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of (Unit or Formation) No. 44 Squadron (R.O.A.F.)

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
Graft	1.3.45		<p>All thirteen aircraft detailed for Operations took off successfully, commencing at 1120 hrs. The attack was on Mannheim. Shortly after 1700 hrs word came through that we would be required for fourteen aircraft for early morning tomorrow. By 1918 hrs. All our aircraft had landed safely back at Base. Thirteen claim to have attacked the primary in 10/10ths cloud. No assessment possible due to cloud. J17878 P/O R. Sibbald, the Wireless Operator in aircraft "B" was injured, being hit in the cheek with a piece of flak. Fortunately it was not too serious and P/O Sibbald will be back on Operations in a few weeks time. However he did not let this keep him from carrying on. He kept an accurate check on his leg of all his duties and when the skipper wanted to land at an emergency down he insisted they carry on to base, though obviously feeling the need for rest and attention. On examining his leg after landing it was found to be complete even to landing time, with the entry: "18.40 hrs. all O.I. except W/O." P/L H.C. Hallett and J3325 S/L D. Boyle, "B" Flight Commander attended a Station Sports Conference. The purpose of the conference was to select personnel in charge of various sports and to plan a program of recreational activities on cessation of hostilities.</p>	
Graft	2.3.45		<p>All aircrew detailed for Operations were awakened at 0130 hrs. this morning. Navigation briefing was held at 0200 hrs. and Main at 0300 hrs. Take off time was delayed. All fourteen aircraft took off successfully between 0641 hrs and 0707 hrs. for and attack on EHM. All aircraft returned safely to base by 1342 hrs. Fourteen aircraft ^{claimed} to have attacked the Primary.</p>	
Graft	3.3.45		<p>No Operations today. A parade was held at 1400 hrs. of all aircrew personnel not flying to receive the Efficiency Trophy given to the Squadron Commander by Air Commodore ^{BC} RC acting A.O.C. of No. 6 Group. During the day eight aircraft were on training flights. Four new crews were checked out on day and night training. Dispatch training was done by Wireless Operators. A lecture was given by the Navigation leader to Navigators on Navigation amendments. At the regular morning session all aircrew were told of the present military situation on all fronts. German Air Force activities given along with these lectures were most interesting. At approximately 19.30 hrs. word came through that we would be required for an early morning Operation. Briefing times were going to be 0200 hrs. and 0300 hrs. however this effort was cancelled about 23.00 hours.</p>	

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Croft	4.3.45		<p>Early this morning most of the personnel on this station were awakened by the sound of cannon fire from enemy aircraft. Some Halifax aircraft were diverted here because they had been followed back from the Continent by intruder aircraft. The Halifax aircraft were just about out of petrol when they got this far so had to land. The runway lights had to be put on. One aircraft was shot down by an intruder, landing in Durham County, however the crew all got out alive. An intruder flew over our drums letting go with two cannon bursts. No one was reported hurt. Fourteen aircraft were detailed for Operations today. Navigation briefing was at 1300 hours, main at 1430 hrs. At approximately 1455 hrs. the attack was cancelled. All crews stood by for further instructions until 1700 hrs. when the Squadron was definitely stood down. One aircraft was air tested however there was no flying training as all our serviceable aircraft were bombed up.</p>		
Croft	5.3.45		<p>Fourteen aircraft were detailed for Operations today. Briefing times were 1300 hours for Navigation and 1500 hrs. for Main briefing. All fourteen aircraft took-off successfully by 1700 hrs. for an attack on Ghent. Fourteen aircraft claim to have attacked the Prisoner through cloud. Assessment of the attack was difficult because of clouds. The regular morning conference at 0915 hrs. was attended by all aircrew personnel. Some night vision training was done by Air Summers. Members of new crews carried out ground training in their respective sections. CAN 313498 P/L R.G. Hunt, D.F.G. the Squadron Bombing Leader was screened from Operations with 29 trips and 109 points to his credit.</p>		
Croft	6.3.45		<p>From the attack on Ghent last night all aircraft had returned to England and landed by 0330 hrs. All landed at Base with the exception of "L" piloted by 388996 P/O J. Kitchen who landed at Carnaby. This aircraft was attacked by an enemy fighter and also collided with a Halifax aircraft. The report on aircraft "L" from Carnaby states: Aircraft hit by 20 M.M. explosive cannon shell. Starboard wheel and under-carriage damaged. Center section skin and No. 1 fuel tank (starboard) punctured. Starboard elevator and starboard fin and rudder extensively damaged. Rear turret and area around turret damaged in collision. The aircraft was categorised KL. No further Operations today. Five new crews were on night Cross Country.</p>		
Croft	7.3.45		<p>Sixteen aircraft were detailed for Operations today. Navigation briefing was held at 13.30 hrs.</p>		

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Crewt	7.3.45 (Continued)		and Main at 14.00 hrs. By 17.00 hrs. all our aircraft had taken-off successfully for an attack on Deasean. On return all aircraft were diverted to Thorney Isle. "A" landed at Ford. All sixteen had landed safely by 0235 hrs. 8th March, 1945. Weather over the target was 10/10th cloud. The present military situation, fighter activity and target interpretation was given to aircrew personnel at the regular morning session. Five crews took part in morning training. No night training due to weather conditions. J88996 P/O J. Kitchen and crew returned by rail from Germany where they landed on night of 5/6th March/45 on returning from an attack on Ghessits.		
Crewt	8.3.45		Between 0120 and 0215 hours this morning all sixteen of our aircraft landed safely at diversion bases "C" landed at Ford and B.C.D.C.H.E.E.O.P.R.T.H.V.Y. and E landed at Thorney Isle. All aircraft returned from their diversion bases by 1525 hrs. Sixteen aircraft called to have attacked the Primary. No Operations today or tonight. The undermentioned crew were screened from Operations with effect today: J87333 A/W/L R. Telford, pilot, with 36 trips, 136 points. J89036 P/O H. Amstutz, Nav, 35 trips, 132 pts. J89001 P/O J. Popin, N/A, 35 trips, 132 pts. J90875 E. Murphy P/O XXXXXXXXXX W/A, 35 trips, 132 pts. J90996 P/O E. Talbot, NW/A, 34 trips, 131 pts. J 220736 W/B H. Walden, N/A, 35 trips, 132 pts. 186145 P/O G. Booth, 33 trips, 120 pts. also a spare gunner, 115623 W/O I. J. Donohoe, 33 trips, 120 points, 173166 W/L F. Fordham, Flight Engineer Leader went to No. 66 Hqs, Middleton St. George to see demonstration and Fuel Gauge Test on Lancaster X. New Wireless Operators received Highspeed training.		
Crewt	9.3.45		Fifteen aircraft were called for Operations today. Navigation briefing was set for 13.00 hrs. and Main at 14.00 hrs. Shortly after noon these times were changed to 15.00 hrs. and 16.00 hrs. At approximately 14.00 hrs. the Operations was cancelled. At the regular 0915 hrs. conference all aircrew were informed of the present military situation.		
Crewt	10.3.45		No Operations today. Word came through in the afternoon that we would be required for fourteen aircraft tomorrow morning. J90722 P/O F. Hart and crew and J87333 A/W/L R. Telford and crew who were recently screened proceeded to No. 6 Group Hqs. for an interview with the A.O.C. Bombing and H2B training was done by seven crews. Another crew completed a Cross Country and one carried out single drill. Training was laid on for the afternoon but had to be cancelled owing to aircraft being hushed up for pending operations.		

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Graft	11.3.45		All crews detailed for Operations today were called at 0730 hrs. Navigation briefing was held at 0800 hrs. and Main at 0900 hrs. All fourteen crews were airborne by 11.52 hrs. for an attack on Essen. By 1803 hrs. all aircraft had returned safely to base with the exception of J15681 P/L R. Fern and crew in aircraft "T", who have been reported missing. Weather over the target was 10/10th cloud. Assessment of this attack was impossible due to cloud. Work came through at approximately 22.00 hrs. that we would be required for fourteen aircraft tomorrow. The following Air Gunner was screened from operations with effect today: J89442 P/O J.A. MacDonald with 36 trips and 131 points. Some ground training was carried out by new crews on the Squadron.		
Graft	12.3.45		All crews detailed for flying were called at 07.30 hrs. this morning. Main briefing was held at 0900 hrs. and Navigation at 0800 hrs. By 1303 hrs. all fourteen aircraft had taken off successfully for an attack on Dortmund. All aircraft claim to have attacked the primary. Crews report that concentration was good and that if the sky markers were accurate the attack could be assessed as very good. All aircraft had landed safely back at base by 20.00 hrs.		
Graft	13.3.45		The following aircrew were screened from Operations with effect today: J29213 P/L. V. Barr pilot, 36 trips, 141 pts. J28447 P/O W. Anderson, Nav, 35 trips, 137 pts. J38239 P/O L. Warrington, R/A, 35 trips, 137 pts. J89671 P/O R. Fox, WO/AG, 35 trips, 137 pts. J270322 P/S W. Sheffield, 35 trips, 137 pts. 188096 P/O R. Coates, P/N 35 trips, 137 points. Thirteen aircraft were detailed for Operations this morning. Just before 12.00 hrs. the figure was increased to fifteen crews. At approximately 12.30 hrs. the Operations was cancelled. Four pilots attended a Captain of Aircraft board at No. 6. Base this afternoon for assessment as to their suitability to hold senior acting rank.		
Graft	14.3.45		This Squadron was detailed for fifteen aircraft today. Navigation briefing was held at 18.30 hrs. and Main at 13.30 hrs. G14898 P/L J. Knott, Station Intelligence Officer is accompanying J3180 S/L C. Bennett, pilot, and crew in aircraft "A". All aircraft took off successfully by 1644 hrs. for an attack on Zweibrücken. Crews report that concentration over the target was good to very good, and assessed the attack generally as good. Weather over the target area was hazy with little or no cloud.		

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Croft	15.3.45		All crew which attacked Schweinfurt last night had returned safely to base by 0020 hrs. At approximately 10.30 hrs. today word came through that we would be required for fifteen crews. All fifteen crews had taken off successfully by 1646 hrs. for an attack on Hagen. The senior Intelligence officer, O3643 S/L W.A. Bentley accompanied J13048 S/L J. Rothenbush, piloting, aircraft "P" on this trip.		
Croft	16.3.45		By 0012 hrs. this morning all aircraft had returned from their attack on Hagen with the exception of J38861 S/O J.O. Stewart, pilot, and crew in aircraft "J", which failed to return and had been reported missing. Visibility over the target was clear with slight haze. Little flying training was done today. Two crews were on day flying exercises, one new crew on a night cross country and bombing, and two aircraft air-ferried. Most crews were resting during the morning after last night's operations. Training and lectures were given in each section during the afternoon. All Navigators and Bomb Aimers attended a Lecture given by Wing Commander F. Powell, HQ, DFL, of No. 6 Group HQ on Wind Finding. No further operations today. 1593503 SGT J.E. Lee, Flight Engineer, was screened from operations today, having completed 36 sorties totalling 136 points.		
Croft	17.3.45		No operations today. Thirteen training flights were carried out during the day for a total of 27 hrs. 05 mins. flying time.		
Croft	18.3.45		No operations today. Thirteen aircraft carried out training consisting of H28 bombing, Air to Sea firing, fighter affiliation, bombing and night Cross Countries. Crews also did Dry Dingle Drills. Eight aircrew HQ's were interviewed for commissions. To speed up the process a new system was tried today which is considered an improvement - that is the Station Commander, visits the Squadron and with a board consisting of the Station Commander, Squadron Commander and the Section Leader concerned, the applicant is interviewed. By the Station Commander coming to the Squadron a delay of days between interviews is avoided and a more accurate assessment is reached. Ground training was carried out in all Sections.		
Croft	19.3.45		No operations today. J27630 A/W/L L.S. Coulter a pilot formerly with this Squadron received the immediate award of the Distinguished Flying Cross according to a postagram received today.		
Croft	20.3.45		This Squadron was detailed for sixteen aircraft for operations early tomorrow morning. Navi-		

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Craft	20.3.45			
	(Continued)		<p>ation briefing was scheduled for 21.15 hrs. and Main at 22.15 hrs. At approximately 15.00 hrs. these times were delayed one hour. All crews detailed for Operations had their pre-Operational meal at 21.30 hours.</p>	
Craft	21.3.45		<p>By 0210 hrs. this morning all sixteen aircraft had taken off successfully for an attack on the oil refineries at Heide. All crews claim to have attacked the Primary in good visibility. By 0617 hrs. all sixteen aircraft had returned safely to Base. Little training was carried out. No further Operations today, until at approximately 17.00 hrs. word came through that we would be required tomorrow morning. J4325 S/L D. Boyle, Flight Commander of "B" Flight was admitted to Station Hospital.</p>	
Craft	22.3.45		<p>Fourteen aircraft were detailed for Operations today. By 1053 hrs. seven of our aircraft had taken off successfully, however at 1055 hrs. aircraft "P" piloted by J41104 P/O H. Payne on take-off this aircraft swung off the runway and caught fire. All attempts to extinguish the fire failed. The crew got out safely and all aircraft possible were landed away from the area. The airbase was cleared of all personnel except fire-fighters. The aircraft was completely destroyed by violent explosion. No further aircraft were able to take-off owing to this unfortunate accident. All aircraft which took-off successfully attacked the primary target at Hildesheim and assessed the raid as excellent. No combats were reported and flak was practically nil. Aircraft which did not participate in Operations assisted in clearing up wreckage of the damaged aircraft. The following aircraft were assessed from Operations with effect today: J35150 P/O J. Wagon, pilot, 35 trips, 128 pts. J30845 P/O R. McMillan, R/A, 33 trips, 120 pts. J30883 P/O H. Kaufman, WO/AG, 34 trips, 124 pts. R257382 W/O D. Burke, WO/AG, 34 trips, 124 pts. R253890 W/O J. Archibald, 35 trips, 128 pts. 106645 P/O Y. Cameron, 34 trips, 124 pts. J4325 S/L D. Boyle, "B" Flight Commander transferred to R.A.F. Hospital North Allerton with pneumonia and placed on the dangerously ill list. J9180 S/L G. Bennett, "A" Flight Commander posted to 405 Squadron 0846 W/C A.P. Blackburn, Squadron Commander, on leave, recalled from Sunny Gormall.</p>	
Craft	23.3.45		<p>Fourteen aircraft were detailed for Operations this morning. Briefing times were changed three times and the Operations was eventually cancelled at 0945 hrs. P/O Dundas, 17017, was checked out by J87240 P/O G. Alger, on local flying. J82660 P/O Harris, C. air-tested "P".</p>	

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Craft	24.3.45		<p>Ten aircraft detailed for Operations today attended Navigation briefing at 10.00 hrs. and Main at 11.00 hrs. and had successfully taken off by 1304 hrs. G12659 P/L. G.M. Bennie, Station Intelligence Officer accompanied 287340 P/O G. Alger, piloting aircraft "T". The attack was on the synthetic oil plant at Mathias @ times. All had returned safely back to base by 1911 hrs. All crews reported having attacked primary target. Crews opinions of attack varied from fair to good. The following crew was screened with effect from today. J14688 P/L R. Henry, pilot, with 36 trips, 137 pts. J36944 P/O Coleman, A. NAV, 36 trips, 129 pts. J38248 P/O E. Walsh, P/A, 36 trips, 130 pts. J89687 P/O H. Ward, W/O AG, 31 trips, 125 pts. E209215 P/S A. Thomson, 35 trips, 133 pts. J93449 P/O R. Pyrie, R/AG, 35 trips, 133 pts. H139596 SGT E. Casavant, P/S, 35 trips, 133 pts.</p>		
Craft	25.3.45		<p>All crews were called at 0145 hrs. this morning to arise and eat immediately. Navigation briefing was held at 0230 hrs. and Main at 03.30 hrs. Fourteen crews are on today. All aircraft were airborne by 0620 hrs. for an attack on Hannover. On return to base all aircraft claim to have attacked in clear weather except for slight haze. From reporting crews the attack was generally assessed very good. All returned safely to base.</p>		
Craft	26.3.45		<p>No Operations today. Ground training was carried out in most sections, and five aircraft successfully carried out H28 bombing. Bombing, fighter affiliation and Air to Sea firing. Two new crews were checked out.</p>		
Craft	27.3.45		<p>This Squadron was detailed for fourteen aircraft for Operations. Crews standing by all afternoon for briefing times. At approximately 17.30 hrs. the demand was decreased to thirteen aircraft and briefing times scheduled for 0600 hrs. and 0700 hrs. tomorrow morning. Two aircraft from "A" flight were airborne for training in the morning and four in the afternoon. "B" flight had four training details airborne. Two of our pilots were interviewed at No. 64 Base for assessment as to their suitability to hold a senior acting rank.</p>		
Craft	28.3.45		<p>Briefing times for scheduled Operations postponed until 0900 & 10.00hrs. - later Main Briefing was delayed a further half hour - and finally the Operations was cancelled. Only one training detail was carried out during the day.</p>		
Craft	29.3.45		<p>No Operations today. Six of our aircraft went on Training flights and completed a total of 12 hrs. and 30 mins. flying time.</p>		

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Craft	30.3.45		No Operations today. Only two Cross Countries were carried out during the day for a total of 11 hours and 50 mins. Flying time. J32660 P/O G. Ferris, Pilot, with a total of 32 trips and 126 pts. and J38344 P/O R. Wilson, Nav, with 31 trips, and 122 pts. were both screened from Operations with effect today.		
Craft	31.3.45		Fourteen of our aircraft were detailed for Operations early this morning. All aircraft had taken off successfully by 0628 hrs. for an attack on Eschburg and returned safely to base by 12.27 hrs. except J38360 P/O G. Haliburton and crew who have been reported missing in aircraft "U". Attack was difficult to assess due to cloud. Quite a number of enemy aircraft were sighted and seven of our aircraft encountered combats with Messer ME262, jet propelled aircraft. Aircrew not on Operations were given ground training.		
			CASUALTIES		
			Pilot J15681 P/O R. Fern - 11.3.45 Missing - 412 trips, 37 points, 99 hrs. 05 mins.		
			Nav J16574 P/O A. Dow - 11.3.45 Missing - 411 trips, 34 points, 90 hrs. 05 mins.		
			P/A J18182 P/O F. Copeland - 11.3.45 Missing - 411 trips, 34 points, 90 hrs. 05 mins.		
			WO/AG J17638 P/O J. Latrouville - 11.3.45 Missing - 411 trips, 34 points, 90 hrs. 05 mins.		
			WO/AG J18994 P/O G. Scott - 11.3.45 Missing - 411 trips, 34 points, 90 hrs. 05 mins.		
			P/MS J19723 P/O H. Harroan - 11.3.45 Missing - 418 trips, 31 points, 84 hrs. 30 mins.		
			P/E 185500 P/O W. Jones - 11.3.45 Missing - 27 trips, 31 points, 175 hrs. 20 mins.		
			Pilot J39861 P/O J. Stewart - 15/16.3.45 Missing - 5 trips, 17 points, 36 hrs. 40 mins.		
			Nav J41627 P/O L. Armstrong - 15/16.3.45 Missing - 4 trips, 13 points, 27 hrs. 10 mins.		
			P/A J42247 P/O J. Bell - 15/16.3.45 Missing - 4 trips, 13 points, 27 hrs. 10 mins.		
			WO/AG J165316 WO2 U. Whitehead - 15/16.3.45 Missing - 4 trips, 13 points, 27 hrs. 10 mins.		
			WO/AG J45708 P/O J. Ayotte - 15/16.3.45 Missing - 4 trips, 13 points, 27 hrs. 10 mins.		
			P/AG J281298 SGT W. White - 15/16.3.45 Missing - 4 trips, 13 points, 27 hrs. 10 mins.		
			P/E J294617 SGT T. Koszta - 15/16.3.45 Missing - 4 trips, 13 points, 27 hrs. 10 mins.		
			Pilot J38360 P/O G. Haliburton - 31.3.45 Missing - 7 trips, 25 points, 50 hrs. 25 mins.		
			Nav J40731 P/O G. Rathwell - 31.3.45 Missing - 6 trips, 21 points, 40 hrs. 10 mins.		
			P/A J40524 P/O O. Lagerden - 31.3.45 Missing - 6 trips, 21 points, 40 hrs. 10 mins.		

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			WO/AG 343126 P/O R. English - 31.3.45 Missing - 3 trips, 10 points, 18 hrs. 35 min.		
			MO/AG 2276476 SGT R. Green - 31.3.45 Missing - 7 trips, 25 points, 50 hrs. 00 min.		
			P/AG 2216683 SGT F. English - 31.3.45 Missing - 7 trips, 25 points, 49 hrs. 00 min.		
			P/W 2225289 SGT J. Hamlin - 31.3.45 Missing - 7 trips, 25 points, 49 hrs. 15 min.		
POSTINGS-IN					
			Pilot 377136 P/O Glaser, B. w.o.f. 28.2.45		
			Nav 341187 P/O Campbell, G. w.o.f. 28.2.45		
			B/A 340450 P/O White, D. w.o.f. 28.2.45		
			WO/AG 2252008 SGT Jessome, A. w.o.f. 28.2.45		
			MO/AG 2286446 P/W Kelly, T. w.o.f. 28.2.45		
			P/AG 2272626 SGT Berlet, O. w.o.f. 28.2.45		
			P/R 2201133 SGT Spearsman, A. w.o.f. 28.2.45		
			Pilot 343467 P/O Munson, J. w.o.f. 10.3.45		
			Nav 340894 P/O Gosling, P. w.o.f. 10.3.45		
			B/A 339377 P/O McCauley, W. w.o.f. 10.3.45		
			WO/AG 344710 P/O Reed, J. w.o.f. 10.3.45		
			MO/AG 2163415 P/W Spratt, B. w.o.f. 10.3.45		
			P/AG 2278282 P/W Taylor, B. w.o.f. 10.3.45		
			P/W 2208295 SGT Byrne, W. w.o.f. 10.3.45		
			Pilot 317017 P/O Dundas, E. w.o.f. 19.3.45		
			Nav 323433 P/W Hensley, B. w.o.f. 19.3.45		
			B/A 319912 P/O McRae, N. w.o.f. 19.3.45		
			WO/AG 305732 P/O McMillan, D. w.o.f. 19.3.45		
			MO/AG 365178 P/O Johnson, B. w.o.f. 19.3.45		
			P/AG 086800 P/O Squir, B. w.o.f. 19.3.45		
			P/R 179523 P/O Wilkinson, F. w.o.f. 19.3.45		

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			Pilot J36282 F/O Voogels, L. w.o.f. 23.3.45		
			Nav J42768 F/O McKelvie, D. w.o.f. 23.3.45		
			B/A J44140 F/O Kirkpatrick, W. w.o.f. 23.3.45		
			WO/AG J44148 F/O Groswell, J. w.o.f. 23.3.45		
			MU/AG E292617 SGT Keetch, M. w.o.f. 23.3.45		
			R/AG E289351 SGT Gummer, T. w.o.f. 23.3.45		
			F/S (P) 1605489 SGT Tierney, L. w.o.f. 23.3.45		
			Pilot J29540 F/O Wild, H. w.o.f. 24.3.45		
			Nav J42717 F/O Wittig, T. w.o.f. 24.3.45		
			B/A J44344 F/O Miller, H. w.o.f. 24.3.45		
			WO/AG E253804 SGT Murphy, G. w.o.f. 24.3.45		
			MU/AG J29231 F/O Ferguson, J. w.o.f. 24.3.45		
			R/AG E278800 SGT MacDonald, A. w.o.f. 24.3.45		
			F/S (P) E196035 SGT Williamson, J. w.o.f. 24.3.45		
			Pilot G1052 S/L Mulvihill, J. w.o.f. 25.3.45 (Attached only at present)		
			Nav J10461 F/O Miller, A. w.o.f. 25.3.45 Posted		
			B/A J38281 F/O MacKay, R. w.o.f. 25.3.45 Posted		
			WO/AG J42353 F/O Williamson, M. w.o.f. 25.3.45 Posted		
			MU/AG E250920 F/S Gingell, R. w.o.f. 25.3.45 Posted		
			R/AG E266261 F/S Conner, R. w.o.f. 25.3.45 Posted		
			F/S 179426 F/O Little, G. w.o.f. 25.3.45 Posted		
			Pilot J11661 S/L Hudson, J. w.o.f. 26.3.45		
			Nav J16421 S/L Archibald, J. w.o.f. 26.3.45		
			B/A J17691 F/O McAllen, W. w.o.f. 26.3.45		
			WO/AG J85776 F/O Shearer, V. w.o.f. 26.3.45		
			MU/AG J86007 F/O XXXXXXXXXX w.o.f. 26.3.45		
			R/AG J18432 F/O Doucet, P. w.o.f. 26.3.45		
			F/S 2281183 SGT Popper, V. w.o.f. 26.3.45		

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			Pilot J93026 P/O Fletcher, B. w.o.f. 26.3.45		
			Nav K196538 P/S Lordky, D. w.o.f. 26.3.45		
			B/A J11746 P/O Schumacher, R. w.o.f. 26.3.45		
			WO/AG E205152 P/S Muirhead, D. w.o.f. 26.3.45		
			MO/AG E280985 SGT Crosby, J. w.o.f. 26.3.45		
			B/AG E269507 SGT Coyle, D. w.o.f. 26.3.45		
			P/R E209596 SGT Dammert, J. w.o.f. 26.3.45		
			Pilot K197560 W/O Hess, F. w.o.f. 27.3.45		
			Nav K197605 P/S Roberts, G. w.o.f. 27.3.45		
			B/A J11227 P/O Wilson, R. w.o.f. 27.3.45		
			WO/AG E254523 SGT Soobie, M. w.o.f. 27.3.45		
			MO/AG E228099 SGT Bertrand, A. w.o.f. 27.3.45		
			B/AG E281044 SGT Bowdren, J. w.o.f. 27.3.45		
			P/R (P) 1581429 P/S Sims, D. w.o.f. 27.3.45		
			Pilot J12439 P/O Hooper, H. w.o.f. 28.3.45		
			Nav J12683 P/O McIlvren, J. w.o.f. 28.3.45		
			B/A J14564 P/O Reethan, W. w.o.f. 28.3.45		
			WO/AG E97725 SGT Humphry, J. w.o.f. 28.3.45		
			MO/AG E290705 SGT Chapman, S. w.o.f. 28.3.45		
			B/AG E282363 SGT Madie, W. w.o.f. 28.3.45		
			P/R (P) 1682040 P/S Richards, G. w.o.f. 28.3.45		
			Pilot J93092 P/O Cash, P. w.o.f. 31.3.45		
			Nav J12763 P/O Jones, G. w.o.f. 31.3.45		
			B/A J13939 P/O Summers, D. w.o.f. 31.3.45		
			WO/AG E192780 P/S Mohlman, H. w.o.f. 31.3.45		
			MO/AG E286115 SGT Dickey, G. w.o.f. 31.3.45		
			B/AG E290440 SGT Chadley, R. w.o.f. 31.3.45		
			P/R 1683911 SGT Skilbeck, G. w.o.f. 31.3.45		

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			POSTINGS-III (Cont'd)		
			A/G E276855 P/S Flett, G. w.o.f. 13.3.45		
			A/G E283112 P/S Burrows, N. w.o.f. 8.3.45		
			A/G J17384 P/O Howson, F. w.o.f. 13.3.45		
			A/G E.91585 P/S Walters, R. w.o.f. 4.3.45		
			POSTINGS-IV		
			Pilot E9180 S/L Bennett, G. w.o.f. 24.3.45 to 405 Squadron		
			Nav J37774 P/O Atkinson, W. w.o.f. 24.3.45 to 405 Squadron		
			B/A J36887 P/O Lynch, D. w.o.f. 24.3.45 to 405 Squadron		
			WO/AG E207424 P/S Andrew, B. w.o.f. 24.3.45 to 405 Squadron		
			MO/AG E265012 P/S Parrish, J. w.o.f. 24.3.45 to 405 Squadron		
			R/AG E265179 P/S Hall, E. w.o.f. 24.3.45 to 405 Squadron		
			P/Z 1816211 SGT Weatherill, A. w.o.f. 24.3.45 to 405 Squadron		
			Pilot J27630 P/L Coulter, J. w.o.f. 17.2.45 to R Depot		
			Nav J36380 P/O Davis, R. w.o.f. 17.2.45 to R Depot		
			WO/AG J90039 P/O Allen, W. w.o.f. 17.2.45 to R Depot		
			A/G J92953 P/O MacGregor, A. w.o.f. 17.2.45 to R Depot		
			A/G J92564 P/O Symes, G. w.o.f. 17.2.45 to R Depot		
			Nav J24043 P/O McAlpine, A. w.o.f. 23.2.45 to R Depot		
			B/A J27415 P/O Rubin, H. w.o.f. 20.2.45 to R Depot		
			B/A J28256 P/O Hawker, E. w.o.f. 2.3.45 to 1659 Com. Unit.		
			B/A J92631 P/O Lafreniere, J. w.o.f. 10.3.45 to 432 Squadron		
			Nav J24691 P/O McGein, C. w.o.f. 6.3.45 to No. 6 Group		
			Pilot J26114 P/L Bealstone, A. w.o.f. 10.3.45 to RCAP O/S HQ.		
			WO/AG J16422 P/L Morris, V. w.o.f. 16.3.45 to No. 64 Base		
			Nav J92447 P/O Anderson, W. w.o.f. 25.1.45 to No. 64 Base.		
			B/A J92839 P/O Wemysh, L. w.o.f. 27.3.45 to 1659 Com. Unit.		
			Nav J91110 P/O Odgaard, W. w.o.f. 26.3.45 to R Depot		
			Pilot J15728 P/L Francis, J. w.o.f. 23.3.45 to R Depot.		

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			R/A J19442 P/O Jackson, W. w.o.f. 23.3.45 to R Depot		
			A/G J18526 P/O Adenson, S. w.o.f. 23.3.45 to R Depot		
			R/A 136822 P/O Richardson, W. w.o.f. 27.2.45 to No. 64 Base		
			P/R 178243 P/O McInnes, F. w.o.f. 2.3.45 to A.C.A.C.		
			WO/AIR 178091 P/O MacDonald, J. w.o.f. 21.3.45 to A.C.A.C.		
			A/G H17497 P/O Sugars, J. w.o.f. 29.2.45 to R Depot		
			P/R H198024 P/S Fisher, A. w.o.f. 14.3.45 to 424 Squadron		
			A/G H156934 P/O Beucher, J. w.o.f. 17.3.45 to No. 64 Base		
PROMOTIONS					
			Pilot J89071 P/O Yull, E. to A/W/O w.o.f. 20.2.45		
			Pilot J89071 P/O Yull, E. to A/W/L w.o.f. 20.2.45		
			Pilot J88996 P/O Kitchen, J. to A/W/O w.o.f. 20.2.45		
			Pilot J88996 P/O Kitchen, J. to A/W/L w.o.f. 20.2.45		
			Pilot J89071 P/O Yull, E. to P/W/O w.o.f. 20.2.45		
			Pilot J35150 P/O Wagoner, J. to A/W/L w.o.f. 20.2.45		
			Pilot J45897 P/O Cameron, D. to A/W/L w.o.f. 20.2.45		
			Pilot J30983 P/O Funnell, R. to A/W/L w.o.f. 20.2.45		
			Pilot J37140 P/O Price, E. to A/W/L w.o.f. 20.2.45		
			Pilot J87333 P/O Salford, E. to A/W/L w.o.f. 1.3.45		
			WO/AG J17878 P/O Sibbald, R. to P/W/L w.o.f. 3.12.44		
			P/S 160499a SGT White, D. to P/S w.o.f. 16.7.44		
			A/G H207436 P/S Walkden, F. to WO2 w.o.f. 19.2.45		
			A/W H266996 SGT Molony, G. to P/S w.o.f. 15.2.45		
			W/O H181534 P/S Anderson, P. to WO2 w.o.f. 26.2.45		
			WO/AG H198034 P/S Crapper, G. to WO2 w.o.f. 26.2.45		
			WO/AG H161408 WO2 Wilson, G. to WO1 w.o.f. 1.3.45		
			W/O H177372 P/S Reid, F. to WO2 w.o.f. 10.3.45		

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PROMOTIONS (Cont'd)						
A/G	R285855	SOT	Reynolds, I.	to P/S w.o.f. 19.2.45		
A/G	R286536	SOT	Lambert, G.	re P/S w.o.f. 19.2.45		
A/G	R110833	SOT	Williams, W.	to P/S w.o.f. 19.2.45		
A/G	R283615	SOT	Hall, G.	to P/S w.o.f. 19.2.45		
A/G	R276476	SOT	Green, R.	to P/S w.o.f. XXXX 21.2.45		
WO/AG	R190092	SOT	Edmonton, J.	to P/S w.o.f. 19.7.44		
A/G	R281258	SOT	White, W.	to P/S w.o.f. 19.2.45		
WO/AG	R190092	P/S	Johnston, J.	to WO2 w.o.f. 19.1.45		
WO/AG	R184717	P/S	Smith, G.	to WO2 w.o.f. 25.11.44		
A/G	R276446	SOT	Kelly, I.	to P/S w.o.f. 24.12.44		
A/G	R272626	SOT	Borlet, G.	to P/S w.o.f. 24.12.44		
WO/AG	R252008	SOT	Hessoms, A.	to P/S w.o.f. 13.12.44		
A/G	R223832	P/S	Salmond, K.	to WO2 w.o.f. 13.3.45		
WO/AG	R207126	P/S	Andrews, B.	to WO2 w.o.f. 13.3.45		
A/G	R257682	P/S	Rutchnak, A.	to WO2 w.o.f. 23.3.45		
A/G	R153115	SOT	Spratt, B.	to P/S w.o.f. 16.3.45		
A/G	R278282	SOT	Taylor, R.	to P/S w.o.f. 16.3.45		
P/A	R189453	P/S	McLeod, A.	to WO2 w.o.f. 23.3.45		
NAV	R207595	P/S	Wishart, D.	to WO2 w.o.f. 23.3.45		
A/G	R251699	P/S	Smith, M.	to WO2 w.o.f. 23.3.45		
A/G	R21585	P/S	Walters, E.	to WO2 w.o.f. 23.3.45		
Pilot	R197560	P/S	Hess, J.	to WO2 w.o.f. 26.2.45		
WO/AG	R253804	SOT	Murphy, G.	to P/S w.o.f. 2.3.45		
WO/AG	R254523	SOT	Scobie, M.	to P/S w.o.f. 24.1.45		
A/G	R281044	SOT	Boudreau, J.	to P/S w.o.f. 5.2.45		
A/G	R220499	SOT	Bortman, I.	to P/S w.o.f. 5.2.45		
P/S (P)	R198035	SOT	Williamson, J.	to P/S w.o.f. 5.2.45		

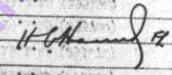
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			COMMISSIONS		
			A/C <u>R206531</u> P/S <u>Togart, J.</u> Comm. w.e.f. 10.1.45 (79345)		
			WO/AC <u>R210206</u> P/S <u>Taschuk, N.</u> Comm. w.e.f. 19.1.45 (793632)		
			A/C <u>R266558</u> P/S <u>Balley, R.</u> Comm. w.e.f. 19.1.45 (793641)		
			P/A <u>R161830</u> P/S <u>Dale, K.</u> Comm. w.e.f. 19.1.45 (793678)		
			WO/AC <u>R165375</u> WO2 <u>Hough, J.</u> Comm. w.e.f. 19.1.45 (793700)		
			P/R <u>1593503</u> SGT <u>Lee, G.</u> Comm. w.e.f. 11.2.45 (195194)		
			P/R <u>1398444</u> SGT <u>Kilridge, D.</u> Comm. w.e.f. 11.2.45 (195132)		
			CHANGES & AWARDS - Nil		
			CHANGES IN COMMAND - Nil		
			CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION ; Nil		
			AIRCRAFT ON CHARGE : 24 LANCASTER MARK X (No more Lancaster Mark I since 23rd March/45.)		
			LANCASTER I OPERATIONAL FLYING TIME BY DAY - 65 hrs. 15 mins.		
			LANCASTER I OPERATIONAL FLYING TIME BY NIGHT - 571 hrs. 05 mins.		
			LANCASTER I OPERATIONAL FLYING TIME BY NIGHT - 137 hrs. 40 mins.		
			LANCASTER I OPERATIONAL FLYING TIME BY NIGHT - 446 hrs. 55 mins.		
			LANCASTER I NON-OPERATIONAL FLYING TIME BY DAY - 37 hrs. 35 mins.		
			LANCASTER I NON-OPERATIONAL FLYING TIME BY DAY - 247 hrs. 20 mins.		
			LANCASTER I NON-OPERATIONAL FLYING TIME BY NIGHT - 19 hrs. 00 mins.		
			LANCASTER I NON-OPERATIONAL FLYING TIME BY NIGHT - 55 hrs. 00 mins.		
			TOTAL FLYING TIME FOR MONTH OF MARCH, 1945 - 1,549 hrs. 50 mins.		
			NUMBER OF OPERATIONAL SORTIES : 177 sorties		
			NUMBER OF OPERATIONS : 14 Operations (Reports attached)		
			NUMBER OF BURNY AIRCRAFT DAMAGED : 6 Damaged and 8 with no claims.		
			NUMBER OF BURNY AIRCRAFT INSURED: None		

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			WEIGHT OF BOMBS		
			Weight of bombs dropped during the first two months of year		Weight of bombs dropped for the month of March, 1945
			Bombs 1,735,630 lbs. or 909 English Tons		Bombs 1,781,260 lbs. or 795 English Tons.
			TOTAL WEIGHT OF BOMBS IN FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THE YEAR :- 2,516,890 lbs or 1,704 English Tons.		
			STRENGTH OF SQUADRON AS AT 23.59 HOURS ON 31ST MARCH, 1945		
			Officers		
			R.C.A.F.	R.A.F.	R.C.A.F.
			135	18	90
			1	-	17
			Total	15	107
			GROUND CREW		
			136	18	90
			1	-	17
			Total	137	107
			COMMANDING OFFICER'S REMARKS		
			This month has been one of our busiest for quite sometime. A total of thirteen Operations were carried out against the enemy and a total of 1,781,260 lbs of bombs were dropped on German soil.		
			Our 177 Operational Section brings our grand total to 2,502 Series since formation. Eleven new crews were posted-in but we unfortunately lost three of our crews during the month. Effective the 23rd March, 1945 this Squadron is again equipped entirely with Canadian built Lancaster X.		
			 (A.F. HEADRUM) Wing Commander, Commanding Officer, No. 144 Squadron (R.C.A.F.).		

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