

RAF Form 540

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# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

of (Unit or Formation) 424 S.G.A.P. SQUADRON

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
SKITTON/CH-SWALE	1.10.44		<p>WEATHER: Showery with good visibility.</p> <p>WINDS: Moderate North westerly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - The Squadron was standing by all day today for any eventuality which might arise but although a majority of A/C were bombed up in the expectation of a hurried call we were not required.</p> <p>TRAINING - Considerable training was carried out on the Squadron both in the air and on the ground. All Section Leaders held discussion group in their respective Sections.</p> <p>FLYING TIME - Operational - Nil. Non-Operational - Day - 20 hrs. 42 mins. Night - 5 hrs. 45 mins.</p>		
DO	2.10.44		<p>WEATHER: Showery with good visibility.</p> <p>WINDS: Light variable becoming moderate W.S.W.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - The Squadron stood by all day today for an Operation which did not materialise. Late in the afternoon it looked as though there would be an early call Tuesday morning.</p> <p>TRAINING - Much training was carried out today both on the ground and in the air. The Gunnery Leader sent some of his personnel to Sutton Bank Range. T/O Smith's Crew &amp; T/O Long and Crew went to Alton for Wet Ditchy Drill this afternoon. All other Sections carried out training.</p> <p>FLYING TIME - Operational - Nil. Non-Operational - Day - 30 hrs. 52 mins. Night - Nil.</p>		
DO	3.10.44		<p>WEATHER: Showery with good visibility.</p> <p>WINDS: Moderate N. westerly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - The Operation expected this morning has been postponed but the Squadron is standing by. Late this afternoon it was definitely known that 15 A/C would be required for an early morning operation on the 4th. All preparations were completed this evening.</p> <p>TRAINING - Considerable training was carried out in the Sections. Lectures were given by Section Leaders and round table discussions were held.</p> <p>FLYING TIME - Operational - Nil. Non-Operational - Day 4 hrs. 17 mins. Night Nil.</p>		
DO	4.10.44		<p>WEATHER: Heavy showers. Moderate to good visibility.</p> <p>WINDS: Moderate N. westerly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - The 15 A/C successfully took off for the target which was Bergen Norway between 0500 and 0600 hrs. One A/C had to abandon the mission due to mechanical failure but all the rest report a successful raid. Clear visibility gave the crews the opportunity of seeing the effects of their bombs and all are quite satisfied that great damage was inflicted on the installations attacked. Flares and smoke were seen to rise several thousands of feet.</p> <p>TRAINING - Some training was carried out in the Sections.</p> <p>FLYING TIME - Operational - Day - 97 hrs. 12 mins. Non-Operational Day - 1 hr. 12 mins.</p>		4.1277-4.1291
DO	5.10.44		<p>WEATHER: Showery with moderate to good visibility, becoming foggy at night.</p> <p>WINDS: Light northerly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - The Squadron was standing by all day and it was quite late in the evening when we definitely knew that we would not be required for operations.</p> <p>TRAINING - Training was carried out in every section by the Section Leaders. Plans were made in the Squadron for the effective coverage of all personnel in the forthcoming Seventh Victory Loan Campaign.</p> <p>FLYING TIME: Operational - Nil. Non-Operational 12 hrs. 58 hrs. Day.</p>		
DO	6.10.44		<p>WEATHER: Foggy at first becoming fine with good to moderate visibility.</p> <p>WINDS: Light northerly.</p>		

Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendix
SWIFTON-ON-SWALE	6.10.44	(Contd)	<del>XXXXXXXX OPERATIONS</del> - A maximum effort was required for tonight. 21 A/C were detailed and all preparations were completed. All 21 successfully took off for the target which was Dortmund but due to mechanical failure two A/C had to abandon the mission. The one A/C had engine failure and the second A/C's guns would not function properly. <del>One A/C was diverted to Old Buckingham Aerodrome.</del> The one A/C was diverted to Old Buckingham Aerodrome. <del>FLYING TIME</del> - Operational - Night - 12 hrs. 22 mins. Non-Operational - 08 mins. WEATHER - Cloudy with drizzle in afternoon and evening. Visibility moderate to poor. WINDS - Light Northwesterly. OPERATIONS - The Squadron was not required for operations today or tonight. TRAINING - Training was carried out in all Sections during the day conducted by the Section Leaders. GENERAL - The Squadron was notified of a general redistribution of billeting which will eventually allocate all our personnel on the No 2 War Site and on No 3 Site with the possible exception of a few Section Leaders who will continue to stay on No 2 Site. This to be accomplished as quickly as possible. FLYING TIME - Operational - Nil. Non-Operational - Day - 21 hrs. 58 mins.		A.1292-A.1312
DO	7.10.44		WEATHER - Cloudy with periods of continuous drizzle. Moderate to poor visibility. WINDS - Light Northwesterly. OPERATIONS - The Squadron was ordered to detail 15 A/C for Operations this afternoon. All preparations were completed and the crews were completely briefed and ready to move out to the A/C when the order came through cancelling the job. TRAINING - Lectures and round table discussions were carried out in all Sections by the Section Leaders. FLYING TIME - Operational - Nil. Non-Operational - Day - 0.55 mins.		
DO	8.10.44		WEATHER - Cloudy with some light rain. Visibility moderate to good. WINDS - Light N.W. becoming S.E. OPERATIONS - The Squadron was ordered to detail 25 A/C for Operations tonight. All preparations were completed and all 25 A/C took off for the target which was Bochum. The returning crews were successful and considerable medium heavy flak was encountered over the target area and quite a number of E/A were seen. One crew failed to return from this operation. A/C No 1 and crew in 'C' 12.50. One crew A/C 20 was diverted to Old Buckingham Aerodrome. All the other crews returned safely to Base. GENERAL - A picture was taken this afternoon by the Group Photographic Section of Aircrew personnel getting cigarettes and life savers sent by the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce. FLYING TIME - Operational - Night - 90 hrs. 25 mins. Non-Operational - Day - 5 hrs. 32 mins.		A.1313-A.1327
DO	10.10.44		WEATHER - Cloudy with drizzle in early morning. Visibility moderate to poor. WINDS - Light S.W. OPERATIONS - The Squadron was ordered to detail 10 A/C for a Mining Operation tonight. All preparations were completed this afternoon and late in the afternoon the order came through cancelling the Operation. A/C 20 was diverted to Old Buckingham Aerodrome for Base but due to poor visibility was ordered to land at Eastmoor Station. TRAINING - Due to adverse weather no flying training was carried out although some ground training was conducted in the Sections. GENERAL - Squadron Leader M.C. Laidlaw is Officer Commanding the Squadron pro tem. FLYING TIME - Operational - Nil. Non-Operational - Day - 1 hr. 33 mins.		

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SPITON-ON-SWALE	11.10.44		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Cloudy with some light rain or drizzle. Visibility poor.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Fresh S.E.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> The Squadron was ordered to stand by early this morning for a probable operation. Before noon this order was changed to stand down until midnight.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> No flying training was carried out due to adverse weather but ground training was carried out in all sections.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> A lecture was held in the briefing room for all Squadron Personnel to acquaint them with the advantages of the saving value of the Seventh Victory Loan. A/C Campbell from No. 6 Group gave a very good talk, which was much appreciated. Tomorrow is the first day of the campaign for Victory Bonds. One crew reported in today, they are as follows: PILOT CAN.J.88163 P/O WAGGERS, A.; NAV. CAN.J.37166 P/O FRASER, J.; P/O CAN. 1171655 P/O CIBBON, W.T.O.; WAF/AS CAN.R.223021 SGT. MAY, R.V.; P/O E.W. BROWN SGT VARNAN, G.S.; A/G CAN.R.221719 SGT KENNEDY, M.; A/G CAN.R.196196 P/O BOTTLEMAN, R.E.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> Operational - Nil. Non-Operational - Nil.</p>		
DO	12.10.44		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Cloudy with Light Showers. Visibility good to moderate.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Light S.E.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> The order came through this morning that the Squadron were to make a stand which indicated we would not be required for Operations. At noon however we were ordered to detail 15 A/G for an attack tonight. All preparations were completed the crews briefed and were ready to go out to the A/C when the order came through cancelling the job.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Training was carried out in all sections today.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> Over twelve thousand dollars worth of applications for Victory Bonds were turned in today for the first day of the campaign.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> Operational - Nil. Non-Operational - Day - 6 hrs. 37 mins.</p>		
DO	13.10.44		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Cloudy with rain in evening. Visibility poor to moderate.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Light S.E. becoming stronger in evening.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> The Squadron was ordered to prepare for a maximum effort for tonight and all preparations were completed and 30 crews and A/C were detailed. Late in the afternoon it was definitely known that it would not take place until the early hours of the 14th.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> All Pilots, Nav. and A/G attended a lecture in the Briefing room this afternoon given by P/L Richardson from Bomber Command, and then were all very high in his praise, as he was able to give them real "Gon" on the 13. T.V. Bombing.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> This was the second day of the Seventh Victory Loan and A24 had to signal honour of attaining our objective of 25,000 dollars. Good show. We are not through yet. One crew reported in today, they are as follows: PILOT CAN.J.15941 P/O MITCHELL, R.A.; NAV. CAN.J.39768 P/O ERIDGON, W.R.; WAF/AS CAN.R.191528 SGT. HOWLEY, G.L.; WAF/AS CAN. R.180904 SGT SERED, R.A.; P/O R.E. 100024 SGT HOLWOOD, A.J.; A/G CAN.R.126618 SGT MAJOR, R.V.; A/G CAN.R.183276 SGT MACDONALD, R.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> Operational - Nil. Non-Operational - Day - 0.13 mins.</p>		
DO	14.10.44		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Showery with good visibility. Light S.E. in morning &amp; evening.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Fresh W.S.W. during daylight.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> The 20 A/Gs planned successfully took off for the target which was Duisburg early this morning. One A/G Wm D. 998 had to abandon the task due to engine failure of 311. Due to 400 tons of 1600 lbs aimed over the target area Master Barker instructed crews to choose own target. Many crews did successfully bomb the primary target while other crews picked out vital targets in the vicinity such as large factories and railway marshalling</p>		A.1328-A.1347 A.1348-A.1359



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SUTTON-ON-AVON	14.10.44	(Contd.)	Yards in neighboring towns and cities. Considerable opposition was encountered over the whole of the target area by predicted flak but all 19 A/C returned safely. One A/C landed at Sutton but returned later in the day to base. The Squadron was again ordered to detail all available A/C for a raid tonight. 16 Crews were ready and all efforts were made to get as many A/C serviceable as quickly as possible. At take off only 12 were able to get away. Mechanical difficulties encountered at the last minute prevented 4 going such as hydraulic trouble, overheating, engine cutting on take off etc. The target was again Duisburg. One A/C returned early. Medium heavy flak with lots of search light and some night fighters. Two combats were reported but no damage resulted to either fighters or bombers. Good visibility over the target area and all crews report a very successful raid. The glow of the fires could be seen for a distance of one hundred miles as the crews left the target. All A/C returned safely to base. FLYING SQUAD - Operational - Day 12, 13 Night - 66, 30 Non-Operational - Day 14, 15		
DO	15.10.44		WEATHER - Cloudy becoming fine. Slight rain in early morning moderate visibility becoming poor. WINDS - Light variable. OPERATIONS - The Squadron was ordered to detail 10 A/C for a mining job tonight. All preparations were completed and all 10 A/C successfully took off for the target which was a National. One A/C abandoned the task. One A/C "E" 12, 901 failed to return. The other 8 A/C were diverted to southern aerodromes Winfield and Charter Hall. The returning crews reported little in the way of opposition either enemy fighter resistance or flak and all eight returned from the diversion aerodromes safely. GENERAL - Training was carried out in all sections conducted by the Section Leaders. FLYING SQUAD - Operational - Day 14, 15 Night - 53 hrs. 22 mins. Non-Operational - 14, 15		A.1360-A.1369
DO	16.10.44		WEATHER: Fine and foggy becoming cloudy with rain. Visibility poor becoming moderate. WINDS: Light S.W. becoming N. OPERATIONS - The Squadron was not required for operations today. The seven A/C which were diverted to Winfield and Charter Hall were ordered to stand-by to return to base tomorrow morning due to adverse weather conditions here. TRAINING - There was no flying training today but ground training was carried out in all sections. GENERAL: The loss of P/O J.C. Lee was keenly felt by all Squadron personnel. His cheery personality and keen navigational ability will be a tremendous loss to this Squadron. FLYING SQUAD - Operational - 14, 15 Non-Operational - 16, 17		
DO	17.10.44		WEATHER: Cloudy with rain in early afternoon. Moderate visibility. WINDS: N.W. becoming southerly. OPERATIONS: The Squadron was ordered to fly early and shortly after lunch it was definitely known that there would be no call today but that 18 A/C would be needed from this Squadron for an early morning call on the 18th. All preparations for this were completed this afternoon and all was in readiness. TRAINING - No flying was carried out today but some of the diverted crews returned to base this morning. Ground training was carried out in all sections conducted by the Section Leaders. GENERAL - Another 2,500 cigarettes were received from the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce this morning. A few crew reported in this afternoon, they are as follows: O/S 12, 2784; P/O TAYLOR H.E.; NAV. CAN. J. 30222 P/O HAGEN C.W.; S/A CAN. J. 38293 S/O WADMAN J.; P/O CAN. 217542 SGT SHILLDAY V.B.M.; P/O RAF. 1573275 SGT TURNER G.F.; P/O CAN. 207604 SGT WEAVER G.J.S.; A/O CAN. 205993 SGT SCOTT A.A.		

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SWITTON-ON-SHALE	17.10.44	(Cont'd)	<p><u>GENERAL</u> - (Cont'd). Word came through to the Squadron of seven D.F.C.'s awarded to members  <u>P/O JOHNSON</u> - <u>P/O MILLER</u> - <u>P/O LEE</u> (MISSING) - <u>P/O FERR</u> (MISSING) - <u>P/O WOOD</u> -  <u>P/O HALL</u> (ACCIDENT) - <u>P/O HARRISON</u> (Cont'd.)  <u>FLYING TIME</u> - Operational - Nil - Non-Operational - Day- 16 hrs. 24 mins. - Night - Nil.</p>	
DO	18.10.44		<p><u>WEATHER</u> - Fair becoming cloudy. Showers during the day. Moderate visibility.  <u>WINDS</u> - Light easterly.  <u>OPERATIONS</u> - The Squadron was ordered to detail the 12 A/C previously arranged and this to make  a further attempt but when all crews were settled on the order came through cancelling it  again until a later time. Word came through in the early evening that there would be an  early take-off this morning at 10.00. All the crews were alerted and were in readiness for  this.  <u>TRAINING</u> - Training was carried out in all Sections conducted by the Leader. Lectures and  some table discussions held in the respective departments.  <u>GENERAL</u> - It is expected that a new Wing Commander will arrive shortly to assume command  of the Squadron. A new crew reported in today, they are as follows: <u>CAF. S. 35773 P/O</u>  <u>WATSON</u> C.R.C. ; <u>NAV. CAF. S. 40925 P/O JOSEPH</u> R.M. ; <u>P/O. CAF. S. 20515 P/O KIDDERINGHAM</u> R.N. ;  <u>P/O. CAF. S. 3141 P/O HENDER</u> C.A. ; <u>P/O. CAF. S. 100130 P/O FAIN</u> C.N. ; <u>P/O. CAF. S. 25480 P/O</u>  <u>JOHN</u> S.S. ; <u>P/O. S. 21626 P/O PRADY</u> J.  <u>FLYING TIME</u> - Operational - Nil Non-Operational Day 0.47 mins.</p>	
DO	19.10.44		<p><u>WEATHER</u> - Cloudy occasional showers. Good visibility.  <u>WINDS</u> - Westerly.  <u>OPERATIONS</u> - The 13 crews were awakened early, received their operational meal and were nearly  completed the main briefing when the order came through cancelling the operation for the  present. This was at approximately 05.00 hrs. so all the crew members went back to bed to  get some more much needed rest. Late in the morning the word came through that we could  now be required for operations during today.  <u>TRAINING</u> - Considerable training both flying and ground training was carried out today.  <u>GENERAL</u> - Wing Commander G.W. Marshall, reported this evening to take over command of  the Squadron. The crew is as follows: <u>CAF. S. 31173 P/O LAMMERS</u> C.C.C. ; <u>NAV. CAF. S. 35540</u>  <u>P/O LOWRY</u> C.P. ; <u>P/O. CAF. S. 35809 P/O LAMMERS</u> C. ; <u>P/O. CAF. S. 39272 P/O MACHOER</u> A.N. ;  <u>P/O. CAF. S. 359196 P/O ROBERTS</u> C. ; <u>P/O. CAF. S. 21173 P/O KING</u> R.M. ; <u>P/O. CAF. S. 29410 P/O CLOW</u> C.  <u>FLYING TIME</u> - Operational - Nil - Non-Operational Day 3 hrs. 19 mins.</p>	
DO	20.10.44		<p><u>WEATHER</u> - Cloudy, continuous rain during morning. Visibility moderate, becoming poor.  <u>WINDS</u> - S. Easterly.  <u>OPERATIONS</u> - The Squadron received word that they would not be required for operations either  today or this evening. The Battle Order was prepared in readiness for the 21st.  <u>TRAINING</u> - Considerable training was planned to be carried out during the day and evening.  Lectures were given in the main briefing room both in the morning and the afternoon to the  Fleet's Navigators and Air Crews. Ground training was carried out in all Sections. The Senior  Medical Officer <u>P/O. Carr</u> gave a lecture to all Aircrew personnel in the main briefing room  this afternoon. -  <u>FLYING TIME</u> - Operational - Nil - Non-Operational Nil.</p>	

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SHIPTON-ON-SWALE	21.10.44		<p><b>WEATHER:</b> Cloudy. Fog and Drizzle. Visibility becoming moderate.</p> <p><b>WINDS:</b> Northerly.</p> <p><b>OPERATIONS:</b> No word came through until noon today and a maximum effort was required as previously expected. The crews were briefed and out at their A/C when the order came through to stand by. The A/C were shut down and the crews returned to the messes to await further orders. Word came through shortly after dinner tonight that the operation was definitely cancelled but that there would be an early morning call on the 22nd. All crews were sent to bed early so that they would be ready in the morning.</p> <p><b>TRAINING:</b> Lectures were conducted in the main briefing room to Pilots, Navigators and Air Bombers both this morning and afternoon.</p> <p><b>GENERAL:</b> A new crew reported in today, they are as follows: CAPT CAN.J.29040 P/O MACDONALD R.J.; NAV. CAN.E.181245 SGT HAWLEY J.R.; P/A CAN.R.170584 SGT HENLEY D.L.; W/C CAN.R.207976 SGT MELANSON S.L.; P/S R.A.F.194038 SGT WARRINGTON D.; W/C CAN.E.252980 SGT EDE F.D.; A/C CAN.R.269047 SGT ROSEBORN H.J.</p> <p><b>FLYING TIME:</b> Operational - Nil Non-Operational - Nil.</p>		
DO	22.10.44		<p><b>WEATHER:</b> Cloudy considerable haze. Visibility moderate to poor.</p> <p><b>WINDS:</b> Light variable.</p> <p><b>OPERATIONS:</b> The early morning call did not materialize as expected it would, but later in the morning the order came through and all available A/C and crews were alerted. The crews were briefed and were out at the aircraft ready to take off when the order came through cancelling the operation.</p> <p><b>TRAINING:</b> Some training was given to the members of the Squadron but the preparations for Operations interfered considerably with the progress laid out.</p> <p><b>FLYING TIME:</b> Operational - Nil Non-Operational Day - 3 hrs. 54 mins.</p>		
DO	23.10.44		<p><b>WEATHER:</b> Cloudy becoming fine. Visibility poor becoming good.</p> <p><b>WINDS:</b> Light becoming S.W.</p> <p><b>OPERATIONS:</b> Just before lunch the order came through for a maximum effort. Everything was in readiness and all 20 detailed crews successfully took off for the target area - Essen. One A/C had to abandon the mission due to trouble of engine in his port lower engine. This was P/O Summers in "A" H.E. 314. All 19 A/C deposited their bombs in the target area, but all crews reported 10/10th cloud which prevented a ground assessment of damage inflicted. Searchlights attempted to penetrate cloud but was of no avail in helping A.C. find A.C. Considerable heavy flak encountered but none of the A/C sustained serious damage. No enemy A/C were encountered. All A/C returned safely although some were diverted to other Aerodromes returning to base later.</p> <p><b>TRAINING:</b> Training was carried out in all sections.</p> <p><b>GENERAL:</b> A new crew reported in today, they are as follows: CAPT CAN.J.29040 P/O MCCOLLUM R.H.; NAV. W.Y. CAN.J.29325 P/O GAMER H.H.; P/A CAN.J.35300 P/O LOW A.A.J.; W/C CAN.R.193542 SGT PARSONS E.; P/S R.A.F.169274 SGT ALKINSON R.; W/C CAN.E.186968 SGT IRE J.R.; A/C CAN.R.16656 SGT KIDDER J.H.</p> <p><b>FLYING TIME:</b> Operational - Night 121 hrs. 30 mins. Non-Operational - Day 2 hrs. 21 mins.</p>		A.1370-A.1389
DO	24.10.44		<p><b>WEATHER:</b> Fair periods with showers. Visibility good becoming moderate.</p> <p><b>WINDS:</b> E.H.E.</p> <p><b>OPERATIONS:</b> The Squadron was ordered to detail 11 A/C for an operation tonight. All preparations were completed and just before the crews left the briefing room the order came through to cancel the mission.</p>		



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SKITTON-ON-WHALE	24.10.44	(Contd)	<u>TRAINING</u> - Training was carried out in all Sections led by the Section Leaders or their deputies. <u>FLYING TIME</u> - Operational 1 hr. 10 mins. - Non-Operational Day 3 hrs. 20 mins. - Night 1 hr. 10 mins.		
DO	25.10.44		<u>WEATHER</u> : Fair becoming cloudy. Visibility moderate becoming poor. <u>WINDS</u> : Northerly becoming calm. <u>OPERATIONS</u> - The Squadron was ordered to detail 15 A/C for a daylight raid on Berlin. All A.1390-A.1404 preparations were completed and all 15 A/C successfully took off and bombed. Due to 10/1000 cloud over the target it was impossible to assess the damage inflicted. Some flak was encountered but it was very inaccurate. No enemy fighters seen. It is reported by all the crews that it should have been a fairly successful raid as the whole target area was well covered. All A/C returned safely to base. <u>TRAINING</u> - A new crew reported in today, they are as follows: CPT C.A.L.J. 27003 S/C LIDER D.C. 14V C.A.L.R. 17522 S/C GOSWELL I.G. ; S/A C.A.L.R. 182213 SGT BAKER S.C. ; S/C C.A.L.R. 202157 SGT SHILLINGTON V.J. ; S/A C.A.L.R. 113066 SGT KEIR E. ; S/C C.A.L.R. 219446 SGT B.A.L. S.C. ; A/C C.A.L.R. 201123 SGT BUCHER S.C. <u>FLYING TIME</u> - Operational Day 73 hrs. 48 mins. Non-Operational Day 1 hr. 0 mins.		
DO	26.10.44		<u>WEATHER</u> : Cloudy with much smoke haze. Poor visibility. <u>WINDS</u> : S.E. winds. <u>OPERATIONS</u> - The Squadron was Standing by but was not called on throughout the day or night although it was expected that something was pending. <u>TRAINING</u> - Considerable training was conducted by the Section heads in all sections. <u>GENERAL</u> - Wing Commander Marshall is organizing the living sites of all the Squadron Personnel in an efficient manner and it is expected shortly to initiate the moves as planned by him. A new crew reported in today, they are as follows: CPT C.A.L.J. 27075 S/A SUMMERS S.C. ; SGT C.A.L. J. 39958 S/C LIDB A.D. ; S/A C.A.L.J. 36790 S/C SUMMERLAD A.D. ; S/C C.A.L.J. 26777 S/C WOODS R.H. ; S/A C.A.L.J. 199472 SGT GOSWELL S.C. ; S/C C.A.L.R. 475923 SGT CROSBY S.C. ; A/C C.A.L.R. 268139 SGT COMBER S.C. <u>FLYING TIME</u> - Operational 1 hr. 10 mins. Non-Operational 1 hr. 10 mins.		
DO	27.10.44		<u>WEATHER</u> : Fair with good visibility. <u>WINDS</u> : Westerly wind, gradually backing to southerly. <u>OPERATIONS</u> - The Squadron was ordered to detail 16 A/C for a night operation. All preparations were completed, but before the crews were briefed the order came through to cancel the mission. <u>TRAINING</u> - Considerable training was carried out today. Both day and night flying. Local flying in the daytime and a night battle for our new crews. Five crews took part in this intensive exercise. Ground training was carried out in all sections. <u>FLYING TIME</u> - Operational 1 hr. 10 mins. Non-Operational Day 11 hrs. 20 mins. Night 30 hrs. 07 mins.		
DO	28.10.44		<u>WEATHER</u> : Cloudy becoming fair. Rain early morning. Moderate visibility becoming good. <u>WINDS</u> : S.E. veering N. <u>OPERATIONS</u> - The Squadron was ordered to detail crews and A/C for two missions today. 15 A/C A.1405-A.1417 for a daylight raid and 7 A/C for a Mining Operation. All plans were completed for both ops. A.1418-A.1423 missions. 12 of the 15 A/C were successful in reaching the target and bombing. 5 of the 7 A/C detailed for mining were successful, the two not successful being one non starter and one early return. It is felt that the adverse weather encountered was the worst factor in preventing these raids from being 100% successful as there were extreme icing conditions.		

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SEVENTH-OH-SWAIN	28.10.44	(Contd.)	on the way to the target which hampered the operation. All A/C returned safely to this country. <u>TRAINING</u> - Some training was carried out in all sections. <u>FLYING TIME</u> - Operational - Day 76 hrs, 20 mins. Night 37 hrs, 33 mins. Non-Operational - Day 20 mins.		
DO	29.10.44		<u>WEATHER</u> - Fair with occasional showers. Moderate visibility. <u>WINDS</u> - N.W. to Northerly. <u>OPERATIONS</u> - The Squadron was not required for either a day or night operation today, but were warned that there would be an early morning call on the 30th. All preparations were completed and a radio order issued to take care of any eventualities. <u>TRAINING</u> - Considerable training went on in all Sections today. Some flying exercises were completed. <u>GENERAL</u> - S/L Wood of the Engineering Section gave the Cadets of the A.F.S. an interesting lecture today in the briefing room which was much appreciated. A/C Marshall was shot and A/C Cowan and crew came back to the Squadron by train tonight leaving their A/C to the services. <u>FLYING TIME</u> - Operational Nil - Non-Operational Day - 2 hrs, 23 mins.		
DO	30.10.44		<u>WEATHER</u> - Fair becoming fine. Moderate visibility becoming poor. <u>WINDS</u> - Light N.W.W. <u>OPERATIONS</u> - The early morning mission scheduled was cancelled after the crews were briefed and they were ready to proceed to the A/C. However about noon the order came through that 15 A/C of 1454-1456 were required for a night raid against Bologna. 16 A/C successfully took off for the target and all bombed the target. Good concentration was reported over the whole target area and while there were German lights and some flak encountered they did not interfere greatly with the attack. Some enemy A/C were seen but no damage sustained to any of our A/C and they returned safely to base. <u>TRAINING</u> - Considerable training was carried out in all sections. Lectures were given in the Briefing Room to all aircraft. Two crews sent to 3100 for night flight drill. <u>FLYING TIME</u> - Operational Night 26 hrs, 32 mins. Non-Operational Night 1 hr, 33 mins.		
DO	31.10.44		<u>WEATHER</u> - Cloudy and heavy. Poor visibility. <u>WINDS</u> - N.W. <u>OPERATIONS</u> - The Squadron was not required for any operation either today or tonight. <u>TRAINING</u> - Considerable training both Air & Ground was carried out during the day and flying in the evening also. <u>GENERAL</u> - The crews have been coming in quite regularly lately as many crews have recently been discharged from operations on completion of their tour. <u>FLYING TIME</u> - Operational - Nil - Non-Operational Day 10 hrs, 07 mins.		



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SQUADRON ON-SCALE	21.10.44		<b>ASSIGNMENTS</b> REMAINING OFFICERS 14.		
			<b>FIELD</b> ALL		
			<b>LOCATED IN</b> OFFICERS R.O.C.B. R.A.F. ATTEN R.O.C.B. R.A.F.		
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			<b>LOCATED OUT</b> OFFICERS R.O.C.B. R.A.F. ATTEN R.O.C.B. R.A.F.		
			<b>PROVISIONS - OFFICERS</b>		
			1 Squadron Leader to Acting Wing Commander		
			2 Flying Officers to Temporary Flying Lieutenant		
			3 Pilot Officers to Temporary Flying Officer		
			3 Pilot Officers to Acting Flying Officer		
			<b>DISMISSALS -</b>		
			DURING the month 25 Airman Aircrew were dismissed, 8 of which were P.O. personnel and the remainder S.A.S.		
			<b>HONOURS AND AWARDS:</b> Non-Immediate D.F.C.'s.		
			J. 8946 S/L R.E. LONDON O. 18306 S/L W.H. WOOD		
			45725 S/L R.E. WILLIAMS S. 9311 S/L S.G. LEE		
			<b>CHANGES IN COMMAND -</b>		
			On 1.10.44 S/L R.E. LONDON assumed temporary command of the Squadron when Comd. 2362		
			W/O G.A. ROY DFC was reported missing on 9.10.44.		
			On 3.10.44 W/O G.A. ROY assumed command of the Squadron from S/L R.E. LONDON who was in temporary command, on 16.10.44.		
			<b>STAFFERS IN DISPOSITION - ALL</b>		
			<b>ATTENDANCE ON DUTY - 22</b>		
			<b>PERCENTAGE ATTENDANCE</b>		
			Operational - Day - 361.55 hrs. Night - 589.40 hrs.		
			Non-Operational - Day - 167.35 hrs. Night - 30.09 hrs.		
			<b>OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY - 163</b>		
			<b>BOOTS DROPPED AND BOMBERS LAID (Tons 2240 (lbs.))</b> R.E. TORD. ATTEN		
			From 1.1.44 to 30.9.44 1845.1 258.2 308.1		
			During October 1944 544.7 22.1 21.8		
			1891.8 280.3 329.9		

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WILTON-ON-SEALE	31.10.44		<p><u>REMARKS</u> -</p> <p><u>COMBAT</u> <u>TRAINING</u> <u>GROUNDWORK</u> <u>ARMED</u> <u>ATTENDANCE</u></p> <p>R.O.A.P. 156 1 94</p> <p>R.O.A.P. (U.S.A.) 26 - 36</p> <p>A.M. 174 1 180</p> <p><u>REMARKS</u> <u>OFFICER'S REPORT</u></p> <p>Having taken over the Squadron during the latter half of the month, tasks and duties mainly will have to be noted. This Squadron flew a relatively small number of sorties for the month, 156 of which 163 sorties were successfully started and 150 sorties completed. The Squadron experienced much difficulty due to non starters and early returns. All cases have been investigated and 50% of them are due to maintenance failures and remaining pilot trouble.</p> <p>The crews of the Squadron last Monday, one of the being 4/3 day and one, the crew of both crews is severely felt by the Squadron as a whole. It has been reported that four of 4/3 day's crew and two of 163 day's crew are still at large.</p> <p>The Squadron took part in training, both day bombing and night bombing operations for a total of 361:55 hrs. day and 589:40 hrs. night. Training time for October was low again, putting in only 156 hours. The time due to unavailability, standing by for operations, was limited but each minute of it was good training time.</p> <p>The moral on the Squadron is high and all personnel are keen to get on with the job. Every effort will be made on November to improve the standing of the Squadron both for record purposes and operational efficiency.</p> <p><u>APPENDICES TO FORM 540</u></p> <p>Form 541 1</p> <p>Battle Orders 1 - 1 to 1 - 11</p> <p>Form 765 (A) 111</p> <p>Combat Reports 31</p> <p><i>W. Marshall</i> OFFICER COMMANDING, No. 100 Bomber Squadron</p>		