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| Tholthorpe, Yorks | 1944 1st Dec | | No operations were called for to-day. The weather was too poor for flying training to be carried out so no training program was carried out. Half of the aircraft which were diverted away last night, returned to-day in very bad weather conditions. There was a stand-down for all aircrew until 2359 hours. | |
| | 2nd Dec | | Remainder of aircraft which were diverted away on the night of the 30th, returned to-day just in time for briefing. 16 aircraft were detailed to attack HAGEN, all took off and made successful attacks on the primary target. The bombing was done on P.F.F.'s sky markers and no raid assessment was possible due to cloud over the target. All aircraft returned safely, but one aircraft landed at Linton due to a mistake. The pilot, J.14007, F/L L.W. Brand, who is now on the Squadron, mistook Linton for Tholthorpe while he was circling about waiting for his turn to land. | |
| | | | The following personnel were screened w.e.f. to-day:- | |
| | | | J.85986 F/O E.G. Johnston P; J.16156 F/O J.E. Cox P; 2nd Tour | |
| | | | J.90738 F/O T.J. Sexton A/B; J.17207 F/O G.D. Aitcheson DFM A/B " " | |
| | | | R172656 F/S Montgomery, J.G. N; J.16695 F/O J.F. Miller N " " | |
| | | | J.90735 F/O W.E. McCormick WOP; J.16962 F/O R.J. Lost DFM WOP " " | |
| | | | R255593 F/S Talson E.H. MUAG; J.86052 F/O W.J. Farrer MUAG " " | |
| | | | R251857 F/S Franke, H.G. AG; J.85475 F/O W.J.M. Kirk AG " " | |
| | | | 186206 F/O A.E. Howell FE; 185185 F/O G.D. Burton FE " " | |
| | 3rd Dec | | Operations were called for but were cancelled. The weather was not good enough for flying so no flying training program was carried out. There were several lectures during the day, on Radar and PPI Camera. A motion picture about H2S was also given. The Wing Commander gave the pilots a general talk. | |
| | | | The following personnel were screened w.e.f. to-day:- | |
| | | | J.14032 S/L A.G. Plummer, DFC P "A" Flight Commander | |
| | | | J.24529 F/O R.B. Porterfield A/B | |
| | | | J.86579 F/O B.F. Dunster, N | |
| | | | 185096 F/O Austin, J.E. WOP | |
| | | | 185168 F/O A.F. Pinder FE | |
| | 4th Dec | | In the morning one aircraft "N" was ferried to Acaster Melbis, and one Radar cross country was carried out. Operations were called for and 15 aircraft were detailed to attack "KARLSRUHE". All aircraft detailed took off and successfully attacked the primary target. | |

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| Thelthorpe, Yorks. | 4th Dec(Con'td) | | The weather was good and some crews were able to bomb visually. Defences were slight. | |
| | | | All aircraft returned safely. | |
| | 5th Dec | | In the morning all aircraft were grounded in order to carry out a modification on the throttle linkage of each aircraft. Operations were called for and 16 aircraft were detailed to carry out an attack on "SORST". All aircraft detailed took off safely. One aircraft - 'G' Pilot, J.27004, P/O R.W. Watson, returned early due to hydraulic trouble, the wheels would not retract. The remainder of the aircraft made successful attacks on the primary target and all aircraft returned safely to base. 4 aircraft were detailed for night flying training. They carried out Radar cross countries and test landing. | |
| | | | The following personnel were screened w.e.f. to-day:- R2204,28, Sgt Burrell, W.R. (WMAC) R213375, F/S MacDonald, R.G. (AC). | |
| | 6th Dec | | There was no flying training during the day. Operations were called for and 16 aircraft were called for. All the aircraft which were detailed took off safely. One aircraft 'L' Pilot, J.86834, P/O W.H.K. MacDonald returned early due to hydraulic trouble. The remainder of the aircraft successfully attacked the primary target. - "OSNABRUCK" Due to 10/10 clouds over the target, bombing was done on sky markers and Gee. All aircraft returned safely. | |
| | | | The following personnel were screened w.e.f. to-day:- J.90439, P/O R.G. Stewart (A/G) R220396, F/S Smith, G.A. (WMAC) R193353, F/S Beachtel, J.H. (A/G). | |
| | | | One aircraft accident to-day. 'L' Pilot- J.86834, P/O MacDonald, W.H.K. Port undercart collapsed on landing as it had failed to look in place. | |
| | 7th Dec | | Due to bad weather conditions there was no flying training. Ops were not called for. | |
| | | | J.20476, P/O E.H. McKeown ferried 'K' to Dishforth. The Wing Commander gave a lecture to the pilots on Engine Handling and petrol consumption. | |
| | | | Notice was received that the following personnel who were missing from operations on the night of 4/5th of May 1944 are now for official purposes presumed dead. RAF178145, P/O G.W. Beer - RAF178242, P/O W. Stebbert - RAF939956, Sgt Ellwood, G. | |

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| Thaltherpe, Yorks. | 1944 7th Dec | (Con'td) | Two new crews arrived to-day for operational duties:- | |
| | | | R.84022 F/S Bishop, H.W. P — R.99030 WO1 Bagnell, R. P | |
| | | | J.37884 F/O G.A. Booty A/B — J.39914 F/O J.W. West A/B | |
| | | | J.40533 F/O Zinkewich, L. N — J.39889 F/O D.G. Shier N | |
| | | | R252875 Sgt Davis, R.G. WOP — R188926 Sgt McConville, L.J. WOP | |
| | | | R267343 Sgt Johnson, P.A. MUAG — R271382 Sgt Waddell, W.K. MUAG | |
| | | | R267886 Sgt Davies, W.S. AG — R271366 Sgt Gilbert, R.K. AG | |
| | | | 159553 Sgt Bennett, R. FE — R.99030 Sgt Hirst, H.H. FE | |
| | | | The following MUAG R223562, F/S MacDonald, A.W. was screened to-day. | |
| | 8th Dec | | There was no call for operations to-day. J.26463, F/O C.A. McKenzie was sent to American Air Base to ferry home 'A'. 8 crews were detailed for night flying training. All aircrew attended a lecture on icing and V.D. | |
| | | | The following personnel were screened w.e.f. to-day:- | |
| | | | J.26463 F/O C.A. McKenzie DFC P | |
| | | | J.24440 F/O J.M. Cuss A/B | |
| | | | J.89970 F/O M.R. Gilmore DFM N | |
| | | | R191918 F/S Lees, G.R. WOP | |
| | | | R200556 F/S Shelley, M.B. MUAG | |
| | | | Aircraft "NA 179" jumped chalks on run up and struck an M.T. vehicle causing superficial damage to vehicle. | |
| | 9th Dec | | There was no call for operations to-day. During the afternoon 15 aircraft were sent off to carry out a loose formation flight with other aircraft from the group. This formation is known as a gaggle formation. On the return journey the crews carried out F/A. Bombing and Radar practice. One aircraft carried out a night cross country and bombing and bombing exercise. | |
| | 10th Dec | | We received our first snow fall of note to-day. Operations were not called for and there was no flying training. The air crews received lectures during the day. W/Cdr Franks A.S.R. M.O. paid a visit to the squadron and was pleased with the squadron set up for A.S.R. training. | |
| | | | Notification was received to the effect that RAF175807, P/O C.J. Wheelhouse who was missing from operations on 20/21 of April 1944 is now classified as presumed dead. | |
| | 11th Dec | | Operations were called for and 17 aircraft were detailed. However the operation was cancelled before take off. No flying training because of bad weather. Pilots and Engineers received a lecture on Navigation and Hydraulics. | |

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| | | 1944 | | |
| Thelthorpe, Yorks. | 11th Dec | (Con'td) | An aircraft 'N4184' was damaged on the starboard outer main plane and aileron when a civilian dump truck was driven into it. | |
| | | | A new crew arrived to-day. Captain J.37905, F/O R.J. Lepp. Capt. Price and Miller of the Canadian Army arrived here to-day on liaison duties. | |
| Thelthorpe, Yorks. | 12th Dec | | Operations were not called for. Gaggle formation flying was carried out with aircraft from rest of the Group. H2S and Bombing practice was carried out on return. Two a/c carried out cross country training flights including Bombing and S.B.A. practice. | |
| Thelthorpe, Yorks. | 13th Dec | | Operations were called for but were cancelled after the aircraft had been marshalled for take off. The N.C.O.s were detailed to carry out a general clean up of their barracks. Notification received that J.14802, F/O F.W. Morrison is reclassified missing believed killed. | |
| Thelthorpe, Yorks. | 13th Dec | | Operations were called for but were cancelled after the aircraft had been marshalled | |
| (This entry cancelled see above) | | | for take off. The N.C.O.s. | |
| Thelthorpe, Yorks. | 14th Dec | | Operations were called for but cancelled before briefing took place. Aircrew received lectures in the afternoon, from F/L Kennedy on the Canadian Demobilisation plans, and from Major Nicholson on Enemy Flak defences. Stand down until 2359 hours. | |
| Thelthorpe, Yorks. | 15th Dec | | Operations were called for but cancelled during briefing. Weather conditions prevented the carrying out of any flying training. There was a Navigation lecture and dry swim for Pilots and Navigators. Stand down until 2359 hours. | |
| | | | The Wireless Leader J.18020, F/L A. Hawkins, DFC. was screened to-day upon completion of his second tour of operations. | |
| Thelthorpe, Yorks. | 16th Dec | | Operations not called for to-day, and no flying training was carried out because of unfavorable weather. All aircrew received lectures on first aid and V.D. by the M.O. An American first aid film was also shown. Stand down until 0900 hours following day. | |
| Thelthorpe, Yorks. | 17th Dec | | Operations were not called for to-day. Training flights consisted of two Radar cross countries, one practice S.B.A. flight and one aircraft on local flying. Preparations were carried out for operations, take off to be early morning of 18th. | |

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| Tholthorpe, Yorks. | 18th Dec | | Operations to-day. 17 aircraft were detailed to take off at 0300 hours. Due to a 425 Squadron aircraft crashing on take off, the take off was delayed, causing several aircraft to bomb late. Two aircraft failed to take off due to the power supply failing and the flare path becoming extinguished, the aircraft being 'O' F/L Brand (J.14007) and 'T' F/O McCutcheon (J.25218). One aircraft 'Y' F/L Glover (J.14713), returned early due to throttle linkage on one engine breaking. All aircraft but one were diverted away, 'G' Pilot-F/O Austenson, O.H. (J.21376) landed at base. All aircraft returned to England safely. Operations were again called for but were cancelled after briefing. All diverted aircraft but 3 returned in the afternoon. The 3 aircraft still away are: 'C' Pilot - C.12578, F/L McCarthy, 'I' J.27231, F/O Bonner and 'Q' J.27864, F/O Watson. One aircraft was put on local flying training but had to land at Eastmoor as runway was blocked by the control van. The following personnel were screened w.e.f. to-day:-<br>J.16353 F/O G.K.A. Haslop Pilot<br>J.28493 F/O W.R. Chester A/B<br>J.37187 F/O J.H.V. Dowell NAV<br>R173716 WO2 Baker, W.G. WOP<br>R274647 Sgt Baird, J.C. A/G<br>RAF185780 P/O P.J.Brickstock F/E<br>F/L McCarthy in a/c 'C' was unable to attack target - bomb doors could not be opened and bomb load therefore brought back. Remainder A/C attacked primary. | |
| Tholthorpe, Yorks. | 19th Dec | | Operations were called but later were cancelled after the crews had been briefed. There was no flying training due to very poor visibility. | |
| Tholthorpe, Yorks. | 20th Dec | | Operations were called for but cancelled. Fog prevented the carrying out of any flying training. Aircrews were detailed to take rocks to the control tower for the purpose of making a new parking space. They were also detailed to load and unload fuel for 6 & 7 sites. | |
| Tholthorpe, Yorks. | 21st Dec | | Operations were called for and crews were briefed three times but the operations were in the end cancelled. F/L McCarthy, F/O Bonner and F/O Watson returned from diversion. There was a stand down until 2359 hours. | |
| Tholthorpe, Yorks. | 22nd DEC | | Operations were called for and 17 aircraft were detailed, however after the crews were briefed the operation was cancelled. 10 aircraft were put on local flying training and cross countries during the afternoon. The weather would not permit any flying training to be carried out. | |

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| Tholthorpe, Yorks. | 22nd Dec | (Con'td) | P/O Reid (J.90441) ferried aircraft 'H' to Dishforth. | |
| | | | Notification was received to-day that the following personnel are now for official purposes presumed dead. | |
| | | | RAF2201400 Sgt Botterill, W.H. missing 24/25 Feb. 1944. | |
| | | | RAF1740049 Sgt Eden, S.C. missing 25/26 Feb. 1944. | |
| | | | RAF1853294 Sgt Burgon, E.G. missing 25/26 Feb. 1944. | |
| | | | C.18984, F/L Nevins, C.W. was screened w.e.f. to-day. | |
| Tholthorpe, Yorks. | 23rd Dec | | Due to unfavorable weather there were no operations or flying training to-day. A new crew (Capatin) R192748 F/S Cole, E.C. reported here to-day for operational duties with the squadron. | |
| Tholthorpe, Yorks. | 24th Dec | | Operations were called for to-day and 16 aircraft were detailed to attack Dusseldorf airfield in daylight. All aircraft became airborne and all successfully attacked the primary target. The attack appeared to have been very successful. Flak was fairly intense but although several aircraft were damaged, none were lost. The aircraft were all diverted away on their return and all landed safely at their diversion airfields. The following crews reported here to-day for operational duties with the squadron.- J.89818 P/O E.F. Clark and crew. - R193062 Sgt Harvey, R.E. and crew. | |
| Tholthorpe, Yorks. | 25th Dec | | Due to heavy fog there was a general stand down for the Squadron. A good time was had by all personnel, in partaking of their Christmas dinner and during the festivities which were carried out during the remainder of the day. The one dampening effect on every one's enjoyment was the fact that all our crews were still diverted away from yesterday's operation. | |
| Tholthorpe, Yorks. | 26th Dec | | Due to heavy fog there was no flying training carried out to-day. Operations were called for but were cancelled after the crews had been briefed. The following personnel were screened w.e.f. to-day:- | |
| | | | J.90982 P/O Clifton, J.W. A/G | |
| | | | J.35183 P/O Sefton, J.A. P. | |
| | | | J.37155 P/O Fitzgerald, H.A. A/B | |
| | | | J.20658 P/O Oliver, S.W. N. | |
| | | | J.94032 P/O Turner, J.M. A/G | |
| | | | R255942 F/S Copeland, H.R. A/G | |
| | | | R191221 F/S Barry, G.F. WOP | |

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| Tholthorpe, Yorks. | 27th Dec | | There was no flying in the morning due to fog. 4 aircraft were detailed for an early morning take off on the 28th. One aircraft returned from diversion this afternoon - Pilot, J.25218, F/O McCutcheon, E.B. Two local flights were carried out this afternoon and one new crew was checked out by C.28055, F/L Ainslie, T.E.C. - Officer i/c training. | |
| Tholthorpe, Yorks. | 28th Dec | | Four aircraft took off early this morning to attack 'OPLADIEN'. These aircraft made successful attacks but one aircraft 'B' Pilot, J.35146 F/O Stock, M.B. made an abortive sortie due to not being able to get the bomb doors open over the target and as a result overshot the target by 30 seconds. All 4 aircraft returned safely to base. All a/c which were on diversion, returned to-day. | |
| | | | Two new crews arrived to-day to take up operational duties with the squadron:- J.41164 F/O W.S. Anderson and crew. J.40065 F/O J.R. Fawcett and crew. | |
| Tholthorpe, Yorks. | 29th Dec | | Due to operational requirements there was no training programme carried out. 16 aircraft were detailed to attack ~~Cologne Marshalling yards.~~ "SPICH". All aircraft became airborne and 15 aircraft successfully attacked the primary target. One a/c 'C' Pilot C.1257[illegible], F/L McCarthy, successfully attacked the secondary target. All aircraft returned safely. | |
| Tholthorpe, Yorks. | 30th Dec | | Operations were called for and 16 aircraft were detailed to make a night attack on COLOGNE MARSHALLING YARDS. All aircraft became airborne and all carried out successful attacks on the primary target. One aircraft 'K' Pilot J.8927[illegible] F/O Macmillan, H.F., landed away at Woodbridge. The remainder of the aircraft returned safely to base. | |
| | | | Training flights consisted of: one new crew being checked out, one local flight and circuits, one day cross country, bombing and F/A and 3 night cross countries, Bombing and F/A. | |
| | | | A new crew Captain R142702 WO Bollie, R.F. reported here to-day to take up operational duties with the squadron. The following were screened w.e.f. to-day:- | |
| | | | R271562 Sgt Tipple, F.G. A/G<br>J.26476 F/O McKeown, E.H. B.<br>J.28558 F/O McMorland, J.R. A/B<br>J.36480 F/O Walker, C.G. NAV<br>J.90325 F/O LeRose, R.T. WOP<br>R261572 F/S Anglin, V.E. MUAG | |
| | | | Notification was received to-day that the following personnel who have been missing, have now been reclassified missing believed killed:- J.25913 F/O H.R. Jones, J.26934 F/O D.B. Norton. | |

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| Tholthorpe, Yorks. | 31st Dec | | Operations were not called for to-day so the squadron was able to carry out a substantial training programme. Two new crews were checked out, and carried out local flying. Night day, cross countries were carried out, for the purpose of practising Radar, Bombing & F/A. Also 3 radar night cross countries were carried out and carried out bombing practise and F/A. | |
| | | | SQUADRON HEALTH REPORT — MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1944. | |
| | | | Squadron health in general for the month of December has been satisfactory considering the prevailing weather conditions. | |
| | | | The instance of V.D. has increased somewhat during the past month; it is anticipated however that a reduction can be obtained. | |

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| | | | The undernoted crew was posted from 76 (RCAF) base wef 5.12.44. | | The undernoted crew was posted from 76 (RCAF) base wef 5.12.44. | | |
| | | | R99030 W/O R.Bagnell | pilot | R84022 F/S H.S.Bishop | Pilot | |
| | | | J39889 F/O D.G.Sheir | NAV | J40533 F/O L.Zinkewich | NAV | |
| | | | J39914 F/O J.W.West | A/B | J37884 F/O G.A.Booty | A/B | |
| | | | R188926 F/S L.J.McConville | WAG | R252075 SGT D.G.Davis | WAG | |
| | | RAF | 1595440 SGT H.H.Hirst | FE | RAF 1595553 SGT H.Bennett | FE | |
| | | | R271382 SGT W.H.Waddell | MUAG | R267343 SGT R.A.Johnson | MUAG | |
| | | | R271366 SGT R.K.Gilbert | AG | R267086 SGT W.A.Davies | AG | |
| | | | The undernoted crew was posted from 76 (RCAF) base wef 7.12.44. | | The undernoted crew was posted from 76 (RCAF) base wef 7.12.44. | | |
| | | | J37050 F/O R.Ireland | Pilot | J37137 F/O D.G.Hill | Pilot | |
| | | | J39871 F/O L.Dennis | NAV | J40434 F/O H.A.Renschler | NAV | |
| | | | J38676 F/O W.Webb | A/B | J40455 F/O A.C.Elwood | A/B | |
| | | | R176767 SGT W.Penny | WAG | R88257 F/S H.W.Arscott | WAG | |
| | | RAF | 1595329 SGT R.Hutchinson | FE | R169685 SGT L.E.Bostick | FE | |
| | | | R264709 SGT W.Poole | MUAG | R272815 SGT A.C.Stewardson | MUAG | |
| | | | R149110 SGT S.Cameman | AG | R210729 SGT R.L.Miller | AG | |
| | | | The undernoted crew was posted from 76 (RCAF) base wef 11.12.44. | | The undernoted crew was posted from 76 (RCAF) base wef 23.12.44. | | |
| | | | J37905 F/O R.J.Lepp | Pilot | R192748 F/S E.C.Cole | Pilot | |
| | | | J41536 F/O R.C.Brownell | NAV | R181447 SGT A.C.H.Waddley | NAV | |
| | | | J40442 F/O J.R.Angelson | A/B | R193675 SGT R.N.Gowe | A/B | |
| | | | R225791 SGT I.D.Draper | WAG | R201832 SGT W.H.McLeod | WAG | |
| | | | R163119 SGT W.J.Bartlett | FE | RAF 2205534 SGT V.D.Atkin | FE | |
| | | | R273822 SGT G.R.Cormack | MUAG | R276660 SGT D.S.Greer | MUAG | |
| | | | R274010 SGT J.W.Arsenault | AG | RAF 1216281 SGT L.R.Kidd | AG | |
| | | RAF | 174229 F/O E.S.Mulholland | (FE) Posted from 1666 C.U. wef 14.12.44. | | | |
| | | | The undernoted crew was posted from 76 (RCAF) base wef 24.12.44. | | The undernoted crew was posted from 76 (RCAF) base wef 24.12.44. | | |
| | | | J89816 F/O E.W.Clark | Pilot | R193062 SGT R.E.Harvey | Pilot | |
| | | | J40803 F/O B.V.Freed | NAV | R194718 SGT P.E.Morissette | NAV | |
| | | | J40103 F/O W.H.Oakes | A/B | J39343 F/O C.F.Bryce | A/B | |
| | | | R252886 SGT R.J.Arnold | WAG | R200965 SGT R.J.Wilson | WAG | |
| | | RAF | 1606854 SGT J.B.Kirby | FE | R255362 SGT J.F.McCormick | FE | |
| | | | R271719 SGT J.Hardiman | AG | R274597 SGT A.J.Little | AG | |
| | | | R276055 SGT J.H.Epoch | MUAG | R265458 SGT K.D.Reid | MUAG | |

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| | | | The undernoted crew was posted from 76 (RCAF) base wef 28.12.44. | | The undernoted crew was posted from No.76 (RCAF) base wef 28.12.44. | | |
| | | | J41161 F/O W.S.Anderson | Pilot | J40065 F/O J.A.Fawcett | Pilot | |
| | | | J37586 F/O J.C.Sinden | NAV | J40898 F/O E.J.P.Annis | NAV | |
| | | | J40037 F/O L.L.Jones | A/B | J39919 F/O J.E.McDonald | A/B | |
| | | | J39167 F/O S.A.Hay | WAG | J43746 F/O J.N.Fletcher | WAG | |
| | | RAF | 2210219 SGT H.Emms | FE | R194766 SGT F.D.Tonkin | FE | |
| | | | R276115 SGT E.A.H.Sills | AG | R270157 SGT D.H.Trickett | AG | |
| | | | R276319 SGT W.H.Giles | AG | R266078 SGT A.Sproul | AG | |
| | | | The undernoted crew was posted from 76 (RCAF) base wef 30.12.44. | | The undernoted crew was posted from 76 (RCAF) base wef 31.12.44. | | |
| | | | R142702 W/O1 R.T.Scillie | Pilot | J39815 F/O E.J.Callahan | Pilot | |
| | | | R163591 SGT.W.Gabe | NAV | J40806 F/O J.Galway | NAV | |
| | | | R168625 W/O2 E.S.Keeshele | A/B | J40007 F/O J.D.Todd | A/B | |
| | | | J87954 F/O R.U.Heath | WAG | K219438 SGT J.M.Bayes | WAG | |
| | | RAF | 2221828 SGT K.L.Dinnen | FE | R210872 SGT D.W.Wallace | FE | |
| | | | R95550 SGT M.J.McGregor | AG | R275062 SGT C.J.Redwood | AG | |
| | | | R205893 SGT R.O.Battler | AG | R275049 SGT.D.M.Wallace | AG | |
| | | RAF | 184690 F/O G.F.Gibbs | (FE) Posted from 62 (RCAF) base wef 23.12.44. | | | |
| | | | POSTINGS OUT | | | | |
| | | | J35027 F/O C.H.Stewart | NAV posted to 24 OTU wef 2.12.44. | | | |
| | | | J86111 F/O A.M.Caine | Pilot posted to 24 OTU wef 2.12.44. | | | |
| | | | J88956 F/O E.N.Strickland | AG posted to "R" Depot wef 11.12.44. | | | |
| | | | J88127 F/O R.S.Towlin | AG Posted to "R" Depot wef 11.12.44. | | | |
| | | | J87123 F/O W.Chumick | AG posted to "R" Depot wef 11.12.44. | | | |
| | | | J23375 F/O W.R.Middleton | AG posted to "R" Depot wef 11.12.44. | | | |
| | | | J13389 F/O P.W.Sheilds | AG posted to "R" Depot wef 11.12.44. | | | |
| | | | J86892 F/O F.W.Mearsto | Pilot posted to "R" Depot wef 11.12.44. | | | |
| | | | J22340 F/O K.M.Kidd | Pilot posted to "R" Depot wef 11.12.44. | | | |
| | | | J90228 F/O Bruyne | NAV posted to "R" Depot wef 11.12.44. | | | |
| | | | R179196 F/S K.G.Wiles | A/B posted to "R" Depot wef 11.12.44. | | | |
| | | | J90986 F/O C.V.Adams | AG posted to "R" Depot wef 11.12.44. | | | |
| | | RAF | 188143 F/O R.H.J.Slightman | FE Posted to 1666 C.U. wef 2.12.44. | | | |
| | | | J17332 F/O (AFC) P.G.Kelly DFC | NAV/B posted to 1664 C.U. wef 4.12.44. | | | |
| | | | J12093 F/L H.S.Serton | Pilot posted to 62 Base N.E. sick wef 2.12.44. | | | |
| | | RAF | 1063149 F/S W.Porter | FE posted to 62 Base N.E. sick wef 2.12.44. | | | |
| | | | J87857 F/O A.DePretis | WAG posted to 62 Base wef 12.12.44. | | | |
| | | | J20074 F/O K.S.Thompson | NAV posted to 62 Base wef 12.12.44. | | | |
| | | | J28844 F/O J.C.Culligan | Nav posted to 1666 C.U. wef 13.12.44. | | | |
| | | | J90735 F/O W.G.McCormick | WAG posted to Dalton wef 16.12.44. | | | |
| | | RAF | 220564.3 E.S.Kenwright | FE posted to 429 Squadron wef 15.12.44. | | | |
| | | | J36174 F/O A.McKillop | NAV posted to 408 Squadron wef 15.12.44. | | | |
| | | | J27142 F/O M.Guiguet | NAV posted to 426 Squadron wef 16.12.44. | | | |
| | | RAF | 156388 F/O W.Turnham | AG posted to 62 Base N.E. sick wef 11.12.44. | | | |

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| | | | **PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS** | |
| | | | ~~F/S RAF 55284 P/O E.K.Kerred~~ Promoted T/F/O w.e.f. 30.10.44. | |
| | | | Pilot J27718 P/O (A/S/L) W.G.Phelan DFC Appointed A/S/C w.e.f. 24.11.44. | |
| | | | Pilot J14713 P/O V.R.Glover DFC Promoted T/F/L w.e.f. 9.10.44. | |
| | | | A/G J85475 P/O J.M.Kirk Promoted T/F/O w.e.f. 3.10.44. | |
| | | | A/G J85500 P/O K.R.Lussier Promoted T/F/O w.e.f. 5.10.44. | |
| | | | WAG J85739 P/O J.P.Delalla Promoted T/F/O w.e.f. 27.9.44. | |
| | | | Pilot C23562 P/O M.W.Davidson Promoted T/F/L w.e.f. 6.10.44. | |
| | | | Pilot J27864 P/O R.W.Watson Promoted T/F/L w.e.f. 9.11.44. | |
| | | | Pilot J14032 P/O (A/S/L) A.G.Plummer DFC Promoted T/F/L w.e.f. 13.4.44. | |
| | | | Pilot J27718 P/O (A/S/C) W.G.Phelan DFC Promoted T/F/L w.e.f. 10.7.44. | |
| | | | Nav J86579 P/O B.F.Dunster Promoted T/F/O w.e.f. 30.10.44. | |
| | | | **COMMISSIONS** | |
| | | | RAF | |
| | | | 131476 F/S C.W.Way 186920 commissioned w.e.f. 18.10.44. | |
| | | | 1798966 SGT P.J.Shortt 188300 31.10.44. | |
| | | | 1593601 SGT G.W.Walker 187958 1.11.44. | |
| | | | RCAF | |
| | | | R195814 F/S S.T.Frayn J90881 commissioned w.e.f. 2.10.44. AG | |
| | | | R215618 F/S G.A.Hoaoke J91035 20.10.44. AG | |
| | | | R209206 F/S J.M.Turner J91032 18.10.44. AG | |
| | | | R210864 F/S J.W.Clifton J90982 18.10.44. AG | |
| | | | R212691 F/S G.J.Adams J90986 5.10.44. AG | |
| | | | R251303 F/S J.A.Wigley J91033 18.10.44. AG | |
| | | | R263099 F/S D.C.Mackey J91193 19.10.44. AG | |
| | | | R15880 SGT T.J.Bibley J92136 11.10.44. AG | |
| | | | R197441 F/S J.L.Hickson J90784 11.10.44. AG | |
| | | | R200553 F/S R.J.Evens J92527 5.11.44. AG | |
| | | | R193353 F/S J.H.Bechtel J92588 31.10.44. AG | |
| | | | R196563 F/S L.K.Engemoen J92583 19.10.44. AG | |
| | | | R204833 F/S W.J.Barnard J92390 (Killed) 18.7.44. AG | |
| | | | R191918 F/S G.R.Lees J92632 31.10.44. WAG | |
| | | | R129796 W/O1 C.A.Misery J92576 5.10.44. WAG | |
| | | | R190058 F/S J.B.Patterson J92550 18.10.44. AG | |
| | | | R69317 SGT A.J.Williams J92520 20.10.44. AG | |
| | | | **HONOURS AND AWARDS** | |
| | | | J14713 F/L V.R.Glover Awarded the immediate DFC on 26.11.44. Pilot | |
| | | | J24463 F/O C.A.McKenzie Awarded the immediate DFC on 1.11.44. Pilot | |
| | | | J18020 F/L A.Hawkins Awarded the non-immediate DFC on 24.11.44. WAG | |
| | | | J17332 F/L P.G.Kelly Awarded the non-immediate DFC on 24.11.44. A/B | |
| | | | **CHANGES IN COMMAND** | |
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**AIRCRAFT ON CHARGE** 22 Halifax III

**OPERATIONAL AND NON-OPERATIONAL FLYING HOURS**

OPERATIONAL......DAY 816.45 HOURS
NIGHT

NON-OPERATIONAL, DAY 204.00 HOURS
NIGHT [illegible] HOURS

NUMBER OF SORTIES 130

**MONTHLY AND CUMULATIVE TOTALS OF BOMBS DROPPED AND MINES LAID**

Total no. of tons of bombs dropped during the month of December 1944..........[illegible] tons
Total no. of tons of bombs dropped to date during 1944..........[illegible] tons

**NUMBER OF COMBATS WITH ENEMY AIRCRAFT**

Combats..........1
Destroyed..........nil
Prob. destroyed..........nil
Damaged..........nil
See Appendix "[illegible]"

**STRENGTH**
**AIRCREW**
R.C.A.F. OFFICERS..........185
R.C.A.F. AIRMEN..........79
R.A.F. OFFICERS..........23
R.A.F. AIRMEN..........2

**GROUNDCREW**
R.C.A.F. OFFICERS..........1.

**GENERAL REMARKS BY COMMANDING OFFICER**

Apart from Holiday festivities, December proved to be a very quiet month, due mostly to typical Yorkshire weather. Our total operational flying consisted of 816.45 hours accumulated by 130 sorties, while our training flying 302 hours, though higher than any other squadron in the base, fell below last month's figure. Several crews were screened during the month, including A Flight Commander, S/L Plummer, D.F.C., but these were replaced by an influx of twelve new crews which again raised our strength to the required standards. Again, in keeping with the R.C.A.F. policy, a number of our personnel were repatriated to Canada, tours completed.

G.A. Phelan W/C

(H.G. Phelan) Wing Commander,
Officer Commanding,
No. 420 (RCAF) Squadron.