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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
Croft.	Jan 1/45		No operations today. The N.C.O's entertained the officers in their mess.	5299	
Croft.	Jan 2/45		This Squadron was detailed for seven aircraft today for operations. All took off successfully at approximately 1500 hours. The attack was on HUBBERS. All aircraft returned safely to base by approximately 2359 hours. All crews report having attacked the primary in clear weather. The attack was considered well concentrated and assessed 'good'. Some training was carried out today.		
Croft.	Jan 3/45		This squadron was detailed for fourteen aircraft today for operations. However, at approximately 1310 hours this attack was cancelled.		
Croft.	Jan 4/45		No operations today. The squadron was detailed for five aircraft for a training Command bullseye. This was subsequently cancelled. Cross countries were carried out before it started to snow.		
Croft.	Jan 5/45		This squadron detailed for fourteen aircraft for an operation today. Navigation briefing was held at 1500 hours and main at 1600 hours. The target was HANOVER. Our aircraft took off at 1845 hours approximately without incident and all returned safely. All crews reported a very successful attack and claim to have attacked the primary. Visibility over the target was clear with slight haze.		
Croft.	Jan 6/45		All aircraft returned safely back to base at approximately 0045 hours this morning after attacking Hanover. This squadron was detailed for 15 aircraft at approximately 1030 hours this morning for operations today. Navigation briefing was held at 1200 hours and main briefing at 1300 hours. All our aircraft took off successfully at approximately 1450 hours. The attack was on HANAU (near Frankfurt). All aircraft claim to have attacked the primary in 10/10ths cloud. Crews bombed on sky markers. It was felt by most crews that if P.W.F. were accurate, the attack could be assessed as 'good'. All crews returned safely to base at approximately 2220 hours.		1550 hrs.

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Croft.	Jan 7/45		Twelve aircraft of this Squadron were detailed for operations today. Navigation briefing was held at 1400 hours and main at 1500. All twelve aircraft took off successfully at approximately 1800 hours for an attack on MUNICH. Aircraft "G" KB 818, captained by (CAF) 390792 P/O. J. Hart returned early with W/T failure. However, the remaining aircraft pressed home their attack and claim to have attacked the primary. Weather over the target was 10/10th cloud and crews bombed on the sky markers. Assessment of the effort was very difficult.	
Croft.	Jan 8/45		From the attack on MUNICH last night all aircraft returned safely to England, landing at approximately 0300 hours. Aircraft A, B, D, E, J, N, O, W, and Y were diverted to, and landed at WIGSLEY. Aircraft "S" and "8" returned safely to base.	
Croft.	Jan 9/45		No operations today. Nine aircraft still at diversion base.	
Croft.	Jan 10/45		This squadron was detailed for operations today. No times were received and this operation was subsequently scrubbed.	
Croft.	Jan 11/45		No operations today. Nine of our aircraft are still away.	
Croft.	Jan 12/45		This squadron was detailed for ten aircraft this morning after having our aircraft return from WIGSLEY where they were diverted. Times of briefing were Navigation 1400 hours and Main at 1500 hours. These times were then set back until 2100 hours for Navigation briefing and 2200 hours for main. This operation was subsequently scrubbed at approximately 2320 hours. Weather was unfit for day or night training. All aircraft remained bombed up.	
Croft.	Jan 13/45		No operations today. There was no training carried out due to unsuitable flying weather.	
Croft.	Jan 14/45		Fifteen aircraft were called for today for operations. Navigation briefing was scheduled for 1330 and main for 1430 hours. Shortly after 1200 hours briefing times were delayed two	

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Croft.	Jan 14/45	(Cont'd)	4 hours. All aircraft took off successfully for an attack on MESSERSBURG. Take off time was approximately 1830 hours.		
Croft.	Jan 15/45		All aircraft returned safely by approximately 0400 hours this morning from the attack on MESSERSBURG. All fifteen aircraft claim to have attacked the primary in 10/10ths cloud. Concentration of the attack was considered scattered and assessments ranged from poor to fairly good. No operations today or tonight. Training carried out.		
Croft.	Jan 16/45		This squadron was detailed for operations today. Fifteen aircraft required. Navigation briefing was scheduled for 1200 hours and main at 1300. Main briefing was delayed an hour. After a few changes in take off times, it was finally set at 1720 hours. With the exception of "W" which had engine trouble, all aircraft took off successfully for an attack on the ZWITZ oil refineries. The attack was well concentrated and the weather over the target clear. A training programme which was laid on this morning had to be cancelled for operation.		
Croft.	Jan 17/45		By approximately 0230 hours all aircraft had returned safely to base with the exception of aircraft "G" EB 850 with (DM) JLE584 P/L. A. KESSELBAUGH and crew who have been reported missing. The attack was on the oil installations at ZWITZ and from all reports it was considered very good. Thirteen aircraft claim to have attacked the primary. Visibility of the target was clear with a slight haze. P.F.P. were good and well concentrated. Our crews reported seeing dummyfires three miles S/E. of the target. No further operation today. Training was laid on and a bullseye scheduled for this evening. The bullseye was cancelled at approximately 1530 hours owing to weather conditions.		
Croft.	Jan 18/45		No operations today. Poor flying weather. Major Nicholson, No. 6 Group flak officer lectured to crews this afternoon on enemy defences and fighter tactics.		
Croft.	Jan 19/45		This squadron was detailed for twelve aircraft for an operation today. Navigation briefing		

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Croft.	Jan 19/45	(Cont'd)	Attack was scheduled for 1430 hours and main at 1530 hours. Both these times were advanced one half hour. At approximately 1500 hours the effort was cancelled. There was a gale here last night and the ground is covered with ice. Temperature all day has been below freezing point. Some training was carried out.		
Croft.	Jan 20/45		No operations today or tonight. There was a fairly heavy snowfall this afternoon. A little training was done prior to the weather closing in.		
Croft.	Jan 21/45		Thirteen aircraft were detailed for operations today. Navigation briefing was set for 1700 hours and main at 1800. This attack was cancelled at approximately 1700 hours. The morning training program was cancelled.		
Croft.	Jan 22/45		This squadron was detailed for fourteen aircraft today. This operation was cancelled at approximately 1350 hours. Some training was carried out.		
Croft.	Jan 23/45		No operations today. No flying today. A lecture was given to aircrew by a representative from Beale Royce Co.		
Croft.	Jan 24/45		No operations today. No flying today because of weather conditions. Dinghy drills were carried out by several crews. A lecture was given on Security to the aircrew today.		
Croft.	Jan 25/45		No operations today or tonight. There was approximately 11 degrees of frost last night. No flying today owing to weather conditions. A mock briefing hld this afternoon for the Riggers and Fitters who service the aircraft of this Squadron. This briefing was followed by a Security lecture. A keen interest was shown by all and a good many questions asked.		
Croft.	Jan 26/45		No operations today. Training carried out. Six aircraft were de-bombed for flying. The Squadron Commander and two Flight Commanders attended a "Training" conference held at 64 Base, this afternoon.		

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Croft.	Jan 27/45		At least, The Squadron was detailed for 14 aircraft today. Briefing times were set as follows, Navigation 1200 hours and Main 1300 hours. These times were subsequently delayed one hour. Take off time was set for 1650 hours but the operation was cancelled at 1630 approximately. This was more or less expected as there have been periodical snow flurries all afternoon and the weather poor for flying around base. Training was curtailed by the pending operation. There was no night flying because of snow flurries and showers. Morning aircrew conferences commenced today. Every morning all aircrew congregate in the main briefing room at 0915 hours. Roll call is taken, latest news on war fronts is given and the "Met" officer gives his impression of the days forecast.		
Croft.	Jan 28/45		Fourteen aircraft were detailed for operations today. Navigation briefing was scheduled for 1200 hours and main for 1300. These times were both postponed for one hour. All aircraft had taken off successfully by about 1710 hours for an attack on STUTTGART. Thirteen aircraft claim to have attacked the primary in 10/10ths cloud, aircraft "L" with pilot (CAN) J15758 P/L. J.E. Francis had all navigation aids unserviceable and saw no flares. Assessment of the attack was difficult owing to weather conditions. Some night local flying was carried out.		
Croft.	Jan 29/45		All fourteen aircraft which attacked STUTTGART last night returned safely to England. However aircraft A, C, D, E, G, L, K, Q, S, T, and Y were diverted to SPILSBY. Aircraft "H" KB833 with pilot (CAN) J37240 P/O, R. Prime returned to base. The Wireless Operator had a mental blackout due to oxygen being used up and the fact not known. He remembered receiving instructions to land at diversion base but that is all. Aircraft "H" captured by (CAN) J27630 P/L. L. Goulter had the port inner engine go unserviceable before reaching the target, however, he pressed on and attacked the primary. Around midday aircraft A, C, L, F, Q, S, V, returned safely to base from their diversion at SPILSBY, leaving six other aircraft still away. Very poor flying weather this afternoon. No operations.		
Croft.	Jan 30/45		No operations today or tonight. This Squadron was presented this afternoon with the Bristol		

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Croft.	Jan 30	1/45 (Cont'd)	Challenge Trophy for the highest bombing accuracy during the month of December. The trophy was presented by the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Marshal Sir Robert Leckie C.B., D.S.O., D.S.C., D.F.C. to (CAN) 0846 W/C. A.P. Blackburn, our squadron Commander.		
Croft.	Jan 31	1/45	Ten aircraft were detailed for operations today. Main briefing scheduled for 1900 hours and navigation at 1800 hours. This attack was cancelled at approximately 1530 hours. It was interesting this afternoon watching seventeen American Flying Fortresses land on our drume. Fortunately they had all landed by the time the weather closed in (approximately 1530 hours). After this time visibility gradually became worse and it started raining. The rain should help clear away the snow of which we have had plenty. Six of our aircraft are still at Spilsby, where they were diverted two days ago. We had hoped to get them back this afternoon but the arrival of the "Ports" prevented it.		
			CASUALTIES		
			Pilot J18584 E/L Kiebauch, P. - 16th January, 1945 - Missing - 268. 99 Pts. 165 hrs. 50 mins.		
			Nav J38729 E/O Shaw, G. - 16th January, 1945 - Missing - 258. 95 Pts. 159 hrs. 15 mins.		
			B/A J37818 E/O Padden, N. - 16th January, 1945 - Missing - 248. 91 Pts. 154 hrs. 20 mins.		
			WQ/AG J92521 E/O Wilson, W. - 16th January, 1945 - Missing - 258. 95 Pts. 159 hrs. 15 mins.		
			MU/AG J91150 E/O Carolan, A. - 16th January, 1945 - Missing - 258. 95 Pts. 159 hrs. 15 mins.		
			B/AG J91116 E/O Martin, W. - 16th January, 1945 - Missing - 268. 99 Pts. 165 hrs. 55 mins.		
			F/E R98238 F/S Turner, D. - 16th January, 1945 - Missing - 228. 83 pts. 138 hrs. 55 mins.		
			POSTINGS-IN		
			Pilot J9180 S/L Bennett, G. w.e.f. 3.12.44 (Attached & Posted)		
			Nav J37774 E/O Atkinson, W. w.e.f. 3.12.44 (Attached & Posted)		
			B/A J36887 E/O Lynch, D. w.e.f. 3.12.44 (Attached & Posted)		
			WQ/AG R207 424 F/S Andrews, B. w.e.f. 3.12.44 (Attached & Posted)		
			MU/AG R265012 F/S Parrish, G. w.e.f. 3.12.44 (Attached & Posted)		
			B/AG R265179 F/S Hall, R. w.e.f. 3.12.44 (Attached & Posted)		
			F/E 1616211 SGT Weatherill, A. w.e.f. 3.12.44 (Attached & Posted)		

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			Pilot 089533 S/L Brown, J. w.e.f. 29.1.45		
			Nav 184633 P/O Funder, H. w.e.f. 29.1.45		
			B/A 388302 P/O Williams, F. w.e.f. 29.1.45		
			WO/AG 175457 P/O Hallett, A. w.e.f. 29.1.45		
			WU/AG 2100797 P/S Eatonford, C. w.e.f. 29.1.45		
			B/AG 385906 P/O Auld, J. w.e.f. 29.1.45		
			P/R 176574 P/O Gapper, C. w.e.f. 29.1.45		
			Pilot 338058 P/O Magrath, D. w.e.f. 30.1.45		
			NAV 340897 P/O Barlow, G. w.e.f. 30.1.45		
			B/A 339266 P/O McKhough, J. w.e.f. 30.1.45		
			WO/AG 344358 P/O Medynski, L. w.e.f. 30.1.45		
			WU/AG 2214058 SGT Robertson, G. w.e.f. 30.1.45		
			B/AG 2266996 SGT McLarty, G. w.e.f. 30.1.45		
			P/R 2198024 SGT Fisher, A. w.e.f. 30.1.45		
			WO/AG 178901 P/O MacDonald, J. w.e.f. 4.1.45		
			P/R 185500 P/O Jones, W. w.e.f. 21.12.44		
			WO/AG 316274 P/L Earl, W. w.e.f. 8.1.45		
			GOINGS-OUT		
			Pilot 311973 P/L Porter, G. w.e.f. 7.1.45 to 431 Squadron		
			NAV 338753 P/O Dobrin, M. w.e.f. 7.1.45 to 431 Squadron		
			B/A 336822 P/O McGuire, B. w.e.f. 7.1.45 to 431 Squadron		
			WO/AG 2198789 SGT Perry, A. w.e.f. 7.1.45 to 431 Squadron		
			WU/AG 343697 P/O Barlow, G. w.e.f. 7.1.45 to 431 Squadron		
			B/AG 391043 P/O Otto, G. w.e.f. 7.1.45 to 431 Squadron		
			P/R 750019 SGT Marshall, G. w.e.f. 7.1.45 to 431 Squadron		
			Pilot 323035 P/L Burden, F. w.e.f. 21.1.45 to 405 Squadron		
			NAV 340022 P/O McIntosh, E. w.e.f. 21.1.45 to 405 Squadron		

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			POSTINGS-OUT (Cont'd)		
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B/A	J17811	P/O Dumstond, W.	w.o.f. 21.1.45 to 405 Squadron		
WO/AG	J35899	P/O Laelett, G.	w.o.f. 21.1.45 to 405 Squadron		
B/AG	R251218	P/S Tomlinson, N.	w.o.f. 21.1.45 to 405 Squadron		
P/E	3031104	SPT Warr, R.	w.o.f. 21.1.45 to 405 Squadron		
A/G	J20081	P/L Williams, J.	w.o.f. 2.1.45 to Dalton		
A/G	J15787	P/L Fulton, E.	w.o.f. 2.1.45 to R Depot	J 89480 P/O S. Black	(40) PHOTO WEF 20.1.45
A/B	J16139	P/L Fleming, C.	w.o.f. 2.1.45 to R Depot	J 86283 P/O J. Jones	(40) R. Depot ✓ 23.1.45
WO/AG	J16128	P/L Berry, R.	w.o.f. 2.1.45 to R Depot	J 89906 P/O A. Jackson	(40) ✓ ✓ ✓
WO/AG	J15499	P/L Brady, C.	w.o.f. 2.1.45 to R Depot	J 35581 P/O R. Weale	(40) ✓ ✓ ✓
B/A	J28959	P/O Hayes, H.	w.o.f. 2.1.45 to R Depot		
B/A	J35124	P/O Roe, G.	w.o.f. 2.1.45 to R Depot		
WO/AG	J87813	P/O Walters, G.	w.o.f. 2.1.45 to R Depot		
A/G	J88033	P/O Gooden, T.	w.o.f. 2.1.45 to R Depot		
A/G	087812	P/O Pepperall, A.	w.o.f. 2.1.45 to R Depot		
A/G	J88544	P/O Richardson, W.	w.o.f. 2.1.45 to R Depot		
P/E	086339	P/O Garding, L.	w.o.f. 2.1.45 to R Depot		
Pilot	J85778	P/O Peterson, B.	w.o.f. 2.1.45 to R Depot		
Nav	J88447	P/O Hilton, A.	w.o.f. 2.1.45 to R Depot		
Pilot	J16599	P/L Halore, C.	w.o.f. 2.1.45 to R Depot		
P/E	2203838	P/S Stahler, A.	w.o.f. 12.1.45 to A.C.A.G.		
P/E	1896032	SPT Mayton, C.	w.o.f. 12.1.45 to A.C.A.G.		
P/E	176675	P/O Joyce, S.	w.o.f. 5.1.45 to A.C.A.G.		
P/E	178852	P/O Payne, R.	w.o.f. 4.1.45 to A.C.A.G.		
A/G	176679	P/O Bennister, R.	w.o.f. 12.1.45 to A.C.A.G.		
A/G	176678	P/O Edwards, W.	w.o.f. 12.1.45 to A.C.A.G.		
P/E	179623	P/O Lane, K.	w.o.f. 12.1.45 to A.C.A.G.		

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			P/E 18364 P/O James, W. w.e.f. 12.1.45 to A.C.A.G.		
			P/E 177521 P/O Bird, W. w.e.f. 12.1.45 to A.C.A.G.		
			Pilot J22455 P/L Browning, J. w.e.f. 16.1.45 to R. Depot		
			Pilot J24818 P/O Harley, M. w.e.f. 16.1.45 to R. Depot		
			Nav J28036 P/O Bigeley, W. w.e.f. 16.1.45 to R. Depot		
			Nav J36337 P/O Thompson, W. w.e.f. 16.1.45 to R. Depot		
			Nav J19731 P/O O'Gorman, H. w.e.f. 16.1.45 to R. Depot		
			WO/AG J25932 P/O Dore, S. w.e.f. 16.1.45 to R. Depot		
			WO/AG J25938 P/O Sutherland, D. w.e.f. 16.1.45 to R. Depot		
			P/E 088044 P/O Taylor, W. w.e.f. 16.1.45 to R. Depot		
			P/E 018336 P/L Goodman, G. w.e.f. 16.1.45 to R. Depot		
			A/G J28001 P/O Hitchman, F. w.e.f. 16.1.45 to R. Depot		
			Nav J87122 P/O Tucker, H. w.e.f. 16.1.45 to R. Depot		
			PROMOTIONS		
			P/E 173166 P/O Forshaw, F. to A/P/L w.e.f. 3.12.44		
			Pilot J29213 P/O Barr, V. to A/P/L w.e.f. 30.12.44		
			Pilot J27630 P/O Coulter, L. to A/P/L w.e.f. 30.12.44		
			Pilot J29273 P/O Andre, I. to A/P/L w.e.f. 30.12.44		
			Pilot J11973 P/L Porter, C. to B/P/L w.e.f. 7.1.45		
			Pilot J27858 P/O Chapman, C. to T/P/L w.e.f. 30.11.44		
			Pilot J20938 P/O Hall, J. to T/P/L w.e.f. 20.11.44		
			Pilot J87333 P/O Telford, H. to T/P/O w.e.f. 19.11.44		
			Nav J13819 P/O Marier, J. to T/P/L w.e.f. 15.5.44		
			WO/AG J86447 P/O MacLeod, I. to T/P/O w.e.f. 12.11.44		
			Nav J86383 P/O Tonge, J. to T/P/O w.e.f. 29.10.44		
			WO/AG J15787 P/O Fulton, E. to T/P/L w.e.f. 28.7.44		
			Pilot J13067 P/O Hickman, G. to T/P/L w.e.f. 1.7.44		

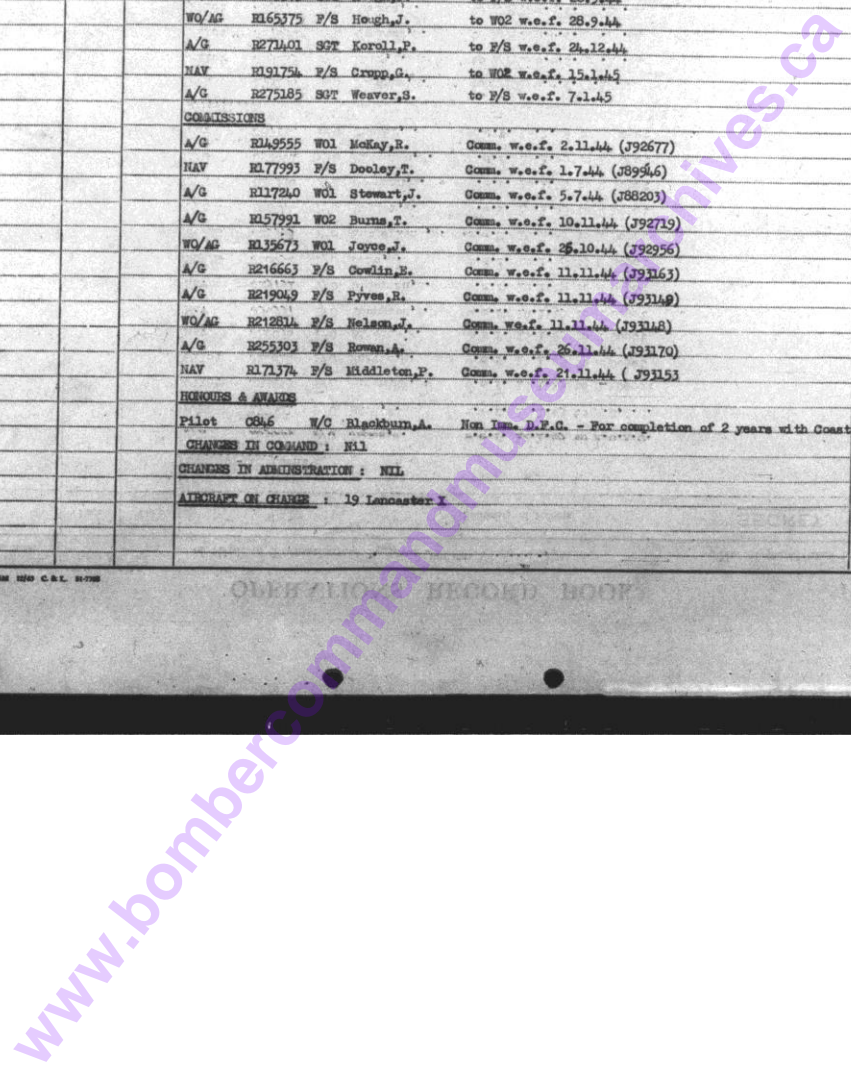
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PROGRESS (Cont'd)					
			P/A R182055 SGT Blaetorh, L. to P/S w.o.f. 17.11.44		
			P/S R.98238 P/S Turner, D. to W02 w.o.f. 17.11.45		
			WO/AG R194254 SGT Daver, H. to P/S w.o.f. 18.7.44		
			WO/AG R194254 P/S Daver, H. to W02 w.o.f. 18.11.45		
			WO/AG R165375 SGT Hough, J. to P/S w.o.f. 28.3.44		
			WO/AG R165375 P/S Hough, J. to W02 w.o.f. 28.9.44		
			A/G R271401 SGT Koroll, F. to P/S w.o.f. 24.12.44		
			NAV R191754 P/S Crupp, G. to W02 w.o.f. 15.1.45		
			A/G R275185 SGT Weaver, S. to P/S w.o.f. 7.1.45		
COMMISSIONS					
			A/G R149555 W01 McKay, R. Comm. w.o.f. 2.11.44 (J92677)		
			NAV R177993 P/S Dooley, T. Comm. w.o.f. 1.7.44 (J89546)		
			A/G R117240 W01 Stewart, J. Comm. w.o.f. 5.7.44 (J88203)		
			A/G R157991 W02 Burns, T. Comm. w.o.f. 10.11.44 (J92719)		
			WO/AG R135673 W01 Jarvis, J. Comm. w.o.f. 26.10.44 (J92956)		
			A/G R216663 P/S Cowlin, E. Comm. w.o.f. 11.11.44 (J93163)		
			A/G R219049 P/S Fyves, R. Comm. w.o.f. 11.11.44 (J93148)		
			WO/AG R212831 P/S Nelson, J. Comm. w.o.f. 11.11.44 (J93148)		
			A/G R255301 P/S Roman, A. Comm. w.o.f. 26.11.44 (J93170)		
			NAV R171374 P/S Middleton, P. Comm. w.o.f. 21.11.44 (J93153)		
HONOURS & AWARDS					
			Pilot O546 W/O Blackburn, A. Non Inv. D.F.C. - For completion of 2 years with Coastal Command.		
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CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION : NIL					
AIRCRAFT ON CHANGE : 19 Lancaster I					

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