. and 7 clusters safe, due to hang-up over target. J.41041 P/O Paul J.S. in aircraft "2" reported port fin damaged by flak. Flak was slight and no fighter activity reported. J.26761 G/L Nishimick S.H. left on his posting to "R" Depot. Everything was rather quiet to-day. Apparently there was a small "thresh" last night to celebrate the departure of three of our lads for "R" Depot. Training included bombing,		A.2776 - A.2785

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RASTMOOR	28.2.45.		No operational commitments. Training in "A" flight included some bombing, H2S and air to sea firing with two cross countries at night. J. 23714 F/O Evans A.R.A. and his crew completed their tour on the trip last night and sea returned to-day. Four crews completed fighter affiliation. Training in "B" flight included five crews on bombing, air to sea firing and H2S runs, also one crew on a night cross country.																																																																																																																																																																																																													
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J. 91162	F/O Thomas R.D.	(A/G)	"	65	17	95:25																																																																																																																																																																																																										
E504919	SGT Sorrell G.L.	(RAF) (F/R)	"	54	14	80:15																																																																																																																																																																																																										
J. 87362	F/O Fisher E.F.	(Pilot)	" 20/21.2.45	108	29	170:40																																																																																																																																																																																																										
J. 36831	F/O Brown G.H.	(Inv)	"	107	28	166:40																																																																																																																																																																																																										
J. 23390	F/O Kay G.H.	(A/B)	"	104	28	166:40																																																																																																																																																																																																										
E265707	F/S Daley F.S.	(W/C)	"	107	28	166:40																																																																																																																																																																																																										
E202727	F/S Mendenhall W.G.	(A/G)	"	107	28	166:40																																																																																																																																																																																																										
E164615	F/S McIntosh W.B.	(A/G)	"	107	28	166:40																																																																																																																																																																																																										
E52005	SGT Grant G.L.	(RAF) (F/R)	"	104	27	162:40																																																																																																																																																																																																										
J. 20839	F/L Haguire S.C.	(Pilot)	" 21/22.2.45	90	24	151:51																																																																																																																																																																																																										
J. 20876	F/L Haguire J.G.	(Inv)	"	84	22	141:01																																																																																																																																																																																																										
J. 25127	F/O Kesteven G.W.	(A/B)	"	84	22	141:01																																																																																																																																																																																																										
J. 23484	F/L Noir G.S.	(W/C)	"	84	22	141:01																																																																																																																																																																																																										
E271256	F/S McLaughlan F.T.	(A/G)	"	84	22	141:01																																																																																																																																																																																																										
E265251	F/S McClarty R.L.	(A/G)	"	72	19	123:34																																																																																																																																																																																																										
E894146	SGT McDonald A.A.	(RAF) (F/R)	"	84	22	141:01																																																																																																																																																																																																										

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J.33119	F/O	Bradley R.L.	(pilot) Missing Night 21/22.2.45	18	5	40:40	
J.40921	F/O	Freder J.A.	(Nav) " " "	15	4	34:05	
J.40921	F/O	Wheeler R.H.	(A/B) " " "	15	4	34:05	
J.39083	F/O	Stephan J.G.	(WOP) " " "	15	4	34:05	
R265735	SGT	Smith Y.L.	(A/G) " " "	15	4	34:05	
R267679	SGT	Duffy G.G.	(A/G) " " "	15	4	34:05	
R214636	SGT	Reid J.W.	(P/B) " " "	15	4	34:05	
J.27670	F/O	Dexter F.D.	(pilot) " " "	50	15	03:25	
J.36313	F/O	Belien J.A.	(Nav) " " "	101	28	130:10	
J.35134	F/O	Crosswell G.E.	(A/B) " " "	50	14	76:00	
R197486	F/S	Armstrong G.E.	(WOP) " " "	55	15	79:05	
R258996	F/S	Baxter A.J.	(A/G) " " "	35	8	46:35	
R200978	F/S	McCarthy G.E.	(A/G) " " "	34	9	49:15	
1799650	SGT	Hogg A.G.	(RAF) (P/B) " " "	51	13	72:40	
			MOVEMENTS:				
			Postings in:				
J.44041	F/O	Paul J.S.	(pilot) Posted from No. 76 (RAF) Base w/f	6	2.45.		
J.40718	F/O	Anderson H.M.	(Nav) " " "	"	"		
J.40035	F/O	Savage W.E.	(A/B) " " "	"	"		
J.45691	F/O	Petrow S.G.	(WOP/AG) " " "	"	"		
J.39887	F/O	Parvink M.	(P/B) " " "	"	"		
J.41222	F/O	Wagstaff R.H.	(A/G) " " "	"	"		
J.28988	F/O	Tammish A.C.	(A/G) " " "	"	"		
J.16984	F/L	Wylie R.M.	(pilot) " No. 48 (RAF) Sqdn	15	2.45.		
J.15661	S/L	Hudson J.	(pilot) " No. 76 (RAF) Base	10	2.45.		
J.16421	S/L	Archibald J.C.	(Nav) " " "	"	"		
J.17691	F/O	McLellan W.G.	(A/B) " " "	"	"		
J.89776	F/O	Shaver B.E.	(WOP) " " "	"	"		
2221183	SGT	Pepper W.E.	(RAF) (P/B) " " "	"	"		
J.86007	F/O	Boyer R.	(A/G) " " "	"	"		
J.19412	F/O	Doucet P.G.	(A/G) " " "	"	"		
J.36298	F/O	Robert G.E.R.Y.	(Nav) " No. 419 (RAF) Sqdn	22	2.45.		
R189667	F/S	Galinson E.P.	(pilot) " No. 76 (RAF) Base	28	2.45.		
R217236	SGT	Paul J.W.	(Nav) " " "	"	"		
R296656	SGT	Nicholls J.A.	(A/B) " " "	"	"		
R213570	SGT	Steffler G.D.	(WOP/AG) " " "	"	"		
R213971	SGT	Smurelt A.S.	(P/B) " " "	"	"		
R27459	SGT	Blair R.W.	(A/G) " " "	"	"		
R264726	F/S	Bulley B.B.	(A/G) " " "	"	"		
C.43786	F/O	Gregory W.P.	(pilot) " " " 22.2.45.	"	"		
R193729	F/S	Jamison R.J.	(Nav) " " "	"	"		
R200967	SGT	Ellis J.G.	(A/B) " " "	"	"		
R109272	F/S	Morgan H.W.	(WOP/AG) " " "	"	"		
R78029	SGT	Morphy G.B.	(P/B) " " "	"	"		
R263811	SGT	Sidean E.B.	(A/G) " " "	"	"		
R257979	SGT	McLeod I.S.	(A/G) " " "	"	"		

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			J.7425 S/L France L.A. (Pilot) Attached from No. 426 (RCAF) Sqn. wof		22.2.45.
			R151402 W/O Marsh H.B. (Nav) posted from No. 426 (RCAF) Sqn wof		"
			J.36909 P/O Dunn F.G.G.C. (A/B)		"
			J.42483 P/O Graham R.W. (WCE/AG)		"
			R263371 P/S Bennett H.J. (A/O)		"
			R201922 P/S Lee J.H. (A/O)		"
			R296659 SGT Long M.G. (RAF) (P/B)		"
			R190240 P/S Jamer D.W. (Pilot) No. 76 (RCAF) Base		24.2.45.
			J.41674 P/O Franklin W.B. (Nav)		"
			J.42094 P/O Mayhew K. (A/B)		"
			R222248 P/S Rutherford S.G. (WCE/AG)		"
			R27696 SGT Burnett H.D. (RAF) (P/B)		"
			R279286 SGT Roe F.B. (A/O)		"
			R285630 SGT Kinoh J.A. (A/O)		"
			J.15742 P/O Clothier J.G. (Pilot)		22.2.45.
			J.14498 P/B Beard F.A. (Nav)		"
			J.41576 P/O Gill T.L. (A/B)		"
			R202961 SGT Matthews G.C. (WCE/AG)		"
			R162594 SGT Dennis D.J. (P/B)		"
			R285686 SGT Bastard D.J. (A/O)		"
			R261132 SGT Kington J.J. (A/B)		"
			J.31181 P/O Keall H.B. (Pilot)		"
			R282732 SGT Glenn B.S. (Nav)		"
			J.41651 P/O Rogers L.B. (A/B)		"
			R219070 SGT McPherson E.A. (WCE/AG)		"
			1592782 SGT Oliver J. (RAF) (P/B)		"
			R287394 SGT Conduit G.D. (A/O)		"
			R123105 SGT Smith A.M. (A/O)		"
			J.68374 P/O (A/P/L) Foy T.G. (WCE/AG) No. 427 (RCAF) Sqn		23.2.45.
			J.41182 P/O Smith A.E. (Pilot) No. 415 (RCAF) Sqn		26.2.45
			J.41680 P/O Noble J.H. (Nav)		"
			J.42246 P/O Campbell G.D. (A/B)		"
			R208165 SGT Miller D. (WCE/AG)		"
			R119399 SGT Hopkins E.D. (P/B)		"
			R25782 SGT Malone M.H. (A/O)		"
			R285846 SGT Baker E.J. (A/O)		"
			R189599 SGT Neville P.C. (Pilot) No. 76 (RCAF) Base		28.2.45
			J.40722 P/O Matthews S.E. (Nav)		"
			J.40682 P/O Phillips (A/B)		"
			J.43742 P/O Dunne E.B. (WCE/AG)		"
			R284197 SGT Ryan H.L. (P/B)		"
			R195677 SGT Blonely H.J. (A/B)		"
			R273093 SGT Barbera R. (A/O)		"

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			J.17865 F/O Martindale E. (pilot) posted from No. 76 (RCAP) Base wof		28.2.45
			J.29851 F/O Dunlop B. (Nav)		"
			J.28795 F/O Steele W. (A/B)		"
			J.28094 F/O Wemy W.H. (W/AG)		"
			1880057 SGT Wagstaff J. (RAF) (P/S)		"
			R212111 SGT Curica M. (A/G)		"
			R16234 SGT Miller J. (A/G)		"
			Postings Out.		
			J.27545 F/O Mills J.M. (pilot) posted to RCAP "R" DEPOT		1.2.45
			J.28861 F/O Muldowney W.G. (Nav)		"
			J.29550 F/O Shearer R.H. (Nav)		"
			J.29443 F/O Anton G.S. (A/G)		"
			J.21038 F/O Beaulieu R.H. (A/G)		"
			J.28240 F/O Underhill K.H. (A/S)		"
			J.22424 F/O Chatswood R.J. (W/AG)		"
			J.29879 F/O Henderson R.P. (A/G)		"
			J.29030 F/O Tammer P. (A/G)		"
			J.29068 F/O Jeffery F.E. (Pilot)		5.2.45.
			J.26201 F/O Barron G.A.H. (Pilot)		12.2.45.
			J.28732 F/O Rees E. (Nav)		"
			R204346 F/S Weap A.B. (A/G)		"
			J.22426 F/O Robinson A. (A/G)		"
			J.27173 F/O Henderson W.G. (Nav)	No.1666 Com. Unit	3.2.45.
			J.25661 S/L Hudson J. (Pilot)	No.428 (RCAP) Sqdn.	19.2.45.
			J.16421 S/L Archibald J.G. (Nav)	"	"
			J.17691 F/O McCalland W.G. (A/B)	"	"
			J.25776 F/O Shaver R.E. (W/AG)	"	"
			J.28607 F/O Boyer J.P. (A/G)	"	"
			J.18412 F/O Doucet P.G. (A/G)	"	"
			2221183 SGT Pepper W.E. (RAF) (P/S)	"	"
			186247 F/O Rimmer R.H. (RAF) (P/S)	No.1659 Com. Unit	21.2.45.
			186246 F/O Stock F.G. (RAF) (P/S)	A.C.A.E.	25.2.45.
			186238 F/O Murray W.G. (RAF) (P/S)	"	"
			132420 F/O Swaine A. (RAF) (P/S)	"	"
			1869028 SGT Gibson L.P. (RAF) (P/S)	"	"
			185164 F/O Wilkie D.W. (RAF) (P/S)	"	"
			186241 F/O Barnes R.S. (RAF) (P/S)	"	"
			2003500 SGT Tarleton E. (RAF) (P/S)	"	"
			J.28923 F/O Stedman L.B. (Pilot)	RCAP "R" Depot	12.2.45.
			J.28812 F/O Steele W.G. (Nav)	"	"
			J.25748 F/O Gapes L.J. (Nav)	"	"
			R252312 F/S Bowen M.S. (A/G)	"	"
			R162365 F/S Campbell R.H. (A/G)	"	"
			J.28283 F/O Busby G.F. (A/G)	"	"
			J.28702 F/O Walker G.J. (A/G)	"	25.2.45.

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			Postings out:- (Contd.)		
			J.92321 F/O Duffy G.O. (A/G) Posted to No.415 (RCAP) Sqdn wef 6.2.45.		
			J.92715 F/O Palmer P.E. (A/G) " " " " " " " "		
			G.890 A/W/O MacDonald J.L. (Pilot) " No.64 (RCAP) Base " 22.2.45.		
			J.26761 A/S/L Minniknick S.H. (Pilot) " R.C.A.F. "R" DWPot " 22.2.45.		
			J.7931 F/L Croft I.E. (Pilot) " No.1659 Com. Unit " 27.2.45.		
			J.35521 F/O Fox G.A. (A/B) " No. 434 (RCAP) Sqdn " 23.2.45.		
			J.21149 F/L Mennie E. (Pilot) " No. 405 (RCAP) Sqdn " 27.2.45.		
			J.40502 F/O Gurevich S. (Nav) " " " " " "		
			J.38444 F/O Sherritt G. (A/B) " " " " " "		
			R28882 F/S Whitworth T.L. (WOP/AG) " " " " " "		
			R92001 F/S Jones H.M. (A/G) " " " " " "		
			R75477 F/S Cowell J.W. (A/G) " " " " " "		
			1891524 SGT Haigh D.A. (RAF) (P/B) " " " " " "		
			J.35536 F/O Fox E.C. (A/B) " No.405 (RCAP) Sqdn Dalton " "		
			PROMOTION:		
			J.17193 F/O Harris G.R. (WOP/AG) promoted to the rank of F/W/L wef 3.1.45		
			J.22854 F/O Traynor G.J. (WOP/AG) promoted to the rank of F/W/L wef 11.1.45		
			J.23484 F/O Wolf G.S. (WOP/AG) promoted to the rank of F/W/L wef 11.1.45		
			J.19289 F/O Fortier G.C. (A/G) promoted to the rank of F/W/O wef 9.5.44.		
			J.22075 F/O Serne J.J. (Nav) promoted to the rank of F/W/L wef 18.12.44.		
			CHANGES IN COMMAND: J.26761 A/S/L Minniknick S.H. assumes command of the squadron vice G.890 A/W/O MacDonald J.L. posted. J.7445 A/S/L France K.A. assumes command of the squadron vice J.26761 A/S/L Minniknick S.H. posted.		
			CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION: Nil.		
			COMMISSIONS:		
			R190630 F/S Bradley R.L. (J.93119) 9.12.44; R191343 F/S Foley R.P. (J.93343) 15.12.44.		
			R187136 SGT Hurley J.A. (J.93360) 15.12.44; R192392 F/S Righetti P.A. (J.93531) 15.12.44.		
			959879 SGT Huxley E. (190083) 24.11.44; R189120 F/S Blagrove J.D. (J.93591) 15.12.44.		
			AIRCRAFT ON CHARGE: 26 HALIFAX VII.		
			OPERATIONAL FLYING TIMES: DAY: 252.31. NIGHT: 800.05		
			NON-OPERATIONAL FLYING TIMES: DAY: 163.38. NIGHT: 30.26		
			NUMBER OF OPERATIONAL SORTIES DURING THE MONTH: 164.		
			BOMBS DROPPED FROM 1.1.45 to 31.1.45. (U.S. (M8)) 298 (TOM) 298 clusters Nov 24 @ 6/10		
			BOMBS DROPPED DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1945. 332 298 clusters No. 14.		
			167 clusters No. 15.		
			110 clusters No. 17.		

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			<u>NO. OF COMBAT WITH THE SQUADRON:</u> (see Appendix 7 to 9 (incl.))																										
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			<p><u>GENERAL SUMMARY</u> From an operational standpoint the past month was one of the busiest the Squadron has had to date. Losses were higher due to the increased activity and commencing caused many new faces to arrive and several of the old boys to leave. Many executive changes have taken place during the period including two changes in command.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">the health and morale of the Unit is excellent.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>K. A. France</i> <i>W.C.</i> (K. A. FRANCE) Wing Commander, Commanding, No. 432 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.</p>																										