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Croft	1944	1st June	Operations were detailed today but later cancelled. P.T. class for all Aircrew was held from 0830 hrs. to 0930 hrs. with a very good turn-out, indeed. Four crews were detailed for swimming practice and the coaching of beginners was undertaken by the Adjutant, C.1869 F/L T.R. Walker (CAN), at Darlington. The following crew reported from No. 1666 Com. Unit, for operational duty:		
			Pilot: R.117319 Sgt. G.E. Baumann (CAN)		
			Nav.: R.173863 Sgt. G. Sidebottom (CAN)		
			B/A: J.29378 W/O J. Kwiatkowski (CAN)		
			WOP: R.174422 Sgt. J. Smith (CAN)		
			A/G: R.251894 Sgt. G.L. Cuffe (CAN)		
			R/G: R.260119 Sgt. W.F. Windsor (CAN)		
			F/Eng: R.97416 Sgt. J.T. Evans (RAF)		
	2nd June		C.7924 F/O A.E. Wright (CAN) reported to London on Temporary Duty, for interview.		
			C.11382 F/L R.M. Mickles (CAN) reported to the Squadron for Administrative duties.		
			F/L Walker attached to Learning. An extensive beautifying program was carried out around the site by the Aircrew. No Operations. Local Training and Flying Exercises, only.		
	3rd June		J.13999 S/L G.B. Philbin (CAN) (Pilot) and crew:		
			Nav: J.95809 P/O R.A. Reed (CAN)		
			B/A: R.116821 W/O T.E. Lee (CAN)		
			WAG: 171503 P/O L.C. Stamp (RAF)		
			A/G: 171591 P/O G. Beresford (RAF)		
			R/G: 1004554 W/O B. Clark (RAF)		
			F/Eng: R.111324 Sgt. W.B. Gracie (CAN)		
			posted to No. 425 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron, in exchange for J.15603 A/S/L W.G. Vanexan, D.F.C.		
			(CAN) (Pilot) and crew:		
			Nav: J.16831 P/O E.B. Hutchinson (CAN)		
			B/A: J.86353 P/O D.M. Courley (CAN)		
			WOP: 1332948 Sgt. J.N. MacDonald (RAF)		

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Croft	1944	3rd June	A/G: R.205254 Sgt. C.C. Anderson (CAN) P/O: J.86664 P/O J. St. Godard (CAN) P/Bng: 1832948 Sgt. G.L. Thomas (RAF)		
			Eleven aircraft called for Operations today, but the raid was cancelled within 15 mins. of Take-off. Photographs were taken of personnel on Squadron for the new Forms 1250R (Identification Cards).		
	4th June		R.149736 W/O.2 J. Zehanovis (CAN) (A/G) appointed to a Commission in the R.C.A.F. Special Reserve and given Personal No. J.86182. Fourteen aircraft scheduled for Operations. Thirteen took off and all returned safely. J.18453 P/O C.H. Low (CAN) (WOP) appointed to the position of Signals Leader and promoted to the rank of Acting Flight Lieutenant.		
	5th June		Eighteen aircraft participated in the raid on Keriville, France. All returned safely. C.7924 P/O A.E. Wright (CAN) (Admin) ceased to be attached to the Squadron and proceeded to R.C.A.F. Overseas Headquarters, on posting.		
	6th June		"D" Day! Invasion of France begins. A record for No. 431 Squadron was created, when twenty-one aircraft took off on Operations, at night. All returned safely.		
	7th June		R.162652 W/O.2 A.L. Richardson (CAN) (Nav.) granted a commission in the R.C.A.F. Special Reserve and given Personal No. J.86243. Ten aircraft scheduled for Operations today. Nine returned. The following crew is listed as "Missing": Pilot: J.85350 P/O J.P. Artyniuk (CAN) Nav.: J.28857 P/O R.A. Morrison (CAN) A/B: J.25531 P/O P.J. Gandy (CAN) WOP: 1544755 P/B D.A. Plett (RAF) A/B: (Flying as MU/AG) J.85356 P/O G.B. Jose (CAN) MU/AG: 1814719 P/B G.A.J. Curtis (RAF) A/G: R.176853 Sgt. W.D. Mullin (CAN) P/Bng: 1569460 Sgt. W.L. Teape (RAF)		
	8th June		Squadron Stand-down, today. No Operations, no training. A well-earned rest for both Aircrew and Groundcrew. Pay Parade held in morning for both N.C.O.s. and Airmen.		

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Croft	9th June		R.59238 Sgt. J.A. Bruce (CAN) (P/Eng) appointed to a Commission in the R.C.A.F. Special Reserve and given Personal No. 3.86244. Thirteen aircraft scheduled for Operations, at night. All returned safely.		
	10th June		4168171 W/O L. Robin (RAF) (WOP) appointed to a Commission in the R.A.F. V.R. and given Personal No. 176362. Ten aircraft detailed for Operations, at night. All returned safely. P.T. was held during the morning. Met. lecture held during the afternoon.		
	11th June		Thirteen aircraft scheduled for Operations, at night, but raid was scrubbed prior to Take-off. Advice received that the following Aircrew have been granted Commissions:		
			1309586 P/S I.H. Black (RAF) (A/G)	Personal No. 176496	
			1324538 P/S R.P. Nelson (RAF) (WAG)	176430	
			1391127 P/S J.R. Nixon (RAF) (A/G)	176485	
			R.154768 W/O2 J.S. Tonge (CAN) (Nav)	J.86303	
	12th June		P.T. held this morning for all Aircrew. J.86303 P/O J.S. Tonge (CAN) (Nav) posted to No. 434 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron. R.178314 W/O2 D.M. Hendrie (CAN) (A/G) posted to this Squadron from No. 424 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron. Fifteen aircraft detailed for Operations, tonight. All returned safely.		
	13th June		A Morning raid was scrubbed, before noon. Local Flying carried out, in the afternoon, and ten Cross Countries and 2 Fighter Affiliations carried out, at night. R.174480 P/S P.A. Callaghan (CAN) (Nav.) posted from this Squadron to No. 24 O.T.U.		
	14th June		Weather very good, today. P.T. held in the morning, with an excellent turn-out. Eighteen aircraft scheduled for Operations, at night. All returned safely.		
	15th June		411091 P/L L.L. McLeod (AIB) (WAG) (Gunners Leader) and 51603 P/O H.M. Lawrence (RAF) (A/G) both screened, today, from further Operations, on completion of successful Tours. Thirteen aircraft detailed for Operations, at night. All returned safely.		
	16th June		R.128484 W/O2 D.M. Gourley (CAN) (P/A) granted a Commission in the R.C.A.F. Special Reserve and given Personal No. J.86353. Sixteen aircraft took off for Operations, at night. Four failed to return and the following crews are listed as "Missing":		
			Pilot: J.27913 P/O G. Blachford (CAN)		

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Croft	1944 16th June		Nav: J.23355 P/O E. Carter (CAN) B/A: J.20030 P/O S. Lough (CAN) WOP: R.193919 Sgt. T. Masdin (CAN) A/G: R.113861 Sgt. D. Hattey (CAN) R/G: R.277941 Sgt. E. Gould (CAN) F/Sng: 1862153 Sgt. W. Desborough (RAF) Pilot: J.19424 P/O E.O. Johnson (CAN) Nav.: J.20923 P/O R.C. Garrity (CAN) B/A: 151373 P/O R.W. Jones (RAF) WOP: 175750 P/O W.R. Chapman (RAF) A/G: R.152029 Sgt. E.C. Green (CAN) R/G: R.197330 Sgt. V.P. Obright (CAN) F/Sng: 1186790 Sgt. D. Shenton (RAF) Pilot: J.15682 P/L H.H. Johnstone (CAN) Nav.: J.15830 P/L J.C. Burns (CAN) B/A: J.19096 P/O C. Dell (CAN) WOP: J.16140 P/O L.O. Stanley (CAN) A/G: J.17473 P/O M.B. Steeves (CAN) R/G: J.16931 P/O R.J. Oates (CAN) F/Sng: 1579620 Sgt. J.C. Fereday (RAF) Pilot: R.160599 P/S A.C. Fairless (CAN) Nav.: R.153225 Sgt. H.C. Robinson (CAN) B/A: R.169219 Sgt. O. Massicotte (CAN) WOP: 1033239 Sgt. L. Ellis (RAF) A/G: R.192379 Sgt. D.C. McPherson (CAN)		

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Croft	1944 16th June		R/G: R.197342 Sgt. J.H. McPherson (CAN) P/Bng: 2202756 Sgt. E. Guinan (RAF)		
	17th June		Word received that R.159310 Sgt. J.J. Snook (CAN) (A/G), who went missing on the night of 27/28th April, 1944, over Montsen, is now believed killed. No Operations, today -- training, only.		
	18th June		Eleven aircraft scheduled for Operations at night, but raid was scrubbed before Briefing. However, eleven Cross Countries were carried out by these same crews. Extensive training program being carried out by the Squadron, twenty-four hours a day.		
	19th June		The following two crews were posted to this Squadron, for Operational duties, from No. 1664 Con. Unit:		
			Pilot: J.27562 P/O E.C. Tuckey (CAN) Nav.: J.29844 P/O F.N. Butterfield (CAN) B/A: R.172282 Sgt. G.J. Kelly (CAN) WOP: R.197784 Sgt. H. Milligan (CAN) A/G: R.212152 Sgt. C.L. McInroy (CAN) R/G: R.205291 Sgt. K.E. Reichart (CAN) P/Bng: 528884 Sgt. P. Williams (RAF)		
			Pilot: R.177579 Sgt. A.C. Fitzek (CAN) Nav.: J.29616 P/O A.J. MacLeod (CAN) B/A: J.28486 P/O M.E. McFarlane (CAN) WOP: R.192920 Sgt. J.E. Metcalfe (CAN) A/G: R.213613 Sgt. E. Brown (CAN) R/G: R.207937 Sgt. G.W. Moseley (CAN) P/Bng: 1869234 Sgt. E.W. Cammon (RAF)		
			The following two crews were posted to this Squadron, for Operational duties, from No. 1666 Con. Unit:		
			Pilot: J.86186 P/O D.D. Connor (CAN)		

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Croft	1944	19th June	<p>Nav.: R.160288 Sgt. J.B. Ogg (CAN)</p> <p>B/A: R.162269 Sgt. J.T. Patterson (CAN)</p> <p>WOP: R.144385 W/O C.E. Leppington (CAN)</p> <p>A/G: R.133830 Sgt. J.B. Page (CAN)</p> <p>R/G: R.108160 Sgt. M.J. Campbell (CAN)</p> <p>P/Sng: R.83644 Sgt. R.C. Joiner (CAN)</p> <p>Pilot: J.26803 P/O J.P. Harris (CAN)</p> <p>Nav.: J.35744 P/O E.P. Gill (CAN)</p> <p>B/A: R.169529 Sgt. F.M. Brown (CAN)</p> <p>WOP: 1624047 Sgt. C.E. Eastwood (RAF)</p> <p>A/G: J.40214 P/O A.H. Mills (CAN)</p> <p>R/G: J.39861 P/O T.H. Grant (CAN)</p> <p>P/Sng: 1806542 Sgt. R.C.H. Hall (RAF)</p> <p>This brings the total number of crews on this Squadron to thirty-four. Twelve aircraft were scheduled for Operations, but the raid was scrubbed before Take-off.</p>		
	20th June		<p>Advice received that R.129455 W/O.2 W.J. MacStocker (CAN) (Nav.) and R.161963 Sgt. G. Bull (CAN) (A/G), who went Missing on the night of 8/9th May, 1944, are reported Prisoners of War.</p> <p>Notice received of appointments to a Commission in the R.C.A.F. Special Reserve of R.72201 W/O.2 P.M. Skerff (CAN) (Pilot), allotted Personal No. J.86574, and of R.130979 W/O.2 R.J. Mowbray (CAN) (Nav.), allotted Personal No. J.86566. Eleven aircraft scheduled for Operations tonight and, after many postponements, raid was cancelled.</p>		
	21st June		<p>Sixteen aircraft scheduled for Operations, today, this being the first Daylight Operation of the Squadron. All returned safely. 51603 P/O W.N. Lawrence (RAF) (A/G) posted to No. 1659 Con. Unit, for instructional duties.</p>		
	22nd June		<p>Sixteen aircraft detailed for Operations, tonight. However, raid was scrubbed. Advice received that the following have been granted Commissions in the R.C.A.F. Special Reserve:</p> <p>R.115313 W/O1 R.K. MacDonald (CAN) (A/G) Personal No. J.86567</p>		

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Croft	19 & 20 June		R.151466 P/S J.C. Loubert (CAN) (A/G)	Personal No. J.86570	
			R.168736 P/S B.A.L. Bianco (CAN) (WOP)	J.86515	
			R.143243 W/O J.R. Baker (CAN) (WOP)	J86547	
	23rd June		Seventeen aircraft detailed for Operations, which were scrubbed prior to briefing. Notice received that R.159383 P/S J.B. Lemoureux (CAN) (A/G) appointed to a Commission in the R.C.A.F. Special Reserve and given Personal No. J.86569. Extensive training being carried out, night and day. Word received of promotion to Temporary Flight Lieutenant of J.11131 P/O D.R. Wiley (CAN) (A/G).		
	24th June		Two new crews posted to this Squadron, from No. 1659 Con. Unit, as follows:		
			Pilot: R.90139 Sgt. Quinlan, G. (CAN)		
			Nav.: J.36119 P/O T.D. Rowe (CAN)		
			P/A: R.155980 Sgt. F.R. Young (CAN)		
			WOP: R.176878 Sgt. R.V. Currie (CAN)		
			A/G: R.148100 Sgt. W. Niven (CAN)		
			R/G: R.155929 Sgt. D.A.G. Sparkes (CAN)		
			P/Bng: 1590770 Sgt. J.W. Thornton (RAF)		
			Pilot: J.23880 P/O B.A. Mawhinney (CAN)		
			Nav.: J.36374 P/O E.K. Davis (CAN)		
			P/A: R.189717 Sgt. N.A. Francis (CAN)		
			WOP: R.197744 Sgt. R.R. Lyphardt (CAN)		
			A/G: R.218892 Sgt. K.P. Honey (CAN)		
			R/G: R.91606 Sgt. G.A.W. Gureki (CAN)		
			P/Bng: 1570070 Sgt. J.D. Elbeum (RAF)		
			Word received that R.207928 Sgt. Brey, E.D. (CAN) (A/G), who went Missing on the raid on Louvain on night of 12/13th May, 1944, is now presumed dead. Seventeen aircraft detailed for raid on Bonnetot. All returned safely, it being Squadron's first real Daylight raid.		
			Weather ideal -- best day for a long, long time.		

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Croft	1944 25th June		Fifteen aircraft proceeded on early Morning Raid. All returned safely. Notice received of promotion of J.2975 P/O A.L. Cameron (CAN) (Nav.) to rank of Temporary Flying Officer. The total number of Sorties, for this Squadron, to date, is 1,192.		
	26th June		169396 P/O J.W. Cant (RAF) (LAC) screened, after a successful Tour of Operations. Advice received of appointment to a Commission of 1186790 Sgt. Shenton, D. (RAF) (P/Sgt), who went Missing on the night of 16/17th June, over Sterkrade. Allotted Personal No. 177165. Advice also received of appointment to a Commission in the R.C.A.F. Special Reserve of R.186828 P/S J. St. Godard (CAN) (A/C), allotted Personal No. J.86664.		
	27th June		Eighteen aircraft briefed for a Daylight raid, which was cancelled, and delayed to a night raid. All the aircraft returned safely.		
	28th June		Fifteen aircraft detailed to stand by for Operations. However, after many postponements, no raid was made. Local Flying was carried out.		
	29th June		Squadron still standing by for Operations. Local Flying carried out, as far as possible. Four crews went into Darlington for a very successful Wet Dingley Drill practice.		
	30th June		Squadron still standing by. 4294 P/S P.A. Longstaff (CAN) (Pilot) appointed to a Commission in the R.C.A.F. Special Reserve and given Personal No. J.86608.		

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Croft	1944	30th June	<u>PRESENT STRENGTH OF SQUADRON</u>		
			<u>Officers</u> <u>Aircrew</u> <u>Groundcrew</u> <u>Total</u>		
			R.C.A.F. 81 2 83		
			R.A.F. 29 - 29		
			R.A.A.F. 4 - 4		
			<u>Total</u> 114 2 116		
			<u>Airmen</u> <u>Aircrew</u> <u>Groundcrew</u> <u>Total</u>		
			R.C.A.F. 108 261 369		
			R.A.F. 43 17 60		
			R.A.A.F. - - -		
			W.A.A.F. - 9 9		
			<u>Total</u> 151 287 438		
			<u>POSTINGS IN - OFFICERS</u>		
			P/O G.H. Low J18453 posted from No. 1659 C.U. W.e.f. 19.4.44		
			P/O E.B. Hutchinson J16831 " " No. 425 Sqn. " 7.6.44		
			P/O M.D. Chisholm J27672 " " No. 61 Base " 30.5.44		
			P/O W. Edwards J18241 " " " " " 30.5.44		
			P/O R.S. Cummings J28396 " " " " " 30.5.44		
			P/O S.S. Redmond J28867 " " " " " 29.5.44		
			P/O D.E. Harris J17400 " " No. 115 Sqn. " 1.6.44		
			P/L M.M. Johnstone J156832 " " No. 61 Base " 28.5.44		
			P/L J.C. Burns J15830 " " " " " 28.5.44		
			P/O L.O. Stanley J15140 " " " " " 28.5.44		
			P/O C. Bell J19096 " " " " " 28.5.44		
			P/O M.D. Steeves J17473 " " " " " 28.5.44		
			P/O R.J. Oates J16981 " " " " " 28.5.44		
			P/O J. Kwiatkowski J29378 " " " " " 29.5.44		

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Croft	19 & 20th June		<u>POSTINGS IN - OFFICERS</u> (Continued)						
			P/O	T.A.T. Rhodes	J85976	posted from	No. 61 Base	w.e.f.	6.6.44
			P/O	J.R. Poste	J35236	" " " " "	"	"	6.6.44
			P/O	W.H. Poynter	J35049	" " " " "	"	"	7.6.44
			P/O	G.B. Jones	J35098	" " " " "	"	"	7.6.44
			P/O	D.D. Connor	J86186	" " " " "	"	"	18.6.44
			A/S/L	W.C. Vanezan	J15603	" " " " "	No. 425 Sqn	"	7.6.44
			P/O	R.C. Tuckey	J37562	" " " " "	No. 61 Base	"	19.6.44
			P/O	A.V. Butterfield	J29844	" " " " "	"	"	19.6.44
			P/O	A.J. McLeod	J29616	" " " " "	"	"	19.6.44
			P/O	M.E. McFarlane	J28486	" " " " "	"	"	19.6.44
			P/O	J.P. Harris	J26303	" " " " "	"	"	20.6.44
			P/O	E.P. Gill	J35744	" " " " "	"	"	20.6.44
			P/O	A.M. Mills	J40214	" " " " "	"	"	20.6.44
			P/O	T.H. Grant	J39861	" " " " "	"	"	20.6.44
			<u>POSTINGS OUT - OFFICERS</u>						
			A/S/L	G.B. Philbin	J13999	posted to	No. 425 Sqn.	"	7.6.44
			P/O	R.A. Reed	J85809	" " " " "	"	"	7.6.44
			P/O	C.M. Andrews	J22553	" " " " "	No. 432 Sqn.	"	30.5.44
			P/O	E.A. Hieland	J20815	" " " " "	"	"	30.5.44
			P/O	W.E. Touchie	J19056	" " " " "	"	"	30.5.44
			S/L	J.K. MacDonald	0890	" " " " "	No. 425 Sqn.	"	30.5.44
			P/O	J.S. Tonge	J86383	" " " " "	No. 434 Sqn.	"	13.6.44
			P/O	L.G. Stamp	171503	" " " " "	No. 425 Sqn.	"	7.6.44
			P/O	G. Beresford	171591	" " " " "	"	"	7.6.44
			<u>POSTINGS IN - AIRBORNE (AIRBORNE)</u>						
			W/O2	D.M. Courley	R128484	posted from	No. 425 Sqn.	"	7.6.44
			Sgt.	C.C. Anderson	R205254	" " " " "	"	"	7.6.44

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			F/S J.D. St. Godard RL66226 posted from No. 425 Sqn. w.e.f. 7.6.44		
			Sgt. W.M. Aldred RL70580 " " No. 64 Base " 29.5.44		
			Sgt. J.M. Eadinger RL69825 " " " " " 29.5.44		
			Sgt. C. Karrell RL74894 " " " " " 29.5.44		
			Sgt. D.J. Miller B220863 " " " " " 29.5.44		
			Sgt. E.C. Green RL52029 " " " " " 29.5.44		
			Sgt. N.D. Pauloff RL62854 " " " " " 30.5.44		
			Sgt. R.M. Black RL21956 " " " " " 30.5.44		
			Sgt. A.L.A. Dignard RL90528 " " " " " 30.5.44		
			Sgt. C.V. Carl RL47724 " " " " " 30.5.44		
			W/O2 D.M. Hendrie RL78314 " " No. 424 Sqn. " 12.6.44		
			Sgt. E.M. Reesor RL72859 " " No. 61 Base " 7.6.44		
			Sgt. D.D. Woolf RL64335 " " " " " 7.6.44		
			Sgt. R.B. Sexton B59377 " " " " " 7.6.44		
			Sgt. W.C. Smith B212324 " " " " " 7.6.44		
			Sgt. J.J. Penuta B214675 " " " " " 7.6.44		
			Sgt. J.M. McArthur B156757 " " " " " 6.6.44		
			Sgt. W.R. Karr RL90948 " " " " " 6.6.44		
			Sgt. G.W. Janson RL32473 " " " " " 6.6.44		
			Sgt. A.J. Evans B205176 " " " " " 6.6.44		
			Sgt. W.J. Allen RL18942 " " " " " 6.6.44		
			Sgt. J.T. Evans 1897416 " " " " " 29.5.44		
			Sgt. J.C. Faraday 1579620 " " " " " 28.5.44		
			Sgt. J.E. Prosser 931998 " " " " " 29.5.44		
			Sgt. J.N. McDonald 1332948 " " No. 425 Sqn. " 7.6.44		
			Sgt. G.L. Thomas 1832948 " " " " " 7.6.44		

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Croft	1944	30th June	<u>POSTINGS OUT - AIRMEN (AIRCREW)</u>					
			W/O2	A.E. Johnson	R132130	posted to	No. 432 Sqdn. w.e.f.	30.5.44
			W/O2	J.H. Lynk	R107429	" " " " " "	" " " "	30.5.44
			W/O2	T.E. Lee	R116831	" " " " " "	No. 425 Sqdn. "	7.6.44
			Sgt.	W.B. Grace	R114324	" " " " " "	" " " "	7.6.44
			P/S	P.A. Callaghan	R174480	" " " " " "	No. 24 C.T.U. "	15.6.44
			Sgt.	H. Looney	1684161	" " " " " "	No. 432 Sqdn. "	30.5.44
			W/O	B. Clarke	1004554	" " " " " "	No. 425 Sqdn. "	7.6.44
			<u>CASUALTIES</u>					
			P/O	G. Blachford	J27913	Missing	v.e.f.	17.6.44
			P/O	R. Carter	J28855	" " " " " "	" " " "	17.6.44
			P/O	S. Lough	J20030	" " " " " "	" " " "	17.6.44
			Sgt.	T. Masdin	R193919	" " " " " "	" " " "	17.6.44
			Sgt.	D. Hattey	R112861	" " " " " "	" " " "	17.6.44
			Sgt.	E. Gould	R207941	" " " " " "	" " " "	17.6.44
			Sgt.	J. Kennedy	1796561	" " " " " "	" " " "	17.6.44
			P/O	S.O. Johnson	J19424	" " " " " "	" " " "	17.6.44
			P/O	R.O. Garrity	J20923	" " " " " "	" " " "	17.6.44
			P/O	R.W. Jones	151373	" " " " " "	" " " "	17.6.44
			P/O	W.R. Chapman	175750	" " " " " "	" " " "	17.6.44
			Sgt.	E.O. Green	R152029	" " " " " "	" " " "	17.6.44
			Sgt.	V.P. Obright	R197000	" " " " " "	" " " "	17.6.44
			Sgt.	D. Shenton	1106790	" " " " " "	" " " "	17.6.44
			P/L	M.M. Johnston	J15682	" " " " " "	" " " "	17.6.44
			P/L	J.C. Burns	J15830	" " " " " "	" " " "	17.6.44
			P/O	C. Bell	J19096	" " " " " "	" " " "	17.6.44
			P/O	L. Stanley	J16140	" " " " " "	" " " "	17.6.44
			P/O	M.B. Steeves	J17473	" " " " " "	" " " "	17.6.44

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Croft	19 4 44	30th June	<u>CASUALTIES</u> (Continued)						
			P/O	R.J. Oates	J16981	Missing	v.e.f.	17.6.44	
			Sgt.	J.C. Fereday	1579620	"	"	17.6.44	
			P/S	A.G. Fairless	R160599	"	"	17.6.44	
			Sgt.	M.G. Robinson	R153225	"	"	17.6.44	
			Sgt.	O. Massicotte	R169219	"	"	17.6.44	
			Sgt.	L. Ellis	1033239	"	"	17.6.44	
			Sgt.	D.C. McPherson	R192879	"	"	17.6.44	
			Sgt.	J.M. McPherson	R197342	"	"	17.6.44	
			Sgt.	E. Guinan	2202756	"	"	17.6.44	
			P/O	J.P. Artymuk	J85350	"	"	8.6.44	
			P/O	A.J. Morrison	J28357	"	"	8.6.44	
			P/O	J.P. Gandy	J25531	"	"	8.6.44	
			P/S	D.A. Flett	1544755	"	"	8.6.44	
			P/O	G.B. Jose	J85356	"	"	8.6.44	
			P/S	G.A.J. Curtis	1814719	"	"	8.6.44	
			Sgt.	W.D. Mullin	R176853	"	"	8.6.44	
			Sgt.	W.L. Tespe	1569460	"	"	8.6.44	
			<u>APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS</u>						
			P/O	J. Zehanevics	J86182	Commissioned	v.e.f.	28.4.44	
			P/O	W.R. Chapman	175750	"	"	28.4.44	
			P/O	S. Morris	175875	"	"	29.4.44	
			P/O	W. Abbott	175343	"	"	28.4.44	
			P/O	J.A.T. Bruce	886244	"	"	29.4.44	
			P/O	A.L. Richardson	J86243	"	"	28.4.44	
			P/O	D.A. Courley	J86353	"	"	24.3.44	
			P/O	J.S. Tonge	J86383	"	"	28.4.44	
			P/O	L. Robin	176362	"	"	18.5.44	

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Crest	1944	30th June	<u>AVIATION AND PERSONNEL (Contd)</u>						
			P/O	W.F. Nelson	176430	Commissioned	W.F.F.	23.5.44	
			P/O	I.L. Black	176496	"	"	23.5.44	
			P/O	J.L. Dixon	176435	"	"	23.5.44	
			P/O	R.J. Howbery	306566	"	"	23.5.44	
			P/O	F.L. Howett	306571	"	"	23.5.44	
			P/O	G.L. Low	310433	Appointed to Acting Flight Lieutenant	W.F.F.	19.4.44	
			P/O	R.L. Noble	199504	"	"	23.5.44	
			P/O	G. Bell	310096	Promoted to Temporary Flying Officer	"	5.4.44	
			P/O	A.L. Cameron	309975	"	"	3.3.44	
			P/O	D.L. Wiley	311131	"	"	Flight Lieutenant 23.4.44	
			<u>REPAIRS AND ALARMS - Nil.</u>						
			<u>OPERATIONAL ROUTES FOR JUNE - Nil.</u>						
			<u>FLYING TIMES FOR JUNE - Operational = 1080.29 hours.</u>						
			<u>Non-operational = 339.14 hours.</u>						
			<u>LOSS (REPAIRS) OF BOMBERS DURING JUNE</u>						
			<u>From 1.1.44 to 31.5.44, inclusive</u>						
			Loss	W.F.F.	Loss	W.F.F.	Loss	W.F.F.	
			33	856	200	33	212		
			<u>LOSS OF BOMBERS DURING JUNE</u>						
			<u>TOTAL TO DATE</u>						
			38	779	912	33	212		
			<u>NUMBER OF COMBATS WITH ENEMY AIRCRAFT - 18.</u>						
			<u>Total number of enemy aircraft destroyed during the month of June - 3.</u>						
			<u>Total number of enemy aircraft probably destroyed during the month of June - Nil.</u>						
			<u>Total number of enemy aircraft damaged during month of June - 1.</u>						
			<u>NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT ON CHARGE - Holiford III - 21.</u>						
			<u>REPAIRS TO COMBATS - Nil.</u>						
			<u>CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION - G.1069 P/L L.R. Walker (G.N.) (Admin.), Adjutant, detached to</u>						
			<u>200.000.000, leaving, W.F.F. 2.6.44. G.1132 P/L R.L. Hickles</u>						
			<u>(G.N.) (Admin.) attached to No. 434 G.F.W. 2.6.44 and</u>						

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Croft	1944 30th June		<p>took over duties of Adjutant.</p> <p><u>SQUADRON COMMANDER'S RESUME</u></p> <p>The month of June saw many new records made by the Squadron, including 213 Sorties, while flying times jumped to a total of 1,420 hours. The impetus given to Training, during May, was continued throughout the past month, in spite of the large increase in Operational Sorties.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <i>H.R. Dow</i> (H.R. Dow) W/C, Wing Commander, Commanding, <u>No. 451 (FQAF) Squadron.</u> </p>	