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Croft	1.2.45		This Squadron was detailed for eleven aircraft today for Operations. Navigation briefing was scheduled for 1200 hrs. and Main for 1300 hrs. All aircraft took off successfully by approximately 1600 hrs except "C" captained by CAN J36615 P/O Marlow, G.O. which swung off and running off the runway damaged the H28 perspex. The target was ^{LUDWIGSHAVEN} Mannheim and the attack was assessed good to very good. Crews reported 5/10ths to 10/10ths cloud over target. All ten crews claimed to have attacked the primary, and all returned safely to Base.		
Croft	2.2.45		Fourteen aircraft were detailed for Operations today. Navigation briefing was scheduled for 1330 hrs. and Main at 1430 hrs. These times however were changed to Navigation at 1515 hrs. and Main 1615 hrs. We were detailed for fifteen aircraft later in the afternoon. Aircraft commenced taking off shortly after 2000 hrs., all took off successfully for an attack on Wiesbaden. All aircraft which attacked Wiesbaden returned safely to Base this morning and had landed by 0330 hrs. All crews claimed to have attacked the primary in 10/10ths cloud. Most crews identified the target and bombed on Gee. Although it was difficult to assess the results the attack was reported by crews to be fair to good. Air Commodore G. Dunlop No. 6, Base Commander paid us a visit in the afternoon accompanied by S/L J3318 DFC ^{scrubbed} the new Station Navigation Officer. Night flying ^{scrubbed} due to poor weather. No Operations today or tonight. The following personnel were screened from Operations today having completed their first tour. J24691 P/O D. McGavin (Nav) 31 trips, 118 pts. J27115 P/O H. Rubin (N/A) 31 trips, 119 pts. J27630 P/L L. Coulter (P) 31 trips, 117 pts. J36280 P/O P. Davis (N) 30 trips, 113 pts. J90839 P/O D. Allan (WO/AG) 30 trips, 113 pts. J32553 P/O P. McGregor (NW/AG) 30 trips, 113 pts. J32564 P/O G. Symes (R/AG) 30 trips, 113 pts. G90656 P/O W. Lynch, (P/E) 30 trips, 113 pts. J35735 P/O P. Gifford (N/A) 28 trips, 109 pts.		
Croft	4.2.45		Sixteen aircraft were called for today for Operations. All took-off successfully by approximately 1800 hrs., after an hour delay in take-off time from 1615 hrs 1715 hrs. The attack was on the rail facilities and built up areas of Bonn. Fourteen aircraft claim to have attacked the primary in 10/10ths cloud. The other two aircraft bombed PFF markers. Aircraft "E" which was diverted to Spilsby on night of 28/29 January was brought back today after having an engine change. One aircraft was on a Cross Country and two on Night flying. Lectures were given by		Sixteen

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Groft	4.2.45		the Assistant Signals Leader to two new Wireless Operators on Bendix and Fishpond training was carried out. One practice bombing exercise was plotted.		
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Groft	5.2.45		From the attack on Bonn last night all aircraft returned safely to Base this morning by approximately 0015 hrs. Positive ^{SECRET} claim to have attacked the primary in 10/10ths cloud. Crews report that the route and tactics were good. FFF were late but well concentrated and several crews report that the attack could be assessed as good, but it was difficult to determine results owing to weather conditions over the target area. This Squadron was detailed for fifteen aircraft this morning for operations tonight. The petrol load was 2,154 gallons indicating a long trip. Navigation briefing started at 1630 hrs. and Main at 1800 hrs. Navigators were still in briefing at 1920 hrs. when the Operations was cancelled. At briefing this evening the Station Commander informed the Squadron of a change in what constituted a first tour of Operations. Up to the present it has been 120 points. Four points being allowed for major targets and three for minora. Now aircrew must have a minimum of 36 trips and maximum of 41. Aircrew will not be screened until all members have 36 or over but no one can have more than 41. The point system is still in effect. (i.e.) Irrespective if a man has 36 trips, he must have a minimum of 120 points to be screened from Operations. Slight consternation was caused in all Sections due to the new policy.		
Groft	6.2.45		Since the snow went three days ago we have had lovely spring weather around Groft. Fires in the offices have not been necessary which has been a good thing as the Station is practically out of coal. All crews of this Squadron were standing by for operations all day but were not required. Military situation and current letters were read to all members at the regular morning conference.		
Groft	7.2.45		This Squadron was detailed for fifteen aircraft today. Navigation briefing was held at 1330 hrs. and Main at 1430 hrs. Take off time was set for 1640 hrs. but was postponed until 1845 hrs. All aircraft took off successfully for an attack on Goch, an Army co-op. The weather over the target was 10/10ths cloud and on instructions from the Master Bomber, aircraft jettisoned some bombs in the jettison areas and brought ^{the rest back} back with the exception of J4325 S/L D. Boyle pilot in aircraft "W" who bombed the target area but brought back 1 x 4000 lb. bomb as ordered.		

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Croft	7.2.45		by the Master Bomber. O/L J. Knott, RCAF Station Croft Intelligence Officer accompanied J26114 E/L A. Bolestone and crew in aircraft "H" on this trip.		
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Croft	8.2.45		From the attack on Goch last night all crews returned safely to Base by approximately 0130 hrs. Fifteen aircraft were called for from this Squadron for Operations today. Navigation briefing was held at 12.30 hrs. and Main at 1330 hrs. At approximately 1400 hrs. the target was cancelled but crews were to stand by for possible alternative target. As there were several changes in the Battle Order due to personnel reporting sick a new Battle Order had to be run off. At approximately 1650 hours all operations were cancelled for today.		
Croft	9.2.45		Sixteen aircraft were detailed for operations today. Tactics conference was held at 1200 hours. Navigation briefing at 1230 hrs and just as the aircrew were going in for Main briefing at 1330 hrs. we were told the operations was cancelled. The military situation was given to all crews at the regular morning conference. All crews not detailed for operations attended dinghy drills in the morning. Three crews completed a bombing and HES practice. Another an air test and bombing. Five more crews were on Fighter Affiliation, Air to Sea firing and bombing. One of the latter was recalled for Operations. All night flying was cancelled owing to poor weather.		
Croft	10.2.45		Operations were called for today. Fifteen two aircraft to be supplied. Tactics conference was held at 1230 hrs. Navigation briefing at 1300 hrs and Main at 1400 hrs. "H" hour was to be 1330 hrs. At approximately 1500 hrs "H" was postponed one hour and at about 1510 hrs. the Operations was cancelled. At the regular 0915 hrs. conference held each morning for all aircrew, S/L J. Brandon DFC & Bar, Observer from No. 100 Group gave a lecture on intruder methods - German and Allied and protection measures for our Bomber Streams when operating. Also he spoke on the activities and operational methods of 100 Group in protecting the bomber streams. It was most interesting to our aircrews. Military situation and congratulatory message from General Cresar were read at the morning conference.		
Croft	11.2.45		This Squadron was detailed for fifteen aircraft today for Operations. Navigation briefing was scheduled for 1700 hrs. and Main at 1800 hrs. Shortly after lunch time briefing times were delayed to Navigation at 2000 hrs and Main at 2100 hrs. This Operations was cancelled at approximately 1700 hrs. Two aircraft carried out a training detail. There was no night flying due to		

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Croft	11.2.45 (Continued)		adverse weather conditions. Some Dry Swims were done in the morning but most crews were resting all afternoon for the pending operation. The Navigation Section reports that the morning was spent completing the marking of logs for the last operation. This was followed by a discussion and points on Navigation, brought out. A check of the crew lockers was commenced this morning. A number of flying equipment items have been reported lost or missing recently.		
Croft	12.2.45		No Operations. At the regular 0915 hrs. morning conference crews were given the Military situation and hints on evasion. All flying was cancelled for today due to adverse flying conditions. The check on the contents of all crew lockers continued today. So far the check has revealed nothing. Dry Swim practice was carried out. J28256 P/O E. Yawler, ^{deputy bombing leader} attended the Bombing Leaders conference at No. 6 Group H.Q. today.		
Croft	13.2.45		This Squadron was detailed for fifteen aircraft for operations today. Navigation briefing was scheduled for 1630 hrs and Main at 1730 hrs. after two changes. Take off time which was originally 1930 hrs. approximately was delayed to 2055 approximately. All fifteen aircraft had taken off successfully by 21.17 hrs for an attack on Dresden. Briefing lasted longer than usual for this long trip. Four crews carried out training flight in the morning.		
Croft	14.2.45		All fifteen aircraft which attacked Dresden this morning returned safely to England. Aircraft "P" "R" and "S" landed at Snetterton Heath to refuel and the remainder had all landed back at Base by 0810 hrs. J9180 S/L G. Bennett, piloting aircraft "A" took off at 2056 hrs. last night and landed at 0810 hrs being airborne for eleven hours and fourteen minutes. All aircraft claim to have attacked the primary. Visibility over the target was clear and the attack seemed and was assessed as very good by returning crews. The three aircraft which landed to refuel at Snetterton Heath returned to base later in the morning. At approximately 1030 hrs. this Squadron was called for a maximum effort. Seventeen crews were offered. By the time crews returning from operations this morning had had a meal and returned to their billets it was 0930 hrs. at the earliest. Twelve of these crews were on today's Battle Order so they were a pretty sleepy looking crowd when they were called to rise and eat at 1215 hrs. Navigation briefing was at 1330 hrs and Main at 1430 hrs. Sixteen aircraft took off successfully by 1722 hrs. for an attack on Chemnitz. The seventeenth did not take off due to mechanical defect. Fifteen aircraft claim to		

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Groft	14.2.45		have attacked the primary in 5/10ths to 10/10ths cloud. Assessment of the attack was difficult mostly due to poor visibility but it was felt to be rather scattered.		
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Groft	15.2.45		All aircraft returned safely to Base from the attack on Chemnitz with the exception of J38058 F/O D. Magrath, Pilot, and crew who failed to return and have been reported missing. They were in 431 Squadron aircraft "C". A little training was carried out but late afternoon and night flying was cancelled due to unfavourable weather conditions. Most crews were resting from the last two nights' operations. No operations today. Squadron standing by.		
Groft	16.2.45		No operations today. Weather was unfavourable for any kind of flying today. Dinghy drills were carried out by several crews. A general clean up of all the Squadron offices and crew room was made in anticipation of a visit by No. 6 Base Commander, Air Commodore C. Dunlap and Air Commodore J.G. Bryans, Staff Officer for Administration at No. 6 Group H.Q. However they did not visit the Squadron. Lecture was given to the Navigators by the Station Navigation Officer.		
Groft	17.2.45		No operations today. No flying at all due to fog. At the regular conference aircrew were given a lecture on Security and G.A.F. activity. In the afternoon pictures were shown to all aircrew of the method of interrogation used for enemy prisoners of war and also a lecture. All pilots and Wireless Operators attended a lecture on Fishpond and E28 this morning. 176574 F/O C. Gapper a Flight Engineer on the Squadron lectured all FE's on the ^{Stromberg} Stromberg Carburettor.		
Groft	18.2.45		No Operations today. The military situation was given to aircrew at the regular 0915 hours morning conference.		
Groft	19.2.45		An inspection of all Squadron personnel was held by the Station Commander. ³¹⁶⁷⁹⁰ Gyro gun sight turret training was carried out by the Air Gunners under F/O J. Meyers, the Station Night Vision Training instructor. All crews attended the regular morning conference. ^{A lecture} Stromberg was given to all pilots on the Stromberg Carburettor by 176574 F/O C. Gapper one of our F/As. Some crews attended Dinghy drills. The Flight Engineer Leader held a quiz for all FE's. Lectures on Radio and Radar were given to all Wireless Operators. No Operations today nor flying training due to adverse weather.		
Groft	20.2.45		Fourteen aircraft were detailed for operations today. Navigation briefing was scheduled for 1645 hrs. and Main at 1745 hrs. These times were altered to 1750 hrs and 1830 hrs. Briefing		

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Croft	20.2.45 (Continued)		times were again changed to 1800 hrs and 1900 hrs. and a new target given. All fourteen aircraft took off successfully between 2108 hrs. and 2205 hrs. for an attack on Dortmund. Flying training was carried out this morning. Five crews were on H2S Cross Countries, fighter affiliation and Air to Sea Firing.		
Croft	21.2.45		Thirteen aircraft which attacked Dortmund had returned safely to base by 0443 hrs. this morning. Aircraft "P" piloted by J45297 P/O D. Cameron landed at Manston and a report has been received stating that his Wireless Operator E194254 WO2 H. Davey has been killed and his MU/AG E206351 P/S J. Taggart has been seriously wounded. Thirteen aircraft claim to have attacked the primary in 8/10ths to 10/10ths cloud. Although, due to weather conditions it was impossible to definitely assess accurately the attack however it was felt to be a good one and fairly well concentrated. The remainder of the crew of "P" returned three days later and claim to have attacked the primary making thirteen ^{fourteen} altogether - they had been attacked by a fighter. Word came through at approximately 10.30 hrs. that this Squadron would be required for fourteen aircraft for operations today. Navigation briefing was scheduled for 1230 hours and Main 1345 ¹³⁴⁸ hrs. These times were then changed to 1430 hrs. to 1530 hrs. These times were then changed as well as the target. Take-off time was 1905 hrs. and by approximately 2000 hrs all fourteen aircraft took off successfully for an attack on Duisberg. C14989 P/L C.M. Miller, Station Intelligence Officer went along in aircraft "A", piloted by J9180 S/L G. Bennett.		
Croft	22.2.45		All fourteen aircraft which attacked Duisberg last night returned safely to base by 0229 hours. All claimed to have attacked the primary in 1/10ths to 10/10ths thin cloud. Crews reported the attack as being well concentrated and assessed it as very good. No further Operations today.		
Croft	23.2.45		Thirteen aircraft were detailed for operations today. Navigation briefing was held at 1230 hrs. and Main at 1330 hrs. All aircraft had taken off successfully by 1545 hrs. for an attack on Pforzheim. All aircraft claimed to have attacked the primary in good visibility. Crew assessed the attack as good to excellent and well concentrated. Aircraft "F" piloted by J9178 P/L I.W. Buttle was attacked by an ME210 and damaged.		
Croft	24.2.45		All crews who attacked Pforzheim last night had returned safely to Base by approximately 0050 hrs. this morning. No further operations today. The unarmamented personnel were screened from		

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Croft	24.2.45 (Continued)		Operations with effect today: J90792 P/O F. Hart, 35 sorties, 130 pts. pilot. J34866 P/O H. Hunter, 33 sorties, 123 pts. Nav. J91009 P/O J. Bayville, 33 sorties, 123 pts. WQ/AG. J89157 P/O D. Noble, 36 Sorties, 131 pts. A/G. J89101 P/O W. Newman, W. 36 Sorties, 131 Pts. A/G. 178846 P/O A. Illingworth, 35 Sorties, 126 Pts. P/E. J26114 P/L A.G. Ecclestone, 35 Sorties, 130 pts. pilot. J25733 P/O F. Murphy, 33 sorties, 124 pts. B/A. 178091 P/O J. MacDonald, 33 sorties, 105 pts. WQ/AIR. 186696 P/O R. Fischer, 33 trips, 124 pts. P/E. J28437 P/O A. Dunn, 34 trips, 125 pts. Nav. J28256 P/O E. Varter, 33 trips, 121 pts. B/A. J89151 P/O W. Williams, 35 trips, 128 pts. WQ/AG. J89096 P/O W. Thompson, 34 trips, 124 pts. A/G. J89230 P/O H. Whiah, 34 trips, 124 pts. A/G. 183901 P/O C. Matthews, 36 trips, 133 pts. P/E. A V.D. film and lectures were given to all aircrew this afternoon.		
Croft	25.2.45		No Operations today. A signal was received today from RAF Hospital Alton stating that CAN K206351 P/S J. Taggart who was seriously injured whilst attacking Dortmund on the night of 20/21st Feb./45 had been transferred to that hospital from R.A.F. station Manston on the 24th February. His diagnosis was multiple cannon shell wounds. This Squadron was visited this morning by S/L J. Fournier and P/O G. Gemmel, personnel councillors. P/O G. Gemmel has been posted to this station and his duty will be to assist Air Force personnel to decide what they will do on returning to civilian life.		
Croft	26.2.45		No Operations today. At approximately 1800 hrs. this Squadron was detailed for sixteen aircraft for tomorrow. All crews are to be called at 0530 hrs. tomorrow and Navigation briefing set for 0630 hrs. and Main at 0730 hrs. This means the Pilots Party scheduled for tonight is postponed again because of Operations. 178091 P/O J.N. MacDonald, a screened Wireless Operator, and acting as Signals Leader while our regular Signals Leader is in the hospital, attended a Signals Leaders Conference at No. 6 Group H.Q. Fourteen crews carried out flying training during the morning and afternoon. There was no night flying training due to pending operations. Ground training on Bendix was done by the Wireless Operators and three crews on flying training did some Fishpond practice. The Navigation Section have just completed painting their offices in attractive blue and white tones. The Navigators are quite proud of the results.		
Croft	27.2.45		All crews were called at 0530 hours this morning. Breakfast at 0630 hrs. and Navigation briefing		

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Croft	27.2.45 (Continued)		held at 0630 hrs, Main at 0730 hrs. Take-off time was set for 0955 hrs. however a few minutes before this time take-off was delayed. All our aircraft took-off successfully by 1249 hours for an attack on MADZ. All sixteen aircraft claim to have attacked the primary in 10/10ths cloud. All aircraft returned safely to Base by 2024 hrs. Assessment of the attack was difficult owing to weather conditions, but generally it appeared to be scattered. Two new crews were checked out this afternoon. At approximately 1700 hours word came through that this Squadron would be required, sixteen crews for operations tomorrow. Crews will be called at approximately 0600 hrs. and take-off will be around 0730 hrs. As crews came in for interrogation they and their aircraft were checked for tomorrow operations. After all were checked we had only fifteen crews to offer.		
Croft	28.2.45		All aircrew operating today were called at 0600 hrs. this morning, Navigation briefing was held at 0645 hrs. and Main at 0945 hrs. Take-off time was 0836 hrs. and by approximately 0902 hrs. all our aircraft were airborne. This included fifteen aircraft from 433 Squadron. A good take-off in good clear weather. The undermentioned personnel were screened from Operations today: J15758 P/L J. Francis, Pilot with 20 trips, 57 pts. on his second tour, J13442 P/O W. Jackson R/A, +19 Sorties, 55 pts. J16422 P/L F. Morris, WO/AG, +19 Sorties, 55 pts. J18524 P/O S. Adamson, A/G, +19 Sorties, 55 Pts. J16790 P/L J. Meyers, A/G, +19 Sorties, 55 pts. XX and J18443 P/O A. Lewis our present Gunnery leader was screened also with 32 trips and 127 points. At approximately 0930 hrs. word came through that the fifteen crews who took off on Operations were to be recalled. All crews received instruction to abandon mission between 0942 hrs. and 0955 hrs. All aircraft returned to base by 1215 hrs. Crews were disappointed to be called back. One Cross Country was carried out in the afternoon. In the late morning this Squadron was detailed for thirteen aircraft for tomorrow morning Operations. CASUALTIES Pilot J18058 P/O McGrath, D. - 14/15.2.45 Missing - 2 Trips, 8 Pts. 13hrs. 45 mins. Nav J14897 P/O Barlow, G. - 14/15.2.45 Missing - 1 Trip, 4 Pts. 6 hrs. 10 mins. R/A J19066 P/O McElhiney, J. - 14/15.2.45 Missing - 1 trip, 4 Pts. 6 hrs. 10 mins. WO/AG J14158 P/O Modynski, L. - 14/15.2.45 Missing - 1 trip, 4 pts. 6 hrs. 10 mins. NU/AG R241058 SGT Robertson, G. - 14/15.2.45 Missing - 1 trip, 4 pts. 6 hrs. 10 mins. R/AG R246996 SGT McLarty, G. - 14/15.2.45 Missing - 1 trip, 4 pts. 6 hrs. 10 mins. P/E R197427 SGT Granka, B. - 14/15.2.45 Missing - 6 trips, 21 Pts. 37 hrs. 05 mins. WO/AG R244234 WOZ Davey, H. - 20/21.2.45 Killed - 3 trips, 11 pts. 21 hrs. 15 mins.		

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Pilot	J41104	F/O	Payne, M. w.e.f. 25.2.45		
Nav	J41426	F/O	Bishop, E. w.e.f. 25.2.45		
B/A	J39931	F/O	Friponard, R. w.e.f. 25.2.45		
WO/AG	E190092	SGT	Johnston, J. w.e.f. 25.2.45		
MU/AG	E283615	SGT	Hall, G. w.e.f. 25.2.45		
R/AG	E140833	SGT	Williams, W. w.e.f. 25.2.45		
F/E	2225273	SGT	Mousley, J. w.e.f. 25.2.45		
Pilot	J38360	F/O	Halliburton, G. w.e.f. 23.2.45		
Nav	J40731	F/O	Ratnall, G. w.e.f. 23.2.45		
B/A	J40524	F/O	Leonard, C. w.e.f. 23.2.45		
WO/AG	J43126	F/O	English, B. w.e.f. 23.2.45		
MU/AG	E276476	SGT	Green, R. w.e.f. 23.2.45		
R/AG	E216283	SGT	English, J. w.e.f. 23.2.45		
F/E	E225289	SGT	Hanlin, J. w.e.f. 23.2.45		
Pilot	J21165	F/O	Hewes, F. w.e.f. 25.2.45		
Nav	J28279	F/O	Crope, G. w.e.f. 25.2.45		
B/A	J42010	F/O	Hills, G. w.e.f. 25.2.45		
WO/AG	E184717	F/S	Smith, C. w.e.f. 25.2.45		
MU/AG	E285855	SGT	Reynolds, K. w.e.f. 25.2.45		
R/AG	E285486	SGT	Lambert, C. w.e.f. 25.2.45		
F/E	E277045	SGT	Porter, G. w.e.f. 25.2.45		
Pilot	J38861	F/O	Stewart, J. w.e.f. 28.2.45		
Nav	J41627	F/O	Armstrong, I. w.e.f. 28.2.45		
B/A	J42247	F/O	Ball, J. w.e.f. 28.2.45		
WO/AG	E165316	WO2	Whithead, J. w.e.f. 28.2.45		
MU/AG	J45708	F/O	Ayotte, J. w.e.f. 28.2.45		
R/AG	E281258	SGT	White, W. w.e.f. 28.2.45		
F/E	E254617	SGT	Kossatz, T. w.e.f. 28.2.45		

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			<u>POSTINGS-IN (Cont'd)</u>		
			R/A J91631 P/O Lafontaine, J. w.e.f. 23.2.45		
			WO/AG J17878 P/O Sibbald, R. w.e.f. 1.2.45		
			P/E 1398444 SGT Eldridge, D. w.e.f. 5.2.45		
			WO/AG R112001 W/O Moynagh, J. w.e.f. 1.2.45		
			P/E R197427 SGT Granka, B. w.e.f. 5.2.45		
			<u>POSTING-OUT, etc</u>		
			Pilot J20938 F/L Hall, J. w.e.f. 24.2.45 to 405 Squadron		
			Nav J25047 P/O Weir, O. w.e.f. 24.2.45 to 405 Squadron		
			R/A J37253 P/O Pauley, J. w.e.f. 24.2.45 to 405 Squadron		
			WO/AG J22855 P/L Mader, R. w.e.f. 24.2.45 to 405 Squadron		
			MI/AG R271401 SGT Koroll, P. w.e.f. 24.2.45 to 405 Squadron		
			P/AG R223008 P/S Smith, H. w.e.f. 24.2.45 to 405 Squadron		
			P/E 1582932 SGT Slater, H. w.e.f. 24.2.45 to 405 Squadron		
			P/E 168638 P/O Graham, T. w.e.f. 3.2.45 to 1664 C.U.		
			P/E 54217 P/O Reynolds, G. w.e.f. 6.2.45 to HQS Transport Command.		
			WO/AG J86447 P/O MacLeod, I. w.e.f. 5.2.45 to R Depot.		
			NAV J15819 P/L Marier, J. w.e.f. 5.2.45 to No. 62 Base		
			<u>PROMOTIONS</u>		
			A/G R100797 P/S Betchford, C. to WO2 w.e.f. 6.11.44		
			Pilot J90792 P/O Harts, F. to A/P/O w.e.f. 18.2.45		
			NAV J15819 P/L Marier, J. to A/S/L w.e.f. 5.2.45		
			Nav J35759 P/S Vipond, J. to A/P/L w.e.f. 3.1.45		
			P/E 178846 P/O Illingworth, A. TO P/O w.e.f. 5.1.45		
			P/E 178243 P/O McMahon, T. to P/O w.e.f. 19.12.44		
			<u>COMMISSIONS</u>		
			Pilot R174702 WO2 Murray, Y. Com. w.e.f. 26.10.44 (J93264)		
			A/G R88613 P/S Seallard, W. Com. w.e.f. 20.11.44 (J93185)		

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			A/G E21985 P/S Barber, J. Comm. w.e.f. 20.11.44 (J93226)		
			Wg/Ac E251085 P/S Robinson, J. Comm. w.e.f. 21.11.44 (J93206)		
			HONOURS & AWARDS		
			Pilot J92660 P/O Ferris, G. New-Imm. D.F.C. for Raid on Oberhausen on 1.11.44		
			R/A E191683 P/S Barber, G. New-Imm. D.F.M. for Raid on Oberhausen on 1.11.44		
			CHANGES IN COMMAND ; NIL		
			CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION ; NIL		
			AIRCRAFT ON CHARGE : 21 LANCASTER X AND 5 LANCASTER I		
			LANCASTER I OPERATIONAL FLYING TIME BY DAY : 28 hrs. 24 mins.		
			LANCASTER X OPERATIONAL FLYING TIME BY DAY : 134 hrs. 16 mins.		
			LANCASTER I OPERATIONAL FLYING TIME BY NIGHT : 89 hrs. 04 mins.		
			LANCASTER X OPERATIONAL FLYING TIME BY NIGHT : 885 hrs. 15 mins.		
			LANCASTER I NON-OPERATIONAL FLYING TIME BY DAY : 80 hrs. 55 mins.		
			LANCASTER X NON-OPERATIONAL FLYING TIME BY DAY : 156 hrs. 00 mins.		
			LANCASTER I NON-OPERATIONAL FLYING TIME BY NIGHT : 27 hrs. 00 mins.		
			LANCASTER X NON-OPERATIONAL FLYING TIME BY NIGHT : 21 hrs. 32 mins.		
			TOTAL FLYING TIME FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1945 : 1,421 hrs. 26 mins.		
			NUMBER OF OPERATIONAL SORTIES ; 159 Sorties.		
			NUMBER OF COMBATS ; 7 Combats (Reports Attached).		
			NUMBER OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT DAMAGED; 3 JU 88' and 1 E240		
			NUMBER OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED ; NIL		
			WEIGHT OF BOMBS		
			Weight of bombs dropped for the Month of January, 1945		Weight of bombs dropped for the Month of February, 1945
			Bombs 529,560 lbs or 370.5 English Tons		Bombs 1,206,060 lbs or 538.5 English Tons.
			TOTAL WEIGHT OF BOMBS DROPPED IN FIRST TWO MONTHS OF YEAR: 1,735,620 lbs. or 509 English Tons.		

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
			<u>STRENGTH OF SQUADRON AS AT 23.59 HRS ON 28th FEB./45</u>		
			<u>Officers</u>		<u>Airmen</u>
			<u>AIRCREW</u>	<u>GROUNDCREW</u>	<u>AIRCREW</u>
			<u>RAF</u>	<u>RAF</u>	<u>RAF</u>
			<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
			133	1	77
			16	-	15
			149	1	92
			<u>COMMANDING OFFICER'S REMARKS</u>		
			During the past month this Squadron carried out eleven Operations, one of which was recalled. These consisted of 159 Sorties making a grand total of 2,327 sorties for the Squadron.		
			We were unfortunate in losing a new crew on Operations on the night of 14/15th Feb./45 while attacking Chemnitz.		
			Four new crews were posted in during the last few days.		
			Morale of the men is very high and we still are hoping to get the No. 6 Group Efficiency trophy for the lowest accident rate of any Squadron within the Group for the month of January,		
			<i>A.P. Blackburn</i> (A.P. BLACKBURN) Wing Commander, Commanding Officer, No. 2 Squadron (R.C.A.F.).		

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