

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
SKIPTON-ON-SWALE	1-3-45		<p>WEATHER: Cloudy becoming fair to fine. Good visibility. Slight rain in early morning.</p> <p>WINDS: N. Westerly wind.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: 9 Squadron A/C took part in a daylight raid on MANHEIM through 10/10th cloud, all A/C returning safely to base.</p> <p>TRAINING: One A/C carried out a cross-country.</p> <p>GENERAL: Usual Squadron activity.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Day - 63.37 Night - Nil Non-Operational - Day - 2.01 Night 4.53.</p>	A.1887 - A.1895
DO	2-3-45		<p>WEATHER: Fine becoming fair, good visibility.</p> <p>WINDS: N.W. to N.N.W.'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: To-day's raid on COLOGNE was joined by 14 of the Squadron A/C all of whom returned safely to base, reporting an excellent effort.</p> <p>TRAINING: Since all the Squadron personnel were concerned with preparations for the operation, no training was carried out.</p> <p>GENERAL: Normal Squadron activity.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Day - 84.08 Night - Nil. Non-Operational - Day - 05 mins. Night - Nil.</p>	A.1896 - A.1909
DO	3-3-45		<p>WEATHER: Fine becoming cloudy. Moderate to good visibility.</p> <p>WINDS: Light variable wind becoming light N.W.'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Shortly after midnight this morning CAN. G.1205 W/C C.C.W. Marshall and crew took off and represented the Squadron on a mining effort to KRISTIANSTAD. A successful effort and a safe return.</p> <p>GENERAL: Normal Squadron activity.</p> <p>TRAINING: The training programme included cross country, fighter affiliation and air to sea firing practice.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Day - Nil; Night - 5.56. Non-Operational - Day - 27.15; Night - 1.46</p>	A.1910
DO	4-3-45		<p>WEATHER: Fair to cloudy, becoming cloudy, with slight rain in afternoon. Good visibility.</p> <p>WINDS: Light N.W.'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: A strike striking force of 15 plus one spare was laid on to-day, but the intended operation was cancelled before take off.</p> <p>TRAINING: All available pilots were given lectures this morning, and link instruction. The A.T.C. were given familiarisation flights in the Station Oxford.</p> <p>GENERAL: A security silence has been imposed on all experience, opinions and rumours of last night's enemy intrusion.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: No flying to-day.</p>	

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SKIPTON-ON-WHALE	5.3.45 5.3.45		<p>WEATHER: Fair to cloudy. Good visibility. Slight rain in afternoon.</p> <p>WINDS: Mainly light N.W.W.'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: 14 A/C took part in a night bombing raid on CHEMNITZ. All except one returning safely to this Cegatry in the early hours of March 6th, some being diverted due to weather. The unreported A/C was piloted by CAN.J.8165 P/L D.A. Ross and he and his crew are listed "missing".</p> <p>TRAINING: No training was carried out to-day due to operations.</p> <p>GENERAL: Normal Squadron activity.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Day - Nil; Night - 123 hrs. 14 mins.</p> <p>Non-Operational - Nil.</p>		A.1911-A.1924
DO	6.3.45		<p>WEATHER: Cloudy with good visibility.</p> <p>WINDS: Light N.W.'ly wind.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: The Squadron A/C did not operate to-day.</p> <p>TRAINING: Practice flying, including cross-country, fighter affiliation, air to sea firing and practice bombing carried out in addition to link trainer exercises.</p> <p>GENERAL: Normal Squadron activity.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Nil.</p> <p>Non-Operational - Day - 12.02; Night - 29 hrs. 17 mins.</p>		
DO	7.3.45		<p>WEATHER: Cloudy. Moderate to good visibility.</p> <p>WINDS: N.W.'ly wind.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Early this evening 12 Squadron A/C took off to BOMB DESSAU. It was necessary to divert them to FORD due to petrol shortage on their return in the early hours of March 8th. From this operation two A/C are missing, those piloted by CAN.J.41166 P/O T.L. Foley and CAN.J.41115 P/O W.D. Lighthall, both comparative newcomers to the Squadron.</p> <p>TRAINING: Two aircraft were engaged in training carrying out cross country exercises.</p> <p>GENERAL: Normal Squadron activity.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operations - Day - Nil; Night - 87.47</p> <p>Non-Operational - Day - Nil; Night - 6 hrs. 12 mins.</p>		A.1925-A.1936
DO	8.3.45		<p>WEATHER: Cloudy becoming fair to fine. Slight haze, visibility moderate.</p> <p>WINDS: N.W.'ly becoming calm.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Early this evening 5 A/C took off to mine MINE the HELIGOLAND LIGHT. Four were successful, one was not able due to HPS unserviceability to drop mines. All A/C returned safely to base around midnight.</p> <p>TRAINING: Flying training, including bombing, air to sea and fighter affiliation in addition to cross country, carried out.</p> <p>GENERAL: CAN.J.87605 P/L P.O. Pearson and Crew were screened to-day.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Day - Nil; Night 27.58 hrs.</p> <p>Non-Operational - Day - 20.33 hrs. Night - 1 hr. 25 mins.</p>		A.1937-A.1941

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SKIPTON-ON-SWALE	9.3.45		<p>WEATHER: Fine becoming cloudy. Moderate visibility.</p> <p>WINDS: Wind calm or light W.N.W. fly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: The Squadron did not operate to-day or to-night.</p> <p>TRAINING: The absence of operations allowed considerable training to-day, cross-countries, combined with fighter affiliation, practice bombing and air to sea firing. The link was also very busy.</p> <p>GENERAL: CAN.E.87424 F/L C.S. Walker D.F.C. and crew were screened to-day.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Nil. Non-Operational - Day - Nil; Night - 28 hrs. 52 mins.</p>		
DO	10.3.45		<p>WEATHER: Cloudy, moderate visibility becoming good.</p> <p>WINDS: W.N.W. fly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: The Squadron did not operate to-day or tonight.</p> <p>TRAINING: Similar training to that undertaken yesterday.</p> <p>GENERAL: The monthly dance in the Officer's Mess. An entirely enjoyable event, although tomorrow's operation tempered the merry making of these concerned.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Nil. Non-Operational - Day - 30 hrs. 46 mins. Night - Nil.</p>		
DO	11.3.45		<p>WEATHER: Cloudy becoming fair to fine. Good visibility becoming moderate with smoke haze.</p> <p>WINDS: Light variable or calm.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: The target for a raid in daylight to-day was <u>ESSEN</u>. Fourteen A/C participated, all bombing and returning safely. The A/C piloted by CAN.J.17061 F/L G.P. Lamden, DFM, was struck in the nose by a missile fragment of a "meatcutter" and the souvenir was turned over to Intelligence for their study.</p> <p>TRAINING: No training was carried out to-day.</p> <p>GENERAL: CAN.C.1205 W/C G.C.W. Marshall, Squadron Commander, was screened in after to-day's raid but since his successor is not yet appointed it seems he will have to wait a little longer for his well earned rest. Permission was also received to screen CAN.J.25530 F/O J.D. Knox, a Bomb Aimer.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Day - 25.44 hrs. Night - Nil. Non-Operational - Day - 3 hrs. 42 mins. Night - Nil.</p>		A.1942-A.1955
DO	12.3.45		<p>WEATHER: Fine becoming fair. Poor visibility with fog early morning.</p> <p>WINDS: Light variable wind.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Another daylight operation. This time against <u>DOCKMUND</u>. 12 A/C participating without loss. A/C "P", Pilot CAN.J.85095 F/O H.H. Cowan, lost port outer engine shortly after take off but set course early and despite this handicap pressed home a successful attack, landing at Manston on return. In addition, one A/C successfully mined the <u>KATTEMAT</u> in the evening.</p> <p>TRAINING: Nil.</p> <p>GENERAL: CAN.R.143517 F/S Izak, G. (A/C) was screened to-day.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Day - 21 hrs. 59 mins. Night - 5 hrs. 58 mins. Non-Operational - Nil.</p>		A.1956-A.1969 A.1970

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SKIPTON-ON-SWALS	13.3.45		<p>WEATHER: Cloudy becoming fair to fine. Moderate visibility.</p> <p>WINDS: Light S.E.'ly becoming light W.'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: No operations.</p> <p>TRAINING: With the slackening of operational activity, the training section resumed, combining cross countries with the usual fighter affiliation and bombing and firing practice.</p> <p>GENERAL: Information was received to-day that CAN.O.1362 W/O G.A. Roy was former Squadron Commander missing since the 9th of October, 1944, is now reported a Prisoner of War in hospital.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Nil. Non-Operational - Day - 6 hrs., 26 mins. Night - 14 hrs. 39 mins.</p>	
DO	14.3.45		<p>WEATHER: Fine with fog in early morning, becoming moderate visibility.</p> <p>WINDS: Calm or light westerly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: 12 Squadron A/C took off early this evening to BOMB ZWIEBRUCKEN. All returned safely with the exception of that piloted by CAN.J.90555 P/O McDERMOT which crash landed at Diahforth with slight injury to the Bomb Almer and Wireless Operator.</p> <p>TRAINING: No training except link.</p> <p>GENERAL: Normal Squadron activity.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Day - Nil; Night - 82 hrs. 08 mins. Non-Operational - Day - Nil; 17 mins. Night - Nil.</p>	A.1971-A.1982
DO	15.3.45		<p>WEATHER: Calm or light S.W.'ly wind. Moderate visibility. Fine becoming fair to cloudy.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: An early evening take-off for a BOMBING raid on HAGEN. Twelve A/C took part, all returning safely. The operation being marked by the gallantry of CAN.J.86694 P/O Mould, an inexperienced Captain, who carried out his attack despite an early engine failure. The returning crews complained of being illuminated by friendly searchlights on the track out which might well have betrayed them to enemy fighters with serious consequences.</p> <p>TRAINING: No training except link.</p> <p>GENERAL: Normal Squadron activity.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Day - Nil; Night 85 hrs. 03 mins. Non-Operational - Day - Nil; Night 5 hrs. 08 mins.</p>	A.1983-A.1994
DO	16.3.45		<p>WEATHER: Mainly fair with an occasional shower in afternoon.</p> <p>WINDS: Fresh W.S.W.'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Two aircraft successfully bombed HELLIGLAND LIGHT, returning safely to base before midnight.</p> <p>TRAINING: Little training to-day, some cross country flights and link exercises.</p> <p>GENERAL: Normal Squadron activity.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Day - Nil; Night - 9 hrs. 34 mins. Non-Operational - Day - 19 hrs. 06 mins. Night - Nil.</p>	A.1995 - A.1996

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SKIPTON-ON-AVON	17.3.45		<p>WEATHER: Fine becoming fair. Good visibility.</p> <p>WINDS: S.W.'ly becoming light S.E.'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: No operations.</p> <p>TRAINING: Accost on training again with available A/C on cross countries combined with fighter affiliation, air to sea firing, and bombing.</p> <p>GENERAL: Normal Squadron activity.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Nil.</p> <p>Non-Operational - Day - 14 hrs. 48 mins. Night - Nil.</p>		
DO	18.3.45		<p>WEATHER: Fair to cloudy becoming cloudy. Good visibility.</p> <p>WINDS: Light S.S.W.'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: No operations.</p> <p>TRAINING: Similar programme to yesterday, plus link trainer.</p> <p>GENERAL: CAN.J.4428 S/L W.G. Anderson DFC, O.C. "A" Flight, and crew were screened to-day. CAN.J.17061 P/L C.P. Lundeen DFC will assume command.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Nil.</p> <p>Non-Operational - Day - 19 hrs. 50 mins. Night - 15 hrs. 38 mins.</p>		
DO	19.3.45		<p>WEATHER: Fair to cloudy. Rain after dusk with moderate visibility later becoming good.</p> <p>WINDS: Light S.'ly veering fresh Westerly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: No operations.</p> <p>TRAINING: Lectures only to-day - engine handling and flying control.</p> <p>GENERAL: Normal Squadron activity.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: No flying to-day.</p>		
DO	20.3.45		<p>WEATHER: Fair to fine becoming fair to cloudy. Good visibility.</p> <p>WINDS: W.S.W.'ly, fresh.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: The Squadron did not operate to-day but briefed for an early morning take-off.</p> <p>TRAINING: No flying training to-day but all Sections were busy.</p> <p>GENERAL: Normal Squadron activity.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: No flying to-day.</p>		
DO	21.3.45		<p>WEATHER: Cloudy becoming fair to fine. Good visibility.</p> <p>WINDS: S.W. to Westerly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Shortly after midnight, fifteen Squadron A/C took off to BOMB HAMBURG. All returned safely about breakfast time reporting an exceptionally good raid.</p> <p>TRAINING: Only one cross country flight to-day.</p> <p>GENERAL: The A/C piloted by CAN.J.7375 P/L J.F. Thomas DFC flew the Squadron's 2000th sortie on 4-engined A/C to-day. Press photos were taken yesterday of the Pilot, his Bomb aimer and the bomb load.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Night - 86 hrs. 22 mins.</p> <p>Non-Operational - Day - 6 hrs. 06 mins.</p>		A.1997-A.2011

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SKIPTON-ON-SWALE	22.3.45		<p>WEATHER: Cloudy becoming fine after dusk. Moderate visibility.</p> <p>WINDS: Light S.E. 'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: A daylight raid to-day on HILLESHEIM, 14 of our A/C participating under excellent fighter cover. All returned to base after a most successful effort.</p> <p>TRAINING: Two Cross Countries plus link training.</p> <p>GENERAL: Normal Squadron activity.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Day - 25 hrs. 56 mins. Night - Nil.</p> <p>Non-Operational - Day - 5 hrs. 49 mins. Night - Nil.</p>		A.2012-A.2025
DO	23.3.45		<p>WEATHER: Mainly fine. Considerable smoke haze.</p> <p>WINDS: Light S.E. 'ly wind.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: The Squadron did not operate to-day, the operation calling for 13 A/C being cancelled before take off.</p> <p>TRAINING: Two long cross country flights for recently arrived crews.</p> <p>GENERAL: Normal Squadron activity.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Nil.</p> <p>Non-Operational - Day - 15 hrs. 18 mins. Night - Nil.</p>		
DO	24.3.45		<p>WEATHER: Fine becoming fair to cloudy in evening. Moderate visibility becoming good during daylight.</p> <p>WINDS: Light westerly becoming light S.W. 'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Industrial installations in BOTTROP were the target for a daylight operation to-day by 11 of the Squadron A/C. All returned safely although that piloted by CAN.J.25648 F/O Stuart was damaged by flak.</p> <p>TRAINING: Recently arrived crews practiced fighter affiliation, bombing, and air to sea firing. All available crews reviewed drills. Pilots had lectures on Navigation and Bomb Runners on H2S.</p> <p>GENERAL: Telephone notification of non-immediate awards received, as follows: D.S.O. to CAN.J.16264 F/L E.W. Smith - D.F.C. to CAN.C.1205 W/C C.O.W. Marshall and 6 other members and past members of the Squadron.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Day - 66 hrs. 09 mins. Night - Nil.</p> <p>Non-Operational - Day - 4 hrs. 15 mins. Night - Nil.</p>		A.2026-A.2036
DO	25.3.45		<p>WEATHER: Cloud becoming fair. Moderate visibility becoming good.</p> <p>WINDS: Light S.W. 'ly.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Thirteen A/C took off in the early morning for a daylight attack on HANNOVER. Of these, that piloted by CAN.J.16230 F/L Matheson lost an engine on take off and having taken off last was unable to maintain sufficient speed to proceed. Bombs were jettisoned in the sea and the A/C landed safely at base. All others bombed successfully despite heavy flak and returned safely.</p> <p>TRAINING: No training flying to-day but all Sections were busy on the ground.</p> <p>GENERAL: Normal Squadron activity.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Day - 89 hrs. 34 mins. Night - Nil.</p> <p>Non-Operational - Nil.</p>		A.2037-A.2050

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SKIPTON-ON-OWALE	26.3.45		<p>WEATHER: Mainly fair. Good visibility.</p> <p>WINDS: E.W. to W. by.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: No operations.</p> <p>TRAINING: A heavy programme of flying training to-day with 9 A/C flying.</p> <p>GENERAL: CAN.C.994 W/O R.W. Morris reported for duty from 408 Squadron to assume command of the Squadron vice CAN.C.1205 W/O G.G.W. Marshall.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Nil.</p> <p>Non-Operational - Day - 28 hrs. 14 mins. Night - Nil.</p>		
DO	27.3.45		<p>WEATHER: Fine becoming fair to cloudy with continuous rain in the evening. Moderate to good visibility.</p> <p>WINDS: Light W. by backing S. by.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: No operations.</p> <p>TRAINING: Accost on flying training again, seven aircraft engaged.</p> <p>GENERAL: CAN.C.1205 W/O G.G.W. Marshall proceeded on leave after duty to-day and CAN.C.994 W/O R.W. Morris assumed command of the Squadron.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Nil.</p> <p>Non-Operational - Day 22 hrs. 48 mins. Night - Nil.</p>		
DO	28.2.45		<p>WEATHER: Fair to cloudy with periods of rain. Good visibility except in rain.</p> <p>WINDS: Light S.W. to W. by.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: An operation was laid on for 14 Squadron A/C to-day but was subsequently cancelled.</p> <p>TRAINING: No flying training possible due to preparations for the operation.</p> <p>GENERAL: Normal Squadron activity.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Nil.</p>		
DO	29.3.45		<p>WEATHER: Cloudy becoming fair to fine. Good visibility.</p> <p>WINDS: Light S.W. to W. by.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: No operations.</p> <p>TRAINING: Five flying training exercises undertaken to-day.</p> <p>GENERAL: A draft of 10 screened personnel proceeded to the "R" Depot today for repatriation.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Nil.</p> <p>Non-Operational - Day - 5 hrs. 04 mins. Night - Nil.</p>		
DO	30.3.45		<p>WEATHER: Fine becoming fair to cloudy, with occasional showers. Good visibility except in showers.</p> <p>WINDS: Fresh to strong W.S.W. by.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: The Squadron did not operate to-day. A battle order was prepared in the evening for a daylight operation to-morrow.</p> <p>TRAINING: One A/C in flying training.</p> <p>GENERAL: CAN.J.90544 P/O E.M. Crawford, spare WOP/AG, was screened to-day.</p> <p>FLYING TIMES: Operational - Nil.</p> <p>Non-Operational - Day - 3 hrs. 28 mins. Night - Nil.</p>		

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SKIPPON-On-SWALE	31.3.45		<p><u>WEATHER:</u> Cloudy. Period of rain in afternoon and evening. Good visibility.</p> <p><u>WINDS:</u> Fresh S.W. 'ly.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> The Squadron was represented by 10 A/C in a daylight attack on HAMBURG. It was an exciting effort, several A/C reporting fighter attacks and that piloted by G.N.J. 1735 F/O Watson claiming the destruction of a jet propelled M.E. 262. Despite this, and despite the heavy flak, all A/C returned safely.</p> <p><u>TRAINING:</u> One cross country flight to-day.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:</u> Normal Squadron activity.</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u> Operational - Day - 56 hrs. 34 mins. Night - Nil. Non-Operational - Day 2 hrs. 33 mins. Night - Nil.</p>		A.2051-A.2060																																																																																				
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			A/G CAN.R.154735 F/S. R.A. McINTYRE from 433 Squadron W.O.F. 16.3.45		
			F/E CAN.R.198024 SGT A.H. FISHER " 434 " " 14.3.45		
			A/B CAN.R.155718 W/O R.H. MOHR " 427 " " 27.3.45		
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			<u>OFFICERS - R.C.A.F.</u>	TO	W.O.F.
			CAN.J.39723 F/O W.H. HARRIS "R" DEPOT 1.3.45		
			CAN.J.86756 F/O W.W. ARMSTRONG " " 7.3.45		
			CAN.J.4428 A/S/L W.G. ANDERSON DPO 28.3.45		
			CAN.J.87424 A/P/L C.S. WALKER " " 29.3.45		
			CAN.J.89472 F/O A.F. McDOWELL " " 29.3.45		
			CAN.J.37537 F/O F.B. GORDON " " " "		
			CAN.J.25590 F/O J.D. KNOX " " " "		
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			CAN.J.13402 F/L J.J. STALBERGER 63 BASE 28.2.45		
			CAN.J.93585 F/O K.F. PALLETY 1666 C.U. 1.3.45		
			CAN.J.18176 F/O J.B. TREMBLAY 63 BASE 16.3.45		
			CAN.C.89536 F/L L.H. WILLIAMS DPO O/S R.C.A.F. H.Q. 23.2.45		
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			<u>AIRMAN - R.C.A.F.</u>		
			CAN.R.203115 F/S GOLDBOROUGH, R.H. 433 Squadron 15.5.45		
			CAN.R.213413 F/S MYDDEN, J.A. " " " "		
			CAN.R.214626 F/S FRANKO, J. " " " "		
			CAN.R.115833 F/S PRODIGER, G. 63 BASE 21.3.45		
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			CAN.R.209076 F/S KRECH, R.B. " " 7.3.45		
			CAN.R.197384 W/O McDONALD, W.G. " " 29.3.45		
			CAN.R.143517 F/S LAMUK, F. " " " "		
			CAN.R.200121 F/S CORVED, O.H. " " " "		
			CAN.R.254824 F/S ANTHONY, A.B. " " " "		
			<u>AIRMAN - R.A.F.</u>		
			RAF.1896339 SGT ROBERTS, K. RAF EASTCHURCH 6.3.45		
			RAF.2211127 SGT METCALF, P. 1664 C.U. 1.3.45		
			RAF.1800368 SGT PAEN, O.H. 433 SQUADRON 15.3.45		
			RAF.3000328 SGT REID, G.H. 433 SQUADRON 21.3.45		

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SKIPTON-ON-GWALE	31.3.45		<p><u>CHANGES IN COMMAND</u> CAN.C.944 W/O R.W. Norris reported for duty on March 26th, 1945, from 408 Squadron to assume command of the Squadron vice CAN.C.1205 W/O G.O.W. Marshall.</p> <p><u>CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION</u> - Nil.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT ON STRENGTH</u> Operational A/C Lancaster I - 28 Non-Operational A/C Lancaster I - Nil</p> <p><u>FLYING TIMES:</u></p> <table><tr><td>Operational</td><td>Day</td><td>623.41 Hrs.</td><td>Night</td><td>514.00 Hrs.</td></tr><tr><td>Operational Training</td><td>Day</td><td>251.25 Hrs.</td><td>Night</td><td>93.11 Hrs.</td></tr><tr><td>Other Flying</td><td>Day</td><td>12.52 Hrs.</td><td>Night</td><td>Nil.</td></tr></table> <p><u>NUMBER OF OPERATIONAL SORTIES</u> - 174</p> <p><u>BOMBS DROPPED AND MINES LAID</u> (Tons) 2,240 lbs.)</p> <table><tr><th></th><th>HEA.</th><th>INCEND.</th><th>MINES</th></tr><tr><td>To 28.2.45</td><td>169.7</td><td>207.0</td><td>99</td></tr><tr><td>During March, 1945</td><td>537.5</td><td>205.2</td><td>32.2</td></tr><tr><td>Total for 1945.</td><td>707.2</td><td>412.2</td><td>131.2</td></tr></table> <p><u>STRENGTH</u></p> <table><tr><th></th><th>OFFICERS</th><th>AIRCREW</th><th>GROUND CREW</th><th>AIRGUN</th><th>AIRGROW</th></tr><tr><td>R.C.A.F.</td><td></td><td>120</td><td>1</td><td></td><td>109</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>6</td><td></td><td></td><td>18</td></tr><tr><td>AUX.</td><td></td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td></td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL</td><td></td><td>126</td><td>1</td><td></td><td>127</td></tr></table> <p><u>NUMBER OF COMBATS WITH ENEMY AIRCRAFT</u></p> <table><tr><th>NO. of COMBATS</th><th>No Claim</th><th>Dest.</th><th>Prob.</th><th>Damaged</th></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>-</td><td>2</td></tr></table> <p>(SEE APPENDICES 55 to 58 Incl)</p>	Operational	Day	623.41 Hrs.	Night	514.00 Hrs.	Operational Training	Day	251.25 Hrs.	Night	93.11 Hrs.	Other Flying	Day	12.52 Hrs.	Night	Nil.		HEA.	INCEND.	MINES	To 28.2.45	169.7	207.0	99	During March, 1945	537.5	205.2	32.2	Total for 1945.	707.2	412.2	131.2		OFFICERS	AIRCREW	GROUND CREW	AIRGUN	AIRGROW	R.C.A.F.		120	1		109	R.C.A.F. (U.S.A.)		-	-		-	R.A.F.		6			18	AUX.		-	-		-	TOTAL		126	1		127	NO. of COMBATS	No Claim	Dest.	Prob.	Damaged	4	1	1	-	2		
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SKIPTON-ON-WHALE	31.3.45		<p><u>COMMANDING OFFICER'S RESUME</u></p> <p>March has been a successful month for the Squadron both operationally and in training. Moreover even the old Halifax crews have now become most partial to the Lancaster aircraft.</p> <p>During operations for March the Squadron lost three crews on bombing details. No word has been received of them yet naturally, and they are listed as "missing".</p> <p>There was one accident this month, unfortunately, due to excessive finger trouble on the part of the Pilot and Flight Engineer. An extraction has been made, the Pilot's log book having been endorsed "carelessness". However, generally airmanship has really been up to previous standards.</p> <p>The Squadron took part in eight day bombing, five night bombing, and four mining operations, putting in a total of 174 sorties of which 172 were primaries. We flew 1136 operational hours and 345 training hours. The Squadron really seems to be working well and special consideration must be given to our groundcrew for their hard and excellent work.</p> <p>The Sections have all surpassed last month's efforts. Except for a few bad navigational timing efforts, training generally has picked up.</p> <p>There were no non-starters and only one early return.</p> <p>The Squadron seems to be working well and its keenness in operations is excellent.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">R. W. Morris W/C</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(R. W. MORRIS) WING COMMANDER, COMMANDING, A24 (RCAF) SQUADRON.</p> <p><u>INDEX TO APPENDICES</u> F. 541 - 37 Battle Orders - 38 to 54 Incl. Combat Reports - 55 to 58 Incl.</p>		