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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendix
SEK-TON-ON-SWALE	1.5.44		WEATHER: Fair to fine, good visibility. Winds - Moderate westerly. OPERATIONS - The Squadron was ordered to detail 9 A/C for operations to-night. All preparations were completed and all 9 A/C successfully took off for the target which was the harbours at ST. NAZAIRE and LOIRENT. The A/C were all successful and all deposited their loads at the appointed place and returned safely to base. Operational Flying Time - Night - 44 hrs. 27 mins. Non-Operational Time - day - 5.25 Night - 8.10		A.285 - A.291
DO	2.5.44		WEATHER: Fair, good visibility. Winds - W.S.W. 'ly strong, gale force. OPERATIONS - The Squadron was stood down to-day. TRAINING - Training was carried out in all Sections this morning but due to the fact that the runways were 1/3 there were no flying training flights. Round table discussions were the order for the afternoon and great benefit to all aircrew personnel is derived from these sessions. No flying carried out to-day.		
DO	3.5.44		WEATHER: Fair to fine, good visibility. Winds - Strong W'ly becoming light variable in evening. OPERATIONS - The Squadron was stood down to-day. TRAINING - New crews carried out both day and night cross country training flights. Other training was carried out in all Sections by the Section Leaders and a very full day and a very busy day was experienced by all personnel. GENERAL - W/C Blane is not present to-day having left to report to R.C.A.F. Station, Middleton St. George as a member of a General Court Martial. Operational Time - Nil. Non-Op. Flying Time - Day - 30.15 hrs. Night 22.50 hrs.		
DO	4.5.44		WEATHER: Fine in early morning becoming cloudy with continuous rain in forenoon and afternoon improving to fair in evening. Visibility good but poor to moderate due to rain. Winds - Fresh S.E. 'ly becoming S.W. 'ly to W. 'ly later. OPERATIONS - This Squadron was ordered to detail 8 A/C for operations to-night. All preparations were completed and all eight successfully took off for the targets which were four in number. The task was a MINE LAYING job and two A/C were allotted to each of the 4 targets which were the waters adjacent to LE HAVRE, CHERBOURG, ST. MALO and MORLAIX. All eight successfully reached their appointed position and deposited their loads with the exception of one A/C in which, due to a hang up they were unable to release one mine even though they made three runs over the position in order to do so. They returned safely to base with one mine the other seven crews also bringing back their A/C safely to base. Icing conditions prevailed. TRAINING - All Sections carried out training to-day. GENERAL - The Commanding Officer of the Squadron, W/C Blane is on his operational leave after duty to-day and has appointed S/L Westland as his deputy. Non-Op. Flying Time - Nil. Operational Flying Time - Night - 34 hrs. 47 mins.		A.292 - A.299
DO	5.5.44		WEATHER: Cloudy with light rain in forenoon, visibility moderate to good. Winds - Light variable becoming Northerly. OPERATIONS - The Squadron was stood down to-day. GENERAL - There was considerable training carried out this morning in the various Sections but very little this afternoon except an Air Test given to one of our A/C which has just finished having repairs completed. The Squadron Commander stood down the Squadron this afternoon which was particularly appreciated by the Officers as it gave them a chance to prepare for the Station Dance and Party being held in the Officers Mess this evening. During the morning a signal came through to the Squadron notifying us that His Majesty The King had awarded three decorations to the following members of the Squadron - The D.F.C. to CAN J.16121 P/O P.F. Hamilton D.F.M. Pilot; the D.F.C. also to CAN J.9072 S/L J.A. WESTLAND Pilot; and the D.F.M. to		

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DO	5.5.44		CAN.R.171696 F/S Cable, A.R., Rear Gunner. It is unanimously agreed by all personnel in the Squadron that all three awards were well merited and we are all proud of the and happy with the holders. Non-Operational Flying Time - day - 40 minutes.		
DO	6.5.44		WEATHER: Fair to cloudy with showers in early morning. Visibility good. Winds - moderate N.W. OPERATIONS - The Squadron was ordered to detail 12 A/C for operations tonight. All preparations were completed and crews were receiving their last minute briefing when the order came through cancelling the job. Non-Operational Flying Time - day - 1 hr. 30 mins.		
DO	7.5.44		WEATHER: Cloudy becoming fine, visibility good. Winds Light S.E.'ly. OPERATIONS - The Squadron was stood down today. TRAINING - All Sections carried out extensive training exercises both on the ground and in the air. Both day and night flying cross-country were completed by the new crews. GENERAL - Another new crew reported to the Squadron late this afternoon. They are as follows: CAPT. CAN.J.28186 F/O H.A. HANNAH; NAV. CAN.J.28702 F/O COPE, J.L.; R/A CAN.J.28804 F/O G.H. GRAY; WOP/AC CAN.R.184353 SGT. BURNS, J.C.; RA F/E RAF.1867791 SGT. CATHIN, R.H.; W/O CAN. R.202642 SGT. RIBIE, A.L.; R/O CAN.R.202891 SGT. PERLIN, E.E. One of our new crews, F/O Tidy and Crew, returned today from a cross-country which he started 4 days ago but was diverted due to a combination of mechanical trouble and weather. He had the misfortune to land into a 433 Squadron A/C while endeavouring to get to his own dispersal spot with consequent damage serious enough to require 7650. action. His A/C was "K" LV.947 and the 433 Squadron A/C was "R" LW.361. Padre Province held a Church Service in the 424 Crew Room for our personnel this morning at 10.30 hrs. Non-Operational Flying Time - Day - 40 hrs. 15 mins. Night - 4 hrs. 15 mins.		
DO	8.5.44		WEATHER: Fair, visibility moderate to good. Winds - Light S.W.'ly to W.'ly. OPERATIONS - The Squadron was ordered to detail 12 A/C for operations tonight. All preparations were completed and 12 A/C took off for the target which was IORIENT and ST. MAZARIN. Six A/C proceeded to each of the targets and were all successful in depositing their vegetables in the appointed spots. Clear skies with good visibility. Very little interference from 8 A/C and only three sightings made during trip. Defences were negligible and all crews brought A/C safely back to base. TRAINING - Considerable training was carried out among which two crews, F/O Farbridge and F/O Reiter were detailed to take their respective crews to Ripon for Dinsby Drill. Operational Flying Time - Night - 62 hrs. 06 mins. Non-Op. Flying - day - 8 hrs.		A.300 - A.311
DO	9.5.44		WEATHER: Fair to cloudy, visibility moderate to good. Winds - moderate to light W.'ly. OPERATIONS - The Squadron was ordered to detail 12 A/C for operations tonight. All preparations were made and all eleven A/C took off for the target which was BOMBING gun emplacements close to ST. VALERY-EN-CALL. Two A/C had to abandon the task due to mechanical trouble. "R" LW.113 due to hydraulic system going U/S on take-off and "V" LW.953 due to port inner engine going U/S shortly after take-off. These A/C jettisoned their bombs safely and brought the A/C back to base. The other 9 A/C successfully bombed the target. Defences were very slight and no E/A/C encountered. E.F.W. were a bit late but it is felt that this was a successful effort. TRAINING - Training was carried out in all Sections and some training flying was done in the afternoon. Operational Flying Time - Night - 38 hrs. 39 mins. Non-Op. Flying Time - day - 2 hrs. 25 mins.		A.312 - A.322

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SKIPTON-ON-SWALE	10.5.44		<p>WEATHER: Cloudy becoming fine, visibility good. Winds light westerly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - The Squadron was ordered to detail 12 A/C for operations tonight. All preparations were made and due to mechanical troubles at the last minute "R" 12.949 and "G" 12.949 were unable to start. "G" was replaced by "C" 12.914 and successfully took off. The A/C had little trouble with defences but there was some heavy flak in some areas. P/O Hillman and crew failed to return from this operation. All in all this was a very successful raid.</p> <p>TRAINING - Three of the new crews were detailed to carry out a Radar Cross Country exercise tonight.</p> <p>GENERAL - Two new crews reported to the Squadron this afternoon - both H2S trained. They are as follows: CAPT. CAN.J.29756 P/O G.W. JOHNSON; NAV. CAN.J.27421 P/O A.W. POLLIOTT; B/A CAN.J.20408 P/O R. DICKINSON; W/G CAN.R.17484 SGT PATTERSON, J.B.; F/S RAF.1656202 SGT DAVIES, T.; W/G CAN.R.166383 SGT ISAAC, G.M.; A/G CAN.R.172875 SGT JOYNSON, F.S. CAPT. CAN.J.24258 P/O C.G. BARKON; NAV. CAN.R.135855 F/S CADLOFF, J.R.; B/A CAN.R.55033 F/S ROSS, J.M.; W/G CAN.R.110320 W/O SMITH, G.A.; F/S RAF.1380835 SGT ROSS, R. W/G CAN.R.208391 SGT BROWN, L.D.; A/G CAN.R.207165 SGT. ROSS, J.M.</p> <p>Operational Flying Time - Night - 49 hrs. 45 mins. Non-Op. Time - day - 6 hrs. 30 mins.</p>		A.323 - A.333
DO	11.5.44		<p>WEATHER: Fine, visibility good. Winds light variable to westerly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - The Squadron was ordered to detail 9 A/C for operations tonight. All preparations were completed and all 9 A/C took off for the target which was BOULOGNE. Visibility good with slight haze over target. All our A/C successfully bombed the target, encountered no difficulties and returned safely to base. Considered a good effort.</p> <p>GENERAL - W/O Blane returned from leave ready to take over the Command of the Squadron starting the morning of May 12th.</p> <p>Operational Flying Time - Night 23 hrs. 11 mins. Non-Op. Flying - Day - 12 hrs. 05 mins.</p>		A.334 - A.342
DO	12.5.44		<p>WEATHER: Fine becoming fair. Visibility good apart from smoke haze in afternoon.</p> <p>Winds - Light variable.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - The Squadron was ordered to detail 8 A/C for operations tonight. All preparations were completed and all 8 A/C took off for the target which was a GARDENING task. The 8 A/C successfully reached the appointed spots and deposited their loads. All A/C returned safely to base.</p> <p>GENERAL - A new crew, H2S trained, reported to the Squadron to-day, and were allocated to "A" Flight. They are as follows: CAPT. P/O J.G. KING T.223401; NAV. CAN.J.26655 P/O W.S. RIGGS; B/A CAN.J.28081 P/O W.F. PATTERSON; W/G 10601603 M/S GUNN, C.A.; F/S RAF.1824993 SGT MacDONALD, C.M.; M/G CAN.R.140734 SGT. ZIMMERMAN, F.; A/G CAN.R.109096 SGT. CHILDRIS, G. Considerable training was carried out to-day and two crews took part in a Bullseye tonight.</p> <p>Operational Flying Time - Night - 20 hrs. 30 mins. Non-Op. Flying - Day - 40 mins. Night 7.20 hrs.</p>		A.343 - A.350
DO	13.5.44		<p>WEATHER: Cloudy with continuous rain during evenings. Visibility moderate becoming poor in rain. Winds - N.W. 11, to North.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - The Squadron was stood down to-day but was sent a request for 3 A/C to carry out a sea search. Three crews immediately volunteered for the task and took off at approximately 16.45 hrs. and returned to base at approximately 21.00 hrs. but were unsuccessful in their search.</p> <p>TRAINING - Considerable flying training was carried out as well as ground training.</p>		

WFO 100-105271 8:45AM 10/45 C. A. L. 41-7284

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SCIPTON-ON-SWALES	19.5.44		<p>WEATHER: Fog early in morning. Rain during the afternoon becoming cloudy with good visibility. Winds - Northerly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - The Squadron was ordered to detail 8 A/C for operations tonight, and before the final preparations were completed it was decided to only have 4 A/C detailed. It was a precision MINING job in the harbours of ST. MALO and MORLAIX. All 4 A/C took off for the target and successfully deposited their mines at the appointed spots and returned safely to base. Uneventful, successful trip throughout. No difficulties encountered.</p> <p>GENERAL - A new crew reported in to the Squadron tonight. They are, as follows: CAPT. CAN. J. 26701 F/O W. PALIDWAR; NAV. CAN. J. 28068 F/O H. VINCENT; B/A CAN. E. 121686 SGT. FLISHKA, W.M.; A/G CAN. R. 192041 SGT. KRAFT, B.; F/S RAF. 1823002 SGT. ALKHADEH, G.; M/G CAN. R. 221047 SGT. GELINAS, M.J.; A/G CAN. R. 196070 SGT. RHEAHER, O.B.</p> <p>Operational Flying Time - Night - 17 hrs. 41 mins. Non-Op. Flying Time - 2 hrs. 50 mins. Day.</p>		A. 351 - A. 354
DO	20.5.44		<p>WEATHER: Cloudy, drizzle early morning. Visibility moderate becoming good. Winds - N.W.W. 'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - The Squadron was ordered to detail 12 A/C for operations tonight. All preparations were completed and 12 A/C took off for the target which was the KATONAGAT and all were successful in depositing their loads at the appointed spots except one which had to abandon the task due to mechanical difficulties in that the Port Outer engine went A/S at 56.20N. 08.05 E. at 01.31 hrs. The mines were brought back safely to base.</p> <p>TRAINING - Night cross country training flights were carried out by the new crews recently arrived.</p> <p>Operational Flying Time - Night - 68 hrs. Non-Op. Flying Time - Night - 5 hrs. 30 mins.</p>		A. 355 - A. 366
DO	21.5.44		<p>WEATHER: Cloudy becoming fine after dusk. Period of rain early morning. Visibility good. The Squadron was stood down to-day.</p> <p>TRAINING - All Sections were busy to-day. Many training flights were carried out besides ground training by all personnel not required in the air. The back work in all Sections was caught up to date. Every section was busy all day.</p> <p>GENERAL - A church service was held in the Crew Room by Padre Province this morning at 10.30 hrs. which was well attended.</p> <p>Operational Flying Time - Nil; Non-Operational Flying Time - Day - 20 hrs.</p>		
DO	22.5.44		<p>WEATHER: Fine becoming cloudy with slight rain in afternoon. Good visibility. Winds N.W. 'ly. becoming S.W. 'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - The Squadron was detailed to put 14 A/C for operations tonight. All preparations were completed and 14 A/C took off for the target which was LEMANS. 13 A/C were successful while one A/C abandoned the task due to lateness of take-off as the Pilot considered they could not arrive over the target at the proper time. All A/C returned safely to base.</p> <p>TRAINING - Considerable flying training was carried out in the flights also ground training in the way of lectures and exercises in all Sections.</p> <p>Operational Flying Time - Night - 73 hrs. 12 mins. Non-Op. Flying - Day - 10 hrs. 20 mins.</p>		A. 367 - A. 380
DO	23.5.44		<p>WEATHER - Fine becoming fair to cloudy with considerable haze becoming moderate. Winds: - light so uth-easterly changing to north.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - The Squadron was "stood down" today.</p> <p>TRAINING - Full out training in all sections today. Lectures and round table discussions by various groups in all aircrew trades. "A" Flight put on some night cross country flying and all crews are eager to get "gassed up".</p> <p>Operational time - Nil. Non-operational time - Night 11:45, Day Nil</p>		

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SKIPTON-ON-SWALE	24.5.44		WEATHER - Fair to cloudy with slight rain in late evening. Moderate to good visibility. OPERATIONS - The squadron was ordered to detail 15 a/c for operations tonight. All preparations were completed and 13 took off for the target which was Anthen. One of the 15 a/c is missing, the other 14 were successful and returned safely to base. TRAINING - Both day and night flying training was carried out today. Radar cross countries for the new crews and lectures in the various sections were conducted by the section leaders. Two new crews reported to the squadron tonight; J.25964 P/O Dundas, T.O.; J.29444 P/O Gage, D.E. J.23747 P/O Cohen B.J., R.18751 Sgt. Winger, H.A., R.132641 Sgt. Barnes, D.G., R.167669 W/O McFarlane, R.212655 Sgt. Cumser, D.C. - P/O Craig C.L. (J.18420), J.28960 P/O C.H. Sherwood, J.28939 P/O Bark, J.B., J.28846 P/O Cameron, W.R., 574199 Sgt. Cumser G.D., R.212668 Sgt. Nastic, J. R.187648 Sgt. Morris, J.W. Operational flying time - night 63:01. Non-operational flying time - day - 15:35. Night - 2:40		A.381 - A.386
DO	25.5.44		WEATHER - Cloudy with rain during the morning. Good visibility with S.W. winds. OPERATIONS - The squadron was ordered to detail 16 a/c for operations tonight. All preparations were completed and the crew ready to go out to the a/c after their operational meal and briefing when the signal came through cancelling the task. TRAINING - This was carried out in some of the sections but most of the personnel were engaged with preparations for tonight's effort which did not materialize. The new crew which reported today was as follows:- J.25534 P/O Elliott, W.J., J.29980 P/O Paynes, G., J.29598 P/O Kuch, F. J.24611 P/O Morton, Z., 1061922 Sgt. Tweed I.O., R.207365 Sgt Carr, H.D., R.256045 Sgt Lamb, W.A. Operational flying time - Nil. Non-operational - Nil		
DO	26.5.44		WEATHER - Cloudy becoming fair to fine, with rain in the early morning. Good visibility with south westerly winds. OPERATIONS - The squadron was ordered to detail 6 a/c for mining in the vicinity of Chembourg and Le Havre. All 6 a/c took off and all but one successfully located the mines in the appointed areas. The unsuccessful a/c had to bring the mines back to base due to the fact that H23 went up about 20 miles from where they were to be dropped. All the a/c came safely back to base after an uneventful trip. TRAINING - Flying times consisted of radar cross country trips in the morning. Lectures and discussions were conducted in the sections by the leaders. Operational flying time - Night 23:00. Non-operational time - Day 10:30, Night Nil		A.396 - A.401
DO	27.5.44		WEATHER - Fair to cloudy, good to moderate visibility. South westerly winds becoming calm. OPERATIONS - The squadron was ordered to prepare all available a/c, and 17 were available. Preparations were completed and 17 a/c took off for Bourg Leopold. One of our a/c is missing but the other 16 a/c reported a successful mission. TRAINING - Three radar cross countries during the morning by some of our new crews who had recently arrived. Ground training was also carried out in the sections. Operational flying - 80+8. Non-operational Day - 7:15 Night - Nil		A.402 - A.413
DO	28.5.44		WEATHER - Early morning fog, becoming fine with moderate visibility. Light south easterly winds. OPERATIONS - No operations, and as everyone had been working very hard during the previous four days and nights, the C.O. ordered a squadron stand down in the afternoon. TRAINING - Some flying training was carried out by "B" Flight this morning at outside of base and a belly inspection by all crews of their respective a/c, no other activity was ordered. The following new crews reported: R.167542 Sgt Earl, R.S., J.28868 P/O Vincent H., R.28866 P/O Kincaid J.L. R.197530 Sgt. Peist J., R.282002 Sgt. Johnson C.O., R.167257 Sgt Reinhard A.I., R.215132 Sgt Buovich L.M. Operational flying - Nil. Non-operational flying, Day - 5:10		

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SKIPTON-ON-SWALE	29.5.44		<p>WEATHER - Fine, hazy becoming cloudy with good visibility. Light variable winds.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - Stand down.</p> <p>TRAINING - Advantage was taken of the stand down to get as many of the new crews as possible to complete their pre-operational training. Ground lectures were given the crews not taking part in air exercises. A very full day for everyone on the squadron. The following new crew reported today: J.25458 P/O Patten in W. J.25975 P/O Provier, P. R.181719 Sgt. Hill, R.R. R.183552 Sgt. Ford, G.R. 1819472 Sgt. Watson, R. R.205154 Sgt. Kell, A. R.215595 Sgt. Turner, R.B.</p> <p>Operational flying - Nil. Non-operational flying, Day - 21:00, Night - Nil.</p>																																
DO	30.5.44		<p>WEATHER - Fog until late morning. Fair to cloudy with considerable smoke haze later. North to Easterly winds.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - The squadron was detailed for 14 a/c. All preparations were completed but at the last moment a signal came through cancelling the task.</p> <p>TRAINING - Training was given in all sections to personnel not required for operations. Target manipulation was conducted by the Gunnery Leader, and also Kxxxx Street shooting which was very keenly contested by all Gunners. The following two crews reported today:- J.26077 P/O Hollinger J.R., R.131459 Sgt. Sheridan, W.H., R.197742 Sgt. Rofie, L.W., R.157706 P/O Hall, L.H., R.25499 Sgt. Jamson, J.H., R.256042 Sgt. Pisher, F.S., R.256000 Sgt. Plait, A.A., R.25969 P/O Brown, D.H., G.1508 P/L Christie, R.D., R.133003 Sgt. Atherton, F.A., R.186961 Sgt. Shalts, H.S., R.261394 Sgt. Robertson, H.L., R.256600 Sgt. Brown, D.P., R.256679 Sgt. Roberts, H.W.</p> <p>Operational flying time - Nil. Non-operational flying time - Nil.</p>																																
DO	31.5.44		<p>WEATHER - Cloudy with slight rain at first. Good visibility. Easterly winds.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - Ordered to detail 16 a/c. All preparations were completed and the 16 a/c took off to bomb Au Feyre, a radio station near Cherbourg. All a/c were successful and returned to base. The crews passed through very violent electrical and rain storms to and from the target, causing much difficulty.</p> <p>TRAINING - Considerable flying training of new crews was carried out during the day.</p> <p>Operational flying night - 69:21. Non-operational flying day - 9:00, Night - nil.</p>		A.419 - A.434																														
SKIPTON-ON-SWALE	31.5.44		<p>CASUALTIES</p> <p>MISSING - OFFICERS</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>R.C.A.F.</th> <th>R.A.F.</th> <th>AIRMAN</th> <th>R.C.A.F.</th> <th>R.A.F.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>7</td> <td>2</td> <td>10</td> <td>3</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>POSTINGS IN - OFFICERS</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>R.C.A.F.</th> <th>R.A.F.</th> <th>AIRMAN</th> <th>R.C.A.F.</th> <th>R.A.F.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>56</td> <td>nil</td> <td>46</td> <td>14</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>POSTINGS OUT - OFFICERS</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>R.C.A.F.</th> <th>R.A.F.</th> <th>AIRMAN</th> <th>R.C.A.F.</th> <th>R.A.F.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>13</td> <td>1</td> <td>28</td> <td>5</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>PROMOTIONS - OFFICERS</p> <p>11 Pilot Officers promoted to Flying Officers</p> <p>1 Flying Officer promoted to Flight Lieutenant</p> <p>COMMISSIONS - C.A.M.135635 W/O Rooney G.H. commissioned R.C.A.F. 6.12.43 (J.85011)</p>	R.C.A.F.	R.A.F.	AIRMAN	R.C.A.F.	R.A.F.	7	2	10	3		R.C.A.F.	R.A.F.	AIRMAN	R.C.A.F.	R.A.F.	56	nil	46	14		R.C.A.F.	R.A.F.	AIRMAN	R.C.A.F.	R.A.F.	13	1	28	5			
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REWARDS AND AWARDS -
Immediate D.F.C. - J.9072 P/L A/S/L J.A. Westland, J.16121 P/O P.F. Hamilton
J.23409 S/O M.C. Sherwood, J.23998 S/O G.L. Spackman.
Immediate D.F.M. - R.171696 P/S A.B. Gable

CHANGES IN CREW - NIL

CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION - NIL

AIRCRAFT ON CHARGE - 20 Halifax Mark III

FLYING TIMES - Operational Day - NIL Night - 697:40
 Non-operational Day - 257:42 Night - 64:20

OPERATIONAL SORTIES - 156

	<u>BOMBS DROPPED AND MINES LAID</u> (Tons 2240 lbs.)	<u>H.E.</u>	<u>INCEND.</u>	<u>MINES</u>
From 1.1.44 to 30.4.44		496.4	194.9	30.1
During month of May, 1944		309.4	---	26.6
Cumulative Total from 1.1.44		805.8	194.9	126.7

NUMBER OF COMBATS WITH ENEMY AIRCRAFT - No. of Combats Deaths Prob. Damaged

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SQUADRON - OFFICERS

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R.C.A.F.	82	2	129	262	
R.C.A.F. (USA)	2	-	1	-	
R.A.F.	3	-	51	10	
A.B.	7	-	-	4	
W.A.P.	-	-	-	-	
	<u>87</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>181</u>	<u>276</u>	

COMMANDING OFFICER'S RESUME -
 quite a satisfactory month. Over 140 successful sorties out of just over 150 detailed, with a total loss of three aircraft. This was during the fourteen nights in May when the squadron operated. There were also five other nights when the necessary preparations were completed, but the effort was cancelled just prior to take-off time.
 A total of 697:40 operational hours flown, and of the 322:02 training hours flown, "A" flight did 126:05 and "B" flight flew 195:57 hours.
 An operational squadron is never a static group of personnel as new crews are constantly being posted in and old crews being screened. One crew was posted to R.A.F. duties.
 This squadron is working well as a unit with the groundcrew doing a very good job in supporting all tasks undertaken. Most of the new crews are shaping up quite well, and will prove most satisfactory with more experience and continued training.

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