

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.
N-SWALE	1.6.44		<p>WEATHER: Cloudy with slight rain in morning. Visibility good. Winds - Light S.E.'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - The Squadron was ordered to detail 16 A/C for operations. All preparations were completed but before take off orders came through cancelling the task.</p> <p>TRAINING - The time was taken up mostly in preparations for the operation and consequently very little training was carried out today.</p> <p>GENERAL - A new crew reported in today, they are as follows: CAPT. CAN. J. 85095 P/O H. H. COWAN; NAV. CAN. R. 169033 SGT. MACLEOD, D. M.; B/A CAN. R. 166900 SGT. McALONEY, W.; WO/AG CAN. R. 180931 SGT. MURPHY, K. E.; P/E RAF 1867423 SGT. MARTIN, J. A.; M/G CAN. R. 204943 SGT. STRINGER, S. V. R/G CAN. J. 55652 P/O M. G. CUTHMAN.</p> <p>No flying today.</p>	
	2.6.44		<p>WEATHER: Fair to fine. Good visibility. Winds - Westerly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - The Squadron was stood down today.</p> <p>TRAINING - Considerable training was carried out by all sections to-day, both on the ground and in the air.</p> <p>Operational Flying Hours - Nil; Non-operational Flying Hours - day 15 hrs. 30 mins.</p>	
	3.6.44		<p>WEATHER: Fair to cloudy with light rain in early afternoon. Winds - S.W.'ly. Good visibility.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - The Squadron was ordered to detail 14 A/C for operations tonight. All preparations were carried out and the crews were in the A/C when the order came through cancelling the task.</p> <p>TRAINING - Most of the crews were busily engaged in preparation for the operation but some training was carried out in all Sections.</p> <p>There was no flying today.</p>	
	4.6.44		<p>WEATHER: Cloudy with drizzle and rain from early forenoon until early evening. Moderate to good visibility. Winds - Gusts S.Westerly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: The Squadron was stood down today.</p> <p>TRAINING - A very extensive schedule of training was carried out in all Sections today and many round table discussions were held.</p> <p>There was no flying today.</p>	
	5.6.44		<p>WEATHER: Fair to cloudy with light rain in early morning. Visibility good. Winds - Strong W.'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - The Squadron was ordered to detail 19 A/C for operations tonight. All preparations were completed and all A/C took off successfully for the target which was HOULGATTE. All our A/C successfully bombed the target, although visibility was poor over target area due to 8/10th cloud. Some of the A/C experienced a slight congestion over the target, but bombed on the red T.I. Very little opposition was encountered from the enemy. All crew brought their A/C back and landed safely at base.</p> <p>OPERATIONAL Flying Time - Night - 94 hrs. 58 mins. Non-op. Flying Time - Day 5 hrs. 05 mins.</p>	
	6.6.44		<p>WEATHER: Showery with good visibility. Winds - Fresh Westerly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - The Squadron was ordered to detail 19 A/C for operations tonight. All were made ready and successfully took off for the target which was CONDE SUR NOIREAU. All A/C bombed the well concentrated markers and fires were seen burning in the target area. Considerable confusion by Master Bomber in giving instructions. No difficulties encountered and crews brought A/C safely.</p> <p>Operational Flying Time - Night - 116 hrs. 16 mins. Non-Op Flying Time - Nil.</p>	A.4

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7.6.44			<p>WEATHER: Fair to cloudy, moderate to good visibility. Winds - Fresh N8ly becoming light Variable.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - The Squadron was ordered to detail 8 A/C for operations tonight. Preparations were completed and all A/C took off for the task which was a mining job at LORIENT. All A/C successfully mined their allotted positions, finding no opposition at first but increasing with the lapse of time. No fighter activity. Regardless of a slight sea haze, visibility was very good and many parachutes were seen to open. All A/C returned safely to base.</p> <p>TRAINING - All Sections were busy today and tonight five of the new crews did circuits and bumps in readiness for operational work.</p> <p>Operational Flying Time - 55 hrs. 04 mins. Non-Op Flying Time - Night 3 hrs. 10 mins.</p>		A.48
8.6.44			<p>WEATHER: Cloudy with drizzle in early morning and rain in late evening. Good visibility.</p> <p>Winds - Light variable, becoming fresh Westerly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - The Squadron was ordered to detail 10 A/C for operations tonight and all took off for target which was MAYENNE. All A/C bombed the target which was partially obscured by mist despite general good visibility. The attack was well concentrated and many explosions were seen with fires resulting. No difficulties encountered except from Lancasters coming in as our A/C were on way out from target.</p> <p>TRAINING - All Sections were actively engaged in ground training today and the new crews took part in Radar Cross Counties and local flying this afternoon and this evening.</p> <p>GENERAL - P/O Lambert left Squadron today to report to Wombledon this afternoon on completion of his tour.</p> <p>Operational Flying Time - 55 hrs. 04 mins. Non-Op Flying Time - Day - 11.55 hrs. Night - 10.20 hrs.</p>		A.48
9.6.44			<p>WEATHER - Cloudy with rain in early morning. Good visibility. Winds - Light variable becoming Westerly to South-Westerly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - The Squadron was ordered to detail 10 A/C for BOMBING operations tonight. All preparations were completed and 10 A/C took off for the target which was LE MANS. All successfully bombed the target accurately. Bomb bursts, several fires including one hangar were clearly seen. No fighter activity, but flak was hosed up and increased as the attack progressed. A good raid.</p> <p>GENERAL - W/O Staples returned to the Squadron from hospital grounded for six months.</p> <p>Operational Flying Time - Night - 56 hrs. 09 mins. Non-Op Flying Time - Nil.</p>		A.49
10.6.44			<p>WEATHER: Cloudy with rain in early forenoon. Moderate to good visibility. Winds - N.W.'ly to N.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - The Squadron was ordered to detail 10 A/C for operations tonight. All preparations were completed and all 10 A/C took off for the target which was VERSAILLES. Conditions were not ideal but all but one A/C successfully bombed the target. The one A/C which did not come through the clouds but found itself too far over the target to drop the bombs on the markers and as the crews had been briefed not to orbit he brought all bombs back to base with the exception of the ones he jettisoned over the sea to reduce the load before landing. All A/C returned safely to base.</p> <p>Operational Flying Time - 58 hrs. 21 mins. Non-Op Flying Time - Nil.</p>		A.50
11.6.44			<p>WEATHER - Cloudy with periods of light rain. Visibility moderate to good. Winds - S.W.'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - The Squadron was stood down today.</p> <p>GENERAL - The Squadron Commander gave orders for all Squadron personnel to have a rest as we had over the past six nights and while everybody was in good shape he considered the rest would do them a lot of good. All personnel took advantage of this opportunity and there was a minimum of people in Sections.</p> <p>Operational Flying Time - Nil; Non-Op. Flying Time - Day - 3hrs. 15 mins.</p>		

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SWALE	12.6.44		<p><u>WEATHER</u>: Cloudy, good visibility. Winds - Fresh S.W. 'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS</u>- The Squadron was ordered to detail 15 A/C for operations tonight. All preparations were made and all A/C took off for the target except one. There was a spare A/C standing by but due to a misunderstanding it was too late by the time the crew were ready to leave the ground and it was ordered not to take off. One other A/C had to abandon the task due to engine trouble. The 13 successful A/C bombed the target which was AERAS and report it as a very successful raid. Searchlights, flak and numerous enemy A/C were encountered and while some of our A/C sustained damage by both flak and fighter attacks, no personnel were injured and all A/C returned safely to base. Target AERAS.</p> <p><u>TRAINING</u> - Considerable training was carried out to-day both on ground and air. Three of the newer crews engaged in Radar Cross Country trip and Lt. Compton and crew went to Ripon for wet dinghy drill.</p> <p><u>GENERAL</u> - A new crew reported in to-day. They are, as follows: CAPT. Can.R.100809 Sgt. Burns, R.C. - Nav. CAN.R.169978 Sgt. Davidson, C.L. - E/A CAN.R.196021 SGT. Stewart, J.L. - W/G W/O Vice, J.C. - CAN.R.125880 W/E RAP.1492827 SGT. Pearson, A. - M/G CAN.R.220679 SGT. Colquhoun, A. - A/C SGT. PARKINSON, D. CAN. R.223130.</p> <p>Operational Flying Time - Night - 58 hrs. 42 mins. Non. Op. Flying - Day - 9 hrs. 40 mins.</p>	A.51
	13.6.44		<p><u>WEATHER</u>: Fair to cloudy with rain in early forenoon and showers in afternoon. Visibility poor during rain otherwise good. Winds - West to S. Westerly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS</u>- The Squadron was stood down to-day.</p> <p><u>TRAINING</u> - The various Sections took advantage of the stand down and caught up on much back work. Lectures were given by the Section Leaders and round table discussions followed. The new crews took part in cross country training flights and practice bombing at night.</p> <p>Operational Flying Time - Nil. Non-Op. Flying Time- Night - 31 hrs. 50 mins.</p>	
	14.6.44		<p><u>WEATHER</u>: Fair, occasional showers. Good visibility. Winds - Westerly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS</u> - The Squadron was ordered to detail 19 A/C for operations tonight. All preparations were completed and all 19 A/C took off for the target which was BOMBING CAMBRAL. Fortunately the cloud broke over the target allowing well concentrated bombing on the markers. It was possible to see the town but marshalling yards were indiscernable. The raid was considered a success. One A/C is missing from this operation.</p> <p><u>TRAINING</u>- During the day five A/C were detailed for Radar Flights and practice bombing.</p> <p>Operational Flying Time - Night - 66 hrs. 40 mins. Non-Op. Flying - Day - 9 hrs. 10 mins.</p>	A.52
	15.6.44		<p><u>WEATHER</u>: Fair to fine becoming cloudy with periods of rain in late afternoon. Good visibility. Winds - Westerly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS</u> - The Squadron was ordered to detail 13 A/C for operations tonight. All preparations were completed and all A/C took off for the target which was BOMBING BOULOGNE. Both markers and bombs were well concentrated, and there was slight congestion over the target. A huge explosion like an oil depot was seen to rise to about 1500 ft. Poor visibility over the target due to cloud made it necessary for one of our A/C to return with full bomb load.</p> <p><u>TRAINING</u> - Personnel not engaged in preparations for operations were kept busy all day getting "genned up" in the various Sections.</p> <p>Operational Flying Time - Evening - Daylight - 49 hrs. 10 mins. Non- Op. Flying - Nil.</p>	

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SEIPTON-ON-SWALE	1.6.44		<p>WEATHER: Cloudy with slight rain in morning. Visibility good. Winds - Light S.W.'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - The Squadron was ordered to detail 16 A/C for operations. All preparations were completed but before take off orders came through cancelling the task.</p> <p>TRAINING - The time was taken up mostly in preparations for the operation and consequently very little training was carried out today.</p> <p>GENERAL - A new crew reported in today, they are as follows: CAPT. CAN.J.85095 P/O H.H. COVAT; NAV. CAN. R.169033 SGT. MACLEOD, D.M.; B/A CAN. R.166900 SGT. MCALONEY, W.; WOP/AG CAN. R.180931 SGT. KILPATRICK, K.E.; P/E RAF1867423 SGT. MARTIN, J.A.; M/G CAN. R.204943 SGT. STREINGER, S.V. R/G CAN. J.35652 P/O M.G. CUTHMAN.</p> <p>No flying today.</p>		
DO	2.6.44		<p>WEATHER: Fair to fine. Good visibility. Winds - West'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - The Squadron was stood down today.</p> <p>TRAINING - Considerable training was carried out by all sections to-day, both on the ground and in the air.</p> <p>Operational Flying Hours - Nil; Non-operational Flying Hours - day 15hrs. 30 mins.</p>		
DO	3.6.44		<p>WEATHER: Fair to cloudy with light rain in early afternoon. Winds - S.W.'ly. Good visibility.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - The Squadron was ordered to detail 14 A/C for operations tonight. All preparations were carried out and the crews were in the A/C when the order came through cancelling the task.</p> <p>TRAINING - Most of the crews were busily engaged in preparation for the operation but some training was carried out in all Sections.</p> <p>There was no flying today.</p>		
DO	4.6.44		<p>WEATHER: Cloudy with drizzle and rain from early forenoon until early evening. Moderate to good visibility. Winds - Gusts S.Westerly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - The Squadron was stood down today.</p> <p>TRAINING - A very extensive schedule of training was carried out in all Sections today and many round table discussions were held.</p> <p>There was no flying today.</p>		
DO	5.6.44		<p>WEATHER: Fair to cloudy with light rain in early morning. Visibility good. Winds - Strong W.'ly. A.435-A.453</p> <p>OPERATIONS - The Squadron was ordered to detail 19 A/C for operations tonight. All preparations were completed and all A/C took off successfully for the target which was HOULMATE. All our A/C successfully bombed the target, although visibility was poor over target area - due to 8/10th cloud. Some of the A/C experienced a slight congestion over the target, but bombed on the red T.I.'s.</p> <p>Very little opposition was encountered from the enemy. All crew brought their A/C back and landed safely at base.</p> <p>Operational Flying Time - Night - 94 hrs. 58 mins. Non-op. Flying Time - Day 5 hrs. 05 mins.</p>		
DO	6.6.44		<p>WEATHER: Showery with good visibility. Winds - Fresh Westerly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - The Squadron was ordered to detail 19 A/C for operations tonight. All were made ready and successfully took off for the target which was CONDE SUR NOIREAU. All A/C bombed the well concentrated markers and fires were seen burning in the target area. Considerable confusion caused by Master Bomber in giving instructions. No difficulties encountered and crews brought A/C safely back to base.</p> <p>Operational Flying Time - Night - 116 hrs. 16 mins. Non-Op Flying Time - Nil.</p>		A.454-A.472

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SKIPTON-ON-SWALE	12.6.44		<p>WEATHER: Cloudy, good visibility. Winds - Fresh S.W. 'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: The Squadron was ordered to detail 15 A/C for operations tonight. All preparations were made and all A/C took off for the target except one. There was a spare A/C standing by but due to a misunderstanding it was too late by the time the crew were ready to leave the ground and it was ordered not to take off. One other A/C had to abandon the tank due to engine trouble. The 15 successful A/C bombed the target which was ARRAS and report it as a very successful raid. Searchlights, flak and numerous enemy A/C were encountered and while some of our A/C sustained damage by both flak and fighter attacks, no personnel were injured and all A/C returned safely to base. Target ARRAS.</p> <p>TRAINING: Considerable training was carried out to-day both on ground and air. Five of the newer crews engaged in Radar Cross Country trip and Lt. Compton and crew went to Ripon for wet dinghy drill.</p> <p>GENERAL: A new crew reported in to-day. They are, as follows: CAPT. CAN.R.100809 Sgt. Burns, R.G. - Nav. CAN.R.169978 Sgt. Davidson, G.L. - R/A CAN.R.196021 SGT. Stewart, J.L. - W/G W/O Vice, J.G. - CAN.R.125880 W/S RAF.1492827 SGT. Pearson, A. - M/G CAN.R.220679 SGT. Colquhoun, A. - A/G SGT. PARKINSON, D. CAN. R.221130.</p> <p>Operational Flying Time - Night - 58 hrs. 42 mins. Non. Op. Flying - Day - 9 hrs. 40 mins.</p>		A.511-A.524
DO	13.6.44		<p>WEATHER: Fair to cloudy with rain in early forenoon and showers in afternoon. Visibility poor during rain otherwise good. Winds - West to S. Westerly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: The Squadron was stood down to-day.</p> <p>TRAINING: The various Sections took advantage of the stand down and caught up on much bank work. Lectures were given by the Section Leaders and round table discussions followed. The new crews took part in cross country training flights and practice bombing at night.</p> <p>Operational Flying Time - Nil. Non-Op. Flying Time- Night - 31 hrs. 50 mins.</p>		
DO	14.6.44		<p>WEATHER: Fair, occasional showers. Good visibility. Winds - Westerly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: The Squadron was ordered to detail 19 A/C for operations tonight. All preparations were completed and all 19 A/C took off for the target which was BOMBING CAMBRAI. Fortunately the cloud broke over the target allowing well concentrated bombing on the markers. It was possible to see the town but marshalling yards were indiscernable. The raid was considered a success. One A/C is missing from this operation.</p> <p>TRAINING: During the day five A/C were detailed for Radar Flights and practice bombing.</p> <p>Operational Flying Time - Night - 86 hrs. 40 mins. Non-Op. Flying - Day - 9 hrs. 10 mins.</p>		A.525 - A.543
DO	15.6.44		<p>WEATHER: Fair to fine becoming cloudy with periods of rain in late afternoon. Good visibility.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: The Squadron was ordered to detail 13 A/C for operations tonight. All preparations were completed and all A/C took off for the target which was BOMBING ROULONG. Both markers and bombs were well concentrated, and there was slight congestion over the target. A huge explosion like an oil depot was seen to rise to about 1500 ft. Poor visibility over the target due to cloud made it necessary for one of our A/C to return with full bomb load.</p> <p>TRAINING: Personnel not engaged in preparations for operations were kept busy all day getting "genned up" in the various Sections.</p> <p>Operational Flying Time - Evening - Daylight - 49 hrs. 10 mins. Non-Op. Flying - Nil.</p>		A.544 - A.556

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SKITTON (ON) SWALE	16.6.44		<p>WEATHER: Cloudy with good visibility. Winds - Fresh W. ly wind veering to Northerly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: The Squadron was ordered to detail 19 A/C for operations tonight. All preparations were completed and 18 A/C took off for the target which was SAUTERS COURT. The one A/C which did not take off had a taxiing accident with a 433 Squadron A/C in which the Rear Gunner was killed. Casualty Signal and 765 G. action is being taken. All our A/C successfully bombed the target. With good visibility and only patchy clouds, the markers were observed to be well concentrated and the bombs well placed. Very little target defences encountered.</p> <p>Operational Flying Hours - Night - 80 hrs. 13 mins. Non-Op. Flying - Nil.</p>		A.557 - A.574
DO	17.6.44		<p>Weather: Fair and good visibility. Winds - Northerly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: The Squadron was ordered to detail 9 A/C for operations to-night. All preparations were completed and all 9 A/C took off for the target which was OISELBY. All our A/C successfully bombed through 10/10th cloud rising to about 6,000ft. The Master Bomber was very helpful in directing the bombing on the T.I.'s. One large explosion seen on leaving the target area. Practically no enemy opposition.</p> <p>GENERAL: A/C Blane went on leave this morning. Lt. Westland returned from leave and assumed command of the Squadron.</p> <p>Operational Flying Time - Night - 57 hrs. 49 mins. Non-Op. Flying Time - Nil.</p>		A.575 - A.583
DO	18.6.44		<p>WEATHER: Cloudy, slight rain in afternoon, moderate visibility. Winds - Light variable.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: The Squadron was ordered to detail every available A/C for operations tonight. 18 A/C and crews were prepared but just as the crews were ready to leave to take off the signal came through cancelling the operation.</p> <p>TRAINING: Training was carried out in all Sections both on the ground and in the air. Three crews took part in fighter affiliation and radar flights.</p> <p>Operational Flying Time - Nil. Non-Operational Flying Time - Day - 4 hrs. 15 mins.</p>		
DO	19.6.44		<p>WEATHER: Cloudy becoming fine, moderate becoming good visibility. Winds - Light Northerly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: The Squadron was ordered to detail 16 A/C for operations tonight. All preparations were completed and the crews leaving the briefing room to get into the A/C when the signal came through cancelling the job.</p> <p>TRAINING: Ground training was carried out in all Sections and two crews were detailed for circuits and local flying.</p> <p>Operational Flying Time - Nil. Non-Operational Flying Time - Day - 1 hr. 30 mins.</p>		
DO	20.6.44		<p>WEATHER: - Cloudy with some light rain or drizzle, visibility moderate. Winds light Northerly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: The Squadron was given orders to stand by this morning. Everything was in a state of preparedness for any eventuality and it was not until evening that the Squadron was asked for a maximum effort to be ready to take off early in the morning of the 21st. At approximately 01.15 hrs. this task was abandoned due to adverse weather conditions.</p> <p>TRAINING: - Three crews were detailed for radar cross countries this afternoon and there was one air test.</p> <p>Operational Flying Time - Nil. Non-Operational Flying Time - Day - 2 hrs.</p>		
DO	21.6.44		<p>WEATHER: - Cloudy with light drizzle early morning. Visibility moderate. Winds - Fresh N'ly wind becoming light variable.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: The Squadron was ordered to detail 17 A/C for a daylight attack on OISELBY. All A/C took off and over target it was discovered there was 10/10th cloud. As the crews were briefed to bring their loads back unless they could bomb visually, they had to return without completing their mission. A/C "A" threw a propeller while in the immediate vicinity of the aerodrome on the return journey.</p> <p>Operational Flying Time - Evening - 84 hrs. 55 mins. Non-Op. Flying Time - Nil.</p>		A.584 - A.600

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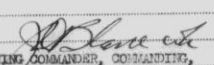
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SKIPTON-ON-SWALE	22.6.44		WEATHER: Cloudy, visibility moderate to good. Winds - Light variable. OPERATIONS - The Squadron was ordered to detail 17 A/C for operations tonight. All the preparations were completed about crews and A/C when the signal came in during the late afternoon to cancel the job. TRAINING - There was no flying training to-day but the crews were kept busy in their various Sections and much was accomplished.		
DO	23.6.44		WEATHER - Cloudy becoming fine, visibility moderate. Winds - Fresh to light N.W. OPERATIONS - The Squadron was ordered to detail 17 A/C for operations tonight. All preparations were completed when the order came through to cancel the effort. TRAINING - Extensive training was carried out on the ground to-day and four new crews were detailed for radar cross countries and bombing. Operational Flying Time - Nil; Non-Op. Flying Time - Day - 10 hrs. 55 mins.		
DO	24.6.44		WEATHER: Fine, good visibility. Winds - Fresh westerly. OPERATIONS - The Squadron was ordered to detail 17 A/C for a daylight attack against BOMBENOT. All A/C took off successfully and all report a highly effective concentration of bombs dropped on the aiming point. TRAINING - Crews not engaged in the operation were detailed for extensive training in the air and there were fighter affiliation, air to air firing, and radar training flights carried out in afternoon and evening. Operational Flying Time - Day - 68 hrs. 28 mins. Non-Op. Flying - Day - 5.40 hrs. Night - 10.20. GENERAL - A new crew reported to the Squadron to-day, they are as follows: CAPT. CAN. J. 28541 P/O G. CAMPBELL; NAV. CAN. J. 35515 P/O BARRETT, W.G.; B/A CAN. J. 35808 P/O W.H. GRAY; W/G CAN. R. 172398 SGT MAKI, L.; CAN. R. 150730 SGT. HARTY, R.G.; P/S; N/G CAN. R. 163476 SGT. AUSTIN, R.W.; R/G CAN. R. 212505 SGT. HARRIS, - W.L.		A.601-A.617
DO	25.6.44		WEATHER: Fair to cloudy, good visibility. Winds Light S.W. OPERATIONS - The Squadron was ordered to detail 17 A/C for an early morning daylight raid on GORNHOLM. All took off and all bombed the target visually in clear weather with no clouds. Bombing was well concentrated, and the Master Bomber was heard directing some A/C who were over or undershooting the target. Considered a very good effort. Operational Flying Time - Day - 75 hrs. 45 mins. Non-Op. Flying Time - Nil.		A.618 - A.634
DO	26.6.44		WEATHER: Cloudy with long periods of rain from 10.00 hrs. Visibility moderate. Winds - light S.W. OPERATIONS - The Squadron was ordered to detail 17 A/C for operations. All preparations were completed and at the last moment the job was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. TRAINING - Training had to be confined to indoors to-day due to weather and as a result many round table discussions took place in the various Sections.		
DO	27.6.44		WEATHER: Cloudy with continuous rain in early morning, thunderstorms in afternoon and evening. Visibility moderate becoming good. Winds light variable becoming W.S.W. OPERATIONS - The Squadron was ordered to detail 17 A/C for operations tonight. All took off for the target which was WIZENNES. A/C successfully bombed the target except one which returned early with two engines O/S. There were many bomb bursts witnessed and one large explosion seen at 02.51 hrs. Good effort. All A/C returned and landed safely at base. Operational Flying Time - Night - 59 hrs. 30 mins.		A.635 - A.651

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SKIPTON-O N-SWALE	28.6.44		<p>WEATHER - Fair to cloudy with an occasional shower. Visibility good. Winds S.W.'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - The Squadron was ordered to detail 17 A/C for operations this morning. All was ready and a stand by order came through. This lasted into the afternoon and then a night raid was planned. 15 A/C took off for the target which was METZ. It is presumed that all the A/C bombed the target although two failed to return. Weather over the target was clear and crews were able to bomb visually with the aid of the T.I.L.s. Defence consisted of slight flak and intense enemy aircraft activity on the outward route, especially in the area N.W. of PARIS.</p> <p>Operational Flying Time - Night - 89 hrs. 27 mins. Non-Operational Flying - Nil.</p>		A.652 - A.666																								
DO	29.6.44		<p>WEATHER - Fine becoming cloudy, thunderstorms with rain. Visibility moderate. Winds - Light variable.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - The Squadron was stood down to-day.</p> <p>TRAINING - Owing to adverse weather conditions outdoor training was impossible and so Section Leaders turned to round table discussions and catching up on back work.</p> <p>Operational Flying Time - Nil. Non-Op. Flying Time - Nil.</p>																										
DO	30.6.44		<p>WEATHER - Fog early morning and night, periods of rain during day. Winds - Light variable.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - 17 A/C were ordered for an early take off but orders came through cancelling this operation and Squadron was ordered to stand by. Later 16 A/C were detailed for night operations and this too was cancelled.</p> <p>TRAINING - All Sections were actively engaged to-day and the Gunnery Leader detailed gunners for turret manipulation practise.</p>																										
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