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Airouan Aron	1st July		Squadron was ordered to stand down today. Aircrew again visitied SOUSSE for a swim. Ken Mcadam of the Y.M.C.A. organized a daily trip to SOUSSE for 50 ground crew. Rations were taken for lumb and tea, leaving camp area at 09.00 hours, returning after a good swim and rest at 19.00 hours.	
	2nd		Nine sorties were called for. Target OISIA. All aircraft took off and reached target area. Poor flak enabled aircraw to get good pictures and fairly accurate results from bombing.	
	July		FOOT TIES SUBSTEA STICITES TO SEE SOOG PROPERTY AND ADDRESS OF THE PROPERTY OF	
	3rd July		We had two jobs to de tonight, 3 sircraft were detailed to drop nickels over RME and raid target LIDO DI ROMA. all sircraft were bombed up and took off. 1 sircraft returned safely, 1 was forced to creah land near BIZERTA, crew safe, and the other landed at 236 Wing, near here.	-
			I was forced to cream land near BLESCA, dres sale, and the dust the other raid was on the Retinary The raid was successful, I sallton indeals were thrown out. The other raid was on the Retinary Station and Marshalling Tards at TRAPMIL. 6 siroraft were bombed up and took off. One siroraft returned early, petrol flap loose. Some light but inaccurate flak. Visibility good. Was good effort.	
			Stend down today. The usual swim at SOUSSE, for aircrew and the daily swim for Ground Grew.	
E	July		The same bight and the same bight and the same by the	
	TO THE		personnel. Sickness reached a low level today sonly 9 reported sick. Pive new crews arrived today.	
	5th		Ten aircraft were bombed up and took off for raid on target SERBINI AERODROME and Satellites.	
	July		Results were poor and it is not known if targets were reached. Poor weather the primary cause. All sircraft returned. One sircraft was burned while on dispersal, cause unknown. One new orew arrived today.	
			Ten aircraft were selected from this Squadron to raid CATANIA ARRODROMS. The aircraft were bombed	
	6th July		up and took off. All returned safely. We were detailed to attack on 2nd wave. Very little out-	
	7th		Stand Down.	
	July		THE PARTY OF A CAPACITY OF THE PARTY OF THE	
	July		Seven aircraft were bombed up and took off to raid GEBDH. Raid onto successful. Encountered fairly accurate medium, Heavy and light-flakes Slight hase over target. Two new crown arrived to	ay-
	9th		Twelve aircraft were called on to raid CATANIA, STRACUSE and CALTAGIRORE. All were bumbed up	es Lucien 16
	July		Twolve aircrart were called one detailed to fly in low with a 4000 lb. bomb to destroy barracks and took off. P/O. Ardis was detailed to fly in low with a 4000 lb. bomb to destroy barracks and railway omitre at STRACUSE. Pictures clearly show his effort was a success. The remaining	100000
			and railway combre as Minaging. Figures desary since incomplet were detailed to patrol aircraft attacked all targets in separate saves. Mandrel aircraft were detailed to patrol STOTLATAN COAST to jes R.D. S. Station. Much activity observed. Raid was very important and	
Inducation area	100		SUCCESSFUL	
	10th	7	The Squadron stood down today, many of the aircrew went by M.T. to SOUSSBEAM swim, returning early to see a movie at the "I" tent. One new orew arrived today.	

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Kairouan Area	11th July		Stand down. Church services were held. Ground Crew went to SOUSSE FORswim. Kne McAdem had a good movie tenight.	1,100
	12th July		Thirtoen aircraft were bombed up and took off on target ENM, Sicily. All orews report reaching target. Defences mil. Very successful raid. Group Captain DNLAP spoke to the Squadron today and read out a message from Major-General DOMATTE of appreciation for the work we have dones.	***************************************
	13th July		Target for tenight MESSINA, SICHLY. Thirteen mircraft were bombed up and took off. Accurate bombing was claimed on the Marshalling Yards and Docks. Identical board for the Marshalling Yards and Docks. Identical board for the Marshalling Yards and Docks.	-
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	14th July		The Squadron stood down. The usual swim at SCUSSE, for some of the Ground and Air Grews. Weather very hot.	
	15th July		Sixteen were bombed up and took off on target SAN CIOVANNI and RECGIO. One aircraft was comed for 4 or 5 minutes. Very weak defences. Raid good.	
	16th	(Sixteen aircraft were hombed up and took off. They successfully bombed the target CAPODICHINO	
	5th Sulfa		ARROHRENE, ITALY. Light and heavy flak provailed. One alroraft was hit by flak over target slightly wounding F/O. J.M. Burk (J. 22535), Bomb Aimer. Heavy fires were reported in Dock area. in NAPLES.	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
	17th July		The Squadron stood down with the exception of 2 sireraft which were detailed to bomb target MONTED CONVINO ARROHEOMS. Identification of target difficult, due to ground haze. Several fires observed, believed to be aircraft burning. Operations considered successful.	
	18th July		Squadren, stood down. The "I" had a good movie, a very large number of men attended the showing The padre reported very good attendance at the Church Service. A mobile Path Unit is now visiting the Squadren every Thursday. The weather the Squadren every Thursday.	4
	2012		bowsers are now drawing water from KATROUAN. Arrangements are now being made at MONISTAIR to	
	grd		The officers mass has a radio installed theme we at least not the rows are least and the rows has a radio installed theme.	
	19th		nigh on the camp	
	July	AND STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE P	Sixteen aircraft were bombed up and took off for target CAPODICHINO AEROIROR. The defences were considerably strengthened and the number of searchlights definitely increased. One aircraft	
quoten yazar	lst rug		was coned over HAPLES. At least 50% of aircraft coned from time to time. Poor visibility due to heavy hase prevented pinpointing. Hight fighters were operating in this area.	<u> </u>
	20th July		Fourteen aircraft took off to bomb target NAFLES Marshalling Yards and Dook Installations. One # aircraft returned early inter come unserviceable. The raid was quite successful the december	See Letter 2
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	21st July		Eleven aircraft were bombed up and took off for CAPODICHINO AEROBOME. The effort was not successful due to cloud formations. Heavy and light flak. One aircraft missing. Nickels were	

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Stand down. Large attendance at both church services, with movie in the evening. Replacement July crew. arrived late det today - 19/0. S. Nerthern (J14566), pilet and crew. 26th Twelve aircraft were bombed up and took off for target MONTE CORVINO RAVELLI AEROHROMS. Weather very good. Light flak proveibed Thiusanstor was used monossfully. Operation considered good. 27th - Joth The Squadron was stood down. Many of the aircrew took advantage of the stand down to go bathing. Both rest camps for 1,5 hours for aircrew and ground crew are now fully organised and operating. An important baseball game was played with 122. Squadron - we won 12 - 6. Jist Four aircraft were bombed up and took off for E. ADUINA, near TWHIS to pick up Nickels. Two of the aircraft were to proceed to HOME and NAMES to drop them. The other two aircraft were standard and ware not required. One of the standard made at fully landing and had to remain over for mises repairs. The other stands by returned to its base. The effort was quite successful, a heavy hase prevented accourate dropping of miseals, but it is pressed they were dropped over target. Ho opposition and vary little flak. Both mentions returned safely. MOTE: Strength of Squadron today - 1. 191 officers and sires. Leases Air Grews for Month - 2. Aircraft replacements for Month - 100 crews (over emballiament 8 crews) No. of operational flights during the month: 19 flow of the companies, the contract of the month: 19 flows on operational during the month: 19 flows on operations flows on operations during the month: 10 global flows of the flows on operations during the month: 10 global flows of the flow				to sickness of pilot. The effort was quite good. Light flak with some heavy over target. Illumination was used successfully. One replacement crew arrived today. One replacement crew arrived today - Sgt. Bridge, M.R. (B1652F), bilot and crew.	
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			Pilot R. 112822 Sgt. Wilson, LeE. 4.7-43	
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		,	W.O.A.G. R.129520 Sgt. Johnston, B.H. Air Gunner R.116599 Sgt. Guymer, A.S.	
			Air Gunner R. 116599 Sgt. Guymer, A.S.	
			Pilot B-124099 Sgt. Fraser, G-R- 9-7-43	
			Air Bomber R.432283 Sgt. Saunders, R.C.	
			Navigator R. 97617 Sgt. Oliver, A.F.	
			8.0.A.G. R.122551 Sgt. Hart, N.E.	at-team
			Air Gunner R-131347 Sgt. Davidson, R.H.	-
			Pilot R-116828 v Sgt. Bridge, M.R. 22.7.43	
			Air Bomber R. 159930 Set. Bairosailt, R. K.	
			Navigater R. 90626 Sgt. Perter, S.G.	
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	1	-	Air Gunner B.96523 . Sgt. Belanger, J.F.B.	
			Pilot J. 14566 P/Os Northern, B. 28-7-43	
			Air Bomber J. 21170 P/O. Jackson, R.H.	***************************************
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			W.O.A.G. 1576743 Sgt. Lines, G-Ha	
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			Air Bomber 1584516 Sgt. Gay, H.W.	
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	.61	4	W.O.A.G. 1151414 Sgt. Jenkinson, E. Air Gunner 1602819 Sgt. Puller, W.W.G.	
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	I have	1	Pilot 1272438 Sgt. Puddephat, L.T. 4-7-43	
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			Navigator 1417893 Sgt. Davices R.H.	
1,000	12	1 327	W.O.A.G. 1080625 Sgt. McNab, G-W.	
			Air Gunner 1529931 Sgt. Owen, T.	
			Pilot 1431080 Sgt. Parr, 5-86 4-7-45	
The second	2041/15	1	Air Bomber 1168383 Sgt. Dadge, W.G.H.	
			Navigator 1320693 Set. Nettle, D.J.	
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Air Commen 1500107 P/O. Lilloy, E.

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