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Craft	1.8.44			GAN J.86418 P/O D. Curzon (Pilot), GAN J.35041 P/O R.A. Russell (Nav), GAN E.14352 W/O Gault (WOP/AG), GAN E.174850 Sgt Hanson D.E. (A/B), RAF 1626125 Sgt Spencer H.G. (P/R), GAN E.256075 Sgt Miller H.M. (A/B), GAN E.251547 Sgt Stewart R.W. (A/B) posted to GI Base supporting to Battle School, Dalton, for further training. This now reduces the number of crews to 30. Information received that RAF 1892472 Sgt T.R. Ely (P/R), who went missing on operations against Arona 12.6.44, captured and reclassified prisoner of war. Twelve aircraft proceeded on an operation against Agona - all returning safely to base. All aircraft returned with bombs due to visibility over target.			
Craft	2.8.44			GAN J.17792 W/O A.H. Popplestone (A/B) screened from operations on completion of his first tour. Squadron standing by for operations entire day but finally developed into training only.			
Craft	3.8.44			Ten additional crews posted to the squadron from No. 1659 Conversion Unit, personnel as follows: GAN E.87286 P/O M. Tansberg (Pilot), GAN E.191754 Sgt Crisp G.D. (Nav), GAN E.173188 Sgt P.A. Mansfield (WOP/AG), GAN E.186993 Sgt Wood A.G. (A/B), RAF 2210558 Sgt Barton P.D. (P/R), GAN E.206663 Sgt Gordin H.T. (WOP/AG), GAN E.219050 Sgt Baxter J.G. (A/B); GAN J.35150 P/O J. Wagman (Pilot), GAN E.182666 Sgt Steward W.J. (Nav), GAN E.164461, Sgt McMillan H.R. (A/B), RAF 1894540 Sgt Gorman V. (P/R), GAN E.257382 Sgt Bute J.D. (WOP/AG), GAN E.253090 Sgt Archibald J.M. (A/B). This brings total crews for the squadron to 32. Twenty aircraft proceeded on an operation against Fort de Hieppe - no early returns and all aircraft returned safely to base.			
Craft	4.8.44			GAN J.85130 P/O H.D. Smith (Pilot), recently screened from operations on completion of his first tour, posted to 1666 Conversion Unit for instructor duties. GAN J.18927 W/O H.F. Fleming P.F.G. (Pilot), GAN J.21893 W/O D.R. Robinson (Nav), GAN J.15619 P/O R.J. Brown (A/B), RAF 172886 P/O R. Thompson (WOP/AG), RAF 169042 P/O J. Clayton (WOP/AG), RAF 370655 P/O Robert R.E. (P/R) screened from operations on completion of their first tour. Fifteen aircraft proceeded on an operation against Fort de Hieppe - one aircraft missing (W/L for Y.12436), personnel as follows: GAN J.25389 W/O A. Low (Pilot), 4 sorties, 3 operational hours; GAN J.57126 P/O J. Kelly (Nav), 3 sorties, 28 hours; GAN E.168180 Sgt Bruggeman R. (P/A), 3 sorties, 28 hours; GAN E.190132 Sgt Dunsmuir G. (WOP/AG), 3 sorties, 28 hours; GAN J.20280 P/O G. Patten			

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Croft (continued)	4.8.44		(A/B), 3 sorties, 28 hours; GAN R.21238 Sgt B. Hellen (A/B), 3 sorties, 28 hours; BNF159288 Sgt H. Marley (P/W), 3 sorties, 28 hours.		
Croft	5.8.44		GAN R.59771 W/O McCamp R.W. (A/B) screened from operations on completion of his first tour with 36 sorties and 115 points. Seventeen aircraft proceeded on an operation against St. Lou D'Esperant, all making a successful attack and returning safely. Two Air Gunners posted to the squadron from 1659 Conversion Unit, personnel as follows: GAN R.278376 Sgt ^{James} W. (A/B) and GAN R.268550 Sgt Magum B. (A/B).		
Croft	6.8.44		RAF 173605 P/O D.T. Williams (P/W) screened from operations on completion of his first tour with a total of 38 sorties and 105 points. GAN J.6829 P/O F.G. Lord (Pilot) and GAN R.160789 P/O Hannell H.H. (A/B) who went missing on operations against Hanover 27/28 September 1943 classified as killed. Seven Air Gunners posted to the squadron from No. 1666 Conversion Unit, personnel as follows: GAN R.271562 Sgt Ciple P.G., GAN R.267619 Sgt McMillan H.H., GAN 22002A Sgt Henderson R.G., GAN R.267616 Sgt McGee H., GAN R.128469 Sgt Wolfe P.H., GAN R.261585 Sgt McClean R.W., GAN R.269598 Sgt Howell G. These air gunners have been posted to the squadron as spare to fly as mid-under gunners as required. No operations scheduled - local training only. Flying Officer Errol Lean Ross, GAN J.1603, and Pilot Officer Robert Borden McCullough, GAN J.1978, awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.		
Croft	7.8.44		Seventeen aircraft scheduled to proceed on operations against Le Hague, a rather discouraging effort with three non-starters and one early return. On take-off GAN R.17408 Sgt F. Hart (Pilot) in Halifax E.1K799 swung off the runway and collided with Halifax J.1M176 piloted by GAN J.85351 P/O A. Hageath (Pilot). No one in the crew seriously injured - all suffering mostly from shock. Information received that GAN R.61021 Sgt J.H. Dougherty (P/A), who went missing on operations against Sturbridge 16.6.44 captured and classified as prisoner of war.		
Croft	8.8.44		RAF 226151 Sgt Williams P. (P/W) granted a commission in the RAF VR with the rank of Pilot Officer and allotted personnel number 17938. 14 aircraft proceeded on operations against Point de St. Hubilly. A successful attack was carried out and all aircraft returned safely.		
Croft	9.8.44		GAN J.85326 P/O K. Macdonald (Pilot) recently screened from operations posted to 1666 Conversion Unit for instructor duties. GAN J.20477 P/O W. Stirling (A/B) posted to the squadron for		

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Croft (continued)	9.8.44		operational duties as a spare. Two operations carried out, one ^{three} of ^{of} these ^{of} aircraft against La Brugges, and another of these ^{of} aircraft against Goullonwilliam. Successful attacks carried out in both instances and all aircraft returned safely.		<i>light</i>
Croft	10.8.44		GAN J.87302 P/O J.Y.P. Locke (P), 1165598 Sgt Martin R.S. (N), GAN R.115756 W/O Andrew W.H. (WOP/AG), GAN R.171137 Sgt Ray J.R.R. (A/R), 1591118 Sgt Farrar D.H. (R/R), GAN R.203420 Sgt Broadwell B. (MI/AG), GAN R.255922 Sgt Cotterell D.G. (A/R), GAN J.87133 P/O R.B. Telford (P) GAN R.161998 Sgt Amittage H.W. (N), GAN R.133562 W/O Murphy E.L. (WOP/AG), GAN R.207836 Sgt Pugin J.W.A. (A/R), RMP 2211916 Sgt Booth G.B. (N/R), GAN R.207836 Sgt Wallden A.E. (MI/AG), GAN R.214203 Sgt Talbot E.G. (A/O), posted from 1659 Com Unit for operational duties with this Squadron. RMP 176121 P/O D.G. Elliott (WOP/AG), recently screened from operations, posted to No. 62 R.C.A.F. Base, Easton, for Air Sea Rescue Duties. Fourteen aircraft proceeded on an operation against La Follie. One early return being late on take-off, remainder completed the operation and returned safely to base.		
Croft	11.8.44		Squadron stood down this date due to visit of His Majesty the King, Her Majesty the Queen, and Princess Elizabeth to No. 62 RCAF Base for inspection. Three officers of this squadron were awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross by His Majesty. GAN J.18927 W/L M. Flewelling D.F.C. (Pilot), GAN J.11498 W/L R. Hunt D.F.C. (N/A) and GAN J.22095 P/O R. James D.F.C. (A/R), GAN J.86156 P/O J.G. Stinson (Pilot), GAN J.85353 P/O A. Rogness (Pilot), GAN J.85771 P/O A.L. Spence (Pilot), GAN J.85329 P/O A.H. Gibb (Pilot), appointed to rank of Acting Flying Officer.		
Croft	12.8.44		GAN J.11498 W/L R.G. Hunt (N/A) detailed to attend course of instruction at Bombing Analysis School commencing 16th August/44. RMP 1318228 W/Sgt W.V. Saunders (WOP/AG) commissioned in the RMP VR in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personnel number 179605. GAN J.87134 P/O J.C. Badley (P), GAN J.37773 P/O E.J. McIlright (N), GAN R.19481 Sgt Gobel L. (WOP/AG), GAN R.176587 Sgt Murphy R.W.B. (A/R), 1892381 Sgt Jones D.F.W. (R/R), GAN R.262266 Sgt Brown D.E. (MI/AG) GAN R.265267 Sgt Best A.G. (A/O) posted to this unit for operational duties from 1666 Com Unit. No. 33 Squadron, which has been noted for its various interesting non-operational accidents but GAN J.22714 P/O H. Millingale (New) recorded the most outstanding feat in this category whilst visiting a friend on a tramp steamer at Middleborough it appeared that the steamer hit		

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Craft (continued)	12.8.44		out to sea destined for Bermuda unknown to him. When this fact suddenly became known the Captain, who was very annoyed, hailed a passing fishing smack, lowered this officer over the side and returned him to shore - thus one of the most brilliant navigators of the squadron returned - unshaken and proud of the adventure. Twelve aircraft proceeded on an operation against Brambleok, all returning safely to base except one Halifax aircraft O.12175, personnel as follows: GAN J.25174 W/O D. McIntyre (Pilot), 15 sorties, 84 operational hours; GAN J.15757 W/O R. D. Jolley (Nav), 11 sorties, 78 hours; GAN J.28691 W/O P. Wilson (R/A), 11 sorties, 78 hours; GAN J.12305 W/O R. Chalk (WOP/AG), 14 sorties, 78 hours; GAN E.21352 Sgt I. Wall (A/C), 17 sorties, 96 hours; GAN E.20449 Sgt K. Low, 16 sorties, 51 hours; RMP 1892705 Sgt R. Gablett (W/R), 11 sorties, 68 hours.		
Craft	13.8.44		Seven aircraft proceeded on an operation against La Nouvelle, all making a successful attack and returning safely to base. GAN 3024 Sgt Hoobe D., Air Gunner in crew of GAN J.4425 P/L B. Darie (Pilot), credited with an unidentified fighter on return from his operation against Brambleok. No operations scheduled this date.		
Craft	14.8.44		GAN J.19422 W/L J.H. Keane (P), who was recently screened from operations, posted to 1659 Com Unit, relinquishing Acting Rank. GAN J.4425 W/L B.S. Darie appointed A/W/L effective 27.7.44. Eighteen aircraft carried out an operation against Palaise, all returned safely.		3. 24/100
Craft	15.8.44		GAN J.18927 W/L M.F. Maxwellling D.F.C., who was recently screened, is posted to 1659 Com Unit, relinquishing acting rank. GAN J.16361 W/O V.T. Woods (P), J.29583 W/O R.G. Fisher (N), GAN J.27458 W/O W. Gilchrist (A/N), GAN E.196378 Sgt Thomas J.A. (WOP/AG), GAN E.251595 W/Sgt Beckley R.J. (MI/AG), GAN J.38160 W/O J.R. Kerlaroux (A/N), 1097683 Sgt Williams E.J. (R/R), posted to AOS RCAF Squadron, effective 17th August. GAN J.28564 W/O G.H. Munroe (P), GAN J.17204 W/O I.O. McKeever (N), J.38792 P/O P.W. Anderson (A/N), GAN E.164587 P/Sgt Hennessey D.E.G. (WOP/AG), GAN E.266419 Sgt McConnell R.A. (MI/AG), GAN E.264786 Sgt Rowe A.J. (A/C), GAN E.76724 Sgt Leacock J.E. (W/R), GAN J.27630 W/O L.E. Coulter (P), GAN J.36380 W/O R.A. Davis (N), GAN J.35715 W/O P.H. Gifford (A/N), E.205263 Sgt Allan D.B. (WOP/AG), GAN E.251537 Sgt MacGregor A.W. (MI/AG), GAN E.215814 Sgt Syme G.M. (A/N), GAN E.82718 Sgt Lynch W. (W/R), posted to this squadron for operational duties from 1664 Com Unit. GAN J.85353 W/O Hogarth A.E. (P),		

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Craft (continued)	15.8.44		<p>GAN J.85773 P/O Miller W.D. (W), GAN J.8577A P/O Stewart R.V. (A/N), GAN J.85735 P/O Murphy J.S. (W/P/AG), GAN J.86432 P/O Hall G.R. (A/G), GAN J.85775 P/O Archer R.W. (A/N), GAN J.85730 P/O Vincent J.E. (P/N) screened from operations this date. Fifteen aircraft proceeded on an operation against Rostock, all returning safely to base.</p>		
Craft	16.8.44		<p>GAN R.211532 Sgt Wall T. (A/N), GAN R.108945 Sgt Murray H.A. (P/N), GAN R.181801 Sgt Hallner F. (A/G) and GAN R.209279 Sgt James D. (A/G) commissioned in the RCAF Reserve (R.S.) in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personal numbers J.87808, J.87755, J.87806 and J.87809 respectively. An additional crew posted to the squadron from 1659 Conversion Unit, personnel as follows: GAN J.27858 W/O G.K. Chapman (Pilot), GAN J.28457 W/O A.W. Dunn (W/P), GAN J.28256 W/O E.L. Warner (A/N), GAN R.181347 Sgt Williams W.R., D.F.M. (W/P/AG), GAN R.196082 Sgt Thompson F.E. (W/P/AG), GAN R.189644 Sgt White H.A. (A/N), RAF 1820952 Sgt Matthews G.A. (P/N). Information received that GAN R.191510 Sgt Steinhilber A.J. (A/N), who went missing on operations against Hannover 8/9th October 1943, and GAN J.20440 W/O J. Allan (Pilot), who went missing on operations against Frankfurt 4/5th October 1943, classified as killed. GAN J.10645 P/O J.W. Hammond (Pilot), GAN J.25076 W/O T.A. Morris-Jones (A/D), RAF 178502 P/O B. Norton (W/P/AG), GAN J.86487 P/O G.H. Scott (A/N) and GAN J.86343 P/O G.J. Martin (A/G) screened from operations on completion of their first tour. Fifteen aircraft proceeded on operations against Kiel. Fourteen aircraft returned safely. One aircraft ditched and a sea search is being carried out at this time.</p>		
Craft	17.8.44		<p>17666 P/O J. Addison (P/N) and 170666 P/O R.E. Dobson (P/N) who were recently screened from operations are posted to 1666 and 1659 Ops Unit respectively. GAN G.6471 W/O H.D. Baker (A/N) attached to 43 Sqn. from 6 Grp HQ for temporary extra duties pending posting. The command proceeded on a sea search at 0900 hrs in search of the crew that went missing on the Kiel raid of 16.8.44. The dingy was sighted approx 10 miles off Blankenburgh Head, personnel of crew as follows: GAN J.35150 W/O J. Thomas (Pilot), GAN R.182666 Sgt Otagari H. (W/P), GAN R.178089 Sgt Maxwell H. (A/N), GAN R.16144 Sgt Knutson (W/P/AG), GAN R.257382 Sgt Duke J. (A/N), GAN R.253290 Sgt Ambrose J. (A/N) and RAF 1894540 Sgt Gannon V. (P/N). No serious injuries, entire crew suffering from shock only. No operations scheduled - five night ops counter-attacks were.</p>		

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Croft	18.8.44		<p>GAN J.1978A P/O R.B. McCullough (Pilot) appointed to the rank of Acting Flight Lieutenant.</p> <p>RAF 1896270 Sgt Larks P.E. (W/X), RAF 1836407 Sgt Lane K.D. (W/X) and RAF 1892134 Sgt Myhrm R.G. (W/X) commissioned in the RAF (VR) and given personal numbers 179621, 179623 and 179622 respectively. GAN G.28247 P/O A. J. McNeill (Admin) ceases attachment to this squadron on attachment to No. 61 Base for temporary administrative duties. GAN E.66271 Sgt Fitzgerald A.G. (A/B), commissioned in the RAF Reserve (S.S.) and given personal number G.67812. Eighteen aircraft proceeded on an operation against Bremen, all returning safely to this country.</p>	
Croft	19.8.44		<p>Information received that 2209841 Sgt Galloway J., 1676235 Sgt Lee T.R., GAN E.95620 W/O Stephenson S.G., GAN E.142703 P/Sgt Kerr R.A., reported missing on a raid to Magdeburg 21.6.44, now reported killed in action. GAN E.128506 WO Goudry I.J., (WOP/AG), and GAN E.167532 P/Sgt Smith R.G. (WOP/AG) commissioned in the RAF Reserve (S.S.) and given personal numbers J.57857, and J.57858 respectively. 173605 P/O D.I. Williams (W/X) and 170981 P/O A. Gay (W/X) who were recently screened from operations were posted to 1659 and 1666 Com Units respectively. No operations scheduled this date. No training due to weather.</p>	January
Croft	20.8.44		<p>GAN J.16599 P/O S.H.A. Halton (P), 168638 W/O P. Graham (W), GAN J.16128 P/O R.G. Barry D.P.G. (WOP/AG), GAN J.16139 P/O I.H. Fleming (A/B), GAN J.15787 P/O E.V. Fulton (W/AG), GAN J.18905 P/O M. Federate (A/B), 160489A Sgt White D.R. (W/X), posted to this Unit from 1659 Com Unit for operational duties. GAN J.86213 P/O H.G. Whittington (A/B), who was recently screened from operations, is posted to 1659 Com Unit. GAN J.86309 P/O F.R. Scarle (A/B), recently screened from operations, is posted to 61 Base (Dalton) for instructor duties. RAF 1320297 P/Sgt Carter R.D. (W/X) and RAF 1892705 Sgt Giblett A.L. (W/X) commissioned in the RAF (VR) in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personal numbers 179616 and 179618 respectively. No flying this date, either training or operational, due to inclement weather.</p>	
Croft	21.8.44		<p>GAN J.87029 P/O F.I. Stark (WOP/AG) posted to No. 61 RAF Base (Dalton) for instructor duties. GAN J.19733 P/O W.L. Kimmel (A/B) posted to 1659 Com Unit for instructor duties on 21.8.44. GAN G.846 P/O A.P. Blackburn (Pilot) and crew posted to the squadron, remainder of crew as follows: GAN J.24691 P/O G.B. McGavin (W/X), GAN E.165128 WO J.J. Woodcock (WOP/AG), GAN J.27111 P/O H. Rubin (A/B), RAF 14217 P/O G. Reynolds (W/X), GAN E.11784 WO J.H. Street</p>	

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Croft	21.8.44		(A/N) and OAN E.112626 W/O G.A. McDowell (A/N). No operations scheduled this date - training only.		
Croft (continued)	22.8.44		<p>OAN G.13278 W/O H.G. Hallett (Admin) attached to this squadron for temporary administrative duties, attachment of OAN G.6471 W/O H.D. Baker (Admin) being cancelled. OAN J.17792 W/O D.M. Popplestone (A/N), recently screened from operations, posted to No. 1664 Conversion Unit for instructor duties. Information received that OAN E.155154 WO2 Haldenby F.J. (Pilot), who went missing on operations against Sierkade 16.6.44, previously reported as killed, now reported as captured and classified prisoner of war. An additional crew posted to the squadron, personnel as follows: OAN J.26652 P/O E.B. McIntyre (Pilot), OAN J.35749 P/O I.W. Mahler (W/O), OAN E.158075 W/O St. Pierre A.L.J. (A/N), OAN E.129668 W/O Stone P.A. (W/O), OAN E.203612 Sgt. Fairly H.G. (A/N), OAN E.147059 Sgt. Ruster A.W. (A/N), RMP 1680670 Sgt. Rhodes S. (R/N), OAN E.91147 Sgt. Taylor W.H. (R/N), OAN E.166039 P/Sgt. Thompson R.P. (W/O), OAN E.160197 W/O Foley P.J. (A/N) commissioned in the RCAF Reserve (Special Section) and given personal number G.88044, J.88142 and J.88088 respectively. No operations scheduled this date - training only.</p> <p>OAN E.52851 Sgt. Clark A.S. (R/N) commissioned in the RCAF (VR) in the rank of Pilot Officer and given personal number 55843. No operations scheduled this date - training only. OAN G.13278 W/O H.G. Hallett, attached to this Squadron for temporary admin duties, attended the Conference at No. 6 Group HQ for Squadron Adjutants and Heavy Conversion Unit Adjutants. The Conference commenced at 1100 hours and finished at 1515 hours with a break for lunch. The agenda was as follows: (a) Compilation of aircrew returns, including 'P' Forms and Weekly Operational Crew Returns, (b) Movements of Aircrew Personnel, (c) Commissioning of Aircrew Personnel, (d) Submission of information for preparation of (WOP/OC15) Aircrew Record Card, (e) Submission of FORM 7650 promptly and correctly. With reference to (a) Squadron Adjutants were asked to make an effort to get returns in more quickly to Group HQ. 'P' Forms particularly, and Weekly Operational Crew Returns to be forwarded directly to Group by HQ and not through Base HQ. (Apparently some Squadrons have been showing screened personnel on their 'P' Forms under the "Strength" column.) Recently, Group HQ requested more navigators from HQ Bomber Command to complete crews within the Group, whereupon HQ HQ implied that according to 'P' Forms submitted, the Group as a whole had a surplus.</p>		
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Graft (continued)	23.8.44		<p style="text-align: right;">SECRET.</p> <p>In connection with the weekly operational crew return all Squadrons were requested to include the information given in the following order: Nationality, Category, Number, Rank, Name, Initials, Trips, Points, Hours. Second four personnel are to be shown by a plus sign beside the number of trips. Efforts have been made to alter the Sortie Record Sheet, however GAN G.19768 W/O L. E. Cross, PA at 6 Group HQ informed that HQ Bomber Command would not approve any change. With reference to (b) on the Agenda, it was stated that no movements of personnel (aircrew) away from a Squadron are to be made unless authority has been received from 'P' staff at 6 Group HQ. It was also pointed out that posting signals references were not to be used as authority in P.O.R. entries, but that of the Posting Notice. If there is any difficulty in clearing a man on posting which will delay his arrival at his new Unit, the new Unit is to be advised direct. Aircrew may only be screened on the authority of 6 Group HQ. When a crew is screened from operations, arrangements are to be made for them to appear before the A.O.G. prior to proceeding on leave. After the interview, screened aircrew are to be granted a maximum of 10 days leave or less, depending on the requirements within the Group. With reference to (c), GAN V.30582 S/O L. G. Simon, of 6 Group HQ HQ branch, speaking on commissioning of aircrew, gave the percentage of aircrew commissioned in each Squadron. It was gratifying to hear that 434 led all Squadrons by far at the end of July with a percentage of 87.2 against an average of 56.3%. If commission applications are requested by Air Ministry or Overseas HQ on personnel (aircrew) who wish to refuse a commission, the airman must sign a statement to that effect, which is forwarded to 6 Group HQ for onward transmission. When a crew is reported missing a pro form is to be completed and signed by the Squadron Commander stating whether each member was considered suitable for appointment to commissioned rank or not, prior to being reported missing. This pro form is then kept on file at the Squadron in case this information is requested by Air Ministry or Overseas HQ at a later date. This applies, of course, only to those for whom no form 1020A has been originated. The reason being that personnel changes so rapidly in a squadron that it sometimes happens the person is not known to any of the present members. P.O.R. entries on commissioning is to be taken on the authority of the 6 Group Posting Notice, and not on the letter of authority received from</p>	

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Craft	23.8.44		<p>Paragraph (a) on the agenda was very briefly dealt with. Paragraph (d) is self-explanatory. Apparently there have been delays in submitting and discrepancies in 7650s. The last three-quarters of an hour of the meeting included a talk by S/Lt B.J. Knight, giving what information he had on the taking of all ground crew personnel in each Squadron, with the exception of the Adjutant, from the Squadron strength and putting them on Station W strength. Opinions on this new policy among the adjutants varied as to whether it would be an improvement or not, as far as the Squadron was concerned. It was pointed out that these airmen pride themselves on being with such and such Squadron. Some adjutants felt that difficulties would arise between Station and Squadron should trained Squadron clerical staff be changed or decreased. Most adjutants agreed that the taking away of the records of the ground personnel meant only a decrease of 10 to 15% of the amount of work done by the clerical staff in the Squadron.</p>		
Craft	24.8.44		<p>R.27204 Sgt Wright J.E. (A/O) posted from 4th Squadron to 428 Squadron with effect today, for operational duties. Information received from I.R.C.G. quoting German information stating R.17069 W/Sgt Downing R.J. captured (wounded) and reclassified prisoner of war. Also R.130256 W/O J.J. Donaldson, J.27389 W/O G.A. Chapman, GAN R.126412 W/O M.A. Luffin, J.28723 W/O J.H. Martin captured and now P.O.W.s. And one unknown dead. GAN J.15787 W/O R.V. Wilson, Air Gunner, with this Squadron received his Operational Wings Badge. The following airmen of this Squadron received commissions in the Reserve, Special Section, of the R.C.A.F. with effect dates shown:</p> <p>R.138757 Sgt Turner G.W. (R/R) - G.88008 16.7.44. R.15584A Sgt Buchmaster I.B. (R/R) - G.88106 16.7.44. R.204501 Sgt Lenny A.S. (W/O) - J.88101 16.7.44. R.150778 Sgt Boyd G.E.J. (R/R) - G.88115 16.7.44. R.182917 Sgt Reed J.H. (W/O) - J.88186 16.7.44. R.197710 Sgt Dowd S.T. (W/O) - J.88032 16.7.44. GAN G.85730 W/O J.E. Vincent (R/R) posted to 1659 H.C.V. for instructional duties with effect 30.8.44. Operations were held as per tonight, but were scrubbed in the late afternoon.</p>		
Craft	25.8.44		<p>Airmen of this Squadron received commissions in the Reserve, Special Section, of the RCAF with effect dates shown, and received new personnel numbers as follows: GAN R.202785 Sgt Purdie and W.R. (A/O) w/c 16.7.44 - J.88007; GAN R.210627 Sgt Macdonald W. (A/O) w/c 16.7.44 - J.88005;</p>		

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Crest (continued)	25.8.44		<p style="text-align: center;">SECRET.</p> <p>Goodman, T.W. (A/G) wmf 16.7.44 - J.88033; GAN R.222593 Sgt Ball R.Y.D. (A/G) wmf 15.7.44 - J.88002; GAN R.195397 Sgt M. J. Egan, (A/G) wmf 16.7.44 - J.88184. Also GAN R.20449 Sgt Linn K.R. (A/G) wmf 21.7.44 - pay number J.88064 who was reported missing from operations night of 12.8.44. Aircraft Halifax III P.12759, Pilot GAN J.87363 P/O G.G. De-hunter, blew a tire on take-off for a training flight today. On landing the aircraft swung to port, off the runway and into a hedge, resulting in category A/G crash. Notification was received today from HQ/Insulty (Canadian) Branch of Air Ministry that the following air-crew previously reported missing are now presumed dead for official purposes: GAN R.130076 WOI Marshall W.P. (Nav) missing 20/21.12.43; GAN J.20482 W/O A.A. Fincher (A/B), missing 20/21.12.43; GAN J.1966 P/O A.K. Beaton (Nav), missing 28.1.44; GAN J.2338 S/L R.M. Idwell (Pilot), missing 28.1.44; GAN R.180285 Sgt P.F. Wilm (A/G), missing 28.1.44; GAN J.19666 P/O A.V. Hordy (W/A), missing 28.1.44; GAN J.19960 P/O P.J. Kim (W/A), missing 28.1.44; GAN R.59777 Sgt De Steyne J.G. (A/B), missing 27/28 Sept. 1943; GAN R.125961 W/O Gary P. (W/O), missing 22/23.10.43; GAN R.98281 W/O Ballantyne W.B. (A/B), missing 8/9.10.43; GAN J.16782 W/O T.G. Day (W/A), missing 1/4.10.43. Operations were scheduled for an attack on Brest. All 16 aircraft detailed took off by approx 2330 hrs. There was an early return. All aircraft were diverted on return, due to weather conditions at base.</p>	
Crest	26.8.44		<p>Squadron again called for operations tonight. No. 44 called to supply up to 18 aircraft. When this request came through there was only one aircraft serviceable on the squadron, as all the rest was diverted. Shortly after five o'clock, aircraft which were diverted appeared, attempting to return to base, but due to weather conditions here were again diverted to Skipton, with the exception of W/O Watkins, P. (J7690), W/O R. McCallough (J1978) and W/O A. G. (J85389).</p>	
Crest	27.8.44		<p>Squadron held to stand by for operations. Nine aircraft detailed. Nine aircraft took off successfully at approximately 1615 hours and returned to base at approximately 2345 hours. No aircraft missing. J.7690 W/O P.E. Watkins (Pilot), Commanding Officer of 44th Squadron, and the following members of his crew, were commuted from operations with effect today: GAN J.11210 W/O Tom W.A. (Nav), WAF 14682 W/O R. Richardson (A/B), WAF 12657 W/O J. Bennett (W/O), GAN J.87215 W/O J. Williamson (W/O), WAF 175725 W/O Nelson G.W. (W/O). The Mid Upper Gunner of this crew, GAN J.88011 P/O J. Lambert, had 27 tons only to his credit.</p>	

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GHFT	27.8.44		<p>(Continued)</p> <p>CAN.8192523 P/O Smithers, H. (A/C) received a commission in the R.C.A.F. Reserve, Special Section as Pilot Officer. His new personal number is 38828, effective date 2.7.44. Commission of the post of 38792 P/O J.Y.P. Leach (Pilot) and crew w.o.f. 20.8.44 was received today.</p>		
GHFT	28.8.44		<p>The following aircrew personnel were screened from operations on authority of No. 6 Group H.Q. today, having completed their operational tour. CAN.726746 P/L V.G. Wright (Pilot) CAN.322744 P/O H.G. Billingsley (Nav) CAN.385493 P/O E. McGeenan (A/B) RAF.160616 P/O D. Gray (A/C) CAN.36714 P/O J.C. Foster (A/C), CAN.319784 P/L R. McGullough (Pilot) CAN.367132 P/O T. Wilson (Nav) CAN.319899 P/O R. Semon (A/B) CAN.367022 P/O H.D. Sutton (W/M) CAN.367156 P/O E. Stevenson (A/C) CAN.367124 P/O R.H. Davis (A/C) RAF.178852 P/O E. Payne (P/N) AND CAN.386030 P/O E. Rice (A/B).</p> <p>The following aircrew of this Squadron received notification of commissioning in the R.C.A.F. Reserve, Special Section as Pilot Officer. Their new number and effective dates are shown: CAN.3070408 P/O Lealand, D.E. (A/B) wof 15.7.44 new number 38827, CAN.3081988 SGT Hogan, C.H. (W/M) wof 22.7.44 new number 38826, CAN.3250930 SGT Shames, W.G. (A/B) wof 21.7.44 new number 38820, CAN.3082329 SGT Leach, G.A. (A/B) wof 21.7.44 new number 38821. A posting on CAN.385151 P/O A.H. Hagood (Pilot) who was recently screened to 1659 Conversion Unit wof 29.8.44 for instruction duties, was received today. The Squadron Commander interviewed six airmen (aircrew) members who were recommended for commissioning by their Section Leaders. Five aircraft of this Squadron were detailed for an attack on Parlay. All aircraft took off successfully and returned. One aircraft returned early due to engine trouble.</p>		
GHFT	29.8.44		<p>CAN.326959, SGT Maxwell, G. (A/B) Spaxe, posted to 419 Squadron wof today for operational duties. CAN.38578 P/O R.V. Stewart (A/B) recently screened from operations was posted to No. 1659 Conversion Unit w.o.f. 21.8.44 for instructional duties. Conference held by Station Commander at 10.30 hrs in Station Conference Room re: House of Motor Transport. CAN.013276 P/O H.G. Ballott (A/B) attended from this Squadron. Main points brought up concerning this Squadron which has one light van and the Squadron Commander car, are as follows: 1. A form 628 must be completed prior to leaving the Station. 2. No more than five passengers to be carried in the light van. 3. Only authorized persons are to drive the van. 4. The station speed limit must be observed.</p>		

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GROFT	30.8.44		<p>CAN-311488 P/O R.G. Hunt attended Bomber Leaders Conference at No. 6 Group H.Q. today. Discussions were held for about 5 hours on how to raise the standard of Bomb-Aiming and the training necessary to achieve this end. A new form of Air Bombers log was introduced. At 0227 hrs on return from a Bullseye, Halifax Mk 626 with crew as follows: CAN-357383 P/O G.H. Teddunter (Pilot) 1 Sortie, 3 points, 5.35 hrs Operational. CAN-337763 P/O J.C. Eastwood (NAV) No sortie, CAN-336886 P/O G.C. Kennedy (N/A) No sortie, CAN-4195719 SGT R.D. Gordon (W/AG) No sortie, CAN-4143614 SGT G. Brown (MU/AG) No sortie, CAN-2203037 SGT Dutton, R.A. (N/AG) No sortie, RMP-1797001 SGT J.L. McMahon (W/X) No sortie, crashed in a wheat field near Groft. All crew were killed outright. Cause of the accident is still obscure and is being investigated.</p>		
GROFT	31.8.44		<p>Signal received from I BOC quoting German Information stating R9381A W/O Mooney, A.R. (W/AG) J28211 W/O J.C. Lewis (N/A), J19788 W/O E.S. Dwyer (Pilot) J87128 P/O T.D. Turner (W/AG) J87269 P/O R.K. Kaiser (NAV) all of whom were reported missing on 16/17.8.44 are dead, reclassified missing believed killed. CAN-385735 P/O W.S. Murphy (W/AG) recently screened is posted to No. 24 O.T.U. with effect today for instructional duties. CAN-37690 W/O F.H. Watkins (Pilot) our recently screened Squadron Commander is posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot, Warrington, superseding from R.C.A.F. Overseas H.Q. Disposal, with effect yesterday. Although all 434 Squadron personnel have been expecting his posting, all right from the Flight Commanders down to the AC's will be very sorry to see him leave as he was most popular and respected by every one. The following aircrew personnel were posted to this Squadron from 1666 Conversion Unit with effect today: CAN-336386 P/O G.T. Alger (Pilot) CAN-336386 P/O R.G. Quinstron (NAV) CAN-337190 P/O V.G. Hinkle (N/A) CAN-419805A SGT Cooper, G.J. (W/AG) CAN-4251699 SGT Smith, M.L. (MU/AG) CAN-2203030 SGT Hounso, W.J. (A/O) RMP-2203687 SGT Higginbotham, W.C. (W/X). Fifteen Aircraft on operation against Isle of Guernsey today and all returned. A total of 288 sorties carried out for the month of August, bringing the grand total since formation of the Squadron to 1257 sorties.</p>		

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NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF UNIT AS AT 31st AUGUST, 1944					
OFFICERS					
			At Home		
			ABROAD	GROUNDWORK	
			ABROAD	GROUNDWORK	
			ROAD	2	
			ROAD (USA)	-	
			RAF	30	
			RAF (CAN)	-	
			RAF	-	
			RAF	-	
			TOTAL	202	2
			89	285	
			Number of hours flown Operationally during the month of August, 1944 - 1,205.50 mins.		
			Number of hours flown Non-Operationally during the Month of August, 1944 - 330 hrs. 25 mins.		
			Number of Operational Sorties during the month of August, 1944 - 246 Sorties		
			Number of Aircraft and type on charge of Squadron on 31st August, 1944 7 20 Aircraft		
WEIGHT OF BOMBS					
			Weight of bombs dropped from 1st July, 1944 to 31st July, 1944	Weight of bombs dropped for the month of August, 1944	
			Bombs 6,298,580 lbs	Bombs 2,149,670 lbs	
			2,517.5 English Tons	959.5 English Tons	
			Mines 429,080 lbs	Mines N I L	
			191 English Tons		
			Total 6,826,660 lbs	Total 2,149,670 lbs	
			2,708.5 English Tons	959.5 English Tons	
GRAND TOTAL FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF YEAR: - 8,976,330 lbs or 4,068 English Tons.					
Commanding Officer's Remarks: -					
During the past month 43 Squadron set a new high for itself in sorties, which totalled 246.					
Bombs dropped totalled 2,149,670 lbs. Nineteen Operations and one Sea Search were carried out.					
Unfortunately for the Squadron we lost three good crews, two on operations and one returning from a bulls-eye. Our O.C. CAN-7699 W/G F. Watkins was posted to "HQ Depot, Warrington, on 30.8.44 and will be missed by all. The morale of the Squadron, however, is still very high.					

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			<p>and were still in the fight to bring the war to an end as quickly as possible.</p> <p><i>AP Blackburn</i> (AP. BLACKBURN) Wing Commander, Commanding Officer, No. 826 Squadron (R.C.A.F.).</p>	

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