

Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	1 Mar.		Sergeant McIntosh and his crew returned from R.A.F. COLESHALL by rail, where they had crash landed after an operation on the night of the 22nd February. 12 aircraft set out to attack BHEIN. One turned back because of engine failure. Nine bombed their objective and returned safely to base. One aircraft failed to return. The names of the missing crew are: P/O A.S. HENRIOTT (Captain), Sgt. SANDIE, W.O. (Navigator) Sgt. BATHMAN, A.L. (Bomb Aimer), Sgt. GRAY, J.M. (W/O.A.G.), Sgt. GURKINER, A.E. (Flight Engineer), Sgt. KOWALSKI, J. (Second Gunner) and Sgt. WOODHOUSE, A. (Rear Gunner)		185-19h A-4
	2 Mar.		Squadron stand-down.		
	3 Mar.		A new crew was posted in from 1699 CONVERSION UNIT for flying duties. P/Sgt. SHARP, E. (W/O.A.G.) was posted from the Squadron to 1699 CONVERSION UNIT. The funeral of Sergeants DUNBAR and GOGAN, killed when the aircraft piloted by Sgt. HAINSTON was attacked by an enemy night fighter during an operation on the night of the 27th February, was held at R.A.F. Station, COLESHALL. A representative from the Squadron attended the ceremony. P/Sgt. GRAY and crew, whose aircraft was forced to ditch in the sea after an operation on the night of the 27th February, reported back to the Squadron. 9 aircraft set out to attack BHEIN. One turned back but the remainder bombed the target and returned safely to base. P/O J.D. DITCHEN reported the destruction of two enemy night fighters.		197-205 A-4
	4 Mar.		Squadron stand-down. A new crew was posted in from 1699 CONVERSION UNIT for flying duties, and Sgt. HIGGINS (Bomb Aimer) reported to the Squadron from No. 76 Squadron.		
	5 Mar.		10 aircraft set out to attack BHEIN. One failed to return. The names of the missing crew are: Sgt. BAKERELL, L. (Captain), P/Sgt. SCOBEN, D.B. (Navigator), P/Sgt. MANTON, J.E. (Bomb Aimer), Sgt. HENRIOTT, J.A. (W/O.A.G.), Sgt. HURON, A.G. (Flight Engineer), Sgt. CLARK, W.J. (Second Gunner) and P/Sgt. COOPER, J.E. (Rear Gunner). P/O R.S. HERRK and his crew were posted to No. 35 Squadron.		206-205 A-4
	6 Mar.		Squadron stand-down. P/O J.E. HART reported for flying duties from No. 192 Squadron.		
	7 Mar.		Squadron stand-down.		
	8 Mar.		10 aircraft set out to attack BHEIN. Nine attacked the target successfully. Eight returned to base and one landed at MIDDLE WALLOW owing to shortage of petrol. One aircraft failed to reach the target.		216-236 A-4
	9 Mar.		9 aircraft set out to attack BHEIN. Three were obliged to return early to base but the other six successfully attacked the target and returned safely to base.		236-234 A-4
	10 Mar.		Squadron stand-down.		
	11 Mar.		11 aircraft set out to attack BHEIN. One returned early and was diverted to LINDSEY. The remainder successfully completed the operation and nine returned to base, while the other landed at BHEIN ISLAND owing to shortage of petrol. P/O G.S. HARRISON and crew reported for flying duties from 1699 CONVERSION UNIT.		236-245 A-4



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MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	12 Mar.		3 aircraft set out to attack BIRKEN. One was forced to jettison its bomb load in the sea and return owing to engine failure. The remainder successfully bombed the target and returned safely to base.		264-266 A-8 256-258
	13 Mar.		Squadron stand-down.		
	14 Mar.		Squadron stand-down. Sgt. MOORE, R.M. (Air-Gunner) reported for flying duties from 1659 CONVERSION UNIT. P/O H. McLAUGHLIN, who recently completed his tour of operations, was posted to 1659 CONVERSION UNIT.		
	15 Mar.		Squadron stand-down.		
	16 Mar.		Squadron stand-down. Another of our crews was posted to H.-35 Squadron.		
	17 Mar.		Squadron stand-down.		
	18 Mar.		Squadron stand-down. P/O MANN, D.L. and P/Sgt. OGDEN, (W/O.P.A.F.) who recently completed their tour of operations, were posted to No. 22 G.E.U. P/Sgt. BATES, G. (W/O.P.A.F.), who has also completed his tour, was posted to No. 23 G.E.U. P/O H.C. BISHOP was posted to No. 1535 (R.G.A.F.) S.A.F. FLIGHT on completion of his tour of operations.		
	19 Mar.		The Station Commander carried out an inspection of the Squadron Headquarters and Range.		
	20 Mar.		Squadron stand-down.		
	21 Mar.		Church service was conducted by the Bishop of Exeter.		
	22 Mar.		13 aircraft set out to attack St. KAZAIRE. Two turned back, while the remainder successfully bombed the target and returned safely to base.		267-270 A-8 256-266
	23 Mar.		Squadron stand-down. Sgts. BURTON, A.E., BEARD, G.W., HOPPE, J., LLOYD, A.M. and VANDER, J.G., all Flight Engineers, were posted to 1659 CONVERSION UNIT.		
	24 Mar.		AIR VICE MARSHAL BIRNIE visited the Station.		
	25 Mar.		Squadron stand-down.		
	26 Mar.		12 aircraft set out to attack BIRKEN. One turned back while the remainder successfully attacked the target and returned safely to base.		271-274 A-8 267-278
	27 Mar.		14 aircraft set out to attack BIRKEN. One turned back with engine trouble. Nine successfully attacked the target and returned safely to base. One aircraft failed to return. The names of the missing crew were: P/O G.E. FORNER (Captain), Sgt. BISHOP, A.F. (Navigator), P/O G.J. SHAWER (Bomb Aimer), Sgt. LAWRENCE, G.J. (W/O.P.A.F.), Sgt. BISHOP, M.M. (Flight Engineer), Sgt. LONNAN, R. (Second Gunner) and P/Sgt. HAYLEN, A.M. (New Gunner).		279-289 A-8 279-289

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MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	26 Mar		8 aircraft set out to attack St. HAGARE. One failed to return. The names of the missing were:- Sgt. BUCKLEY, R.F. (Captain), Sgt. ARNOLD, R. (Navigator), Sgt. HALLIDAY, R.M. (Bomb Aimer), Sgt. BOYD, W.J.S. (W/O, A.G.), Sgt. FOSTER, G.S. (Flight Engineer), Sgt. COLLETT, J.K. (Second Gunner) and Sgt. NORMAN, G. (Rear Gunner). Another aircraft engaged in this attack was sent into a spin by a burst of flak over the target. The Captain gave the order to abandon the aircraft, and the Bomb Aimer, Sgt. DOUGLAS, baled out. Immediately afterwards the Captain succeeded in regaining control of the aircraft and countermanded the order to abandon. No other members of the crew had baled out. All aircraft, with the exception of one missing, returned safely to base.		280-297 A - M																											
	29 Mar		8 aircraft set out to attack BRUNN in adverse weather conditions. Four encountered severe icing and turned back. The other four successfully attacked the target and returned to base, one crashing on landing but with no injury to the crew.		298-305 A - M																											
	30 Mar		P/O A.E. CHAFFARD was posted to the Squadron (No. 3) P.R.C. for supernumerary duties.																													
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	31 Mar		Number and type of aircraft on charge:-	17 HALIFAX MARK II AIRCRAFT.																												
			Flying Hours for the month of March, 1943:-	Operational: 779 hours Non-Operational: 51 hours																												
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			BOMB AIRMEN'S CLAIMS ON COMBAT DURING MARCH.																													
			On an operation to HAMBURG on the night of the 2nd March, Halifax Aircraft "F", DE-609, was downed with heavy damage, both being claimed as destroyed. The first, on No. 110, was shot down in flames by P/O R.J. WIGGERS (J.14523), and was seen to crash and burn. The second, a P.60, was shot down by P/O R.J. WIGGERS (J.14523) and SGT. WHEAT, S.A. (Rear Gunner).				A - 2																									
			On the night of 31st March, while on an operation to BRITANNIA, P/OE. WHEAT, S.A., S.100255, Rear Gunner of Halifax Aircraft "F", DE-609, shot down a twin-engine enemy aircraft, at first thought to be a Wellington going to the high ball, but possibly an He.110. The P/O was seen to go down in flames and to explode on hitting the ground.				A - 6																									

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