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			Compiling Officer: (C.21656) F/Lt. C. R. Roberts for the period 1st. to 31st. March, 1945.	
EASTMOOR	1.3.45		Eleven aircraft were detailed to attack Mannheim. All took off and attacked the primary target. 10/10ths. cloud over target ranging from five to seventeen thousand feet. Slight to moderate flak. One aircraft jettisoned 1 x 4lb cluster live which hung up over the target. No fighter activity reported. Gaggle was fairly good, but spread out leaving target. Results could not be observed due to cloud. Two new crews reported in captained by C.43788 F/O W. P. Gregory and R.189599 F/S Neville P.C. A station dance was held in the cinema. Numerous fair maidens from York were brought out to ease the shortage of the fairer sex. The dance was definitely a success. Only one training flight due to operational commitments.	A.2786 - A.2796
EASTMOOR	2.3.45		Eleven aircraft were detailed to attack Cologne. All took off and attacked the primary target. Visibility was fairly good, 4/6 tenths cloud. The target was identified by the cathedral, marshalling yards and river. Slight to moderate heavy flak. One aircraft jettisoned a 500 lbs. bomb live which hung up. Aircraft "X" reports six flak holes over starboard side. Aircraft "J" reports slight flak damage, aircraft "W" reports two flak holes and aircraft "Y" reports small flak hole in starboard wing. Attack appeared good. Several aircraft were seen going down and a number of parachutes were observed. Four members of the squadron were advised of promotion. J.10491 F/L F. J. Moran "B" Flight Commander and J.3489 F/L E. A. Hayes "A" Flight Commander, both promoted to Acting Squadron Leader. J.36245 F/O A. J. Clarke to Acting Flight Lieutenant, Captain of Aircraft and J.88374 F/O T. S. Foy to Acting Flight Lieutenant as Signals Leaders. J.87033 F/O Potter A.L. and his crew are screened effective to-day having completed their tour.	A.2797 - A.2817
EASTMOOR	3.3.45		No operational commitments. Training to-day carried out by six crews in "B" Flight and nine crews in "A" Flight. The training included Bombing, Fighter Affiliation, Air to Sea Firing H2S runs and cross country exercises. Quite a number of our personnel were observed in York during the evening celebrating promotions, screening or something. The Air Sea Rescue Officer from Group Headquarters paid a short visit also the W.D. Officer from Base in charge of Secret and Confidential Publications.	
EASTMOOR	4.3.45		Operations were detailed to-day, but later scrubbed. Training was confined to the ground due to poor weather, it rained quite a bit to-day. Last night we had our first air raid warning for a long time. The warning sounded early this morning shortly after midnight. There were all kinds of rumours and reports this morning, however, only one enemy raider is reported as coming very close to this Unit, no damage was done. Personnel also reported a small pyrotechnic display of flak, tracers etc.	
EASTMOOR	5.3.45		Eleven aircraft were detailed to attack Chemnitz and all took off. Only ten are reported as attacking the primary as one aircraft "L" crashed in England and no report is available re bombing. 10/10ths. cloud over target. Nil to slight flak reported by most crews. Several aircraft were seen shot down. Aircraft "Q" reported combat with enemy aircraft which was fired on by the mid upper gunner, no claim. Aircraft "Q" reports a second combat, rear and mid upper gunners both fired at the aircraft, but it was lost to view, no claim. This aircraft was diverted to Manston and was damaged there when an aircraft which was landing taxied into it from the rear damaging the tail assembly, port wing tip and port side of fuselage, narrowly missing the rear gunner. Aircraft "L" piloted by J.3489 S/L E. A. Hayes failed to return and was later reported to have crashed at Walton-on-Naze, believed to have been shot down by our own defence guns. S/L Hayes had a second pilot J.15742 F/L J. G. Clothier, which crew is now without a pilot. Seven members of the crew are reported killed, and one member has not been picked up yet. The aircraft and all in it was scattered over a large area. Three crews completed training flights doing circuits and landings.	A.2818 - A.2827

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EASTMOOR.	6.3.45		No operational commitments. There was some activity around the bar in the evening. Arrangements being made for a party to attend the funeral of S/L Hayes and crew. The exact date has not been set as yet. Three spare crewmen were screened to-day. Training to-day included seven crews doing circuits, bombing runs, fighter affiliation and H2S training. Three crews did a night cross country.	
EASTMOOR	7.3.45		Fifteen aircraft were detailed to attack Heamingstedt. All took off and all bombed the primary target. Visibility was good 2 - 4/10ths. cloud. Some small fires were seen in the target area and several explosions. Some crews report receiving instructions from what was believed to be a spoof master bomber. Slight heavy flak with some evidence of prediction. No aircraft were damaged by flak. Two aircraft were seen shot down in the target area and one on the homeward route. No parachutes were seen. No combats reported. This has been a very fine day, bright with some high cloud. Our Oxford has gone to Linton for some ferrying. Two crews did night cross country runs and bombing.	A.2828 - A.2842
EASTMOOR	8.3.45		Fifteen aircraft detailed to attack Hamburg. All took off and fourteen aircraft bombed the primary. Aircraft "H", an early return, lost the port outer and starboard inner engines on the way out, jettisoned bomb load safe and landed at Carnaby. The aircraft would not climb above 600 feet although everything movable was jettisoned including ammunition and window. 4 - 10/10ths. cloud over target and good visibility. Bombing was accurate. Slight to moderate flak. One aircraft was seen shot down. Aircraft "C" reports flak hole in port inner cowling. This aircraft landed at Carnaby due to a broken brake pressure line. Aircraft "F" reported port outer u/s at 2109 hours. An inspection of Sutton Hall was made by the Squadron Adjutant. Weather to-day has been fairly good with some cloud. Very little activity of a social nature due to operations. Five crews completed night cross country runs.	A.2843 - A.2857
EASTMOOR	9.3.45		Twelve aircraft were detailed, but the operation was scrubbed. A dance was held on the Station which apparently was a success. Some members of the Squadron had a party in York, dinner at the Old George Hotel and later adjourned to the Ritz Bar and a dance. The party was quite successful. J.14498 F/L F. A. Board, navigator, posted to No. 428 Squadron. J.92570 P/O N. Marcus posted to No. 62 Base. Two screened lads going on course to Dalton.	
EASTMOOR	10.3.45		No operational commitments. Training was stressed. Fourteen aircraft were detailed for cross countries, fighter affiliation and bombing exercises. Much to his disgust J.89084 F/O L. P. McGuire was posted to No. 1659 Conversion Unit for instructor duties. The Officer Commanding attended a conference at Group Headquarters this afternoon.	
EASTMOOR	11.3.45		Thirteen aircraft detailed to attack Essen. All took off and all attacked the primary target 10/10ths. cloud over target, but it is believed to have been an excellent attack. Nil to slight flak. No fighter activity. Aircraft "Z" reports a Halifax seen hit by a bomb, the aircraft burst into flames and disappeared into the cloud. Aircraft "V" brought back 1 x 500 lbs. ANM. hang up over target. All our aircraft returned safely and to quote some of the crewmen, it was a "piece of cake". Two new crews reported in captained by J.42150 F/O A. R. King and J.02249 P/O D. F. Brown. The Mess was fairly busy last night, but there was a decided absence of No. 432 Squadron officers for some reason or other. Three crews detailed under our training programme to do H2S runs, bombing and air to sea firing.	A.2858 - A.2870

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EASTMOOR	12.3.45		Thirteen aircraft were detailed to attack Dortmund, all took off and all bombed the primary target. 10/10ths. cloud over target, visibility above cloud was good. Results could not be observed other than a large patch of smoke billowing up through the cloud. Slight to moderate flak in barrage form with some evidence of prediction. Aircraft "A" jettisoned safe a 500 lbs. bomb which hung up over target. Some crews reported seeing a Lancaster hit by flak, spiral down into cloud, no parachutes seen. There was no fighter opposition. All aircraft returned safely, a very good raid. J.15742 F/L Clothier J.G. was buried to-day in Rockfield church Cemetry by the Rev. W. T. Joseph, Rockfield, Nr. Monmouth, Wales. Recommendations were submitted to-day to post J.8654 F/L W. E. Miller to Flight Commander "A" Flight with promotion to S/L and J.16984 F/L Wylie D.M. to Deputy Flight Commander "A" Flight. Four of our crews returned from leave and five go on leave after duty to-morrow. It was a lovely day to-day from a laymans point of view but a bit hazy for flying.	A.2871 - A.2883
EASTMOOR	13.3.45		Fourteen aircraft were detailed to attack Wuppertal. All took off and all bombed the primary target. 9 - 10/10ths. cloud over target. Visibility above cloud was good. A few fires and one large red explosion indicate a fair effort. Slight flak and nil fighter activity. Training to-day included circuits and landings by the two new crews. Other training flights were scheduled but cancelled due to operational commitments. C.35269 F/O Patterson and his crew are screened effective to-day on completion of their first tour. The six remaining crew members from J.15742 F/L Clothier J.G. crew have been posted to Dalton to pick up a pilot. Also received postings on six screened lads to "R" Depot, they will be quite happy about that. The funeral service for J.3489 S/L E. L. Hayes and his crew is being held to-day at Brookwood Cemetry. F/L Clothier mentioned above was buried yesterday at Pentwyn in Wales.	A.2884 - A.2897
EASTMOOR	14.3.45		Fourteen aircraft detailed to attack Zwiebrucken. Thirteen aircraft attacked the target - aircraft "E" was an early return. The starboard outer engine cut after take off andby the time the French Coast was reached, so much time had been lost the pilot decided to abandon mission. Weather was clear, but hazy, fair to good visibility. Fires, explosions and smoke indicated a good effort. Slight flak, nil fighter activity. Aircraft "E" jettisoned bomb load to lighten the aircraft. Aircraft "S" jettisoned 1 x 500 lbs. bomb safe which hung up over target. The captains of the new crews flew the Oxford to Linton and Carhaby ferrying passengers and at the same time familiarizing themselves with the surrounding countryside. Some of our N.C.O's. were interviewed by the Base Commander for commissions.	A.2898 - A.2911
EASTMOOR	15.3.45		Ten aircraft detailed to attack Castrop Rauxel and ten aircraft bombed the primary target. Visibility fair due to slight haze over the target. Large orange explosion were reported which indicates accurate bombing. Slight to moderate flak, nil fighter activity. Aircraft "I" had 1 x 500 lbs. bomb hung up over target jettisoned safe. Aircraft "P" reported three small flak holes received over target. Seven aircraft were detailed to attack Hagen. All took off and six attacked the primary target. Aircraft "M" captained by J.40472 F/O Bonter S.M. reported missing. Weather over target was clear with some haze, Bombing was concentrated and numerous small fires reported in target area. Flak was moderate, few searchlights ineffective with numerous fighter flares. Aircraft "J" reports one flak hole in port aileron over target area. Five of our screened personnel are posted to "R" depot effective 20th. March, 1945. An inspection of our airmens quarters on No. 3 site was carried out by the Squadron Commander and Adjutant. Conditions appeared fairly good. The N.C.O's. quarters could have been better, but as we have been operating five days running they have little time except to eat and sleep. One new crew reported in captained by J.41586 F/O R. H. Ritchie.	A.2912 - A.2921 A.2922 - A.2928

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EASTMOOR	16.3.45		No operational commitments. One of our screened Flight Engineers is posted to instructional duties at Dalton. Due to the stand down and after operating on five consecutive days most ~~of our personnel are heading for town this afternoon all primed for a good time.~~ J.9968c P/O J. R. Gallant, a screened Air Gunner is working with the Squadron Adjutant to prepare for posting to Administrative duties. A carton of gum and a case of cigarettes was received to-day from the people of Leaside.	
EASTMOOR	17.3.45.		No operational commitments. Quite a bit of training was completed. The new crew was checked out on circuits and landings. This crew also did some fighter affiliation. Six ~~other crews training on Fighter Affiliation, Air to sea Firing, H2S runs, bombing and cross~~ country exercises. The Officers Mess Dance held this evening was quite an affair. The Mess was nicely decorated, most of our screened personnel put in the afternoon completing the decorating, waxing the floors etc. An Air Raid warning interrupted the dance about eleven o'clock, but no enemy activity was noted in this vicinity.	
EASTMOOR	18.3.45		Fourteen aircraft were detailed to attack Witten. All took off and all bombed the primary. ~~Visibility clear, with haze over the target. Heavy flak in barrage form.~~ Searchlights although numerous were ineffective. Fighter flares and unidentified aircraft were observed but no combats reported. Aircraft "X" reported an aircraft believed to be a Halifax gliding down in flames and exploding on hitting ground. Aircraft "P" reports small flak hole in starboard main plane over target area. Aircraft "S" and "P" were diverted to Linton, but returned early the morning of the 19th. It was very quiet this morning around the Squadron Offices. The party last night continued till the early hours so the chaps not required for ~~duty slept in. Main briefing was not till 21.45 hours so the afternoon was quiet also.~~	A.2929 - A.2942
EASTMOOR	19.3.45.		No operational commitments. One new crew reported in captained by R.149113 P/O D. A. Brewer The crews did not return from last nights raid until approximately 0700 hours this morning, so spent most of the day sleeping. Our Squadron Navigation Leader left to-day for "R" Depot for repatriation on medical grounds and is being replaced by J.35751 P/O A. A. Sangster. J.89273 P/O J. Brussone, Wireless Operator Air Gunner posted to No. 24 O.T.U. for instructional ~~duties.~~	
EASTMOOR	20.3.45		Fifteen crews were detailed for operations, but later in the evening this was scrubbed. One crew carried out cross country training. One crew carried out fighter affiliation and Air to Sea Firing. Shortly after nine o'clock enemy raiders were reported in the vicinity, but no activity observed at this Unit. One of our Flight Lieutenant Commanders was promoted to Squadron Leader with effect 6th. March, 1945. He is S/Ldr. Miller W.E. (J.8654).	
EASTMOOR	21.3.45		Fifteen aircraft were detailed to attack Rheine. All took off and thirteen aircraft bombed the primary. Aircraft "J" attacked Dulmen in error and aircraft "P" attacked Heek, also in error. Weather over target was clear with slight haze. Heavy flak in barrage form was slight at beginning of attack, increasing to moderate in intensity later on. No fighter activity. Aircraft "C" reports Halifax hit by flak in target area, resulting in one or two engines smoking. This aircraft lost several thousands of feet in height and levelled out. Five chutes from aircraft and another later, two or three miles from target area. ~~Aircraft "P"~~ reports 1 flak hole port wing, target area. Aircraft "I" jettisoned 12 x 500 lbs. bombs manually. ~~two safe and ten alive. Aircraft "P" reports three flak holes front fuselage over target.~~ Notification was received to-day of J.11269 S/L J. H. Thompson formerly "A" Flight Commander, that he is now a prisoner of war. He was reported missing on the night of 14th. February, 1945.	A.2943 - A.2957

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EASTMOOR	21.3.45 (Contd.)		J.36283 F/O Mjolsness reported to "B" Depot on posting 22nd. March, 1945. Training to-day consisted of two crews carrying out cross country and one crew doing fighter affiliation and H2S runs. R149113 W/O Brewer D.A. was checked out on circuits and landings.	
EASTMOOR	22.3.45		Seventeen aircraft were detailed to attack poraten. All took off and sixteen aircraft bombed the target. Aircraft "E" all bombs hung up over target. Jettisoned 8 x 500 lbs. in order not to exceed all up weight for landing. Brought back 8 x 500 lbs. as ordered. Very slight flak reported. No fighter activity. Crews report good gaggle. Aircraft "G" had to feather starboard outer engine at Dutch coast, but a successful landing was made on return to base by the captain of aircraft, J.92579 F/O proud R. Aircraft "I" reports several flak holes in rear fuselage and tail unit, one hole in starboard wing over target. This aircraft piloted by J.91181 F/O Kearl H.E. lost the starboard inner engine, but the pilot pushed on and successfully completed his mission in bombing the primary regardless of the fact he could not reach briefed height or keep up with the gaggle formation. Bombing appeared concentrated and attack very successful. J.92611 F/O Lafreniere H.P. Air Bomber posted for Air Bomber duties as spare. Training consisted of one crew carrying out cross country exercises. The day was exceptionally warm and sunny for Yorkshire.	A.2958 - A.2974
EASTMOOR	23.3.45		No operational commitments. A dance was held in the station cinema and everyone seemed to enjoy the first station dance held for some time. Three crews were sent to group on completion of five operational sorties. They were J.91181 F/O Kearl H.E., J.41182, F/O Smith A.E. and J.43786 F/O Gregory W.P. Training consisted of three crews carrying out bombing, fighteraffiliation and air to sea firing. One crew completing air to sea, fighter affiliation and part of their bombing exercise.	
EASTMOOR	24.3.45.		Eighteen aircraft were detailed to attack Gladbeck. All took off and seventeen bombed the primary. Aircraft "B" had an early return. The starboard outer engine was u/s. This aircraft was piloted by J.90505 F/O S. J. Allen. Weather was clear with some haze. Heavy flak was in barrage form. No fighter activity, two aircraft were shot down. Aircraft "H" reports hole where fin and rudder join tail plane, cause unknown. Aircraft "S" reports several holes in port wing and tail plane by heavy flak over target. The bombing appeared well concentrated. One crew carried out Air Test Exercise. One new crew reported for posting for flying duties captained by J.93095 F/O D. W. McTaggart.	A.2975 - A.2992
EASTMOOR	25.3.45		Seventeen aircraft detailed to attack Munster. All took off and fifteen aircraft bombed the primary. Aircraft "E" had an early return due to the loss of starboard outer engine. Aircraft "F" bombed Haltern in error, mistaking two smoke puffs for T.I's. Aircraft "C", "C", "X", "N" diverted to Croft. Aircraft "D", "H", "O", "Q", "S", "V", "W", "Z" diverted to Wombleton. Aircraft "A", "U", "I", "P", "R" landed at base. Visibility was clear with horizontal haze. Moderate to intense flak. No fighter activity. Aircraft "P" reports three flak holes - nose perspex, port flap and one through root of port main plane. Aircraft "U" reports flak hole in perspex above pilot. Aircraft "V" and "Z" and "W" damaged by flak. damage not ascertained. Bombing results appeared very successful.	A.2993 - A.3020

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EASTMOOR	26.3.45.		No operational commitments. Most of the fellows are going to York. Postings for several screened personnel to "R" Depot included J.87033 F/O A. L. Potter, J.27814 F/L A. R. A. Bews J.90726 F/O B. R. Burke, J.91156 F/O J. H. Davis, and J.92517 F/O J. T. Myers. Posted to R.C.A.F. Overseas Headquarters and detached to No. 6 R.C.A.F. District Headquarters, Edinburgh, were two screened officers, J.13798 F/L C. W. Wilson and J.41272 F/O E. Hunter to work on the 8th. Victory Loan. Two crews were sent to Headquarters, No. 6 (R.C.A.F.) Group after their five operational sorties. They were R189667 W/O Gelineau W.J. and J.37864 F/O S. M. Raymond. Training to-day consisted of fourteen crews. Fighter affiliation, Air to sea, Bombing by twelve crews, two crews cross-country and fishpond.	
EASTMOOR	27.3.45.		No operational commitments. Training to-day consisted of one crew being checked out on circuit and landings. One crew doing air test. Eleven crews doing fighter affiliation, H2S bombing and air to sea firing. Weather was ideal for flying training. The Navigation Leader J.35751 F/L A. B. Foster was promoted to Flight Lieutenant rank with effect from 19th. March, 1945. A new spare Air Gunner reporting 30th. March, R199459 W/O J. R. Brooks for flying duties.	
EASTMOOR	28.3.45		No operational commitments. One navigator (screened) posted to "R" Depot. One new crew reporting in from No. 1664 Conversion Unit piloted by J.14957 F/O A. R. Nicholson, for flying duties. A very duff day, the weather changing from sunny and warm to cold and rainy. Crews were given a lecture by Intelligence and the Medical Officer showed pictures on the prevention of Venerial Disease.	
EASTMOOR	29.3.45		No operational commitments. The day was very busily passed in training. J.92631 F/O J.P. Lafreniere posted to No. 424 Squadron. R199459 W/O J. R. Brooks posted as spare Air Gunner for flying duties.	
EASTMOOR	30.3.45		No operational commitments. The day was cold with occasional rain storms. Training consisted of nine crews completing air to sea firing and one crew completing air to sea. A new crew captained by J.42333 F/O J. L. Collin reported for flying duties. Postings for one screened Navigator and one screened Wireless Operator to No. 22 O.T.U. effective 2nd. April, 1945.	
EASTMOOR	31.3.45.		Sixteen aircraft were detailed to attack Hamburg. Fifteen aircraft attacked the primary target. Aircraft "A" was an early return, port outer engine u/s. Aircraft "G" jettisoned 2 x 500 lbs. bombs safe, hung up over target and "M" jettisoned 1 x 500 lbs. bomb alive which was found resting on bomb doors. Aircraft "I" jettisoned 1 x 500 lbs. bomb which hung up over target. Aircraft "N" jettisoned 1 x 500 lbs. bomb which hung up over target. Aircraft "V" jettisoned 2 x 500 lbs. bombs safe which hung up over target. Aircraft "Q" jettisoned 1 x 500 lbs. bomb live which was found in bomb bay after leaving target area. Aircraft "R" jettisoned 2 x 500 lbs. bombs safe which hung up over target. Aircraft "B" jettisoned 1 x 500 lbs. bomb which hung up over target. Results were obscured by cloud. Numerous aircraft were seen shot down at the tail end of the gaggle by enemy fighters. The weather cleared to-day after a rainy and cold spell.	A.3010 - A.3025

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			J.3489	S/L	Hayes E.A.	(Pilot)	Missing Night 5.3.45.		61	16	105:05	
			J.15742	F/L	Clothier J.G.	(2nd pilot)	" " "		4	1	6:55	
			J.39394	F/O	Hay C.M. (DSO)	(Nav)	" " "		51	19	119:25	
			J.93591	P/O	Ringrose J.D.	(A/B)	" " "		53	14	93:15	
			J.17193	F/L	Harris G.R.	(WOP/AG)	" " "		23	8	53:45	
			R258072	F/S	Nielson M.B.	(A/G)	" " "		53	14	89:55	
			R273079	F/S	Orser G.M.	(A/G)	" " "		42	11	73:30	
			1318603	SGT	Cooke D.M. (RAF)	(F/E)	" " "		53	14	93:15	
			J.42472	F/O	Bonter S.M.	(Pilot)	" Day 15.3.45		14	4	25:45	
			J.41395	F/O	Vachon H.E.	(Nav)	" " "		10	3	19:40	
			J.41608	F/O	Hinchliffe A.T.	(A/B)	" " "		10	3	19:40	
			R129717	W/O	Andersen E.V.	(WOP/AG)	" " "		10	3	19:40	
			R265902	SGT	Lawton D.C.	(A/G)	" " "		10	3	19:40	
			R267359	SGT	Scott T.D.	(A/G)	" " "		10	3	19:40	
			1681850	SGT	Colquhoun D. (RAF)	(F/E)	" " "		10	3	19:40	
			MOVEMENTS:									
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			J.37864	F/O	Raymond S.M.	(Pilot)	Posted from No. 76 (RCAF) Base wef				5.3.45.	
			1106765	SGT	Cooke S. (RAF)	(Nav)	" " "		"		"	
			R212744	F/O	Bialogrecki H.	(A/B)	" " "		"		"	
			R212744	SGT	Turner A.M.	(WOP/AG)	" " "		"		"	
			3041838	SGT	Germaney F. (RAF)	(F/E)	" " "		"		"	
			R281910	SGT	Clark W.H.	(A/G)	" " "		"		"	
			R282285	SGT	Carruthers O.	(A/G)	" " "		"		"	
			J.90830	P/O	Bigland J.S.	(Pilot)	" " "		"		4.3.45.	
			J.41392	F/O	Hood J.	(Nav)	" " "		"		"	
			J.41775	F/O	Ashton W.E.	(A/B)	" " "		"		"	
			2205156	SGT	Stewart J. (RAF)	(WOP/AG)	" " "		"		"	
			R252141	F/S	Chisholm R.E.	(F/E)	" " "		"		"	
			R270888	SGT	Kuffner F.	(A/G)	" " "		"		"	
			R228398	SGT	Bean R.J.	(A/G)	" " "		"		"	
			J.42472	F/O	Bonter S.M.	(Pilot)	" " "		"		"	
			J.41395	F/O	Vachon M.E.	(Nav)	" " "		"		"	
			J.41610	F/O	Hinchliffe A.T.	(A/B)	" " "		"		"	
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			R265902	SGT	Lawton D.C.	(A/G)	" " "		"		"	
			R267359	SGT	Scott T.D.	(A/G)	" " "		"		"	
			J.91163	P/O	Turner J.B.	(Pilot)	" " "		"		5.3.45	
			J.41612	P/O	Millican J.W.	(Nav)	" " "		"		"	
			R161531	F/S	Lalonde J.A.	(A/B)	" " "		"		"	
			R222549	SGT	Hunter J.W.	(WOP/AG)	" " "		"		"	
			R109460	SGT	Fuller A.J.	(F/E)	" " "		"		"	
			R176587	SGT	Rose T.D.	(A/G)	" " "		"		"	
			R213493	SGT	Matheson J.A.	(A/G)	" " "		"		"	

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			J.42150 F/O King A.R. (Pilot) Posted from No. 76 (RCAF) Base wef 11.3.45	
			~~J.41393 F/O Wallace F.J. (Nav)~~ " " " " "	
			J.42695 F/O Waldron T.S. (A/B) " " " " "	
			~~R252274 SGT Dickson A.J. (WOP/AG)~~ " " " " "	
			~~3021709 SGT Stone D.J. (RAF) (F/E)~~ " " " " "	
			R277929 SGT Stiddolph F.E. (A/G) " " " " "	
			~~R175116 SGT Wright J.L. (A/G)~~ " " " " "	
			J.92249 F/O Brown D.F. (Pilot) " " " " 12.3.45	
			~~J.40917 F/O Martin A.A. (Nav)~~ " " " " "	
			J.42095 F/O Lawrence K.W. (A/B) " " " " "	
			R291131 SGT Brooks D.C. (WOP/AG) " " " " "	
			1596662 SGT Pearce G. (RAF) (F/E) " " " " "	
			R281727 SGT Crawford G. (A/G) " " " " "	
			~~R282270 SGT Barker G.E. (A/G)~~ " " " " "	
			J.92631 F/O Lafreniere J.H.P. (A/B) " " No.434 (RCAF) Sqdn " 10.3.45.	
			~~J.41586 F/O Ritchie R.H. (Pilot)~~ " " ~~No. 76 (RCAF) Base~~ " ~~16.3.45.~~	
			J.41539 F/O Henderson M.D. (Nav) " " " " "	
			~~J.41552 F/O Liznick G.H. (A/B)~~ " " " " "	
			J.44164 F/O Howie A.M. (WOP/AG) " " " " "	
			2221290 SGT Jackson W.E. (RAF) (F/E) " " " " "	
			~~R287544 SGT Brooks J.V. (A/G)~~ " " " " "	
			R287598 SGT Billard W.N. (A/G) " " " " "	
			~~J.93095 F/O McTaggart D.W. (Pilot)~~ " " " " 24.3.45.	
			R117109 SGT Hopkins S.R. (Nav) " " " " "	
			~~J.42749 F/O Masers G.P. (A/B)~~ " " " " "	
			R186366 W/O Cartwell J.E. (WOP/AG) " " " " "	
			~~1881834 SGT Wheelhouse W. (RAF) (F/E)~~ " " " " "	
			R264724 SGT Seymour C.W. (A/G) " " " " "	
			R283081 SGT Jenson C.J. (A/G) " " " " "	
			~~R149113 W/O Brewer D.A. (Pilot)~~ " " " " 19.3.45.	
			R220329 SGT Martyn I.D. (Nav) " " " " "	
			~~J.43874 F/O Ferguson G.M. (A/B)~~ " " " " "	
			R214047 F/S Burford B.C. (WOP/AG) " " " " "	
			~~1834060 SGT Jones G. (RAF) (F/E)~~ " " " " "	
			R267993 SGT McKay J.A. (A/G) " " " " "	
			~~R278822 SGT McLaughlin E.B. (A/G)~~ " " " " "	
			~~J.41957 F/O Nicholson A.R. (Pilot)~~ " " " " 30.3.45.	
			R193344 SGT Root J.H. (Nav) " " " " "	
			~~J.43934 F/O Horton A.S. (A/B)~~ " " " " "	
			R213365 SGT Gallant R.B. (WOP/AG) " " " " "	
			~~1827686 SGT Murray H.H. (RAF) (F/E)~~ " " " " "	
			R278753 SGT Trayling J.A. (A/G) " " " " "	
			R289167 SGT Conroy J.J. (A/G) " " " " "	
			C.21656 A/F/L Roberts C.R. (Admin) " " H.Q.No. 6 (RCAF) GRP " 11.3.45.	
			R199459 W/O Brooke J.R. (A/G) " " No. 10 Squadron " 30.3.45.	

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			J.24638 F/O Eakins G.D. (A/B) " " " " "	
			R117686 W/O Sparks E.L. (WOP/AG) " " " " "	
			1B26931 SGT Reveley T. (RAF) (F/E) " " " " "	
			1810682 SGT Farrell F. (RAF) (A/G) " " " " "	
			R200740 F/S Murray R.O. (A/G) " " " " "	
			postings out:-	
			182230 F/O Thompson J. (RAF) (F/E) Posted to A.C.A.C. wef 2.3.45	
			J.14498 F/L Board F.A. (Nav) " " No.428 (RCAF) Sqdn " ~~14.3.45.~~	
			J.92470 F/O Marous N. (WOP/AG) " " No.62 (RCAF) Base " 9.3.45.	
			J.89084 F/O Maguire L.F. (Pilot) " " No. 1659 (B) D.T.F. " 12.3.45.	
			186760 F/O Smart P.C. (RAF) (F/E) " " A.C.A.C. " 8.3.45.	
			R57905 F/S MacLean A.A.M. (A/G) " " No.431 (RCAF) Sqdn " 13.3.45.	
			~~188671 F/O Slaughter E.A. (F/E) (RAF)~~ " " ~~No.6 Aircrew School~~ " 17.3.45.	
			J.89273 F/O Brusone J.J. (WOP/AG) " " No. 24 O.T.U. " 18.3.45.	
			1662250 SGT Burnside E.W. (F/E) (RAF) " " A.C.A.C. " 21.3.45.	
			J.89337 F/O Hamilton J.D. (Pilot) " " R.C.A.F. "R" Depot " 2.3.45.	
			J.27498 A/F/L Thomson H.C. (Nav) " " " " " 19.3.45	
			J.87033 F/O Potter A.L. (Pilot) " " " " " 29.3.45	
			J.27814 F/L Bews A.R.A. (Pilot) " " " " " "	
			R162125 W/O Hanson E.H. (A/B) " " " " " "	
			J.90726 F/O Burke B.R. (WOP/AG) " " " " " "	
			J.91156 F/O Davis J.H. (A/G) " " " " " "	
			J.92517 F/O Myers J.T. (A/G) " " " " " "	
			J.92631 F/O Lafreniere J.H.P. (A/B) " " No.424 (RCAF) Sqdn " 30.3.45.	
			J.19289 F/O Fortier G.C. (A/G) " " R.C.A.F "R" Depot " 29.3.45.	
			J.13798 F/L Wilson C.W. (Nav) " " R.C.A.F. O/S H.Q. " 26.3.45.	
			~~J.41272 F/O Hunter E. (WOP/AG)~~ " " " " " "	
			J.35270 F/O Hemming C.G. (Pilot) " " R.C.A.F. "R" Depot " 16.3.45.	
			J.38754 F/O Bishop J.H. (Nav) " " " " " "	
			J.36224 F/O Drynan J.J. (A/B) " " " " " "	
			J.90723 F/O Hartley J. (WOP) " " " " " "	
			C.92450 F/O Allen H.G. (F/E) " " " " " "	
			J.90990 F/O Tuer W. (A/G) " " " " " 20.3.45.	
			~~J.92679 F/O Beeton M. (A/G)~~ " " " " " "	
			C.92384 F/O Lacroix J.P.R.A. (A/G) " " " " " "	
			~~R214304 F/S Brown R.G. (A/G)~~ " " " " " "	
			J.36283 F/O Mjolsness J.M. (A/B) " " " " " "	
			J.41576 F/O Giles T.L. (A/B) " " No. 76 (RCAF) Base " 13.3.45.	
			R202961 SGT Matthews G.L. (WOP/AG) " " " " " "	
			R285686 SGT Bastead D.J. (A/G) " " " " " "	
			~~R281192 SGT Kidston J.J. (A/G)~~ " " " " " "	
			R162594 SGT Bunniss D.J. (F/E) " " " " " "	

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PROMOTIONS:
J.15742 F/O Clothier J.C. (Pilot) promoted to the rank of T/F/L wef 10.7.44.
J.23584 F/O(A/F/L) Dworkin D.L. (A/G) promoted to the rank of T/F/L wef 5.2.45.
~~J.10491 F/L Horan F.J. (Pilot) appointed to the rank of A/S/L wef 15.2.45.~~
J.3489 F/L Hayes E.A. (Pilot) appointed to the rank of A/S/L wef 27.2.45.
~~J.7445 F/L(A/S/L) France K.A. (Pilot) appointed to the rank of A/W/C wef 22.2.45.~~
J.36345 F/O Clarke A.J. (Pilot) appointed to the rank of A/F/L wef 15.2.45.
J.88374 F/O Foy T.S. (WOP/AG) appointed to the rank of A/F/L wef 23.2.45.
J.92573 F/O Proud R.F. (Pilot) appointed to the rank of A/F/O wef 10.2.45.
J.87033 F/O(A/F/O) Potter A.L. (Pilot) promoted to the rank of T/F/O wef 4.12.44.
~~J.8654 F/L Miller W.B. (Pilot) appointed to the rank of A/S/L wef 6.3.45.~~
J.35751 F/O Sangster A.B. (Nav) appointed to the rank of A/F/L wef 19.3.45.

CHANGES IN COMMAND: Nil.

CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION: C.21656 A/F/L C. R. Roberts assumes the duties of adjutant vice C.12649 F/L L. M. Kennedy with effect 11.3.45. F/L Kennedy posted RCAF "RR" depot.

COMMISSIONS:
R262861 F/S Hopkins D.L. (J.93573) ~~14.12.44;~~ ~~R264741 F/S Farrell E.J. (J.93681) 17.12.44.~~
R167412 F/S Pyke L.W. (J.93943) 10.1.45;

AIRCRAFT ON CHARGE: 24 HALIFAX VII.

~~OPERATIONAL FLYING TIMES:~~ ~~DAY:~~ 818.06 ~~NIGHT:~~ 507.23
NON-OPERATIONAL FLYING TIMES: DAY: 253.58 NIGHT: 51.38

NUMBER OF OPERATIONAL SORTIES DURING THE MONTH: 240.

BOMBS DROPPED FROM 1.1.45 to 28.2.45.

H.E. (TONS).	INCD (TONS).
574	556 clusters No. 14.
	~~255 clusters No. 15.~~
	110 clusters No. 17.

BOMBS DROPPED DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1945.

H.E. (TONS).	INCD (TONS).
571	506 clusters No. 14.
	84 clusters No. 15.
	121 clusters No. 17.

~~NO. OF COMBATS WITH THE ENEMY:~~ ~~(See Appendix No. 11)~~

NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF THIS UNIT AS AT 23.59 HOURS ON THE 31.3.45.

	AIRCREW.	GROUND-CREW.	TOTAL.
R.C.A.F. OFFICERS	115	1	116
R.A.F. OFFICERS.	5	Nil	5
R.C.A.F. AIRMEN.	108	Nil	108
R.A.F. AIRMEN.	26	Nil	26
OTHER PERSONNEL.	Nil	Nil	Nil

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J.23584 F/O(A/F/L) Dworkin D.L. (A/B) promoted to the rank of T/F/L wef 5.2.45.
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J.3489 F/L Hayes E.A. (Pilot) appointed to the rank of A/S/L wef 27.2.45.
~~J.7446 F/L(A/S/L) France K.A. (Pilot) appointed to the rank of A/W/C wef 22.2.45.~~
J.36345 F/O Clarke A.J. (Pilot) appointed to the rank of A/F/L wef 15.2.45.
J.88374 F/O Foy T.S. (WOP/AG) appointed to the rank of A/F/L wef 23.2.45.
J.92579 F/O Proud E.E. (Pilot) appointed to the rank of A/F/O wef 10.2.45.
J.87033 F/O(A/F/O) Potter A.L. (Pilot) promoted to the rank of T/F/O wef 4.12.44
~~J.8654 F/L Miller W.B. (Pilot) appointed to the rank of A/S/L wef 6.3.45.~~
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R167412 F/S Pyke L.W. (J.93943) 10.1.45; B

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R.A.F. OFFICERS.	5	Nil	5
R.C.A.F. AIRMEN.	108	Nil	108
~~R.A.F. AIRMEN.~~	~~26~~	~~Nil~~	~~26~~
OTHER PERSONNEL.	Nil	Nil	Nil

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			J.24638 F/O Eakins G.D. (A/B) " " " "	"	
			R117686 W/O Sparks E.L. (WOP/AG) " " " "	"	
			1826931 SGT Reveley T. (RAF) (F/E) " " " "	"	
			1810682 SGT Farrell F. (RAF) (A/G) " " " "	"	
			R200740 F/S Murray R.O. (A/G) " " " "	"	
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			J.14498 F/L Board F.A. (Nav) " " No.428 (RCAF) Sqdn "	14.3.45.	
			J.92470 P/O Marcus N. (WOP/AG) " " No.62 (RCAF) Base "	9.3.45.	
			J.89084 P/O Maguire L.F. (Pilot) " " No. 1659 (B) D.T.F. "	12.3.45.	
			186760 P/O Smart P.C. (RAF) (F/E) " " A.C.A.C. "	8.3.45.	
			R57905 F/S MacLean A.A.M. (A/G) " " No.431 (RCAF) Sqdn "	13.3.45.	
			188671 P/O Slaughter E.A. (F/E)(RAF) " " No.6 Aircrew School. "	17.3.45.	
			J.89273 P/O Brusone J.J. (WOP/AG) " " No. 24 O.T.U. "	18.3.45.	
			1602250 SGT Burnside E.W. (F/E)(RAF) " " A.C.A.C "	21.3.45.	
			J.89337 F/O Hamilton J.D. (Pilot) " " R.C.A.F. "R" Depot "	2.3.45.	
			J.27498 A/F/L Thomson H.G. (Nav) " " " " "	19.3.45	
			J.87033 F/O Potter A.L. (Pilot) " " " " "	29.3.45	
			J.27814 F/L Bews A.R.A. (Pilot) " " " " "	"	
			R162125 W/O Ransom E.H. (A/B) " " " " "	"	
			J.90726 P/O Burke B.R. (WOP/AG) " " " " "	"	
			J.91156 P/O Davis J.H. (A/G) " " " " "	"	
			J.92517 P/O Wyers J.T. (A/G) " " " " "	"	
			J.92631 P/O Lafreniere J.H.P. (A/B) " " No.424 (RCAF) Sqdn "	30.3.45.	
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			J.13798 F/L Wilson C.W. (Nav) " " R.C.A.F. O/S H.Q. "	26.3.45.	
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			Operations for the first three weeks of the month were numerous, sixteen operations being carried out up to the 25th. Two crews were lost during the month, one missing, the other crashed in England, believed shot down by defence guns. One crew only was screened during the month, fifteen new crews reported in during the month placing us in a better position as far as crews are concerned than we have been for some time.	
			Health and morale of the unit are excellent.	
			(K.A.FRANCE) Wing Commander, Commanding, No.432 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.	

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