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| Thaltheys, Yorks | 1945 1st Jan | | Operations were not called for to-day and there was no flying training as the weather conditions would not permit any. Pilots received a general lecture from the Wing Commander. The new Pilots received a lecture from a Bristol Representative on the Hercules Engine. Identical Crews and Captain Walkley of the Canadian Army reported here to-day for liaison duties. | |
| | 2nd Jan | | Operations were called for and 15 aircraft were detailed to attack "HUMBUSHAW". All aircraft became airborne and all successfully attacked the primary target. One aircraft "X" Pilot - J.21376, P/O Austenson landed away due to petrol shortage. Flying training to-day consisted of 5 day cross countries and bombing practice, and 3 night cross countries and bombing. A new crew reported to-day for operational duties, Captain - J.89815, P/O M.J. Callahan. | 1-15 |
| | 3rd Jan | | Operations were called for but were cancelled after the crew were briefed. J.21376, P/O Austenson returned from diversion. Pilots and Navigators carried out a dry swim. Pilots newly arrived received a lecture from Flying Control and a lecture on engine handling. Flying training consisted of 3 night cross countries. 'A' Flight Commander - G.12570, P/L McCarthy, P.S. proceeded to Gramwell to take a Junior Commanders' Course. | |
| | 4th Jan | | Operations not called for to-day but a training program was carried out in spite of bad weather. 9 Radar cross countries including bombing and P/A, were carried out in the day-ops but there was no night flying. G.12521, P/L J.W. Royan, reported to-day to replace G.6590, P/L T.H. Reid as Squadron Adjutant. | |
| | 5th Jan | | Operations were called for to-day and 14 aircraft were detailed to attack "BROOKS". All aircraft became airborne and 13 aircraft were known to have successfully attacked the primary target. One aircraft is missing "Y" Captain - J.14007, P/L Beard, L.W. Enemy fighter opposition was much greater than usual and it is notable that the aircraft missing is the first one lost since the 17th August, 1944. Flying training consisted of 8 night Radar, cross countries including bombing and P/A. | 16-28 |
| | 6th Jan | | Operations were called for and 15 aircraft were detailed to attack "BROOKS". All aircraft took off safely and 14 aircraft successfully attacked the primary target. One aircraft | 29-43 |

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| Tholthorpe, Yorks | 1945 | | | | |
| | 6th Jan | (Con'td) | "F" Captain- J.14713, F/L Glover, attacked the secondary target due to trouble with his electrical gear which had failed due to freezing. All aircraft returned safely to base. Training consisted of 1 day cross country and 2 night Radar cross countries. | | |
| | 7th Jan | | Operations were not called for to-day. Training consisted of 12 day cross countries, including F/A, Air Sea firing & Bombing, and 1 night Radar cross country. J.17092, F/L Skinner, F.W. the signal's leader left to-day to go on a Tactical Course. | | |
| | 8th Jan | | Due to heavy snow fall there was no flying of any kind to-day. Ground activities were nil and the crews were stood down till 2359 hours. | | |
| | 9th Jan | | Snow continued to fall to-day and as a result no flying training was carried out. The aircrew were employed at clearing snow off the runways. W/O Edwards and W/O Huh Smith gave a lecture to all aircrew on tactics and German defense systems. One crew went to Ripon to do wet dinghy drill. All crews were given a stand down till 2359 hours. Information was received to-day to the effect that the undermentioned personnel are now presumed for official purposes to be dead. - J.21935, F/O D.G. Calder - J.21270, F/O E.H. Jackson - R17745, Sgt W.P. Dumber (These three missing on 15/16 March 1944) - J.86417, F/O H.G. Wilson missing on 20/21 April 1944 - J.18802, F/O F.W. Morrison missing 30 April/ 1st May 1944 - J.21366, F/O H.M. Long missing 24/25 February 1944 - J.23755, F/O F.A. Armaton, J.26005, F/O R.D. Patterson - R151914, F/S G.M. Bennett - J.22008, F/O W. Murphy - J.20177 F/O R.H. Watterson - R114846, WO E.V. Webb. | | |
| | 10th Jan | | There was no flying to-day due to the snow which is still falling. Crews were detailed to shovel snow off the runways. The navigators carried out a dry swim. A stand down was granted till 2359 hours. | | |
| | 11th Jan | | Due to continued bad weather there was no flying. The pilots received a lecture from the O.G. during the afternoon. A stand down till 2359 hours was granted. | | |
| | 12th Jan | | Operations were called for but were cancelled as the aircraft were marshalling for take off. Training consisted of 4 cross countries and air sea firing and one aircraft on local flying. | | |
| 13th Jan | | Operations were called for and 17 aircraft were detailed to attack "SANDHOLM", March- | | 44-60 | |

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| | 1945 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Thaltheim, Yorks | 13th Jan | (Con'td) | <p>alling Yorks. All aircraft became airborne and successfully attacked the primary target. All aircraft returned to base safely. There was no flying training carried out. One aircraft "Q" Pilot- J.2766, P/L R.V. Watson, reported a combat with an enemy fighter but no claims were made.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 14th Jan | | <p>Operations were called for and 17 aircraft were detailed to attack "GROENINGEN" Marshalling Yorks. All aircraft detailed became airborne and successfully attacked the primary target. All aircraft returned safely to base. One aircraft "M" Pilot- J.92615, P/O M.J. Callahan reported a combat with an enemy fighter but no claims were made. The following personnel were assessed with effect to-day:-</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>J.27233 P/O R.D. Asher</td> <td>P.</td> <td>R119170 P/S McManster, R.D.</td> <td>A/C</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J.36257 P/O R.V. Brock</td> <td>A/B</td> <td>R270333 P/S Myers, W.J.</td> <td>A/C</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J.36289 P/O D.S. Wadley</td> <td>L.</td> <td>R1186374,5 Sgt Main W.R.</td> <td>P/S</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R138291 WO Bennett, J.N.</td> <td>W/O</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Information was received to-day that R1175691, P/O G.H. Lines missing on 30 April/45 May, 1944 is now for official purposes presumed dead. A new crew arrived to-day to take up operational duties with the squadron - Captain- J.92210, P/O J.E. Mansary.</p> | J.27233 P/O R.D. Asher | P. | R119170 P/S McManster, R.D. | A/C | J.36257 P/O R.V. Brock | A/B | R270333 P/S Myers, W.J. | A/C | J.36289 P/O D.S. Wadley | L. | R1186374,5 Sgt Main W.R. | P/S | R138291 WO Bennett, J.N. | W/O | | | | 61-77 |
| J.27233 P/O R.D. Asher | P. | R119170 P/S McManster, R.D. | A/C | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| J.36257 P/O R.V. Brock | A/B | R270333 P/S Myers, W.J. | A/C | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| J.36289 P/O D.S. Wadley | L. | R1186374,5 Sgt Main W.R. | P/S | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| R138291 WO Bennett, J.N. | W/O | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 15th Jan | | <p>No operations were called for today. Pilots received a general lecture on flying and operations from Group Captain Leconte, DFC. Fifteen aircraft were put on flying training, the following types of training being carried out, Bombing, P/A, Air to Air and Air to Sea firing, and H2S cross-countries. J.25747 Flying Officer R. Pilkington (NAV) was screened wef. today. Captain Houdin of the Canadian Army reported here today for liaison duties for a week.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 16th Jan | | <p>Operations were called for today and 18 aircraft were detailed to attack Magdeburg. All aircraft became airborne and 13 aircraft successfully attacked the Primary target. One aircraft "U", Captain, R142702 WO1 R.P. Solis - abortive sortie due to loss of altimeter control, jettisoned bombs and landed at Lindholm. Aircraft "S", Captain J.21583 P/O R.B.T. Field, landed away at Carnaby due to damage of aircraft caused by collision with another aircraft after leaving the target. Damage consisted of H2S torn off, entrance door smashed, oil coolers starboard motor damaged and return was made on 3 engines. Four aircraft failed to return from this operation. They were as follows:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>"B" - Captain J37050 Flying Officer R.A. Ireland</td> </tr> <tr> <td>"L" - Captain R193062 Flight Sergeant R.E. Hawley</td> </tr> <tr> <td>"M" - Captain J25218 Flight Lieutenant R.E. McCutcheon</td> </tr> <tr> <td>"Q" - Captain J2786, Flight Lieutenant R.V. Watson.</td> </tr> </table> <p>One local flight was carried out to test an aircraft.</p> | "B" - Captain J37050 Flying Officer R.A. Ireland | "L" - Captain R193062 Flight Sergeant R.E. Hawley | "M" - Captain J25218 Flight Lieutenant R.E. McCutcheon | "Q" - Captain J2786, Flight Lieutenant R.V. Watson. | | 78-96 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| "B" - Captain J37050 Flying Officer R.A. Ireland | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| "L" - Captain R193062 Flight Sergeant R.E. Hawley | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| "M" - Captain J25218 Flight Lieutenant R.E. McCutcheon | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| "Q" - Captain J2786, Flight Lieutenant R.V. Watson. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Tholthorpe, Yorks. | 1945 | | | |
| | 17th Jan. | | Operations were not called for today, and training consisted of 5 cross-countries. RA2702 WOI Sallis and J. 21583 P/O Field returned with their crews from diversions, by rail. A stand-down was granted at noon until 2359 hours. | |
| | 18th Jan. | | Operations were not called for and due to bad weather conditions, there was no flying training. Pilots received a lecture from Warrant Officer McCullough on engines and engine handling. In the afternoon Pilots received a lecture on navigation. A stand-down was granted till 2359 hours. | |
| | 19th Jan. | | There was no flying in the morning due to the runways being unserviceable because of ice. Operations were called for but were cancelled during main briefing. Pilots and Navigators carried out a dry swim. A stand-down was granted till 2359 hours. | |
| | 20th Jan. | | Due to unfavorable weather there was no flying to-day, and operations were not called for. In the afternoon eight Pilots received a navigation lecture from the Station navigation officer. The two new pilots and their engineers received a talk from W/O McCullough on engine handling. There was a stand down till 2359 hours. | |
| | 21st Jan. | | The runways and taxi tracks were unserviceable so there was no flying in the morning. Operations were called for but were cancelled before briefing. The two new pilots were checked out and later carried out cross countries. One other aircraft was on circuits and landings. | |
| | 22nd Jan. | | Operations were called for but cancelled shortly afterwards. Training consisted of 9 night cross countries exercises. One aircraft returned early due to engine trouble, capt. J. 69818, P/O E.W. Clark. Notification was received that RAF179265, P/O A. Mansford missing 25th April 1901 is now presumed dead. | |
| | 23rd Jan. | | Weather was bad to-day, 30" of frost combined with fog. There was no flying or any other training and a stand down was granted till 0900 hours 24th. | |
| | 24th Jan. | | Weather still unfavorable, fog and haze with low temperatures. No flying and no call for ops operations. Lecture in the afternoon for Pilots, Navigators and Bomb Aimers on P.F.P. Technique, also on A.P.I. and D.R.C. A stand down was granted till 2359 hours. | |

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| Tholthorpe, Yorks. | 25th Jan. | | Due to poor weather conditions there was no flying training and operations were not called for. Pilots received a lecture in the morning from S/L McKee on flying control and S.B.A. C.12578, S/L McCarthy P.S. appointed acting Squadron Commander vice J.27718, W/O Phelan W.G. W/O who proceeded on 9 days leave to-day. | | |
| | 26th Jan. | | In the morning due to poor visibility there was no flying training, and no operations were called for. In the afternoon six aircraft carried out training cross country exercises. There was nothing further of importance. | | |
| | 27th Jan. | | Operations were called for and the crews were briefed. However the operation was cancelled just as the aircraft were commencing to marshal. Advice was received to-day that RAF 1336195, Sgt Bethell P.E. who has been missing since 15/16 March 1944, is now for official purposes presumed dead. | | |
| | 28th Jan. | | Operations were called for to-day, and 14 aircraft were detailed to attack "STUTTGART". Two aircraft made abortive sorties. P/L Shotton swung off the runway on take-off, ending up on the taxi-track and was too badly shaken up to take off again. P/B Bishop returned early with the port outer engine II/S, which would have made his late on target. All other A/O successfully attacked the primary target. All A/O were diverted, the majority landing at an American Base in Cheltenham. J.27718, W/O W.G. Phelan, Commanding Officer of the Squadron was screened to-day, and C.12578, S/L P.S. McCarthy appointed as Commanding Officer. | | 96-109 |
| | 29th Jan. | | Weather very poor, and as most of the crews were on diversion no training flying was done. Three crews returned to base from diversion - captained by P/O Young, P/O Ford, and P/O Bagnall. Two new crews reported for operational duties, J.20988 P/L McKee, R.A. and crew, and J.38070, P/O Kam, R.C. and crew. Major H. Laird and Lieut. P. Laycock of the Canadian Army are waiting the Squadron for a week on liaison duties. | | |
| | 30th Jan. | | Weather still bad, and crews still diverted. Stand down till 2359 hours. | | |
| | 31st Jan. | | Weather closed in at 1400 hours with a very heavy fog enshrouding the whole camp. No operations through for the day or night, and the Squadron stood down till 2359 hours. Official word received to-day that J.9308, P/L R.E. Knight has been officially reclassified missing, believed killed. | | |

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| In Halifax III HA/81 | | | In Halifax III HA/81 | | |
| | | | Number Rank Name Grade Hours Points | | |
| | | | J. 1400 P/O L. W. Harris P. 8 26.25 32 | J. 25218 P/O E. S. Moutchison P. 25 135.00 94 | |
| | | | R197611 P/S Vandenberg J. W. A/B 7 48.25 28 | J. 30281 P/O J. G. Veltch A/B/24 129.35 90 | |
| POW | | | J. 38400 P/O K. W. Lindner Nav 7 48.25 28 | J. 92386 P/O J. G. Williams WAC/23 125.35 87 | |
| | | | R186543 SGT Warren J. H. WAC 7 48.25 28 | J. 91035 P/O G. A. Shaska A/E 24 129.35 98 | |
| | | | R255711 P/S Noble D. A. A/C 7 48.25 28 | J. 91193 P/O D. O. Mackay A/C 24 129.35 90 | |
| POW | | | R264720 P/S Palmer D. O. A/C 6 33.45 32 | RAP158867 P/O R. G. Jones P/2 40 115.10 77 | |
| | | | RAP. 187958 P/O G. W. Walker P/2 28 155.25 103 | | |
| Missing on night of 16/17 January, 1945 | | | Missing on night of 16/17 January, 1945 | | |
| In Halifax III HA/80 | | | In Halifax III HA 192 | | |
| | | | Number Rank Name Grade Hours Points | | |
| | | | J. 37050 P/O R. A. Ireland P. 5 26.05 20 | RAP. 186920 P/O C. W. Kay P. 15 95.30 59 | |
| | | | J. 39871 P/O W. L. Daniels Nav 4 19.20 16 | J. 38242 P/O Q. J. Louis A/B 14 90.05 55 | |
| | | | J. 38676 P/O W. Webb A/B 4 19.20 16 | J. 90335 P/O W. J. D. Partridge WAC 14 90.05 55 | |
| POW | | | R176767 P/S Panny L. J. WAC 4 19.20 16 | R256211 P/S Jamobi D. J. A/C 15 95.55 59 | |
| | | | R264789 P/S Poole R. W. A/C 2 7.00 8 | PW R. 99745 P/S Lynch T. A/C 15 95.55 59 | |
| | | | RAP158537 SGT Hutchinson R. P/2 4 19.20 16 | RAP3005807 SGT Parker A. K. P/2 14 90.05 55 | |
| | | | R183118 P/S Cannon G. A/C 4 19.20 16 | | |
| Missing on night of 16/17 January, 1945 | | | Missing on night of 16/17 January, 1945 | | |
| In Halifax IIIBR205 | | | In Halifax IIIBR205 | | |
| | | | Number Rank Name Grade Hours Points | | |
| POW | | | R193054 P/S Harvey R. E. P. 2 12.40 8 | | |
| | | | R194748 SGT Morissette P. M. Nav 1 6.00 4 | | |
| POW | | | J. 39243 P/O G. F. Bryce A/B 1 6.00 4 | | |
| POW | | | R200955 SGT Wilson R. J. WAC 1 6.00 4 | | |
| | | | R265458 P/S Reid K. D. A/C 1 6.00 4 | | |
| | | | R274597 P/S Little R. J. A/C 1 6.00 4 | | |
| | | | R255362 SGT McCormick J. B. P/2 1 6.00 4 | | |
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| | | | J. 19413 P/L L. M. Pulhan A/G Posted from No. 426 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron v.o.f. 6.1.45. | | |
| | | | J. 17092 P/L R. W. Skinner WAC Posted from No. 76 (R.C.A.F.) Base v.o.f. 7.1.45. | | |
| The unreported crew was posted from No. 76 (R.C.A.F.) | | | The unreported crew was posted from No. 76 (R.C.A.F.) | | |
| | | | Base v.o.f. File Rank Name Grade Hours Points | | |
| | | | J. 90218 P/O J. H. Murray Pilot 7.1.45 | J. 19384 P/O E. F. Ford Pilot 7.1.45 | |
| | | | R207012 SGT Rich A. A. Nav 1 6.00 4 | R208151 SGT Tranter W. J. Nav 1 6.00 4 | |
| | | | R201848 SGT Nicol R. L. A/B 1 6.00 4 | J. 38234 P/O J. A. Lloyd A/B 1 6.00 4 | |
| | | | R21958 SGT Stirling R. M. WAC 1 6.00 4 | R222517 SGT Smith L. K. WAC 1 6.00 4 | |
| | | | R200929 SGT Johnston J. G. P/2 1 6.00 4 | RAP139777 SGT Bisset R. P/2 1 6.00 4 | |
| | | | R271932 SGT McLellan D. A/C (MB) 1 6.00 4 | R274867 SGT Green M. L. A/C (MB) 1 6.00 4 | |
| | | | R267 04 SGT Goodwin D. R. A/C 1 6.00 4 | R273283 SGT Payne P. W. A/C 1 6.00 4 | |

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| | | | G. 12531 P/L J. W. Ryan Admin. Posted from H.Q. No. 6 (R.C.A.F.) Group w.e.f. 1.1.45. | |
| | | | R. 83411 SGT. Roche G.W. A/C. Posted from No. 62 (R.C.A.F.) Base w.e.f. 15.1.45. | |
| | | | The undernoted crew was posted from No. 76 (R.C.A.F.) Base w.e.f. 23.1.45. | |
| | | | J. 40191 P/L R. G. McGreg or Pilot | |
| | | | J. 40542 P/O G. G. Miller Nav | |
| | | | R. 18657 P/S Simon R. D. A/B | |
| | | | J. 92050 P/O H. A. Lee WAG | |
| | | | HAF 1826422 SGT. Marshall J. P/S | |
| | | | RZ70187 SGT. Morley E. T. A/C (M) | |
| | | | RZ70119 SGT. Nichol J. S. A/C | |
| | | | The undernoted crew was posted from No. 76 (R.C.A.F.) Base w.e.f. 23.1.45. | |
| | | | J. 20988 P/O Malbin E. A. Pilot | |
| | | | R102275 P/S Judge J. A. Nav | |
| | | | J. 30390 P/O A. E. Lowden A/B | |
| | | | R112388 P/O Keane R. E. WAG | |
| | | | HAF 1897583 SGT. Gibson G. E. P/S | |
| | | | RZ17215 SGT. Wilson J. T. A/C (M) | |
| | | | R269354 SGT. Stratton D. R. A/C | |
| | | | The undernoted crew was posted from No. 76 (R.C.A.F.) Base w.e.f. 23.1.45. | |
| | | | J. 44032 P/L Finlay A. G. Pilot | |
| | | | J. 16156 P/L J. B. Cox Pilot | |
| | | | R. 16962 P/O R. J. Leet WAG | |
| | | | J. 85475 P/O W. J. Kirk A/C | |
| | | | J. 86952 P/O W. J. Farrier A/C | |
| | | | J. 16695 P/O A. F. Miller Nav | |
| | | | J. 21440 P/O J. M. Gums A/B | |
| | | | HAF 55826 P/O E. J. Kerrod P/S | |
| | | | HAF 56180 P/O D. Inglis P/S | |
| | | | HAF 1699959 P/S R. V. Mills P/S | |
| | | | HAF 185744 P/O F. W. Blomonds P/S | |
| | | | HAF 185780 P/O F. J. Brinkshel P/S | |

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| | | | RAF 3005832 SGT Porter J. | P/E Posted to 429 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron w.e.f. 20.1.45 | |
| | | | R251439 P/S Lettmer D.L. | A/C Posted to Dalton w.e.f. 7.1.45 | |
| | | | C. 6690 P/L E.W. Reid | Admin Posted to No. 9 P.D.C. w.e.f. 11.1.45 | |
| | | | R190746 SGT Smallbridge W.G. | A/G Posted to No. 425 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron w.e.f. 7.1.45 | |
| | | | J. 36997 P/O D.L. Mollison | Pilot Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 16.1.45 | |
| | | | J. 36927 P/O D.L. Rowland | Nav Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 16.1.45 | |
| | | | J. 35023 P/O G.W. Henderson | A/B Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 16.1.45 | |
| | | | J. 28203 P/O R.G. Frazer | A/B Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 16.1.45 | |
| | | | J. 62222 P/O J.H.G. Jeannotte | A/B Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 16.1.45 | |
| | | | R27344 P/O Pinto P. | A/S Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 16.1.45 | |
| | | | R195892 SGT Matheson A.G. | A/C Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 16.1.45 | |
| | | | V. 37171 P/O J.G. Mullock | A/C Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 16.1.45 | |
| | | | J. 30497 P/O H.S. McEgide | A/G Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 16.1.45 | |
| | | | R251857 P/S Francis H.G. | A/C Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 16.1.45 | |
| | | | J. 34780 P/O E.H. Salson | A/C Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 16.1.45 | |
| | | | J. 82986 P/O R.G. Johnston | Pilot Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 16.1.45 | |
| | | | J. 86373 P/O R.F. Dunster | Nav Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 16.1.45 | |
| | | | J. 28663 P/O G. De la Roche | WAG Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 16.1.45 | |
| | | | J. 30724 P/O J.L. Danberger | WAG Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 16.1.45 | |
| | | | R213375 P/S MacDonald R.G. | A/C Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 16.1.45 | |
| | | | R223562 P/S MacDonald A.W. | A/C Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 16.1.45 | |
| | | | J. 20288 P/O J.H. Rosenthal | A/C Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 16.1.45 | |
| | | | J. 20206 G.A. Smith | A/B Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 16.1.45 | |
| | | | R200420 SGT Bursell W.E. | A/C Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 16.1.45 | |
| | | | RAF 186205 P/O B.H. Hobbings | P/E Posted to AGAO w.e.f. 11.1.45 | |
| | | | RAF 183850 P/O J.E. Wright | A/C Posted to AGAO w.e.f. 11.1.45 | |
| | | | RAF 182967 P/O S. Low | A/C Posted to AGAO w.e.f. 11.1.45 | |
| | | | RAF 178819 P/O D. Gallagher | A/C Posted to AGAO w.e.f. 11.1.45 | |
| | | | RAF 182967 P/O Inz. Warding | A/C Posted to AGAO w.e.f. 11.1.45 | |
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| | | | RAF 179885 P/O G.W. Colwill | P/E Posted to AGAO w.e.f. 11.1.45 | |
| | | | J. 28258 P/O J.R. Macdonald | A/B Posted to 22 O.Z.U. w.e.f. 18.1.45 | |
| | | | J. 20658 P/O G.W. Oliver | Nav Posted to 24 O.Z.U. w.e.f. 18.1.45 | |
| | | | J. 28771 P/O F.G. Montgomery | Nav Posted to 166 O.Z.U. w.e.f. 16.1.45 | |
| | | | J. 82758 P/O J.P. De Lolla | WAG Posted to 427 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron w.e.f. 13.1.45 | |
| | | | J. 28022 P/L T.E. O'Riordan | Pilot Posted to 427 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron w.e.f. 13.1.45 | |
| | | | J. 87704 P/O W.E. Reid | WAG Posted to No. 427 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron w.e.f. 13.1.45 | |
| | | | J. 26463 P/O C.A. McKenzie | Pilot Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 23.1.45 | |
| | | | J. 88670 P/O K.E. Gilmore | Nav Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 23.1.45 | |
| | | | J. 92632 P/O G.E. Loos | WAG Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 23.1.45 | |
| | | | R200226 P/S M.B. Shelley | A/C Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 23.1.45 | |
| | | | J. 16353 P/O K.L. Hastings | Pilot Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 23.1.45 | |
| | | | J. 34837 P/O R.J. Panton | Nav Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 23.1.45 | |
| | | | J. 35041 P/O G.P. Bussy | WAG Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 23.1.45 | |
| | | | J. 89619 P/O F.M. Fuller | WAG Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 23.1.45 | |
| | | | R274647 SGT J.G. Beitz | A/B Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 23.1.45 | |
| | | | J. 90982 P/O J.W. Clifton | A/G Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 23.1.45 | |
| | | | G. 18984 P/L G.W. Nevins | P/E Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 23.1.45 | |
| | | | J. 31032 P/O J.M. Turner | A/C Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 23.1.45 | |
| | | | J. 17207 P/O G.D. Atkinson | P/E Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 23.1.45 | |
| | | | J. 18020 P/L A. Hawkins | WAG Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 23.1.45 | |

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| | | | R241574 P/S Inglis V.E. | A/C | Posted to (R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 1.2.45. |
| | | | R178325 SGT Kida R.A. | P/R | Posted to No. 415 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron w.e.f. 25.1.45. |
| | | | R23796 P/O E.T.L. Oertell | A/B | Posted to 24 O.T.U. w.e.f. 29.1.45. |
| | | | R17343 P/E G.J.L. Jones | Pilot | Posted to RNAS Shindway w.e.f. 1.2.45. |
| | | | R24529 P/O R.E. Porterfield | A/B | Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 1.2.45. |
| | | | R25072 P/O R.J. Saxon | A/B | Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 1.2.45. |
| | | | R24576 P/O G.A. Kinsey | WAC | Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 1.2.45. |
| | | | R25975 P/O W.H. Halliday | WAC | Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 1.2.45. |
| | | | R25782 P/O W.S. Sherin | A/B | Posted to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot w.e.f. 1.2.45. |
| | | | R24155 P/O K.A. Fitzgerald | A/B | Posted to 1659 O.U. w.e.f. 31.1.45. |
| | | | R24601 P/O K.L. Robinson | A/B | Posted to 1662 O.U. w.e.f. 31.1.45. |
| APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS | | | | | |
| | | | R2470819 P/O D. Gallagher | A/C | Promoted 1/2/0 w.e.f. 12.11.44. |
| | | | R242276 P/L McQuarrie P.S. | Pilot | Appointed 1/2/0 w.e.f. 2.1.45. |
| | | | R240658 P/O S.W. Oliver | WAC | Promoted 2/2/0 w.e.f. 6.11.44. |
| | | | R241376 P/O G.H. Armstrong | Pilot | Promoted 2/2/0 w.e.f. 4.12.44. |
| | | | R241583 P/O R.H.T. Paine | Pilot | Promoted 2/2/0 w.e.f. 4.12.44. |
| | | | R247723 P/O J.S. Connor | Pilot | Appointed 1/2/0 w.e.f. 14.12.44. |
| | | | R247703 P/O W.H. Shotton | Pilot | Appointed 1/2/0 w.e.f. 14.12.44. |
| | | | R246807 P/O D.A.J. McAllister | Pilot | Promoted 2/2/0 w.e.f. 19.11.44. |
| COMMISSIONS | | | | | |
| | | | R242001 SGT Rennie J. | P/S | 188679 commissioned w.e.f. 25.11.44. |
| | | | R242378 SGT Anderson I. | P/S | 56371 commissioned w.e.f. 25.11.44. |
| | | | R242503 SGT Page D.J. | P/S | 188719 commissioned w.e.f. 25.11.44. |
| R.C.A.F. | | | | | |
| | | | R192279 P/S Irwin W.H. | A/C | 3,92898 commissioned w.e.f. 16.10.44. |
| | | | R160625 P/S Jacobs R.S. | A/B | 3,92691 commissioned w.e.f. 24.10.44. |
| | | | R192748 P/S Cole K.G. | Pilot | 3,92775 commissioned w.e.f. 16.11.44. |
| | | | R189200 WCI Grumbly L.F. | WAC | 3,92003 commissioned w.e.f. 20.10.44. |
| | | | R174415 P/S Geary F.D. | A/B | 3,92885 commissioned w.e.f. 6.11.44. |
| | | | R164479 P/S Shilbert E.L.L. | WAC | 3,92867 commissioned w.e.f. 5.11.44. |
| | | | R190481 P/S Richmond J.G. | WAC | 3,92888 commissioned w.e.f. 18.9.44. |
| | | | R209628 P/S Mulholland J.G. | A/C | 3,91111 commissioned w.e.f. 24.11.44. |
| | | | R119170 P/S McMaster R.D. | A/C | 3,92857 commissioned w.e.f. 10.11.44. |
| | | | R212368 P/S Thompson W.P.P. | A/C | 3,92842 commissioned w.e.f. 10.11.44. |

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| | | | HONOURS AND AWARDS J7529 S/L V.G. Motherwell (Pilot) - Awarded the Non-Immediate Distinguished Flying Cross. J24583 S/O L.R. Rasmussen (WOP/AG) - Awarded the Non-Immediate Distinguished Flying Medal. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | CHANGES BY COMMAND S/L (A/R/L) P.S. - Assumes command pending the posting of S/O W.G. Phelan, (J:27710) (G.12578) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION G.12531 S/L J.W. Ryan Admin Assumes Adjutant's duties vice G. 6990 S/L T.W. Reid posted for Adjutant's duties in France. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | AIRCRAFT ON CHARGE 24, Halifax III | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | NUMBER OF SHOTS FIRED WITH HEAVY AIRCRAFT Combat..... 1 Destroyed..... Nil Prob. Destroyed..... Nil Damaged..... Nil See Appendix "C" | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | SHORT RESUME BY SQUADRON COMMANDER Last month dropped somewhat in operational time from December, 110 sorties against 7 targets for a total operational time of 714.45 hours, but our training time rose, and was again highest in the Group, and by a considerable margin. The month was marked by losses, however, taking from us first S/L Brand on Haverov and then four crews, S/S Harvey, S/O Ireland, S/L Watson and S/L McOubheon in the same trip, target Magdeburg. These losses will be noticed not only on squadron strength but in the particular abilities and personalities of several of these personnel who would have made a very noticeable contribution, both to the squadron and the Station life. During the month many screened personnel were repatriated to Canada, 13 airmen were commissioned, five new crews were posted in. England's worst weather conditions prevailed. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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