

## OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
Tholthorpe, Yorks.	1st Aug.		The squadron stood down from operations today. Operations continued. J16353 P/O G.M.A. Haslop, Pilot and crew reported for duty w.e.f. 31/7/44. from 1659 Conversion Unit. 64138 P/Lt D.D. Duff, Adjutant departed for RAF Station Skipton to attend a court martial as member. He returned to this station tonight.		
	2nd Aug.		We were not required for operations today. The following crews arrived for duty. J13443 P/O G.J.L. Jones, Pilot and crew from 1666 Conversion Unit, w.e.f. 30/7/44. J36834 P/O H.H.E. Macdonald, Pilot and crew. J26476 P/O H.M. McKee, Pilot and crew. J37194 P/O Davies, R.H. Pilot and crew, from 1666 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 31/7/44. K111678 W/O McGregor R. Wop/Ag. arrived from operations on completion of 1st tour today. The undermentioned complete aircrew were screened from operations on completion of their 1st tour today. J366410 P/O H.M. McKay Pilot, K175057 W/O2. Irwin, A.R.O., A/G., J36578 P/O H.B. Anderson, W/O. K117227 W/O2 Iggo, W.L. Wop., K194222 P/Lt. A.R. Mac, M/A., K165318 P/Lt. Follister, G. A/G. K59268 Sgt R.J. Ashby, P/Lt.		
	3rd Aug.		19 aircraft were bombed up and took off to attack FORT de MLEFE. 17 aircraft claim to have bombed primary from 16,000 to 17,000 ft. 2 aircraft jettisoned their bomb loads, 1 due to not being able to identify target, the other aircraft could not release bombs over target. The raid seemed well concentrated but due to such smoke, details of attack were obscured. Training continued today. J24475 A/P/Lt H.E. Bangard, Pilot was appointed to the post of Deputy Flight Commander w.e.f. 23/7/44.		849 - 867
	4th Aug.		15 aircraft took off and attacked FORT de CARRAN. All aircraft claim to have attacked primary from 15,000 to 16,000 ft. The attack was considered highly successful and high explosions were seen. The T.I.'s were accurately placed and crews report very favourably on the work of the N/B. Defences were slight to moderate flak. Training today. K120841 Sgt J.O. Mason, A/G. posted to A.C.A.C. w.e.f. 5/8/44. K160184 W/O2 Moulden, W.B. Pilot has been awarded the immediate award of the D.F.C. J361148 P/O K.E. Keegan Pilot posted to 1659 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 8/8/44.		868-882
	5th Aug.		21 aircraft took off to attack ST LEU D'ESSEREN. 20 aircraft claim to have attacked primary from 15,000 to 17,000 ft. 1 aircraft returned early due to hydraulic trouble. Due to over-shooting which was later corrected by the N/B, a fair concentration was achieved towards the end of the attack. N/B was fairly accurate, may have caused some scattered bombing. Training today. The funeral of RAF 552450 P/Lt Cassock, G. Wop/Ag., took place at Botley, Oxford at 11:30 hours today. His parents were present.		883-903
	6th Aug.		The squadron stood down today and some training took place. The following Air Officers reported from 1666 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 5/8/44. K273806 Sgt Fildin, P. K150840 Sgt Ribby, P.L. K280430 Sgt Darrell, W.K. K275242 Sgt Boucock, E.G. K274647 Sgt Baird, J.C. K253940 Sgt Cooper, A.K.		904-923
	7th Aug.		The following aircrew were screened from operations having completed their 1st tour w.e.f. 6/7/44. KAF1617792 P/Lt. White, R. A/G. J368954 P/O Viliu, J. A/G. K200589 Sgt Read, A.R. A/G. K217756 P/Lt. Wallace, R.W. A/G. K176164 P/Lt. Hewson, G.R. A/G. 20 aircraft were detailed to attack LA HOQUE (TOWN) "2" and all aircraft took off. 2 aircraft abandoning mission on instructions of N/B. bringing back bomb loads. 18 aircraft were diverted, most of them returning with bomb loads. The T.I.'s were seen to go down on time but became obliterated. The N/B. issued orders to abandon mission. Some bombs were dropped before this order was given and were seen to burst where the T.I.'s were and explosions were seen. Defences were negligible.		

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Tholthorpe, Yorks.	7th Aug.		Training today. RAF 181A579 P/S. Stinson P.S. A/G. was appointed to the rank of Pilot Officer w.e.f. 4/6/44. R.160329 Sgt. Hanson, R.E. A/S. was awarded the immediate award of the D.F.M.	20-332
	8th Aug.		Aircraft from last night's raid that were diverted arrived back at base today, with the exception of one aircraft which crash landed at diversion point. Sixteen aircraft were required and took off to attack FORST DE CHANTILLY. All aircraft attacked primary from 15,000 to 17,000 ft. The T.I.R. was accurately placed and a thorough pranging took place. The concentration was good, with few undershoots. Many explosions were seen with one gigantic one. Moderate high risk in barrage form and some aircraft suffered minor f/gk damage. The raid was very successful. Training today. R21A025 Sgt Lewis, R.E. A/G. was promoted today from operations having completed his first tour. R24702 WO1 Hollis, R.E. Pilot and R26962 P/S. Macneils, R.E. A/S. were posted to 61 Base. w.e.f. 10/8/44.	924-939
	9th Aug.		20 aircraft were detailed to attack FORST DE CHANTILLY. All took off and attacked primary from 10,000 to 15,000 ft. The raid was opened on time with T.I.R. The attack seemed scattered at first with some under-shooting but when the T.I.R. commenced better concentration was achieved. Numerous small explosions were seen and one terrific occurred which resulted in a large fire and was seen burning after leaving target. Defences negligible. The raid was considered exceptionally good. Training continued today. R21A025 P/O G.W. Frost Nav. posted to 24 O.T.U. w.e.f. 10/8/44.	940-229
	10th Aug.		14 aircraft were bombed up and took-off to attack LA PALLOIRE. One aircraft returned early after jettisoning the bomb load, due to starboard inner engine w/f. 13 aircraft attacked primary. A considerable number of small fires were seen with few explosions. The raid appeared to be moderately successful. Defences were moderate and little evidence of W/S. None, training took place today. The following crews were screened today having completed their first tour of operations. P.06721 P/O Ward, J.G. Pilot, R.17759 P/S. Sisco, P.R. A/S., R.21333 WO2 Barclay, J.A. Nav., RAF.132332 P/S. Freeman, R.195718 P/S. Beach, P.S. MU/AG., RAF 171791 P/S. Jones, P.R. P/S., R.211250 P/S. Bates, R.A. A/G. P.06976 P/O 1st, J.R. Pilot, J.07027 P/O Reilly, J.F. Nav., R.115173 P/S. Brodie, R.B. A/S. RAF. 1350757 P/S. Gallagher, J.P. MU/AG., RAF. 145752 P/S. Beare, R.H. A/G., R.121447 WO2 Brennan, G. W/Op., RAF 189423 Sgt Watts, R. P/S., R.131755 P/O Macmillan, R.G. Nav. and RAF. 177605 P/O Moore, R.A. W/Op. were screened today on the completion of the first tour of operations. R.114172 P/S. Decary, J.R.B.L. A/G. posted from non-effective list 62 Base to 420 Squadron w.e.f. 10/8/44. The following pilots were promoted to the rank of Flying Officer w.e.f. 26/8/44. J.05039 P/O G.H. Bass, J.06721 P/O Ward, J.G., J.06976 P/O J.R. Brodie, R.B. A/S. R.06648 P/O G. Fitzmaurice, R.06985 P/O G.B. Stevenson, J.06846 P/O H.W. Pugh, J.12623 P/O R.E. Fenton, J.19674 P/O J.B. Garghill, J.06111 P/O A.M. Gales, J.06628 P/O P.A. Reidie.	960-975
	11th Aug.		The squadron was not required for operations today. At an investiture held at R.C.A.F. Station London today, His Majesty the King presented the D.F.C. to the following aircrew of the Squadron. J.0346 P/L Hilton, W.S. A/G. J.14020 P/S. Skinner, A.G. Pilot. 60 members of the Squadron representing all ranks and trades were present during the investiture. During their Majesty's visit to R.C.A.F. Station, Tholthorpe, the entire Squadron with the exception of those detailed for duty, lined the roadway to give a hearty welcome. The Royal Party drove through the station at 11.55 hours.	



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Tholthorpe, Yorks.	12th Aug.		15 aircraft were required to attack FORST de MONTRECHARD. All aircraft attacked primary and the raid was considered good. The aircraft had hung up over target and some bombs were brought back. J.86457 P/O Axford, C. Nav. was killed by flak as they crossed the enemy coast. C.1051 W/O McEwena, G.A. who was piloting the aircraft continued on to the target, bombed and returned to base. The attack was well concentrated altho no large explosions were noted. We were called upon again today to detail ten aircraft for operations. All aircraft were bombed up and took off to attack FALAIRE. A good concentration was reported with T.I.G. markers being well placed. Defences were negligible. Training today.	Compiled by P/L D.B. Hall.	974-998
			The following aircraft were screened from operations today, having completed their 1st tour. R.204817 P/L Johnston, A.P. A/G. R.179195 P/O Stinson, R. A/G. R.189711 P/L Graham, R.A. A/G. R.97334 W/L Morrison, A.G. Wop. R.150783 P/L Hill, G.P. A/G. R.180051 P/L Brallings, J. A/G. J.25066 P/O Everett, J.L. A/P. received facial injuries when his parachute crashed into a hedge today. The squadron was not required for operations and no training took place.		
	14th Aug.		17 aircraft were required to attack BOMB BASHLEY. 15 aircraft claim to have attacked primary and 2 aircraft returned early, starboard inner and head sight w/e. of one aircraft and starboard inner out and throttle linkage broken of the other aircraft. All aircraft were able to identify target easily and the raid was considered successful. Defences were negligible with slight H/P. Training today. R.1338755 P/L Parks, W.P. Wop/Air appointed to the commandant rank of P/O w.e.f. 1/6/44. R.23421 Sgt Rodes, G.W. A/G. posted from 431 Squadron to 420 Squadron w.e.f. 11/8/44. J.86670 P/O Springinotie, A.W. A/P. posted to A.C.A.U. w.e.f. 11/8/44. The following aircraft were screened from operations w.e.f. 15/8/44, having completed their 1st tour. J.86466 P/O Foy, H.O. Pilot, R.65121 W/O Oliver, W.K. A/P. R.179640 P/O Parks, W.P. Wop/Air, R.115988 P/L Springinotie, G.L. A/G. R.1728830 Sgt. Hyatt, R.C. P/L. J.85373 P/L Walker, J.R. Pilot, R.61246 W/O Rimes, A.P. A/P. J.20911 P/O Cook, G.T. Nav. R.1590953 P/L Moss, J.B. P/L.		995-1015
	15th Aug.		J.85373 P/O Walker, J.R. Pilot, and crew and J.86466 P/O Foy, H.O. Pilot and crew were interviewed by the A.C.U. today. 15 aircraft were required to attack BRUSSELS MOUSBROEK A/P. and all aircraft took off. 14 aircraft bombed primary and one aircraft bombed LOUVAIN A/P. having overshoot briefed target. Bombs were dropped from 15,300 to 17,500 ft. Unpredicted headwinds prevented the bombs stream from arriving on time to take full advantage of a good concentration of T.I.E. markers. The W/P. had the raid under control and bombs were seen to explode on all runways and in dispersed areas. Defences moderate H/P. on approach to and from target in barrage form. Training today. J.86610 P/O McKay, M.R. Pilot posted to 166th Conversion Unit w.e.f. 15/8/44. The following were screened from operations today having completed their 1st tour. J.86619 P/O Vass, G.M. Pilot, R.52367 W/L Gubbins, A.R. A/P. R.1431265 P/L Griffiths, M. Wop.		1016-1030
	16th Aug.		15 aircraft were detailed for operations today and all aircraft took off to attack KIEL. The raid was considered a good effort with P.P. opening the way with flares, T.I.E. and T.I.G. markers which drew red the whole target area. Numerous fires were reported and the glow could be seen for 70 to 80 miles on return route. Defences slight to moderate H/P. and L/P. R/L's were ineffective due to clouds. One aircraft failed to return and is presumed missing from operations. The crew are as follows, J.86684 P/O Pritchard, G. Pilot J.27283 P/O Block, R.L. A/P. J.86555 P/O Moffitt, R.W. Nav. R.155226 W/O Lervens, D.B. Wop. R.145092 W/L Surles, C.E. W/L. R.147167 Sgt Reeking A/G. R.155163 Sgt Proud, A.B. P/L. R.295242 Sgt Bouscock, R.G. W/O. J.87134 P/O Davis, R.H. 2nd Pilot.		1031-1045

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Thelthorpe, Yorks.	16th Aug.		One aircraft collided with another aircraft on return route at 0121 hours. Altho the pilot J.2230 P/O Kidd, R.E. received two fractures of the right arm and an injury to his face which obscured the sight of one eye during the collision, he successfully brought his aircraft to land away from base without injury to his crew in aircraft. Training today. The funeral of J.86457 P/O Amford, C. Nav. was held at the Regional Cemetery, Harrogate, today. A large representation from the Squadron was in attendance. J.86721 P/O. A/P/O Ward, J.G. Pilot, J.86976 P/O A/P/O Sled, J.E. Pilot, are being posted to 1666 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 23/8/44.		
	17th Aug.		Operations scheduled for today were cancelled. Training took place.		
	18th Aug.		18 aircraft took off to attack COMBATANT MARSHALLING YARDS. The raid appeared to be well concentrated due to accurate bombing of markers. Many explosions were seen with numerous fires. All aircraft were diverted on return route due to adverse weather. Some training today. J.104322 P/O. Rees, C.A. A/G. completed his 1st tour of operations and was screened w.e.f. 18/8/44. J.87490 P/O Marshall, W.A. A/G., J.166279 P/O. Gibbs, P.N. A/G. were posted from 424 Squadron w.e.f. 17/8/44. The following were appointed to the commissioned rank of P/O. RAF.645626 Sgt Kenrod, R.E. P/M. w.e.f. 30/8/44. R.176755 P/O. Meach, R.E. A/G. w.e.f. 12/5/44. R.162973 W/O. Morgan, J.O. Wop. w.e.f. 3/6/44. R.159992 P/O. Mansel, D. Nav. w.e.f. 2/6/44. R.189711 P/O. Gibson, D.A. A/G. w.e.f. 1/6/44.		1046-1063
	19th Aug.		The Squadron stood down today. No training.		
	20th Aug.		J.25315 P/O Young, R.A. Pilot and crew, J.25218 P/O Richardson, R.E. Pilot and crew reported for duty from 1666 Conversion Unit. w.e.f. 19/8/44. J.137904 P/O. Long, H. A/P. posted to 420 Squadron from 427 Squadron w.e.f. 19/8/44. RAF.1717191 Sgt Jones, P.T. P/M. and RAF.1294223 Sgt Watts, W. P/M. posted to 1666 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 23/8/44. RAF.1851477 P/O. Dower, L.D. A/G. appointed to commission rank w.e.f. 1/6/44. J.87048 P/O. Messias, P.E. A/G. posted to 1659 Conversion Unit, w.e.f. 21/8/44. J.57168 P/O. Turner, R.E. Nav., R.136395 Sgt G. Ross, R.E. A/P., R.212686 Sgt Thomson, R.L. Wop. R.208270 Sgt Riddell, A.N. M./Ag. R.200159 Sgt Roberts, C.R. A/G. RAF.1318605 Sgt Cooks, D.M. P/M. posted to 61 Base w.e.f. 23/8/44. J.87846 P/O. Mason, J.A. Nav. R.170819 P/O. Holburnton, W.G. A/P. R.192794 P/O. Metcalfe, L.M. A/P. RAF.2206983 Sgt Burton, G.P. P/M. J.25066 P/O. Everett, J.L. A/P. posted to 61 Base w.e.f. 14/8/44. P/O. Stokes, R.E. Wop. reported missing 18/8/44. has evaded capture and has been taken on strength of 2nd. Army in France on 15/8/44, returning to U.K. 19/8/44. RAF.2206921 Sgt Richards J. P/M. appointed to commissioned rank w.e.f. 23/8/44. R.117227 W/O. Lynn, W.R. Wop/Ag. posted to 1666 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 21/8/44. J.23136 P/O. Barton, J.A. Pilot and crew, J.27231 P/O. Connor, J.F. posted from 1659 Conversion Unit, w.e.f. 20/8/44. RAF.622284 Sgt Malik, J.M. P/M. posted to 415 Squadron, w.e.f. 22/8/44. R.211250 P/O. Bates, R.A. A/G. posted to 1666 Conversion Unit, w.e.f. 21/8/44. The Squadron was not required today and no training took place due to adverse weather.		
	21st Aug.		The Squadron stood down today, since training took place.		
	22nd Aug.		We were not required for operations. Training today. R.66824 Sgt Rindle, H. P/M. reported missing 10/11-6/44, has evaded capture, was later taken on strength of 2nd. Army in France, on 17/8/44. Returned to U.K. 20/8/44.		



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Tholthorpe, Yorks.	23rd Aug.		Not required for operations. Training was carried out. O. 4138 P/L D.D. Ball, Adjutant, attended a conference at No. 6 Group Headquarters for all squadron adjutants within 6 Group. J. 21755 P/O R.G. Madrimis Nav. posted to No. 62 Base w.e.f. 25/8/44, to assist station navigation leader, R.O. P. Tholthorpe. R. 12534 W/O Wilson, P.M. Wop/Ag. appointed to commissioned rank w.e.f. 25/8/44. R. 89968 Sgt Anthony D.J. P/A. appointed to commissioned rank w.e.f. 25/8/44. Promoted to 1664 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 25/8/44. J. 30665 P/O De La Roche, O. Wop/Ag. promoted to rank of P/O. w.e.f. 22/5/44. J. 12306 P/O Wyliek R.M. Wop/Ag. promoted to rank of P/L. w.e.f. 22/4/44. R. 192794 P/S. Metcalfe, L.M. A/G. posted from No. 62 Base on effective list to 420 Squadron w.e.f. 20/8/44.		
	24th Aug.		Two aircraft required for today but effort was cancelled. Training and two cross-country flights took place. R. 121847 W/O Brennan, G.J. Wop/Ag. posted to 82 O.T.U. w.e.f. 25/8/44. J. 25694 S/L. Craig, P.M. Nav. posted from 41 Base to 420 Squadron post as Squadron Navigation Leader w.e.f. 24/8/44.		
	25th Aug.		Sixteen were required to attack Brest and all aircraft took off. The markers were well placed and the target visible. Accurate bombing was reported and the raid was considered highly successful. Defences negligible. Due to adverse weather all aircraft were diverted on the return route and landed at various bases in U.K. Training today.		1064-1079
	26th Aug.		R. 212563 P/A. Strickland, P. M. A/G. R. 176595 P/S Martin, B.L. A/G. posted from 427 Squadron, w.e.f. 25/8/44. Operations were called for today but were finally scrubbed. No training. All aircraft diverted from last night's operations reached home base today. The following aircraft were scrubbed today from operations having completed their first tour. J. 19674 P/O Campbell, P.D. Pilot. J. 27461 P/O H. Egan, L.M. A/G. R. 191143 P/S. Jessiman, D.A. M/Ag. R. 178596 W/O. Cochrane, R. Wop. R. 205307 P/S. Puchalski, T.L. A/G. R.A.F. 578542 Sgt Stewart, G. P/A. J. 19675 P/O Denton, W. Pilot. R. 150907 W/O. Masur, G.J. A/B. J. 87109 P/O Logan, G.M. Nav. R. 166675 P/S. Evans, A.W. A/G. R.A.F. 1194432 Sgt Jennings, G.A. P/M. J. 19881 A/P/L. R.A. Malls Pilot posted to No. 62 Base non effective sick, w.e.f. 14/8/44. J. 22340 P/O Kidd, K.R. Pilot, posted to No. 62 Base non effective sick, w.e.f. 21/8/44. R. 161248 W/O. Riches, A.F. appointed to commissioned rank of P/O. w.e.f. 25/6/44.		
	27th Aug.		Sixteen aircraft were required today to attack construction site at MARQUIS MINERQUE in France. All aircraft took off and bombed primary. Markers went down on "H" hour and were well concentrated. The bombing concentration was excellent. The following aircraft were scrubbed from operation having completed their first tour. J. 18889 S/L. R.O. Deegan, Pilot, J. 86722 P/O Anderson, R.D. A/B. R.A.F. 174861 P/O B. James, Wop. J. 86865 P/O H.J. Gibbs, M/Ag. O. 86006 P/O J.C.A. Cobbell, P/M. J. 24924 P/O Nicolls, R.P. Nav.		1080-1095
	28th Aug.		Nine aircraft were required for operations tonight. Three were detailed to attack the target ANDERBACH, which six were detailed to attack ISLE de GOMME. All aircraft took off, and attacked the targets. P/O Kermaghan, J. was hit by flak over target and dangerously injured. P/L A. Hawkins (J. 10020) Signals Wop/Ag. posted to No. 14 Signals School for a course commencing 30th August. P/O Buchanan and crew were posted in from 432 Squadron, w.e.f. 27/8/44. O. 4138 P/L. D.D. Ball detached to R.O.A.F. Station, Tholthorpe, w.e.f. 28/8/44, pending posting for administration duties. O. 6690 P/L. E.W. Reid, attached from No. 6 Group w.e.f. 28/8/44 pending posting for administration duties.		1096-1104

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	30th Aug.		Stand down.		700-710
	31 Aug.		15 aircraft were detailed to attack Ile de Ouessant in daylight. All aircraft took off and attacked the target. A good attack with no opposition. All crews report bombing concentrated with the island at times obscured by smoke from bomb bursts causing some crews to orbit in order to get a clear view of target. Very little underhooting was reported and only two complete sticks were seen to miss the target entirely.		1105-1119 1000-1020
			<b>CASUALTIES</b> Missing on the night 16/17th August, 1944 in Halifax III NR 587 F. J.86684 F/O Fritchard, C.F. Sgt. F.87149 F/O Davies, R.H. A/B. JZ7883 F/O Block, P.I. N. J.24355 F/O Morris, F. A/G. E.149092 WOI Curles, C.F. W/O. E.155256 WOI Lowens, D.E. A/B. E.147167 F/S. Smith, A.G. A/G. E.273242 Sgt Boucock, K.G. F/S. 545165 Sgt Frost, R.A. S.		1000-1030
			Killed on the afternoon of 12th August, 1944, in Halifax III NR595. Nav. J.86457 F/O Axford, G.		
			<b>Postings In.</b> E.168810 Sgt Bibby, T.J. (A/G) Posted from 61 (RAF) Base 1666 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 5/8/44. E.260620 Sgt Burrell, W.K. (A/G) E.273242 Sgt Boucock, K.G. (A/G) E.274647 Sgt Baird, J.C. (A/G) E.273806 Sgt Smith, F. (A/G) E.253940 Sgt Gomer, A.K. (A/G) E.148473 S/O. Dooley, J.E. S/L. (A/G) Posted from No. 62 Base w.e.f. 6/8/44. E.62411 Sgt Roche, G.W. (A/G) Posted from 431 Squadron w.e.f. 14/8/44. J.87490 F/O W.A. Marshall (A/G) Posted from 424 Squadron w.e.f. 17/8/44. E.166279 WOI Gibbs, P.H. (A/G) E.157904 WOI Long, N. (A/B) Posted from 427 Squadron w.e.f. 19/8/44.		



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Tholthorpe			<p><b>POSTINGS IN (continued)</b></p> <p>The undernoted crew posted from 61 (RCAF) Base 1666 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 19.8.44</p> <p>F. J.28313 F/O Young, R.A.</p> <p>A/B J.36222 F/O McManus, R.A.</p> <p>N. J.38333 F/O McManus, R.A.</p> <p>W/P J.29337 Sgt Williams, R.A.</p> <p>A/C R.29279 F/S Irwin, R.A.</p> <p>A/G R.29099 Sgt Fehsenfeld, J.A.</p> <p>F/S 1607946 Sgt Morgan, R.A.</p> <p>The undernoted crew posted from 61 (RCAF) Base 1666 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 20.8.44</p> <p>F. J.37881 F/O Bonner, J.L.</p> <p>N. J.37777 F/O Settridge, A.J.</p> <p>W/P R.26621 Sgt Godwin, D.</p> <p>A/G R.205991 Sgt Bragg, G.G.</p> <p>F/S 1824822 Sgt Mathum, H.F.</p> <p>A/B R.174435 Sgt Geary, F.D.</p> <p>W/P R.161479 Sgt Thibart, B.J.</p> <p>R.192794 F/S Metcalfe, L.M. Posted from No. 62 Base w.e.f. 20.8.44 (A/G)</p> <p>J.19894 A/L Craig, P.L. Mve. posted from No. 61 Base w.e.f. 24.8.44.</p> <p>The undernoted crew posted from 61 Base (RCAF) 1666 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 24.8.44</p> <p>F. G.12578 F/O M.H. McCarthy</p> <p>N. J.37196 F/O R.E. Metcalfe</p> <p>A/B J.36896 F/O Y.E.A. Baricant</p> <p>W/P J.39721 F/O L.J. Brown</p> <p>W/P J.44043 F/O D.E. Neil</p> <p>A/G J.44042 F/O G.G. Marvell</p> <p>F/S 1790966 Sgt F.J. Short</p> <p>G.1138 F/L B.D. Hall detached to R.C.A.F. STATION Tholthorpe, w.e.f. 28.8.44.</p> <p>G.6690 F/L T.W. Reid Attached from No. 6 Group.</p> <p>R.184454 F/S Sanderson, G. A/G Posted from 433 Squadron w.e.f. 31.8.44</p> <p>R.203757 F/S Armstrong, J.D.A/G</p> <p>R.194341 F/S Gunningham, A.F. A/G</p> <p>R.206039 F/S Mohan, V.M. A/G</p> <p>R.165076 F/S Saunders, R.D. A/G</p>	
			<p>The undernoted crew posted from 61 (RCAF) Base 1666 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 19.8.44</p> <p>F. J.35218 F/O McManus, R.A.</p> <p>N. J.37841 F/O Ritchie, D.W.</p> <p>W/P R.198481 Sgt Skidmore, J.G.</p> <p>A/B J.36831 F/O Walk, J.G.</p> <p>F/S R.39835 Sgt Wylie, R.A.</p> <p>W/P R.215618 Sgt Hawks, G.A.</p> <p>A/G R.263099 Sgt Mackay, D.O.</p> <p>The undernoted crew posted from 61 (RCAF) Base 1666 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 20.8.44</p> <p>F. J.35183 F/O Setton, J.A.</p> <p>N. J.20650 F/O Oliver, G.W.</p> <p>W/P R.191681 Sgt Barry, G.F.</p> <p>A/B J.37133 F/O Fitzgerald, H.A.</p> <p>F/S 606570 Sgt Anderson, A.</p> <p>W/P R.209206 Sgt Warner, J.M.</p> <p>A/G R.199571 Sgt Copeland, J.G.</p> <p>The undernoted crew posted from 432 Squadron w.e.f. 27.8.44.</p> <p>F. G.13128 F/O D.L. Buchanan</p> <p>A/B J.36866 F/O W.G. Taylor</p> <p>W/P R.13127 W/L Cox, H.G.</p> <p>W/P J.10773 F/O R.H. Oakley</p> <p>A/G J.22848 F/O M. Chisley</p> <p>F/S 1433128 Sgt R.E. Airey</p>	

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			<b>POSTINGS OUT</b>	
			J.24724 P/O W.E. Johnston Mav posted to 434 Squadron w.e.f. 1.8.44.	
			R12011 P/S Wynn, J.O.B. A/C posted to A.C.A.C. w.e.f. 5.8.44.	
			J.86118 P/O K.E. Keegan Pilot posted to 1699 Conversion Unit w.e.f. 8.8.44.	
			1676050 102 Whalley, R.A. (Inst Rep) posted to 75 Squadron w.e.f. 11.8.44.	
			265922 140 Chin, J.B. A/C posted to 2047 "B" Depot w.e.f. 3.8.44.	
			R12708 WOI Rolfe, R.F. Pilot posted to No. 61 Base w.e.f. 10.8.44.	
			R16662 P/S Macchillo, R.A. A/S	
			J.21636 P/O H.W. Knox Mav posted to 240 T.U. w.e.f. 10.8.44.	
			R76758 Sgt Congdon, A.E. (PMA) posted to 415 Squadron w.e.f. 1.8.44.	
			J.86678 P/O Springinotie, A.W. (A/S) posted to A.C.A.C. w.e.f. 14.8.44.	
			J.86610 P/O R.W. McKay Pilot posted to 1666 C.U. w.e.f. 15.8.44.	
			J.86976 P/O M. Med Pilot posted to 1666 C.U. w.e.f. 23.8.44.	
			J.86782 P/O J.N. Ward (pilot) posted to 1666 C.U. w.e.f. 23.8.44.	
			1717191 Sgt Jones, F.E. P/S	
			1094223 Sgt Martin, W. P/S	
			The undersigned crew was posted to 61 B.C.A.F. Base w.e.f. 21.8.44.	
			R. 237158 P/O Turner, R.M.	
			A/S R16393 Sgt Green, R.B.	
			WFO 220604 Sgt Brown, R.J.	
			WFO 220603 Sgt Macdonald, R.B.	
			A/C 2206163 Sgt Short, R.B.	
			P/S 2318603 Sgt Green, R.B.	
			277445 P/O Manning, R.E. A/C posted to 1659 S.U. w.e.f. 21.8.44.	
			R117827 WOI Lynn, W.E. WFO/AG posted to 1666 C.U. w.e.f. 21.8.44.	
			2211250 P/S Bates, R.A. A/C posted to 1666 C.U. w.e.f. 23.8.44.	
			222244 Sgt Walsh, J.E. P/S posted to 415 Squadron w.e.f. 22.8.44.	
			J.21785 P/O R.G. MacInnis Mav posted to 62 Base w.e.f. 25.8.44.	
			087981 P/O R.J. Ashby. P/S posted to 1666 C.U. w.e.f. 25.8.44.	
			R121617 WOI Brown, G.J. WFO/AG posted to 22 C.T.U. w.e.f. 25.8.44.	

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Thelthorpe, Yorks.			<p>J.19881 <u>E/L Kalle, HCO</u> (Pilot) Posted to 61 Base H.M. Sick w.e.f. 14/8/44.</p> <p>J.22340 <u>E/O K.R. Kidd</u> (Pilot) Posted to 62 Base H.M. Sick w.e.f. 21/8/44.</p> <p>1590055 <u>E/S Moss, J.D.</u> (P/N) Posted to 61 (RCAF) Base w.e.f. 28/8/44.</p> <p>J.85374 <u>E/O J.R. Walker</u> (Pilot) Posted to 24 O.T.U. w.e.f. 28/8/44.</p> <p>1892034 <u>E/S Ryalla, T.H.</u> (P/N) Posted to 1664 C.U. w.e.f. 28/8/44.</p> <p>J.85446 <u>E/O H.O. Fay</u> (Pilot) Posted to 82 O.T.U. w.e.f. 28/8/44.</p> <p>1728830 <u>Sgt Wyatt, E.E.</u> (P/N) Posted to 1666 C.U. w.e.f. 29/8/44.</p> <p>J.85019 <u>E/O G.E. Mass</u> (Pilot) Posted to 86 O.T.U. w.e.f. 30/8/44.</p> <p>J.88235 <u>E/O A.F. Riches</u> (A/B) Posted to 1659 C.U. w.e.f. 31/8/44.</p> <p>R.52387 <u>WOL Gubbins, A.R.</u> (A/B)</p> <p>R.115988 <u>E/S Springstein, C.L.</u> (A/G)</p> <p>J.20971 <u>E/O C.T. Cook</u> (NAV) Posted to 85 O.T.U. w.e.f. 29/8/44.</p> <p>R.65121 <u>WOL (Driver, W.K.)</u> (A/B) Posted to 1664 C.U. w.e.f. 31/8/44.</p> <p>R.204837 <u>E/S Johnston, A.T.</u> (A/G)</p> <p>1314764 <u>E/S Way, C.W.</u> (NAV) Posted to 62 Base H.M. Sick w.e.f. 23/8/44.</p> <p>R.97334 <u>WOL Morrison, A.G.</u> (WOP) Posted to 22 O.T.U. w.e.f. 31/8/44.</p> <p>PROMOTIONS</p> <p>J.35553 <u>E/O de la Roche, G.</u> (Wop/Ag) Promoted 2/8/0 w.e.f. 22/5/44.</p> <p>J.25060 <u>E/O J.L. Britt</u> (Pilot) Appointed A/8/0 w.e.f. 26/6/44.</p> <p>J.85019 <u>E/O G.E. Mass</u> (Pilot) Appointed A/8/0 w.e.f. 26/6/44.</p> <p>J.86721 <u>E/O J.G. Ward</u> (Pilot) Appointed A/8/0 w.e.f. 26/6/44.</p> <p>J.86976 <u>E/O J.M. Glad</u> (Pilot) Appointed A/8/0 w.e.f. 26/6/44.</p> <p>J.86684 <u>E/O G.F. Fritchard</u> (Pilot) Appointed A/8/0 w.e.f. 26/6/44.</p> <p>J.85986 <u>E/O E.G. Johnston</u> (Pilot) Appointed A/8/0 w.e.f. 26/6/44.</p> <p>J.85446 <u>E/O H.O. Fay</u> (Pilot) Appointed A/8/0 w.e.f. 26/6/44.</p> <p>J.19673 <u>E/O W.I. Fenton</u> (Pilot) Appointed A/8/0 w.e.f. 26/6/44.</p> <p>J.19674 <u>E/O W.D. Campbell</u> (Pilot) Appointed A/8/0 w.e.f. 26/6/44.</p> <p>J.86121 <u>E/O A.M. Cairns</u> (Pilot) Appointed A/8/0 w.e.f. 26/6/44.</p> <p>J.86692 <u>E/O F.W. Redgrave</u> (Pilot) Appointed A/8/0 w.e.f. 26/6/44.</p> <p>J.29807 <u>E/O R. S. Hall</u> (A/G) Promoted 2/8/0 w.e.f. 10/6/44.</p> <p>J.39811 <u>E/O R.H. Bacon</u> (A/G) Promoted 2/8/0 w.e.f. 10/6/44.</p> <p>J.39862 <u>E/O G.P. Price</u> (A/G) Promoted 2/8/0 w.e.f. 23/6/44.</p> <p>J.12306 <u>E/O H.M. Tyllie</u> (Wop/Ag) Promoted 2/8/0 w.e.f. 22/6/44.</p>		

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Tholthorpe, Yorks.			<p><b>COMMISSIONS</b></p> <p>1811579 P/S. D.S. Stinson (MIA) Commissioned w.e.f. 1/6/44</p> <p>1338755 P/S. W.F. Parks (W/E) 3/6/44</p> <p>625826 Sgt E.K. Kerrod (P/E) 20/4/44</p> <p>1825385 Sgt N.J. Shand (P/E) 7/7/44 (Since killed)</p> <p>1851477 P/S. Power, L.E. (A/C) 1/6/44</p> <p>2209011 P/S. Moardie, J. (A/C) 25/6/44</p> <p>R-189711 P/S. P.A. Graham (A/C) 1/6/44</p> <p>R-162973 WO2 Ragan, J.C. (A/C) 3/6/44</p> <p>R-159992 P/S. R. Diamond (Nav) 2/6/44</p> <p>R-175755 P/S. M.E. Meech (A/C) 12/5/44</p> <p>R-59268 Sgt R.J. Ashby (P/E) 26/6/44</p> <p>R-125244 WO1 R. Wilson (Top/Ag) 3/6/44</p> <p><b>HONOURS AND AWARDS</b></p> <p>R-160184 WO2 McAdam, W.D. (Pilot) Awarded DFC on 2.8.44</p> <p>R-160329 P/S Ransom, N.F. (A/P) Awarded DFC on 5.8.44</p> <p><b>CHANGES IN COMMAND</b> NIL</p> <p><b>CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION</b></p> <p>P/S. D.D. Bell (C.6690) has been attached to R.C.A.F. Station, Tholthorpe, w.e.f. 28/8/44, pending posting. P/L. W.W. Reid (C.6690) attached to this unit w.e.f. 28/8/44 from No. 6 Group and assumes duties of Adjutant pending posting.</p> <p><b>AIRCRAFT ON CHARGE</b> - 19 HALIFAX III</p> <p><b>OPERATIONAL AND NON OPERATIONAL FLYING TIME</b></p> <p>OPERATIONAL : 1280.20 HOURS</p> <p>NON-OPERATIONAL : 321.15 HOURS</p> <p><b>NUMBER OF OPERATIONAL SORTIES</b> 271</p> <p><b>MONTHLY AND CUMULATIVE TOTALS OF BOMBS DROPPED AND MINES LAID</b></p> <p>Total No. of tons of bombs dropped during the month of August, 1944 : 1199.23 tons</p> <p>Total No. of tons dropped to date during 1944 : 4176.65 tons</p> <p><b>NUMBER OF COMBATS WITH ENEMY AIRCRAFT</b> 2 combats (see attached appendix)</p> <p><b>STRENGTH</b></p> <p><b>AIRCRAFT</b></p> <p>R.C.A.F. OFFICERS 135</p> <p>R.C.A.F. AIRCRAFT 126</p> <p>R.A.F. OFFICERS 12</p> <p>R.A.F. AIRCRAFT 45</p> <p><b>GROUND CREW</b></p> <p>R.C.A.F. OFFICERS 2</p>		



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			<p><u>SHORT RESUME BY THE SQUADRON COMMANDER</u></p> <p>The month of August represents the greatest number of sorties flown by this squadron. Of 271 aircraft detailed, 263 successfully attacked their target, 5 returned early and 1 aircraft is missing. A total of 1662 hours were flown; 1261 hours of which were on operations and 321 hours were training.</p> <p>All details of training were covered evenly and considerable time was devoted to lectures on navigation team work, radar equipment, both hostile and friendly, intelligence, and general airmanship.</p> <p>Ten crews were screened from operations and consequently the training of replacement crews had to be accelerated. However, a minimum of twenty five hours training was given to each of these new crews and all are now carrying out successful operations.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <i>L. M. McManis</i>            (G. A. McManis) Wing Commander,            Officer Commanding,            No. 429 (H. C. A. F.) Squadron.         </p>		

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