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Tholthorpe, Yorks.	1st July		18 aircraft were required to attack Biennaia (FR) all aircraft were bombed up and took off, attacking primary in full strength. 17 aircraft returned to home base and 1 aircraft was forced to land at RCAF Station Linton with 2 engines useless. This aircraft crashed on landing injuring both Pilot and P/E. The defences were negligible, no details of bombing due to 10/10th cloud. J19881 P/O Kalle, R.A. Pilot was awarded the D.F.C. (immediate) RAE 2206985 Sgt. G.D. Burton P/E. was awarded the D.F.M. (immediate) in recognition of their splendid sense of duty on the night of May 27/28/44. No training.		620-637
	2nd July		Operations scheduled for today were scrubbed. R. 115302 P/S. Crawford, A. A/G. in now screened having completed his first tour of operations w.e.f. 2/7/44. No training today.		
	3rd July		All operations scheduled for today were cancelled also all training.		
	4th July		17 aircraft were bombed up and took off to attack Biennaia. All aircraft returned safely to base. Training and cross country flights were in progress today. RAE 1468177 P/S. Moore, J.L. P/E. And RAE 1625125 P/S. Robson, J. P/E. were posted from 429 Squadron to 420 Squadron w.e.f. 3/7/44.		638-654
	5th July		17 aircraft were detailed to attack Biennaia, the raid was considered very successful. Due to heavy ground fog, all aircraft were diverted. Training was in progress all day. According to German information 22/5/44, J21989 P/O J.F. ROBINSON A/S and R251858 Sgt. Stainpon, W.E. MU/AG. previously reported missing are now presumed dead. RAE 157061 Sgt. Page, J.O. Nav. posted to this unit from 61 Base. w.e.f. 6/7/44. RAE 1511764 P/S. May, O. Nav. posted to this unit from 429 Squadron w.e.f. 6/7/44.		655-671
	6th July		12 aircraft took off to raid constructional works at Coqueriaux. All aircraft attacked primary and returned to base safely. 16 aircraft returned to base today after being diverted from operations yesterday. 1 aircraft is still away due to aircraft being unserviceable. All aircrews have returned to base. R126977 W/O. McNulty R. Pilot posted to 61 Base w.e.f. 7/7/44. for crewing. J19512 P/O. K.E. Jacobs A/G. posted to RCAF, R. Depot. w.e.f. 7/7/44. for repatriation and duty in Canada. RAE 1339288 P/S. Moore, R.A. WOP/AG. appointed to the commissioned rank of P/O w.e.f. 12/5/44. R115302 W/O. Crawford, A. A/G. appointed to the commissioned rank of P/O. w.e.f. 4/4/44.		672-683
	7th July		15 aircraft were required to co-operate with the Army in the area of Caen (FR) all aircraft were bombed up and took off in daylight and attacked a large concentration of troops. The results of the raid were very satisfactory and all aircraft returned to base safely. Training in progress today. R156724 P/S. Slad, J.E. Pilot was appointed to the rank of P/O. w.e.f. 12/5/44. The following were screened from operations today, having completed their 1st. tour. J17224 P/L. Alberts, S. Pilot. J85039 P/O. Holland, J.R. A/B. J65573 P/O. Nowasek, J. Nav. RAE 176780 P/O. Knight, A.S. WOP. R11188 W/O. Myers, S.J. WOP. R120141 Sgt. Masse, J.O.D. W/O. A/G.		684-698

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Tholthorpe Yorks	8th July		14 aircraft were required today but this offer was finally cancelled, we stood down from 1345 hrs. No. training. R115302 WO2 Crawford, A. (A/G) (Now P/O) posted to 24 OTU w.e.f. 14.7.44. R116612 WO2 Baker, E.J. WO/AG appointed to commissioned rank of P/O w.e.f. 25.5.44. R179493 P/S Gibbs, E.J. A/G and R176162 P/S Imbois, P.A. A/G appointed to the commissioned rank of P/O w.e.f. 12.5.44. R2575931 Sgt Miles R.J. P/S posted from 432 Squadron to 420 Squadron w.e.f. 6.7.44.	
	9th July		The squadron stood down but held itself in readiness for a day light effort tomorrow. Training exercises.	
	10th July		We were notified this morning that we would not be required for a day light effort, but were required for tonight. 16 aircraft were detailed and bombed up. This operation was finally cancelled and again told to be ready for a daylight effort tomorrow. Training exercises today.	
	11th July		16 aircraft were required for today but this effort was finally cancelled. Training today. J.16392 A/P/L Kruger, DFM Pilot promoted to A/S/L w.e.f. 25.6.44. R115758 WO2 Menzies, P.E. A/G appointed to the commissioned rank of P/O w.e.f. 30.4.44. R27052 WO2 Rollo, K.P. Nav. appointed to the commissioned rank of P/O w.e.f. 2.6.44.	
	12th July		16 aircraft were detailed to attack an ammunition dump at Thiverny (FR). All aircraft were bombed up and took off and claim to have bombed primary from 15,500 ft. to 12,000 ft. due to 9/10 to 10/10 cloud over target, result of bombing was not visible. It is presumed attack to be scattered, although one aircraft did report light brown smoke rising to 8000 ft. Defences were slight to moderate, high flak at 14,000 ft. to 16,000 ft. Training exercises today.	644-714
	13th July		Operations scheduled for today were cancelled and no training took place. R142611 P/S Logan G.N. Nav. was appointed to the commissioned rank of P/O w.e.f. 2.6.44. R201840 Sgt Price, E.N. A/G was appointed to the commissioned rank of P/O w.e.f. 12.5.44.	
	14 July		Operations scheduled for today were cancelled. Training exercises today. R163274 Sgt Mallory, B.D. A/G posted to 420 Squadron from 424 Squadron w.e.f. 16.7.44. Sir Patrick Duff, Deputy High Commissioner of Canada, Mr. H.A. Jones, Director of Public Relations, Air Ministry and Gen/071 Air Commodore, G.R. Slenson C.B.E. 6 Group Headquarters, visited the Squadron today. The party attended a 420 Squadron briefing given by J.18689 A/S/L R.C. Deegan, who was acting Squadron Commander in the absence of C1050 W/C McKenna, who was on leave.	
	15th July		16 aircraft were required for tonight's operations, all aircraft were bombed up and took off and attacked supply dump at Nucourt (FR) from 11,800 ft. to 5,900 ft. Bomb bursts were seen to be well concentrated round the red and green lights. Several explosions were seen. Defences were H/P. at 10,000 ft. and L/P at 6,000 ft. also 2 S/Lts which were not effective. J.86692 P/O P.W. Desirton Pilot and crew arrived for duty from 1699 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 15.7.44. The following officers were promoted to the rank of A/P/L as captain of aircraft w.e.f. 27.6.44. C28055 P/O T.M.C. Alnall, Pilot J.19425 P/O M.S. Hempel Pilot J.19881 P/O R.A. Kalle, Pilot J.26095 P/O A.B. Whittall, Pilot. Training exercises today.	715-730



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Tholthorpe, Yorks.	16th July		Operations scheduled for today were cancelled, but training continued all day.	
	17th July		17 aircraft were required to attack Coen "Avi." Mondville Steel Works (PR). 2 aircraft failed to take off due to oil leaks. 15 aircraft bombed primary from 8,500 ft. to 7,000 ft. The attack seemed well concentrated and explosions were noted. R/F was slight to moderate up to 10,000 ft. Training today. J85039 P/O Holland, J.R. A/E. posted to 1666 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 19/7/44.	731-745
	18th July		14 aircraft were bombed up and took off to attack Wesseling. All aircraft claim to have attacked primary from 11,500 ft. to 10,000 ft. The raid was well concentrated and the area was covered with thick black smoke with large fires burning in centre. Many explosions were reported. Defences were inaccurate. Light and heavy flack and many S/LTS. Training today. R.111188 W/O. Myers, E.H. Wop/Ag. posted to 1666 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 19/7/44. RAF176780 P/O A.S. Knight Wop/Ag. posted to 220 OTU. w.e.f. 19/7/44. J.26095 A/E/L. Whittall, Pilot and crew posted to 405 Squadron w.e.f. 19/7/44.	746-759
	19th July		Stand down. Training all day. The following aircrew were killed in a flying accident today. J24979 P/O S.J. Joplin, Pilot, A/S. A21661 W/O. Minchin, G.H. WOP. R204833 Sgt. Bernard, W.S. W/Ag. RAF1825385 Sgt. Shand, M.J. P/E. R.154859 Sgt. Kent, G.A. A/G. C. LK 803	
	20th July		17 aircraft took off to attack a constructional works at Ferns du Forest (PR). All aircraft claim to have bombed primary from 15,500 ft. to 10,000 ft. The attack was well concentrated around markers. The defences were negligible with very slight R/F at 15,000 ft. Training today. J27142 P/O M. Guignat, Nav. R. and RAF1100331 Sgt. Monmouth, H.G. P/E, posted non-effective sick to No. 62 Base w.e.f. 11/7/44.	760-776
	21st July		We were standing by for tonight, but were finally notified we were not required. J7920 P/L. Motherwell, V.G. Pilot and crew posted here from 1659 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 21/7/44. CL256 S/L. A.G. Hall, Pilot and crew posted to 428 Squadron w.e.f. 21/7/44.	
	22nd July		Operations scheduled for tonight were cancelled but training continued all day, including cross country flights. J85573 P/O Monsek, J. Nav. posted to 1659 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 22/7/44. J86954 P/O J. Wilda, A/G. and R.87721 Sgt. E.S. Heill, A/G. posted to 428 Squadron from 425 Squadron w.e.f. 21/7/44.	
	23rd July		We were called upon to supply 14 aircraft for operations scheduled for tonight, this detail was finally cancelled. Training continued all day and 2 aircraft took part in a command Bullseye tonight. The funeral of the following aircrew who were killed in a flying accident on July, 19/44 took place today at the Regional Cemetery, Harrogate at 10.30 hours. J8512 P/O Joplin, S.J. Pilot. A/S. A21661 W/O. Minchin, G.H. Wop/Ag. R204833 Sgt. Bernard, W.S. A/G. R.154859 Sgt. Kent, G.A. A/G. Pallbearers consisting of 6 Officers and 18 N.C.O.'s were detailed by this unit. J16392 A/S/L Kruger, P.C. Pilot "B" Flight Commander was in charge of party. The 5th member of the crew RAF1825385 Sgt. Shand, M.J. P/E was buried at Invermaria, Scotland on July, 19th, 1944.	

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	<p>The following aircrew were reported missing from operations tonight: J15532 P/L Zavits, J. Pilot          J29583 P/O Hubbard, V.J. A/B. J29574 P/O Smith, E.H. Nav. R93145 Sgt Unger, J. W.E/AG.          R210669 P/S Wintemute MI/AG. R215081 P/S Novack, N. A/G. RAF1544879 Sgt Cracknell, A.W. P/E.</p>	<p>700</p>
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Thaltheorpe, Yorks.	28th July		RAF 1836548 Sgt. Pett, C.S. M/Under/AG.	
	29th July		J86897 P/O McMillan, D.A. Pilot and crew reported for duty from 1666 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 29/7/44. R16237 Sgt. Reid, S.A. Pilot and crew also J26463 P/O G.A. McKenzie Pilot and crew reported for duty from 1664 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 29/7/44. The squadron stood by all day and preparations were made for an early take off tomorrow morning. Training continued all day. At 05.25 hours 30/7/44 15 aircraft took off to attack Arge-Sur-Seulles (FR). All aircraft claim to have bombed primary. 5 aircraft landed away and 1 aircraft crash landed at A.I.S. Headquarters, White Waltham. The aircraft was wrecked, having over-shot runway and burst. All received injuries with the exception of the MIA-Upper-AG, who was unhurt. The MIA-AG, R1955140 P/S Quasack, G. has since died of injuries. The raid was considered successful. R1593360 Sgt D. Gallagher, A/G, was appointed to the commissioned rank of P/O w.e.f. 14/8/44.	821-835
	30th July		The following aircrew were screened from operations today having completed their 1st. Four of Operations w.e.f. 30/7/44. R176755 P/S Meech, M.E. A/G. R196653 P/S Bartley, G.E. A/G. J86864 P/O Dubois, R.A. A/G. J87027 P/O Menzies, P.E. A/G. The undermentioned officer completed his 2nd. Four of Operations and was screened today. J86274 P/O B.W. Lefurgey, W/E/AG. We were standing by all day, but were finally advised to stand down until tomorrow. Cross country flights scheduled for tonight were cancelled. 6 aircrews returned from leave tonight.	
	31st July		R252161 Sgt. Ower, G. A/G. was screened from operations, having completed his 1st. Four today. 15 aircraft were bombed up and took off tonight to attack the Construction Works at Ouf-en-Ternois (FR). 2 aircraft returned early. 7 aircraft landed away due to adverse weather conditions and 4 aircraft returned to base after operations. Training today. J86831 P/O M.L.E. McDonald Pilot and crew and J13413 P/O G.L.L. Jones, Pilot and crew reported for duty from 1666 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 31/7/44 and 30/7/44. J16353 P/O G.K.A. Haslop and crew reported from 1699 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 31/7/44. J24724 P/O A.H. Johnston Nav. posted to 834 Squadron w.e.f. 1/8/44.	836-848
<b>CASUALTIES</b>				
Killed in Accident on 19th July, 1944, in A/C Halifax, Mk. III, LK. 803.			Missing on the night of 24/25 July, 1944, in Halifax III MK. 713 "B"	
P. J24979 P/O Joplin, S.J.			P. J10801 P/L Trickett, D.H.	
WOP. A15421661 WOI Minchin, G.H.			A/S J25784 P/O Haron, L.	
A/G R204833 Sgt Bennett, W.E.			N. J.9508 P/L Knight, R.E.	
A/G R154859 Sgt Kent, S.A.			WOP. J26463 P/O Monk, R.W.	
P/S 1825595 Sgt Shaw, M.J.			A/G R189515 Sgt Coulson, E.	
			P/S 1492585 Sgt Walton, R.W.	
			A/G R190230 P/S Robert, H.R.	
Missing on night of 28/29th July, 1944, in A/C Hal. Mk. III, Mk. 645 "B".			Killed in Accident on 30 July, 1944, in Halifax III. NA. 528 "C"	
P. J15532 P/L Hewitt, J.M.			WOP. P/S Quasack, G. (552450)	
A/S J25885 P/O Hubbard, V.J.				
N. J25274 P/O Smith, R.H.				
WOP. R193145 Sgt Unger, J.				
A/G 1836548 Sgt Pett, C.S.				
A/G R210669 P/S Whitcombe, J.D.				
A/G R215081 P/S Quasack, G.				
P/S 1544879 Sgt Cracknell, A.W.				

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Tholthorpe, Yorks.	July/44		<p>POSTINGS ON</p> <p>1658177 P/O Moore, J.L. (P/E) - posted to 429 Sqdn. from 429 Sqdn. w.e.f. 3.7.44.</p> <p>1625125 P/O Robson, J. (P/E)</p> <p>575931 Sgt Miles, R.J. (P/E) posted from 432 Sqdn. w.e.f. 6.7.44.</p> <p>1311764 P/O Way, G.W. (Nav) " " 429 Sqdn. w.e.f. 6.7.44.</p> <p>16167061 Sgt Page, J.G. (N) " " 61 Base w.e.f. 6.7.44.</p> <p>16163274 Sgt Mallory, R.D. (A/G) posted from 424 Sqdn. w.e.f. 16.7.44.</p> <p>The under-noted crew posted from 61 Base, 1659 G.U. w.e.f. 23.7.44.</p> <p>P. J. 16592 P/O P.W. Bealisto</p> <p>N. R167212 Sgt Brayne, R.W.</p> <p>WOP R105851 P/O R. Brown, J.G.</p> <p>A/B R179536 Sgt Miles, R.G.</p> <p>P/E 1608999 Sgt Slightman, G.D.</p> <p>MIAG R143031 Sgt Dennis, W.W.</p> <p>A/G R212691 Sgt Adams, C.J.</p> <p>J86954 P/O J. Vilin (A/G).</p> <p>R187721 Sgt Maill, R.S. (A/G). - posted from 426 Sqdn. w.e.f. 21.7.44.</p> <p>The under-noted crew posted from 61 Base, 1656 G.U. w.e.f. 23.7.44.</p> <p>P. J. 16567 P/O D.A. McWilliam.</p> <p>N. J. 36927 P/O D.M. Rowland.</p> <p>WOP R130332 WO1 Halding, W.H.</p> <p>A/B R185455 Sgt Jeannette, J.R.G.</p> <p>P/E 1851234 Sgt Hitchens, R.E.</p> <p>MIAG R251439 Sgt Lettiner, D.L.</p> <p>A/G R260021 Sgt McBride, R.K.</p> <p>The under-noted crew posted from 61 Base, 1666 G.U. w.e.f. 23.7.44.</p> <p>P. J. 16663 P/O C.A. McEwen</p> <p>N. R169925 Sgt Gilmore, M.R.</p> <p>WOP R191918 Sgt Lees, G.R.</p> <p>A/B J. 26140 P/O J.M. Guse</p> <p>P/E 1593601 Sgt Walker, G.W.</p> <p>MIAG R200556 Sgt Shelley, R.D.</p> <p>A/G R193353 Sgt Beuchtel, J.L.</p> <p>The under-noted crew posted from 61 Base, 1659 G.U. w.e.f. 23.7.44.</p> <p>P. J. 16593 P/O G.K.L. Macleod</p> <p>N. J. 37187 P/O J.K.V. Dowell</p> <p>WOP R134230 WO2 R.A. Reid</p> <p>A/B J. 36601 P/O R.A. Robinson</p> <p>P/E 1822134 Sgt J. Lander</p> <p>MIAG R223429 Sgt. Stewart, R.G.</p> <p>A/G R220398 Sgt. Smith, G.A.</p> <p>The under-noted crew posted from 61 Base, 1659 G.U. w.e.f. 23.7.44.</p> <p>P. J. 16593 P/O G.K.L. Macleod</p> <p>N. J. 37187 P/O J.K.V. Dowell</p> <p>WOP R175716 Sgt Baker, W.G.</p> <p>A/B J. 26423 P/O W.R. Charter</p> <p>P/E 1896236 Sgt Brinkstock, P.J.</p> <p>MIAG R223562 Sgt MacDonald, A.W.</p> <p>A/G R213375 Sgt MacDonald, R.G.</p>		



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Thaltheorpe, Yorks.	July/44		<p>The under-noted crew posted from No. 61 Base, 1666 C.U. w.e.f. 31.7.44.</p> <p>F. J.26476 P/O R.H. McKeown. F. J.57194 P/O R.H. Davies</p> <p>N. J.36400 P/O G.G. Walker. N. J.37468 P/O D.R. Tanner</p> <p>WOP K133759 W/O La Rose, R.T. WOP R212606 Sgt Thomson, R.L.</p> <p>A/B J.28598 P/O J.R. McOwenland. A/B R213239 Sgt Brown, R.L.</p> <p>P/N 1524585 Sgt Goodall, A.G. P/N 1318603 Sgt Cooke, D.M.</p> <p>W/OAG R261572 Sgt Anglin, V.M. W/OAG R208270 Sgt Riddell, A.M.</p> <p>A/G R210864 Sgt Clifton, J.V. A/G R206165 Sgt Roberts, G.D.</p> <p><b>Postings - OUT</b></p> <p>A/G J.19532 P/O L.E. Jacobs posted to RCAP, 'R' Depot, w.e.f. 7.7.44.</p> <p>F. K128977 W/O V. McKimsey, posted to 61 Base w.e.f. 7.7.44.</p> <p>A/G J.86856 P/O A. Crawford " " 24 O.T.U. w.e.f. 14.7.44.</p> <p>A/B J.85459 P/O J.R. Holland " " 1666 C.U. w.e.f. 13.7.44.</p> <p>WOP K111188 W/O Myers, F.J. " " 1666 C.U. " 13.7.44.</p> <p>WOP 176780 P/O A.S. Knight " " 22 O.T.U. " 23.7.44.</p> <p>P/N 1100351 Sgt Monmouth, H.C. " " 62 Base, N.E. Sick, w.e.f. 11.7.44.</p> <p>N. J.27142 P/O Gungust, M. " " 62 Base, " " 11.7.44.</p> <p>The under-noted crew posted to 165 Sqn, w.e.f. 19.7.44.</p> <p>F. J.26095 P/O R.H. Whittall F. G.1256 P/O H.H. Hall, A.G.</p> <p>A/B J.28437 P/O W.A.E. McConnell N. J35824 P/O W.L. Turnbull</p> <p>WOP K194760 Sgt Cox, G.A. WOP R183191 Sgt W.F. Mattison</p> <p>N. J.28913 P/O J.G. Peltz A/B R118807 Sgt Ringham, R.C.</p> <p>P/N 543144 Sgt Jones, H. P/N 1802285 Sgt Betson, R.L.</p> <p>W/OAG R224492 Sgt Beach, P.C. W/OAG R255230 Sgt Bell, J.G.</p> <p>A/E R214769 Sgt Spearing, G.A. A/G R214618 Sgt Pakenham, P.G.</p> <p>N. J.85573 P/O J. Hewson, posted to 1659 C.U. w.e.f. 22.7.44.</p> <p>F. J17224 P/O R.H. Alberta, posted to 61 Base w.e.f. 26.7.44.</p> <p>The under-noted crew posted to 135 Sqn, w.e.f. 26.7.44.</p> <p>F. J.85060 P/O J.L. Britt A/G R251491 Sgt Johnson, W.F. and</p> <p>N. K167181 P/O J.G. Page A/G R.59191 W/O McLeod, J.R.D. posted to</p> <p>WOP J.29873 P/O A. Gray 62 Base, N.E. Sick, w.e.f. 15.7.44.</p> <p>P/N 1589010 Sgt Lamberton, G.</p> <p>W/OAG R207756 Sgt Barrett, D.G.</p> <p>A/G R190664 P/O Brink, W.</p> <p><b>Promotions &amp; Appointments</b></p> <p>J.85374 P/O J.R. Walker appointed A/P/L w.e.f. 12.6.44.</p> <p>J.37757 P/O L.M. Mosher promoted P/O w.e.f. 29.4.44.</p> <p>J.17392 P/O (A/P/L) P.C. Hughes D.M. appointed A/P/L w.e.f. 25.6.44.</p> <p>G.28095 P/O T.R.G. Ainslie - Pilot</p> <p>J.19426 P/O R.G. Hoings - all four Pilots appointed A/P/L w.e.f. 27.6.44.</p> <p>J.19881 P/O R.A. Kelle DFO. -</p> <p>J.26095 P/O R.H. Whittall -</p> <p>J.15532 P/O J.N. Savits - Pilot, promoted P/O w.e.f. 1.5.44.</p>		

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Thelthorpe, Yorks.	July/44		<p><b>COMMISSIONS</b></p> <p>1399288 P/S Moore, R.A.F. WOP/Adt Commissioned W.o.f. 12.5.44</p> <p>961A38 P/S Drake, R.E. " " " " 12.5.44 (since missing).</p> <p>R158784 P/S Sted, J. Pilot Commissioned w.o.f. 12.5.44</p> <p>R15302 P/S Crawford, A. A/G " " " " 4.4.44</p> <p>R179493 Sgt Gibbs, R.A. " " " " 12.5.44</p> <p>R176162 W/O2 Dabois, R.A. " " " " 12.5.44</p> <p>R16612 W/O2 Baker, R.A. WOP " " " " 25.5.44</p> <p>R15758 W/O2 Mansie, P.E. A/G " " " " 30.4.44</p> <p>R.57852 W/O2 Rollo, K.F. Nav. " " " " 2.6.44</p> <p>R202444 Sgt Priest, R.A. A/G " " " " 12.5.44</p> <p>R142611 P/S Logan, G.R. Nav. " " " " 2.6.44</p> <p>R162854 W/O2 Rogers, L.F. " " " " 2.6.44</p> <p>1593360 P/S Gallagher, B. A/G Commissioned w.o.f. 12.5.44.</p> <p><b>HONOURS &amp; AWARDS</b></p> <p>On 1st July, 1944 the under-noted were notified of the Immediate Awards as shown:</p> <p>J.19881 P/L Kelle, R.A. D.F.C.</p> <p>E206983 Sgt Burton, G.D. D.F.M.</p> <p><b>Changes in Command - R.A.</b></p> <p><b>Changes in Administration - R.A.</b></p> <p><b>Changes in Charge</b></p> <p>Halifax No. III - 21.</p> <p><b>Operational Flying Time - 1,064.00 hrs.</b></p> <p><b>Non-Operational Flying Time - 271.30 hrs.</b></p> <p><b>No. of Operational Sorties - 229</b></p> <p><b>Total weight of bombs dropped for the month - 853.64 Tons</b></p> <p><b>To date - 2124.38 Tons</b></p> <p><b>Grand Total 2977.42 Tons.</b></p> <p><b>No. of Combats - 3. Destroyed - 1.</b></p> <p><b>Probably destroyed - Nil.</b></p> <p><b>Damaged - Nil.</b></p> <p><b>Strength - Aircrew</b></p> <p>Officers (RCAF) 107</p> <p>Airmen (RCAF) 122</p> <p>Officers (RAF) 7</p> <p>Airmen (RAF) 54</p> <p><b>Ground Crew</b></p> <p>Officers (RCAF) 2</p> <p>Airmen (RCAF) 263</p> <p>Airmen (RAF) 3</p> <p>R.C.A.F. 6</p> <p><b>SHORT RESUME BY SQUADRON COMMANDER PERSONALLY</b></p> <p>During the month of July the squadron took part in 15 raids over enemy territory. Most of the raids were considered successful. The Squadron lost 2 A/G. due to operations and 1 A/G. lost due to flying accident. Operational flying totaled 1064.00 hrs. and non-operational flying totaled 271.30 hrs. Bombing and air to air firing were stressed this month and an improvement shown by all crews. With increased hours of darkness longer trips were anticipated and lectures arranged to bring all navigators up to the mark on the full use of all available aids. Track keeping and timing on such trips was just average but crews improved with experience.</p>		

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