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Groft	1944 1st July		J.11131 P/L D.R. Wiley (A/G) (CAN) screened from further operations and attached to No. 6 (RCAF) Group Headquarters. Seventeen aircraft took off on a daylight operation. All returned safely. J.3486 S/L G.G. Bull (Pilot) (CAN) assumes command of No. 431 Squadron, vice J.4893 W/Odr. H.E. Dow (Pilot) (CAN), who departed for a few days' well-earned rest.		
	2nd July		Operations called and then scrubbed. General meeting of all aircrew held, to discuss latest "gem" of various Sections. Party, for Ground Crew, held in No. 1 Hangar, in the evening.		
	3rd July		A very good turn-out and a good time had by all. Operations again called and, after several delays, a take-off time was set. However, just prior to take-off, the raid was scrubbed. Weather continues to be very poor. Secret and Confidential Publications were checked, on quarterly check, and all were found to be in order.		
	4th July		Advice received that 1567579 F/S Keir, L. (P/M) (RAF) appointed to a Commission in the R.A.F. V.R. and given personal number 177393. Seventeen aircraft scheduled for Operations, today. Fifteen took off and there was one early return.		
	5th July		Word received that J.11131 P/L D.R. Wiley (A/G) (CAN) has been awarded an immediate Distinguished Flying Cross. Information received that 1875912 Sgt. Graham, J. (P/M) (RAF), who went "Missing" on 27th April, 1944, on raid to Montzen, is now known to have been killed in action. 1801654 F/B Howe, P.C. (P/M) (RAF) appointed to a Commission in the R.A.F. V.R. and given new number 177546. Seventeen aircraft scheduled for Operations, tonight. Sixteen took off and one, "X", N.657, with J.25326 F/O R.W. Harrison (Pilot) (CAN) at the controls, crashed on take-off. The members of the crew got cleared of the aircraft, largely through the efforts of R.107897 W.O.1 Hooker, R. (WOP/AG) (CAN) and R.105050 F/S Content, J.M. (WOP/AG) (CAN), who displayed outstanding courage in assisting their fellow crewmen from the burning plane. Six of the members of the crew were slightly injured, but the seventh, J.26246 F/O G. Dunville (A/B) (CAN), later died of his injuries.		
	6th July		Squadron standing by for Operations. However, no take-off time allotted. Information received that R.119543 F/S Kingston, J.D.T. (A/B) (CAN) appointed to a Commission in the R.C.A.F.		
	7th July		Special Reserve) and given personal number J.86943. Word received that R.117319 Sgt. Baumann, G.R. (Turret) (CAN) appointed to a Commission in the		

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Croft	1944 7th July		R.C.A.F. (Special Reserve) and given personal number J.86940. Stand-by for Operations, all day, but raid eventually scrubbed. Weather very poor.		
	8th July		New crew reported in, from No. 1659 Con. Unit, for Operational duties:- Pilot: J.26451 P/O R. Haw (CAN) Nav.: J.36330 P/O J.W. Abell (CAN) A/B: J.35097 P/O G.H. Davis (CAN) WOP/AG: J.37326 P/O J.L.V. Morin (CAN) A/G: R.206296 Sgt. Horne, R.E. (CAN) R/G: R.206447 Sgt. Lockett, J.E. (CAN) E/E: 1853395 Sgt. Harris, C.C. (RAF)		
			Word received that 1195787 Sgt. Lee, H.T. (P/O) (RAF) and 18121A St. Walker, H. (M.U/AG) (CAN) who went "Missing" on 9th May, 1944, on raid over Maine-St.-Pierre, are now Prisoners-of-War. Stand-by for Operations. Training carried out, throughout the day.		
	9th July		Fourteen aircraft took off, in the morning, on Operations. All returned safely. Weather very poor - no training exercises. The Gunnery Section put in time on the skeet range, in the afternoon.		
	10th July		R.164476 F/S McIntyre, F.J. (A/B) (CAN) appointed to a Commission in the R.C.A.F. (Special Reserve) and given personal number J.87031. R.225077 F/S McVicar, H.C. (Pilot) (CAN) appointed to a Commission in the R.C.A.F. (Special Reserve) and given personal number J.87030. R.161697 WO.2 Charlebois, M.J.W. (A/B) (CAN) appointed to a Commission in the R.C.A.F. (S.R.) and given personal number J.87014. R.132496 Sgt. Ayres, D.H. (A/G) (CAN) appointed to a Commission in the R.C.A.F. (S.R.) and given personal number J.87015. Stand-by, all day, for Operations. However, no take-off time came through. Training and Local Flying carried out, in the morning.		
	11th July		Sixteen aircraft scheduled for Operations, today. However, raid was cancelled, fifteen mins. before take-off. Word received that R.135246 WO.1 Cooper, D.A. (WOP/AG) (CAN) commissioned in the R.C.A.F. (S.R.) and given personal number J.87045. Weather enjoyable, all day. Extensive painting and decorating programs continue, throughout the Squadron. Most of the		

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Croft	1944 11th July		offices have now been painted and the crew and locker rooms have had a complete overhaul. R.117029 W.O.2 McNamly, H.J. (Nav.) (CAN) commissioned in the R.C.A.F. (S.R.) and given personal number J.87034.		
	12th July		Lecture on Escape was given the Squadron, by 1/C Paukes, of Middleton-St.-George. Seventeen aircraft took off on Operations, tonight. One early return and the balance returned safely, from what appeared to be a successful raid. A meeting was held in the Wing Commander's office, to discuss a proposed Squadron party, which will be held at a future date.		
	13th July		One new crew posted to this Squadron, for Operational duties, from No. 1666 Con. Unit:- Pilot: J.12057 F/O D.S. Borland (CAN) Nav.: R.130138 Sgt. Richards, R.F.G. (CAN) A/B: J.29397 F/O J.P. Hendrew (CAN) WOP/AG: R.183131 Sgt. Beer, R.E. (CAN) A/G: R.201900 Sgt. Hamilton, G.W. (CAN) R/G: R.191784 Sgt. Sanderson, D.C. (CAN) F/E: 909448 Sgt. Keen, H. (RAF)		
			Information received that 1351436 Sgt. Kingham, W. (M/M/A) (RAF) and 1590120 Sgt. Gilroy, C. (P/M) (RAF), who went "Missing" on 21st January, 1944, on a raid on Magdeburg, are now known to have been killed. R.197721 Sgt. Grant, M.G.C. (A/G) (CAN) commissioned in the R.C.A.F. (S.R.) and given personal number J.87117. R.198477 Sgt. Tomlin, R.G. (A/G) (CAN) commissioned in the R.C.A.F. (S.R.) and given personal number J.87127. No Operations, Local Training, only.		
	14th July		No Operations, today. Extensive training program carried out, including a 16-aircraft Cross Country, in formation. Weather enjoyable, for most of the day.		
	15th July		151241 F/O C.A. Graham (A/B) (RAF) posted from No. 429 Squadron, for Operational duties with No. 431 Squadron. The following crew is posted to this Squadron, for Operational duties, from No. 1666 Con. Unit:- Pilot: J.22776 F/O R.E.A. Tonnellier (CAN) Nav.: R.189267 Sgt. Shepherd, D.A. (CAN) A/B: J.35079 F/O S.L. Hall (CAN)		

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Croft	1944 15th July		WOP/AG: R.125416 W.O.2 Gladish, G.H. (CAN) A/G: J.41352 P/O W.J.P. Way (CAN) R/G: J.39044 P/O E.D. Mitchell (CAN) P/B: 644069 Sgt. Jesscock, F.W. (WF)		
			Operations called for fourteen aircraft. However, raid was scrubbed, almost immediately, and a large training program was put into effect.		
	16th July		R.172859 Sgt. Reesor, E.M. (Pilot) (CAF) appointed to a Commission in the R.C.A.F. (S.R.) and given personal number J.36937. 1522948 P/B Macdonald, J.N. (WOP/AG) (RAF) appointed to a Commission in the R.A.F. V.T. and given personal number 178091. Fourteen aircraft were again called for Operations, which were scrubbed and further training carried out.		
	17th July		J.4893 W/Cdr. H.R. Dow (Pilot) (CAF) departed, to attend Bomber Command Tactics Course. J.15603 S/L W.C. Vanexan, D.F.M., (Pilot) (CAF) assumes Command of the Squadron. J.18453 P/L G.H. Low, D.F.M., (WOP/AG) (CAF) departed on Temporary Duty, to attend Command Signals Course. J.13827 P/O K.W. Jones (Nav.) (CAF) proceeded on Temporary Duty, to Topcliffe. R.119900 P/S Chundick, W.W. (A/C) (CAF) appointed to a Commission in the R.C.A.F. (S.R.) and given personal number J.87123. J.25178 P/O H.G. MacLeod (Pilot) (CAF) promoted to the rank of Acting Flight Lieutenant, as Captain of Aircraft. Sixteen aircraft detailed for Operations and finally took off, in the early hours of 18th July, 1944. All returned, from what appears to have been a very successful raid. This morning, during training, Aircraft SE-A, with J.27562 P/O E.C. Turkey (Pilot) (CAF) at the controls, swung, during take-off, and crashed into aircraft SE-P, causing considerable damage to both aircraft.		
	18th July		J.85325 P/O A.W. Timmouth, D.F.M., (Pilot) (CAF) and crew:- Nav.: J.36243 P/O Richardson, A.L. (CAF) M/A/B: R.157087 P/M Rodero, L.E. (CAF) WOP/AG: 176430 P/O Nelson, R.P. (RAF) A/G: 1890090 P/S Webber, G.S. (RAF) R/G: R193143 P/S Parr, E.J. (CAF) P/B: 1804200 Sgt. Warren, B.G. (RAF)		

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Craft	1944 18th July		posted to No. 415 Squadron, for operational duties. Notice received that J.16140 P/O L.C. Stanley (W.O./A.G.) (CAN) and J.16281 P/O R.J. Cities, D.F.M. (A/G) (CAN), who went "Missing" on 16th June, 1944, on a raid on Stendhal, have been captured and are now Prisoners of War. Thirteen aircraft took off on a daylight raid on Winnipeg . Two aircraft failed to return and the following crews are reported missing:-		
			Pilot: J.3416 S/L C.G. Bull (CAN) Nav.: 175843 P/O E. Abbott (RAF) A/B: 129679 P/O F.E. Mitchell (RAF) W.O./A.G.: 176362 P/O L. Jobin (RAF) A/G: R.223445 Sgt. Blaske, J.A. (CAN) (Flying as M.A.C.) R.205412 Sgt. Lockett, J.E. (CAN) R/G: 516794 P/B A/S. F.L. (RAF) R/E: 172917 P/O D. Neale (RAF)		
			Pilot: J.86808 P/O P.A. Longstaff (CAN) Nav.: J.23117 P/O J.A. Dunn (CAN) A/B: R.167306 Sgt. Jackson, G. (CAN) W.O./A.G.: J.87045 P/O Cooper, D.A. (CAN) R/G: R.193550 P/B Young, W.A. (CAN) A/G: R.225403 Sgt. Williams, J.E. (CAN) R/E: R.174060 Sgt. Cole, R.S. (CAN)		
	19th July		Operations called, but later cancelled and Squadron stood down for the afternoon. Notice received of appointment to Commission of R.139963 Sgt. Francon, R.M.C. (P/M) (CAN), given new number C.87154, and of 1601722 Sgt. Sparkes, W.S. (P/M) (RAF), given new personal number 178229.		
	20th July		Sixteen aircraft proceeded to raid Anderlecht. All returned safely. R.11990 P/B Chumick, W.M. (A/G) (CAN) commissioned and given personal number, J.87123.		

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Orford	1944 21st July		Operations scheduled and cancelled later. Two Cross-country training flights were carried out, at night. 156897M F/S Heron, A.M. (A/C) (L/F) granted a Commission in the R.A.F. V.R. and given personal number, 178370. After a considerable number of interviews for Commissions occupied the Wing Commander, most of the afternoon.		
	22nd July		Stand-by for Operations, all by. All detailed and cancelled, one-half hour before briefing.		
	23rd July		Fourteen aircraft detailed for a raid on Dungeness. All returned safely. Two Cross-countries scheduled, at night.		
	24th July		Extensive training carried out, all by. 433048 Sgt. Thomas, A.T. (S.E.) (L/F), whose new Personal number is 178227, granted a Commission in the R.A.F. V.R. 146934 P/M Lescuit, A.M.D. (A/C) (C/M) screened from further operations, on completion of a successful tour.		
	25th July		Nine aircraft detailed for a night raid. Eighty-four, only, returned safely, the Squadron suffering a sad loss, as S.L.W.C. W/C M.M. Dow (Pilot) (J.M.) was pronounced failed to return. The crew is as follows:-		
			Nav.: J.13877 2/L H.H. Jones (C.M.) A/B: J.23412 2/L D.J. Frauts (C.M.) W/O/A/C: 176531 2/L H.J. Douglas (C.M.) R/T/AG: J.85244 2/L D.L. Carter (C.M.) W/G: 172067 2/L D.A. Parker (C.M.) P/M: C.17701 2/L R.M. Martin (C.M.)		
	26th July		Weather very poor, all day. Two Cross-countries scheduled, but they were cancelled. J.15603 2/L W.C. Veneman Dow (Pilot) (C.M.) assumed temporary command of the Squadron, pending arrival of a new Commanding Officer.		
	27th July		C.175 W/C E.M. Mitchell (Pilot) (C.M.) came to this Squadron and assumed command. No Operations -- Local Flying, only. An operation was detailed, with nineteen aircraft, for an early morning take-off, but was finally cancelled, in the small hours of 28th July. Advice received that the following, "Recent Missing" on the night of 25/26th November, 1943, on a raid to Frankfurt, are now presumed dead.		
			Pilot: 159046 2/L J. Lerton (C.M.)		

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Craft	1944 27th July		Nav.: 248392 P/O D.J. Rands	R/C	D.U. Bands	(REF)		
			A/B: 147752 P/O Holmes, R.	R/C		(REF)		
			WOP/AG: 149090 P/O G.S. Milner	R/C		(REF)		
	28th July		Eighteen aircraft prepared for a dawn take-off, which was cancelled and the crews went back to bed, until noon. They were later recalled, for a night operation on Hamburg. Five crews failed to return from this raid, as follows:-					
			Pilot: J.36940 P/O C.J. Lehmann	R/C		(CAN)		
			Nav.: R172963 Sgt C. Sidebottom	R/C		(CAN)		
			A/B: J.21977 P/O C.H. Miles	R/C		(CAN)		
			WOP/AG: R170212 Sgt Smith, J.	R/C		(CAN)		
			MU/AG: R251894 Sgt Coffe, G.L.	R/C		(CAN)		
			R/G: R267019 Sgt Windsor, W.F.	R/C		(CAN)		
			P/E: 1397416 Sgt Evans, J.R.	R/C		(REF)		
			Pilot: J.26803 P/O Harris, J.P.	R/C		(CAN)		
			Nav.: J.35744 P/O E.P. Gill	R/C		(CAN)		
			A/B: R169529 Sgt Brown, F.M.	R/C		(CAN)		
			WOP/AG: 1624047 Sgt Eastwood, G.E.	R/C		(REF)		
			MU/AG: J.40214 P/O A.M. Mills	R/C		(CAN)		
			R/G: J.30361 P/O D.H. Grant	R/C		(CAN)		
			P/E: 1806542 Sgt Hill, R.G.	R/C		(REF)		
			Pilot: J.25217 P/O J.B. Colver	R/C		(CAN)		
			Nav.: J.23360 P/O M. Bailey	R/C		(CAN)		
			A/B: J.25486 P/O M.R.H. MacFarlane	R/C		(CAN)		
			WOP/AG: R.134399 Sgt Sorel, W.G.	R/C		(CAN)		
			MU/AG: R202619 Sgt Leman, R.A.	R/C		(CAN)		
			R/G: R212693 Sgt Jenney, N.S.	R/C		(CAN)		

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Craft	1944 20th July		E/E: 1462150 Sgt. Desterrough, W.E. (RAF) Pilot: J.35308 P/O Dustison (CAN) Nav.: J.22910 P/O W.H. MacDonald (CAN) A/B: 657799 P/S Stone, R.J. (RAF) WOP/AG: R172227 P/S Gardner, J.E. (CAN) MU/AG: R223565 Sgt. Miller, R.J. (CAN) R/G: R239364 Sgt. Miller, R.J. (CAN) E/E: R61210 Sgt. McEwen, G.H. (CAN)		
			Pilot: R170530 Sgt. Alfred, W.M. (CAN) Nav.: J.23067 P/O S.S. Redmond (CAN) A/B: R174324 Sgt. Kessel, C. (CAN) WOP/AG: R169225 Sgt. Hedinger, J.N. (CAN) MU/AG: R220863 P/S Miller, D.J. (CAN) R/G: R191820 Sgt. Murray, K.J. (CAN) E/E: R91990 Sgt. Preiser, J.E. (CAN)		
			Aircraft NA.550 was badly shot up and three members of the crew, J.20975 P/O L.L. Cameron, (Nav.) (CAN), J.29667 P/O C.J. Johnston (A/C) (CAN) and R148103 Sgt. Niven, W. (A/C) (CAN), were ordered to bale out. J.29111 P/O R.C. Holden (Pilot) (CAN), finding that the aircraft, although in very bad condition, was still manoeuvrable, kept on at the controls and, by almost superhuman airmanship, finally managed to land the aircraft safely in this country. During the flight home, R.187051 P/S Gray, P.J. (A/C) (CAN), suffering great pain from several wounds, displayed magnificent courage and determination by crawling up from his position in the rear gun turret to offer his assistance. AUS.411091 P/L L.L. McLeod (A/C) (RAAF), Squadron Gunnery Leader, and J.25178 P/O N.C. McLeod (Pilot) (CAN) proceeded to Ingham, for the Bomber Command Tactics Course.		
	29th July		The Squadron stood by, for Operations, which were called for 1130 hours. However, raid was		

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Craft	1944 29th July		scrubbed. Notice of Commission was received on the following:- R.1B6155 P/O Lewis, F.G. (A/C) (CAN) R.61201 Sgt. McMen, C.H. (P/B) (CAN) 657799 P/O Stone, D.J. (Nav) (RAF)	New Number J.57936 J.67452 178871	
	30th July		159564 P/L R.P. Robbie (Pilot) (RAF) and 172887 P/O C.D. Wood (WOP/AG) (RAF) both screened from further Operations, on completion of a successful tour. Operations were detailed, but later scrubbed. New crews reporting in to the Squadron, for Operational duties, as follows:- From No. 61 (RAF) Base		
			Pilot: J.25362 P/O A.P. Ruchala (CAN) Nav.: R.182216 Sgt. Armstrong, J.W. (CAN) A/B: J.25510 P/O A. Andrej (CAN) WOP/AG: R.113595 WO Jardine, H.I. (CAN) A/G: R.196301 Sgt. Beck, G.E. (CAN) R/G: R.201444 Sgt. Jewett, M.S. (CAN) P/B: 1895957 Sgt. Garland, A.E. (RAF)		
			Pilot: J.29163 P/O J.P. Morton (CAN) Nav.: J.371801 P/O A.W. Monahan (CAN) A/B: R.151361 Sgt. Fogarty, J.M. (CAN) WOP/AG: R.116387 WO Neppenstall, L.P. (CAN) A/G: R.256031 Sgt. Bea, L.D. (CAN) R/G: R.250636 Sgt. Atherley, W.P. (CAN) P/B: 1895954 Sgt. Gower, A.J. (RAF)		
			Pilot: J.17647 P/O T.H. Dahle (CAN) Nav.: J.111866 P/L H.D.P. MacAllister (CAN) A/B: J.35008 P/O G.F. O'Donnell (CAN) WOP/AG: R.107249 WO Gemignani, G.E. (CAN)		

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Croft	1944 30th July		A/G:	R. 219927	Sgt.	Paragher, J. (CAN)
			R/G:	R. 253287	Sgt.	Snell, D.E. (CAN)
			F/E:	1294373	Sgt.	Crawley, S.E. (RAF)
			Mech:	R. 35210		
			Pilot:	J. 16510	P/O	Kaplansky, B.M. (CAN)
			Nav.:	J. 36327	P/O	F.H. Siddall (CAN)
			A/B:	R. 139428	WO	Low, A.A. (CAN)
			WOP/AG:	R. 122107	WO	Vaddell, R.G. (CAN)
			A/G:	R. 91585	Sgt.	Shaw, H.R. (CAN)
			R/G:	R. 224834	Sgt.	Gwynne-Vaughan, D.E. (CAN)
			F/E:	1092454	Sgt.	Walters, E.P. (RAF)
			Pilot:	J. 86639	P/O	J.H. Lighthrown (CAN)
			Nav.:	J. 35919	P/O	F.J. Kusakay (CAN)
			A/B:	J. 35095	P/O	B.D. Stickles (CAN)
			WOP/AG:	R. 155742	Sgt.	A.A. Grosson (CAN)
			A/G:	R. 196927	Sgt.	Weese, W.G. (CAN)
			R/G:	R. 142454	Sgt.	Wilkinson, J.S. (CAN)
			F/E:	2201560	Sgt.	Blythin, W.O. (RAF)
	31st July		Operations were called for, today, and then cancelled. A Station Parade was held, in the afternoon. No. 431 Squadron paraded two squadrons, with S/L W.C. Wanexas in charge of the wing. In the absence of the Station Commander, W/Odr. E.M. Mitchell was Officer Commanding the Station Parade.			

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Croft	1944 31st July		<u>PRESIDENT STRENGTH OF SQUADRON</u>				
<u>Officers</u>							
			Aircrew	Groundcrew	Total		
			R.C.A.F.	2	94		
			R.A.F.	-	32		
			R.A.A.F.	-	4		
			Total	2	130		
			<u>Airmen</u>	<u>Aircrew</u>	<u>Groundcrew</u>	<u>Total</u>	
			R.C.A.F.	78	273	351	
			R.A.F.	26	8	34	
			R.A.A.F.	-	-	-	
			W.A.A.F.	8	8	8	
			Total	104	289	393	
<u>POSTINGS IN - OFFICERS</u>							
P/O	R. Haw	J.29451	posted from	No. 61 Base	w.o.f.	8.7.44	
P/O	J.W. Abell	J.36530	"	"	"	8.7.44	
P/O	J.L.V. Morin	J.37326	"	"	"	8.7.44	
P/O	G.H. Davis	J.35097	"	"	"	8.7.44	
P/O	G.A. Graham	151241	"	No. 429 Sqdn.	"	15.7.44	
P/L	R.M. Muckles	C.11382	"	No. 62 Base	"	17.7.44	
P/O	D.S. Berland	J.12057	"	No. 61 Base	"	13.7.44	
P/O	J.P. Hendren	J.29397	"	"	"	13.7.44	
P/O	R.E.A. Tonnellier	J.22776	"	"	"	14.7.44	
P/O	S.K. Hall	J.35079	"	"	"	14.7.44	
P/O	W.R.B. Way	J.41352	"	"	"	14.7.44	
P/O	F.D. Mitchell	J.39044	"	"	"	14.7.44	
P/O	R.J. Hammaford	158800	"	No. 434 Sqdn.	"	27.7.44	
P/O	G. Reynolds	54217	"	No. 433 Sqdn.	"	27.7.44	

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Craft	1944 31st July		<u>ARRIVED IN - OFFICIAL (Continued)</u>						
			A/L	Asst. Blackburne	J. 3004	Tested from	No. 433 Sgms	W.B.C. 27-7-44	
			P/O	Geoff. McGavin	J. 3004	-	-	-	27-7-44
			P/O	Mac Robbin	J. 3004	-	-	-	27-7-44
			P/O	John Lightbrown	J. 3004	-	No. 61 Base	-	20-7-44
			P/O	Paul Ransky	J. 3004	-	-	-	20-7-44
			P/O	Babe Stickles	J. 3005	-	-	-	20-7-44
			P/O	Aske Morris	J. 3004	-	No. 434 Sgms	-	27-7-44
			P/O	Mac Dorland	J. 3004	-	-	-	27-7-44
			P/O	Aske Bushala	J. 3004	-	No. 61 Base	-	20-7-44
			P/O	Aske Farley	J. 3004	-	-	-	20-7-44
			P/O	Talha Dabbe	J. 3004	-	-	-	20-7-44
			P/L	Mac Macmillan	J. 3005	-	-	-	20-7-44
			P/O	Geoff. O'Donnell	J. 3004	-	-	-	20-7-44
			P/O	Babe Kaplaneky	J. 3004	-	-	-	20-7-44
			P/O	Paul Wickham	J. 3004	-	-	-	20-7-44
			P/O	J.P. Norton	J. 3004	-	-	-	20-7-44
			P/O	Aske Monahan	J. 3004	-	-	-	20-7-44
			<u>ARRIVED OUT - OFFICIAL</u>						
			P/O	Walt Lawrence	J. 3005	Tested to	No. 435 C.U.	-	20-6-44
			P/O	John Gandy	J. 3005	-	No. 61 to Valve	-	20-7-44
			P/L	Talha Walker	J. 3005	-	No. 61 Base	-	17-7-44
			P/O	Aske Ryte	J. 3004	-	No. 435 Sgms	-	16-7-44
			P/O	Geoff. Fallon	J. 3004	-	-	-	16-7-44
			P/O	Mac Pochinay	J. 3004	-	-	-	16-7-44
			P/L	Dale Wiley	J. 3004	-	No. 63 Base	-	14-7-44
			P/O	Aske Timsmouth	J. 3004	-	No. 435 Sgms	-	13-7-44
			P/O	Aske Richardson	J. 3004	-	-	-	13-7-44

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Groft	1944 31st July							
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P/O	R.P. Nelson	176430	Posted to	No. 415 Sqn.	w.e.f.	18.7.44		
POSTINGS IN - AIRMAN (AIRCRAFT)								
Sgt.	Brown, F.M.	R.169509	posted from No. 61 Base			20.6.44		
Sgt.	J.B. Ogg	R.160288	■ ■ ■ ■			18.6.44		
WO.2	G. Leppington	R.144385	■ ■ ■ ■			18.6.44		
Sgt.	J.T. Patterson	R.162269	■ ■ ■ ■			18.6.44		
Sgt.	R.G. Joiner	R.83644	■ ■ ■ ■			18.6.44		
Sgt.	R.B. Page	R.138830	■ ■ ■ ■			18.6.44		
Sgt.	M.J. Campbell	R.138160	■ ■ ■ ■			18.6.44		
Sgt.	H. Milligan	R.197784	■ ■ ■ ■			19.6.44		
Sgt.	C.J. Kelly	R.172282	■ ■ ■ ■			19.6.44		
Sgt.	C.M. Molinroy	R.212152	■ ■ ■ ■			19.6.44		
Sgt.	K. Reichert	R.205291	■ ■ ■ ■			19.6.44		
Sgt.	A.G. Pitzeck	R.177579	■ ■ ■ ■			19.6.44		
Sgt.	J.E. Metcalfe	R.192920	■ ■ ■ ■			19.6.44		
Sgt.	R.A. Brown	R.213613	■ ■ ■ ■			19.6.44		
Sgt.	G.W. Mosley	R.207937	■ ■ ■ ■			19.6.44		
Sgt.	G.J. Quinlan	R.90339	■ ■ ■ ■			24.6.44		
Sgt.	R.V. Currie	R.176878	■ ■ ■ ■			24.6.44		
Sgt.	F.R. Young	R.155980	■ ■ ■ ■			24.6.44		
Sgt.	W. Newen	R.148100	■ ■ ■ ■			24.6.44		
Sgt.	D.A.G. Sparkes	R.153529	■ ■ ■ ■			24.6.44		
Sgt.	H.R. Lapham	R.197714	■ ■ ■ ■			24.6.44		
Sgt.	N.A. Francis	R.189717	■ ■ ■ ■			24.6.44		
Sgt.	L.P. Honey	R.218892	■ ■ ■ ■			24.6.44		
Sgt.	J.G. W. Gurski	R.91606	■ ■ ■ ■			24.6.44		
Sgt.	R.E. Horne	R.208296	■ ■ ■ ■			8.7.44		

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Croft	1944 31st July		POSTINGS IN - AIRMEN (AIRCRAFT) (Continued)			
			Sgt. Lockett, J.E. R.206417 posted from No. 61 Base	w.e.f. 8.7.44		
			Sgt. Welch, J.A. R.151467 ■ ■ ■ ■	■ 16.5.44		
			Sgt. Hubley, R.F. R.176895 ■ ■ ■ ■	■ 16.5.44		
			Sgt. Campbell, R.W. R.161457 ■ ■ ■ ■	■ 16.5.44		
			Sgt. Rickards, R.F.C. R.180138 ■ ■ ■ ■	■ 13.7.44		
			Sgt. Beer, R.E. R.183131 ■ ■ ■ ■	■ 13.7.44		
			Sgt. Hamilton, G.W. R.201900 ■ ■ ■ ■	■ 13.7.44		
			Sgt. Sanderson, D.C. R.191784 ■ ■ ■ ■	■ 13.7.44		
			Sgt. Shepherd, D.A. R.189267 ■ ■ ■ ■	■ 12.7.44		
			WO.2 Gladish, G.E. R.125416 ■ ■ ■ ■	■ 12.7.44		
			Sgt. Grosson, A.G. R.155742 ■ ■ ■ ■	■ 20.7.44		
			Sgt. Weese, W.G. R.196927 ■ ■ ■ ■	■ 20.7.44		
			Sgt. Wilkinson, J.S. R.142454 ■ ■ ■ ■	■ 20.7.44		
			WO.1 Hurley, J.R. R.69068 ■ ■ No. 434 Sqn. ■ 27.7.44			
			F/S Gigham, D.L. R.187568 ■ ■ ■ ■	■ 27.7.44		
			WO Woodstock, J.J. R.165118 ■ ■ No. 433 Sqn. ■ 27.7.44			
			WO Stewart, J.A. R.117240 ■ ■ ■ ■	■ 27.7.44		
			WO McDowell, G.A. R.112686 ■ ■ ■ ■	■ 27.7.44		
			Sgt. Eastwood, C.E. 1624047 ■ ■ No. 61 Base ■ 20.6.44			
			Sgt. Haill, R.C.M. 1806542 ■ ■ ■ ■	■ 20.6.44		
			Sgt. Williams, P. 528804 ■ ■ ■ ■	■ 19.6.44		
			Sgt. Cannon, E.W. 1869234 ■ ■ ■ ■	■ 19.6.44		
			Sgt. Thornton, J.W. 1590770 ■ ■ ■ ■	■ 24.6.44		
			Sgt. Elbourne, J.D. 1570070 ■ ■ ■ ■	■ 24.6.44		
			Sgt. Harris, A.G. 1853395 ■ ■ ■ ■	■ 8.7.44		
			Sgt. Keen, H. 909448 ■ ■ ■ ■	■ 13.7.44		
			Sgt. Jeacock, F.W. 641969 ■ ■ ■ ■	■ 14.7.44		

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			<u>POSTINGS OUT - AIRCREW (ALREADY)</u>					
			P/B Content, J.M.	R.195050	Posted to	No. 64 Base	W.e.f. 9.7.44	
			Sgt. Welsh, J.A.	R.151467	" "	No. 405 Sqn.	" 16.7.44	
			Sgt. Hubley, R.F.	R.176895	" "	" "	" 16.7.44	
			Sgt. Campbell, W.L.	R.151457	" "	" "	" 16.7.44	
			P/B Todero, L.E.	R.157067	" "	No. 415 Sqn.	18.7.44	
			P/B Parr, E.J.	R.194123	" "	" "	18.7.44	
			Sgt. Mitchell, S.G.M.	1825080	" "	No. 61 Base	2.7.44	
			P/B Webber, G.S.	1890090	" "	No. 415 Sqn.	18.7.44	
			Sgt. Warren, B.G.	1801820	" "	" "	18.7.44	
			Sgt. King, W.A.	1891156	" "	No. 405 Sqn.	16.7.44	
			Sgt. Samson, F.H.	1894242	" "	No. 64 Base	9.7.44	
			S/B Thernes, W.	960983	" "	No. 64 Base	13.7.44	
			<u>CASUALTIES</u>					
			P/O G. Duvalle	J.25246	Killed	on	6.7.44	
			P/O W. Abbott	175843	Missing	w.e.f.	18.7.44	
			P/O F.E. Mitchell	129679	"	"	18.7.44	
			P/O L. Robin	176362	"	"	18.7.44	
			P/O R. Heald	172917	"	"	18.7.44	
			A/S/L C.G. Ball	J.3486	"	"	18.7.44	
			P/O F.A. Longstaff	J.86908	"	"	18.7.44	
			P/O D.A. Cooper	J.87015	"	"	18.7.44	
			P/O J.W.K. Dunn	J.23117	"	"	18.7.44	
			P/O H.J. Douglas	176631	"	"	26.7.44	
			P/O E.A. Parker	173067	"	"	26.7.44	
			A/W/C H.E. Dow	J.1893	"	"	26.7.44	
			P/O K.E. Jones	J.13827	"	"	26.7.44	
			P/O D.J. Frauts	J.23642	"	"	26.7.44	

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Graft	1944 51st July		<u>CASUALTIES</u> (Continued)				
			P/O R.G. Carter J.85344	Missing	w.e.f.	26.7.44	
			A/V/L R.M. Martin C.17750	"	"	26.7.44	
			P/O G.R. Baumann J.86940	"	"	29.7.44	
			P/O G.R. Miles J.28979	"	"	29.7.44	
			P/O J.F. Harris J.26303	"	"	29.7.44	
			P/O A.M. Mills J.40214	"	"	29.7.44	
			P/O T.H. Grant J.39861	"	"	29.7.44	
			P/O H.P. Gill J.35744	"	"	29.7.44	
			P/O J.B. Colver J.25297	"	"	29.7.44	
			P/O N. Bailey J.28860	"	"	29.7.44	
			P/O M.E.R. McFarlane J.28486	"	"	29.7.44	
			P/O J.K. Gustafson J.35803	"	"	29.7.44	
			P/O W.E. MacDonald J.22910	"	"	29.7.44	
			P/O A.L. Cameron J.29975	"	"	29.7.44	
			P/O S.S. Redmond J.28867	"	"	29.7.44	
			P/O G.J. Johnston J.29667	"	"	29.7.44	
			Sgt. Blaako, J.A. R.22345	"	"	18.7.44	
			Sgt. Lockett, J.E. R.206432	"	"	18.7.44	
			Sgt. Jackson, G. R.167306	"	"	18.7.44	
			Sgt. Williams, J.E. R.225403	"	"	18.7.44	
			P/S Youngs, W.A. R.193650	"	"	18.7.44	
			Sgt. Cole, H.S. R.171060	"	"	18.7.44	
			Sgt. Sidebottom, G. R.172863	"	"	29.7.44	
			Sgt. Smith, J. R.170222	"	"	29.7.44	
			Sgt. Cuffe, G.L. R.251894	"	"	29.7.44	
			Sgt. Windsor, W.P. R.260019	"	"	29.7.44	
			Sgt. Brown, F.M. R.169529	"	"	29.7.44	

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			Sgt. Sorel, W.G.	R.184399.	Missing	w.e.f.	29.7.44
			Sgt. Leman, R.A.	R.202619	"	"	29.7.44
			Sgt. Jeremy, N.S.	R.212693	"	"	29.7.44
			F/S Gardner, J.E.	R.172207	"	"	29.7.44
			F/S Miller, R.J.	R.223565	"	"	29.7.44
			Sgt. Miller, K.R.	R.209064	"	"	29.7.44
			Sgt. McBrien, G.H.	R.61210	"	"	29.7.44
			Sgt. Aldred, W.M.	R.170580	"	"	29.7.44
			Sgt. Karrel, G.	R.174894	"	"	29.7.44
			Sgt. Hadinger, J.N.	R.169825	"	"	29.7.44
			F/S Miller, D.J.	R.220663	"	"	29.7.44
			F/S Murray, K.J.	R.191820	"	"	29.7.44
			Sgt. Niven, W.	R.148100	"	"	29.7.44
			F/S Alp, P.L.	516794	"	"	18.7.44
			Sgt. Evans, J.T.	1897416	"	"	29.7.44
			Sgt. Eastwood, G.E.	1624047	"	"	29.7.44
			Sgt. Haill, R.G.	1806542	"	"	29.7.44
			Sgt. Desborough, W.R.	1862158	"	"	29.7.44
			F/S Stone, R.J.	657799	"	"	29.7.44
			Sgt. Prosser, J.E.	931998	"	"	29.7.44
			APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS				
			P/O H.J. Douglas	176631	Commissioned	w.e.f.	18.5.44
			P/O F.A. Longstaff	J.868008	"	"	27.5.44
			P/O J. St. Godard	J.86664	"	"	18.5.44
			P/O J.B. Lemoureux	J.86569	"	"	23.5.44
			P/O J.R. Baker	J.86547	"	"	18.5.44
			P/O R.K. MacDonald	J.86567	"	"	19.5.44

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Croft	1944 31st July		<u>APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS (Continued)</u>			
			P/O	B.A.R. Bianco	J.86515	Commissioned w.e.f. 23.5.44
			P/O	J.C. Leubert	J.86570	" " 23.5.44
			P/O	P.G. Howe	J.7546	" " 9.6.44
			P/O	L. Keir	177393	" " 9.6.44
			P/O	J.N. MacDonald	178091	" " 18.4.44
			P/O	G.R. Batmann	J.86940	" " 25.5.44
			P/O	E.M. Keefer	J.86587	" " 25.5.44
			P/O	J.D.T. Kingston	J.86943	" " 27.5.44
			P/O	R.M.C. Francon	J.87154	" " 31.5.44
			P/O	D.H. Ayres	J.87013	" " 9.6.44
			P/O	M.J. Charlebois	J.87014	" " 9.6.44
			P/O	D.A. Cooper	J.87015	" " 9.6.44
			P/O	M.G.C. Grant	J.87117	" " 9.6.44
			P/O	F.J. McIntyre	J.87031	" " 9.6.44
			P/O	H.C. McVicar	J.87030	" " 9.6.44
			P/O	W.V. Chaudiek	J.87123	" " 10.6.44
			P/O	H.J. McNamara	J.87034	" " 10.6.44
			P/O	R.G. Tomlin	J.87127	" " 10.6.44
			P/O	W.S. Sparkes	J.82229	" " 10.6.44
			P/O	G.T. Richardson	178222	" " 26.6.44
			P/O	G.L. Thomas	178227	" " 31.3.44
			P/O	A.B. Heron	178480	" " 24.6.44
			P/O	G.B. Freemantle	J.87400	" " 24.6.44
			A/F/L	R.M. Martin	G.17750	Promoted to the rank of Temporary Flt. Lt. w.e.f. 16.7.43.
			P/O	A.L. Cameron	J.29975	" " " " P/O " 3.3.44
			P/O	N.G. MacLeod	J.25178	Appointed " " " Acting Flt. Lt. " 17.6.44
			P/O	J. Geddes	168924	Promoted " " " Temporary P/O " 5.6.44

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Croft	1944 31st July		<u>APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS</u> (Continued) P/O W.G. Craig A.416549 Promoted to the rank of Temporary P/O w.e.f. 5.6.44. P/O J.C. King A.412558 " " " " " " 5.6.44. P/O(A/V/L) F.A. Badgery A.412565 " " " " " " 5.6.44. P/O W.G. Craig A.416549 Appointed to the rank of Acting Flt. Lt. w.e.f. 1.7.44. P/O J.C. King A.412558 " " " " " " 1.7.44. <u>HONOURS AND AWARDS</u> F/L D.R. Wiley J.11131 Awarded Immediate Distinguished Flying Cross. <u>OPERATIONAL SORTIES FOR JULY</u> - 162 <u>FLYING TIME FOR JULY</u> - Operational - 644.16 Non-operational - 293.58 <u>TONS (2240) OF BOMBS DROPPED DURING PERIOD</u> H.B. M.G. O.P. Mines Incendiaries From 1.1.44 to 30.6.44, inclusive 38 779 912 33 182 <u>TONS OF BOMBS DROPPED DURING JULY</u> - 111 448 - - <u>TOTAL TO DATE</u> 38 890 1360 33 182 <u>NUMBER OF COMBATS WITH ENEMY AIRCRAFT</u> - 2 Total number of enemy aircraft destroyed during the month of July - Nil. Total number of enemy aircraft probably destroyed during the month of July - Nil. Total Number of enemy aircraft damaged during the month of July - Nil. <u>NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT ON CHARGE</u> - 19. <u>CHANGES IN COMMAND</u> - C.175 W/Oir. E.M. Mitchell (Pilot) (CAN) assumed command of No. 431 Squadron w.e.f. 27.7.44, vice J.4893 W/Oir. H.R. Dow (Pilot) (CAN), reported "Missing" w.e.f. 26.7.44. <u>CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION</u> - C.1869 F/L T.R. Walker (Admin.) (CAN), Adjutant, ceased to be detached to R.C.A.F. Stn., Leeming, on posting to No. 61 Base, w.e.f. 17.7.44. C.11382 F/L R.M. Nickles (Admin.) (CAN), Adjutant, ceased to be attached from No. 62 Base, on posting to No. 431 Squadron, w.e.f. 17.7.44.		

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Croft	1944 31st July		<p>SQUADRON COMMANDER'S RESUME</p> <p>The month under review saw a decrease in the number of operational sorties flown, as well as in training hours, compared with the month of June. This was mainly due to stand-by's for operations, as well as inclement weather. The month was mainly notable for the number of aircrew personnel who were commissioned. The Squadron suffered its worst loss, since its formation, when it lost five crews, in one night, on a raid on Hamburg. It also suffered the loss of its Squadron Commander, W/Cdr. H.R. Dow, during a raid on Stuttgart.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>E.M. Mitchell</i> (E.M. Mitchell) M.C. Wing Commander, Commanding, No. 431 (RCAF) Squadron.</p>		

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