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To:- O.C. No.424 Squadron.

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Your January O.R.B. has been checked and the following points are brought to your attention for correction and clarification.

- 1 Jan. - (i) F.540 states " W/C. Williams joined the Squadron".
From where and for what purpose was he posted in?
While subsequent entries give some clue to W/C.
Williams' position an initial statement would
have been more enlightening.
- 11 Jan. - (i) F.540 - who is F/O. Grant and what are his
number and initials?
- 12 Jan. - (i) F.541 refers to Netske, Dobbs and Hudson as
F/S. and Battle Order as Sgt.
- (ii) F.541 refers to F/S. Rielly and Battle Order to
Sgt. Reilly.
- 28 Jan. - (i) F.541 refers to W/O. Nicolls and Battle Order to
F/S. Nicholls.

It is requested, please, that your reply be sent in
five copies.

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| SKIPTON-ON-SWALE | 1.1.45 | | <p>WEATHER: Cloudy with light drizzle in morning. Visibility good becoming moderate.</p> <p>WINDS: Calm or light variable.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: The Squadron was called for operations this morning and all preparations were completed. Before briefing however, the operations were cancelled, and the Squadron was not needed either for day or night.</p> <p>TRAINING: There was a general "stand down" until 23.59 hrs. with the result that no flying or ground training was carried out during the afternoon.</p> <p>GENERAL: W/O Williams joined the Squadron. W/O Marshall went on tactics course. S/L Anderson is Acting Squadron Commander in W/O Marshall's absence.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: No Flying to-day.</p> | | |
| DO | 2.1.45 | | <p>WEATHER: Fair to cloudy with moderate to good visibility.</p> <p>WINDS: Light variable till late evening, then becoming very strong W - NW'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: The Squadron was called upon today and 16 A/C took of successfully to bomb Lufthafen. All A/C returned without mishap from a very successful mission.</p> <p>TRAINING: No flying training, but ground training was carried out in all sections.</p> <p>GENERAL: It is expected shortly that Lancaster A/C will be on the station and all Section Leaders are preparing lectures for their personnel. 1500 packages of gas arrived for the Squadron from the Comforts Fund.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Day-Nil, Night - 119 hrs. 58 mins. Non - Operational - 2 hrs. 15 mins.</p> | | A.1721-A.1736 |
| DO | 3.1.45 | | <p>WEATHER: Cloudy with intermittent rain. Visibility moderate to good.</p> <p>WINDS: Strong W-NW'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Night crews were called upon to operate to-day but later the operation was cancelled before briefing was completed.</p> <p>TRAINING: Two Lancasters arrived today and conversion has started in the Squadron.</p> <p>GENERAL: In the Squadron, "A" Flight is converting to Lancasters first, to be followed by "B" Flight.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: No Flying today.</p> | | |
| DO | 4.1.45 | | <p>WEATHER: Fair to cloudy with snow showers in afternoon and evening. Visibility moderate to good.</p> <p>WINDS: Strong, NW'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: The Squadron was not called upon for either day or night operations.</p> <p>TRAINING: Numerous lectures were held by the sections on Lancaster I's, and conversion continues with only W/O Williams converting to Halifax III's at the moment.</p> <p>GENERAL: "B" Flight is at present the only flight operating on Halifaxes.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational-Nil Non-operational - day - 16 hrs. 44 mins. -night - nil.</p> | | |
| DO | 5.1.45 | | <p>WEATHER: Fair to fine. Good visibility.</p> <p>WINDS: Strong NW'ly, becoming calm.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: The Squadron was called upon to give eight crews for operations. All took off and returned successfully from HANOVER. In spite of 11 losses in the Group, all our aircraft returned without damage.</p> <p>TRAINING: Lectures on Lancaster I's continued in all Sections.</p> | | A.1737-A.1744 |

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| SKIPTON-ON-SWALE | 5.1.45 | (Cont'd) | <p>GENERAL: S/L Fantiman was released from hospital, but is grounded. He went with his crew to Group H.Q. today.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Day - nil Night - 46.00 hrs.</p> <p>Non-operational - Nil.</p> | | |
| DO | 6.1.45 | | <p>WEATHER: Fair to fine at first, becoming cloudy. Visibility moderate to good but with a short period of fog in early morning.</p> <p>WIND: Light SW'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: The Squadron was called upon for eight A/C. All took off and returned without mishap from a raid on HANAU.</p> <p>TRAINING: W/C Williams continued his conversion onto Halifax 111 A/C and some lectures were held on Lancaster 1 A/C. Flying training was carried out during the day.</p> <p>GENERAL: J.66925 E/O G.D. Hawthorn and all but his Flight Engineer and Rear Gunner were screened from Operations today.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Day - Nil Night - 57 hours and 55 mins.</p> <p>Non - Operational - Day. 6 hrs. and 26 mins. Night - Nil.</p> | | A.1745-A.1753 |
| DO | 7.1.45 | | <p>WEATHER: Fair with good visibility.</p> <p>WINDS: Strong W/SW'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: The Squadron was not called upon for either day or night operations.</p> <p>TRAINING: A large flying training programme was laid out and bombing was carried out by Halifax crews. Ground training was carried out in all sections.</p> <p>GENERAL: The first series of lectures are now completed and the crews are hoping very soon to start their flying conversion.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Nil.</p> <p>Non - Operational - Day - 3 hrs. 24 mins. Night - Nil.</p> | | |
| DO | 8.1.45 | | <p>WEATHER: Cloudy with frequent snow showers. Visibility moderate but poor in showers.</p> <p>WINDS: Strong NW'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: The Squadron was not required for either day or night operations.</p> <p>TRAINING: Lectures on Lancaster 1's were carried out this morning by all sections. Adverse weather kept the A/C on the ground today.</p> <p>GENERAL: The Squadron was given a "stand down" this afternoon until 23.59 hrs. which was much appreciated by all.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: OPERATIONAL - NIL.</p> <p>NON - OPERATIONAL - NIL.</p> | | |
| DO | 9.1.45 | | <p>WEATHER: Frequent snow showers. Visibility poor in showers otherwise moderate.</p> <p>WINDS: Fresh NW'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: The Squadron was not required for either day or night operations.</p> <p>TRAINING: Lectures were carried out in all sections on Lancaster 1 A/C.</p> <p>GENERAL: All A/C were kept on the ground today due to adverse weather conditions.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Nil.</p> <p>Non operational - nil.</p> | | |

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| SKIPTON-ON-SWALE. | 10.1.45 | | <p><u>WEATHER:</u> Occasional snow showers. Visibility moderate.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Fresh N'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> The Squadron was not called upon today for either day or night operations.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Five Halifaxes managed to get off on cross countries yesterday afternoon during a break in the weather. Ground training was carried out in all sections on Lancaster I A/C.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> One large box of chocolate arrived here today from the Chamber of Commerce, City of Hamilton.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> Operational - Nil Non-operational - Day - 6 hrs. and 14 mins. Night - Nil.</p> | | |
| DO | 11.1.45 | | <p><u>WEATHER:</u> Occasional snow showers. Visibility moderate.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Fresh N-W'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> Today the Squadron was not required for either day or night operations.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> This afternoon an air sea rescue lecture was given to all Squadron aircrew personnel by P/O Grant, V.A. School Series of lectures on Lancaster I A/C is now being prepared.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> Distribution of Chocolate bars was made to Personnel.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> Operational - Nil Non - Operational - Nil.</p> | | |
| DO | 12.1.45 | | <p><u>WEATHER:</u> Occasional rain showers. Visibility moderate.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Fresh N-W'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> The Squadron was called upon today to give 5 A/C for bombing and 3 A/C for mining. After numerous alterations of bombing times, the bombing mission was finally called cancelled, but the 3 mining A/C took off successfully. From the mining operations to <u>FLANDERS</u> BURG HANNOUR, P/O MACKIE and crew, and P/O GRANT and crew failed to return.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Flying training conversion onto Lancaster I's was carried out today.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> The failure to return of P/O MACKIE and GRANT and crews, two of the most highly trained and capable crews, is certainly a great loss to the Squadron.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> Operational - Day - Nil - Night - 5.49. Non-operational - Day 2 hrs. and 53 mins. Night - Nil.</p> | | A.1753-A.1755 |
| DO | 13.1.45 | | <p><u>WEATHER:</u> Cloudy with period of rain early morning. Visibility moderate to good.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> N.W.W'ly wind.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> Six of our A/C were called upon to-day for bombing and two for mining. After several alterations of times the mining was cancelled but the six bombing A/C took off successfully for a raid on SAARBRUCKEN. From this operation all our A/C returned safely and reported a quiet trip.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Conversion on Lancaster I A/C continues in "A" Flight and the pilots have a good word for the flying qualities of these A/C.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> Operational - Day- Nil; Night - 4hrs 42 hrs. 05 mins. Non-Operational - Day - 4 hrs. 53 mins. Night - Nil.</p> | | A.1756-A.1761 |

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| SKIPTON-ON-SWALE | 18.1.45 | | <u>WEATHER:</u> Cloudy with showery conditions. Storm in early morning. Poor visibility becoming good. <u>WINDS:</u> DURING storm in early morning wind of intense gale strength. <u>OPERATIONS:</u> The Squadron was not required for day or night operations to-day. <u>TRAINING:</u> A large flying training programme was carried out both on Halifax and Lancaster I A/C. The exercises included Flighter Affiliation and Bombing. <u>GENERAL:</u> The Station Commander, CAN.C.149 G/C H.H.C. Rutledge, gave a talk to all 424 Aircraft at 1400 hrs. to-day. <u>FLYING TIMES:</u> Operational - Nil. Non-Operational - 14 hrs. 10 mins. Night - Nil. | | |
| DO | 19.1.45 | | <u>WEATHER:</u> Cloudy becoming fair late in evening. Showers with poor visibility in snow otherwise good. <u>OPERATIONS:</u> The Squadron was required to give 8 A/C for bombing to-day. A Battle Order was prepared and briefing times altered several times. However the operation was finally cancelled. <u>TRAINING:</u> A fairly large flying training programme was carried out to-day. Most training was in the form of X-Country's carried out in the Lancaster whilst the Halifax flew on HGS bombing practice. <u>GENERAL:</u> The 424 Crew Room is to be redecorated and CAN.J.37368 P/O R.C. Skipper has volunteered to be in charge of the work. <u>FLYING TIMES:</u> Operational - Nil. Non-Operational - Day - 14 hrs. 43 mins. Night 2 hrs. 43 mins. | | |
| DO | 20.1.45 | | <u>WEATHER:</u> Cloudy with snow showers becoming fair to fine late in evening. Good visibility but poor in snow. <u>WINDS:</u> W.N.W.'ly. <u>OPERATIONS:</u> The Squadron was not required for either day or night operations to-day. <u>TRAINING:</u> When the weather cleared slightly towards the evening a limited amount of local flying training was carried out. Ground lectures were organized in some sections. <u>GENERAL:</u> Paint and brushes have now been obtained for decorating the Crew Room. CAN.C.149 G/C H.H.C. Rutledge, made a tour of inspection of the Squadron to-day. <u>FLYING TIMES:</u> Operational - Nil Non-Operational - Day - 6 hrs. 01 mins. Night - Nil. | | |
| DO | 21.1.45 | | <u>WEATHER:</u> Fair to fine, but cloudy with snow late evening. Good visibility. <u>WINDS:</u> Moderate W.N.W.'ly. <u>OPERATIONS:</u> The Squadron was ordered to detail 8 aircraft for operations tonight. All preparations were completed and everything in readiness for a night take off. Just at briefing time, the order came through cancelling the mission. <u>TRAINING:</u> Considerable training was carried out during the day and a round table discussion held. Ground training was carried out in all Sections. <u>GENERAL:</u> Chocolate and gum from the City of Hamilton Chamber of Commerce was distributed to all groundcrew personnel on the Squadron. <u>FLYING TIMES:</u> Operational - Nil. Non-Operational - Day - 20 hrs. 30 mins. Night - Nil. | | |

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| SKIPTON-ON-SWALE | 22.1.45 | | <p>WEATHER: Fair to good visibility at first, deteriorating almost to fog levels.</p> <p>WINDS: N.W.'ly wind becoming light S.E.'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: The Squadron was ordered to detail eight aircraft for tonight. All preparations were completed and everything in readiness for a night take-off. A few hours before briefing the order came through cancelling the mission.</p> <p>TRAINING: Considerable flying training was carried out both on Halifax and Lancaster aircraft. Ground training was carried out in all Sections.</p> <p>GENERAL: The snow which has been experienced the last few days has reminded us all of home and the bright sunshine for a period this afternoon was much appreciated by all. The Station Commander held a promotion board this afternoon at Station Headquarters.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Nil Non-Operational - Day - 22 hrs. Night - 9 hrs. 26 mins.</p> | | |
| DO | 23.1.45 | | <p>WEATHER: Fine with fog all day.</p> <p>WINDS: Light variable wind or calm.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: The Squadron was not required for any detail for operations during the day or evening.</p> <p>TRAINING: Due to adverse weather it was not possible to do any flying training to-day but ground training was carried out in all Sections this morning.</p> <p>GENERAL: CAN.C.1205 W/C C.C.W. Marshall gave "A" Flight a stand down this afternoon which was appreciated by all. The Station Commander held a promotion board at Station Headquarters.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: No flying to-day.</p> | | |
| DO | 24.1.45 | | <p>WEATHER: Foggy conditions all day.</p> <p>WINDS: Light variable wind or calm.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: The Squadron was ordered to detail three special crews for a precision mining mission. All plans were made and the Battle Order produced but before briefing times were even known the weather intervened and the operation was cancelled.</p> <p>TRAINING: Ground training was carried out in all Sections and a Pilot, Navigator and Bomb Almer lecture was held in the briefing room. Due to poor visibility - no flying training was possible.</p> <p>GENERAL: The Squadron was the recipient of 38,000 cigarettes to-day - 28,000 from the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, 6,000 from a Toronto I.O.D.E. Chapter and 2,000 from Mr. J.E. Cross of Calgary, Alberta. Letters of acknowledgement have been drafted, thanking the donors for their gifts.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: No flying to-day.</p> | | |
| DO | 25.1.45 | | <p>WEATHER: Fog all day.</p> <p>WINDS: Wind calm becoming a light N.W.'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: The Squadron was not required for any operations during day or night.</p> <p>TRAINING: Ground training was carried out in all Sections. Special lectures were held in the briefing room after which a general stand down was given to all personnel.</p> <p>GENERAL: CAN.C.1205 W/C C.C.W. Marshall, the Squadron Commander, and CAN.C.1208 W/C E.M. Williams A.F.C., proceeded to No. 6 (R.C.A.F.) Group Headquarters to attend a conference of Squadron Commanders being held there this afternoon.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: No flying to-day.</p> | | |

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| SKIPTON-ON-SWALE | 26.1.45 | | <p><u>WEATHER:</u> Snow showers early morning. Poor visibility.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Light N.W.'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> The squadron was not required for any operations during the day or night.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Extensive training was done and "A" Flight have partially completed conversion over to Lancaster aircraft and it is expected that if called for operations tomorrow we will be able to offer 6 aircraft and crews with a spare in reserve. This is highly satisfactory as it is complying with the plans made over two months ago.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> The renovation of the Crew Room is practically completed and it is a great improvement.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> Operational - Nil.</p> <p>Non-Operational - Day - 47 hrs. 15 mins. Night - Nil.</p> | | |
| DO | 27.1.45 | | <p><u>WEATHER:</u> Fair to cloudy. Occasional snow showers. Moderate to poor visibility.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> N.W.'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> The Squadron was ordered to detail 6 A/C for a bombing mission tonight. All preparations were completed and everything in readiness for take-off when the order came through cancelling the operation.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Considerable flying training was carried out in Lancaster A/C during the day and plans were laid for night cross country's but due to adverse weather had to be cancelled.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> Plans were made to purchase a stove out of Squadron Funds for use in the Crew Room. A few details remain to be completed before our Squadron Canteen can operate. These are being attended to.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> Operational - Nil.</p> <p>Non-Operational - Day - 15 hrs. 09 mins. Night - Nil.</p> | | |
| DO | 28.1.45 | | <p><u>WEATHER:</u> Cloudy becoming fair. Continuous snow showers. Visibility good at first but poor in showers and late evening.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> The Squadron was ordered to detail 8 A/C for an attack tonight. All preparations were completed and take off started on schedule. Two A/C successfully took off. The third A/C with CAN. G. 968 W/C E.M. Williams A.F.C. and Crew was on the runway just taking off when the aircraft blew up. This prevented the balance of the A/C taking off. All crew members were instantly killed except the Rear Gunner who was seriously injured and rushed to the hospital.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Considerable flying training was carried out to-day. Ground training was carried out in all Sections.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> The whole Squadron visibly showed the loss of our new Wing Commander to be, CAN. G. 968 W/C E.M. Williams A.F.C., who was greatly respected by all and his loss is deeply felt.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> Operational - Day - Nil; Night - 14 hrs. 38 mins.</p> <p>Non-Operational - Day - 22 hrs. 24 mins. Night - Nil.</p> | | A.1777-A.1779 |
| DO | 29.1.45 | | <p><u>WEATHER:</u> Cloudy with period of show late evening. Visibility moderate to poor.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Light variable wind becoming moderate S.E.'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> The Squadron was ordered to detail 4 A/C for a precision bombing mission. All preparations were completed and briefing was carried out. Late in the afternoon the operation was cancelled.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Ground training was carried out in all Sections during the day.</p> | | |

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| SKIPTON-ON-SWALE | 29.1.45 | (Cont'd) | <p><u>GENERAL:</u> This is the last day that the Squadron use Halifax A/C. Starting tomorrow if the Squadron are required for operation they will be flying in Lancaster A/C.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> Operational - Nil. Non-Operational - Day - 1 hr. 33 mins. Night - Nil.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DO | 30.1.45 | | <p><u>WEATHER:</u> Continuous snow early morning. Visibility poor becoming good in evening.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> The Squadron was not called upon for either day or night operations.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> Ground training was carried out to-day in all Sections and a special lecture was given to the Pilots.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> Adverse weather has kept all A/C on the ground to-day. A large consignment of cigarettes has arrived for the Squadron. The Squadron has now completed operations on Halifax III A/C and in future will be operating solely with Lancaster Aircraft.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> No flying to-day.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DO | 31.1.45 | | <p><u>WEATHER:</u> Fair with good visibility. becoming cloudy with continuous rain and fog.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONAL WINDS:</u> Moderate Westerly becoming light S.E.'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> The Squadron was called upon to-day to give seven Lancaster A/C for operations. Late this afternoon the operation was cancelled.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> A small amount of flying training took place this morning but fog cancelled a large programme arranged for this afternoon.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> CAN.J.90435 P/O L.G. Nichol and Crew joined the Squadron to-day for operational duties.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> Operational - Nil. Non-Operational - Day - 17 mins. Night - Nil.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| N. CAN.R.188800 | SGT | DICKIE, L.R. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| B/A CAN.J.40344 | F/O | RUDDY, B. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| F/S CAN.R.193872 | SGT | JARVIS, A.W. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| W/G CAN.R.277079 | SGT | POTASHNER, B. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| SKIPTON-ON-SWALE | 31.1.45 | | <u>POSTING OUT</u> <u>OFFICERS - R.C.A.F.</u> CAN.J.39393 P/O V.A. STOKES TO W.c.f. 28.12.44 CAN.J.5789 A/S/L A.B. PERTINIAN 63 BASE 3. 1.45 CAN.J.27148 P/O W.D.L. COLLIS 63 BASE 20. 1.45 CAN.J.27485 P/O A.W. HANSON 63 BASE 11. 1.45 <u>OFFICERS - R.A.F.</u> R.A.F.182848 P/O H. THOMPSON A.C.A.C. 5. 1.45 " 184403 P/O G.G. JOHNSON " " " " 183078 P/O W.B. SUMMERS " " " " 187472 P/O A. PEARSON 1659 C.U. 16. 1.45 " 187473 P/O I.O.G. TWEED 27. 1.45 <u>AIRMEN - R.C.A.F.</u> CAN.R.266419 P/S MCCONNELL, R.A. 431 SQDN. 8. 1.45 CAN.R.264786 P/S POWER, A.J. " " " CAN.R.264850 SGT PORTE, G.C. "R" DEPOT 14.12.44 <u>AIRMEN - R.A.F.</u> RAF.1321681 SGT. BARNES, D.G. A.C.A.C. 5. 1.45 " 1836499 SGT. SIMMONS, T.H. " " " " 981394 SGT. ROBERTSON, M.L. " " " " 643372 SGT. GARSIE, W. " " " " 1714955 SGT. FINE, J. 427 SQDN. 16. 1.45 " 1812031 SGT. HOOD, G.A. 6. 1.45 <u>PROMOTIONS - OFFICERS</u> CAN.J.28490 P/O H.H. CAMPBELL DFC PROMOTED TO RANK OF A/P/L W.c.f. 15.12.44 CAN.J.27844 P/O H.P. TAYLOR PROMOTED TO RANK OF T/P/L W.c.f. 23.11.44 CAN.J.26991 P/O D.E. SILLERS PROMOTED TO RANK OF T/P/L W.c.f. 28.11.44 CAN.J.86925 A/P/O G.E. HAWTHORN PROMOTED TO RANK OF T/P/O W.c.f. 18.11.44 CAN.J.27003 P/O C.D. MOIR PROMOTED TO RANK OF T/P/L W.c.f. 2.12.44 CAN.J.15230 P/O J.P. MATHESON PROMOTED TO RANK OF T/P/L W.c.f. 5.12.44 CAN.J.87605 A/P/O F.O. PEARSON PROMOTED TO RANK OF T/P/O W.c.f. 2.12.44 CAN.J.16723 P/O J.R. WOOLLEY PROMOTED TO RANK OF T/P/L W.c.f. 11.12.44 CAN.J.16753 P/O G.S.C. MACLEAN PROMOTED TO RANK OF T/P/L W.c.f. 26.12.44 CAN.J.87424 A/P/O C.S. WALKER DFC PROMOTED TO RANK OF T/P/O W.c.f. 22.12.44 CAN.J.11327 P/L R.W. GREEN PROMOTED TO RANK OF A/S/L W.c.f. 3. 1.45 <u>COMMISSIONS</u> During the month of January no Airmen Airores on this Squadron were commissioned. | | |

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| SKIPTON-ON-SWALE | 31.1.45 | | <p><u>HONOURS AND AWARDS</u></p> <p>The undermentioned personnel have been awarded the following decorations, Authority: No. 6 Group Postagram 66/S.978/2/P.1 dated 23.1.45, which will be gazetted on the 16th and 19th January, 1945.</p> <p><u>DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS - NON-IMMEDIATE</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>CAN.J.28068</td> <td>P/O H. VINCENT</td> <td>CAN.J.26746</td> <td>P/L J.F. NEILANS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAN.J.28075</td> <td>P/O R.G. DONALD</td> <td>CAN.J.26927</td> <td>P/O L.G. HUGHES</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAN.J.28242</td> <td>P/O J.W. MERRIS</td> <td>CAN.J.26781</td> <td>P/O W. FALDMAN</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAN.J.28881</td> <td>P/O W.P. PATTERSON</td> <td>CAN.J.25309</td> <td>P/O J.A. RICHARDSON</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAN.J.28960</td> <td>P/O C.H. SHERWOOD</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p><u>DISTINGUISHED FLYING MEDAL - NON-IMMEDIATE</u></p> <p>CAN.R.207165 P/S J.M. ROGS</p> <p><u>CHANGES IN COMMAND - NIL</u></p> <p><u>CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION</u> - CAN.C.12615 P/L H.R. Jarman assumed Adjutant duties w.o.f. 30.1.45 on posting of CAN.C.7279 P/L R.M. Howard to No. 62 (R.C.A.F.) Base w.o.f. 30.1.45.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT ON STRENGTH</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Operational</td> <td>A/C Lancaster I</td> <td>- 12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Non-Operational</td> <td>A/C Lancaster I</td> <td>- 5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Non-Operational</td> <td>A/C Halifax III</td> <td>- 9</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Operational</td> <td>Day</td> <td>Nil</td> <td>Night</td> <td>382 hrs. 08 mins.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Operational Training</td> <td>Day</td> <td>213 hrs. 11 mins.</td> <td>Night</td> <td>50 hrs. 59 mins.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other Flying</td> <td>Day</td> <td>5 hrs. 36 mins.</td> <td>Night</td> <td>0 hrs. 46 mins.</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>NUMBER OF OPERATIONAL SORTIES: 59</u></p> <p><u>BOMBS DROPPED AND MINES LAID</u> (Tons 2240 lbs.)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <th></th> <th>H.R.</th> <th>Incd.</th> <th>Mines</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Month of January, 1945</td> <td>131</td> <td>32.5</td> <td>18.7</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>STRENGTH</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <th></th> <th>OFFICERS</th> <th>AIROCREW</th> <th>GROUND CREW</th> <th>AIROBWN</th> <th>AIROCREW</th> </tr> <tr> <td>R.C.A.F.</td> <td></td> <td>116</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td>101</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R.C.A.F. (U.S.A.)</td> <td></td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td></td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R.A.F.</td> <td></td> <td>7</td> <td>-</td> <td></td> <td>26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AUS</td> <td></td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td></td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td></td> <td>123</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td>130</td> </tr> </table> | CAN.J.28068 | P/O H. VINCENT | CAN.J.26746 | P/L J.F. NEILANS | CAN.J.28075 | P/O R.G. DONALD | CAN.J.26927 | P/O L.G. HUGHES | CAN.J.28242 | P/O J.W. MERRIS | CAN.J.26781 | P/O W. FALDMAN | CAN.J.28881 | P/O W.P. PATTERSON | CAN.J.25309 | P/O J.A. RICHARDSON | CAN.J.28960 | P/O C.H. SHERWOOD | | | Operational | A/C Lancaster I | - 12 | Non-Operational | A/C Lancaster I | - 5 | Non-Operational | A/C Halifax III | - 9 | Operational | Day | Nil | Night | 382 hrs. 08 mins. | Operational Training | Day | 213 hrs. 11 mins. | Night | 50 hrs. 59 mins. | Other Flying | Day | 5 hrs. 36 mins. | Night | 0 hrs. 46 mins. | | H.R. | Incd. | Mines | Month of January, 1945 | 131 | 32.5 | 18.7 | | OFFICERS | AIROCREW | GROUND CREW | AIROBWN | AIROCREW | R.C.A.F. | | 116 | 1 | | 101 | R.C.A.F. (U.S.A.) | | - | - | | - | R.A.F. | | 7 | - | | 26 | AUS | | - | - | | - | TOTAL | | 123 | 1 | | 130 | | |
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| Non-Operational | A/C Lancaster I | - 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Non-Operational | A/C Halifax III | - 9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Operational | Day | Nil | Night | 382 hrs. 08 mins. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Operational Training | Day | 213 hrs. 11 mins. | Night | 50 hrs. 59 mins. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other Flying | Day | 5 hrs. 36 mins. | Night | 0 hrs. 46 mins. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| SKIPTON-ON-SWALE | 31.1.45 | | <p><u>NUMBER OF COMBATS WITH ENEMY AIRCRAFT</u></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>NUMBER OF COMBATS</th> <th>NO CLAIM</th> <th>DESTROYED</th> <th>PROBABLE</th> <th>DAMAGE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>2</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>(SEE APPENDICES 12 to 14 Incl.)</p> <p><u>COMMANDING OFFICER'S RESUME</u></p> <p>January was a month of changes for the Squadron in many ways. "A" Flight was stood down on the 4th for conversion and started conversion flying on January 12th. "B" Flight still operated during "A" Flight stand-down and put up a very good show of it. "A" Flight became operational on January 27th but were not called upon to operate the first trip on Lancasters until February 1st. The last Halifax operation was on Stuttgart on January 28th - 29th.</p> <p>During the month the Squadron lost three crews. Two missing - CAN.J.88245 P/O Mackle and Crew and CAN.J.29142 P/O Grant and Crew. CAN.O.988 W/O E.M. Williams A.F.C. who was understudying the Commanding Officer crashed on take-off on January 28th - 29th and all were killed with the exception of the Rear Gunner. It was a sad blow to the Squadron.</p> <p>The Squadron took part in seven night bombing and three mining trips for a total of 59 sorties of which 57 were primaries. We flew 382 operational hours and 264 training hours, the training time spent mostly on the conversion of "A" Flight.</p> <p>With the exception of W/O Williams' crash the Squadron is still keeping up its accident record. That accident is still classed as obscure.</p> <p>The Sections have all been doing very good work during the month. The Bombing Section brought the Squadron to 2nd place in the fight for the bombing trophy.</p> <p>There were five non-starters for the month which occurred after the crash because the runways were U/S.</p> <p>The Squadron is in fine shape with everybody keen on the Lancasters. By the middle of February we will be back operating at full strength again.</p> | NUMBER OF COMBATS | NO CLAIM | DESTROYED | PROBABLE | DAMAGE | 3 | 2 | 1 | | | | |
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