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THOLTHORPE	1943 Sept. 1		<p>(1) Six aircraft were detailed for Bombing Practice at Strensall Range. The first two were satisfactorily completed, but owing to the deterioration in the visibility and to low cloud base only part of the second two were completed, and the last two had to be cancelled.</p> <p>(2) No. 0985 W/C W.F.M. Newson DFC left in the morning on a few days leave, and 60532 S/L F.P. Hill assumed temporary command of the Squadron. In the afternoon 60532 S/L F.P. Hill and 411091 F/L L.L. McLeod, Squadron Gunnery Leader, went to Dalton, to attend to matters regarding air firing. During the day all Wireless Operators were given "Gee" training, and all were employed on Daily Inspections of aircraft with the Gunners. Air to Sea Firing is improving as the Armourers and Gunners gain more experience with Boulton Paul Turrets.</p> <p>(3) In the afternoon aircraft GD 295 was returned to Croft, as it was found to be no good for Operational Flying. The aircraft has evidently been in use for some time, and it was not considered advisable to have it on an Operational Squadron.</p>	<p>SECRET</p> <p>Headquarters 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100</p>
	Sept. 2		<p>(1) Five details of air firing were successfully completed East of Robin Hood's Bay.</p> <p>(2) J.17750 F/L R.M. Martin, Squadron Flight Engineer Leader, gave a lecture to all Bomb Aimers on Emergency Hydraulics, and the Patrol System of the Halifax Mk V, and in the afternoon Bomb Aimers were given practice in "Gee" manipulation.</p> <p>(3) In the Navigation Section, the amendments to 6 Group Navigation Instructions were received and brought to the notice of all Navigators. As all serviceable aircraft were flying no compasses were sprung. A careful study was made on the assessments of Navigators received from the Conversion Units. A telephone was installed for the joint use of the Navigation and Bombing Sections. This will save a good deal of time, and allow more concentration on work, and training.</p> <p>(4) Gunners were employed on Daily Inspections, and were given practice in Turret Manipulation. Numerous "Snags" are still being encountered, and overcome on the Air to Sea Firing, and by Gunners getting used to the Boulton Paul Turrets.</p> <p>(5) Wireless Operators not in the Air were given "Gee" training from 0900 hrs. to 1100 hrs.</p> <p>(6) Phones are now being installed in all new offices. Squadron Headquarters moved to</p>	

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THOLTHORPE	1943 Sept. 2nd (cont'd)		<p>it's new site, a building vacated by the Contractor. This will make a much handier place to work in; two rooms have been turned into one for the Orderly Room, and a Dutch Door installed to keep unauthorized personnel out of the office. Central Registry is located next to the Orderly Room, with a wicket for passing papers. This will enable the Central Registry, and Document Section to keep the door locked at all times. The Squadron Commander C 983 W/C W.F.M. Newson DFC, Adjutant C 3369 P/L C.R. Higgins, and Squadron Disciplinarian R90352 D.H. Howes, are located in rooms opposite the Orderly Room, and Central Registry. It is intended to install a Busser System, as soon as material can be obtained. It is then felt that Squadron HQ can work efficiently.</p> <p>(7) The 5th Squadron had a Domestic Evening from 1830 to 2030 hrs., and much good work was done towards getting the living quarters cleared up. The loss of an evening's liberty is amply compensated for by the added comfort in living quarters.</p> <p>(1) The weather to-day was excellent, and five details of fifteen bombes each were carried out on the Strensall Range with good results.</p> <p>(2) The flight took delivery of aircraft over "O" after an acceptance flight by 60532 S/L F.P. Hill.</p> <p>(3) Telephones were installed to-day on the Technical Site and it is now much more convenient to keep in touch with the ground staff. With the installation of phones to the Engineer's Officer, and each of the servicing flights the work of two men as runners is dispensed with, and the Adjutant has more time to attend to his duty.</p> <p>(4) Four men from the servicing flights were posted overseas. With the present shortage of ground staff these men cannot really be spared, if we are to keep up our serviceability, and a further protest was made to Records Office.</p> <p>(5) A clothing parade was held in the morning, and part of the afternoon. 148009 P/O C.E.R. Davies acted as witnessing Officer, and the men got their first chance for a long time of getting equipped. The Equipment Officer reported that P/O Davies had been a great help to his staff on the parade.</p> <p>(6) A letter was received from HQ No. 6 Group refusing permission to carry out the projected</p>		

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THOLTHORP	1943 Sept. 3 (cont'd)		Long Cross Country. (7) The Flight Engineer had some tide and air speed charts printed which should be a great help to the Squadron. (8) Wireless operators carried out 'GER' training from 1400 to 1600 hours and were also engaged in daily inspections and similar work. (9) The crews which carried out bombing practice were captained by :- 1430252 Sgt. E.V. Elder, Pilot, 1344787 F/S Poole, J.S. Pilot, 1384434 F/S Rubie, E.V. Pilot, 146874 F/O R.D. Sullivan, Pilot, CnR 107766 Sgt. Reynoldson, L. Pilot.		
	Sept. 4th		(1) Weather was poor in the morning but clear in the afternoon. It was intended to devote the day to Fighter Affiliation but owing to trouble at the AFPU Dalton none was carried out and only two details of air firing were completed. (2) 60532 S/L F.F. Hill, carried out the acceptance check on BS 137 in the afternoon. (3) The Navigation section gave 'GER' instruction to wireless operators, 10 hours in all. Navigators were busy gardening the ground in the vicinity of their quarters, and also swung all compasses on aircraft (11). (4) Air Bombers got in some practice in turret manipulation under the supervision of the Squadron Gunnery leader, AUS 411051 F/Lt. L.L. McLeod. (5) Wireless operators were given 'GER' training from 0930 hours to 1130 hours and Flight Engineers received and studied some Dinghy 'Gen'. (6) 120688 F/S R. Hamby's crew returned from Conversion Unit without him as he had been admitted to hospital. Since it appears that his illness might last over a week arrangements were made for the crew to proceed on leave. (7) 31063 F/O J. Valentine returned from leave with crew ready to proceed with training. (8) Four new crews reported from conversion unit and since no previous warning had been received it was found difficult to accommodate them. Eventually room was found temporarily by putting some of them into beds of personnel on leave. (9) 25 men returned from Base Maintenance for work in the R & I section. This filled No. 3 Site		

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THOLTHORPE	1943				
	Sept. 5th		where ground crew is accommodated.		
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	Sept. 5th		(1) Weather was poor in the morning, but cleared in the afternoon, and evening.		
			(2) Four good details of Bombing were completed at Strensall Range, and three aircraft were employed in night flying with two pilots in each machine. Night flying lasted for three hours. This is the first time Halifax Aircraft of the Squadron have been night flying, and results were good.		
			(3) The Navigation Section again gave "CCK" training to Wireless Operators, and Wireless Operators did daily inspections.		
			(4) Flight Engineers collected tools from the Equipment Section, and each Engineer now has his tools issued to him.		
			(5) Air Gunners were engaged in Daily Inspections, and also got in more practice at Target Manipulation.		
			(6) The crews engaged in Bombing detail were:		
			1430253 Sgt. E.V. Elder, 1344787 Sgt. J.S. Poole.		
			1355994 Sgt. F.A. Long.		
			147766 Sgt. Reynoldson, L.		
	Sept. 6		(1) One detail of Air Firing, and two of Fighter Affiliation were carried out during the day. A further detail of Fighter Affiliation had to be cancelled on account of unserviceability at Dalton.		
			(2) 60532 S/L F.F. Hill took A/C DK 264 on an acceptance check, and landed at Market Harborough to collect a crew belonging to 434 Squadron who had landed there the previous night.		
			(3) Our first night Bombing was carried out at Strensall Range. This was successful except for a few "hung ups" in one aircraft due to faulty release mechanism.		
			(4) The compass was swung on "P" but this was faulty owing to magnetic distortion caused by a truck standing near the aircraft.		
			(5) The new Navigators, and Wireless Operators were given some "CCK" training, and Navigators and Bomb Aimers were given Astro practice.		
			(6) Wireless Air Gunners, were employed on Daily Inspections, and Wireless Operators were given		

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THOLY ORPS	1943				
	Sept. 6 (cont'd)		(6) given a talk on Signals Organisation. Gen logs were made up for night flying. (7) Complaints were received that there were no lights in the ablutions in the Command Sites, and that marrope were being removed. The Station Administrative Officer C451 S/L E.W.A. Iremee was contacted, and promised to remedy the matter.		
	Sept. 7		(1) All serviceable aircraft were flying to-day. In the morning two details of Bombing were carried out by P/O E.D. Sullivan and P/O E.R. Jackson and crews. In the afternoon two more details by P/O J.S. Poole and P/O J. Valentine and crews. (2) P/O E.V. Elder carried out an "Infra-Red" in the afternoon with P/O N. Walker as Bomb Aimer. (3) A lecture was given to the Bomb Aimers in the morning on the petrol system of the Halifax. (4) Sun shots were taken, and plotted by Navigators, and Bomb Aimers and "Gee" instruction was given to Wireless Operators. (5) In the afternoon the Squadron Commander held a conference for all Leaders to discuss, and co-relate training. (6) Painters were busy, and got most of the painting done on the three Nissen Huts comprising the offices of the Padre, Flight Engineers, and Flight Commanders, on the outside.		
	Sept. 8		(1) The weather was such, as to permit all types of flying training to be carried out. Two aircraft were detailed for Fighter Affiliation; two for long Cross Country; one on Air to Air firing, and one on Air to Sea firing. All details were successfully carried out with the exception to the Air to Sea firing, which had to be cancelled owing to aircraft unserviceability. This exercise was however, completed later in the afternoon. (2) Night Flying was scheduled for three aircraft. The programme consisted of Bombing at the Strensall Range, and Infra-Red at Goolbs. (3) This proved to be a most unsatisfactory evenings work, as the aircraft was unserviceable. One aircraft completed the exercise and one crashed at the end of its landing run, damaging the aircraft to such an extent as to be classified in Cat 1. (4) The accident as explained by the pilot 1384434 P/O E.V. Rubie was due to the failure of the Air Speed Indicator on take off. In attempting to land he overshot and was found to ground-loop at the end of the flare path. Fortunately no one was injured.		

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THOLTHORPE	1943 Sept. 8 (cont'd)		(5) In the Navigation Section the construction of a Star Chart was completed by 120430 P/O W.E. Coleman. Navigators, and Bomb Aimers were given Astro practice, and Wireless Operators were given "GEE" Training.		
			(6) J17750 P/L R.M. Martin, Flight Engineer Leader made a drawing of the Hydraulic System of the Halifax aircraft for use by the pilots, and Flight Engineers were engaged on aircraft Daily Inspections, and assisting ground crews.		
	Sept. 9		(1) 60532 S/L F.P. Hill and his crew left for posting to No. 51 Squadron. The three crews posted in on the 4th Inst, namely J21400 P/O J.R. Harrison; P/O F.W. Murray J21443; E10252 Sgt. J.D. Mawson, were posted to 427 Squadron. The weather was such that only limited flying activity was possible and aircraft serviceability was low. Several crews were given Dinghy Drill, and the remainder were kept usefully busy in their various sections.		
			(2) The Squadron Commander C933 W/C W.F.M. Newson DFC, the Engineering Officer C 3309 P/L Humphrys, J., C1395 S/L W. Pleasance Flight Commander, and J15695 P/L C.W. Higgins, acting Flight Commander, held a conference, and thoroughly discussed maintenance, organization, and Squadron matters in general. This conference was followed in the afternoon by a lecture to all aircrew on crew discipline, punctuality, and the necessity for continued training. It is expected that this forceful lecture will result in a general increase in smartness, and work in general.		
			(3) Later in the afternoon three aircraft were despatched on Bombing details. Two details were successfully completed but the third was cancelled owing to aircraft unserviceability.		
			(4) Night flying was again scheduled, but had to be cancelled owing to further deterioration in the weather.		
			(5) Contractors commenced laying a concrete walk from Squadron HQ to the crew room and other Flight Offices. This should help to keep the crew room, and other offices cleaner.		
	Sept. 10		(1) Poor weather, and visibility prevailed and no flying was possible. Crews again practiced Dinghy Drill, and carried out duties in their respective sections.		
			(2) Bomb Aimers were given a "Dry Spin", and carried out ground Astro when possible. They were also drilled in the use of the Star Transphere.		

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	Sept. 10		130917 P/L A. Nutt, Wireless Leader went to Base Headquarters Linton, to collect "GEM" for his section while Wireless Operators were given "GEM" training.		
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	Sept. 11		(1) Weather conditions remained much the same as yesterday, and no flying was carried out. (2) The Squadron Commander, and the Flight Commanders were busy most of the day with Squadron and Flight Organisation. (3) In the afternoon a most interesting lecture was held in the main briefing room, the subject being Bomber Tactics, Defence Aids, and Path Finder Methods. (4) A lecture was given to all Officers by the Squadron Commander, mainly for the benefit of the numerous newly commissioned ones, on "the duties, and responsibility of an officer". (5) Wireless Operators were given a talk on Signals Organisation, and in the afternoon a trip to Hull M/F-3 Station was organised, and proved very interesting. (6) The Flight Engineer's Leader, J17750 P/L R.W. Martin gave a lecture to Flight Engineers on various "gadgets" on the Halifax V-their use, and maintenance.		
	Sept. 12		(1) The weather, and visibility continued very poor, and no flying was carried out. (2) Bomb Aimers carried out Astro Training where possible, and received instructions on the Halifax Bombing Gear, and Bomb positions. A Dry Swim commenced the previous day was continued. (3) Some Dinghy Drill was carried out in the open despite bad weather. (4) Some Halifax drawings for Flight Engineers were received, and explained to all Flight Engineers. (5) A service for Protestants was held in the Tholthorpe Methodist Church by C 3657 S/L L.C. Scott, and assisted by C4683 P/L A.C. T. Littlewood, while the R.C. Padre held a service in the N.A.A.F.I. A fair attendance from the Squadron was noted at all services.		
	Sept. 13		(1) Again wet weather, and poor visibility prevented flying all day, and crews were kept busy in their various sections. (2) Two more crews were posted away from the Squadron; 146874 P/O R.D. Sullivan, 1344787 P/S Poole, J.S. These crews having been classified below average at Conversion Units were sent to twin engine aircraft. (3) The Navigation Section gave six hours "GEM" instruction to Wireless Operators and Bomb		

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THOLTHORPE	1943 Sept. 13 (cont'd)		Aimers, and two training cross-countries were completed. (4) Bomb Aimers continued with a "dry swim" and received further instruction in star position and also the MK XIV Bomb Sight, while Wireless Operators were engaged in Daily Inspections. (5) Gunners got in some turret practice, and did Daily Inspections. (6) In the afternoon the Squadron Commander visited 432 Squadron at Skipton for Liason purposes.		
	Sept. 14		(1) Today's great event as far as the Squadron was concerned was a visit to the Station by Air Marshall Harris, A.O.C. in Chief Bomber Command. He was accompanied by Air Vice Marshall Brooks, (C42) A.O.C. No. 6 Group, and C. N. Air Commodore C.M. McEwan, Commanding Base Linton. A meeting was held in the Sergeants Mess for all Officers of the Station, and all Aircrew at which the Air Marshal thanked all Bomber Crews for their past work, and briefly outlined what had been done and what it was hoped would be accomplished shortly. After the talk he made a brief inspection of the station, and later left by car for Linton. The visit was somewhat spoiled by a heavy thunder shower, which occurred during the speech, and which caused a power failure. However, there's no doubt every one heard the speech, and felt heartened by it. (2) Weather in the morning was poor with ground haze, and a forecast of bad weather, however three cross country flights were completed, and one air firing detail. One Fighter Affiliation detail had to be cancelled, owing to poor visibility. Thirteen hours flying ^{was} put in during the morning. (3) A Liason visit to the Squadron was made by - S/L Forbes, L. Group Navigation Officer accompanied by (no. unk) S/L Shapiro of Bomber Command, and by representatives of Wellesbourne O.T.U..		
	Sept. 15		This morning was set apart in memory of the Battle of Britain and at 0845 hours a brief service was held outside the Watch Office for the Station. The parade which consisted of four Officers, and thirty men each from 431 Squadron, 434 Squadron, Station HQ and thirty F.A.A.F.S. was in charge of S/L A. Rush, Station Engineer Officer. The service was taken by C1190 S/L L.C. Scott, and was attended by Group Captain R.C. Gordon, Commanding Officer		

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THORNTON	1943 Sept. 15 (cont'd)		<p>of the Station.</p> <p>(2) In the morning, a conference was held in the office of the Squadron Commander. Attending (no. unknown) S/L King, Base Equipment Officer, 5493 S/L Fugh, Station Engineer Officer, 0983 W/C W.F.M. Hewson DFC, Commanding the Squadron, and 03909 F/L Humphrys, Squadron Engineer Officer. The matter of Equipment shortages, especially as regards aircraft was discussed and action taken to correct them. It was felt that a very definite step was taken towards making the Squadron an Operation Squadron.</p> <p>(3) In the afternoon, a further conference was held between the Squadron Commander, W/C Smith, Base Engineer Officer and the Squadron Engineer Officer. Questions of Maintenance were discussed, man power shortages and replacement of two Flight Sergeants whom it was felt were not adequately fulfilling their duties. At the request of the Base Engineer Officer, these two Flight Sergeants were left in their positions for one more week to see if they would improve.</p> <p>(4) Three new crews were posted in from Conversion Unit, replacing crews posted out to Twin Engine Squadron.</p> <p>(5) R107766 Sgt. J. Reynoldson, Pilot, today received a long deferred promotion, being promoted to WO2 from Sgt. This N.C.O. has been feeling dissatisfied for some time owing to not receiving this promotion, though it had been recommended, and it is now expected to see an improvement in him and his flight.</p> <p>(6) Good flying weather prevailed and all serviceable aircraft were pressed into service. Ten flying details were completed, including four night Cross Countries. Results were good, and twenty-seven flying hours were completed. A local Bulls Eye which was projected was cancelled at the last minute.</p> <p>(7) "GSS" Instruction was given to Wireless Operators. Practice Bombing was done by photography and Bomb Aimers were given practice in Map Reading.</p>		
	Sept. 16		<p>(1) Three cross country flights were successfully completed to-day. A Bulls-Eye was scheduled, but postponed at the last minute, much to the disappointment of those who have been engaged in it, and who would have been otherwise employed.</p>		

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TROLDORF	1943 Sept. 16 (cont'd)		(2) Day simulation of Bombing by photography was carried out, and Bomb Aimers continued their "Dry Swim" and carried out Ground Astro Practice.		
			(3) The Signals Leader 130217 P/L Mutt, A. visited Linton, and collected "GEN ^{WAX} WAX ", while Wireless Operators were engaged on Daily Inspections and cross country flights. Wireless Operators were also given "Geo Instruction."		
			(4) As many aircrew as possible were sent to Linton for Night Vision Tests at the Mobile Unit.		
			(5) In the Navigation Section, the logs of the previous days exercises were marked, and assessed. Mistakes were pointed out to the Navigators concerned, and assistance and instruction was given.		
			(6) 129451 P/O D.W. Hasselbine of Topcliffe visited the Squadron to take evidence of J.M.31 P/O D.J. Wiley and J1772 P/O Reathie, G.A. in connection with a summary of evidence.		
			(7) All telephones of the Squadron went out of commission about noon, and remained dead all day.		
	Sept. 17		Weather was unfit for flying all day. Eight aircraft were selected for aa Command Bull's Eye, but this was again cancelled at the last moment.		
			(2) All aircrew not yet assessed for night vision were detailed to attend the Mobile Unit at Linton for assessment, while the remainder were detailed to go over their aircraft as a full crew, and thoroughly familiarize themselves with the equipment.		
			(3) In the afternoon the Flying Control Officer C8027 P/L N. Austin gave a lecture to aircrew on Flying control and R/T Procedure.		
			(4) The Squadron Commander, C983 W/O W.F.M. Newson IFC gave a lecture to all aircrew on security.		
			(5) 1577663 Sgt. Popdy, W. and 1075263 Sgt. J.G. Cash of 1041098 of P/S J.V. Avery's crew reported back from Topcliffe, as P/S Avery, his Navigator, and Air Gunner had been absent without leave for some days. These are members of a crew which was forced down in Switzerland, and whose morale, and discipline does not seem to have improved during their internment.		
			118616 P/S D. Palmer and his crew also reported back from Conversion Course, as P/S Palmer was found medically unfit to continue flying.		

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THOLTHORPE	1943 Sept. 18		Fairly good flying weather prevailed to-day, and nine day details were completed successfully also four night exercises on Bombing, Cross-Country, and Infra-Red. Total flying hours for the day were 32:55 hours GEE air training was also carried out.		
			(2) Aircraft "F" had all compasses swung. Local Maps were obtained from the map section. (3) Half yearly assessments on all officers were despatched, and an unusual number of Orderly Room cases were heard. These were all for minor offences, except for two, which were remanded to the Commanding Officer of the Station. (4) Efforts were again made to obtain more ground personnel, as it is found almost impossible to maintain our serviceability with the present short staff, and many important tasks in quarters and sites have to be left undone, as men cannot be spared to do the fatigues.		
	Sept. 19		(1) Good flying weather prevailed, but there was heavy radiation fog in the morning. During the day two fighter affiliation exercises: four air to air; one bombing, and one cross-country detail were completed. (2) In addition three details on familiarization circuits and two details of night circuits were carried out. Flying hours for the day were 18:20 hours. (3) In the Bombing Section, Bomb Aimers were busy with Astro Practice, Map Reading and a Dry Swim. (4) New Navigators and Bomb Aimers were given Gee Training together with Wireless Operators. (5) The R.D.F. and Instrument Section was approached regarding obtaining aircraft equipment which is still deficient, and it is thought that this matter will soon be successfully settled. (6) A Service for Protestant personnel of the Station was held in the Village Methodist Church at 0:30 hours, but the attendance was very disappointing. It is felt that this is partly caused by the fact that Ground Crews were short ly staffed, also that if ^{the} 1st hour for service were advanced a half hour, and personnel went to Church from billets instead of first reporting at dispersal points a larger attendance would result with less loss of man hours for work. (8) In the evening a small farewell party was held for A/S/O MacLeod, Station Catering Officer.		

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TROTHORPE	1943 Sept. 19 (cont'd)		who was posted, and leaving the next morning. The party was attended by the Squadron Commander C983 W/O W.P.M. Newson DFC and the Squadron Adjutant C3371 P/L G.R. Higgins.		
			(9) P/S ^{Avery} Reaney and P/S McEwan who had been absent without leave for 8 days from Conversion Unit at Topcliffe were returned to the unit at 0100 hours on Monday morning by the D.A.P.M. at Leeds and placed under close arrest.		
	Sep. 20 (see foot of page No. 102)		(1) Good flying weather except for the fact that it was very windy. Aircraft were conserved to a certain extent in anticipation of a Bulls Eye exercise.		
	Sep. 21		(2) Seven hours flying were completed on Fighter Affiliation and Air to Air firing and S.B.A. practice.		
			(3) Six aircraft were programmed for the Bulls Eye and five which completed the trip making the days flying time 25:45 hours. The Bulls Eye was considered by all to be a very successful trip, and well worth the time and effort.		
			(4) A lecture was given to all crews on P/T procedure and breaches of instruction were specially mentioned. Actual extracts made by the Listening Watch ^{were} was read out, and their value to the enemy demonstrated.		
			(5) The Squadron Commander, C983 W/O W.P.M. Newson DFC proceeded to Base HQ. at Linton for liaison purposes, and again the shortage of personnel was taken up.		
			(6) The Adjutant carried out an inspection of No. 3 Site, and found that a definite improvement had been made in cleanliness and tidiness, but there were still points for criticism.		
			(7) P/S Avery, Sgt. McEwan and Sgt. Shields were paraded before the Station Commander C133 Group Captain R.C. Gordon, and given a severe reprimand and loss of pay for the period of their absence. These H.Q.C.'s have been interned in Switzerland for some time and their sense of discipline has suffered badly.		
	Sep 22		Flying to-day was limited, owing to the aircraft serviceability being very low. However one aircraft carried out an Air Bombing Exercise. Two Fighter Affiliation flights were carried out and two Cross-Country. Total Flying was 10:30 hours. In addition some M.S.B.A. practice was carried out.		

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THOLTHORPE	1943 Sept. 22nd (cont'd)		Bomb Alarms not flying carried out a "Dry Swim". (3) In the Navigation Section logs for the previous nights Bulls Eye were collected, and studied. All were quite good. (4) Wireless Operators were given more Gee Training, and they with the Gunners were engaged in Daily Inspections of Aircraft. (5) Aircraft serviceability was still low, and many snags are having to be overcome on the aircraft. The long period with no operation is having its effects on Ground Crews who worked so well when the Squadron was operating.		
	Sept. 23		(1) Weather to-day was good for flying, and five cross-country were successfully completed. Flying time to-day was 20 hours 25 minutes. In the morning two lectures on Flak was given, by the Liaison Officer from No. 6 Group, and in the afternoon a lecture on Monique was given in the Navigation Section. (2) New Navigators, and Bomb Alarms were given Gee Training in the Navigation Section. (3) On the Cross Country Flights, Bomb Alarms were given Practice in Map Reading, and also in Navigation, working with Navigators. (4) Wireless Operators, and Gunners carried out Daily Inspections on Aircraft, and Flight Engineers were engaged on aircraft. (5) C15751 P/O S.H. Povey, R.C.A.F. Trade Test Officer visited the Station for a Trade Test, but owing to a slip some where on the machine, and it was thought advisable to postpone the trade test until early in October.		
	Sept. 24		Weather to-day was good for flying, and four aircraft successfully completed Cross-Country flights. In addition two aircraft were employed on Fighter Affiliation practice, followed by Standardised approach training, and on air to Sea Firing. Total Flying Hours completed 20.00 hours. (2) Weather deteriorated in the evening, and Night Cross-Country, and Bulls Eyes were not carried out. (3) Gee training was given to Wireless Operators, and Bomb Alarms in the Navigation Room, and crews not flying were sent to the aircraft on familiarisation tours. (4) Bomb Alarms completed a Dry Swim together with Navigators who were not flying.		

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THROTHORPE	1943				
	Sept. 24		(5) Gunners and Wireless Operators were engaged in Daily Inspections and Flight Engineers were helping to work out snags, in servicing and general maintenance.		
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	Sept. 25th		(1) In anticipation of a big Bulls Eye practice at night, flying to-day was curtailed so that as many aircraft as possible could take part. Two local exercises were carried out, and they were successful.		
			(2) Nine aircraft were scheduled for the Bulls Eye but owing to last minute unserviceability only five of these completed the trip. Total flying time for to-day was 27 hours, and 10 minutes.		
			(3) The two ground exercises carried out were one Fighter Affiliation, and one Air to Sea Firing during which Bomb Aimers did Map Reading, and one Air Test.		
			(4) During the afternoon all Bomb Aimers were taken to a Bombing Up Demonstration of 1000 lb, 500 lb, and P.B.C.s.		
			(5) During the Bulls Eye exercises Bomb Aimers practiced Astro.		
			(6) Aircraft "C" was swung for Compass adjustment very successfully.		
			(7) Reasons for non-completion of the Bulls Eye exercises were: "C" unserviceable on take-off; "B" bogged; "Q" returned on three engines.		
	Sept. 26		(1) On the D.I.s in the morning it was discovered that nearly all aircraft were unserviceable for various reasons. Most of the defects were discovered on aircraft previously thought to be serviceable. In consequence flying was practically at a stand-still, and consisted solely of the collection of two aircraft, one from Leasing, and one from Skipton.		
			(2) In the morning all personnel not engaged in the previous night's flying attended a church parade in memory of the third anniversary of the Battle of Britain. Over 300 Officers, N.C.O.s and men were on parade. The service was held in the new N.A.A.F.I. building, and was conducted by S/L J.C. Scott, assisted by S/L J. Litchwood who preached the sermon. This was the largest number yet to attend a service on the station.		
			(3) Ground Gee training was carried out during the afternoon, and Bomb Aimers completed a Dry Swim whilst six Bomb Aimers were detailed for practice on turret manipulation, also practice was given in taking Astro Shots.		
			(4) Some Dinghy Drill was carried out during the afternoon.		

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THOLTHORPE	1943 Sept. 27		(1) Very limited flying was carried out during the month. Night flying was scheduled, but for various reasons had to be cancelled. Two details of bombing were carried out at high level with excellent results.		
			(2) Some GEE training, and ^{Area} Stereo training was done during the day, and new Bomb Aimers were given instructions on the MK XIV Bomb sight.		
			(3) Daily inspections were carried out by Wireless Operators, Gunners, and Flight Engineers. New Gunners were given practice on turret manipulation and new Wireless Operators were given a lecture on General Signals procedure.		
	Sept. 28		(1) No flying was done during the day, but nine aircraft were scheduled for a Bulls Eye. Seven aircraft took off, but owing to deterioration in the weather, all were recalled before completing the exercise. Total flying for the day's effort amounted to 30 hours, 20 minutes.		
			(2) During the afternoon C42 Air Vice Marshall Brookes, Air Officer Commanding No. 6 Group gave a talk to all aircrew in the Sergeant's Mess.		
			(3) In the morning C8878 F/L C.G. Wilson, Station Medical Officer gave a health lecture to all aircrew, and a conference of all Station Leaders was held in the Station Commanders' office. Attending were W/C W.F.M. Nemon DFC, O.C., C1395 S/L W. Fleasance, O.C. "B" Flight, J15695 F/L C.W. Higgins, O.C. "A" Flight, 126901 F/L D.S. Moyes, Navigation Leader, 130917 F/L A. Nutt, Signals Leader, M5411091 F/L L.L. McLeod, Gunnery Leader, J17750 F/L R.M. Martin, Flight Engineer Leader, and C3309 F/L J. Humphys, Engineer Officer.		
			(4) Gunnery carried out harmonization checks on four aircraft, and further progress was made in coming up to Operational requirements.		
			(5) Compass on "B" was swung.		
			(6) Our first casualty for some time occurred last night, 1430252 Sgt. E.V. Elder went on operations as second pilot to R124549 Sgt. Rytle, O. and failed to return.		
	Sept. 29		(1) As was anticipated the Bulls Eye of the previous night disclosed innumerable defects in all aircraft, and as a snag finder the Bulls Eye can be counted a great success. On this account flying was curtailed, but it is hoped that if the weather permits, all aircraft will be doing a long cross country to-morrow.		

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THOLTHORPE	1943. Sept. 29		(2) Wireless Operators and Gunners were busy on aircraft. D.I.'s and work of a similar nature was carried out by Flight Engineers.		
			(3) The Squadron was promised that 23 F.M.E.'s should be posted in to-day, but none arrived. However posting notices were received which indicated that the number had dwindled to 13. Even this number will be a welcome addition, as the Ground Crews on the Squadron are still about 80 under establishment.		
	Sept. 30		Weather to-day was fine. Efforts to-day were concentrated on a Mass X Country, by all available aircraft. Ten were originally scheduled, but seven only completed the trip successfully. Various snags were discovered in the aircraft, mostly of a minor nature, and it is hoped to get them all ironed out by to-morrow for the first operational day with Halifax aircraft. Total Flying Hours: 30:00.		
			(2) "C" Form to-night read: A-431, B-Halifax, C-11, D-7+12, E-Hil, H-4, J-2, K-25.		
			(3) The spirits of the Squadron are going up appreciably, in prospect of becoming operational again. The month has been one of hard work, with short crews, but definite progress has been made and while all snags have not yet been eliminated, a good deal of progress has been made. During the month several of our old crews were posted away, as they couldn't cope with Halifax aircraft, and more crews were posted in. The Squadron now has twenty six full crews.		
			(4) Sports have more or less been at a standstill this month, as everyone seemed to be busy but some practice softball was played. The Officers of the Station played the Officers of Linton, and gave them a sound beating. Several Officers of the Squadron were included in the team.		
			Sept 20.- During the day the following training exercises were carried out: (a) Fighter Affiliation and Air to Sea Firing: two details of which one was cancelled for a Bulls Eye. (b) Air to Air Firing: three details, two of which were completed while the third was uncompleted due to the fact that the target drogue disappeared. (c) Beam Approach: two details that were both carried out (d) Cross Country: two details that were subsequently cancelled (e) Bulls Eye: Six detailed of which five were successful, the sixth aircraft being w/s. C983 W/C W.F.M. Newson DFC visited Group H.Q. and it was decided the Squadron would become operational 1st Oct.		

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THOLTHORPE	1943 Sept. 30		PRESENT STRENGTH OF SQUADRON				
			OFFICERS	AIRCREW	GROUND CREW	TOTAL	
			R.C.A.F.	26	2	28	
			R.C.A.F. (USA)	-	-	-	
			R.A.F.	30	-	30	
			W.A.A.F.	-	-	-	
			Total	56	2	58	
			AIRMAN	AIRCREW	GROUND CREW	TOTAL	
			R.C.A.F.	59	250	309	
			R.C.A.F. (USA)	-	2	2	
			R.A.F.	90	68	158	
			W.A.A.F.	-	37	37	
			Total	149	357	506	
			ESTABLISHMENT UNDER WHICH SQUADRON OPERATES:- 335 dated 15.5.43				
			HEALTH OF SQUADRON :- GOOD				
			POSTING OFFICERS AND AIRCREW ON IT				
			OFFICERS				
			P/O A.P. Cummins, 130528 GD Posted to No. 51 Squadron, Snaith, w.e.f. 10.9.43				
			P/Lt. P.F. Hill 60532 GD Authy. HQ 6G Sig. P631 dated 8.9.43 (A/S/Ldr.)				
			P/O W.E. Woodland J11173 GD Posted to No. 427 Squadron, Laming, w.e.f. 9.9.43				
			P/O W.P. Mason, J22626 GD Authy 6G/1042/43 dated 7.9.43.				
			P/O J.R. Harrison, J21400 GD Posted to No. 427 Squadron w.e.f. 9.9.43 Authy.				
			P/O H.H. Meyers J11168 GD 6G/1039/43 dated 7.9.43				
			P/O P.N. Murray J21143 GD				
			P/O J.T. Head J11508 GD				

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THORNTON	1943 Sept. 30 (cont'd)		POSTING OFFICERS AND AIRCRAFT		
			OFFICERS (Cont'd)		
			P/O J. Sewell 148815 GD Posted to No. 432 Squadron w.e.f. 10.9.43		
			P/O L.M. Whitton 148833 GD Authy 66/1048/43 dated 10.9.43		
			P/O R.D. Sullivan 146874 GD Posted to No. 432 Squadron w.e.f. 13.9.43		
			P/O B. Tierney 130135 GD Authy 66/1159/43 dated 15.9.43		
			P/O S.G. Frost 127289 GD		
			P/Lt. H.V. Lindemore 31063 GD Posted to RAF Station East Church w.e.f. 13.9.43		
			Authy 66/1171/43 dated 15.9.43.		
			P/O R.L. Ball 130156 GD Posted to No. 10 Squadron w.e.f. 20.9.43		
			P/O F. Hewitt 133097 GD Authy 66/6705/43 dated 17.9.43.		
			P/O (A/P/Lt.) H.A. Wilkinson 110542 GD Relinquishes A/P/Lt. on posting to No. 10 Squadron w.e.f. 20.9.43 Authy. 66/6706/43 dated 17.9.43.		
			POSTING OFFICERS AND AIRCRAFT		
			OFFICERS		
			S/L W. Pleasance 01395 GD Posted from 1659 C.U. Topcliffe w.e.f. 5.9.43		
			Authy. 66/993/43 dated 4.9.43.		
			P/O G.W. Higgins 115695 GD Posted from 1659 C.U. Topcliffe W.E.F. 25.8.43		
			(A/P/Lt.) Authy 66/5435/43 dated 28.8.43.		
			P/O F.N. Murray 121443 GD Posted from 1659 C.U. Topcliffe w.e.f. 4.9.43		
			P/O J.T. Head 114508 GD Authy 66/990/43 dated 4.9.43.		
			P/O F.E. Woodland 114173 GD		
			P/O W.E. Mason 122626 GD		
			P/O J.R. Harrison 121400 GD Posted from 1659 C.U. Topcliffe w.e.f. 5.9.43		
			P/O A.H. Meyers 114168 GD Authy 66/991/43 dated 4.9.43.		
			P/O L.A. Rotstein 121910 GD Posted from 1659 C.U. Topcliffe w.e.f. 5.9.43		
			P/O D. Taylor 122490 GD Authy 66/992/43 dated 4.9.43		

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			P/O C.W. Higgins J15695 GD Reputed to 431 Squadron to fill Deputy		
			(A/P/L)		Flight Commander vacancy (P/Post) w.e.f. 13.9.43
					Authy 66/1105/43 dated 11.9.43.
			P/O O.M. Gilmour 135910 GD Posted from 1659 C.U. w.e.f. 15.9.43		
					Authy 66/1194/43 dated 16.9.43
			P/O J.V. Shannon J14226 GD Posted from 1659 C.U. w.e.f. 15.9.43 Authy		
					66/1193/43 dated 16.9.43
			P/O C.A. Green J22652 GD Posted from 1664 C.U. Croft, w.e.f. 19.9.43		
					Authy 66/1226/43 dated 18.9.43.
			P/O R.P. Wissler 141334 GD Posted from 1659 C.U. Topcliffe w.e.f. 15.9.43		
					Authy 66/1193/43 dated 16.9.43.
			P/O R.W. Jones 151373 GD Posted from 1664 C.U. Croft w.e.f. 19.9.43 Authy		
					66/1226/43 dated 18.9.43.
			P/O R.J. Fisher 124516 GD Posted from 1664 C.U. Croft w.e.f. 21.9.43		
			P/O R.E. Baker 128588 GD Authy 66/1247/43 dated 21.9.43		
			P/O J.F. Fighi 129048 GD Posted from 1659 C.U. Topcliffe w.e.f. 24.9.43		
			P/O J.W. Potts 151236 GD Authy 66/1334/43 dated 24.9.43.		
			P/O S.H. Walker 151250 GD Posted from 1659 C.U. Topcliffe w.e.f. 20.9.43		
			P/O J.H. Page 151075 GD Authy 66/1372/43 dated 24.9.43		
			P/O G.O. Carefoot J10796 GD Posted from 1664 C.U. Croft w.e.f. 26.9.43 Authy		
			P/O R.H. Passant J11291 GD 66/1393/43 dated 27.9.43		
			P/O R.J.G. Baumst J23639 GD		
			P/O F.E. Sullivan G24448 GD Posted from 1664 C.U. Croft w.e.f. 26.9.43 Authy		
			P/O G.S. Philbin J13999 GD 66/1378/43 dated 26.9.43		
			P/O A.G. Brook J10436 GD		

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THORNTON'S	1943 Sept. 30 (cont'd)		POSTING ALBANY N.C.O.s OUT		
			1322635 Sgt. WOP/AG Lickman, R.E.	Posted to R.C.A.F. Base Linton, N.E. Sisk, w.e.f. 4.9.43 SOB 2.9.43 Authy HQ6G Sig.	
				P574 dated 3.9.43	
			185991 P/S Nav. Adams, R.A.	Posted to No. 51 Squadron, Snaith w.e.f. 10.9.43	
			1382937 Sgt. A.Bomb Buckingham, E.	SOB 11.9.43 Authy HQ6G Sig. P531 dated 8.9.43.	
			1314314 Sgt. MU/AG Hobbs, P.		
			553003 Sgt. A.G. Dadds, A.K.		
			1279234 Sgt. P/Wing. Holt, K.		
			1337706 Sgt. WOP/AG Winter, H.A.	Posted to 427 Squadron, Leeming, w.e.f. 9.9.43	
			1800387 Sgt. P/Wing. Wridge, S.C.	SOB 10.9.43 Authy 6G/1039/43 dated 7.9.43.	
			1335100 Sgt. WOP/AG Cant, E.D.		
			1065275 Sgt. P/Wing. King, R.		
			10252 Sgt. Pilot Mawson, J.D.	Posted to No. 427 Squadron, Leeming w.e.f. 9.9.43	
			295172 Sgt. WOP/AG Wightman, E.	SOB 10.9.43 Authy 6G/1042/43 dated 7.9.43.	
			621553 Sgt. Pilot Bowden, I.C.	Posted to 43 Squadron, w.e.f. 10.9.43 SOB	
			1339529 Sgt. Nav. Phillips, A.E.	11.9.43 Authy 6G/1045/43 dated 10.9.43.	
			1452214 Sgt. A.Bomb Blau, B.		
			1367324 Sgt. WO/AG Shaw-Brown, K.J.		
			1389224 Sgt. Pilot Tienney, L.J.		
			1034009 Sgt. WO/AG Mercer, J.E.		
			1077231 Sgt. WOP/AG Lomas, K.	Posted to No. 10 Squadron, w.e.f. 20.9.43	
			1321940 Sgt. A.G. Jenkins, R.L.	SOB 21.9.43 Authy 6G/4350/44/74 dated 15.9.43.	
			1589516 Sgt. P/Wing. Kearsley, H.		
			1381616 Sgt. Pilot Palmer, D.I.	Posted to 432 Squadron, w.e.f. 24.9.43	
			1320609 Sgt. Nav. Delbridge, E.S.	Authy HQ6G Sig. P877 dated 24.9.43.	
			1576814 Sgt. A.Bomb Porter, H.		
			1662627 Sgt. A.G. Mitchell, J.A.		

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			134523 Sgt. May, Shields, W.H.	Posted to 1658 G.U. w.e.f. 23.9.43 SOBS	
			1041098 P/S Pilot Avery, J.V.	24.9.43 Authy HQ66 Sig. p845 dated 22.9.43. Posted to 102 Squadron w.e.f. 23.9.43 SOBS	
			1430252 Sgt. Pilot Elder, E.V.A.	24.9.43 Authy HQ66 Sig. p844 dated 22.9.43 Posted to War Casualties N/E Acc'ts Depot Uxbridge, w.e.f. 28.9.43 N/E Missing. Authy awaited.	
			R78179 Sgt. A.G. Polge, J.M.	Posted to 427 Squadron Leeming, w.e.f. 9.9.43	
			R172973 Sgt. MU/AG Webb, L.W.	SOBS 10.9.43 Authy 66/1042/43 dated 7.9.43.	
			R89022 Sgt. P/E Meritt, H.		
			R156129 Sgt. A.Bomb Cox, R.T.	Posted to 427 Squadron Leeming, w.e.f.	
			R125266 Sgt. A.G. Wells, R.A.	2.9.43 SOBS 10.9.43 Authy 66/1039/43	
			R193610 Sgt. MU/AG Russell, H.G.	dated 7.9.43	
			R152493 Sgt. A.B. Southcott, G.C.		
			R184004 Sgt. A.G. Larives, H.A.		
			R193132 Sgt. MU/AG Webb, G.J.		
			R90871 Sgt. A.G. Peterson, W.A.	Posted to 1679 Con. Unit w.e.f. 23.9.43	
			Can. 6190A Sgt. A.G. McRann, H.A.	SOBS 24.9.43 Authy 66/1284/43 dated 23.9.43	
				Posted to 1679 Con. Flight w.e.f. 23.9.43	
			R100861 Sgt. A.G. Lynch, J.P.	SOBS 24.9.43 Authy 66/1282 dated 23.9.43	
				Posted to 1679 Co. Flight w.e.f. 23.9.43	
				SOBS 24.9.43 Authy 66/1283/43 dated 23.9.43	
			POSTING ALBROW N.O.O.s I.N.		
			1801217 Sgt. P/Mr. Lowen,	Posted from 1664 G.U. w.e.f. 5.9.43	
				TORS 6.9.43 Authy 66/1807/43 dated 4.9.43	

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INDONESIA	1943 Sgt. Jo (cont'd)		POSTING AIRCRAFT IN (Cont'd)		
			1337706 Sgt. W.P./AG Winter, H.T. Posted from 1659 C.U. w.o.f. 4.9.43 Authy		
			1800387 Sgt. P/Enc. Ramage, S.G. 60/991/43 dated 4.9.43		
			1335100 Sgt. W.P./AG Cant, E.D. Posted from 1659 C.U. w.o.f. 4.9.43 BQRS		
			1605275 Sgt. P/Enc. King, E. 5.9.43 Authy 60/990/43 dated 4.9.43		
			10252 Sgt. Pilot Newson, J.D.		
			925172 Sgt. W.P./AG Wightman, E.		
			1213524 Sgt. W.P./AG Smiley, R.H. Posted from 1659 C.U. w.o.f. 5.9.43 TORB		
			6.9.43 Authy 60/992/43 dated 4.9.43.		
			1581387 Sgt. Nav. Dames, A. Posted from 1659 C.U. w.o.f. 15.9.43 TORB		
			1320555 Sgt. W.P./AG Evans, D. 16.9.43 Authy 60/1194/43 dated 16.9.43.		
			1305986 Sgt. A.G. Black, L.H.		
			1583055 Sgt. P/Enc. Beagby, T.		
			1427357 Sgt. W.P./AG Jenkins, V. Posted from 1659 C.U. w.o.f. 15.9.43 Authy		
			1892458 Sgt. A.G. Lufford-Pike, D. 60/1193/43 dated 16.9.43 BQRS 16.9.43		
			1431924 Sgt. Pilot Skinner, F.E.		
			1214073 Sgt. W.P./AG Priestly, H.		
			563871 Sgt. A.G. McCarthy, D.J.		
			1614936 Sgt. P/Enc. Chaliss, J.		
			1339868 Sgt. Pilot Adams, D.A. Posted from 1664 C.U. w.o.f. 19.9.43 TORB		
			1319691 Sgt. Nav. Cowan, R.W. 20.9.43 Authy 60/1226/43 dated 18.9.43.		
			1337043 Sgt. W.P./AG Bapelman, H.		
			1499861 Sgt. A.G. Carter, G.		
			1709160 Sgt. P/Enc. Wood, R.E.		
			1518652 Sgt. Nav. Collins, G.		
			1317072 Sgt. W.P./AG Young, G.H.		
			1591127 Sgt. A.G. Dickson, J.		
			1567379 Sgt. P/Enc. Keir, S.		

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			999214 Sgt. P/Sgt. Ashcroft, T.A. Posted from 1664 C.U. w.e.f. 21.9.43		
			817916 Sgt. A.C. HAY, P. TORS 22.9.43 Authy 66/1247/43 dated 21.9.43		
			1218542 Sgt. WO/AC Paul, B. Posted from 1659 C.U. w.e.f. 24.9.43		
			1653106 Sgt. P/Sgt. Roberts, T.G. TORS 25.9.43 Authy 66/1334/43 dated 24.9.43		
			1398873 Sgt. WAF. Geddes, J. Posted from 1664 C.U. w.e.f. 26.9.43		
			1385623 Sgt. WO/AC Morris, S. TORS 27.9.43 Authy H/60/Sig. P694		
			1804654 Sgt. P/Sgt. Howe, F.O. dated 25.9.43		
			642850 Sgt. WO/AC Harris, N.		
			1270317 Sgt. WO/AC Stamp, A.G.		
			1321540 Sgt. WO/AC Lowry, P.S. Posted from 1664 C.U. w.e.f. 26.9.43		
			1865142 Sgt. P/Sgt. Shipp, K. TORS 27.9.43 Authy H/60 Sig. P902		
			1324538 Sgt. WO/AC Nelson, R.F. dated 26.9.43		
			2207985 Sgt. P/Sgt. Bennett, W.		
			1233915 Sgt. A/Bomb Dismorth, A.H. Posted from Snaith, on ceasing to be N/S Sick. w.e.f. 6.9.43 TORS 7.9.43 Authy Awaited.		
			1336395 Sgt. WO/AC Warner, M.T. Posted from 1659 C.U. w.e.f. 28.9.43		
			TORS 29.9.43 Authy 66/1401/43 dated 28.9.43		
			8178083 Sgt. WO/AC Craig, L.N. Posted from 1664 C.U. w.e.f. 3.9.43		
			TORS 4.9.43 Authy H/60 Sig. P558 dated 2.9.43.		
			8193146 Sgt. WO/AC Houghton, J.W. Posted from 1664 C.U. w.e.f. 5.9.43		
			TORS 6.9.43 Authy 66/1008/43 dated 4.9.43.		

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	Sept. 30		POSTINGS ATTACHED N.C.O.s IN (cont'd)		
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			R225302 Sgt. A.C. Evans, H.E. Posted from 1659 C.U. w.e.f. 20.9.43		
			R164468 Sgt. MU/AG Havel, W.H. TORS 21.9.43 Authy 60/Sig. P881 dated		
			R164476 Sgt. MU/AG McIntyre, P.J. 24.9.43.		
			R225303 Sgt. A.C. Addison, D.C. Posted from 1659 C.U. w.e.f. 24.9.43		
			R139212 Sgt. MU/AG Gilchrist, W.C. dated authy 60/1334/43 24.9.43 TORS		
			25.9.43.		
			R150588 Sgt. A.Bomb Wilson, G.E. Posted from 1664 C.U. w.e.f. 26.9.43		
			R116821 Sgt. A.Bomb Lee, T. Authy HQ60 Sig. P894 dated 25.9.43.		
			R147742 Sgt. A.C. Klein, S.G. TORS 27.9.43.		
			R114324 Sgt. A.C. Gracie, W.		
			R181954 Sgt. N/AG Barker, L.R.		
			R142036 Sgt. Wav. Reed, R.A. Posted from 1664 C.U. w.e.f. 26.9.43		
			R146838 Sgt. A.Bomb MacAlliverty, C.E. TORS 27.9.43 Authy HQ60 Sig. P902 dated		
			R115313 Sgt. A. MacDonald, R. 26.9.43		
			R183870 Sgt. MU/AG Case, S.E.		
			R121359 Sgt. Wav. Jones, A.R.		
			R172832 Sgt. A.C. Dugas, J.M.D.		
			R52829 Sgt. MU/AG Burleigh, D.W.		
			R152875 Sgt. Pilot Duparc, R.A.C. Posted from 1659 C.U. w.e.f. 28.9.43		
			R187677 Sgt. A.C. Wrayson, A.C.E. TORS 29.9.43 Authy 60/1401/43 dated		
			R137350 Sgt. MU/AG Pryor, L.R. 28.9.43		
			R118571 Sgt. P/Sec. Rill, W.		
			PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS OFFICERS.		
			P/O R.M. Martin, 217750 GD Granted Acting Rank of P/Lt. w.e.f.		
			16.7.43 Authy HQ/6231/43 dated 9.9.43.		

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POLYMER	1943 Sept. 30 (cont'd)		PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS OFFICERS (cont'd)		
			P/O G.O. GUMBY, GD 115160	Promoted to the rank of Flying Officer (war sub) w.e.f. 4.6.43 Authy London Gazette dated 27.7.43.	
			P/O W. LAWRENCE, GD 15503	Promoted to the rank of Flying Officer (war sub) w.e.f. 25.7.43 Authy London Gazette dated 27.8.43.	
			P/O D.M. McARTER, J17975	Appointed to a commission in the R.C.A.F. w.e.f. 16.7.43 Authy AM letter A 54022/43/S.7 (c) (3) dated 11.2.43 TOS as an Officer 17.2.43.	
			P/L (A/W/C) W.P.M. HOWSON, C983 GD	Appointed to the rank of Temporary Squadron Leader w.e.f. 16.9.43 Authy RCAP Overseas Order 646/43.	
			P/O J.W. POTTS, 151236 GD	Promoted to the rank of Flying Officer (war sub) w.e.f. 12.8.43 Authy London Gazette dated 1.2.43.	
			P/O W. CONLEY, J18128 GD	Appointed to a commission in the R.C.A.F. w.e.f. 23.8.43 Authy AM letter A577667 43/S.7 (c) (3) dated 18.9.43 TOS as an Officer 24.9.43.	
			PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS N.C.O.s AND/OR		
			R114861 Sgt. A.C. MAIN, L.C.	Promoted to the rank of TEMPORARY FLIGHT SERGEANT w.e.f. 25.11.42 Authy R.C.A.F. Overseas Order 643/43. Promoted to the rank of Temporary Warrant Officer Class II w.e.f. 25.5.43 Authy RCAP O/S Order 643/43.	

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THOLTHORPE	1943 Sept. 30 (cont'd)		PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS R.C.A.F. ALLEGAN (cont'd)		
			R139397 Sgt. A.G. Morrison, J.B. Promoted to the rank of T/V/S w.e.f. 28.2.43		
			Authy R.C.A.F. Overseas Order		
			641/43		
			R87624 P/S W.D./AG Johnston, A.B. Promoted to the rank of WOII w.e.f.		
			5.1.43 Authy R.C.A.F. Overseas Order		
			641/43.		
			R90871 Sgt. A.G. Peterson, W.A. Promoted to the rank of P/S w.e.f.		
			6.5.43 Authy R.C.A.F. O/S Order 641/43		
			R78920 Sgt. A.G. McArthur, D.M. Promoted to the rank of T/V/S		
			w.e.f. 25.11.43 Authy R.C.A.F. O/S Order		
			641/43. Promoted to the rank of T/WOII w.e.f.		
			25.5.43. Authy R.C.A.F. Overseas Order		
			641/43.		
			R149736 Sgt. A.G. Zoharovic, J. Promoted to the rank of Temp/P/S		
			w.e.f. 9.4.43 Authy R.C.A.F. Overseas Order		
			641/43.		
			R107766 Sgt. Reynoldson, J. Pilot Promoted to the rank of temporary		
			Flight Sergeant w.e.f. 10.10.42. Authy		
			R.C.A.F. O/S Order 647/43. Promoted to the		
			rank of T/WO II w.e.f. 10.4.43 Authy R.C.A.F.		
			Overseas Order 647/43.		
			R119578 Sgt. Pilot Ritchie, R.W. w.e.f. 20.5.43		
			R159397 Sgt. A.G. Ihls, E.A. w.e.f. 19.8.43		
			R130836 Sgt. May. Nickerson, W.J. w.e.f. 11.3.44		
			R128786 Sgt. A.Bomb Crobbin, G.T. w.e.f. 20.1.43		
			Promoted to the rank of Temp. Flight Sergeant Authy R.C.A.F. Overseas Order 653/43.		
			effective dated as shown above.		

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THOLTHORPE	1943 Sept. 30 (cont'd)		PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS N.C.O.s ANDREW (cont'd)		
			R117037 Sgt. Nav. Cudmore, L.R. Promoted to the rank of Temporary Flight Sergeant, w.e.f. 23.11.42 Authy R.C.A.F.		
			Overseas Order 653/43 Appointed to the rank of Warrant Officer Class II w.e.f. 23.5.43. Authy R.C.A.F. Overseas Order 653/43.		
			R140724 Sgt. A.C. Burns, W. Promoted to the rank of Temporary Flight Sergeant w.e.f. 23.11.42 Authy R.C.A.F. Overseas Order 641/43.		
			R102433 Sgt. WOP/AG No. 1, A. Promoted to the rank of T/T/S, w.e.f. 30.9.43 Authy R.C.A.F. Overseas Order 630/43 dated 20.8.43. Appointed to the rank of Temporary Warrant Officer Class II w.e.f. 30.3.43 Authy R.C.A.F. Overseas Order 636 dated 27.8.43.		
			R121359 Sgt. Nav. Jones, A.R. Promoted to the rank of Temp. Flight Sergeant w.e.f. 23.11.42 Authy R.C.A.F. Overseas Order 653/43 Appointed to the rank of Temp. Warrant Officer Class II w.e.f. 23.5.43 Authy R.C.A.F. Overseas Order 653/43.		
			R115313 Sgt. A.C. MacDonald, B.K. Promoted to the rank of Temp. Flight Sergeant, w.e.f. 14.2.43 Authy R.C.A.F. Overseas Order 641/43.		
			1237979 Sgt. Nav. Ormesher, w.e.f. 9.8.43		
			1092305 Sgt. Nav. Steven, B.R. w.e.f. 23.8.43		
			1437316 Sgt. A. Bomb Wynn, H.S. w.e.f. 11.8.43		
			1207457 Sgt. WOP/AG Hill, J.R. w.e.f. 16.9.43		
			1198768 Sgt. WOP/AG Storey, G.C. w.e.f. 13.9.43		
			1379270 Sgt. WOP/AG Gould, W.D. w.e.f. 8.8.43		
			Promoted to the rank of Temp. Flight Sergeants, effective dates as quoted above.		
			Authy 66/G1538/8/P5 dated 13.9.43.		

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	(cont'd)		1198768 Sgt. WOP/AG Gould, W.D. W.O.F. 8.8.43		
			1390169 Sgt. WOP/AG BARN, J.S. W.O.F. 8.8.43		
			1194278 Sgt. WOP/AG Cable, J.A. W.O.F. 8.8.43		
			1321940 Sgt. A.G. Jenkins, R.L. W.O.F. 27.9.43		
			1314935 Sgt. Pilot Smith, K.W. W.O.F. 26.6.43		
			1335994 Sgt. Pilot LONG, F.A. W.O.F. 25.4.43		
			1318616 Sgt. Pilot Palmer, D.I. W.O.F. 10.10.43		
			1338598 Sgt. Nav. Packer, R. W.O.F. 13.7.43		
			1251227 Sgt. A.Bomb Partidge, F.H. W.O.F. 10.4.43		
			516704 Sgt. A.G. Alp, P. W.O.F. 30.7.43		
			1266934 Sgt. WOP/AG CANT, D.W. These above mentioned were promoted to temporary Flight Sergeant Authy 60/C1538/B/P. dated 13.9.43, effective dates as quoted above.		
			967367 P/S A.G. Henry, W. Appointed to the rank of Warrant Officer W.O.F. 2.7.42 Authy 60/C1538/B/P. dated 13.9.43.		
			HONOURS AND AWARDS NIL		
			MISSING PERSONNEL information received.		
			1236891 Sgt. Pilot Ampden, E.J. Presumed dead on 29.3.43 Authy A.W. Letter.		
			1319819 Sgt. A.Bomb Kimber, J.H. PM02551/43/P.43.8 dated 14.9.43.		
			1338839 Sgt. A.G. Davies, R.		
			AIRCRAFT ON CHARGE: IK659;IK896;DK265;IK905;IK639;IK918;IK649;IK657;IK632;RB137;IK898;IK897		
			IK640;DK185;DK264.		
			Wing Commander, Commanding.		
			431 R.C.A.F. Squadron.		