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INCHONNEN	2/10/43. (Continued)		in B at 1906 hours, P/O. F.Carter, J.13993, and crew in A at 1908 hours, Sgt. A.M.Nadeau R.55208, and crew in H at 1909 hours, and Sgt. J.M.Pollard E.121650, and crew in K at 1910 hours making eight A/C off in 8 minutes for a very nice effort. The load for tonight is of a different type than usual and apparently we are going to get in some gardening hours for a change. The usual Saturday night Liberty Bus run was cancelled tonight as the bus was required for use in connection with operations so York will be quieter than usual.		
INCHONNEN	3/10/43.		The first of last night's A/C on ops. to return was V in charge of P/O H.W.Geman, J.10730, and crew that landed at 0047 hrs. and reported a turn back because of severe icing conditions encountered and airspeed indicator being w/s. The others all returned to base as follows, M at 0248 hours, A at 0259 hours, N at 0303 hours, K at 0305 hours, S at 0312 hours, and P at 0321 hours, with the exception of U which landed at Peterhead, Scotland (northward) at 0313 hours after a Coles Tour of Scandinavia and with all gas gauges reading nil. The crew of U reported being intercepted by an R.A.F. Beaufighter and followed for many miles on the homeward journey but neither aircraft was sure of the other's identity until later, but fortunately neither opened fire on the other. Seven of the eight aircraft reported a successful Gardening operation in the Sweetpea II and Erant areas despite considerable bad weather. Daytime flying today consisted of air testing of aircraft W and O by P/O J.H.Allan, J.20440, Sgt. P.V.Scoravage, E.134601, and their respective crews, while Sgt. Pilots K.C.Smith, E.27619, and Sgt. D.Morrison, E.119264, and the latter's crew did Fighter Affiliations in D for an hour. The Squadron is on ops. again tonight with 8 aircraft scheduled to face the starter shortly before 1900 hours. Everyone was busy all day getting everything in shape for tonight's ops. The take off started when P/O. H. Geman, J.10730, and crew in W became airborne at 1851 hours, followed by P at 1852 hours, N at 1854 hours, K at 1855 hours, S at 1857 hours, D at 1858 hours, A at 1901 hours and S at 1906 hours in charge of Sgt. M.E.Vicollin, E.121177, Sgt. P.V.Scoravage, E.134601, P/O G. Perks, 145248, with Flying Officer J.T.Olinickill, J.23522, as Second Pilot, Sgt. R.A.Pratt E.100826, P/O. J.W.Tyler 111486, with Sgt. A.S.Hardner, E.144613, as Second Pilot, Sgt. K.G. Smith, E.97918, and Sgt. E.H.Ellis E.125282 and their respective crews. There were no early returns or turnbacks reported by midnight. The usual Church Services were held this morning for R.C. and Protestant personnel by the service Padres and were well attended. A picture show in the Officers Mess sponsored by the Y.M.C.A. was enjoyed by a capacity audience.		

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THORNDORPE	4/10/43.		<p>Last night's A/C on ops began to return when P landed at 0106 hours followed by H at 0109 hours, D at 0112 hours, S at 0119 hours, A at 0121 hours, N at 0130 hours and B at 0135 hours and reported a very successful raid on Kassel. A/C "W" in charge of P/O H.W.Gorman, A.P.N. J.10730 pilot, Sgt. F.C.Rebington R.14799, Navigator, P/Lt. G.T.Bery, J.15783, S/A, and Squadron Bombing Leader, Sgts. C.W.Dorey 117584, WQ/AG, Sgt. R.W.Eaton 624372 WQ/AG, Sgt. E.V. Davidson 140354 A/G, Sgt. W.D.Todd R.62728 P/N, did not return and has been reported as missing on operations. Arrangements were made by tele. home today with No. 6 Group H.Q. for Sgt. J.J. Blanchard R.12554, Sgt. D.H.Goodfellow R.125119, and Sgt. S.D.Jenkins R.112266, to spend their leave from Oct. 18/43 to Oct. 25/43 at the North British Hotel, Edinburgh, on the Huffield Leave Scheme. Arrangements are also being made by mail for Sgt. J.H.Wheeler R.110844 and Sgt. W.Hood, R.157516, to spend their leave during the same period in Edinburgh under the auspices of the Lady Francis Ryder organisation. The squadron is detailed for ops. again tonight and there is great activity evident in all sections. Routine flying was limited to an air test of "P" by P/O G.D.Perks, 145348, and crew with P/O Olinkakill, J.T. J.25922, as second pilot and of "W" by P/O J.Allan J.20440, and crew. Briefing was early this afternoon in preparation for an early take off. The first A/C to leave airbase on tonight's ops. was A at 1745 hours, followed by D at 1746 hours, W. at 1750 hours, S at 1753 hours, N at 1755 hours, B. at 1759 hours and H at 1811 hours in charge of P/O F.R.Carter J.13993, P/Lt. Tyler 111498, P/O J.H.Allan J.20440, P/Lt. L.Jimell, J.2324, Sgt. A.E.Austin 658231 with P/Lt. R.Kesner C.1396 as 2nd pilot, S/L W.H.Thomson 73524, with P/Lt. J.R.Bryan, C.3452, as 2nd pilot and Sgt. J.Keepe, R.133728, and their respective crews. There were no early returns or turn-backs reported by midnight.</p>		
THORNDORPE	5/10/43.		<p>Our A/C out on last night's ops returned in the following order- D at 0030 hours, H at 0050 hours, A at 0100 hours, and reported a very successful and concentrated attack on Frankfurt. However A/C "W" in charge of P/O J.H.Allan, J.20440, pilot, P/O H.S.Burton J.21709, Sgt. A.C.Cox 1388386 W/A, Sgt. H.W.Hemshall 1518060 WQ/AG, Sgt. G.H.Hayward 1413029 P/AG, Sgt. P.Sheldon, R.171843, WQ/AG, and Sgt. R.F.Lee, 804397, P/N, did not return and has been reported as missing on operations. Sapper H.E.Sheldon, N.66212 of the 9th Field Park Company, R.C.E.,</p>		

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THOLTROPE	5/19/43.		Canadian Army in England, arrived today to spend a few days leave with his brother Sgt. P.H. Sheldon, R.171843, who went missing on last night's raid. Flying today consisted of an airtest of C by P/O J.E. Clinkskill, J.23522, and crew, of F by P/O G.D. Parks, 145348, and crew, while P/O F. Small, J.20847, and crew brought B from Linton to Base and Sgt. J.M. Snelgrove R.114518, and crew did likewise with A. Sgt. A.L. Nadeau R.58206, flew the Tiger Moth from Base to Middleton St. George and return and P/O W. Wimming, J.22453, and crew airtested T. The Squadron was detailed for ops again tonight but it was scrubbed at the last moment after all preparations had been completed. Another new crew arrived on posting from 1659 Conversion Unit today, consisting of Sgt. C.W. Baker 1394379 pilot, P/O R. Morrish 133738 Nav., Sgt. E.G. Murray R.162434 B/A, Sgt. L.T. Broadbent 143728 WO/AG, P/O J.W. Rawle 115590 MW/AG, Sgt. L.P. Sullivan R.176678 A/G, Sgt. H.T. Penfold R.84289 Flight Engineer. This crew are not very happy over their posting here as they claim to have been specially trained for duty with 138 Squadron but through an error or oversight at the Conversion Unit they were posted here instead. The matter has been referred to HQ 6 Group Headquarters and in the meantime the crew are going on seven days leave. Ops were planned for tonight but cancelled at the last minute because of unfavourable weather forecasts.		
THOLTROPE	5/19/43.		There was only one daytime flight today when P/O W. Wimming J.22453, and crew airtested A/C "C". Operations were scheduled for tonight and all preparations made for 12 A/O to take-off but everything was cancelled once again at the last minute due to unfavourable weather. P/Lt. B.P. Keenan, C.13296, pilot, was detailed today by HQ C.A.F. Headquarters, London, as a member of a District Court Martial at R.A.F. Station, Andreas, Isle of Man, on the 15th October, 1943, which was a popular assignment as it comes in the middle of his leave. P/O R.G.V. Hunt, J.11438, A/B, was posted here from 426 Squadron today for Squadron Bombing Leader duties, succeeding P/Lt. G.T. Bury, J.16782, missing since the raid on Roches on 29/10/43. Sgt. J. Swan, R.15993, A/B was posted to No. 23 G.W.U. today for recruiting.		7/4 at 43
THOLTROPE	7/10/43.		Fleets of flying today as A/O G, T, U and H in B Flight were airtested by P/O W. Wimming, J.22453, P/O Dunn, S. J.16318, Sgt. N.H. Mills, R.124282, and Sgt. A. Austin, 658291, and their respective crews. P/O S. Dunn, J.16318, and crew did a cross country and air to sea firing in the afternoon and P/Lt. B.P. Keenan, C.13296, and P/O G.S. Streat J.21331, and crews completed a night		

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THOLINHOPE	7/10/43 (Continued)		cross country flight this evening. All flights were just as active and crews captained by Sgt. K.C. Smith R.97918, P/Lt. J.R. Bryan, C.1452, P/O J.T. Clinkskill, J.23522, put in some valuable hours on air to sea firing, air & height tests and cross country exercises in A/C K, B and C. Sgt. J.M. Snelgrove R.114518, and Sgt. S.A. Kitton 537513, reverted to E.F.T.S. days for an hour in the Tiger Moth. P/Lt. J.W. Tyler 111498, and crew airtested B during the afternoon. This evening P/Lt. J.R. Bryan C.1452, and P/O J.T. Clinkskill J.23522, and their crews completed a night cross country exercise. A telegram from Air Ministry today advised us that according to the International Red Cross Committee quoting German information, on Aug. 28th, 1943, Sgt. W.J. Vansant, R.119105, P/O J. MacReady, J.14179, Sgt. B. Gray 1366745, and Sgt. A.M. Lloyd 97390, were captured and that Sgt. M.R. Ledgett, R.105328, was dead. They were all members of the crew of P/Sgt. T.F. Shoult R.116497, missing on the Numburg raid on 27/28/43.		
THOLINHOPE	8/10/43		There was no flying today but we were scheduled for ops tonight and all sections were very busy. Take off was scheduled for early this evening and then postponed but finally "F" took off at 2257 hours in charge of P/O G.D. Perks 145348, and crew with P/O C.S. Brest, J.21331, as 2nd Pilot followed by P at 2302 hours, D at 2302 hours, S at 2304 hours, O at 2305 hours, U at 2306 hours, B at 2310 hours, T at 2311 hours, O at 2312 hours and K at 2313 hours, in charge of crews captained by Sgt. A.F. Fry, 1338820, Sgt. J.M. Snelgrove R.114518, P/Lt. L. Linnell, J.2934, P/O P.G. Small, J20847, Sgt. P.V. Escaravage, R.134601, P/Lt. J.R. Bryan, C.1452, P/Lt. B.F. Keenan, C.1396, P/O W. Winding, J.22453, P/O J. Clinkskill, J.23522, respectively. Sgt. K.C. Smith, R.97918, and crew in A were unable to take off because of engine trouble developing at the last moment. There were no early returns or turn backs reported by midnight. A signal from No. 6 Group H.Q. today advised that P/Lt. O.E. Martin, G.2329, was reporting tomorrow for double banking Adjutant's duties. The Squadron Adjutant was delighted on being advised by a phone call from No. 6 Group H.Q. that this double banking did not mean he was being posted as P/Lt. Martin is merely coming for experience before reporting to the Senior Administration Course near the end of this month. Another signal from H.Q. of B.O. advised that His Majesty The King on the recommendation of the Air Officer Commanding in Chief, has approved the immediate award of the D.F.M. to Sgt. James Geddes, 1566616, P/E, in the crew		

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THOLDSIDE	8/10/43.		of P/O H. Gensen, J.10730, A.P.M. until wounded on the night raid on Munster-Gladbach, 31 August, 1943, when he exhibited exceptional fortitude and devotion to duty on his first operational trip.		
THOLDSIDE	8/10/43.		Our A/C on ops. last night were diverted on the return trip and G, K, H, S, P, D, T, and B landed at Shipham and F at Chedburgh between 0350 hours and 0449 hours and returned to base this afternoon. A/C "C" in charge of P/O Small P.O. J.20847, pilot, P/O J.P. Turbotte J.14224, Navigator, P/O D.H. MacDonald J.22619 P/A, Sgt. R.J. Swingle 1210606, W/O Sgt. H. Hallentine R.98593 and Sgt. F.A. Wiley 1805748 P/A, did not return from this raid on Hannover and has been listed as missing on operations. Records advised us today that Sgt. K.C. Smith R.97918, Sgt. E. H. Ellis R.124282, Sgt. E.P. Devaney R.130783, Sgt. D. Morrison R.119984, Sgt. H.A. Pratt R.100824, Sgt. H.P. Flowelling R.121177, Sgt. F.V.M. Escaravage R.134601, Sgt. J.H. Keane R.133728, Sgt. J.H. Smith, R.131214, and Sgt. J. A.M. Nadeau, R.55208, pilots were promoted to Flight Sergeants and the back dating will provide the boys with considerable additional money. There was no local flying here today except that P/O J.T. Olinickill, J.23522, P/Lt. Bryan J.R. C.1452, P/Lt. B.P. Kerman, C.1396, and Sgt. P.V. Escaravage R.134601, and crews who had landed at the Shipham diversion Base after returning from ops. flew their respective aircraft back to base. Another recent benedict on the Squadron is P/O J. Ferguson, J.14534, who was married to Miss Rita Miriam Cuffe at Ramet, Hertfordshire on Oct 2/43. P/O. J. Ferguson is now both Navigator and brother-in-law to his skipper to S/Ldr. J.E. Hooker, J.4562, as these officers have married sisters since joining the Squadron. The usual Saturday evening liberty bus to Harrogate was patronised by a large number of Squadron personnel.		
THOLDSIDE	10/10/43.		There was no flying today and no ops. tonight because of very inclement weather. Word was received from Records today that Sgt. A.P. Huxton, R.124778, Sgt. J. Williamson, R.127770, Sgt. D.G. Goodfellow R.123319, Sgt. A.W. Morby R.90770, Sgt. A.L. Heaton R.109532, Sgt. G.T. E. Ian R.96004, Sgt. R.C. Pedlar R.130658, Navigators, were promoted to Flight Sergeants and considerable back dating will provide the boys with plenty of additional pay. Church parades were held this morning for Protestant and R.C. adherents and were well attended on a voluntary basis. Another picture show in the officer's Mess sponsored by the W.M.O.A. was enjoyed by a large audience.		

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THOLYTHORPE	11/10/43.		Flying consisted of air tests of A/C Y.M., and B by P/O W.Wilming, J.22953, Sgt. A.W.Austin 698291, & S/Ldr. J.Hockey, J.4562, and their crews while P/O Brewst, J.21331, P/Sgt. A.Nadeau R.55208, and Sgt. Macaravage P.V., R.134601, and crews put in some daytime cross country flying hours. Sgt. F.V.Bocourvage R.134601, and crew flew U back to Base from Shipham. P/Lt. J.W.Eyler, 111486, and P/O. F.Carter, J.13992, and crews flew to Harwell in K and brought M back to base. Sgt. K.C.Smith R.27888, Sgt. R.A. Pratt R.10882, and Sgt. J.M.Snellgrove R.116226, and crews did a cross country exercise. Records confirmed the promotion of Sgt. F.O.Sabington R.147399, Sgt. G.P. Simpson, R.143384, Sgt. D.H.Watson R.129766, Sgts N.Vember, R.122455, Sgt. W.K.Maxwell, R.124300, Sgt. R.P. Purdy, R.107127, Sgt. G.D.Jenkins, R.112266, Sgt. W.H.Cooke R.101684, and Sgt. H.W. O'Connell, R.117226, Navigators to Flight Sergeant rank with plenty of back pay to make the boys happy. A crew without a pilot (missing on ops.) was posted back to Conversion Unit today and we said goodbye and good luck to Sgt. F.Walker 1610270, Nav., P/O F. Spencer 151074 A/B, Sgt. L.Horworthy 1391075 WU/MG, Sgt. J.M.Mathew R.169921, WU/MG, Sgt. A.H.H. Fielding, 2216185 A/C, and Sgt. F.Goodall, 1085011, W/E.		
THOLYTHORPE	12/10/43.		There was no flying today and no ops. scheduled for tonight because of very unfavourable weather conditions. P/Lt. O.R.Martin, G.2322, was advised by Postroom from No. 6 Group Headquarters today that he is to report to the School of Administration (War) Course from 28th October, 1943 to 23rd November, 1943. Our popular Squadron Commander W/O G.H.Harris, 37878, left for London this morning with S/Ldr. L.Holman, G.1080, Squadron Engineer officer for a few days well earned leave as it is the first leave that either officer has taken since joining the Squadron several months ago. W/O V.E.Hamilton, 139210, Squadron Signals Leader received his promotion to P/Lt. today effective 1.9.43. An A.M. letter dated 7.10.43, received today advised of the commissioning of former Sgt. H.Green, 1096880, pilot, missing on air operations, as P/O H.Green, 157406, effective 13.9.43. A lecture for all aircrew of 431 and 434 Squadrons was given in the main briefing room today by C/O J. Fagunder on the subject of P.F.P., which was very interesting and instructive. S/Ldr. Powell spoke on the subject of P.F.P. Navigation.		
THOLYTHORPE	13/10/43.		There was no flying again today and no ops. scheduled for tonight because of unfavourable weather. Sgt. A.W.O. Austin 658291, pilot, received his commission today as P/O A.W.O. Austin		

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THOLCHORPE	13/10/43.		157596, effective 12.9.43. A lecture for all aircrew of 431 and 434 Squadrons was held in the main briefing room today when P/Lt. Greenwood, H.G. 62086, Station Intelligence Officer, spoke interestingly on the subject of P.F.F. Markings. A picture show scheduled for 2100 hrs. in the Officers Mess was cancelled at the last moment when the machine broke down.		
THOLCHORPE	14/10/43.		There was only limited flying today and no ops. scheduled for tonight. P/Lt. J.W. Tyler, 111498 and Sgt. J.M. Snelgrove R.114518, and crew flew to Middleton St. George in A/C "P". Sgt. J.M. Snelgrove, R.114518, and crew brought a new Halifax, M.953, back to base while P/Lt. J.W. Tyler, 111498, and crew returned in F. Cross country flights of over 6 hours duration were completed by P/Sgt. E.F. Devaney, R.130783, P/Sgt. A.B. Gardner, R.144013, Sgt. J.E. Pollard, R.121650, Sgt. D. Morrison R.119284, and their respective crews, while P/Sgt. E.A. Dunlop, AHS.420164, and crew did some local flying. Another lecture for all aircrew personnel on the station was given in the main briefing room today by P/O. A. Hall, J.16011, on the subject of No. 6 Group Combat Reports.		
THOLCHORPE	15/10/43.		There were only two flights today and no ops scheduled for tonight because of continuing bad weather. S/C. E.G. Smith, R.97918, and crew carried out an Air to Air Firing exercise and P/O W. Winning, J.22453, and crew did the same. WO2 G.B. Hellens, R.90568, A/G received his commission today effective 20.9.43, and has been entered on Squadron records as P/O G.B. Hellens, J.18625. A lecture was given in the main briefing room today by Professor Norman of Air Ministry Intelligence section on the subject of the German Air Force and a large number of aircrew personnel of both Squadrons attended. Promotion notices were received from Records today of Sgt. A.B. Gardner, R.144013, Pilot, to P/Sgt. effective 4.6.43, and of Sgt. W.F. Costello, R.108440, Navigator, to P/Sgt. effective 20.2.43.		
THOLCHORPE	16/10/43.		A complete aircrew of seven men left on posting to 138 Squadron today, and included Sgt. G.F. Baker, 1394379, Pilot, Sgt. E.G. Burron, R.162844, P/A. P/O H. Morris, 133744, Nav., Sgt. L. Broadbent 1457387, WO/AG, Sgt. L.P. Sullivan, R.176678, A/G, Sgt. H.T. Pinfold, R.84289, P/E, and P/O W. Rawle, 115590, MU/AG. P/O. F.E. Carter, J.13993, and crew along with P/Sgt. E.A. Dunlop, AHS.420164, and his two A/G's carried out some very valuable Fighter Affiliation training in A/C R and P/O G.S. Breat, J.21331, Sgt. Flemming, M.F., R.121177, S/Ldr. J. Mackey, 744562 and P/Sgt. E.F. Devaney R.130783.		

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THOLTHORPE	16/10/43	(Continued)	and their respective crews did likewise. P/O S.Dunn, 7.16318, and crew did some local flying and Sgt. A.L.Nadeau R.55206, and crew practised fighter affiliation and Sgt. P.V.Becaravage, R.134601, and crew carried out a bombing exercise on the Stronsall Range. W/O G.E.Harris 37878, our jovial and popular Squadron C.O. returned from leave in London this afternoon and reported having had a very good time. The usual Saturday night liberty bus run was again a popular feature and a large number of Squadron personnel journeyed to Brafferton Station by Service Bus and then to Harrogate by rail returning before midnight over the same route after a joyous time.	
THOLTHORPE	17/10/43		There was no flying activity of any kind today and no ops. scheduled for tonight. The weekly church services for R.O. and Protestant personnel conducted by the three Station padres were well attended on a voluntary basis. Sgt. J.E. Follard, R.121650, pilot, Sgt. A.L.Nadeau R.55206, pilot, and Sgt. Jenkins S.D. R.112266, were interviewed by G/O R.E.Gordon at R.H.Q. today re their applications for appointment to commissioned rank. A movie show in the officers mess this evening was enjoyed by a large number of officers. Promotion notices received from Records today included Sgt. E.G.Somson, R.123767 A/B to P/S effective 20-5-43, Sgt. J.P. Scott, R.127945, A/B, to P/S effective 21-4-43, and Sgt. E.L.Hurmes, R.130516, A/B to P/S effective 30-6-43. The back dating of these promotions will provide the boys with some welcome extra cash at payday.	
THOLTHORPE	18/10/43		Flying today included daylight cross country flights of over six hours duration by P/Sgt. R.A. Dunlop, A/B, 42016, P/O W. Winning J.22455, and Sgt. H.Flewelling R.121177, and crews while P/Sgt. A.B.Gardner R.144013, and crew did an airtest in G. Promotion of Sgt. A.B.Gardner R.144013, pilot, to P/Sgt. effective 4-6-43, and of Sgt. W.P.Coastello R.104340, Navigator, to P/S effective 26-2-43, were received from Records today. Our aircrew strength increased today with the arrival on posting from 1664 Conversion Unit of Sgt. W.H.McQueen, R.139401, pilot, Sgt. P.A.Kingston R.155859, A/B, Sgt. D.F.McAllister, R.157914, Nav., Sgt. A. Warrington, 1522503, WO/AG, Sgt. G.T.Bosch, R.145504, A/G, Sgt. H.G. Fearney, 1850875, P/S and Sgt. H.Habeluk, R.191053, WO/AG, who were interviewed by W/O G.E.Harris, 37878, Squadron C.O. assigned to R Flight and then granted a weeks leave. Promotions received today included Sgt. K.G.Burns R.132247, A/B to P/S effective 20-5-43, Sgt. W.A.H. McLean, R.132359, A/B to P/S effective 9-4-43, Sgt. J.H.T.Monteth, R.135010, A/B, to P/S effective 6-5-43, Sgt. E.B.Barnard R.137516, A/B to P/Sgt. effective 23-4-43, Sgt.	

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THOLTHORPE	18/10/43. (Continued)		V.C. MacDonald R.147636, A/B to P/Sgt. effective 23-4-43, and Sgt. R.W. Miller, R.153026, A/B to P/S effective 6-5-43. More aircraft arrived this afternoon, after reporting in error to 431 Squadron this morning on posting from 1664 Conversion unit. This new crew consisted of P/O R. Savage, J.11332, pilot, P/O J.A. Higgins, J.21193, Navigator, P/O J.E. Wheeler, J.23640, A/B, Sgt. G. Woodruff, J.159786, WO/AG, Sgt. G.I. MacKay, R.189443, A/G, Sgt. J.W. Kolesworth, 1661436, P/R, and P/O R.E. MacGregor, J.17089, MU/AG. The last named officer is reported to be a keen instructor type and after some operational experience may be slated to succeed P/Lt. J. Garton J.13381 as Squadron Gunnery Leader.		
THOLTHORPE	19/10/43.		S/Ldr. J. Hookay, J.4562, and crew put A/C "B" through an airtest. P/Lt. Tyler, J.W., 111498, and crew did the same in "C". A big operational effort involving 14 A/C was scheduled for tonight but cancelled at briefing time because of unfavourable Met. reports. More promotions received today included Sgt. D.M. Cooper, R.10218A A/B, to P/Sgt. effective 30.6.43, Sgt. W.E. Rowbottom, R.26777 A/B, to P/Sgt. effective 30.6.43, Sgt. M.A. Beaton, R.115897, A/B, to P/Sgt. effective 18.6.43. Notice was received from A.M. today that P/Sgt. A.J. Smalls, 1331603, had been appointed to a commission as P/O effective 20.9.43. He is at present on leave but is being advised by signal today. Another promotion received today is that of Sgt. W.A. Burton R.162245 A/B to P/Sgt. effective 4-6-43.		
THOLTHORPE	20/10/43.		Flying today consisted of an airtest and local flying by S/Ldr. W.H. Thomson, J.3524, and crew, with S/Ldr. H. Austin, C.8027, of Flying Control as a passenger. Fighter affiliation exercises by P/Sgt. J.H. Smalgrave, R.114518, and crew, daytime cross country and practice bombing exercises by P/O J.T. Olinkskill, J.23522, P/Lt. J.R. Bryan, C.1452, S/Ldr. W.H. Thomson, J.3524, Sgt. E. Dunlop, AHS.420164, and Sgt. R.A. Pratt, R.100624, and crews. W/O C.E. Harris, 37878, and crew air tested "C" while Sgt. D. Morrison, R.119984, Sgt. J. Keane, R.133728, and Sgt. J. Follard, R.121650, and crews also tested their respective A/C. B Flight were also very active today and P/O W. Wiming, J.22453, and crew with S/Ldr. D.L. Hansen, C.1040, Squadron Engineer Officer, as a passenger airtested first A/C "X" and later "O". P/O S. Dunn, J.16318, and crew made an overload test, while P/Sgt. Ellis, R.124282, S/Ldr. J.H. Hookay, J.4562, P/Sgt. A.P. Fry 1338820, and crews completed practice bombing exercises at Strusall. P/Sgt. H.P. Devaney R.130783, and P/Sgt. A. Nadeau R.55208, and crews put in some Air to Sea firing practice time. Sgt. P.J. Williams, 1072353, A/G, was posted to this		

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TELETYPE	20/10/43	(Continued)	Squadron from 427 Squadron today for operational duties. A ruling was received from No. 6 Group, H.Q. today that we may P.O.R. promotions when confirmed in R.C.A.F. overseas Orders without waiting for further letter confirmation from Records as in the past which will speed up P.O.R. action on promotions by several weeks or more.		
TELETYPE	21/10/43		Promotions received by mail from Records today included Sgt. J.E. Spears, R.14685, A/G, to P/Sgt. effective 20.6.43, Sgt. J.S. Bouche, R.15692, A/G to P/Sgt., effective 4.6.43, Sgt. R.F. Dixon R.17882 A/G to P/Sgt. effective 18.6.43, and Sgt. R.J.C. Flouffe R.182077 A/G to P/Sgt. effective 30.6.43. Sgt. J. Weeks 131398, A/G, who has just completed his first operational tour, and P/Sgt. R. Johnson, 112900, Nav. in the crew of W/O C.E. Harris, 37876, were interviewed by O/S R.G. Gordon, C.131, today regarding their applications for a commission. ACW/CD Goethe, R.187512 received notice today to report to A.C.R.C. Abbey Lodge, for training as Air Gunner, on Oct. 25/43 being the first of our groundcrew to be selected for aircrew training. Another, A.C. P. Harrick, P. 225262, was ordered to report for a medical for air crew training. Flying today consisted of Fighter Affiliation, Bombing practice, cross country and air testing exercises but there were no ops. scheduled for tonight.		
TELETYPE	22/10/43		Sgt. J.S. Weeks, 131398, A/G, and P/Sgt. R. Johnson, 112900, Nav., were interviewed by the Station Base Commander A/C G.M. Mollison, R.N., D.F.C., C.60, today in regard to their applications for a commission. Sgt. J.S. Weeks, 131398, A/G, is now awaiting posting to an O.T.U. for instructional duties. There was only limited flying today consisting of fighter affiliation and airtesting but we are scheduled for a big operational effort tonight. Another new crew arrived on posting from 1659 Conversion Unit consisting of WO W.B. Forrier R.77208, Pilot, Sgt. W. Marshall R.138076, Nav., P/O M. Taylor J.18075 A/G, P/O A.S. Fletcher J.20482 WO/AG, Sgt. J.S. Pilley, R.146655, A/G, Sgt. R.S. Smith R.108286, P/N, Sgt. R.S. Frithen R.192771 WO/AG. Fourteen of our A/C faced the starter bar take-off and all 14 became airborne as per schedule without any difficulty. However we had two turnbacks including A/G "T" and "W" in charge of P/Sgt. R. Drummy R.150783, and P/O V. Simons J.22051, leaving 12 A/C to carry on to the target and they are expected back here after midnight. Two Canadian army officers, Lt. R.H. Clements, 146713, of No. 1 C.A.S.W. and Lt. G.H. Ward, 13572, of No. 6 C.A.S. spent the day with the Squadron on liaison duty and		

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TRALTONHE	21/10/43.		<p>Our A/C on last night's operational sortie began to return around midnight and nine landed here or at nearby diversion bases despite rain and low clouds, including D in charge of P/Sgt. J. Shelgrave R.114518, and crew with Sgt. E. Dunlop, AHS.42016, as 2nd Pilot, B in charge of Sgt. H. Pratt, R.10088, and crew, M piloted by Sgt. J. Pollard, R.121650, K by Sgt. D. Morrison, R.119984, E by Sgt. J. Keane, R.113728, O by Sgt. A. Gardner, R.114013, S by S/Ldr. J. Hooker, J.14562, and U by Sgt. P. Encourage, R.114605, with their respective crews. However F in charge of S/Ldr. W.H. Thomson, J.1524, pilot, P/Sgt. E. Parry, R.107227, Nav., P/Sgt. B. Miller, R.113026 B/A, P/O R. Bellingham 156785 WQ/AG, P/Sgt. E. Plouffe, R.182077 A/G, P/Sgt. C. Reynolds R.104432 RAG, and Sgt. J. Malcolm 97272 P/S; "A" in charge of P/Lt. J. Bryan G.1152 pilot, P/O W.J. Small R.20111 Nav., Sgt. W. Hurton R.162245 B/A, Sgt. W. Worseth, 123823 WQ/AG, Sgt. D.W. Hall 104628 RAG, Sgt. F. Street 1682809 P/S; "B" in charge of P/Sgt. N. Maden R.55208 pilot, P/O H. Lee J.11510 Nav., P/O H. Oudney J.22666 B/A, Sgt. W. Onnell 1112310 WQ/AG, Sgt. D. Wilson R.186094 WQ/AG, Sgt. A. Dixon R.177109, RAG, Sgt. H. Moore, R.62285, P/S, and "T" in charge of P/Sgt. A. Fry 1138620 pilot, P/O H. Parr J.11207, Nav., P/O J. Dence J.22617 B/A, Sgt. J. Ganga R.125953, Sgt. G. Brown R.8325, WQ/AG, W/O F. Watson R.97267 RAG and Sgt. D. Thornley 1690280 P/S, are regrettably reported as missing on the operation. The target last night was Kassel and all returning crews reported a concentrated and heavy attack with considerable enemy fighters, A.A. and S.I.A. activity. The loss of four A/C and crews is our heaviest contribution to the war effort for a single night so far. Two more Canadian Army Officers, Capt. D.J. McCordie, R.117780, and Lt. E.M. Barrett, R.126917, of No. 1 C.I.A.F. visited this unit today on leave duty and were shown around and given a flight, P/Sgt. G.T. Finch, AHS.41211 WQ/AG, was sent to RAF Station, Thorpe Island, today to try and identify Sgt. C.H. Howard 111309 A/G in the crew of P/O J.H. Allen J.20440, missing since the Kassel raid on 3.10.43, whose body was washed ashore and partially identified yesterday. The weekly liberty bus run to nearby RAF Station was as popular as ever with Squadron personnel bent on an evening in Harrogate.</p>		eight
TRALTONHE	21/10/43.		<p>Notice of the promotion of Sgt. E.H. Johnson R.119601, pilot, to P/Sgt. effective 18.6.43, was received from Records today and also notice of the commissioning of P/Sgt. A. Linton 57428 WQ/AG as Pilot Officer, 156128, effective 16.9.43, which has been forwarded to him at No. 10, C.T.E.</p>		

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THORNEY	24/10/43	(Continued)	where he is now serving as an instructor. Signals from Tangmere and Thorney Island advised us today that the bodies of Sgt. P.H.Sheldon, R.1718, MW/AS, and P/O W.S.Burton J.21709 Nav., respectively in the crew of P/O. J.H.Allan, J.20440, had been washed ashore. The usual Sunday church parades were held this morning for R.C. and Protestant personnel by the Station Padres and were well attended on a voluntary basis. A movie in the Officers' Mess under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. was enjoyed by a capacity audience. There was no flying today or tonight.	<b>SECRET.</b>
THORNEY	25/10/43		Notice of the commissioning of Sgt. G. Lortie R.12409 Pilot, as Pilot Officer, J.12624, effective 20.9.43, was received from Air Ministry today but he has been missing since the Hammer raid on 27.9.43. Flying today consisted of cross country, airtesting, and air to air firing exercises by thirteen pilots and crews. The Squadron Adjutant, P/Lt. G.T.Sutherland, G.3180, and P/O. D.E. Smith, J.14195, Nav., left for R.A.F. Station, Thorney Island at noon today to represent the Squadron at the funeral of the late P/O W.S.Burton, J.21709, there tomorrow morning. P/O. J.Ferguson, J.14634, Nav. will be acting adjutant for the next few days.	
THORNEY	26/10/43		The funeral of P/O W.S.Burton, J.21709, took place in the R.A.F. Cemetery at Thorney Island today at 1200 hours in the presence of P/Lt. G.T.Sutherland, G.3180, and P/O. D.E.Smith, J.14195, of this Squadron. The services were conducted at the graveside by S/Ldr. Bruce Miller, R.C.A.F. Protestant Chaplain and Thorney Island Station provided a funeral party consisting of pallbearers, guard of honour from 415 Squadron, firing party and bugler and the Station photographer took several pictures. Messrs. Smart, an uncle and cousin of the late P/O W.S.Burton, J.21709, were also present from their home in Angus, Scotland. Beautiful wreaths were sent by the C.O. and Officers of 434 Squadron, WO's, Sr. N.C.O.'s and Airmen of 434 Squadron and similar wreaths from Thorney Island Station. There was no flying here today. A signal from A.M. advised us today that Sgt. A.Cox 136886 R/A, in the crew of P/O J.H.Allan J.20440, have been washed ashore on the Isle of Wight.	
THORNEY	27/10/43		Flying today consisted of one flight in which P/Sgt. A.Gardner R.14083, and crew ferried A/C 'B' from Topcliffe to Base. Ops were scheduled for tonight and 14 A/C and airmen were readied but everything was cancelled at the last minute because of unfavourable met forecasts. The funeral of Sgt. P.Sheldon R.1718, MW/AS, in the crew of P/O J.H.Allan, J.20440, was held from R.A.F.	

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TROUSERS	27/10/43	(Continued)	Station, Tangmere, to Chichester Cemetery this morning. The service at the graveside was conducted by S/Ldr. J. Rissler, R.C. Chaplain, and P/Lt. G.T. Sutherland, C.5180, Squadron Adjutant, and S/Ldr. Bruce Millar, R.C.A.F. Protestant Chaplain were present. R.A.F. Station Tangmere provided the funeral party consisting of pallbearers, a bugler and a photographer. Beautiful wreaths were received from the C.O. and Officers and the WO's, Sr. N.C.O.'s and Airmen of 434 Squadron. More aircrew arrived on posting from 1659 Conversion Unit including Sgt. R.E. Hukes, R.62329, Pilot, P/O R. Hodgson J.20916, Nav., Sgt. H.D. Newey 1578528 WO/AS, Sgt. L.M. Smith R.128215 A/B, Sgt. J.L.N. Warren R.136975, A/G, Sgt. J.A. Lemieux R.185386 MW/AS, Sgt. A. McIntosh R.165655 P/E. The funeral of Lt.A.C. I. Padveen R.148071, who died of a rare malady in the Hebrew Military Hospital last Friday was held from the United Hebrew Congregation Synagogue in Leeds to the Jewish Cemetery. S/Ldr. A. Littlewood C.4684, Squadron Protestant Chaplain and a party of six airmen from this Squadron were in attendance. Beautiful wreaths were sent from the C.O. and Officers and the WO's, Sr. N.C.O.'s and other ranks of 434 Squadron and the Station photographer took several pictures of the service and funeral party.		
TROUSERS	28/10/43		There was no flying of any description today and no ops. scheduled for tonight. More aircrew arrived today on posting from 1659 Conversion Unit including P/O D.C. Evans, J.21016, Pilot, P/O E.G. Amour C.4685 Navigator, Sgt. W. Cotton 1392583 WO/AS, Sgt. D.E. Jackson R.145408 A/B, Sgt. R. Ballentyne R.102530 A/G, Sgt. J.S.S. Sleigher R.195216 MW/AS, Sgt. G. Rutt 1561770 P/E, and Sgt. R.J.A. Stanley R.144014 Pilot, P/O R.C. Crumpton J.21189 Navigator, Sgt. J.C.W. Cliffe 1320477 WO/AS, Sgt. D.I. Ross R.157415 B/A, Sgt. J.R.L. Leach R.188532 A/G, Sgt. D.L. Silverman 1071327 MW/AS, Sgt. S.J. Greenough R.158103 P/E. A letter from A.M. today advised of the commissioning of Sgt. J.M. Smelgrove R.114518 pilot, as P/O, No. J.18468, effective 20.9.43. The funeral of Sgt. A.C. Cox 1388386, B/A in the crew of E/B J. Allan J.20440, missing since the Frankfurt raid on 4.10.43, was held at Fairhurst Military Cemetery on the Isle of Wight today but time and distance prevented a Squadron representative being present but wreaths were sent from the C.O. and Officers and WO's Sr. N.C.O.'s and other ranks of 434 Squadron. A Y.M.C.A. sponsored movie show in the Officers mess this evening was enjoyed by a large gathering.		

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THOLINGHE	29/10/43.		No flying today and no ops. tonight because of continuing bad weather. The funeral of Sgt. C.H. Hayward 1413029 A/G, in the crew of P/O J.Allan J.20440, was held from his parents residence at 82 Christchurch Rd., Newport, Wales, today with P/Lt. G.T.Sutherland C.3180, Squadron Adjutant in attendance. Pallbearers and a photographer were provided by 266 Balloon Squadron and wreaths were sent by the O.G. and Officers, and WO's, Sr. N.C.O.'s, and other ranks of 434 Squadron. Many friends of the deceased were present and there were many floral wreaths. A letter from A.M. advised of the commissioning of Sgt. W.A.R. McLean R.132350, as P/O, No. J.16767, effective 16.8.43. More survivors arrived on posting from 1664 Conversion Unit today, including Sgt. R.V.Tedford R.24505 pilot, P/O J.Amitage J.22059 Nav., Sgt. J.G. Tomlinson R.157023 A/S, Sgt. E. G. Plummer 135094 WO/AS, Sgt. H.J. Turner 1413130, P/N, Sgt. J.R. Wilson 105343 MS/AS, P/O J.R. Hays J.26623 A/G.		
THOLINGHE	30/10/43.		There was no flying today because of very poor weather conditions but a big operational effort was scheduled for tonight which however was cancelled at the last minute after the usual day-long flap to get everything ready. Sgt. D.M.Cooper, 102384 A/P, was posted to 1652 Conversion Unit today for reworking with P/O J.G. Stewart J.10922. The usual Saturday evening Liberty Bus run to Drafferton was not as well patronised as usual as ops. were not cancelled until after 1700 hours leaving little time for Squadron personnel to get cleaned up.		
THOLINGHE	31/10/43.		Sgt. R.A. Booth R.60250 P/N, was posted to 434 Squadron from 419 Squadron today. There was no flying today and no ops. scheduled for tonight because of continuing poor weather. The weekly church services for R.C.'s and Protestants were well attended on a voluntary basis and the station padre delivered inspiring messages. A signal received from A.M. advised that the International Red Cross quoting German information reports that Sgt. H.D.Malley R.11362 is now a prisoner of War. He was 2nd pilot in the crew of P/Sgt. T.F. Thould R.11697, missing since the Numburg raid on 27/20.8.43. Our losses this month total seven crews involving 49 survivors personnel. Since this Squadron went operational on August 12th, 1943, 22 crews and 3 2nd pilots have been reported missing on one of which one pilot has reached the United Kingdom and another is a prisoner and two others are reported dead, five Navigators are prisoners and one reported dead, two Bombardiers are prisoners and three reported dead, none		

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WINGHEAD	31/10/43		<p>reported dead, three WO/AG's are prisoners and one reported dead, three A/G's are prisoners and five reported dead, and four V/W's are prisoners. Weather conditions are getting worse and living in the quarters provided on this station is no joke but all ranks are taking it in their stride. Health is good, morale is high and serious crime is negligible. The V Canadian Victory Loan campaign is in full swing and a total of over \$ 6000.00 has already been subscribed by Squadron Personnel.</p> <p><u>NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF UNIT AS AT OCTOBER 31st, 1943.</u></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Officers</th> <th colspan="2">Airmen</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Aircrew</th> <th>Ground crew</th> <th>Aircrew</th> <th>Ground crew</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>WAAF</td> <td>37</td> <td>131</td> <td>353</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WAAF (USA)</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>RAF</td> <td>10</td> <td>56</td> <td>103 (36 WAAF)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>RAF (CAN)</td> <td>1</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WAAF</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WAAF</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>48</td> <td>187</td> <td>456</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Number of hours flown operationally during month of October, 1943 - 209 hrs. 35 mins.  Number of hrs. flown non-operationally during month of Oct., 1943 - 256 hrs. 15 mins.  Number of operational sorties carried out during month of October, 1943 - 47  Number of aircraft and type on charge of Squadron on 31st October, 1943 - 17 Halifax V.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>C. E. Harris W/C</i>  (C. E. HARRIS) W/C  Wing Commander, Commanding  No. 22 Squadron (H.C. &amp; V.)</p>	Officers		Airmen		Aircrew	Ground crew	Aircrew	Ground crew	WAAF	37	131	353	WAAF (USA)	-	-	-	RAF	10	56	103 (36 WAAF)	RAF (CAN)	1	-	-	WAAF	-	-	-	WAAF	-	-	-		48	187	456		
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