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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices	
Debden	11:12:44	A.M.	991339 Sgt. Stone R.A.F.V.R. (Pilot)		
			A39283 Sgt. Hogg R.N.Z.A.F. (Observer)		
			A10607 Sgt. Foreyth R.N.Z.A.F. (Air Gunner)		
				Posted from No. 23 Squadron, Ford.	
	2:12:44	P.M.	P/O. W.H. Hollow, R.A.F.V.R., Posted to unit for Adjutant duties.		
			P/O. T.S. Wilson, R.A.F.V.R., Posted to unit as Medical Officer.		
	5:12:44	A.M.	Six H.C.O.s forming an instructional party attached to Squadron from Air Ministry, department S.M.7.		
			Magister aircraft No. L8076 delivered from Colerne.		
	Debden	5:12:44	P.M.	Air Vice-Marshal T.L. Leigh-Mallory, C.B.: DSO, A.O.C. No. 11 Group visited Station.	
		6:12:44	P.M.	All members of the Squadron took part in an Anti-Invasion exercise covering the Eastern Command. The officers acted as umpires and the other ranks carried out Station Defence duties.	
		P.M.	Boston III aircraft No. W8304, W8328, W8390, W8386, and W8318 delivered by A.T.A. pilots from Burton Wood.		
8:12:44		A.M.	Owing to the move of a squadron, accommodation at Debden is now available. P/O. Willis, 80 R.M.F. sirmen and 5 R.C.A.F. sirmen moved by rail from Martlesham.		
9:12:44		A.M.	The following pilots arrived from No. 51 O.T.U., Cranfield; P/O. A. Lukas, R.A.F.V.R.		
			P/O. R.H.H. Pawsey R.A.F.V.R. 1880757 Sgt. Hinman R.A.F.V.R.		
			P/O. A.H. Bissell A.A.F. 359005 Sgt. Lewis-Hall R.A.F.V.R.		
			P/O. H.D. Venable R.A.F.V.R.		
			1083156 Sgt. Harding R.A.F.V.R.		
			The following Observers arrived from No. 3 P.R.C., Bournemouth:-		
		P/O. H.G. Jollymour R.C.A.F. P/O. O.A. Martin R.C.A.F.			
		P/O. Keyes R.C.A.F. P/O. J.K. Reynolds R.C.A.F.			
		P/O. N.W. Mapea R.C.A.F.			
		P/O. S.P. Marlett R.C.A.F.			

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Debden	9:12:44	A.M.	The following Observers arrived from No. 3 P.R.C., Bournemouth:-	
			Can. R-78361 Sgt. Pringle R.C.A.F. Can. R-74963 Sgt. O'Connor R.C.A.F.	
			Can. R-61117 Sgt. Anderson R.C.A.F. Can. R-78433 Sgt. Alcorn R.C.A.F.	
			Can. R-74862 Sgt. Shannon R.C.A.F. Can. R-80875 Sgt. Sharples R.C.A.F.	
			Can. R-88652 Sgt. Richea R.C.A.F. Can. R-7615 Sgt. Morton R.C.A.F.	
			Can. R-75678 Sgt. McKay R.C.A.F. Can. R-78174 Sgt. McGillicuddy R.C.A.F.	
			Can. R-85883 Sgt. Hutchinson R.C.A.F. Can. R-86387 Sgt. Fallis R.C.A.F.	
			Can. R-77035 Sgt. Cook R.C.A.F. Can. R-91865 Sgt. Brandon R.C.A.F.	
			Can. R-86295 Sgt. Bradley R.C.A.F. Can. R-67818 Sgt. Randolph R.C.A.F.	
			The following W/Op. Air Gunners arrived from No. 1 Signal School, Cranwell:-	
			Can. R-78431 Sgt. Irvine R.C.A.F. Can. R-69558 Sgt. Clarke R.C.A.F.	
			Can. R-55462 Sgt. Haskell R.C.A.F. Can. R-58638 Sgt. Taylor R.C.A.F.	
			Can. R-55620 Sgt. Jones R.C.A.F. Can. R-50571 Sgt. Baker R.C.A.F.	
			Can. R-56358 Sgt. Bist R.C.A.F. Can. R-61070 Sgt. Foran R.C.A.F.	
			Can. R-62092 Sgt. Ratcliffe R.C.A.F. Can. R-62949 Sgt. Pilliter R.C.A.F.	
			Can. R-68328 Sgt. Duxon R.C.A.F. Can. R-68329 Sgt. Stuart R.C.A.F.	
			Can. R-69145 Sgt. Chabot R.C.A.F. Can. R-70877 Sgt. Scott R.C.A.F.	
			Can. R-71650 Sgt. Field R.C.A.F. Can. R-74984 Sgt. Kreaux R.C.A.F.	
			Can. R-77116 Sgt. Higgins R.C.A.F. Can. R-77242 Sgt. Dave R.C.A.F.	
			Can. R-77323 Sgt. Hardy R.C.A.F. Can. R-77324 Sgt. Kyle R.C.A.F.	
			Can. R-77326 Sgt. Owens R.C.A.F.	
			Debden	11:12:44
21:12:44	A.M.	P/O. P.L. Caldwell (pilot) R.A.F.V.R. was posted to this unit from No. 85 Squadron, Humdon.		

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			During December, the Squadron carried out by day 128 hours and by night 6 hours flying training. The weather was particularly poor, it was possible to fly on eleven days only.	
	31:12:41		The Total strength of the squadron at 31:12:41, 241 all ranks. Strength of aircraft, 65 of which 44 are Canadians - 70% Strength of ground personnel, 178 of which 7 are Canadians - 4%.	
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No. 418 (RCAP) SQDN. HERBY, ESSEX	1-1-42	P.M.	Weather conditions bad owing to rain and low clouds. No flying.	
	2-1-42	P.M.	Two aircraftmen Electricians and four aircraftmen Armourers reported on posting to the Squadron. Eleven pilots carried out practice flying and four observers carried out navigation practice in Oxford aircraft.	
	4-1-42	P.M.	Two aircraftmen Armourers reported on posting to the Squadron. Four pilots carried out practice flying, one aircraft carried out aerodrome defence practice and four observers carried out navigation practice in Oxford A/C. Flying Officer A.C. Wilson (CAN.06296) reported on posting to assume duties of Squadron Adjutant vice Pilot Officer W.H. Hollow (RAF).	
	5-1-42	P.M.	Five pilots carried out practice flying and four observers carried out navigation practice in Oxford A/C.	
	6-1-42	P.M.	Nine pilots carried out practice flying and four observers carried out navigation practice in Oxford A/C.	
	7-1-42	P.M.	Pilot Officer P.K. White (R.A.F.) and Pilot Officer B.E. Williams (R.A.F.) reported on posting to the Squadron.	
	8-1-42	P.M.	One corporal Fitter H reported on posting to the Squadron.	
	9-1-42	P.M.	Pilot Officer E.K. Davies (RAF.62735) reported on posting to the Squadron and assumed duties of Squadron Intelligence Officer. Seven pilots carried out practice flying and four observers carried out navigation practice in Oxford A/C.	
	10-1-42	P.M.	Seven pilots carried out practice flying.	
	11-1-42	P.M.	Five aircraft proceeded to Sutton Bridge where air firing practices were carried out by nine pilots.	
	12-1-42	P.M.	Air Vice-Marshal H. Edwards, Air Officer in Chief, Royal Canadian Air Force Overseas, and party visited the Squadron. Squadron Leader P.C. Hopcraft, DFC (RAF.37231) reported on posting to the Squadron and assumed command of 'B' Flight.	

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No. 418 (ROAF) Sqdn. Debden, Essex	12-1-42	P.M.	Twenty-four aircraftmen E/Ms. reported on posting to the Squadron	
	13-1-42	P.M.	Fifty percent of the Aircrew personnel visited R.A.F. Station, Duxford, to view various types of R.A.F. and German A/C. One corporal and twenty-four aircraftmen (R.C.A.F.) A.F.Ms. reported on posting to the Squadron.	
	15-1-42	P.M.	Two aircraftmen Electricians reported on posting to the Squadron. 'B' Flight commenced to form, crews and crew rooms were organized and the Flight placed on a working basis, Flight being allowed five aircraft.	
	16-1-42	P.M.	The remaining 50% of Aircrew personnel proceeded to R.A.F. Station, Duxford, to view types of R.A.F. and German A/C.	
	17-1-42	P.M.	'B' Flight commenced flying training. Seven pilots carried out practice flying. S/Ldr. P.C. Hopcraft, DFC (RAF.37231) proceeded to Cranfield where the A/C had to remain owing to unserviceability.	
	20-1-42	P.M.	Two aircraftmen R.P.O. reported on posting to the Squadron. Three pilots carried out practice flying.	
	21-1-42	P.M.	Seven pilots carried out practice flying and four observers carried out navigation practice in Oxford A/C. Pilot Officer J.D.W. Willis (R.A.F.) proceeded to Cranfield by air with Sergeant Stone H. (991333) to pick up aircraft left by Sqdn/Ldr. P.C. Hopcraft but had to return as aerodrome was unserviceable owing to snow.	
	22-1-42	P.M.	Ten pilots carried out practice flying, one pilot making his first solo flight on Boston A/C. Pilot Officer W.H. Hollow (R.A.F.) posted supernumerary to R.A.F. Station, Debden, pending posting Overseas. Four pilots carried out night flying practice.	
	23-1-42	P.M.	Flight Lieutenant A. Browne (RAF.74946) was posted to No. 3 C.T.F. and Pilot Officer D. Duxfield (GAN.37902) reported to the Squadron as replacement.	
	24-1-42	P.M.	One sergeant Armourer (R.C.A.F.) reported on posting to the Squadron. Five pilots carried out practice flying, one pilot flying solo for the first time on Boston A/C. Pilot Officer J.D.W. Willis (R.A.F.) and 1063456 Sergeant Harding G.W.G. proceeded to Cranfield by air to pick up aircraft. Sgt. Harding piloting aircraft back to Debden.	
	25-1-42	P.M.	Ten pilots carried out practice flying.	

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No. 418 (ROAF) Sqdn. Debden, Essex	26-1-42	P.M.	Five pilots carried out practice flying and four observers carried out navigation practice in Oxford A/C. Pilot Officer J.D.W. Willis (R.A.F.) proceeded to ^{CRAN} Cranfield and returned by air. Night flying was carried out by three pilots including the Commanding Officer departing from Castle Camps where arrangements have been made to carry out night flying in future.	
	27-1-42	P.M.	One sergeant Fitter II reported on posting to the Squadron.	
	28-1-42	P.M.	Two pilots carried out practice flying. Four pilots carried out night flying practices and while only two aircraft were serviceable a total of 16 hours 35 minutes work completed.	
	29-1-42	P.M.	One aircraftman ACH/CD reported on posting to the Squadron.	
	30-1-42	P.M.	One corporal and thirty-six aircraftmen (R.C.A.F.) General Duties and one Nur. Orderly reported on posting to the Squadron.	
	31-1-42	P.M.	One aircraftman Clerk and, nine aircraftmen A.E.Ms and thirteen aircraftmen A.F.Ms. (R.C.A.F.) reported on posting to the Squadron.	
			<p>GENERAL REMARKS:</p> <p>124.50 hours Day flying. During January, the Squadron carried out 36:55 hours of Night Flying. The weather was exceptionally poor during the month of January for flying, and especially for Night flying. Training Progress is being severely hampered by unserviceability of Aircraft due to lack of aircraft spares.</p> <p>The total strength of the Squadron on 31-1-42, 363 all ranks. Strength of aircrew, 73 of which 45 are Canadians. - 62% Strength of ground personnel, 290 of which 77 are Canadians. - 27%.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">C.H. [Signature] W/C</p>	

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No. 413 (RCAP) SQDN. DOBBDEN, BOSNIA.	14-2-42	P.M.	Fair with slight cloud at 3000 feet to 5000 feet. Two new pilots carried out first solos in Boston III aircraft and seven other pilots carried out practice flying.	
	15-2-42	P.M.	Low clouds with fog or mist. One (CML) Flight Sgt. AGH/ posted from No. 411 Squadron. S/Ldr Hopcraft carried out local flying in Boston III a/c. P/O Wiltz took six passengers in the Dominic to Usworth and returned.	
	16-2-42	P.M.	Mainly cloudy with light mist. One new pilot did first solo in Boston III a/c and six others did practice flying on Boston III a/c. Four aircraft flown to Castle Camps and night flying carried out there. Two pilots carried out dusk flying. Four pilots carried out night flying.	
	17-2-42	P.M.	Cloudy at 1500 feet with intermittent slight snow. Three pilots carried out local flying.	
	18-2-42	P.M.	Cloudy with slight mist and intermittent slight snow. Five pilots carried out practice flying.	
	19-2-42	P.M.	Cloudy 7/10 - 10/10 clouds. Visibility four to six miles. Seven pilots carried out practice flying.	
	20-2-42	P.M.	A.M. cloudy, mainly 10/10 visibility three to six miles. P.M. cloudy with slight wind. One pilot carried out practice flying.	
	21-2-42	P.M.	A.M. cloudy with 7/10 to 10/10 cloud, visibility poor.	
	22-2-42	P.M.	A.M. 10/10 cloud, 2000-3000 ft., 5-6 miles visibility. Afternoon 7/10-10/10 at 2000-3000 ft., visibility 2-3 miles. 13 pilots carried out practice flying.	
	23-2-42	P.M.	A.M. 10/10 clouds at 2000-3000 ft., visibility 1000-2000 yds. P.M. 10/10 clouds at 1000-3000 ft., visibility varying 2-6 miles. 11 pilots carried out practice flying.	
	24-2-42	P.M.	A.M. 10/10 clouds at 2000-3000 ft., visibility 4-6 miles. P.M. 8/10-10/10 clouds at 1000-3000 ft., visibility varying 4-12 miles. 7 pilots carried out practice flying. Sgt. Smith, R.C., 1293165 (pilot) Sgt. O'Donnor, F.C., R.74963 (obs.) Sgt. Kreut, A., R.74984 (W.O.A.G.), and IAC Moore, J.W. (A.G. w/t) took off on a short cross country flight at 0300 hrs in aircraft W6335 and crashed into a hill at 0340 hrs. about one mile south of BALEWAY village near ROYSTON, 15 miles from Dobden. All four occupants were killed and aircraft burnt out.	
	25-2-42	P.M.	A.M. 8/10-10/10 clouds at 1000-2000 ft., visibility varying 2-12 miles. P.M. weather 8/10-10/10 clouds at 1500-2500 ft., visibility 6-12 miles. 5 pilots carried out practice flying. One AM/CO posted from No. 3 R.C.	

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No. 413 (RCAP) SQDN. DOBBDEN, BOSNIA.	26-2-42	P.M.	A.M. 10/10 clouds at 500-2000 ft., visibility 1000-4000 yds. P.M. 10/10 clouds at 500-1500 ft., visibility 2-4 miles. 12 practice flying.	
	27-2-42	P.M.	A.M. weather, 10/10 clouds at 500-1500 ft., visibility 2-4 miles. One pilot carried out practice flying. Sgt. O'Donnor was buried in Saffron Walden Cemetery at 1200 hours after a short Requiem Mass had been said in Saffron Walden R.C. Church. The Station provided a transport and firing party. All the air crew attended. (Grave No. 10, plot 41.) Sgt. Kreut was buried in the next grave to Sgt. O'Donnor at 1500 hours in Saffron Walden Cemetery by Squadron Leader Lightowler, R.C.A.F. Chaplain. All the members of the Squadron attended and the last post was sounded by an R.A.F. transport and a firing party was provided by the Station. (Grave 11, plot 41). The bodies of Sgt. Smith and IAC Moore were conveyed to their bases for private burial. Squadron representatives attended.	
	28-2-42	P.M.	A.M. weather, low clouds with visibility 1000-2000 yds. P.M. weather, low clouds with visibility 500-1500 yds. No practice flying was carried out. Two ACI photographs (2) posted to Squadron from Sandhurst. One P/Sgt. Fitts (1) taken at strength from No. 23 Squadron. Three AM/CO's posted to No. 443 Squadron, Saffron Walden.	

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DEBEN, DEBEN.	9-3-42	P.M.	Four Boston aircraft of this Squadron flew to Tangmere. The following pilots and aircrews as listed hereunder proceeded to R.A.F. Station, Tangmere, where arrangements were made to have Co-operation Flights carried out with No. 23 Intruder Squadron, R.A.F. on operations over enemy territory. This was arranged in order to speed up seasoning of Operational Crews prior to moving of Squadron to permanent base. Twenty airmen also proceeded for maintenance duties. <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Pilot.</td> <td>Observer.</td> <td>Air Gunner.</td> <td>Pilot.</td> <td>Observer.</td> <td>Air Gunner.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F/Lt. Love</td> <td>Sgt. Tilby</td> <td>F/Sgt. Bunting</td> <td>F/O. Willis</td> <td>Sgt. Pringle</td> <td>Sgt. Chabot</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F/O. Caldwell</td> <td>F/O. Marlatt</td> <td>F/Sgt. Bist</td> <td>F/O. Riseley</td> <td>F/O. Keys</td> <td>Sgt. Foran</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F/O. Venables</td> <td>Sgt. McKay</td> <td>Sgt. Baker</td> <td>Sgt. Harding</td> <td>Sgt. Shannon</td> <td>Sgt. Dusten</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sgt. Lewis-Hall</td> <td>Sgt. Brandon</td> <td>Sgt. Field</td> <td>Sgt. Hinman</td> <td>Sgt. Anderson</td> <td>Sgt. Kyle</td> </tr> </table>	Pilot.	Observer.	Air Gunner.	Pilot.	Observer.	Air Gunner.	F/Lt. Love	Sgt. Tilby	F/Sgt. Bunting	F/O. Willis	Sgt. Pringle	Sgt. Chabot	F/O. Caldwell	F/O. Marlatt	F/Sgt. Bist	F/O. Riseley	F/O. Keys	Sgt. Foran	F/O. Venables	Sgt. McKay	Sgt. Baker	Sgt. Harding	Sgt. Shannon	Sgt. Dusten	Sgt. Lewis-Hall	Sgt. Brandon	Sgt. Field	Sgt. Hinman	Sgt. Anderson	Sgt. Kyle	∞
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	10-3-42	P.M.	Two pilots of "A" Flight, and five pilots of "B" Flight carried out local flying.																															
	11-3-42	P.M.	Weather was poor and there was no flying. No. 65 Squadron challenged No. 418 Squadron to a Rugby match which resulted in an 11-3 victory for No. 418 Squadron. F/O. Mapes completed his duties as Adjutant during the absence in hospital of F/O. Wilson. F/O. Mapes carried out his duties in a very efficient manner.																															
	12-3-42	P.M.	During the early part of the day, visibility was four miles and improved to 12 miles during the afternoon. Clouds were 10/10 at 2000-3000 feet and later became 8/10-10/10 at 3000-4000 feet. S/Ldr. Andersen and his crew flew to Brize Norton and return. ^{to fly pilot who brought back new section etc.} Seven pilots did practice flying.																															
	13-3-42	P.M.	There were slight high clouds throughout the day with much vertical haze. Visibility during the morning was 2200 yards and later became 4 miles at mid-day, but receded to its previous level before dusk. Fourteen pilots carried out practice flying. S/Ldr. Lee and Mr. Archibald Dale of R.C.A.F. Headquarters visited the Squadron for the purpose of inspecting auxiliary services. S/Ldr. Shaw, R.C.A.F. Liaison Officer, from the Fighter Command also visited the Squadron on this date. Flt/Lt. Johnston, R.C.A.F. Padre, arrived on the Squadron for a 3 day visit.																															
	14-3-42		During the morning the aerodrome was blanketed by fog and visibility was limited to 20 yards. This improved to 700 yards by noon and visibility was 4 miles at dusk. Six pilots did practice flying.																															

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DEBEN, DEBEN.	15-3-42	P.M.	During the morning there were 9/10-10/10 clouds at a very low altitude which gradually dispersed during the afternoon. Visibility was variable during the morning but improved to 4 miles, later in the day. No flying was carried out by planes of this Squadron.	
	16-3-42	P.M.	The weather throughout the day was mainly cloudy and some rain fell. Visibility varied from poor to moderate. Three practice flights were carried out by pilots of "B" Flight.	
	17-3-42	P.M.	Weather was cloudy with only moderate visibility. Seven pilots of the Squadron were able to carry out practice flights.	
	18-3-42	P.M.	Heavy clouds with variable visibility again caused planes of the Squadron to be grounded. No practice flying was possible.	
	19-3-42	P.M.	The field was covered by fog, and visibility was extremely poor. Aircraft of the Squadron were grounded. Three Aircrews returned to-day, from R.A.F. Station, Tangmere journeying by rail.	
	20-3-42	P.M.	Yesterday's heavy fog still blanketed the field hampering any movement of our aircraft.	
	21-3-42	P.M.	Fog still covered the field during the morning. It lifted during the day, but very low clouds and poor visibility grounded aircraft.	
	22-3-42	P.M.	There was mist and fog during the morning and the field was covered by low clouds throughout the day. Visibility was very poor and no flying was possible. Authority was received from Fighter Command to place the Squadron on an Operational basis using Debden. The Squadron came to readiness at 2000 hours. Aircraft stationed at Tangmere were instructed to return to Debden, but owing to weather conditions, the Squadron was released at an early hour much to the disappointment of all concerned.	
	23-3-42	P.M.	The Squadron came to readiness but after briefing and operations instructions had been received, the Squadron was released, owing to weather conditions at 2100 hours. The weather previous to that consisted of very low clouds with fog and mist covering the field during the morning and improving slightly with lifting of clouds and visibility becoming moderate, later on during the day. Eighteen non-operational day flights were carried out totalling 28 flying hours.	

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DEBDEN, ESSEX.	23-3-42	P.M.	Four Aircrews returned to Debden safely to-day flying their aircraft. No Operations were carried out whilst at R.A.F. Station, Tangmere.																															
	24-3-42	P.M.	Fog and mist again blanketed the field during the morning, but by mid-day this had cleared, and 14 practice flights were carried out totalling a flying time of 21 hours and 15 minutes. Owing to weather conditions, the Squadron was given release at an early hour. The Squadron played its first game of Soft Ball, scrub sides being chosen and a number of R.A.F. personnel being introduced to the inner secrets of the game by Canadian personnel who had quite a time trying to convince them that a Baseball bat is not held on the ground in the manner of Cricket. The Commanding Officer, Wing Commander Gatheral, was one of the keenest R.A.F. personnel participating.																															
	25-3-42	P.M.	Again, fog covered the field during the morning but cleared in the afternoon. Five practice flights were carried out. The Squadron was given release from readiness at an early hour due to weather. Three Bostons proceeded to Burton Wood for fitting with long range fuel tanks, from Debden.																															
	26-3-42	P.M.	The Squadron staged another game of scrub Soft Ball which was enjoyed by all. Arrangements were made to form teams and lay out a schedule. Fog and poor visibility again hampered flying during the early part of the day but weather greatly improved during the latter part, and 12 practice flights were carried out.																															
	27-3-42	P.M.	During the morning the weather was fair with slight high clouds at about 10000 feet. These lowered during the day to about 5000 feet, but visibility remained at about 7 miles. Seventeen practice flights were made during the day. The Squadron came to readiness at 2000 hours, and the following pilots and crews carried out offensive operations over enemy occupied territory, the target being Etretzelle, (Ghost).																															
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DEBDEN, ESSEX.	28-3-42	P.M.	Weather during the day was generally good with variable small, low clouds and medium clouds at about 10,000 feet. Visibility was excellent at 12-18 miles. Eleven practice flights were carried out during the course of the day. The following Aircrews were ordered to operate with No. 23 Squadron from R.A.F. Station, Tangmere: Pilot: S/Ldr. Andersen. Observer: F/O. Young. Air Gunner: F/O. de Mier and Sgt. Smith. Pilot: F/O. R.H. Fawsey. Observer: F/O. Reynolds. Air Gunner: Sgt. Taylor. The target they were allocated being Rennes and Abbeville. The following Aircrews carried out Intruder Operations on targets and patrols near Gilse Rijen, Idille and Vandeville.																				
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			At 0445 hours, whilst landing, Boston III Aircraft No. W.8395, with F/O. Fawsey as pilot, overshot on landing and on applying the brakes the port tire blew and aircraft scurved off runway where damage to the undercarriage and aircrews was sustained to the aircraft. The crew escaped with no injuries.																				
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	30-3-42	P.M.	Weather was poor with low clouds and visibility was limited to 1,000 yards. Visibility became worse and as a result there was little flying. The Squadron came to readiness, but owing to weather conditions, were released at 0010 hours.																				

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26th	Boston III.	Pilot, P/O. Willis Observer, Sgt. Pringle (Canadian) A.G. Sgt. Millier (Canadian)	Offensive Operation to Attack Oil Refineries and Tankerage at BRUXELLES (GHENT)	2055	2255	<p>Crossed English Coast at Bradwell at 8000 feet and Belgian Coast at Knocke-Sur-Mer at 10,000 feet. No beacons, flak or searchlights observed on outward journey. Four rows of white lights similar to Visual Lorens seen at MALLEGHEM, which were not doused when aircraft was overhead. Steered course in Easterly direction until HEBEN Canal, observed South of Ternoussen. Boston followed canal, but targets not clearly visible. Boston made North South run to attack target "E", but bombs failed to drop orbitted and further attempt made; but again unsuccessful. Both bombing runs made from 8000 down to 5000 feet at 2045 to 2055 hours. Boston then set course for base recrossing Belgian Coast at Knocke-Sur-Mer at 4000 feet. Three S/Ls. observed but these were below and behind. Red flashing beacon seen off Flushing, but characteristics not ascertained. Static lights (White) seen along Coast at irregular intervals. Bombs (3 X 250 G.P. and 60 X 4 lb. I.B.) dropped into sea off Knocke-Sur-Mer. English Coast crossed at BRADWELL at 4000 feet.</p> <p>Weather: Slight haze at 10,000 feet, otherwise clear. No cloud at 4000 feet. Over target area no cloud, and very clear. Visibility: Good.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Chapman</i></p>	<p><i>in cell</i> <i>26 30</i> <i>27 30</i> <i>28 30</i> <i>29 30</i> <i>30 30</i></p>

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26th.	Boston III Number: 2-2/65	Pilot: Sgt. Harding Observer: Sgt. Shannon (Canadian) A.G. Sgt. Duxton (Canadian)	To attack Targets mentioned in last sortie.	2040	2255	Crossed English Coast at Bradwell at 7000 feet and Belgian Coast South of Knocke-Sur-Mer at 5000 feet. Boston set course in Northerly direction towards Walcheren, then turned in Southerly direction contacting Terneuzen at Sas Van Ghent. Light flak seen in direction of Noord Bevelen and S/Ls. at Flushing. Revolving White Beacon at West Kapelle. Boston set course along Canal and targets clearly seen. Bombing run made from North to South on Target "D". First bomb seen to drop on buildings and blue flash observed. No results seen from second and third bombs; but fourth hit edge of Canal and another blue flash observed. All bombs released were 250 lb. G.P.. Bombs released from 3000 feet at 2150 hours. Boston was picked up by S/Ls. from direction of North Ghent, but evaded and set course for home recrossing coast at Knocke-Sur-Mer at 4000 feet. No flak on return journey or during attack. Four or Five groups of red lights seen near Middelburg, significance of which uncertain. English Coast recrossed at Oxfordness at 5500 feet. Weather: Good, 1/10 cloud at 7000 feet. Clear at 3000 feet over target area with bright moonlight. Visibility: Excellent.	

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26th.	Boston III. Number: 4-5275	Pilot: P/O. Risley Observer: P/O. Kayes (Canadian) A.G. Sgt. Foxon (Canadian)	To attack targets in first mentioned sortie.	2100	2335	Crossed English Coast at Clacton at 4000 feet and Belgian Coast at Ostend at 10,000 feet. Boston set course for Terneuzen. Lightship observed off Walcheren Island and white revolving beacon at Middelburg. One Searchlight seen from Flushing. Boston followed Canal overshooting targets on two runs. On third run from North to South bombed Target "B" from 5,000 feet to 3,000 feet at 2228 hours releasing 3 X 250 lb. G.P. and 60 X 4 lb. I.B. Two flashes seen to emanate from target area which was to be seen clearly. No flak or Searchlights experienced but two red lights seen from direction of South of Ghent, nature unknown. Boston then set course for base recrossing coast at Knocke at 3000 feet. No flak but one searchlight seen but was evaded. English Coast crossed at Bradwell at 4000 feet. Weather: Good - Wisps of cloud at 15,000 feet. Visibility: Excellent.	

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26th.	Boston III. Number: W507	Pilot: P/O. Lukas Observer: Sgt. Randolph (Canadian) A.G.: Sgt. Haskell (Canadian)	To attack targets in first mentioned sortie.	2110	2335	Crossed English Coast at Bradwell at 8000 feet and Belgian Coast East of Knocks at same height. Revolving White Beacon North-West of Walcheren is in neighbourhood of West Kapella. Searchlights seen from Flushing. No flak observed. Boston set course for Terneuzen pinpointed Canal and followed it to Target area. Bombing attack made from South to North and 3 X 250 lb. G.P. released from 8000 feet at 2215 hours on Target B, C, and D. 60 X 4 lb. I.B. released and seen to drop North of Nouveau Basin. No results observed. Boston then set course for base recrossing coast at Knocks at 8000 feet. No flak, searchlights or beacons observed during attack or return journey. English coast recrossed at Glaston at 6000 feet. Weather: Good - No cloud to 10,000 feet over Target Area. No. cloud. Visibility: Excellent.	

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26th.	Boston III. Number: W8316	Pilot: Sgt. Stone Observer: Sgt. Alcorn (Canadian) A.G.: P/Sgt. Forayth (New Zealand)	To attack target mentioned in first Sortie.	2115	2340	Crossed English Coast at 6000 feet. While rotating beacons observed at Hagstede and Knocks. Two single white followed by one double white followed by single red cartridges seen fired from air off coast Walcheren. Large fires explosions and light flak seen from direction of Antwerp. Boston set course for target area striking Terneuzen Canal at Slinakill then followed Canal to Basin Nouveau. Bombing run made from North to South from 4000 feet at 2222 hours. 3 X 250 lb. G.P. and 60 X 4 lb. I.B. released and fires from I.B. and explosions of G.P. Bombs observed. Fires to be seen 5 minutes after recrossing coast. Bombs seen to strike left bank of Canal opposite target "F" when approaching to bomb explosion below and behind aircraft on East side of Canal South of Selssets observed. Also white followed by red Vevay Light seen to be fired from ground from South of Ghent. No flak or S/Ls. seen during attack. Belgian coast recrossed at Knocks at 5500 feet. Heavy flak at Ostend and along French Coast also S/Ls. but these did not illuminate aircraft. English coast crossed at the Haze at 4500 feet. Weather: Good - High wispy cloud over target area. Clear no cloud. Visibility: Excellent.	

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26th.	Boston III. Number: W 5351	Pilot: P/O. Caldwell Observer: P/O. Marlatt (Canadian) A.G.: P/Sgt. Blat (Canadian)	To attack Target in first mentioned Sortie.	2120	2327	Crossed English Coast at 7000 feet at Claxton and Belgian Coast at 7000 feet at Knooke. White marine beacon observed at Flushing. Large woods East of Selsate and East of Canal identified. Canal followed and town and Nouveau Basin clearly seen. Boston orbited target "E" and made bombing run South, and 40 X 4 lb. I.B. released and were seen to land within target area "F". One or two flashes and six fires seen blazing some distance away and considerable smoke seen from direction of target "C" which was smelt by A/G. Boston set course for base following veering North-West recrossing coast north of Knooke at 7000 feet. Searchlights at Knooke experienced but did not illuminate aircraft. Flak seen at Ostend and fires from direction of Rotterdam. English coast recrossed at South Harwich at 8000 feet. Weather: Good 3/10 clouds at 10,000 feet. Over target area - clear moon. Visibility: Unlimited.	

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26th.	Boston III. Number: W 5340	Pilot: P/O. Fawcay Observer: P/O. Reynolds (Canadian) A.G.: Sgt. Taylor (Canadian)	To attack Target in first mentioned Sortie.	2140	2355	Crossed English coast at Claxton at 6000 feet and Belgian coast at Zeebrugge at 11,000 feet. White revolving beacons seen at Flushing and Zeebrugge also three or four S/Ls. near Ostend but aircraft not illuminated. Boston set course due East and obtained fix over Axelschgat joining Ternsussen Canal south Slinakl. Target "A" located and bombed from E to W bearing being obtained from wood. 3 X 250 lb. G.P. and 60 X 4 lb. I.B. Bombs released from 4000 feet at 2240 hours seen to drop in target area. Eight small fires started and reflection of bomb flashes seen. Leading in and out lights (no flarepath) and brightly illuminated "T" of apparent Dummy A/D 8 miles from E. Veldghem. Approx. 10 large orange flashes from ground seen in vicinity of general target area after bombing. No flak or S/Ls. experienced during attack. Boston set course for base recrossing Belgian Coast E. of Ostend at 3000 feet. 3 or 4 S/Ls. seen from near Saelsela on return journey but no contact made. English coast crossed at 6000 feet, North of Harwich landing at base at 2355 hours. Weather: Good 3/10 clouds at 10,000 feet. Over Target Area - Excellent. Visibility: Unlimited.	

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26th.	Boston III. Number: W.533	Pilot: Sgt. Lewis-Bell Observer: Sgt. Brandon A.C. Sgt. Field (Canadian)	To attack Target in first men- tioned Sortie.	2150	0005 (27th)	Crossed English coast 3000 feet at Bradwell and made landfall on Belgian coast at 8,500 feet at Ostend. Owing to considerable flak along coast to Zeebrugge followed Coast to West of Terneuzen. Slight light flak inland from direction of Ostburg and S/Ls, experienced from Ostend to Waterloo but aircraft not illuminated. Landfall made at Terneuzen and Canal followed to Nouveau Basin. Bombing attack made from North to South from 4000 feet at 2315 hours & 1 250 lb. G.P. (Delayed action) bombs released on target "C". Two yellow flashes observed but no fires. No flak experienced during attack but 4 or 5 S/L seen from vicinity of target "C", but no combat made and they were doused. S/L observed from Flushing on inward and outward trips. Boston set course for base recrossing coast east of Zeebrugge but did not illuminate. English Coast crossed at Bradwell at 2000 feet and landed at Debdam. Weather: Very good. Over target area clear - No cloud. On Return: 1/10th cloud at 10,000 feet increasing. Visibility: Excellent.	

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26th.	Boston III. Number: W.534	Pilot: F/Lt. Love Observer: F/Sgt. Billy Gilze Bijen. A.C. F/Sgt. Rusting	To Patrol	2130	2150	Owing to defective undercarriage warning horn, aircraft was forced to return to base. Weather: No cloud at 1500 feet. Ground mist. Visibility: Moderate.	
26th.	Boston III. Number: W.536	Pilot: F/O. Venables Observer: Sgt. Mackay Vanderville. A.C. Sgt. Baker (Canadian)	To patrol Lilles	2140	0005	Crossed English coast at Bradwell at 4,500 feet and French coast north of Mignport at 8,000 ft. Inoperative heavy flak at Mignport and 8 searchlights which did not illuminate. Boston set course for target area but on H.T.A. no lights or activity of any kind observed. Estimated position of target area orbited for 40 minutes. But as no activity observed and unable accurately to pinpoint target, no bombs dropped. Boston set course for base re-crossing French coast at 8,000 ft at Mignport. Three searchlights observed near Mignport which were behind Boston and did not contact. English coast crossed at Clanton at 5,000 ft. No beacon seen during flight. Weather: Outward trip. Good 2/10 cloud at 10,000 ft. Over target area. Slight ground haze. 2/10 cloud at 10,000 ft.	
26th.	BOSTON III Number: W.536	Pilot: Sgt. Stone Observer: Sgt. Alcorn (Canadian) A/C: F/Sgt. Forsyth (New Zealand)	To patrol Gilsa-Bijen	2220	0105	Crossed English coast at 5,000 ft. south of the Ness and Dutch coast at Hantsende at 8,000 ft. White rotating (and white beacon flashing I.B. in close vicinity) seen at HANTSDEE. Also many A/D with red boundary and observation lights and bright flamepath observed N.E. Hantsende. Rotating white beacons observed at Willemsd and about 3 miles N. of patrol area during A/D about 4 mil S.W. of O.L.L.	

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26th	BOSTON III					<p>(continued)</p> <p>observed on which about "A" shape runways and absence of buildings noted. On first approach over target area of Boston, no lights seen but later small flarepath and three separate flashes on green Algis lamp from ground observed. As Boston orbited aerodrome at 4,000 ft. E/A seen to approach to land with navigation lights on. Only lights from aerodrome was flarepath, no visual layout or boundary lights seen. Boston followed E/A until double red fired from ground and E/A doused navigation lights and was then lost. Simultaneously flarepath lights also doused. Boston circled east to west to bearing run during which time flarepath lights again came on.</p> <p>Boston released from 2,500 feet 3 X 250 lb. G.P. bombs one of which was seen to drop on north side of E. to W. runway. Incendiary bombs failed to drop. Considerable heat accurate for height and direction experienced after bombs released but Boston took evasive action and was not hit. Numerous searchlights seen between Gilze and Middelburg, A.C. being illuminated on four occasions. But was not held on evasive action. Unknown before referred to seen on return trip. Dutch coast recrossed at Huisstede at 3,000 ft. and English coast at Colne Point at same height.</p> <p>Weather: Outward and return journeys - Haze. Thin stratus cloud at 3,000 ft. deteriorating over target area - thick haze - no cloud. Visibility - 4 miles.</p>	

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28th.	Boston III. Number W/8551	Pilot: F/O Caldwell Observer: P/O MacLennan (Canadian) A.G. W/Sgt. Rish (Canadian)	To Patrol Gilze Rijm.	0245	0550	<p>Grossed English Coast at Glaston at 7000 feet and Dutch Coast at Melissant (overflown) at 7000 feet. Boston set course down Willemstad Estuary followed railway Breda. Thence on an Easterly course to Gilze. On E.T.L. orbited for about 25 minutes but no lights or activity observed. Boston then set course in direction of Dordrecht to obtain fix and encountered two S/Ls. from direction of Dordrecht which illuminated temporarily but did not hold on evasive action. Boston again set course for target area, orbited but no activity seen. Boston again proceeded in Northerly direction to obtain fix returning to and orbited for about 15 minutes over estimated target area but failed to locate target as no lights or activity seen. Boston then set course in an Easterly direction locating railway junction East of Tilburg on which 3 X 250 lb. G.P. and 50 X 1 lb. I.B. were dropped from 3500 feet at 0435 hours. G.P. bombs flashed and fires from I.B. seen later increasing in intensity. Boston set course for Base recrossing Dutch coast over Overflakes at 7000 feet and English Coast North of Oxfordness at 4000 feet. Two revolving white beacons seen in vicinity of patrol area. No flash encountered.</p> <p>Weather: Haze 10/10th cloud at 9000 feet over target area. No cloud but thick haze up to 4000 feet. Moon hidden by distant cloud.</p> <p>Visibility: Poor.</p>	

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28th.	Boston III. Number: W.8395	Pilot: P/O. Pusey Observer: P/O Reynolds (Canadian) A/C: Sgt. Taylor (Canadian)	To Patrol HERMES. from Tangere.	2006	2220	<p>3 X 250 Bombs and 60 X 4 I.B. carried but not dropped owing to failure to locate any target.</p> <p>Crossed French Coast at Isigny at 3,000 feet 2040 hours and set course for HERMES. Climbing to 6,000 feet, cloud mass while increasing to 10/10 with 2 layers at 3000 feet and 8000 feet. On ETA Mont St. Michael were unable to break cloud at 2,000 feet so climbed to 4,000 feet between layers and proceeded South for 3 minutes. Visibility very bad. -</p> <p>Orbited but finding no break, set course at 2110 hours for Coast recrossing French Coast at point of entry at 2125 hours. Proceeded up Coast at 1500 feet to near Caen but finding nothing returned to base.</p> <p>Weather: Over channel, clear base of cloud increasing over France with 2 layers 10/10 at 3000 feet and 10/10 at 8000 feet.</p> <p>Visibility: On Coast - 5 Miles.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>R. D. W.</i></p>	

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28th	Boston III Number: W8358	Pilot - S/Ldr. Anderson. Observer: P/O Young A/C. P/O Deller W/A.C. Sgt. Smith (23 Squadron.)	To patrol Abbeville - Le Touquet. Tangere	2345	0405	<p>Left from Tangere. Crossed French coast at mouth of</p> <p>Some 2355 hours 4,000 feet saw two S/Ls. which illuminated for brief moment then lost A/C. Flew to Abbeville, circled same for 10 minutes at 0005 hours at 3500 feet, but saw no activity so turned due north until we struck railway line at Montreuil. Followed this line North West to Staples, circled and bombed Le Touquet Aerodrome but saw bursts on railway line adjoining.</p> <p>3 X 250 lb G.P. bombs and 60X 4 I. bombs dropped on railway line adjoining Le Touquet Aerodrome at 0025 hours, from 3,500 feet. Two large flashes, one large fire seen.</p> <p>Returned to base. Weather - Over France cloud 6/10 at 8,000 feet, haze up to 5,000 feet.</p> <p>Visibility - Poor.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Chapman. etc.</i></p>	

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DEBEN	April	4	A.M. Weather continues good. Ten aircraft carried out Night Flying Tests during daylight. Wing Commander P.O. Hopcroft, D.F.C., flew to Biggin Hill and returned same day.														
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6	A.M. Weather conditions fair. Flight mist in A.M. Ten aircraft carried out Night Flying Tests. The funeral of No. 33905 Sergeant C.L. Lewis-Hall, No. (CAN) 991867 Sgt. M.H. Brandon, (R.C.A.F.) and No. (CAN) 77326 Sgt. E.A. Owen (R.C.A.F.) was held at 1400 hours and was attended by all officers and Sergeants (Aircrew) of the Squadron. Aircrew Sergeants of the Squadron acted as pall bearers and the funeral of the two R.C.A.F. Sergeants was carried out by Flight Lieutenant M.C. Johnston, R.C.A.F. Padre, and the Station Padre, Squadron Leader E.J. Morton, conducted the funeral of Sergeant Lewis-Hall. All officers and Sergeants (Aircrew) of No. 418 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron, the Commanding Officer, and the Station Commander, Group Captain J. Peel, D.F.C., M.C. attended the funeral. Mr. and Mrs. B. Cant, Uncle and Aunt of Sgt. Owen and their two daughters, attended the funeral as well as Lieut-Col. and Mrs. Lewis-Hall, parents of Sgt. Lewis-Hall. The sum of £5;10, was donated by the staff of the Hotel owned by Lieut-Col. Lewis-Hall to the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund.																
7	A.M. Weather conditions good in A.M., becoming poor in P.M. Flying Officer D. Willis, R.A.F. was detailed as a member of a court of inquiry to investigate the crash of BOSTON III aircraft W8333, which occurred at Great Sampford 14.14.2. Ten aircraft carried out Night Flying Tests in daylight. One aircraft proceeded on operations but was forced to return before crossing the channel owing to poor weather conditions. (See Appendix "A") Squadron Leader P.O. Hopcroft, D.F.C. proceeded to Llandow in the Dominie aircraft for practice cross country flying and returned the same day.	765 "A"															

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11	A.M. Weather good, cloudy in A.M. and visibility fair. Squadron Leader Andersen and two passengers flew to Cranfield and returned same day. Flying Officer Caldwell and Pilot Officer Marlatt carried out Local Flying Tests in the Dominie Aircraft. Nine other aircraft carried out Night Flying Tests.																					

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	12	A.M.	One aircraft, BOSTON III No. 22173 crashed on landing at DEBEN on the morning of 12:4:42 returning from Night Operations. NO.10731A P/O B.E. Williams (Pilot) (R.A.F.), No.77220 P/O Jollymour, H.G. (Observer) (R.C.A.F.), and No.87831 Sgt. H.J.H. Irving, (Air Gunner) (R.C.A.F.) were in this plane which undershot on landing from operational trip over enemy territory. Cause of crash - Tricycle wheel collapsed and nose dug along runway. Pilot Officer H.G. Jollymour, (Observer) (R.C.A.F.) seriously injured and admitted to Addenbrook Hospital, Cambridge, being placed on the D.I. List.																						
	12	A.M.	Weather clear. Wing Commander P.C. Hopcroft, D.F.C. and crew flew to Bradwell and returned to DEBEN. One aircraft carried out Local Night Flying Tests. Thirteen other aircraft carried out Cross Country Flying Tests. Pilot Officer Whitfield flew Cross Country flying tests. Preparations being completed for convoy of Squadron to Bradwell.																						
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	April 13		(Cont.) One aircraft BOSTON III No. 22210, failed to return from Night Operations, having the the following crew: A4972 Flying Officer Willis J.D.W. (PILOT) (R.A.F.), (CAN)876364 Sgt. Pringle, J.E.C. (Observer) (R.C.A.F.), (CAN)862949 Sgt. Pilliter, R.F. (Air Gunner) (R.C.A.F.). Wing Commander P.C. Hopcroft, D.F.C., and crew flew to Bradwell and returned the same day. One aircraft carried out Local Night Flying Tests. Thirteen other aircraft carried out Night Flying Tests. Pilot Officer Whitfield flew Cross Country flying. Preparations being completed for convoy of Squadron to Bradwell.							
	14	A.M.	The whole Squadron, including No. 3078 Servicing Echelon began moving by road and air to R.A.F. Station, Bradwell. An Advance Road Party left at 0900 hours with their kit bags by Lorry.							
BRADWELL	15	A.M.	Weather good. Four aircraft carried out Night Flying Tests and were available for Night Operations. Ten aircraft, with crews flew to Bradwell as the Main Air Party at 1100 hours. Wing Commander P.C. Hopcroft, D.F.C. carried out Cross Country flying in Boston III aircraft. The Main Road Party, which included the Squadron personnel, No. 3078 Servicing Echelon and all equipment etc. left Deben at 0800 hours, Flight Lieutenant, A.C. Wilson, Adjutant, in charge, arriving at Bradwell at 1400 hours. The Squadron were billeted in R.A.F. Station, Bradwell on Site No. 1 and Site No. 3.							
	16	A.M.	Weather continues fair. Cloudy in A.M. The Rear Air Party consisting of four aircraft, arrived from DEBEN with the following Pilots: S/Ldr. Andersen, Sgt. Stone, Sgt. Hinman and Sgt. Craft. S/Ldr. Andersen flew two passengers to DEBEN and returned the same day with four passengers. Five aircraft carried out night flying tests. One aircraft with the following crew carried out Night Operations:- <table border="1"> <tr> <td><u>PILOT</u></td> <td><u>OBSERVER</u></td> <td><u>AIR GUNNER</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>P/O Stabb</td> <td>Sgt. Riches</td> <td>Sgt. Taylor</td> </tr> </table> One aircraft carried out Cross Country flying. The Rear Road Party with Sgt. Richards, N.C.O. 1/c left DEBEN at 0900 hours by lorry after arranging to clean all buildings etc. and bring all remaining equipment from that station.	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>AIR GUNNER</u>	P/O Stabb	Sgt. Riches	Sgt. Taylor	765 "A"
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BRADWELL	APRIL 17	A.M.	Mild weather continues. Cloudy. Cloud medium and high. Visibility two to four miles. Seven aircraft carried out Night Flying Tests in daylight. Flying Officer Caldwell and Crew and Pilot Officer Venables (Solo) flew to Bartonwood and returned the same day. Sgt. Hinman took one passenger in the Miles Magister to Malton and returned the same day. One aircraft flew to Tangmere and returned. Three aircraft with the following crews carried out Night Operations over enemy territory:- <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>PILOT</u></td> <td><u>OBSERVER</u></td> <td><u>AIR GUNNER</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sgt. Harding</td> <td>Sgt. Shannon</td> <td>Sgt. Dasten</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sgt. Jackson</td> <td>Sgt. Hutchison</td> <td>Sgt. Chabot</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E/O Stabb</td> <td>Sgt. Riches</td> <td>Sgt. Taylor</td> </tr> </table> One BOSTON III No. W8278 with Pilot Officer Riseley (Pilot) Pilot Officer Keyes (Observer) and Sgt. Foxan (Air Gunner) as Crew took off on an Operational Flight at 0100 on the night of 17-18th. As the aircraft (NO. W8278) was taxiing up the runway a port tyre evidently became punctured and the aircraft struck an unseen object (since discovered to be a small concrete block) with the nose wheel of the aircraft. The nose dropped, the port wheel collapsed and the aircraft slowed around, but caught fire immediately. The crew evacuated the aircraft immediately.	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>AIR GUNNER</u>	Sgt. Harding	Sgt. Shannon	Sgt. Dasten	Sgt. Jackson	Sgt. Hutchison	Sgt. Chabot	E/O Stabb	Sgt. Riches	Sgt. Taylor	V765 "A"
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	18	A.M.	Weather - Mainly fair to cloudy. No low clouds. Visibility one to three miles. After early morning, misty. No Night Operations Carried out.													
	19	A.M.	Weather fair. Night Flying Tests were carried out during late afternoon. No night Operations carried out due to adverse weather conditions.													
	20	A.M.	Weather - Fair to cloudy. Visibility poor. Night Flying Tests carried out in the afternoon. No Night Operations carried out due to adverse weather conditions. The Gas Defense Officer from No. 11 (P) Group visited the Squadron regarding Gas training.													
	21	A.M.	Wing Commander F.C. Hopcroft D.F.C., Flying Officer Davies, and Squadron Leader Andersen flew in Dominie to Duxridge to attend a conference on Intruder Operations held by No. 11 Group. Weather - poor, rain in A.M. clearing in afternoon. Visibility poor. No Night Operations carried out on account of weather conditions. Five aircraft carried out Night Flying Tests in the afternoon, E/O Jollymour removed from D.I. List and placed on S.I. LIST. Progress being satisfactory.													

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BRADWELL	April 22	A.M.	Weather cloudy, visibility poor. Wing Commander F.C. Hopcroft, D.F.C. flew in Dominie aircraft to Hornchurch and returned same morning. Wing Commander F.C. Hopcroft, D.F.C. flew in Dominie in P.M. Ten aircraft carried out Night Flying Tests and practice flying in afternoon. No Night Operations carried out on account of weather conditions. A scrub softball game played by the airmen of the Squadron in the evening. Captain Steel of the Canadian Auxiliary Services visited the Squadron to survey accommodation etc. with view to entertainment etc.										
	23	A.M.	Weather conditions fair during morning and afternoon but closing down during evening to 10/10. Wing Commander F.C. Hopcroft D.F.C. returned from R.A.F. Station, Hornchurch in the Dominie, in the afternoon. Night Flying Tests carried out during the afternoon. No Night Operations carried out over enemy territory owing to weather conditions. The airmen challenged the Sergeants to a softball game and emerged with a victory, score 17-5.										
	24	A.M.	Weather good. Night Flying Tests and practice carried out during the afternoon. The Squadron came to readiness but did not carry out Night Operations although the weather continued fair.										
	25	A.M.	Weather clear. Visibility good but cloudy in afternoon. Pilot Officer Riseley flew to Aldergrove with one passenger to collect aircraft and returned. No. 37052, Wing Commander A.E. Saunders reported to the Squadron by air to be attached as supernumerary. The first issue of "Wings Abroad" arrived and was enthusiastically received by all personnel of the Squadron. Voting closed on the Canadian Plebiscite, which has been held during the past week. Night Flying Tests were carried out in the afternoon. Night Operations were carried out over enemy occupied territory by the following <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>PILOT</u></td> <td><u>OBSERVER</u></td> <td><u>AIR GUNNER</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sgt. Harding</td> <td>Sgt. Shannon</td> <td>Sgt. Irvine</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E/O White</td> <td>E/O Martin</td> <td>Sgt. Field</td> </tr> </table>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>AIR GUNNER</u>	Sgt. Harding	Sgt. Shannon	Sgt. Irvine	E/O White	E/O Martin	Sgt. Field	765 "A"
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						beacon on South coast of Some Estuary was seen flashing rapid dots. The lights appeared to move east and west over a distance of about 400 yards. Weather - Over France 3/10 cloud at 15/18000 feet and light patches at about 3000 feet.	
3rd.	BOSTON III	PILOT: P/O Lukas. OBSERVER: Sgt. Randolph (Canadian) AIR GUNNER: Sgt. Haskell (Canadian)	Intruder operations over Brussels	0130	0149	Crossed English coast at Bradwell Bay at 6,000 ft and approached Belgian coast at Blankenberge at 6800 feet. Flew N.E. along coast to Neusen and thence to Brussels at 5,000 feet. Circled N.E. of town for 20 minutes and saw Beere and Melstreek aerodromes but there were no lights and no activity. Set course for Lille and when passing over Brussels 2 Green star shells of 4 stars each came up very close behind then followed by heavy flak accurate for height but slightly to the right. Pilot evaded by doing diving turn to port down to 2,000 feet. Arrived over Lille at 0315 hours circled twice round the town seeing Nord Aerodrome where there were no lights and no activity and not noticing Vandeville. At this point inter-com. failed completely and all electric gradually faded. Bombs were therefore dropped from 2,000 feet on course of 300 on the Marshalling Yard where a goods train was standing. Bombs were AX 250 lbs 11 Seconds delay. No results observed. Set course for home on HE 340 degrees, crossing coast at Newport at 3000 ft. and then changing onto course of 280 degrees and making landfall over Manston beacon. Weather - Over continent and N. sea, haze up to 5,000 ft. Clear above that. No beacons or other lights observed. No fighters.	

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4th.	BOSTON III	PILOT: P/O Rissley OBSERVER: P/O Keyes A/G: Sgt. Foran.		2050	2300	Set course 2052 held by S/L. vicinity Southend which took long time to recognise our A/G. Left English coast Manston 2113 10,000 ft. Crossed French coast Newport 2130 10,000 ft. where white revolving beacon seen. No flak but S/L activity on coast over target Lille Vandeville 2135 at 8,500 ft. A/G seen with navigation lights but immediately lost on turn to investigate. Vandeville bombed 2155 from 8,500 feet (3X250 lb and 17 Secs. Delay and 1 SEC.) Results not observed on ground opposition. French coast recrossed at Calais at 9/10,000 feet 2217. Before reaching Calais vicinity A U D E V I C Q 3 separate groups of BMS (H) 4 miles apart comprising 15 Red ground lights on outside strokes connected by five lights. As Boston passed over one green flare fired from ground followed by one red and 2 minutes later eight S/L's engaged but were evaded. English coast crossed at Manston 2224 and landed base 2300. While over target large fires seen 15 miles south of Lille outward weather cloud 10-10 at 3000 feet 2/10 at 10,000 over target. Visibility good weather deteriorating rapidly on return our casualties Nil. Heavy casualties Nil	
4th.	BOSTON III	PILOT: P/O Venables OBSERVER: Sgt. McKay (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Baker (Canadian)	To Intrude Lille Vandeville.	2115	2310	Crossed English coast 5,000 ft. Manston near Newport 7,000 ft. where white rotating beacon seen S/L activity this vicinity and single engine machine sighted above and behind probably Hurricanes. Flak opened up slightly behind and above. Boston evaded by diving and reached target 2210. Vandeville lights were flashed on and off. Dummy lit up 5 miles to west of Vandeville continuously on arrival Vandeville fired	

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5th	BOSTON III	PILOT: P/O Hassal OBSERVER: Sgt. McGillicuddy (Canadian) AIR GUNNER: Sgt. Scott (Canadian)	To Patrol Lille Merville	2200	2210	One green rocket followed by Reds at intervals called target for twenty minutes and at 2220 dropped JX 250 II Secs. delay and one SPG which dropped south of red perimeter lights in dispersal area, explosions seen with small fires. Following bombing timing turned to left made and crossed French coast between Calais and Dunkirk at 9,000 ft. No flak encountered on way out No E/A seen but S/Ls without contact. Crossed English coast Bradwell at 5,000 ft. landing at base 2310. Weather outward clouds 5,000 10/10 2/10 10,000 ft. over target. Visibility good but weather deteriorating rapidly on return trip. Enemy casualties NIL, our Casualties NIL. Owing to defective warning horn Boston forced to return to base. Weather Ground base. No cloud. Visibility - Poor at 2,000 ft. about 2-3 miles.	
5th	BOSTON III	PILOT: P/O Williams OBSERVER: P/O Jollymour (Canadian) AIR GUNNER: Sgt. Irving (Canadian)	To Patrol Lille Merville	2304	2329	Took off Debden 2304 hours 5/4/42. Owing to breakdown of inter-com. Boston forced to return. Landing Debden 2329 hrs. Weather - No haze at 3,000 ft. No cloud apart from occasional high-altitude fracto-cumulus cloud. Visibility - Moderately good.	
5th	BOSTON III	PILOT: Sgt. Craft OBSERVER: Sgt. Morgan (Canadian) AIR GUNNER: Sgt. Davies (Canadian)	To Patrol Lille Merville	2120	2340	Crossed English Coast at Manston 7,300 ft. and French Coast at 7,000 ft. at Nieuport where white revolving beacon observed. Set course for Lille and three searchlights seen from direction	

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5th						of coast but these did not illuminate. Bright boundary flare path lights and illuminated "T" in vicinity of Vlamertinghe. On E.T.A. over Lille-Vandeville orbited but owing to 8/10 cloud at 3,000 feet Boston found difficulty in identifying target. Through temporary break in clouds boundary and flare path lights observed and four white-star cartridges fired from ground. No other activity seen from aircraft. Boston again orbited and through gaps in clouds released from 4,000 ft. JX 250 G.P.'s and 60 I.A. lbs. I.B.'s. Explosions observed from G.P.'s and reflection of fires resulting from I.B.'s seen on clouds half way on return journey. Boston re-crossed French coast at Nieuport 8,000 ft. where revolving white beacon still flashing. Re-crossed English coast at Manston at 6,000 ft. landing at Debden 2340 hours. No flak or E/A. Weather: Low cloud and hazy over England. Over France and Target area 8/10 cumulus with base at 1,000 ft. Visibility - moderate. Enemy casualties NIL. Our casualties NIL.	
6th	BOSTON III	Pilot: P/O Hassall Observer: Sgt McGillicuddy (Canadian) Air Gunner: Sgt. Scott (Canadian)	Intruder operations over Lille/Vandeville	2344	0125	Boston took off from Debden at 2344 hours and crossed English coast at 7000 feet at Bradwell and French coast at Nieuport at 8000 feet. Heavy flak and heavy concentration of searchlights seen from direction of Ostend and Dunkerque. Light flak and three searchlights seen in vicinity of Courtrai and light inaccurate flak only from Turoing but Boston was not hit. On E.T.A. over target	NO EST

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						<p>owing to 8/10 broken cumulus cloud at 200 feet identification of target was impossible. Boston orbited and through break in cloud observed two sets of boundary lights approx 2 miles apart believed to be Lille/Vandeville and dummy drone at Lille/Bonchin. Boston again circled and released from 5000 to 2400 feet 3 x 250 lb. G.P. and 60 x 4 lb. I.B. the former being seen to explode within circle of lights believed to be Lille/Vandeville. Fires from I.B.'s observed to light up cloud 15 miles away. No activity whatsoever seen in target area. Boston then set course for base and heavy flak and searchlights again seen at Ostende and Dunkargue also light flak and two or three searchlights from Courtrai. No beacons or E/A seen. Recrossed French coast at 10,000 feet at Newport and English coast at 10,000 feet S. of Manston landing at Debden at 0125 hours 6/4/42. Weather over England - heavy no cloud. Over FRANCE 8/10 to 10/10 cumulus cloud below 2000 feet - none over target area. Visibility - very poor.</p>	
6th.	BOSTON III	PILOT: S/L Anderson OBSERVER: P/O Young (Canadian) AIR GUNNER: P/O De Hier.	Intruder operations over Lille/Vandeville	0040	0245	<p>Boston took off Debden 0040 hours crossed English coast at Bradwall at 3000 feet and French coast at Newport at 8000 feet. Intense heavy flak and searchlights seen from Ostende and Dunkargue. On E.T.A. Boston orbited target area but owing to 8/10 cloud at 1000 feet failed to locate target. No activity or lights of any kind seen. No bombs released. Boston set course for base recrossing French coast at Newport at 10,000 feet and English coast at Bradwall at 3000 feet. Considerable heavy flak and searchlights again</p>	(continued)

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						<p>(continued) observed from Ostende and Dunkargue. No beacons or E/A encountered. One Boston landed Debden at 0245. Weather - over England haze and patches of 3/10 cloud base at 2000 feet. Over France and target area 8/10 to 10/10 cloud. Visibility - above cloud good - very bad below. Enemy casualties - nil. Own casualties - nil.</p>	
9th.	BOSTON III	PILOT: Sgt Hinman OBSERVER: Sgt Anderson (Canadian) AIR GUNNER: Sgt Kyle (Canadian)	To patrol Abbeville	0056	0220	<p>Aircraft took off Debden and crossed English coast at Bradwall at 3000 feet making landfall again at Manston at 4000 feet. Owing to thick mist up to 4000 feet and nil visibility Boston unable to locate coast so as to set course for target area therefore returned to base. Weather - thick mist but no cloud. Visibility - nil. Enemy casualties - nil. Own casualties - nil.</p>	
10th.	BOSTON III	PILOT: P/O Willis OBSERVER: Sgt Pringle (Canadian) AIR GUNNER: Sgt. Pilliter (Canadian)	To patrol Gilde - Rijen	2152	0040	<p>Boston took off Debden and crossed English coast at Bradwall at 3000 feet and Dutch coast at 8000 feet at Goodersede. White revolving beacon with 3 sec. pause seen towards Rotterdam. Set course for Gilde from Hollensch - Dieppe. Breda black-out bad. Reached Gilde neighbourhood 2244 hours but aerodrome not identified owing to darkness continued to Tilburg where searchlights and slight flak were seen. Returned over Gilde where slight flak fall for height was seen behind. Patrolled S.W. towards Antwerp and back to Breda and Gilde where flak was heavy and searchlights which were numerous illuminated Boston but evasive action was</p>	(continued)

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						(continued) - successful. On return Willensted white revolving beacon seen. Dutch coast crossed 2342 hours at Goodereede 6000 feet. Just west of Walcheren 4 searchlights and heavy flak at height of Boston apparently sea-borne. English coast crossed at Bradwell at 4000 feet. Weather - visibility - very good, little cloud until Holland where fractor cumulus was 5/10 at 6000 feet. Bombs were not dropped.	53
10th.	BOSTON III	PILOT: P/O White OBSERVER: P/O Martin (Canadian) AIR GUNNER: Sgt Field (Canadian)	To patrol Gilze - Eijsen	2225	0135	Crossed English coast at Bradwell 3600 feet and Dutch Coast at 10,000 feet H. of Goodereede. Willensted beacon seen to left. Set course S. of Breda and approached Gilze from South at 8500 feet. Heavy flak and searchlights seen there which illuminated Boston. Evasive action taken and height lost to 6000 feet. Aerodrome not seen. Circuit made of Gilze and Willensted - Breda back to Gilze where no further activity was observed. Continued at 8000 feet to Eindhoven where circuit lights were seen and light flak and inaccurate searchlights were experienced. Patrolled south towards Antwerp and crossed Belgian coast 5000 feet over thick clouds probably Knoke crossed English coast at Manston at 6000 feet and landed at Debdon. Outwards visibility good - little cloud until Dutch coast over Holland cloud base 5600 feet top 5900 feet, becoming thicker to S.W. and visibility poor. ^{8/18} Bombs - nil. Our casualties - nil.	
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10th.	BOSTON III	PILOT: P/O Lukes (USA) OBSERVER: Sgt Randolph XXXX (Can.) AIR GUNNER: Sgt Haskell (Can.)	To patrol Eindhoven	2310	0218	Boston took off Debdon and crossed English coast at Bradwell at 3000 feet and Dutch coast at 8000 feet South of Willensted where white revolving beacons were seen. Course set for Hertogenbofch. At Hertogenbofch whereabouts over enemy occupied territory nowhere definitely established owing to heavy cloud and ground haze. Turned south at place believed to be Amhem because of searchlights. At town believed to be Eindhoven 3 x 250 lb G.P.'s and 60 x 4 lb I.B.'s released from 3000 feet at 0040 hours on buildings apparently factory beside railway south side of town. Two of G.P. bombs started large fires immediately with flames and white smoke which were seen to continue burning by air gunner. Return course believed to be Brussels - Dunkirk. English coast crossed Bradwell at 4000 feet and landed at Debdon. Weather over area sea 7/10 cloud - top 5500 feet. Over Holland at 9/10 cloud 6000 feet top 3000 feet base and ground haze. Bombs - nil. Our casualties nil.	
10th.	BOSTON III	PILOT: P/O Williams OBSERVER: P/O Jollyour (Canada) AIR GUNNER: Sgt Irving (Canada)	To patrol Eindhoven	2140	0025	Aircraft took off Debdon and crossed English coast at Bradwell at 5000 feet and Dutch coast at Goodereede 6500 feet. White revolving beacon seen to left towards Rotterdam. Passed north of Eijsen where aircraft was illuminated by one of seven searchlights but took evasive action which was successful. Then passed over Tilburg where blackout was bad. Eindhoven reached 2224 hours and E - W flare path seen to be illuminated. Orbited Eindhoven town and returned to	

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						aerodrome where 3 x 250 G.P. and 60 x 4lb. I.B. were released at 2300 hours from 8000 feet. All seemed to burst close to or on flarepath. On further orbiting two searchlights failed to illuminate Boston recrossed Dutch coast 7500 feet at Heemside where white revolving beacon was seen with three smaller white lights on either side in vic formation pointing west-southernmost flashing D. Recrossed English coast Brightlingsea at 7000 feet landing Debden. Distant heavy flak towards Ostend weather throughout 1/10 scattered fractor cumulus and cumulus 5 - 6000 feet. Visibility good but slight ground haze.	
12th.	BOSTON III	PILOT: P/O Willis OBSERVER: Sgt. Pringle (Canadian) AIR GUNNER: Sgt. Miller (Canadian)	To patrol Mindhovan	2245	0213	Boston took off Debden and set course via Bradwell (2300 - 4500 feet) to Goodereade north channel 2336 (2336 - 7000 feet) where white revolving beacon seen at back of Oostvoorne with second beacon at Amanadoorp from which course was set for Mindhovan passing over Gilze where searchlights and light flak encountered. Shortly after 2 - 3 minutes saw what appeared to be aerodrome with white boundary lights and funnel lights similar to English style except line of lights connecting junction of funnel with aerodrome. Attempted to circle this keeping in sight but lost. Searching again for it at about 5000 feet ran into heavy concentration of searchlights and flak possibly Gilze. Again held by searchlights for quite a time then evasive action taken without success finally diving down to 1500 feet. Still held by 2 - 3 searchlights at that height and behind flak still following. On further search canal with distinctive features found D.R. course set for (continued)	

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						(continued) Mindhovan which did not appear anywhere near D.R. Position but from this point Visual Lorenz was seen in distance which on ground post - notes leads crew to believe was either West - Schoonen or Hasselt aerodromes. Time could not be spent due to sea's endurance. On approaching aerodrome Boston was illuminated and about 5/6 searchlights were doused after two seconds bombing run carried out on 340 degrees from 3000 feet and diving from 5000 feet first 50 lb G.P. bomb seen to explode dead in centre of Lorenz but before reaching the aerodrome three remaining 250 lb 11 sec. delay and incendiaries not observed. Returned over enemy coast not observed due to haze but English coast contacted via Hamston - Bradwell. Boston landed at Castle Camps. Weather over target area no cloud haze up to 4000 feet visibility of beacons good but landmarks poor. Suspected N. wind up to 4/5000 feet.	
12th.	BOSTON III	PILOT: Sgt. Jackson OBSERVER: Sgt. Hutchinson (Canad) AIR GUNNER: Sgt. Chabot (Canad)	Patrol Gilze Rijon	2300	0209	Boston took off Debden and crossed English coast at Bradwell at 8000 feet alighting to Goodereade where white revolving beacon flashing E seen. Proceeded via Upper Canal to E.S. of Zevenbergen where second revolving white beacon flashing seen then W course made towards Gilze which had Visual Lorenz on but switched off on approach of Boston at 7500 feet. Orbitted over target attempting to pick up lights again without success. Visibility poor due to haze. Course set for home during which Boston passed over large town possibly Antwerp which was badly blacked out. Searchlight activity on return vicinity of Ostend but well behind when Boston was observed. (Continued)	

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						(continued) Return made via Manston - Bradwell and Boston landed at Castle Camps due to obstructions at Debden. XX XX XX No bombs dropped.	
12th	BOSTON III	PILOT: Sgt Harding OBSERVER: Sgt Shannon (Canadian) AIR GUNNER: Sgt Dunstan (Canadian)	To patrol Gize - Eizen	2100	0030	Aircraft took off Debden and crossed English coast at Bradwell at 2300 feet to Alcharen at 2240 hours. White revolving beacon seen N. of Flushing. At Willemstad nearly opposite Oolongs, lat V shaped white lights with reddish coloured revolving light in point of V sighted. Immediately after Al- charen sighted aircraft to port and level. Boston forthwith picked up by searchlight but evaded diving to the east, where aerodrome sighted red outer circuit lights and white flare path. Boston circled aerodrome twice at 2500 feet. On approach 1 green rocket fired from ground immediately followed by 1 red rocket. Boston orbited in as far as Brada but could not make bearings for Gize. Spang North and went over Rotterdam where were picked up by powerful searchlights and light flak. Evaded and returned to original aerodrome now identified as Haamstede which was still lit and which was bombed from S.W. to N.W. over centre (4 x 250 G.P. at 1 inst. 1 x 11 sec. 1 x 1 hour and 1 x 2 hours). Burst seen on perimeter other D/A falling within centre of target. All lights doused Buildings badly blacked out seen on N.W. of aerodrome. English coast crossed Glaston and landed at base.	

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						Weather: Outward-haze. Visibility poor over Holland, heavy haze and fog. On return weather improving slightly.	
12th	BOSTON III	Pilot: P/O Risanley Observer: P/O Kayes (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Moran (Canadian)	GILZE HILZE	2200	0025	Course set Glaston 7000 feet (2215) to South Haamstede at 11,500 (2245). Beauport revolving beacon (white) seen while crossing also Haamstede beacon. Boston passed over Overflakse and saw flak and searchlights over Rotterdam. Orbited over Alcharen/Alanda reducing height eventually pinpointing Flushing. Proceeded to Houzen down to 4,500 feet. Owing to haze and fog unable to pick up bearings so returned to base via Bradwell. No bombs dropped. Weather: Outward good. Visibility good. Over Holland on coast good; but inland haze and fog. Hiddelburg badly blacked out.	
12th	BOSTON III	Pilot: P/O White Ob. : P/O Martin (Can) A/G: Sgt. Field (Can)	Eindhoven	2315	0145	Crossed English Coast at 3500 feet at Bradwell and Dutch Coast North of Flushing at 11,000 feet. Revolving white beacon in apex of "V" shaped funnel lights seen at Goodereede and large fire seen to be burning at Gize. Light flak observed also from direction of Rotterdam. On N.W. over target area, no activity of any kind seen. Visual Lorenz system to south presumably at Hasselt lit but doused when Boston approached. No Eindhoven but still no activity. Boston then courses for coast and fires previously seen at Gize extinguished. Course set for Haamstede where lights seen. A/D bombed from 5000 feet at 0100 hours with 4 x 250lb G.P. (One instant and 3000) - two large and one medium sized fires seen from 30 miles out to sea. Crossed English Coast N.W. of then at 8000 feet landing at	?

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12th	BOSTON III	Pilot: O Lukas Obs. Sgt. Randolph A/G: Sgt. Haskell	Eindhoven	2235	0135	<p>Crossed English Coast at Bradwell at 4400 feet and Dutch Coast at 3300 feet at Westkapelle. White flashing beacon at Housstede and S/Ls and heavy flak seen from direction of Rotterdam. Cross of white lights seen at Bortel (20 miles N.W. Eindhoven) D. Centre light of cross flashing W and South-west light revolving clockwise indicating direction of Eindhoven A/D. No visual Lorenz seen but blue and white P.P. lights from E. to W. lit up as Boston approached; these were doused in a few minutes. One red star fired from ground also as Boston approached. Orbited over target area for 40 mins. and heavy flak seen from Gilze. Whilst orbiting very bright P.P. North to South of what appeared to be a dummy A/D about 5 miles South Eindhoven seen and one green flare fired from ground. Blackout at Eindhoven poor. Boston bombed from E. to W. from 3000 feet A/D lights having come on first prior to commencing bombing run. 4 x 250 lb. G.P. (One Dist. and 3 D.A.) released and 1st bomb seen to explode in N.E. corner of A/D within bar of red lights. No activity seen apart from 2 S/Ls from S.W. corner of A/D, but Boston was not contacted. Red glow seen from direction of Gilze and white rev. beacon and flashing beacon (characteristics unidentified) seen at Geertruidenberg also 8 S/Ls which contacted but did not hold Boston. Beacon flashing W or AT and "V" shaped funnel lights</p>	

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						<p>Weather: Over England slight haze. Over target area - good, no cloud up to 7000 feet. Visibility good. Enemy casualties - Nil. Our Casualties - Nil.</p>	
12th	BOSTON III	Pilot: O Lukas Obs. Sgt. Randolph A/G: Sgt. Haskell	Eindhoven	2235	0135	<p>Crossed English Coast at Bradwell at 4400 feet and Dutch Coast at 3300 feet at Westkapelle. White flashing beacon at Housstede and S/Ls and heavy flak seen from direction of Rotterdam. Cross of white lights seen at Bortel (20 miles N.W. Eindhoven) D. Centre light of cross flashing W and South-west light revolving clockwise indicating direction of Eindhoven A/D. No visual Lorenz seen but blue and white P.P. lights from E. to W. lit up as Boston approached; these were doused in a few minutes. One red star fired from ground also as Boston approached. Orbited over target area for 40 mins. and heavy flak seen from Gilze. Whilst orbiting very bright P.P. North to South of what appeared to be a dummy A/D about 5 miles South Eindhoven seen and one green flare fired from ground. Blackout at Eindhoven poor. Boston bombed from E. to W. from 3000 feet A/D lights having come on first prior to commencing bombing run. 4 x 250 lb. G.P. (One Dist. and 3 D.A.) released and 1st bomb seen to explode in N.E. corner of A/D within bar of red lights. No activity seen apart from 2 S/Ls from S.W. corner of A/D, but Boston was not contacted. Red glow seen from direction of Gilze and white rev. beacon and flashing beacon (characteristics unidentified) seen at Geertruidenberg also 8 S/Ls which contacted but did not hold Boston. Beacon flashing W or AT and "V" shaped funnel lights</p>	

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						primarily southbound at apex of tunnel lights. seen at Haansteede shore coast crossed at 7000 feet, English coast crossed at Glaston at 7000 feet landing at Habbema. Heavy concentration of S/Ls and heavy flash seen at Habbema in direction of Habbema, but target area obscured. Visibility good, very overcast - all air observations - all.	
16th	BOSTON III	Pilot: Lt. Harding Ob. Sgt. Shannon (Cnl) A/C: Sgt. Danton (Cnl)	Anti-air	0000	0130	Crossed English coast at Habbema at 7000 feet then set course for Goederode. Dived again after crossing, low level at Habbema at 7000 feet. Visibility good, 10 miles off coast also observed heavy flash. 4 S/Ls and steady bright white light seen on Habbema. Boston approached P.P. lights seen from S.W. believed to be flashing but these were deemed as being not accurate as Habbema. Following at low level not to proceed to target area as Habbema. The dark time and 4 S/Ls observed, none to target area seen. Boston coast landing was 10700 feet, 4 x 250 lb bombs from 5000 feet. No results observed apart from dousing of P.P. lights. Boston then set course for Goederode. English coast north of Habbema at 7000 feet landing at Glaston. In Habbema area, visibility considerably thickening over Habbema, visibility 4 to 5 miles. No clouds, very overcast - all, air observations - all.	
17th/18th	BOSTON III	Pilot: Lt. Harding Ob. Sgt. Shannon (Cnl) A/C: Sgt. Danton (Cnl)	Anti-air	2240	0105	Crossed English coast at Bradwell at 1000 feet and Dutch coast at Goederode. A row of three lights in shape of "V" with one white and one red light, one	

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						light (one white light flashing "P") seen at Goederode. Also rev. white beacons at Oosterhout and Haansteede. One of 8 S/Ls observed at Opellen where Boston orbited for 5 to 10 mins. observing row of dim white lights stretching for approx one mile with three cross bars at irregular angles and distances. Unidentified S/L seen to be caught despite evasive action in S/L cone at about 9000 feet but on flashing dashes on Morse lamps S/Ls became rigid. Boston set course for Gilze and observed slow flashing red beacon from direction of patrol area. Orbited at 7000 feet and P.P. and Obstruction lights came on also green light flashed from ground. Boston made bombing run from W. to E. but omitted to open bomb doors. Lights doused and S/Ls came on again but did not illuminate. Set course to Haansteede beacon when it was realised bombs not released, whereupon returned to patrol area, but no activity of lights seen apart from 3 S/Ls. Boston then set course for base via Haansteede and Goederode and "V" shaped P.P. and red circuit lights seen at Haansteede. Three 250lb G.P. (One Inst. and 2 Ilseca. Delay fuses) and 60+lb I.B. released from 5000 feet from N.E. to S.W. Explosion of first G.P. seen short of P.P. and small fires from I.B.s on 'drone. Rev. white beacon seen on Habbema. Landed Bradwell Bay. Weather good. No clouds. Over target area slight ground haze. Visibility good.	
17th/18th	BOSTON III	Pilot: Lt. Harding Ob. Sgt. Shannon (Cnl) A/C: Sgt. Danton (Cnl)	Anti-air	2240	0105	Crossed English coast at Bradwell at 1000 feet and Dutch coast	

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						<p>at Hamstede at 6000 feet. Four red lights box shaped with one light flashing N.W. and revolving white light centre of box seen at Hamstede, also rotating white beacon at Geertruidenberg. On approaching patrol area two separate green lights flashed from ground. Blue flare path and obstruction lights seen but doused after two reds fired. On ETA over patrol area no activity seen but observed bar of three red lights and irregular moon like line of light seen in vicinity of target area. Boston orbited for 10 to 15 minutes then bombed estimated position of aerodrome from E to W releasing 3 x 250 lb G.P. (one inst. and two 11 sec D.A. fuses) and 30 x 4lb I.B. from 4500 feet. Blue flash from G.P. and building set on fire by I.B. observed. No flare or G.A.'s experienced experienced. Boston then set course for base re-crossing Dutch coast at Hamstede at 6000 feet and English coast at Bradwell Bay at 3000 feet landing at base. Weather - Ground haze over England thinning towards target area. No cloud. Visibility - good.</p>	
16th.	BOSTON III	PILOT: W/O Easley OBSERVER: Sgt P/O Keyes (Canadian) AIR GUNNER: Sgt Moran (Canadian)	To patrol Gilze - Rijen	-	0107 -	<p>Shortly after aircraft started take-off run it swerved to port. Pilot attempted to correct swerve by backing hard on starboard wheel but port wheel and propeller struck second illuminated Macdonald Mare box 600 yards along flatpath smashed the box and put out of action Macdonald's flatpath and burst port tyre. Aircraft ran on with port rim on grass off flatpath and front wheel then struck concrete casing for door light causing nose to dip and aircraft to swing round to port and port engine to catch fire. All members of crew uninjured.</p>	

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17th/18th	BOSTON III	PILOT: Sgt Jackson OBSERVER: Sgt Hatchison (Canadian) AIR GUNNER: Sgt Chabot (Canadian)	To patrol Gilze - Rijen	2255	0155	<p>Aircraft took off Bradwell Bay and crossed Dutch coast at Hamstede at 7500 feet. Dim white revolving beacon seen at Walcheren. As crossing coast Boston illuminated by three searchlights which were evaded and experienced slight inaccurate light flak. On approaching patrol area flare path obstruction and perimeter lights also leading in lights observed and one white xxx light followed by one green fired on two occasions from the ground. Boston orbited aerodrome lights doused and about seven searchlights switched on illuminating on four or five occasions immediately they came on but Boston evaded. Considerable heavy flak accurate for height but not direction followed searchlights. Boston then set course for Oostvoorne with object of returning later to patrol area and as crossing coast experienced intense heavy and accurate flak in shape of cone also 14 searchlights. Flak aimed around cone of searchlights. Returned to Gilze but no activity. 1/36 runway seen and 4 x 250 lbs bombs (one inst. and 3 x 11 sec D.A.) released from 2000 feet. No results seen. Bomb bursts seen in target area. 3 or 4 searchlights came on back but did not contact. No flak. Set course for base re-crossing Dutch coast at Hamstede at 3500 feet and landed at base at 0155 hours. Red blackout at Tilburg. Weather - No cloud over England. 3/10 cloud at 10000 feet over patrol area. Slight haze over English coast but clear over Holland. Visibility - Good.</p>	

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25th/26th	BOSTON III	Sgt. PILOT: Harding (Canadian) OBSERVER: Sgt. Shannon (Canadian) AIR GUNNER: Irving (Canadian)	To patrol EVREUX	0019	0225		then struck concrete casing for Drem lights causing nose to dip and A/C to swing around to port and port engine to catch fire. All members of Crew uninjured.	
							Crossed South Kent coast at Dungeness at 4,000 feet, climbed over channel to cross French coast at 8,000 feet 5 mi. E. of Dieppe at 0100 hours gradually dropped height over France to Evreux at 0115 hours at 2,500 ft. Throughout the patrol over Evreux there were rainshowers and heavy but broken cloud sometimes down to 2,000 feet. On approach bright red beacon seen flashing CA and placed within aerodrome boundary towards NE corner. The strip of NE SW visual Lorenz was seen from 5 mi. off, but turned off as Boston approached A/D from NW. Boston circled A/D in left hand anti clockwise circuit after two wide circuits at 2500 to 3000 ft. During which a bright yellow horizontal beam of light pointing NE. was turned on for a few moments at NE end of flare path or NE SW Runway. BOSTON sighted unidentified enemy aircraft with navigation lights on slightly above and in front of Boston and which came across Boston at right angles doing a right hand-clockwise circle. Boston turned steeply to right to get on tail of enemy A/C and closed to about 350 yds. for a 3 Sec. burst followed by a 2-sec burst during which enemy A/C switched off lights. Boston gave two more 2-sec bursts closing on to about 250 yds. Tracer strikes observed on enemy A/C but no other results of fire observed. Enemy A/C then disappeared and could not be picked up again. Boston went down to 2000 ft. in search	

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25/26th	BOSTON III	PILOT: P/O White, OBSERVER: P/O Martin, AIR GUNNER: Sgt. Field.	To patrol EVREUX and St. AUBERT	0106	1213		and continued to circle aerodrome. For another 30 mins. about 10 minutes after last burst a light was seen which appeared to be from an enemy a/c landing on flarepath, which remained lit throughout patrol. The beacon flashing CA and other lights except flarepath red boundary lights went out after first or second burst but beacon soon came on again after enemy a/c landed. S/Ls came on but did not illuminate Boston, which after a further 20 mins. of circling made bombing run from NW to SE in shallow dive from 6000 to 2000 ft. dropping 4 X 250 lb. bombs all 11 seconds delayed. No results of bombing observed owing to cloud and rain and S/Ls being turned on though the runways were clearly seen during bombing run with reflection of rain and s/l's. from low cloud and bombs considered to have fallen on aerodrome. Boston recrossed French coast at 8000 feet 5 miles W. of Dieppe where white rotating beacon observed. No flash. Boston landed Bradwell 0225 hours. No failure of equipment. Enemy casualties - one enemy a/c (unidentified) claimed damaged. Our casualties - NIL.	
27th/28th 26.27	BOSTON	PILOT: P/O Venables OBSERVER: Sgt. McKay (Canadian) AIR GUNNER: Sgt. Baker (Canadian)	To patrol BEAUVAIS.	0226	0515		Crossed English coast at Dungeness at 7000 ft. and French coast at 10,000 ft at Le Crotoy and revolving white beacon seen at le Touquet. BOSTON set course for Poix via Amale. Orbited Poix for a few minutes where white boundary lights but no activity seen.	

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						<p>Boston then set course for Beauvais and orbited an unknown A/D North or NW. of Paris south of large river with islands in it; presumably Seine or Oise. Orbited for 40 to 50 mins. but no activity observed. Irregular number of white lights approx. 700 yds. long and E to W runway seen. Two greenish white lights fired from ground followed 20 mins. later by three white lights in a row being lit but these were quickly doused. BOSTON released 4 X 250 GP Bombs from 5,000 ft. but no results observed (All bombs fused 11 secs delay). Set course for base recrossing French coast at St. Aubin at 7,000 feet and English coast E. Tangiers at 7,000 ft. Landing at Bradwell Bay at 0545. No failure of equipment. Weather: Outward journey - No cloud over French coast but from 70 mi. inland thin layers of cloud down to 6000 ft. increasing on return journey - 7/10ths cloud with base at 6,000 ft. Visibility: Outward trip good but on return - moderate to poor. Enemy Casualties - NIL. Own Casualties - NIL.</p>	
26/27th	BOSTON III	PILOT: P/O Whitfield OBSERVER: Sgt. Fallis, (Canadian) AIR GUNNER: P/Sgt. Forsyth (New Zealand).	To Patrol ABBEVILLE/BEAUVAIS	0307	0547	<p>Crossed English coast at Dungeness at 7000 ft. and French coast at mouth of Seine at 8000 ft. following river towards Abbeville running into thick belt of haze about 5 mi. NW of Abbeville. Top of haze belt reached 7500 feet so Boston reduced height to 5700 feet but haze still thick, horizontal visibility being very poor. Increased height to 6000 ft. attempting on three occasions to pinpoint Abbeville by following river Seine from its mouth but unsuccessful. BOSTON then set course for Beauvais at 4000 ft. but owing to persistent</p>	

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						<p>thick haze returned to coast N. of Dieppe where one S/L came on but did not contact. S/L was doused and immediately followed by slight inaccurate light flak which was well behind Boston. Mouth of Seine again pinpointed and another attempt made to locate abbeville but failed so turned on reciprocal recrossing french coast south of Dungeness at 7000 ft. landing at Bradwell Bay at 0547 hours 27/4/42. R/T Transmission reported weak by by controller. Weather :- Over England - good but thick haze over France. Visibility:- over France very poor. Enemy casualties - NIL. Our Casualties - Nil.</p>	
27/28th	BOSTON III	PILOT: Sgt. Hinzman OBSERVER: Sgt. Anderson (Canadian) AIR GUNNER: Sgt. Kyle (Canadian)	To patrol FOIX.	0122	0301	<p>Crossed English coast at Dungeness at 8700 ft. and French at 8900 at mouth of Somme. Revolving white beacon at Berck-Sur-Mer and static white beacon at Boulogne. Orbited patrol area for about 20 mins. but no lights seen and apart from one S/L which contacted temporarily through evasive action no activity seen. Set course for Amiens but still no activity apart from one S/L which did not illuminate so set course for Abbeville where steady but not intense light flak encountered accurate for direction but not height also 3 S/Ls. which did not contact. S/Ls came on when flak well behind Boston. Proceeded to Le Crotoy and half way between Le Crotoy and Abbeville one S/L switched on but owing to evasive action BOSTON only momentarily illuminated. Runways NW/ESE and E/W seen clearly in moonlight and dark rectangular objects resembling buildings seen along N. side NW/ESE and E/W seen NW/ESE Runway so BOSTON swung to port and bombed from E/W from 5000 ft. releasing 3 X 250 GP. bombs (Two instantaneous and one 11 Sec. D.A.)</p>	

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						and 60 X 4lb. I.B. At least eight fires increasing in intensity and explosions from all G.P. Bombs seen followed by a large blue flash. Fires still burning about 5 Mi. away. Crossed French coast N. of Somme estuary and English coast W. of Folkestone landing at Bradwell. Heavy flak seen from direction of Calais. Weather:- 2/10 cloud at 12000 to 15000 ft. and slight haze. Visibility:- good. enemy casualties NIL. Own casualties: NIL.	
27/28th	BOSTON III	PILOT: S/L Andersen OBSERVER: P/O Young (Canadian) AIR GUNNER: P/O deGier.	To patrol AMSTERDAM/ SCHIPOL	0011	0245	Crossed English coast at Bradwell Bay at 1000 ft and near the five consecutive green lights appeared to be flashed from an Aldis lamp. Crossed Dutch coast at 8000 ft at Haamstede and proceeded to mouth of Rhine thence to Schipol. While flarepath and red drum landing lights signifying dummy A/D as they were exceptionally bright seen at Gendereede. Revolving white beacon and "V" shaped funnel lights (each line consisting of four lights) at Haamstede apex of "V" facing A/D where no activity seen. Revolving white beacons seen at position 51 degs. 43 mins. E. and Willemstad where bar of four white lights in line with beacon pointing towards Gilze, also revolving white beacon at apex of "V" shaped row of three lights with line of four lights running at right angle, stroke of "V" pointing in southerly direction about 10 mi. N.E. of Rotterdam. White beacon flashing W.J. About 10 mi. E. of Soesterberg. On approaching patrol area red obstruction lights double flarepath SW/NE also constant white beacon approx 4 mi. due W. of A/D observed. BOSTON orbited and lights doused. BOSTON then reduced height to 7000 ft. proceeding towards	

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						Soesterberg when lights previously described plus visual Lorenz consisting of six bars of white lights crossing long line of white lights forming "T" (Tail end of "T" being into wind and windward side of flarepath) switched on. BOSTON returned and green Aldis flashed from flarepath followed by five star red. Orbited in left hand circuit and all lights doused. Bombing run NE/SW releasing 4 X 250lb. G.P. Bombs from 6000 ft. (one instantaneous T and three 11 Secs D.A.) All of which seen to explode on hangars on E. boundary of A/D Intense heavy flak accurate for height but behind followed mostly from N.W. side of A/D also 12 S/Ls exposed from patrol area to coast but did not contact. Immediately after bombing attack unidentified A/C seen approx 300 yds to port going away from Boston but rear gunner deemed inadvisable to attack as own position would be disclosed. Approx 15 miles seaward of Dutch coast yellowish flare burning about one minute fired from sea at Boston. Recrossed dutch coast 5 mi. N. Katwijk-Am - Zee at 4500 ft. and English coast Bradwell at 2000 ft. No. failure of equipment. Weather - No cloud or haze. Bright moon. Visibility - Perfect. Enemy cas. - NIL. Own casualties - NIL.	
27/28th	BOSTON III	PILOT: P/O HASSALL OBSERVER: Sgt. Mc Gillicuddy (Canadian) AIR GUNNER: Sgt. Scott, (Canadian)	To patrol SOESTERBERG.	0020	0225	T/O Bradwell Bay 0020 hours 28/4. Owing to Observers hatch failing to remain fastened it was flung by air current and prevented nose wheel leg from coming sufficiently far forward to lock. Indicators also showed under-carriage not let down. As it was impossible for observer to navigate under conditions Boston set course for base making belly landing at 0225 hrs.	

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29th/30.	BOSTON III	PILOT: W/C Hopcroft, OBSERVER: W/O Hogg, (New Zealand) AIR GUNNER: Sgt. Higgins (Canadian)	To patrol CHIEVRES.	2346	0153	(Cont.)	4 x 250 lb. G.P. Bombs jettisoned unflashed 10 miles out to sea S.E. Bradwell Bay. Our casualties: One Boston III damaged, Cat. B. (Provisional) Crew uninjured.	
							Crossed French coast between Dunkirk and Nieuport at 9000 ft. at 0025 hours. One E/A ahead of and below BOSTON fired 6 white stars as it crossed coast at 6000 to 7000 feet. Coxyde/Furnes a/d and runways clearly see. Made direct course for ATH, which reached at 0045 hours at 9000 ft and while circuiting ATH at that height to verify position saw several lots of 6 white stars fired from aircraft all round also one lot of 4 red stars. Then saw an E/A with navigation lights on at about 2000 feet flying south in opposite direction to Boston which at once dived steeply to port after E/A but lost sight of it when it turned west and switched off navigation lights. E/A never close enough to see anything except navigation lights. BOSTON tried to follow E/A for a few minutes and then turned back at 3000 feet towards ATH and had momentary glimpse of what appeared to be a single engine air craft going west at high speed about 700 feet below. Saw CHIEVRES aerodrome clearly. Aerodrome lights consisted of following :- (1) Beacon flashing E A (Bear Apple) in white on bearing of approximately 100 degrees true from ATH and 50 degs. true from aerodrome about 3-4 miles from aerodrome. (2) Beacon had two white steady lights nearby in line pointing from beacon to aerodrome. (3) Flarepath on WSW/ENE Runway. (4) Bright red boundary and obstruction lights round boundary of landing area and the dispersal areas. These red lights brighter than flarepath. BOSTON circled in vicinity of aerodrome at heights from 3000 to 5000 feet for about 25 minutes and saw several more lots of six white stars fired from air in various directions but all some way from aerodrome and apparently from about 5000 ft.	

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							BOSTON turned in to bomb at 5000 ft. and while diving to 2500 feet across North part of aerodrome from east to west saw landing light of E/A turning off flarepath onto perimeter track. Dropped 4 x 250 lb. bombs one instantaneous and three 11 secs. delay from 2500 ft. ahead of E/A. Time of bombing 0110 hours. Did not observe results of instantaneous bomb due to steep turn off but saw bursts from three delay action bombs though could not see where exactly bursts were or what results. All lights on aerodrome including red lights extinguished immediately after bombing. BOSTON then set course for coast and when about 30 mi. south east of Ostend saw very large fire from point about three miles south of Ostend. Recrossed Belgian coast about 2 mi. E. of Ostend at 0126 hrs. at 8000 ft. About eight S/Ls from Ostend tried to pick up BOSTON but were well behind. Flak bursts observed over Dunkirk on way out and Ostend on way back but not aimed at BOSTON. Visibility very good. No cloud slight ground haze over Belgian coast. BOSTON landed at Bradwell Bay. No casualties suffered or claimed. No failure of equipment.	
29/30th	BOSTON III	PILOT: Sgt. Douglas, OBSERVER: Sgt. Bradley (Canadian) AIR GUNNER: Sgt. Jones (Canadian)	To patrol CHIEVRES.	0037	0358	(cont.)	Crossed Belgian coast between Dunkirk and Nieuport at 0112 hrs. at 8500 ft. Saw Coxyde/Furnes aerodrome although not lit. Set course for point 5 mil SW of ATH and then turned NE for Chievres which reached at 0134 hours. Saw flarepath and red boundary and obstruction lights as approached aerodrome from SW. but all lights doused just before BOSTON passed over at 7500 ft. No Beacon seen. Circled and patrolled in vicinity of aerodrome at about 4000 feet for 65 minutes but no lights see of aerodrome or aircraft except once when aerodrome	

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						lighting switched on when BOSTON was over ATH but switched off again almost immediately. In spite of persistent search BOSTON could not see A/D after lights doused, even runways could not be picked up. Recrossed Belgian coast at Nieuport at 9253 hours at 3500 ft. No flak seen and only one s/l near Nieuport on way in. R/T became faint soon after contacting Hornchurch and then faded out. No other failure of equipment. Visibility: Through-out patrol very good with no cloud but ground haze. Landed Bradwell at 0358 hours.	
29/30th	BOSTON III	PILOT: P/O Lukas, (USA) OBSERVER: Sgt. Randolph (U.S.A.) AIR GUNNER: Sgt. Haskell (U.S.A.)	To patrol FOIX	0027	0412	Crossed French coast at mouth of Somme at 0105 hours at 9600 ft. Reached Poix at 0115 hrs. at 9600 ft. No activity at Poix and a/D unlit so proceeded to Beauvais which reached at 0135 hours at same height. No activity at Beauvais and aerodrome unlit so returned to Poix and then on Abbeville and back to Poix. No activity anywhere and as poix difficult to see in contrast to Abbeville where runways and dispersals showed up clearly in moonlight returned to bomb Abbeville. As BOSTON circled Abbeville a single red star was fired from the aerodrome which came up behind BOSTON and was followed by a single S/L which failed to illuminate. Bombed Abbeville at 0135 hours in shallow dive from SE to NW across A/D and E and N dispersal areas. 4 x 250 lb bombs dropped from 8000 ft. one instantaneous, one 11 sec. one 3 hour and one 6 hour delay. No results observed. Some light flak bursts well behind and below BOSTON. Recrossed French coast at mouth of Somme at 0320 hrs. at 7000 ft. No lights seen throughout patrol except for what appeared to be a line of 5 fires running E. to W. about 10 mi. SE. of Beauvais which were visible for over 50 miles. Blackout good and much better than in Holland. BOSTON landed at Bradwell at 0412 hours. Visibility good, no cloud but ground haze. No failure of equipment.	

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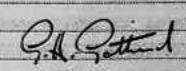
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29/30th	BOSTON III	PILOT: P/O Riseley, OBSERVER: P/O Keyes, (Canadian) AIR GUNNER: Sgt. Poran (Canadian)	To bomb ABBEVILLE MARSHALLING YARDS	0530	0505	Crossed French coast at Le Crotoy at 0412 hrs. at 7500 ft. and bombed target from 6500 ft. in run from NE to SW at 0416 hrs. dropping 4 x 250 lb bombs, one instantaneous and three 11 sec. delay. Bursts observed on railway lines. Recrossed French coast at Le Crotoy at 0420 hours. No. Flak. One S/L at Abbeville which was doused on bombing. No failure of equipment. Visibility good, but ground haze. Landed Bradwell	
29/30th	BOSTON III	PILOT: Sgt. Jackson, OBSERVER: Sgt. Hutchison (Canadian) AIR GUNNER: Sgt. Chabot, (Canadian)	To bomb ABBEVILLE MARSHALLING YARDS.	0351	0535	Crossed French coast at Le Crotoy at 0429 hours at 9000 ft. and bombed target from 6000 ft. in run down railway lines from NW to SE at 0446 hours. 3 x 250 lb (one instantaneous and two 11 sec. delay and 60 x 4lb incendiaries) dropped on target starting four separate fires. No flak or S/Ls. Recrossed French coast at Le Crotoy at 0450 hrs. at 6000 ft. No failure of equipment. Visibility - good but ground haze.	
29/30th	BOSTON III	PILOT: P/O White, OBSERVER: P/O Martin, (Canadian) AIR GUNNER Sgt. Field. (Canadian)	To bomb ABBEVILLE MARSHALLING YARDS.	0345	0553	Crossed French coast at Berck at 0420 hrs. at 10,000 ft. Missed Abbeville and went on to Amiens where bombs dropped on 5 fires which were seen in shape of a "U" about 2 mi. SW of the town. 4 x 250 lb bombs (one instantaneous, one 11 secs. delay, one 3 hrs, and one 6 hours) dropped from 4000 feet. Saw one bomb burst close to fires. Recrossed French coast near Dieppe at 0455 hours at 2500 ft. No failure of equipment. Visibility good but ground haze.	

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29/30th	BOSTON III	PILOT: Stabb, OBSERVER: Sgt. Riches (Canadian) AIR GUNNER: P/O Duxfield (Canadian)	To bomb ANNEVILLE MARSHALLING YARDS.	0341	0620	Crossed French coast at Le Crotoy at 0405 hours from 8000 ft. in run from SW to NE. Dropped 4 x 250 lb bombs (one instantaneous, one 11 sec. delay one 3 hour and one 6 hour). No results observed. No flak or searchlights. Recrossed French coast at Le Crotoy at 0501 hours at 8000 feet. Visibility good but ground haze. No failure of equipment.	
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Sgt. Minson	Sgt. Anderson	Sgt. Kyle														
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S/L Anderson	P/O Young	P/O de Mir.														
	May 2	P.M.	Pilot Officer H.G. Jollymour - J7220 was placed on D.I. List at Military Hospital, Oxford. No Night Flying Operations were carried out.													
	May 3	P.M.	Weather good. Cloudy during most of the day. Visibility poor. Boston III aircraft carried out Night Flying Tests in the afternoon. Boston III aircraft No. W.8340 crashed at West Malling Aerodrome in the late afternoon. Time - 1925 hours. The Crew consisted of 130405 P/O H.H. Whitfield (R.A.F.), CALLR.86384 Sgt. G.E. Pallas (Observer) R.C.A.F., CALLR.76063 Sgt. R.E. Williams (Air Gunner) R.C.A.F. The above crew were all killed when the aircraft in which they were taking off crashed at the West Malling Aerodrome. Cause of accident:- Starboard oleo and landing wheel fractured and fell from the aircraft whilst taking off, causing loss of control of aircraft, and consequent dive into the ground. The aircraft was completely destroyed as it was carrying bombs, which exploded approximately five minutes after crashing. All members of the crew (3) were instantly killed and the station Engineer Officer of West Malling, A/Flight Lieutenant H.W. Riggs 45371, R.A.F. was also killed by shrapnel wounds. P/O J.A. Elliot 104767 Medical Officer of No. 264 Squadron was slightly injured by shrapnel. No Night Flying Operations were carried out.													
	May 4	P.M.	Weather good. Pilot Officer Jollymour was placed on S.I. List at Military Hospital, St. Hughes College, Oxford. Moving picnics were shown in the airman's mess. Two performances took place and they were well attended and enjoyed by the Officers and Airmen. Night flying tests were carried out during the afternoon. No. Night Operations carried out.													

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BRADFORD BAY	May 5	P.M.	Weather good. Night flying tests were carried out in the afternoon. Night Operations were carried out over enemy occupied territory by the following Crews:		
			<u>PILOT</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>AIR GUNNER</u>
			Sgt. Hinman	Sgt. Anderson	Sgt. Kyle
			P/O Yonables	Sgt. McKay	Sgt. Baker
			S/L Anderson	P/O Young	P/O de Mier
	May 6	P.M.	Weather cloudy, slight mist in A.M. clearing by noon. Visibility fair. Word was received that Sergeant B.E. Pillitter No. 62949, (Air Gunner) Sergeant J.E.C. Pringle No. 78361 (Observer) and Flying Officer J.D.W. Willis No. 44972 (Pilot) of the crew reported missing on April 13th, 1942, have been reported to be safe in an enemy prison camp.		
			<u>PILOT</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>AIR GUNNER</u>
			W/O Hopcroft, D.F.C.	W/O Hoop	Sgt. Chabot
			P/O Lukas	Sgt. Randolph	Sgt. Haskell
	May 7	P.M.	Weather good. HAZE in A.M. Visibility poor. Night flying tests were carried out during the afternoon. The weekly issue of "Wings Abroad" arrived and copies were distributed among the officers and airmen.		
			<u>PILOT</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>AIR GUNNER</u>
			S/L Anderson	P/O Young	P/O de Mier
	May 8	P.M.	Weather fair. Cloudy in A.M. with heavy mist, clearing during the afternoon. Wing Commander G.H. Gatheral went, with 12 other air crew members of this Squadron to attend the funeral of Sergeant G.E. Wallis CAN.R. 26384, R.C.A.F., and Sergeant R.E. Williams CAN.R. 76043, R.C.A.F. which was held at the Canadian Military Cemetery, Brookwood, Surrey. Pilot Officer Hassell flew to Abingdon to attend the funeral of the late Pilot Officer H.H. Whitfield 130405, (R.A.F.)		
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BRADFORD BAY	May 9	P.M.	Weather good. Squadron Leader Andersen flew in the Dominie with six passengers to DEBEN and returned the same day. 11 aircraft carried out night flying tests in the afternoon. No night operations carried out.	
			May 10	P.M.
	May 11	P.M.	Weather fair. Visibility poor. Squadron Leader Andersen flew in the Dominie to HORNCHURCH with six passengers and returned the same day. No night operations carried out.	
	May 12	P.M.	Weather cloudy. Visibility poor. Captain Steele of the Canadian Auxiliary Services visited the Squadron with a portable movie camera and put on the movie Captains Courageous with Spencer Tracy and Freddie Bartholomew. One aircraft, while out on a night flying test, landed at the aerodrome on the runway with "wheels up" owing to electrical failure which prevented the undercarriage from operating. Aircraft No. T2243 - with crew as follows: 65527 Sergeant H.C. Craft (Pilot) 876185 Sergeant E.P. Horton (Observer), 877242 Sergeant J.S. Davis (Air Gunner) and one passenger, a Free French Naval Airman. No injury to the crew was sustained. Night flying tests were carried out. No night operations were carried out.	
	May 13	P.M.	Weather cloudy. Rain in A.M. Clearing in the afternoon. The production "Saloon Bar" was presented by the WNSA concert party at the N.A.A.F.I. and was attended and enjoyed by officers and airmen. Night flying tests were carried out during the afternoon.	
	May 14	P.M.	Weather cloudy. Misty in A.M. Visibility poor. Night flying tests carried out during the afternoon.	
	May 15	P.M.	Weather misty in A.M. clearing in the afternoon. Visibility poor. Wing Commander A.H. Saunders 37052 assumed command of the Squadron vice Wing Commander G.H. Gatheral, who was posted non-effective sick.	
	May 16	P.M.	Weather poor. Misty in A.M. Visibility poor. Night flying tests carried out during the afternoon.	

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BRANWELL BAY	May 17	P.M.	Weather misty in A.M. clearing in afternoon. Visibility poor. Wing Commander F.C. Hoppercroft D.F.C. posted to 604 Squadron. The first Boston with four cannons was delivered to this Squadron. Five Boston III aircraft carried out night operations over enemy occupied territory with the following Crews: <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>PILOT</u></td> <td><u>OBSERVER</u></td> <td><u>AIR OBSERVER</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>P/O Williams</td> <td>P/O Marlatt</td> <td>F/Sgt. Bist</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sgt. Stone</td> <td>Sgt. Alcorn</td> <td>F/Sgt. Forsyth</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P/O Vanables</td> <td>Sgt. McEay</td> <td>Sgt. Baker</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sgt. Craft</td> <td>Sgt. Norton</td> <td>Sgt. Davis</td> </tr> </table> One aircraft W8318 failed to return from night operations, having the following crew:- 40197 Squadron Leader P.S.G. Anderson (R.A.F.) Pilot, CAN J5688 P/O W.P. Young (R.C.A.F.) Air Gunner, 7023. P/O S.B. de Mier, (R.A.F.) Observer and one passenger Corporal F.V.G. Miller, 529365, (R.A.F.).	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>AIR OBSERVER</u>	P/O Williams	P/O Marlatt	F/Sgt. Bist	Sgt. Stone	Sgt. Alcorn	F/Sgt. Forsyth	P/O Vanables	Sgt. McEay	Sgt. Baker	Sgt. Craft	Sgt. Norton	Sgt. Davis	See 541
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May 18 May 19	P.M. P.M.		Weather poor. Visibility poor. Night flying tests carried out in afternoon. No night operations. The first weekly conference was held at 7 P.M. Flight dispersal and the following were in attendance: <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Officer Commanding, 418 Squadron</td> <td>Armedant H.C.O. 418 Squadron</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Adjutant, 418 Squadron</td> <td>Navigation Officer, 418 Squadron</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Flight Commander, "A" Flight</td> <td>Gunnery Leader, 418 Squadron</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Flight Commander, "B" Flight</td> <td>Medical Officer, 418 Squadron</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Intelligence Officer, 418 Squadron</td> <td>Senior Station Controller</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Engineer Officer, 418 Squadron</td> <td>Station Signals H.C.O.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Signals H.C.O. 418 Squadron</td> <td>Station Armedant H.C.O.</td> </tr> </table> The training programme was discussed and plans made for training of Aircrew in the squadron. Working hours were laid down and a programme of sports for the Squadron was discussed. The general training plan etc. is attached. Mr. Archie Dale of the Auxiliary Services visited the Squadron.	Officer Commanding, 418 Squadron	Armedant H.C.O. 418 Squadron	Adjutant, 418 Squadron	Navigation Officer, 418 Squadron	Flight Commander, "A" Flight	Gunnery Leader, 418 Squadron	Flight Commander, "B" Flight	Medical Officer, 418 Squadron	Intelligence Officer, 418 Squadron	Senior Station Controller	Engineer Officer, 418 Squadron	Station Signals H.C.O.	Signals H.C.O. 418 Squadron	Station Armedant H.C.O.	See App'n	
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May 20	P.M.		Weather good. Visibility good. Night flying tests carried out during the afternoon. Four aircraft carried out night operations over enemy occupied territory with the following Crews:- <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>PILOT</u></td> <td><u>OBSERVER</u></td> <td><u>AIR OBSERVER</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>P/Lt. Wilkinson</td> <td>P/O Reynolds</td> <td>F/Sgt. Taylor.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W/O Saunders</td> <td>P/O Martin</td> <td>Sgt. Ratcliffe.</td> </tr> </table> Two aircraft Nos. W.8281 and W8268 failed to return from night operations having the following crews: 1083456 Sergeant G.W.C. Harding (R.A.F.) Pilot, CAN P. 74962 P/Sergeant R.P. Shannon (R.C.A.F.) Observer and	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>AIR OBSERVER</u>	P/Lt. Wilkinson	P/O Reynolds	F/Sgt. Taylor.	W/O Saunders	P/O Martin	Sgt. Ratcliffe.	See 541.						
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	May 21	P.M.	Weather fair. Visibility poor. Night flying tests carried out during the afternoon. No night operations carried out. Squadron Leader Ferguson, Engineer Officer for Fighter Command visited the Squadron.										
	May 22	P.M.	Weather fair. Visibility poor. Night flying tests carried out. It was reported to this Squadron that Pilot Officer H.W. Mepes (Observer) is safe in an enemy prison camp but has sustained some injury. Flight Lieutenant Wisman, Intelligence Officer, R.Q.F.C. visited the Squadron and remained over night at the dispersal to talk to the crews.										
	May 23	P.M.	Weather fair. Night flying tests carried out. No night operations carried out.										
	May 24	P.M.	Weather good. Visibility poor. Night flying tests. No night operations carried out. Wing Commander MacDougall of R.Q.F.C. visited the Squadron to discuss the Dega lighting system for the aerodrome.										
	May 25	P.M.	Weather poor. Rain at night. Visibility very poor. Night flying tests carried out. No night operations.										
	May 26	P.M.	Weather poor. Cloudy in A.M. Rain during night. Night flying tests carried out. No night operations. Wing Commander A.W. Saunders visited No. 11 Group for a conference on Intruder Operations review effort.										
	May 27	P.M.	Weather poor. Cloudy all day. Visibility very poor. No night operations. Nine aircraft and crews stood by for special operations over Holland, but were released at 20.00 hours.										
	May 28	P.M.	Weather poor. Visibility fair. Night flying tests carried out. Night operations carried out over enemy by the following crews: <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>PILOT</u></td> <td><u>OBSERVER</u></td> <td><u>AIR OBSERVER</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>P/O Caldwell</td> <td>P/O Marlatt</td> <td>F/Sgt. Bist.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sgt. Harwood</td> <td>F/Sgt. Anderson</td> <td>Sgt. O'Brien.</td> </tr> </table>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>AIR OBSERVER</u>	P/O Caldwell	P/O Marlatt	F/Sgt. Bist.	Sgt. Harwood	F/Sgt. Anderson	Sgt. O'Brien.	See 541
<u>PILOT</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>AIR OBSERVER</u>											
P/O Caldwell	P/O Marlatt	F/Sgt. Bist.											
Sgt. Harwood	F/Sgt. Anderson	Sgt. O'Brien.											

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
BRADWELL BAY	May 29	P.M.	Weather fair. Cloudy. Visibility poor. Night flying tests carried out in the afternoon. Night operations carried out over enemy occupied territory by the following crews: Sgt. Craft (Pilot) Sgt. Horton (Observer) Sgt. Davis (Air Gunner).	See 51.
	May 30	P.M.	Weather fair. Cloudy. Visibility good. Night flying tests carried out. Six aircraft, Boston III, from No. 23 Sqn. with crews arrived here and took part in a major offensive night operation over enemy occupied territory with 9 of our own aircraft. One Boston III of No. 23 Sqn. was reported missing from operations. The following are the crews of our aircraft: <u>PILOT.</u> <u>OBSERVER.</u> <u>AIR GUNNER</u> W/C Saunders E/O Martin Sgt. Retcliffe E/O Venables Sgt. McKay Sgt. Baker E/O Lukas F/Sgt Randolph Sgt. Maskell E/O Williams Sgt. McIllicuddy Sgt. Potter E/O Van Riel W/O Hogg E/O Ter Linden E/O Caldwell E/O Marlett F/Sgt Dist Sgt. Stone Sgt. Alcorn F/Sgt Forsyth E/O White Sgt. Cook Sgt. Field Sgt. Craft Sgt. Horton Sgt. Davis. No. 57705 Flying Officer Z. VanRiel posted from No. 23 Squadron effective May 22, 1942. 64952 A/Squadron Leader, E/O J. Brown posted from No. 23 Sqn. effective May 20, 1942 and he is operating from Hanston.	See 51.
	May 31	P.M.	Weather good. Night flying tests carried out in the afternoon. Four Boston aircraft carried out night operations over enemy occupied territory having the following crews: <u>PILOT.</u> <u>OBSERVER.</u> <u>AIR GUNNER.</u> E/O Van Riel W/O Hogg Sgt. Higgins E/O White Sgt. Cook Sgt. Field. E/O Lukas F/Sgt. Randolph Sgt. Maskell Sgt. Stone Sgt. Alcorn F/Sgt. Forsyth	See 51.

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BRADWELL BAY			<u>STRENGTH SUMMARY</u> <u>AIRCRAFT</u> R.C.A.F. TOTAL OFFICERS - 15 23 AIRMEN - 31 44 <u>GROUND CREW</u> OFFICERS - 2 5 AIRMEN - 89 222 294 ====	
			<i>William D...</i> WING COMMANDER, COMMANDING NO. 418 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON.	

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						<p>7/10 cloud over Patrol area obscured moon. Boston thereupon returned to Ath where considerable activity and lights observed at railway junction. Boston circled on three occasions and made bombing run from E to W releasing 4x30 lb GE bombs (one instantaneous, one 11 seconds, one 1 hour, and one 2 hour D/A) from 4000 to 2000 feet. No results observed. Boston climbed back into cloud setting course for Base re-crossing Belgian coast at Nieuport above cloud at 10000 feet where 5 S/Ls encountered but did not illuminate. No flak on return journey. No beacons seen. No failure of equipment. Recrossed English coast at Bradwell Bay at 2000 feet landing at Bradwell Bay.</p> <p>Weather :- over England no cloud. Over Patrol Area 7/10 cumulus cloud with base 4000 feet.</p> <p>Visibility :- Good out of cloud.</p> <p>Enemy Casualties :- Nil</p> <p>Own Casualties :- Nil</p>	
1st/2nd May	Boston III	Pilot:- Sgt. Hinman Observer:- Sgt. Anderson (Canadian) A/G:- Sgt. Kyle (Canadian)	To patrol Chievres	2303	2305 0032	<p>Boston crossed English coast at Manston at 2320 hours at 8000 feet and Belgian coast at 2335 hours at 8000 feet at Nieuport from where Boston set course for Target arriving over Patrol area at 2344 hours. On arrival of Boston white circuit lights around perimeter at Chievres A/D and two red lights along western boundary observed also three white lights equally spaced from direction of Ath towards A/D though not in perfectly straight line. Orbited anti-clockwise and all lights doused (including line of lights between Ath and A/D.) Boston continued to orbit in wide circles</p>	

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						<p>(anti-clockwise) - and all lights previously referred to came on again momentarily excepting line of lights between Ath and A/D which remained lit. No activity of any kind seen and runways not visible. After orbiting for approx 12 minutes light flak (not believed to be aimed at Boston as it was well behind) and one S/L which did not contact observed. Lightest of lights of Ath town seen but railway junction not located. As Boston failed to pinpoint Target or junction withdrawn at Ath set course at 0003 hours for Goxys/Basse but went off course crossing Belgian coast at Amberghes at 7000 feet at 0010 hours where heavy inaccurate flak and 12 S/Ls (which did not contact) encountered. Crossed English coast at Bradwell Bay at 0025 hours at 5000 feet landing at Bradwell Bay. No bombs dropped and no failure of equipment.</p> <p>Weather :- over England 6/10 cloud at 5000 feet. Over France ground haze at 5000 feet 9/10 this cloud at 3000 feet.</p> <p>Visibility :- variable. two to three four miles at 5000 feet.</p> <p>Enemy casualties :- Nil</p> <p>Own casualties :- Nil</p>	
1st/2nd May	Boston III	Pilot:- P/O Venables Observer:- Sgt. McKay (Canadian) A/G:- Sgt. Baker (Canadian)	To patrol Chievres	2241	0044	<p>Boston crossed English coast at Manston at 2247 hours at 6000 feet and Belgian coast at Nieuport at 2305 hours at 6000 feet. White revolving beacon observed three miles E of Nieuport. On approaching Courtrai at 2311 hours (1) Flare path lights 4/8 (2) Row of 4 or 5 white lights in SW/SE direction two miles E of mile 2 of flare path (3) Solid line of red lights in shape of "V" in close proximity to row of white lights pointing in S E direction with red flare burning at apex of "V" for 4 or 5 minutes (4) Bright white lights possibly flood light</p>	

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						<p>seen in vicinity of Gourtrai/Avallghem A/D. Flarepath lights doused when Boston 5 miles away. Orbited anti-clockwise once but no activity seen so set course for Chievres and en route numerous lights of marshalling yard seen at Ath. On approach to Patrol Area where Boston arrived at 2349 hours no activity or lights observed but runway clearly visible. Orbited V for ten minutes then set course for Mons returning to Chievres when 3/4 circle of red lights seen around what appeared to be a wood about 2 miles N 2 of A/D. Boston continued to orbit for 10 minutes and bombed from NE/SW from 5000 feet at 2355 hours releasing 4250 lbs GP bombs (all 11 seconds D.A.) aimed at N E dispersal areas which together with runway clearly visible. No immediate results seen but one minute later one 250 lb fair sized fire seen from vicinity of dispersal areas. Boston set course for Base at 2357 hours recrossing French coast at Dunkerque at 0000 hours at 4000 feet. Heavy flak above and behind and 10 S/Ls (which did not contact) encountered on crossing French coast. On inward journey one cone of S/Ls seen but Boston not illuminated. Crossed English coast at Walton-on-Naze at 0027 hours at 3000 feet. After English coast momentarily caught in S/L but this was covered. Landing at Bradwell Bay. No failure of equipment.</p> <p>Weather:- over England good. Over France 10/10th - alt 8000 feet over coast. Inland 8/10th at 7000 feet.</p> <p>Visibility:- good 6 - 7 miles.</p> <p>Enemy casualties:- Nil On casualties:- Nil</p>	

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1st/2nd May	Boston III	Pilot:- C/L Anderson Observer:- P/O Young (Canadian) A/G:- P/O Decker	To patrol Chievres	2345	0257	<p>Boston crossed Belgian coast at Blankenberge at 0000 feet at approx. 2355 hours. Set course for Chievres and exceptionally bright lights of possible dummy AAA A/D seen at 0015 hours approx. 15 miles N. of Ath. Lights consisted of (1) Flarepath comprising row of 10 white lights N/S northernmost tip ending in wood (2) Two rows of red lights each row consisting of 4 lights one row NE/SW and other NW/SE. These together with white lights resembling shape of arrow with three of 10 white lights protruding beyond apex. All lights doused on approach of Boston so proceeded to Chievres arriving at 0025 hours. No activity or lights observed. Orbited for 15 minutes then set course for Lille town but no activity or lights seen so returned to Chievres. Patrolled Chievres from 5000 to 6000 feet from 0025 to 0255 hours during which time Flarepath and red obstruction lights lit on five occasions also five single greens and 4 single reds fired from ground at different times and lights put on and doused apparently indiscriminately. At 0103 hours large white flame appeared in sky followed shortly by another. During patrol at 0130 hours while P.P. lights N/S and ref perimeter (but no obstruction) lights again seen. Boston returned to Chievres orbited and bombed from SE to NW at 0257 hours from 4000 feet releasing 3250 lb G.P. bombs (one instantaneous and two 11 seconds D.A.) across centre of A/D. Three bombs seen to burst on A/D. L.L.s failed to release. No flak or S/Ls ensued. During patrol 3 S/Ls exposed but did not illuminate. After bombing run climbed to 12,000 feet to get cloud cover but failed. Crossed enemy coast 5 miles W of Blankenberge at</p>	

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						12,000 feet at 0330 hours and English coast at Dover at 4500 feet at 0330 hours; equipment - bombing wiring failed. Landed at Bradwell Bay. Weather:- cloudy over France 8/10ths cloud base 6000 feet- 2nd Layer 7500 - 9000 feet and 3rd Layer from 14000 feet. Thunderstorms in patches, being at 12,000 feet. Visibility:- 20 miles Service casualties:- Nil Own casualties:- Nil	
7th/6th May	Boston III	Pilot:- Sgt. Himmus Observer:- Sgt. Anderson (Canadian) A/G:- Sgt. Kyle (Canadian)	To patrol Gise-Rijen	2229	2357	Wide course for Walcheren Island which reached at 2310 hours at 6000 feet. Eight S/Ls at Emsing attempted but 2nd failed to illuminate Boston. Pilot began to feel dizzy and opened window to get fresh air and turned round to return to base. Shortly after turn Observer sighted navigation lights of three A/A on the ground ahead probably at Emsing aerodrome. One of the A/A appeared to be trying either to take off or after landing and the other two were stationary. 4 x 250 lb bombs (all tail delay 1/40) dropped on situated position of A/A from 6000 feet at 2324 hours. No results seen. White beacon seen flashing R (Robert) near Domburg on North side of Walcheren Island. Yellowish revolving beacon seen on Schouwen near to Hamstede. Landed at Bradwell Bay.	
7th/6th May	Boston III	Pilot:- P/O Venables Observer:- Sgt. McKay (Canadian) A/G:- Sgt. Baker (Canadian)	To patrol Sindhoven	2219	0111	Boston crossed over north edge of Walcheren Island at 2238 hours at 9000 feet. Passed just north of Gise-Rijen at 2252 hours but did not see flarepath lit. Arrived at Sindhoven at 2301 hours at 8000 feet. Red light about 2 miles to E of aerodrome went out as Boston approached. Flarepath lit on	

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						200/200 runway (lights on both sides of runway). Orbiting and patrolled in vicinity of aerodrome until 2336 hours when 4 x 250 lb. bombs (all 1/40 tail delay) dropped in run from NE to SW at 7000 feet across estimated position of flarepath which was switched off just before bombs dropped. No results seen. Throughout patrol in target area one vertical steady white searchlight remained on and steady about 15 miles SW of Sindhoven. Both going in and coming out yellowish flashes of light were seen on either side of the Boston track. Left-hand coast between Schouwen and Walcheren Islands at 8000 feet at 0002 hours. Landed at Bradwell Bay. Weather:- 5/10 cloud and haze at 5000 feet over target area. Own casualties:- Nil Own casualties:- Nil	
5/6 May	Boston III	Pilot:- S/L Anderson Observer:- P/O Young A/G:- P/O DeLair	To patrol aerodrome in area Beauvais-Mohor Cherbourg-Abbeville	2309	0200	Boston crossed S Kent coast at Dungness at 5000 feet 2330 hours and French coast at Le Treport same height at 2350 hours. Reached Beauvais at 0005 hours but with haze up to above 8000 feet could not see aerodrome. Set course for Malin and when on E side of Paris Boston illuminated by 7 searchlights whereupon tracer bursts in all colours came up about 50 feet above and right behind Boston which ignored haze except to go into left hand spin. Boston flew on SE followed by searchlights and at 0030 hours reached Bretigny at 5000 feet. Single flarepath lit doused as Boston approached. Boston then set course for Cherbourg where single flarepath seen on line N/S. Boston climbed to 8000 feet for bombing run which made in dive to 5000 feet from S to N 2x 250 lb bombs each 1/40 second tail delay dropped on aerodrome on or near flarepath. One big flash seen and flarepath lights doused. Boston flew on in line over	

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						<p>French, St. Andre, and Breux but no lights or activity seen no carried on to Le Troport where 1 x 250 lb bomb plus 60 x 4 incendiaries dropped on railway lines 7500 feet. Small fire seen from incendiaries but no other results. French coast recrossed at Le Troport at 0125 hours at 4000 feet and kept coast out distances at 0150 hours. Landed at Brabant Bay. weather over France 4/10 cloud at 12000 to 15000 feet and haze up to 8000 feet thickening during patrols.</p>	
6/7 May	Boston III	Pilot- P/O Lukes Observer- Sgt. Randolph (Canadian) A/G- Sgt. Haskell (Canadian)	To patrol Gilles-Elzen	2304	0300	<p>Boston crossed Dutch coast at 8000 feet at Goodshede at 0000 hours. Revolving white beacon seen at Hamstead and Willensted and 6 miles SE Rotterdam. Beacon at Hamstead already referred to was in apex of "Y" shaped set row of white lights pointing towards sea. Each arm of the consisted of three lights, white flashing beacon flashing A/N approx. 4 miles W of Goertruidenberg and 4 miles NE of Goertruidenberg row of four white lights seen pointing towards Gilles third light away from direction of Gilles flashing beacon W 1 and light nearest Gilles revolving white without characteristic. On each side of beacon last mentioned were two white lights running in 4/W direction. Set course for Gilles at Goertruidenberg and simultaneously all 4/D lights at Gilles lit. Lights consisted (1) Red obstruction lights (2) Red star lights (3) Ball of Visual Lorenz NE/SW line at NE side of 4/D crossed at equal distances by two bars of white lights consisting of twelve to sixteen lights. Three separate single green rockets fired from ground at intervals of about one minute. Boston arrived over target area at 0050 hours orbited anti- clockwise all lights doused, one single red then fired from</p>	

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						<p>ground, approx. 10 minutes later an amber coloured ball fired from ground from direction of light followed by another a few minutes later. During patrol carried out at 6000 feet dummy 4/D SE of Gilles lit up and two single greens fired from ground. Orbited until 0130 hours when full Visual Lorenz again lit and one single green rocket fired from ground. Boston then made bombing run along course of 240 degrees M releasing 3 x 250 lb (all instantaneous) bombs and 90 x 4 I.R.s from 5000 feet at 0135 hours at an oblique angle across NE/SW runway. All 4/D P bombs seen to explode on 4/D and row of I.R.s seen to burn and in centre of line of burning I.R.s a vivid yellow fire was seen to start and this intensified and could be seen 60 miles away. Glow from fire lit Observer's cockpit. Boston half orbited and billowing clouds of dense black smoke could be seen above orange coloured glow. Set course for base recrossing Dutch coast at Goodshede at 5000 feet at 0155 hours. Beacons at Willensted and Hamstead again seen. Recrossed English coast at Uxton at 1200 feet at 0235 hours landing at base.</p> <p>A/G's Benitz Beediver w/s from commencing of patrol and star- board engine emitting excess sparks in weak mixture. No other failure of equipment. No 4/Ls and no flak encountered. Since patrol information received that I.R.s set fire to an unidentified 4/A landing. Confirmed by P/O Scott of No. 3 Squadron. This 4/A is claimed as destroyed shared with P/O Scott.</p> <p>Weather:- Good. No clouds. Visibility:- approx. 20 miles. Enemy casualties:- One unidentified / 4/A destroyed shared with P/O Scott of No. 3 Squadron. Own casualties:- Nil</p>	

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6/7 May	Boston III	Pilot:- W/C Hoperoff Observer:- W/O Hogg (New Zealand) A/G:- Sgt. Chabot (Canadian)	To patrol Ghiesvres	2240	0105	Crossed Belgian coast at 2314 hours at 5000 feet approx. Two miles N of Ostend. Revolving white beacon (low powered) at Ostend and also revolving white beacon (high powered) near Flushing. Heavy flak and 8 to 10 3/4s seen in vicinity of Dunkerque and 4 3/4s and a little heavy flak accurate for this height aimed at Boston on crossing coast. Red tracer seen N of Ostend. Boston set course for patrol area and little heavy flak seen from direction of Belgium. On R.T.A. at 2328 hours no activity or lights observed. Boston orbited and flarepath boundary and obstruction lights on one occasion switched on momentarily. No A 4/B beacon was visible. Boston continued manoeuvres to circle clockwise and anti-clockwise between 8000 and 5000 feet but unable to locate target. Boston subsequently set course at 2355 hours for home thence to Brussels but no activity visible so set course for base at 0010 hours when approx. 8 miles N of Brussels recrossing Belgian coast at Blankenberge at 2 0025 hours at 7000 feet. On crossing coast Boston illuminated by some 6 3/4s but did not hold owing to evasive action being taken. Landed at base. No bombs dropped. No failure of equipment. Weather:- over patrol area thick ground haze. 3/10ths in high cloud. Visibility:- moderate. Enemy casualties:- Nil. Own casualties:- Nil.	
8/9 May	Boston III	Pilot:- S/L Anderson Observer:- E/O Young (Canadian) A/G:- E/O Duffier	To patrol Leen	0155	0225	Boston set course for Blankenberge and when over north East coast, owing to excessive exhaust flames from starboard returned to base landing at Brudwell Bay. Weather:- 8/10 to 10/10 cloud from 1500 to 3000 feet. no ground haze.	

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17/18 May	Boston III	Pilot:- S/L Anderson Observer:- E/O Young (Canadian) A/G:- E/O Duffier	To patrol Leen	2256		Visibility:- 5 to 6 miles below cloud. Enemy casualties:- Nil. Own casualties:- Nil.	
17/18 May	Boston III	Pilot:- Sgt. Craft Observer:- Sgt. Norton (Canadian) A/G:- Davis (Canadian)	To patrol Middeloven	2335	0225	Adopted course worked out for Ghiesvres which was first target of this crew and was altered at last moment to Middeloven owing to Sgt. Hinman not taking off. Boston crossed Belgian coast at Nieuport at 0000 hours at 6500 feet and reached Ghiesvres at 0021 hours. Boston orbited near Ghiesvres intending to identify position before setting course for Middeloven. Green wavy light fired three times at intervals and also big orange coloured flare. Only red obstruction lights were seen. Boston then set course for Middeloven and circled near Le Galot to identify this aerodrome and Boston's position at 0047 hours. No lights seen at Le Galot and as not definite as to position decided to return to Ghiesvres. Revolving white beacon seen near Hivalles. New runway at Ghiesvres clearly visible and one other runway also visible. After orbiting Ghiesvres for about 10 minutes bombed aerodrome at 0130 hours in level flight from S to N at 5000 feet. One 250 lb 1/40 second tail delay, twelve 40 lb instantaneous, and 90 x 4 lb incendiaries dropped and believed to have burst on and straddled new runway several bright flashes being seen. Recrossing Belgian coast at Nieuport at 0155 hours at 10,000 feet. 5 searchlights near Nieuport attempted to illuminate but Boston only momentarily held. Considerable	

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						Flak and searchlights seen over Bunkirk but not aimed at Boston. No A/A seen. Boston landed at Bradwell Bay. Visibility:- 5 to 6 miles over target area deteriorating during post patrol but little cloud except over North Sea. Heavy casualties:- Nil On casualties:- Nil	
17/18 May	Boston III	Pilot:- P/O Venables Observer:- Sgt. McEay (Canadian) A/C:- Sgt. Baker (Canadian)	No patrol Spaerberg	2258	0200	Boston set course for Alimmar which reached at 2344 hours at 7000 feet. Red boundary lights and single flarepath switched on possibly Berger/Gannon Bummy if not Berger/Alimmar aerodrome. Boston then flew over Hoon and then over Saider Lee to British and target. Poor visibility with increasing haze over target area. Double flarepath probably on A/A runway doused as Boston approached and about 6 searchlights attempted to illuminate after Boston had circled target in two wide circuits at 5000 feet. Searchlights then doused and Boston turned north over Saider Lee and when rear Gunner reported flarepath again lit Boston turned back for target but flarepath again doused and searchlights again came on. Some manoeuvre repeated but neither searchlights nor flarepath appeared so Boston turned north for third time over Saider Lee and flarepath switched on when Boston was flying back south about 10 miles from aerodrome but again doused when Boston 5 miles off. Boston flew on over aerodrome flarepath again switched on and also red boundary lights. Boston dived to right and at 0035 hours dropped one 250 lb bomb with 1/40 second delay and 12 x 40 lb instantaneous across target in shallow dive from 7000 feet to 5000 feet across target from NE to SW. No results observed owing to poor visibility and searchlights which came on as	

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						as bombs dropped but failed to illuminate. Boston set course for Noordwijk and when about 8 miles NW of Gouda flew over two bright rows of white lights at right angles to each other and with a green light in between. Each row of lights consisted of 6 or more pairs of lights set closely to each other. The green light went out as Boston passed over and about 20 searchlights came on almost at once and illuminated Boston on several occasions. Boston evaded by diving to 3000 feet but all time more searchlights came on ahead of track and simultaneous flak bursts seen behind and above Boston by rear Gunner. Searchlights ended about 10 miles from coast which recrossed at Noordwijkerhout at 0050 hours at 3000 feet. No A/A seen. Boston landed Bradwell and then discovered that one 250 lb bomb had failed to release through caused being investigated. Weather:- 10/10 cloud up to 7000 feet over North Sea lessening over Dutch coast and Holland. Visibility:- 10 miles on arrival at target area deteriorating to 5 miles before leaving. Heavy casualties:- Nil On casualties:- Nil	
17/18 May	Boston III	Pilot:- Sgt. Stone Observer:- Sgt. Alcorn (Canadian) A/C:- P/Sgt. Burgh (Canadian)	No patrol Amsterdam/Schipol	2331	0155	Boston set course for Noordwijk which reached at 0007 hours at 8000 feet. Noordwijk beacon flashing W W (William William) in white with white revolving light adjacent. Flew down to Gouda where beacon flashing W E (William Annie) in white with white revolving light adjacent. From Gouda set course for target which reached at 0020 hours at 8000 feet. Bummy at Alimmar lit gave green and three white mortars to Boston when it circled flashing navigation lights. Flarepath lights at Schipol then flashed on and off several times. At 0045 hours	

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						<p>Boston bombed target in run from S to N in shallow dive from 9000 to 7000 feet dropping one 250 lb and twelve 40 lb (all instantaneous) and 90 x 4 lb incendiaries across aerodrome. Explosions from bombs seen to straddle flarepath but no results observed from incendiaries. Single searchlight briefly illuminated Boston which evaded in diving turn to starboard. Recrossed Dutch coast Noordwijk at 0055 hours at 9000 feet. Beacon still flashing. No flak and no A/A seen. Landed at Bradwell Bay.</p> <p>Visibility: Poor over target area with heavy bank cloud immediately to east of target. Considerable broken cloud thickening during patrol.</p> <p>Dummy casualties: Nil Own casualties: Nil</p>	
17/18 May	Boston III	Pilot: P/O Williams Observer: P/O MacLett (Canadian) A/G: P/Sgt. Hst (Canadian)	To patrol Gillse-Rijsen	2309	0130	<p>Boston set course for point 35 miles WSW of Hook of Holland and then for NE point of Overflakke Island and thence via Hemsloorp to target which reached at 9000 feet at 0009 hours. Saw three sets of bright white revolving lights, one 7 miles E of Noordrecht, another 4 miles NE of target, and third 4 miles WSW of Hemsloorp. Dummy lit at Gillse and after patrolling near target for about 20 minutes at about 9000 feet SW bar of V. system on NE/SW runway was switched on for a few moments. Boston then turned to starboard preparatory to bombing run but V. switched off and Dummy switched on. After one circuit V. switched on again and Dummy off and Boston then bombed target in dive from 9000 to 5000 feet SW to NE rising for runway which had double bright flarepath. One 250 lb, 1/40 second tail delay and twelve 40 lb instantaneous and 90 x 4</p>	

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						<p>lb incendiaries dropped and believed to have fallen on aerodrome. Bright red fire started probably amongst hangars which started at NW end of aerodrome which still visible 35 miles off on return journey. Also blue flames seen from centre of aerodrome. One cone of 12 searchlights from arcum aerodrome attempted to illuminate Boston during bombing run but Boston flicked through. No flak. No A/A seen. Recrossed Dutch coast at 9000 feet at 0040 hours at Godesvede where Oudorp Dummy brightly lit. Landed Bradwell 0130 hours.</p> <p>Weather: No cloud and good visibility over Holland but rain and 10/10 cloud at 7000 feet over North Sea on return journey.</p> <p>Dummy casualties: Nil Own casualties: Nil</p>	
19/20 May	Boston III	Pilot: Sgt. Harding Observer: Sgt. Shannon (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Barton (Canadian)	To patrol Busterberg/Schipol	0057		Did not return.	
19/20 May	Boston III	Pilot: P/O Stabb Observer: Sgt. Hichee (Canadian) A/G: P/O Duxfield (Canadian)	To patrol Busterberg	0032		Did not return	
19/20 May	Boston III	Pilot: A/G Saunders Observer: P/O Martin (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Batcliffe (Canadian)	To patrol Abbeville/Drucot Amiens/Elisy Beauvais and St. Valery-en-caux	0005	0310	<p>Boston reached Abbeville at 0055 hours via Angoulesme and Mouth of Somme at La Crotty. Orbits Abbeville for about 40 minutes then set course for Amiens. Amiens/Elisy bombed from 8000 feet at 0119 hours SW/W releasing 1 x 250 lb G.P. No results observed. Orbits Amiens for about 30 minutes setting course for Beauvais immediately after bombing. Beauvais not located although orbited on E.F.A. for 10 minutes.</p>	

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						<p>Course then set for St. Valery / Str-onax which was reached at 0145 hours. Patrolled for 10 minutes on K.T.A. but no activity observed. Boston dived seawards following coast for about 8 miles again making Landfall at mouth of Seine. Set course again for Abbeville where Marshalling Yards located. Bombing run made at 0220 hours but owing to clouds being investigated 90 x 4 lb I.B.s and 12 x 40 lb G.P. bombs failed to release. Boston set course for base at 0225 hours landing at Bradwell Bay via Le Grotoy and Angennes. Details will follow in summary during day.</p> <p>Weather:- over France 1/10-3/10 low cloud. Ground haze.</p> <p>Visibility:- poor. very dark.</p> <p>Enemy casualties:- Nil Own casualties:- Nil</p>	
19/20 May	Boston III	Pilot:- P/L Wilkinson to patrol Poix (Canadian) Observer:- P/O Reynolds (Canadian) A/G:- P/Sgt. Taylor (Canadian)	To patrol Poix	2320	0145	<p>Boston reached target area at 0055 hours via Angennes and Le Grotoy. Heavy flak and cone of 12 S/L at Boulogne. Heavy flak at Amiens not aimed at Boston. Patrolled target area until 0050 hours when bombing run from SW made from 8000 feet. Released 1 x 250 lb G. P. 12 x 40 lb G.P. and 90 x 4 lb I.B. within A/D boundary. 24-30 large green and orange coloured fires seen, reflection lit up Boston at 8000 feet. Five minutes after bombing one explosion seen from direction of fires. Set course for base immediately after bombing landing at Bradwell Bay (via Le Grotoy and Angennes). Details of lights will follow in summary during day. No failure of equipment.</p> <p>Weather:- over patrol area - no cloud.</p> <p>Visibility:- unlimited, slight haze - very dark.</p>	

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						<p>Enemy casualties:- Nil Own casualties:- Nil</p>	
28/29 May	Boston III	Pilot:- P/O Caldwell Observer:- P/O Marlett (Canadian) A/G:- P/Sgt. Mast (Canadian)	To patrol Chievres and Le Oulot	0023	0303	<p>Boston crossed Belgian coast at Hainport at 0050 hours. Search inactive. Set course for Ath but failed to find it or Chievres or Le Oulot aerodromes owing to thick belts of cloud from 1000 to 8000 feet. Hunted for targets for an hour at between 3000 and 7000 feet. Returned to recross Belgian coast 3 miles west of Zeebrugge where identified position and turned west along coast. Near Ostend Observer got glimpse of single engine aircraft against cloud at same height as Boston at 3000 feet and which passed by in opposite direction. Boston went on to Gorgede/Burnes and at 0225 hours dropped bombs on this aerodrome runways of which were clearly visibility visible from 7 miles. 2 x 250 lb (1/4 sec. nose and tail delay) and 12 x 40 lb instantaneous dropped in level flight from 3000 feet on line of HNS/SSW runway. No results observed. Picked up by two searchlights immediately on release of bombs followed by one light flak. Boston evaded by quick turning dive. No lights or beacons seen during patrol. Boston landed Bradwell.</p> <p>Enemy casualties:- Nil Own casualties:- Nil</p>	
28/29 May	Boston III	Pilot:- Sgt. Himmans Observer:- P/Sgt. Anderson (Canadian) A/G:- Sgt. O'Brien (Canadian)	To patrol Abbeville Poix Bourvads Amiens	0033	0247	<p>Boston crossed French coast at Cayeux (near north of Amiens) at 6000 feet at 0124 hours. Flown over Abbeville and then SE to Poix Beauvais and Amiens and back to Abbeville. Height varied 4000 to 8000 feet, owing to heavy cloud generally 6/10 to 8/10 and ground haze could not identify any aerodrome. At 0205 hours dropped bombs on what from faint outline of one runway appeared to be Abbeville aerodrome. 2 x 250 (nose and tail 1/40 sec. delay) and 12 x 40 lb instantaneous bombs dropped. No results observed. No flak and no searchlights.</p>	

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						No lights seen except small cluster of blue lights at off near Poix aerodrome. Landed at Bradwell Bay. Many casualties - Nil On casualties - Nil	
29/30 May 30/31 May	Boston III	Pilot:- Sgt. Craft Observer:- Sgt. Norton (Canadian) A/G:- Sgt. Davis (Canadian)	No patrol Chievres	0054	0311	Boston crossed Belgium coast at Hieport at 0133 hours at 5000 feet. Revolving white beacon flashing just south of Hieport, set course for Chievres and when passing Lille were illuminated by 3 searchlights from EE outskirts of Moubair. Searchlights doused after successful evasion by aircraft. Large fire visible for 15 miles at 4000 feet seen in centre of Lille, arrived target area 0155 hours at 4000 feet. Identified EE but unable to find Chievres although in vicinity to 25 minutes, owing to belts of 10/10 cloud with base closing down from 4000 to 2000 feet in period. No EE activity and no lights seen in this area. Set course for Hieport and at 0235 hours at 5000 feet recrossed coast in cloud. 3 searchlights unsuccessfully attempted to illuminate from Hieport area. Rotating beacon still active and seen from sea. unsuccessful No bombs dropped owing to inability to locate target. Landed at Bradwell Bay. Many casualties - Nil On casualties - Nil	
30/31 May	Boston III	Pilot:- P/O Barnes (U.S.A.) Observer:- P/Sgt. Randolphs (Canadian) A/G:- Sgt. Heathall (Canadian)	To bomb Locuxarden	2246	0211	Reached target via Tergelshalling and Ameland Islands, 8/10 to 10/10 cloud down to 2000 feet in target area. Flew about in target area for 30 minutes to identify target and finally bombed target from 1500 feet at 0035 hours. 4 x 250 lb all 1/40 second tail and nose delay bombs dropped in level flight from NE to SE on centre of aerodrom where bursts observed. Intense accurate light flak after bombing. Landed Bradwell.	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REMARKS
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						Many casualties - Nil On casualties - Nil	
30/31 May	Boston III	Pilot:- P/O Williams Observer:- Sgt. McMilliondy (Canadian) A/G:- Sgt. Potter (Canadian)	To bomb Locuxarden	2248	0203	Boston reached target via Tergelshalling and Ameland Islands. 8/10 cloud down to 2000 feet in target area and only identified target after several runs up and down over area. Dropped bombs at 0027 hours in shallow dive from 2500 to 2000 feet from east to west. 26 x 40 lb instantaneous bombs dropped on EE part of aerodrome but results could not be observed owing to climbing at once into cloud. No lights or activity at aerodrome. Fired at by Fort Mough guns on return at 0152 hours. Landed Bradwell Bay. Many casualties - Nil On casualties - Nil	
30/31 May	Boston III	Pilot:- A/C Saunders Observer:- P/O Martin (Canadian) A/G:- Sgt. Metcalfe (Canadian)	To bomb Locuxarden	2244	0155	Boston reached target area via Vlieland Island and Harlingen but owing to 8/10 to 10/10 cloud down to 2500 feet could not locate target although Locuxarden town was easily seen and circled twice. Dropped 4 x 250 lb bombs all 1/40 second tail and nose delay on harbour at Harlingen and two fires started on quayside visible from 15 miles. Landed Bradwell. Many casualties - Nil On casualties - Nil	
30/31 May	Boston III	Pilot:- P/O Venables Observer:- Sgt. McKay (Canadian) A/G:- Sgt. Baker (Canadian)	To bomb Locuxarden	2245	0140	Boston reached target via Vlieland Island and Harlingen. 18 x 40 lb bombs, all instantaneous, dropped on target at 0004 hours at 3500 feet in level flight from south to north on EE corner of aerodrome at intersection of runways. 6 x 40 lb bombs failed to release. No results observed. Landed Bradwell.	
30/31 May	Boston III	Pilot:- Sgt. Craft Observer:- Sgt. Norton (Canadian) A/G:- Sgt. Davis (Canadian)	To bomb Scautberg	2300	0135	Boston reached target via Noordwijk and Ammer and Ammercoort and bombed it in level flight at 6000 feet at 0010 hours. 4 x 250 lb, all 1/40 second tail and nose delay, bombs dropped southern part of aerodrome but results not observed. Recrossed Dutch coast at Noord-see-see and landed at Bradwell.	

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30/31 May	Boston III	Pilot:- P/O Caldwell Observer:- P/O Merrill (Canadian) A/G:- S/Sgt. Hest (Canadian)	To bomb Snoesterberg	2252	0425	Heavy casualties:- Nil Own casualties:- Nil Boston reached target via Noordwijk and Marken and Spakenburg and Amerfoort and bombed target aerodrome at 0000 hours in level flight from NE to SE at 5000 feet. 24 x 40 lb all instantaneous, bombs dropped and bursts observed on or near NE/SE runway. Recrossed Dutch coast at IJmuiden and landed at Bradwell Bay.	
1/30/31 May	Boston III	Pilot:- P/O White Observer:- Sgt. Cook (Canadian) A/G:- Sgt. Field (Canadian)	To bomb (Snoesterberg)	2259	0015	Heavy casualties:- Nil Own casualties:- Nil Boston reached target via Noordwijk and Almeer and bombed from 4000 feet at 0001 hours. 24 x 40 lb bombs dropped on SE part of aerodrome and bursts observed on aerodrome. Boston followed on way to target by two pairs of Night-Fighters at 6000 feet working in with searchlights but evaded by weaving and changing height violently. Recrossed Dutch coast near Noordwijk and landed Bradwell Bay.	
30/31 May	Boston III	Pilot:- P/O Van Hiel Observer:- W/O Hogg (N.Z.) A/G:- P/O Ter Linden (Belgian)	To bomb & Snoesterberg	2251	0109	Heavy casualties:- Nil Own casualties:- Nil Boston reached target via point 5 miles north of IJmuiden and Marken Island and Harderwijk and Amerfoort. Bombed aerodrome in level flight from east to west at midnight precisely. 4 x 250 lb, all 1/40 second tail and nose delay bombs dropped on central and SE part of aerodrome and 4 bursts observed on same. Four night fighter 2/4 carrying searchlights and flying in pairs observed near Amsterdam on way out. Recrossed Dutch coast at Noordwijk and landed at Bradwell.	
30/31 May	Boston III	Pilot:- Sgt. Stone Observer:- Sgt. Alcorn (Canadian)	To bomb Snoesterberg	2258	0059	Heavy casualties:- Nil Own casualties:- Nil Boston reached target via Noordwijk and Hilversum and bombed in divd from 7500 feet to 4500 feet at 0002 hours.	

A/G:- 7/Sgt. Forsyth
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						4 x 250 lb, all 1/40 second tail and nose delay bombs dropped across centre of aerodrome from NE to SE. Four bursts all seen on aerodrome. Recrossed Dutch coast at Goedereede and landed Bradwell Bay.	
						Heavy casualties:- Nil Own casualties:- Nil	


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Bradwell Bay, Essex.	7-6-42		Navigation Officer from R.C.A.F.C., visited the Squadron today regarding pioneer compasses.																													
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			Squadron Leader Kirk and Flt. Lieut. Stone, Medical Officers from R.C.A.F. C.S. Headquarters, visited the Squadron.																													
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	9-6-42		Day flying was accomplished during the day and night operations consisted of one Boston III aircraft -- P/L Caldwell (Pilot), P/Sgt. Bist (Air Gunner) and P/O Marlatt (Observer). Another cinema show was presented in the airman's mess and was greatly appreciated by all who attended.	See 541																												
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	10-6-42		Very little training was done today and night operations consisted of five Boston III aircraft and the following crews:																													
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			P/O Lukas (U.S.A.) and P/O Venables proceeded on a Blind Approach Course of Instruction at No. 1528 Flight, West Walling. Twenty-three airman, mainly mechanics, were posted to the Squadron today from No. 3 P.R.C., Bournemouth, bringing the Canadianization of the Squadron up to a higher percentage.																													
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	11-6-42		Tests and practice flying consisted of the day's training flights. Two aircraft (Boston III) carried out night operations over enemy occupied territory with crews as follows:																													
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			Squadron Leader Aitken, from Headquarters, No. 11 Group, visited the Squadron today. Wing Commander Cattell and Flt. Lieut. Mitchell, Navigation Officers, from Headquarters, Fighter Command, also visited the Squadron and lectured aircrews. S/Ldr. Hopkins and one officer from the Ministry of Air-																													

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Bradwell Bay, Essex.	11-6-42		craft Production visited the Squadron regarding the installation of cannon in "Invader" aircraft.																					
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	12-6-42		Little or no practice flying and tests were carried out today. No night operations were accomplished. Twenty-five more Canadian airman arrived late this a.m. from No. 3 P.R.C., Bournemouth, on posting to the Squadron. They consisted of Airframe, Aero Engine Mechanics and two Nursing Orderlies. These new arrivals bring the percentage of Canadian personnel well over the number of R.A.F. personnel.																					
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	13-6-42		Day and night flying was carried out on a small scale today and no night operations were done.																					
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	14-6-42		During the day flying practice was accomplished to some extent and also two night non-operational flights were carried out. Two Boston III aircraft proceeded on night operations over enemy occupied territory with crews as follows:																					
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			Flt. Lt. Wilkinson was promoted to rank of A/Sgt. Ldr. to fill the position of Flight Commander, "B" Flight.																					
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	15-6-42		Flying for today consisted of eight daylight sorties and one non-operational night sortie. No night operations were carried out. The Public Relations Officer, P/O Dean, of R.C.A.F. C.S. Headquarters visited the Squadron today.																					
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	16-6-42		Today's flying was mainly practice day flying and there was one night sortie. No night operational flying was done.																					
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	17-6-42		Eleven day and 2 night non-operational flights were performed. Night operations carried out with the following crews:																					
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Bradwell Bay, Essex.	17-6-42		P/O Downing, P/O Foster and Sgt. Potter are missing after the operation on which they proceeded over Lille, Occupied France. Flight Lieutenant L.H. Williamson was promoted to rank of Acting Squadron Leader to fill the position of Flight Commander. ¹⁶⁻⁶⁻⁴² A general sports meeting was held in the sports office, at Station Headquarters, where the future policy of sport was discussed in a manner that would prove beneficial to all personnel. Representatives from each section were nominated.	
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	18-6-42		Ten sorties, day light, were performed today in flying training. No night operations were performed.	
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	19-6-42		W/Commander Cattell and Capt. Godfrey, of Headquarters, Fighter Command, visited the Squadron with regard to operational maps. The Squadron Commander of No. 122 Squadron and Group Captain Lott, O.C. Hornchurch Sector also visited the Squadron. Twenty-two daylight sorties were performed today in practice flying. No night operations were carried out.	
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	20-6-42		Daylight flying training was carried out to a small extent today. Night operations were carried out by one Boston III with crew as follows:	
			PILOT: P/O Williams AIR GUNNER: Sgt. Stuart OBSERVER: P/O Coolrane	See 541
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	21-6-42		Eleven daylight sorties were done today in practice flying training. One Boston III aircraft carried out night operations with crew as follows:	
			PILOT: P/Sgt. Stone AIR GUNNER: P/Sgt. Puraythe OBSERVER: P/Sgt. Alcorn	See 541
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	22-6-42		Thirteen daylight sorties were performed today in practice flying and training. Two night operations were carried out with following crews:	
			PILOT: P/O Patterson AIR GUNNER: Sgt. Girden OBSERVER: P/O Day S/Ldr. Brown Sgt. Jinks W/O Thompson	See 541
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	23-6-42		Day flying training and night flying practice was carried out today to a certain extent. Two Boston III aircraft proceeded on night operations with the following crews:	
			PILOT: P/O White AIR GUNNER: Sgt. Foran OBSERVER: P/O Keyes Sgt. Douglas Sgt. Jones Sgt. Bradley	See 541
			P/O White, P/O Keyes, & Sgt. Foran are missing from this operation. Headquarters of the Squadron played a football game against the H.C.O. Aircrew today, with a score of 11 - 10 in favour of H.Q.	

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Bradwell Bay, Essex.	24.6.42		Thirteen day sorties were carried out to-day in practice flying and training. No operational flying was carried out.																																				
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	25.6.42		Day flying consisted of 11 training sorties. Night operations were carried out by the following crews:																																				
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Bradwell Bay, Essex.	27.6.42		A fair amount of training was carried out during the day but no night operations were performed.																																				
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	28.6.42		Seven training sorties were carried out to-day. No night operations were carried out.																																				
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	29.6.42		Two day sorties and one night non-operational sortie were carried out during the day. In a soft ball game between the aircrew and ground crew, the ground crew were successful, the result being 6 to 0 in their favour.																																				
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	30.6.42		During to-day, 10 day training sorties and three night training sorties were performed. Night operations were carried out by the following 3 crews:																																				

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Bradwell Bay, Essex.	30.6.42.		PILOT.	OBSERVER.	AIR CARRIER.	
			F/Lt. Caldwell	F/O. MacLatt	F/Sgt. Hest	
			F/O. Purdon	F/O. McGregor	Sgt. Stuart	
			F/O. Venables	Sgt. McEay	Sgt. Baker	
BRADWELL BAY, ESSEX.			STRENGTH ENEMY.			
			AIRCRAFT.	R.C.A.F.	TOTAL.	
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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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31st May 1st June	Boston III	Pilot:- F/O Van Riel (Belgian) Observer:- F/O Hogg (New Zealand) A/G:- Sgt. Higgins (Canadian)	To patrol Amsterdam/Schiphol	0136	0334	Boston crossed Dutch coast north of Hoordwijk beacon at 3000 feet at 0224 hours. Except that this beacon which was flashing # 4 (William William) was just visible from 1 mile to sea nothing on land was visible owing to 10/10 cloud and haze from 100 to 1000 feet. Recrossed Dutch coast at same position at 0235 hours and landed Bradwell Bay. Enemy casualties:- Nil Own casualties:- Nil	
31st May 1st June	Boston III	Pilot:- F/O White Observer:- Sgt. Cook (Canadian) A/G:- Sgt. Field (Canadian)	To patrol Amsterdam/Schiphol	0134	0336	Boston crossed Dutch coast 1 mile north of Hoordwijk beacon at 0227 hours. Beacon flashing # 4. Nothing else visible on land owing to cloud and haze as stated in Int. 1. Recrossed Dutch coast at same place at 0233 hours and landed Bradwell. Enemy casualties:- Nil Own casualties:- Nil	
31st May 1st June	Boston III	Pilot:- F/O Linkas (U.S.A.) Observer:- F/Sgt. Randolph (Canadian) A/G:- Sgt. Haskell (Canadian)	To patrol Loosduinen	0128	0448	Boston ran into 10/10 cloud from sea level to 4000 feet when about 150 miles from base and circled target area on E.T.A. ^{bank} without seeing anything. On way sighted concrete runway across north end of Zinder See and bombed same from 2000 feet at 0300 hours. 4 x 250 lb all 1/40 second fuse and fell delay bombs dropped but results not observed owing to cloud. Landed at Bradwell Bay.	
31 May 1st June	Boston III	Pilot:- Sgt. Stone Observer:- Sgt. Alcorn (Canadian) A/G:- F/Sgt. Forsyth (New Zealand)	To patrol Loosduinen	0221	0422	Boston got to target area on E.T.A. at 0355 hours but could not see anything owing to 10/10 cloud from ground to 1000 feet. Returned with bombs and landed Bradwell Bay. Enemy casualties:- Nil Own casualties:- Nil	
1/2 June	Boston III	Pilot:- W/C Saunders Observer:- F/O Martin (Canadian) A/G:- Sgt. Balfour (Canadian)	Targeted To bomb Loosduinen	2308	0126	Boston reached inland believed to be inland in bad visibility at 5000 feet with 10/10 cloud in layers down to 1000 feet and thick mist below. Intense flak mostly light with some heavy concentrated in a cone at a very low angle	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>

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						coming from land to starboard at 0003 hours believed either from Texel or Jan Helder. Could not see coast from 4000 feet approximately over Heerlingen so turned back and returned with bombs over Vialand at 6000 feet as impossible to see target owing to low cloud and mist. Beacon believed Texel seen coming out flashing # and probably L. Landed Bradwell Bay. Enemy casualties: - Nil Om casualties: Nil	
1/2 June	Boston III	Pilot: - Sgt. Craft Observer: - Sgt. Morton (Canadian) A/G: - Sgt. Davis (Canadian)	To bomb Deelen	2304	0150	Boston reached target at a point north of Bergen aan Zee over beacon flashing # X at midnight at 6000 feet. Intense flak seen at 0002 hours mostly light at a very low angle from approximately Jan Helder. Turned south off coast past Oosterdijk and Akhuijsen. Over Harderwijk where beacon seen flashing # with white revolving beam in ring of static white lights about 6 in all. Found it. Approached Deelen whose single flarepath was lit up but extinguished as aircraft approached. Ran across Deelen, recognized runways and ran across from NE to S W in shallow glide from 6000 to 5000 feet at 0020 hours dropping 4 x 250 lb with 1/40 second delay tail fusing. Results not observed owing to sharp turn away. Gunner saw a green very light shot up from ground. No flak or searchlights followed bombing. North of Nijkerk 3 stationary orange flares seen on ground just on coast. Crossed west of Harderwijk beacon still flashing #. Went north above cloud. Burned at Urk and came across Hoorn and crossed Dutch coast south of beacon flashing # X just south of Bergen aan Zee breaking cloud at 5000 feet over coast. Saw 2 searchlights on coast almost vertical searching	

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OWS No. 24228560. 1800. 800. P.L. 81-798.

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						unsuccessfully and after 15 minutes to sea (40 miles) saw light flak from sea 6-7 miles away. Landed Bradwell Bay. Enemy casualties: - Nil Om casualties: - Nil	
1/2 June	Boston III	Pilot: - P/O White Observer: - Sgt. Cook (Canadian) A/G: - Sgt. Field (Canadian)	To bomb Deelen	2302	0208	Boston crossed coast north of beacon flashing # X at midnight at 4500 feet and crossed peninsula. Turned south above Zuidzee towards Deelen, recrossed coast near Harderwijk and searched for target for about 12 minutes but were unable to find it owing to mist. At about 0020 hours and turned north, as had not such margin on petrol. Returned north of Amsterdams turning south and a large fire at Hoarlen from 6000 feet and also suspected dummy fire in horseshoe shape just south of Hoarlen. Recrossed Dutch coast north of beacon flashing # W at 0105 hours and landed Bradwell Bay. Enemy casualties: - Nil Om casualties: - Nil	
1/2 June	Boston III	Pilot: - P/O Caldwell Observer: - P/O Marlatt (Canadian) A/G: - P/Sgt. Bist (Canadian)	To bomb Deelen	2302	0157	Boston crossed Dutch coast at Noorwijk. Beacon not seen. Identified a dummy aerodrome with 600 yds of white lights at right angles with red outer boundary 2 miles N of 'S' Dravenhage on coast. Got lost south of Utrecht. Turned out over Halkes dummy with outer circuit red lights, with green very lights coming up. Alternate runways lit up one after the other. On 2/4 and 21/24. Then a little light and inaccurate flak and further switchings on and off. Turned north and then turned in to IJmuiden from NE to SE and bombed harbour from that direction, dropping 4 x 250 fused 1/40 second nose and tail. Gunner observing 2 bursts on long tongue of land near S boat anchorage (target 2/22 at 2, of 2/41 at 1) at 0050 hours from 7500 feet in level flight. Came out across coast at IJmuiden and landed Bradwell Bay. No other flak or searchlight	

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						except that at Flakke. Heavy casualties: - Nil Own casualties: - Nil	
1/2 June	Boston III	Pilot: P/O Williams Observer: Sgt. McMillan (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Stuart (Canadian)	To bomb Leasurden	2305	0220	Boston arrived NE of Tereshelling at 0042 hours cloud base 3500 feet. Turned back, and came in between Vialand and Tereshelling. Crossing coast above cloud N of Harlingen with searchlights wall to south, dived from 5500 feet through cloud to recognize canal S of target. Recognised target faintly and bombed from S W to N E across aerodrome at 0052 hours. Bombs 2 1/2 x 40 lb instantaneous nose and tail delay fuse, 3 did not drop. Bursts observed by Gumer but location not known owing to mist. 2 searchlights from drone after bombing. Recrossed ditch coast S of Ameland and landed Bradwall Bay after observing light flak cone near Harlingen on double bank south of Tereshelling. Large red light seen possibly Heaks lightship A A at 0107 hours with red glow 3 miles S W of it. Heavy casualties: - Nil Own casualties: - Nil	
1/2 June	Boston III	Pilot: P/O Vennables Observer: Sgt. McKay (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Baker (Canadian)	To bomb Leasurden	2301	0228	Fire from naval vessel 30 miles off Harwich at 2345 hours from two sides of convoy which stopped on colours of day being fired. Spotted target via Almar, Kempen, Pier, Tjenks, Meer and railway junction at Leasurden. Saw lights in desperate areas of drone believed had blackout. Bombed from south to north, across east side of aerodrome, recognized by perimeter track with dispersals on N E side. Dropped bombs, 4 x 250 lb 1/40 second nose and tail delay in level flight from 4000 feet at 0028 hours. Went out between Ameland and Tereshelling at 0032 hours in 8/10 cloud at with eggs	

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0470 W. 2422168. 1806 896. P.L. 21-5781.

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						tops at 6000 feet, aircraft's height. Turned along islands and saw revolving white beacon no characteristic recognized on S W tip of Tereshelling and saw steady bright red light believed burning boat 25 miles bearing 240 degrees from Vialand. Observed at 52 degrees 50 minutes north and 3 degrees 20 minutes east 8 small vessels believed torpedo boats proceeding 050 degrees at 30 to 35 knots. Landed at Bradwall. Heavy casualties: - Nil Own casualties: - Nil	
1/2 June	Boston III	Pilot: P/O Lukas (U.S.A.) Observer: P/Sgt. Randolph (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Haskell (Canadian)	To bomb Leasurden	2300	0230	Boston went via Burgeman Zee crossing coast at 1500 feet, going toward Marken, intense light and some heavy flak almost to Marken; also many accurate searchlights which switched on in front of aircraft and were all round aircraft which was evading violently but was held for 30 seconds at 3000 feet. Crossed target area from Harderwijk going north, turned at Ameland at 4000 feet and as Leasurden was approached at 4000, Visual Lorenz was lit with 5/A landing with navigation lights on from south and a red cartridge was fired from aerodrome shortly after. Turned and bombed from NE to SW, 3 bursts seen hitting just outside perimeter track. Bombing height 4000 feet, at time 0045 hours. Bombs 4 x 250 lb 1/40 second nose and tail delay. No flak or searchlights experienced. On way home crossed between Vialand and Thal and saw light believed on upper works of destroyer at 0055 hours 3 minutes out from Channel. Landed at Bradwall Bay. Fired on by Naval vessels above cloud 5000 feet off a point north of Oxfordness fired colours of day but fire did not stop. Heavy casualties: - Nil Own casualties: - Nil	

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1/2 June	Boston III	Pilot: ^{Lt} P/L Wilkinson (Canadian) Observer: P/O Reynolds (Canadian) A/G: P/Sgt. Taylor (Canadian)	To bomb Deelen	2303	0240	Boston crossed coast at IJmuiden. Over dummy just south of town with red circuit lights and a single 42 light flarepath green lights being fired from west end of aerodrome; height 3500 feet. Flw to north of apeldoorn; as over apeldoorn, Deelen flarepath came on for about 30 seconds but lost aerodrome; searched for 25 minutes, found aerodrome, recognised runways and bombed at 0047 hours from 6000 feet in shallow dive to 5000 feet. Bombs were 4 x 250 lb 1/40 second delay tail fuse. No results seen immediately, but 5 minutes later Gunner saw 3 red flashes followed by flames from target area. Aircraft then nearing Marken Island. Inaccurate flak and groups of 5 searchlights aimed at aircraft crossing peninsula. Light 42 fire at 0210 hours, very intense, from Elation, which hit aircraft wing. Fired colours, fire stopped. Recrossed Dutch coast N of IJmuiden and landed Bradwell. Enemy casualties: Nil Own casualties: Nil	
4/5 June	Boston III	Pilot: ^{Lt} Sgt. Douglas Observer: Sgt. Bradley (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Jones (Canadian)	To bomb Soesterberg	0111	0350	Boston reached target via De Kooy at 3000 feet, Hoorn, Bassem, and the Soesterberg dummy. Over target at 0240 hours at 0240 hours at 2000 feet but unable to identify target aerodrome owing to moonlit mist and very intense flak and searchlights. After 25 minutes over target area and several unsuccessful attempts to identify target area set course for home via the Hague crossing Dutch coast at 0255 at 18,000 feet and landed Bradwell Bay. Enemy casualties: Nil Own casualties: Nil	
4/5 June	Boston III	Pilot: ^{Lt} P/L Wilkinson (Canadian)	To bomb Soesterberg	0146	0414	Boston reached target via point 4 miles south of point van Zee at 3000 feet, Hoorn at 4000 feet, 3 miles west of Harderwijk.	

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						Lantern, and Zeest. Over target aerodrome at 0258 hours and 4000 feet: 4/4 runway switched on then off. Bombed at 0258 hours from 4000 feet in level flight with 1 x 250 lb 1/40 second delay tail and 12 x 40 lb instantaneous and 20 x 4 incendiaries. Gunner saw 10 bursts but unable to identify location. Recrossed Dutch coast at 3500 feet at 0342 hours N. of IJmuiden and landed at Bradwell Bay. Enemy casualties: Nil Own casualties: Nil	
7/8 June	Boston III	Pilot: P/O Van Nial (Belgian) Observer: A/O Hogg (New Zealand) A/G: Sgt. Higgins (Canadian)	To patrol Soesterberg & Leuswarden	2357	0503	Reached Soesterberg via Hardwijk beacon (at 4500 feet and 0057 hours) patrolled in area for 20 minutes seeing twin engine aircraft fly underneath in same direction at high speed shortly after a brief illumination of Visual Locator. Boston proceeded to Leuswarden via Alburg arriving over target area at 0153 hours and 3000 feet. No activity seen but Leuswarden a/d identified from general layout and position near railway. Bombed 0153 hours from 2000 feet straight and level from east to west with 1 x 250 lb 1/40 sec delay tail fusing and 12 x 40 lb instantaneous and 60 x 4 lb incendiaries all released in quick succession. Observer and Gunner saw numerous bursts of H.M. and incendiaries across south east corner of aerodrome approximately on area "X" of target map illustration 3/52/4 of 4/41. One large and two small deep orange fires and one green fire seen to start after bombing bursts, large fire grew rapidly and was visible still still growing from 45 miles away. Recrossed Dutch coast at Wisland Island at 0150 hours and 2000 feet and landed Bradwell Bay.	

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						Visibility:- over Holland excellent, 5/10 cloud in broken layer at 5000 feet. Supplementary lighting report follow. Heavy casualties:- Nil Om casualties:- Nil	
8/9 June	Boston III	Pilot: Sgt. ^{PK} Lookwood Observer: Sgt. ^{PK} Hinchinson Hitchinson (Canadian) A/G:- Sgt. Gahot (Canadian)	To Abbeville & Amiens aerodromes	2339	0255	Reached Abbeville aerodrome via Le Grotay at 0020 hours and 4000 feet and Abbeville town. Circled aerodrome for 15 minutes at 4500 feet from 0025 to 0040 hours with no activity seen. Flew to Amiens/Elisy at 0045 hours and 3500 feet, patrolled a/c area for 25 minutes with no signs of activity. Returned to Abbeville to bomb and found searchlights and flak and visibility down to less than 1 mile with heavy ground mist. Unable to locate a/c or marshalling yards and patrol getting low so recrossed French coast above Le Grotay at 0146 hours and 5000 feet. Cloud 8/10 from 5000 to 7000 feet with heavy mist below over French coast. Landed Bradwell Bay. Heavy casualties:- Nil Om casualties:- Nil	
8/9 June	Boston III	Pilot:- ^{PK} E/O White Observer: Sgt. Cook (Canadian) A/G:- Sgt. Field (Canadian)	To patrol Minkhoven	2338	0245	Crossed Dutch coast at 0031 hours and 4000 feet at point believed near Overflakke and on course of 110 degrees believed overshoot Gilze and Minkhoven which were probably source of intense light and heavy flak and numerous searchlights. Turned W and came out just north of Nordwijk having passed some near ten big fires about 20 miles S of Vught. Crossed coast near Nordwijk at 0140 hours and 3500 feet and landed Bradwell Bay with bombs. Details of lights seen follow. Heavy casualties:- Nil Om casualties:- Nil	
8/9 June	Boston III	Pilot:- ^{BC} E/O Williams Observer:- Sgt. McMillan (Canadian) McMillan (Canadian)	To patrol Schiphol and Soesterberg	2344	0240	Crossed Dutch coast just south of Nordwijk Beacon at 0034 hours at 3500 feet, flew to Schiphol, seeing a/c lights clearly	

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		A/G:- Sgt. Stuart (Canadian)				see and perimeter track. Dropped 1 x 250 lb 1/40 sec tail delay, 9 x 40 lb instantaneous (3 x 40 lb hung up) and 90 x 4 lb incendiaries from 4000 feet in level flight from 0024 to 0034. Gunner saw big burst first and others including incendiaries later. Incendiaries and 40 lb bombs hit across a/c runway but 250 lb caused immediate large dull red flash growing into fire followed after 4 minutes by terrific blue-white explosion with smaller sparklike explosions on edge of it, believed direct hit on ammunition dump at "Y" on target illustration 371/4 of 3/41. Boston over Schiphol for 12 minutes before bombing and 6 minutes after. Flew to Soesterberg and on 22A came under 8/10 cloud at 4500 feet at 0052 hours. Saw bombing at approximately Schiphol and Soesterberg area, and saw flames believed aircraft on fire falling at point about 15 miles NE Harderwijk. Much heavy and light flak near Soesterberg so recrossed Dutch coast north of IJmuiden at 0132 hours and landed Bradwell Bay. Lighting report follows. Heavy casualties:- Nil Om casualties:- Nil	
8/9 June	Boston III	Pilot:- ^{LV} E/O Wilkinson (Canadian) Observer:- E/O Reynolds (Canadian) A/G:- E/O Taylor (Canadian)	To patrol Gilze-Bijon	2355	0331	Crossed Dutch coast 0017 hours at 7500 feet at Hametede and saw no activity at Gilze at 0032 hours and so to Minkhoven at 0038 hours, found a/c lit and at 0039 a/c seen to land on runway. Flarepath. Lights extinguished and Boston too late to bomb. Returned to Gilze which was fully lit at 0036. Bombed at 0100 from 4700 feet in shallow dive S to S with 1 x 250 lb 1/40 second tail delay, 12 x 40 lb instantaneous, and 90 x 40 lb incendiaries. Gunner saw about 20 small bursts but location not observed. Remained in target area for 1/2 hour before and 1 hour after bombing. Saw unusual lighting, report on which see	

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						<p>follows. Cloud from 4500 to 6500 feet over Gize 10/10 clearing to nil at end. Crossed Dutch coast at Overflakke at 3000 feet at 0235 hours and landed at Bradwell Bay.</p> <p>Enemy casualties: Nil Own casualties: Nil</p>	
8/9 June	Boston III	Pilots: P/O Lukas (U.S.A.) Observer: P/ Sgt. Aloom (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Haskell (Canadian)	To patrol Leuswarden and Soesterberg	230	055	<p>Crossed Dutch coast at Vialand at 0045 hours at 2000 feet. Over Leuswarden a/d 0055 hours, lighting going on and off. Bombed from 6000 feet east to west straight and level at 0105 hours with 1 x 250 lb 1/40 second tail delay, 2 x 40 lb instantaneous, and 90 x 4 lb incendiaries. Saw 1 burst of 250 lb bomb just short of perimeter track just to right of flarepath. Others probably fall across flarepath at acute angle, Boston entering cloud immediately. Remained in target area 5 minutes more, no flak or fires seen. Flew south to Soesterberg arriving 0120 hours at 7 miles N W of Soesterberg. Bombs seen falling in vicinity of a/d at 0120 hours. No other activity so returned to Leuswarden arriving 0135 hours. No activity, remained in area for ten minutes and recrossed Dutch coast at Ameland at 0200 hours and 3000 feet. Landed Bradwell Bay.</p> <p>Enemy casualties: Nil Own casualties: Nil</p>	
8/9 June	Boston III	Pilot: P/O Van Riel (Belgian) Observer: A/O Hogg (New Zealand) A/G: Sgt. Higgins (Canadian)	Special Mission	230	005	<p>Flew to Rye, Sussex, arriving over estimated position of Rye at 2335 hours at 10,000 feet. Circled position until 2350 and set course 148 magnetic making track 135 true at 10,000 feet, 200 I.A.S. Flew this course for 100 miles, crossing French coast at 2441 hours. Observed various signs of activity, two balloons one near coast, one near end of run, without characteristics, and one aerodrome lit up at 2350 hours; unable to ascertain positions of these. Returned on course</p>	

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						<p>200 magnetic making track 315 true at 10,000 feet and 220 I.A.S. In the vicinity of the French coast 5 intense searchlights with one blue-ish master searchlight illuminated Boston after one minute searching at 0017 hours. Boston dived 15 degrees to starboard to 8500 feet and evaded searchlights which then doused. Boston resumed former course and height and landed Bradwell Bay.</p> <p>8/9 tenths cloud at 8000 feet over Channel, clear over France. Whillet at 10,000 feet 100 miles SE of a/c, i.e. over Amiens area, P/O Van Riel heard P/O Lukas POSSESS 27 calling Plywood and requesting permission to take off from Bradwell Bay. P/O Lukas was going on an operational sortie over Leuswarden and Soesterberg. Plywood using pack set was received strength seven.</p> <p>P/O Lukas received strength nine. Also understand Boston's coloral was not heard on way back although definitely crossing from 10 miles off French coast to time of landing.</p>	
9/10 June	Boston II	Pilot: P/O Caldwell Observer: P/O Marlatt (Canadian) A/G: P/Sgt. Bist (Canadian)	To patrol Amsterdam/Schiphol and Soesterberg	0051	0241	<p>at 0142 hours over Schiphol where dim flarepath on N4/84 rummy but other sign of activity. Over Soesterberg 0205 hours nothing lit but aerodrome plainly visible from 6000 feet in good visibility. Returned to Schiphol which bombed at 0245 hours from 5500 feet with 1 x 250 lb and 90 x 4 lb incendiaries. Bursts observed on SE part of landing area. No flak. No a/c seen. Boston landed Bradwell.</p> <p>Enemy casualties: Nil Own casualties: Nil</p>	
10/11 June	Boston III	Pilot: S/L Brown Observer: A/O Thompson A/G: Sgt. Jinks (Can)	To patrol Gievres	0038	0341	<p>Bombed target via Hleuport at 6000 feet and 0107 hours and Lille. Over target 0128 hours 2400 feet. In target area for minutes, no activity except one a/c seen by Gunner 0140 at</p>	

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						2000 feet in opposite direction. Bombed 0242 hours from 2000 feet straight and level from east to west with 1 x 250 lb 12 x 40 lb and 90 x 4 lb incendiaries. Numerous bomb bursts including 250 lb seen in copes on SSE corner of a/d, but no results. No flak. Returned via Rubeix, and Hiaport and landed Bradwell Bay. Visibility; over target poor Enemy casualties: Nil Own casualties: Nil	
10/11 June	Boston III	Pilot: ⁷⁵ Sgt. Hinson Observer: ⁷⁵ P/Sgt. Anderson (Canadian) Air Gunner; Sgt. Firth (Canadian)	To patrol Schiphol and Soesterberg	0418	0355	Reached Dutch coast north of Nordwijk beacon 0215 hours and 1000 feet seeing Schiphol lit up. Climbed to 3000 feet and Schiphol switched off and dummy on. Patrolled Nordwijk to Egmond Aan Zee for 50 minutes awaiting activity fruitlessly and at 0305 hours set course home landing Bradwell Bay with bombs. Visibility: on Dutch coast good. Enemy casualties: Nil Own casualties: Nil	
10/11 June	Boston III	Pilot: ⁷⁵ Sgt. Lockwood (Canadian) Observer: Sgt. Hutchison (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Gabet (Canadian)	To patrol Schiphol and Soesterberg	0458	0417	Crossed Dutch coast 2 miles north IJmuiden at 4500 feet and 0253 hours, over Soesterberg 0302 hours 4000 feet. Bombed from 4000 feet straight, level with 1 x 250 lb, 12 x 40 lb, and 90 x 4 lb incendiaries. Bursts seen around intersection of runways in east corner of a/d. Some heavy flak and searchlights. Returned via Schiphol at 0320 hours, no activity, Katwijk Aan Zee, and landed Bradwell Bay.	
10/11 June	Boston III	Pilot: ⁷⁵ P/O Downing (Canadian) Observer: P/O Boster (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Potter (Can)	To patrol missions and Poix	0215	0415	Crossed French coast at Le Crotoy at 0315 hours at 6500 feet. On L.F.A. Searched for Poix but unable to locate same as no activity and no lights. In target area ten minutes then returned owing to short time, landing Bradwell with bombs. One a/c seen at at 5000 feet in opposite direction over French coast on return.	

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10/11 June	Boston III	Pilot: ^{H.} P/Sgt. Stone Observer: P/Sgt. Alcorn (Canadian) A/G: P/Sgt. Foraythe (Canadian)	Special Flight	2327	0058	Set course from the which was identified by line of estuary, at 2342 hours at 10,000 feet. Saw semaphore beacon at Le Crotoy to starboard, and steady green light switched on South of Le Crotoy when Boston crossed coast, and immediately searchlights unsuccessfully attempted to illuminate, green light switching off. At turning point, reached at 0010 hours, beacon flashing "Q" seen about 30 miles away to North. Turned round above an aerodrome with circle of red perimeter lights and white single flarepath, a green Very light being fired as Boston passed over. At 0017 hours passed over aerodrome with similar lighting. One Master blueish and two white S/Ls unsuccessfully tried to illuminate as French coast crossed, were behind Boston. Arrived over the 0034 hours and landed Bradwell Bay.	
11/12 June	Boston III	Pilot: P/O White (Canadian) Observer: P/O Lyles (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Storn (Canadian)	To patrol Lille/Vendeville Vitry and Gueye	2340	0205	Crossed enemy coast Hiaport at 6000 feet and 0012 hours. Bombed Ghalwe a/d at 0027 hours from SE to NE with 6 x 40 lbs from 5000 feet straight and level. Bursts observed on a/d. Arrived Lille 0035 hours, patrolled 20 minutes but unable locate Vendeville a/d. Unable find Vitry. Returned and found Lille/Vendeville and bombed with 1 x 250 lb, 6 x 40 lb, and 90 x 4 lb incendiaries from 3800 feet straight and level from south to north at 0112 hours. Bursts observed on south side of aerodrome and into south dispersal area followed by 4 red explosions and fires of considerable size between 0115 and 0122 hours. Recrossed enemy coast at Gravelines and landed Bradwell Bay. 6 to 8 tenths cloud from 4000 feet to 7000 feet over target areas. Ghalwe not found owing to considerable cloud and rain.	

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*11/12 June	Boston III	Pilot: P/O White Observer: Sgt. McGillivray (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Ewald (Canadian)	To patrol Schiphol and Soesterberg	2350	0229	Crossed Dutch coast at 0047 hours north of the Hague at 2000 feet. Approached Schiphol, dummy switched on, otherwise inactive, so to Soesterberg where intense searchlights and flak apparently directed at another a/c 1000 feet above Boston with navigation lights on which disappeared. Returned Schiphol and bombed from S&S through 20 + searchlights with 1 x 250 lb, 12 x 40 lb, and 60 x 4 incendiaries at 0125 hours, no results being seen. Recrossed Dutch coast 0126 hours and landed Bradwell Bay. Weather: hazy at Soesterberg, clearer at Schiphol.	
13/14 June	Boston III	Pilot: P/O Venables Observer: Sgt. McKay (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Baker (Canadian)	To patrol Minderhoven	0046	0316	Unable to locate target owing to 10/10 cloud cover to 2000 feet. Patrolled in Tilburg and Gilse-Rijen area from 0130 to 0200 hours at 3000 feet which was general cloud base. No enemy activity and unable positively to identify Gilse-Rijen aerodrome so bombed Haamstede at 0240 hours with 1 x 250 lb and 12 x 40 lb bombs and 90 x 4 incendiaries. No results observed. Landed Bradwell Bay.	
14/15 June	Boston III	Pilot: P/O Caldwell Observer: P/O Marlatt (Canadian) A/G: P/Sgt. Bist (Canadian)	To patrol Soesterberg	0048	0347	Reached target via Akersloot, Marken Island and Spakenburg at 0215 hours at 3000 feet. S&S portion of V.L. system aligned on M4/S runway lit also flarepath on that runway and boundary with lights. Saw one a/c touch down but too far away to engage and then picked up by searchlights. Continued in wide anti-clockwise orbit and soon after saw another a/c coming down V.L. Bar to land but dazzled by searchlights and then saw third a/c orbiting with navigation lights on. Moved towards this a/c but at once picked up again and dazzled by searchlights and a/c switched off lights before Boston could get within firing range. Boston then hung about to south-west of aerodrome	

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*17/18 June	Boston III	Pilot: Sgt. Buchanan (Canadian) Observer: Sgt. McGillivray (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Scott (Canadian)	To patrol Vitry-Orchard	0017	0225	Reached target area via Nieupert at 0105 hours at 3000 feet. No enemy activity. Bombed Guey/Spinoy aerodrome at 0140 hours in level run at 1,800 feet along line of M4/S runway between the two landing areas. One 250 lb and 12 x 40 lb bombs and 90 x 4 incendiaries dropped and explosions seen and two fires visible from 7 miles. Landed Bradwell Bay.	
17/18 June	Boston III	Pilot: A/G Saunders Observer: P/O Martin (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Ratcliffe (Canadian)	To patrol Abbeville-Amiens -Mondiair area	0011	0324	Flew up and down railways in area at 150 - 750 feet and at 0135 hours dropped 6 x 40 lb bombs on railway tracks east of Amiens. At 0138 hours sighted goods train about 10 miles S&S of Amiens. After 3 runs to get on line of train and when about 80 open fire from 300 feet starboard engine cut and did not pick up until Boston was below 150 feet and had lost train. Boston returned to Longues marshalling yards and was met by lot of light flak with nearby searchlights which prevented attack on stationary train. Boston landed Bradwell Bay.	
17/18 June	Boston III	Pilot: Sgt. Craft (Canadian) Observer: Sgt. Morton A/G: Sgt. Davis (Canadian)	To patrol Abbeville area	0209	0343	Bombed Abbeville aerodrome at 0238 hours from 4000 feet in level run from S to N across S&S runway on which flarepath lit. One 250 lb and 12 x 40 lb bombs and 90 x 4 lb incendiaries dropped and bursts observed to straddle flarepath which was then doused. Boston landed Bradwell Bay.	

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17/18 June	Boston III	Pilot: P/O ^{FC} Womack (Canadian) Observer: P/O Roster (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Potter (Canadian)	To patrol Lille area	0208		Did not return.	
20/21 June	Boston III	Pilot: P/O ^{FC} Williams Observer: P/O Cochrane Womack (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Stuart (Canadian)	To patrol Amiens area	2350	0255	Port engine out when near Amiens at 1500 feet and petrol started to pour out of port engine overflow pipe. Pilot turned for home but trouble ceased when south of Amiens , Abbeville. Boston then chased train and at 0125 hours dropped bombs on railway junction near River Seine south of Rouen. One 250 lb and 12 x 40 lb bombs and 90 x 4 incendiaries dropped and bursts observed on railway lines. Boston recrossed French coast at Le Havre and landed at Bradwell.	
21/22 June	Boston III	Pilot: P/Sgt. ^H Stone Observer: P/Sgt. Alocorn (Canadian) A/G: P/Sgt. Furaythe (Canadian)	To patrol Chievres	0131	0340	Crossed French coast at Dieppeport at 2000 feet at 0200 hours, arrived Chievres at 0220 hours via Bouhair. Patrolled target area identifying both a/d and dummy and bombed at 0245 hours from 3000 to 1000 feet SS4/BS4 with 4 x 250 lb instantaneous fusing. Four bursts seen on aerodrome. No flak or searchlights. Recrossed French coast 0310 hours and landed Bradwell Bay.	
22/23 June	Boston III	Pilot: P/O ^{EA} Patterson (Canadian) Observer: P/O Ahey (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. O'Brien (Canadian)	To patrol Harville and Abbeville	2355	0221	Crossed Shy coast 6 miles below Dieppeport at 4000 feet and 0200 hours. Identified Harville a/d at 0055 hours and bombed at 0145 hours from 1800 feet straight level with 1 x 250 lb 12 x 40 lb and 60 x 4 incendiaries. Bursts seen along RM/BS SS4/BS4 explosions of good size and three medium fires seen until coast crossed at Le Grotay 0148 hours landing Bradwell. SS4/BS4 rummy two followed by explosion near intersection RM/BS and SS4/BS4 runways one explosion of good size and three medium fires seen until coast crossed at Le Grotay 0148 hours landing Bradwell.	

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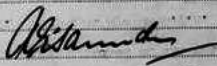
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22/23 June	Boston III	Pilot: S/L ^{JW} Brown Observer: W/O Thompson W.C. A/G: Sgt. Jinks	To patrol Lille, Vitry, Amiens and Abbeville	0110	0434	Crossed Shy coast over Guxys/Burnes a/d at 0142 hours and 5000 feet. Flew to Lille/Vendeville 0154 hours, Vitry 0206 hours, Amiens 0232 hours, patrolling each at 2000 feet. No activity was seen. Arrived Abbeville at 0246 hours. Patrolled Some Estuary area in considerable ground fog which prevented identifying Abbeville a/d so bombed Abbeville Marshalling Yards from 1800 feet from north to south at 0332 hours with 1 x 250 lb 12 x 40 lb and 90 x 4 lb incendiary bombs. All bursts except 2 x 40 lb seen inside marshalling yards starting a small fire. Recrossed Shy coast 0357 hours at Le Grotay and landed Bradwell.	
23/24 June	Boston III	Pilot: Sgt. ^{AS} Douglas Observer: Sgt. Bradley (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Jones (Canadian)	To patrol Gilze and Mindhoven	2341	0157	Crossed Shy coast 0026 hours at Honsstede at 2700 feet. Reached Gilze at 2700 feet at 0040 hours via Hrade. Patrolled Gilze-Mindhoven 0040-0100 hours seeing no activity at Mindhoven. Bombed Gilze-Mindjon a/d at 0103 hours from SS4/BS4 from 2000 feet straight and level with 1 x 250 lb, 12 x 40 lb, and 90 x 4 lb incendiaries. Bursts of 40 lb and incendiaries observed on area identified with certainty by Gunner as hangar area near north west dispersals (marked X on target 354/4 of 2/41). Two fires, close together, larger one to south, were seen, followed by two explosions, one considerable, and both fires, one quite large, seen until entering coastal fog at 1500 feet. Little inaccurate flak and several searchlights followed bombing. Came out down Schouwen Channel 0115-0119 hours and 500 feet, seeing another aircraft flash past in opposite direction up-channel. Landed Bradwell Bay. Clear weather inside Holland but fog near coast.	
23/24 June	Boston III	Pilot: P/O ^{AS} White (Can) Observer: P/O Kayes (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Keres (Can)	To patrol Schiphol and Soesterberg	2334		Route via SS4/BS4 Am Zee and Zuyder Zee to Soesterberg. Did not return.	

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25/26 June	Boston III	Pilot: ^{3.4} W. Brown Observer: P/O Thompson (D.P.G.) A/G: Sgt. Links	To bomb Orléans-Blanc	2320 -2322	0429 -0448	Shah dropped 4 x 500 lb bombs on target between 0027 and 0040 hours. Bursts observed in three out of four cases on or near runways. Fourth case results not observed owing to searchlight dazzle. Four Bostons landed Bradwell.	
	Boston III	Pilot: P/O Williams Observer: P/O Cochrane (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Irving (Canadian)					
	Boston III	Pilot: Sgt. Douglas Observer: Bradley (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Jones (Canadian)					
	Boston III	Pilot: Sgt. Craft Observer: Sgt. McMillan (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Davis (Canadian)					
25/26 June	Boston III	Pilot: P/L Caldwell Observer: P/O Marriott (Canadian) A/G: P/Sgt. Birt (Canadian)	To bomb Beaulieu	2300 -2301	0156 -0211	Shah dropped 2 x 500 lb and 2 x 250 lb bombs on target between 0030 and 0040 hours. Bursts in two cases observed on near runways. In third case results not observed owing to evasive action. Three Bostons landed Bradwell.	
	Boston III	Pilot: P/O Venables Observer: Sgt. McKay (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Baker (Canadian)					
	Boston III	Pilot: P/O Lukas (U.S.A.) Observer: Sgt. Hutchinson (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Haskell (Canadian)					
25/26 June	Boston III	Pilot: P/O Saunders Observer: P/O Martin (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Heston (Canadian)	To intrude over Beaulieu area	2342 -0016	0345 -0410	Shah patrol uneventful. Bostons landed Bradwell Bay.	
	Boston III	Pilot: P/L Wilkinson (Canadian) Observer: P/O Reynolds (Canadian) A/G: P/Sgt. Taylor (Canadian)					

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26/27 June	Boston III	Pilot: Sgt. MacGabe (Canadian) Observer: P/Sgt. Anderson (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Firth (Canadian)	To patrol Abbeville, Amiens/Clisy, Mondidier, Boye-My, and Boisieres aerodromes	0006	0226	Crossed enemy coast at Cayeux 0054 hours and 4000 feet. Track in Abbeville A/D (no activity) Amiens/Clisy A/D (inactive) Mondidier A/D (inactive) Boye-My A/D (inactive) all at 3000 feet, and Boisieres at 2500 feet. At Boisieres (Target) 0130 hours 2500 feet bombed at 0139 hours 2500 feet bombing run 250/250 across aerodrome; bombs 1 x 250 lb, 12 x 40 lb, 60 x 4 lb incendiaries. Rising 1/40 second nose and tail delay. 250 lb burst just short of junction of N/S and W/S/SE runways. Incendiaries burst in stick starting in north end of southern dispersal area on illustration S. 1625/2 of 5/41 starting 3 large and 2 small fires, 40 lb bursts not seen. Ground defence very active at Boisieres. 5 searchlights including on master beam held aircraft, 3 before guns fired on aircraft intensively. Track out Boisieres (2500 feet) down to 500 feet then climbing to 5500 feet to cross enemy coast at Le Grotay 0150 hours at 5500 feet and landed Bradwell Bay.	
26/27 June	Boston III	Pilot: P/Sgt. Stone Observer: P/Sgt. Aileen (Canadian) A/G: P/Sgt. Forsythe (New Zealand)	Special Mission	2357	0140	Instructed to fly to Rye and thence for 100 miles at 10,000 feet on course of 135 degrees magnetic. Lost out Channel D but with intercommunication switched on did not receive any message on R/T nor A/T. Turned at Rye on A.T.A. Unable to pin point position owing to 10/10 cloud at about 4000 feet. Flew on bearing of 135 degrees magnetic for 100 miles at 10,000 feet from point of turning and then returned on reciprocal course. At 0122 hours set course for base and then called for homing and given 280 degrees at 20 miles from base. Heavy flak bursts below and behind about 2 minutes after returning on reciprocal. 3/4s attempted to illuminate probably on crossing in over French coast. On return saw	

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						several sets of six red stars apparently E.S.M. at about 9000 feet was probably over French coast. Landed Bradwell Bay.	
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BRADWELL BAY, ESSEX	July 2.		Night flying tests carried out by 7 aircraft. No night operations carried out. ⁵⁴¹⁸⁷ W/O Hogg, P.O. Air Observer was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Wing Commander Saunders, P/Lt. Caldwell and P/O's Martin and Venables visited H.Q. No. 11 Group Operations Room.													
BRADWELL BAY, ESSEX	July 3.		12 of our aircraft carried out night flying tests. No night operations carried out. 566116 W/O Thompson, K.S. was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. The following is a letter received from Pilot Officer N.W. Mapes (Reported missing on the night of April 28th-29th 1942) who is in an enemy prison camp: "Dear Marty: Just a few lines to let you know I am still living. Our parting was rather sudden was it not. As you perhaps know I had kept account fairly up-to-date so hope that the person who settled the matters did not have too difficult a time to clear things up. There is little to be said of the matter which detains me here. We were intercepted and turned in to a sack. "Curtains". Somehow I was thrown through the parapet. Don't know as I must have been unconscious for several seconds. I came to floating downward with the aircraft, attached to it with the earphone cords, I believe. I am not sure as I too, "saw" black-out to realize much. I tried to detach myself, pull rtp cord, "curtained" again. When I came to the plane had crashed and was burning. I was hanging in an almost horizontal position from my chute. Shoulders apparently slipped out of the straps. Righted myself. Landed first on feet then on face. Black both eyes and bit the dirt. Slipped the chute when I finally came to next. I realised I was in terrific pain. I tried to rise as I wanted to get back to the plane to help the others but I could scarcely move. Gradually it occurred to me that the boys beyond my earthly aid so I planned to escape. Again I tried to rise. No success. I rolled over on my stomach and from that position I could raise all but my head. It simply would not move. The pains in my back and neck were terrific and I concluded I had fractured my spinal column or neck and that it was only a matter of twisting into the right position to place pressure	27-2-4												

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BRADWELL BAY, ESSEX	July 4.		Seven of our aircraft carried out night flying tests during the daytime.	
BRADWELL BAY, ESSEX	JULY 5.		Night flying tests carried out by 10 of our aircraft.	
BRADWELL BAY, ESSEX	July 6.		Daily sorties carried out by 11 of our aircraft. One aircraft carried out Night flying test after dark. Four Sergeants Aircrew arrived on the Squadron posted from No. 3 P.R.C. Bournemouth. Bishop Melligan and Squadron Leader W.Y. McCarthy visited the Squadron.	
BRADWELL BAY, ESSEX	July 7.		Daily sorties carried out by 12 of our aircraft in night flying tests. Night operations carried out over enemy occupied territory by 2 aircraft with the following crews:	SEE 541
			<p>P/O Lukas Sgt. Morton Sgt. Haakell S/L Wilkinson P/O Reynolds P/Sgt. Taylor.</p>	

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BRADWELL BAY, ESSEX	July 10		<p>Poor weather prevented flying. One aircraft carried out night flying tests. No night operations. One Warrant Officer, R65140 R.H. Poole, posted to Squadron from No. 11 Squadron, Odham.</p>																
BRADWELL BAY, ESSEX	July 11		<p>12 aircraft carried out day flying in night flying tests. No night operations. The Senior Administrative Officer, H.Q. No. 11 Group visited the Squadron.</p>																
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BRADWELL BAY, ESSEX	July 20		Nine R.A.F. Aircrew arrived, posted from No. 51 O.T.U., Cranfield. There were 4 Pilots, One Observer and Four W.O.A.G.'s. Night flying tests carried out by 11 of our Aircraft. No night operations carried out.													
BRADWELL BAY, ESSEX	July 21		Weather good. Cloudy in A.M. Night flying tests carried out by 15 of our Aircraft. 2 aircraft carried out sorties at night on flying training. No night operations carried out. Wing Commander A.E. Saunders visited Headquarters, No 11 Group to discuss operations and P. staff matters.													
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30 June 1 July	Boston III	Pilot: F/O Purdian (Canadian) Observer: F/O MacGregor (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Stuart (Canadian)	To patrol Marville, Abbeville, and Amiens a/d's	0020	0234	Bombed Marville starting small fires and explosions in south dispersal area 0115 hours. Tried find Abbeville 0130-0205 hours without success due bad weather and flak. Landed Bradwell Bay.	
30th June 1st July	Boston III	Pilot: F/O Venables Observer: Sgt. McKay (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Baker (Canadian)	Amiens Leon area	0129	0311	Recalled short of Abbeville owing weather. Landing Bradwell Bay.	
30th June 1st July	Boston III	Pilot: F/L Galdwell Observer: F/O Marlett (Canadian) A/G: F/Sgt. Met (Canadian)	Amiens-Paix	0123	0351	Recall signal sent and landed Manston due bad weather.	
6/7 July	Boston III	Pilot: S/L Wilkinson (Canadian) Observer: F/O Reynolds (Canadian) A/G: F/Sgt. Taylor (Canadian)	To patrol Schiphol	0104	0337	Noordijk and Gouda beacons both active but enemy activity and patrol uneventful. Landed Bradwell Bay.	
6/7 July	Boston III	Pilot: F/O Lukas (U.S.A.) Observer: Sgt. Morton (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Haskell (Canadian)	To patrol Schiphol and Soesterberg	0135	0358	Noordijk and Gouda beacons active but no aerodrome lights or apparent A/A activity during patrol over target area. 0223-0300 hours. Landed Bradwell Bay.	

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8/9 July	Boston III (Cannon Intruder)	Pilot: S/L Brown Observer: A/O Thompson A/O: Sgt. Jinks	To patrol Gilse-Biljon	2345	0309	Patrolled Gilse 0015 hours to 0200 hours at about 1000 feet. A/O lights being switched on for 1 to 2 minutes periods at intervals, otherwise no activity and patrol uneventful. 5 searchlights, no flak. Landed Bradwell Bay. Clear below high cloud. Good visibility over Holland.	
8/9 July	Boston III	Pilot: Sgt. Craft Observer: Sgt. Morton (Canadian) A/O: Sgt. Davis (Canadian)	To patrol Mindhoven	2320	0305	In target area 0045 to 0150 hours when bombed A/O from 2000 feet NE/SW with 1 x 250 lb, 12 x 40 lb (1/40 second delay), and 60 x 4 lb incendiaries. Bursts seen on aerodrome without results. No flak, S/Ls, or activity apart from occasional lighting of aerodrome for 1 to 2 minutes periods. Landed Bradwell Bay.	
8/9 July	Boston III	Pilot: P/O Venables Observer: Sgt. McKay (Canadian) A/O: Sgt. Baker (Canadian)	To headstead Le Touquet to Le Troport and bomb Abbeville A/D	0215	0338	Patrolled French coast without success. Could not identify Abbeville with certainty as no activity, so returned with bombs landing Bradwell Bay. Cloud bank 500 feet over French coast clear inland with some high cloud.	
8/9 July	Boston III	Pilot: P/O Patterson (Canadian) Observer: P/O Ahey (Canadian) A/O: Sgt. O'Brien (Canadian)	To bomb large vessel near Cologne x	2305	0023	Found vessel with 5 flak ships escorting 2 miles off coast 4 miles south Oriskany heading 010 degrees. Bombed with 4 x 250 lb instantaneous fusing from 2000 feet at 2305 hours on heading about 040. Saw one near miss within ship's length on large vessel, other bursts not observed owing to intense flak from ships and shore also shore searchlights. Heavy over sea cloud 2000 feet over French coast. Landed Bradwell.	Bruleque sandy
8/9/10 July	Boston III (Cannon Intruder)	Pilot: P/O Van Riel (Belgium) Observer: A/O Hogg (New Zealand) A/O: Sgt. Higgings (Can.)	To patrol Schiphol and Soesterberg	0125	0355	This done from 0210 to 0305 hours at zero to 2000 feet. Patrol ended when all beacons and dummies extinguished. No activity at aerodromes and patrol uneventful. Landed Bradwell Bay.	

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9/10 July	Boston III	Pilot: Sgt. Douglas Observer: Sgt. Bradley (Canadian) A/O: Sgt. Jones (Canadian)	To patrol Gilse and Mindhoven	0130		This aircraft did not return.	
12/13 July	Boston III (Cannon Intruder)	Pilot: P/Sgt. Stone Observer: P/Sgt. Aloorn (Canadian) A/O: P/Sgt. Forsythe (New Zealand)	To patrol Schiphol and Soesterberg	0051	0330	Patrolled Schiphol and Soesterberg from 0150-0330 hours. Soesterberg unit and inactive. Schiphol faint flarepath only, no activity being seen and patrol uneventful. Weather: 10/10 cloud 2000 feet to 4500 feet, good visibility below.	
12/13 July	Boston III (Cannon Intruder)	Pilot: P/L Caldwell Observer: P/O Marlett (Canadian) A/O: P/Sgt. Hest (Canadian)	To patrol Gilse and Mindhoven	0050	0333	Patrolled Gilse and Mindhoven from 0137 to 0245 hours. Mindhoven visited 0215, found inactive. Cannon fired at unidentified E/A landing at Gilse 0145 hours. No strikes seen but followed by brief dull red glow near tail. Dorsal Brownings fired for 3 seconds full deflection at another E/A going in opposite direction 0150 hours, no strikes observed. No clouds pending final report. Little flak and searchlights. Weather slight to thin cloud 2000 feet. Heavy below.	
15/16 July	Boston III (Cannon Intruder)	Pilot: S/L Brown Observer: W/O Thompson and Chievros A/O: Sgt. Jinks	To patrol Lille	0047	0355	Route Neuport (beacon inactive, coastal beacon active) 500 feet 0119 hours to Lille 800 feet 0131 hours to 0246 hours. 0131 to 0141 hours, (A/O's inactive) to Chievros 800 feet 0151 to 0246 hours, A/O inactive but dummy switched on and off twice. Patrol uneventful. Visibility moderate with little cloud and haze but night very black.	
15/16 July	Boston III	Pilot: Sgt. Craft Observer: Sgt. Morton (Canadian) A/O: Sgt. Davis (Canadian)	To patrol Some Valley	0046	0332	Route Le Crotoy 0126 hours 2500 feet lost way A/Os 0155 hours 1500 feet. Creil sought without success till 0230 when returned to base (having passed over Paris 0220 hours 1500 feet). Weather 4/10 cloud 5000 feet over coast, none	

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						inland but heavy haze with little horizontal visibility. No beacons or a/d lights and no signs of activity seen.	
15/16 July	Boston III	Pilots Sgt. Buchanan (Canadian) Observer Sgt. McGillouddy (Can.) A/C: Sgt. Davis (Canadian)	To patrol Vitry and Cambrai	0100	0303	Track Newport 8000 feet, Merville 0137 hours, Vitry 0146 8000 feet (inactive), Cambrai where both a/d's inactive. Patrolled Cambrai-Vitry 0146 to 0213 hours bombing Vitry and A/D from north to south in dive from 7000 feet with 1 x 250 lb 12 x 40 lb, 90 x 4 lb incendiaries after V/L lit up at 0200 hours. Results not observed but a/c seen in glow of explosions well above with amber and white lights on. Vitry lights extinguished and no further activity seen up to 0213 hours when returned on reciprocals. Very broken thin cloud 5-5000 feet. Heavy below over target. E S H 5 seen fired near Vitry.	
23/24 July	Boston III (Cannon Intruder)	Pilots F/L Caldwell Observer F/O Marlatt (Canadian) A/C: F/Sgt. Rankin (Canadian) Sgt. Scott	To patrol Binhoven	2340	0943	Reached target 0120 hours on dog-leg via Caistor and Goodereeds. V.L. and aerodrome lights all on when Boston reached target but went out after one circuit. Boston stayed near target for 20 20 minutes and then flew north to verify position and returned to target at 0215 when V.L. and all lights were again on but all extinguished within 5 minutes. One E/A seen for 4 moments at a distance when it flashed green and white lights. Boston then set course for Base and V.L. at Gilze-Rijen came on as Boston passed close by. Very intense flak on return over Noordijk Bridge and hit in leading edge of starboard wing but not otherwise damaged. Haze thickening over target during patrol. On way out over North Sea at 43 miles due east of Loosdrecht at 0020 hours at 4000 feet Boston was followed and fired at by unidentified twin engine single fin aircraft with green light underneath and was forced to take violent evasive	

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						and after second interception four minutes later probably by same aircraft Boston orbited down to 300 feet and crossed Dutch coast at that height. Boston landed Bradwell.	
23/24 July	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilots F/Sgt. Stone Observer F/St. Alcorn (Canadian) A/C: F/Sgt. Forsythe (New Zealand)	To patrol Gilze-Rijen	2342	0133	Reached target at 0107 hours on dog-leg via Groener and Saxmads Goodereeds. All lights off when Boston reached reached target but after 15 minutes dummy lit and reds fired from it. Shortly after V.L. lit and E/A seen flashing its landing light. Boston gave chase but met by intense light flak with searchlights and then saw second E/A which however landed before Boston could reach it. V.L. then went out and dummy lit and Boston flew up towards beacon flashing W I (William Ink) about 12 miles SSE of aerodrome. V.L. came on again when Boston between beacon and aerodrome and enemy aircraft seen well ahead flying down V.L. with navigation lights of which however were quickly doused and E/A lost to view though V.L. stayed on for another 3 minutes. Boston stayed in target area until 0212 hours but V.L. did not come on again. Layer of 6/10 cloud at 1800 feet with more cloud above which thickened with decreasing visibility during patrol over target area. Flak during whole patrol from Dutch coast to target and return. Elevator struck and holed by last burst of flak but Boston no otherwise damaged. Boston landed Bradwell.	
23/24 July	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilots Sgt. Craft Observer F/Sgt. Morton (Canadian) A/C: Sgt. Davis (Canadian)	To patrol Chievros	0021	0238	Over target area 0100 to 0130 hours but no activity or beacons and patrol uneventful. Landed Bradwell.	

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25/26 July	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilots P/O Williams Observer P/O Cochrane (Canadian) A/C: Sgt. Botting	To patrol Chievres and Cambria	0039	0251	Chievres aerodrome patrolled 0127 to 0142 hours. 4/10 cloud at 1200 feet thickening, and 10/10 cloud at 76000 feet. No activity except dummy off Chievres so turned away toward Cambria where weather thickened to 10/10 at 500 feet, no activity except dummy at Valenciennes. Goods train sighted on Valenciennes-Mons line and shot up with all guns and ammunition from 1700 to 500 feet seeing large flash in engine followed by clouds of steam, no other results observed owing to subsequent searchlight activity. Intense heavy and light flak from Lille and Amantieres returning.	
25/26 July	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilots P/O White Observer P/Sgt. Cook (Canadian) A/C: Sgt. Field (Canadian)	To patrol Brussels	0031	0403	Patrolled Brussels area 0120 to 0245 hours at 1000 feet or below with visits to A/D area but unable to A/D's, which showed no lights or activity. Four goods trains seen at Helmet NE edge of Brussels: one x one second burst of all guns exploded one locomotive with clouds of steam and sparks. Two 1/2 second bursts at other engines missed, but fourth burst of one second all guns exploded another engine with clouds of steam and sparks. Air Gunner fired several bursts at engines, no results observed. Beaudon 8 miles S. of Tirlemont flashes W/O (William Orange)	
27/26 July	Boston III's (Intruder)	Pilots Sgt. McCabe (Canadian) Sgt. Lockwood (Canadian) Observer P/Sgt.'s Anderson and Hutchinson (Canadian) A/C's Sgt. Firth and Sgt. Chabot	To bomb Rouen Rouen/Sotteville Marshalling Yards	0209 0228	0357 0437	Both found 10/10 cloud from 4000 feet down to 7000 feet from 10 miles inside France to 10 miles S. of target which they were unable to find so both returned with bombs on landing Bradwell after an uneventful trip.	

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26/27 July	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilots P/L Van Riel (Belgian) Observer W/O Rogg D.F.C. (N.Z.) A/C: Sgt. Higgins (Canadian)	To patrol Ohent-Brussels -Antwerp area	0007	0205	Patrolled area 0042 hours to 0130 hours when recalled. No apparent enemy activity though MReport beacon flashing M (Monkey) visible 50 miles. Light cloud at 8000 feet with good visibility over patrol area. Landed Bradwell.	
26/27 July	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilots W/O Saunders Observer P/Sgt. McGillivray (Canadian) A/C: Sgt. Kettleffe (Canadian)	To patrol Leuwarden	2309	0219	Reached target at 0025 hours via Bergen and Kampen. When 7 miles due south of target saw two bright orange lights apparently on wing tips of an E/A over aerodrome at 2500 feet. Chased this E/A as far as Terschelling but could not overtake E/A which was still 2 miles ahead so returned to target area and patrolled there till 0100 hours without seeing further activity. Received recall at 0120 hours when on my back over North Sea. Thin layer of cloud at 4000 feet with good visibility over target area. Landed Bradwell.	
27/28 July	Boston III's	Pilots W/O Saunders P/O Venables P/O White Sgt. Buchanan (Canadian) and their respective crews	To bomb Phillips Wireless ER Valve and Radio Works at Rindhoven	2359 0001	0255 0349	Each aircraft carried 4 x 500 lb bombs. Owing to 10/10 cloud with base generally 400 to 1000 feet over target area no crew able to find target though search made for 30 minutes to one hour. P/O Venables dropped bombs from 1200 feet on east dispersal area at Gilse-Rijen where W was illuminated for brief period when returning, no results being observed. P/O White dropped bombs from 2500x 200 feet on railway near Gertruidenberg and bursts seen right on tracks. W/O Saunders dropped bombs safe over Belgium to lighten aircraft owing shortage fuel. Sgt. Buchanan brought bombs back after one hour's search for target. Four Boston's landed Bradwell.	

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27/28 July	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: P/Sgt. Stone Observer: P/Sgt. Alcorn (Canadian) A/G: P/Sgt. Forgythe (New Zealand)	On Scheldt Estuary Roosted	0201	0357	Searched Estuary and coast 0238 to 0252 hours seeing nothing. Weather 7/10 cloud 1800 feet over Scheldt.	
27/28 July	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: P/L Caldwell Observer: P/O Marlatt (Canadian) A/G: P/Sgt. Mat (Canadian)	To patrol Soesterberg	0151	0402	Fired on 0201 hours 15 miles east of Ness by ships. Patrolled Soesterberg area 0240-0300 no activity seen except Schipl dummy and beacon DS near Ruam. Returned 0300 hours as getting light. 3/10 cloud at 3000 feet over target.	
27/28 July	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: P/O Patterson (Canadian) Observer: P/O Ahey (Canadian) A/G: P/Sgt. O'Brien (Canadian)	To patrol Mindhoven	0153	0410	Patrolled Mindhoven 0156-0310 when getting light; no activity seen. Weather 2/10 cloud 600 feet, 10/10 cloud 2000 feet. 7 ships with balloons 4 miles off Ostend going NE reported Group immediately.	
27/28 July	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: Craft Sgt. Observer: Sgt. Norton (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Davis (Canadian)	To patrol Glas-Rijm	0200	0405	Lendfall Ijziden 0250 hours Schouvan reached 0310 too light to go in so returned to base. 2/10 cloud 3000 feet.	
28/29 July	Boston III 42	Pilot: Sgt. Buchanan (Canadian) Observer: P/O McGregor (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Scott (Canadian)	To patrol Bergen/Almaar and Schiphol	2300	0143	Patrols 2355 to 0043 hours from Hague to Bergen/Almaar and back four times seeing no air activity. Schiphol and nordwijk dummy lit and Bergen/Almaar a/d lights on. Three flak ships off the Hagur, two off Ijziden, working jointly with shore S/L's. Little flak when at 500, much when at 2000 feet.	

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28/29 July	Boston III	Pilot: P/Sgt. Stone Observer: P/Sgt. Alcorn (Canadian) A/G: P/Sgt. Forgythe (New Zealand)	To patrol Loosarden	2301	0232	Over target 0016 hours 600 feet after seeing Nordwijk, Bergen, and Texel beacons all active. No activity or lights at Loosarden until 0052 when flarepath lit for two minutes. Boston investigated but found no activity and set course 0054 for Base. Weather 10/10 cloud very broken 6000 feet hazy down to 3000 feet, very clear below.	
28/29 July	Boston III	Pilot: P/O Venables Observer: P/Sgt. McKay (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Baker (Canadian)	On patrol General train hunting	0038	0248	No a/d activity except Vitry a/d lights. Fired at 650 feet high cylindrical tanks at factory on north outskirts of Douai seeing cannon strikes. Tanks thought to be oil but white liquid spurted out and no explosions. Several trains chased at 200 feet and at Hazebrouck locomotive struck with 1 1/2 second burst of cannon from beam. Strikes soon on cab and boiler, flash and clouds of steam from engine, train stopping. Much light and heavy flak from Huisport going out at 1000 feet. Small amounts of flak from several places in General area.	
28/29 July	Boston III	Pilot: Sgt. McCabe (Canadian) Observer: P/Sgt. Anderson (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Firth	Train hunt St. Quentin area	0046	0256	Koelares, Montdidier, Peronne a/d's attacked Boston with flak. Koelares from 6 guns with searchlights. S/L's active at St. Quentin. Small marshalling yard 3/4 of Hoyon bombed with 12 x 40 lb and 60 x 4 lb incendiaries. Bursts seen on tracks and at side, where large white fire started and 3 smaller ones. 2 ships larger than minesweepers seen 0130 off Skone and reported. 1 x 250 lb saved for train which did not materialise and brought back.	
28/29 July	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: Sgt. Craft Observer: P/Sgt. Norton (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Davis (Canadian)	Train hunt Mons area	0049	0357	Fired one second burst of cannon at loco just north of Mons, aim too high. Train not found again. Mons-Kille, Ath area searched for trains at 1500-2500 feet but not able to get sights on any. No aerodrome activity except Marville a/d lights. Little cloud good visibility.	

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29/30 July	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilots: L Wilkinson (Canadian) Observer: P/O Reynolds (Canadian) A/G: P/Sgt. Taylor (Canadian)	To patrol Schiphol and Boosterberg	0425	0424	Unidentified 4/A flashed past opposite direction 0220 hours. Noordijk beacon active 0229. 0234 Schiphol dummy lit. No A/B or air activity in Schiphol-Boosterberg area 0234-0312 hours. Gouda beacon active. 0312 attacked goods train north of Gorinchem with 2 x 2 second bursts of cannon, strikes seen along train and on engine which stopped in cloud of steam. Long range tanks jammed off so left target area 0320 hours. Weather over targets 4/10 down from 800 feet very hazy ground level.	
29/30 July	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilots: P/O Lukas (USA) Observer: P/O McGregor (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Haskell (RAF/USA)	To patrol Gilde and Minkhoven	0134	0427	Schoon beacon active 0210 hours. At Noordijk cloud cloud became 9/10 down almost to ground. Turned one STA Gilde in thick cloud and came out as activity impossible. Orbited Schoon beacon 0300-0330 seeing one unidentified A/G flying low and west, which was lost in haze. Searched coast north to Den Helder for aircraft or ships without success. Coming south, 5 miles off Ostend at 0344 hours five flak ships around larger vessel fired on Boston, one shell bursting inside rear of port nacelle burst in tyre and slightly smacking wounding gunner in leg. One flak shot up during evasive action cannon strikes being seen along deck. Boston ran off runway on landing owing burst tyre but undamaged apart from shellhole, tyre and possibly strained undercarriage.	
30/31 July	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilots: Sgt. Jackson Observer: W/O Rote (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Moffat	To patrol Louswarden	2259	2347	Recalled after nine minutes and landed Bradwell.	

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30/31 July	Boston III's	Pilots: S/L Brown P/L Van Riel (Belgian) P/O Lukas (USA) P/Sgt. Stone and their respective crews	To bomb Philips valve and radio works at Minkhoven	0015, 1st -0020, 2nd	0157 -0251	P/Sgt. Stone delayed by burst tyre. Each aircraft carried 4 x 500 lb bombs with 11 second tail delay. S/L Brown arrived over target at 0133 hours and bombed plant Y on target map from 400 feet in run from H to S. Bombs dropped in simultaneous release and believed to have fallen squarely on centre of plant from which pall of white smoke was seen to rise three minutes later. P/O Lukas arrived over target at 0123 hours and after one circuit of the town bombed plant X on target map from 600 feet in run from H to S. Bombs dropped in simultaneous release and believed to have fallen squarely on centre to Sd portion of plant from which cloud of smoke seen to rise almost immediately. P/Sgt. Stone arrived over target at 0240 hours and bombed plant Y in run from S to W from 500 feet. Bombs dropped simultaneously and believed to have fallen on southern block of buildings in plant. Smoke seen to rise and flashes of light as if from breaking windows. Neither S/L Brown nor P/Sgt. Stone got any flak. P/O Lukas aircraft hit by bullets from gun posts at Minkhoven aerodrome when same was flown over at 200 feet on way to target. P/L Van Riel forced to return from Belgian coast owing to compass error but saw following enemy shipping of Belgian coast which reported at once to Group by telephone. Two convoys 5 to 10 miles off Belgian coast sailing in opposite direction and about 10 miles apart. One convoy sailing W was off Ostend at 0036 hours and comprised one large ship of 10,000 plus tons escorted by 10 small vessels. The other convoy sailing SdS comprised 6 plus medium	

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BRADWELL BAY ESSEX	AUG. 5.		Six of our aircraft carried out night flying tests. No. night operations carried out. All members of aircrew and officers of the station were invited to attend a swimming and sports meet at the Royal Naval Station, Brightlingsea.																
BRADWELL BAY, ESSEX	AUG. 6.		Two of our aircraft carried out night flying tests. Two aircraft carried out local night flying. Two aircraft carried out night operations over enemy occupied territory with the following crews:	See 541															
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			W/O A.E. Saunders, W/O G.H. Gathral and P/O Collins visited R.A.F. Station, Debden by air re Barrack damages. W/O A.E. Saunders and P/O Reynolds took Boston Aircraft to R.A.F. Station, Furton and attended conference in Navigation the following day.																
BRADWELL BAY, ESSEX	AUG. 7.		Seven of our aircraft carried out night flying tests. Wing Commander A.E. Saunders and P/O Reynolds visited No. 11 Group Operations, on way back to Squadron.																
BRADWELL BAY, ESSEX	AUG. 8.		Two of our aircraft carried out night flying tests. Wing Commander A.E. Saunders and P/O Reynolds returned to the Squadron by road from Headquarters No. 11 Group.																
BRADWELL BAY, ESSEX	AUG. 9.		Seven of our aircraft carried out night flying tests. A BOSTON aircraft carried out night operations over enemy occupied territory with the following crews:-	See 541															
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			The Sutton and Chess Repertory Co. presented "They Fly by Twilight" in the HAAPI. This was well attended by officers, airmen and their guests and the performance of this theatrical company was once again well received by all who attended.																

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BRADWELL BAY, ESSEX	AUG. 10		Seven of our aircraft carried out night flying tests during daylight. One Boston aircraft carried out night operations over enemy occupied territory with the following crews: Pilot: S/L Wilkinson Observer: P/O Reynolds, Air Gunner: P/Sgt. Taylor. Wing Commander A.E. Saunders and P/O Field visited R.C.A.F. Headquarters for an interview with Air Marshal Edwards. Flight Lieutenant McBride, W/O Poye and two Flight Sergeants (ROAF Central Trade Test Board) arrived to Trade test Canadian airmen. ROAF Central Trade Test Board completed Trade testing of Canadian airmen. The Canadian Auxiliary Services presented the movie "The Mortal Storm" in the airmen's mess. This picture was very well attended and appreciated by all who saw it.	See 541												
BRADWELL BAY, ESSEX	AUG. 11.		Night flying tests were carried out by 8 aircraft during the afternoon. 3 aircraft took part in local flying at night. No night operations were carried out.													
BRADWELL BAY, ESSEX	AUG. 12.		Night flying tests were carried out by 16 aircraft during the afternoon. 1 Boston aircraft carried out night operations and patrols over enemy occupied territory with the following crews:	See 541.												
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			Sgt. Craft proceeded to West Helling on B.A.T. Course. Wing Commander A.E. Saunders visited H.Q. 11 Group by air. Wing Commander Conn and Flight Lieutenant Thompson of R.C.A.F. Headquarters visited the Squadron re. the Squadron Daily Diary and History of events etc.													
BRADWELL BAY, ESSEX	AUG. 13.		Night flying tests were carried out by eight of our aircraft. Local night flying was carried out by 6 of our aircraft. No night operations were carried out. Flight Lieutenant J.R. Cockton, D.P.C. reported to the Squadron to take up the duties of Squadron Navigation Officer. Wing Commander A.E. Saunders proceeded by air to H.Q. No. 11 Group to interview Air Officer in Chief. Word was received that W/O Foote was appointed to a commission as Pilot Officer (Observer).	72												

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BRADWELL BAY, ESSEX	AUG 14.		Group Captain Heald, Air Ministry and Flight Lieutenant Thompson, R.C.A.F. Headquarters visited the Squadron re Intelligence matters. Night flying was continued with 10 of our aircraft carrying out sorties during the daytime. No. night operations were carried out.	
BRADWELL BAY, ESSEX	AUG 15.		Night flying was carried out by 10 of our aircraft in night flying tests. No night operations were carried out.	
BRADWELL BAY, ESSEX	AUG 16.		thirteen of our aircraft carried out night flying tests during daylight. No night operations were carried out.	
BRADWELL BAY, ESSEX	AUG 17.		Ten of our aircraft carried out night flying tests. Four aircraft carried out local night flying. One aircraft Boston III carried out night operations over enemy occupied territory with the following crew: <u>PILOT</u> <u>OBSERVER</u> <u>AIR GUNNER</u> W/O Saunders P/Sgt. Alcorn Sgt. Batcliffe.	SEE 541
			One aircraft Boston III No. W 8350 with the following crew were reported missing from night operations over enemy occupied territory:- Pilot: R.93183 Sgt. McCabe, Observer: R85883 P/Sgt. Hutchison, Air Gunner 1112578 Sgt. Pirth.	
BRADWELL BAY, ESSEX	AUG 18.		Wing Commander A.E. Saunders visited Northolt to attend a conference on operations. The film "Underground" was shown by Capt. Steele (Canadian Auxiliary Services) in the airman's mess and enjoyed by all who attended. 12 aircraft carried out night flying tests during daylight and 2 aircraft carried out local flying at night. One aircraft carried out night operations over enemy occupied territory with the following crew: <u>PILOT</u> <u>OBSERVER</u> <u>AIR GUNNER</u> S/L Caldwell P/O Marlatt P/O Blat	SEE 541
BRADWELL BAY, ESSEX	AUG 19.		8 aircraft carried out night flying tests during daylight. One aircraft carried out night operations over enemy occupied territory with the following crew: <u>PILOT</u> <u>OBSERVER</u> <u>AIR GUNNER</u> Sgt. Jackson, P/O Foote SET. McNeil	See 541
			The following crews took part in the JUBILEE operations:- P/O Venables, P/Sgt Norton Sgt. Baker	

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	(Cont)		and Sgt. Buchanan, P/O Mc Gillicuddy, Sgt. Scott who were engaged in operations. Wing Commander A.E. Saunders proceeded by air to Ford re the crew of Sgt. Buchanan, P/O McGillicuddy, and Sgt. Scott which was picked up at sea during Jubilee operations. The heroic work of Sgt. Scott who saved the others in the crew from drowning has merited him the award of Distinguished Flying Medal. Sgt. Buchanan and Sgt. Scott both received injuries and were taken to the Royal West Sussex Hospital where they are making satisfactory recovery from minor injuries and shock. Pilot Officer McGillicuddy was taken to Little Hampton Cottage Hospital where he subsequently died (07.15 hours 20/8/42) due to fractured femur and abdominal injuries. Wing Commander A.E. Saunders returned by road to the Squadron from Ford. There was a Softball practice for the Squadron team as arrangements are being made to play a Canadian Army team on 22/8/42. 3 P/O's and 6 Sergeants all aircrew posted here.	SEE 541.
BRADWELL BAY, ESSEX	AUG 20.		Night flying tests were carried out by 18 aircraft during daylight. Local night flying was carried out by 5 of our aircraft. Two aircraft carried out night operations over enemy occupied territory with the following crews: <u>PILOT</u> <u>OBSERVER</u> <u>AIR GUNNER</u> P/Sgt. Stone P/Sgt. Alcorn P/Sgt. Forsythe P/O Persian P/O McGregor Sgt. Stuart.	SEE 541.
			Lord Trenchard, Air Marshal of Royal Air Force visited the Squadron. Word was received that J 15647 Pilot Officer P.C. McGillicuddy had died at 07.15 hours at Little Hampton Cottage Hospital and that the funeral was to be held on Monday August 24th.	
BRADWELL BAY, ESSEX	AUG 21.		^{and Saunders} Captain DeLamar, Under Secretary of State for Air visited the Squadron. Flying continued with 12 of our aircraft carrying out night flying tests during daylight. No. night operations carried out.	
BRADWELL BAY, ESSEX	AUG 22.		Capt. Steele of the Canadian Auxiliary Services brought the team of the 1st Canadian Heavy Anti Aircraft Regiment to play the Squadron team at softball. The game was well attended and enjoyed by all. The game was won by No. 418 Squadron with a score of 8-7.	53 00

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BRADWELL BAY, ESSEX	AUG 23		Flying continued with 11 of our aircraft carrying out night flying tests during daylight. No night operations carried out due to poor weather conditions.																
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BRADWELL BAY, ESSEX	AUG 25		Flying continued with 11 of our aircraft carrying out night flying tests during daylight. No night operations were carried out. Sergeant Lockwood proceeded to West Malling to take R.A.T. Course. Air Marshal L.S. Broadner, Air Marshal Collard and Wing Commander Campbell visited the Squadron to meet the Canadian personnel.																
BRADWELL BAY, ESSEX	AUG 26		Night flying tests were carried out by 13 of our aircraft during daylight. No night operations carried out. A movie "Seven Sinners" was shown to all Squadron Officers and Aircrew in the Intelligence Briefing Room and was enjoyed by all who attended.																
BRADWELL BAY, ESSEX	AUG 27		Wing Commander A.E. Saunders visited London to see a showing of "Diappe Raid" at the Curson Cinema. The movie "Seven Sinners" was shown to airmen in the airmen's mess and was enjoyed by all. This picture was supplied by Mr. K. Dalziel (Canadian Auxiliary Services) and the machine was operated by personnel of this Squadron.																

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BRADWELL BAY, ESSEX	AUG 28		Wing Commander Saunders visited Headquarters No. 11 Group for an interview with Air Officer in Chief Headquarters No. 11 Group. An ENSA concert "Piccadilly Revels" was presented in the NAAFI, and enjoyed by all who attended. 5 Boston III aircraft carried out night operations over enemy occupied territory with the following crews: <table border="0" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>PILOT</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>OBSERVER</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>AIR GUNNER</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>S/L Wilkinson</td> <td>F/O Reynolds</td> <td>F/Sgt. Taylor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F/O Spencer</td> <td>F/O Bourgeois</td> <td>Sgt. Heseltine</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F/O Lukas</td> <td>F/Sgt. Randolph</td> <td>Sgt. Jinks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F/O Williams</td> <td>F/O Cochrane</td> <td>Sgt. Botting</td> </tr> </table> <p>One of the Boston III aircraft No. W8262 was reported missing on operations with the following crew: Pilot: E95411 Sgt. Colter, J.C. (RCAF), Observer: W105569 Sgt. McKern, R.J. (RCAF) and Air Gunner 978098 Sgt. McBain, A.G. (RAF).</p>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>AIR GUNNER</u>	S/L Wilkinson	F/O Reynolds	F/Sgt. Taylor	F/O Spencer	F/O Bourgeois	Sgt. Heseltine	F/O Lukas	F/Sgt. Randolph	Sgt. Jinks	F/O Williams	F/O Cochrane	Sgt. Botting	See 541			
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BRADWELL BAY, ESSEX	AUG 30		Flying continued and 15 aircraft carried out night flying tests in the afternoon. A softball game was played between this Squadron and Canadian Army team, the score was 13-1 for No. 418 Squadron. No night operations carried out.																			
BRADWELL BAY, ESSEX	AUG 31		One Boston III aircraft left to patrol over enemy occupied territory but were recalled to the station after crossing the channel, and had the following crew: <table border="0" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>PILOT</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>OBSERVER</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>AIR GUNNER</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>W.C. Saunders</td> <td>F/O Martin</td> <td>Sgt. Ratcliffe.</td> </tr> </table> <p>Seven other crews were held in readiness but did not take off for night operations from this station. Air Commodore Toomer, D.F.C. Fighter Command, visited Squadron re Night Operations, etc. W/Odr. A.E. Saunders visited Sgt. McSpence by road to visit Operations Room.</p>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>AIR GUNNER</u>	W.C. Saunders	F/O Martin	Sgt. Ratcliffe.	See 541.												
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		30:7:42	CAN/261070 Sergeant Foxon, J.A. CAN/3.7522 Pilot Officer Keyes, T.E.E.	Bodies washed ashore at Tereschelling, Holland.	
		4:8:42	85274 Acting Flight Lieutenant Love, A.J. 548647 Flight Sergeant Bunting, M.H. 978862 Flight Sergeant Tilly, H.E.D.	Buried in French Military cemetery, Montdidier.	
		5:8:42	01611 Flying Officer Askwith, R.J.		
		21:8:42	J.8402 Pilot Officer Patterson, R.S. R.54319 Sergeant O'Brien, G.O.		
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			Officers	9	22
			Airmen	16	39
<u>GROUND CREW</u>					
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			Airmen	135	233
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31 July 1 August	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: Sgt. Craft Observer: P/Sgt. Norton (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Davis (Canadian)	To patrol Schiphol Soesterberg Deelen	2256	0230	Over target area 0046-0115 hours. One unidentified a/c seen by gunner momentarily at 500 yards near Schiphol. No other apparent enemy activity except Schiphol lit for few minutes at 0020 hours.	
31 July 1 August	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: A/G Washles Observer: P/Sgt. Makoy (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. Makoy (Canadian)	To patrol Schiphol Soesterberg Deelen	0017	0323	Over target area 0119-0218 hours. No apparent activity.	
31 July 1 August	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: P/Sgt. Stone Observer: P/Sgt. Aloom (Canadian) A/G: P/Sgt. Forgytho (Canadian)	To patrol Loosdun	2354	0342	Over target area 0120-0215 hours. No apparent activity.	
31 July 1 August	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: P/O Patterson (Canadian) Observer: P/O Ahey (Canadian) A/G: Sgt. O'Brien (Canadian)	To patrol Loosdun	2241		Did not return.	
31 July 1 August	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: P/O Caldwell Observer: P/O Harlatt (Canadian) A/G: P/Sgt. Hilt (Canadian)	To patrol Loosdun	0051	0430	Over target area 0240-0320 hours. No apparent activity. One unidentified aircraft sighted on way in near Noordwijk.	
31 July 1 August	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: A/G Brown Observer: A/G Thompson A/G: Sgt. Jinks	To patrol Schiphol Soesterberg DEELEN	0120	0454	Over target area 0240-0340 hours. No apparent activity. At 0352 hours sighted goods train going east on line between Aerfoort and Apeldoorn. Fired two three second bursts from cannon from 400 feet. On first occasion slightly overshoot and hit track ahead of engine. Strikes observed on train but	CC CC

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1/2 August	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot Sgt. Buchanan Obs. P/Sgt. McGillicuddy WO/AG Sgt. Scott (All RCAP)	No patrol Gilze and Eindhoven	0205	0205	but not on engine in second burst. Over target area 0200-0230 hours. Overshot by J4-66 Night fighter. Rear Gunner fired two second burst, no results seen. E/A not seen again. 15 plus large ships over 10,000 tons fired at Boston off enemy coast. No other activity seen.	
1/2 August	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O Blumire Obs. Sgt. Prime WO/AG Sgt. Green	To bomb Rouen, Sotteville near-shelling yards.	2359		Did not return.	
1/2 August	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/Lt. Caldwell Obs. P/O Reynolds WO/AG P/Sgt. Bist	Patrol Schiphol	0157	0202	Fire developed in rear cockpit after takeoff. Boston landed safely immediately.	
6/7 August	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O White Obs. P/Sgt. Cook WO/AG Sgt. Field	Patrol Soesterberg	0129	0137	Over target area 0217-0239. Very poor visibility, nothing seen.	
6/7 August	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O Spencer Obs. P/O Bourgeois WO/AG Sgt. Hameltine	To patrol	2323	2330	Returned owing to intercommunication failure.	
9/10 August	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/Sgt. Stone Obs. P/Sgt. Alcorn WO/AG P/Sgt. Raka	No patrol Schiphol	0031	0035	Over target area 0140-0230 hours. Jumpy at Soesterberg lit on and off. V.L. at Schiphol on 0220-0225 switched off on Boston's approach. Two sets of 6 white stars fired from distance during patrol possibly by E/A crossing coast. No further activity seen.	
9/10 August	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/L Van Riel (Belgium) Obs. P/O Egg WO/AG Sgt. Higgins	Patrol Chateaudun	2428	0105	Over target area 0050-0150 hours. V.L. on 2-W runway came on but no E/A seen. Beacon flashing "K" 10 miles east of aerodrome. Vertical searchlight flashed on and off centre aerodrome. Nothing else seen.	
9/10 August	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/L Caldwell Obs. P/O Reynolds WO/AG P/Sgt. Bist	Patrol Schiphol-Soesterberg	2336	0149	Unable locate target.	
9/10 August	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O Persian Obs. P/O McGregor WO/AG Sgt. Stuart (All RCAP)	Patrol Deelen	2351	0141	Unable locate target.	
10/11 August	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot S/L Wilkinson Obs. P/O Reynolds WO/AG P/Sgt. Taylor	To Patrol Soesterberg and Deelen	0125	0246	Recalled by W/T	

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11/12 Aug.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O White Obs. P/Sgt. Cook WO/AG Sgt. Scott	To patrol Deelen	0144	0453	Over target area 0253-0313. Two searchlights near Arnhem directed Boston to aerodrome and V.L. switched on for 5 minutes but no E/A seen.	
11/12 Aug.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O Lukas Obs. P/Sgt. Randolph WO/AG Sgt. Chabot	To patrol Schiphol-Soesterberg	0142	0445	Over target area 0250-0305 hours. Unable locate Soesterberg aerodrome in 10/10 cloud at 400 feet.	
11/12 Aug.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O Spencer Obs. P/O Bourgeois WO/AG Sgt. Hameltine	To patrol Montdidier	0003	0158	Over target area 0040-0115 hours. Unsuccessful patrol.	
16/17 Aug.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot Sgt. McCabe Obs. P/Sgt. Hutchison WO/AG Sgt. Birch	To patrol Bratigny	0016		Did not return.	
16/17 Aug.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O Saunders Obs. P/Sgt. Alcorn WO/AG Sgt. Batiloff	To patrol Orleans	0015	0406	Over target area 0145-0205 hours. No enemy activity seen. Three S/L's illuminated Boston at Le Havre at 2,000 feet and intense light flash came up shortly behind.	
17/18 Aug.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot S/L Caldwell Obs. P/O Marlatt WO/AG P/O Bist	To patrol Chartres	2313	0250	Diverted at 2:57 hours to Orell, which reached at 0040 hours. 36 bars of V.L. system aligned on NW/SE runway lit when Boston arrived. Lighting consisted of double flare path of green lights at SE and red lights at NW end and white lights in between and the V.L. comprised cross bars of about 8 lights each with a line of six lights in between. As Boston approached aerodrome from SE one E/A with navigation lights on seen landing. Six minutes later one white flare followed by one green flare was sent up from aerodrome and immediately afterwards an E/A to the east turned on its navigation lights. This E/A then made a left hand circuit of the aerodrome and as it crossed the outer V.L. crossbar on its landing run the Boston which had waited for it to the SE of the aerodrome turned in onto the E/A and fired two bursts of approximately three and one seconds closing from 50 to 150 yards. Strikes were seen on the port engine of the E/A which burst into flames with large pieces flying off. After the second burst the rear portion of the fuselage of the E/A parted company with the rest of it. Boston broke away to starboard as E/A disintegrated in blinding white flash. This E/A (type not identified) is claimed as	

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						destroyed. All aerodrome lights then doused and a single red star was fired from the ground. Boston hung about near aerodrome and after a few minutes the lights came on and another E/A landed immediately. Boston then kept to SW of aerodrome and attempted to intercept two further E/A coming in to land with lights on but on each occasion all aerodrome and E/A lights at once switched off. Shortly afterwards an E/A with navigation lights on and acting as decoy flew down wind along the flare path which came on and then returned to up wind and when V.L. was switched on and another E/A at once landed before the Boston which had followed the decoy could get at it. This procedure repeated a few minutes later but this time Boston remained down wind and all lights were doused before the E/A attempting to land could do so. Several times afterwards the flare path came on again and the decoy E/A appeared from time to time flying over and about the aerodrome. Boston made one unsuccessful attempt to intercept this decoy E/A but no other E/A were seen coming in to land. At 0123 Boston set course for base.	
18/29 AUG.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot Sgt. Jackson Obs. P/O Foote (RCAP) WO/AG Sgt. McNeill (RCAP)	To patrol Lille Brussels	2237	0235	No activity except dummy 9 miles east of Ghent. Lille, Chievres, and Merville not found owing bad visibility.	
20/21 AUG.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O Persain Obs. P/O MacGregor WO/AG Sgt. Stuart (All RCAP)	To patrol Creil	2224	0223	Over target area 2350-0051 hours. V.L., double flarepath, white crosses and other lights switched on several times. No other activity seen.	
20/21 AUG.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/Sgt. Stone Obs. P/Sgt. Alcorn (RCAP) WO/AG P/Sgt. Forsythe (RCAP)	To patrol Creil	2314	0230	Over target area 0045-0105 hours. Creil lights switched on once. No other activity seen.	
22/23 AUG.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O White Obs. P/Sgt. Cook (RCAP) WO/AG Sgt. Field (RCAP)	To patrol Chievres	2334	0224	Over target area 0030-0130 hours. Unable locate Chievres in heavy ground mist. Attached train near Valenciennes and engine exploded as Boston passed over. No E/A seen.	
22/23 AUG.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/Lt. Van Riel Obs. WO Hong (RCAP) WO/AG SGT. Higgins (RCAP)	To patrol Gataundun	2304	0239	Over target area 0045-0130 hours. Flarepath and boundary lights lit from time to time at Gataundun but no other activity seen.	
24/25 AUG.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot Sgt. Grant Obs. P/Sgt. Morton (RCAP) WO/AG Sgt. Davis (RCAP)	Patrol Bratigny	2135	0047	Over target area 2250-2330 hours. Intense light flak near Mondenair and near Flourey stopped by E/A from Boston. No activity seen.	

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24/25 AUG.	Boston III (Intruder)	P/O Persain, Pilot Obs. P/O MacGregor WO/AG Sgt. Stuart (All RCAP)	Train hunt Lille Brussels area.	2307	0153	attacked two trains at Lichtervalde, N.E. shell being seen to overshoot. Five miles south of Lille goods train attacked and strikes seen on engine from 3 second burst of cannon, engine stopping in cloud of steam. Intense heavy flak from Lille, and four night fighter indicator searchlights.	
24/25 AUG.	Boston III (Intruder)	Sgt. Jackson, Pilot Obs. P/O Foote (RCAP) WO/AG Sgt. McNeill	Train hunt Dieppe Paris area.	2215	0142	attacked train at Conflans NE of Paris. Strikes seen on engine and train stopped in cloud of steam. Another train attacked later same area same results. At Pontoise train with engine both ends attacked with all guns, strikes being seen on both engines, train stopping with clouds of steam round engines. Boston holed centre section by light flak from Pontoise damaging hydraulic system, but landing safely.	
24/25 AUG.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O Venables Obs. P/Sgt. McKay (RCAP) and Avord. WO/AG Sgt. Baker (RCAP)	Patrol Orleans and Avord.	2129	0135	At Aubigny 2300 hours flew into airstream of E/A subsequently seen up moon at 800 yards and 2000 feet and identified DO 217. Closed to 300 yards and fired 2 second burst, cannon not firing. Closed to 150 yards and fired 3 second burst, closing to 9 yards and breaking away to port. Cannon not firing but many m.g. strikes seen and E/A last seen in shallow dive. Over target area 2300-2337 hours. No further E/A activity seen.	
25/26 AUG.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot S/L Wilkinson Obs. P/O Reynolds WO/AG P/Sgt. Taylor (All RCAP)	Patrol Orleans and Avord.	2123	0215	Flare path and perimeter lights seen at Chateaudun and many night fighter tracking lights but no other activity.	
27/28 AUG.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O Spencer (RCAP) Obs. P/O Bourgeois (RCAP) Seine Valley WO/AG Sgt. Roseltine	Train Hunt	0200	0448	about to attack only train seen when considerable light flak and searchlights from Poix interfered. No E/A activity seen.	
27/28 AUG.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O Lukes (USA) Obs. P/Sgt. Randolph (RCAP) WO/AG Sgt. Jinks	Train hunt Lille Valenciennes	0157	0517	Between Douai and Valenciennes fired 1 second burst at engine which uncoupled and made off at high speed. One 2 second burst from astern caused many strikes, large red flak and burst of steam, engine stopping. A second engine on line south of Douai stopped in steam after 3 second burst of cannon. Many S/L's and flak after this attack. No further activity.	
28/28 AUG.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O Williams Obs. P/O Cochrane (RCAP) Seine area. WO/AG Sgt. Botting	Train hunt Somme	0206	0440	attacked train south of Louviers but overshoot, radio, intercom, and lights failed so returned.	
27/28 AUG.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot Sgt. Colter Obs. Sgt. Blunkhorn WO/AG Sgt. Mahain (All RCAP)	Train hunt Beauvais-Montdidier	2147		Did not return.	
28/29 AUG.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O Venables Obs. P/Sgt. McKay (RCAP) WO/AG Sgt. Baker (RCAP)	Patrol Juvincourt	2113	0043	Unsuccessful patrol. Over target area 2230-2328 hours.	CC 23

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28/29 Aug.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot Sgt. Craft Obs. P/Sgt. Morton (RCAP) WO/AG Sgt. Davis (RCAP)	Patrol Juvincourt 2213		0148	Over target area 2205-0023 hours. Aerodrome lighting and V.L. switched on several times at Juvincourt. Uneventful patrol.	
29/29 Aug.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O Ferslan Obs. P/O MacGregor WO/AG Sgt. Stuart (All RCAP)	Patrol Juvincourt 0117		0238	Returned owing inability read Gyro compass. <i>did not</i> <i>illuminate</i>	
28/29 Aug.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/Sgt. Stone Obs. P/Sgt. Aloom (RCAP) WO/AG P/Sgt. Foraythe (RCAP)	Patrol Juvincourt 2340		0322	Over target area 0054-0150 hours. Attacked engine on line east of aerodrome. Strikes seen from second and third bursts but no further results seen. Aerodrome lights and V.L. lit and intense light flak over drone. No R/A activity.	
28/29 Aug.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot S/L Wilkinson Obs. P/O Reynolds WO/AG P/Sgt. Taylor (All RCAP)	Patrol Juvincourt 0038		0405	Over target area 0145-0240 hours. Uneventful patrol.	
30/29 Aug.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot W/O Saunders Obs. P/O Martin (RCAP) WO/AG Sgt. Batoliffa (RCAP)	Patrol Orleans		0210 0155	Recalled from Chartres 0011.	

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Bradwell Bay, Essex.	1-9-42		P/O P.K. White flew to Halton and returned in Cymnet. P/O A. Lukas flew to Martlesham Heath and returned and Wing Commander A.E. Saunders flew to Northolt returning same day. Night flying training was carried out and one cross-country flight was performed. Local night flying and searchlight co-operation was also done. No operational sorties were carried out. Major Yarrow visited the Squadron from Hornchurch re. searchlight co-operation. W/Comdr. A.E. Saunders proceeded to Headquarters No. 11 Group to attend a conference on operations.	
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	2-9-42		Sqn. Ldr. L.H. Wilkinson flew in Dominie to Hunston and returned and P/O P.K. White to Hornchurch and return. Dusk and night landings, cross-country, searchlight co-operation, tests and local night flying were the training flights for the day. No operations were carried out. Air Ministry photographers visited the Squadron today and took photos. of the Squadron. P/O W. Davidson, Signals Officer, was posted to R.A.F. Station, Hunston. Sqn. Ldr. L.H. Wilkinson was appointed Investigating Officer into crash of Lysander aircraft belonging to Towing Flight at R.A.F. Station, Southend.	
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	3-9-42		Operations were carried out with the following crews in Boston III aircraft: PILOT NAVIGATOR AIR GUNNER P/O S.H.P. Venables P/Sgt. D.W. McKay Sgt. R. D. Baker P/O A.T. Ferslan P/O G.P. MacGregor Sgt. C.B. Stuart Sqn. Ldr. E.R. Jackson P/O R.H. Poole Sgt. T. S. Stoddell Sgt. H.O. Craft P/Sgt. E.F. Morton Sgt. J.S. Davis All aircraft returned to base safely. A Grp. Capt. Intelligence Officer, Headquarters, Fighter Command visited the Squadron to discuss Intelligence matters. Flt. Lt. J.N. Haggin, Medical Officer, reported to the Squadron on posting from No. 3 P.R.G. Bourneouth. Night flying training flights and one cross-country flight was carried out. Sgt. G. Labram flew to Hunston and Cranfield and returned and P/O P.K. White flew in Cymnet to Hornchurch and returned.	See 541
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	4-9-42		No operations were carried out today. Night flying training, cross-country, and landings were the training flights carried out. Sgt. Labram, G. flew to Hornchurch and returned in Cymnet. Establishment of the Squadron was amended and all Boston III aircraft are now modified to Boston III "Intruder" specifications.	127

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Bradwell Bay, Essex.	6-9-42		No operations were carried and flying training consisted of landings, canopy & attacks, local, search-light co-operation and night flying training. P/O N.H. Spencer and P/O J.A.A. Field flew to Southend, Hornchurch, Gravesend, Manston, West Malling, Ford and Halton and returned.																			
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	7-9-42		No operations were carried out but night flying training and local day flying was done. Local night flying was also carried out. P/O Venables flew in Cymet to Hornchurch and returned. Sgts. Craft & B. Walsh and P/O Martin flew to Burton and Boston III aircraft "H-A" was ferried back to Squadron. Sqn. Ldr. Veraty, H.Q. 11 Group, Operations Branch, visited the Squadron and remained overnight.																			
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Bradwell Bay, Essex.	10-9-42		No operations were carried out but training flights were as follows: cannon test, local and landings, local night flying. Sgt. B. Walsh flew to Manston and returned in Cymet. P/L Van Reil flew to Southend and Manston and returned in Dominie. P/Lt. J.A. Cookton, D.F.C. posted N/S (sick) to R.A.F., Bradwell Bay. P/Lt. Cars from Air Ministry Aerodrome Control Branch visited the Squadron today.	See 541.																		
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Bradwell Bay, Essex.	12-9-42		No operations were carried out but night flying training and cannon test flights were performed. Sqn. Ldr. P.L. Caldwell flew in Cymet to Northolt and Cranfield and returned. Flt. Lt. E.T.N. Dugan reported on posting for Admin. duties from No. 3 P. R. C.																			
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	13-9-42		No operations were performed but training flights were night cross-country, cannon test. P/L Van Reil flew in Dominie to Hornchurch and returned. Wing Comdr. A.E. Saunders and eleven aircrew visited West Musy Naval Station. The Squadron softball team visited R.C.A.F. C.S. Headquarters in London and played a softball game. Score: 13 - 2 in favor of Headquarters. Army Unit concert party visited the Squadron and presented the show "Topliners". This performance was well attended by Squadron personnel and enjoyed by all.																			
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	14-9-42		<p>Operations were performed with following crews:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>PILOT</td> <td>NAVIGATOR</td> <td>AIR GUNNER</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P/Sgt. H. Stone</td> <td>P/Sgt. D.H. Alcorn</td> <td>P/Sgt. G.M. Sturges</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P/O A. Persain</td> <td>P/O C.W. McGregor</td> <td>Sgt. G. E. Stuart</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P/O A.E. Saunders</td> <td>P/O Martin</td> <td>Sgt. B.S. Rataliffe</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P/O S.H.D. Venables</td> <td>P/S D.J. McKay</td> <td>Sgt. H.P. Baker</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sgt. H.C. Craft</td> <td>P/S B.F. Morton</td> <td>Sgt. H.C. Jinks</td> </tr> </table> <p>All aircraft returned safely. Night flying training, compass test and night cross-country flights cannon test were performed. Sgt. Walsh in Cymet flew to Hornchurch and returned. Local night flying also carried out.</p>	PILOT	NAVIGATOR	AIR GUNNER	P/Sgt. H. Stone	P/Sgt. D.H. Alcorn	P/Sgt. G.M. Sturges	P/O A. Persain	P/O C.W. McGregor	Sgt. G. E. Stuart	P/O A.E. Saunders	P/O Martin	Sgt. B.S. Rataliffe	P/O S.H.D. Venables	P/S D.J. McKay	Sgt. H.P. Baker	Sgt. H.C. Craft	P/S B.F. Morton	Sgt. H.C. Jinks	See 541.
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Bradwell Bay, Essex.	15-9-42		No operations were carried out non-operational flights consisted of cross-country night, cannon firing and night flying training. P/O H.L. Poupore arrived today on posting from No. 51 O.T.U. for flying H.Q.F.C., re. operations.																
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	16-9-42		Air firing, night flying training, low flying, searchlight co-op. and night practice attacks were the training flights for the day. Wing Commander A.E. Saunders visited Southend by air in Cygnet and returned. P/Sgt. D.H. Styles arrived on posting from Aeroplane Armament Experimental Establishment. Sgts. C. F. Robinson, R.C. Walker, D.A. Forestall, B.C. Henderson, M.H. MacGillivray, M.H. Sims were posted to the Sq. today from No. 51 O.T.U.																
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Bradwell Bay, Essex.	18-9-42		Air firing, night flying training, attacks & canopy, and searchlight co-op. were the training flights for the day. No operations were carried out. The picture "Boon Town" was presented to the airmen of the Squadron and station in the airmen's mess. A Sqn. Ldr. and Pit. Lt. Intelligence Officers, H.Q.F.C. visited the Squadron today and lectured aircrew.																
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	19-9-42		Night flying training, B.A. test and cross country flights were carried out today. Operations were performed with the following crews: <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">PILOT</td> <td style="text-align: center;">NAVIGATOR</td> <td style="text-align: center;">AIR GUNNER</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S/Ldr. W. Wilkinson</td> <td>P/O G.E. Reynolds</td> <td>P/S J.H. Bayler</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P/O P.K. White</td> <td>P/Sgt. S. Cook</td> <td>Sgt. Field</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P/O A. Lukas</td> <td>P/S M. Randolph</td> <td>Sgt. H. Haskell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F/L Van Riel, Z.</td> <td>W/O P. Hogg, DFC.</td> <td>Sgt. J. Higgins</td> </tr> </table> <p>All aircraft returned safely to base. The 6th Royal Canadian Anti-Aircraft Battery softball team played the Squadron -- score 2-2 in favor of the former. The play "Two Birds" was presented by the</p>	PILOT	NAVIGATOR	AIR GUNNER	S/Ldr. W. Wilkinson	P/O G.E. Reynolds	P/S J.H. Bayler	P/O P.K. White	P/Sgt. S. Cook	Sgt. Field	P/O A. Lukas	P/S M. Randolph	Sgt. H. Haskell	F/L Van Riel, Z.	W/O P. Hogg, DFC.	Sgt. J. Higgins	See 541
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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	19-9-42		Sutton-Olsen Repertory Company and was greatly enjoyed by all. S/Ldr. Caldwell was appointed Investigating Officer into loss of two Mosquito aircraft of 23 Squadron.	
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	20-9-42		Night flying training and cloud flying were the opening flights for the day. No operations were carried out by the Squadron. P/O Lukas flew in Cygnet to Biggin Hill.	
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	21-9-42		No operations were performed. Wing Commander Cattell, H.Q.F.C. Navigation Officer visited the Squadron today re. Navigation matters. Night flying training flights were carried out. P/O White flew to Dabden and return. Wing Commander A.E. Saunders flew to Ford and returned same day.	
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	22-9-42		No operational flights were performed and night flying training comprised the training flights for today. The movie "Lancer Spy" was presented by the Canadian Auxiliary Services and enjoyed by all ranks. Archie Dale, of Canadian Auxiliary Services, visited the Squadron re. moving picture of the Auxiliary Services with the R.C.A.F. overseas.	
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	23-9-42		The moving picture "The Sea Hawk" was shown to Officers of the Squadron and was well attended. No operations were performed. Cross-country night, local flying and landings were the non-operational flights for the day.	
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	24-9-42		"The Sea Hawk" was presented tonight to other ranks and greatly enjoyed by all. No operations were carried out. Training flights consisted of night flying training, cross country, local flying, landings and one air test.	
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	25-9-42		Preparations are being made for the Squadron to proceed by air on attachment to R.A.F. Station, Ford, Sussex. Training flights were air firing, night flying training, local flying. S/Ldr. Wilkinson flew to Ford and returned. S/L M.H. Reid posted to Squadron as Flight Commander "A" Flight arriving by air from No. 51 O.T.U. No operations were carried out by the Squadron.	
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	26-9-42		Twelve aircraft with crews and 40 ground crew personnel proceeded by air to Ford today for short attachment period. Ground crews were transported by Harrow aircraft. No operations were performed. Night flying training was the non-operational flying for the day.	131

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Bradwell Bay, Essex.	27-9-42		Wing Commander A.E. Saunders returned to Bradwell Bay today by air to pick up aircraft spares, etc., for the Squadron and returned to Ford. No operations were carried out. Night flying training was the only non-operational flying carried out.	
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	28-9-42		No operations were carried and very little flying training carried out today. One night flying training flight was performed.	
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	29-9-42		All aircraft returned from Ford and Ground crews proceeded back to base by rail. Captain MacDonald and staff, C.D.O. Detachment, arrived on attachment to the Squadron for duty. S/Ldr P.L. Caldwell flew in Magister to Martlesham Heath and returned. Searchlight co-op was the only non-operational flying training done. Wing Commander A.E. Saunders made a flight from Bradwell Bay ^{Ford to Bradwell Bay} and return to Ford before the Squadron came back to base from that station.	
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	30-9-42		Sgt. H.D. Baker was appointed to a commission in the R.C.A.F. w.e.f. 23-8-42 in the rank of Pilot Officer. P/S W.S. Randolph and Sgt. H. Haskell were discharged from the R.C.A.F. on transfer to the U.S. Forces. SQUADRON STRENGTH: R.C.A.F. OFFICERS Air Crew 18 R.C.A.F. ALIEN Air crew 18 Ground Crew 4 Ground Crew 123 R.A.F. OFFICERS Air Crew 11 R.A.F. ALIEN Air Crew 23 Ground Crew 1 Ground 78 OTHER PERSONNEL: 1 Capt., 1 Sgt., 1 Pte. - Canadian Dental Corps Detachment. Flying Time: Operations 106.45 hrs. Non-Operational 290.05 hrs. Aircraft on Charge: Boston "Intruder" III. Total 16. also Miles Magister I, Ginet I and Doudie I	

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Sept. 2nd	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: Sgt. Craft Obs: P/Sgt. Morton (RCAF) and Melun WQ/AG: Sgt. Davies (RCAF)	Patrol Bretigny	2128	0054	Over target area 0233-0248 hours. No 4/D lights, R/A, or beacons seen. Uneventful patrol.	
Sept. 2nd	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: Sgt. Jackson Obs: P/O Foote WQ/AG: Sgt. Melville (All RCAF)	Train Hunt Lille-Valenciennes	0132	0353	Over target area 0324-0310 hours. Goods train damaged south of Arras with cannon and m.g. strikes on engine, which was lost while still going. Second train attacked in same area and engine stopped in cloud of steam. No R/A activity seen.	
Sept. 2nd	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: P/O Persson Obs: P/O Macgregor WQ/AG: Sgt. Stuart (All RCAF)	Train Hunt Ozen-Le Mans-Chartres-La Trappere	0328	0440	Over target area 0338-0356. Heavy flak Paris to Dieppe. No trains or other activity seen.	
Sept. 2nd	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: P/O Venables Obs: P/Sgt. McKay (RCAF) WQ/AG: Sgt. Baker (RCAF)	Train Hunt Bar-le-Duc-Breux-Dreux-Angoulême	0130	0455	Over target area 0338-0355 hours. No trains or other activity seen.	
Sept. 4th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: Sgt. Lockwood Obs: P/Sgt. Morton WQ/AG: Sgt. Chabot (All RCAF)	Patrol Orleans	2126	2144	Returned owing to directional Gyro not functioning.	
Sept. 4th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: Sgt. Labran Obs: Sgt. Maddock WQ/AG: Sgt. Holmes	Maiden Flight	2247	0119	Flew down to Gisors and then to Selne. Attacked train north of Elbeuf and engine stopped in cloud of steam.	
Sept. 4th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: P/O Spencer (RCAF) Obs: P/O Bourgeois (RCAF) WQ/AG: Sgt. Haseltine	Patrol Orleans	2200	0205	Uneventful patrol over target area 2342-0225 hours.	
Sept. 4th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: P/O Lakes Obs: P/Sgt. Randolph (RCAF) WQ/AG: Sgt. Jones	Patrol Melun	0359	0331	Over target area 0110-0155 hours. Attacked train going into yards south of Melun. Also fired into yards. Attacked another train between Dreux and Paris. No R/A activity seen.	
Sept. 4th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: Sgt. Lockwood Obs: P/Sgt. Morton WQ/AG: Sgt. Chabot (All RCAF)	Train Hunt Rouen Arce	0209	0451	Attacked train 6 miles north of Rouen. Second train attacked near Elbeuf and engine stopped in wood.	
Sept. 4th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: P/O White Obs: P/O Martin (RCAF) WQ/AG: Sgt. Field (RCAF)	Train Hunt Aisnes	0218	0525	Saw several trains but owing to heavy condensation on outside of windshield unable to attack.	
Sept. 7th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: Sgt. Lockwood Obs: P/O Gourne WQ/AG: Sgt. Chabot (All RCAF)	Patrol Melun and Bretigny	2107	0041	Over target area 2236-2300 hours. No activity seen.	

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Sept. 7th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: W/L Wilkinson Obs: P/O Reynolds WQ/AG: P/Sgt. Taylor (All RCAP)	Patrol Cherbourg	2106	0049	Over target area 2335-2340 hours. No activity seen. Fired at three BEKKI-orange beacon lights at Gonches extinguishing two of them.	
Sept. 7th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: P/O Lukas (USA) Obs: P/Sgt. Randolph (RCAP) WQ/AG: Sgt. Jinks	Patrol Creil	2227	0120	Over target area 2338-0015 hours. No activity seen. Attacked two trains and strikes seen on engines of both.	
Sept. 7th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: P/L Van Elst (Belg.) Obs: W/O Hogg (NZ) WQ/AG: Sgt. Higgins (RCAP)	Patrol Orleans & Abord	2105	0136	Over target area 2245-2345. No activity seen.	
Sept. 7th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: Sgt. Williams Obs: P/O McCafferty WQ/AG: Sgt. Williams (All RCAP)	1st Ops. Flight	2344		Did not return.	
Sept. 8th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: P/O Spencer Obs: P/O Marlett WQ/AG: Sgt. Reseltine (All RCAP)	Patrol Bretigny Malun Orleans	2109	0135	Over target area 2243-2323. No activity seen.	
Sept. 8th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: Sgt. Lookwood Obs: P/O Cochrane WQ/AG: Sgt. Chabot (All RCAP)	Patrol Cherbourg & Chateaufort	2305	0227	Over target area 0020-0105. No activity seen. Attacked one locomotive, which stopped.	
Sept. 8th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: P/O Lukas (USA) Obs: P/Sgt. Randolph (RCAP) & Creil WQ/AG: Sgt. Jinks	Patrol Beauvais	0223	0257	Recalled at Dungeness.	
Sept. 10th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: Sgt. Craft Obs: P/Sgt. Morton (RCAP) WQ/AG: Sgt. Davis (RCAP)	Patrol St. Trond	2039	2340	Over target area 2200-2233. Unsuccessful patrol. On return saw two A/C shot down and one burning on ground.	
Sept. 10th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: Sgt. Jackson Obs: P/O Foote (RCAP) WQ/AG: Sgt. McNeil (RCAP)	Patrol Brussels Malsbrook	2038	2317	Over target area 2154-2225 hours. Ran into two slipstreams but no A/C seen.	
Sept. 10th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: P/O Persian Obs: P/O MacGregor WQ/AG: Sgt. Stuart (All RCAP)	Patrol St. Trond	2118	0022	Over target area 2240-2315 hours. No activity seen.	

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Sept. 10th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: Sgt. Lookwood Obs: P/Sgt. Randolph WQ/AG: Sgt. Chabot (All RCAP)	Patrol Brussels & Malsbrook	2158	0101	Over target area 2320-2335 hours. A/C carrying orange light seen momentarily over Antwerp. A/C seen shot down. No other activity.	
Sept. 10th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: P/O Venables Obs: P/Sgt. McKay (RCAP) WQ/AG: Sgt. Baker (RCAP)	Patrol St. Trond	2202	0105	Over target area 2315-0001 hours. Unsuccessful patrol, saw A/C shot down in flames over Ostend.	
Sept. 13th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: P/Sgt. Stone Obs: P/Sgt. Alcorn (RCAP) WQ/AG: P/Sgt. Foraythe (NZ)	Patrol Lesauarden	2348	0027	Returned owing to compass trouble.	
Sept. 13th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: P/O Persian Obs: P/O MacGregor WQ/AG: Sgt. Stuart (All RCAP)	Patrol Lesauarden	0013	0204	Unable pinpoint position owing to heavy cloud. Returned to base.	
Sept. 13th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: W/C Saunders Obs: P/O Martin (RCAP) WQ/AG: Sgt. Esteloffe (RCAP)	Patrol Lesauarden	2250	0235	Over target area 0035-0105 hours. Soldphal aerodrome lit up on way in, no other activity.	
Sept. 13th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: P/O Venables Obs: P/Sgt. McKay (RCAP) WQ/AG: Sgt. Baker (RCAP)	Patrol Lesauarden	0114	0518	Over target area 0238-0318 hours. No activity.	
Sept. 13th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: Sgt. Craft Obs: P/Sgt. Morton (RCAP) WQ/AG: Sgt. Jinks	Patrol Lesauarden	0137	0410	On way in, over Zuider Zee, small unidentified B/A made three approaches but Boston evaded each time before it could attack. Visibility very poor so Boston returned to base.	
Sept. 17th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: Sgt. Heslop Obs: P/O Thompson WQ/AG: Sgt. Blakely	1st Ops. Flight	2127	2356	Unsuccessful patrol up to 35 miles inland between Le Treport and St. Valery-en-Caux.	
Sept. 17th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: P/O Persian Obs: P/O MacGregor WQ/AG: Sgt. Stuart (All RCAP)	Patrol Malun & Bretigny	2014		Last plotted over sea 45 miles S.S.E. of Kuster after being in touch with Exeter on Command Guard.	
Sept. 17th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: P/Sgt. Stone Obs: P/Sgt. Alcorn (RCAP) WQ/AG: P/Sgt. Foraythe (NZ)	Patrol Malun & Bretigny	2144	0131	Over target area 2305-2330 hours. Flarepaths on at Malun & Bretigny. One B/A seen to take off at Bretigny but lost to view before Boston could attack.	
Sept. 19th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: P/O Wilkinson Obs: P/O Reynolds WQ/AG: P/Sgt. Taylor (All RCAP)	Patrol Ruvoicourt	2044	0013	Over target area 2209-2240 hours. Made two patrols of A/D and lights on during second one but no B/A seen. Between patrols attacked eight trains, two of which stopped, one probably disabled and two damaged, being lost to sight before further results seen.	

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Sept. 19th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O White Obs. W/Sgt. Cook(RCAF) W/AG Sgt. Field(RCAF)	Patrol Juvincourt	2125	0125	Over target area 2248-2329 hours. Unable locate aerodrome No activity seen.	
Sept. 19th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O Luke(USA) Obs. P/Sgt. Randolph(RCAF) W/AG Sgt. Beckell(RCAF)	Patrol Juvincourt	2230	01:8	Over target area 0001-0030 hours. No activity seen.	
Sept. 19th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/L Van Elst(USAG) Obs. W/O Hogg(US) W/AG Sgt. Higgins(RCAF)	Patrol Juvincourt	2313	0230	Over target area 0040-0115 hours. Aerodrome lit but no E/A seen.	
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Bradwell Bay, Essex.	1.10.42		Normal night flying training was carried out on this day, and day flying consisted mainly of night flying tests, cross-country flights and air firing training. No Operations were carried out.		
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	2.10.42		Night flying tests, cross-country flights and air firing practice was carried out during the day. No other flying activity.		
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	3.10.42		During the day, day flying again consisted of night flying tests and cross-countries. No Operations or night flying training carried out.		
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	4.10.42		Practice attacks, cross-country flights and air firing practice consisted of the programmes carried out. Night flying training and operations for this period - NIL.		
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	5.10.42		No operations or night flying training carried out on this day. Day flying consisted of air firing and night flying tests. No other activity to report.		
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	6.10.42		P/O Pomere (R.C.A.F. - Pilot) and P/O Turvey (R.C.A.F. - Navigator) were killed in a crash near to Dengie Flats whilst carrying out air firing practice. Sgt. Forestell (R.C.A.F. - Air Gunner) escaped with minor injuries. P/Lt. E.T.M. Duggan assumed position of Squadron Adjutant vice P/Lt. A.C. Wilson, on leave prior to posting to No. 423 Squadron, R.C.A.F. Normal day flying carried out. No operations or other night flying.		
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	7.10.42		Day flying consisted of air firing practice, cross-country flying and night flying tests. No activity at night. The picture "Strawberry Blonde" was presented to Officers and Aircrew of the Squadron during the evening.		
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	8.10.42		W/Odr. A. E. Saunders and S/Ldr. H.E. Reid visited Hornchurch to discuss operations. Normal day flying was carried out. No night training ^{training} . A repeat performance of the film "Strawberry Blonde" was given in the Aircrew's Mess for the benefit of all airmen and airwomen on the Station. Operations were carried out with the following crews in Boston III "Intruder" Aircraft.		

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			<p>Pilot, Navigator, Air Gunner</p> <p>W/Cdr. Saunders, F/Sgt. Styles, Sgt. Ratcliffe,</p> <p>F/O Venables, F/Sgt. McKay, F/O Baker.</p> <p>Sgt. James, F/O Finnell, Sgt. Robinson.</p>		See 541.
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	9.10.42.		All aircraft returned safely to base.		
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	10.10.42.		<p>Lt-Col. Comstock, 8th Canadian Light Anti-aircraft Regiment, Colchester visited the Squadron for a discussion with W/Cdr. Saunders re co-operative operations. Funeral of F/O Poupore took place in the cemetery of the village of Bradwell-on-Sea. Air firing, night flying tests and cross-country training comprised the day flying. No other flying activity.</p> <p>Officers of the Squadron visited the 8th Canadian Light Anti-aircraft Regiment, Colchester and toured defence gun sites. Operations were carried out with the following crews in Boston III "Intruder" Aircraft.</p> <p>Pilot, Navigator, Air Gunner</p> <p>F/O Marshall, F/O Pavitt, F/O Lawson,</p> <p>F/Sgt. Buchanan, F/O Harlett, F/O Bist.</p>		See 541.
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	11.10.42.		All aircraft returned safely.		
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	12.10.42.		<p>The following crews carried out operational flights in Boston III "Intruder" Aircraft.</p> <p>Pilot, Navigator, Air Gunner</p> <p>F/O Stone, F/O Cochrane, F/Sgt. Forsyth,</p> <p>Sgt. Jackson, F/O Foote, Sgt. McNeil.</p>		See 541.
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	13.10.42.		<p>Both Aircraft returned safely to base.</p> <p>Day flying consisted of air firing and night flying tests. No operations or night flying training carried out. F/O G.H. Hartup reported on posting to Squadron to take over duties of Engineer Officer vice F/O W.E. Collins, posted to Headquarters, 11 Group.</p>		
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	13.10.42.		Official notification received of the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to		

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Bradwell Bay, Essex.			S/Ldr. F.L. Caldwell and the Distinguished Flying Medal to F/Sgt. C.I.H. Forsyth (New Zealand). Group Captain Pike visited the Squadron from H.Q. 11 Group to carry out an inspection. The film "Navy Blues" was presented to all ranks in the Airmen's Mess.		
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	14.10.42.		The film "Love Crazy" was shown to Officers and Aircrew and very much enjoyed by all. Normal day flying was carried out but no night flying.		
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	15.10.42.		<p>Operations were carried out by the following crews in Boston III "Intruder" Aircraft.</p> <p>Pilot, Navigator, Air Gunner</p> <p>F/O Venables, F/Sgt. McKay, F/O Baker,</p> <p>F/O Stone, F/O Alcorn, F/Sgt. Forsyth, D.F.M.</p> <p>F/O Craft, F/Sgt. Norton, Sgt. Davis,</p> <p>Sgt. Jackson, F/O Foote, Sgt. McNeil.</p>		See 541.
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	16.10.42.		All aircraft returned safely to base.		
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	17.10.42.		Day flying consisted of air firing training and night flying tests. Night flying training was carried out by two crews. No other activity.		
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	17.10.42.		F/O Longworth (R.C.A.F. - Navigator) and Sgt. Walker (R.A.F. - Air Gunner) were killed in an air crash in North Wales during a cross-country training flight. Sgt. Sims (R.C.A.F. - Pilot) was seriously injured. The comedy "Canaries Sometimes Sing" was presented to all ranks by a local Repertory Company.		
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	18.10.42.		Normal flying consisting of air firing practice and cross-country training was carried out during the day. No other flying activity.		
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	19.10.42.		S/Ldr. P.B. Burton-Gyles, D.S.O., D.F.C. & Bar, reported to Squadron for flying duties. Day flying consisted of air firing practice, cross-country flying and night flying tests.		
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	20.10.42.		The film "Cash and Carry" was presented in the Airmen's Mess to all ranks by Canadian Auxiliary Services. Normal day flying carried out. No other flying activity.		
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	21.10.42.		No operations were carried out on this day. Day flying consisted of air firing, night flying tests, cross-country training, etc. The movie picture "I Take this Woman" was shown to Officers and Aircrew in the evening.		

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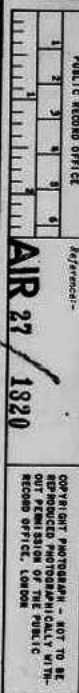
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Bradwell Bay, Essex.	22.10.42.		Normal day flying was carried out on this day. No other flying activity. The film "I Take this Woman" was presented in the Airmens' Mess to all airmen and airwomen. P/O Venables was appointed to the position of Deputy Flight Commander in the rank of Flight Lieutenant (Acting) w.e.f. 19th August, 1942.																							
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	23.10.42.		The Canadian Troops official Concert Party visited the Station under the auspices of the Canadian Auxiliary Services and presented the show "Fit Bags". Enjoyed by all ranks. The only flying carried out for this period consisted of normal day flying training.																							
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	24.10.42.		Operations were carried out with the following crews in Boston III "Intruder" Aircraft. All aircraft returned safely to base.																							
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			Air Chief Marshal Sir Shelto-Douglas, A.C.C.I.M.C. Fighter Command, visited and inspected the Squadron. Funeral of P/O Langworth conducted by P/Lt. Scott, Squadron Chaplain at R.A.F. Station, Islandrop.																							
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	25.10.42.		Normal day flying carried out. No other flying activities or items of importance.																							
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	26.10.42.		Flying again confined to day training which consisted of cross-country flights, air circling and night flying tests.																							
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	27.10.42.		Night flying training was carried out by three crews. Ralph Reader presented one of his famous "R.A.F. Gang Shows" in the Mess which was well enjoyed by all personnel.																							
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	28.10.42.		The film "Blackmail" was presented to Officers and Airmen of the Squadron. W/Cdr. Cattell, Fighter Command Navigation Officer, visited Squadron. Owing to bad weather conditions, no flying was carried out on this date.																							

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Bradwell Bay, Essex.	29.10.42.		The film "Blackmail" was presented to all ranks in the Airmens' Mess. Flying was confined to day flying training which consisted of cross-country and night flying tests.								
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	30.10.42.		No operations were carried out on this date and flying was again confined to normal day training.								
Bradwell Bay, Essex.	31.10.42.		Operations were carried out by the following crew of Boston III "Intruder" Aircraft.								
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			The aircraft returned safely to base. Three crews carried out night flying training.								
			Squadron Strength.								
			R.C.A.F. Officers. Air Crew. 10. R.C.A.F. Airmen. Air Crew. 22.								
			Ground Crew. 3. Ground Crew. 116.								
			R.A.F. Officers. Air Crew. 16. R.A.F. Airmen. Air Crew. 23.								
			Ground Crew. 1. Ground Crew. 67.								
			Other Personnel.								
			1 Captain, 1 Sergeant, 1 Private. Canadian Dental Corps Detachment.								
			Aircraft on Charge.								
			Boston III "Intruder". - 16. Miles Magister - 1. Dominie - 1. Cymmet - 1.								
			<i>W. Sanders</i>								
			Wing Commander, Commanding.								
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Oct. 24/25th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot Sgt. Lebrun Obs. Sgt. Maddock WOP/AC Sgt. Holmes	Practice Patrol Beauvais	2205	0013	No activity seen.	
Oct. 24/25th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot Sgt. Healey Obs. P/O Thomson WOP/AC Sgt. Blahely	Practice Patrol Evreux	2207	0102	Dark flashes seen near Abbeville and heavy gun flashes near St. Andre. No other activity.	
Oct. 24/25th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot Sgt. Jackson Obs. P/O Cochrane (RCAP) WOP/AC Sgt. Metel (RCAP)	Practice Patrol Breigny & Heslain	2112	0029	No activity seen. Attacked train S.S.E. of Nantes seeing strikes on tender and first coach.	
Oct. 24/25th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot Sgt. James Obs. P/O Vinnell WOP/AC Sgt. Robinson	Practice Patrol Caen	2112	0023	No activity seen.	
Oct. 31st	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O Venables Obs. P/Sgt. McKay (RCAP) WOP/AC P/O Barber (RCAP)	Patrol Beauvais	0122	0107	Uneventful patrol. 10/10th's cloud over target.	

William B. F.
OFFICER COMMANDING
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Bradwell Bay, Essex.	1st		Flying consisted of normal day training, the programme consisting of Air Firing and cross-countries. No operational flying. At night community singing and a talent spotting competition was held in the Airman's Mess and this was enjoyed by a capacity crowd.																						
"	2nd		Normal day training and one searchlight co-operation sortie at night. Nothing else of interest to report.																						
"	3rd		The movie film "Dancing Feet" starring Fred Astaire presented in Airman's Mess. Normal day flying and 4 night training sorties carried out.																						
"	4th		Day flying consisted of air firing, cross-countries and practice landings. No night training or operations. W/Odr. Saunders proceeded to Fighter Command reference Squadron operations netters. Film "High Sierra" shown in Intelligence Office to officers.																						
"	5th		No flying owing to weather conditions. "High Sierra" shown to other ranks in Airman's Mess.																						
"	6th		Thirteen day training sorties and two night training sorties carried out. Operations were carried out by Boston "Intruder" aircraft with the following crew. The aircraft returned safely to base.																						
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"	8th		No flying owing to bad weather conditions. Nothing else to report.																						
"	9th		Day training consisted of cross-country training, air firing and local flying. No night training or operational sorties.																						
"	10th		Normal day flying training and N.P.F.'s. Film "Shades of the Tin Man" enjoyed by all ranks in the Airman's Mess.																						
"	11th		Film "The Plainsman" shown to officers in Intelligence. Normal day flying. No night training or operational sorties.																						
"	12th		No flying during this period. S/Ldr. Parker, S/Ldr. Raymond, and S/Ldr. Webster of R.C.A.F. Overseas Headquarters visited the squadron.																						
"	13th		Night flying consisted of omeg and searchlight co-operation. Normal day flying.																						
"	14th		No operations.																						
"	15th		P/Lt. Evans, R.C.A.F. Liaison Officer from Overseas Headquarters, visited the squadron and interviewed all ranks. Normal day flying training. No other flying.																						
"	19th		No flying during this period due to bad weather conditions. Nothing else to report.	62 20																					

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"	18th		S/Ldr. L. E. Wilkinson (pilot) was killed in a crash in the Blackwater River whilst returning from an operational sortie. P/O Reynolds (navigator) was seriously injured and Y/Sgt. Taylor (gunner) suffered from shock and immersion. Air Vice Marshal Gully, Air Member Personnel, C/Dept. McNeil, Director of Personnel, and Y/Ldr. Ostrom, of R.C.A.F. Overseas Headquarters visited the squadron.																
"	19th		Normal day flying training was carried out. No night flying training or operations. The film "City for Conquest" was shown in the Airman's Mess and enjoyed by all ranks. S/Ldr. F.R. Burton-Cyles, D.S.O., D.F.C. and Bar assumed command of "B" flight.																
"	20th		Day flying training consisted of practice landings, and air firing. No other flying or news of interest.																
"	21st		Normal day flying. Night flying consisted of cross-country, searchlight co-operation and practice "Intruder" attack.																
"	22nd		Ordinary day and night flying training. Nothing of interest to report.																
"	23rd		Funeral of S/Ldr. L. E. Wilkinson took place at Brookwood Cemetery, Surrey. Y/Lt. Scott, R.C.A.F. Chaplain from this squadron officiated and officers of the squadron attended.																
"	24th		Movie film "My Life is Yours" was shown by the Salvation Army Overseas Unit in the Airman's Mess and enjoyed by all ranks. Normal day training. No other flying.																
"	25th		Normal day flying. No other flying. W/Cdr. Saunders proceeded by air to No. 51 O.F.S. Greenfield for conference with W/Cdr. Hoare. Film show "Buck Privates" shown to officers in Intelligence.																
"	27th	2235	An R.N.S.A. Concert "The Blue Ribbons" was presented in the N.A.A.F.I. to all personnel and thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated.																
"	26th	2235	Repeat performance of "Buck Privates" given in Airman's Mess for benefit of all ranks. Day flying consisted of air firing practice and N.F.T's.																
"	28th		Air Commodore Babry visited the Station and inspected the Squadron Operations Room. A local Repertory Company presented the comedy "When We Are Married" by J.B. Priestley in the N.A.A.F.I. This was well received by all. A full operational programme was carried out at night. Nine Boston "Intruder" aircraft with crews as under being engaged. From these operations all aircraft returned safely to base. <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>Pilot</u></td> <td><u>Navigator</u></td> <td><u>Gunner</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>S/Ldr. Burton-Cyles</td> <td>Sgt. Richards</td> <td>Sgt. Wilson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P/O Craft</td> <td>Y/Sgt. Morton</td> <td>Sgt. Davis</td> </tr> </table>	<u>Pilot</u>	<u>Navigator</u>	<u>Gunner</u>	S/Ldr. Burton-Cyles	Sgt. Richards	Sgt. Wilson	P/O Craft	Y/Sgt. Morton	Sgt. Davis							
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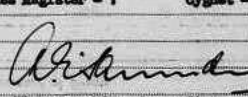
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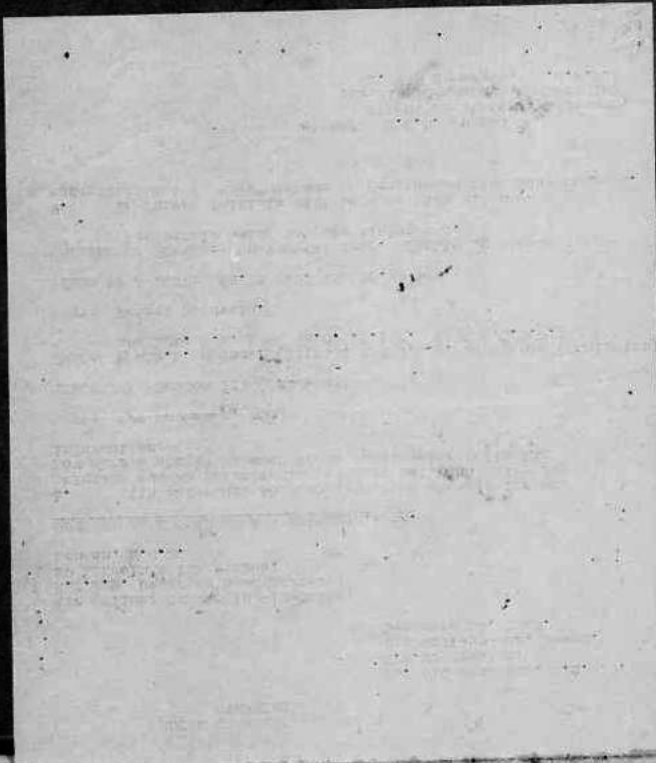
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1st Nov.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot F/L Yenables Obs. F/S McKay (RCAP) WOP/AC P/O Baker (RCAP)	Patrol Beauvais	0122	0307	10/10 cloud over target. Uneventful sortie.	
7th Nov.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot S/L Wilkinson (RCAP) Obs. F/O Reynolds (RCAP) & Bretigny WOP/AC F/Sgt. Taylor (RCAP)	Patrol Melun	2358	0209	Over target area 0105-0115. No activity seen. Some flak from Abbeville.	
7th Nov.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O Marshall Obs. F/O Pavitt WOP/AC F/O Lawson	Rennes. Caen	0010	0227	Over target area 0112-0122. Uneventful sortie.	
7th Nov.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot F/L Van Riel (Belg.) Obs. W/O Hogg DFC (NZ) WOP/AC Sgt. Higgins (RCAP)	Patrol Evreux & Chartres	2356	0203	Over target area 0100-0110. Runways seen at Evreux & Dreux. Some flak from coast on return. No other activity.	
7th Nov.	Boston III Intruder	Pilot F/S Buchanan Obs. F/O Foote WOP/AC P/O Bast (all RCAP)	Patrol Beauvais & Creil	2353		Not yet returned.	
16th Nov.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot Sgt. James Obs. F/O Vinnal WOP/AC Sgt. Robinson	Nickelling at Ghent	2249	0115	Leaflets dropped 0022 Ghent. Fired two bursts into Valenciennes marshalling yards (engine sheds) and one burst at train outside Ghent. Dummy aerodrome seen lit near Valenciennes.	
16th Nov.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot W/O Saunders Obs. F/S Styles WOP/AC Sgt. Ratcliffe (RCAP)	Nickelling at Ghent	2254	0110	Leaflets dropped 0005-Ghent. Many badly blacked out factories seen in Mons area. Uneventful sortie.	
16th Nov.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O Stone Obs. F/O Alcorn (RCAP) WOP/AC F/S Perrythe (NZ)	Nickelling at Ghent	2310	0140	Leaflets dropped 0034-Ghent. Uneventful sortie.	
16th Nov.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O Craft Obs. F/Sgt. Morton (RCAP) WOP/AC Sgt. Davis (RCAP)	Patrol Rennes- Le Mans-Evreux	1832	2159	Over Rennes 2000-2010. 10/10 cloud at Rennes so returned.	
17th Nov.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot S/L Reid Obs. F/O Coolhane (RCAP) WOP/AC F/O Broughton (NZ)	Nickelling at Tournai	2150	0010	Leaflets dropped 2305-Tournai. Dummy aerodrome lit and pyrotechnics near St. Denis/Westrum. No other activity.	
17th Nov.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot F/L Yenables Obs. F/S McKay (RCAP) WOP/AC P/O Baker (RCAP)	Nickelling at Tournai	2227	0053	Leaflets dropped 2350-Tournai. Attached two trains east of Courtrai. One stopped in cloud of steam.	

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17th Nov.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot Sgt. Jackson Obs. W/O Hogg IFC (R) WOP/AG Sgt. McNeil	Patrol Melm - Bretigny-Willacouchlay	1810	2208	Over target area 1815-2035. Aerodrome lit at Willacouchlay at 2000 hours but no E/A seen. Attacked train in Trappes yards 2040 with 2 second burst of cannon. Aerodrome seen near Nantes.	
17th Nov.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot Sgt. Heslop Obs. P/O Thompson WOP/AG Sgt. Swindell	Nickalling at Journal	2212	0056	Leaflets dropped 2340-Journal. Three trains attacked at Arzas and strikes seen on all three.	
18th Nov.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot S/L Wilkinson Obs. P/O Reynolds WOP/AG S/S Saylor (All RCAP)	Patrol Juvinocourt	1835	2030	Returned owing to bad weather. Crash-landed at base and pilot killed. Observer injured but not seriously.	
28th Nov.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot Sgt. Labrea Obs. Sgt. Maddock WOP/AG Sgt. Holmes	Nickalling at Roulers	0152	0327	Leaflets dropped 0232-Roulers 0246-Tyres. Attacked by searchlights and flak at Nieuport both coming in and out.	
28th Nov.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot Sgt. James Obs. P/O Finnell WOP/AG Sgt. Robinson	Nickalling at Armentieres	0202	0341	Leaflets dropped 0240-Armentieres & 0248-Estaires. Attacked train west of Armentieres. Nose holed by flak from train. Illuminated by searchlights at Ostend.	
28th Nov.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O Stone Obs. P/O Alcorn (RCAP) WOP/AG S/S Forsythe IFC (R)	Patrol Melm - Bretigny	2238	0158	Over target 0001-0017. Some flak and searchlights from Drex and St. Andre.	
28th Nov.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot Sgt. Heslop Obs. P/O Thompson WOP/AG Sgt. Swindell	Nickalling North of Chievres	0141	0345	Leaflets dropped on Audenarde, Renaix, Ath, Grammont, Namur, Alost. 10 searchlights apparently put off by de-synchronization of engines.	
28th Nov.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O Craft Obs. P/S Morton (RCAP) WOP/AG Sgt. Davis (RCAP)	Patrol Bourgas-Award	2112	2357	Turned back 25 miles S.E. of Nantes due to intercom. trouble.	
28th Nov.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot S/L Burton-Gyles Obs. Sgt. Richards WOP/AG Sgt. Wilson	Patrol Evroux-St. Andre	2104	0003	Over target area 2232-2255. Scattered lights near Evroux but no other activity.	
28th Nov.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot W/O Saunders Obs. P/S Styles WOP/AG Sgt. Batcliffe (RCAP)	Patrol Orleans	2040	0045	Over target area 2229-2259. Attacked train 1/2 mile east of Nantes. Engine stopped in cloud of steam.	
28th Nov.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot Sgt. Jackson Obs. P/O Bourgeois (RCAP) WOP/AG Sgt. McNeil	Patrol Orleans	2059	2226	Returned from Dungeness after being lost owing to change of wind direction.	

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28th Nov.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/L Venables Obs. P/S McKay (RCAP) WOP/AG P/O Baker (RCAP)	Patrol Bretigny Melm	2144	2230	Returned after 25 minutes as direction gyro U/S.	
30th Nov.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot S/L Burton-Gyles Obs. Sgt. Richards WOP/AG Sgt. Wilson	Nickalling at Beverloo	2030	2319	Leaflets dropped 2149-Beverloo. Attacked train just west of Beverloo. Strikes seen on engine and tender.	
30th Nov.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O Marshall Obs. P/O Peritt WOP/AG P/O Lawson	Nickalling at Namur	2033	2123	Returned from Manston owing to fog.	
30th Nov.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/S Lockwood (RCAP) Obs. Sgt. Ievers WOP/AG Sgt. Ghaebel (RCAP)	Nickalling at Roulers	2031		Not yet returned.	
30th Nov.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O White Obs. P/O Anderson (RCAP) WOP/AG Sgt. Field (RCAP)	Nickalling at Louvain	2048	2330	Leaflets dropped 2136-Louvain. Rear gunner fired 1 second burst at searchlight near coast (Furnes), which doused.	

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Bradwell Bay, Essex	11th		Nine day sorties were carried out and cross-country night training sorties during this period. Operations were carried out by One Boston III Intruder aircraft with the following crew. The aircraft returned safely to base from an uneventful sortie. <u>Pilot</u> Navigator <u>Crewman</u> P/Sgt. Henderson P/O Martin Sgt. Irving		See 541
	12th		W/Cdr. J. H. Little, D.F.C., assumed command of the Squadron vice W/Cdr. A. E. Saunders. Normal day flying carried out. No night training or operations.		
	13th		Nil		
	14th		Nil		
	15th		The film "Hellasopis" shown in the Airman's Mess to all ranks. Operations carried out by the following four crews in Boston III Intruder aircraft. All aircraft returned safely to base. <u>Pilot</u> Navigator <u>Crewman</u> P/Lt. Venables P/Sgt. McKay P/O Baker P/Sgt. Henderson P/O Martin Sgt. Irving P/Sgt. Jackson P/Sgt. Horton Sgt. McNeil Sgt. Ibbotson Sgt. Ashbrook Sgt. Holmes		See 541
	16th		Owing to bad weather conditions, no flying was carried out during this period. Nothing else to report.		
	17th		Weather conditions improved somewhat and nine crews carried out night flying tests. Four crews carried out searchlight cooperation and cross-country night flying. One Boston III Intruder aircraft with the following crew proceeded on operations and returned safely to base. <u>Pilot</u> Navigator <u>Crewman</u> P/Lt. Van Riel W/O Hogg, D.F.C. Sgt. Higgins		See 541
	18th		Nil		
	19th		Nil		
	20th		Weather was clear, but much smoke haze reducing visibility from time to time to less than a mile. Full moon. In the morning four aircraft of "B" flight, S/Ldr. Burton-Clyde, P/O Spenser, Sgt. Healey and P/Sgt. Hindley, undertook a cross-country to Belfast and at their destination were able to add to the Station food stores for the festive season. Three wings of Spitfires of No. 11 Group attempted to intercept the returning aircraft but were foiled by the approach of darkness and they all landed safely at Bradwell at 1730 hours. S/Ldr. Reid became non-effective as a result of a severed tendon and was admitted to Chelmsford Hospital for an operation. Three uneventful operational Intruder patrols were carried out by P/Lt. Van Riel to Melun and Bratigny, by P/O Hinks to Bourges and Avord and by P/O Spenser to Rennes, Fannes and Kerlin Bastard. Some bad weather was encountered on this last operation but the former were carried out in moonlight and unaided visibility. Owing to a slight navigational error, P/Lt. Van Riel was able to report on the beauties of the Eiffel Tower seen in the moonlight. Two training flights were carried out by P/Sgt. Hindley and Sgt. Jackson, the latter as a training flight for P/O LeBouais, Sergeant Jackson's new Observer. Squadron was released at 2320 hours.		

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Bradwell Bay, Essex	December				
	21st		Weather was fair in the morning, deteriorating in the afternoon, unflyable by dusk. Phase of the moon was full. Owing to a misunderstanding as to the Bakers-Up-Course "A" Flight aircrafts who should have been included in training flying during the morning did not arrive at dispersal in time to carry out the program. The matter was complicated by a break-down of the Station Tannoy system which did not resume operations until 1205 hours. Training flying was carried out in the afternoon including a flight to Southend to enable Section Officer Weston to make arrangements for the airman's and Warrant Officer's Christmas festivities, and a flight to Northolt for the purpose of recovering the Station Tiger Moth and the Squadron Mustang which had been left there going to bad weather. Presumably as a result of the bad weather and a strong forecast for the night the Squadron was put on 60 minutes at 1700 hours and released at 1800 hours.		
	22nd		Weather was unflyable in the morning but cleared up towards the evening with good weather during the early part of the night until 0200 hours when industrial haze reduced the visibility. Phase of the moon - full. "A" Flight were unable to carry out any training flight during the morning but a certain amount of Link Trainer was carried out by Pilots and the collection of information by Observers in the Operations Room. The weather had cleared up sufficiently by 1500 hours for W.P.A. to be carried out by all Pilots on duty. It was hoped that further loop training could be carried out on aircraft "B" before it became due for inspection since previous flights had shown this additional equipment will prove an enormous help in location of enemy beacons and aerodromes but bad weather in the morning did not permit the engineering officer to take it for inspection. Planned night flying was carried out by all Pilots on the program including the C.O. who had his first night landings under conditions of such brilliant moonlight that they could hardly be described as such. Flight Lieutenant Van Riel carried out his final operational sortie with the Squadron to drop bombs on Ghent. He found not unexpectedly a large quantity of locomotives in the marshalling yards south-east of the town and "bombed" them until his and his rear-gunner's ammunition were expended. This was Van Riel's 35th and the Observer's, W/O Hogg, 6th operational sortie. Three further sorties into North West France were cancelled since it was considered that the brilliance of the moonlight made such an operation with nickelling as the object an uneconomic proposition, but it was considered fit for Sergeant LeBouais to drop bombs at Saint-Le and on his return journey he shot up a train in the vicinity of Orléans. Pilot Officer Spens was despatched to drop bombs between Boulogne and Le Havre but was called back on advice that the weather was deteriorating rapidly, and Hanston had already closed down, however he landed successfully at approximately 0200 hours.		
	23rd		Weather was clear in the morning and early afternoon although deteriorating somewhat later in the afternoon. Phase of the moon was full. It was intended that large numbers of the Squadron personnel were to take part in a gas exercise involving the destruction of aircraft. On short notice the exercise was cancelled, much to the apparent delight of all concerned. A number of cross-country training flights were carried out during the morning and early afternoon. No night training or operational flights were carried out due to reduced visibility and adverse weather reports although the weather during the evening was quite fit for flying. "A" Flight, the operational flight, was held at 1000 readiness throughout the evening and released at 0100 hours.		
	24th		Weather was bleak and heavy. Phase of the moon was 3rd quarter. A certain amount of day time flying was carried out including the Squadron Commander's first cross-country. W.P.A.'s were carried out by all "B" Flight crews but the Squadron was released at an early hour. Christmas Festivities were commenced by the Sergeants' Christmas dinner in the evening when the Officers were invited around to drink His Majesty's Health at the conclusion of the dinner. There were indications, by the obvious abandoned enjoyment shown at the dance in the evening, that we were all having an extremely hilarious Christmas season.		

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Bradwall Bay, Essex	25th		Weather was overcast, reduced visibility. Phase of the moon - 3rd quarter. Apart from N.F.C.'s by W.P. Flight, no other flying was carried out on this Christmas Day, 1942. In the evening, the weather was so indifferent, both here and over the continent, that Command Controller was able to release the Squadron with a clear conscience before 2000 hours. During most of the evening and early afternoon, Officers and N.C.O.'s were fully occupied assisting at the Airmens' Christmas Dinner. In the evening, an extremely successful Sergeants' Mess Party was followed by a concert put on by the Station Mess, considerable thespian talent was revealed. Certain of the Squadron's Officers and N.C.O.'s continued the party at the Sergeants' Mess till a very late hour. Casualties, however, were slight. A very good and well organized Christmas Day!		
	26th		Weather was dull, reduced visibility. Phase of the moon - 3rd quarter. The Squadron was fortunate that the flying weather again was not good so that the Christmas Day hangover could be allowed to recover without operational calls. N.F.C.'s were carried out by all "A" Flight pilots but the Squadron was released before 1900 hours. S/Lt. Burton-Gyles went to Newmarket for lunch in very difficult weather conditions and P/Lt. Van Bell returned from Hornchurch in the Tiger Moth. The season's festivities were continued in the evening at the first Mess Dinner held in the Officers' Mess at Bradwall. Senior N.C.O.'s were invited to the Officers' Mess after dinner. After all the beer in the Officers' Mess had been consumed, the party was continued in the Sergeants' Mess till the small hours.		
	27th		Weather was dull, reduced visibility. Temporary clearance in later afternoon but had again by night fall. Phase of the moon - 3rd quarter. Apart from one training flight by Sergeant Birch in the morning, N.F.C.'s were carried out. Squadron was released before 1900 hrs. Certain Officers of the Squadron and the Station were entertained at an excellent lunch by Dr. Reid and Mr. Barton, both from Colchester in West Essex. The party was furnished across the Blackwater by Commander Campbell, R.N.V.R., in a converted motor-boat now engaged on air-sea rescue brought round by him from Brightlingsea. Apart from the foregoing, the day was mercifully uneventful since full physical recovery had not been completed by all members of the Squadron after the Christmas festivities.		
	28th		Nothing to report.		
	29th		Weather - fair intervals with snow squalls increasing towards dusk. Phase of the moon - last quarter. Wind gradually increasing during the day to reach gale force by dusk from the north. As a result of a cross country in the afternoon considerable belts of snow were observed across the north Midlands and under these conditions it was not considered advisable to carry out any practice flying. The Squadron was released at an early hour.		
	30th		Weather - fine and bright all day, strong northerly wind, overcast towards dusk with visibility falling to 2,000 yards. Phase of the moon - last quarter. Morning and afternoon training flying was carried out by all aircraft of both flights. P/Lt. Venables returned from leave in time to carry out his N.F.C. Snow had fallen overnight and conditions remained extremely cold all day. The weather forecast for the hours of darkness from Hornchurch, 11 Group and Fighter Command were all conflicting, none of them apparently being in accordance with the weather existing at Bradwall up till 2300 hours. Since there were no operational calls and such doubt existed as to the weather, no training flying was carried out. One aircraft was put to 60 minutes and the remainder released. The last aircraft was released at 2300 hrs.		
	31st		Weather - moderate. Phase of the moon - 3rd quarter. Flying during the day consisted of night flying tests but no operations or night flying were carried out.		

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Dec. 2nd	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O Stone / Obs. P/O Alcorn (RAF) / WOP/AG Sgt. Povey (RAF)	Patrol Arras	2013	2307	Over target area 2147-2157. Visibility very poor. No activity seen.	
Dec. 4th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot W/O Saunders / Obs. P/O Styles IEM / WOP/AG Sgt. Batcliffe (RAF)	Leaflets Idage.	2102	0023	Over target area 2282-2310. Dropped leaflets Idage. Attached train 2 miles N.W. of Idage, strikes seen behind engine and train stopped. No other activity.	
Dec. 5th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot S/Lt. Burton-Gyles IEM DSO / Obs. Sgt. Richards J. Leaflets Mons / WOP/AG Sgt. Wilson	Leaflets Mons	0107	0418	Over target area 0305-0310. Dropped leaflets Mons. Attached train west of Mons, all fire seen hitting engine.	
Dec. 4th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O Marshall / Obs. P/O Pevitt / WOP/AG P/O Lawson	Leaflets Hamer	2108		Failed to return.	
Dec. 4th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot Sgt. Walsh / Obs. Sgt. Robinson C.F. Arras / WOP/AG Sgt. Evans	Arras	2033	2334	First operational sortie. No activity seen apart from light flak from north shore of St. Michel Bay.	
Dec. 4th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O Spencer / Obs. P/O Bourgeois J.M.C. / WOP/AG Sgt. Eyde (All RAF)	Leaflets Bay-Hamet	2103	2328	Over target area 2227-2335. Leaflets dropped Bay and Hamet. Uneventful sortie.	
Dec. 4th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O Van Eiel IEM (Belg.) / Obs. P/O Rogg IEM (Belg.) / WOP/AG Sgt. Higgins (RAF)	Leaflets Charleroi	2125	2351	Over target area 2213. Leaflets dropped Charleroi. Uneventful sortie.	
Dec. 9th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O White P.M. / Obs. P/O Anderson (RAF) / WOP/AG Sgt. Field (RAF)	Leaflets Menin	1850	2105	Over target area 1954. Leaflets dropped Menin. S/Lt's at Misport going out failed to illuminate. No other activity.	
Dec. 9th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O Spencer / Obs. P/O Bourgeois J.M.C. / WOP/AG Sgt. Eyde (All RAF)	Leaflets Tournai	1901	2112	Over target area 2022-2030. Turned back due to bad visibility. Leaflets not dropped. Sortie uneventful.	
Dec. 9th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot Sgt. Walsh / Obs. Sgt. Robinson C.F. / WOP/AG Sgt. Blake	Leaflets Ypres	1859	2101	Over target area 2015-2020. Leaflets dropped Ypres. Sortie uneventful.	
Dec. 9th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot W/O Saunders / Obs. P/O Styles IEM / WOP/AG Sgt. Batcliffe (RAF)	Patrol Kerlin/Bastard	1900	2325	Over target area 2122-2132. Heavy flak from Kerlin, otherwise uneventful. No activity seen.	
Dec. 9th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot S/Lt. Burton-Gyles IEM DSO / Obs. Sgt. Richards J. Leaflets Mons / WOP/AG Sgt. Wilson	Leaflets Mons	1858	2203	Over target area 2022-2030. Leaflets dropped Mons - La Bourde. Train attacked south of Arras, results unobserved. Otherwise uneventful.	

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Dec. 11th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot F/S Henderson Obs. F/O Martin WOP/AG Sgt. Irving	Recco, Isigny area	1941	2225	First operational sortie. Uneventful sortie.	
Dec. 15th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot F/S Jackson Obs. F/S Norton WOP/AG Sgt. McNeil	Leaflets Tournai	1945	2117	Over target area 2030-2035. Leaflets dropped Tournai. Uneventful sortie.	
Dec. 15th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot F/S Henderson Obs. F/O Martin WOP/AG Sgt. Irving	Leaflets Ypres	1944	2056	Over target area 2020-2025. Leaflets dropped Ypres. Uneventful sortie.	
Dec. 15th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot F/S Venables Obs. F/S Norton WOP/AG Sgt. Baker	Recco, Orail and Patis aerodrome	2123	2313	Recalled before reaching Seine. Illuminated by a/l's near St. Valery-en-Caux coming out but no flask.	
Dec. 15th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot Sgt. Labram Obs. Sgt. Haddock WOP/AG Sgt. Holmes	Leaflets Ghent	1938	2140	Over target area 2038-2040. Leaflets dropped Ghent. Circling train near Doyne when three separate red pyrotechnics were fired in direction of Boston, which took the hint. No other activity.	
Dec. 17th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot F/L Van Rial Obs. W/O Hogg WOP/AG Sgt. Higgins	Patrol Gilze	2250	0105	Over target area 2348-0007. Gilze-Rijen a/d lit on arrival and a/s seen landing but too far away to attack. Lights remained on during patrol but no further activity seen.	
Dec. 20th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot F/O White Obs. F/O Alcorn WOP/AG Sgt. Field	Patrol Bourges & M. Avord	1747	2202	Over target area 1950-20005. Uneventful sortie - no activity.	
Dec. 20th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot F/O Spencer Obs. F/O Bourgeois WOP/AG Sgt. Kydd	Patrol Karlin/ Bastard & Vannes	1932	2250	Over target area 2120-2130. No activity seen - uneventful sortie.	
Dec. 20th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot F/L Van Rial Obs. W/O Hogg WOP/AG Sgt. Higgins	Patrol Malm & Brest	1835	2235	Over target area 2010-2055. Passed close to Eiffel Tower at 200 feet without opposition. Uneventful sortie.	
Dec. 22nd	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot F/O Stone Obs. F/O Alcorn WOP/AG Sgt. Hogg	Shipping Recco. Boulogne-Le Havre	0024	0213	One small vessel just south of Cap Gris Nez only observation.	
Dec. 22nd	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot Sgt. Labram Obs. Sgt. Haddock WOP/AG Sgt. Holmes	Leaflets St. Lo	2213	0039	Over target area 2331. Leaflets dropped St. Lo. Attacked train north of St. Lo seeing strikes from cab to guard's van.	
Dec. 22nd	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot F/L Van Rial Obs. W/O Hogg WOP/AG Sgt. Higgins	Leaflets Ghent	2151	2340	Over target area 2230-2245. Leaflets dropped Ghent. All guns emptied in three separate bursts into numerous locomotives in marshalling yards at Heirdehoks. Rear gunner also fired 100 rounds at same target. Pilots 35th and observer's 05th sortie.	

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Bradwell Bay, Essex	JANUARY 1st	43	<p>Weather:- Very bad rain. Low visibility. Temporary clearance in the early evening to enable N.F.T.'s to be carried out.</p> <p>To celebrate the arrival of the A.F.C. to the Station Commander the N.F.M. to Flight Sergeant Styles, 10 officers from the Station adjourned to West Mercia for lunch. On the return trip, after an extremely good lunch, several members of the party suffered immersion to various degrees which was complete in the case of the Officer Commanding, 418 Squadron. No night flying was carried out owing to adverse weather.</p>		
	2nd		<p>Weather:- Fine in the morning. Overcast in the afternoon. Rain in the early part of the evening but clearing by 2000 hours. Phase of the moon - Last quarter.</p> <p>Training flight was carried out in the morning and N.F.T.'s in the afternoon after a lecture to all Pilots given by Pilot Officer Stone on his return from the engine handling course. The Squadron suffered a very serious loss as a result of a fatal accident to an aircraft flown by Flying Officer White, in which Sergeant Field and ATC Cadet Hall were also killed. An investigation of the accident is being held but it is apparent that the accident was due to the aircraft spinning from a height insufficient to regain control.</p> <p>As a result of an adverse and erroneous flight forecast, no flying was carried out and Squadron was released by 2000 hours.</p>		
	3rd		<p>Weather:- Very fine and cold, no cloud, visibility 4 to 6 miles. Phase of the moon - last quarter.</p> <p>Training cross-country carried out by "A" Flight in the morning. An extensive training programme was anticipated for the night but unfortunately the visibility deteriorated and Lt. Duggan stated that by 1800 hours only Bradwell and Tangere were open. Training flying was not therefore carried out with the exception of a canopy practice by Sergeant Blinch.</p> <p>Since there were indications that the Hun also intended to carry out night flying training in France, F/Lt. Venables was despatched to the Bourge area and F/Sgt. Henderson to Malm. However, both trips proved uneventful, no aerodrome lighting or aircraft being seen but both pilots reported intentional lack of black-out in France. At approximately 2030 hours it was reported that the Dutch drones were becoming active and shortly afterwards 17 enemy aircraft were plotted and bombing reports were received from the Wiltby-Middleborough area.</p> <p>Intruder Controller wanted to send a Boston to Deelen while Hurricanes covered Schiedaphol - Soesterberg. St. Labram was the most experienced pilot remaining on the program with 4 operational trips so it was decided to send 2 Hurricanes to Deelen and Soesterberg. These aircraft were forced to turn back by bad weather when approaching the Dutch coast. Squadron was released before 2300 hours.</p>		
	4th		<p>Weather:- Very cloudy and cold. Good visibility. Phase of the moon - Last quarter.</p> <p>Training flights were carried out in the morning and night flying tests carried out in the afternoon by "A" Flight. State of readiness was 2 aircraft at readiness and 2 at 60 minutes with the Squadron being released at 1617 hours.</p>		
	5th		<p>Weather:- Considerable ground haze and rain during the early part of the day. No moon.</p> <p>N.F.T.'s were carried out in the afternoon by "B" Flight and 4 aircraft did local training at night. The state of readiness was all aircraft at 60 minutes with the Squadron being released at 2140 hours. There were no operational sorties.</p>		
	6th		<p>Weather:- Cloudy with scattered rain showers. Poor visibility. No moon.</p> <p>N.F.T.'s were carried out in the afternoon by "B" Flight but the Squadron was released at 1645 hours prior to readiness.</p>		

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Bradwell Bay, Essex	JANUARY				
	7th		Weather: Low clouds, rain. Visibility less than 1 mile. No moon. No flying was possible during the day or night and the day was generally uneventful. The C.O. on returning from a visit to Fighter Command brought back the news that the requirement of the Squadron should commence within 6 weeks. S/Ldr. Reid on instructions of S.M.O. 11 Group departed to Rhrbridge for treatment for his hand.		
	8th		Weather: Fine and cold. Visibility deteriorating in the evening. Phase of the moon - new. The majority of the morning was occupied by a lecture by the Flying Control Officer, Flight Lieutenant Mrs. A small amount of flying took place in the morning and practice flying N.P.F.'s in the afternoon. The Squadron was released before 2000 hours and it was decided to carry out some night practice flying. E/L Venables was ordered to take off first on a weather test. He and the other pilots found their machines covered in rime ice and they found it impossible to clear their wind screens as the ice reformed as soon as scraped off. Flight Lieutenant Venables as a result took off on instruments with his wind screen frosted over as he had brushed as much ice as possible off the wings but declared the conditions unsuitable for practice flying. As a result of this experience it was decided that wing and cockpit covers should be kept on all aircraft that can or fan should be available every night at dispersal.		
	9th		Weather: Fair and cold. Freshening south west wind. Phase of the moon - first quarter. Air Vice Marshal Curtis, Group Captain Campbell and S/L Noble made a good will visit to the Squadron between 1100 and 1200 hours. Air Vice Marshal Curtis was satisfied with the Squadron and the opportunity was taken to ventilate views in regard to the R.C.A.F. personal point of view with more particular reference to the proposed Observer's R.A.F. Course. W/O Healy, No. 11 Group Armament Officer, an company with an armament officer from Fighter Command visited the Squadron with reference to the unsatisfactory functioning of the cannon. The armament experts stated that the installation was thoroughly unsatisfactory and not very much could be done but that the cannon maintenance in the Squadron was exceptionally good. Two flights were made in the afternoon by the C.O. in aircraft X when not a single round was fired. Normal day flying and N.P.F.'s were carried out, the squadron being released from operations before 2000 hours but two bullies were carried out by Sergeants Walsh and Haslop and training flying by C.O. and P/L Small. All flying was stopped by 2000 hours and the weather varied sharply after midnight. The Adjutant, Station Armament Officer, and 4 Flight Officers were entertained at dinner by the Royal Air Force Club and pronounced it "a very good show".		
	10th		Weather: 10/10th cloud, 300 to 700 feet, rain and fog. Phase of the moon - first quarter. No flying could be undertaken by day or night on account of the weather and Squadron was released before 1700 hours. Nothing of any interest took place during the day.		
11th		Weather: Rain and low cloud in the morning, clearing towards midday, fine evening and night until after midnight. Phase of the moon, first quarter. No flying took place during the morning owing to weather but N.P.F.'s and practice flying were carried out during the afternoon. P/L Venables and crew did an "intruder" patrol to Tours which was unsuccessful except that owing to a slight error the enemy coast was crossed near Cotand and the aircraft was eventually forced from a position somewhere in the North Sea. Sgt. Labren and crew did an "intruder" patrol to Bourges which was uneventful.			
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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
Bradwell Bay, Essex	JANUARY				
	(Continued)		For the purpose of giving his Observer operational experience, P/Sgt. Jackson did a "nickelling" raid to Vire in the Cherbourg peninsula but unfortunately ran into rain and bad weather and although he saw many lights and dropped his "nickels" on a village, he was unable to identify any rolling stock in the marshalling yards at Pelligny. Practice cross-country flying was carried out by Sergeant Blinn and crew but training flying attempted by Sgt. Jones and the C.O. was curtailed owing to N.P. failure. Certain numbers of the released N.P. flight carried out an operation to Chateaufort but the results are not known.		
	12th		Weather: Moderate, clearing sufficiently for N.P.F.'s to be carried out but deteriorating at dusk. As a result, squadron was first put at 60 minutes and then released before 1900 hrs. Nothing further of interest today.		
	13th		Weather: Clear, fine. Phase of the moon - 1st quarter. Formation flying practice carried out by B Flight in the morning and N.P.F.'s in the afternoon. Operational sorties were undertaken during the evening, Sgts. Walsh and Haslop being detailed for Beauvais and Creil respectively. Sgt. Walsh returned in bad weather without crossing the enemy coast and Sgt. Haslop's sortie was carried out uneventfully in bad weather conditions. As a result of heavy activity in the new coastal area, S/L Burton-Coles was despatched to Dealen. It was thought that 20 enemy aircraft were operating but this was afterwards reduced to 7 and although 4 of these were said to have landed at Dealen when S/L Burton-Coles was in position he saw nothing except the aircrews light probably due to late arrival due to navigational error. Training flying was carried out by P/L Small and the C.O.		
	14th		Weather: Fair, visibility - good. Operational flights were carried out by Sgt. Haslop and Sgt. Walsh, both detailed to patrol Beauvais and Creil areas. Both these sorties proved uneventful. Night flying training was carried out by P/Sgt. Finlay and crew.		
	15th		Weather: Mainly overcast with moderate visibility with clouds dispersing after dark but visibility falling to less than a mile. Normal day flying training was carried out and night flying training by most of "A" Flight pilots and P/L Small. P/O Grant made an uneventful operational sortie to Creil and Beauvais. Both he and P/L Small landed successfully with the aid of many flares. Two pilots of the Squadron were put 60 minutes before midnight.		
	16th		Weather: Mainly cloudy, good visibility. The same conditions persisting until midnight. Phase of the moon - second quarter. Normal practice flying was undertaken during the day and the early part of the evening. As a result of adverse weather conditions, the Squadron was released at an early hour and night training flying was stopped. The aircraft "bad weather" did not in fact reach this area. P/L Venables was detailed to the flight with P/L Small, P/O Warner and P/O Houghton were invited to shoot by P/L Haslop and during the evening the first three named officers with C.O. Small held the first operational raid at 2300 hours. 150 rounds of the Squadron were on parade and the evening was uneventful.		
	17th		Weather: Breeze, visibility - good. Phase of the moon - 2nd quarter. Normal day flying practice was carried out. P/L Small did his final night cross country practice flying before becoming operational and 3 intruder patrols were carried out during the evening, two by S/L Burton-Coles.		

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Bradwell Bay, Essex	JANUARY 17th		<p>Enemy activity was considerable in second phase, the first taking place in the early part of the evening when some 20 enemy aircraft bombed scattered districts in Kent, Southern, and South East London and the second about 0300 hours when some 40 enemy aircraft dropped bombs in the same area. Sgt. Haslop, Walsh and S/L Burton-Cyles were despatched as follows: the first two to Beauvais and Orval and the last mentioned to Malin & Bentley for the first phase, and S/L Burton-Cyles and P/O Spencer to Chelms and Beauvais for the second phase. Enemy aircraft were sighted by S/L Burton-Cyles on his second sortie, and by P/O Spencer, Sgt. Walsh and Sgt. Haslop but in no case was it possible to engage which was a matter of considerable disappointment.</p> <p>Once again, Bradwell was the only aerodrome in the Group to remain open with the result that 4 Lancasters, 2 Typhoons, 1 Hudson and 6 Mosquitoes landed during the night thus imposing a considerable strain on the Squadron ground crew who coped with the situation admirably. One of the typhoons ran off the runway and went on its back and the Mosquitoes of 85 Squadron operated from Bradwell for the remainder of the night.</p> <p>S/L Burton-Cyles and P/O Spencer landed back at approximately 0730 hours shortly after which the squadron was released.</p>		
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	18th		<p>Weather: Overcast in the morning. Visibility moderate. No low clouds. During the afternoon, visibility good with low ground haze. Fine with good visibility until after 0200 hours. Phase of the moon - 2nd quarter.</p> <p>Normal training flying was carried out during the morning and afternoon included anti-ground cannon tests, air-to-air flying. Three Mosquitoes of 264 Squadron under the command of S/L Maxwell arrived in the late evening to operate with the Squadron. Slight enemy activity occurred in the early part of the evening when there was a sharp return on the Dover-Redoubt area as a result of which the three Mosquitoes were despatched to Beauvais and Kiel, and one (P/O Spencer) to Chelms. All the patrols were uneventful with the exception of S/L Maxwell who shot up a train near Kiel. Once again the night was marred by the arrival of enemy visiting aircraft owing to all other aerodromes in the group becoming non-operational owing to fog.</p> <p>The Squadron was released at approximately 0100 hours.</p>		
	19th		<p>Weather: Moderate, visibility moderate. No operations carried out. Night flying carried out by Commanding Officer, P/L Venables, and P/Sgt. Henderson.</p>		
	20th		<p>Weather: Overcast, visibility good. Adverse meteorological report for the evening.</p> <p>Normal day practice flying and N.F.T.'s were carried out. Enemy activity was limited to sporadic raids of one aircraft at a time operating from the east of England. The weather was not considered suitable in view of the major enemy effort to despatch any intruders since it was anticipated that Bradwell and other stations in inland-roads close down at any moment, and rain on and falling at Bradwell before 2200 hours. Decision not to despatch any intruders was somewhat justified when it was learned that 2 Mosquitoes and 1 Hudson had crashed in the vicinity of base. Although it is probable that one of the Mosquitoes was destroyed by enemy action.</p>		
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Bradwell Bay, Essex	JANUARY 20		<p>At 0115 hours, S/L Maxwell in a Mosquito was ordered off to patrol Dungeness with a view to being sent back into France with one of the enemy aircraft which was plotted over Kent. He was ordered to land about 10 minutes after take-off since this aircraft was shot down by night fighters.</p> <p>A reduced state of the Squadron and one Mosquito was maintained until 0530 hours. No operational calls were made. At the end of the day a considerable number of visiting aircraft landed at Bradwell during the night.</p>		
	21st		<p>Weather: Fine, visibility moderate; slight haze in the morning becoming overcast towards late afternoon with good visibility. Phase of the moon - full.</p> <p>Normal day flying practices and N.F.T.'s were carried out.</p> <p>The parade detailed for morning on the occasion of the A.O.C. presenting DFC to Flight Lieutenant Van Riel was cancelled due to the inability of the A.O.C. to arrive. This was greeted with considerable relief since the Squadron was on duty to a very early hour the previous night.</p> <p>The Commanding Officer was able to report favourably on the Squadron's proposed re-equipment as a result of the generosity of the Flight Commander of 264 Squadron in lending him a Mosquito during the afternoon.</p> <p>264 Squadron Pilots are qualified Mosquito pilots, S/L Burton-Cyles and the Commanding Officer.</p> <p>The night activities were limited to two sorties by two aircraft of 264 Squadron. Flying Officer Maxwell and Flying Officer Mason who went to Soesterberg and Deelen, and Giles and Hindryns. P/O Mason's sortie was uneventful and carried out in bad weather, low clouds, rain, visibility less than a mile, but he landed just before weather closed in at Bradwell. S/L Maxwell had a shot at an enemy aircraft which he claims was damaged and a train. He was diverted to Coltishall.</p> <p>The Squadron and remaining Mosquito were released at approximately 2330 hours but one Mosquito was brought back to 60 minutes available at 0200 hours. No further calls however were made.</p>		
	22nd		<p>Weather: Moderate.</p> <p>One night flying training sortie was carried out by P/O Spencer and crew.</p> <p>No operations.</p>		
	23rd		<p>Weather: Fair, visibility falling at dusk.</p> <p>The Squadron Commander and Squadron Leader Burton-Cyles proceeded to DeHavilland Aircraft factory, Hatfield, in the morning to discuss the squadron's re-equipment with manufacturers. They were shown round the factory and the production indicated that the re-equipment would not be long delayed. Shortly after returning, the Squadron Commander left with the Station Commander for Hawkinge in Cygnet.</p> <p>No operational flight was carried out in the evening.</p>		
	24th		<p>Weather: Moderate. Visibility - poor.</p> <p>Flying activity for this period was confined to night flying tests.</p> <p>No operations or night flying training carried out.</p>		

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Bradwell Bay, Essex	JANUARY	25th	Weather: Fair, becoming overcast towards evening. Rain and low clouds by 1800 hours. Normal flying training carried out during the day but with the weather deteriorating, the Squadron was put to a relaxed state early in the evening and finally released at midnight. Although a clear forecast for the early hours of the morning, no flying was carried out and the Squadron had an early night. Otherwise uneventful 24 hours.		
		26th	Weather: Fair in the morning and early afternoon, clouding over towards dusk but clearing again at midnight. Visibility falling under 2000 yards at dusk and remaining at 1500 yards until 0400 hours. Phase of the moon - Last quarter. Normal day flying was carried out including a flight to Aokington by Sergeant James who was ordered to ferry Sgt. Healdor and P/O Thomson to Harpeth, 410 Squadron in order that they may gain experience on Mosquito aircraft before proceeding overseas to 23 Squadron. As a result of extremely skillful operation by the Station C.O. assisted by the Squadron Commander during the afternoon, it is hoped that the messing for the next few days in the Officers' Mess will be improved. This was assisted by a sortie carried out by Squadron Commander and Squadron Leader Burton-Coles, rear gunner, round the aerodrome which resulted in two confirmed bares. Squadron was put to 60 minutes at midnight and no practice flying was carried out owing to the poor visibility.		
		27th	Weather: Fair in the morning with much smoke haze. Cloudy in the evening but visibility increased. Several cross-country flights were carried out in the morning but it was thought inadvisable to allow Flight Sergeant Henderson to land back at Bradwell owing to poor visibility. He was able to return in the afternoon. H.F.T.'s were carried out by Sergeant Elinch, P/O Yensables and P/S Henderson but the weather was not considered suitable for further flying or for operations. Squadron was released at a very early hour.		
		28th	Weather: Low clouds to 600 feet in the morning lifting to 10,000 feet in the afternoon remaining overcast all night. Visibility, moderate in the morning improving in the afternoon and evening. Phase of the moon - last quarter. It was not possible to carry out flying in the morning but practice flying and H.F.T.'s were carried out in the afternoon. As a result of the adverse weather report, Squadron was put at a reduced state early in the evening which was still further reduced before 1900 hours. Day was otherwise uneventful.		
		29th	Weather: Good. Phase of the moon - last quarter. A good days flying was accomplished. Air to ground practice training carried out in the morning and air to air firing practice training in the afternoon. Flight Lieutenant Bennell and Sgt. Findlay carried out first operational trips to the Hermes area. Poor weather conditions were encountered over the area and the trips proved uneventful. Squadron Commander also on his first operational trip with the Squadron was forced to turn back before reaching the French coast owing to bad weather conditions. Squadron was released at 2300 hours.		
	30th	Weather: Fair periods between severe showers. Generally overcast but visibility good. Normal day flying practice and H.F.T.'s were carried out and three tickling raids were attempted during the early part of the evening by Commanding Officer, Flight Lieutenant Bennell and P/Sgt. Findlay. Flight Lieutenant Bennell and P/Sgt. Findlay both completed their operations but the Commanding Officer turned back over the channel running into a heavy thunder squall. Squadron was released about 2400 hours.			

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Bradwell Bay, Essex	JANUARY	31st	Weather: South-westerly gale gusting to 90 miles an hour. Apart from a weather test in mid afternoon carried out by the C.O., it was considered inadvisable to attempt any flying or any H.F.T.'s. Continuous rain was added to the gale during the hours of darkness and the Squadron was released at an early hour.		
			Operational Hours for Month.....62 Training Hours for Month.....242		
			<u>SQUADRON STRENGTH</u> 1st January, 1943.		
			RCAF Officers Air Crew - 14 RCAF Airmen Air Crew - 19 Ground " - 5 Ground " - 126		
			RAF Officers Air Crew - 11 RAF Airmen Air Crew - 20 Ground " - 1 Ground " - 62		
			<u>Other Personnel</u>		
			1 Captain, 1 Sergeant, 2 Privates - Canadian Dental Corps Detachment		
			<u>SQUADRON STRENGTH</u> 31st January, 1943.		
			RCAF Officers Air Crew - 11 RCAF Airmen Air Crew - 16 Ground " - 4 Ground " - 135		
			RAF Officers Air Crew - 9 RAF Airmen Air Crew - 28 Ground " - 2 Ground " - 57		
<u>AIRCRAFT ON CHARGE</u>					
Boston III Intruder.....17					
Miles Magister - 1					
Cygnets - 1					
Oxford - 1					

Wing Commander, Commanding,
No. 418 Squadron, R.C.A.F.

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBERS	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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Jan. 17th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot S/L P.R. Burton-Cyless DSQ DFC Obs. Sgt. J. Richards WOP/AG Sgt. W.V. Wilson	Patrol Melun & Bretigny	1517	2202	Over target area 2009-2035. Very accurate flash and search lights from Melun but otherwise uneventful.	
Jan. 17th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot Sgt. R. Hooley Obs. P/O J.A.G. Thomson & Creil WOP/AG Sgt. G. Blakely	Patrol Beauvais	2103	0005	Over target area 2216-2359. Navigation lights of enemy aircraft over Beauvais but contact lost. Aerodrome lit at Creil but no activity.	
Jan. 17th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot Sgt. B. Walsh Obs. Sgt. G.P. Robinson & Creil WOP/AG Sgt. A.W. Halesbit	Patrol Beauvais	1637	2133	Over target area 1955-2029. Aerodrome at Beauvais lit up. One aircraft seen to take off and another to land but both too far away to attack.	
Jan. 17th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot S/L P.R. Burton-Cyless DSQ DFC Obs. Sgt. J. Richards WOP/AG Sgt. W.V. Wilson	Patrol Chievres	0043	0051	Target not located. Patrolled Denain aerodrome, which was lit, for 10 minutes. Two enemy aircraft seen momentarily but lost sight of almost immediately.	
Jan. 18th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O H.H. Spencer Obs. P/O J.H.C. Bourgeois WOP/AG Sgt. G.W. Kydd (All RCAP)	Patrol Chievres	2047	2232	Over target 2134-2148. Uneventful sortie.	
Jan. 29th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/L R.J. Bunnell (RCAP) Obs. P/O Shield WOP/AG Sgt. J.H. Dickey	Leaflets Rennes	1855	2207	Over target 2040-2050. Leaflets dropped Rennes 2040. Uneventful sortie.	
Jan. 29th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot W/O J.H. Little DFC Obs. P/W D.H. Styles RSM WOP/AG Sgt. Ratcliffe (RCAP)	Leaflets Laval	1930	2045	Returned when half-way across Channel due to bad weather.	
Jan. 29th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/S E.A. Findlay Obs. P/S J.D. Ritch WOP/AG Sgt. J.W. Robertson (All RCAP)	Leaflets Rennes	1928	2305	Leaflets dropped at Rennes 2100 and Fougères 2115. P/S failed 20 miles from base on return and landed East Wretham.	

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Breadwell Bay, Essex	1st		<p>Weather: Stormy showers with clear intervals. Visibility: Good. Phase of the moon - Last quarter.</p> <p>Normal flying during the morning. C.O. visited Flight Command to ascertain the position with regard to reequipment. The results were not particularly encouraging but it was learned that there was every chance of reequipment with Mosquito 6's by the end of March. Three practice cross countries were attempted during the evening but they all turned back owing to bad weather caused by severe thunder-showers. No operational calls were made and the Squadron was released at 0100 hours.</p>	SECRET.
	2nd		<p>Weather: Rain showers during the day, but fine throughout the night. Visibility: Moderate to good. Phase of the moon - Last quarter.</p> <p>Squadron was visited by W/Odr. Moore, DSO, DFC, Officer Commanding Intruder O/AF, Farnborough and S/L Chalmers-Watson, No. 11 Group Flight Operations.</p> <p>Night training flights were cancelled due to all crews on the operational detail. Squadron was put at a relaxed state of readiness at 2200 hours, although no operational calls were made thereafter.</p>	
	3rd		<p>Weather was fine. Visibility good. Phase of the moon - last quarter.</p> <p>Throughout the day, normal training progresses carried on. Two operational microling sorties were carried out in the evening. Pilot Lieutenant Bunnell to Chievres and Sgt. James to Chievres. P/O Howlands engaged in practice flying during his first night solo. The squadron was at readiness until 0030 hours when placed at a relaxed state. No further operational calls were made thereafter.</p>	
	4th		<p>Weather: Fair, moderate visibility. Phase of the moon - New.</p> <p>S/L Burton-Cyless and the C.O. went to night in order that the C.O. might be checked out on a Lancaster. After much telephoning the entire Bomber Group were able to produce one serviceable Lancaster which the C.O. flew for half an hour under the instruction of S/L Burton-Cyless, while the normal crew of C, 2 DSO, cadets, 3 ground crew and 2 Sgt. Styles disposed themselves about the aeroplane.</p> <p>Weather was sufficiently good in the evening for P/O Hallwood to carry out circuits and landing but no other training or operational flying was undertaken since the Squadron was kept at readiness till a late hour.</p>	
	5th		<p>Weather: P.M. in the morning, deteriorating towards dusk with rain by 1900 hours. Phase of the moon - New.</p> <p>Air to ground firing was carried out by "B" Flight during the morning and N.A.F.'s during the afternoon. Searchlight cooperation exercises was cancelled on account of the weather and it was not possible to carry out any night flying training for the same reason. Squadron was released at an early hour.</p>	
	6th		<p>Weather: Cloudy with showers. Visibility: 3 to 6 miles at night. Phase of the moon - New.</p> <p>No Intruder operations owing to bad weather but two Bostons with Sgt. James, P/O Vismell, Sgt. Robinson and P/S Findlay, P/S Ritch, Sgt. Robertson, took part in bull's-eye exercises over London.</p>	

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Brookwell Bay, Essex.	FEBRUARY	7th	<p>Weather: Fine, visibility good, heavy frost commenced about 2300 hours. Phase of the moon - first quarter.</p> <p>Nothing of particular note occurred during the morning. "B" Flight carried out formation practice in the afternoon and results indicated that more of this practice is necessary. A Spitfire Ace landed in a field about 3 miles north-west of the base near Dendons's Villa. However, four mottled aircraft were observed over the base by the Commanding Officer, P/Lt. Bennell, Sgt. Walsh and Sgt. James. The question of S/Ldr. Burton-Clyde going to the base was raised by the Commanding Officer since about 10 A.M. were plotted near the Isle of Wight and preparing to return to Focamp. It was expected that some of these aircraft might go over land to the Dutch aerodromes in 605 Squadron were covering the French coast. This information was, however, so vague that combined with the fact that only one aircraft was available to cover the base bases it was decided that the sortie was not justified. The Squadron was released between 0200 hours and 0500 hours.</p>		
		8th	<p>Weather: Throughout the day, fair, although deteriorated considerably later in the evening. Visibility good.</p> <p>Normal flying tests were carried out by "A" Flight. P/O Hallwood and crew carried out a 4-1/2 hours day cross-country training flight. Sergeant James assumed near H.A.F. Station, Farnborough, during a day cross-country training flight with all members of the crew being killed instantly. The Squadron came to readiness and remained as until 1330 hours when 2 crews were placed at 60 and at 0005 hours the Squadron was placed at 60. P/Lt. Venables did a weather test flight but weather was declared unfit for training. No operational calls were made and the Squadron was released at 0530 hours.</p>		X
		9th	<p>Weather: Fine, visibility 2 to 4 miles. Phase of the moon - first quarter.</p> <p>Normal test flights were carried out in the afternoon by "A" Flight. The Squadron was brought to readiness and remained as such until 2200 hours when placed at a released state. P/O Howlands and crew carried out a night cross-country training flight. Sergeant James was ordered off on his first operational sortie but due to engine trouble was forced to return to base. P/O Howlands took off on an operational sortie but barely cleared the aerodrome and shortly returned to base reporting the pilot's cockpit hatch had blown open on taking off. No further operational calls were made on the Squadron.</p>		
		10th	<p>Weather: Poor with rain showers throughout the day, visibility poor. Phase of the moon - half.</p> <p>The air firing programme which had been scheduled for the morning was not carried out due to poor weather conditions. Other than night flying training no training was done in the afternoon and the Squadron was brought to readiness at 1730 hours. The weather appeared to improve around 2300 hours and all crews were ordered to dispersal with a view to carrying out training flying. However, S/L Burton-Clyde, P/O, P/O, did a weather test flight and declared conditions unfit for training. The Squadron remained at 60 minutes and was released at 0500 hours, with no operational calls being made.</p>		
		11th	<p>Weather: Moderate in the morning. Visibility deteriorated towards noon and increased before dusk. Moderate visibility after dusk with low stratus forming and increasing about 2300 hours. Phase of moon - 1st quarter.</p> <p>Extensive air to ground flying practice was carried out by "A" Flight during the morning but deteriorating visibility during the morning prevented any further flying except 6 A.M.'s during the late afternoon. No operational calls were made and at approximately 2230 hours, the C.O. and S/L Burton-Clyde carried out weather tests but decided that the formation of low stratus clouds did not permit any further flying operations to be carried out. An excellent night flying sortie consisting of 4000 ft. and 1000 ft. altitudes was reported by Mrs. White.</p>		

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Brookwell Bay, Essex.	FEBRUARY	12th	<p>Weather: Fair with scattered showers. Phase of the moon - First quarter.</p> <p>Visibility: Very good.</p> <p>Normal training programme was carried out throughout the day. The Squadron was only called upon for one operational sortie with at 2117 hours, P/O, Sgt. Jackson and crew (P/O is killed and Sgt. Hallwood) was ordered off on a miscalculation over the French coast. The aircraft was last spotted midway between Landy Head and the French coast and on failure to return at scheduled time, mottled aircraft was immediately observed. However, all attempts to locate the missing aircraft were unsuccessful and the crew was obviously presumed as missing on air operations. Jackson remained at a released state of readiness throughout the night.</p>		
		13th	<p>Weather: Clear in the morning, with some rain during the afternoon. Phase of the moon - first quarter. Visibility: Good.</p> <p>P/O Howlands and crew were ordered off on a miscalculation over the French coast. The aircraft was last spotted midway between Landy Head and the French coast and on failure to return at scheduled time, mottled aircraft was immediately observed. However, all attempts to locate the missing aircraft were unsuccessful and the crew was obviously presumed as missing on air operations. Jackson remained at a released state of readiness throughout the night.</p>		
		14th	<p>Weather: Fair. Visibility - moderate. Phase of the moon - first quarter.</p> <p>An exercise hypothesis was carried out which was an attempt to test the crew, but of the 12 aircraft dropped by 1000 ft. to make their way back through base guard and H.A.F. Detachment defence 5 got back. H.A.F.'s were also carried out. The Squadron was put at 60 minutes at 11 minutes past 12 and released at 0230.</p>		
		15th	<p>Weather: Fine. Visibility: good. Phase of the moon - second quarter.</p> <p>An extensive night flying programme was successfully carried out by 1/2 pilots of both flights. In addition 3 operational sorties were carried out by S/L Burton-Clyde, P/L Bennell and P/O Howlands. The two latter being to Chateaux and Villacoublay. P/O Howlands returned from his 40 minutes earlier than his H.A.F. due to bad weather. S/L Burton-Clyde attempted to proceed to near Chateaux and flew over the aerodrome when he was heavily engaged by ground defences and returned with a large hole through the top of his fin which covered the pilot head compartment. The state of the Squadron was released at about 0400 hours.</p>		
		16th	<p>Weather: Fine. Visibility: Good. Phase of the moon - second quarter.</p> <p>During the morning P/L Howlands was ordered off for the purpose of passing on his knowledge of the base to 12 and 13 (Cox) pilots who were detailed for a mass train during the night of the 16th. Five sorties were brought back. It is evident that without his assistance, it is probable that many of these aircraft would not have returned. S/L Burton-Clyde with four other pilots in two aircraft proceeded to land to collect three replacement aircraft from 605 Squadron. During the operational period, the Squadron as it turned out, decided to undertake any more tests, since it was considered a busy activity at about 2230 hours. As a result, the C.O., P/O Howlands, P/O Howlands and P/L Venables were dispatched to base, Chateaux, Villacoublay and base respectively. P/O Howlands returned to base but did not appear to function properly which might have been finger trouble on the part of S/L Howlands.</p>		

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Bradwell Bay, Essex.	FEBRUARY	7th	Weather: Fine, visibility good, heavy frost commenced about 2300 hours. Phase of the moon - first quarter. Nothing of particular note occurred during the morning. "B" Flight carried out formation practice in the afternoon and results indicated that more of this practice is necessary. A Spitfire Force landed in a field about 5 miles north-west of the base near Newden's Field, Essex. Four microlighting sorties were carried out over Brighton by the Commanding Officer, P/Lt. Bennett, Sgt. Walsh and Sgt. James. The question of S/Ldr. Burton-Cyles going to the Dutch bases was raised by the Command Controller about 10.15. Two pilots were plotted near the Isle of Wight and proceeding to return to Faversham. It was expected that some of these aircraft might go over land to the Dutch aerodromes as 805 Squadron were covering the French coast. This information was, however, so vague that combined with the fact that only one aircraft was available to cover the five Dutch bases it was decided that the sorties was not justified. The Squadron was released between 0200 hours and 0300 hours.		
		8th	Weather: Throughout the day, fair, although deteriorated considerably later in the evening. Visibility good. Normal flying tests were carried out by "A" Flight. P/O Hallwood and crew carried out a 4-1/2 hours day cross-country training flight. Sergeant Jackson crashed near H.A.F. Station, Faversham, during a day cross-country training flight with all members of the crew being killed instantly. The squadron came to readiness and remained so until 1930 hours when 2 crews were placed at 60 and at 0605 hours the Squadron was placed at 60. P/Lt. Venables did a weather test flight but weather was declared unfit for training. No operational calls were made and the Squadron was released at 0530 hours.		
		9th	Weather: Fine, visibility 2 to 4 miles. Phase of the moon - first quarter. Normal test flights were carried out in the afternoon by "A" Flight. The Squadron was brought to readiness and remained so until 2200 hours when placed at a relaxed state. P/O Hallwood and crew carried out a night cross-country training flight. Sergeant Jackson was ordered off on his first operational sortie but due to engine trouble was forced to return to base. P/O Jackson took off on an operational sortie but barely cleared the aerodrome and shortly returned to base reporting the pilot's cockpit hatch had blown open on taking off. No further operational calls were made on the Squadron.		
		10th	Weather: Poor with rain showers throughout the day, visibility poor. Phase of the moon - half. The air flying program which had been scheduled for the morning was not carried out due to poor weather conditions. Other than night flying training no training was done in the afternoon and the Squadron was brought to 60 minutes readiness at 1730 hours. The weather appeared to improve around 2300 hours and all crews were ordered to disperse with a view to carrying out training flying. However, S/L Burton-Cyles, DCO, P/O, and a weather test flight and declared conditions unfit for training. The Squadron remained at 60 minutes and was released at 0500 hours, with no operational calls being made.		
		11th	Weather: Moderate in the morning. Visibility deteriorated towards noon and increased before dusk. Moderate visibility after dusk with low stratus forming and increasing about 2300 hours. Phase of moon - 1st quarter. Extensive air to ground flying practice was carried out by "A" Flight during the morning but deteriorating visibility during the morning prevented any further flying. S/L and crew during the late afternoon. No operational calls were made and at approximately 2230 hours, the C.O. and S/L Burton-Cyles carried out weather tests but decided that the formation of low stratus clouds did not permit any further flying operations to be carried out. An excellent night flying supper consisting of jagged hare and baked potatoes was prepared by Mrs. Watts.		

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Bradwell Bay, Essex.	FEBRUARY	12th	Weather: Fair with scattered showers. Phase of the moon - First quarter. Visibility: Very good. Normal training programme was carried out throughout the day. The Squadron was only called upon for one operational sortie when at 2317 hours, P/O Jackson and crew (P/O Le Bell and Sgt. Hall) were ordered off on a microlighting raid over the French coast. The aircraft was last observed midway between Newden Head and the French coast and on failure to return at scheduled time, searching parties were immediately ordered. However, all attempts to locate the missing aircraft were unsuccessful, and the crew was ultimately reported as missing on air operations. Remains recovered at a remote place of destination throughout the night.		
		13th	Weather: Clear in the morning with some rain during the afternoon. Phase of the moon - first quarter. Visibility: Good. P/O Le Bell flew to H.A.F. aerodrome taking some spares required by one of our aircraft which had previously been damaged. A simulated air flying programme was carried out in the morning in which 7 simulated intruder aircraft were used. The programme included formation flying, search, and evasive action. The programme was carried out during the evening and all flights were successful. P/O Jackson and crew took off on their first operational sortie on a microlighting raid to the I.O. P/Lt. Venables and crew were ordered off on a microlighting raid over the Dutch coast. P/O Jackson and crew were ordered off on a microlighting raid over the French coast. While returning the microlighting crew were intercepted by a heavy flak attack at home. The aircraft was damaged and the crew were ordered to return to base. P/O Jackson and crew were ordered off on a microlighting raid over the Dutch coast. P/O Jackson and crew were ordered off on a combined trip and were also successful in shooting up a boat.		
		14th	Weather: Fair. Visibility - moderate. Phase of the moon - first quarter. An extensive intruder programme was carried out which was an engine test for crews. Out of the 12 aircraft dropped by Jerry to make their way back through home guard and H.A.F. Detachment Officers to get back. H.A.F.'s were also carried out. The Squadron was put at 60 minutes at 21 minutes past 12 and released at 0230.		
		15th	Weather: Fine. Visibility: good. Phase of the moon - second quarter. An extensive night flying programme was successfully carried out by 1/2 pilots of both flights. In addition 3 operational sorties were carried out by S/L Burton-Cyles, P/L Bennett and P/O Spencer, the two latter being to the French and Villers-Bretonneux. P/O Spencer returned from his 40 minutes earlier than his 1-1/2. owing to bad weather. S/L Burton-Cyles attempted to attack a train near Reims and flew over many aerodromes when he was heavily engaged by the ground defences and returned with a large hole through the top of his fin which caused the pilot head to separate. The state of the Squadron was released at about 0400 hours.		
		16th	Weather: Fine. Visibility: Good. Phase of the moon - second quarter. During the morning P/Lt. Venables was ordered off for the purpose of passing on his knowledge of intruder operations to 12 and 13 crew pilots who were detailed for a mass training exercise for the purpose. From reports he brought back, it is evident that although his assistance, it is probable that many of these aircraft would not have returned. S/L Burton-Cyles with four other pilots in two aircraft proceeded to land to collect three replacement aircraft from 805 Squadron. During the operational period, the Squadron as it turned out wisely declined to undertake any engine tests, since it was considered that activity at about 2230 hours. As a result, the C.O., P/O Grant, P/O Henderson and P/Lt. Venables were approached to discuss alternative methods and engines respectively. P/O Henderson reported that his rear gun did not appear to function properly which might have been finger trouble on the part of Sgt. Irving.		

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Bradwell Bay, Essex.	26		<p>Weather: Fine during the day with visibility very good with slight high cloud. After dark continued good with no cloud. Phase of the moon - Last quarter.</p> <p>During the afternoon, 5 H.A.2's were carried out. P/O Spenser, Sgt. Birch and Sgt. May carried out cross country practice flights. P/S Pindley practiced several single engine approaches. P/L Berrall received further dual instruction on the Mustang from P/L Burton-Coles following which he soloed. S/L Caldwell, former Flight Commander visited the squadron from Fighter Command and carried out local operations flying in a Mustang. Early in the evening, P/O Bellwood and Sgt. May took off on cross country flights. P/L Burton-Coles took off on a twin building operational trip to the London district, but unfortunately had no luck. Sgt. James was ordered off on an intruder trip to Helms and Bentley. Two disciplinary notices were issued but results were not observed. During this sortie he was engaged by the enemy defenses and returned to find several light flak holes in the door to the observation cockpit.</p> <p>Squadron was put at 60 minutes at 0035 hours until automatic release at dawn.</p>	
	27th		<p>Weather: Fair during the day with small patches of very high cloud. After dark became very hazy with small amounts of cloud at approximately 1,000 ft. Phase of the moon - Last quarter.</p> <p>During the day, Sgt. Gunn and Sgt. Berrall carried out cross country practice flights.</p> <p>P/O Howlands made a check country to the south coast and P/L Venables did local flying in the Mustang. Five H.A.2's were done. P/L Berrall was ordered off on an intruder trip to Helms and Bentley. He attacked an enemy aircraft over Helms including several bursts on surfaces on the fuselage but then lost contact.</p> <p>Squadron came to readiness at 1905 hours and finished at dusk till 0117 hours when squadron was put at 60 and remained at such till dawn.</p>	
	28th		<p>Weather: Fair with slight ground haze during the day with fog increasing after dark. Visibility good. Phase of the moon - Last quarter.</p> <p>Five H.A.2's were carried out with members of the air training corps being taken as passengers. P/Os Venting, P/Os Richards, and P/Os Richards, respectively carried out local practice flights. P/O Spenser did cross country 4-1 to March Pointon and returned. Three operational sorties were made on the squadron during the evening. Sgt. Venables and Sgt. Berrall were ordered to patrol the Bourges to avoid district and P/O Croft, Helms and Bentley. Both of these sorties were reported uneventful. Sgt. James was ordered off on an intruder trip to Helms and Bentley. He attacked an enemy aircraft over Helms including several bursts on surfaces on the fuselage but then lost contact.</p> <p>Squadron came to readiness at 1905 hours and remained at such till 0036 hours when squadron was put at 60 minutes till dawn.</p>	
			<p>Operational Hours for month.....70 Training hours for month.....292</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SQUADRON SUMMARY</p>	
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RAF Officers	Air Crew - 11	RAF Airman Air Crew - 15	RAF Officers' Air Crew - 10	RAF Airman Air Crew - 15
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AIRCRAFT ON CHARGE				
Boston III Intruder.....10				
Wiles Mustang.....1				
Mustang.....1				
C/28st.....1				
Oxford.....1				
Wing Commander, Own Wing.				
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3rd Feb.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot Sgt. G. James Obs. P/O H.A.2. Vire SQUAD Sgt. J. Berrall	Leaflets Chartres	2203	2252	Over target area 2217-2132. Leaflets dropped Chartres. Uneventful sortie.	
3rd Feb.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/L R. J. Berrall Obs. P/O P. Hildred SQUAD Sgt. J. Berrall	Leaflets Orleans	2307	2345	Over target area 2313-2159. Leaflets dropped, uneventful sortie.	
7th Feb.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot Sgt. B. Birch Obs. Sgt. J. Berrall SQUAD Sgt. J. Berrall	Leaflets Le Mans	2306	2321	Over target area 2323-2150. Leaflets dropped. Train attacked at Chartres, no visible results.	
7th Feb.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O J. Hildred Obs. P/O J. Berrall SQUAD Sgt. J. Berrall	Leaflets	2309	2355	Over target area 2306-2106. Leaflets dropped, uneventful sortie.	
7th Feb.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot Sgt. G. James Obs. P/O H.A.2. Vire SQUAD Sgt. J. Berrall	Leaflets Rennes	2320	2359	Over target area 2343-2101. Leaflets dropped, uneventful sortie.	
7th Feb.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/L R. J. Berrall Obs. P/O P. Hildred SQUAD Sgt. J. Berrall	Leaflets Dinovo	2305	2325	Over target area 2350-2025. Leaflets dropped, Chartres aerodrome controlled. Uneventful sortie.	
8th Feb.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O J. Berrall Obs. P/O J. Berrall SQUAD Sgt. J. Berrall	Leaflets Nantes	2226	2225	Abortive. Returned to base owing to cockpit cover blowing off.	
8th Feb.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot Sgt. J. Berrall Obs. Sgt. J. Berrall SQUAD Sgt. J. Berrall	Leaflets Vire	2226	2226	Abortive. Returned to base due to engine trouble.	
12th Feb.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/L R. J. Berrall Obs. P/O P. Hildred SQUAD Sgt. J. Berrall	Leaflets Nantes	2317		Failed to return.	
13th Feb.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O J. Berrall Obs. P/O G. Martin SQUAD Sgt. J. Berrall	Leaflets	2306	2304	Over target area 2310-2150. One train attacked at Le Mans. Train observed. Boston held by light flak, crew intact.	
13th Feb.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot P/O J. Berrall Obs. P/O G. Martin SQUAD Sgt. J. Berrall	Leaflets Chartres	2243	2333	Over target area 2340-2119. Chartres inactive. Attached small manufacturing plants with cannon flak and one train between Chartres and Orléans.	
13th Feb.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot Sgt. J. Berrall Obs. Sgt. J. Berrall SQUAD Sgt. J. Berrall	Leaflets St. Germain	1949	2221	Over target area 2100-2105. First operational sortie. Leaflets dropped, uneventful sortie.	

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13th Feb.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: S/L Venables Obs. W/O D. J. Adams WOP/AG: S/O H. D. Baker	Leaflets Boulev	2004	2126	Over target area 2032-2237. Leaflets dropped, unaccounted sortie.	
15th Feb.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: S/L P. L. Burton-Coles Obs. Sgt. J. Richards WOP/AG: Sgt. W. V. Wilson	Leaflets Boulev	2015	2244	Target not reached. Held by flak at Antona whilst preparing to attack train and forced to return. Crew unhurt.	
15th Feb.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: S/O H. J. Spencer Obs. S/O J. H. Bourgeois WOP/AG: Sgt. G. A. Spink	Patrol	0038	0254	Target not reached. Returned owing to mechanical failure.	
15th Feb.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: S/L H. J. Small Obs. W/O F. H. Hall WOP/AG: Sgt. H. A. Adams	Leaflets Chartres	2225	0145	Over target area 2335-0014. Leaflets dropped at Chartres and Veron. W/O soon taking off at dusk but lost sight of aircraft immediately.	
16th Feb.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: S/O J. H. Little Obs. S/O H. C. Taylor WOP/AG: Sgt. R. H. Estabrook	Patrol	0317	0230	Over target area 0018-0052. Avrocar inactive. Attached train at Neuquart results not observed.	
16th Feb.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: S/O H. C. Craft Obs. S/O H. C. Taylor WOP/AG: Sgt. J. H. Adams	Patrol Chartres	2249	0004	Over target area 2357-0047. Avrocar, Chartres, and Dromac aerodromes patrolled - no activity. Attached train at Pompey Lee base, studies seen on engine.	
16th Feb.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: S/L H. J. Venables Obs. W/O D. J. Adams WOP/AG: S/O H. D. Baker	Patrol Rennes	2254	0500	Over target area 0045-0202. Rennes inactive. Attached two trains, damaging both.	
16th Feb.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: S/O H. J. Anderson Obs. S/O C. J. Smith WOP/AG: Sgt. Irvine (All R.C.F.)	Patrol Creil, Bourges	2247	2356	abortive. Returned owing to mechanical failure.	
25th Feb.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: Sgt. G. Burgess Obs. Sgt. Richardson WOP/AG: Sgt. H. Adams	Weather Recon.	0016	0155	Encountered bad weather half-way across Channel. Returned on reaching base airway.	
26th Feb.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: Sgt. G. Burgess Obs. S/O H. V. V. Smith WOP/AG: Sgt. J. H. Adams	Patrol Helum & Bretigny	1953	2357	Over target area 2120-2127. Aerodromes inactive. Attached two stationary locomotives at Neuquart. Boston held by return fire - crew unhurt.	
26th Feb.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: S/L P. L. Burton-Coles Obs. Sgt. J. Richards WOP/AG: Sgt. G. H. Adams	Train Bret	2148	2358	Patrolled Antona-Abbeville railway 2245-2257 but no trains seen.	
27th Feb.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: S/L H. J. Small Obs. W/O F. H. Hall WOP/AG: Sgt. H. A. Adams	Patrol Bretigny	1947	2303	Patrolled target 2112-2157. Damaged one unidentified enemy aircraft over Helum aerodrome.	

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Feb. 26th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: S/O Craft Observer: P/O Norton (R.C.A.F.) WOP/AG: Sgt. Davis (R.C.A.F.)	Patrol Bretigny Helum	2033	2327	The Channel was crossed at 500 ft and landfall made in the vicinity of Dieppe at 2130 hours at 1000 ft. No pinpoint could be seen owing to bad visibility. One searchlight momentarily illuminated the Boston, but doused when Gunner fired Sister. A white beacon was seen east of Chartres flashing P.L. The target was reached at 2200 hours and the aerodrome found inactive. Course set for base and near Dieppe (2232 hours) at 2000 ft one searchlight, presumably the same one as on entry, attempted to illuminate Boston. A white revolving beacon was observed east of St. Valery with three white lights in a line from east to west. Weather: Little or no cloud, visibility poor.	
Feb. 28th	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: S/L Venables Observer: W/O McKay R.C.A.F. WOP/AG: P/O Baker R.C.A.F.	Patrol Bourges Avord	2013	0027	The Channel was crossed at 500 feet and landfall made at St. Valery en Caux at 4000 ft at 2058 hours, where four searchlights attempted to illuminate the Boston. Thence to Orleans (2150) which was inactive, and Avord (2215) which was also inactive. Course was set for base at 2230 hours and out at Neuquart 2326 hours at 5-6000 ft. Weather: 8/10 cloud at 1000 ft on coast. No cloud at target, visibility poor.	
Feb. 28th	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: Sgt. Lehma Observer: Sgt. Maddock WOP/AG: Sgt. Holmes	Patrol Orleans	1952	2116	Returned owing to bad weather and target not reached.	

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Bredwell Bay, Essex	MARCH			
	5th		<p>Weather: Heavy, reduced visibility, practically no cloud except for a slight formation in the afternoon. The cloud dispersed during the night, visibility falling to 1,000 yards towards midnight. Phase of moon - New.</p> <p>The main day exercise consisted of planning and carrying out squadron formation practice in view of the "Wings for Victory Week" campaign commencing at Burnham on Saturday. The practice was held in the afternoon with the squadron in three sections, red, blue and yellow, lead by the Commanding Officer and "A" and "B" Flight Commanders respectively. The yellow section was very weak but since it was decided that yellow, two and three, should be replaced no further practice was attempted. No operational sorties were made and the weather was unsuitable for practice flying. The day was otherwise uneventful.</p>	
	6th		<p>Weather: Heavy in the morning, clearing at midday, overcast with much North Sea stratus during the early part of the evening with fog at dawn. Phase of the moon - new.</p> <p>Weather did not permit the squadron formation practice which it was proposed to carry out in the morning but 3 aircraft took off at approximately 11.00 hours. Formation consisted of C.O., P/O Craft and P/O Hallwood, red section; S/L Venables, Sgt. Henderson, Sgt. Labren, blue section; S/L Burton-Clyde, P/L Bennell, Sgt. James, the other section. The manoeuvres to be carried out over Burnham with one practice before the squadron arrived there at 1500 hours. Although the formation viewed from the G.O.'s aircraft was not very impressive, observers on the ground stated it went off very well. Sgts. Pindlay and Walsh took off for practice flying during the early part of the evening but landed again immediately when 10/10 low cloud, 500 ft., obscured the aerodrome. Mine laying enemy aircraft were sighted off the east coast and it was thought they had come from Soesterberg but it was considered too late to take any action particularly in view of the adverse weather report. The weather improved considerably toward midnight but in view of the danger of North Sea fog drifting in, it was decided not to carry out any practice flying. No operational calls were made although two crews remained at readiness at dispersal. Nearly all members of the squadron not on duty proceeded to Burnham during the evening to participate in the festivities opening the local "Wings for Victory Week".</p>	
	7th		<p>Weather: Fine, visibility good. Phase of the moon - New.</p> <p>Although the weather was fine in the morning, as a result of festivities at Burnham the previous evening, flying was restricted. H.P.A.'s and air to ground firing were carried out in the afternoon. Officer Commanding "B" Flight departed on leave. There was considerable activity during the night. Sergeants Gunn and Kingsbury carried out night landing practices while P/Sgt. Pindlay and P/O Hallwood each took off for a mystery intruder. P/S Pindlay returned since he could not pin point himself owing to haze and P/O Hallwood reported visibility in the dawn area to be very low. Cockpit enemy activity occurred at Burnham as a result of which P/O Spencer was despatched to Deal and S/L Venables and P/L Bennell to Oley and Bishoven. Both trips were uneventful with nothing seen. It was originally intended to send further aircraft to Deal and Soesterberg but this was not attempted since the squadron was informed that the enemy was definitely homing to Bishoven and it was hoped that P/L Bennell would be plotted amongst the returning Huns. The squadron was released at 02.00 hours.</p>	
8th		<p>Weather: Fine, little or no cloud during the day with cloud increasing to 2/10 after dark.</p> <p>Visibility 2-4 miles during the day but decreasing to 1,000 yards after dark.</p> <p>During the afternoon, P/S Henderson and Sgt. Bay carried out cross-country training flights. Air firing practice was done by P/O Hallwood, P/O Craft and Sgt. Kingsbury. Day instruction on the Mosquito was given to Sgt. Birch and Sgt. Labren by S/L Venables. H.P.A.'s were done.</p> <p>Squadron came to readiness at 1920 hours, was placed at a relaxed state later in the evening and no operational calls were made.</p>		

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Bredwell Bay, Essex	MARCH			
	9th		<p>Weather: Fine, visibility moderate to good. Phase of the moon - new.</p> <p>Considerable amount of day practice flying was carried out including dual on the Mosquito by Sergeant Birch and P/O Spencer. Two mystery intruder sorties were carried out during the night by Sergeants Birch and Kingsbury while Sgt. Henderson and the C.O. did practice attacks.</p> <p>There was a certain amount of enemy activity from Holland but it was considered insufficient to justify sending intruder patrols to the Dutch aerodromes, but P/O Craft was despatched to search since a number of enemy aircraft operated off the south coast. Owing to a mistake in plotting these aircraft on land, before P/O Craft crossed the French coast he was successfully recalled by R/S.</p> <p>Earlier in the evening, 605 Squadron had sent all their aircraft (Mosquitos) to catch enemy training activity in France with the result that this Squadron was the only intruder at readiness. One Mosquito did not return from the Tours area.</p> <p>Two crews were kept at readiness all night, the remainder being at 60 minutes until about midnight.</p>	
	10th		<p>Weather: Fair with cloud increasing towards dark with the approach of warm front.</p> <p>Visibility deteriorating after dark to 1 mile by 2200 hrs. Phase of the moon - 1st quarter.</p> <p>Normal day flying was carried out including an air firing program for three aircraft in the afternoon with deflection shoot for front guns and rear guns at a drogue. There were no operational calls and the weather was not considered suitable for practice flying.</p> <p>State of the squadron was released at 0100 hours.</p>	
	11th		<p>Weather: Fine. Heavy in the morning, clearing in the afternoon. Fine during evening after the passage of a weak cold front in the early evening. Phase of the moon - 1st quarter.</p> <p>While normal day practice flying was carried out by "A" Flight, the Commanding Officer with the adjutant, Intelligence Officer and P/L Bennell flew to Ford in the morning to discuss the projected squadron movement with the Officer Commanding, 605 Squadron. On arrival at Ford, it was learned that the movement had not been finally approved and so the visit was restricted to preliminary investigation on the basis that the move would take place. Three operational sorties were undertaken by P/L Bennell to Soesterberg, P/O Spencer to Deal and Sgt. James to cover both aerodromes on a later raid. It appeared that the enemy attacked North East England in two waves of 20 aircraft each at approximately 2200 hours and 2400 hours. P/L Bennell's sortie was uneventful and he saw no enemy aircraft although Soesterberg was lit up on his approach. P/O Spencer turned back on the Dutch coast as he was unable to pin point himself due to weather. P/O Sgt. James saw three enemy aircraft land at Soesterberg but was unable to engage owing to a heavy ground fog into which their aircraft disappeared. He passed within 20 ft. above one of them, wing Commander Dunbar of 605 Squadron got a possible at Bishoven in a Mosquito.</p> <p>The remaining two crews were put at 60 minutes at approximately 0230 hours.</p>	
	12th		<p>Weather: Fine. Visibility - moderate. Phase of the moon - 1st quarter.</p> <p>The day was notable for the information that His Majesty had been pleased to award the D.F.C. to S/L Venables. Since the Station Commander had already laid on a party to open the new annex to the Officers' Mess and to say goodbye to the Squadron Commanding Officer, S/L Venables was released to participate in the party which was held with a swing.</p> <p>Normal day flying took place and there was considerable night activity. P/O Howlands successfully completed his first operational sortie by nicking the aerodrome. P/O Craft was ordered off for Deal and Soesterberg since more than 20 Huns were plotted operating off the North East Coast. He was followed half an hour later by the C.O. for the same target. P/O Craft returned since he made a landfall a long way south of his intended point of entry and found himself surrounded by red flares in the sky and saw an aircraft which he took to be a night fighter. The Commanding Officer also made a landfall south of the intended position but succeeded in finding Deal which was fully illuminated with the I.L.O. On. Although the aerodrome was patrolled for 55 minutes, no aircraft were seen except a fleeting glimpse seen by P/S Styles immediately on arrival. Patrol was otherwise uneventful. All aircraft were put to 60 minutes at 0200 hrs. and released at 0220.</p>	

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Bradwell Bay, Essex.	MARCH 13th		<p>Weather: Fine, visibility moderate. Phase of the moon - 1st quarter.</p> <p>Preparations for the move to Ford were got underway. The Commanding Officer went to R.A.F. Castle Camps for lunch to meet W/O Heselton and W/O Deane to discuss details of the move where it was agreed that the majority of static equipment should be left behind on the respective moves. This agreement subsequently lapsed of little value.</p> <p>"B" Flight carried out an aerial demonstration over Burnham to assist "Wings for Victory Week". During the evening, the Commanding Officer went to Burnham to take part in a local "Reading Trust" in aid of the "Wings for Victory Week" while considerable activity was carried out by "A" Flight including a modelling trip for Sergeant Alcock to Coon area and cross-country for Sergeant Gunn and Sergeant Kingsbury. Shortly after midnight, three aircraft were ordered off to Beauvais, Compielles and Breux respectively and accordingly Sgt. Heselton was airborne at 0058 for Beauvais, Sgt. Labram was airborne at 0054 for Compielles and S/L Venables was airborne at 0105 hours for Breux. S/L Venables was recalled shortly after take-off as an activity had disappeared. The two other trips were uneventful and squadron was put to 60 minutes at 0300 hrs.</p>		
	14th		<p>Weather: Fine. Visibility moderate. Phase of the moon - 1st quarter.</p> <p>All sections in the Squadron were extremely busy getting ready for the move from R.A.F. Bradwell to R.A.F. Ford. In anticipation of keeping a state at Ford on evening of the 15th, 30 ground crews and one 1300 hrs lorry of equipment, all from "B" Flight left by road at 0600 hours from R.A.F. Bradwell to R.A.F. Ford. They were seen off by the Station Commander and arrived some 7 hours later 1/2 P/S Hylwood. Six aircraft of "B" Flight took off at 1530 hrs for Ford in a rather ragged and unorganized manner. During the evening, Sgt. Gunn carried out a practice cross country and although the enemy was active from the Dutch aerodromes, it was not considered that it was sufficient to justify aircraft going to Holland since only ten aircraft were plotted. Shortly after midnight, the meteorological office reported likelihood of the weather clearing in and squadron was put at 60 minutes at 0200 hours.</p> <p>The Commanding Officer went to Newark to collect Squadron Leader Burton-Coles who was on leave in view of the impending move. Later went down to Ford to see that "B" Flight aircraft had arrived safely and would be in a position to operate the following day.</p>		
FORD, Sussex.	15th		<p>Weather: Fine, hazy. Phase of the moon - 1st quarter.</p> <p>This was the first night the squadron was called upon to operate from R.A.F. Ford, after the move from Bradwell. The move was completed by air and by rail. All aircraft and bay sections personnel being ferried by 2 Harrows and 11 Boxcars and the balance of "B" Flight with the whole of "A" Flight and the Sobolon being transported by special train under the command of P/O Ayres. The main air party arrived in mid afternoon and the train party at 1830 hours. Owing to the late arrival of the train, unloading was not completed. It was decided to continue on the following morning at 0800 hours.</p> <p>Six "B" Flight aircraft came to readiness at 1930 hours and P/S Pindley and P/O Hylwood were ordered off to Breux and Orleans respectively at 2042 hours. In spite of trying, two aircraft, namely P/O Hylwood returned with P/S Venables without leaving the aerodrome circuit and P/S Pindley returned after a short penetration owing to weather. As a result of P/S Pindley's weather report, this squadron was put to 60 minutes before midnight.</p>		
	16th		<p>Weather: Fine, hazy. Phase of the moon - full.</p> <p>Normal day flying was carried out. Owing to adverse weather report, no practice flying or operations were carried out and squadron was put at a relaxed state by 2300 hours. The day was otherwise uneventful with all sections being very preoccupied with sorting out their new quarters.</p>		
	17th		<p>Weather: Fine, moderate visibility. Phase of the moon - full.</p> <p>Conditions during the day being reasonably chaotic with all sections attempting to get in working order after the move. "A" Flight were on during the evening for the first time since the move but the evening was uneventful owing to adverse weather report. Squadron was put to 60 minutes before midnight.</p>		

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FORD, Sussex	MARCH 18th		<p>Weather: Fine, hazy with visibility improving later after dark. Phase of the moon - full.</p> <p>Squadrons visited by the Commanding and Sector Engineering Officers to discuss the carrying out of minor repair work at flights instead of Sobolon. They were sure this was the practice in the Squadron and were sent away as soon as possible to the Squadron Engineering Officer who shall examine any work done. The reorganization of the Operations Room progressed satisfactorily and the plotting table was completed. Routine day flying was carried out, and the Commanding Officer and Adjutant went to Langmere for lunch to meet Sector personnel with whom the squadron has dealings. It was reported that visibility conditions on the continent were extremely poor as a result of which squadron was put to a relaxed state at an early hour. Practice flying was carried out by Squadron Leader Burton-Coles consisting of a canopy exercise over Tangere and practice tests by P/L Bennell and P/O Hylwood.</p>		
	19th		<p>Weather: Fine, hazy, overcast in the afternoon but clearing at dusk. Fine with moderate visibility during the hours of darkness. Phase of the moon - full.</p> <p>During the day, Squadron received visits from W/O Cattell, the Command Navigation Officer, accompanied by the Com and Map Officer. Three new aircraft reported for duty, namely A/S/L Moran, and Sgt. Rogers, P/L Frey and P/O Macintosh, W/O Day with Sgt. Meade and Sgt. Hunter. Squadron was also visited by one of the Control crew from Tangere. Day flying included cross country to Bradwell by "A" Flight and R.F. 21a by "B" Flight. The reorganization of the Operations Room was continued and the painters commenced redecorating. During readiness period, S/L Burton-Coles took off for a weather recon which took him to Breux and attacked a goods train on the strikes on the engine on his return. Practice flying was carried out by Sergeant Walsh and Flight Sergeant Pindley. State of squadron was relaxed at 0405 hours.</p>		
	20th		<p>Weather: Fine, hazy. Visibility falling to 2,000 yards after dark. Phase of the moon - full.</p> <p>Apart from a trip to Bradwell to enable the Engineering Officer to arrange details for collection of Squadron spares and the repair of the Quail Mustang, flying during the day was restricted to local and N.F.T.'s. The two new "A" Flight aircraft, A/S/L Moran and P/L Frey were soloed on Boston III after being checked by S/L Venables. Certain incidents occurred during the evening with reference to the Ranger crews of 287 Squadron. The Commanding Officer was unwilling to take responsibility of sending them off owing to the adverse weather report and their operation was finally aborted out by the Group Controller. There was negligible enemy activity and three crews were put to 60 min training. Sgt. Gunn and Sgt. Kingsbury were sent up on practice attacks followed by S/L Venables, P/O Rowlands and Sgt. Birch. Reduced visibility prevented crew of the aircraft from finding opposite numbers in their practice attacks and they all landed approximately one hour after take-off. Two crews were put at 30 minutes at midnight, the remainder to 60, but no further calls were made.</p>		
	21st		<p>Weather: Fine, hazy. Visibility falling to 1,000 yards after dark. Phase of the moon - full.</p> <p>Wide spread fog inland prevented any flying other than local N.F.T.'s. As a result of weather no operations or flying training was carried out during the hours of darkness. The day was generally uneventful.</p>		
	22nd		<p>Weather: Fine, hazy. Phase of the moon - full.</p> <p>A/S/L Moran, pilot, was crewed with P/O Dochmans while the observer who arrived with him, Sgt. Rogers was put to double bank with P/O Forayth, Air Gunner, and P/L Frey, pilot, and P/O Macintosh, Com. Boston.</p> <p>The day was uneventful and no operational practice flying was carried out owing to the reduced visibility.</p>		

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FORDE, Sussex.	MARCH	23rd	<p>Weather: Fine in the morning becoming cloudy towards evening with slight rain commencing about 2000 hours. Phase of the moon - 3rd quarter.</p> <p>A new aircraft consisting of Sgt. Hall, pilot, Sgt. Rainey, observer and Sgt. Birchmore, Air Gunner, reported for duty. The dual Mosquito was collected from Bredwell and the other new aircraft, S/L Moran, S/L Gray and P/O Day were all collected on sections. P/O Fisher celebrated his marriage in company with various members of the squadron, especially "A" Flight, but the intention to carry out formation flying over the area was abandoned on 24th March as it was an experimental site and balloon flying area. The majority of the squadron personnel returned slightly the worse for wear during the evening and the following morning. Owing to adverse weather and meteorological forecasts, no practice or operational sorties were undertaken.</p>		
		24th	<p>Weather: Overcast. Visibility moderate. Rain comm. soon after dark and continued all night. Phase of the moon - 3rd quarter.</p> <p>Day training for the new aircraft of "A" Flight consisted of cross country. The Commanding Officer went to Bredwell and succeeded in extracting the internal tenney system for disapproval and operations from Block from the Station Commander. Two aircraft were kept at readiness during the early part of the evening but the four which had been put to 60 were recalled at about 2230 hours as there was some activity from France and Holland. This materialized when some 20 odd enemy aircraft from the Dutch bases were plotted over north-east England and Scotland. It did not appear that any aerodromes in England south of Yorkshire would remain open and as the squadron was not called upon it was put at 60 minutes at about 0130 hours.</p>		
		25th	<p>Weather: Overcast. Moderate visibility with much low stratus clearing towards the afternoon with fog forming during the early evening. Phase of the moon - 3rd quarter.</p> <p>An air firing program for "B" Flight was cancelled during the afternoon with only one aircraft firing. Fog prevented operations during the evening and no practice flying was undertaken for the same reason. Otherwise the day was uneventful.</p>		
		26th	<p>Weather: Rain. Visibility 2-4 miles.</p> <p>Sgt. James was ordered to patrol Bevoix and Chateau. The navigators light fixed at Vernon so pilot turned back recrossing French coast at Cayeux. Sgt. Walsh also ordered to patrol Chateaudun and Orleans saw several white lights along P/O and perimeter track at Chateaudun, and approximately 8 white lights in similar positions at Orleans. Both sorties proved uneventful. Squadron was put at 60 minutes at 0118.</p>		
		27th	<p>Weather during the morning overcast with very low cloud and fog gradually clearing in the late afternoon to fine with good visibility in the evening.</p> <p>No flying was possible during the morning until late afternoon when N.F.T's were carried out. No. 60 Squadron shot down a J88 off Worthing in the afternoon while several members of the squadron played rugby football for the Station against a New Zealand team. Owing to bad weather over the continent, no operational sorties were carried out and night flying was restricted to local practices.</p>		
		28th	<p>Weather: Extremely fine. Good visibility.</p> <p>Opportunity was taken of the change in the weather to put in as nearly as much flying as possible. A good day was improved by the allocation to the Squadron of a Mark II Intruder Mosquito which at 1500 hours the squadron was instructed to collect from Wittering. By 1700 hours the aircraft was at B.A.F. Ford. The training flight appeared to be a working satisfactorily and S/L Moran carried out dual to deck circuits and landings. Training cross country were carried out by Sgts. Blinch and Kingsbury. P/O Rowlands was despatched to Sreux but returned owing to runway guns over Beachy Head. P/O Henderson was sent off to Beauvais, Creil and Compiègne but returned early since he was unable to find the target. P/O Craft was sent off to Orlès since his four aircraft were ordered to open over the coast. Sgt. Blinch was sent off to Orlès since his four aircraft were ordered to open over the coast. P/O Craft was recalled when he reached Whitstable when it became apparent that he could not reach the target in time to effect an interception. The squadron was put to 60 minutes at 0200 hours.</p>		

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FORDE, Sussex.	MARCH	29th	<p>Weather: Fair with cloud lifting and breaking towards dusk. Visibility moderate to good.</p> <p>Four new W/T observers, Sgt. Scott and Sgt. Smith and P/O Chambers and P/O Seymour reported for duty and were allocated to Sgts. Walsh, Adams, James and P/O Henderson respectively for training. Day training was carried out by C Flight and N.F.T's by aircraft on operational detail.</p>		
		30th	<p>Weather: Cloudy. Visibility good remaining overcast with usual showers and low cloud coding in from the Channel during the night.</p> <p>It was a very sad day for the squadron with the departure of P/O Broughton, the Squadron Armament Officer who was ferried to Squires Gate by P/O Norcott on the first leg of his trip back to New Zealand. Bad weather in the afternoon prevented practice flying. Only N.F.T's were carried out at an extremely low altitude by B Flight. Although there was no enemy activity, Sgt. Walsh was sent off on a weather recon to Westbury and Melton but returned to Beachy Head owing to low cloud. It was also learned that a Mosquito of 600 Squadron, sent off on a similar mission, returned on reaching the French coast for the same reason. Beds of squadron was released shortly after night and no further operational training flying was carried out.</p>		
		31st	<p>Weather: Fine in the morning becoming overcast with rain during the night. S/L Sinclair of Canadian Record visited the Squadron to discuss the question of Canadianization of ground crews. Several suggestions were made on both sides and he appeared to be satisfied this matter was progressing satisfactorily. A further navigator in, Sgt. Figgott, arrived to join the squadron and information was received P/S Higgins was posted. As a result of bad weather, no training flight or practice flying was possible and members of the night flying detail enjoyed a cinema exhibition at Station Intelligence.</p>		
			Operational Hours for month... 68.25 Hrs. Training Hours for month... 392.50		
DETAILS OF PERSONNEL					
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RCAF Officers Air Crew - 10	RCAF Aircrew Air Crew - 15	RCAF Officers Air Crew - 12	RCAF Aircrew A.C. - 18		
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AIRCRAFT ON CHARGE					
Boston III Intruder.....19 Mosquito II.....1 Mosquito III.....1 Navigator.....1 Gunner.....1 Oxford.....1					
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3/4 Mar.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilots: F/L Bennett R.C.A.F. Obs: P/O Shield R.C.A.F. WOP/AG: Sgt. Mackay R.C.A.F.	Intruder Deelen	2858	0005	Fired at on way out just off Clacton. Crossed North Sea at 700 ft and reached the Dutch coast at Noordwijk at 3000 ft 2154 hrs. White revolving beacon seen at Noordwijk. Deelen reached via Zuider Zee. White revolving beacons at Harderwijk and Amsterdam. Beacon flashing dots in Red 4 miles N.E. of Deelen. SW/SE V/L and flarepath on at Deelen and Boston orbited in company with two R/A. At 2245 hrs at 1300' ft attack made from dead astern with cannons at range of 100 yards on De. 217 closing until Boston was forced to pull away for fear of collision. Clouds of smoke emitted from port side and R/A sled-slipped into ground 3 miles S.S.W. of aerodrome just off V/L. No flask or R/A's experienced and returned via Zuider Zee and out 6 miles N. of Bergen at 2000 ft 2315 hrs. Beacon revolving S. of De Kooy. Weather: slight cloud and haze. Vis: 3-5 miles.	
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7/8 Mar.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: P/O Spencer Obs: P/MSG Bourgois WOP/AG: Sgt. Kydd (all R.C.A.F.)	Intruder Beauvais and Oriel	0312	0619	Crossed Channel at 500 ft and French coast 0219 at Oriel 300 ft. Beauvais patrolled for short period. No activity thence to Oriel. No activity there. Returned via Beauvais, still no activity. Recrossed French coast 0327 hrs at 2000 ft. at Oriel. Weather: no cloud, Vis: 1 mile, ground haze.	
7/8 Mar.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: F/L Bennett R.C.A.F. Obs: P/O Shield R.C.A.F. WOP/AG: Sgt. Mackay R.C.A.F.	Intruder Sindhoven and Gilse	0137	0500	Crossed sea to Nieuport at 800 ft and made entry at 1500 ft 0216 hrs. Sindhoven patrolled but found inactive. Gilse a/g lit with short V/L and P.P. White beacon flashing William Able north of Gilse. Deelen 0328 hrs. Lit with V.L. and R.P. and P.P. No R/A seen. Out at Egmond 0408 at 1500 ft. White single star fired at Boston at Egmond. Weather: no cloud, heavy Vis: poor.	
8/9 Mar.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: P/O Craft Obs: P/O Horton R.C.A.F. WOP/AG: Sgt. Davis R.C.A.F.	Intruder Brevoux	2136	2259	Set course from Beachy Head 2159 hrs. Recalled 2209 hrs just off French coast. No further report. No cloud Vis: 2 miles	
11/12 Mar.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: P/O Spencer Obs: P/O Bourgois WOP/AG: Sgt. Kydd (all R.C.A.F.)	Intruder Deelen	2249	0107	Dutch coast reached 2350 hrs. Position not pinpointed. Set course for base 2358 hrs due to uncertainty of position. 10/10 cloud 500 ft over sea clear at Dutch coast. Searchlights on Dutch coast dipped towards North East as if homing Boston. No further report.	

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11/12 Mar.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: Sgt. James Obs: P/O Finnell WIP/AG: Sgt. Robinson	Intruder Soesterberg Deelen	2359	0313	Crossed sea 500 feet landfall Egmont 3000 ft at 0050 hrs. Soesterberg lit on arrival. Two seen to land 0120 but Boston could not catch up. Deelen lit 0130 and aircraft seen orbiting. Boston pursued but lost contact in mist and overcast. Both aerodromes doused 0050 and course set for base. Patrol height 1500-2500 ft. Out north of Alimmar 0221 hrs 300 ft. No cloud over target but heavy ground mist.	
12/15 Mar.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: P/O Craft Obs: P/O Marton R.C.A.F. WIP/AG: Sgt. Davis R.C.A.F.	Intruder Deelen Soesterberg	2210	2350	Crossed North Sea 500 ft and Dutch coast at Schouwen owing faulty compass. At 2248 near landfall at 2500 ft red light seen to port at same height. Set course north and 2252 series of red light appeared in front and sides of aircraft. At 2257 when setting course 260 degs. to starboard lights seen to starboard. Lights persisted during this period. Set course for base 2302 hrs at 500 ft and further lights seen to rear at 2310. Weather: no cloud Vis: good During whole period lights were on same height as Boston.	

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13th Mar.	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: P/Sgt Henderson Obs: P/O Martin WIP/AG: P/Sgt Higgins	Intruder Recon	0058		Unsuccessful.	
13th Mar.	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: Sgt. Johnson Obs: Sgt. Smith WIP/AG: Sgt. Holmes	Intruder Commissar	0054		Unsuccessful.	
13th Mar.	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: S/L Venables Obs: W/O McRoy WIP/AG: P/O Baker	Intruder Recon	0005		Recalled shortly after take-off owing to cessation of activity.	
20th Mar.						No. of operational sorties flown during month of March - 21.	

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26/27 Mar.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: Sgt. James Obs: F/O Vernal WOP/AG: Sgt. Robinson	Patrol Troop and Chertres	2103	2255	Landfall at Le Troport 2134 hrs 2000 ft. Navigators light fused at Marson so pilot turned back recrossing French coast at Cayeux 2218 hrs. No activity seen. Weather: no cloud, haze over France up to 3000 ft. Vis: 1-2 miles.	
26/27 Mar.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: Sgt. Walsh Obs: Sgt. Robinson WOP/AG: Sgt. Mcshitt	Patrol Troop Chateaudun and Orleans	2049	2359	Landfall 2 miles N. of Cayeux at 2117 hrs 1500 ft. Several white lights along E/P and perimeter track at Chateaudun. Approx 8 white lights in similar positions at Orleans. No other activity seen. Orange/white rotating beacon (no pin point owing to haze) seen 5 mins before recrossing French coast 6 miles SW of Le Troport at 2325 hrs. Weather: Some low patchy cloud, haze up to 3000 ft with cloud at 2500 ft in patches. Vis: 1-2 miles.	
28/29 Mar.	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: F/O Rowlands R.C.A.F. Obs: Sgt. Medhurst WOP/AG: F/O Barry R.C.A.F.	Intruder Evreux	2115	2154	Route to Beachy Head S/B 11/2'S fired (runaway) through electrical defect. Returned to base and landed 2154 hrs. No further report.	
28/29 Mar.	Boston III (Intruder)	PILOT: F/Sgt. Henderson Obs: F/O Martin WOP/AG: F/Sgt. Higgins	Intruder Beauvais/Greil Cormeille	2110	2256	Crossed Channel 300 to 600 ft and in 10 miles east of St. Valery 2132 hrs. at 3500 ft going down. Proceeded to Beauvais but no pin points seen owing to heavy low haze. Set course for base. Out St. Valery 2220 hrs at 3000 ft going down. One S/L going in, one probably at Beauvais and 2 going out. Weather over France good. Vis: 1000 yards.	
28/29 Mar.	Boston III	Pilot: F/O Graft Obs: F/O Norton R.C.A.F. WOP/AG: F/O Davis R.C.A.F.	Intruder Silse-Rijan	2224 hrs	2315	Base to Whistable; recalled at 2245 hrs. No further report.	

10/31 Mar Boston III Pilot: Sgt. Walsh Intruder 2150 2236 Unable to pin point Beachy Head
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WOP/AG: Sgt. Mcshitt maluh at 1000 to 1200 ft so returned.
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1. The following is an extract from a letter from No.418 Squadron -
 "Form 541 which shows two aircraft on abortive leaflet sorties on 8th February should be amended to read 9th February to agree with Form 540. Form 541 which shows a patrol to Melun-Bretigny by P.L. Bennell on 28th February should be amended to read 27th February to agree with Form 540".
2. For your information, please.

(SGD) W.R. Thompson
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For A.C.C.-in-C., R.C.A.F. Overseas.

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
Ford, Sussex	APRIL 1	4.3	<p>Weather: Cloudy with showers. Visibility good. Collection of the Squadron's second Mosquito was undertaken by the C.O. and S/L Venables in the late afternoon. Considerable flying training was carried out by "C" Flight but since all squadron pilots had been on duty the previous night, day-flying was limited to H.Q.F.O. to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Service, the squadron was put to 60 minutes at 0245 hours. This enabled practice flying to be carried out by the whole of "A" Flight and Sgt. Blinch completed a cross country with his new observer Sgt. Luff with whom he is now considered operational. No change was made in the squadron state and no operational calls were made.</p>	
	2nd		<p>Weather: Fine, visibility moderate to good. No moon. Considerable training flying was carried out by the training flight and dual instruction was given by S/L Burton-Coyles to B Flight Pilots in the Mosquito. During the evening, two C.O. aircraft arrived to operate from Ford for practice flights into France. No primary notice was received and it was some time before the squadron was able to arrange for them to be refueled. One of them took off at about 2200 hours but returned on account of weather before proceeding on to Castle Camps and the other took off at midnight but also returned owing to electrical trouble. Sgt. Owen carried out his first operational sortie by mislabelling Lt. Lo and Sgt. Blinch with his new observer, Sgt. Luff, also mislabelled the same area, this being the first trip for the new observer. Squadron was put to 60 minutes at about 0200 hours.</p>	
	3rd		<p>Weather: Fine. Visibility good. No moon. Several cross country practices were flown in the morning by the training flight and by B Flight pilots with new W/O observers. S/L Burton-Coyles collected the squadron's third Mosquito from Clitting. During the afternoon, formation of 6 aircraft led by the C.O. with both Flight Commanders S/L Bennett, P/O Hollowood and Sgt. Blinch flew over Worthing and Brighton to assist the "Wings for Victory Campaign". During the evening, the C.O. did a short night flight on the Mosquito and practice cross countries were carried out by Sgt. Ray, S/L Moran and P/O Spencer. Sgts. Jones and Walker went to Bourges and Melun respectively and although a number of aerodromes were active including Bourges, Melun and Drax, no enemy aircraft were seen. The squadron was put to 60 minutes at 0200.</p>	
	4th		<p>Weather: Fine. Visibility good. Opportunity was taken of fine weather to carry out cross country practices, and air to ground firing at Lagny was carried out by C Flight. Two operational sorties were flown by P/O Hollowood and P/O Spencer to Evreux and Melun and Bretigny respectively, which proved uneventful. Three aircraft were ordered off for Beauvais, Orel and Compiègne but were cancelled before becoming airborne since the snow was not cleared until he had started returning to base. The C.O. carried out night flying training on the Mosquito and reported excessive cockpit illumination. Practice cross countries and local flying were carried out by S/L Moran and Sgt. Griffiths. Squadron was put to 60 minutes at 0245 hours.</p>	

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Ford, Sussex.	5th		<p>Weather: Fine. Visibility good, becoming overcast after midnight with wind increasing on passage of a cold front. No moon.</p> <p>Day flying consisted of practice cross countries by operational pilots for training 1/2 observers and practice cross countries for 1/2 aircraft of C flight. Three night cross countries were attempted by S/L Moran, Sgt. Gunn and Sgt. Lehman, the latter to train his new observer, but all turned back early for weather. The last two who had intended to go to a point some 25 miles south of Isle of Wight were plotted very close to the Chesembury peninsula which explains their report of a revolving white light as they sought in the middle of the sea. Some enemy training was reported at Helms but no intruders were despatched as a result of the adverse weather report. The Squadron was put to 60 minutes at 0200 hours.</p>	
	6th		<p>Weather: Fine. Visibility good. Phase of the moon - new.</p> <p>During the day, normal practice flying and H.F.F. flights were carried out. Further training on the dual Mosquito was interrupted by brake trouble placing the aircraft unusable. P/O Morris reported to the Squadron, being posted supernumerary for Intelligence Duties. During the evening, cross country flights were carried out by Sergeants Lehman and Kingsbury. Two operational calls were made on the Squadron. 1/0 Little carried out an intruder patrol to the Helms-Brevigny area and P/O Coolands an intruder patrol to the Orleans-Avord area. Squadron was not released till early morning.</p>	
	7th		<p>Weather: Fine but extremely windy. Phase of the moon - new. Visibility good.</p> <p>Due to high wind conditions, flying training was restricted to H.F.F.'s which were carried out late in the afternoon. Day cross country training was carried out by the C.O.'s flight when the wind changed to northerly enabling use of the long runway. The following carried out cross country training flights during the evening: S/L Moran, P/L Frey, S/Ls James, Walsh, Hay and Bell. No operational calls were made and the Squadron was placed at 60 minutes readiness at midnight.</p>	
	8th		<p>Weather: Fine. Visibility good. Phase of the moon - new.</p> <p>Considerable day flying was carried out by both operational flights and by the training flight. The C.O. visited Hatfield to investigate the Squadron's equipment without obtaining any satisfactory answer. Night flying training was also carried out by the Training Flight. Sgt. Hay from "F" Flight, Sgt. Kingsbury from "A" Flight and the C.O. in a Mosquito. Three operational trips were despatched to Exams, Beauvais-Creil, Helms-Brevigny and although P/L Bennell saw two aircraft at Helms, he was unable to engage. Patrols were otherwise uneventful.</p>	
	9th		<p>Weather: Overcast. Visibility moderate.</p> <p>Training flying was carried out by both flights including air to sea firing in Mosquito by S/L Venables and P/O Craft and Sgt. Lehman checked out solo on the dual Mosquito. Night flying consisted of practice flights by three pilots of the training flight and Sgt. Lehman while S/L Venables who undertook a sortie against training at Helms-Brevigny failed to return. This was a particularly sad blow to the Squadron. An explanation was forthcoming to what could have happened to a pilot of S/L Venables' ability and experience.</p>	
	10th		<p>Weather: Overcast. Visibility moderate. Phase of the moon - 1st quarter.</p> <p>Flying training was carried out by both operational and training flights. P/O Lee completed solo flight on Boston III on joining the Squadron. One operational trip was carried out by Sgt. Gunn to Exams for his first sortie. S/L Burton-Coles did a cross country in Mosquito and Sgt. Lehman another cross country, training his new observer. Cross countries were also carried out by the training flight.</p>	

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			<p>Weather: Overcast. Visibility moderate.</p> <p>Considerable air firing program was completed by the training flight and two pilots of "F" Flight otherwise day flying consisted of Beauvais-Creil in Mosquito by C.O., and S/L Beveridge. P/Ls from Exams on London III. Squadron. Considerable flying training was completed by "F" Flight who despatched two operational sorties to Beauvais-Creil and Creil which resulted in S/L Burton-Coles destroying one unidentified aircraft at Beauvais and seeing another at Creil but being unable to engage.</p>	
	12th		<p>Low cloud and rain all day. Visibility poor.</p> <p>The C.O. took the opportunity of expressing his appreciation to S/L Burton-Coles for the latter's success the previous night by taking him to lunch at Igny. Apart from an H.F.F. by the C.O., weather did not permit any further flying during the day or evening period and the Squadron was put at a relaxed state at an early hour.</p>	
	13th		<p>Weather: Little or no cloud. Visibility good. Phase of the moon - Second quarter.</p> <p>Training flight departed on 12 hours' pass since all training flight for Sgt. Griffiths, S/L Moran, P/O Horcott, Sgt. Bell had been completed. 1/0 Day had not completed his training since this had been considerably interrupted with by the leave granted to him on the occasion of his marriage. A small amount of day flying was carried out by "A" flight consisting mostly of H.F.F.'s during the evening. One training operational sortie was carried out by P/O Rowlands to Orleans which was uneventful and training flight was carried out by the C.O. in Mosquito and Sgt. Lehman and Sgt. Kingsbury.</p>	
	14th		<p>Weather: Little or no low cloud. Visibility poor in the morning becoming moderate to good.</p> <p>Owing to reduced visibility during the day, training by the operational flight consisted of local flying and air to ground by "F" flight. Short cross countries were carried out by the training flight who returned under the command of S/L Beveridge to complete the training of P/O Lee, P/O Hor and P/O Day. Seven intruder sorties were despatched by "A" flight to Beauvais, Creil, Commailles and Exams, two of them being the nature of training trips and the remaining five intruder sorties which resulted in one unidentified enemy aircraft being destroyed by the C.O. at Beauvais and others being seen but without it being possible to engage them at Beauvais, Creil, and Commailles by S/L Bennell in P/O Craft. Training cross countries were carried out by Sgt. Blinch, P/O Hor and P/O Lee and P/O Spencer.</p>	
	15th		<p>Weather: No low cloud. Visibility good. Phase of the moon Half.</p> <p>Day flying consisted primarily of H.F.F.'s by "F" flight and cross countries and cannon firing by the training flight. Two operational sorties were carried out by Sgt. Hay and S/L Moran as a result of which S/L Moran was shot up at Exams when he inadvertently flew over the aerodrome and returned with constant auto damage to his port engine. Sgt. Hay completed uneventful sortie to Exams where the VB was observed to be on but crashed shortly after the arrival of the port. Both the above were first operational sorties. P/O Craft carried out dusk landings in the Mosquito while Sgt. Bell and Sgt. Griffiths completed their training on the available equipment.</p>	

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Ford, Sussex.	APRIL 16th		Weather: Little or no cloud. Visibility moderate to good. Phase of moon - full. Normal practice day flying carried out by both flights and training flight including formation practices & air to sea firing. During the evening, F/C Craft commenced dusk landings in Mosquito. Six operational sorties were despatched by B Flight to add to the enormous number of "Ranger" sorties despatched by Fighter Command. The usual aerodromes were patrolled but as anticipated without seeing anything since there was no sign of enemy activity whatsoever.	
	17th		Weather: No cloud. Visibility: good. Considerable air firing was done during the day by the training flight and B Flight. Weather was extremely good during the night and conditions were so bright that it was decided not to despatch any practice intruder sorties and to restrict night flying to local searchlight operations and practice attacks.	
	18th		Weather: Fine. Visibility: Moderate to good. A limited amount of day flying was done and once again it was considered to be too bright to send off any practice intruder sorties and since there was no enemy activity, night flying was limited to cross countries, searchlight operations and practice attacks.	
	19th		Weather: Variable. Weather becoming good towards the evening, fine during the night. Normal day flying including formation cooperation exercises were carried out by B Flight followed by practice night flying by two pilots from B Flight and the training flight, and two operational sorties by the new pilots P/O Moran and Sgt. Griffiths to Bourvais-Creil and Evreux respectively both of which were uneventful.	
	20th		Weather: Fine. Visibility: Good. Phase of the moon - 3rd quarter. S/L Burton-Clyde and the C.O. visited No. 11 Group Headquarters while normal day flying practice was carried out by the remainder of the squadron. Sgt. Kingsbury, by night, did deal in the Mosquito. During the evening, two searchlight operations from B Flight and three practice cross countries from the training flight were followed by five operational sorties all of which were uneventful.	
	21st		Weather: Variable. Moderate to poor. Normal day flying carried out including check on the Mosquito by the C.O. while Sgt. Kingsbury Sgt. Birch and P/O Holloway carried out NPTs. As a result of absence of enemy activity in indifferent weather, no night flying operations were carried out.	
	22nd		Weather: Variable weather. Visibility: Moderate with intermittent rain showers. As a result of weather, flying was restricted to NPTs and night flying consisted of local flying and searchlight cooperation.	
	23rd		Weather: Poor. Visibility: Moderate with almost continuous light rain during the hours of darkness. As a result of weather, day flying was limited to NPTs but since there appeared to be enemy activity, 3 intruders were despatched to the usual aerodromes with instructions to burn back if the weather was too bad. They all reached their targets and the sorties were uneventful except for the fact that the VLA at Bourvais, Abbeville were observed by S/L Burton-Clyde and P/O Pindley illuminated in the down wind direction whilst for a time at Abbeville, 2 VLA facing a cross were lit at the same time. Three aircraft from 605 Squadron who were sent off to relieve our aircraft, two returned at or near the French coast while it was heard with great certainty that the third aircraft piloted by P/O Bowden crashed north of Leves, through unknown means.	

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Ford, Sussex.	APRIL 24		Weather: Moderate with rain. Visibility: Good except in rain. Phase of the moon - Last quarter. Considerable day flying training was carried out by "B" Flight and NPTs by "A" Flight and the training flight. As a result of adverse weather, no night flying was attempted.	
	25		Weather: Becoming overcast towards evening with slight rain. Visibility: Moderate. As a result of weather, only a small amount of day flying was possible and no night flying.	
	26		Weather: Overcast. Visibility: Good. Formation flying and NPTs and cross countries during the day, P/L Frey and P/O Norcott successfully completed their first intruder sortie over the Evreux area but since there was no enemy activity the remaining night flying consisted solely of practice attacks and local cross countries.	
	27		Weather: No low cloud. Visibility: Moderate to poor. C.O. went to Hatfield and Fighter Command in an attempt to sound out the rumour that six Mark VI Mosquitoes were at Hatfield waiting delivery to the squadron. He was regrettably unable to substantiate the rumour. Otherwise, small amount of day flying training was carried out. Night flying consisted solely of practice flying including two bull's eyes and 3 cross countries. Training flight was sent off on a 40 hour pass and it had proved its worth considerably. During the two periods of its existence, S/L Moran, P/O Norcott, P/L Beveridge, P/O Lee, Sgt. Hall, Sgt. Griffiths, P/O Moor, and P/O Day had done by far the greater part of their operational training in the Squadron and of the four aircraft which had been made available to the flight, namely P. H. S. and S. 275 hours, 35 minutes were flown. Flight was disbanded and aircraft and crews returned to their respective flights.	
	28		Weather: Variable. Visibility: Moderate to good. Considerable day flying practice and NPTs were carried out. Two night practice cross countries were carried out by Sgt. Birch and P/O Pindley to train their new observers, and five operational sorties all of which were uneventful except that two indications of activity in the Orleans-Avours area.	
	29		Weather: Poor. Visibility: Moderate. Weather restricted flying, both by day and night. Day was otherwise uneventful.	
	30		Weather: Moderate. Visibility: Moderate. Only a small amount of day flying was carried out and the weather was not considered good enough for intruder practices. A small amount of night flying training locally was undertaken by "A" Flight, which proved rather a tame finish to an otherwise excellent month during which the squadron had flown nearly 800 hours and destroyed 2 enemy aircraft in addition to damaging a number of trains.	

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2/3 April	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: Sgt Gunn Obs: Sgt Polph W/O: Sgt Higgins	Reconnaissance St. Lo	2245	0011	Flies from base to Isigny (not positively identified) then to target area and circled on finding several lights on St. Lo. Back over route, white rotating beacon on coast for miles E of Pointe de la France. Weather: patches of cloud, particularly over French coast and haze over channel and France.	
2/3 April	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: Sgt Hinch Obs: Lt T W/O: Tom	Reconnaissance Coastguard	2300	0054	Flies direct to Isigny then to target which was identified and circled. Back over route. Idea of several orange lights some miles W of Caudebec too distant to distinguish clearly. White rotating beacon on coast a few miles E of Pointe de la France. One S/L on coast of Cotentin Peninsula not directed at Boston. Weather: South Channel and France in foggy cloud. Vis: good but dark.	
1/4 April	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: Sgt Walsh Obs: Sgt Robinson W/O: Sgt Hindle	Intruder Reconnaissance/Isigny	2045	2339	Lowfall made at Le Troport at 2120 hrs. 2000 ft 2 S/L. Failed to illuminate. At 2150 hrs flew over target, 5 miles E of Isigny airfield. Red flames and cones black smoke. Last seen 2217 hrs. Return to base at 2245 hrs. 3 red lights in line at 2245 hrs. taking off from airfield were seen. Flies returned at 2-00 hrs. No further activity. All lighting showed 2215 hrs. Weather: vis. 5 miles - patches of fog in valleys just in French coast.	
1/4 April	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: Sgt James Obs: Sgt Vinnall W/O: Sgt Robinson	Intruder Reconnaissance/Isigny	2044	0040	Lowfall 2 miles E of Le Troport at 2100 hrs 2000 ft. Success consisting of one light flashing 10 and 5 smaller lights in line approx 1 1/2 miles E of Bourges airfield, in/over France.	

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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						with lit 2221 hrs. At 2240 hrs V/L lit but doused at 2240 hrs V/L at Breux consisting of bar of 5 lights, bar of 3 lights arrow 2 lights W/2 bar revolving beacon and another flashing 20 2 miles W of Breux town at 2327 hrs. Revolving bar of 5 white and 1 green fired from airfield at 2327 hrs. Breux explosion with No 5 and rail. All lights remained on. No further activity.	
4/5 April	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: P/O Spencer Obs: P/O Bourgeois W/O/SG: P/Sgt. Spald	Intruder Helms/Bretigny	2132	0057	Channel crossed at 200-400- ft Lowfall Oval at 2000 ft at 2205 hrs. Proceeded to Helms and Bretigny. No activity seen, no G/L's. Recrossed the French coast 2 miles W of Le Traport at 2000 ft at 2330 hrs. Weather: good everywhere except slight fog rising on French coast on the return journey.	
4/5 April	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: P/O Hallwood Obs: P/O Spindeman W/O/SG: Sgt. Evans	Intruder Evans/Breux	2043	0011	Channel crossed at 500 ft. Lowfall oval at 2000 ft at 2225 hrs. Proceeded to target but no activity seen. One G/L from main A/L at Breux and one G/L from coast at Oval field to Allouville. One revolving beacon seen NW of Breux at 2300 hrs. Weather: dark via good.	
6/7 April	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: P/O Little IFC Obs: P/Sgt. Spikes W/O/SG: P/Sgt. Matelliffe	Intruder Bretigny/Helms	2340	0150	Channel crossed at 700 ft. Lowfall 4 miles S of Le Traport at 2000 ft at 2315 hrs. One searchlight failed to illuminate Breux coast. Set course for target area. When approx 10 miles from Breux at 2315 hrs the V/L and P/P at Breux were seen on and the flashing beacon just north of the town and the one at Breuxville were flashing characteristics not noted. V/L and P/P doused on arrival of A/G, also flashing beacon a little later. The V/L and P/P at St. Andre were seen on but doused on arrival of A/G. Set course for target area	

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						but no activity. One searchlight failed to illuminate from Bretigny. When 20 miles S of Versailles a prototype consist- ing of a number of red stars and one green star which appeared to be fired from the ground to height of 2000 ft from about 7 miles NW of position of A/G. Recrossed French coast at Merville Bar. Here at 0115 hrs at 2000 ft. Weather: fine via. good with small amounts of cloud in France at 4000 ft.	
6/7 April	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: P/O Rowlands Obs: Sgt. McBurnet W/O/SG: P/O Berry	Intruder Avard	2256	0215	Channel crossed at 500 ft. Lowfall 4 miles W of St. Valery at 1500 ft at 2317 hrs. Set course for target. When at Breux at 2340 hrs V/L and P/P were seen on at Comelles. At 2355 hrs beacons at Orleans flashing. The target reached at 0023 hrs no activity but perimeter lights on. Set course between Chalesheim and Orleans. 0055 hrs but no activity. French coast NW of Islay at 0205 hrs at 1000 ft. Rotating beacon was seen at Barleur. Weather: cloud 4000 ft via. good base approaching French coast on return journey.	
6/9 April	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: P/O Hallwood Obs: P/O Spindeman W/O/SG: Sgt. Evans	Intruder Breux/Chartres	2155	0010	In at Le Traport (2229 hours to Les Andelys (2245) and just beyond at 2247 hours gunner saw dark object believed to be A/G following Breux at 2000 feet 80 yds behind. Pilot made complete turn losing height but nothing further seen. A searchlight at Breux and 4 at St Andre exposed but did not illuminate Breux. No other activity and nothing at Chartres. Out by same route leaving coast at Le Traport 2330 hours, when orange flares seen in line parallel to coast 6 miles out. Weather: thin layer 10/20ths cloud 3000 ft over French coast Visibility 3 miles.	

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8/9 April	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: P/O Spenser Obs: Sgt Wilson W/P/AG: P/Sgt. Ford	Intruder Bourville Orell	2253	0043	Flw via Beachy Head to cross in at 2500 ft Orel place 2322 hrs. Accurate fire from 4 guns probably 20 m/s at Abancourt. Unsil beacon at Bourville but no activity there or at Orell. Returned west of ingoing course to avoid Aban- court, out between Le Treport and Ault at 0002 hours. Weather: this layer of cloud at 3000 ft over French coast, otherwise no cloud but haze over France. Vis: 1 mile.	
8/9 April	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: P/L Russell Obs: P/O Shield P/Sgt Bishop	Intruder Bretigny/Malun	2145	0120	Flw to Ault crossing at 2500 ft at 2217 hrs thence via Les Andelys to Malun (2500) where west arm of V/L was on final and beacons in position of cross here on east arm of V/L, nearer one to a/d flashing white VS and further one flash- ing white AR. At 2313 H/A with nav. lights seen west of Malun too far away to engage before lights doused. At 2338 hrs 2 H/A with nav. lights seen on circuit close together. Chased one but overshoot when lights doused and H/A then seen to land. (2339) Followed the other H/A round circuit but its lights doused were doused except for brief intervals and it was seen to land before it could be engaged (2341). A/D lights doused at 2345 hrs at which time another H/A seen to put on nav. lights momentarily near Malun but not seen again. No lights seen at Bretigny. Left patrol area 0001. Out at Ault 2000 ft at 0043 hrs. Stationary vertical S/L's on coast, 2 at Cayeux and one south of Le Treport. Flak seen some distance away to port and starboard as coast crossed. Weather: no cloud except some steam aloft 2500 ft over Somme Estuary on homeward journey. Vis 2 to 5 miles.	

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9/10 April	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilot: S/L Venables Obs: P/O Kelly W/P/AG: P/O Baker	Intruder Malun/Bretigny	2302		Failed to return.	
10/11 Apr.	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: Sgt Gurn Obs: Sgt Ralph W/P/AG: P/Sgt Higgins	Intruder Bvieux	2244	0043	Beachy Head to Ault at 300 ft crossing in at 2500 ft thence via Les Andelys to target where nothing seen except white rotating beacon south of Bvieux town. Black out generally had over France. Returned via Somme Estuary 2000 feet. Weather 10/10ths at 4000 feet. Vis 5 to 10 miles.	
11/12 Apr.	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: S/L Burton-Gyles Obs: Sgt Richards W/P/AG: Sgt. Wilson	Intruder Bourville/Orell	0030	0240	Landfall 2 miles south of Ault at 1000 ft at 0058 hrs. V/L and SE/W Flarepath lit at Bourville. Rotating white beacon SE of airfield. H/A seen to land and second H/A bearing the nav lights seen N of airfield making an approach. Pilot positioned to intercept and followed H/A which was twin engined type on 3 turn at SE end of V/L at second bar. 1/2 second burst fired at H/A. H/A blew up. Wreckage burning on ground illuminated airfield. V/L and P/P lit at Orell and 1 H/A seen going down V/L but pilot unable to engage. 2 yellow flares from Orell and all lighting doused at 0138 hrs Light flak from 2 guns at Foyens en route to Ault which was crossed at 1000 ft 0205 hrs. S/D aloft at 4000 ft Vis: 10-12 miles.	
11/12 Apr.	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: Sgt Walsh Obs: Sgt Robinson W/P/AG: Sgt Malcott	Intruder Cornailles/Orell	0056	0342	Landfall 1 mile north of Ault at 0105 hrs at 1500 ft. V/L and P/P lit at Cornailles. 1 H/A with nav lights seen but unable to engage. No activity at Orell at 0218 hrs.	
12/14 Apr.	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: P/O Rodlands Obs: Sgt McQuinn W/P/AG: P/O Barry	Intruder Oleone Chateaub	2229	0148	In at Cayeux diving from 2500 ft. Interceded between two targets - a/d's seeing P/P lights flash on for a few seconds at Oleone (0005) and Chateaubas (0011). No other activity. Flarepaths seen at St. Andre and Bvieux at 0059 hrs. Out	

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						Le Troport 0210 hrs at 1000 ft. One inaccurate burst from light gun on hill NE of Le Troport. Several single yellow lights fired from ground track of Boston on both outward and homeward journey.	
14/15 Apr.	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: Sgt Kingsbury Obs: Sgt Luffy WOP/AG: Sgt Daga	Intruder Surveillance	2221	0332	Channel crossed 500 ft, landfall Ault 3500 ft at 2309 hrs. 2 H/A's failed to illuminate crossing coast and light flash was seen to port. Set course for Beirut via Les Andalys but nothing was seen except one white beacon. Returned crossing the French coast 2 miles W of Le Troport where inaccurate light flash was seen to port. Weather: clear moonlight, via. 10 miles.	
14/15 Apr.	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: Sgt Lohman Obs: Sgt Smith WOP/AG: Sgt Holmes	Intruder Surveillance	2324	0132	Channel crossed at 500 ft, landfall made at Ault at 2000 ft at 2355 hrs. Light flash from approx. 4 miles from direction of Evreux passing behind tail of Boston. Set course for Les Andalys, saw beacon flashing 2 from Douvres area but no H/A lights or action seen at Evreux. When returning a train was seen near Ville-Sur-Le-Rule, a beam attack was made at 0330 hrs and train stopped on Boston side 2 more beam attacks and saw strikes on the engine on each occasion but no results seen. French coast was crossed between Ault and Le Troport at 0337 hrs at 2000 ft. Weather: clear moonlight, via. excellent. Status: one locomotive damaged.	
14/15 Apr.	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: Sgt Minch Obs: Sgt Luff WOP/AG: Sgt. Tow	Intruder Surveillance	0110	0330	In north of Le Troport 3000 ft 0140 hrs. No activity at target train west of Evreux going SW - strikes seen on engine which became stationary. Out N St. Valery 2000 ft at 0310 hrs.	

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14/15 Apr.	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: P/O Howlands Obs: Sgt. McFarland WOP/AG: P/O Berry	Intruder Comms Crest/Douvres	0159	0425	In Crest 2000 ft thence to Comailles - Crest a/d intense 2 light flash. Douvres a/d found inactive. Out Le Troport 1500 ft. 0246 hrs.	
14/15 Apr.	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: S/L Darnall Obs: P/O Sheld WOP/AG: P/Sgt Macey	Intruder Beauvais	0055		In at Ault 0138 hrs at 3000 ft. Beauvais V/L lit SW/NW. Bright flash on a/d object which burned fiercely on ground at 0243 hrs - thence followed by intense light flash. Out north of Le Troport 0313 hrs at 2500 ft.	
14/15 Apr.	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: P/O Craft Obs: P/O Marston WOP/AG: P/O Davis	Intruder Crest	0049	0348	Crossed Channel 500 ft. Landfall south of Le Troport at 0121 hrs at 3000 ft. Arrived Crest 0245 hrs and a/d was lit up for one minute. One rotating beacon and one beacon flashing W at Crest a/d. The a/d at Crest lit up again at 0258 hrs and at 0300 hrs the first of 5-6 H/A landed but none could be intercepted as they all flashed their lights in the circuits and all put them on just before they touched down. One H/A was sighted near the 2 beacons between Beauvais and Crest but his lights were not on long enough to close in on him. At 0258 hrs Beauvais was seen lit. Crossed French coast at Ault at 0309 hrs at 2000 ft. At 0300 hrs light flash was experienced from fuzes and a beacon flashing SW was seen near Comailles.	
14/15 Apr.	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: W/O Little RFC Obs: P/Sgt Styles RFC WOP/AG: P/Sgt Doolittle	Intruder Beauvais	0024	0351	Crossed Channel at 600 ft, landfall 2 miles south of Le Troport at 0055 hrs at 1500 ft. Reached target at 0115 hrs. Revolving beacon 8 miles SE of Beauvais town. At 0130 hrs another beacon 10 miles SE of town came on flashing W. At 0150 hrs SE V/L and W/V came on and at 0200 hrs an H/A was seen flashing its lights over V/L. Boston tried to follow H/A but lost it as it turned its lights off. At 0235 hrs another H/A seen but unable to be intercepted. At 0217 hrs	

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						R/A seen with navigation cleared down V/L. At 0225 hrs another R/A seen behind Boston. At 0228 hrs an R/A was seen. At 235 hrs navigation lights of another R/A seen by observer on left hand circuit, Boston turned towards second bar of V/L and there got visual of R/A. Gave a 1/2 second burst of cannon and R/A was to blow up immediately and crash 100 yds short of runway. Boston turned away and experienced intense flak from a/d. Set course for base. At 0248 hrs light flak experienced from Fomeric. Crossed French coast at Ault at 0255 hrs at altitude 1500 ft. At 0256 hrs intense light flak seen from ships 10 miles off Seine Estuary. Weather: fine, vis. excellent	
15th/16 Apr.	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: S/L Moran Obs: Sgt Rogers WOP/AG: P/O Forsythe	Intruder Rennes Chartres	0026	0224	Beach Head to Oriel plane 500 ft diving over coast 0203 hrs from 3500 ft. Fire seen on ground 5 miles south of Oriel 0204, possibly burning a/d. Flew via St. Andelys to Rennes (0130 hrs) where inadvertently crossed a/d. and was engaged by S/L's and intense accurate light flak. Port engine hit and lost all oil and a/s brought back to base with difficulty. At 0200 hours one mile offshore at Oriel saw about 4 smallish vessels heading S W. Weather: no cloud, slight ground haze, vis. good.	
15/16 Apr.	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: Sgt Day Obs: P/O Squawer WOP/AG: Sgt. Stringer	Intruder Rennes	0026	0250	Base to Marouf 400 ft crossing coast 0100 hrs diving from 3000 ft. Beacon flashing white T near Cap Levy. Flew via Avranches seeing beacon flashing white X near Rymville. V/L on at Rennes 0133 hrs ESE to NW and portstar and flarepath lights switched on successively 3 times. 0147 all lights doused. Boston returned via Isigny at 0216 hrs diving out from 3000 ft. Weather: no cloud, haze especially on low ground, vis. good.	

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16/17 Apr.	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: Sgt Bell Obs: Sgt Rainbow WOP/AG: Sgt. Birchmore	Intruder Rennes	22		In 7 miles NW of Isigny 3500 ft. Rennes found inactive. 2 S/L's due west of Rennes. Out 4 miles NW Isigny 0245 hrs 4000 ft. First Ops sortie. Weather: clear, vis. good.	
16/17 Apr.	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: Sgt. Griffiths Obs: Sgt Carbone WOP/AG: Sgt Irving	Intruder Rennes	2314	0122	In at St Marouf 3000 ft (2346). Beacon flashing NW St. Marouf Two second burst light flak from direction Isigny, orbited St Jacques a/d (0020) red and white flashing beacon at Pace. 0 Out St Marouf (0057) 1000 ft. vis. 10 miles. First operational sortie.	
16/17 Apr.	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: P/O Hallwood Obs: P/O Spackman WOP/AG: Sgt Evans	Intruder Oriel	0029	0235	In 2 miles. of Mappe 2000 ft 0104 hrs. Target inactive. Boston hit by flak and slightly damaged port elevator. Four S/L's attempted to illuminate, one of which was successful, but was doused by rear gunner's gun. Out Oriel 0158 hrs at 0 ft. Large convoy of 12 to 15 ships going SW observed 12 miles off Oriel at 0202 hrs. Weather: good, vis good.	
16/17 Apr.	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: S/L Burton-Coxley Obs: Sgt Richards WOP/AG: Sgt Wilson	Intruder Beauvais	0027	0243	In 3 miles N of Ault 2500 ft 0055 hrs; target orbited. No sig lights, no activity. Light flak seen over a/d from distance 0243 hrs. On return six rounds light flak from Ault 0158 hrs. Out at Ault at 1000 ft. Vis. excellent.	
16/17 Apr.	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: P/O Spenser Obs: Sgt Wilson WOP/AG: Sgt Kydd	Intruder Tours	0038	0317	Red light flashing T seen 20 miles south of base. In at St Marouf 0111 hrs 3000 ft L/P from Carenton, 0216 hrs flarepath Thomas lighted. Tours a/d not lighted so target not found. Train attacked near Rousse Vasse. No strikes. Out 0250 hrs. Light flak from flak ship south St. Yaast 0251 hrs. Vis 10 miles.	
16/17 Apr.	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: P/Sgt Findley Obs: Sgt Ritch WOP/AG: Sgt Redhat	Intruder Comelles	0032	0245	Convoy approx. 20 vessels 12 miles off Cayeux going south 0102 hrs. In at Cayeux 0105 hrs 2500 ft. Flashing beacon in estuary south Crotoy; light flak from Cayeux. Target inactive, no lights. L/P 5 nls. NW Comelles. Out south Cayeux 2500 ft 0202 hrs.	

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19/20 Apr.	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: Sgt Griffiths Obs: Sgt Osborne WOP/AG: Sgt Holmes	Intruder Evroux/Dreux	0055	0218	In at Oriel 3000 ft diving to 500 ft. Evroux and Dreux inactive. White revolving beacon 2 miles south of Le Thilliers. Out Oriel 500 ft 0117 hrs. Patrol uneventful.	
19/20 Apr.	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: S/L Moran Obs: Sgt Rogers WOP/AG: P/O Parrythe	Intruder Beauvais/Oriel	0038	0230	In at Ault 4000 ft. Target reached 0122 hrs and found inactive thence to Oriel 0138 hrs, also inactive. No searchlights or flak. Very bad blackout vicinity St. Just en Chaussée. Out at Ault 2000 ft 0156 hrs. Weather: 1/10 cloud at 1500 ft. visibility good.	
20/21 Apr.	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: Sgt Walsh Obs: Sgt Robinson WOP/AG: Sgt Halshitt	Intruder Investig/Isleau	2350	0225	In 1 mile south of Le Treport at 2500 ft. Target not reached on account of gyro being u/s. Boston pinpointed itself over NE Paris so set course for base. Beacon soon flashing 5 south of Beauvais at 0223 hrs. Weather: good, dawn moon, vis. of moon 6-8 miles	
20/21 April	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: S/L Burton-Cyles Obs: Sgt Richardson WOP/AG: Sgt Wilson	Intruder Beauvais	0059	0223	In 1 mile S of Le Treport at 3500 ft. Target reached at 0148 hrs but no activity so set course for base. Crossed French coast 1 mile S of Le Treport at 0201 hrs at 2000 ft. Weather: very good, vis. 6-8 miles.	
20/21 Apr.	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: P/Sgt Findley Obs: P/Sgt Ritch WOP/AG: P/Sgt Kydd	Intruder Evroux	2349	0245	Crossed enemy coast at Le Treport. Flw via Les Andelys, Evroux to St Andre. No activity at either aerodrome. Flak and S/L's seen at Evroux.	
20/21 Apr.	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: S/L Moran Obs: P/O Parrythe WOP/AG: Sgt Robinson	Intruder Orleans	2349	0300	Crossed Channel 200-400 ft, landfall S of Le Treport at 3000 feet at 0017 hrs. A number of MT vehicles were seen parked in a wood in area of Evroux. Orleans reached 0122 hrs, no activity. A concentration of barges stretching for about one and a half miles were seen close against the bank of the river and under shadow of trees about 4 miles north of St Pierre la Garenne. French coast crossed at 0227 hrs at 100 ft.	

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20/21 Apr.	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: S/L Moran Obs: Sgt Rogers WOP/AG: P/O Parrythe	Intruder Oriel-Dreux Chartres	0059	0357	In at Oriel at 4500 ft. Target reached 0216 hrs but no activity. At 0230 hrs a rotating beacon was seen, thought to be Evroux. French coast crossed Le Treport at 0302 hrs at 4000 ft. 5 S/L's illuminated on crossing coast. A S/L was fired and S/L's doused.	
23/24 Apr.	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: S/L Burton-Cyles Obs: Sgt Richards WOP/AG: Sgt Wilson	Intruder Beauvais	2233	0047	Landfall 2 miles S of Treport at 2308 hrs. Beacons lit at Geyaux and Le Treport. Beacon flashing white BP with country beacon alongside 12 miles SE of Beauvais. S/L's V/L lit at 2350 hrs but flashed on and off irregularly for 5 minutes. At Abbetoe 10/10 V/L and 2/10 V/L lit with row of red lights at intersection. Two flares also fired from airfield. Weather: clear over France.	
23/24 Apr.	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: Sgt. Walsh Obs: Sgt Robinson WOP/AG: Sgt Halshitt	Intruder Oriel	2210	0125	Landfall at Ault 2314 hrs. Oriel daisy lit at 0001 hrs. Oriel V/L started flashing irregularly at 0005 hrs. At 0007 hrs an airfield 6 miles NE of Oriel was seen lit. On approaching Beauvais on the way out one V/L doused, then 4 V/L's came on together. V/L's lit at Abbeville and 2 white and 1 yellow flare fired.	
23/24 Apr.	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: P/Sgt Findley Obs: P/Sgt Ritch WOP/AG: P/Sgt Kydd	Intruder Comailles	2305	0108	Landfall NE of Le Treport at 2341 hrs. SE/NE flarepath lit and V/L at Comailles. Rotating white beacon at point where P/P and V/L meet. A/O with a green light on a white light to port and white light to starboard seen approx height 500 ft, but was lost to view.	
24/27 Apr.	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: P/L Fry Obs: P/O Macinski WOP/AG: Sgt. Single	Intruder Evroux	2304	0216	Landfall at Ault 1135 hrs 1000 ft. Heavy flak seen at Blagoe whilst approaching French coast. No activity at Evroux.	
24/27 Apr.	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: P/O Hancock Obs: Sgt Jenkins WOP/AG: Sgt Elliott	Intruder Evroux	2345	0145	Landfall at Ault 0015 hrs 2/3000 ft. When approx west of Dergdes letter V flashed in morse from a tower. No other activity.	

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28/29 Apr.	Boston III Intruder	PILOT: Sgt Griffiths OBS: Sgt Osborne WOP/AG: Sgt Irving	Intruder Cornwallis	2339	0138	In at Oriol at 2531. While rotating beacon at Le Troport. Malun a/d south V/L illuminated and SW/NE Flarepath. No activity. Patrolled Cornwallis and saw 2 searchlights east of a/d, ceased a after 15 seconds. Two searchlights Deux, for 25 seconds. Cloud 5/10 at 2500 ft. Out at Oriol at 0110 hrs. Vis: generally abt 1/2 mile, at coast about 2 miles.	
28/29 Apr.	Boston III Intruder	F/O Hallwood OBS: F/O Speckman WOP/AG: Sgt Evans	Intruder Beauvais	2326	0117	Landfall Oriol at 2357 hrs, two powerful bluish white flares seen near Abancourt at 0007 hrs, lasting 8 seconds. Beauvais at 0015 hrs, two white beacons, one north, one south of A/D. North flashing blue, south flashing red. Out at Oriol.	
28/29 Apr.	Boston III Intruder	PILOT: Sgt Jones OBS: F/O Yinnell F/Sgt Robinson	Intruder Orleans Bourges-Aword	2233	0223	Bright light in sea out from Dogar, at time a/d destroyed by 256 Squadron. Fired on by light A.A. from Wadding, (2236 hrs) at Riville at 2308 hrs. Rotating white beacon at aigron. Bureau. (2324). No light at Orleans-Briay. Patrolled Bourges and Aword for 15 minutes. On return, lights, P/P and perimeter tra at and beacon flashing NB seen at Orleans (0102) all ceased, as Boston arrived enroute beacon. Out at Riville at 0147 hrs. Bluish green flashing light seen 20 miles out from base Vector 135.	
28/29 Apr.	Boston III Intruder	PILOT: S/L Moran OBS: F/Sgt Rogers WOP/AG: F/O Forsythe	Intruder Bretigny-Malm	2311	0159	About 15 miles from French coast a SW5 probably E boats seen going NE. In at Oriol at 2342, Seine at Les Andelys at 2359 steady light at Le Roche Guyon. Lights seen towards Fouassus a/d and colours fired, presumably from a/d. Rotating white beacon at Bretigny. No lights at Malm, which was not found. a/d's at Le Troport did not illuminate. Out 0123 hrs.	
28/29 Apr.	Boston III Intruder	PILOT: F/O Spencer	Intruder Greil	2313	0148	Crossed channel at 1000 ft. When about 5 miles west of Le Troport saw 6 lights shining horizontally along the sea, pointing west. Crossed the coast at Ault at 2346. Set course for Les Andelys, then Le Roche, making for Greil at 0006 hrs. At 0013 hrs passed over Cornwallis a/d, one a/d switched on but failed to illuminate. He set course to Les Andelys which was reached 0026 hrs. At 0036 hrs saw a white beacon on bearing 350 deg.	

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30th April 1st May	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: Sgt Birch OBS: Sgt Jeff WOP/AG: Sgt Tew	Intruder Bourges/Aword	2331	0139	Landfall 3 miles NW of Isigny at 2500 feet. Intense light flak seen from direction of Le Mans at 0045 hrs. SW/NE Flarepath and part of W arm of V/L lit at Aword. Also rotating white beacon at point where V/L and flarepath meet. 1 a/d seen taking off and few minutes later another seen launch g, but both switched off navigation lights and engagement impossible. P/P at Bourges lit at 0140. Light flak from St. Marcouf on way out. Weather: patchy to 10/10 clouds base 1500 ft. vis: generally bad.	
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Ford, Sussex.	MAY	6th	The squadron said farewell to an old friend today - the aircraft Boston III K for Katy. Having completed 120 hours of flying, this aircraft was despatched to Tolleraton Airways for conversion to a bomber. Early in the squadron's history K for Katy arrived fresh from the factory. P.O. Craft, P.O. Norton and P.O. Davis made 29 operational trips over enemy territory in her. During her whole time with the squadron, no trouble was experienced with her. She was the pride of the ground crew. She leaves the squadron after completing her tour with the same engine and propeller with which she arrived.	
		7th	Weather: Fine. Visibility good. A red letter day in the history of the squadron. P.O. Craft and P.O. Norton making their million operational flight in the Mosquito and their thirtieth and last operational flight with the squadron shot down a JU88, returning from a patrol of Brittany-Nelun, they sighted an enemy aircraft bearing navigation lights at 3500 feet. After a 12 minute chase in the Mosquito, they came within 500 yards of this aircraft and were able to identify it as a JU88. P.O. Craft fired two two-second bursts of cannon and H.G.s. from a range of 300-500 yards. Strikes were seen on the port wing and fuselage. As it lost height gradually, the JU fired a volley. Suddenly it went into a steep dive and exploded before reaching the ground. P.O. Craft and P.O. Norton returned to base just as the weather closed in for the night. These few strikes are listed in their report of the Mosquito - their only regret is that their tour of ops with this squadron is finished when things promise to be interesting. W/O Little carried out a patrol of Beauvais-Creil. Heavy flak and 4 H/Ls were observed by him when about 10 miles from Beauvais. Sgt. Blinoh patrolled Comcelles without event. A Maple Leaf Concert, sponsored by the R.C.O. and performed by artists from R.A.F.S.A. was given in the Station Concert Hall.	
		8th	Weather: Cloudy. Visibility: moderate, poor in the rain. "A" Flight on ops. P/L Pray patrolled Melun-Bretigny. His gunner, Sgt. Siegle, reported seeing an enemy aircraft landing with two red lights burning at Melun. All crews were put to 60 mins. at 0230 hours. When P/L Warner, Engineer Officer, returned to his office from lunch today he found the following verse on his desk: 1. "We're just the boys of Ebelon Who don't wear silver wings; We only keep them flying And ask the grief that brings. 2. We get no glaring headlines And hear no songs of praise; And when we sign the job as done Our necks stick out always. 3. Electricians, fitters, riggers, With instruments and guns, We take a crate to pieces To see just how it runs. 4. So aircor keep them flying - We're all behind you here, And when you score a victory We'll be the first to cheer. Honour has it that this verse was written by Sgt. Shorton of 3078 Ebelon who drew the inspiration for his muse from the good work of P.O. Craft and P.O. Norton of the previous day.	
		9th	Weather: Fair to cloudy. Slight rain. Visibility: moderate to good. Moon - first quarter. An active day for "B" Flight. The C.O. gave dual checks on the Mosquito to S/L Moran, P.O. Lee, P.O. Spencer, Sgt. James and Sgt. Lohman. S/L Moran, P.O. Spencer and Sgt. James selected on the Mosquito. Several Intruder sorties were carried out. W/O Day was despatched to Evreux. It was his first operational flight with the squadron and the French coast when the light in his observer's cockpit faded. P.O. Lee made a patrol of Evreux. No lights were seen on the ground but a white flashing beacon was observed about 10 miles south of Evreux. P.O. Lee followed the beam in search of trains or barges but met with no luck. S/L Moran patrolled Melun and Bretigny which were both inactive. During his patrol he sighted two enemy aircraft and saw a series of 8 very lights fired in the vicinity of Villacoublay. All crews were subsequently released at 0240 hours.	

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Ford, Sussex.	MAY	10th	Weather: Fair to cloudy. Visibility good. A day which gave some indication to Canadians just how disagreeable the weather can be in Sussex. All flying was washed out due to weather conditions. P/L Bartlett reported to the squadron today for duty as supernumerary engineer officer.	
		11th	Weather: Cloudy. Visibility moderate to good. Moon - 2nd quarter. Day's flying programme included 1077's by pilots of A Flight, a cross-country in the Mosquito by the C.O. and S/L Burton-Cylen, air-circling exercises by P.O. Spencer, P.O. Howlands, Sgt. May, Sgt. Gunn, Sgt. Kingsbury and Sgt. Blinoh. Three crews made night operational sorties. P/L Bennett, P.O. Howlands and P/S Pray made a visit to Melun finding the aerodrome lit but no enemy aircraft in sight. P.O. Howlands with Sgt. Lohman as an observer and P/O Barry as gunner visited Comcelles and Creil, running into light accurate flak in the channel about 10 miles from the enemy coast on their return journey. Sgt. Gunn with Sgt. Ralph and P/S Higgins as crew made an unsuccessful patrol of Beauvais. The squadron was put to 60 minutes at 0230 hours. P.O. Davis, one of the squadron's originals heard today with regret that his days with 412 Squadron are over. After a period of leave, he is to report to 22 O.T.U. for crewing on bombers. Two Mosquitoes Mk VI Intruder were delivered to the squadron today from 10 H.S.U. by Capt. pilot.	
		12th	Weather: Cloudy. Visibility: moderate. The C.O. went on leave today. Temporary command of the command has been assumed by S/L Burton-Cylen. Both flights put in a busy day on training, carrying out practice attacks, gunner gun exercises and beam and low level flying. Sgt. Kingsbury made a solo flight in the Mosquito. P/L Beveridge returned from a night patrol of Orleans/Bray with a score of three enemy aircraft downed. With Sgt. Pray as observer and P/O Spencer as gunner, he was heading towards Melun on a beam and low level attack. He fired a salvo of H.G.s. At 2100 hours an unidentified aircraft from about 200 yards with three two-second bursts of cannon he succeeded in scoring several strikes. Turning his attention to a JU88, he let go with two four-second bursts. Although three of his bullets reached the struts were made on the JU88. For his third target he chose a JU87, scoring a strike with his machine gun. Although a good night's work. While on a patrol of Beauvais, Sgt. Lohman attacked a goods yard packed with trucks in the town of Beauvais. Hits were scored on several of the trucks. P/O Howr made an unsuccessful patrol of Creil/Comcelles. Sgt. Kingsbury set out for Creil but returned to base without reaching his target. All crews were released at 0240 hours.	
		13th	Weather: Cloudy becoming fair. Visibility: Good to moderate. 1077's and local and cross country flights attracted the attention of crew from "B" Flight. Sgts. Kingsbury, Ralph, Blinoh and Lt. from "A" Flight made cross countries in the Mosquito. Seven crews from "B" Flight made night operational sorties. P.O. Spencer with Sgt. Blinoh and P/S Pray made a visit to Melun and St. Omer. Sgt. Walsh with Sgt. Robinson and P/S Howlands were over Melun and Bretigny. P/O Howlands and his crew, P.O. Spencer and Sgt. Howlands, also visited Melun as his next patrol. Sgt. Blinoh, Kingsbury in the Mosquito. Sgt. James, P/O Howlands and P/S Robinson made a patrol of Beauvais. In a patrol of Chateaubriant/Orleans, Sgt. Howlands with Sgt. Robinson and Sgt. Irving as crew shot up a train near Bourville. W/O Day and Sgt. Howlands and Hunter patrolled Chateaubriant/Orleans sighting eleven Motor Torpedo Boats in St. Valery Estuary.	

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Ford, Sussex	MAY 23rd		<p>E/L Beveridge's success of the previous night inspired a visit to the squadron by P/L I. S. Reid Public Relations Officer, and P.O. Ken Coleman, photographer at R.C.A.F. Overseas Headquarters. P/O Craft received news today of his posting to an Intruder P.F.U. in Canada with mixed feelings.</p>	
		14th	<p>Weather: Fair becoming fine. Visibility good. Moon - 2nd quarter. Day flying consisted of local flights, air/sea firing exercises, and a formation flight of three aircraft for the benefit of P.O. Coleman, R.C.A.F. Photographer, who took several pictures from a position aloft by Sgt. Kingsbury. AS RW station, Ford, held a dance in the Officers' Mess most of the night crew consisted of P.O.'s. P/Ldr. Moran was in charge of operations. Four operational sorties were flown. Sgt. Hay patrolled Bourne/Drell encountering four searchlights and light and heavy flak at Bourne. Sgts. Walsh and Mitch and their crew both paid visits to Holm/Bretigny. S/Ldr. Moran made a patrol of the Orleans/Bray area. He fired 30 rounds from his cannon at a signal box at Aubrey scoring strikes. A Canadian trade test board consisting of P/O. Small and P/O Williams and Grayson visited the Squadron today to inspect the Mess. In accordance with Canadian regulations. There was some activity on the sport's front today. The squadron's football team visited Ramsey Island for a game with 418 Squadron losing a closely-contested match by a small margin.</p>	
		25	<p>Weather: Fine. Visibility moderate to good. "A" Flight was active during the day on IFF's and local flights. P/O Henderson with Sgt. Penner and P/L Irving made a cross-country at night. Sgt. Kingsbury, with Sgts. King and King, and Sgt. Moran with Sgt. Smith and P/O Hobbs carried out 1/2 coop. Two operational sorties were made. Sgt. Gunn visited Orleans/Dunsmuir and P.O. Horrocks, Bretigny/Aubrey. Both patrols were successful. The squadron was put to 60 minutes at 0435 hours. For the first two weeks of the month, on the average 14 of the 17 aircraft on the squadron's strength have been serviceable.</p>	
		26	<p>Weather: Fine. Visibility good. "A" Flight carried out an intensive flying programme during the day, which included IFF's, a cross country in the morning by Sgt. Leeson and air-to-sea firing exercises by P/L Beveridge. P/O How, P.O. Horrocks and Sgt. Leeson. Practice attacks were made at night by P/L Bennett, P.O. Horrocks and P.O. How. P/L Henderson did a cross country and Sgt. Gunn. S/L coop. A quiet night was spent in the Operations Room with six operational crews standing by hopefully until released at 0430 hours. No calls were made on the squadron as there was no sign of activity on Jerry's part.</p>	
		27	<p>Weather: Fine. Visibility good. "A" Flight had the day off. "B" Flight made IFF's and local flights during the day. P/L Barton-Clyde and Sgt. Malcolm patrolled Bourne/Aubrey, Bourne and Orleans in morning II. They dived on an enemy aircraft at Bourne but lost the aircraft when it doused its navigation lights. Landing a train in the Bourne/Orleans area, they scored several strikes on the ground. Sgt. James with P.O. Gardner as navigator and P/O Robinson as gunner visited Orvoux and Druex. He obtained a train which caught a cargo in a covered at Bourne. Fighting 6 barges in the same west of Lec. Malys he dove to attack scoring several strikes. P/O. Hallwood, with P/O. Agulston and Sgt. Evans made an operational sortie to Holm/Bretigny. A fire was seen burning in the town of Milly. All crews were put to 60 minutes at 0430 hours.</p>	
		28	<p>Weather: Fine. Visibility good. Full moon. During the last three days, Sussex has released its reputation for glorious weather. "A" Flight's day for working. Several crews made local flights and cross country. "B" Flight was active on IFF's and local flights. P/O Finlay made a cross country at night.</p>	

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Ford, Sussex	MAY 28 (Continued)		<p>Three operational sorties were made by crews from B Flight. S/L Moran with Sgt. Rogers and P.O. Kingsbury patrolled Bourne/Aubrey. Sgt. Ball with Sgt. Rainbow and Sgt. Malcolm paid a call to Orvoux attacking and scoring strikes on four barges which were sighted near Les Andelys on their return journey. Sgt. Hay with P.O. Seymour and Sgt. Stringer carried out an uneventful patrol of Churche/Breux. P/L Macdonald (pilot) and P.O. Raff (navigator) reported to the squadron today on posting for flying duties.</p>	
		29	<p>Weather: Fine. Visibility good. Full moon. P/L Macdonald and P.O. Raff made a training flight to Aberdeen. S/L Barton-Clyde flew to Bourne in the hope to be shot up by the G.I.s. Crews from A Flight had a heavy day on IFF's and local training flights. Sgt. Blinn, P.O. Horrocks and Sgt. Gunn carried out a heavy day on IFF's and local training flights. P/L Bennett with P.O. Malins as navigator made a cross-country in the morning. Three operational flights were flown during the night. P.O. How patrolled Bourne/Aubrey finding no activity at either aerodrome. Near Orleans he attacked a train scoring strikes. P/L Beveridge visited Holm without event. S/L Barton-Clyde in the morning made an uneventful patrol of Bourne/Aubrey. All crews were released at 0430 hours. P/O Finlay and Sgt. Macdonald, Temple and Mitch were struck off strength today on posting to Orvoux for a six-week course. P/O. Gardner, MacLennan and Quizer reported to the squadron today from Orvoux for flying duties.</p>	
		20	<p>Weather: Fine. Visibility moderate to good. Full moon. P/O Little, returned command of the squadron upon his return from leave. "A" Flight on the programme for operations and "B" Flight for training. S/L Bennett added one damaged to his score. On a patrol of Holm, he sighted two enemy aircraft one just landing and the other climbing for a landing. He attacked with a second aircraft scoring strikes and then took evasive action to avoid light flak. This was the only operational flight made during the night. Other crews on duty were active as follows: P/O Henderson and crew, P/L Beveridge and crew and P.O. How and crew on cross countries, Sgt. Gunn and crew, Sgt. Leeson and crew, and P.O. Horrocks as S/L coop. P/O Little with P/L Styles as navigator made a cross country in the morning. The squadron was put to 60 minutes at 0355 hours. P/O Bennett, Intelligence Officer, was struck off strength today on posting to 402 Squadron.</p>	
		21	<p>Weather: Fair. Slight mist. Visibility: 2-8 miles. P/O Henderson with P.O. Barrett, navigator, P/O Dying, gunner, and P/L Lindy, Squadron Medical Officer, passenger, made a cross country to Redwell Bay, Sub Lt. Southland, R.C.F., who is attached to the squadron to get 20 hours flying time on a Boston went for a cross country. "A" Flight was active on IFF's and local flights. Two night sorties were flown. P.O. Hallwood with P.O. Seymour and Sgt. Evans made a patrol of Holm. There was no activity at his target but aircraft he attacked two trains scoring strikes on the locomotives of both. P.O. Seymour with Sgt. Wilson, navigator, and Sgt. Wilson, gunner, patrolled the same area without event. P/O. Finlay and Sgt. Walsh did cross countries at night and Sgt. Ball and Sgt. Griffiths searchlight cooperation. All crews were released at 0240 hours.</p>	

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Ford, Sussex.	MAY 22		<p>Weather: Fair to cloudy. Slight drizzle, rain in afternoon. Visibility moderate.</p> <p>"A" Flight's training programme included air to air firing and cross country and local flights. A busy day for "B" Flight on practice attacks, low flying, single engine flying and IFTs.</p> <p>A quiet night in the Operations Room with no operations being carried out. W/O Day flew a weather trip to the French coast. P/O Shields as navigator made a cross country in the Mosquito. Sgt. Griffiths and P.O. Mindlay did searchlight cooperation. All crews were released at 0200.</p> <p>Thorney Island's ball team visited Ford today defeating 418 Squadron's team 17 runs to 15 in a well contested match.</p>	
	23		<p>Weather: Fair to cloudy. Visibility moderate to good.</p> <p>"A" Flight on a day off. "B" Flight had an active day. Sgt. Labran and Sgt. Minch flew in the Mosquito to Hornchurch to pick up a Mosquito VI which had been left there for the installation of special equipment.</p> <p>Day's flying programme included IFT by S/L Bennett and P.O. Shields in Mosquito; IFT and beam practice by P/L Gray with P.O. Macdonald and Sgt. Magle as crew and P/O Beveridge with Sgt. Day and P/O Anderson as gunner; IFT and air to air practice by P.O. Howlands with Sgt. Labran as navigator and P.O. Derry as gunner; IFT and air to air practice by P.O. Hoar and crew of Sgt. Gray and P/O Goddard; formation flight by P/O Henderson, Sgt. Gunn and P/L Beveridge. Night flying included dusk landings by P/L Macdonald on a solo flight; cross country by P/O Henderson with P.O. Harlett and P/O Irving; P/O Hoar and Sgt. Labran did practice attacks; Sgt. Minch with Sgt. Tuff and Sgt. Ings did searchlight cooperation. Sgt. Kingsbury with Sgt. Yesty as navigator and Sgt. Ings as gunner made an operational sortie to Bretigny/Mahon firing both beams lit up. They chased an enemy aircraft near Mahon but lost it in the darkness. Their beam was illuminated by three searchlights near Lambouillet.</p> <p>P.O. Spence was promoted to P/O, today and posted to the position of Deputy Commander of "B" Flight. P/O Styles, the C.O.'s navigator, playing for N.A.F. Ford's team, distinguished himself in a cricket match against Gosport by taking two wickets for eight runs.</p>	
	24		<p>Weather: Cloudy. Slight rain. Visibility: moderate.</p> <p>Sgt. Day, Sgt. Griffiths and P/O Mindlay from "B" Flight practised formation flying. Crews from "A" Flight were busy during the day on IFTs and local flights. P/L Beveridge and crew carried out beam practice.</p> <p>A quiet night was spent in the Operations Room as inclement weather prevented both night practice and operational flying. All crews were released at 0230 hours.</p>	
	25		<p>Weather: Fair to cloudy with showers. Visibility: Good.</p> <p>S/L Burton-Ogden, DSO, DFC, "B" Flight Commander, said farewell to 418 Squadron today on posting to 488 Squadron, ATR. He was flown to his new station by W/O Little. The squadron is trying to conceal its sense of loss and console itself in the knowledge that "B-O" is being promoted to Wing Commander and given a squadron of his own to command. During his brief operational career with 418 Squadron S/L Burton-Ogden stamped his personality permanently on the Squadron. His memory will be an example and an inspiration to the Squadron only less than was his presence.</p> <p>The flying programme for the day included: Air/air firing by P/L Beveridge with P/O Anderson as gunner, air/sea firing by P/O Hoar and P.O. Howlands, beam test and cross-country by P/O Lee and IFTs by crews of "B" Flight.</p> <p>On the night flying schedule were an operational patrol of Bretigny/Mahon by P/O James with P.O. Chambers as navigator and P.O. Robinson as gunner during which he chased 2 enemy aircraft, attacking and damaging one with cannon and next fired a cross country by P/O Mindlay with P.O. Goddard and Sgt. Robertson as crew, and practice attacks by Sgt. Griffiths, Sgt. Bell, P.O. Lee and P.O. Day and crews. All crews were returned at 0200 hours.</p>	

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Ford, Sussex.	MAY 26		<p>Weather: Fair, becoming cloudy. Visibility: Moderate to good.</p> <p>During the day both flights were active on flying training.</p> <p>The C.O. and LAC Newhouse made an IFT in the Mosquito. P/O Kingsbury and Sgt. Ings did a local flight in the Mosquito.</p> <p>"B" Flight carried out IFTs in readiness for the evening's work. Due to weather conditions which precluded no activity on the part of Jerry, all crews were put at 60 minutes at 2150 hours. There was no night flying of any kind.</p>	
	27		<p>Weather: Cloudy, visibility good.</p> <p>"A" Flight carried out IFTs during the day. S/L Bennett made two local flights in the Mosquito with Randall as passenger on his first flight and Captain Yeckham on his second.</p> <p>It was a quiet night in the Operations Room. P/L Beveridge flew a weather reconnaissance to Auld seeing heavy flak in the Dieppe area. Cross country was flown by P/L Macdonald, P/O Henderson, P.O. Howlands and Sgt. Gunn and completed by P/O Kingsbury and Sgt. Labran. All crews were put at 60 minutes at 0200 hours.</p> <p>The squadron placed 2nd in the Truck Race held by RAF Station, Ford, in conjunction with "Wings for Victory Week". P/O Howlands placed first in both the high jump and the running broad jump. P/O Richards came second in the 100 yard dash and the Squadron's entry won the relay races. With a little training, the squadron could develop a first class truck team. The raw material is available. P.O. Lee has been appointed Sports Officer and it is hoped that he will be able to promote a greater interest in sports than has prevailed heretofore among squadron personnel.</p>	
	28		<p>Weather: Fair to cloudy. Visibility moderate.</p> <p>"A" Flight on the programme for operations. "B" Flight for training. Both flights were active during the day. P/O Mindlay, Sgt. Griffiths and W/O Day from "B" Flight carried out beam gun exercises. "A" Flight crews were engaged on IFTs and locals during the day with W/O Little and S/L Bennett doing cross country in the Mosquito.</p> <p>After two quiet nights, there was plenty of activity in the Operations Room. Four operational sorties were flown. Sgt. Gunn set out to patrol Mahon/Bretigny but was unable to obtain a platoon so turned back from Lee Andelys. S/L Bennett with P.O. Shield patrolled Bourges and Avord in the Mosquito. P/O Henderson made a patrol of Bretigny/Mahon. He attacked a train at Mamery scoring strikes. P/O Howlands patrolled Orleans/Chartres/Amboise without incident. W/O Little with P/O Styles took off for a patrol of Orleans and Chartres but encountered technical trouble and returned to base after a flight of 11 minutes.</p>	
	29		<p>Weather: Fair, visibility moderate. Moon - last quarter.</p> <p>"B" Flight engaged during the day on IFTs. P/O Hoar from "A" Flight made a trip to Dieppe and returned. Four operational sorties were flown at night. W/O Little with P/O Styles set off to patrol Orleans, Bourges, Avord but did not reach his target because of poor visibility. P/O Day with Sgt. Maude and Sgt. Hunter set off for Mahon and Bretigny but could not find the beam after a 15 minute search so returned to base. P.O. Lee with Sgt. Collier and Sgt. Ings patrolled Mahon and Bretigny without event. Sgt. Bell with Sgt. Rainbow and Sgt. Marchmore paid a visit to Chartres.</p>	



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Ford, Sussex	MAY 29 (Cont'd)		and Chateaub. On his return, he crash landed at Ford owing to the fact that one wheel would not come down. No injuries were sustained by himself or crew.	
	30		<p>Weather: Cloudy to fine. Visibility: moderate to good.</p> <p>"A" Flight engaged during the day on local flights. "B" Flight on RFR. W/O Little gave P.O. Lee dual instruction on the Mosquito. Three operational night sorties were flown. The C.O. Patrolled Orleans/Chateaub. Tours and Bourges without event. P.O. Hollywood with P.O. Spolman and Sgt. Evans set out for Breigny and Melun but could not find a pin-point so returned from the Seine. Sgt. Ray with P.O. Seymour and Sgt. Saunders patrolled Melun and Breigny encountering light flak in the Meuse area.</p> <p>P/L McDonald with P.O. Hoff and P/S Retcliffe made a night cross country. P.O. Lee and crew and Sgt. Griffiths and crew did practice attacks. Sgts. Walsh and Ball and crews carried out searchlight cooperation. Squadron put to bed minutes at 0205.</p> <p>Prince Hayward, (RAF Commodore), Royal Netherlands Air Force, made a flight during the day from "B" Flight in the Mosquito. He was piloted by P.O. Master Stokes, RAAF.</p>	
	31		<p>Weather: Cloudy with slight rain. Visibility: slight mist otherwise good.</p> <p>P.O. Johnson reported to the Squadron today for duty as Squadron Adjutant to replace P/L Duggan who has been posted to No. 6 Group.</p> <p>P/L Spencer with P.O. Alcorn as navigator did local flying in the Mosquito. "A" Flight was on the programme for Operations and put in a heavy day on training. P/L Bennett and P/S Kingsley both made trips to Hornchurch.</p> <p>No operational sorties were made. Crews were waiting hopefully for activity on Jerry's part until released at 0200. A tone finish to an eventful month.</p> <p>Operational Hours for month.....172 Training Hours for month...558</p>	
			<p>1st May, 1943</p> <p>RAF Officers Air Crew - 14 Ground - 6 RAF Airman Air Crew - 39 Ground - 40</p> <p>1st May, 1943</p> <p>RAF Officers Air Crew - 16 Ground - 6 RAF Airman Air Crew - 10 Ground - 1</p>	
			<p>ABSTRACT OF EVENTS</p> <p>Mosquito II..... 3 " III..... 1 " VI..... 2 Boston III..... 15 Magister..... 1 Curtis..... 1 Coyote..... 1</p> <p>Wing Commander, Commanding, No. 418 Squadron, RAAF.</p>	

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				UP	DOWN		
1/2 May						Nil	
2/5						Nil	
3/5	BOSTON III (Intruder)	Pilot: P/O Hoar Obs.: Sgt Gray WGA: Sgt Frame	Intruder Evreux	2259	0100	Patrolled Evreux	
"	"	Pilot: P/L Sawbridge Obs.: Sgt Day WGA: P/S Anderson	Intruder Evreux	2318	0150	Patrolled Evreux. Saw one S/A SW of Les Andelys	
"	"	Pilot: P/O Barrett Obs.: Sgt Jenkins WGA: Sgt Killick	Intruder Orleans	2314	0214	Patrolled Orleans	
"	"	Pilot: P/L Frey Obs.: P/O Woodnald WGA: Sgt Biddle	Intruder Chateaub.	2320	0155	To Chateaub. turned back at Toury owing to bad weather and target not reached. Fire seen on river bank east of Yveron.	
4/5	"	Pilot: Sgt Lohren Obs.: Sgt Smith WGA: P/O Tolson	Intruder Breigny/Melun	2300	0234	Sgt. Lohren patrolled Breigny/Melun. 2 S/A seen at Melun. One locomotive damaged in Cevigny-de-Trippe area.	
"	"	Pilot: P/O Bealands Obs.: Sgt McManis WGA: P/O Barry	Intruder Bourges/Avord	2259	0034	Patrolled Bourges/Avord	
5/5	MOSQUITO II (Intruder)	Pilot: S/L Burton-Coles Obs.: Sgt Richards	Intruder Bourges/Melun	2355	0120	Returned from Les Andelys owing to bad weather and target not reached.	
6/7						Nil	
7/5	MOSQUITO II (Intruder)	Pilot: P/O Bennett Obs.: " Horton	Intruder Breigny/Melun	2300	0155	Patrolled Breigny/Melun. Saw an A/C illuminated by 3 S/Ls near Marcon. A/C fired volley of 1 red - 3 white and searchlights doubled. Destroyed one JUBB between Evreux and Breigny.	
"	BOSTON III (Intruder)	Pilot: W/O Little Obs.: P/S Styles WGA: " Retcliffe	Intruder Bourges/Oreil	2318	0210	W/O Little patrolled Bourges/Oreil. Intense heavy flak and S/Ls seen while 10 miles from Bourges. Bombers lit at Bourges and Oreil.	
"	"	Pilot: Sgt Blinck Obs.: " Huff WGA: " Day	Intruder Comelles			Sgt. Blinck patrolled Comelles	
8/5	"	Pilot: P/L Frey Obs.: P/O Woodnald WGA: Sgt Biddle	Intruder Melun/Breigny	2259	0130	P/L Frey patrolled Melun/Breigny. Gunner reports seeing an S/A landing with 2 red lights at Melun.	
9/5	"	Pilot: W/O Day Obs.: Sgt Lohren WGA: " Hunter	Intruder Evreux	2321	0120	Patrolled Evreux. Saw white light flashing irregularly towards town of Evreux. White light emitting beams at St. Valery.	6-6 6-6

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10	BOSTON III (Intruder)	Pilot: Sgt. Walsh Obs: Robinson WOM: Heislett	Intruder Bourges/AV28	2305	0007	To Bourges/Avord. Turned back 10 miles from French coast owing to light in Observer's cockpit falling.	
"	"	Pilot: P/O Lee Obs: Sgt. Collier WOM: S. Johns	Intruder Evreux	2252	0100	Patrolled Evreux. No light at Evreux. White flashing beacon 10 miles south of Evreux A/D. Followed Seine in search of bridges; none seen.	
"	"	Pilot: S/L Moran Obs: Sgt Rogers WOM: P/O McCarthy	Intruder Melun/Breigny	2301	0117	Patrolled Melun/Breigny. Beacon flashing N of north of town. No activity Melun or Breigny. At reservoir near Les Essarts saw an M/A fire S.W. in region of Villacoublay. A/D at Villacoublay lit up; saw an M/A with new lights on for a few seconds and saw S.W. fired again. Saw 6 white very light fired area of Villacoublay.	
10/21						Nil	
11/22	BOSTON III (Intruder)	Pilot: Sgt. Gunn Obs: Sgt. Ralph WOM: P/S Higgins	Intruder Beauvais	0020	0230	Patrolled Beauvais. White flashing beacon at Ault and green very light fired from ground. Beacon flashing at Beauvais A/D, which was fully lit.	
"	"	Pilot: S/L Bennett Obs: P/O Shield WOM: P/S Bishop	Intruder Melun	2321	0235	Patrolled Melun. Three M.A.s seen going SW about 15 miles off Beachy Head. White flashing beacon at Le Treport. Melun beacon flashing in white.	
"	"	Pilot: P/O Rowlands Obs: Sgt. Medhurst WOM: P/O Beavy	Intruder Corneilles/Creil	0012	0330	Patrolled Corneilles/Creil. White flashing beacon at Le Treport and Le Crotoy. No lights at Corneilles. Beauvais beacon flashing V.L. Red and white revolving beacon 2 miles SW of Creil. On return journey light accurate flash about 10 miles from French coast. S.W. No. 3 fired. M.A. did not stop immediately (S.W. two in use).	
12/23	"	Pilot: Sgt. Larson Obs: Sgt. Smith WOM: Hehman	Intruder Beauvais	0003	0221	Patrolled Beauvais. S/L illuminated a/a briefly at Beauvais A/D but missed in S.W. No. 3 being fired. A burst of cannon at goods yard packed with trucks at Beauvais. Strikes seen.	
"	"	Pilot: P/O Hoar Obs: Sgt. Kelly WOM: P/S Goddard	Intruder Creil/Corneilles	2359	0258	Patrolled Creil, Corneilles. Beacon at Le Treport. M/US F.P. & V/L lit flashed on and off. 2 F/Ls from Creil downy	
"	"	Pilot: Sgt. Kingsbury Obs: Sgt. Yesty WOM: Eng	Intruder Creil	0010	0251	White beacon 10 miles to port at Creil. No further pin point no target not reached.	
"	"	Pilot: S/L Beveridge Obs: Sgt. Bays WOM: P/O Anderson	Intruder Orleans/Bray	2325	0230	Patrolled Orleans/Bray. M/US F/P and M. seen of V/L 1 unidentified M/A damaged with three three-second burst of cannon. One JUBB damaged with two four-second bursts. Only one cannon and 4 M/Gs fired. 1 JUBB damaged by M/G. 1 train N of Orleans attacked but no strikes seen.	

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13/24	BOSTON III (Intruder)	Pilot: P/O Spencer Obs: Sgt. Linn WOM: P/A Kydd	Intruder Dreux, St. Aubin	0130	0152	Patrolled Dreux & St. Aubin. Dreux A/D lights on but no V/L or P/L. V/L at St. Aubin. Three M/A seen and three double hits fired.	
"	"	Pilot: Sgt. Walsh Obs: Sgt. Linn WOM: Heislett	Intruder Melun/Breigny	0128	0138	Sgt. Walsh patrolled Melun/Breigny. Beacon flashing N.E. at Melun. Breigny beacon flashing N.E. No activity.	
"	"	Pilot: P/O Holloway Obs: P/O Spackman WOM: Sgt. Brown	Intruder Melun/Breigny	2327	0237	Patrolled Melun/Breigny. Red beacon at St. Aubin. Evreux flashing N.E. and beacon at Breigny flashing N.E. A/D in flames near Couleuvre. S.W. A/D and M/US V.L. lit. Four M/A seen at St. Aubin.	
14/25	BOSTON II (Intruder)	Pilot: S/L Burton Obs: P/O Martin	Intruder Orleans/Bray	0029	0207	Patrolled Orleans/Bray. Beacon in box of white 23/25 M/Gs A/D. One M/G seen with lights. Saw white parachute flares 600 to 800 at Couleuvre.	
"	BOSTON III (Intruder)	Pilot: Sgt. James Obs: P/O Virell WOM: P/S Robinson	Intruder Beauvais	0025	0213	Sgt. James patrolled Beauvais. Orbiting beacon at Le Treport 1 white revolving beacon at Beauvais A/D and one towards Creil flashing N.E. V/L and P/P once on M/US runway. Two M/A seen landing. 4 S/Ls tried to illuminate.	
"	"	Pilot: Sgt. Goddard Obs: Sgt. Carbone WOM: Sgt. Irving	Intruder Chateaubriant/Orleans	2325	0302	Beacon at Le Treport and flashing red beacon at St. Aubin. M/A seen at Chateaubriant but landed before attack could be made. V/L on M/US runway. Beacon at Chateaubriant & Dreux train attacked, strikes on engine at Beauvais.	
"	"	Pilot: P/O Day Obs: Sgt. Isaacs WOM: Sgt. Hunter	Intruder Chateaubriant/Orleans	0012	0310	Saw 12 M/Gs in St. Valery railway. Beacon at Chateaubriant & Evreux and five red flares at Chateaubriant. One M/G seen with new lights on.	
14/25	"	Pilot: Sgt. Day Obs: P/O Bays WOM: Sgt. Springer	Intruder Beauvais/Creil	2322	0302	Patrolled Beauvais/Creil. White beacon flashing N.E. St. Valery. Red beacon at Ault flashing P and red beacon at Valery flashing L. White revolving beacon at Beauvais A/D. Chased M/A with new lights on for 30 miles. 4 S/Ls and light with new heavy flash from Beauvais.	
"	"	Pilot: Sgt. Walsh Obs: Robinson WOM: Heislett	Intruder Melun/Breigny	2325	0221	Patrolled Melun/Breigny. Beacon at Le Treport. No lights at Ault. Red, green and white photoflash seen between Evreux.	
"	"	Pilot: Sgt. Linn Obs: Sgt. Jeff WOM: Hehman	Intruder Melun/Breigny	2346	0246	Sgt. Linn patrolled Melun/Breigny. White revolving beacon at Evreux. Beacon towards Dreux but no A/D lights.	
"	"	Pilot: S/L Moran Obs: Sgt. Rogers WOM: P/O McCarthy	Intruder Orleans/Bray	0010	0215	Patrolled Orleans/Bray. Beacons at Le Treport and Cayeux and revolving beacon at Orleans A/D but no lights. Fired 30 rounds cannon at signal box at Bray, causing damage.	
14/26	"	Pilot: Sgt. Gunn Obs: Sgt. Bays WOM: P/S Higgins	Intruder Orleans/Chateaubriant	0017	0235	Patrolled Orleans/Chateaubriant. S/Ls and light inaccurate flash from Orleans A/D. White revolving beacon at Tours. Red parachute and white lights at Villacoublay.	

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14/26	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilots: 2/0 Bennett Obs: Sgt. Jordan WOB/AG: 2/11044	Intruder Helm/Nevelgy	0038	0336	Patrolled Breteigny/Helm, where 2/2 and 2/11 Am of V.L. were on and beacon flashing in at Breteigny	
14/27	Mosquito II (Intruder)	Pilots: 2/1 Burton Obs: Sgt. Edwards WOB/AG: 2/11044	Intruder Helm/Nevelgy	2355	0355	Patrolled Bourges, Avord, Tours, Orleans. Capes beacon on Bourges during 2/2 or 2/11 Am of V.L. on 2/2 with some lights on at Tours but lost when pass. Lights down. Train attached in St. Genais direction with strikes on engine.	
"	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilots: Sgt. James Obs: 2/0 Chambers WOB: 2/11044	Intruder Helm/Nevelgy	2350	0350	Beacon flashing at St. Aubin. Attached train stopped in tunnel at 2/2. Train started from engine direction. Train struck on engine just as 2/2 landed attached and strikes seen. Le support beacon flashing at.	
"	"	Pilots: 2/0 Hollowood Obs: 2/0 Spoolman WOB: 2/11044	Intruder Helm/Nevelgy	0317	0320	Red beacon at Orell and white at Ault. Red beacon flashing at Orell 20 miles north of Le Mans. Green fire seen at Ault. Red beacon flashing at Orell.	
14/28	"	Pilots: 2/1 Horn Obs: Sgt. Rogers WOB: 2/11044	Intruder Helm/Nevelgy	2350	0350	Patrolled Bourges/Avord. No activity. Unsuccessful	
"	"	Pilots: Sgt. Bell Obs: " Robinson WOB: " Birdmore	Intruder Helm/Nevelgy	0348	0355	Patrolled Avord. Orange beacon seen at. Martin flashing B attached 1. Orange seen at Ault. No activity with strikes seen and engine from Bourges.	
"	"	Pilots: Sgt. Day Obs: 2/0 Rogers WOB: 2/11044	Intruder Helm/Nevelgy	0345	0347	Patrolled Chartres/Avord. Red beacon III at Ault. Red beacon I at Pointe d'Avilly. No lights, no activity.	
14/28	"	Pilots: 2/0 Horn Obs: Sgt. Day WOB: 2/11044	Intruder Helm/Nevelgy	2350	0355	Patrolled Bourges/Orell. White rotating beacon N of Bourges seen. No lights or activity at either end. Attached train near Compans with strikes. Train stopped.	
"	"	Pilots: 2/1 Edwards Obs: Sgt. Day WOB: 2/11044	Intruder Helm/Nevelgy	2322	0325	Patrolled Helm. Beacon flashing at north of Dieppe. White N. south west side. 1/2 white.	
"	Mosquito II (Intruder)	Pilots: 1/1 Burton Obs: Sgt. Edwards WOB: 2/11044	Intruder Helm/Nevelgy	2348	0350	Avord lights came on and off several times, but no activity. Red beacon flashing at (03) south of Dieppe. White 0-0. near Le Dreport.	
14/28	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilots: 2/1 Bennett Obs: 2/0 Shields WOB: 2/11044	Intruder Helm/Nevelgy	2310	0357	Patrolled Helm. Red beacon flashing at Le Dreport. White II at Le Mans. Helm 2/2 V.L. III. One engine on rails from 2/2 and approached 2 miles. 2/2 seen landing and then second 2/2 was attached over 2/2. Train being seen. 2/2 illuminated. 1/2 from Avord. Stopped. One unidentified 2/2 damaged.	

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22/22	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilots: 2/0 Hollowood Obs: 2/0 Spoolman WOB/AG: Sgt. Evans	Intruder Helm	0009	0240	Patrolled Helm. Red OK at Ault and white revolving red OK 8 miles south of Orell. No activity at target. Train attached north of Orell and strikes on loco. 2nd train attached west of Forges. Many strikes on loco which stopped.	
"	"	Pilots: 2/0 Spencer Obs: Sgt. Wilson WOB/AG: " Wilson	Intruder Helm	2316	0307	Patrolled Helm. 1/2 from far behind at Ault. 2/2 or 2/2 and 2/2 Am of V.L. lit but no activity. On return 1/2 from Breteigny. no activity.	
23/23	"	"	"	"	"	Nil	
23/24	"	Pilots: 2/5 Kingsbury Obs: Sgt. Day WOB/AG: Sgt. Ings	Intruder Helm/Nevelgy	2322	0353	Patrolled Helm/Breteigny. Both 2/2's lit but no activity.	
24/25	"	"	"	"	"	No activity. Rain. Nil	
24/26	"	Pilots: Sgt. James Obs: 2/0 Chambers WOB/AG: 2/11044	Intruder Helm/Nevelgy	2359	0319	Patrolled Helm/Breteigny. White rotating beacon at Avord. Six multi red very lights from Villers-Bretonneux direction. Three star red fired from ground and 2/2's lights came on. 2 2/2's chased and both fired with cannon and rear 2/2 as it landed. Strikes seen. One unidentified 2/2 damaged.	
24/27	"	"	"	"	"	Nil	
24/27	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilots: Sgt. Goss Obs: Sgt. Ralph WOB/AG: 2/11044	Intruder Helm/Nevelgy	0020	0325	Set out to patrol Helm/Breteigny but was unable to attain its pin point. so turned back from Les Andelys.	
"	Mosquito II (Intruder)	Pilots: 2/1 Bennett Obs: 2/0 Shields	Intruder Bourges/Avord	2342	0320	Patrolled Bourges and Avord. White beacon flashing at Chartres. No activity at B or A, Orleans or Chateaufort.	
"	Boston III (Intruder)	Pilots: 2/0 Henderson Obs: 2/0 Bennett WOB/AG: 2/11044	Intruder Breteigny/Helm	0046	0358	Patrolled Breteigny & Helm. No activity, no train attached at Henneby. Strikes seen, clouds of steam from loco and train stopped.	
"	"	Pilots: 2/0 Rendalls Obs: Sgt. Heston	Intruder Orleans/Chartres	0049	0400	Patrolled Orleans/Chartres. White flashing beacon at Le Dreport. No other activity.	
"	Mosquito II (Intruder)	Pilots: 2/0 Little Obs: 2/11044	Intruder Orleans/Chartres	2355	0006	Set off to patrol Orleans and Chartres but returned owing to technical trouble.	
29/30	"	Pilots: 2/0 Little Obs: 2/11044	Intruder Orleans/Bourges	2345	0329	Did not reach target owing to poor visibility. Beacon flashing at St. Valery sur Somme.	

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29/30	Boston III Intruder	Pilots W/O Day Obs: Sgt Hawk WOP/AD: Hunter	Intruder Melun/Bretigny	0025	0225	Set off for Melun and Bretigny, but could not find the Coast after 15 minutes search, he returned. 3 S/L's exposed in Le Treport area.	
"	"	Pilots W/O Lee Obs: Sgt Collier WOP/AD: Sage James	Intruder Melun/Bretigny	2357	0220	Patrolled Melun/Bretigny. One blue, one white S/L exposed from Bretigny w/d and immediately outer perimeter lights switched off. Beacon between Melun and Bretigny flashing I.O.	
"	"	Pilots Sgt Bell Obs: Sgt Rainbow WOP/AD: Sgt Birchmore	Intruder Orleans/Chateaubain	2354	0322	Patrolled Orleans and Chateaubain. Orleans W/L was on and one E/A with nav. lights on was seen, but too distant to close in for attack. No activity at Chateaubain. Crews landed at Ford as one wheel would not come down. No flaps and brake pressure gone. No injuries.	
30/31	"	Pilots Sgt Hay Obs: W/O Seymour WOP/AD: Sgt Birchmore	Intruder Melun/Bretigny	2328	0213	Patrolled Melun and Bretigny, 2 S/L's at Ault. 3 very bright white lights seen south of Bretigny. White rotating beacon north of Evreux. Burst I/P and 2 E/L's from Dieppe so altered course to Riville and out at 0112.	
"	Mosquito II Intruder	Pilots W/O Little Obs: P/S Styles	Intruder Orleans/Chateaubain Tours, Bourges	2351	0305	Patrolled Orleans, Chateaubain, Tours, Bourges, seeing no lights and no activity. Out at Le Treport 0259.	

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Ford, Sussex.	19th JUNE	1st	Weather: Cloudy. Visibility good. Showers in afternoon. During the day a number of NPT's were carried out by "A" Flight, while B Flight undertook a number of practice flights in Mosquitos. P/S Beveridge and P/S Kingsbury patrolled Melun and Bretigny and P/S Lebrau visited Chateaubain, all three trips being uneventful. All were released at 0230.	
		2nd	Weather: Visibility good. Cloudy. Showers all day and thunderstorms in afternoon. P/L H.E. Sherman reported on attachment from 62 D.F.U. as an advance party for the "G" Circus. P/O G.A. Martin left on a posting to Cramwell. P/O G.E. Palmer was posted to the Squadron from 7 King to relieve P/L Norman of Navigational Duties. P/O R.H. Johnson took over the onerous duties of Squadron Adjutant, vice P/L R.T. Duggan, posted to No. 6 Group Headquarters. The squadron received two Mosquitos, J, and B. The weather made morning flying impossible but several cross countries and NPT's were carried out during the afternoon. There were no operational flights and the squadron was released at 0220.	
		3rd	Weather: Very good. Cloudy till 1800 hours. Phase of the moon: New "B" Flight carried out NPT's and at night, Sgt. Hay and P/S James made practice attacks. One Mosquito VI was added to the Squadron - "C". Three crews undertook operational flights. P/S Griffiths had no luck in pinpointing and returned soon after crossing the enemy coast, while P/S Welsh and Sgt. Bull reached their targets, Evreux, Chartres and Orleans-Chateaubain respectively, without noticing anything of interest. All put at 60 minutes at 0215.	
		4th	Weather: Very good during day. Moderate in evening, with cloud. "A" Flight carried out a number of local and NPT flights. S/L Moran flew to Dishforth with P/L Duggan as observer and P/L Stubbs as air gunner. P/L A. Warner left the squadron on his way via RCAF Headquarters back to Canada. The Squadron's best wishes follow these three officers, wherever they may go in the future. There were no operational calls on the squadron at night and all were released at 2250.	
		5th	Weather: Cloudy with drizzle. Visibility moderate. The C.O. flew to Farnborough in a Mosquito VI. "B" Flight made a number of practice landings and cross countries in Mosquitos, while A Flight carried out NPTs and practice attacks at night. Weather precluded operations and the squadron was released at 0225.	
		6th	Weather: Good. Cloudy in afternoon and evening. Besides the usual NPTs, there were duals in Mosquitos, and S/L Moran carried out air to sea firing. P/O Lee practiced take offs and landings in a Mosquito, finding however that he gained on the wings and lost on his undercarriage. At night, there were cross countries, S/L coups, and Mosquito solos, but no operational undertakings, owing to poor conditions over France. All were released at 0215.	

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Ford, Sussex	JUNE 7th		The Anson Circus operated all day. 24 RCAF MOCs and airmen reported for ground duties. P/O Lee was encouraged to hear that an A.T.A. lady pilot pranged on landing with a Mosquito for the squadron. "B" Flight carried out HFTs. The C.O. and S/L Bennell flew to Castle Camps for operations over Holland but these being cancelled, they returned to base. There were no trips to enemy territory. Sgt. Walsh went on a local search for the crew of a Mosquito of 256 squadron, who had bled out over the sea, without any success. All were released at 0125 hours.	
	8th		Weather: Cloudy with occasional drizzles. Very low cloud in afternoon. The Anson circus operated in the afternoon and early evening. HFTs only, by A Flight. The squadron was released during the early evening, two Mosquitoes only the C.O. and S/L Bennell being kept at readiness until 0050 hours.	
	9th		Weather: Cloud 3/10 1800-4000 ft. Good. Moon - 1st quarter. Locals and two cross country flights by B Flight and HFTs by the duty flight. P/O Morton left on a posting to Cranwell. Poor conditions over France caused cancellation of operational trips, and the squadron was released at 0145.	
	10th		Weather: Cloud at 2,000 all day. Visibility: 2-4 miles. A formation flight in Mosquitos for Hatfield "Wings for Victory Week" was cancelled owing to weather conditions. HFTs by B Flight. No other flying. The squadron now rejoices in its own Post Office, though the official opening will be delayed until arrival of a Postal Clerk. Following some power dives by Dumbo, the C.O. blitzed the audience with a few well-chosen words on behalf of Saving for Victory at the Arun Cinema. At night cloud and weather conditions in France washed out all flying and all were released at 0235.	
	11th		Weather: No low cloud. Visibility moderate. Several cross country trips were made during the day. S/L Bennell flew to Hornchurch. P/S Henderson took P/L Smith and S/L Griffiths to Northolt, P/O Rowlands to Middleton St. George and P/O Hoar took P/L McBean to Yorkshire. HFTs by B Flight. Two Mosquito VIs (V and F) were delivered to the squadron. Six operational flights were undertaken. The C.O. and S/L Bennell patrolled St. Trond, both sighting E/A but being unable to close owing to distance, though S/L Bennell delivered one optimistic burst at extreme range. Both these trips were in Mosquitos. Four Bostons set out for targets in France. Sgt. Hay and W/O Day returned before reaching the French coast, and Sgt. Bell and P/O Lee succeeded in penetrating enemy territory for a few miles before being forced to return owing to low cloud and absence of pinpoints. S/L Moran set out in a Mosquito but returned when 40 miles off our coast owing to failure of electrical equipment. Squadron was released at 0150.	
	12th		Weather: Fair, becoming fine at night. Visibility good. P/L Spencer flew P/O Hallwood to Rester. P/S Kingsbury and P/S Labram soloed in Mosquitos to Hornchurch; P/O Rowlands and P/S Henderson flew Bostons to Nottingham and return, as did P/L Macdonald. The weather at night was operationally excellent. The C.O. and S/L Bennell were to go to Castle Camps in Mosquito VIs for sorties to Holland. The C.O. took off in Mosquito A but crashed into a tree at the N.W. corner of the aerodrome and the aircraft burst into flames. Both Wing Commander Little DFC and his observer W/O Styles, DFM were killed. By this incident, the squadron suffers a severe loss. Both for his personal charm and for his wide knowledge and experience as an Intruder Pilot, the C.O. was liked and respected by all, and his loss is a heavy blow, not only to us, but to the Royal Air Force generally. S/L Bennell patrolled Venlo and	

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Ford, Sussex.	JUNE 12th (cont)		attacked what appeared at first to be a large barge on the Maas, but which may, according to the pilot, who narrowly missed a cliff on pulling out, have been an island. Sgt. Binch visited Creil P/O Norcott and P/O Hoar patrolled Rennes, the latter chasing 3 E/A with navigation lights burning but concluding that they must have been F.W. 190's as they could not be caught. Sgt. Gumm had an uneventful trip to Beauvais, and P/S Henderson had to return from Brighton owing to technical trouble. P/S Labram did a Mosquito cross country. 400 (RCAF) Squadron operated from Ford, with Mustangs.	
	13th		Weather: Fair, becoming cloudy. Visibility good. P/O Lee flew to Coltishall, and W/O Day to Predannock on cross countries. There were several local flights in Mosquitos by B Flight. From A Flight, Sgt. Labram and Sgt. Smith (Observer) crossed countries in a Mosquito, and P/S Kingsbury soloed. There was one operational flight. S/L Bennell and his observer P/O Shield patrolled Brussels-Melsbroeck, the only exciting feature being the passage of a JU88 fifty feet above the Mosquito, unfortunately going in the opposite direction. 400 (RCAF) Sqdn again operated from our Ops. Room.	
	14th		Weather: Fair. Visibility good. S/L Moran and P/L Spencer flew to Hornchurch to bring back one of our Mosquitos. B Flight carried out HFTs and locals. Mosquito "U" was added to strength. Operations were carried out by S/L Moran, and W/O Day. The former patrolled St. Trond in a Mosquito, seeing nothing of interest. W/O Day flew a Boston to Florence, seeing an E/A on the return journey too far away for identification or attack. 400 (RCAF) Squadron again operated.	
	15th		Weather: Fair in the morning. Showers in afternoon. Visibility good. HFTs by B Flight and Mosquito cross countries by P/L Spencer and P/S Ball. In A Flight, P/S Kingsbury and Sgt. Yerby cross country in a Mosquito. Mosquitos H and H were received by the squadron. The squadron's new C.O., Wing Commander Davoud, DFC, took over the command, and 418 Squadron extends to him a very hearty welcome and wishes for a happy and successful period of command. Operations: Sgt. Hay, P/O Seymour and Sgt. Saunders intruded to Chateaubert, seeing a number of flares but no activity. On the return journey, a badly blacked out factory at Melun proved irresistible and gave rise to a very firm repetition. Next day, of Fighter Command Instruction re Ground Targets in Occupied Territory. P/S Walsh, Sgt. Scott and Sgt. Macchitt had a very uneventful trip to Melun and Metz. The squadron was released at 0210. 400 (RCAF) Squadron operated again from Ford.	
	16th		Weather: Fair, cloudy with showers in afternoon. Visibility good. The following officers and MOCs flew in two Bostons to West Kirby to attend the funeral of the late Commanding Officer, Wing Commander J.H. Little, DFC. S/L Bennell, P/L Landy, P/O Harlatt, P/O Roff, Sgt. Yerby, P/S Kingsbury, P/S Retcliffe, Sgt. Gray. The funeral took place at 1130 a.m. and the return trip was made in the afternoon. Two Mosquitos were added to strength. Nine RCAF Armoursers reported for duty. P/O E.L. Wildgoose (RHE Signals) and P/O J.R. Johnson reported to the squadron. During the day, P/S Ball cross country with Sgt. Rainbow in a Mosquito. P/S Labram and P/S Kingsbury cross country at night in Mosquitos. Two operational sorties were made, one by S/L Bennell and his observer who had a very uneventful trip to St. Trond, the other by P/S	

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Ford, Sussex	JUNE 16th	(Cont)	Henderson in a Boston to Florence. After an encounter with a twin-engine E/A, which was successfully evaded, it became obvious at Curyde A/D, which spouted light flak, that the intruder's presence was no secret. Brave action taken was so violent that all except three H.E.M. cartridges disappeared from the gunner's cockpit. Squadron was released at 0907.	
		17th	Weather: Cloudy, becoming fine in evening. Visibility good. Both flights did considerable day flying, cross countries and NPTs. The C.O. flew a Boston to Digby and the Oxford to Northolt. P/O Hoar, Sgt. Gray and Sgt. Goddard intruded to Orleans. An A/C was seen and chased unsuccessfully near Breux and a goods train north of Louviers was attacked. Strikes were seen on the engine, and the train stopped and retaliated with considerable light flak from rear and front. Otherwise the trip was uneventful. The squadron was released at 0240. 400 (ROAF) Squadron again operated.	
		18th	Weather: Bad. Cloud 10/10 at 500 in afternoon. Rained from 12 noon till 2200. No flying after noon, except for three NPTs by B Flight. P/O H.J. Gibbons from High Ercoll reported. 418 Squadron initiated an informal but very successful little party at the Officer's Mess. P/O Harlett, in particular, enjoyed himself. No operational calls were made at night. Two at 60 at 2230, the rest released.	
		19th	Weather: Cloudy until evening, becoming fine at night. Visibility good. Training during was largely confined to NPTs by B Flight and local flights by A Flight. P/L Macdonald did a cross country to Hornchurch, and P/S Ball ferried Mosquito H to Hornchurch. P/L Moran and Sgt. Rogers (Mosquito VI) opened the Squadron's new bombing programme by intruding to Dijon and bombing a train in a cutting at Nogent, dropping two 250 lb. bombs without observing any result. The other two bombs went on a marshalling yard at Chelles, no results being observed. P/S Walsh went to Villacomblay, attacking a train, south of Vernon, and Sgt. Ray patrolled Le Bourget attacking a train near Sevran with strikes on loco, and running into hot light flak from Comeliers A/D. 418 Squadron sent 5 Beaufighters on special jobs from 418 Operations.	
		20th	Weather: Cloudy during morning, becoming fine in the evening. Visibility good. The C.O. flew to Digby and B Flight performed dual checks and NPTs all in Mosquitoes. A flight had a full programme of cross countries, air to sea firing and NPTs. P/S Labrec flew P/O Chambers and P/S James to Lynnhaven, on a posting to 25 Squadron at Malta. Mosquito K was received. P/L H. James (Pilot) and P/O H. Franklin (Observer) reported to the squadron. Four operational sorties were made. P/L Beveridge (Boston) Sgt. Bays and Sgt. Anderson intruded to St. Fikier, but were diverted to Goussiers by a lighted A/D, and an E/A with flashing navigation lights was followed down the V/L, identified as a DQ.217, and left with smoke pouring from starboard engine, losing height rapidly. Claimed as probably destroyed. S/L Bennell (Mosquito) dropped two 250 lb. bombs on buildings at Dijon A/D and one on a train south of Dijon but the latter went a little wide. Sgt. Gunn (Boston) saw no activity at Bretigny, but had three cracks at a train near Fonges, getting strikes on the loco from two attacks, and flak from the rear. P/S Kingsbury (Mosquito) had an uneventful trip to Dijon. 400 (ROAF) Squadron operated from 418 Operations. Squadron was released at 0255 hours.	
		21st	Weather: Fair and cloudy. Some showers. Visibility 6-12 miles. A comprehensive training programme on Mosquitoes was begun today. All days off cancelled until further notice. Numerous cross countries, air to air and air to sea firing and ferrying to and from Hornchurch were undertaken by both flights. P/O Morcott cross country to Burton Wood in a Boston.	

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Ford, Sussex.	JUNE 21st	(Cont)	The Ops. Room, Crew Room and Dunk room were reorganized so that more order can be maintained with map work and flying equipment. A very full operational programme was carried out. S/L Bennell dropped four 250 lb. bombs on Evreux A/D without noticeable results, and shot up a train at Louviers. P/S Kingsbury carried four bombs to St. Trond, and attempted to drop them on a marshalling yard there. Owing to complications with the Cine Camera Switch, however, the bombs stayed with him and he took a great number of photos instead. Four trains were attacked, and one loco, claimed Cat. B, one Cat. C. Sgt. Labrec intruded in an unobserved Mosquito to St. Trond, and claimed one loco, Cat. B, as a result of four separate cannon attacks. P/O Hoar went in a Boston to Florence, seeing no activity. P/L Beveridge went for a second visit to Goussiers in a Boston seeing three B/laning or taking off without being able to engage. A train at Le Tertre was so heavily lit that it was still stationary thirty minutes later. Claimed Cat. B. Sgt. Gunn visited Melun in a Boston, and P/O Morcott went to Florence, and claimed one train Cat. C. 400 (ROAF) Squadron operated from Ford, and P/O Wellington failed to return, last heard of being out at Le Touquet.	
		22nd	Weather: Fair all day. 4/10 cloud at 2500 feet. Visibility good. Again a very extensive training programme was carried out by both flights. A flight did five day cross countries and one at night, all except one being in Mosquitoes. B Flight carried a large number of solo, dual checks, NPTs and cross countries. Seven operational flights were made, from one of which, to Orleans and Tours. P/S Findlay, P/O Carmichael and Sgt. Robertson did not return. Nothing being heard of them. This was P/O Carmichael's first operational trip. P/L Moran bombed the runway intersection at Glise, both bombs seen to burst on target. P/S Griffiths had an uneventful trip to St. Trond, and P/L Spencer (Mosquito) a similar one to Deuilan. P/S Ball (Mosquito) patrolled Vernon, getting intense light flak from the A/D and successfully attacking a train N.W. of the town. P/O Lee went in a Boston to Goussiers and Juvincourt, attacking three trains with strikes on all three. W/O Day took a Boston to St. Trond, being heavily engaged by light flak at Hleuport and firing a No. 7 to bring about cessation of fire.	
		23rd	Weather: Cloudy becoming fair. Visibility good. B Flight, operational, had a full programme of NPTs, air to air and air to ground cannon tests with three cross countries, one of these by P/O Bellwood in the Oxford, to pick up Sgt. Ray and P/O Seymour, who had forced landed at Thurston with one engine falling in their Mosquito. Sgt. Ray and P/O Bellwood did night cross countries. In "A" flight, P/O Morcott took the Oxford to Wittering to pick up P/L Beveridge who had been forced to land his Mosquito there with oiling trouble. A number of cross countries and NPTs were performed and Sgt. Gunn took P/L McEwan to Newcastle in a Boston. Five operational sorties were made. S/L Moran bombed Bretigny A/D and attacked barges in the Seine at Vernon and P/L Spencer dropped two bombs on a railway south of Neulan, without observing the results. P/S Ball went to Goussiers and saw one E/A too far away to engage. The other two trips were in Bostons, W/O Day to Beauvais and P/O Lee to Melun and Bretigny. A train was attacked near Les Andelys and light flak experienced from Vernon. The squadron was released at 0415.	
		24th	Weather: Fine. Visibility good. "A" flight, NPTs and camera tests, and night cross countries by P/L Macdonald and Sgt. Bennell.	

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Ford, Sussex.	JUNE	24th (Cont)	"B" Flight carried out two day and two night cross countries, the latter by P/O Hallwood and P/S Hay. There were six operational sorties, Bomber support, P/O Rowlands patrolled St. Trond unsuccessfully. Three patrols were sent to Florence. P/L Beveridge (Boston) saw nothing of interest nor did P/O Norcott (Boston) but P/S Labram (Mosquito) attacked and damaged two trains and dropped two bombs ahead of a third one, one the tracks at Arres. P/O Hoar (Boston) sighted an E/A over the V/L at St. Andre but could not engage it. P/S Kingsbury (Mosquito) set off at 0113 to make a round trip from Comedillas round Paris to Coulmiers, Lahnu-Bretigny and Arcourt, but his ambitious programme marred by the sighting, after he had dropped his two bombs in the centre of Broux A/D, of an E/A at Montes-Cassioourt A/D. This he damaged quite severely, and then decided to call it a day.	
		25th	Weather: Fair in morning becoming cloudy, and fair again in evenings. Visibility: Good all day. "B" Flight - one daylight cross country by P/O Lee and two night cross countries by P/O Hallwood and P/S Hay. Practice bombing flights by S/L Moran and P/S Ball and an NPT by P/S Hay were carried out. "A" Flight carried out NPTs, one of which, by P/L Macdonald, was to Cranwell and return. P/O Hoar flew a cross country to Anston and return, and P/L Macdonald carried out night cross country. There were seven operational sorties. P/S Labram bombed Gize airfield without observing results. P/O Rowlands bombed Velle airfield, also seeing no results. P/O Hoar (Boston) on a patrol to Helun and Coulmiers, observed 8 E/A at Villeneuve, but was unable to engage. P/S Kingsbury bombed a train south of Bourman; no results seen. S/L Bennell bombed a railway bridge north-west of Hertogenbosch seeing one bomb burst just west of bridge. Unsuccessful patrols were flown by P/L Beveridge (Boston) and P/O Norcott (Boston) to St. Trond.	
		26th	Weather: Fine in morning becoming cloudy in afternoon and evening. Visibility: Good. "A" Flight - NPTs and camera air to sea tests. Cross countries were carried out by Sgt. Gunn to South Corner and return. P/L Beveridge to Bentley and return, and P/L Macdonald to Robinson and return. P/O Johnson carried out a dusk to dark flight and a night cross country to Blanket Prickley. "B" Flight carried out NPTs, camera tests, and circuits and bumps. A training cross country by P/S Griffiths, and a ferrying trip to Hornchurch and return by P/O Hallwood who also carried out a night cross country. There were four operational sorties. S/L Moran destroyed a Heinkel III and a Junkers 88 at Arcourt, and then attacked Velle airfield at Bourges and damaged a E/A in north-east of Nantes. P/S Ball probably destroyed an unidentified E/A at Bretigny, and bombed Coulmiers aerodrome, without observing results. P/L Spencer attacked an unidentified E/A at Bretigny, but saw no strikes. P/S Hay pursued an E/A toward Coulmiers and closed to attack but E/A doused navigation lights and was lost to view. A new crew P/O D.H. Johnston (Pilot) and P/O D.F. Dwyer (Observer) were posted to the squadron from Ighiteam.	
		27th	Weather: Cloudy decreasing toward 0900 hours increasing towards midday, and decreasing again toward evening. Mainly low cloud between 2-3000 ft. Visibility - 8 miles increasing to 12 miles in evening. No wind at first, then north-easterly wind about 10 mph decreasing toward evening. "A" Flight - NPTs and camera tests. Cross countries were carried out by P/O Johnson and P/L Beveridge in Mosquitoes. P/S Henderson flew to Shebbury and return in an Oxford. Night cross countries were flown by P/L Beveridge and Sgt. Gunn in Mosquitoes. "B" Flight carried out NPTs. Cross countries were flown by P/O Day in a Boston, and by P/S Griffiths in a Mosquito. There were six operational sorties. P/S Ball on a patrol to Lahnu/Bretigny, damaged a train north of Pontainebleau, attacked another train going south into Helun, without observing results and bombed railway sidings at Montreuil, seeing light green flashes after bomb burst. P/L Spencer patrolling Bourges/Arcourt, bombed Bourges airfield but saw no results, and immediately afterward an E/A landed. S/L Moran on a patrol to Tours and Orleans, bombed marshalling yards north of Orleans, seeing (over)	

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Ford, Sussex.	JUNE	27th (Cont'd)	considerable electric flashes after 11 sec. bomb burst in middle of yards; also sighted an E/A at Tours but was unable to engage. Unsuccessful patrols were flown by P/O Hallwood to Bretigny/Mahun, P/S Hay to Coulmiers, and P/L Mason to Chartres. P/O Day, in a Boston, took off for Broux/St. Andre but returned before crossing the Channel owing to electrical failure. Squadron released at 0410 hours. Wing Commander Davoud returned from a conference at RCAF Headquarters.	
		28th	Little cloud - misty - very low stratus cloud in morning clearing at about 1500 hours. Mist early morning and late evening. Visibility - decreased from 6 miles to 2 1/2 miles and increased again to 5 miles in the evening. No wind in early morning. North-easterly wind changing to south-easterly sea breeze in the afternoon and dying out in evening. "B" Flight carried out NPTs and camera tests air to sea. P/O Davoud flew a cross country to Henley and return, and P/S Walsh practiced solo landings in a Mosquito. "A" Flight - NPTs, a cross country by P/O Hoar, and two solo flights by P/S Henderson were carried out. There were four operational sorties. P/S Kingsbury patrolled St. Trond, attacked one E/A (possibly FW190) seeing strikes; and on return journey saw a long fire on a railway near Diest. S/L Bennell on a patrol to Orleans/Chartres found no activity at the targets but bombed a railway junction south of Gissel, seeing flashes by railway line. P/S Labram went to St. Trond and while orbiting the aerodrome, Mosquito hit some unknown obstruction. Two minutes later the port engine vibrated and emitted flames, and pilot feathered and cut the engine. On recrossing coast port main plane believed hit by flak. Made wheels-up landing at Manston because undercarriage failed to lower; crew safe. P/O Hoar, in a Boston, flew an unsuccessful patrol to Florence. P/O Rowlands took off for St. Trond, but returned from Manston owing to technical trouble. Squadron released at 0447 hours. P/O Johnson received his Flight Lieutenant, dated 2nd June, the day he became Adjutant of 418 Squadron.	
		29th	Weather: Cloudy becoming fine in the evening. Visibility: Good. "B" Flight - Night flying by P/O Davoud, a night cross country by P/S Griffiths, and solo flying by P/S Walsh were carried out. "A" Flight carried out NPTs, night cross countries and one day cross country to Manston and return by P/S Kingsbury in an Oxford. There were two operational sorties. P/O Norcott (Boston III) on a patrol to Orleans sighted one E/A at the target but was unable to engage. P/O Hallwood took off for Chateaudun but finding it impossible to pinpoint Lezre owing to 10/10 cloud, turned back and bombed railway sidings at Augerville, seeing vivid blue sparks and green balls of fire. Squadron released at 0525 hours.	
		30th	Weather: Cloudy becoming fine in evening. Visibility: moderate. "A" Flight carried out NPTs, two night cross countries by P/O Johnston and P/O Johnson, and a day cross country to Sutton Bridge and return by P/S Henderson in a Boston.	

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Ford, Sussex.	JUNE 30 (cont'd)		<p>"F" Flight - RPTs and several cross countries were carried out. S/L Moran and W/O Day practiced dual flying in a Mosquito. Later W/O Day flying solo in a Mosquito ground-looped on landing damaging propellers and undersurfaces but escaped injury.</p> <p>W/O Devoud and Lt. Potter flew on S/L cooperation at night. P/S Walsh on night solo flying in a Mosquito.</p> <p>There were two operational sorties; P/S Bell on a patrol to Creil bombed a railway near Clermont without observing results, and P/O Holbrook made an uneventful trip to Melun/Bretigny.</p> <p>S/L Moran took off for Cognac, Bordeaux, Tours and Orleans, but returned approximately four minutes before reaching the French coast owing to extreme vibration.</p> <p>Squadron released at 0315 hours.</p>	
			Operational Hours for month... 246.35	Training hours for month... 62.05
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ROAF Officers	Air Crew - 16	ROAF Airmen Air Crew - 14	ROAF Officers Air Crew - 19	ROAF Airmen Air Crew - 12
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1st June	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: P/L M.V. Beveridge Observer: Sgt Bays, R.C.A.F. Bretigny/Melun WOB/MG: P/Sgt Anderson, H.	Intruder to	2357	0356	Unventful.	
"	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: P/Sgt Kingsbury, J.H. Observer: Sgt Yecker, G.V. Bretigny/Melun WOB/MG: Sgt Ings, G.L.J.	Intruder to	0055	0326	Aerodromes lit but no other activity.	
"	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: P/Sgt Lebrun, G. Observer: Sgt Smith, A.L. Chateaudun WOB/MG: Sgt Holmes, R.	Intruder to	2355	0350	Observed two large fires merging together in vicinity of Evreux.	
2ND June	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: P/Sgt Griffiths, Observer: Sgt Orsborn, H. Melun/Bretigny WOB/MG: Sgt Irving, F.	Intruder to	0005	0443	Returned from Les Andelys owing to adverse weather conditions and target not reached.	
"	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: P/Sgt Walsh, D. Observer: Sgt Scott, G.A. Evreux/Chartres WOB/MG: Sgt Haisbitt, A.J.	Intruder to	2345	0445	Unable to pinpoint Les Andelys owing to bad weather, so returned and target not reached.	
"	Boston III INTRUDER	Pilot: Sgt Ball, G.D. Observer: Sgt Rainbow, E.D. Orleans WOB/MG: Sgt Birchmore, S.A. Chateaudun	Intruder to	0026	0325	Sighted one E/A burning nav lights at Orleans but subsequently lost to view.	
11/12th June	Mosquito II	Pilot: S/L R.J. Marshall Observer: P/O F. Shield	Intruder to St Trond	0053	0424	On crossing coast slightly north of Quirkirk experienced intense light and some heavy flak (but well behind), and approx 15 searchlights came on, some of which lit illuminated helarfy. Attacked an E/A at St Trond, at extreme range, but no results observed; light flak experienced from one position.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: W/O J.H. Little RMC Observer: W/O D.H. Styles RMC St Trond	Intruder to	2338	0301	Chased an E/A at St Trond but E/A switched off its light and lost to view. No other activity.	
"	Boston III INTRUDER	Pilot: P/O R.N. Lee Observer: Sgt Collier, E.R. Melun/Bretigny WOB/MG: Sgt Innes, A.C.	Intruder to	0034	0446	Returned from approx 12 miles in France owing to bad weather, and target not reached.	

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11th June	Mosquito VI	Pilots: G.G. Moran Observer: Sgt Rogers, G.V. Melun/Bretigny	Intruder to Venlo	0135	0205	Returned from 40 miles out from coast owing to failure in electrical equipment.	
"	Boston III	Pilots: Sgt Bell, G.D. Observer: Sgt Reinbow, R.D. Orleans WOP/AG: Sgt Birchmore, S.A. Chateaudun	Intruder to Venlo	0001	0120	Returned from approx 25 miles in France owing to bad weather, and target not reached.	
"	Boston III	Pilots: W/O Day, A.D. Observer: Sgt Maude, E. Melun/Bretigny WOP/AG: Sgt Hunter, A.J.	Intruder to Venlo	0003	0042	Unable to pinpoint Beachy Head; returned from approx. Newhaven.	
"	Boston III	Pilots: Sgt Ray, H. Observer: P/O J.L. Seymour Orleans WOP/AG: Sgt Saunders, L.T. Chateaudun	Intruder to Venlo	0027	0105	Returned from Beachy Head, and searchlight assistance used to find base.	
12th June	Boston III	Pilots: P/O H.A. Hoar Observer: Sgt Gray, A.W. Rennes WOP/AG: P/Sgt Dickey, E.R.	Intruder to Venlo	0105	0405	Light flak from Isigny. E/A with nav. lights on seen at Chateaubourg on Boston's tail. Boston turned but E/A passed below and extinguished nav lights. Sighted 3 E/A at Rennes but unable to engage owing to superior speed of E/A.	
"	Boston III INTRUDER	Pilots: Sgt Gurn, W. Observer: Sgt Ralph, E.D. Beauvais WOP/AG: W/O S.R. Goddard	Intruder to Venlo			Aerodrome lit but no activity.	
"	Boston III	Pilots: P/O D.C. McRobert Observer: Sgt Jenkins, V.L. Rennes WOP/AG: P/O A.S. Barry	Intruder to Venlo	0139	0353	Unsuccessful.	
"	Boston III	Pilots: Sgt Blinck, E.C. Observer: Sgt Duff, W. Creil WOP/AG: Sgt Tow, W.J.	Intruder to Venlo	0157	0357	Four S.V.S. travelling south-west seen about one mile from French coast near Creil. No activity at target. On return journey, about 3 miles north of Richemont, gunner reported a Ju.88 crossing Boston's track, about 200 feet yards behind and 100 feet above.	

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12th June	Mosquito VI	Pilots: S/L R.J. Bennell Observer: P/O Shield	Intruder to Venlo	2346	0315	Four searchlights and heavy flak at target, not directed at Mosquito. Attacked barges 4 miles south-west of Roermond on East, no strikes observed. Heavy flak seen on north-east horizon during whole patrol.	
"	Boston III Intruder	Pilots: P/Sgt Henderson, E.C. Observer: P/O S.P. MacLett Cornwallis WOP/AG: P/Sgt Irving, H.J.H.	Intruder to Venlo	0158	0153	Returned from Brighton owing to technical trouble.	
13th June	Mosquito VI	Pilots: S/L R.J. Bennell Observer: P/O Shield	Intruder to Brussels	0221	0440	Sighted & unidentified E/A and one Ju.88 at target, but unable to engage.	
14th June	Boston III Intruder	Pilots: W/O A.D. Day Observer: Sgt Maude, E. Rennes WOP/AG: Sgt Hunter, A.J.	Intruder to Venlo	2343	0323	No activity at target. On return journey near Nieuport sighted an E/A with nav. lights on flying towards Dunkirk one mile inland, too far away to identify.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilots: S/L G.G. Moran Observer: Sgt Rogers, G.V. St. Trond	Intruder to Venlo	0001	0335	Aerodrome lit but no activity.	
15th June	Boston III Intruder	Pilots: P/Sgt Walsh, D. Observer: Sgt, Scott, G.A. Bretigny/Melun WOP/AG: Sgt Nashitt, A.J.	Intruder to Venlo	2345	0328	On crossing French coast at Cayeux Boston illuminated briefly by searchlights. No lights or activity at target. Small factory very badly blacked out at St. Vrain.	
"	Boston III Intruder	Pilots: Sgt Ray, H. Observer: P/O Seymour, J.L. Chateaudun WOP/AG: Sgt Saunders, L.T.	Intruder to Venlo	0015	0335	Badly blacked out factory at Neulan shot up with one burst. Landing chute with train beside it attacked in Nantes area, strikes seen and bright yellow flash. Barges seen on Seine near Nantes but rain and cloud obscured vision, preventing attack.	
16th June	Mosquito VI	Pilots: S/L R.J. Bennell Observer: P/O F. Shield	Intruder to St. Trond	2332	0237	While in target area flak seen from direction of Brussels. On recrossing French coast at Calais encountered 6 searchlights, some of which illuminated briefly.	
"	Boston III INTRUDER	Pilots: P/Sgt Henderson, E.C. Observer: P/O S.P. MacLett Florennes WOP/AG: Sgt Irving, H.J.H.	Intruder to Venlo	2335	0140	Whilst approaching Nieuport saw an E/A burning amber light came out of cloud from behind. Boston jinked and E/A went back into cloud. E/A reappeared and lost.	

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						again during evasive action. Ship seen flashing red light as Boston passed over approx. 10 miles off shore. On crossing coast at Newport 10-12 searchlights illuminated briefly, and intense light flak from town and Corcyde airfield. Violent evasive action taken during which all E.S.N.'s, except for two No. 7 and one No. 5, were thrown out of rear gunner's cockpit. Searchlights from Tourhout, south of Biense and Auleneerde tracked intruder, not attempting to illuminate. Quite evident that Hun aware of presence of intruder so course reset for coast, recrossing at Newport, taking violent evasive action. Coned by 2 snap bluish searchlights from river mouth which illuminated and held for approx. 1 min. Slight heavy flak from town area.	
17th June	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: P/O E.A. Hoar Observer: Sgt Gray, A.V. WOP/AG: W/O S.R. Goddard	Intruder to Orleans	2344	0255	Chased and an E/A at Evreux, but lost to view when E/A dumped its lights. Orleans aerodrome not lit. Attacked a goods train north of Louviers, seeing strikes on engine. Train stopped and again attacked. This time heavy light flak from rear and front. One train damaged.	
19th June	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: P/Sgt Walsh, D Observer: Sgt Scott, G.A. WOP/AG: Sgt Heibitt, A.J.	Intruder to Villacoublay	0110	0350	No activity at target. Attacked a train one mile south of Vernon; cannon strikes seen on track and coaches but none seen on locomotive. Train stopped.	
"	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: Sgt Hay, H. Observer: P/O J.L. Seymour Le Bourget WOP/AG: Sgt Saunders, L.T.	Intruder to	0110	0402	No activity at target. Attacked a train north-east of Sevran, seeing strikes on loco. 2 searchlights illuminated for 1/2 min, and accurate light flak from Comelles airfield.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: S/L C.C. Moran Observer: Sgt Rogers, G.V.	Intruder to Dijon	2355	0355	No activity at Dijon airfield but intense light and heavy flak and explosions seen from Dijon town. Attacked a train	

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						at St Jean Aro line, strikes seen on coaches, Attacked a second train along the line west from Nogent Sur Seine, seeing strikes during 3 out of 4 attacks; train stopped in the cutting and was bombed with 2x 250 lb bombs- no results observed. Marshalling yards containing approx. 120 goods & trucks and many loops, west of Challes, was attacked with 2 x 250 lb bombs, no results seen.	
20th June	Mosquito VI	Pilot: S/L R.J. Bewell Observer: P/O F. Shield	Intruder to Dijon	2317	0126	Dijon aerodrome bombed with 2 x 250 lb bombs from 2500 ft on an east/west bombing run. Bombs seem to burst followed by a series of small explosions and green flashes, off the middle of the western perimeter tracks among buildings. Released one bomb at a train south of Dijon travelling in southerly direction; bomb seem to burst 100 yards behind and 60 yards to one side. Four minutes later train observed to be stopped.	
"	Boston III INTRUDER	Pilot: Sgt Gunn, W Observer: Sgt Ralph, E.D. WOP/AG: P/Sgt Dickey, E.R.	Intruder to Bretigny	0018	0329	At Melun Boston held by numerous searchlights; no flak. No activity at Bretigny. Sighted a train 3 miles east of Forges, and attacked three times, seeing strikes on engine and train stopped. On second and third attacks flak from rear of train.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/Sgt Kingsbury, J.H. Observer: Sgt Yesty, C.W.	Intruder to Dijon	2351	0156	Saw an aircraft near Beauvais fire 3 green and 3 red cartridges. Sighted a Lancaster west of Dijon. Dijon aerodrome not, and no activity.	
"	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: P/L M.W. Beveridge Observer: Sgt Bays, E.O.L. WOP/AG: W/O Anderson, E.	Intruder to St. Disier	2325	0310	Attacked an E/A at 100 yards range closing rapidly. Large flash from starboard engine, by the light of which E/A identified as a Dornier 217. E/A lost height rapidly and smoke seen from starboard engine.	
21st June	Boston III	Pilot: P/O E.A. Hoar Observer: Sgt Gray, A.V. WOP/AG: W/O S.R. Goddard	Intruder to Florence	2342	0335	Aerodrome lit but no activity. Much light flak from Channel 50 degs. 25 N and 00 degs. 50 E.	

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21st June	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/Sgt Kingsbury, J.H. Observer: Sgt Yerby, C.V.	Intruder to St. Trond	2355	0345	On crossing the French coast at Le Buisson 4 searchlights illuminated briefly and light flak in rear. No activity at aerodrome. Attempted to bomb marshalling yards at St. Trond but bombs hung up. Attacked 2 trains in St Trond town, seeing strikes on one loco., but not on second train. Attacked a train three miles north-west of Guise town, no direct strikes seen. Fourth train attacked two miles south-east of Guise and attempted to bomb, but bombs again not released. Bright flash and red glow from loco.	
"	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: P/O D.G. Norcott Observer: Sgt Jenkins, V.L. WOP/AG: Sgt Elliott, R.E.	Intruder to Flocennes	0057	0415	No activity at target. Attacked a train at Flocennes, seeing strikes on loco., and train stopped. Much heavy flak seen from Abbeville at 0330 hours.	
"	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: Sgt Gunn, W. Observer: Sgt Ralph, E.B. WOP/AG: P/Sgt Mckay, E.B.	Intruder to Melun	0048	0357	Unsuccessful.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: S/L R.A. Pennell Observer: P/O P. Shield	Intruder to Orleans/Meun	0057	0402	Heavy flak seen from Orleans town. No activity at Melun. Light flak from one gun near Brevillet. All 4 bombs dropped on Orleans aerodrome; no results observed. Attacked a train north-east of Louviers, seeing strikes and train stopped, emitting much steam. Return fire seen from train.	
"	Boston III INTRUDER	Pilot: P/L H.V. Beveridge Observer: Sgt Baye, B.O.L. WOP/AG: W/O H. Anderson	Intruder to Coulmiers	0045	0354	Attacked a train near La Ferté, seeing strikes on loco. and train stopped. Sighted 1 E/A at Coulmiers, and 2 E/A at Grandvilliers, but unable to engage.	
"	Mosquito VI	P/Sgt Lehman, S. Observer: Sgt Smith, A.L.	Intruder to St Trond	0038	0415	No activity at target. Made four attacks on a train near Haux, seeing many strikes and much steam. At 0240 hours heard Hylax 40 calling hit by flak, 9000 ft, inside coast, vectoring 305, and then being out.	

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22nd June	Mosquito VI	Pilot: C.G. Moran, S/L Observer: Sgt Rogers, C.V.	Intruder to Gize-Bijem	2325	0241	Bombed target with 2 x 250 lb bombs, which burst in runway intersection.	
"	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: P/Sgt Griffiths, T. Observer: Sgt Osborne, R. WOP/AG: Sgt Irving, P.	Intruder to St Trond	2330	0250	Observed a factory badly blacked out at Maasricht. No activity at St. Trond. Light flak 3 miles behind Boston from Diest to south of Antwerp.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/L H.H. Spencer Observer: Sgt Wilson, S.	Intruder to Duesen	2343	0253	No activity at target. Saw an aircraft crash in flames near Culenborg.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/Sgt Ball, C.D. Observer: Sgt Rainbow, F.D.	Intruder to Venlo	2332	0310	No activity but intense light flak at Venlo. Attacked a train about 5 miles north of Venlo, seeing strikes. Second train attacked going north-west out of Venlo but no results seen.	
"	Boston III Intruder	Pilot: P/Sgt Findlay, R.G. Observer: P/O D.A. Carmichael WOP/AG: Sgt Robertson, J.W.	Intruder to Tours	0101		Failed to return.	
"	Boston III INTRUDER	Pilot: P/O R.H. Lee Observer: P/Sgt Collier, E.R. WOP/AG: Sgt Dimes, A.C.	Intruder to Jusincourt	0053	0420	No activity at target. Attacked a train near Lisy Head, a train near Jusincourt, and a third train near Haux, seeing strikes on all three.	
"	Boston III INTRUDER	Pilot: W/O A.D. Day Observer: Sgt Maude, E. WOP/AG: Sgt Hunter, A.J.	Intruder to St. Trond	0030	0425	No activity at target. On crossing out west of Hauxport light flak near aircraft; ceased on firing E.S.N. No. 7.	
23rd June	Mosquito VI	Pilot: S/L C.G. Moran Observer: Sgt Rogers, C.V.	Intruder to Bretigny/Melun	2350	0304	Bombed Bretigny airfield with 2 x 250 lb bombs. Bomb appeared to burst on a building, which emitted pale blue flames as of fuel burnings. On return attacked barges just north of Vernon, seeing strikes.	
"	Boston III INTRUDER	Pilot: W/O A.D. Day Observer: Sgt Maude, E. WOP/AG: Sgt Hunter, A.J.	Intruder to Bouvrais/Greil	0136	0356	Unsuccessful.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/L H.H. Spencer Observer: Sgt Wilson, S.	Intruder to Chateaudun/Evreux	0132	0157	At Caen intense light flak fired at Lancaster which passed approx. 100 ft over Mosquito a minute later. No activity at	6/3

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						Evreux or Chateaudun, Bombed a railway south of Meulan with 2 x 250 lb bombs, no results observed.	
23rd June	Boston III INTRUDER	Pilots: P/O R.H. Lee Observer: P/Sgt Collier, E.R. WOP/AG: Sgt James, A.G. Melun/Bretigny	Intruder to	0050	0350	No activity at targets. Attacked a train between Bonnières and Les Andelys, seeing strikes on loco. Light flak immediately approx. Vernon.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilots: P/Sgt Ball, G.D. Observer: Sgt Rainbow, B.D. Couloussiers	Intruder to	0004	0356	One E/A sighted at target but unable to engage. Slight light flak from approx. 10 miles south-west of Compiègne on return journey	
24th June	Mosquito VI	Pilots: P/O R.B. Rowlands Observer: Sgt Medhurst, St. Trond	Intruder to	2336	0245	Partially illuminated by 4 searchlights at Sas Van Gent. Heavy flak over Walohoven and a cone of searchlights. Large fire seen at Antwerp on way out.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilots: P/Sgt Kingsbury, J.H. Observer: Sgt Yerby, C.W. Evreux	Intruder to	0016	0220	Searchlights and light flak at Evreux, aerodrome. 2 250 lb bombs dropped on centre of aerodrome, one exploding on runway, second, approximately 30 mins delay) not observed. Attacked an unidentified E/A at Mantes, seeing strikes on fuselage and starboard wing roots.	
"	Boston III INTRUDER	Pilots: P/L H.W. Beveridge Observer: Sgt Bays, B.O.H. Florence WOP/AG: W/O H. Anderson	Intruder to	2323	0257	Light flak from 4 gun, 3 gun, and 2 gun position near Furnes aerodrome, and several searchlights which did not illuminate. Floodlight on at dummy aerodrome at Florence, illuminating an aircraft, probably dummy, on ground. No activity at target.	
"	Boston III INTRUDER	Pilots: P/O H.A. Hoar Observer: Sgt Gray, G.W. Melun WOP/AG: P/O A.S. Barry Couloussiers	Intruder to	0113	0350	Heavy flak from Dieppe. Sighted an E/A at St Andre, but unable to engage. Light flak experienced at Demis.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilots: P/Sgt Labrec, G. Observer: Sgt Smith, A.L. Florence	Intruder to	0222	0402	Attacked a train north of Bievre, seeing numerous strikes on loco, and train stopped. Second train attacked 2 miles east of Givet, seeing strikes on loco, and train stopped. Observed a train proceeding toward Arras, so dropped 2x250 lb bombs ahead of train, one seen to burst on track.	

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24th June	Boston III INTRUDER	Pilots: P/O D.O. Norcott Observer: Sgt Jenkins, V.L. Florence WOP/AG: Sgt Elliott, P.E.	Intruder to	0112	0433	Heavy flak from direction of Dieppe. Target lit but no activity. Accurate light flak from Knocke on return journey.	
25th June	Mosquito VI	Pilots: P/Sgt Labrec, G. Observer: Sgt Smith, A.L. Gille-Rijen	Intruder to	2348	0307	Bombed Gille airfield with 2 x 250 lb bombs; no results observed.	
"	Boston III INTRUDER	Pilots: P/O D.O. Norcott Observer: Sgt Jenkins, V.L. St. Trond WOP/AG: Sgt Elliott, P.E.	Intruder to	2350	0315	No activity at target. On return journey saw searchlights and flak from Ostend.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilots: P/Sgt Kingsbury, J.H. Observer: Sgt Yerby, C.W. Venlo	Intruder to	2359	0308	No activity at target. Bombed a train south of Roermond but no results observed. On recrossing Belgian coast at Knocke intruder flew over Knocke airfield where intense light flak and 16 searchlights which flashed over our aircraft were encountered.	
"	Boston III INTRUDER	Pilots: P/O H.A. Hoar Observer: Sgt Gray, A.W. Melun/Villeneuve WOP/AG: P/O A.S. Barry Couloussiers	Intruder to	2345	0320	No activity at Melun, and en route to Couloussiers observed an airfield lit at Villeneuve Le Comte. Boston orbited the airfield with left hand circuits and saw 4 E/A flicking nav. lights on taking off. Attempted to engage but all E/A switched off their light on take-off. Saw 4 more E/A land in quick succession flicking nav lights at the first cross-bar. No further activity. On return journey light flak from one gun on ship approx 2 miles off coast at Gayeux.	
"	Boston III INTRUDER	Pilots: P/L H.W. Beveridge Observer: Sgt Bays, B.O.H. St. Trond WOP/AG: W/O H. Anderson	Intruder to	0030	0423	While pinpointing for target flew over Liege, where encountered light flak and 8 searchlights which failed to illuminate. No activity at target.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilots: P/O R.B. Rowlands Observer: Sgt Medhurst, P.H. Venlo	Intruder to	0046	0413	Sighted one E/A at target at approx 6000 ft, but lost to view. Bombed Venlo airfield with 2 x 250 lb bombs, but no results observed as intruder turned away. On return encountered light flak from 5 guns at Brussels.	

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25th June	Mosquito VI	Pilots: S/L R.J. Bennell Observer: P/O F. Shield	Intruder to Gize-Rijen	0051	0408	Target lit but no activity. During patrol bombed railway bridge NW of Hertogenbosch. One bomb seen to explode on north bank of river just west of bridge. The other (30 mins delay) results not observed.	
26th June	Mosquito VI	Pilots: P/Sgt Ball, C.D. Observer: Sgt Rainbow, E.D. Melun/Bretigny	Intruder to Coulmiers.	2343	0315	Attached an unidentified E/A at Bretigny, seeing strikes and a bright yellow streak light. Bombed Coulmiers aerodrome with 2 x 250 lb bombs, no results observed.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilots: S/ C.G. Moran Observer: Sgt Rogers, V.G. Avord	Intruder to	2334	0325	Aerodrome lit and 5 E/A orbiting. Saw 2 land and 2 take off. Joined in circuit and attacked one E/A, seeing it crash in flames and identifying it as a Heinkel III. Attacked a Ju.88, seeing strikes followed by explosions, and E/A crashed and exploded on ground. Attacked wireless masts at Bourges with bombs, seeing one bomb explode near base of Pylon, then with cannon and r/g's, NE of Nantes attacked a train, seeing strikes on loco.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilots: P/Sgt Hay, H. Observer: P/O J.L. Seymour	Intruder to Melun/Bretigny Coulmiers	0040	0355	Noted a yellowish glare like fire from St Andre direction. No activity at Bretigny or Melun. Sighted an E/A going towards Coulmiers and closed to attack, but nav lights dimmed and E/A lost to view. Saw one E/A land at Coulmiers.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilots: P/L N.H. Spencer Observer: Sgt Wilson, S. Evreux/St Andre	Intruder to	0004	0152	Attacked an E/A at St Andre, but no strikes seen. Accurate light flak from two guns immediately after attack. Returned to Evreux and experienced 6 searchlights and light flak from three gun positions. Oil pressure starboard engine steadily falling so returned to base.	
27th June	Mosquito VI	Pilots: P/Sgt Ball, C.D. Observer: Sgt Rainbow, E.D.	Intruder to	0042	0410	Heavy flak Paris area. No lights or activity at Bretigny or Melun. Attacked a train going south into Melun but no results seen.	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
						Bombed railway sidings at Montreuil, seeing light green flashes after first bomb burst. Attacked a second train north of Fontainebleau, seeing strikes and bright white flashes on loco.	
27th June	Boston III INTRUDER	Pilots: W/O A.D. Day Observer: Sgt Maude, E. Evreux/St Andre W/O/AG: Sgt Hunter, A.J.	Intruder to	0001	0055	Returned before crossing channel owing to electrical failure.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilots: P/O P.W. Hallwood Observer: P/O L.F.S. Speckman	Intruder to Melun/Bretigny	2345	0240	NOX No activity at targets. Moderate to intense heavy flak in Paris area down to Bretigny. On return journey saw heavy flak at Evreux.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilots: P/Sgt Hay, H. Observer: P/O J.L. Seymour	Intruder to Coulmiers	2338	0207	No activity at target. Searchlight searched for Mosquito near airfield without being able to hold it, and two bursts of light flak fairly close.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilots: P/L Spencer, H.H. Observer: Sgt Wilson, S. Avord/Bourges	Intruder to	2358	0357	No activity at Avord. Bombed Bourges airfield but saw no burst and immediately afterward an E/A landed from the south-west; Mosquito too far to attack. No lights on Bourges wireless masts. On return a brilliantly lit camp was seen near Bretigny.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilots: S/L C.G. Moran Observer: Sgt Rogers, G.V.	Intruder to Tours/Orleans	2330	0300	No activity at Orleans. Sighted an E/A at Tours but was unable to engage. Returned to Orleans and bombed marshalling yards north of station, seeing considerable electric flashes as 11 second bomb burst in middle of yard.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilots: P/L H.S. Lison Observer: P/O A.E. Franklin	Intruder to Chartres	0006	0230	Flak bursts in Paris area. No activity at target. Bad blackout at Nantes and Vernon, 1 searchlight and few gun flashes in direction of Poix.	
28th June	Mosquito VI	Pilots: P/O R.R. Rowlands Observer: Sgt Medhurst, R.H.	Intruder to St Tropez	0014	0105	When near Hanston returned owing to trouble with P/T and reflector sight.	
"	Boston III INTRUDER	Pilots: P/O H.A. Hoar Observer: Sgt Gray, A.W. W/O/AG: W/O H. Anderson	Intruder to Florennes	0001	0258	Ineventful.	115 116

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	Crew	Duty	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
28th June	Mosquito VI	Pilots: P/Sgt Kingsbury, J.H. Observer: Sgt Yerby, C.V.	Intruder to St Trond	0050	0235	1 E/A seen to land at target. 2 other E/A seen and attacked one, strikes observed and E/A seen to land. On return journey saw a long fire with 2/3 explosions in the middle on a railway near Dieet. Light flak from Valenciennes and light heavy flak from Knoche.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilots: S/L Russell, R.J. Observer: P/O Shields, P. Chateaudun/Tours	Intruder to Orleans	0002	0426	4 or more searchlights illuminated Mosquito west of St Valery. No activity at targets. Dropped bombs on railway junction south of Oisiel, seeing flashes by railway line.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilots: P/Sgt Labran, C. Observer: Sgt Smith, A.L.	Intruder to St Trond	0105	0425	While orbiting St Trond aerodrome Mosquito hit some unknown obstruction, causing severe jar. 2 mins later port engine vibrated and emitted flames. Pilot feathered and out engine, experienced considerable difficulty in controlling aircraft. Recrossed coast believed near Niampont, where experienced very heavy accurate bursts of flak, and port main plane believed hit. Received heading to Manaton, where under-carriage failed to lower and wheels up landing was made. Crew safe.	
29th June	Boston III INTA/DEB	Pilots: P/O D.C. Horroott Observer: Sgt Jenkins, V.L. WOP/AG: Sgt Elliott, R.E.	Intruder to Orleans	0001	0312	Sighted one E/A at Orleans but was unable to engage.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilots: P/O P.W. Hallwood Observer: P/O Spackman, L.P.S.	Intruder to Chateaudun	0001	0226	Unable to pinpoint Loire owing to 10/10ths cloud, so turned back. Saw floodlit camp near Ascheres. Bombed railway sidings at Augerville, seeing vivid blue sparks and green balls of fire, after first bomb exploded.	
30th June	Mosquito VI	Pilots: S/L C.C. Moran Observer: Sgt Rogers, G.V.	Intruder to Cognac/Bordeaux Tours/Orleans	2352	0030	Returned approx 4 mins before reaching the French coast owing to extreme vibration.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/O P.W. Hallwood Observer: P/O L.F.S. Spackman Valenciennes	Intruder to Valenciennes	0045	0159	Unsuccessful.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilots: P/Sgt Ball, G.D. Observer: Sgt Rainbow, E.D.	Intruder to Creil	0200	0355	No activity at target. Bombed a railway near Clermont, but no results seen.	

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of (Unit or Formation) 438 (DCAF) Squadron, Ford, Sussex.

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
FORD SUSSEX	1945 July 1st		<p>Weather: Cloudy in morning becoming fair in afternoon. Cloudy in evening. Visibility good all day.</p> <p>"A" Flight - H.F.T.s, local flying, a day cross-country by P/S Henderson, and a night cross-country by P/O Johnson were cancelled.</p> <p>"B" Flight - carried out H.F.T.s, P/O Lee flew a night cross-country in a Mosquito. There were four operational sorties. P/O Hallwood patrolled Antona, Beauvais, bombed a straight row of blue green lights on the north side of Antona town, but did not see the results as the defenses immediately retaliated with searchlights and light flak. P/L Beveridge, patrolled Antona/Creil, bombed a train and railway line near Pacy, seeing bursts but no other results. Unsuccessful patrols were flown by S/L Moran to Bordeaux, and P/L Lissou to Orleans/Bouges/Avord. P/S Ball took off for Antona/Leon, but was recalled from Beachy Head by Intruder Operations.</p> <p>In the evening entertainment was provided by a Squadron dance, in celebration of Decision Day. It was a real success, as nearly the entire Squadron, with the exception of those on duty, turned out. The lack of fire-works, ice-cream, etc., which usually go with such an event, was made up for by liquid refreshments; and everybody enjoyed a very pleasant evening, some returning to camp in exceptionally good spirits.</p>	
		2nd	<p>Weather: Fair, Party cloudy, Visibility good.</p> <p>There was no flying by "B" Flight.</p> <p>"A" Flight carried out H.F.T.s. Dual flying by S/L Russell and P/O Horroott, a cross-country by P/Sgt Henderson; and P/Sgt MacDonald with W/O Service in an Oxford flew to Henley, Struxton, and return. Dual flying by P/L MacDonald and P/O Moor, and Intruder practice by S/L Russell and P/L Potter. P/Sgt Kingsbury flew solo from Hornchurch.</p> <p>There were three operational sorties. P/L Spencer on a patrol to Coulmiers/Almy/Brétigny, bombed a railway junction north of His Orange (NS of Brétigny) but saw no bursts. P/S Kingsbury patrolling Pair, bombed a train near Clermont with out observing results. S/L Russell, sortie to Orleans, bombed a railway two miles south of Rouen with no more success than the others, and then attacked a Ju. 88 at the target, but saw no strikes; On return journey his port engine failed when crossing the coast near St. Valery, and he landed without difficulty on one engine.</p> <p>P/O Holt (Navigator) was posted from 438 Squadron to 409 Squadron.</p> <p>Weather: Fair in the morning becoming cloudy about 10 A.M.; Partly cloudy in evening. Visibility 2/3 miles.</p>	
		3rd	<p>The only flying from "B" Flight was a dual by S/L Moran and W/O Day.</p> <p>"A" Flight carried out H.F.T.s, local dual flying P/L MacDonald and P/O Moor, local by P/L Spencer with Major Ward, a day cross-country by P/Sgt Henderson, and a night cross-country by P/O Johnson.</p> <p>There were three operational sorties.</p> <p>P/Sgt Labran patrolled Flerennes; saw six or more unidentified aircraft falling in flames in area west of Beauvais; bombed a railway line seven miles north of Antona, seeing one explosion and damaged a train about 20 miles north west of Antona. P/L Spencer patrolled Coulmiers/Almy/Brétigny, bombed a train north-east of Brétigny, without observing results, and damaged an</p>	

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	3rd (Continued)		<p>unidentified A/A of Helun. P/Sgt. Kingsbury patrolled Leon Athies, bombed a train and railway junction at Bergier, with 2x500 lb bombs seeing one burst on line, and attacked six lorries in convoy without obtaining results. P/O Rowlands on a patrol to Leon Athies dropped 2x500 lb bombs on a railway east of Anisy, seeing one burst. Unsuccessful patrols were flown by P/O Horcott and P/O Hoar in Bostons to Orleans/Chateaudun.</p> <p>Owing to thick ground haze at base all our aircraft except S/L Spencer landed at Middle Wallop on return.</p> <p>The posting of Sgt. Huggard the Educational Sergeant became effective today.</p> <p>Squadron released - 0450 hours.</p>	
	4th		<p>Weather: Cloudy becoming fair in evening becoming cloudy again at night. Visibility moderate.</p> <p>"A" Flight - Our aircraft returned from Middle Wallop. P/S Henderson, in a Boston, flew to Oronwell and returned.</p> <p>"B" Flight - Carried out N.P.Ts, air to ground firing, searchlight co-operation by P/L Lison and two local flights by P/O Devoud and P/S Walsh.</p> <p>There were four operational sorties.</p> <p>P/S Hall, on a patrol to Athies area/Orell/Chateaudun, attacked a train north of Clemont and bombed a railway south of Paix, but saw no results in either case. P/L Beveridge patrolled Athies/Chateaudun/Helun, attacked a train in Champagne area, seeing strikes on loco, then bombed it observing bursts but no definite results. P/O Day in a Boston made an uneventful sortie to Orleans/Chateaudun and S/L Moran took off for Athies area, but returned from the Tourquet owing to bad visibility.</p> <p>Squadron released - 0337 hours</p>	
	5th		<p>Weather: Cloudy becoming fair. Visibility - Moderate to good.</p> <p>"A" Flight - N.P.Ts, local flying, a night cross country by P/S and local flying by S/L Bennett and P/O Hoar were carried out.</p> <p>"B" Flight - carried out N.P.Ts.</p> <p>There were three operational sorties. S/L Moran patrolled Conlon/Leun/Beaumont, bombed a marshalling yard at Meaux, but saw no results as Mosquito had to evade searchlights, and attacked a train near Champagne, seeing strikes. P/L Beveridge on a patrol to Orleans/Bouges/Arce, dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs on a marshalling yard north of Orleans seeing one burst on target. P/O Lee made an uneventful sortie to Comelle.</p> <p>Squadron released - 0350 hrs.</p> <p>Gunners - Sgt. Wilson, Sgt. Birchmore, Sgt. Holmes, Sgt. Inge, and Sgt. Robinson were posted to Swanton Morley; and P/O Perry, P/S Reblisse, Sgt. Tew and Sgt. Evans were posted to Foulham from 418 Squadron.</p> <p>One Boston III dispatched to Air Work General Training.</p>	
	6th		<p>Weather: Fair becoming cloudy, fine at night. Visibility good.</p> <p>"B" Flight carried out numerous N.P.Ts and camera gun tests. P/O Johnston and P/L Macdonald flew to Hornchurch and returned.</p> <p>A new Mosquito was delivered to the Squadron.</p>	

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Ford, Sussex	JULY 6th (Cont'd)		<p>Five operational sorties were made. P/S Kingsbury being prevented from making his by N/T trouble. P/O Johnston on his first operational trip bombed a railway line at St. Pierre, and P/L Spencer did the same at Nancy. The A.A. made his first operational trip with the Squadron, receiving an enthusiastic welcome from the Hun at Bretigny in the shape of one piece of heavy flak through his nose. He then went on to bomb the railway at St. Pierre. P/O Rowlands bombed the railway tracks east of Tours, and S/L Bennett dropped two bombs on a train north east of Gellon, without seeing any results.</p> <p>Squadron was released at 0255.</p>		
	7th		<p>Weather: Fair becoming fine at night. Visibility good.</p> <p>N.P.Ts by "A" Flight and cross country by S/L Moran to Parnborough and P/L Beveridge to Longborough.</p> <p>Seven operational calls were made in the Squadron. P/S Kingsbury bombed a marshalling yard at Gessicourt. P/O Rowlands was prevented by low rain clouds from reaching Bouges and Avord but bombed a railway junction north of Boulay. S/L Bennett dropped two 250 lb bombs on the railway line west of Evancourt. P/O Johnston did the same between Quevres and Blois with 500 pounds. Sgt. Hinch saw one enemy aircraft in the distance at Tours, and P/L Macdonald had an uneventful first sortie to Breux and St. Ande. The only Boston patrol was by P/O Horcott to Helun, Chateaudun and Bretigny, uneventful except for light flak from Le Troquet on the way out.</p>		
	8th		<p>Weather: Cloudy, showers in evening. Visibility good.</p> <p>P/O A.D. McLaren was posted supernumerary from S. Conery.</p> <p>N.P.Ts by "B" Flight</p> <p>Mosquito A and K were delivered to the Squadron.</p> <p>Eight operational sorties were made. One Boston, P/O Day went to Chateaudun and Orleans, and was severely missed by an unlighted A/G which passed above the Boston. The remaining seven were Mosquito patrols. P/L Lison bombed the railway at Blois A/D seeing one burst on the cross, and S/L Bennett on a covering up patrol later. P/O Lee on a trip to St. Didier had trouble with S/Ls at Orell on inward and outward journey, but dived them on both occasions with a red and a green burst. P/O Hallwood went to Lacy/Convron and Juvisy and bombed the railway between Soissons and Lagny. An unidentified A/G was seen to crash in flames near Leon. P/S Day was the third to visit and bomb Florennes A/D, and P/L Beveridge bombed Montdidier/Noircis A/D while patrolling Leon and Juvisy.</p>		
	9th		<p>Weather: Cloudy intermittent drizzle. Visibility moderate.</p> <p>"B" Flight N.P.Ts and local by "A" Flight</p> <p>No operational flights at night.</p>		
	10th		<p>Weather: Cloudy continuous drizzle. Visibility poor.</p>		

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	JULY				
	10th		E/O Horroct flew to Hornchurch and returned, and there were several "A" flight bombing and firing practices at Leydown. Weather prevented any flying by the non-operational flight. E/O Horroct was heavily congratulated on his work, awarded for "Outstanding" activities with 23 Squadron at Malta. No operational flights. Squadron put at 60 mins. at 2345 hrs.		
	11th		Weather: Rain, drizzle till dark. Visibility 2-4 miles. Weather prevented all flying. 192s only were carried out by "A" flight and at night all were put at 60 mins. at 2300 hrs.		
	12th		Weather: Visibility 12-4 miles clearing to 6-12 miles in afternoon. Cloudy, clearing about 1400 hrs. Messages & deliveries to the squadron. Loads by "A" flight, and a gross country by E/O Hoar at night. HFTs by "B" flight. Several operational flights were undertaken, all of them being particularly successful. E/O Mason dropped his bombs on the railway at Honey seeing three bursts on the track. E/O Hallwood ran into a hot reception at Cornell as he finally dropped his bombs from 100 feet, on a bridge near Le Roche just missing his target and seeing the bombs falling into the water. E/O Lee bombed the railway south of Amiens without observing results. E/O Johnson had an uneventful first sortie to Rouen and S/L Moran patrolled Orleans attacking a train north of Vernon without seeing results. E/O Davoud attacked a line at Chazy seeing strikes and dropping wing bombs without results being noticed. After flying over Rheims, the pilot found Housillon A/D lit up and released his other six bombs without noticeable results. The S/O and E/O Brown did a long but uneventful patrol to Tours and Orleans finally bombing the junction at Alibouf seeing no results. Squadron was released at 0357.		
	13th		Weather: Fair. Visibility: Good. Pilots - S/L G.C. Mathieson, E/O R. Cole (RAAF) E/O C.C. Schert (RAAF) and observers - Sgt. Mulder, Lt. Sgt. Williams, Lt. Sgt. Dunst, Lt. Sgt. Dunn, Lt. Sgt. Bush, Lt. Sgt. reported to the squadron from 60 OCU. "A" flight - HFTs, a day across country by E/O Horroct, night across country by E/O Hoar and Sgt. Gray, an instrument test by Sgt. Dunn and a local flight by E/O Hoar in a Boston. S/L Bennett, E/O Howlands and E/O Johnston carried out formation flying. "B" flight carried out HFTs, engine checks by W/O Davoud and S/L Moran and solo training by W/O Day. There were eight operational sorties, following the new Bomber support policy of bombing G.A.F. fighter bases. E/O Hoar bombed Vaux-le-Vicomte, saw an aircraft crash in flames near Paris and carried two downed airmen next to him. E/O Lee and E/O Howlands both bombed Rouen, the latter also observing a crash of a Dornier Do 17 near miles north-west of Amiens and saw an aircraft crash near Amiens. S/L Howlands was bombed by E/O Mason and E/O Johnson. No results of the bombing were observed in any of these cases. E/O Hallwood was unable to pinpoint St. Tropez owing to haze on windscreen so bombed two lines of grass fires and small explosions east of St. Tropez, observing a large green burst; sighted a train south of Le Cottereau but was unable to attack as it stopped in cutting. S/L Moran found no lights at Vaulx airfield so dropped his bombs at estimated distance east of town seeing four explosions and something burning afterwards; also saw an aircraft crash in flames 30 miles north of Amiens. E/O Griffiths bombed St. Tropez airfield, seeing 4 bursts on east end of runway and damaged a train at Bohain. Squadron released at 0350 hours.		

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Ford, Sussex	JULY			
	14th		Weather: Cloudy becoming dark at night. Visibility good. "A" flight carried out air to air flying. W/O Davoud flew to Dover and Wittering, where he stayed overnight. E/O Hallwood in a Boston flew S/L Howlands and S/L Reid to Church Fenton and returned alone. "A" flight - HFTs, air to air firing, wave tests. E/O Horroct flew a day across country and a dusk to dusk solo flight. S/L Bennett with E/L Bartlett, the Engineer Officer, as passenger, flew to Hornchurch and return. E/O Hoar and E/S Labran carried out practice attacks. Squadron released at 0217 hrs.	
	15th		Weather: Cloudy. Visibility: Good all day. "A" flight carried out HFTs. E/O Hallwood took off in a Boston on a ferrying flight to Holliswell but returned owing to bad weather. E/L Mason enroute to Holliswell in a Mosquito attempted to land at Walsall; overhot the runway, tearing off the undercarriage and damaging the propellers but escaped injury. "A" flight - HFTs and wave tests. W/O Davoud returned from Wittering. S/L Mathieson, in an Oxford, flew to High Wycombe and returned and then carried out a local flight in a Mosquito. E/O Horroct flew dusk to dusk training. Mine Bomber support sorties were flown, involving the bombing of St. Disier and Rennes and one I trader sortie W/O Davoud bombed Rennes airfield seeing bursts half way along E/W runway and another started during patrol expending accurate radius flak from north-west and west of same ground. Sgt. Dunst patrolled Cornillon, bombed a goods train north-east of Vernon, observing two bursts close to Housillon, and damaged a goods train north-west of Vernon. E/O Howlands bombed St. Disier, and damaged two trains, one west of Sorvigne and the other south-west of Gray-ou-Val. E/L Macdonald bombed Rennes aerodrome, seeing two flashes, and damaged a line north of Avranches. E/O Hoar took off for St. Disier but lost course, so bombed Cornillon. Sgt. Dunn bombed St. Disier airfield seeing two bursts at east end of E/W runway. E/O Johnston observed two bursts over direction of Rennes aerodrome and bombed from SE to NW but saw no results. E/S Labran bombed St. Disier aerodrome seeing 4 bursts, damaged a train at Rennes and a second train north of Vitry, and attacked a travelling yard in south-east district of Paris, seeing strikes on tracks. S/L Bennett flew to Rennes found no lights at the aerodrome so bombed a railway east of Corventon, but saw no results experienced flak at Rennes aerodrome south of Rennes, and at Airal. Considerable flak was experienced on most of these patrols.	
	16th		Weather: Drizzling rain from 0600 to 1300 hrs. Visibility - 1000 to 2000 yards. Afternoon 10/10 cloud at 1000 ft. to 2300 hours, when low stratus cloud at surface. S/L Frey and S/L Madanski (the Polish Crew) were posted to Northolt. E/O A.A. Shepherd and E/O Brown reported to this Squadron from 60 O.C.T.U. S/L Bennett has to be congratulated on the award of the U.S. Medal for services rendered last year in guiding U.S. Aircraft to their base during exceptionally bad weather. The only flying by "A" flight was an H.F.T. by E/O Horroct. "B" flight carried out H.F.T.s, and one operational sortie. S/L Moran found St Disier unit so made four dummy attacks on what appeared to be runways and built up areas, but encountered no flak or searchlights; attacked a train east of Fontaineau, bombed a junction at Moret-sur-Loing and a train south east of Fontaineau, but observed no results. On return landed at Hunsdon owing to weather closing down at base.	

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Ford, Sussex.	JULY 17th		<p>Weather: Low stratus until 0500 hours then clearing gradually, becoming fair, Visibility good Afternoon - fine.</p> <p>Three new Mosquito aircraft (Letters C, M and Z) allotted to this Squadron, were received today.</p> <p>"A" Flight - NPT's, camera tests, and air test, S/L Matheson flew a cross-country to High Brell and return, and Sgt. Gunn to Penzance and return. There was one night cross-country by P/O Hoptoff.</p> <p>"B" Flight - NPT's, a day cross-country by W/O Day who also took off on a night cross-country but returned owing to bad weather about 30 minutes flying. S/L Moran returned from Bradwell Bay.</p> <p>There were three Intruder patrols; and one patrol by P/L Beveridge to bomb St. Trond and patrol Vendo. St. Trond airfield was bombed, but no results observed, and Vendo was patrolled uneventfully on return he landed at Bradwell Bay owing to shortage of fuel, and then returned to base. P/O Hallwood flew an Intruder sortie to Goulmiers, bombed a fire north of Lisay, seeing two bursts and fire extended west; attacked a train at Somme, being blinded by his own tracer at the time of attack, but later saw a long glow where the train had been standing. W/O Devoud patrolled Bourges and Avord and bombed hangars in north-west dispersal at Bourges, seeing a large ball of smoke. P/O Lee found Goulmiers inactive. Both P/L Beveridge and P/O Lee encountered considerable flak. Squadron released at 0320 hours.</p>	
	18th		<p>Weather: Cloudy all day. Visibility 4 miles improving to 12 miles.</p> <p>This Squadron received three new Mosquito VI aircraft, to be lettered Q, X, and F.</p> <p>"B" Flight - W/O Day carried out a cross-country.</p> <p>"A" Flight - NPT's camera tests. P/O Henderson in Mosquito Q, crash-landed owing to port engine failure in the air, damaging the fuselage but escaping injury, and later flew a night cross-country and searchlight Co-op. Night cross-countries were also carried out by P/O Horcott P/O Cole, and S/L Matheson.</p> <p>There were two Intruder patrols and two bombing sorties.</p> <p>Only sidings were bombed by P/O Rowlands and by P/L MacDonald, but no results were observed. P/L MacDonald saw large scattered fires in a woods near Montehary, and P/O Rowlands sighted DO, 217 at Melun, but was unable to engage.</p> <p>On the Intruder patrols, Sgt. Gunn bombed a railway at Le Tency La Grande (About 12 miles from Dieppe) seeing three bursts on track; and later doused a searchlight by using his machine guns. P/Sgt Lebrun patrolled Evreux/St. Andre, bombed a railway at Pont De L'Arahe, seeing one burst on track and one slightly to port; attacked three barges on Seine west of Les Andelys, observing strikes on all three.</p>	
	19th		<p>Weather: Cloudy to 0600 hours, when slight rain becoming continuous. Afternoon intermittent rain and drizzle. Visibility - 4 miles all day.</p> <p>One new Mosquito received today.</p> <p>"A" Flight - NPT's, camera, and weather test. Practice attacks carried out by P/L Spencer.</p> <p>"B" Flight - carried out NPT's, camera, and air test. No operational sorties.</p>	
	20th		<p>Weather - Cloudy all day. Rain in early morning and again about 2200 hours. VISIBILITY - 4 miles.</p> <p>"B" Flight - NPT's, camera test, local flying, and a common test by Wing Commander Devoud.</p> <p>Sgt Williams carried out a cross-country. P/O Henderson flew to Ilanbier for a course in air-to-air flying training.</p> <p>No flying by "A" Flight. No operational sorties.</p>	
	21st		<p>Weather - Cloudy, drizzle in early morning and rain in the evening.</p> <p>The only flying was two NPT's by "B" Flight. No operational flying. Squadron put at 60 minutes at 2230.</p>	

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Ford, Sussex	JULY 22nd		<p>Weather: Rain in early morning. Cloudy except in evening when fair. Visibility 2-5 miles.</p> <p>The two Mosquitos, previously lettered P & X were transferred to 157 Squadron; 5 fighters and 5 riggers BCAF reported to the Squadron from Bournemouth. HQ. P/S Sims, M.H. (Pilot) reported to the squadron.</p> <p>Both flights carried out NPT's but there was no other flying. No operational sorties.</p> <p>Squadron released at 0230.</p>	
	23rd		<p>Weather: Cloudy. Visibility moderate.</p> <p>Three new Mosquitos were received by the Squadron today.</p> <p>"B" Flight carried out NPT's and a common test.</p> <p>"A" Flight - NPT's camera tests, S/L co-op by P/O Horcott. Cross countries were carried out by P/O Cole and P/O Sobert. Sgt. Blinch flew to Hornchurch and return.</p> <p>There were no operational sorties. Squadron released at 0235.</p>	
	24		<p>Weather: Cloudy. Visibility poor to moderate.</p> <p>"B" Flight carried out NPT's and night practice attacks. Cross countries were flown by P/L Beveridge to Hornchurch and return, and by S/L Moran to Hunston and return.</p> <p>There was no flying by "A" Flight and no operational sorties.</p>	
	25		<p>Weather: Fair to fine. Visibility good.</p> <p>"A" Flight carried out NPT's, local flying cross-countries by P/O Cole, P/O Horcott and Sgt. Blinch. Both P/L MacDonald and Sgt Gunn flew cross-countries landing at Bradwell, Hunston, and return to base. There were two night cross-countries by P/O Cole and P/O Horcott.</p> <p>"B" Flight - NPT's, camera tests, and practice attacks. Cross-countries were flown by P/O Sobert, S/L Moran, W/O Day, P/O Hallwood, and Sgt. Williams.</p> <p>There were seven Intruder Bomber support sorties. P/O Horst took off for Vendo, but off Hunston received a hit on the starboard wing when a convoy opened fire. He released his bombs in a safe area in the sea and returned to base. P/O Johnson experienced flak from the same convoy, but got through to bomb Gize airfield. P/S Ball and P/L MacDonald both bombed Dealen, observing no definite results, but in the latter case the bombs were seen to explode. P/L MacDonald landed at Bradwell Bay on return. P/O Hallwood bombed Beloele airfield, after failing to reach Vendo owing to difficulty in pinpointing. P/L Beveridge bombed Gize airfield, and during his flight saw an aircraft crash and explode near Gize and another crash at Westhams. S/L Moran bombed Twente-Enschede seeing explosions in dispersal areas.</p> <p>The squadron suffered another sad loss in the failure to return from a sortie to Twente-Enschede of P/Sgt Day and his observer P/O Seymour. P/O Johnson reported seeing severe A.I. fire from the convoy which one minute later fired at him. It is possible that as P/S Day took off one minute before P/O Johnson and flew the same course, the loss of this crew might have been caused by a tragic mistake.</p>	
	26th		<p>Weather: Cloudy. Visibility moderate.</p> <p>"B" Flight - P/L MacDonald returned from Bradwell Bay.</p> <p>"A" Flight - carried out NPT's and two cross-countries by P/O Sobert and P/O Cole.</p>	

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Ford, Sussex.	JULY 26 (Cont'd)		<p>Gunnery, Sgt. Siegle, Sgt. Elliott, Sgt. Hunter posted to 281 Squadron.</p> <p>There were seven bombing and intruder sorties. P/L Macdonald bombed Evreux aerodrome; three bursts seen. P/S Kingsbury bombed a train near Auvers seeing one burst close to train; attacked an E/A at Cormeilles but saw no strikes, and bombed a railway at Avreux. P/O Norcott while patrolling St. Andre, Dreux, Chartres, observed bomb bursts at Evreux and bombed a railway line at Mantes.</p> <p>P/L Spencer, on a sortie to Ghatouand; bombed a railway at Meung and on return journey observed flashes from the direction of Evreux. Sgt. Gunn took off for Evreux but owing to difficulty in pinpointing did not reach his target; but bombed a railway junction east of Meulan, seeing two bursts; also sighted an E/A at Cormeilles but was unable to engage. S/L Bennell bombed a junction north of Orleans city seeing two bursts on track followed by a series of bluish flashes and then dropped two bombs on Chartres airfield. Creil aerodrome was bombed by P/O Johnson.</p> <p>Squadron was released at 0330 hours.</p>	
	27th		<p>Weather: Cloudy becoming fair, becoming foggy about toward morning. Vis: Moderate becoming fair.</p> <p>"B" Flight carried out NPT's and air firing. P/L Beveridge flew to Hornchurch and returned; and there was a night cross country by P/O Schert.</p> <p>"A" Flight carried out NPT's.</p> <p>One bombing and four intruder sorties were flown. P/O Johnston bombed Besamont Le Roger, shot up a car south-west of Les Isabais and damaged a train leaving Sarqueux. P/L Beveridge attacked an E/A at Orleans, but overcast and saw no strikes, bombed Orleans airfield; and observed a large flaming object fall near St. Andre airfield. Sgt. Gunn bombed Orleans and damaged a train north-west of Forges-les-Bains. Sgt. Blinch bombed a railway just north of Creil and Beauvais airfield. P/S Labreaux bombed a junction just south of Meulan seeing one big explosion 50 to 100 yards ahead of train.</p> <p>Squadron was released at 0320.</p>	
	28th		<p>Weather: Cloudy becoming fair, becoming fine, becoming foggy. Vis: Good becoming poor in fog about midnight.</p> <p>S/L Moran and P/L Bartlett, Engineer Officer, flew to Hawkinge to examine a section of a Mosquito's fuselage which had been washed up near Dover. There was however not sufficient evidence to identify it as part of the aircraft lost with P/S Roy and P/O Reynolds.</p> <p>"A" Flight - One NPT by P/O Schert.</p> <p>"B" Flight - NPTs and a cross-country by S/L M ran to Hawkinge and return.</p> <p>There were four intruder patrols. P/O Lee patrolled Orleans and dropped his bombs between Forges and Abberville. S/L M ran made an uneventful sortie to Evreux/St. Andre. P/S Ball bombed a railway near Rouen, seeing green-blue flashes on lines and a series of explosions. P/O Hoar bombed a railway east of Beaugency. Heavy flak was experienced on two of these sorties. All our aircraft landed at West Malling owing to the weather closing down at base.</p> <p>All were released at 0258.</p>	
	29th		<p>Weather: Fair becoming fine becoming fine becoming foggy towards dawn. Vis: Good becoming poor in fog.</p> <p>Boston III, lettered P, transferred to Helliwell, Walsall.</p> <p>"A" Flight - Air firing, an NPT by P/O Johnston, and a cross country to Hornchurch and return.</p> <p>P/S Kingsbury with Cpl. Airey (accuser) was to go air firing but overcast on take off and crashed, breaking the fuselage in two and damaging the engines. The pilot was uninjured and Cpl. Airey escaped with only a slight cut on the forehead.</p> <p>"B" Flight - S/L Moran, P/O Lee, P/O Hoar, and P/S Ball returned from West Malling. NPTs and air firing was carried out.</p> <p>There were five intruder patrols. Merville aerodrome was bombed by P/L Beveridge and by P/O Johnson who observed bursts on the flarepath. Bursts to the target, P/O Johnson saw an aircraft bearing green lights pass directly beneath him. W/C Davoud bombed Coulmiers. P/O Hoar patrolled</p>	

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Ford Sussex	July 29 (Cont'd)		<p>Cormeilles experiencing intense light flak from the airfield; and bombed a railway junction at Auvers but saw no results as slight light flak was experienced. P/S Ball patrolled Evreux/St. Andre and bombed a railway junction at Mantes; seeing two bursts in target area.</p> <p>The Squadron was released at 0405 hours.</p>				
	30th		<p>Weather: Fine in morning and afternoon. Cloudy in evening. Visibility: Good.</p> <p>One new Mosquito, lettered "H", received today.</p> <p>P/O Henderson returned from an air to air firing training course at Islander.</p> <p>There were no flying by "B" Flight. "A" Flight carried out NPTs, air to sea firing and camera tests. Cross-countries were flown by P/O Henderson and by P/S Labreaux to Hornchurch and return.</p> <p>There were six operational sorties, five in support of Bomber Command operations and one intruder patrol. Railways were bombed south of Compiègne and at Lagny by P/O Norcott and Sgt. Blinch respectively, the latter observing two bursts. P/S Kingsbury went to Leon and bombed the target area, seeing bursts and green flashes, probably on a railway south of the airfield. He also damaged two trains near Bivecourt and attacked a third without observing results. P/S Labreaux bombed Florennes airfield and shot up lights on the Albert Amiens railway. P/O Johnston bombed Creil aerodrome. P/O Cole (RAF) and his observer P/O Shepherd (RCAF) failed to return from their first trip; an intruder sortie to Orleans/Ghatouand. P/L Macdonald and Sgt. Gunn took off for Florennes but both returned immediately owing to technical trouble.</p> <p>Squadron released at 0410 hours.</p>				
	31st		<p>Weather: Fine all day. 3/10 cloud in late evening. Vis: 4-6 miles.</p> <p>Bostons P and V transferred to Helliwell, Walsall. Mosquitos Y & P transferred to 157 squadron, Bunsdon.</p> <p>B Flight - Local flying by P/O Hallwood. W/C Davoud flew to Northolt in the Magister.</p> <p>A Flight carried out NPTs.</p> <p>Six crews, S/L Bennell, P/L Spencer, P/O Norcott, P/O Johnston, P/S Labreaux and Sgt. Gunn were briefed for Bomber Support sorties in N. Holland and Germany and took off for Coltishall at 1700 hours but the operations were later abandoned owing to weather. Two crews, P/L Macdonald and P/S Kingsbury remained at readiness at Ford, being released at 0300 hours.</p>				
	1st July		<p>Operational Hours for month.....314.43 Training hours for month 330.10</p>				
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						and later seen landing. Attacked a Ra, III dead astern with 2 bursts from 100 yards to 50 yards with eight dead on, but no results actually seen. E/A's lights went out and it was not seen again. On return journey port engine failed when crossing out 6 miles west of St Valery, where light flak came close behind aircraft. Landed at base without difficulty with one engine.	
1/A July	Wasp VI	Pilot: F/Sgt Latham, G. Observer: Sgt Smith, A.J.	Defender to Flourens	2330	0255	6 or more unidentified aircraft were seen falling in flames in area west of Bray/Arasala. Bombed a railway line 7 miles north of Amiens with 2 x 500 lb bombs, seeing one explosion. Attacked a train about 20 miles north-west of Amiens, and several strikes seen on loco. After recrossing coast on return journey light flak experienced about 9 miles out from base. Landed at Middle Wallop.	
"	Wasp VI	Pilot: F/L K.H. Spencer Observer: Sgt Wilson, E.	Defender to Malm/Avrigny	0001	0232	Bombed a train 4 miles north-east of Brestal with 2 x 500 lb bombs, but no results seen. Chased an E/A at Malm but unable to attack. Later attacked an E/A (thought to be the one mentioned above), seeing flashes on port side. Aircraft lights dimmed before E/A had time to land. No other activity.	
"	Boston III	Pilot: F/O D.O. Hancock Observer: Sgt Jenkins, V.L.	Defender to Orleans	0045	0435	No activity at targets. Some light flak seen at base on return journey. Landed at Middle Wallop.	
"	Wasp VI	Pilot: F/Sgt Kingsbury, J.H. Observer: Sgt Terry, G.W.	Defender to Lecon-d'Ardennes	2355	0255	Bombed a train and railway junction at Sempier with 2 x 500 lb bombs, one bomb seen to burst on line. Sighted an E/A at Lecon-d'Ardennes but unable to engage. Attacked six lorries in company near target but no obvious results seen. Landed at Middle Wallop.	

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1/A July	Boston III	Pilot: F/O E.A. Holt Observer: Sgt Gray, A.W.	Defender to Orleans	2352	0533	No activity at targets. Some heavy flak seen north-east of Le Report on return journey. Landed at Middle Wallop.	
"	Wasp VI	Pilot: F/O R.E. Redlands Observer: Sgt Halket, E.R.	Defender to Lecon-d'Ardennes	0053	0420	Bombed railway 3 miles east of Arny with 2 x 500 lb bombs, one bomb seen to explode. Some heavy flak seen at Lecon and at base. Amiens and in area of St Valery. Landed at Middle Wallop.	
2/A July	Wasp VI	Pilot: F/L G.C. Mann Observer: Sgt Rogers, G.V.	Defender to Amiens area	2341	0122	Returned from Le Touquet area owing to bad visibility. Sighted light flak, well behind, in Abbeville area.	
4/5 July	Wasp VI	Pilot: F/Sgt Bell, G.D. Observer: Sgt Baldwin, E.D.	Defender to Orleans	2350	0243	A small host (possibly E/A host) seen approx. 20 miles off Le Report. Attacked a train north of Clermont, but no results observed. Bombed railway south of Poix with 2 x 250 lb bombs but saw no results.	
"	Boston III	Pilot: F/O Day, A.D. Observer: Sgt Smith, E.	Defender to Orleans	2334	0235	Unsuccessful.	
"	Wasp VI	Pilot: F/L K.H. Spencer Observer: Sgt Sage, R.O.R.	Defender to Orleans/Malm	2334	0326	Heavy flak experienced Bourges area. Attacked a train in Champagne area, seeing strikes on loco, and then bombed it with 2 x 250 lb bombs. Bursts were seen but no definite results of bombing.	
5/A July	Wasp VI	Pilot: F/O E.H. Lee Observer: F/Sgt Collins, E.R.	Defender to Orleans	0001	0100	Unsuccessful. Owing to bad vis., difficult to pinpoint target, where no lights seen.	
"	Wasp VI	Pilot: F/L G.C. Mann Observer: Sgt Rogers, G.V.	Defender to Malm/Avrigny	2330	0306	Bombed marshalling yards at Meux with 2 x 250 lb bombs; no results seen as aircraft had to evade searchlights over target. Attacked a train going south-east near Champagne, seeing strikes on loco.	
"	Wasp VI	Pilot: F/L K.W. Bewbridge Observer: Sgt Sage, R.O.R.	Defender to Bourges/Lecon	2335	0319	3 or 4 searchlights and slight flak from Le Report. Dropped 2 x 250 lb bombs on marshalling yard north of Orleans, seeing one burst on target.	

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6/7 July	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/Sgt Kingsbury, J.H. Observer: Sgt Taylor, C.V.	Intruder to Chateaub. Orleans	0050	0108	When near Brighton R/F failed, so returned to base.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/O Johnston, D.D. Observer: P/O Dwyer, D.F.	Intruder to Evreux/St Andre	2346	0148	Saw a big orange light just north of Evreux airfield. Bombed railway line at St Pierre with 2 x 250 lb bombs, seeing a large flash.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/L H.H. Spencer Observer: Sgt Wilson, S.	Intruder to Orleans/Chateaub.	2352	0249	Saw an orange glow or light north of Evreux. A big burst of flame on the ground which lasted 1/4 sec, west of Breteigny. Bombed Toucy railway with 2 x 250 lb bombs, one burst on or near track. Light flash from Le Groby on return.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: W/O P.L. Davoud MFC Observer: P/O S.P. Marlett	Intruder to Tours	2359	0515	Experienced several bursts of heavy flak at Breteigny; one burst in front, others behind, 1 piece of flak through fuselage. Bombed a railway north-west of St Pierre with 2 x 500 lb bombs, no results seen.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/O R.R. Rowlands Observer: Sgt Medhurst, R.H.	Intruder to Tours	0016	0540	Saw an airfield lit up north of Forges and south of Beausault. Bombed railway line east of Tours with 2 x 250 lb bombs, no results seen.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/L R.J. Russell Observer: P/O F. Shield	Intruder to Bourges/Azard	2354	0135	A bright white light seen near Evreux. Saw a large explosion on ground in direction of Breteigny/Valm. Bombed a train on a railway north-east of Gallion with 2 x 500 lb bombs, seeing a one burst between railway line and Seine; large explosion and much smoke seen. On return saw 2 ships, possibly destroyed on account of wake, going south-west off Oriel. Ships fired considerable heavy and light flak.	
7/8 July	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/Sgt Kingsbury, J.H. Observer: Sgt Fatchy, C.V.	Intruder to Orleans/Chateaub.	2348	0245	Dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs on marshalling yards at Gassinourt, both burst in middle of lines. Heavy rain penetrated cockpit over France.	

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7/8 July	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/L D.C.S. MacDonald Observer: P/O D.H. Alcorn	Intruder to Evreux/St Andre	0057	0250	Unsuccessful.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/O R.R. Rowlands Observer: Sgt Medhurst, R.H.	Intruder to Bourges/Azard	0018	0521	40 miles from target ran into very low rain cloud. Patrolled the Loire north of rain. Bombed a railway junction north of M Bouilly with 2 x 250 lb bombs, no results seen.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/L R.J. Russell Observer: P/O F. Shield	Intruder to Mehu/Breteigny Coulmiers	0001	0515	Dropped 2 x 250 lb bombs on a railway line west of Gyrmenant, no results observed.	
"	Boston III	Pilot: P/O D.O. Harcott Observer: Sgt Jenkins, V.L. W/O/As: Sgt Elliott, R.L.	Intruder to Coulmiers	0048	0335	Unsuccessful. Inaccurate light flak from Le Troport on return.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: Sgt Minch, J.C. Observer: Sgt Luff, W.	Intruder to Tours	0012	0330	Sighted one E/A at target but unable to engage.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/O D.D. Johnston Observer: P/O D.F. Dwyer	Intruder to Orleans/Chateaub.	0040	0558	Dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs on railway between Quevres and Blois, no results observed.	
8/9 July	Boston III	Pilot: P/O Dwy, A.D. Observer: Sgt Hanks, E. W/O/As: Sgt Hunter, A.J.	Intruder to Orleans/Chateaub.	2332	0225	Fire with orange flames seen on railway track approx 15 miles east of Orleans airfield. Aircraft bearing no lights passed directly above Boston in Byennes area.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/L Frencken, H.S. Observer: P/O A.R. Franklin	Intruder to St Didier	2359	0309	Bombed railway near Blennes (NW of St Didier) with 2 x 250 lb bombs, seeing one burst on track. En route to coast many searchlights tracked but did not attempt to illuminate.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/L G.C. Morris Observer: Sgt Rogers, C.V.	Intruder to Florennes	2328	0247	Bombed Florennes airfield with 2 x 250 lb bombs, seeing one burst on airfield. Slight flak from Amiens.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/O R.H. Lee Observer: P/Sgt Collier, E.A.	Intruder to St Didier	0042	0400	Fired 1 red to cause 5-6 searchlights at Oriel. On recrossing French coast at Oriel 3 searchlights failed to illuminate and ceased when Intruder fired a green.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/O R.E. Hallwood Observer: P/O L.F.S. Spadman	Intruder to Leon/Goumon Juviscourt	0123	0335	Bombed a long fire on railway between Soissons and Leun; no burst seen but fire increased. Saw unidentified aircraft crash in flames in Leun area. Intense heavy flak seen from Riville.	

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8/9 July	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/Sgt Ray, R. Observer: P/O J.L. Seymour	Intruder to Florennes	0024	0323	Searchlights and intense light flak from Abbeville. Bombed Florennes with 2 x 250 lb bombs, seeing burst on airfield. En route for coast saw heavy flak from Abbeville-Pois-Dieppe. Fire on ground seen in Densin area.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/Sgt Hall, G.D. Observer: Sgt Rainbow, E.D.	Intruder to Florennes	0120	0440	Light flak from Abbeville. The aerodrome at Florennes was bombed with 2 x 250 lb bombs.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/L N.W. Beveridge Observer: Sgt Bayn, R.O.R.	Intruder to Lacy/Couvron	0030	0355	Two large ground fires seen near Lacy. Bombed aerodrome at Montdidier/Rosières without observing results (2 x 250 lb). On way out saw approx. 8 E boats 16 miles off Dieppe.	
12/13	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/L R.S. Linton Observer: P/O A.E. Franklin	Intruder to Malun Bretigny	2359	0210	Light flak seen at Malun and south of Bretigny and south-west of Paris. Dropped 4 x 250 lb bombs on railway at Money & Greenay, seeing three bursts on track.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/O F.W. Hallwood Observer: P/O L.F.S. Speckman	Intruder to Cornailles	2325	0203	Experienced heavy flak at Cornailles aerodrome. Bursts of heavy flak from Marines. Light flak seen from south of Seine. Bombed a bridge over Seine due south of La Roche with 4 x 250 lb bombs from about 100 ft. Just missing bridge, splashes seen in water.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/O R.H. Lee Observer: P/Sgt Collier, E.R.	Intruder to Bessyria Grell	2344	0153	Bombardier dropped 4 x 250 lb bombs on railway one mile south of Amale, no results observed.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/O J.R. Johnson Observer: P/O Gibbons, N.J.	Intruder to Dreux	0001	0240	Unsuccessful.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: S/L C.G. Moran Observer: Sgt Rogers, G.V.	Intruder to Orléans Bourges	0008	0322	Attacked a train north of Vernon, seeing no strikes. Much heavy flak from Dieppe on return.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/O P.Y. Desoud Observer: P/O D.H. Alcorn	Intruder to Tours/Orléans Chateaudun	0032	0345	Light and heavy flak from Nantes aerodrome. Bombed railway junction at Elbeuf near Nantes with 4 x 250 lb bombs, seeing no results. Three large S.V.S. seen north-east of St Marcouf.	

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12/13 12/13/43	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/L N.W. Beveridge Observer: Sgt Bayn, R.O.R.	Intruder to Coulmiers	2359	0328 0321	Searchlights and much light and heavy flak from Poix aerodrome. Train attacked near Charly, with strikes on loco; and wing bombs (2x250lb) dropped without results being observed. Saw an E/A flash downward recognition lights at Mourmelon; Mosquito bombed aerodrome with 2 x 250 lb bombs, but no results seen. On reaching coast all electrical equipment went unserviceable.	
13/14	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/Sgt Ray, R. Observer: P/O J.L. Seymour	Intruder to to bomb Venlo	2348	0311	Dropped 4 x 250 lb bombs on Venlo, but no results seen. Saw an aircraft crash near Venlo. Observed two explosions near Gilse.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/O R.H. Lee Observer: P/Sgt Collier, E.R.	Intruder to to bomb Deelen	2330	0255	Dropped 4 x 250 lb bombs on Deelen, probably on west end of E/W runway, no results seen.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/O J.R. Johnson Observer: P/O N.J. Gibbons	Intruder to to bomb Girse	2333	0220	Bombed Gilse airfield with 4 x 250 lb bombs, but saw no results.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/L R.S. Linton Observer: P/O A.E. Franklin	To bomb Girse	2355	0230	Accurate light flak at target. Dropped 4 x 250 lb bombs on or near airfield, but saw no results.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/O F.W. Hallwood Observer: P/O L.F.S. Speckman	To bomb St Trond	0023	0329	Unable to pinpoint airfield - haze on windscreen. Saw approx 2 lines of green fires and small explosions in a T shape east of St Trond, so dropped 2 x 250 lb bombs on these, which immediately shot out large green burst. Unable to attack train south of Le Cateau as it stopped in cutting.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/L N.W. Beveridge Observer: Sgt Bayn, R.O.R.	To bomb Deelen	0001	0314	On approach saw mass of dummy fires 10 miles north-west of Arnhem, which doused after Mosquito left target. Dropped approx 4 x 250 lb bombs, probably on south-east edge of airfield, but which was identified by searchlights and flak directed at same another aircraft; no results seen. On return journey saw aircraft crash near Gilse.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: S/L C.G. Moran Observer: Sgt Rogers, G.V.	To bomb Venlo	0019	0305	No lights at airfield so dropped 4 x 250 lb bombs at estimated distance east of town, seeing all four explode and something burning afterwards. Flares seen and an aircraft in flames crashed 10 miles south of airfield.	

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13/14 July	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/Sgt Griffiths, T. Observer: Sgt Osborne, H.	To bomb St Trond	2357	0307	Dropped 4 x 250 bombs on airfield, seeing 4 bursts east end of runway. Attacked a goods train going south at Bohain, south-east of Cambrai, seeing strikes on trucks and train stopped.	
15/16	Mosquito VI	Pilot: W/O P.Y. Desbut Observer: Sgt Day, B.O.R.	To bomb Rennes	2309	0118	Dropped 2 x 250 lb bombs on E/W runway; bursts seen half way along runway and small fire started. Patrolled for 20 mins. and experienced accurate medium flak from north-west and west of aerodrome.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: Sgt Blinck, E.C. Observer: Sgt Luff, W.	Intruder to Cornailles	0011	0218	Bombed railway junction south of Asnières with 4 x 250 lb bombs; two bursts seen close to junction. Attacked goods train 4 miles north-west of Vernon, seeing strikes on about three trucks and loco steam still seen from 8 miles north.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/O R.E. Rowlands Observer: Sgt Redburn, R.H.	Bomber Support St Dizier	0112	0310	Bombed aerodrome with 4 x 250 lb bombs, no results seen. Made two attacks on a train six miles south-west of Sernis, seeing strikes and steam, and train stopped. Attacked a second train 4 miles south-west of Grogny-en-Val, no strikes seen but train stopped.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/L D.C.S. MacDonald Observer: P/O D.H. Alcorn	Bomber Support Rennes	0112	0332	Flak from flak ship at St Marcouf, and flak seen from Granville direction. Dropped 2 x 250 lb bombs on Rennes, seeing two flashes. Attacked a train 2 miles north-east of La Haie Forest, north of Aranches, seeing strikes on loco and train stopped.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/O H.A. Hoar Observer: Sgt Gray, A.V.	Bomber Support St Dizier	0008	0340	Lost course and target not reached, no bombed Cornailles with 2 x 250 lb bombs, no results seen.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: Sgt Gunn, W. Observer: Sgt Ralph, E.D.	Bomber Support St Dizier	0051	0400	Dropped 4 x 250 lb bombs on airfield, seeing two bursts at east end of E/W runway. Six searchlights and light flak from north-east corner of Paris, avoided by evasive action.	

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15/16 July	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/O D.D. Johnston Observer: P/O D.F. Dyer	Bomber Support Rennes	0135	0356	Accurate light flak from Sarcilly, 9 miles north-west of Aranches. Saw bomb bursts from direction of Rennes aerodrome; bombed from SE-W with 4 x 250 lb bombs but saw no results. On return ^{return} out east of Isigny saw much flak from flak ship 3 miles off shore north of Grandcamp, and much heavy and light flak from Le Harre direction.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/Sgt Esham, G. Observer: Sgt Smith, A.L.	Bomber Support St Dizier	0017	0435	Light flak from Coulmiers. Dropped 2 x 250 lb bombs on St Dizier aerodrome, seeing 4 bursts. Attacked a train at Blennes and a train 2 miles north of Vitry, strikes observed in both cases. Attacked a marshalling yards in south-east the district of Paris, seeing strikes on tracks. Very heavy light flak and very violent evasive action. Light flak from Comailles and Triqueville aerodromes.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/L R.J. Duggall Observer: P/O F. Shield	Bomber Support Rennes	0211	0448	Heavy flak from Rennes aerodrome and violent evasive action taken. Patrolled area and experienced intense heavy and light flak and searchlights from south of Rennes town and north and south of aerodrome. No lights at aerodrome. On return journey held by one searchlight and light flak at Airel, 5 miles south of Isigny. Bombed a railway 2 miles east of Serentan with 2 x 500 lb bombs, without observing results.	
16/17	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/L G.C. Moran Observer: Sgt Rogers, G.V.	Intruder to St Dizier	2315	0250	Unable to locate aerodrome since lights were off. Made four ^{built-up} dummy attacks on what appeared to be runways and buildings areas, but no flak or searchlights. Attacked a train east of Fontaineau, no strikes seen. Dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs on junction at Maret-Sur-Loing and 2 x 250 lb bombs on a train south-east of Fontaineau, but observed no results. Landed at Hunsdon on return. Weather- no cloud, vis. good.	

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17/18 July	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O M.W. Beveridge Observer: Sgt Dwy, R.O.R.	To bomb St Trond & patrol Venlo	2341	0317	Flak ship off Eindhoven fired fairly accurate red & green flares. Flak from north-east boundary St Trond. Bombed with 2 x 500 and 2 x 250 lb bombs at 0143 hrs from 1500 ft on bearing of 120 deg magnetic, no results seen but pilot certain bombs fell on airfield. Flak from south and south-west of aerodrome after bombing. No lights or activity at Venlo. Flak and searchlights north of Brussels. Landed at Bradwell owing to shortage of fuel. Weather: some ground mist, no low cloud.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O F.W. Hillwood Observer: F/O M.H.K. I.F.S. Spackman	Intruder to Ommeloes	0045	0310	Bombed a fire north of Idwy with 2 x 250 lb bombs, seeing two bursts and extended west. Attacked a train at Somery but no definite results observed as pilot blinded by own tracer; later saw long glow where train had been standing. Weather: high stratus, vis. good, slight haze.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O P.V. Devoud Observer: F/O D.H. Alcorn	Intruder to Bourges/Arad	2348	0246	Bombed hangars in north-west dispersal at Bourges with 2 x 250 lb bombs, seeing large ball of smoke. Weather: high stratus, vis. excellent.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O R.H. Lee Observer: F/Sgt Gullier, R.R.	Intruder to Ommeloes	0057	0310	Slight light flak at Oriel. In Bradwell area intense light flak believed from airfield. No activity at target. Weather: 1/10 cloud at 3000ft, vis. excellent.	
18/19 July	Mosquito VI	Pilot: Sgt Gunn, W Observer: Sgt Ralph, R.D.	Intruder to Amiens-LaFere- Rivcourt railways	2243	0155	Heavy and light flak from Peronne aerodrome. Unable to locate railway owing to bad visibility. Heavy and light flak from Amiens/Eling. Bombed a railway at Le Turcy la Grande, about 12 miles from Dieppe, with 4 x 250 lb bombs, from 1000 ft, seeing three bursts on track. Machine-gunned a searchlight south of Dieppe, thereby dousing same. Weather: haze, vis. 2-3 miles.	

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18/19 July	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/L D.C.S. Macdonald Observer: F/O D.H. Alcorn	To bomb Orly sidings	2358	0217	Light flak from Breteign aerodrome. Large scattered fires seen in woods near Moucheny, west of Breteign. Bombed sidings at Orly from 4000 ft with 2 x 250 lb and 2 x 500 lb bombs, being illuminated by searchlights so unable to observe results. One burst of light flak. On return saw heavy flak from Chartres same direction. Weather: excellent until half way over Channel when rain obscured English coast. Vectored to base.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/Sgt Lakson, C Observer: Sgt Smith, A.L.	Intruder to Evreux/St Andre	0039	0237	Dropped 4 x 250 lb bombs on railway siding at Pont de l'Arche from 700 ft, seeing two bursts - one on track and one slightly to port. Attacked 3 barges on Seine west of Les Andelys, strikes seen on all three. Weather: High cloud, 6/10 - 8/10 at about 10,000 feet, haze.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O R.E. Rowlands Observer: Sgt Mather's R.R.	To bomb Orly sidings	0132	0355	Bombed Orly sidings from 5000 ft with 2 x 250 lb and 2 x 500 lb bombs, no results seen. Attempted to intercept a Da.217 at Melun, but came below and F/O lost to view; picked up again but once more lost to view. Weather: good, medium cloud, 7/10 at 8000 ft, Channel haze and low cloud at English coast.	
25/26	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O H.A. Beer Observer: Sgt Gray, A.V.	Bomber Support & Intruder to Venlo	2255	0012	About 12 miles out from Maastricht a convoy opened fire and hit starboard wing. Took stiff evasive action, bombs released in safe area in sea; and returned to base. Weather: clear, no cloud, haze, vis. 1-2 miles.	
25/26	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O J.R.F. Johnson Observer: F/O R.H. Gibson	Intruder & Bomber Support to Gilze-Rijen	2251	0110	Just off Maastricht at 2319 hrs convoy opened fire, and columns of sky seen fired. Bombed Gilze airfield from 1500 ft with 2 x 250 and 2 x 500 lb bombs, but no results seen and no activity. On return journey sighted small fast boats near the Hook. Weather: vis. good in Holland, no cloud, haze off English coast.	

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25/26 July	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/Sgt Bell, C.D. Observer: Sgt Millow, F- to Deelen	Intruder & Bomber Support	2345	0140	Bombed Deelen airfield from 6000-2500 ft at 0018 hrs, experienced light flak but observed no results. On recrossing coast at Dordrecht caught by searchlights and encountered light flak. Weather: hazy over Holland, vis. 2 miles, no clouds.		
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O P.V. Ballwood Observer: P/O L.F.S. to Yank	Intruder & Bomber Support	2359	0155	5 searchlights exposed south of Ostend. Bombed Deelen airfield at 0120 hrs with 2 x 250 and 2 x 500 lb bombs. Six searchlights exposed and no results seen. Target not reached - unable to pinpoint river south-west of Antwerp. Weather: Holland - light scattered cloud 3500 ft. vis. black and hazy		
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L M.V. Rowridge Observer: Sgt Bays, R.O.R. to Gilze-Rijen	Intruder & Bomber Support	2353	0234	At 0120 dropped 4 x 500 lb bombs on Gilze airfield from 1500 ft, no results seen. Observed an aircraft on fire in the air and saw it crash and explode. Saw a second aircraft crash at Westhoofd. Weather: vis. good over Holland. Hazy over sea and English coast.		
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/Sgt Day, H Observer: P/O J.L. Spencer to Twente-Beschade	Intruder & Bomber Support	2350		Failed to return.		
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: S/L C.G. Moran Observer: Sgt Rogers, G.V. to Twente-Beschade	Intruder & Bomber Support	2343	0245	Bombed target airfield with 4 x 500 lb bombs, seeing 2 light explosions in dispersal area. Weather: very hazy over Holland. Much low cloud over North Sea and English coast.		
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L D.C.S. McDonald Observer: P/O R.H. Alcorn to Deelen	Intruder to Deelen	2355	0300	Observed a large fire on ground east of Deelen aerodrome. Bombed target at 0130 hrs with 2 x 250 and 2 x 500 lb bombs; no definite results seen, but two steady glows close together observed. Landed at Redwall Bay. Weather: good over continent with excellent visibility.		

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26/27 July	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L D.C.S. McDonald Observer: P/O R.H. Alcorn to Eindhoven	To bomb Eindhoven	2345	0115	At target about 10 searchlights noted Mosquito no bombs were released, 4 x 500 lb, from 4000 ft at 0024 hrs, three bursts seen. Weather: hazy - difficult to pinpoint anything but rivers and woods.		
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/Sgt Kingsbury, J.H. Observer: Sgt Tocky, G.V. to Commelles	Intruder & Bomber Support	0020	0259	Sighted an E/A at target and then lost to view. At 0150 hrs. bombed a train near Auvens, 2 x 500 lb, seeing one burst close to train, followed by greenish-blue lights. Flew over Commelles aerodrome and attacked an E/A, closing from 400 to 300 yards, no strikes seen. Railway line at Auvens, 4 miles west of Commelles, bombed with 2 x 500 lb bombs from 1000 ft to 1500 ft, no results observed. Weather: vis. very poor.		
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O D.O. Horrocks Observer: Sgt Jenkins, V.L. St Andre, Dreux, Chartres	Intruder & Bomber Support	2346	0229	Bomb bursts seen at Evreux at 0035 hrs. Bombed a railway at Mantes from 700 ft with 2 x 250 lb bombs at 0130 hrs, no results seen. Weather: ground haze, very difficult to pinpoint.		
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L H.H. Spencer Observer: Sgt Wilcock, S. to Orléans	Intruder & Bomber Support	2336	0237	Dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs on railway at Meung, 10 miles south-west of Orléans, diving from 3000 ft, seeing bursts very close to track. On return saw flashes, like gun flashes, from a direction of Evreux. Jettisoned two bombs in sea. Weather: very hazy, vis. very poor.		
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: Sgt Gunn, E. Observer: Sgt Ralph, R.D. to Evreux	Intruder & Bomber Support	0045	0300	Unable to pinpoint Les Andelys, so target not reached. Dropped 4 x 500 lb bombs from 2000 ft on railway junction east of Meulan; two bursts seen but unable to state definitely whether track hit. Sighted an E/A at Commelles but unable to engage. Weather: very poor visibility.		
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: S/L R.J. Small Observer: P/O F. Shield to Orléans	To bomb Orléans	2357	0351	2 x 500 lb bombs dropped at 0200 hrs on junction just north of city, seeing two bursts on track followed by series of bluish flames. Dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs on Chartres aerodrome at 0212 hrs, no results seen. Weather: shocking, no clouds.		

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26/27 July	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O D.D. Johnston Observer: P/O D.F. Dyer	Bourges/Creil	Intruder to	0035	0232	Dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs on Creil aerodrome from 3000 ft, no results seen. Weather: very heavy, vis. very poor.	
27/28	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O D.D. Johnston Observer: P/O D.F. Dyer	Bourges/Le Bagat	Intruder to	0121	0300	Dropped 4 x 500 lb bombs on target from 2000 ft, but saw no results. Shot up a car 4 miles south-west of Les Andelys, but head light went out. Attacked a train leaving Sarzanx, seeing strikes on and around loco, which stopped. Weather: good, some mist.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L H.K. Spencer Observer: Sgt Wilson, R.	Bourges/Avord	Intruder to	2332	0234	Attacked an R/A (probably No. 111) at Orleans, but abortive and only fired 1 short burst, no strikes seen. Bombed Orleans airfield from 3000 ft with 4 x 500 lb bombs at 0125 hrs, but saw no results. Large flaming object seen to fall near St Andre airfield. Weather: good, vis. poor around Bourges.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: Sgt Gunn, W. Observer: Sgt Ralph, R.D.	Orleans	Intruder to	2344	0248	Dropped 4 x 500 lb bombs from 2000 ft on runway at Orleans and immediately afterwards aircraft seen to land but no results of bombing observed. Attacked a train about 4 miles north-west of Forges-Les-Bains, seeing strikes on loco. Weather: patches of mist, vis. 3-4 miles.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: Sgt Elcock, J.C. Observer: Sgt Jeff, W.	Orleans/Creil Bourges	Intruder to	2355	0225	4 or 5 searchlights chased fighter east of Poissy. Heavy flak over Paris. Dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs on railway just north of Creil, no results seen. Caught by searchlights at Bourges as 2 x 500 lb bombs dropped on airfield. Weather: heavy, poor visibility.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/Sgt Latham, G. Observer: Sgt Smith, A.L.	Orleans/Avord	Intruder to	2328	0220	At 0104 hrs bombed junction just south of Malm from about 1000 ft, seeing 1 big explosion 50-100 yards in front of train. Weather: very heavy downpour, vis. very bad.	

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28/29 July	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O R.H. Lee Observer: P/Sgt Collier, R.R.	Bourges/Avord	Intruder to	2330	0150	Diverted to Orleans. Dropped bombs between Forges and Abbeville, no results seen. Landed at West Malling. Weather: thick haze to Seine; clear at Orleans.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L G.C. Moran Observer: Sgt Higgins, Sgt. Brown/Standen P/O S.F. Harlett	Bourges/Avord	Intruder to	2315	0155	Heavy flak observed at Bourges. No other activity. Landed at West Malling. Weather: heavy.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/Sgt Bell, G.D. Observer: Sgt Rainbow, R.D.	Orleans/Creil	Intruder to	2330	0200	Heavy flak experienced 10 miles north of target. Bombed a railway at bond in Seine 10 miles S.S.E. of Rouen, seeing green blue flashes on lines and series of explosions. Landed at West Malling.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O H.A. Hoar Observer: Sgt Gray, A.W.	Orleans/Creil	Intruder to	2345	0255	Bombed a railway east of Beaugency, but no results observed. On recrossing English coast distinct smell of burning wood, and pall of smoke made visibility poor and coast not visible. Landed at West Malling. Weather: thick layer fog over target low fog over Channel.	
29/30 July	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L H.V. Beveridge Observer: Sgt Bays, B.O.R.	Merville	Intruder to	2320	0144	Slight heavy flak at target. Bombed with 2 x 250 lb bombs at 0100 hrs. Weather: low stratus over Channel and French coast. Hazy in valleys over France.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O J.R.P. Johnson Observer: P/O H.J. Gibbons	Merville	Intruder to	0038	0250	When approx 10 miles south of Aire saw brief silhouette of an aircraft bearing green lights pass directly beneath Intruder. At 0207 hrs bombed Merville aerodrome, 2 x 250 lb, seeing bursts on the flarepath. Weather: low stratus over French coast. Very heavy in target area, vis. moderate.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O P.Y. Dawson Observer: P/O D.H. Alcorn	Coulmiers	Intruder to	0019	0310	At 0151 bombed target, 4 x 500 lb; bursts seen on R/W flarepath. Weather: sea mist over Channel. Hazy overland.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O H.A. Hoar Observer: Sgt Gray, A.W.	Orleans/Creil	Intruder to	0131	0350	Intense light flak from target airfield, and Mosquito took violent evasive action. No further activity at target. Bombed a railway junction at Forges, 4 x 500 lb, from 2000 ft.	

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						but no results seen as slight light flak was experienced. Weather: sea fog covering French coast, vis- inland fair.	
29/30 July	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/Sgt Bell, G.D. Observer: Sgt Rainbow, E.D. Evans/Mt Andre	Intruder to	0130	0405	Flak seen from direction of Compiègne, No activity at targets. Bombed railway junction at Nantes, 2 x 500 lb bombs and 2 x 250 lb, seeing two bursts in target area. Vis: fair inland. Weather: sea fog spreading over coast of France.	
30/31 July	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O D.O. Barrett Bomber Support Observer: Sgt Jenkins, V.L. Leon s/B's		2327	0155	Owing to ground haze unable to distinguish details of either target. Dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs on a railway 6 miles south of Compiègne, from 500 ft at 0100 hrs; no results seen. Weather: very dark and ground haze in target area.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: Sgt Elisch, J.G. Observer: Sgt Luff, W.	Bomber Support Jusincourt	2254	0210	Unable to pinpoint target sufficiently, so bombed a railway at Lagry, 4 x 500 lb, at 0045 hrs; seeing two bursts. Weather: dark, vis. poor.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/Sgt Kingsbury, J.H. Observer: Sgt Terry, C.W.	Bomber Support Jusincourt	2305	0125	Bombed target area from 3-1000 ft, 4 x 500 lb, seeing bursts and green flashes, probably on railway south of airfield. Attached a train north of Jusincourt and a train south of Jusincourt, seeing strikes on both locom. Attacked a third train north-east of Jusincourt, but missed. Weather: ground haze, very poor vis.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/Sgt Roberts, G. Observer: Sgt Smith, A.L.	Bomber Support Florennes	2254	0152	At 0030 hrs dropped 4 x 500 lb bombs on target from 1500 ft, no bursts seen. Shot up lights on Albert Arians railway. Weather: very heavy, poor vis.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/L D.G.S. MacDonald Bomber Support Observer: F/O B.H. Alcock Florennes	Bomber Support Florennes	0038	0045	Returned immediately after take-off owing to engine trouble.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O D.K. Johnston Bomber Support Observer: F/O D.F. Dyer Jusincourt	Bomber Support Jusincourt	2357	0225	Unable to pinpoint Jusincourt. At 0138 hrs bombed Orval airfield from 2000 ft, 4 x 500 lb, no results seen. Intense lightning flak from Polix on way to target.	

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30/31 July	Mosquito VI	Pilot: Sgt Gunn, E. Observer: Sgt Ralph, E.D. Florennes	Bomber Support	0011	0017	Returned immediately after take off owing to undercarriage trouble.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O H. Cole Observer: F/O A.A. Shepherd Orleans	Intruder to Chateaubriant	0100		First sortie. Nothing heard after take off. Failed to return.	


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Ford, Sussex.	AUGUST	5th	Weather: Cloudy and showery. Vis. Moderate A Flight carried out NPTs and local flying. B Flight - NPT and a local flight by P/S Sims in the Magister. There were no operational sorties. Squadron released at 0400 hours.	
		6th	Weather: Cloudy. Vis: Moderate to good. Cpl. Ryan of the Squadron Photographic Section was posted to HQAF Headquarters. Bostons Y and X despatched to No. 12 M.U. P/S Walsh and his observer, Sgt. Graborn, and P/S Ball and his observer, Sgt. Rainbow, posted overseas effective today. A Flight - NPTs and camera and undercarriage tests. B Flight - NPTs, local flying, and a cross country by Sgt. Aldworth were carried out. There were two operational sorties. P/O Scherf took off for Orleans/Chateaudun but returned from Les Andelys owing to inability to pinpoint. P/S Ball, on a patrol to Bourges/Avord/Clemonat-Ferrand chased an E/A which landed at Chartres aerodrome before it could be engaged. S/L Moran became airborne for Stuttgart/Böblingen, but landed immediately owing to starboard engine cutting out. Squadron released at 0355 hours.	
		7th	Weather: Cloudy and drizzling until late in the afternoon. Clear in the evening and then cloudy again. There was no flying by B Flight. A Flight - NPTs, camera tests, and fighter affiliation (practice attacks). There were two Intruder and seven bombing sorties. P/L Spencer on a patrol to Clemonat-Ferrand sighted 3 N/A at Avord and later 4 more. He attacked one of these as it was coming in to land but just as he opened fire the side of the gunnights fell off and the engagement had to be abandoned with no strikes being seen. S/L Bennell was unable to close with any of three E/A he sighted at Toulous so attacked a well lit marshalling yard north-east of the town, seeing cannon strikes from the line and starting a small fire. P/O Henderson bombed a railway 4 miles south-east of Caillon, observing one burst. Rennes airfield was bombed by P/O Rowlands, bursts being observed by another crew, by P/L Macdonald who saw one burst; by P/O Johnston and by P/S Kingsbury. On return P/O Rowlands bombed another railway 10 miles west of Bayeux. P/O Johnston also shot up two cars, one south of Avranches and another south of St. Lo. Sgt. Gunn bombed Dijon aerodrome, P/S Labres bombed an airfield at Favars, 20 miles south-east of Dijon; and shot up an adjoining railway yard, seeing cannon strikes on ahead. Sgt. Blinck took off for Dijon but returned immediately due to the port engine overheating. W/L was experienced on most of these sorties and it was extremely intense at Rennes. Squadron released at 0530 hours.	
		8th	Weather: Fair in the morning. Cloudy with slight drizzle late in afternoon. Vis. 1800 yards. Three Mosquito W/Ls, the original S, G, and N, transferred to No. 25 Squadron, Church Fenton. B Flight - NPTs and camera tests. A Flight carried out NPTs. There were no operational sorties and at 0001 hours all were released except two crews, these being put at 60 mins.	
		9th	Weather: Cloudy with slight mist and vis. 4 miles in early morning. In the afternoon, fair with little cloud and good vis. Clear in evening. Four crews: P/S Kingsbury and Sgt. Yerby; Sgt. Blinck and Sgt. Luff; Sgt. Gunn and Sgt. Rolph; and P/S Ball and Sgt. Rainbow attached to 128 AFHQ for posting overseas effective today. A Flight - One NPT by Sgt. Blinck.	

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FORD, SUSSEX.	AUGUST	9th (Cont'd)	B Flight carried out NPTs, practice bombing, and one night cross country by Sgt. Aldworth. There were 8 operational sorties, 2 of these being Intruder and the remainder Intruder and bombing. P/O Hallwood patrolled Melun/Bretigny and on return attacked an unidentified single-engine aircraft at Evreux, seeing strikes on port side. On breaking away he sighted a second E/A and followed it up to 3,000 ft. when its lights were doused and it was lost to view. Fire, presumed to be E/A first attacked, seen burning on far end of airfield. St. Dizier airfield was bombed by P/O Hoar and by P/O Davoud who saw two large bursts near the north-east administrative buildings. On return journey, the W/O observed a fire on the surface of the sea and heavy flak and searchlights from Le Crotoy. P/L Beveridge made an uneventful trip to Poix. Sgt. Blinck found St. Dizier inactive so bombed a railway at Bazoches, observing one burst; and on way out encountered such heavy flak as to bomb Abberville. P/O Scherf saw an E/A land at Juvincourt when too far away to engage, and then bombed the airfield. P/L Lisson bombed Evreux, seeing one burst on centre of runway. P/O Johnston patrolled St. Dizier and saw no activity at the target so bombed a railway near Blennes and a marshalling yards at St. Dizier seeing bursts in both cases; and shot up a signal box at St. Dizier. Squadron released at 0545 hours.	
		10th	Weather: Slight drizzle in morning. Vis: 4 miles, becoming cloudy with vis. 6 miles. Cpl. Ross, RIF mechanic, posted to 226 Squadron effective today Two crews, Sgt. Gunn and Sgt. Rolph, and Sgt. Blinck and Sgt. Luff attached to No. 4 Squadron from the 9th to the 21st of August inclusive. A Flight - One NPT by P/L Macdonald and local flying by P/O Henderson. B Flight carried out NPTs. There were two operational sorties, W/O Davoud and P/L Lisson took off to bomb Juvincourt, but found visibility so bad over France that it was impossible to pinpoint and both trips were uneventful. Owing to bad weather, P/L Macdonald was recalled immediately after taking off for St. Dizier.	
		11th	Weather: Cloudy. Vis: 6-12 miles. B Flight - NPTs. W/O Davoud flew to Hallavington and return. There was one night cross-country by Sgt. Aldworth. A Flight carried out NPTs and camera tests. There were 5 Intruder sorties. P/O Harcott attacked a train north of Orleans seeing strikes and leaving train's topped. He then bombed a marshalling yards at Orleans, observing two bursts right on the target followed by green flashes. On return journey, the same train was attacked north of Orleans, strikes again being seen. S/L Bennell made an uneventful trip to Vannes. P/L Macdonald bombed the approximate position of Herville airfield seeing searchlight seeing bursts. A sortie to Comelles P/L Spencer saw an E/A land at Evreux but was unable to engage. P/O Henderson patrolled Rennes and bombed Montreuil. P/L Lisson made a calibration flight with Besky head seeing Evreux airfield lit and slight heavy flak from Dieppe. Squadron was released at 0445 hours.	
		12th	Weather: Fair, slight cloud. Vis. 12 miles. B Flight - NPTs and a night training flight by Sgt. Williams. P/L Beveridge and P/O Willgoose, the Signals Officer, carried out an RIF test. A Flight - NPTs and camera tests.	

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Ford, Sussex	August 12th.	(Cont'd)	There were eight operational sorties, four of these being Intruder and Operation Flower, and the others Intruder patrols. P/O Henderson bombed Dijon Airfield after observing what appeared to be an aircraft burning on the ground in the direction of Bourges. Dijon was bombed by P/O Rowlands, by P/O Hallwood and by P/O Morcott. P/O Johnson attacked an E/A at extreme range at St. Andre, but saw no results; and then bombed this airfield. P/O Davout patrolled Dijon, and saw an aircraft crash in flames at River Ouche, on Sombornon. P/Sgt. Lebraun bombed St. Andre airfield; P/L MacDonald made an uneventful sortie to Dijon. Eight Beaufighters of 141 Squadron operated from Ford, as Bomber Support. 22 Bomber landed here. Squadron was released at 0623 hours.		
	13th.		Weather - Cloudy with intermittent drizzle until late afternoon - vis. 6 miles. Low stratus and slight drizzle in evening - vis. 1800 yards. Heavy winds. "A" Flight - One NPT by P/Sgt. Lebraun. "B" Flight carried out NPT's and camera tests. There were no operational sorties and the Squadron was released at 0110 hours.		
	14th.		Weather - Cloudy, slight rain - vis. good. "A" Flight - Local Flying by S/L. Bennell and an NPT by P/O Morcott. "B" Flight carried out NPT's and local flying. There was one bombing and two Intruder sorties. P/O Johnson, en route to Dijon, found that cloud down to 200 feet over the French coast and inland made it impossible to pinpoint so returned to base. P/O Scherl bombed a railway junction at Mantes near Chartres; and P/L Beveridge bombed an Airfield, probably Aohiet, while returning from a patrol to St. Dieler. P/O Hallwood and P/L. Mason also became airborne, but both returned almost immediately owing to technical trouble. Squadron released at 0330 hours.		
	15th.		Weather - Fair to fine - vis. good. "B" Flight carried out NPT's. "A" Flight - NPT's and air firing at acheron. There were operational sorties, five of these being Intruder and the remainder Intruder and Bomber Support. Bordeaux was patrolled by P/O Hoar and by S/L Bennell; the latter damaged a train south of the town. P/L MacDonald bombed Evreux Airfield and damaged a train. P/O Beveridge bombed Vannes Airfield and damaged a train. P/O Henderson bombed Dijon, and attacked a train without observing results. P/Sgt. Lebraun shot up hangars and buildings at Clermont Ferrand, a big hangar at Vichy / Mine, a round house in a marshalling yards at St. Germain, damaged two trains and attacked a third without observing results. P/O Morcott bombed Jewassart aerodrome, destroying an E/A on the ground and damaged two trains. P/O Rowlands became airborne for Dijon but returned immediately owing to technical trouble. Squadron released at 0427 hours.		
	16th.		Weather - Fine vis. good. Two Mosquitoes, lettered V(H.J.763) and H(H.J.772) transferred to 29 Squadron Bradwell. "B" Flight carried out NPT's. "A" Flight - NPT's camera tests, and an undercarriage test by P/O Rowlands. P/O Henderson flew to West Malling for A/O spares and returned. There were five operational sorties, two of these being Intruder and the others Intruder and Operation Flower. P/L MacDonald bombed the area of Marlin Bastard aerodrome and damaged a train on the line from Juvincelle to Bannabec.		

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FORD, SUSSEX.	AUGUST, 16th.	(Continued)	P/O Morcott bombed Evreux Airfield and damaged two trains, one west of Nantes, and the other north-west of Vernon. P/O Rowlands bombed Tours airfield and damaged a train at Boisseaux. P/O Johnson bombed Evreux airfield, chased two E/A at St. Andre without being able to engage, bombed St. Andre Airfield, and damaged two trains west of Nantes. P/O Henderson damaged a train at La Ferté-Macdonald, and bombed a railway just ahead of a train east of Wilboarf. Squadron released at 0437 hours. Twenty-one bombers, mostly Stirlings, landed back at Ford from a raid on Turin.	
	17th.		Weather - Cloudy - vis. good. Mosquito X transferred to 43 Group. The Oxford transferred to Sossford aerodrome Christchurch, Hants; and a new Oxford (R.6079) received by this Squadron. "A" Flight carried out NPT's "B" Flight - NPT's and camera tests. P/O Hallwood made a local flight in the Magister and S/L Moran flew to Predannock and returned. There were nine operational sorties, four of these being Intruder Bomber, three Intruder, and training sorties by new crews. Sgt. Williams, on a training sortie flew to south of Penzance and returned. Sgt. Aldworth also made his first operational sortie to Bomboullist and returned. S/L Moran took off from Predannock on a sortie to Bordeaux, but after ten minutes flying ran into heavy sea-fog and returned to Ford. Oxford Airfield was bombed by P/L Mason, P/O Hallwood, P/O Henderson and P/O Hoar. On return journey P/O Hoar fired at two small boats off Balthus. P/L Beveridge damaged a train east of Brussels and P/O Johnson destroyed a locomotive near Novars. S/L Moran patrolled Soesterberg. Three of our aircraft landed at Colfischell to refuel and then returned to base. Considerable flak was experienced on these sorties. Squadron released at 0500 hours.	
	18th.		Weather - cloudy - good vis. "A" Flight carried out NPT's. "B" Flight - NPT's and camera tests. P/O Hallwood flew to Predannock to operate. There were three operational sorties, all Intruder patrols. Sgt. Williams bombed a railway bridge at Moret sur Loing and damaged two trains, one at Ouzie and one south of St. Corbail. Sgt. Aldworth bombed a railway south of St. Aubin. Both of these pilots landed at West Malling on return. S/L Moran patrolled Stuttgart, Boblingen, and Bernhausen uneventfully. P/O Hallwood and P/O Hoar took off for Bordeaux and Clermont respectively, but both returned shortly owing to technical trouble. Squadron released at 0215 hours.	
	19th.		Weather - Fog in early morning with vis. 400 yards, becoming cloudy and partly cloudy throughout the day with vis. 6-12 miles. "B" Flight - Sgt. Aldworth and Sgt. Williams returned from West Malling - P/O Hallwood carried out on NPT. "A" Flight - NPT's and a night cross-country by S/L Mathieson. There were three Intruder patrols. P/O Johnson bombed Tours airfield and damaged a train at Montreuil Bellay. P/L MacDonald bombed a marshalling yards at Orleans. P/Sgt. Lebraun went Intruding to Lyons, returning via Bourges Airfield.	

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	19th,	(Cont'd)	He damaged three trains: one near Nevers, one in a marshalling yards at St. Gemire (near Nevers) where cars in yard were also shot up, and a third train south of Les Ardelys. Squadron released at 0230 hours.	
	20th,		Weather - cloudy becoming partly cloudy - Vis. 6 - 12 miles. "B" Flight - camera tests and formation flying. Sgt. Williams made a local flight in the Magister. "A" Flight - carried out N.P.T.'s and camera tests. There were two cross-countries, one by S/L. Bannell to LUNEOIS and return, and the other by P/O. Henderson who flew to GRANWELL in the Oxford and returned. S/L. Matheson made his first operational sortie, flying to the LEANHESES area and return. There were no other operational flights and the Squadron was released at 02.24 hours. Weather - misty - slight mist - clearing towards evening. Vis. 6 - 4 - 2 miles. The Squadron was visited by the Secretary of State for Air, Sir Archibald Sinclair, who examined the Squadron's methods of operation, at the Ops. Room, and met some of the aircrew. Sir Archibald made some very encouraging remarks on the Squadron's work, before leaving. Our former Adjutant, now S/L. Duggan, also paid us a visit, the occasion being the wedding, at Littlehampton, of P/O. "Mickey" Cookrane. P/O. Morton, D.F.C., also came down from Grumwell for the same reason. "B" Flight performed N.P.T.'s. At night P/O. Beveridge took the Intelligence Officer for a Searchlight Co-Operation. P/O. Hoar took off from Frensdamck but failed to reach BOURGES BASTARD airfield, and P/O. Hallwood set off for BOURGES airfield but turned back from BOURGES owing to poor weather conditions. Squadron released 02.30 hours. Weather - fair, Vis. 6 miles. "A" Flight - camera tests and one cross-country by P/O. Henderson to GRANWELL and return in the Oxford, accompanied by P/O. Alcorn, P/O. Reynolds and P/O. Martin. "B" Flight - carried out N.P.T.'s. There were eight operational sorties: P/O. Hoar bombed a railway south-west of MANNES/LEANHESES. P/O. Lison bombed a railway north-east of CAMBRAI, and also saw an enemy aircraft land at the Airfield. S/L. Moran attacked a train north-east of LUNEOIS without seeing results. P/O. Johnson bombed BOURGES airfield and damaged a train at HAUTMONT. Sgt. Williams bombed a bridge at junction north of MERTY. P/O. Scherf bombed BOURGES airfield, damaged a train north of BOURGES, and attacked a second train in that vicinity without observing results. P/O. Hallwood made an uneventful sortie to MAINE/CHER OLM. Squadron released - 04.30 hours. Weather - fine, Vis. 6 - 30 miles. P/O. Spencer posted to "R" Depot, prior to embarkation for Canada, where he will serve as a Flying Instructor at No. 36 O.T.U. Intruder Control informed us that the Squadron's score is increased by one unidentified enemy aircraft destroyed on the ground at BOURGES on the night of the 8/9 of July. As this airfield was bombed on that night by S/L. Moran, P/O. Bell, and P/O. Ray, it is presumed that they will be credited with one third of an enemy aircraft apiece. Also, one bomb is reported to have landed on the ammunition dump. Unfortunately, this projectile failed to explode. N.P.T.'s were carried out. Seven of our aircraft flew to Castle Camps and one to Coltishall preparatory to the night operations, returning early the following morning. There was one cross-country by P/O. Norcott. A record number of eleven aircraft operated from the Squadron, seven taking off from Castle Camps, and one from Coltishall, in support of Bomber Command's Berlin raid. Three Intruders operated from FORD, LEANHESES airfield was bombed by P/O. Johnson and P/O. Scherf. The latter also attacked two trains, seeing strikes on the cars in one attack. P/O. Lison made a sortie to PARCHIM, experiencing	
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FORD, Sussex.	23rd,		(cont'd.) considerable flak en route. P/O. Norcott damaged an unidentified enemy aircraft at PARCHIM airfield. P/O. Henderson and P/O. Rowlands also took off for this aerodrome; the former found it impossible to pinpoint so patrolled BOURGES, and the latter turned back from MERTY owing to unserviceable intercom. S/L. Bannell sighted five enemy aircraft at STENDAL, but was unable to engage. P/O. Labran damaged an unidentified enemy aircraft at STENDAL. P/O. Johnston chased an enemy aircraft at STENDAL but enemy aircraft doused lights and was lost. P/O. MacDonald took off for GREIPSCHALD, but owing to difficulty in pinpointing at the Danish coast, the target was not reached, and STADE & WERFELD was patrolled instead. The Squadron suffered another sad loss in the failure to return from a sortie to CHARENTAIS and CHATEAUBRIANT of S/L. G.C. Matheson and his observer, Sgt. L.W. Bush. This was the second operational trip made this crew. Weather - fair, Vis. 6 - 12 - 30 miles. A Squadron dance was held at Dorkington, to which there was a very good turn-out. The Commanding Officer and the Adjutant attended, enjoying the dance and the refreshment with the rest of the crew. Everyone returned to their billets quite satisfied with the evenings entertainment, and especially pleased with the Commanding Officer, whose generosity provided them with adequate alcoholic refreshment. "B" Flight - a cross-country by P/O. Hallwood and a local flight by P/O. Sims in the Magister. "A" Flight - carried out N.P.T.'s. There were two Intruder patrols. P/O. Johnston patrolled MELUN/BERTRUY and also damaged four trains. P/O. Rowlands made an uneventful sortie to BOURGES/AYOUD. Squadron released 02.31 hours. Weather, cloudy, showers. Vis. 6 - 12 miles. Lord Mansell, Regional Commissioner, accompanied by Air Vice Marshal/Chief of the Operations Room, with the Station Commander, and were shown around by the Commanding Officer. "B" Flight - carried out N.P.T.'s. P/O. Hallwood flew to Frensdamck and return. There were four Intruder patrols. P/O. Hallwood took off for RESELI/BASTARD, but returned from south of LORIENT owing to very bad weather. P/O. Lison patrolled ST. DENIS/LES and BOURGES, and P/O. Johnson visited COULMIGRES, CLESMONT, LYON, DUCHE and OREANES. S/L. Moran made a sortie to GILSE AND ST. TROUD, and shot up a searchlight at BOURGES. Squadron released at 03.06 hours. Weather - cloudy, showers. Vis. 6 - 4 - 12 miles. "A" Flight - P/O. Norcott flew to Hornchurch and return. "B" Flight - carried out N.P.T.'s and practice attacks. There were no operational sorties and the Squadron was released at 02.36 hours. Weather - fine to cloudy. Vis. 12 miles. Mosquito "X" returned to 418 Squadron from No. 43 Group. "B" Flight - P/O. Devout carried out an N.P.T. "A" Flight - carried out N.P.T.'s and camera tests. There were eight operational sorties. P/O. Norcott bombed a railway south of MAUTE POFAYNE, W/O. Devout bombed JUVINOURT aerodrome. P/O. Johnston bombed a railway junction west of CHRELL. MAINE OBER OLM airfield was patrolled by P/O. Henderson, P/O. Rowlands and S/L. Bannell. P/O. Labran bombed JUVINOURT airfield, and attacked a train without observing results. Squadron released 06.00 hours.	
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FOED, Sussex.	28th.		Raining nearly all day. Vis. 6 - 1 miles. N.P.T. were carried out, but there were no operational sorties and the Squadron was put at 60 mins. at 20.40 hours.	
	29th.		Weather - cloudy. Vis. good. The Station Commander brought Brigadier-General Noce, Chief of Staff to General Devere, and his A.I.C. Captain Ingersoll to the Operations Room and they received instruction in Intruder Tactics from the Commanding Officer. "A" Flight - an N.P.T. by P/O. Henderson. "F" Flight - carried out N.P.T.'s and practice bombing. There were no operational sorties and the Squadron was released at 03.00 hours.	
	30th.		Weather - cloudy, light rain. Vis. 4 - 8 miles. Air Commodore Sutton visited the Operations Room and "F" Flight in the afternoon, with the Station Commander. "A" Flight - N.P.T.'s and a cross-country by S/L. Bennett to Sutton Bridge and return. "F" Flight - carried out N.P.T.'s. Six operational sorties were flown in support of Bomber Command Operations. FLYBORNE airfield was patrolled by Sgt. Williams, P/O. Scherf, who also bombed a railway junction at LONNESE, and by P/L. Edson, S/L. Moran, P/O. Norcott and P/O. Hallwood went to BRUSSELS/WILBERCK. P/O. Norcott bombed a railway east of THERMONIE, and S/L. Moran bombed WILBERCK airfield. Squadron released 05.30 hours.	
	31st.		Weather - cloudy. Vis. good. P/O. MacLaren left on a posting to No. 60 O.T.U. at High Ercall. "F" Flight carried out N.P.T.'s. "A" Flight - N.P.T.'s. W/O. Davoud flew from Northolt to base in the Oxford. There were eight operational sorties, five of our aircraft operating from Castle Camps and the remainder from base. P/O. Rowlands and P/O. Johnston took off for PARCHIM but both returned before reaching the target, owing to bad weather. P/O. Henderson and S/L. Bennett went to SERRA. W/O. Davoud and P/O. Norcott made unsuccessful sorties to MAINE OBER GLA. Sgt. Williams patrolled EVERUX/ST. ANDRE, and bombed a bridge over the BRINE at VERNON. Sgt. Almsworth visited LAKE/JOUBOURG. Squadron released 04.40 hours.	
			Operational Hours for Month.....421.15 Training Hours for Month.....295.25 REQUIREMENT ON STATION AS AT 31st AUGUST, 1943.	
			R.C.A.F. Officers Air Crew - 19 R.C.A.F. Airman Air Crew - 6 R.C.A.F. Officers Ground Crew - 5 R.C.A.F. Airman Ground Crew - 190 R.A.F. Officers Air Crew - 5 R.A.F. Airman Air Crew - 12 R.A.F. Officers Ground Crew - 1 R.A.F. Airman Ground Crew - 18 R.A.A.F. Officer Air Crew - 1	
			AIRCRAFT ON STATION: Mosquito II - 1 Boston III - 5 Mosquito III - 1 Magister - 1 Mosquito IV - 18 Oxford - 1	
			(P.Y. DAVOUD) D.P.O., Wing Commander, Commanding, No. 418 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
1/2 Aug.	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L H.S. Edson	Observer: P/O A.R. Franklin Orleans	Intruder to Chateaubain	0107	0412	Large dull orange light seen during whole patrol, 10-12 miles due north of Orleans. Fire appeared to be controlled. No activity at targets. Bombed railway north of Orleans, 2 x 500 lb, direct hits observed and one large flash followed by a series of small green flashes. On return saw light tracer fire near Vernon town. Weather: good, vis. good.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O P.V. Hallwood	Observer: P/O L.P.S. Spachan Bourges R.A.F. Avord	Intruder to Bourges	0122	0420	Observed a large fire in vicinity of Chartres aerodrome. At 0251 hrs bombed Bourges airfield, 2 x 500 lb, no results seen. Weather: dark; vis. good; haze south of Orleans.	
2/3 Aug.	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O G.C. Scherf	Observer: P/O E.A. Brown Evreux/St Andre	Intruder to Evreux	2333	0045	Turned back from east of Rouen because of heavy cloud down to 2000 ft.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O E.A. Hour	Observer: Sgt Gray, A.W. Ardorf	To bomb airfield	2336	0215	In target area saw a few white lights on ground and met by intense light and heavy flak. Dropped 2 x 500lb bombs on this spot, no results seen. Operated from Castle Camps. Weather: 10/10 cloud 2000 ft; very dark; vis. poor.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L H.S. Edson	Observer: P/O A.R. Franklin Ardorf	To bomb airfield	2323	0210	No activity at target but heavy flak experienced at 1500 ft. Violent evasive action taken and bombs, 4 x 500 lb, released on approx position of airfield; no results observed. Intense heavy accurate flak from Willemsheven when at 1000-1500 ft. At De Kooy approx 6 searchlights attempted to engage but missed after intruder flashed dots. Operated from Castle Camps.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O P.V. Hallwood	Observer: P/O S.P. Marlett	To bomb airfield	2255	0210	Operated from Castle Camps. Bad visibility prevented pin-points. When north of St Peter a twin engine aircraft was seen 100 yards astern and to port. Evasive action taken and aircraft lost. Inexplicable flash seen under port wing of Mosquito. Identified and bombed Oubeven, 2 x 500 lb bombs, from 900 ft at 0030 hrs; bomb flashes seen. Weather: heavy black cloud at 5000 ft overland; much haze.	

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2/3 Aug.	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/O J.R.F. Johnson Observer: P/O H.J. Gibson	To bomb Veichte airfield	2319	0232	Operated from Castle Camps. No activity at target. Bombed band in railway south of Danner Lake, 4 x 500 lb. at 0100 hrs; no results seen. Observed fire on ground near Nordhorn at 0113 hrs. Weather: vis. poor; broken cloud at 4000 ft overland; ground haze.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/Sgt Ball, G.D. Observer: Sgt Rainbow, E.D.	To bomb Schleswig Jagel airfield	2302	0240	Operated from Castle Camps. Bad visibility prevented correct pinpoint. No activity seen. Bombed 20 miles west of white lights, 2 x 500 lb. in Ockhausen area at 0250 hrs; no results seen. En route for base saw several chandeliers when just off northern Frisians at 0115 hrs. Weather: vis. nil; rain and rumbles.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/L D.G.S. MacDonald Observer: P/O D.H. Alcorn	To bomb Veichte airfield	2340	0310	In Fursteneu area experienced intense tracer - green and red - and approx 25 searchlights, some of which illuminated momentarily, and crew could see large factory below. Violent evasive action was taken, 4 red beacon, a white beacon, and a large fire in target area bombed with 4 x 500 lb bombs at 0132 hrs. Bursts observed and a glow remained until lost in distance. Saw an E/A land at Bergen/Almsar and a second E/A making circuit. Mosquito returned and shot up a white beacon and some buildings at this time; beacon doused. Weather: such haze. Electrical storm over target, vis poor. Operated from Castle Camps.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: S/L C.G. Moran Observer: P/Sgt Collier, E.R.	To bomb airfield	2259	0255	Operated from Castle Camps. Dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs on approx position of airfield at 0043 hrs, seeing 2 flashes. Weather: slight low mist, 7/10 cloud.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/O D.D. Johnston Observer: P/O D.P. Dyer	To bomb Schleswig Jagel airfield	2253	0200	Operated from Castle Camps. Bad visibility prevented pinpoint. Released 2 x 500 lb bombs in approx target area. Weather: electrical storm at coast, 10/10 cloud at 2000 ft; very dark; vis. bad.	

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				Up	Down		
6/7 Aug.	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/O G.C. Schert Observer: P/O R.A. Brown	Intruder to Orleans Chateaub	2325	0047	Returned from last sortie as it was impossible to pinpoint. Heavy flak and six searchlights which did not illuminate at target. Report Le Mans on return. Weather: low cloud at 1500 ft; very dark.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/Sgt Ball, G.D. Observer: Sgt Rainbow, E.D.	Intruder to Glasgow-Parand	2306	0241	Classed an E/A at Chartres aerodrome all out, but E/A landed while Mosquito still some distance away. Glasnost took very brightly illuminated. No activity at targets. Weather: broken cloud at about 4000 ft in target area. North of Seine extremely dark.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: S/L C.G. Moran Observer: Sgt Rogers, G.V.	Intruder to Stuttgart Hohlingen	2310	2320	Immediately after take-off starboard engine out, so returned to base.	
7/8 Aug.	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/L R.H. Spencer Observer: Sgt Wilson, S.	Intruder to Glasgow-Parand	2317	0328	En route to target sighted 5 E/A landing at Avord. Made several attempts to attack but could not get close enough. Factory lit up at Nevers and possible flak. Followed River Loire in mistake for River Allier, so returned to Avord and saw 4 E/A land. Attacked one at 250 yards down stream, but just as pilot opened fire side of gun sight fell off and attack had to be abandoned. No strikes seen. Weather: good inland. Cloud at 1500 ft over coast and Channel.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: S/L R.J. Russell Observer: P/O F. Shield	Intruder to Toulouse	2305	0403	Sighted 1 E/A which appeared to be doing canopy exercises at 2000 ft at Toulouse; but unable to engage any. Attacked a well lit marshalling yard north-east of Toulouse town, seeing cannon strikes down the line and small fire started at south end. Weather: broken stratus at 2000 ft north of River Loire. Otherwise no cloud; vis. moderate to poor.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/O S.P. Harlett Observer: P/O S.P. Harlett	To bomb Dijon	0047	0308	Owing to compass error lost course. Took a Gee fix but decided target would be reached too late, so bombed a railway 4 miles south-east of Gellion, 2 x 500 lb, seeing one burst. Weather: excellent with 10/10 cloud at 4000 ft over France. Cloud over Channel.	153



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7/8 Aug.	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/Sgt Kingsbury, J.H. Observer: Sgt Turby, C.V. R.A.F.	To bomb Rennes	0207	0406	Bombed target airfield, 4 x 500 lb, from 2000 ft, through intense heavy and light flak. Weather: vis. poor. Cloud at 1000 ft in places.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O R.R. Rowlands Observer: Sgt Madhurst, R.H. R.A.F.	To bomb Rennes	0220	0433	Heavy flak from Rennes marshalling yards and from airfield, where 2 x 500 lb bombs dropped from 5000 ft. Bursts seen by other crew. On way out dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs on railway 10 miles west of Bayeux. Weather: cloud at 1000 ft over coast and near Avranches. Vis. fair to moderate.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/L D.C.S. MacDonald Observer: F/O D.H. Alcorn	To bomb Rennes	0255	0500	On approaching target cloud obscured airfield, so bombed from 3500 ft, 4 x 500 lb, over area of intense heavy flak and searchlights, seeing one burst.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: Sgt Gunn, W. Observer: Sgt Ralph, R.D. R.A.F.	To bomb Dijon	0108	0457	Flak seen approx 20 miles north and south of target. Bombed from 3000 ft, 2 x 500 lb, no bursts seen. Large flash seen about 20 miles north-east of Dijon at 0255 hrs. Weather: 8/10 cloud at 3000 ft in target area. Mist in valleys. 10/10 at 2000 ft near coast.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O D.D. Johnston Observer: F/O D.F. Day	To bomb Rennes	0228	0417	Heavy flak from Rennes town. Bombed airfield from 2000 ft, 4 x 500 lb, through intense flak. Shot up 2 eggs, one south of Avranches and one south of St. Lo. Headlights doused. Weather: moderate vis. patches of cloud.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/Sgt Leitch, G. Observer: Sgt Smith, A.L. R.A.F.	To bomb Dijon	0047	0416	Light flak and some heavy from about 6 guns at Troyes. Unable to pinpoint Dijon, and saw airfield lit at Bayeux, 20 miles south-east, etc. Bombed this from 2000 ft, 4 x 500 lb, but saw no bursts. Shot up a railway yard adjoining airfield and saw cannon strikes on sheds. Weather: moderate vis. patches of low cloud.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: Sgt Minch, J.G. Observer: Sgt Luff, W. R.A.F.	To bomb Dijon	0020	0030	Returned immediately after take-off owing to port engine overheating and unserviceable reflector sight.	

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9/10 Aug.	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O P.W. Hallwood Observer: F/Sgt Collier R.A.F. R.R.	Intruder to Malun/Bretigny	2300	0207	One E/A seen landing at Bretigny. No activity at Malun. On return attacked an unidentified single-engine aircraft at Breux at 0111 hrs from about 250 to 50 yards at about 500 ft above deck; seeing strikes on port side. Second E/A sighted and followed up to 3000 ft, when E/A and airfield lights doused. Fire seen burning on far end of airfield, which is claimed to be E/A first attacked. Weather: target area heavy cloud at 2000 ft. Clear but hazy north of Seine.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O R.A. Hoar Observer: Sgt Gray, A.W. RAF	Intruder & Bomber to St Dizier	2307	0212	During patrol flew over St Dizier town, seeing large glass-roofed factory near north-east corner of airfield. Dropped 4 x 500 lb bombs on airfield, diving from 4000 to 2000 ft, no bursts seen. Weather: slight cloud, about 3/10 at 4000 ft at target; lower cloud on return, north of Seine.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: W/O P.Y. Devond IFC Observer: F/O S.P. Marlett	Intruder & Bomber to St Dizier	0014	0355	North-east of St Florentin airfield saw a large, well lighted factory, with many big flood lights around. Dropped 4 x 500 lb bombs on St Dizier airfield from 2500 ft, seeing two large bursts near north-east administrative buildings. At 0334 hrs saw fire on surface of sea, 50 degrees 35 N. 01 degrees 00 E. and heavy flak and searchlights from Le Coty. Fire went out after five minutes. Weather: good on way in, slight haze. Cloud 4/10 at 3800 ft at target; very dark.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/L M.W. Beveridge Observer: Sgt Egan, R.O.R. RAF	Intruder to Felix	0209	0405	Unsuccessful. Weather: cloudy near coast. 8/10 at 1000 ft.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: Sgt Minch, J.G. Observer: Sgt Luff, W. RAF	Intruder & Bomber to St Dizier	0114	0440	No activity at target. Bombed a railway at Bazoches from 1500 ft, 2 x 500 lb, seeing one burst. Much heavy flak between Amiens and Abbeville on way out. Weather: very dark. 5/10 cloud in target area at 3000 ft.	

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9/10 Aug.	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O C.O. Scherf Observer: F/O R.A. Brown	R.A.A.F. Intruder & Bomber to Leon	0153	0453	When about five miles away saw an E/A land at Juvincourt. At 0345 hrs dropped 4 x 500 lb bombs on Juvincourt from airfield from 1500 ft, no results seen. Weather: clear in target area becoming hazy towards end of patrol; low cloud from Ardennes to coast.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/L H.S. Lison Observer: F/O A.E. Franklin	R.A.F. Intruder & Bomber to Leon	0245	0530	Bombed target diving from 4500 ft, seeing one burst on centre of runway. Weather: much low cloud at coast; good over target.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O J.R.F. Johnson Observer: F/O H.J. Gibbons	R.A.F. Intruder & Bomber to St Dizier	0215	0325	No activity at target. Dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs on railway near Blennes from 1500, seeing two bursts on tracks. Shot up a signal box and bombed a marshalling yard at St Dizier. 2 x 500 lb, seeing both burst in yards; many green sparks and flames. Weather: good over target; low cloud in coastal region. R.D.F. interference very loud near St Dizier.	
10/11 Aug.	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O P.L. Davoud Observer: Sgt Wilson, S.	R.A.F. To bomb Juvincourt	2321	0030	Unable to pinpoint over France. Turned back west of Poix, where much heavy flak seen.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/L H.S. Lison Observer: F/O A.E. Franklin	R.A.F. To bomb Juvincourt	2220	0015	Unable to get any pinpoints over France. No lights or activity in target area. Cloud base varying from zero to 1000 ft. Very broken near target. 10/10 cloud up to 5000 ft over French coast.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/L D.G.S. MacDonald Observer: F/O D.H. Alcorn	R.A.F. To bomb St Dizier	2355	0015	Recalled on account of weather immediately after take-off.	
11/12 Aug.	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O D.O. McRoberts Observer: Sgt Jenkins, V.L.	R.A.F. Intruder to St Andre Dreux Orleans	0021	0309	Attacked a loco 2 miles north of Orleans at 0140 hrs, seeing strikes and leaving it stopped. Marshalling yards at Orleans bombed at 0150 hrs, 2 x 500 lb, two bursts followed by green flashes right on target. En route for home again attacked same loco north of Orleans, again seeing strikes. Weather: 10/10 cloud at 1500 ft line north of Seine. Very clear in target area.	

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11/12 Aug.	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/L H.S. Lison Observer: F/O A.D. McLaren	Calibration Flight	0123	0326	Ordered Beachy Head at 2500 ft (0200) steering course of 170 degrees magnetic for 120 miles at this height. Unable to climb more than 19,500 ft. Operational otherwise uneventful. Evreux airfield hit. Slight heavy flak seen from Dieppe. Weather: low cloud at French coast; hazy above.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: S/L R.J. Dummell Observer: F/O F. Shield R.A.F.	Intruder to Vannes	0117	0417	No activity at target. Concentration of heavy and light flak from Lourmont. Weather: patches of cloud at 2500 ft over France; much high cloud. Vis. poor.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/L D.G.S. MacDonald Observer: F/O D.H. Alcorn	Intruder to Cambrai Nerville	0150	0424	Very bad black out at Cambrai and St Quentin and Bethune. Bombed approx position of Nerville aerodrome, 4 x 500 lb, amongst 3 searchlights, seeing bursts at 0338 hrs. Weather: much ground haze. 10/10 cloud at 2000 ft over coast.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/L H.H. Spencer Observer: Sgt Wilson, S. R.A.F.	Intruder to Commeilles	0205	0438	No activity at primary target. Saw an E/A land at Evreux, but unable to engage. Weather: vis. poor. low cloud line west of the Seine, much ground haze.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O R.G. Henderson Observer: F/O S.P. Marlett	Intruder to Rennes	0141	0421	Intense light and heavy flak seen from Rennes at 0130 hrs, lasting for an hour with short intervals. Bombed a railway at Montreuil, 2 x 500 lb bombs, 2 bursts seen. Weather: 6/10 cloud, one base 1000 ft, top at 7000 ft over France clearing to haze half way across Channel. Vis. good.	
12/13 Aug	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O R.G. Henderson Observer: F/O S.P. Marlett	Intruder & Operation Flower to Bijn	2340	0324	At 0055 hrs saw what seemed to be aircraft burning on ground and ammunition exploding toward Bourges; and at 0104 hrs fire in woods, as if caused by incendiaries. Bombed Bijn airfield at 0130 hrs from 2000 ft, 2 x 500 lb, but no definite burst seen owing to brightly flashing white beacon on west side of airfield. Weather: very clear all the way to target. Mist in valleys. 6/10 cloud halfway over Channel at 3000 ft.	

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12/13 Aug	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O D.O. Horrocks Observer: Sgt Jenkins, V.L. R.A.F. Operation Flower	Intruder & to Dijon	2315	0315	At 0100 hrs dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs from 2000 ft on Dijon airfield; no results seen though bombs definitely fell in target area. Weather: clear; ground mist.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O R.R. Rowlands Observer: Sgt MacNurset, R.H. R.A.F. Operation Flower	Intruder & to Dijon	2346	0234	At 0035 hrs bombed target aerodrome from 2000 ft, 2 x 500 lb, seeing bursts in dispersal area. Weather: heavy on coast, clear on return; ground mist, some high cloud.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O F.W. Hallwood Observer: F/O L.F.S. Spackman R.A.F. Operation Flower	Intruder &	0017	0350	Bombed Dijon airfield at 0203 hrs from about 2000 ft, 2 x 500 lb, seeing two bursts close to runway. Big flare seen on ground NE of Breigny at 0243 hrs, light flak from about 6 guns and two searchlights illuminated from point just south of Arzajon; evasive action. Weather: good; much ground mist in valleys, heavy on way out.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: J.R.F. Johnson Observer: F/O N.J. Gibbons R.A.F. Operation Flower	Intruder to Eyreux/St Andre	0210	0445	Sighted J R/A at St Andre and attacked on at extreme range; no results observed. Bombed airfield from about 2500 ft, 4 x 500 lb, but saw no results. On return saw burning object on sea, 50 deg. N. 00 degrees E. at 0419 hrs. Weather: clear.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: W/O P.Y. Davoud DFC Observer: F/Sgt Collier, R.R. R.A.F.	Intruder to Dijon	0025	0439	Slight light flak at target ceased on firing of one red. At 0244 hrs aircraft in flames at River Oued, south-east Cambes. Heavy flak from Chartres and Dreux on return. Weather: misty; cloud light at 2000 ft.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/Sgt Labree, G. Observer: Sgt Smith, A.L. R.A.F.	Intruder to Eyreux/St Andre	0256	0625	Dropped 4 x 500 lb bombs from 2000 ft on St Andre airfield, seeing two bursts near NW/SE flarepath. Some fairly accurate light flak from about 3 guns at Vernou. Weather: heavy on ground, little cloud in target area. Much low mist in valleys of Seine.	

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12/13 Aug	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/L D.C.S. MacDonald Observer: F/O D.H. Aloora R.A.F.	Intruder to Dijon	0120	0625	Uneventful. Weather: clear in target area.	
14/15 Aug	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O F.W. Hallwood Observer: F/O L.F.S. Spackman R.A.F.	To bomb St Disier	2230	0125	Returned shortly after take off owing to undercarriage trouble.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O J.R.F. Johnson Observer: F/O N.J. Gibbons R.A.F.	Intruder to Dijon	2230	0025	Cloud over coast and inland down to 200 ft. No pinpoints obtained so returned to base. Heavy flak and searchlights at Chartres.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/L H.S. Lissac Observer: F/O A.E. Franklin R.A.F.	To bomb St Disier	2235	2310	After setting course from Beaulieu port engine temperature rose rapidly, so feathered and returned to base.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O G.C. Soper Observer: F/O R.A. Brown R.A.F.	Intruder to Eyreux/St Andre	2254	0050	Bombed railway junction at Maintenon, 10 miles NE of Chartres, 2 x 500 and 2 x 250 lb, seeing bursts and blue-green flash. Weather: cloud down to 800-1000 ft over Franco.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/L M.W. Beveridge Observer: Sgt Bays, R.O.R. R.A.F.	To bomb St Disier	2306	0230	Patrolled target area but unable to see St Disier owing to low cloud. On return bombed an airfield (probably Achiet), with 2 x 500 lb bombs at 0144 hrs; bursts and green flashes seen among buildings on north-west boundary. Weather: broken low cloud between Oise and 15 miles inland, after that clear.	
15/16 Aug	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/L D.C.S. MacDonald Observer: F/O D.H. Aloora R.A.F.	Intruder to Eyreux/St Andre	2138	2350	Saw a fire, possibly an aircraft, about 16 miles SW of St Andre. Dropped 4 x 500 lb bombs on north-east corner of Eyreux airfield from about 2000 ft at 2225 hrs, seeing three bursts. Much light flak from both targets. Saw a flash at Eyreux, considered to be the 4th bomb burst. At 2245 hrs saw an aircraft being shot at at Eyreux.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/L M.W. Beveridge Observer: Sgt Bays, R.O.R. R.A.F.	Intruder to Nantes	2155	0128	Slight flak from St Marcouf. Bomber seen falling in flames in Oubourg direction at 2319 hrs. At 2345 hrs bombed Nantes airfield, 2 x 500 lb, from 1200 ft; no bursts seen but estimate bombs fell in south-west dispersal area. Much flak and searchlights. Saw flak at Nantes. Attacked a train east of Rennes twice, seeing strikes on loco and train stopped. On return ran into considerable flak at base, and fired green-green but flak did not stop immediately.	

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15/16 Aug.	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/Sgt ^{R.A.F.} Clark , G. Observer: Sgt Smith, A.L. ^{R.A.F.} Clamont-Perrant	^{R.A.F.} Clamont-Perrant	Intruder to	2234	0247	At 0054 hrs attacked hangars and buildings at target, many strikes seen. Flew north-east and attacked a big hanger at Vichy/Rims, strikes seen. At 0103 hrs attacked round house in marshalling yards at St Germain, north of Vichy, and two trains in yard; numerous strikes on round house and one loco. Attacked a third train going south, strikes on carriages. Saw much flak at Evreux at 0200 hrs. On recrossing Channel at approx 0223 hrs received call from Handy but did not reply as origin of call suspected. Weather: perfect.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: S/L R.J. Bennell Observer: P/O P. Shield ^{RAF}	^{RAF}	Intruder to Bordeaux	2230	0300	Light flak seen from La Rochelle. Saw an E/A flashing downward recognition lights at Bordeaux. At 0047 hrs attacked a train at Portets, south of Bordeaux; strikes on loco and train seen to be halted and on fire. Weather: perfect; no clouds; bright moonlight. Vis. excellent.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O R.R. Rowlands Observer: Sgt Madhurst, R.H. ^{R.A.F.}	^{R.A.F.}	Intruder & Bomber Support	0100	0120	Undercarriage would not retract so landed after orbitting base in attempt to rectify defect.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O D.O. Harcourt Observer: Sgt Jenkins, V.L. ^{R.A.F.}	^{R.A.F.}	Intruder & Bomber Support	2232	0055	At 2335 hrs released 4 x 500 lb bombs on Juvincourt airfield from 3000 to 700 ft; immediately afterward saw bombs burst and aircraft on ground burst into flames, followed by ammunition exploding. When Intruder left target at 0100 hrs aircraft was still burning. At 2340 hrs attacked a train 5 miles north-east of Juvincourt, and at 0005 hrs a second train 6 miles south-west of Compiègne; strikes seen and train stopped in both cases. Weather: excellent.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O H.A. Hoar Observer: Sgt Gray, A.W. ^{R.A.F.}	^{R.A.F.}	Intruder to Bordeaux	0001	0345	Fire seen south of Bordeaux but no activity at target. Weather: ground mist at Bordeaux. Vis. good; no cloud; valley full of mist.	

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15/16 Aug.	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O R.C. Henderson Observer: P/O S.P. Marlett ^{R.A.F.}	^{R.A.F.}	Intruder & Bomber Support	0041	0430	A fire seen on ground 3 miles north-east of target. At 0225 hrs bombed airfield from 2500 ft, 2 x 500 lb, no results seen. Airfield observed to be covered with bomb craters. At 0237 hrs attacked a train 5 miles north-east of Dijon, results not seen. Weather: excellent; bright moonlight.	
16/17 Aug.	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L D.C.S. Macdonald Observer: P/O D.H. Alcorn ^{R.A.F.}	^{R.A.F.}	Intruder & Operation Flower	2118	0020	Considerable flak from Grandcamp and Aired. West side of Lorient harbour brightly lighted. Dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs from 2000 ft in area of target airfield at 2225 hrs; experiencing considerable flak. Train attacked three times on line from Wisperle to Bannales at 2307 hrs. Train stopped in gully and was attacked with cannon and m/g up and down, including number of strikes on loco. Weather: good; slight haze in valleys.	
2x	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O D.O. Harcourt Observer: Sgt Jenkins, V.L. ^{R.A.F.}	^{R.A.F.}	Intruder & Operation Flower	2118	2359	Bombed Evreux airfield; 4 x 500 lb bombs, diving from 2000 to 1000 ft; saw 4 bursts in south-east dispersal area, some smoke but no flames. At 2230 hrs made two attacks on a train 3 miles west of Nantes, getting strikes on cars in first and many strikes on loco in second attack; train stopped with much steam. Second train attacked at 2255 hrs 4 miles north-west of Vernon; strikes on loco and train stopped. Weather: clear; slight ground mist.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O R.R. Rowlands Observer: Sgt Madhurst, R.H. ^{R.A.F.}	^{R.A.F.}	Intruder to Chateaubun	2213	0204	Bombed Tours airfield with 2 x 500 lb bombs at 2359 hrs from 1000 ft, seeing no bursts but smoke from dispersals as area was lighted. Attacked a searchlight at target from 500 ft, dousing it. Considerable light flak came up along aircraft. Attacked an electric train at Boisseux, 25 miles north of Orleans, seeing strikes and red glow started inside train. Chased two trains near St Andre, which eluded Mosquito in gully and valleys. Near coast one engine failed, and took fire on being re-started.	103

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						After five minutes fire extinguished and Intruder returned to base on one engine. Weather: good; vis. good. Slight haze on return.	
16/17 Aug.	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O J.R.F. Johnson Observer: F/O H.J. Gibbons	Intruder & Operation Flower Bourges/St Andre	0100	0123	Dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs near north-east dispersal at Bourges at 0155 hrs from about 1000 ft; seeing 2 bursts in rummy. Immediately experienced much light and heavy flak; large hole facades in starboard wing. Chased two E/A at St Andre, but in both cases E/A doused lights and lost to view. Bombed St Andre airfield with 2 x 500 lb bombs at 0213 hrs, encountered much flak and searchlights. Attacked two trains west of Mantes seeing strikes on both. Made second attack on second train and met light flak from rear. Weather: excellent.	
	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O B.G. Henderson Observer: F/O S.P. Marlett	Intruder to Bourges/Creil Coulmiers Malun/Bretigny	2253	0205	Attacked a train at La Ferté Milon, 15 miles south-west of Soissons, at 0040 hrs, seeing strikes on loco and train stopped. At 0112 hrs saw a train going north towards bridge over Seine, 8 miles east of Rth Elboeuf. Dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs and saw one burst on railway immediately south of bridge and just ahead of train; and the other beside junction north of bridge. Weather: excellent; little haze N.E. Paris.	
17/18 Aug.	Mosquito VI	Pilot: Sgt Williams, A. Observer: Sgt Burnett, E.J.	Training Sortie	2230	0032	First sortie. Flew via Oyeux and Les Andelys to south of Pontoise and return. Weather: clear; haze in valleys.	
	Mosquito VI	Pilot: S/L C.C. Moran Observer: Sgt Rogers, G.V.	Intruder to R.A.F. Bordeaux	2225	2353	Book off Prademoek. Ran into 10/10 sea fog on leaving and turned back after 10 minutes, returning to Ford.	
	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/L H.S. Lison Observer: F/O A.K. Franklin	Intruder & Ardorf	2045	0045	Light flak with red tracer fairly accurate, from Aschendorf. At 2258 hrs dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs on Ardorf airfield, no results seen. Saw moderate flak from Spiekeroog. Observed about 10 small boats off Ferschelling at 2330 hrs. Landed at Coltishall at 0045 hrs; refuelled and returned to base. Weather: good vis; high cloud in patches of North Sea.	

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17/18 Aug.	Mosquito VI	Pilot: Sgt Alsworth, R.G. Observer: Sgt Molloy, E.J.	Training Sortie	0001	0205	First sortie. Flew via Les Andelys and La Roche to Rambouillet and returned. Weather: clear with patches of mist.	
	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O F.W. Hallwood Observer: F/O L.F.S. Spackman	Intruder & Bomber to Ardorf	2113	0041	Bombed Ardorf airfield, 2 x 500 lb, from 1200 ft at 2312 hrs as 8-10 searchlights unsuccessfully attempted to engage, and 2 light flak guns opened fire. Two searchlights illuminated aircraft at Leer, and light flak from 6 or 8 guns fired from Aschendorf slightly behind Mosquito. At 2230 hrs saw aircraft crash into the sea 10-20 miles south-west of Den Helder. Landed at Coltishall, then returned to base. Weather: good.	
	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/L M.W. Beveridge Observer: Sgt Dwyer, B.O.R.	Intruder to Brussels/Malbroek R.A.F. Eindhoven	0121	0501	Inaccurate light flak from Ghiesbree. Attacked a train east of Brussels, no results. At 0411 hrs saw a large trailer going into Knoke. Weather: ground haze; otherwise excellent.	
	Mosquito VI	Pilot: S/L C.C. Moran Observer: Sgt Rogers, G.V.	Intruder to Soesterberg	0109	0421	Saw an aircraft fire a very St Soesterberg. Light flak from at least six guns at target. Weather: excellent.	
	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O J.R.F. Johnson Observer: F/O H.J. Gibbons	Intruder to Bourges/Ardorf	2331	0320	Light flak from Quistrehm. At 0139 hrs attacked a train going west in wood 8 miles WSW of Hevers. Loco appeared to explode with big yellow flash followed by dense clouds of steam, which were still being emitted 15 minutes later. Weather: excellent.	
	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O B.G. Henderson Observer: F/O S.P. Marlett	Intruder to Ardorf	0046	0412	Bombed target airfield, 2 x 500 lb, at 0235 hrs, but no bursts seen. Landed at Coltishall, then returned home. Weather: excellent all way. 4/10 cloud very high over target. Vis. good up to 12 miles. Slight mist over English coast.	
	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O H.A. Hoar Observer: F/Sgt Collier, S.R.	Intruder & Bomber to Ardorf	2320	0315	Accurate light flak and searchlights at Papenburg. At 0125 hrs dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs on target airfield. On return journey fired at two small boats off Baltrum, which had first fired at aircraft, no strikes seen. At 0210 hrs saw convoy of 20 boats north of Ferschelling. Weather: good on return until thunderstorms on English coast.	170

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18/19 Aug.	Mosquito VI	R.A.F. Pilot: Sgt Williams, A. Observer: Sgt Garnett, R.J. Melun/Stratigny	Intruder to	0008	0510	At 0040 hrs attacked a train at Amale, seeing strikes on engine; return fire red tracer light flak from rear of train. No activity at targets. 2 x 500 lb bombs dropped on railway bridge at Morat-Sur Loing; no results seen. Attacked a second train south of St Corbell at 0445 hrs, strikes seen on engine. Landed at West Malling. Weather: over Channel 10/10 cloud at 1000 ft with more cloud at 3000 ft. Vis. good but deteriorating.	
"	Mosquito VI	R.A.F. Pilot: Sgt Aldworth, R.G. Observer: Sgt Malcain, R.J. Orleans Chateaubain	Intruder to	2245	0209	No activity at targets. Dropped 4 x 500 lb bombs on a railway south of St Aubin, no results seen. Landed at West Malling. Weather: 4/10 cloud at 1000 ft. Ground mist; vis. excellent.	
"	Mosquito VI	S/L C.G. Moran Observer: Sgt Rogers, G.V. Stuttgart/Boblingen Bernhausen	Intruder to	2108	0128	Uneventful. Petrol shortened due to faulty port engine. Weather: very clear in target area. Clear elsewhere and bright moonlight; no low cloud.	
"	Mosquito VI	P/O F.W. Ballwood Observer: P/O L.E.S. Speckman Bordeaux R.A.F.	Intruder to	2100	2335	Took off Predannock and when 60 miles from English coast generator went unserviceable, so returned to Ford. Weather: low stratus at English coast at 300 ft; clear beyond.	
"	Mosquito VI	P/O H.A. Hoar Observer: P/Sgt Collier, R.R. Clermont R.A.F.	Intruder to	2145	2157	Starboard undercarriage would not fully retract so returned to base.	
19/20 Aug	Mosquito VI	P/O Johnston, D.D. Observer: P/O D.F. Dwyer Tours/Orleans	Intruder to	2159	0115	At 2332 hrs bombed Tours airfield, 4 x 500 lb, diving from 4-1000 ft; seeing bursts in area of west dispersals. Attacked a train at Montreuil Belay; strikes on loco and train stopped. Weather: excellent; vis. excellent.	
"	Mosquito VI	P/L D.C.S. MacDonald Observer: P/O D.H. Alcorn Tours/Orleans	Intruder to	2256	0216	Some light flak from Tours town and airfield. Dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs on marshalling yards at Orleans at 0100 hrs, seeing two bursts and many greenish flashes. Lights seen on sea just south of Newhaven. Circled and saw red lamp flashing.	

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						Landing lights put on to identify and light flak followed, shooting along surface to south-east. Weather: heavy, ground fog, especially over rivers.	
19/20 Aug.	Mosquito VI	P/Sgt Lehman, G. R.A.F. Observer: Sgt Smith, A.L. R.A.F. Smith Avord	Intruder to	2235	0309	No activity at targets. At 0138 hrs attacked a train near Nevers, strikes on loco; at 0140 a second train in marshalling yards at Saincaize, strikes on loco and on cars in yard; and a third train 7 miles south of Les Andelys at 0230 hrs, numerous strikes on loco and flak from one gun in middle of train. Weather: good; mist and haze.	
20/21 Aug.	Mosquito VI	S/L C.G. Matheson R.A.F. Observer: Sgt Gray, L.V.	Training sortie	0050	0237	Flew to Les Andelys area and returned, experiencing slight before fire from flak abt 5 to 4 miles off Ault. Weather: thunderstorm and low rain cloud over Channel. Clear bright moonlight over France.	
21/22 Aug.	Mosquito VI	P/O F.W. Ballwood Observer: P/O L.E.S. Speckman, R.A.F. Clermont/Parvay	Intruder to	2105	0005	Target not reached owing to bad weather. Chartres airfield hit at 2159, but no activity; none at Bourges airfield. Weather: 6/10 to 7/10 at 1000 ft cloud.	
"	Mosquito VI	P/O H.A. Hoar Observer: Sgt Gray, L.V. Kerlin Bastard	Intruder to	2030	2305	Took off from Predannock. Saw numerous white lights in Sea S.S.V. Penzance Point. No landfall. Returned on reciprocal course. Weather: cloud 5/10 to 7/10 at 600 ft.	
22/23 Aug.	Mosquito VI	P/O H.A. Hoar R.A.F. Observer: Sgt Gray, L.V.	Intruder to	0204	0430	No activity at target. Bombed railway south-west of Mantou/Gassinourt, seeing bursts and many red sparks. Weather: clear over France.	
"	Mosquito VI	P/L H.S. Lison Observer: P/O A.E. Franklin Cambrai/Spiny	Intruder to	0147	0415	Bombed railway north-east of Cambrai, observing direct hits on the line. On approaching airfield an E/A burning light was seen to land. No further activity. Weather: clear over Belgium.	
"	Mosquito VI	P/O F.W. Ballwood Observer: P/O L.E.S. Speckman R.A.F. MAIN OBERLIN	Intruder to	2300	0232	Uneventful. Weather: clear to within 26 miles of target; such ground in valleys.	121

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22/23 Aug.	Mosquito VI	R.A.F. Pilot: Sgt Aldrich, R.S. Observer: Sgt McLokey, R.J.	Intruder & Bomber to Florennes	2159	0108	At 2307 hrs they bombed target airfield, seeing bursts in target area. Large fire seen burning and growing in intensity approx 7 miles north of airfield. Weather: much ground haze; clear over France.	
"	Mosquito VI	S/L C.G. Moran R.A.F. Observer: P/Sgt Rogers, G.V. Mainz Ober Oia	Intruder to	2205	0216	10/10 cloud on the deck at target area; no activity. Attacked train north-east of Luxembourg; no results seen. Weather: 10/10 cloud at zero ft over Germany. Clear over France.	
"	Mosquito VI	F/O J.R.F. Johnson Observer: F/O H.J. Gibbons	Intruder & Bomber to Florennes	2344	0333	Number of fires in target area. Bombed airfield from east to west but no bursts seen. Attacked train at Hautmont, seeing strikes on carriages and loco, leaving it stopped and enveloped in steam. Weather: clear over Belgium. Vis. excellent.	
"	Mosquito VI	R.A.F. Pilot: Sgt Williams, A. Observer: Sgt Garnett, R.J. Bretigny	Intruder to	2323	0230	No activity at target. Bombed bridge at junction north of Morat, seeing bursts on the approach to bridge followed by green and red flashes. 6 or 7 searchlights, apparently water-borne, just north of Somois estuary, failed to illuminate. Weather: 8/10 cloud at 4000 ft over Channel. Clear over France.	
"	Mosquito VI	R.A.F. Pilot: F/O C.G. Schaff Observer: F/O R.A. Brown	Intruder to Florennes	2245	0205	While making bombing run east to west, intruder sighted E/A burning navigation lights taking off. Unable to engage so released bombs; no results seen. En route for coast attacked train approaching Bohaine; no results seen. Attacked a second train going north-east north of Bohaine, and observed many strikes on loco, which appeared to be on fire, stationary and emitting much smoke. Weather: clear over Belgium.	
23/24 Aug.	Mosquito VI	F/O J.R.F. Johnson Observer: F/O H.J. Gibbons	Bomber & Intruder to Lille/Vandeville Cambrai/Merguier	2305	0135	At 0001 hrs bombed Lille/Vandeville airfield from 2500 ft, 2 x 500 lb, no results seen. Weather: very dark; low stratus in target area.	

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23/24 Aug.	Mosquito VI	R.A.F. Pilot: F/O C.G. Schaff Observer: F/O R.A. Brown	Intruder to Lille/Vandeville	0208	0448	Bombed Vandeville airfield from 1500 ft, at 0336 hrs, 2 x 500 lb, seeing bursts in north-east dispersal area. Heavy flak from Vitry airfield. Attacked a train south-east of Arrahies at 0318 hrs, with no results; and a second train 6 miles south east of Lille at 0353 hrs, seeing strikes on cars. Weather: very good; vis: 6 miles.	
"	Mosquito VI	R.A.F. Pilot: S/L Matheson, G.C. Observer: Sgt Bush, L.W.	Intruder to ORLEANS/CHATEAUPON	0228		Failed to return.	
"	Mosquito VI	F/L H.S. Eisson Observer: F/O A.E. Franklin	Operation Flower to Parchin	2055	0121	8-10 searchlights and heavy flak at Amsterdam, 10-12 searchlights and intense light flak from Neppen, and flak concentration Hanover and Bremen areas. Cannon flashes position south of Luneberg at 1500 ft approx, and a few minutes later saw a fire on the ground 35-40 miles south-west of Luneberg. At Twenty one of 4 searchlights with one indicator light tracking intruder. Operated from Castle Camps.	
"	Mosquito VI	R.A.F. Pilot: F/O D.O. Horcott Observer: Sgt Jenkins, V.L.	Operation Flower to Parchin	2118	0131	Attacked an unidentified E/A at Parchin airfield, seeing strikes and smoke. Operated from Castle Camps.	
"	Mosquito VI	F/O B.G. Henderson Observer: F/O S.P. Marlatt	Operation Flower to Parchin	2210	0218	Unable to pinpoint so target not reached. Patrolled Twenty and sighted an E/A but unable to engage. Operated from Castle Camps.	
"	Mosquito VI	F/O R.R. Rowlands Observer: Sgt Koshorst, R.H.	Operation Flower to Parchin	2139	0024	Flak and searchlights from Albnear, Amsterdam, and Neppen. At 2240 hrs saw an aircraft shot down in flames near Rutenbrook. Returned from Neppen owing to unserviceable intercom.	
"	Mosquito VI	S/L H.J. Bennell Observer: F/O P. Shield	Operation Flower to Stendal	2208	0307	Sighted 5 E/A at target but was unable to engage. Operated from Castle Camps.	

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23/24 Aug	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/Sgt Johnson, R.A.F. Observer: Sgt Smith, A.S.	Intruder & Operation Flower to Stenhal	2330	0329	At 0049 hrs attacked an E/A at Stenhal, seeing strikes on port wing. On break away E/A at approx 500 ft was turning away to port and doused nav lights. 2 other E/A sighted but unable to engage. At 0100 hrs shot up dispersals and all lights doused except beacon. Operated from Castle Camps.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O R.D. Johnson Observer: F/O R.F. Dyer	Intruder & Operation Flower to Jagel	2343	0329	At 0159 hrs saw an E/A with nav lights and chased it to circuit of airfield, when lights doused and it was lost. Operated from Castle Camps.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/A D.G.S. McDonald Observer: F/O R.H. Alcock	Intruder & Operation Flower to Grifswald	2340	0320	Difficulty in pinpointing at the Danish coast delayed Intruder and target not reached. Patrolled Stead and Nordhals, but saw no activity. Experienced flak from flak ships off Humbermouth and Amalund, and also at Helsingland, Gruboven, and Helsingland.	
24/25 Aug	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O R.D. Johnson Observer: F/O R.F. Dyer	Intruder to Helm/Westigny	2327	0135	Saw at least six trains going south-east through Fontainebleau between 0005 and 0030 hrs. Attacked 3 of these seeing numerous bright flashes on first loco, and strikes and clouds of steam on others. Attacked a fourth train going south 8 miles east of Nemours, seeing strikes on loco and much steam. Engine hung up when attempting to hook Helm marshalling yards. Weather and vis. excellent.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O R.E. Rowlands Observer: Sgt Mallaret, R.A.F.	Intruder to Bourges/Arond	2225	0240	Very bad black out at Clermont and nearby towns. Observed a large building on fire 5 miles west of Les Andelys; also seen by F/O Johnston earlier. Weather: fair; thunder clouds over central France.	
25/26 Aug	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O P.E. Hallwood Observer: F/O H.P.S. Spackman	Intruder to Berlin	2026	2255	Weather completely unsuitable for Operation. Returned when south of Loriet. Low cloud down to 3-5000 ft with showers all along the route.	

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25/26 Aug	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/L H.S. Liason Observer: F/O A.E. Franklin	Intruder to St Disier Floresnes	2100	0055	Intruder plotted all the way to Rheims by orange ground lights. Brightly lit enclosure (possibly P/W camp) just north-west of Commercy. Many large fires seen in Charleroi area. No activity at either target. Weather: patchy; Alto-stratus 40-50 miles inland. Large cumulus cloud at 2500 ft over Rheims. Patches of ground fog throughout patrol areas, vis poor.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O J.R.P. Johnson Observer: F/O N.J. Gibbons	Intruder to Clermont, Iyon, Dijon, Orleans	2143	0216	Unsuccessful. Blackout very bad at Clermont and Iyon. Weather: vir good; no cloud.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: S/L G.C. Moran Observer: F/Sgt Rogers, R.A.F.	Intruder to Gilze St Trond	2300	0221	Investigated dummy airfield at Gilze and experienced intense light flak and 8 searchlights, some of which illuminated momentarily; and successful evasive action taken. Large fire seen north of St Trond. Further fires seen south of Charleroi. Canopy of 3 searchlights at Floresnes; and fired at one without seeing strikes, but all doused, lighting again 2 minutes later. No other activity. Weather: clear but dark; ground mist in valleys.	
27/28 Aug	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O D.O. Hancock, R.A.F. Observer: Sgt Jenkins, V.L.	Bomber & Intruder to Leon/Altdes	2110	2355	Saw much flak from Poix area, and Juvin-court aerodrome. At 2255 hrs bombed head in railway north of Monte Fontaine, seeing one direct hit. Weather: patches of cloud at 3000 ft over France. Clear but dark.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O P.E. Davard Observer: Sgt Wilson, R.A.F.	Bomber & Intruder to Juvin-court	2112	0010	Flak from Poix and also in target area. At 2251 hrs bombed Juvin-court airfield, 2 x 500 lb, but no bursts seen. On way back to coast saw about 6 orange explosions, followed by larger white explosions, along 1-2 miles of railway 5 miles south-east of Ault. These could still be seen over a period of five minutes. Weather: patches of low cloud. Some ground mist in valleys, vis. moderate.	

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27/28 Aug	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O D.D. Johnston Observer: P/O D.F. Dyer		Bomber & Intruder to St Dizier	2122	0185	Light flak and searchlights at Le Troport. Attempted bombing run at target at 2128 hrs, but lighting doused when 1-2 miles away so this was abandoned. As intruder looks away saw intense light flak from airfield, and 30 seconds later a violent white explosion very near the airfield. This continued burning with one or two surges of flame until lost to view. Pilot states this must have been an aircraft. En route for coast bombed railway junction west of Creil airfield, seeing bursts and many bluish-green flashes. Weather: haze in St Dizier area. Patches of low clouds; vis moderate.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O R.G. Henderson Observer: P/O S.P. Marlett		Intruder to Mainz Ober Oln	2207	0205	Light flak from Albert. Aircraft burning on ground 10 miles south of Florennes at 2303 hrs. 4 bursts of heavy flak from Hingen. While in target area intense heavy and light flak seen from Mainz to Hunsbach, with numerous searchlights. No activity at target. Weather: clear but dark on way in, but 8/10 cloud at 2000 ft all way back to Lille; thence patchy.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O R.R. Rowlands Observer: Sgt Melhurst, R.R. Mainz Ober Oln R.A.F.		Intruder to Mainz Ober Oln	2300	0315	One of searchlights over target. Also cones of searchlights in Mainz town and Hingen areas, as well as intense heavy and light flak. Much flak and searchlights activity from Hunsbach and Hunsberg directions. Each time target airfield was approached searchlights attempted to illuminate. No indications of E/A. Weather: patches of cloud at 3000 ft over French coast. Low cloud on hills and valley mist, gradually deteriorating on way back.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/Sgt Lehren, G. Observer: Sgt Smith, A.L. R.A.F.		Bomber & Intruder to Leon/Athies	0035	0338	Saw large fire in woods south-west of Soissons. Bombed Juvin-court airfield, 2 x 500 lb; no results seen. Saw an E/A fired	

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						at while orbiting Juvin-court airfield. E/A fired 4 reds and firing ceased. Bombed airfield second time, 2 x 500 lb, at 0230 hrs, but no results observed. Attached a train 10 miles south of Compiègne; train stopped but no strikes seen. Weather: patches of low cloud over French coast; clear but dark.	
27/28 Aug	Mosquito VI Pilot: S/L R.J. B small Observer: P/O P. Shield		Intruder to Mainz Ober Oln RAF	0009	0502	Large log fire seen SSE of Ault along railway. During first part of patrol there was much heavy and light flak and about 100 searchlights from Frankfurt and Hunsbach. 5 E/A seen to land at Ober Oln between 0220 and 0245 hrs, but engagement was impossible. Light flak from Poix on return. Weather: some cumulus cloud at 3000 ft. Large patches of 10/10 strato-cu about 2000 ft over areas covered. Vis: out of cloud good.	
30/31 Aug	Mosquito VI Pilot: Sgt Williams, A. Observer: Sgt Bennett, R.J.		Bomber & Intruder to Florennes	2350	0214	Target not seen owing to 10/10 cloud down to 500 ft. Six large fires (possibly furnaces) 10/15 miles south of Oudard. Weather: scattered cloud over France.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O R.H. Ballance Observer: Sgt P/O L.F.S. Spedden		Bomber & Intruder to R.A.F. Brussels/Malsbroeck	2355	0235	Difficulty in getting pinpoint in target area owing to very low cloud. No lights or activity. 2 searchlights held aircraft when crossing River Schelde, but failed on firing 3 other red cartridges. Port engine cut just before reaching base, so jettisoned bombs in sea and landed on one engine. Weather: over and east of Hunsbach haze.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O C.G. Baker Observer: P/O R.A. Hobbs		Bomber & Intruder to Florennes	0052	0323	Owing to low stratus 1,000 ft up to 3000 ft target could not be located. Searchlights and accurate light flak from Albert. Dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs on railway junction at Longue (10 miles south-east of Athiesville); no bursts seen. Weather: little cloud between target and coast.	

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30/21 Aug	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/O D.G. Barrett Observer: Sgt Jenkins, V.L.	R.A.F. Intruder to Brussels/Malabar	Number 4	0102	0355	No activity at target. Intense heavy flak and searchlights from Brussels-Ambury - Ghent area. At 0247 hrs saw an aircraft crash in flames and explode just south of Ambury. Dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs on railway 4 miles east of Brussels, seeing bursts on track 3-400 yards in front of train, at 0245 hrs. Weather: very dark; ground mist 8/10 down to 1500 ft between coast and target.	
	Mosquito VI Pilot: S/L G.G. Mason Observer: F/Sgt Rogers	R.A.F. Intruder to Brussels/Malabar	Number 4	0208	0412	Dropped 4 x 500 lb bombs in centre of searchlight concentration and intense light flak at target, no bursts seen. Experienced searchlights and light flak while in cloud approaching coast at Knokke. Weather: 10/10 cloud 1500 to 5000 ft and ground haze in target area.	
	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/L R.S. Mason Observer: F/O A.L. Franklin	R.A.F. Intruder to Fleennes	Number 4	0354	0505	Inaccurate light flak from Amiens/Ging. Coded by searchlights over target in cloud at 3500 ft. No signs of activity. Weather: 9/10 cloud from 200 ft to 3500 ft.	
1st Aug /1st Sept.	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/O D.G. Barrett Observer: Sgt Jenkins, V.L.	R.A.F. Intruder to Brussels/Malabar	Operation Flower to Main Base	2301	0215	No activity in target area. Weather: bad. 5/10 low cloud, some patches 10/10 over target.	
	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/O P.L. Wood Observer: F/Sgt Wilson, S. Main Base	R.A.F. Flower to Main Base	Flower to Main Base	2350	0344	Target inactive. Cloud 8/10 at 2500 ft. One of searchlights and heavy flak at Dunstall. Weather: low cloud and valley fog in France and Germany.	
	Mosquito VI Pilot: Sgt Williams, A. Observer: Sgt Bennett, E.J.	R.A.F. Flower to Main Base	Flower to Main Base	0150	0427	Target inactive. Bombed bridge over Seine at Vernon at 0245 hrs. 4 x 500 lb, seeing one burst about 300 yards from bridge. Weather: clear, deteriorating on way out. Light cloud at 4000 ft.	
	Mosquito VI Pilot: Sgt Alworthy, R.G. Observer: Sgt Mallock, E.J.	R.A.F. Flower to Main Base	Flower to Main Base	0135	0455	At 0235 hrs bombed Juvincourt airfield from 2000 ft, seeing flashes; light inaccurate flak from two positions followed immediately. Weather: low cloud at coast; haze in target area. Much mist near rivers.	

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31st Aug /1st Sept.	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/O R.R. Rowlands Observer: Sgt Medhurst, R.R.	R.A.F. Flower to Main Base	Flower to Main Base	2055	2340	When approx 15 miles east of Muppen Intruder had great difficulty in pinpointing, and finally set course for base rather than overfly on next patrol. Operated from Castle Camp. Weather: patchy 5/10 stratus at 2000 ft over sea, clearing on reaching coast. East of Rader See identical conditions experienced with base at 1000 ft. Vis: 2 miles.	
	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/O D.D. Johnson Observer: F/O D.F. Dyer	R.A.F. Intruder to Main Base	Intruder to Main Base	2107	0340	Intense fairly accurate light flak and searchlights in Muppen area and at Bergen/Allmar. Returned from Dunsberg area owing to low cloud which made pinpointing impossible. Weather: 9/10 stratus base 2000 ft, tops 4000 ft from coast to 200 miles inland. Vis. poor. Operated from Castle Camp.	
2	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/O R.G. Henderson Observer: F/O S.P. Marlett	R.A.F. Intruder to Main Base	Intruder to Main Base	2143	0227	Aircraft burning on ground seen near Yechde at 224 hrs. No activity at target. Weather: 9/10 cloud base 500 ft in target area. 6-9/10 at same over rest of route.	
	Mosquito VI Pilot: S/L E.J. Small Observer: F/O F. Small	R.A.F. Intruder to Main Base	Intruder to Main Base	2208	0300	Great difficulty experienced in finding target, owing to bad weather conditions. Finally forced to abandon task owing to patrol time having elapsed. Weather: 10/10 cloud strato-on tops at 2000 ft.	

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SEPTEMBER, 1943					
FORD, Sussex.	5th	(Cont'd)	S/L Bunnell and his observer, F/O Shield rounded off a successful tour of Operations (33 trips) by destroying an unidentified E/A at Worms/Biblis and a DO, 217 at Mainz/Gr. Ois. This put their score up to three destroyed and two damaged, since January, 1943.		
	6th		Weather - fair to cloudy - vis. 6-12 miles. F/L Linnam, F/O Sobert, F/O Rowlands, with their observers F/O Franklin, F/O Brown, and Sgt. Medhurst were detached to No. 517 Squadron, Comingsby, for three weeks' Special Duty. "A" Flight - S/L Bunnell flew to Hurston. "B" Flight - NPT's - Cross countries were carried out by F/L Beveridge, F/O Hoar and Sgt. Aldworth. A Local Flight by F/O Lee. There were seven operational sorties, six being Intruders and the remainder operation Flower. St. Didier aerodrome was bombed by F/L Beveridge, F/O Hoar, and Sgt. Aldworth who also attacked a train. F/O Davous went to Le Collet and S/L Moran to Luchfeld. F/O Lee patrolled Poix and Andena Glisy, while F/O Hallwood visited Merville and Lille. Squadron released - 05.15 hours. Nineteen Bombers landed here after a very successful prang on Munich. 1A1 Squadron operated secretly with 5 crews.		
	7th		Weather - fine with slight fog, turning cloudy. Vis. 6-12-30 miles. "A" Flight - Local Flying. S/L Bunnell returned from Hurston. "B" Flight - carried out NPT's and Air to Air firing by F/O Lee. There were three Operations Flower and two Intruder patrols. Airfields at Beauvais, Combray/Epigny, Chievres and Coulommiers were bombed by Sgt. Aldworth, F/O Lee, F/L Beveridge, and F/O Hallwood respectively. F/O Hoar patrolled Chievres unsuccessfully. Squadron released at 03.37 hours.		
	8th		Weather fine - Vis. 12-10-12. S/L Bunnell and his observer F/O Shield were posted to No. 60 O.T.U. as instructors, following completion of their tour of Operations. It was assumed that the Station Commander was operating in the Black Market, until our Navigation Officer confessed that he had left a large bag of flour, with which he intended to make paste for a new briefing map, in the Station Commander's car in mistake for the C.O. F/L MacDonald is to be congratulated on his promotion to the rank of Squadron Leader, on succeeding to the command of "A" Flight. F/O Palmer became Flight Lieutenant. "B" Flight - NPT's and camera tests. Formation flying was carried out by F/O, S obert. "A" Flight - NPT's and local flying. Two aircraft took off for Castle Camps to participate in a flower, but were recalled as the operation was cancelled. There were three Intruder patrols. Sgt. Aldworth bombed Vitry-sur-Ordre. F/O Johnston bombed Poix airfield and shot up the dispersals; and also a factory North of Pout St. Maxence. S/L MacDonald bombed the aerodromes at Lille/North and Vandeville. Squadron released at 03.15 hours.		

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SEPTEMBER, 1943					
FORD, Sussex.	8th	(Cont'd)	Five new crews were posted to the Squadron from No. 60 O.T.U. PILOTS 1st./Lt. Lunn (USA) F/O J.L. Armstrong F/O G.G. Finlayson F/O A.J. Brown F/O R.C. Ford F/O G.N. Miller F/O J.L. Clark F/O G.R. Miller F/O T. Thomson F/O H.S. Schellenberg		
	9th		Weather - fine - slightly raining and mist. Vis. 4 miles. "A" Flight carried out NPT's and local flying. "B" Flight - air to air flying and local flying. S/L Moran and S/L Foster flew to Toberry Island and return. F/O Lee, in the Oxford, flew to High Erball with S/L Bunnell and F/O Shield posted to No. 60 O.T.U. as instructor, as passengers and from there to Worthy Down. "A" Flight went to Castle Camps and 5 to Coltishall to operate, but owing to bad weather there were no patrols. We understated that rough conditions other than weather prevented in the Officers' Mess at Coltishall, until approx. 04.00 hours.		
	10th		Weather - cloudy - good vis. "B" Flight - NPT's F/O Thompson flew a cross-country in the afternoon and carried out searchlight co-operation at night. F/O Lee returned from Worthy Down. There were no operational sorties and the Squadron was released at 03.45 hours.		
	11th		Weather cloudy to fair, becoming cloudy again in evening - Vis. good. At approx. 0700 hours the camp was stirred to life by fire and some cannon. An escaping ME. 308 containing two members of the C.A.F. pursued by a 29 Mustang and 2 Typhoons and crashed near F.I.U. The pilot was severely injured and later died. The observer will recover and we trust will have useful information for intelligence. "B" Flight - Local Flying cross countries were carried out by F/O Ford, F/O Miller, and Lt. Lunn. F/O Bunnell flew to Coltishall and return. "A" Flight - NPT's camera tests and single engine flying were carried out. F/Sgt. Sims made a local flight in the Mustang, and F/O Armstrong flew searchlight co-operation. There was one operational sortie - S/L Moran operated from Fredensack, shot up a car at Beaupuy and a barge on the Seine near La Roche Guyon. F/O Hoar took off for Fredensack to operate from there, but returned owing to engine trouble. Squadron released at 03.30 hours.		
	12th		Weather - cloudy, slight mist, occasional showers. "B" Flight - a cross-country by F/O Armstrong. "A" Flight - NPT's F/O Ford, F/O Miller, and Lt. Lunn carried out cross-countries. There were no operational sorties and the Squadron was put at 60 mins. at 20.57 hours.		
	13th		Weather fair, becoming cloudy with showers - Vis. 12-6 miles The new map set-up in the Operations Room became fully operational, after some hard work by F/L Palmer and his missions. Briefing is now considerably more speedy, though the old briefing map is safely missed by some, who were wont to recline on it in the early morning hours. "B" Flight - and NPT by F/O Lee and a cross-country by F/O Armstrong. "A" Flight carried out NPT, camera tests, dusk to dark and beam approach. F/O Ford and F/O Miller flew to Harwich and return.		

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FORD, Sussex.	September, 43	13th (Cont'd)	S/L MacDonald and P/Sgt. Sims practiced dual in the Oxford and then P/Sgt. Sims made a solo flight in the same aircraft. There were no operational sorties, and the Squadron was released at 01.38 hours.		
		14th	Weather - fair, becoming cloudy with drizzle. Vis. very poor - 12 miles. "A" Flight - a solo by P/Sgt. Sims in the Oxford. "B" Flight - NPT's camera tests, RIT tests, and single-engine flying were carried out. In addition P/O Hallwood with his observer, and P/Sgt. Ewe of the Wireless Section, carried out an RIT test in a Boston. There was one cross-country by P/O Thomson. There were no operational sorties. Squadron was released at 23.25 hours.		
		15th	Weather - cloudy, becoming fair. Vis. 6-12 miles. "A" Flight - NPT's camera tests and local by P/Sgt. Sims in the Oxford. "B" Flight carried out NPT's. Squadron party was held at Fortington in the evening for "A" Flight and half of 3078 Echelon. After a showing of "Love Before Breakfast" featuring Carole Lombard and Preston Foster, and the Mickey Mouse cartoon, matters became informal round the piano. Free beer and sandwiches contributed to song, and the evening was enjoyed by all. A very busy operational night was experienced, after a long period of comparative quiet. On Bomber Support six of our crews operated, seven from 141 Squadron and one of 414 Squadron failed to return. There was excitement in the early hours when Sgt. Williams returning from a trip to Dijon was attacked by a twin-engined Hun as he was about to touch to the No. 24 runway. The Hun was burning navigation lights, and squirted our A/C from dead astern. Sgt. Williams opened his throttle and went off again. The P/A gave him a burst from his rear turret as he passed overhead, and then proceeded to patrol the vicinity for some time. After the attack the P/A squibbed the runway and apparently dropped an H/E bomb and a number of anti-personnel bombs which caused considerable machine dislocation the following morning. P/L Beveridge shot up a shipway and hangar at Blacrosse and damaged two trains. Beauvais and Coulmiers airfields were bombed by Sgt. Aldworth and P/O Lee respectively. S/L Moran destroyed a train near Gray-en-Val, and damaged two others. P/O Bear uneventfully patrolled Toulouse. Sgt. Williams bombed the railway line at Gray and attacked two trains, damaging one of them. Squadron released at 03.25 hours.		
		16th	Weather - cloudy, slight rain - Vis. 12-6 miles. Flying was out during the morning and afternoon owing to the attentions of our visitor of the night before. He had, apparently, scattered a lethal crop of anti-personnel bombs over the centre of the aerodrome, and by the following night 96 of these dangerous little ones had been harvested by the R.B. Squad. There was some doubt as to whether our aircraft could take off from base for operations during the night, but the situation was eased in time. Three aircraft from 264 Squadron and two from 605 Squadron, W/C. Tinsell and S/L Heath took off from Ford, and 2 Mustangs of 400 and 414, also operated. There were four Intruder patrols by No. 418 Squadron. P/O Johnston shot up hangars and buildings at Dijon, and 8 barges on the Seine just south of there. He also damaged two trains and shot up a car. P/Sgt. Lehman and his observer bombed a railway station at Melun, and attacked six trains in the vicinity, damaging four of these. P/O Norcott bombed a railway junction at Comme, and P/O Henderson made an uneventful sortie to Chateauroux.		

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FORD, Sussex.	SEPTEMBER, 43	16th (Cont'd)	There were four Intruder patrols by No. 418 Squadron. P/O Johnston shot up hangars and buildings at Dijon, and 8 barges on the Seine just south of there. He also damaged two trains and shot up a car. P/Sgt. Lehman and his observer bombed a railway station at Melun, and attacked six trains in the vicinity, damaging four of these. P/O Norcott bombed a railway junction at Comme, and P/O Henderson made an uneventful sortie to Chateauroux. Squadron released at 05.15 hours.		
		17th	Weather - fair becoming cloudy, slight drizzle. Vis. 12-18 miles. Two new Mosquitoes, lettered "J" - HU-830 and "U" HU-719 received today. P/L Lissou, P/O Rowlands and P/O Scharf returned with their observers from their attachment to No. 617 Squadron. They had operated on the night of the 15th, with that Squadron, in a Special Mission to the Canal near Amster, and many interesting and exciting experiences to describe. "B" Flight - on air test and a camera test. "A" Flight - NPT's were carried out. W/C Davoud and P/O Ford flew to Northolt in the Oxford, P/O Ford returning alone. There was practice bombing and searchlight co-operation night cross-countries were flown by P/O Ford, 1st/Lt. Lusa and P/O Millet. There were no operational sorties and at 0305 hours all aircraft were put at 60 mins.		
		18th	Weather - Fine becoming cloudy. Vis. 6-12 miles. During the afternoon an enthusiastic gathering of Aircrew led by the C.O. might have been observed busily fetching and dumping loads of bricks and gravel in pad corners. The result was a neat pathway from the Ops. Room to "B" Flight, a great improvement now that winter's mud is not far away. "A" Flight carried out sorties of practice bombing. "B" Flight - NPT's practice bombing and searchlight co-operation. There was one night cross-country by P/O Thomson. There were no operation sorties. Squadron released at 03.40 hours.		
		19th	Weather - Cloudy becoming fair, then cloudy. Vis. 6-10 miles. "A" Flight - Air Firing and practice bombing. There were three cross-countries. W/C Davoud to Geste-Camps and return, and P/Sgt. Lehman to Sigorney and return in the Oxford. "B" Flight carried out NPT's camera tests, single-engine flying, and one S/L co-operation. There were three operational sorties. Sgt. Williams bombed Bruggen airfield and attacked a train without observing results. P/O Thomson made a training sortie to Nantes/Gesnois area. S/L Moran took off for Scosterberg and Chievres, but found thick haze over Holland, so returned to base. All aircraft at 60 mins. at 0110 hours.		
		20th	Weather - Fine, becoming cloudy with slight drizzle and haze becoming fine. Vis. 4-12 Miles. P/O Hallwood left flown by P/O Johnson to Kerton Lindsay. P/O Carrick superannuated Signals Officer posted to HQ. "B" Flight - P/O Hallwood, P/O Johnson and P/O Schellenberg flew to Kirton-in-Lindsay in the Oxford. "A" Flight carried out NPT's camera tests, single engine flying, and bombing practice. There were six operational sorties. Training sorties by P/O Miller and P/O Ford were abandoned shortly after crossing the enemy coast, owing to bad weather. 1st/Lt. Lusa carried out a training sortie to Les Andelys, and P/O Johnston made an uneventful trip to Beauvais. P/O Norcott successfully bombed a train near Rouen. P/Sgt. Lehman bombed Rouen airfield and attacked a train being strikes on carriages. Squadron, released at 03.40 hours.		

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FORD, Sussex.	SEPTEMBER, 1943	21st.	<p>Weather - Breeze - Breezing cloudy, slight rain in evening. Vis. - 4-12 miles.</p> <p>Boston "B" and "C" transferred from No. 418 to Alcock General Training, Longborough. A busy day in the Operations Room, much painting and decoration of walls with a new target map and photograph lay-out. The old briefing map has become an observers' table in the crew room. Blackboards have been replaced by - IAG - boards, and the new briefing map is now decorated with a highly British combination of Dark and Light Blue. The crew room "borrowed" "B" Flight's chairs, and now remains one Lounge of the "Royal York".</p> <p>F/O Reynolds (Observer) was posted to the Squadron from No. 1 Radio School. S/L Bannell paid us a flying visit from No. 60 O.S.U.</p> <p>2nd Flight - F/O Johnson and F/O Schellenberg returned from Kirton-in-Lindsey. F/O Armstrong and F/O Brown flew to Northolt and return in the Oxford. F/O Johnson flew to Hornchurch and returned with Sgt. Williams, who had flown another aircraft to Hornchurch.</p> <p>"A" Flight carried out NPT's and camera tests. There was one uneventful Intruder patrol by F/O Howlands to Haverhill. All aircraft at 60 mins. at 0900 hours.</p>		
		22nd.	<p>Weather - Fine slight mist on morning - Vis. - 2-12 miles.</p> <p>"A" Flight - No Flying.</p> <p>"B" Flight - carried out NPT's and camera tests.</p> <p>There were six operational sorties, 5 being operation Flower and one Intruder. S/L Moran attacked an E/A at an aerodrome near Hannover. The E/A flew up directly in front of our aircraft and the Mosquito went out of control. Pilot righted and managed to maintain course until approx 24 miles from MANSTON when port engine took fire and crew baled out. Pilot picked up by Air/Sea rescue after spending about 3 hours in the dinghy. Search for F/Sgt. Rogers continues.</p> <p>Aerodromes at Deelen, Twente, and Einhoven were bombed by Sgt. Aldworth, F/O Scherf, and F/O Lee respectively. F/O Johnson bombed at Deventer and Duxpan, and F/L Beveridge patrolled Leusarden. F/O Thomson took off on a training trip, but turned back North-East of Dieppe owing to haze. Sgt. Williams became airborne but returned owing to engine failure. Three of our aircraft landed at Castle Camps then returned to base. F/L Lisson Bombed Airfield at Twente. Squadron released at 02.10 hours.</p>		
		23rd.	<p>Weather - Fine, slight mist, becoming cloudy with slight mist. Vis. - 4-6 miles.</p> <p>Search by Air/Sea rescue found an empty dinghy - No trace has been discovered of F/Sgt. Rogers, and there is little hope of his being found. In this the Squadron has lost a very valuable and experienced navigator who with his pilot S/L Moran, has carried out a most successful tour of Operation the Spring and Summer.</p> <p>"A" Flight - NPT's and camera tests. W/O Davoud with F/L Lundy (the M.O.) and F/O Reynolds flew to Nunston in the Oxford to bring S/L Moran back.</p> <p>"B" Flight carried out NPT's.</p> <p>There were nine operational sorties, seven in support of Bomber Command, one Intruder, and one training sortie. F/L Beveridge destroyed an aerodrome south-west of Stuttgart and attacked a third without observing results. F/O Johnson destroyed a FW. 190 between Evreux and St. Andre. F/O Lee bombed hills/nord airfield, and Sgt. Williams bombed a railway south of Arras. F/L Lisson, F/O Thomson, and Sgt. Aldworth, made uneventful sorties to Metz, Merville, and St. Dizier respectively. F/O Scherf on route for Melun, turned back from Comblains owing to bad weather. F/O Armstrong flew a training sortie to St. Marcourt. All released at 02.20 hours except one aircraft, kept at readiness.</p>		

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FORD, Sussex.	SEPTEMBER, 1943	24th	<p>Weather - Cloudless until evening. Vis 2000 yds. in the morning, becoming 6-12 miles.</p> <p>In the evening the second Squadron Staff party, this time for "B" Flight and the remainder of 3078 Bobelton, enjoyed as great a success as the first.</p> <p>"A" Flight - NPT's, single-engine flying, camera tests and local flying. W/O Davoud flew to Northolt and return. F/O Ford flew from Hornchurch to base.</p> <p>There were three operational training sorties by F/O Ford to the Orleans area, 1st Lt. Luma and F/O Miller to the Bikan area. F/O Miller bombed a railway south of Avanches, and Lt. Luma a railway near Airal.</p> <p>All aircraft at 60 mins. at 02.55 hours.</p>		
		25th	<p>Weather - Cloudy with slight rain. Vis - 6-12 miles.</p> <p>"B" Flight - F/O Hour carried out an NPT.</p> <p>"A" Flight - NPT's were carried out. Six of our aircraft flew to Castle Camps for a Flower, but returned as the operation was cancelled.</p> <p>Squadron released at 2130 hours.</p>		
		26th	<p>Weather - Partly cloudy. Vis. 4-7 miles.</p> <p>There was no flying by "A" Flight.</p> <p>"B" Flight carried out NPT's.</p> <p>The only operational sortie was an uneventful Intruder patrol by F/Sgt. Aldworth to Bretigny.</p> <p>Squadron released - 0255 hours.</p>		
		27th	<p>Weather - Fine, turning partly cloudy. Vis. - 3-6-12 miles.</p> <p>"A" Flight - Air to ground firing at Leydsdonk Range.</p> <p>"B" Flight carried out air firing and NPT's.</p> <p>F/L Lisson, F/O Hour, F/O Johnson, F/O Scherf and Sgt. Aldworth flew to Castle Camps to operate. There were six operational sorties, 4 being operation Flower and 2 Intruder.</p> <p>F/O Armstrong bombed a railway near a train south of Melun, and later bombed the same line two miles south-east and fired at a train, which stopped. F/L Lisson destroyed a JU 88 and an unidentified E/A. at Volkenrode airfield. F/O Johnston patrolled airfields near Hannover and saw an E/A shot down by F/L Lisson. F/Sgt. Aldworth patrolled the HILBERSHEIM/HEUBWICK area. F/O Hour and F/O Lee both returned early on account of bad weather.</p> <p>Squadron released - 0207 hours.</p>		
		28th	<p>Weather - Cloudy with drizzle early in the morning. Vis. - 6-12 miles.</p> <p>F/O Alcorn posted to "B" Depot, Houghton Green for repatriation.</p> <p>F/L Beveridge becomes S/L on taking command of "B" Flight, with F/L Lisson as Deputy Flight Commander. F/O Howlands is promoted to F/L, and Deputy Flight Commander of "A" Flight.</p> <p>"B" Flight carried out NPT's and camera tests. F/O Henderson flew to South Gerney and return.</p> <p>There were no operational sorties.</p> <p>Squadron released - 2245 hours.</p>		
		29th	<p>Weather - Partly cloudy to cloudy with slight rain. Vis. - 4-6 miles.</p> <p>S/L Moran posted to "B" Depot, Houghton Green, prior to leaving for Canada, having completed a most successful tour of Ops.</p> <p>"B" Flight - A local flight by F/Sgt. Williams in the Magister.</p> <p>"A" Flight carried out NPT's.</p>		

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FORD, Sussex.	SEPTEMBER 1943	29th (Cont'd)	There were three operational sorties in support of Bomber Command activity. P/O Norcott patrolled south of the target and P/Sgt. Lukusa covered Gills, Hindshaw and FOSHERMAN. P/O Henderson turned back at Hury owing to bad weather. Three other sorties were attempted, P/O Rowlands returned just before crossing the enemy coast because of the weather, and P/O Davoud came back after flying into the Canterbury Balloon Barrage and narrowly avoiding collision with the cables. P/O Johnston hit the balloons at Dover and crashed on the shore. Both he and his observer (P/O Dwyer) were killed. The Squadron thus suffers another very sad loss and the cheery personalities of "Dunc" and "Dai" will be greatly missed by all of us. Squadron released - 0035 hours.		
		30th	Weather - Cloudy, slight mist. Vis. - 4 miles to 2000 yds to 2 1/2 miles. "A" Flight - NIL. "B" Flight carried out NPT's. There were no operational sorties and at 1917 hours all were released except 4, kept at 60 mins. Operational Hours for Month..... 258.25 Training Hours for Month.....290.20 Personnel on operations as at 30th September 1943. R.C.A.F. Officers Air Crew - 25 R.C.A.F. Airman Air Crew - 3 R.C.A.F. Officers Ground Crew - 5 R.C.A.F. Airman Ground Crew - 186 R.A.F. Officers Air Crew - 1 R.A.F. Airman Aircrew - 9 R.A.F. Officers Ground Crew - 1 R.A.F. Airman Ground Crew - 15 R.A.F. Officers Air Crew - 1 AIRCRAFT ON STRENGTH: Mosquito II - 0 Boston III - 2 Mosquito III - 1 Magister - 1 Mosquito VI - 32 Oxford - 1 (P.Y. Davoud) D.P.C., Wing Commander, Commanding, No. 118 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron <i>P.Y. Davoud</i> <i>in action</i>		

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				UP	DOWN		
2/5 Sept.	Mosquito VI	Pilots: P/O G.C. Sobers Observer: P/O E.A. Brown	Flower Leon/Athies	2023	2300	Bombed target with 2 x 500 lb; immediately illuminated by 5-6 searchlights which made observation impossible. Patrol cut short due to technical fault. Weather: 1/10 cloud at 4000 ft east of Jurvinoourt. Vis. 2 miles.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilots: Sgt Williams, A. Observer: R.A.F. Sgt Gurnett, E.G.	Flower Florennes	2050	2315	Landfall contested by slight light flak and searchlights from Le Preport. Target not seen owing to considerable haze. Bombed railway 6 miles south of Ault with 2 x 500 lb; no results seen. Weather: much haze in target area. 8/10 cloud at 3000 ft over Belgium. Vis. poor but improving in coastal regions.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilots: P/O E.W. Hallwood Observer: P/O L.F.S. Spence	Intruder Malm/Bretigny	2041	2341	Unsuccessful. Weather: clear but dark to Harne where much high cloud. 10/10 at 3500 ft at Malm. Vis. 3 miles.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilots: Sgt Alcorn, R.C. Observer: P/O E.A. Brown	Flower Jurvinoourt	2151	0058	At 2302 hrs bombed target, seeing bursts on airfield. Slight light flak after bombing. Weather: patches of low cloud at coast, 10/10 at 2000 ft over target, and some ground haze.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilots: P/O H.A. Hor Observer: Sgt Gray, A.W.	Intruder Chateaubain	2324	0105	Slight light flak from Evreux. Task abandoned owing to faulty compass. Bombed a railway near Mantev/Gassinourt with 2 x 500 lb at 0012 hrs. Weather: low cloud over coast improving inland.	
3/4 Sept.	Mosquito VI	Pilots: P/O G.C. Sobers Observer: P/O E.A. Brown	Flower Stendal	2027	2302	Turned back at approx Haron, west of Ess Canal, owing to low cloud which made pinpointing impossible. Operated from Castle Camps.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilots: P/O P.Y. Davoud Observer: P/Sgt Wilton, S.	Flower Neurupin	2152	2254	Turned back at 2217 hrs over North Sea; electronics were failing intermittently and generator dropped to 10 volts. Operated from Castle Camps.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilots: P/O H.S. Isaac Observer: P/O A.E. Franklin	Flower Stendal	2113	0012	Turned back at 2235 hrs, near Harne; unable to pinpoint on Ess. Operated from Castle Camps.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilots: Sgt Williams, A. Observer: Sgt Gurnett, E.J.	Flower Purchin	2046	0117	No activity at target. Operated from Castle Camps. Weather: no cloud and good vis in target area.	

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4/4 Sept.	Mosquito VI	Pilot: R.A.F. Sgt Alborough, R.G. Observer: Sgt Mulcair, E.J. Farohin	Flower	2119	0053	Turned back approx south of Bremen, as unable to pinpoint. On approaching enemy coast at 2225 hrs saw an explosion ahead and above, approx 10,000 ft, and pieces fell into cloud. Operated from Castle Camps.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: S/L G.C. Hofan Observer: P/Sgt Rogers, G.V. Greifswald R.A.F.	Flower	2201	2323	Turned back from Turnshelling; navigational aid not working. Saw much heavy flak directed at an unseen aircraft from end of Turnshelling. Operated from Coltishall. Weather: very heavy; large patches of low cloud at 1200 ft.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/O P.W. Hallwood Observer: P/O L.F.S. Spackman Greifswald R.A.F.	Flower	2125	0005	Navigational aid failed when north-west of Vlieland. Turned back shortly after crossing enemy coast, unable to pinpoint. Operated from Coltishall. Weather: 8/10 cloud on coast 3-4000 ft; some rain, very hazy.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/O H.A. Hoar Observer: Sgt Gray, A.W. Greifswald R.A.F.	Flower	2117	0205	No activity at target. On return passed close to Roslost; moderate heavy and light inaccurate flak and searchlights from Frisian Islands. Weather: over coast 8/10, over target 10/10 thick cloud at 1200 ft; haze. Operated from Coltishall.	
5/6 Sept.	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/O D.D. Johnston Observer: P/O D.F. Dwyer	Flower Loon/Athies Juvincourt	2027	2339	Slight light flak from daisy at Fourmerie and Beauvais. Aircraft seen once by searchlights from Juvincourt but intruder unable to engage. Bombed railway junction near Ordel, seeing 2 flashes. Slight light flak from Ordel on approach. Weather: 10/10 cloud at 1500 ft down to Beauvais, improving further south. Vis. fair.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/O B.G. Henderson Observer: P/O S.P. Marlatt	Flower Loon/Athies Juvincourt	2005	0100	Juvincourt much heavy and light flak, not fired at intruder. No activity at either target. Aircraft burning on ground 4 miles south of Biville. Weather: 10/10 cloud at 2500 ft to 20 miles inland, breaking to 6-8/10 with haze.	

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5/6 Sept.	Mosquito VI	Pilot: R.A.F. P/O H.C. Horrocks Observer: Sgt Jenkins, V.L. Loon/Athies Juvincourt	Flower	2301	0200	Target not identified and no bombs dropped.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/Sgt Lebrun, C. Observer: Sgt Smith, A.L. Metz/Pescate R.A.F.	Flower	2303	0300	Shot up north dispersals at target, seeing number of strikes. Weather: hazy; much cloud 70 miles inland, getting denser with rain on return to coast.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/L D.C.S. MacDonald Observer: P/O D.H. Aloom Evreux	Flower	0128	0210	Target not reached. Moderate light and heavy flak from vicinity of Pecamp. Gyro instruments spun when crossing coast. Flew on basic instruments to Seine in vicinity Rouen, then set course for coast.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: S/L R.V. Bennell Observer: P/O P. Shield R.A.F.	Flower	2202	0307	Worms/Biblis lit and at least 12 aircraft seen landing. Attacked unidentified E/A at 0020 hrs, seeing cannon strikes all over E/A which exploded in mid-air and crashed in flames, burning for 20 minutes. Sighted 2 more E/A. At Mainz Ober Oln attached Dornier 217 from dead astern and below at about 3-400 ft, seeing strikes on port side. The E/A flicked on to its back, hitting the ground with a terrific explosion. Weather: much haze and low cloud 80 miles inland. Much haze and pall of smoke from bomber target.	
6/7 Sept.	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/O P.Y. Dayoud R.F.C. Observer: P/Sgt Wilson, S. Le Gulot	Intruder	0135	0130	Uneventful. Weather: fine with some mist and low cloud over French coast and Channel.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: S/L C.C. Moran Observer: P/Sgt Rogers, G.V. Lechfeld R.A.F.	Flower	2126	0220	Target lit but no activity. Intense heavy and light flak and many searchlights at Friedrichshaven. Weather: over France very clear; no cloud but some ground mist.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/L E.V. Beveridge Observer: Sgt Bays, R.O.P. St Dixier	Flower	2023	0017	Bombed target aerodrome, 4 x 500 lb, at 2155 hrs; no results seen.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/O R.H. Lee Observer: P/Sgt Collier, E.R. Poix R.A.F.	Intruder	2159	0015	Uneventful. Weather: patches of high cloud, otherwise clear.	

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6/7 Sept.	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O P.W. Hallwood Observer: P/O L.P.S. Spackman R.A.F. Lille	Observer: P/O L.P.S. Spackman R.A.F. Lille	Intruder	2355	0045	No activity at targets. Heavy and light flak seen in Calais/Dunkirk area. Weather: 4-5/10 cloud at 2500 ft in Channel and over France.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O H.A. Hoar Observer: Sgt Gray, A.V. R.A.F.	Observer: Sgt Gray, A.V. R.A.F.	Intruder	2377	0255	Flak and searchlights each time target was approached. Bombed airfield, 2 x 500 lb, no results seen. Weather: slight cloud with ground haze.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: Sgt Aldworth, R.C. R.A.F.	Observer: Sgt Mulcair, E.J.	Intruder	0047	0420	Bombed target aerodrome with 2 x 500 lb, seeing explosions on dispersals. Attacked a train north of Coulommiers, no results seen.	
7/8 Sept.	Mosquito VI Pilot: Sgt Aldworth, R.C. R.A.F. Mosquito VI Observer: Sgt Mulcair, E.J.	Observer: Sgt Mulcair, E.J.	Flower	2015	2215	Bombed target with 2 x 500 lb, seeing two bursts followed by 2 orange flashes. Light flak fairly near intruder.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O R.H. Lee R.A.F.	Observer: P/Sgt Collier, E.R. Cambrai/Epigny	Flower	2040	2255	Bombed target, 2 x 250 lb, seeing two bursts no results seen. Weather: scattered cloud 3000 ft; mist in valleys.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O H.A. Hoar Observer: Sgt Gray, A.V.	Observer: Sgt Gray, A.V.	Flower	2111	0010	Target not seen. 10/10 cloud at 4000 ft in target area.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O P.W. Hallwood Observer: P/O L.P.S. Spackman R.A.F.	Observer: P/O L.P.S. Spackman R.A.F. Coulommiers	Intruder	0012	0235	Bombed Coulommiers airfield, 2 x 500 lb, no bursts seen. Weather: scattered cloud 5-6000 ft; rather hazy.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L M.W. Swaridge Observer: Sgt Bays, R.C. R.A.F.	Observer: Sgt Bays, R.C. R.A.F. Chievres	Intruder	2350	0342	Bombed target, 2 x 500 lb, in centre of six searchlights; intense light flak immediately afterward. Weather: broken cloud above 3000 ft in most areas, and industrial haze.	
8/9 Sept.	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O D.O. Morcott R.A.F.	Observer: Sgt Jenkins, V.L.	Intruder	2240	0050	No lights at target, which was bombed with 2 x 500 lb, with unobserved results. Fire on of aircraft burning seen on ground a few miles east of Lille/Vendeville. Weather: much ground haze. Slight low cloud east of target area.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O D.D. Johnston Observer: P/O D.F. Dyer	Observer: P/O D.F. Dyer	Intruder	2242	0122	Bombed Poix airfield, without observing results. Cannon attack made on south-east dispersals, seeing strikes on buildings. Cannon attack on factory north of Pont St Maurice. Weather: ground haze; vis. fairly good.	

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8/9 Sept.	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O D.C.S. MacDonell Observer: P/O D.H. Alcock R.A.F.	Observer: P/O D.H. Alcock R.A.F.	Intruder	2250	0240	Lille/Reed bombed at 2355 hrs with 2 x 500, seeing 2 bursts followed by several other explosions. Bombed Vendeville with 2 x 500 lb, seeing 2 bursts. Very poor blackout at Brussels. Weather: dark and hazy from Abbeville to Brussels, becoming lighter to Florence then dark and hazy to coast.	
11/12 Sept.	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L C.G. Moran Observer: P/Sgt Rogers, G.V. R.A.F.	Observer: P/Sgt Rogers, G.V. R.A.F.	Intruder	2318	2348	Operated from Predannock. Observed several ships anchored off Croix Island. Some light flak north of Leizist. Attacked a car at Baugemay; strikes seen and lights doused. One burst of flak from Orleans town. Fired at a barge on Seine south-west of La Roche Guyon, no strikes seen. Weather: good; patches of mist in valleys near Seine. Thin upper cloud.	
15/16 Sept.	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O P.W. Hallwood Observer: P/O L.P.S. Spackman R.A.F.	Observer: P/O L.P.S. Spackman R.A.F. Casteauvroux	Flower	2125	2215	Returned owing to failure of deflector sight.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L M.W. Swaridge Observer: Sgt Bays, R.C. R.A.F.	Observer: Sgt Bays, R.C. R.A.F. Bourdeaux	Intruder	2138	0148	Shot up slipway and hangar at Maccarosse, some flak in return. Attacked a train just north of Saintes and a second train near Marans, seeing strikes on both. Weather: clear over France with good vis. Slight high cloud over France on way home.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O R.H. Lee Observer: P/Sgt Collier, E.R. R.A.F.	Observer: P/Sgt Collier, E.R. R.A.F. Dijon	Flower	2125	0150	No activity at target. Light flak from Coulommiers which was bombed with unobserved results at 0032 hrs, 2 x 500 lb, on return journey. Weather: scattered cloud at 4000 ft in target area; much ground haze.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: Sgt Aldworth, R.C. Observer: Sgt Mulcair, E.J.	Observer: Sgt Mulcair, E.J.	Flower	2200	0114	Bombed target airfield, 2 x 500 lb, no results observed. Weather: fair.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O H.A. Hoar Observer: Sgt Gray, A.V.	Observer: Sgt Gray, A.V.	Intruder	2053	0135	Successful.	

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15/16 Sept	Mosquito VI	Pilot: S/L G.C. Moran Observer: F/Sgt Rogers, G.V. Mombidier R.A.F.	Intruder	2234	0055	Attacked two trains near Grey-en-Val(2330-2350). First train stopped by two bombs in front and raked with cannon fire, strikes seen all along train. Second train stopped by cannon fire; the engine directly hit by bomb, also a wagon near front of train received a direct hit from a second bomb. A third train was attacked on Compiègne Royans line at 0005 hrs, and strikes seen on the engine. Weather: clear over France at 2000 ft with much ground haze in valleys.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: Sgt Williams, A. R.A.F. Observer: Sgt Christie, R.J.	Flower Bijon	2212	0145	Attacked a train south of Chausson, many strikes seen and loco appeared to be enveloped in flames. Second train attacked south of Gray but only one strike seen. Bombed the railway line at Gray, 2 x 500 lb, no results observed. On coming in to land at base fired at by anti E/A from dead astern. No strikes were registered and Mosquito opened throttles and took off again, only to be subjected to rearward fire from E/A which had passed overhead. Again no damage to our aircraft, so landed safely. Weather: no cloud over target. Vis. good, slight haze.	
16/17 Sept	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O D.D. Johnston Observer: F/O D.F. Dwyer	Intruder Bijon	2142	0002	Bangers and buildings on west boundary at Bijon shot up at 2340 hrs. One burst of flak experienced. At 2355 hrs about 8 small barges on Seine south of Dijon shot up, many strikes seen. Train attacked at same place on bridge over river, many strikes on loco and train stopped on second attack. At 0105 hrs attacked a train and a car near Seine south of Reims. Strikes on car, which stopped and lights doused, and on loco, stopping train. Weather: very clear, good vis, becoming hazy on return.	

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16/17 Sept	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O D.G. Henderson Observer: F/O S.P. MacLett	Intruder Chateaucoux	0011	0350	One burst of heavy flak seen from Le Troport. Intense light flak from direction of Bourges. No activity at target. On way out fire seen on ground about 10 miles east of Dreux at 0208 hrs. Weather: 10/10 at 5000 ft in target area, but very clear. Mist in valleys in north France.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/Sgt Lohm, G. R.A.F. Observer: Sgt Smith, A.L.	Intruder Malun/Bretigny	0106	0310	At 0205 hrs bombed railway station at Malun, 4 x 500 lb, seeing three bursts close to tracks, 6 trains were seen and attacked all within ten miles of Malun, and strikes were seen on four locos of these. Ammo ran out on last attack. Weather: cloud increasing in thickness coming from south. Ground mist in valleys.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O D.C. Burnett Observer: Sgt Jenkins, V.L.	Intruder Bourges	0032	0300	Several accurate light flak at target. Bombed junction at Come, 2 x 500 lb, at 0200 hrs, seeing many blue-green sparks but no bursts. Weather: much ground haze, dark with cloud obscuring moon.	
19/20 Sept	Mosquito VI	Pilot: Sgt Williams, A. R.A.F. Observer: Sgt Burnett, R.J.	Intruder Bretigny Malun	2030	2340	Attacked a train at Ribecourt, seeing strikes on carriages. Bombed Bretigny airfield, 2 x 500 lb, seeing both burst on field. Saw an E/A take off from Jurincourt, but too far away to engage. Weather: rain in target area; much ground mist.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O T. Thomson Obs: F/O H.S. Schellenber	Training sortie Saintes Gassicourt	2150	2345	Uneventful. Weather: much ground haze, 10/10 cloud at 2000 ft west of Paris.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: S/L G.C. Moran Obs: F/Sgt Rogers, G.V. R.A.F.	Intruder Soesterberg Gievers	2217	0118	Observed approx 6 flak ships 10 miles off the coast, practice firing at white rockets. Thick haze over Holland so recrossed coast at Overflakke. Weather: 10/10 ground mist and 10/10 cloud at 4000 ft over Holland.	
20/21 Sept	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O G.N. Miller Obs: F/O G.D. Miller	Training trip Les Andelys	0010	0105	Task abandoned owing to weather. 8/10-9/10 cloud at 2500 ft over snowy coast.	

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20/21 Sept	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O R.G. Horrocks Observer: Sgt Jenkins, V.L.	Intruder Bvroux	0022	0100	Attacked train north-west of Rouen with 2 x 500 lb bombs, seeing bursts very near loco. Intense light flak from train. Weather: south of Seine 10/10 cloud down to 500 ft. North of Seine clear with patches of cloud at 2-3000 ft.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O R.G. Ford Observer: F/O J.L. Clark	Trial Operational Bouilliet Les Andelys	2345	0110	Task abandoned owing to unsuitable weather. 9/10 cloud up to 4000 ft inland over France, cloudy at coast on way out.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O D.D. Johnston Observer: F/O D.F. Dwyer	Intruder Beauvais	0020	0230	Uneventful. Weather: 7/10 cloud base 2000 ft. Vis. fair to good.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: 1/Lt. James, J.E. (USA) Observer: F/O C.G. Finlayson	Training Les Andelys	0155	0228	Carried out according to plan.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/Sgt Lehman, G. Observer: Sgt Smith, A.L.	Intruder Rouen R.A.F.	0024	0226	At 0130 hrs bombed target airfield at 1000 ft with 4 x 500 lb bombs, seeing bursts. At 0139 hrs attacked a train at Neuve-Douville, seeing strikes on front carriages. Light flak from train. Weather: much cloud to south of Seine; broken cloud to north.	
21/22 Sept	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O R.R. Rowlands Observer: Sgt Medhurst, R.H.	Intruder Montdidier	2318	0110	Uneventful. Weather: thunder showers near French coast on way out. Medium and high cloud inside coast. Generally misty.	
22/23 Sept	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/Lt. M.W. Burridge Observer: Sgt Bays, R.O.R.	Flower Lecurmeron R.A.F.	1946	2340	Searchlights and light flak at Dutch coast. No activity at target. Much flak seen direction of Emden. Weather: clear over Holland. High cloud over North Sea.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O E. Thomson Observer: F/O H.S. Schellenberg	Training sortie R.A.F.	2210	2335	Ran into haze over Channel and turned back at French coast north west of Dieppe.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: S/Lt. G.C. Moran Observer: F/Sgt Ross, G.V. RAF	Flower AIRFIELD NEAR HANOVER	2103		Saw 2 E/A land at airfield believed Hopsten. Saw an E/A land at Achmer or Neespe, and another E/A on circuit at 3000 ft. Pilot who was 500 ft below, pulled up nose and unable to identify owing to brilliance of light under center of fuselage.	

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		F/Lt. H.S. LUSON	Observer: Sgt [unclear]			opened fire for approx 2 secs. E/A blew up right in front and Mosquito went out of control. Pilot righted it and, in spite of considerable difficulty, managed to keep fairly good course. Approx 2 1/2 miles off Hanston saw sparks from port engine, which caught fire and later spread to port wing. Ordered observer to bale out and pilot followed. Pilot found by Albatross who ringed him with flares. After approx 3 hours in dinghy picked up by A/C/Sec. Rescue launch and taken to Ramsgate and Hanston. Further search found empty dinghy, presumably navigator's.	
22/23 Sept	Mosquito VI	Pilot: Sgt Aldworth, R.G. Observer: F/Sgt Malcolm, K.J.	Flower Deelen R.A.F.	1910	2227	Bombed target aerodrome, 2 x 500 lb, at 2036 hrs; saw explosions in landing area and runway was changed. Flak from Twente area and from convoy off Hanston at 1941 hrs. Landed at Castle Camps.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O C.G. Schoef Observer: F/O E.A. Brown	Flower Twente R.A.F.	2007	2332	At 2207 hrs bombed target, 2 x 500 lb, no results observed. Fired at a light on road near Mangalo and it doused. Landed at Castle Camps.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O J.R.F. Johnson Observer: F/O H.J. Hibbins	Flower Deelen	2114	0025	Bombed at Deventer and Zutphen at 2300 hrs, seeing bursts at the latter. Landed at Castle Camps.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O R.H. Lee Observer: F/Sgt Collier, E.R. Eindhoven	Intruder	2310	0215	At 0055 hrs bombed target with 2 x 500 and 2 x 250 lb bombs.	
23/24 Sept	Mosquito VI	Pilot: Sgt Williams, A. Observer: F/Sgt Garnett, R.J.	Flower Lecm R.A.F.	1945	2150	Aerodrome not located, so railway line south of Arras bombed, 2 x 500 lb, on return. Much heavy flak in Lille area and many searchlights at various points. Weather: very dark. No horizon. Ground haze up to 3000ft.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O R.H. Lee Observer: F/Sgt Collier, E.R. Lille	Flower Lille R.A.F.	1930	2155	Bombed Lille/Ward aerodrome, 2 x 500 lb, from 2000 ft. Heavy flak and searchlights in Dunkirk area on way in. Weather: dark with no moon.	
23/24 Sept	Mosquito VI	Pilot: Sgt Williams, A. Observer: F/Sgt Garnett, R.J.	Flower	1905	2000	Returned owing to engine failure.	

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23/24 Sept.	Mosquito VI	Pilot: Sgt Aldworth, R.C. Observer: F/Sgt Malcolm, K.J., St Nazaire	Flower	2025	2340	Uneventful. Weather: inland over France base up to 3000 ft.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O J.L. Armstrong Observer: F/O A.J. Brown - St Nazaire	Training sortie	2100	2305	Accurate light flak at Igny. No activity seen. Gun flashes seen on sea 40 miles south of Steady at 2245 hrs. TARGET	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/L H.E. Lissan Observer: F/O A.E. Franklin	Flower	2115	2355	6-8 very accurate searchlights at Grey held Mosquito in spite of violent evasive action. Patrolled target area but failed to locate aerodrome owing to low cloud and ground haze.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/L M.V. Beveridge Observer: Sgt May, R.C.R. south of R.A.F. Manheim	Flower	2040	0133	Sighted several aircraft about to land at an aerodrome southwest of Stuttgart. Attacked three of these, identified as Me-119, (2307-2315-2333); and two were destroyed, being seen to burst into flames and crash. No strikes observed on the third aircraft. On return journey saw an unidentified aircraft firing off red/green at intervals. ON RETURN JOURNEY	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O G.G. Schorf Observer: F/O E.A. Brown	Flower	2315	0150	No pinpoint so returned from Coulommiers. Weather: clear to 49 deg. E., then increasing amounts of low cloud down to 2000 ft and ground mist haze.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O T. Thomson Observer: F/O H.S. Schellenberg	Intruder	0101	0330	Uneventful.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O J.R.P. Johnson Observer: F/O H.J. Gibbons	Flower	2345	0307	Attacked a P.V. 190 between St Andre and Evreux, from 150 yds with 2 short bursts at 0047 hrs. E/A blew up, and was seen burning on ground for a considerable time. No further activity. Weather: in target area fine. Good vis. No moon.	
24/25 Sept.	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O H.C. Ford Observer: F/O J.L. Clark	Training	2153	0015	Uneventful. Weather: slight ground haze. Vis. 3/4 miles. Electrical storm in Orleans area.	

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24/25 Sept.	Mosquito VI	Pilot: 1/Lt. Linn, J.E. Observer: F/O G.G. Finlayson	Training sortie Dinan area	2332	0020	Bombed a railway bridge south of Avranches, 4 x 500 lb, results uncertain. Weather: 10/10 in cloud at 2000 ft over France.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O S.H. Miller Observer: F/O G.D. Miller	Training sortie Dinan area	2149	0023	Bombed railway near Aired, 4 x 500 lb, with unobserved results. Weather: good over Channel. 10/10 in cloud 15-2000 ft over France, with rainstorms.	
26/27 Sept.	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/Sgt Aldworth, R.C. Obs: F/Sgt Malcolm K.J.	Intruder Evrigy	2238	0015	Uneventful. Weather: thunderstorms over French coast causing almost fire, much ground haze with patches of low cloud to target area.	
27/28 Sept.	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O K.H. Lee Obs: F/Sgt Gillies, R.C.	Intruder Orleans Castroux Tours	2050	2255	Ran into increasing ground haze and turned back near Orleans. Weather: north of Seine 7/10 cloud at 5000 ft. Very hazy over Channel.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O J.L. Armstrong Obs: F/O A.J. Brown	Intruder Malun	2055	0008	At 2215 hrs dropped 1 x 500 lb bomb on side of railway just south of Malun near train crossing river; no results seen. At 2242 hrs dropped 1x 500 lb on same line 2 miles south-east and fired cannon at a train going south-east, which later stopped; saw green flashes after bomb burst. No activity in target area. Haze in Seine Valley. Cloud over Channel.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O E.A. Bear Obs: Sgt Gray, A.E.	Flower Gouler & Mulherstadt airfields	2056	2157	Unable to pinpoint so returned early. Trouble with intercom. Heavy flak seen before reaching Edgemoat, thought to come from flak ships. Operated from Castle Camp.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/Sgt Aldworth, R.C. Observer: F/Sgt Malcolm, K.J.	Flower Hildersloh/ Bramsbeck area	2023	0015	No activity in patrol area. Observed 8 aircraft held in searchlights over target, and fell in flames. Saw one shot down near Dammarsac at 2145 hrs. Operated from Castle Camp.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/L H.E. Lissan Obs: F/O A.E. Franklin	Flower S.E. Havre	2058	0115	At Volkrode five E/A were seen, 2 patrolling in formation with white nav lights, 1 in circuit. One of these, unidentified, shot down at 2000 ft approx 2247 hrs. Another, a Junkers 86, destroyed just as he was about to touch down at approx 2251 hrs.	

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27/26	Supt. Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O J.R.F. Johnson Obs: F/O E.J. Williams	Flower S.E. Humber	2039	0126	Saw 4 aircraft landing at Volksworld (one shot down by F/L Mason). String of flames towards Humber.	
28/30	Supt. Mosquito VI	Pilot: W/O P.L. Davoud Obs: F/O J.L. Rowlands	Flower Dusseldorf area	1930	2010	Set course as planned, but whilst flying at 1500 ft in base found were in middle of Gantersbury balloon barrage. Pilot had to take extreme avoiding action to avoid hitting them, then returned to base.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O D.D. Johnston Obs: F/O D.F. Dyer	Flower Bosham	1930		Took off 1930 hrs and at 2005 Inst Control informed that a Mosquito had hit balloons at Dover and crashed in flames on shore. At 2215 hrs Tangere Ops informed that Pilot had been identified as F/O D.D. Johnston of 418 Squadron. Pilot and navigator killed. Weather: at time 10/10 clouds at 2500 ft with much below.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/L R.L. Rowlands Obs: Sgt McArthur, R.E.	Flower Kroffeld area	1947	2110	Task abandoned owing to bad weather just before reaching enemy coast.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O R.G. Henderson Obs: F/O S.P. MacLennan	Flower Bosham area	1942	2220	At Hays abandoned task as weather was unsuitable. Rose up to 4000 ft, 8/10 cloud at 3000 ft. Vis poor.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O D.G. Norcott Obs: Sgt Jenkins, V.L.	Flower Bosham area	1932	2250	Patrolled south of target area for 20 mins. Heavy flak and bomb flashes seen from north in target area, 10/10 cloud at 3000 ft with heavy haze down to ground.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/Sgt Labram, C. Obs: F/Sgt Smith, J.L.	Flower Giles, Elmhorn Wessendrecht	2001	2317	Heavy flak from Giles and Elmhorn, accurate for height. Otherwise uneventful.	
22/25	Supt. Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/L R.S. Yanson Obs: F/O A.E. Franklin	Flower Tunish	2115	0100	Bombed target airfield, 2 x 500 lb, no results seen.	

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FORD, Sussex.	OCTOBER 1943	1st	Weather - Cloudy; slight mist and drizzle becoming just cloudy. Vis. - 2 1/2 - 3 miles. Group Captain Graham, R.C.A.F., visited the Ops. Room. "A" Flight - NPT's, single-engine flying, and camera tests. "B" Flight carried out NPT's. At night F/Sgt Williams attempted an intruder on Bretigny and Melun, but owing to darkness over the continent, was unable to pinpoint and returned before reaching the target. Squadron released - 02.30 hours.		
		2nd	Weather - Cloudy with slight drizzle, becoming fair. Vis. - good. "B" Flight - An NPT by F/O Hour. "A" Flight carried out NPT's - W/O Davoud flew to Northolt and return. There were eight operational sorties, seven of these being Operation Flower and the other an intruder. The area south of Humber, the bomber target, was patrolled by W/O Davoud, S/L Macdonald, and F/O Norcott. F/Sgt Labram reached the target area, but being unable to pinpoint, returned. F/L Rowlands turned back to Creil owing to a technical defect which caused flames to be thrown on to starboard propeller. Lt. Lane, en route to Lam and Juvisy, returned from north of Rosieres because of unserviceable compass and gyro. F/O Ford bombed St. Disier, and F/O Miller did an uneventful intruder to Pincresse. There was more excitement at Ford at 0205 hours. An unidentified E/A orbited Polling nests and then made a close and bombing run down the 25 runway. Numerous butterfly bombs were dropped, which impeded A/P activity during the course of the next day; the 25 runway being unusable until the afternoon of the 4th October. Base's Camp's A/P received similar attentions, and the evidence goes to convince us that intruders are really a thorn in the flesh of the Hun. Squadron released - 02.30 hours.		
		3rd	Weather - Fine. Vis. - Good. S/L Rowan left for Canada after a very successful tour of ops. with the Squadron. Bosham not transferred to Hilliswell, Walsall. "B" Flight carried out NPT's, air to air firing, and R/T tests. F/O Brown flew from Tangere to base. "A" Flight - NPT's. F/O Ford flew from Tangere to base. There were seven operational sorties. A special dusk "Bomber" was carried out by S/L Macdonald with F/O Aloom, and F/L Rowlands and F/S McArthur. In support of a special operation at Rouen, aircraft flew in very low and fast to the Yainville and Houllemers areas bombing and firing their cameras. Some flak came up, but the diversion was carried out successfully. F/S Williams flew south-west as a diversion. F/Sgt Labram attacked an E/A at ESCRENGES aerodrome, near KASSAL, without observing results, and chased two others but was unable to engage. F/O Norcott and F/O Ford also patrolled the KASSAL area. W/O Davoud and F/O Miller also took off from Kassel, but the W/O returned shortly owing to engine trouble and F/O Miller turned back approximately 20 miles from patrol area because of U/S R/T. Lt Lane, on an intruder to Florence and St. Front, had to abandon the patrol after reaching Florence on account of engine trouble. Squadron released at 0215 hours.		

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FORD, Sussex.	OCTOBER 1943	4th	<p>Weather - Fair, becoming cloudy. Vis. - Good.</p> <p>The C.O. drove a party of Officers up to Brookwood cemetery for the funeral of P/O Johnston and P/O Dyer, killed at Dover on the night of September, 29th.</p> <p>"A" Flight - Nil.</p> <p>"B" Flight carried out NPT's.</p> <p>There were six sorties in support of Bomber Command Operations. P/O Scherf, P/O Hoar, P/O Lee, and P/Sgt. Williams patrolled the Frankfurt area. P/O Scherf attacked a train without observing any results. P/Sgt. Aldworth visited Brussels and St. Front and P/O Armstrong made an unsuccessful trip to Cambrai and Lille.</p> <p>Squadron released at 0300 hours.</p>		
		5th	<p>Weather - Cloudy with slight drizzle, then cloudy. Vis. - Moderate.</p> <p>Three new crews reported to the Squadron from 60 O.T.U., High Krooll.</p> <p>"A" Flight P/L G.W. Thompson (PILOT) P/O W.A.R. Stewart (OBSERVER)</p> <p>"A" Flight P/O H.A. Hague " P/O L.R. Beleson "</p> <p>"B" Flight P/O J.T. Caine " P/Sgt. Boal, E.W. "</p> <p>"A" Flight - An NPT by P/O Miller.</p> <p>"B" Flight carried out NPT's.</p> <p>There were no operational sorties and at 1855 hours 2 aircraft were released and the remainder put at 60 minutes.</p>		
		6th	<p>Weather - Cloudy with slight rain and drizzle. Vis. - fair.</p> <p>"B" Flight - Nil.</p> <p>"A" Flight carried out NPT's.</p> <p>There was no operational flying.</p> <p>All at 60 minutes at 2027 hours.</p>		
		7th	<p>Weather - Cloudy with slight mist, becoming fair with slight mist. Vis. - 4 miles.</p> <p>"B" Flight - NPT's, local flying, and camera tests.</p> <p>There were four operational sorties. P/L Rowland took off for Montdidier, but turned back about ten miles inland owing to bad weather. P/Sgt. Labram damaged a train south of Lens. P/O Ford and P/O Harcott made uneventful trips to Cambrai and Lille respectively.</p> <p>Squadron released - 0323 hours.</p>		
		8th	<p>Weather - Fine, slight mist.</p> <p>"B" Flight carried out NPT's and two local flights.</p> <p>There was an interesting experiment on the aerodrome during the afternoon; 4 Squadrons of Spitfires and 1 of Seafires practicing landings and take-offs on a prepared strip on the runway. Air Vice Marshall Hill visited the Ops. Room with the Station Commander and was instructed in Intruder tactics by the C.O. Air Commodore Middleton, R.C.A.F., visited us during the evening. Operations in support of Bomber Command's raid on Hanover were carried out by 6 crews. 5 of these were, however, cancelled owing to very unfavourable weather. P/O Thompson reached the Eindhoven area but saw nothing.</p>		

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FORD, Sussex.	OCTOBER 1943	9th	<p>Weather - Fair to cloudy. Cloud at 2500 feet. Vis. 2 - 6 miles. Fog at night.</p> <p>NPT's by "B" Flight.</p> <p>"A" Flight: P/L Thompson and P/O Hague flew across countries and P/O Harcott flew P/O Alcorn to Burton Wood.</p> <p>One operational patrol was carried out by P/S Williams to Chievres, uneventful. The remaining patrols in support of Bomber Command were cancelled owing to weather conditions. All were put at 60 mins. at 0001 hours.</p>		
		10th	<p>Weather - Cloudy. Fog in morning; fog all night.</p> <p>NPT's by "A" Flight. P/O Scherf made the only "B" Flight trip, in the Maggie.</p> <p>Information came through from 60 O.T.U. that P/L Bennell and P/O Shield had been awarded the D.F.C., on which the Squadron congratulates them heartily.</p> <p>Smoking or "smoinks" at the base of the Ops. Room was begun by a willing party of airmen. We now expect to keep a little more cozy in the early hours.</p> <p>No operational sorties were made owing to thick fog. All were put at 60 mins. at 1855 hours.</p>		
		11th	<p>Weather - Fog all day. Closed in after 6 and fog all night.</p> <p>NPT's by "A" Flight, no flying by "B" Flight.</p> <p>P/L G.W. Thompson reported to the Squadron from I.P.R.C. for Admin. Duties.</p> <p>No operational sorties. Squadron released at 1950 hours.</p>		
		12th	<p>Weather - Vis. 100 yards up to 1 1/4 miles. Cloud base 1400 - 2000. 10/10.</p> <p>One flight only was made during the day, and NPT by P/L Beveridge.</p> <p>There were no operational sorties, the Squadron being put at 60 minutes at 1850 hours.</p>		
		13th	<p>Weather: Vis. 1 1/4 - 4 miles. Cloud base 2500 - 3000. 10/10.</p> <p>NPT's by "B" Flight. The second experiment on the landing strip was carried out during the afternoon. No operations, all being put at 60 minutes at 1955 hours.</p>		
		14th	<p>Weather - Cloudy. Slight mist all day. Fog after 2100 hours, all night.</p> <p>NPT's, camera and wireless tests were made by "A" Flight.</p> <p>No operations. All at 60 minutes at 2205 hours.</p>		
		15th	<p>Weather: Fog early, becoming cloudy and misty.</p> <p>NPT's by "A" Flight. Practice formations and Cine Camera flights by "B" Flight.</p> <p>At three o'clock the final take-off and landing on the prepared strip was carried out on the NE - SW Runway. The Prime Minister, with the C. in C., Sir Trafford Leigh-Mallory, the A.O.C., Air Vice Marshall Saunders, and Sir Archibald Sinclair, watched the experiment from the Watch-tower. Also present were General Ira C. Baker, Admiral Stark, Admiral Boyd, and the Director of Plans, Air Ministry. Afterwards, the A.O.C. visited the Ops. Room, with the Station Commander, and was shown round by the C.O. The P.M. consumed a rapid whiskey at Station Intelligence, and left at 3 P.M.</p> <p>No operations. All at 60 minutes at 2000 hours.</p>		187

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Ford, Sussex.	OCTOBER, 1943.	16th	Weather - Fair and cloudy, becoming cloudy at night. At 11.30 hours Sir Archibald Sinclair, and Sir John Anderson were shown over the Operations Room by the C.O. A new policy having been prescribed by Intruder Control, in the event of bad weather over the continent, High Altitude Tests were carried out successfully by the C.O., S/L Beveridge, P/O Johnson, and P/O Armstrong. "A" Flight - Nil. "B" Flight - NPT's, night practice attacks, and high altitude cross countries. P/O Hour made a local flight in a Mustang. In the evening at 18.30 hours, S/L and Mrs. Macdonald entertained at a house warming at their new home at Rustington. A very delightful evening was spent. Master Macdonald was introduced to the Officers of the Squadron; hamburgers and copious alcoholic refreshments made us all homesick; and song gladdened the hearts of all. A very successful evening, and we all thank S/L and Mrs. "Mac" heartily. There were no operational sorties. Squadron released at 05.30 hours.		
		17th	Weather - fair to cloudy. "A" Flight - camera tests, and night cross countries by P/L Thompson and P/O Hague. "B" Flight carried out NPT's. There were four Intruder patrols, in the course of which six trains were damaged - one by S/L Beveridge south of Fergier, one by P/O Lee at Grey-en-Vall, one by P/O Thompson SW of Ams, and three by P/O Armstrong near Nantes. Squadron released at 0751 hours.		
		18th	Weather - cloudy; drizzle towards end of day. "A" Flight - NPT's and camera tests. "B" Flight - NPT's were carried out. There were six operational sorties, 4 being operation Flower and 2 Intruder. The trains were damaged by S/L Beveridge south of Fergier, one by P/O Lee at Grey-en-Vall, one by P/O Johnson SW of Ams, and three by P/O Armstrong near Nantes. P/O Ford and 1/Lt Lima patrolled Omaha/Spiny and Lyon/Athies respectively. P/O Rowlands patrolled Nantes, P/O Henderson, Gillingham, P/O Miller, Orskov, P/O Macdonald near St. Hubert in a Flower Operation. Squadron released at 05.57 hours.		
		19th	Weather - Cloudy becoming fair, then cloudy with rain. "B" Flight - S/L Beveridge in a Mosquito and P/O Lee in a Boston carried out NPT tests. "A" Flight carried out NPT's, camera tests, and single-engine flying. There were no operational sorties and all aircraft were put at 60 minutes at 00.25 hours.		
		20th	Weather - Rain, then fair, then rain, becoming fair again. "A" Flight carried out NPT's. "B" Flight - NPT's. 6 aircraft flew to Cullishall, four of these operating from there; all returned to base the following morning. Aerodromes were patrolled at Morg, Felde, and Staudik by P/O Davoud, Schkol by P/O Hour, Leowarden by P/O Johnson, Twente and Eshine by P/O Lee, Chievers by P/O Thomson, and Cambrai by P/O Armstrong who damaged a train east of Arras. Three new crews made their first sorties - P/L Thompson to Dinan, and P/O Hague and P/O Gaine to the Seine area. Squadron released at 04.23 hours.		

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FORD, Sussex.	OCTOBER, 1943.	21st	Weather - cloudy with rain. A Keystone Photographer came and took a number of group photographs of aircrew in the Ops. Room and around an aircraft. "A" Flight - NPT's, camera tests, single-engine flying, and air-to-sea firing. "B" Flight - carried out NPT's. There were two Intruder patrols. S/L Beveridge damaged a train S.E. of Montdidier, and P/S Williams made an uneventful sortie to Beauvais. Squadron released - 0657 hours.		
		22nd	Weather - Fair, becoming cloudy. "B" Flight carried out NPT's. "A" Flight - NPT's and air-to-sea firing. There were two operational sorties. 1/Lt Lima patrolled Abbeville, and P/O Henderson took off for Paris, but turned back before reaching the target owing to low cloud which prevented pinpointing. Three other sorties were attempted by P/L Rowlands, P/O Johnson, and P/O Miller, but these returned because of technical trouble. Squadron released at 0200 hours.		
		23rd	Weather - Cloudy with rain. Fog in evening. Nos. III (HU-870) transferred to 169 Squadron, Ayr. "B" Flight - NPT's and camera tests. "A" Flight - NPT's, camera tests, single-engine flying, and practice bombing were carried out. There were five operational sorties. P/O Hague attacked a train north east of Dreux, seeing strikes on the target. P/L Thompson made a training sortie to Orleans and Tours. S/L Macdonald and P/O Miller patrolled Montdidier and Chievre respectively. 1/Lt Lima visited Newville, Lille, and Vendesville. Squadron released - 0653 hours.		
		24th	Weather - Fine. Poor visibility. Cloudy towards evening. "A" Flight - Air-to-sea firing by P/O Ford. W/O Davoud flew to Biggin Hill and return. "B" Flight - NPT's, camera and V.H.E. tests. P/O Gaine flew S/L co-operation. There were no operational sorties. Squadron released - 0425.		
		25th	Weather - Fine, becoming cloudy. Poor visibility. P/O Williamson attached to the Squadron for Press Relations duties. P/S Alworth and his observer, P/S Mulesair posted from 418 to 605 Squadron, Bradwell Bay. "A" Flight - Air-to-sea firing and camera tests. "B" Flight carried out NPT's. There were no operational sorties. All at 60 minutes at 0210 hours.		
		26th	Weather - Cloudy, becoming fair. Poor visibility. "B" Flight - Nil. "A" Flight carried out NPT's, air to ground firing, single-engine flying, and camera tests. There were no operational sorties. At 1820 hours all were released except 2, which were kept at 30 minutes.		

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FORD, Sussex.	OCTOBER 27th	1943.	<p>Weather - Fine, becoming foggy at night.</p> <p>W/O Hallwood returned to the Squadron after completing a conversion and Gunnery Leader's course on Spitfires at Sutton Bridge.</p> <p>"B" Flight - NPT's, camera tests, weather checks, and single-engine flying.</p> <p>"A" Flight carried out NPT's and camera tests.</p> <p>The Squadron experienced another sad loss in the death, as a result of failure to take off, of P/O H.A. Hague, at South Cerney. Sgt. Stevenson, ground crew, his passenger, was seriously injured.</p> <p>There was no operational flying and at 2015 hours 2 aircraft were put at 60 minutes and the remainder released.</p>		
	28th		<p>Weather - Foggy, becoming cloudy.</p> <p>In the morning, the Ops. Room was visited by Air Commodore Ahler, S.A.S.O., A.D.C.B. accompanied by Group Captain Pearson, Group Captain night ops., Fighter Command, and Major DeHavilland.</p> <p>W/O Norton returned to the Squadron from a Wireless course at Cranwell.</p> <p>"A" Flight - An NPT by W/O Davoud.</p> <p>"B" Flight carried out NPT's and camera tests.</p> <p>There were no operational sorties.</p> <p>Squadron released - 2355 hours.</p>		
	29th		<p>Weather - Cloudy and Fog. Visibility poor.</p> <p>"B" Flight - NPT's.</p> <p>S/L Beveridge is to be heartily congratulated on the award of the D.F.C. and his obscyer.</p> <p>F/S Bays, of the D.P.M. By the same signal, the D.P.C. is also awarded to S/L Charles Moran, late "B" Flight Commander, to whom also hearty congratulations.</p> <p>F/S Lehman and F/S Smith posted to No. 9 Group H.Q.</p> <p>No operational sorties. Squadron released at 0415 hours.</p>		
	30th		<p>Weather - cloudy becoming fine, then cloudy. Vis. poor.</p> <p>"A" Flight - Nil</p> <p>"B" Flight carried out NPT's and camera tests.</p> <p>In support of the 5th Canadian Victory Loan, the squadron held a very successful Hello-e-e Ball at Tortington. Fancy dress of a male-shift, though striking, nature was worn by many, and the ladies achieved surprising effects. The adjutant especially wore interesting ensembles at one period during the evening. The party was a particularly happy one, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Several photographs were taken, with amusing results.</p> <p>Two operational sorties were carried out. F/O Harcott went to Caen, and F/O Henderson to Rennes, against returning bombers, but saw nothing.</p>		
	31st		<p>Weather - cloudy becoming cloudy with rain. Vis. moderate becoming poor after dark.</p> <p>"B" Flight - air to sea firing.</p> <p>"A" Flight - NPT's, camera tests, and single-engine flying were carried out.</p> <p>There were two operational sorties, both Special Night Bomber. W/O Davoud and F/L Thompson bombed the shipyard at Le Trait.</p> <p>All at 60 mins. at 2335 hours.</p>		

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2/3 Oct.	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/O R.C. Ford Obs: F/O J.L. Clark		Flower St Misier	2235	0510	Bashed target, 2 x 500 lb. north to south; no results seen. Landed Tangere owing Ford unserviceable. Weather: target under fog bank.	
3/4 Oct.	Mosquito VI Pilot: S/Lt R.C.S. McDonald Obs: F/O D.E. Alcock and Mosquito VI Pilot: F/Lt R.E. Howlands Obs: F/Sgt Mallarat, R.E.		Musbach F. in M. area	1859	2020	Slight light flak from Le Trait. Bombs dropped on road east of Yainville and on tunnel at Maulinoux. Bad blackout prevailed generally over France. Third Mosquito made diversionary point on bearing 220 degs mag from Ford for 12 mins at 1500 ft. Weather: clear with valley mist over France.	2 x 250 and 2 x 500 lb.
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/O R.U. Ford Obs: F/O J.L. Clark		Flower south west of Kassel	1957	2327	No activity in patrol area. Many flares seen dropping on way back from Koblenz. Weather: moderate ground haze increasing towards west; clear above.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: W/O P.T. Devoud Obs: F/O J.L. Reynolds		Flower south of Kassel	2040	2125	Task abandoned owing to engine trouble.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: S/Lt J.E. Lamb U.S.A. Obs: F/O G.G. Finlayson		Intruder Florennes St Troad	2140	0005	Reached Florennes and Bay at 2201 hrs. Patrol had to be abandoned as starboard engine cutting and sparking. Weather: much haze in valleys but clear above.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/O G.H. Miller Obs: F/O G.D. Miller		Flower S.W. Kassel Frankfurt	2020	2347	Flak experienced at Oshani. Many coloured flares (red and green clusters) seen to north of Frankfurt at 2150 hrs. P/O went w/a 20 miles from patrol area so returned to base.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/O D.O. Burcott Obs: W/O Jenkins, V.L.		Flower SW of Kassel	2105	0110	No activity in patrol area. Weather: misty in valleys, some patches of low cloud. Vis. good.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/Sgt Latham, G. R.A.F. Obs: F/Sgt Smith, A.L. R.A.F.		Flower south of KASSEL	1937	0045	Many fires seen in main target area, and one very large explosion at 2200 hours followed by a high column of smoke. At the same time as 2 or 3 aircraft came in to land. Chased on of these but accurate flak from aerodrome caused Mosquito to take evasive action. Another E/A had an	
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4/5 Oct.	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/O G.G. Scherf R.A.A.F. Obs: F/O R.A. Brown		Flower S.W. & S. of Frankfurt	2004	0016	airbourne searchlight with which it tried unsuccessfully to illuminate the Mosquito. After this E/A having been followed to practically end of runway, accurate flak opened up again. A third aircraft with a single white light was fired on as it approached the runway, but no strikes seen. Nothing of interest on return journey. Weather: ground mist; clear above, but with smoke from main target making vis. poor.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/O H.A. Bar Obs: F/Sgt Gray, A.W. R.A.F.		Flower south of Frankfurt	1957	0015	Much light flak and cones by 6-8 searchlights at Albert. Large fire on ground at Givet (SW of Florennes) at 2103 hrs. No activity in patrol area. Coned and light flak near Parcennes and from Rosieres and Trier. Bright glow seen above clouds at Aniers at 2315 hrs. Attached a train near St Robert (S.E. of Florennes); no strikes seen. Many colours of day fired between 2340 and 2350 near Beaucy, above cloud. Weather: 10/10 cloud at 1500 ft all way. Haze in target area.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/O R.E. Lee Obs: F/Sgt Odellier, R.E. R.A.F.		Flower south of Frankfurt	2105	0110	No activity patrol area. Many flares seen dropped by bombers over target, which was a mass of fires with about 50 searchlights pointing straight up. Heavy flak from Beaunais. Weather: low cloud, getting thicker towards coast.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/Sgt Williams, A. Obs: F/Sgt Garnett, E.J.		Flower S.E. of Frankfurt	2002	0050	Good fires seen at target. Nothing else of interest. Weather: 10/10 cloud til about 30 miles from target. Very dark with ground mist. Cloud at coast at 1500 ft. No activity in patrol area. One light flak gun fired from St Andre, and much very intense flak seen from Albert, probably that which F/O Scherf encountered. Weather: 10/10 cloud at 3000 ft to 50 miles from target area. East of target 10/10 800 ft base, 3000 ft top.	

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4/5 Oct.	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/Sgt Albarth, R.C. Obs: P/Sgt Malandr, K.J.	R.A.F. Flower	Flower	2236	0145	Unsuccessful except for 6 searchlights from Malbroek which doused aircraft but doused on firing double red. Weather: 10/10 cloud at 1500 ft. Via, fair.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O J.L. Armstrong Obs: P/O A.J. Brown	R.A.F. Flower	Flower	0005	0220	Unsuccessful. Weather: 10/10 cloud at about 2000 ft, very dark on ground.	
7/8 Oct.	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O R.E. Rowlands Obs: P/Sgt McHurst, R.H.	R.A.F. Intruder	Intruder	2123	2233	10 miles inland 10/10 cloud from almost dark, top of cloud about 2000 ft. No pinpoints possible so returned to base.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/Sgt Johnson, C. Obs: P/Sgt Smith, A.J.	R.A.F. Intruder	Intruder	2121	2307	Weather in target area - mist, haze and cloud at 1000 ft. Attacked a train 10 miles south of Lens and number of strikes seen on loco. Patrol abandoned owing to weather.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O H.C. Ford Obs: P/O J.L. Clark	R.A.F. Intruder	Intruder	2256	0025	Large fire seen out top of cliffs at Baille at 2318 hrs. In target area cloud and haze to 900 ft.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O D.O. Harcourt Observer: P/O Jenkins, V.L.	R.A.F. Intruder	Intruder	2200	2345	No activity in target area. Very misty and low cloud east of target.	
8/9 Oct.	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/Sgt Williams, A. Obs: P/Sgt Garnett, R.J.	R.A.F. Flower	Flower	2358	0140	Abandoned owing to unsuitable weather.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O J.L. Armstrong Obs: P/O A.J. Brown	R.A.F. Flower	Flower	2359	0145	Abandoned owing to unsuitable weather.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O C.G. Smart Obs: P/O R.A. Brown	R.A.F. Flower south	Flower south	2352	0149	Abandoned - weather unsuitable.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O R.E. Rowlands, M.V. Obs: P/Sgt Baye, R.O.R.	R.A.F. Flower south	Flower south	2350	0155	Abandoned owing to unsuitable weather. Thick layer of cloud from 1000 - 4000 ft; clear above.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O Lee, R.H. Observer: P/Sgt Collier, R.E.	R.A.F. Flower south	Flower south	2345	0146	Abandoned, unsuitable weather.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O E. Thomson Obs: P/O E.S. Schallenberg	R.A.F. Flower	Flower	0030	0330	Unsuccessful. Weather: patchy cloud at 2500 ft; poor vis. heavy ground haze.	
9/10 Oct.	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/Sgt Williams, A. Obs: P/Sgt Garnett, R.J.	R.A.F. Intruder	Intruder	2035	2323	Unsuccessful. Weather: haze over France and fog over Channel.	

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17/18 Oct.	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O E. Thomson Observer: P/O E.S. Schallenberg	R.A.F. Intruder	Intruder	2215	0050	No activity at targets. Attacked a train 16 miles SW of Amiens at 0013, strikes on loco and train stopped.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O J.L. Armstrong Obs: P/O A.J. Brown	R.A.F. Intruder	Intruder	2215	0504	Attacked three trains south-west of Nantes at 0350, 0355, and 0438; strikes on all locos and trains stopped.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O R.H. Lee Obs: P/Sgt Collier, R.E.	R.A.F. Intruder	Intruder	0240	0510	Attacked a train at Crepy-en-Val at 0409 hrs; strikes on loco and half way along train, which stopped.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O R.E. Rowlands Obs: P/Sgt Baye, R.O.R.	R.A.F. Intruder	Intruder	0319	0521	Light flak firing straight up at either Peronne or Roziere. At 0425 attacked a train south of Tergnier; many strikes on loco and train stopped. Weather: misty in valleys; patches of low cloud, scattered.	
18/19 Oct.	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O R.E. Rowlands Obs: P/O R.H. McHurst	R.A.F. Flower	Flower	1859	2135	Encountered many searchlights just inside coast, (battered near IJmuiden) and much heavy flak bursting high above. No pinpoints obtained so abandoned sortie. Weather: thick haze and patches of low cloud over sea and Holland, 10/10 high medium cloud over sea on return journey.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O R.G. Henderson Obs: P/O S.P. Harlett	R.A.F. Flower	Flower	1918	2242	Approx 15 searchlights from Rotterdam area failed to illuminate. No pinpoints obtained so decided to return. When 15 miles north of Noorderhoofd at 2155 hrs, observer saw a 2/2 aircraft approx 300 yds dead astern at a height of 4000 ft. Evasive action taken down to 2000 ft where the aircraft was again seen up moon and approx 100 yds dead astern. Violent evasive action taken and the aircraft was finally lost to view. Approx 6 possible 1/2 boats seen proceeding in a westerly direction from north Walcheren at 2155 hrs. Weather: heavy over sea, 10/10 cloud at 5-8000 ft over parts of Holland.	

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18/19 Oct.	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O G.N. Miller Obs: P/O G.D. Miller	Flower Flower (Sambrook)		1945	2307	Landfall south of Edgmond where slight light flak and few searchlights failed to illuminate. Slight light flak over Meppen. When approx in target area decided to return owing to lack of pinpoints. Weather: haze and much low cloud over CONTINENT area . Vis. very poor.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: S/L D.C.S. MacDonald Obs: P/O S. Wilson R.A.F.	Flower R.A.F. Hildesheim area		1856	0005	One E/A seen landing at Volkmersode. Observed lights and flares at other aerodromes in patrol area. Weather: in target area haze and patches of cu at 3000 ft with 8/10 at 5000 ft. Improving towards end of patrol.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O R.C. Ford Obs: P/O J.M. Clark	Intruder General		2328	0205	Uneventful. Weather: 7/10 cloud at 3000 ft improving towards east. Patches of cloud at 1500 ft over French coast. Vis. very good.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: 1/Lt J.H. Jones Obs: P/O C.G. Finlayson	Intruder Leop/Athies		2335	0240	Saw 3 fires on ground just west of St Quentin from where slight heavy flak experienced. No activity at target. Weather: 10/10 cloud layer at 2000 ft over French coast improving to east.	
20/21 Oct.	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L G.V. Thompson Obs: P/O F.A.R. Stewart	Training sortie S. Dinan		2059	2259	Uneventful. Weather: low cloud in patches near Dinan. Otherwise clear.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O J.E. Gains Obs: P/Sgt Boal, R.F.	Training sortie to Seine		2057	2232	Uneventful. Weather: south of Seine cloud 3/10 at 1000 ft.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O R.A. Huges Obs: P/O L.B. Ableson	Training sortie to Seine area		2225	0018	Uneventful. Weather: low patches of cloud south of Seine; ground haze.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O J.L. Armstrong Obs: P/O A.J. Brown	Intruder General area		0057	0425	E/A seen landing at Abbeville. Train attacked 5 miles east of Arras, with strikes on engine and train stopped. ORO Rep. Weather: patches of low cloud, haze, vis up moon good.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O T. Thomson Obs: P/O H.S. Schellenberg	Intruder Chievres		0127	0532	Heavy flak from Albert. No activity at target. Weather: hazy; low cloud over Channel.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O R.H. Lee Obs: P/Sgt Collier, R.R.	Flower Twaite & Rhine R.A.F.		2150	0120	Uneventful. Weather: 8/10 at 5000 ft, considerable ground mist. Operated from Coltishall.	

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20/21 Oct.	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O J.R.P. Johnson Obs: P/O N.J. Gibbons	Flower Leoucarden		2245	0010	High flak from area approx 5 miles south of Leoucarden to shore of Zuider Zee, accurate against our aircraft when Mosquito entered area. Flak and 2 searchlights seen on crossing into Vlieland against another aircraft. Weather: haze; vis poor; no cloud; fog on Dutch coast. Operated from Coltishall.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: W/O P.Y. Devoud DFC Obs: P/O J.K. Reynolds	Flower Norg, Belds, Stanski		2210	0040	Fighter seen flying north to Leoucarden, then west over Tenna, then southwards at 15000 ft with big yellow orange lights illuminated. Weather: much haze, no cloud. Operated from Coltishall.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O R.A. Hoar Obs: Sgt Gray, A.W. R.A.F.	Flower Schigol		2205	0035	No activity at targets. At Alkmaar big red balls fired up over aircraft, bursting into chandeliers. Flak and 15 searchlights from Amsterdam area but not directed at Mosquito. Weather: see Egg beginning to come in from Dutch coast; thunderstorms half way on return across sea. Operated from Coltishall.	
21/22 Oct.	Mosquito VI Pilot: S/L M.V. Beveridge Obs: P/Sgt Bays, R.O.R.	Intruder Montdidier		0545	0523	Attacked a train south-east of Montdidier; strikes on loco. Weather: cloudy over Channel up to 5000 ft.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/Sgt Williams, A. Obs: P/Sgt Gunnatt, R.J.	Intruder Beauvais		0546	0637	Uneventful.	
22/23 Oct.	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O J.R.P. Johnson Obs: P/O N.J. Gibbons	Flower Kassel		1950	1930	Turned back owing to instrument failure.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O G.N. Miller Obs: P/O G.D. Miller	Intruder General, Lille		1926	1946	Turned back with reflector sign w/a.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O K.G. Hamerson Obs: P/O S.P. Marlett	Intruder Poix		1907	2006	Turned back short of Poix as pinpoints impossible owing to low cloud.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L R.E. Rowlands Obs: P/O R.H. Medhurst	Intruder Montdidier		1920	1942	Turned back with engine trouble.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: 1/Lt J.R. Lums U.S.A. Obs: P/O C.G. Finlayson	Intruder Abbeville		1935	2138	Uneventful. Bad blackout everywhere.	

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23/24 Oct.	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/L G.W. Thompson	Training	1940	2255	Uneventful. Weather: excellent vis.; no cloud.	
		Obs: P/O W.A.R. Stewart	Orleans, Tours				
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/O R.A. Hague	Training	1930	2300	1 B/A burning nav lights seen south of Tours but it doused before attack possible. Attacked a train near Hodon, N E of Dreux, at 2205 hrs; strikes on carriages.	
		Obs: P/O L.E. Abelson	Tours, Orleans			Weather: patches of low cloud; some stratus.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/O G.H. Miller	Intruder	2357	0221	No activity at target. Four bursts of heavy flak from Lens area.	
		Obs: P/O G.H. Miller	Chivres			Weather: dark, cloud base 1500 ft. vis good.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: S/L D.C.S. McDonald	Intruder	0002	0151	At target 4 streams of red tracer fired straight up as Intruder arrived, probably signal. 2 searchlights from Poix and 6 searchlights illuminated and 3-5 light flak guns opened up at Montdidier on second visit. Weather: good; vis fair; very dark.	
		Obs: P/O S. Wilson R.A.F. Montdidier					
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: 1/Lt J.R. Lussell, S.A.	Intruder	2357	0157	Several bursts of light flak fired straight up from St Omer airfield. Otherwise uneventful. Weather: very dark, difficult; cloud base at least 2000 ft. higher inland.	
		Obs: P/O G.S. Finlayson	Nerville, Lille, Vendeville				
30/31 Oct.	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/O D.O. Harcott	Intruder	2013	2247	NW/SE V/L come on and searchlight exposed vertically from airfield. Clusters of white proteoides fired at frequent intervals.	
		Observer: P/O V.L. Jenkins	Oron				
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/O R.G. Henderson	Intruder	2011	2310	Airfield lit and canopy of 4 searchlights. Beat up airfield twice.	
		Obs: P/O S.P. Mullett	Rennes				
31 Oct /1st Nov.	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/O P.Y. Devond	Special Night 1827	1940		Few bursts light flak from Le Trait. Unable to identify Quavilly power station so bombed Le Trait whigged at 1917 hrs from 1900 ft; Quavilly (2 x 250 & 2 x 500 lb) one flash seen. Blackout very bad everywhere. Weather: Vis. poor; no low cloud.	
		Obs: P/O J.K. Reynolds	Hubarb to Quavilly				
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: P/L G.W. Thompson	Special Hubarb 1828	1940		Bombed Le Trait whigged at 1900 hrs from 1500 ft, no results seen. Attacked a train west of Gleon (south of Forest de Remera) but saw no results. Weather: vis fair.	
		Obs: P/O W.A.R. Stewart	to Le Trait (2 x 250 lb bombs)				

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FORD, Sussex.	NOVEMBER, 1943	1st	Weather - cloud with drizzle and rain. Vis. - poor. "A" FLIGHT - NIL. "B" FLIGHT carried out IFF's. There was one uneventful sortie by P/L Danson to Rennes. Squadron released - 0500 hours.	SECRET.
		2nd	Weather - fine to cloudy with heavy drizzle, becoming fine in the evening. Two new crews reported to this squadron from 60 O.F.U. PILOT: P/O E. Kipp P/O H.E. Jones "A" FLIGHT - NIL. "B" FLIGHT carried out IFF's and camera tests. P/O Caine flew searchlight co-operation. There were four intruder patrols. P/O Johnson bombed main airfield and P/O Bear bombed a railway near Beausset. P/O Schell patrolled Poix and Montdidier, and P/O Lee made an uneventful sortie to Clermont-Ferrand and Tours.	
		3rd	Weather - cloudy towards evening. P/O G.A. Miller, Special Signals Officer posted to 418 Squadron from the Officers' School, Coxford. Four officers of the squadron played in a squadron XV against the Station XV, the C.O., S/L Beveridge, P/L Hanson, P/O Withgoose. The C.O. was unlucky in breaking a rib, otherwise a good time was had by all. "A" FLIGHT - an I.P.F. by P/Sgt. Williams. "B" FLIGHT carried out IFF's and camera tests, and a cross-country by P/O Jones. There were six operational sorties in support of Bomber Command Operations. 1/Lt Lussell damaged 2 trains, one S.E. of Albert and a second N.E. of Peronne; and shot up 2 lorries S.E. of Abbeville. P/L Thompson bombed a lighted building on a railway S.E. of Peronne. S/L McDonald damaged a train, W. of Lens, and P/O Miller chased a train near Chant but lost sight of it. P/L Rowlands and P/O Henderson made uneventful sorties to the Bonn area and GIBSON airfield respectively. P/O Harcott took off for Lutwyche but his port engine failed when approaching Knoke. He was returned, crash landing at Bradwell Bay. 13 A/O of 605 Squadron landed back at Ford, owing to Bradwell closing down. All at 60 minutes at 0150 hours.	
		4th	Weather - mainly fair. Vis. - poor. "A" FLIGHT - IFF's - a training flight. P/O Lee and P/S Collier flew to Bradwell in the Oxford. "B" FLIGHT carried out IFF's, camera tests, single-engine and NIGHT FLYING. Three crews from "A" Flight and one from "B" carried out a Special Test Flight over London at 20,000 to 25,000 feet during the late afternoon. No operational sorties. All at 60 minutes at 2359 hours.	
		5th	Weather - cloudy. Vis. - poor. "A" FLIGHT - P/O Jones carried out an IFF cross-country, and dusk to dark flying. "B" FLIGHT - IFF's and camera tests. P/O Lee and P/S Collier returned from Bradwell in the Oxford. P/L Kipp did a cross-country, and P/O Sabert carried out a Boomerang flight. P/L THOMPSON is NOT SATISFIED WITH THE REVER and 'SHUTTLE' of the intruding game. He has bought a B.S.A. He will be sorry to lose him.	

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FOED, Sussex.	NOVEMBER, 1913	5th (cont'd)	There were two operational sorties. P/O Thomson went to Cambrai and P/L Lisson uneventfully patrolled Beauvais and Creil. P/O Lee also attempted a sortie but turned back with engine trouble. All at 60 minutes at 2332 hours.		
		6th	Weather - Cloudy with drizzle at midday, fair in evening. Vis. - poor. P/O O.A. Martin (Navigator) returned to this squadron after completing a W/T course at Cranwell. "A" Flight - Local and single-engine flying by P/O Jones. "B" Flight carried out NPT's, camera tests, and local flying. P/O Cairns took part in a Bullseye operation. There were two operational sorties. P/S Williams shot up the control tower and bombed the airfield at Evreux; and P/O Lee bombed Paris aerodrome. All at 60 minutes at 0325 hours. Released at 0445 hours. The Officers Mess entertained friends at a Ball and Supper, at Portington Hall. A very pleasant party was enjoyed by a large number of natives and guests.		
		7th	Weather - fine all day, cloudy with poor vis. in late evening. "B" Flight - an NPT by P/O Scherb. "A" Flight carried out NPT's, and there was one night cross-country by P/O Jones. There were no operational sorties and at 0320 all aircraft were put at 60 minutes, to be released at 0445 hours.		
		8th	Weather - Cloudy, continuous drizzle to 2100 hours, then cloudy, vis. moderate to poor to moderate. "B" Flight - Local flying and camera tests. There were two cross-countries, by P/O Armstrong and P/S Williams. "A" Flight carried out NPT's. There was one uneventful sortie by S/L Macdonald to Cambrai. All at 60 minutes at 0009 hours.		
		9th	Weather - cloudy to fair to fine. Vis. - moderate to good to moderate. P/O Ford returned from No. 1530 Flight on completion of R.A.T. course of instruction. "A" Flight - an NPT by P/O Jones and a local flight by P/L Rowlands and Lt Lums in the Oxford. "B" Flight - NPT's and camera tests. There were four operational sorties. P/O Jones made his first sortie, going to the Rambouillet area; and P/O Cairns his second visiting Rennes. S/L Beveridge attacked a tramp steamer near Blaye Ste Lucie, and shot up a S/L near St. Andre. On the return trip he destroyed a locomotive N.W. of Laval. P/O J.L. Armstrong, J.2262, and P/O A.W. Brown, J14164 failed to return from a bombing sortie to Poix airfield, and the squadron loses another very efficient and popular crew. All at 60 minutes at 0130 hours.		
	10th	Weather - Cloudy with drizzle from midnight. Vis. - good. "A" Flight - Air to air firing and a weather test. "B" Flight carried out NPT's. P/O Cairns went air firing. There were five operational sorties, four being Operation Flower. P/L Lisson damaged two trains, one near St. Houdebourville and the other at Houdan. P/O Scherb patrolled Melun, P/O Johnston Evreux and St. Andre, and P/O Lee Goulouwers. P/L Kipp made his first sortie, visiting the Rambouillet area.			

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FOED, Sussex.	NOVEMBER, 1913	11th (cont'd)	Squadron released - 0430 hours.		
		11th	Weather - cloudy with slight drizzle, clearing in evening. Vis. 2000 yds. to 6-8 miles decreasing to 4 miles. P/L Bartlett, Engineer Officer, posted to 3078 Echelon, effective Nov. 2nd. P/L Rowlands and his observer, P/O Hedhurst, went to Cranfield for a 3 day course in night vision. "B" Flight - air to ground firing and camera tests. P/O Lee and P/O Abelson flew to High Brooll and return in the Oxford. "A" Flight carried out NPT's and camera tests. P/L Rowlands flew the Oxford to Cranfield and P/O Henderson returned with it. There were five operational sorties. P/O Norcott damaged two trains, one east of Grogny-en-Vall and one south of Verberie, and bombed a third near Bazoches. P/O Jones damaged one train near Rennes, attacked two others with sticks on carriages; and a fourth without observing results. P/L Thompson damaged a train north of Meidan. P/O Ford uneventfully patrolled Evreux, St. Andre, Dreux, and Chantrea. P/O Henderson and P/O Bartlett failed to return from a sortie to Bretigny and Melun. Operations resulted in another sad loss, P/O Bruce C. Henderson J17859, and P/O S. Paul Marlatt (J7797) failing to return from a sortie to Melun and Bretigny. They will be sadly missed by us all, both as very congenial companions, and as experienced intruders. 11 Halifaxes landed back at Ford from a successful raid on the marshalling yards at Carnes. Squadron released - 0450 hours.		
		12th	Weather - cloudy, slight drizzle - clear in evening. Vis. - 6-4-6-12-miles. P/O Marlatt, P/O Reynolds, and P/O Martin posted to the rank of P/L effective Sept. 23th. "B" Flight - NPT's, camera tests, and air tests. "A" Flight carried out NPT's. There was one operational sortie. P/L Lums flew a ranger patrol to Orleans and St. Masaire, damaging two locoms and attacking a third without observing results. At 0200 hours 2 at readiness, remainder at 60 minutes. All released at 0545 hours.		
		13th	Weather - cloudy with slight rain, then fair becoming cloudy, then fine. Vis. - 4-6-30 miles then decreasing to 12 miles. P/O Abelson posted to 60 O.S.U., High Brooll, to acquire a new pilot. "A" Flight - Nil. "B" Flight - NPT's, camera tests, and an air test. There were no operational sorties. At 2345 hours 2 at readiness and 4 at 60 minutes.		
		14th	Weather - Fine to fair, becoming cloudy with showers, then slight mist and cloudy. Vis. - 8-6-22/2 to 6 miles. "A" Flight - Nil. "B" Flight - NPT's. P/L Lisson and the adjutant, P/L Johnson flew to Roscoate Down. P/O Johnson and P/O Gilbert followed in the Oxford, returning with P/L Lisson as passenger. There were no operational sorties. At 2100 hours one at readiness, 5 at 60 minutes.		

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FORD, Sussex.	NOVEMBER 1943	15th	Weather - cloudy with slight drizzle, to cloudy with slight mist, becoming fair to fine, then cloudy. Vis. - 1/2-1 miles. "A" Flight - Nil. "B" Flight carried out IFT's. There was one operational sortie by this squadron. P/O Miller made an uneventful trip to Rennes and returned in time for late breakfast. One Mosquito of 264 Squadron operated on a Ranger from Ford, and failed to return. Squadron released - 0726 hours.		
		16th	Weather - fine to cloudy with slight mist. Vis. - 2 1/2 to 4 miles. A party of five: P/L Palmer, P/O Gibbons, P/O Willgoose, P/O Morris and Sgt. Beeton, went over to Smolagh Hill in the morning and spent a couple of very profitable hours being shown over and instructed in the various types of Radar Equipment including 7000 on that station. Air Commodore Green, of Fighter Command, visited the Ops. Room, investigating the loss of the crew of 264 Squadron on the night of the 15th. 5 crews of 264 Squadron arrived on attachment to this squadron for intruder work. P/O L.B. Abelson (J1152) was killed in a flying accident at High Brodell. "B" Flight - a camera test and a local flight. P/O Johnson flew the Signals Officer P/O Willgoose to Beacombe Down and return. "A" Flight carried out IFT's and single-engine flying. There were no operational sorties. Squadron released at 0445 hours.		
		17th	Weather - alternating between fair and cloudy. Vis. - good. P/O Doug Alcorn, now on his way to Canada, is to be heartily congratulated on his D.F.C. P/O Willgoose (Special Signals) and P/O Morris (Intell.) received their P/O. "A" Flight - Nil. "B" Flight carried out IFT's and camera tests. There were no operational sorties. At 1745 hours - 2 at readiness, 2 at 30 mins, 1 at 60 minutes and 4 released.		
		18th	Weather - fair to fine. Vis. moderate. "A" Flight - an IFT by P/O Miller. "B" Flight carried out IFT's. There were eight operational sorties, all Flower, in support of Bomber raids on Mannheim and Berlin. P/O Beveridge patrolled the Stuttgart area; P/O Lee Juvinocourt and Lt. Lums; P/O Thomson-Mets and Nancy, and P/O Miller St. Disler. Owing to bad weather P/L Liason, en route to Frankfurt, P/O near to Mainz was lost; P/O Johnson to Koblenz; and P/O Williams to Wiesbaden, turned back before reaching their targets. Squadron released - 0500 hours.		
		19th	Weather - cloudy to fair to fine. Fog from 0300 hours onward. Vis. moderate to poor. "B" Flight - an IFT by P/O Williams. "A" Flight carried out IFT's, camera tests, and single-engine flying. Air Commodore Craig of Fighter Command visited the squadron. 10 Bombers landed back from Leverkusen, 2 Stirlings crashing on the I/F and one Halifax, near the river. No serious casualties resulted, except to a crew and 2 unborn calves. The following morning, we understand, the Local Police phoned the Station Intelligence Officer, requesting the name of the gentleman responsible for the slaughter of 4 cows. P/O Barrett, after surviving 33 intruder trips, was very nearly cut off in his prize by one of the prancing Stirlings, which chased him for one hundred yards (Beacombe) but just failed		

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FORD, Sussex.	NOVEMBER 1943	19th (cont'd)	to catch him. It shook him, however! There were four operational sorties; all Flower. P/L Macdonald, enroute to Bonn, P/O Ford, to Bassenheim, and P/O Williams to Magelang all turned back before reaching their targets. P/L Lums took off for Bonn area, but was recalled immediately after take-off owing to bad weather. All at 60 minutes at 2330 hours.		
		20th	Weather - fine becoming foggy at 2200 hours. Vis. - moderate to poor. P/L Liason proceeded on attachment to No. 1530 Flight, Wittering, for R.A.F. Course of Instruction. Both flights carried out IFT's. At 17:50 - 2 released - four at 60 minutes. There were no operational sorties.		
		21st	Weather - cloudy, fog and drizzle after midnight. Vis. poor. P/O Hallwood posted to "B" Depot, Warrington, prior to returning to Canada. P/O Smith, D.F.C. and bar visited the Ops. Room this morning. P/O W. Thomson (J11060) pilot and P/O N. Schellenberg (J2124) observer were both killed when, during an I.F.T., their starboard engine cut out as they were coming in to land. They crashed about 3 miles from the aerodrome and the Mosquito exploded immediately and was burnt out. Again we lose two very efficient and exceptionally well liked officers. "A" Flight - Nil. "B" Flight carried out IFT's. P/L Beveridge took off on a Special Rhubarb in the late afternoon, but half way across the channel clouds increased from 3 - 1/10 so he turned back. There were no sorties in the evening. Two at 60 mins, rest released - 1810 hours.		
		22nd	Weather - cloudy with drizzle, becoming fair. Vis. - poor to moderate. Group Captain Pearson, Fighter Command, visited the squadron. Plans for sorties from Goldschall in support of Bomber Command's big bang in Berlin was completed, but the intruder part of the programme was cancelled in the early afternoon, owing to very adverse conditions over Germany. The Bombers proceeded, however, in force. "A" Flight - Nil. "B" Flight carried out IFT's and camera tests. Night Training Flights were made by P/L King and P/O Cairns. P/O Scherf made the only operational sortie, bombing a railway junction at Folligoy. All at 60 mins, at 2330 hours.		
		23rd	Weather - cloudy with rain at 1600 hours continuing until 2300 hours. Vis. Moderate to good. "B" Flight - P/O Lee carried out an IFT. "A" Flight - IFT's were carried out enroute to Goldschall. IFT to sea cannon test, a special test trip across country by P/O Jones, who landed at Stenton Harcourt and thence to base. The following crews from "A" Flight took off for Goldschall in the afternoon, for operations over N. Germany in support of the second large scale Berlin raid. P/O Davous, P/L Macdonald, P/L Rowlands, P/L Thompson, Sgt/Lt Lums and P/O Miller. P/L Rowlands returned to base, owing to difficulties in finding Goldschall A/D. The remainder stayed overnight, then part of the operation being cancelled owing to weather conditions in Germany and the low countries. All at 60 mins, at 2047 hours.		
		24th	Weather - cloudy to fair to fine. Vis. - good.		

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POED, Sussex.	NOVEMBER 28th	1943	<p>W/L Lissou returned from 1530 flight, withering.</p> <p>The following officers attended the funeral at Brookwood Military Cemetery, of P/O Thomson and P/O Schellenberg: S/L Bruce Miller, S/L Beveridge, P/L Johnson, P/L Lissou, P/O Johnson, P/O Alderson, P/O Morris, P/O Hulebsky, P/O Cairns.</p> <p>News was received, via the Red Cross, that P/O Seymour and P/O Day, who did not return from a sortie on July 26th, were shot down near Amsterdam. They were buried in the cemetery at Haarlemmer Kruis on July 27th.</p> <p>1st Flight - our aircraft returned from Coltishall in the afternoon - 2000 hrs. All sea cannon tests were carried out. P/O Devoud flew from Coltishall to Dids, and thence to base.</p> <p>2nd Flight - Nil.</p> <p>There was one operational sortie. P/O Jones attacked a train at St. Laurent but saw no results.</p> <p>All at 60 mins. at 0335 hours.</p>		
	29th		<p>Weather - fine. Vis. good.</p> <p>The Maritime Photographic team on Oct. 21, were put on display in the Ops. Room for action. A very excellent series of photos.</p> <p>Both flights carried out NPT's.</p> <p>A medium operational effort made, with the assistance of the three crews of 4th Squadron. The Bomber Command effort was originally to be a double pronged attack on Berlin and Frankfurt, but the first target was cancelled and we paralysed the Frankfurt area. One crew of P.I.U., P/O Jones and P/L Cairns operating from base on Hannover, failed to return.</p> <p>There were nine operational sorties. 3 being losses. P/O Devoud patrolled the Old Rhine, P/O Jones, P/L Lissou, P/L Johnson, and P/O Robert the Bonn, but these areas were not patrolled owing to bad weather. P/O Jones took off for Frankfurt and P/O Cairns for Central, but owing to lack of sea points the former returned from base. P/O Jones and the latter just after descending the enemy coast.</p> <p>Squadron released - 0700 hours.</p>		
	30th		<p>Weather - fair to cloudy. Vis. - good though night becoming misty towards dawn.</p> <p>1st Flight - NPT's and air to sea cannon tests.</p> <p>2nd Flight carried out NPT's.</p> <p>Operation Flower was carried out in support of Bomber Command's double pronged raid on Berlin and Stuttgart. P/L Lissou patrolled Berlin, P/L Thompson the Old, and P/O Cairns Metz and Hagen. P/O Jones, P/O Lee and P/O Williams turned back before reaching their targets owing to adverse weather. S/L Beveridge failed to reach Hagen, but patrolled Spang. P/L Kipp did an inspection on Oxford. P/L Lissou took off for Strasbourg but landed immediately owing to technical troubles. Squadron released - 0005 hours.</p>		
	27th		<p>Weather - poor to moderate. Vis. - 1 - 2 miles.</p> <p>P/O E.S. Cook posted to No. 3 School of Cal.</p> <p>1st Flight - Nil.</p> <p>2nd Flight - NPT's and air to sea tests.</p> <p>There were no operational sorties.</p> <p>At 1305 hours - 3 at 60 minutes, remainder released.</p>		

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	29th		<p>Weather - fine. Vis. - good.</p> <p>1st Flight - Nil.</p> <p>2nd Flight carried out NPT's, camera tests, and air to air firing.</p> <p>Group Captain R.E. Burney and Group Captain L.S. Gray, A.P.C. visited the Ops. Room with the G.O. during the evening.</p> <p>There were two operational sorties.</p> <p>P/O Cairns bombed Couloumiers airfield and P/L Kipp patrolled Aword and Bourges.</p> <p>Squadron released - 0500 hours.</p>												
	30th		<p>Weather - fine. Vis. - good.</p> <p>P/O E.P. Norton posted to No. 60 O.T.W.</p> <p>1st Flight - NPT's, camera tests, air to sea firing and single engine flying. P/O Jones flew to High Breoll and return in the Oxford.</p> <p>2nd Flight carried out NPT's.</p> <p>There were no operational sorties.</p> <p>Squadron released - 2350 hours.</p>												
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						target. Flashes from Cologne direction. On return went off track, getting first fix 20 miles out near Cabourg. Weather: medium broken cloud round Florennes, then thick ground haze to 3000 ft. Vis very poor.	
5/4 Nov.	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O G.H. Miller Observer: P/O G.D. Miller	R.A.F. Brussels	Flower	1930	2240	No activity in target area. 8 to 10 searchlights and slight light flak from junction south of Malines, and 5 searchlights from Escloo. Chased a train east of Ghent but lost sight of it. Weather: good vis over Belgium and North sea; patches of cloud above 5000 ft.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: S/L D.C.S. MacDonald Observer: P/O S. Wilson R.A.F.	R.A.F. Biblis airfields	Flower	1845	2349	No activity at target. Attacked a train 6 miles north-east of Amiens, seeing strikes on loco and great clouds of steam. Train stopped and all lights doused. Weather: much haze in target area.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O R.G. Henderson Obs: P/O S.P. Marlett	R.A.F. Giessem	Flower	1842	2330	5 searchlights from Cayeux did not illuminate. Light and heavy flak from Florennes at 1936 hrs, not aimed at Mosquito. No other activity. Weather: very haze on way in, becoming worse on return.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O D.O. Newcott R.A.F. Obs: W/O V.L. Jenkins	R.A.F. Antwerp	Flower	1940	2112	When approaching Knocke port engine failed. Returned to Namston who would not accept. Landed Brethell and over-board, damaging undercarriage and wing. Crew unhurt.	
5/6 Nov.	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O E. Thomson Obs: P/O H.S. Schollenberg	R.A.F. Cambrai	Intruder	2108	2225	Target reached but nothing seen owing to low haze. Cloud over Channel 3500 ft and down to deck; above cloud very clear.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L H.S. Lissen Obs: P/O A.E. Franklin	R.A.F. Beauvais, Creil	Intruder	2152	2345	Targets inactive. Weather: very thick haze. Vis. about 1 mile. Cloud over Channel top 3500 ft. very little in target area, no wind.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O R.H. Lee Obs: P/Sgt Collier, R.R. R.A.F.	R.A.F. Amiens area	Intruder	2107	2157	Turned back with engine trouble.	

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6/7 Nov.	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/Sgt Williams, A. Obs: P/Sgt Gunneth, R.J.	R.A.F. Abbeville	Intruder	2359	0134	Target inactive, 2 x 250 lb bombs dropped on searchlights and airfield at Breux; and the control tower was shot up with a long burst and many strikes seen.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O R.H. Lee Obs: P/Sgt Olliver, R.E.	R.A.F. Poix	Intruder	2359	0210	At target bombs released on "Coe" fix, airfield not seen. No other activity.	
8/9 Nov.	Mosquito VI Pilot: S/L D.C.S. MacDonald Obs: P/O S. Wilson	R.A.F. Cambrai	Intruder	2300	0150	Single tracer fired vertically from Epigny airfield. Observed explosions on the ground at both air Cambrai airfield and all lights doused. At Abbeville single tracer seen firing vertically. Weather: fairly thin strato-on at 2-3000 ft with occasional showers. Vis: 4-6 miles deteriorating to 1-2 miles in showers.	
9/10 Nov.	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O H.E. Jones Obs: P/O R.J. Eckart	R.A.F. Rambouillet	Training to (1st sortie)	2005	2145	Found bend of Seine at Vernon but unable to pinpoint bend at Nantes, so after orbiting three times returned. Weather: Clear to 20 miles inland, then two layers of cloud, thin at 1200 ft and cumulus at 5000 ft.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O J.T. Cadine Obs: P/Sgt Seal, E.E.	R.A.F. sortie to Rennes	2nd Training	1945	2240	Uneventful. Weather: clear; thick layer cloud at 2000 ft.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O J.L. Armstrong Obs: P/O A.J. Brown	R.A.F. Poix	Intruder	1902		Failed to return.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: S/L M.F. Beveridge P/Sgt Bays, R.O.R. ILM R.A.F.	R.A.F. Bordeaux	Intruder	2013	0118	At 2306 hrs fairly accurate light flak from Louy. At 2317 hrs attacked a tramp steamer moored 5 miles south-east of Elaye St Luc. 2 attacks made and strikes seen on waterline and superstructure. Shot up a searchlight on east bank of Dordogne near St Andre, getting some return light flak. On return at 0020 hrs attacked a train twice about 10 miles north-west of Laval. Many strikes seen and engine appeared to explode, steam rising to about 800 ft. Weather: cloudy, base 3000 ft. Vis. good.	
10/11 Nov.	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L E. Klipp Obs: P/O P. Rulovsky	R.A.F. Rambouillet	Training (1st sortie)	1944	2135	Uneventful. Weather: 7/10 cloud at 3500 ft for 20 miles inland over France; then clear with a few patches.	

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10/11 Nov.	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O G.C. Scherf Obs: F/O E.A. Brown	R.A.A.F. Flower Molun	0055	0055 0435	Target covered with solid fog up to 1000 ft. Pinpointed between Molun and Bretigny on tops of 8 wireless masts showing through fog. Nothing of interest seen. Weather: 10/10 cloud at 3000ft over Paris, but heavy fog to south.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O J.R.F. Johnson Obs: F/O N.J. Gibbons	Flower Evreux, St Andre	0055	0055 0400	Heavy flak seen in Dreux area. Otherwise uneventful. Weather: good vis at Les Andely and La Roche, but to south fog.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/L H.S. Lissan Obs: F/O E.A. Franklin	Flower Chartres, Orleans	0110	0152	Nothing of interest seen at targets owing to heavy ground fog. At 0250 hrs attacked a train going north-west near St Houdebouville, seeing strikes, and getting mesh flak from train. Attacked a second train at Houdan at 0300 hrs, strikes seen, and again mesh flak. Weather: heavy fog Chartres and to south ground not divisible from 100 ft. Vis rapidly deteriorating.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O R.H. Lee Obs: F/Sgt Collier, E.R. R.A.F.	Flower Quillemiers	0053	0325	Patrolled target 38 mins in fog. No activity seen. Balloons seen in Paris area at 3-6000 ft. Weather: clear to Oise but fog up to 1000 ft south to Seine.	
11/12 Nov.	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O D.O. Norcott R.A.F. Obs: W/L V.L. Jenkins	Intruder Juvincourt	1818	2110	During patrol inadvertently flew over target airfield and held by 4 or 5 searchlights while over 12 guns (mostly light flak) opened up fairly accurate. Bombed a train going east of of Bozoches as ground haze and patches of low cloud prevented airfield being pinpointed, no bombing results seen. Attacked a train going south of Verberie, seeing strikes on loco; and a second train going east of Grey-sur-Val, seeing bursts in fire fire-box of loco. Weather: outside target area clear round Amiens. 8/10 cloud at 3000 ft over French coast, clearer over sea.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O H.C. Ford Obs: F/O J.I. Clark	Intruder Evreux, St Andre Dreux, Chartres	1910	2155	Uneventful. Weather: 4-9/10 cloud at 3000 ft. Vis 3 miles between coast and Les Andelys, clearer round Chartres. Ground haze everywhere.	

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11/12 Nov.	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O H.E. Jones Obs: F/O R.J. Robert	Intruder Remmes	0013	0318	Attacked a train going north at Sartilly (north of Avranches) seeing strikes behind engine and train stopped; light flak from train. When north-west of airfield saw a single-engine aircraft following 500 yds behind; lost him after steep diving turn. Attacked a second train approaching Remmes from east and saw strikes and explosion immediately behind loco. Attacked a third train going east of Montfort (west of Remmes), and saw strikes on 4th wagon and train stopped. Choked town and was fired at from east end of town with fairly accurate heavy flak. Attacked a fourth train going north-west between Chateaugiron and Remmes, seeing no results. Weather: 7/10 cloud 3500 ft between coast and Remmes - later dispersed. good vis.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/L G.W. Thompson Obs: F/O W.A.R. Stewart	Intruder Evreux, St Andre	0025	0530	Targets inactive. Attacked a train 5 miles north of Houdan at 0255; strikes on loco and mesh steam and smoke, and train stopped. 2 large smoke plumes seen near train. Weather: vis 1 mile. Much haze inland coast clear in and out.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O B.G. Henderson Obs: F/O S.P. Maylett	Intruder Bretigny, Molun	0010		Nothing heard after take-off.	
12/13 Nov.	Mosquito VI	Pilot: 1/Lt J.F. Linn U.S.A.A.F. Obs: F/O G.S. Finlayson	Ranger Orleans, St Nazaire	2329	0215	Attacked a train 15 miles north-east of Rouen at 2357 hrs, seeing strikes on loco; a second train at entrance to tunnel near Les Andelys at 0002 hrs without observing results; and a third train between Les Esnarts and Barbouillet at 0011 hrs, seeing strikes on loco. Weather: thin layer of cloud over Channel and French coast at 3000 ft.	
15/16 Nov.	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O G.H. Miller Obs: F/O G.D. Miller	Intruder Remmes	0533	0718	Uneventful. Weather: patches of cloud 1-2000 ft. Vis very good.	
18/19 Nov.	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/L H.S. Lissan Obs: F/O A.R. Franklin	Flower Frankfurt area	1929	2155	Turned back at 2030 hrs south of Florennes as unable to obtain any pinpoints due to haze. Got Gee fix near Evreux and returned.	20

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18/19 Nov.	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/O H.A. Bear Obs: F/Sgt Gray, A.A.P.	R.A.F.	Flower	1900	2225	Turned back at 2036 hrs near Mannheim, where fires seen on ground. No pinpoints anywhere due to haze.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/O R.H. Lee Obs: F/Sgt Olliver, R.R. R.A.F.	R.A.F.	Flower	2045	2247	Patrolled target area but no lights or activity. Weather: 10/10 cloud down to 1000 ft between coast and Campagne. Ground haze elsewhere.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/O T. Thomson Obs: F/O H.S. Schallenberg Metz, Nancy	R.A.F.	Flower	1936	2219	No activity at targets. Weather: considerable ground haze everywhere.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: S/L M.W. Burridge Obs: F/Sgt Bays, R.C.R. R.A.F.	R.A.F.	Flower	1922	2351	No lights or activity during patrol. Weather: fair in target area; haze and low cloud over most of France.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/O G.H. Miller Obs: F/O G.D. Miller	R.A.F.	Flower	2048	2330	At 2140 hrs saw aircraft shot down by fighter 10 miles north of St Didier. Target inactive. Weather: vis good above low cloud from ground to 2000 ft in places.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/Sgt Williams, A. Obs: F/Sgt Burnett, R.J.	R.A.F.	Flower	2140	2330	At 2225 hrs turned back owing to low haze and cloud. Heavy flak seen to north over Some-Estuary.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/O J.R.F. Johnson Obs: F/O H.J. Gibbons	R.A.F.	Flower	1915	2028	Turned back at 1953 hrs near Albert owing to very bad vis.	
19/20 Nov.	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/O H.C. Ford Obs: F/O J.L. Clark	R.A.F.	Flower	1839	1958	Returned when east of Amiens owing to unfavourable weather conditions. Weather: haze with 7-8/10 cloud base 1500 ft to 3000 ft.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: S/L D.G.S. McDonald Obs: F/O S. Wilson R.A.F.	R.A.F.	Flower	1827	2000	Flew 130 miles inland without pinpoint and so returned from Avesnes area. Weather: much ground haze, 10/10 cloud with base 1000 to 2500 ft. No cloud at coast. Weather deteriorating inland.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/Sgt Williams, A. Obs: F/Sgt Gunnitt, R.J.	R.A.P.	Flower	1852	1955	Returned when 7 miles inland from Pte Haute Banc owing to adverse weather conditions.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: 1/Lt J.P. [unclear] Obs: F/O C.G. Finlayson	R.A.P.	Flower	1920	1929	Recalled immediately after take-off as a result of weather report by S/L McDonald relayed from Manston.	

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21/22 Nov.	Mosquito VI Pilot: S/L M.W. Burridge Obs: F/Sgt Bays, R.C.R.	R.A.F.	Rhubarb Nautrey & Vincent	1618	1675	Half way across Channel cloud decreased from 8/10 to about 3/10 at 2-3000 ft, so decided to abandon mission and turned back at 1636 hrs.	
22/23 Nov.	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/O G.G. Scherf Obs: F/O E.A. Brown	R.A.F.	Bomb and patrol Remes	1745	1948	Weather too thick to bomb airfield, cloud at 400 ft; so bombed a railway junction at Pelligy, 10 miles east of Granville, seeing no results. Weather: cleared over Cherbourg peninsula where coast visible. Heavy cloud up to 5500 ft over Channel; very hazy.	
24/25 Nov.	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/O H.E. Jones Obs: F/O B.J. Eckart	R.A.F.	Intruder Chateaudun	1921	2250	No activity in target area. Blackout in towns very bad. Train attacked 2131 at St Laurent, 20 miles south-west of Orleans, but no results seen. Weather: raining from coast to Sedan; then generally clear, with strato-cu at 3000 ft in Orleans area.	
25/26 Nov.	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/O J.E. Gaine Obs: F/Sgt Bond, R.F.	R.A.F.	Intruder Cambrai	1919	2014	Ran into 10/10 cloud at 1000 ft, and much rain at landfall. No navigational aids available so abandoned sortie.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/O H.A. Bear Obs: F/Sgt Gray, A.A.P.	R.A.F.	Flower Frankfurt area	0138	0340	No pinpoints obtainable inside coast; cloud below 2000 ft. Reached approx Florennes at 0232, then returned. Weather: clear over Channel. Very low cloud over North France, building up on return trip.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/O G.G. Scherf Obs: F/O E.A. Brown	R.A.A.F.	Flower Bonn area	0118	0350	Intersect area being experienced at 4000 ft and cloud fire on propeller and wing tips. Target not patrolled because of 10/10 cloud at 2700 ft. Fire observed on ground near Chateau D'Ardenne on way in and out.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/L H.S. Lipson Obs: F/O A.E. Franklin	R.A.F.	Flower Zellhausen	0110	0503	Fire seen just north of Abbeville at 0207 hrs. Powerful steady red flare or fire seen on ground in Cambrai area, and similar fire near Chateaudun on way in and out. Fire until estimated 25 mins from Frankfurt but no pinpoints so did not continue patrol. Weather: 10/10 cloud, base unknown, east of Cambrai with icing conditions at 4000 ft. 6-7/10 low cloud until French coast where conditions improved. Vis: good in cloudless area.	201

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25/26 Nov.	Mosquito VI Pilot: S/L H.W. Beveridge IFC	Flower	Koblenz area	0147	0531	After flying through 9/10 cloud at 2700 ft decided to abandon sortie at 0116 hrs when approx in target area. When approx 0300 of Floresces at 0140 hrs saw vivid red flash below cloud, which remained as if burning on ground.	
	Obs: P/Sgt Bays, R.C.R. IEM R.A.F.						
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: W/O R.V. Dawood DFC Obs: P/O J.L. Reynolds	Flower	Obs Obs, Biblis	0130	0605	No lights at target. Several searchlights attempted to illuminate. Nothing else of interest. Weather: by 0100 hrs cloud at 1-3000 ft at target. En route to coast 10/10 cloud to mid-channel.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O R.E. Jones Obs: P/O R.J. Robert	Flower	Wurzberg	0116	0625	No activity in target area. Saw Obs Obs airfield lit but low cloud hindered patrol and shortage of fuel necessitated return. Weather: 9/10 on, base unknown, from Floresces to 25 miles east of Frankfurt.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/Sgt Williams, A. R.A.F. Obs: P/Sgt Garnett, R.J.	Flower	Mannheim area	0135	0628	Flew through 6/10 on at 2000 ft until reaching target area. Saw what appeared to be a row of houses illuminated by a horizontal searchlight in Mannheim area. No activity.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O R.H. Lee Obs: P/Sgt Collier, E.R. R.A.F.	Flower	Stuttgart	0115	0625	Flew through cloud, but fairly clear at target area. No activity. Weather: ground mist, clear in target area. 10/10 cloud from 3-6000 ft on return.	
26/27 Nov.	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L.R. Kipp Obs: P/O P. Bulatsky	Intruder	Cambray	2105	2300	Unsuccessful. Weather: fine in coastal area and over Cambray; fair vis with fog in valleys.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O J.A. Caine Obs: P/Sgt Basil, E.W.	Flower	Mets, Nancy	1942	2220	Nothing seen in target area owing to adverse weather - inland over France and Germany 10/10 cloud.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O G.C. Scherf R.A.F. Obs: P/O E.A. Brown	Flower	Schweinfurt	1853	2210	Vertical flak from single position in Abbeville vicinity. Flew through 10/10 cloud to Rhine valley but unable to pinpoint owing to haze. Searchlights seen approx position of Worms or Mannheim, and saw light flak.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O R.H. Lee Obs: P/Sgt Collier, E.R. R.A.F.	Flower	Stuttgart	1845	2220	Flew through 10/10 cloud all way and set course for base at 2030 hrs, not quite making target area owing to adverse weather.	

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26/27 Nov.	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/Sgt Williams, A. Obs: P/Sgt Garnett, R.J.	R.A.F. Karlshuhe	Flower	1900	2155	Turned back south of Vernon owing to adverse weather. Patrolled Credit aerodrome from 2050 to 2105 and Abbeville from 2120 to 2125 but no activity. Weather: inland over France 8/10 cloud at 5000 ft, deteriorating rapidly with fog conditions.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L G.W. Thompson Obs: P/O W.A.R. Stewart	Flower	Obs Obs	1930	2345	At Gelnshelm canopy of 14 or 15 searchlights hoisting aircraft. Patrolled airfield but saw no E/A. At 2250 hrs saw steady flak from Abbeville. Weather: fine to 50 miles inside France, from there 10/10 at 1500 ft to target area.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L H.S. Lison Obs: P/O A.R. Franklin	Flower	Biblis	1928	2330	Visited Floresces on way to target and again on return, but no activity. Many searchlights seen along coast, and a fire on the sea 20 miles south of Beachgat 2250 hrs. Weather: 9/10 low cloud inland over France and Germany up to 700 ft.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: 1/Lt J.F. Lusa Obs: P/O G.G. Finlayson	U.S.A.A.F. Straubourg	Flower	1910	1920	Returned immediately for technical reasons.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: 1/Lt J.F. Lusa U.S.A.A.F. Obs: P/O G.G. Finlayson	Intruder Hartdidier	Flower	2110	2355	Vertical flak at Abbeville and Rosiers. No activity at target. Illuminated by one searchlight at Albert but no flak. Fired at by three flak ships off Le Crottoy, which stopped immediately and was fired. Weather: vis good over coastal area; WCV light cloud at 4000 ft.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: S/L H.W. Beveridge IFC Obs: P/Sgt Bays, R.C.R. IEM R.A.F.	Flower	Mengen	1854	2353	Rhine picked up south-west of Karlshuhe and followed to Speyer, which was patrolled for 30 mins but no aircraft seen. Weather: over Germany broken cloud at 3000 ft and above. Vis. good - breaks in cloud.	
28/29 Nov.	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O G.C. Scherf Obs: P/O E.A. Brown	R.A.F. Bordeaux	Patrol	1845	2000	Approached seaplane base on Lake Biscarosse from south-east. P/O Johnson saw 6 Arado 196 anchored 1/2 mile south-east of slipway and attacked three of these, missing strikes on two aircraft. P/O Scherf flew up the west coast and saw a large flying boat (probably B.V. 222) on slipway out into trees about	

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						1/2 mile south of hangars. Attacked this aircraft but saw no results. Intense light flak with green and red tracer was fired at both Mosquitoes immediately pilots opened fire. P/O Johnson flew north past Cassac airfield (no activity) to Courtin Montain seaplane base where nothing visible on water. P/O Scherf flew to Bourdeaux/Merignac but no activity, no continued north. Both aircraft flew 10 miles north-west of Cognac but no activity.	
29/30 Nov.	Mosquito VI	Pilots: P/L E. Kipp Obs: P/R E. Buletsky	Intruder Avord, Bourges	1911	2300	Unsuccessful. Also patrolled Orleans and Chartres. Weather heavy cloud S.W. Paris down to 2000 ft. Otherwise clear.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilots: P/O J.R. Gaine Obs: P/Sgt Boal, E.W.	Intruder Coulamiers Nohm	2330	0219	Bombed Coulamiers airfield, 2 x 500 lb, from 15-1800 ft at 0050 hrs, both bombs seen to burst. On return much light flak from Bourvais airfield. Weather: low cloud and showers at coast; clearer inland, but low cloud in target area.	

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FORB, Bassex.	November 1943.	1st	Weather - fine; cloudy at night with fog. P/O W.G. Roberts reported on attachment. He is one of the Canadian War Artists, who will depict aspects of Squadron life and activity for posterity. P/O D.O. Harcourt posted to No. 9 Group for Instructor duties. Both flights carried out N.F.T.'s. 8 of our aircraft flew to Brudell to operate in support of Bomber Command, but the "show" was cancelled. There were no operational sorties from here. All at 60 minutes at 23:42 hours.		
		2nd	Weather - cloudy with slight rain; becoming fair, then cloudy again in evening. Vis. - Moderate. *P Flight - P/L Beveridge flew to High Escall and return. P/O Scherf took the I.O. Air to Air-firing. *A Flight carried out N.F.T.'s and camera tests. At first it was thought that our aircraft would remain in Brudell for the night's operations, and the duty I.O., P/O Van Praag, was flown there by P/S Williams. However, the plan was changed and all returned to base. There were no sorties. All at 60 minutes at 0025 hours.		
		3rd	Weather - fine; occasional showers - slight mist and fog in evening. Both flights carried out N.F.T.'s. The entire ground crew, with effect from today, is posted to 3070 Sopolon. This leaves one I.O., one Nav. Officer, one M.O. and one adjutant, together with the aircrew, with the Squadron. Two airmen are also with the squadron; one Sergeant Fitter and one AC Clerk. The G.O.'s brother, P/L Daymond, came on a visit to the G.O. Eight intruder sorties were flown in support of the Leipzig area, owing to cloud conditions in N. France and N. Germany. P/O Scherf (Obs. P/O Brown) and P/L Macdonald (Obs. P/O Wilson), are to be congratulated on excellent navigation in finding their targets, - Brandis and Harsching respectively - flying approximately 2000 miles without a single pinpoint. P/O Ford, en route to Weimar, P/O Miller to Langensalza, P/O Hoar to Erfurt, P/S Williams to Weimigen Luiten, P/L Kipp to Hessege, and P/O Johnson to Altenburg, all turned back owing to the impossibility of pinpointing. Squadron released at 0700 hours.		
		4th	Weather - cloudy with slight mist. Vis. - moderate in evening. *A Flight - N.F.T.'s and single engine flying. *P Flight carried out N.F.T.'s and camera tests. There were no operational sorties. All at 60 minutes at 0200 hours.		
		5th	Weather - fair. Vis. - moderate to good. *P Flight - Nil. *A Flight carried out N.F.T.'s, camera tests, and single-engine flying. No operations. All at 60 minutes at 23:45 hours.		
		6th	Weather - cloudy with slight showers occasionally. Vis. - moderate. New crews reported from 60 O.T.U. as follows: P/L MacFadyen, D.A. (Pilot) P/O Wright, J.D. (Obs.) P/O McTale, J.J.F. (Pilot) P/O Storey, E.J. (Obs.) P/L Connell, J.M. (Pilot) P/O Carr, D.W.J. (Obs.)		203

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FORD, SUSSEX.	December, 1941 6th (Cont'd)		"B" Flight - Beam Approach, formation flying, and camera tests. F/L Lissac and F/O Franklin took F/O Kipp to Northolt in the Oxford and then returned. "A" Flight - H.F.T.'s, camera tests, and single-engine flying. F/O Ford and then F/O Miller carried out Special Test Flights in Mosquito Aircraft "D". No operational sorties. All at 60 minutes at 00:15 hours.		
		7th	Weather - cloudy with mist and fog. F/L Lissac left this afternoon on attachment to A.D.C.B. with Intruder Control. F/O H.M. Sims (Pilot) and F/O J.D. Sharples (Observer) returned from a Conversion Course at 60 O.T.U. A new crew reported to the Squadron from 60 O.T.U. - F/O J.M. McGrath (Pilot) and F/O D.C. Bissell (Observer). "A" Flight - Nil. "B" Flight carried out H.F.T.'s No operational sorties.		
		8th	Weather - fog and some cloud in morning; slight rain in afternoon, ground mist in evening. Vis. - 2000 yards. F/O Morris, the I.O., proceeded to Southport for a week's course in aircraft recognition. "A" Flight - Nil. "B" Flight - Nil. No operational sorties, and all were put at 60 minutes at 15:20 hours.		
		9th	Weather - cloudy. Vis. - 3 - 4 miles, becoming 3000 yards in evening. "B" Flight - F/L Kipp flew to Kenley in the Magister. "A" Flight - H.F.T.'s. F/O Jones carried out single-engine landing. No operational sorties. At 1800 hours - 2 at 60 minutes, and the remainder released.		
		10th	Weather - cloudy during the day, partly cloudy in evening. Vis. - 2000 to 3500 yards, becoming 6 - 12 miles in evening. "B" Flight - H.F.T.'s, camera tests, air firing, and Beam Approach. F/L Kipp returned from Kenley in the Magister. "A" Flight - H.F.T.'s. F/L MacFarlane carried out dusk to dusk flights. There were three operational sorties. F/L Rowlands patrolled Kentfield, F/L Thompson Spiny and Magister, and Lt Lane Chivvers. Squadron released - 0010 hours.		
11th	Weather - partly cloudy all day with some cloudy periods. Vis. - 2 - 4 miles. F/O McGrath P.M. (Pilot) F/O Bissell, D.C. (Obs.) posted from 60 O.T.U. "A" Flight - Cross-countries were flown by F/L MacFarlane and F/O McGrath. The latter also carried out air to sea firing and, in the evening, H/L co-operation. "B" Flight - H.F.T.'s, camera tests, and Beam Approach. F/O MacFarlane flew a Sector pass, and in the evening a searchlight co-operation. There were no operational sorties. All crews at 60 minutes at midnight.				

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FORD SUSSEX.	December, 1941	12th	Weather - cloudy. Vis. 4 - 5 miles in morning, 1 - 2 miles in the evening. By amendment to F.O. Operational Instruction No. 11/1941, the prohibition on attacks on trains, locomotives and marshalling yards by daylight and night, in France, Belgium and Holland was made official. The prohibition came through by signal on the 1st. of the month, and caused great consternation. Weary glad that F/O Lissac has finished his tour, as he would be heart-broken. "B" Flight - H.F.T.'s. Cross-countries were carried out by F/L Connell and F/O McGale. "A" Flight carried out H.F.T.'s. F/L MacFarlane flew a cross-country. In the afternoon four Day Bombs were undertaken to aerodromes in France. Two aircraft (F/L Johnson and F/O Gibbons; F/L Kipp and F/O Hestsky) went to Bourges and Avord. At Bourges they attacked a He III at 1000 feet, seeing it crash in a field and explode. They then flew to Avord where they found another He III just taking off at 500 feet with wheels down. This aircraft was attacked and pieces flew off as they struck and observed. The F/L put his nose down violently, but the Magister broke away as they were over the airfield and did not see the crash. F/L MacFarlane and F/O Wilson and F/L Thompson and F/O Stewart took off for Toulouse but owing to insufficient cloud cover turned back from Forges aere. There were no sorties in the evening. All crews at 60 minutes at 2330 hours.		
		13th	Weather - cloudy in the morning. Vis. - 2-4 miles. F/L Lissac returned from attachment to A.D.C.B. Intruder Control. "B" Flight - F/L Connell and F/O McGale carried out H.F.T.'s and night cross-countries. "A" Flight carried out H.F.T.'s air to sea firing. Cross countries were carried out by F/L MacFarlane, F/O McGrath and F/O Sims. F/O Jones did a local flight in the Oxford, and then F/O McGrath flew a cross country in that aircraft. No operations.		
		14th	Weather - cloudy. Sea vis. F/O Jenkins posted to "H" Depot, Warrington, for repatriation to Canada, having completed a very successful tour of operations with his pilot F/O Harcourt. "A" Flight carried out H.F.T.'s. "B" Flight undertook three Danger sorties in the afternoon. Two Mosquitoes, F/O Johnson and F/L Kipp, took off for Tours, Nantes, and Rennes, but turned back from south-west of Angoulême owing to lack of low cloud cover. F/O Beveridge patrolled Cherbourg, Orleans, and Melun uneventfully. There were no sorties in the evening. At 1940 hours & crews at 60 minutes.		
		15th	Weather - fair to cloudy. Mod to good visibility. "B" Flight carried out H.F.T.'s, camera tests and Beam Approach. F/O Kipp flew a local in the Magister in the forenoon F/L Palmer, by means of the telephone and tannoy, set out to organize a choir for singing Carols in the neighboring villages on Christmas Day. The first practice was held in the Church Army Outpost and although attendance was hampered by the counter-attraction of a film show starring Deanna Durbin, about fifteen airmen and airwomen turned out. F/L Palmer further contributed by playing the accompaniment on the piano and leading in the singing. It is hoped that by holding two more rehearsals, one at F.L.U. and one at Tortington, it may be possible to muster a mixed choir of approximately forty joyous voices for Christmas morning. There were no operational sorties and all crews were put at 60 minutes at 22:30 hours.		

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FORD SUSSEX.	15th		Weather - cloudy. Wide spread cloud and low stratus. Two HPT's carried out by "A" Flight. The L.O. returned from a Course at Central School of A/O Recognition. P/L C.A. Walker (Pilot) P/O Roberts, E.L. (Obs) posted from No. 60 O.T.U. No operational sorties were undertaken owing to very unfavourable weather.		
	17th		Weather - Fair to cloudy. Mod. vis. HPT's by "A" Flight and Night cross-country by W/O Sims. Operational sorties in the shape of 1st. Training Flights, No. 100, were made by P/L MacPherson and P/O McGrath. These were Unsuccessful. P/L. Barrow, T.L. (Pilot) P/O Haynes P.W.D. (Obs) posted from No. 60 O.T.U.		
	18th		Weather - cloudy, occasional rain. Mod. vis. "A" Flight carried out HPT's: P/L Beveridge took P/L Ray, Tangmere Controller, for a short trip. These were no operational flights.		
	19th		Weather - Fair to Cloudy. Fine later. HPT's by "B" Flight. Air to Sea firing by P/L. Lison, 1st./Lt. Luma and P/O Ford flew to Kenley. A day Range to Chateaubert and Bourges was carried on by P/O Johnson and P/O Oline with their observers, P/O Gibbons and P/S Roal. They, however, found 10/10 cloud at 500 to 200 feet, so both turned back from the Le Mans area. The only excitement was enjoyed by P/O Johnson, who experienced rifle fire from two huns. at Bourges. Two first operational sorties were made by P/L Connell and W/O Sims, who made Landfall at St. Marcouf and Oriel, respectively, and carried out their patrol without incident. P/O Henry also made his first operational trip to the Loire. Hun activity in the early hours of the morning saw P/S Williams to Cambrai which was well lit but inactive, and P/O Lee to Montdidier, Amiens which was well lit but no 250 lb. bombs were dropped, without results being observed. At 0600 P/L Beveridge took off for Montdidier/Amiens. Both P/S's were like dead trees, but no activity was seen.		
	20th		Weather - Fair. Some showers. Good vis. HPT's by "A" Flight and by some of "A" Flight. A very heavy operational programme was laid on in support of Bomber Command's heavy raid in Frankfurt and Imbrighaven. The results were gratifying, inasmuch as two enemy aircraft were destroyed and one damaged. P/O Jones destroyed a He-111 at sunset, P/O Oline finished off an unidentified twin-engine E/A at Delse, near Metz, and P/O Lee attacked an unidentified hostile at Stuttgart/Böblingen, seeing numerous strikes just as it was touching down. P/L Lison patrolled Bonn and P/L Beveridge visited Bhlbia. P/S Williams, P/O Hoar, 1/Lt Luma and P/O Johnson had uneventful trips to St. Trond, Florennes, Lecon and Brussels/Melsbroek respectively, by P/O McGrath. P/L. MacPherson and P/L Connell. Squadron was released at 0545 hours.	MEMO	
	21st		Weather - cloudy. Rain locally. Good vis. "A" Flight Carried out H.P.T.'s. At night, in response to hostile activity over this country early in the evening, P/L Thompson patrolled Montdidier and P/O Ford visited Cambrai, but the lack of E/A despite bright 1/8th lighting, combined with the number of flares sent up showed that the Hun was Intruder conscious, so both patrols were uneventful. Squadron was released at 0600 hours.		

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FORD, SUSSEX.	22nd		Weather - Fine. Very good visibility. A signal was received by the C.O. from Air Marshall Edwards, congratulating the pilots concerned and the Squadron in general, on the victories of the night of the 20th. HPT's and camera Gun tests were performed by A Flight. P/S Williams and P/O Oline carried out cross-country. A number of anti-training patrols, of which one, by P/L MacPherson, resulted in an unidentified damaged at Orleans. W/O Sims saw one at Orleans but it caused lights too soon. P/L Connell made an uneventful trip to Melun/Bretigny. W/O McGale saw nav. lights at Orleans, but was too far away to profit by it. Hun activity caused P/O Jones and Lt Luma to be scrambled for Beaureais and Poix/Amiens respectively, but there was no activity. Squadron was released at 0600 hours.		
	23rd		Weather - Fair to cloudy. Some rain. Mod. vis. HPT's by "B" Flight. P/O Ford flew the Oxford to Ouchington and return. Flower in support of the Berlin raid was not very successful. Three A/O, P/L Lison, P/L Thompson and P/S Williams went to Orléans, but were unable to operate owing to wing icing. Five crews took off from Ford but owing to very low cloud conditions through France and W. Germany, only one, P/O Johnson, reached his target area, BRUNSWICK. P/O Roberts got as far as Coblenz in H.T.A. P/O Hoar had engine trouble and turned back from just off Hanston. P/O Oline returned from just inside the French Coast, and P/O Miller from Arheim.		
	24th		Weather - cloudy. Vis. fair to good. No operations. Two crews were put out 60 at 20:00 hours and the remaining two at 60 at 23:00.		
	25th		Weather - cloudy with fog and slight drizzle. Vis. - poor. A H.P.T.'s by "A" Flight. The Officers of the Squadron served in the different airman's messes for Dams Dinner at noon. In the evening a Dance was held at Tortington, and owing to the other Squadrons having their own parties, outside, 418 Squadron was left in control of the Bar and (largely) the dance. Two Belgian Spitfire pilots, visiting, introduced the Tic Eating game, and P/O Bakert had several hearty meals. A good Christmas Day. Operationally there were no sorties, all being released at 1900 hours.		
	26th		Weather - cloudy with drizzle and fog. Vis. poor. P/O Jasper, O.M. (pilot) P/L Martin, O.A. (Obs.); P/L Samson, A.L. (pilot) posted to 418 Squadron from 60 O.T.U. A H.P.T.'s by "B" Flight. The Officers gave Dams Dinner was held at 1900 hours, followed by an informal dance in the Mess Hall. "Presentations" were made by W/O Davoud to W/O Mack (29 Squadron) and vice versa. The enjoyment of the party is evidenced by the fact that the bar closed at 0630 hours. No operations. All released at 1720 hours.		

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FORD, Sussex.	DECEMBER, 1943.	27th	<p>Weather - Foggy, becoming cloudy and misty.</p> <p>"A" Flight - Nil.</p> <p>"B" Flight carried out NP's. P/O Johnson flew to Debden and return.</p> <p>In the afternoon, the squadron organised a Children's Mass Party at Tortington Hall. Well over 150 children from Arundel and neighbourhood came by bus loads and were first entertained by a conjurer. Following this, Santa Claus, in the well disguised and padded person of the adjutant, P/L Johnson, came on the scene. Presents were then given to all the children, and the party next proceeded to the gymnasium. Vast quantities of "Gats" were there enjoyed, followed by real ice cream, flown from Debden in the early afternoon. Great credit goes to P/O A.E. Brown and Supervisor P.F. Coffey (Knights of Columbus) for the vast amount of work and interest they devoted to the organization of this pleasant afternoon.</p> <p>A very early release was welcomed by "B" Flight, because the 418 Carnival Dance took place at Tortington at 2000 hours. The costumes were astonishing in their brilliance and variety, and the R.O.A.F. Headquarters Dance Band was a delight to dance to. A "Leg Contest" proved very popular. The party broke up at 0015, and will be long remembered by the squadron and Bohalco.</p>		
		28th	<p>Weather - cloudy, some mist all day.</p> <p>"A" Flight practised Beam Approach. P/L Thompson, Lt Lane and P/O Finlayson flew to Debden and return in the Oxford. In the afternoon P.M. Sanagan and P/O Madhurst made a return trip to Squires Gate in the Oxford.</p> <p>"B" Flight carried out NP's and camera tests. There was one cross country by P/L Walker. No operations.</p>		
		29th	<p>Weather - cloudy and foggy in the afternoon and all night.</p> <p>"A" Flight - Nil.</p> <p>"B" Flight - P/L Jenson took off in an NP but landed immediately owing to bad weather. Large scale operations from Ford, Bradwell and W. Raynes were planned in support of Bomber Command's Berlin raid, but impossible weather conditions in the S. of England caused these to be cancelled at 1630 hours. Bomber Command proceeded, without our assistance, and are to be congratulated on a very successful prang, with comparatively light losses. All at 60 at 1810 hours.</p>		
		30th	<p>Weather - Cloudy and foggy, later becoming cloudless. Visibility - from 400 yards to 12 miles.</p> <p>"B" Flight - P/L Walker flew a cross country to Bradwell and return. P/O Johnson, P/O Osine, and P/O Hedeke carried out formation flying and camera tests. P/L Beveridge made a common test. There were three operational sorties. P/L Macpherson, P/O McGrath and W/O Sims patrolled Southdown, Adams/Prix and Abbeville respectively. Squadron released at 0545 hours.</p>		
		31st	<p>Weather - cloudless, then becoming cloudy with slight rain at night.</p> <p>"A" Flight carried out Bomb AFPL, camera tests and NP's.</p> <p>"B" Flight - NP's. P/L Kipp flew to West Raynes and return.</p> <p>No operations. 4 at 60 mins. at 0025 hours.</p>		

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FORD, Sussex.	DECEMBER, 1943.		<p>No. of Sorties for Month.....55</p> <p>Operational Hours for Month.....298 Training Hours for Month.....205:40</p> <p>Personnel on strength as at 31st December, 1943.</p> <p>R.C.A.F. Officers Aircrew..... 37 R.C.A.F. Airmen Aircrew..... 5</p> <p>R.C.A.F. Officers Groundcrew..... 5 R.C.A.F. Airmen Groundcrew..... 6</p> <p>R.A.F. Officers Aircrew..... 5 R.A.F. Airmen Aircrew..... 4</p> <p>R.A.F. Officers Groundcrew..... 1 R.A.F. Airmen Groundcrew..... 1</p> <p>R.A.A.F. Officers Aircrew..... 1</p> <p>R.A.A.F. Officers Aircrew..... 1</p> <p>AIRCRAFT ON STRENGTH: MOSQUITO VI..... 19</p> <p>MAGISTER..... 1</p> <p>CHEROKEE..... 1</p>		
			<p>(P.Y. Devoud) Wing Commander, Commanding, No. 418 Squadron, R.C.A.F.</p>		

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						and coast at 2135 hrs a twin-engine aircraft was momentarily seen 500 ft above Mosquito going east. Weather: 8/10 cloud with base at 2000 ft over Franco. Vis. 1/2 mile.	
12th Dec.	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O J.E.F. Johnson Obs: F/O N.J. Gibbons	Day Ranger			When south of Bourges at zero ft saw a He.111 at 1000 ft flying in same direction. No 1 pulled up and closed to 100 yds firing two 2 sec bursts, seeing many strikes and pieces flew off. No 2 then attacked, seeing more strikes and N/A finally crashed in a field near the aerodrome and blew up at 1555 hrs. Section then flew to Avord where another He.111 seen just after take off at 2000 500 ft with wheels down. No 1 closed to 1000 100 yds and fired 5-6 sec bursts, seeing strikes all over aircraft. No 2 then attacked and closed to 100 yds firing 3-4 sec burst, many strikes seen. Pieces flew off and smoke came from starboard engine. N/A finally put nose down violently but Mosquitoes broke away as they were over airfield, and did not see the crash, but no aircraft seen afterwards after combat. 4 F.W. 190's and 2 He.111 seen on southeast corner of Avord airfield. Weather: 8/10 cloud at 1500 ft over route except for broken patches in Tours area.	
		Pilot: F/L R. Kipp Obs: F/O P. Blatsky	Bourges Avord	1425	1815		
2	Mosquito VI	Pilot: S/L D.G.S. MacDonald Obs: S/O S. Wilson R.A.F.	Day Ranger			On crossing enemy coast at Isigny experienced yellow tracer from about 4 positions but flak was well behind. More flak of 20 m.m. type experienced from train 3 miles south-east of Carcasson. When in Burgundy area cloud cover only 5/10 very thin cloud at 2000 ft and improving rapidly further south. Section leader decided to return to base - insufficient cloud cover. Weather: base to Avanches 10/10 cloud at 1500 ft. Vis. 2-3 miles, improving further south.	
		Pilot: F/L G.W. Thompson Obs: F/O W.A.R. Stewart	Toulouse	1521	1700		

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14th Dec.	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O J.E.F. Johnson Obs: F/O N.J. Gibbons	Day Ranger			Flew as far as Carcasson, 15 miles south-west of Argentan, then turned back owing to absence of low cloud cover.	
		Pilot: F/L R. Kipp Obs: F/O P. Blatsky	Tours Franco	1510	1635	Weather: over Channel and 6-8/10 cloud base at 200 ft; ground base.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: S/L M.W. Morrison R.F.C. Obs: F/Sgt Rye, R.O.R. R.A.F.	Day Ranger Orleans	1544	1852	Observed about 12 small barrage balloons at 500 ft 5 miles E.S.W. of Orleans. Otherwise uneventful. Weather: patches of fog over Channel and inland over Franco down to Avanches. Clearer between there and Orleans where low cloud 500 to 1500 ft.	
17th	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/L D.A. MacDonald Obs: F/O J.D. Wright	1st sortie S. Paris area	1830	2017	Ground base so no pinpoints owing to haze. Big orange glow seen on ground at Vernon.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O J.E. McGrath Obs: F/O D.R. Small	1st sortie S. Paris area	1835	2025	No pinpoints obtainable owing to haze. Big orange glow seen at Vernon.	
19/20 Dec.	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O J.E. Johnson Obs: F/O N.J. Gibbons	Day Ranger	1339	1610	Fired on by 2 or 3 soldiers at Oubourg. Saw about 6 Ju.87's parked Meudon. Both aircraft turned back from Le Mans area, back having lost touch near Argentan. Cloud 10/10 at 500 ft to 1000 ft.	
		Pilot: F/O J.E. Quinn Obs: F/Sgt Rye, R.O.R.	Orleans Bourges	1339	1550		
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/L J.M. Small Obs: F/O D.V.J. Orr	Ops training Avanches	2054	2222	Nothing of interest. Weather good.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O J.P. Madala Obs: F/O E.J. Story	Ops training Ansonia	2326	0158	Nothing of interest. Clear, good vis.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O M.H. Eise Obs: F/O J.D. Charles	Ops training S. of Paris	2340	0129	4 searchlights at Le Troport. Unsuccessful. Weather: no cloud over Franco.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/Sgt Williams, A. Obs: F/Sgt Curran, E.J.	Destructor Orleans	0243	0525	E/W V/L on. Chievras patrolled. Returned to Oubourg, still lit, with canopy of 3 searchlights. Weather: vis good, no cloud.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot: F/O R.H. Lee Obs: F/Sgt Collier, E.E.	Destructor Moutillier	0240	0520	No activity unpatrolled and bombed Andena airfield, which was lit. No results seen. Patrolled and Juvincourt, no activity. Weather: very clear, no cloud.	

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20/20 Dec	Boeing VI Pilot: S/L M. Downidge Obs: P/Sgt Bays, R.C.A.F.	W/O Detruder R.C.A.F. W/O Munkhiller	Detruder	0605	0821	Munkhiller and Bays lit, but inactive. Unsuccessful. Weather: mod vis.	
20/21 Dec	Boeing VI Pilot: P/O R.R. Jones Obs: P/O R.J. Robert	Flores Ellenbach	Flores	1821	2340	Ellenbach airfield lighted; 2 second burst burst fired at control tower. All lights doused. Ambach airfield was fully lighted. 2 E/A seen, one attacked. Engine burst into flames and E/A crashed and burned near airfield. Three other E/A seen but not attacked. Destroyed E/A identified as He111.	
	Boeing VI Pilot: P/O R.H. Lee Obs: P/Sgt Collier, R.C.A.F.	Flores Stratger/Hollings	Flores	1836	2385	2 E/A seen landing from opposite directions. Munkhiller attacked second E/A which had put on landing light. Just as he touched down. Attack was made head-on and numerous strikes were seen around the cockpit and port wing, as Munkhiller closed to about 50 yds. All lights then doused. Weather: good; some valley haze.	
	Boeing VI Pilot: P/O J.P. Osho Obs: P/Sgt Seal, R.C.A.F.	Flores Speyer	Flores	1850	2315	Speyer and DeLarue airfields both lit, with searchlights fired, but no activity. Left target area and flew to lake north-west of Sarzhorn. Near Hamm saw aircraft flying parallel at 2500 ft with nav lights. It altered course towards Dahn airfield which was lighted. Burst of cannon from 250 to 50 yds and n/a caused bluish white smoke and E/A flew straight into airfield and burned fiercely on ground. Weather: light low cloud over France. Clear in Germany.	
	Boeing VI Pilot: P/O R.S. Leman Obs: P/O A.R. Franklin	Flores Rum	Flores	1852	2305	Red-yellow fires from air on three occasions. Red smoke from Osho on return. Weather: good in France; 8/10 low cloud in Germany.	
	Boeing VI Pilot: S/L M.V. Downidge Obs: P/Sgt Bays, R.C.A.F.	W/O Detruder R.C.A.F. W/O Biblis	Detruder	1850	0004	Flashes and fires seen towards Munkhiller. Green targets fired from Speyer airfield. Biblis and Obs Osho both lit, but inactive. Weather: 10/10 low cloud on frontiers; Clear at target.	

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20/21 Dec	Boeing VI Pilot: P/O J.L. McGeeth Obs: P/O R.G. Maxwell	Training to Orleans, Bourne, Bourne, Bourne, Bourne	Training	1905	2245	See Orleans/Bourne lit and aircraft flew across in front of Munkhiller at Chartres. Otherwise unsuccessful. Weather: excellent vis.	
	Boeing VI Pilot: P/Sgt Williams, A. Obs: P/Sgt Cornett, R.J.	Flores St Brund	Flores	2050	2335	Inable to pinpoint, so returned after reaching target on R.P.A. Weather: 10/10 low cloud and haze.	
	Boeing VI Pilot: P/O R.A. Har Obs: P/Sgt Cox, A.V. R.C.A.F.	Flores Floresman	Flores	2050	2325	Unsuccessful. Weather: 9/10 - 10/10 low cloud in target area.	
	Boeing VI Pilot: P/O R.A. McGeeth Obs: P/O J.D. Wright	Training to Bourne, Orleans	Training	2056	2359	3 searchlights from Seal airfield. Otherwise unsuccessful. Weather: patches of ground fog. 3-5/10 medium cloud.	
	Boeing VI Pilot: P/O J.P. Linn Obs: P/O G.G. Finlayson	Flores Linn, Jurinecourt	Flores	2115	0020	Jurinecourt lit and two 5 star reds fired. Aldine, Comma, and Jurinecourt came on and off as Detruder patrolled. Weather: 6/10 cloud inland. Very dark.	
	Boeing VI Pilot: P/O J.P.E. Johnson Obs: P/O R.J. Gibbons	Flores Malbrook	Flores	2152	2210	10/10 cloud at target made patrol impossible, so flew to Osho. No pinpoints, so returned.	
	Boeing VI Pilot: P/O R.H. Jones Obs: P/O R.J. Robert	Training St. Paris	Training	2355	0040	Ground fog made pinpointing impossible, so returned.	
21/22 Dec	Boeing VI Pilot: P/O G.V. Thompson Obs: P/O R.A.E. Stewart	Detruder Munkhiller	Detruder	1900	2145	Numerous flashes but no activity. 4 searchlights from Bays. Weather: rain and low cloud, clearing slightly 80 miles inland.	
	Boeing VI Pilot: P/O R.C. Ford Obs: P/O J.L. Clark	Detruder Osho	Detruder	2054	2146	Two 3 searchlights from Orleans. Otherwise unsuccessful.	
22/23 Dec	Boeing VI Pilot: P/O J.M. Connell Obs: P/O R.H. Jones	Detruder Detruder, Munkhiller	Detruder	1800	2200	No activity. ^{Good} Weather: ground vis, no clouds in target area.	
	Boeing VI Pilot: P/O R.A. McGeeth Obs: P/O J.D. Wright	Detruder Bourne, Bourne	Detruder	1804	2210	E/A seen to land at Orleans/Bourne. 2nd E/A attacked as it was about to land on E/A runway. Numerous strikes seen on port side; and brilliant flash. Munkhiller nearly collided with E/A after firing. Attacked another E/A with cannon as it was going down V/L, but no strikes seen. Weather: clear with good vis.	209
	Boeing VI Pilot: P/O R.H. Jones Obs: P/O J.D. Sturples	Detruder Orleans, Chartres	Detruder	1906	2200	One E/A seen flying towards Orleans with amber light. Followed but light doused and aircraft lost. Weather: some rain with 4/10 cloud at 3000 ft.	209

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22/25 Dec	Heugate VI Pilots: P/O J.F. McInnes Obs: P/O R.J. Story		Training sortie Orleans Chateaub	1830	2215	V/L lit and away to NW. Aircraft with nav lights seen in circuits at Orleans. Nav lights went out when Mos, 8 miles away. Patrolled for 15 mins. Weather: clear inland, small patches of cloud. Vis. excellent.	
"	Heugate VI Pilots: P/O G.H. Jones Observer: P/O R.J. Robert		Detruder Bourville, Creil	2226	0102	Patrolled for 70 mins. V/L and canopy on arrival at Bourville at 0100 hrs. This ceased; White beach ten miles south-east of airfield. No other activity. Weather: a little scattered cloud, 3000 ft base. Good vis.	
"	Heugate VI Pilots: P/O J.R. McInnes Obs: P/O D.C. Russell		Detruder Abbeville	2230	2300	Scrambled at 2230 hrs due to enemy activity; recalled when 45 miles over Channel.	
"	Heugate VI Pilots: 1/Lt. J.P. Linn U.S.A.A.F. Obs: P/O G.G. Finlayson		Detruder Poix, Amiens	2226	0030	Scrambled due to enemy activity. 2 large fires seen 10-15 miles south-east of Abbeville with thick cloud of smoke followed by showers of red sparks. Also another large fire near Montdidier. Patrolled Poix, Amiens area for 1hr but no activity. Bombed Montdidier S.W. at 2325 hrs from 2500 to 500 ft with 4 x 500 lb bombs; results not seen. Weather: cloud 3/10 scattered inland increasing increasingly towards coast.	
23/24 Dec	Heugate VI Pilots: P/O J.R.P. Johnson Obs: P/O R.J. Gibbons		Flower Bourville	0845	0725	Reached target area without pinpoints. No activity. Weather: very low cloud everywhere.	
"	Heugate VI Pilots: P/O G.G. Robert Obs: P/O R.A. Brown		Flower Bourville	0250	0530	No pinpoints. Cloud 0-3500 ft. Returned from Coblentz.	
"	Heugate VI Pilots: P/O H.A. Bear Obs: P/O G.G. Robert		Flower Bourville	0350	0505	Port engine developed trouble so returned from 40 miles off Monston.	
"	Heugate VI Pilots: P/O J.P. Quinn Obs: P/O G.G. Robert		Flower Bourville	0600	0550	No pinpoints, cloud to deck. Returned from 20 miles into France. Weather: low cloud and fog.	
"	Heugate VI Pilots: P/O G.H. Miller Obs: P/O G.D. Miller		Flower Achenar	0607	0621	Turned back from Arrahais. Cloud to deck.	

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30/31 Dec	Heugate VI Pilots: P/O R.A. MacFarlane Obs: P/O J.D. Wright		Detruder Montdidier	1930	2134	Unsuccessful. Weather: patch of cloud just inside French coast; ground haze to about 1500 ft.	
"	Heugate VI Pilots: P/O J.R. McInnes Obs: P/O D.C. Russell		Detruder Amiens, Poix	1930	2200	Searchlights attempted to illuminate at Poix. Otherwise unsuccessful. Weather: patches of low cloud. Clear in target area. Day; vis poor.	
"	Heugate VI Pilots: P/O M.H. Sims Obs: P/O J.D. Sharples		Detruder Abbeville	1933	2215	Unsuccessful. Weather: 5/10 cloud in target area and heavy haze; poor vis.	

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FORD, Sussex.	JANUARY, 1944	4th (cont'd)	to difficulty in pinpointing, turned back south of Paris. P/O Soherf found Mont De Marsan and Biscarosse inactive, and on return shot up a 200 ton coaster in the Bay of Biscay at 0755 hours. Squadron released at 0535 hours.		
		5th	Weather - fair becoming cloudy. Vis. - poor becoming moderate, then good. P/O Charlie Scherf is to be congratulated on his promotion to P/L, and on taking the command of "B" Flight, S/L Beveridge having completed his tour. "A" Flight - Nil. "B" Flight carried out NPT's. P/L Scherf returned from Frednook. There were three operational sorties in support of Bomber Command's raid on Stettin. P/L Lisson took off for Oldenburg, but both turned back before reaching their targets because of unsuitable weather. P/S Williams patrolled Wehrta, Nordhorn, and Flinthum. Squadron released at 06.30 hours.		
		6th	Weather - cloudy, then fair becoming cloudy again. Vis. - good. "B" Flight - carried out NPT's, camera tests, and single engine flying. "A" Flight - an NPT and an air test. In the evening performance R.C.A.F. "Blackouts of 1943" provided first class entertainment. Probably the greatest crowd the Hall has ever known turned out, and in spite of the place being packed, everybody enjoyed the show. P/O Brown deserves the utmost praise for his part in keeping the show running, but it is thought he received his reward by being surrounded, generally fanned by, and lifted onto the shoulders of the seven beautiful girls who comprise the Sultan's harem. At the end, the Station Commander moved a note of thanks to the all Canadian casts, and received a hearty applause from the audience. There were two intruder patrols. P/L Cleveland made a sortie to Rennes, and chased an E/A near Besenfort but was unable to engage. P/L Dubroy patrolled Clermont, Bourges and Avord. All at 60 minutes at 03:15 hours. Released at 05:45 hours.		
		7th	Weather - cloudy to cloudy with rain. Vis. - poor becoming good. P/O R.H. Lee and P/O H.A. Hoar are promoted to the rank of P/L effective 29th November, 1943. P/O Asst. Robert promoted to P/L effective 24th November, 1943. "B" Flight - NPT's, camera tests, and local flying. "A" Flight - NPT's, camera tests, and single engine flying. There were six operational sorties. P/L Sanagan patrolled Brittany/Alencon area and bombed the latter airfield. P/O Ford went to Bordeaux, Cazeaux, Biscarosse, Cognac, Nantes and Rennes. P/L Cleveland to Joinville, P/L Harper to Orleans, Tours and Rennes, and P/L Luma to Frenasal and Montaudran. P/O Johnson patrolled the Marseilles area, and closed on an aircraft west of Chateaudun, but recognized it as a Liberator in time to avoid a tragedy. Two crews at 30 minutes and two at 60 minutes at 0107 hours. Released at 0545 hours.		
		8th	Weather - cloudy with slight rain, becoming cloudy. Vis. - good. The squadron is very pleased to congratulate S/L Macdonald on his promotion to W/C, and his assumption of Command of No. 418 Squadron. We also heartily congratulate P/L Lisson on his promotion to S/L and on taking over command of "A" Flight from P/O Macdonald. "B" Flight - NPT's, camera tests, and single engine flying. Cross countries were carried out by P/O Jasper in the afternoon and evening. P/L Connell made an uneventful intruder patrol to Kerlin/Bastard. 3 crews at 60 minutes at 0035 hours.		

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FORD, Sussex.	JANUARY, 1944	9th	Weather - cloudy with slight rain and drizzle. Vis. good. W/C Devoud becomes Group Captain Devoud and is posted to No. 22 R.C.A.F. Wing. We heartily congratulate him and wish him the greatest success and happiness in his new life. "A" Flight - P/L MacFadyen practiced Beam Approach. "B" Flight carried out NPT's. There was no operational flying and the Squadron was put at 60 minutes at 1500 hours.		
		10th	Weather - cloudy. Vis. moderate. P/L Keith Reynolds is posted to "R" Depot Warrington effective to-day. "B" Flight NPT's - P/L Soherf and P/O Johnson flew to Redwell in Mosquito "B" and returned in "B" and "W". "A" Flight carried out NPT's and beam approach. A Farewell Squadron Dinner was held for Group Captain P. Devoud. It took place in the games room at Tortington and was attended by all officers and N.C.O.'s of No. 418 Squadron, with the exception of the two crews unblockly at readiness. Group Captain Oribian and Wing Commander Maxwell were guests. A very excellent dinner was served and a number of amusing speeches followed. The Squadron's presentation to G/C Devoud, a silver salver was made by W/C Macdonald, who in his turn received the "Sash of Command" from G/C Devoud, the famous red Pen. After dinner the meeting adjourned to the Bar, where music and revelry continued until the early hours. No operational sorties were flown.		
		11th	Weather - cloudy with rain and drizzle to cloudy. Vis. poor. We congratulate P/O Lee, P/O Hoar and P/O Robert on their promotions to Flight Lieutenant. P/L Anderson (Pilot) P/O Calman (Obs) P/L McGill (Pilot) P/O Henderson (Pilot) (Obs) posted to the Squadron from 60 O.R.L. P/O Wildgoose left for a course at Farnborough. Group Captain Paul Y. Devoud D.F.C. left us to day to take up his new duties with No. 22 RAF Wing. It is impossible to picture in a few words, how sorry we are to lose him. His enthusiasm, brisk efficiency, wide knowledge and kindness, have endeared him to all ranks and the Squadron has benefitted enormously from his Command. He hands the reins of office to W/C Macdonald, and his welcome heartily, as an old friend in a new capacity, and wish him the greatest success as Commanding Officer of No. 418 Squadron. Information from other sources led to P/L MacFadyen "Damaged" at Orleans, on December, 22nd, being scaled up to a "Probable". No operational sorties.		
		12th	Weather - cloudy with rain and drizzle becoming foggy then rain and drizzle again. Vis. poor. P/L Hoar, posted to "R" Depot, effective to day. P/O Johnson is congratulated on his promotion to P/L. S/L Lisson carried out very successfully a special experiment during the morning for the benefit of Major Hale, M.C.O.L. and S/L Vay, Intruder Controller. No other flying.		
		13th	Weather - cloudy to rain and drizzle to fair and fine. Vis. poor to moderate to good. Local flying was carried out by "A" Flight and NPT's by "B" Flight P/L Kipp flew local formation. No operations.		

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FORD, Sussex.	JANUARY, 1914.	14th.	Weather - fair to foggy. Vis. poor to nil. "A" Flight - NPT's and camera tests. P/L McGill flew a day cross-country. "B" Flight - carried out IFF's and local flying. P/L Thompson and P/O Ford flew to Redhill. Operation flower in support of Bomber Command's raid on Brunsvick. P/L Kipp damaged an He.210/410 at Haversham. P/L Scherf piloted Vickers. P/L MacFadyen-Hunter, P/L Thompson-Stanley, P/L Harper-Trent, P/L Dubroy Thaine and P/O Ford Burg. The weather was very bad on all these sorties and P/L Sangren, P/L Lums and W/O Sims, turned back before reaching their targets owing to lack of pinpoints. Two crews at Haversham at 0008. Squadron released - 0545 hours.		
		15th.	Weather - foggy to fine to fair. Vis. bad to poor. P/O J.R.F. Johnson is congratulated on his promotion to P/L. P/O Wildgoose, Signals Officer, posted to No. 3078 Servicing Squadron. "B" Flight carried out local flying and camera and camera tests. "A" Flight NPT's. No operations - All at 60 minutes at 2040 hours.		
		16th.	Weather fair to fine to cloudy. Vis. poor. "A" Flight P/L Anderson practiced beam approach. "B" Flight carried out NPT's and camera test. P/O Jasper made a short air test flight. No. operations. State at 1500 hours. 2 at readiness. 2 at 60 minutes.		
		17th.	Weather - foggy to cloudy to rain and drizzle. Vis. bad to poor. "A" Flight - Nil. "B" Flight carried out NPT's and camera tests, and beam approach. No. operations - All at 60 minutes at 2055 hours.		
		18th.	Weather - cloudy with drizzle to cloudy. Vis. poor to moderate. S/L M.W. Beveridge IFC. posted to "R" Depot Warrington after completing a most successful tour of operations. "A" Flight Nil. A very black day. It is noted with satisfaction that a surprisingly large number of the officers of the Squadron now forsake the Bar in quiet evenings. Occasionally as many as 3 tables of Bridge may be seen in operation in the Mess. Very gratifying. State 2 crews at 60 mins. at 1447 hours.		
		19th.	Weather - cloud with rain to cloudy. Vis. poor. News came through from the Red Cross that P/O Henderson and P/O Marlett, missing on Nov. 14th, were killed in action. P/Sgt. Bays, IFC. Gray, and Soldier posted to No. 60 C.F.U. on completion of their tours of Operations. W/O Macdonald carried out a special A/S/R reconnaissance in the morning. "B" Flight - NPT's camera and camera tests were carried out. P/L Scherf and P/O Caine carried out low level cross-country. "A" Flight - NPT's. All at 60 Minutes at 1850 hours.		
20th.	Weather - fair to cloudy to fair to fine. Vis. poor to moderate to good. In the morning P/L Scherf carried out a special A/S/R reconnaissance and P/O Caine undertook a similar flight in the afternoon. Both flights carried out NPT's. There were no operations in the evening. All at 60 minutes at 2000 hours.				

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FORD, Sussex.	JANUARY, 1914.	21st.	Weather - foggy to fine to cloudy. Vis. bad to moderate to good. P/L L.H. Jenkins, R.C.A.F. Igrs (Operational Records Dept) visited the Squadron to discuss with the I.G. the keeping of our records. "A" Flight - NPT's. W/O Devoud, P/L Thompson, and S/L Lisson flew to Manston and return. "B" Flight - NPT's practice attacks, and camera tests. P/L Kipp and P/L Walker flew formation to Manston and return. S/L McGill carried out night training flying. Thirteen operational sorties were undertaken, one being a first operational training sortie by P/O Jasper, eight in support of Bomber Command's Magdeburg Raid, three intruder against returning bombers and one special sortie by S/L Lisson against enemy training. Of the flower operations all ran into very bad weather conditions in Germany and Holland. P/L Johnson bombed Oberst A/F. successfully and Abbeville A/F. 1/Lt. Lums saw and destroyed a Me. 210 S.W. of Manston returning with a couple of pieces of the E/A. embedded in his starboard wing. Hinky P/L operated over southern England during the evening, the biggest evening night operation for many months. Squadron released at 0915 hours.		
		22nd.	Weather - cloudy with slight rain and drizzle - Vis. good to moderate and to poor. Group captain Devoud visited us, from Tangmere, where he is researching into "Titty" habits and mode of life, prior to taking over his new command. "A" Flight carried out NPT's W/O Macdonald, S/L Lisson, and P/Lt. Thompson flew cross country to Manston and return. All at 60 minutes at 2005 hours.		
		23rd.	Weather cloudy with showers to cloudy, to fine, to fair. Vis. moderate to good. "A" Flight - An NPT and camera test by P/L Harper. "B" Flight - NPT's and camera tests. P/L Dubroy and P/O Miller carried out practice attacks. P/O Johnson and P/O Caine flew to Boscombe Down and return. P/L Cleveland and P/L Walker flew low level cross country. P/O Jasper and P/O Gibbons flew to Hornchurch and return. Squadron released at 0515 hours.		
		24th.	Weather - cloudy with rain and drizzle, to fair to fine. Vis. moderate to good. Congratulations to our Intelligence Clerk, IAG. Ralph Paetorius, on his promotion to Corporal. No. operations four crews at 60 minutes at midnight.		
		25th.	Weather - fair, to cloudy, to fine. Vis. Good. Our mounting difficulties with the M.T. Section came to head to day, for some time past, since our drivers and vehicles were transferred from the Bohalon to the M.T. Section, difficulties in getting transport, when urgently needed, have increased. This afternoon the M.T. Section refuses, owing to lack of transport, as they claimed, to fetch our Form "D", from Signals Traffic and the delay of over half an hour followed, until P/L Scherf took G.O.'s car and fetched the Form "D" himself. The I.G. was requested to draw up a formal complaint to be submitted to the Station Commander. We hope something will now be done to relieve a situation that has been very detrimental to our operational efficiency. A full programme of flower was scrubbed at about 1700 hours owing to weather conditions over Germany being too good for the bombers. This makes very evident the difficulties we labour under these bomber support Operations. Good Bomber weather is of a type which makes it very difficult for intruders to pinpoint or to see E/A. and it is very seldom in the winter that conditions are favourable for both types of operations.		

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FORD, Sussex.	JANUARY, 1944	25th. (cont'd)	"B" Flight carried out NPT's - F/O Jasper and Group Captain Devoud flew to Kenley and returned in the Oxford. "A" Flight - NPT's and camera tests. G/C Devoud flew to Kenley in the Oxford. There were no operational sorties. All at 60 minutes at 0200 hours.		
		26th.	Weather - fair to cloudy with rain and drizzle. Vis. good. No flying at all. All at 60 minutes at 1800 hours.		
		27th.	Weather - cloudy with slight drizzle in evening. Vis. moderate to good. Both flights carried out NPT's. A great day in the Squadron History. Permission for two, two Mosquito Day Rangers was rushed through during the lunch hour, and W/C Macdonald, with P/L Scherf, took off at 1500 hours for the Tours - Bourges-Avord area. P/L Johnson, with P/O Gaine making for Bourges and Clermont Ferrand. The result of the trips was terrific. W/C Macdonald destroyed a He. 177 and a He. 111 and P/L Scherf sent a He. 200 down in flames, all at Bourges. The excitement of their return and story was just dying down when P/L Johnson and P/O Gaine came rushing in with a score of one Ju 88 each, with two Ju 52's shared destroyed and one Ju. 86 damaged by P/L Johnson. One Ju. 52 was at Bourges, the other 52 at Clermont Ferrand. This Squadron claims seven destroyed and a damaged, by four of our aircraft, a record for the Squadron. The Officers' Mess celebrated with drinks in A.B. for all, and a visit was also paid to the Sergeants' Mess, where speeches of congratulation to the ground crew were made by P/O Macdonald and P/O Gaine. A.K. flower operation in support of Bomber Command's Berlin raid had been planned but our part was called off owing to poor weather conditions in Germany. P/O Miller, who had gone to Bradwell Bay during the afternoon, was scrambled to Handorf but saw nothing of interest, landing back at Bradwell. No operations from Ford - All at 60 minutes at 0145 hours.		
		28th.	Weather - cloudy. Vis. good. Information has been received to day from the International Red Cross that P/O A.J. Brown (22452 (Mw)) and P/O W.G. Armstrong (Pilot) are believed killed in action. These Officers have been missing since 9th. November, 1943. RAF BRADWELL BROOKING, A.V.M. Anderson, G/C Truscott and W/C Morrow visited the Ops Room with G/O Devoud and W/C Maxwell. "A" Flight - NPT's camera tests and single engine flying. "B" Flight Carried out NPT's. Of 8 aircraft operating in support of Bomber Command's raid on Berlin, only four reached their targets, the others returning owing to the impossibility of pinpointing. P/L Kipp visited Stendal, P/L Cleveland St. Trond, P/L Walker BIEBIS and and Chr Old, and W/O Molele Leon. In addition there was an intruder by P/O Jasper, who bombed Beauvais airfield, and two training sorties by P/L McGill and P/L Anderson to Rambouillet. One crew P/L T.E. Dabney, J.5212 and P/O P.W.D. Haynes, 152419 failed to return from a sortie to Vacht. Weather - cloudy. Vis good to moderate. "A" Flight - NPT's camera tests, beam approach, single engine and formation flying were practiced. "B" Flight carried out NPT's and camera tests. Five intruders were despatched during the evening. P/O Jasper going to Cambrai, P/Sgt Williams to Lille, P/L Walker to Montdidier, P/L Cleveland to Beauvais Creil, and P/O Gaine to Chievre. Squadron Released at 2244 hours.		
		29th.	Weather - cloudy. Vis good to moderate. "A" Flight - NPT's camera tests, beam approach, single engine and formation flying were practiced. "B" Flight carried out NPT's and camera tests. Five intruders were despatched during the evening. P/O Jasper going to Cambrai, P/Sgt Williams to Lille, P/L Walker to Montdidier, P/L Cleveland to Beauvais Creil, and P/O Gaine to Chievre. Squadron Released at 2244 hours.		

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		31st.	Weather - cloudy with slight drizzle towards morning. Vis. moderate. "A" Flight NPT's and local flying. "B" Flight - Nil. No operations. All at 60 minutes at 1820 hours.		
			No of Operational Sorties for month of January : 77 sorties. No of Operational Hours for month of January: 239.40 Hours. No of Training Hours for month of January: 191.10 Hours.		
			Personnel on Strength of No. 418 Squadron as at 31st. January, 1944:		
			R.C.A.F. Officers - Aircrew 3. R.C.A.F. Airman - Aircrew 5		
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			R.A.A.F. Officers - Aircrew 1		
			U.S.A.A.F. " - Aircrew 1		
			Aircraft on Strength - Mosquito VI - 17 Oxford II - 1 Magister I - 1		
			<i>(Signature)</i> (W.C. Macdonald) Wing Commander, Commanding, No. 418 Squadron, R.C.A.F.		

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2/5 Jan.	Mosquito VI Pilot: W/C P.E. DAVID DFG	Flower	Flower	0500	0525	Operated from Bradwell. Reached target area but turned back at once owing to 10/10 cloud at 600 ft. At 0438 hrs starboard engine caught fire, so feathered and came home on one engine.	
	Obs: P/L J.K. Reynolds	Beakerf					
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O J.E. McGrath	Flower	Flower	0513		Failed to return.	
	Obs: P/O D.G. Small	Diaphole					
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L R. Klyp	High altitude	Intruder Berlin	0925		Reached target but unable to pinpoint.	
	Obs: P/O P. Blotaky						
4/5 Jan.	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L P.E. Deacy	Training to	Orleans	1910	2140	Unsuccessful. Weather: patches of 8/10 cloud at 2500 ft in coastal area. No cloud at target but moderate ground haze.	
	Obs: P/O P.V.D. Brown						
	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L A.L. Swagan	Training to	Rennes	1905	2135	No activity at target. When south of Angers at 1500 ft sighted an E/A with lights on at 5000 ft. Mosquito gave chase but E/A decreased height to 1000 ft and drew away from Mosquito which had 300 I.A.S. Chase abandoned at 2021 hrs.	
	Obs: P/O P. Argyle R.A.F.					Weather: slight broken cloud at 3000 ft over French coast. No cloud inland. Vis. good.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L W.J. Soper	Training to	Rennes	1950	2205	Unsuccessful. Weather: 2/10 cloud at 3000 ft over coast, excellent inland.	
	Obs: P/O J.E. Ross R.A.F.						
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L R. Klyp	Intruder	Orléans	0225	0455	Patrolled Calvrai-Orléans area. Aerodromes at Abbeville, Athies, Comron, Peronne, and Reiders lit, but no activity. Dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs on Athies at 0335 hrs, no results seen. Vertical flak from Abbeville and Peronne. Weather: over France slight haze, no cloud.	
	Obs: P/O P. Blotaky						
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O J.J.E. McDale	Intruder	Abbeville	0220	0425	No activity at either aerodrome. Poix was lit but extinguished as Mosquito was climbing to bomb, so unable to attack.	
	Obs: P/O R.J. Story					Weather: slight haze with 2/10 cloud in coastal area. No cloud in target area.	

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4/5 Jan.	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L C.A. Walker	Intruder	Paris	0555	0525	Owing to difficulty in pinpointing abandoned patrol when south of Paris. Fired at by approx 3 light flak guns at Comron. Weather: clear at coast, 3/10 cloud inland increasing to 6-7/10 later. Vis about 3 miles.	
	Obs: P/O T.J. Roberts R.A.F.						
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O G.C. Scherf	Intruder	Mont de Marcon	0530	1005	Operated from Predunick. No lights at Mont de Marcon or at Biscarosse. On return at 0755 hrs saw a small coaster, approx 200 tons, 30 miles off French coast in Bay of Biscay. Fired 7 second burst of cannon and m/g from beam, seeing strikes amidships. No return fire. In area 4530 N. 0300 W; numerous fishing boats carrying green/red riding lights and 6 bright white lights on either side. Weather: thin layer cloud on coast in Bordeaux area. Otherwise haze.	
	Obs: P/O R.A. Brown						
5/5 Jan.	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O J.R.F. Johnson	Flower	Glaburg	0515	0555	Returned from Lingon owing to thick haze and cloud on ground. No pinpoints except Dutch coast.	
	Obs: P/O H.J. Gibbons						
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L R.S. Lawson	Flower	Archief	0545	0700	Returned from east of the Brider See owing to low cloud and no pinpoints.	
	Obs: P/O A.E. Franklin						
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/Sgt Williams, A.	Flower	Archief	0550	0850	Target inactive. Also patrolled Nordhorn and Plantunbe. Weather: 10/10 cloud at 3000 ft. 8/10 at 1500 ft.	
	Obs: P/Sgt Barrett, R.J.						
6/7 Jan.	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L H.B. Cleveland	Ops training	Rennes	1830	2115	No activity at target. On Loire near Beaufort an unidentified E/A with lights was chased east for 6 mins (2000) but Mosquito could not overtake. Weather: over France cloudless with excellent vis.	
	Obs: Sgt Day, P. R.A.F.						
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L T.E. Deacy	Intruder	Glaburg	1929	2328	No activity at Glibmont, Arand, or Douvres. Experienced moderate inactive flak from Arand. Weather: south of Paris fog up to 500 ft, north of Paris and over Channel small amount of cloud, haze 2000 ft. Vis. good.	
	Obs: P/O P.V.D. Brown						
7/8 Jan.	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L A.L. Swagan	Intruder	Beauregard	1931	2158	Targets inactive. Bombed Melun airfield, 2 x 500 lb, with no effect. Weather: over France cloudless with excellent vis. Caught by one searchlight from Arand on return.	CG 2 p
	Obs: P/O P. Argyle R.A.F.						

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7/8 Jan.	Monquito VI Pilots: F/O H.C. Ford Obs: F/O J.T. Clark		Intruder Worms, Ogden, Rammed.	1915	2345	Visited Bardeur, Cassen, Biscroisse, Ogden, Hated, and Ramme. Searchlights held aircraft for 30 secs at St Jean P D'Angely, caused when S.S.H. No. 5 fired. Dmocrats light flak from estuary 5 miles north of Oshoury. Weather: cloudless, haze in valley.	
"	Monquito VI Pilots: F/O H.D. Cleveland Obs: Sgt. Dwy. F. R.A.F.		Intruder Joinville	1957	2215	Uneventful. Weather: cloudless but heavy ground haze.	
"	Monquito VI Pilots: F/O V.J. Meyer Obs: F/O J.H. Ross R.A.F.		Intruder Ogden, Worms, Rammed.	1945	2240	Uneventful three trains going east at Sommay at 2017 hrs. Weather: clear sky and thick haze seeing down valleys.	
"	Monquito VI Pilots: 1/Lt J.F. Iann U.S.A.A.F. Obs: F/O C.G. Finlayson		Intruder Fronconal, Montauban	1830	2317	Targets inactive. Heavy flak bursting above from Fronconal aerodrome; 6 searchlights did not hold aircraft. Weather: cloudless, haze in valleys.	
"	Monquito VI Pilots: F/O J.R.P. Johnson Obs: F/O H.J. Gibbons		Intruder Marseille area.	1829	2350	Saw 10 large ships at anchor on west coast of Lake Barra. No airfields appeared active. Heard calls on Channel "G" "Gardyard" and "Oxford" (?). Observed 5 trains with steam up at Rognac, east of Barra. At 2245 sighted an aircraft flying south-east 10 miles west of Chateauhan at 1500 ft. Observed and identified as Liberator, (subsequently confirmed to be in that area.) Flak from direction of Chartres on way in and out. Weather: excellent everywhere except light haze in Rhone Valley.	
8/9 Jan.	Monquito VI Pilots: F/O J.M. Connell Obs: F/O D.W.J. Orr		Intruder Lodin/Mastard	1948	2318	Heavy flak bursting above aircraft in target area. Accurate light tracer, probably 20 m.m., from Geol airfield, and one searchlight holding aircraft for 30 secs on way out. Weather: low cloud 6/10 at 4/5000ft in Aranches area. Improving 0/10. Vis good.	

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14/15 Jan.	Monquito VI Pilots: 1/Lt J.F. Iann U.S.A.A.F. Obs: F/O C.G. Finlayson		Flower Hildesheim	1805	2050	Turned back south of Deelen owing to lack of pinpointe. Weather: heavy moderate vis.	
"	Monquito VI Pilots: F/O A.L. Sangen Obs: F/O P. Angulo R.A.F.		Flower Achen	1838	2104	No pinpointe so returned from south-east of Deelen. Haze increasing.	
"	Monquito VI Pilots: F/O C.C. Baker Obs: F/O J.H. Ross		Flower Veichte	1830	2200	Reached the target, although no pinpointe inland due to thick haze up to 3-4000 ft. Small patches of low fog.	
"	Monquito VI Pilots: F/O M.H. Sims Obs: F/O J.D. Sharples		Flower Gutersloh	1900	2235	Got south of course and passed Gille and Hindhoven. Fired at in that area. Flow outh north of Rotterdam. Fresh landfall at Owerlathke, but no pinpointe inland so returned. Slight light flak near coast at Rotterdam.	
"	Monquito VI Pilots: F/L R. Kipp Obs: F/O P. Halesky		Flower Gottingen	1752	2235	Visited Gottingen, Munster, Gutersloh, and Handerf. Attached an No. 210/410 at Handerf airfield at 2120 hrs, seeing strikes on starboard wing. Airfields lights stayed on and Monquito made second attack on single light where had been. Weather: heavy and moderate vis near Munster. 7/10 low cloud to west.	
"	Monquito VI Pilots: F/O H.C. Ford Obs: F/O J.L. Clark		Flower Burg	1813	2249	Uneventful. Took off Brudell. Activity at target. Also visited Hanover, Lengenbogen, Drophis, Quakenbruck, and Veichte. Landed at Ford. Weather: at target cloud to 1300 ft ft top 3000 ft and very heavy haze. Day and poor vis for rest of trip, worse on return.	
"	Monquito VI Pilots: F/O D.A. MacPherson Obs: F/O J.S. WRIGHT		Flower Munster	1907	2250	Visited Handerf, Metellan, and Rhine/ippeten, where flak fired vertically. 18 searchlights illuminated an aircraft from Munster and much heavy flak. One burst of heavy flak from Breydenfurt. Weather: heavy below 2500 ft. Otherwise clear.	
"	Monquito VI Pilots: F/O G.H. Thompson Obs: F/O W.A.H. Stewart		Flower Stadel	1812	2255	Took off Brudell, Hanover and fires at Brudell were only pinpointe on way in. No activity at target. Illuminated by 5 searchlights at Hanover. Light flak for height, at Bland on way out. Landed at Ford. Weather: 2-10/10 at 2000 ft. Haze.	

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14/15 Jan	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L H.J. Harper		Flower	1902	2313	Unsuccessful. One fairly accurate burst of light tracer from IJmuiden.	
	Obs: P/O J.K. Ross R.A.F.		Twente				
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L R.E. DeGrey		Flower	1850	2325	Both Rheine and Hopton airfields were lit but no activity.	
	Obs: P/O F.W.D. Byrnes		Rheine			Some flak behind aircraft from IJmuiden on return. Weather: low cloud in target area and base.	
19/20 Jan	Mosquito VI Pilot: W/O D.C.S. MacDonald A.S.R. H2000			0848	1002	Carried out according to plan.	
	Obs: P/O S. Wilson						
20/21 Jan	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L G.C. Scherf R.A.A.F.		A.S.R. H2000	1004	1110	Carried out according to plan.	
	Obs: P/O E.A. Brown						
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O J.P. Caine A.S.R. H2000			1510	1510	Carried out to plan.	
	Obs: W/O E.W. Boal			1350			
21/22 Jan	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L G.A. Walker		Intruder	2147	2344	Unsuccessful. Weather: clear with vis deteriorating. 6/10 cloud top 4000 base, 2000 on return over Channel.	
	Obs: P/O J.J. Roberts		Montbiller				
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L J.R.F. Johnson		Intruder	2108	2350	Bombdiergierles airfield, 2x500 lb, diving from 4000 ft. Saw both bombs burst on runway. Dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs on Abbeville aerodrome from 2000 ft, no results seen. Weather: good; vis clear; vis good.	
	Obs: P/O H.J. Gibbons		Gambrai, Abbeville				
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: S/L H.S. Lissac		Special Intruder	2327	0127	No activity at targets. Weather: clear with good vis.	
	Obs: P/O A.E. Franklin		Orleans, Chartres				
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L R. Kipp		Intruder	2220	0025	2 sec burst of w/g fired at a searchlight at Abbeville with no results seen. Weather: hazy; good vis.	
	P/O E. Muletsky		Abbeville				
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L J.M. Connell		Flower	2330	0215	Turned back shortly after crossing the enemy coast owing to low cloud and bad vis. On way out 5 searchlights illuminated from Egmond and inaccurate heavy and light flak from IJmuiden. Fired single red and flak stopped and searchlights doused. Weather: over sea patchy; no horizon.	
	Obs: P/O R. Carr		Twente				

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21/22 Jan	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L A.L. Samson		Flower	2255	0202	Target area reached, but cloud down to deck. Aircraft seen hit by flak and in flames at 0025 hrs in direction of Ebar.	
	Obs: P/O R. Arnold R.A.F.		Veichte				
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O J.P. Caine		Flower	2207	0202	No pinpoints to target. Cloud to 1000 - 1500 ft. 10/10 cloud in target area and 6-8/10 west. 4 airfields seen lit in Veichte area. Some light flak from Diepholz airfield. Weather: very poor; Eider See coastline not visible from 1000 ft.	
	Obs: W/O E.W. Boal		Wunderdorf				
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/Sgt Williams R.A.F.		Flower	2100	0250	Last pinpoint 20 miles inland from Eider See. Rheine had vertical flak and searchlights on return. Aircraft seen in flames at Elbury at 0015 hrs. Owned by 8 searchlights at Bergen/Alkmaar, and "g" site turned on when single red fired by Mosquito. Weather: broken cloud to east of Eider See, then 10/10.	
	Obs: W/O A.J. Garnett		Munster				
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: W/O J.P. McGale		Flower Handorf	2311	0244	One pinpoint east of Westhoofd. Reached target on E.T.A. and turned back immediately. Weather: vis very poor. 5/10 cloud in patches becoming 10/10 to deck inland.	
	Obs: P/O E.J. Story						
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L G.C. Scherf R.A.A.F.		Flower	2213	0210	No pinpoints after east coast of Eider See. Reached target area, but left owing to very low cloud, 10/10 to 1000 ft. On way out no pinpoints. Weather: vis, 1000 ft.	
	Obs: P/O E.A. Brown		Lunenburg				
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L A.D. Cleveland		Flower	2329	0237	Impossible to pinpoint in target area owing to fog and very bad vis. Considerable light flak to port and starboard and 5 searchlights just after leaving Lecusarden area, which doused immediately on dots from D.R.L.S.	
	Obs: SGT JAY, F. RAF		LEEUWARDEN				
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L J.P. Linn U.S.A.A.F.		Flower	2215	0510	Saw beacon at Wunderdorf and flew south. Orbited Steinhusen Lake and sighted an E/A with lights, going in opposite direction. Turned and chased, losing E/A's lights periodically in clouds. Chased for 20 miles south-west and caught up after overshooting once. Fired a 2-3 sec burst from 250-100 yds at 3500 ft. E/A exploded in fuselage, large burning piece fell off (probably wing), and he went in exploding and burning on ground (0017) Identified as No. 210 by first large flash. Weather: vis very poor.	
	Obs: P/L A.J. Eckert		Hildesheim				

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21/22 Jan	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O G.M. Jasper Obs: P/L O.A. Martin		Training (1st sortie) Rambouillet	1951	2129	Unsuccessful.	
27/28 Jan	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L J.R.P. Johnson Obs: P/O M.J. Gibbons		Day Ranger Tours	1849	1859	Passed over a wood containing about 30 welded flak guns at Bourges. At Clermont at 1621 P/O Gaine saw Ju.54 about 2 miles away, but was unable to inform P/L Johnson, as E/A got away.	
	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O J.T. Gaine Obs: W/O R.W. Boal		Clermont	1849	1904	About 20 miles east of Bourges both Mosquitos attacked a Ju.54 which burst into flames and went straight in (1632), max height 1500 ft. Flew to Clermont and split, P/O Gaine following a Ju.88 which was N.E. of airfield about 10 miles. Opened with 3 sec burst from 100 yds, and cockpit and port engine blew up, and he went straight in and burned. One crew member baling out. Meanwhile P/L Johnson attacked a Ju.86 as he was landing at Clermont. Strikes on fuselage and tail, but Mosquito seeing a Ju.88 coming in to land on port side, broke away over airfield and saw no further results (1654). Mosquito came round and gave half-ring deflection 2 short bursts on Ju.88 which caught fire, exploded went into spiral dive, crashed and burned (1656), combat at 1500 ft. P/L Johnson then flew towards flaming wreckage of P/O Gaine's E/A and came behind Ju.54, gave it a 2 sec burst from 150 yds. Ju. 54 went down in flames, and P/O Gaine came in and gave him a burst of 1 sec as he was going down. A large number of E/A pyrotechnics were seen on Clermont airfield, including a number of Ju.88's. Weather: excellent, cloud 10/10 base 2000 ft. 1 Ju.88 destroyed by P/L Johnson. 1 Ju.88 destroyed by P/O Gaine. 2 Ju.54's shared. 1 Ju.86 damaged by P/L Johnson.	

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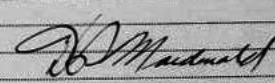
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27/28 Jan	Mosquito VI Pilot: W/D D.C.S. MacDonald Obs: P/O S. Wilson R.A.F.		Day Ranger Bourges	1504	1754	No activity at Tours so flew to Avord, S.E. of Bourges saw a He.111 about 10 miles ahead, W/O MacDonald attacked as it was turning in from east to west range 150 yds, height 1000 ft. E/A caught fire in starboard engine and fuselage and went straight in (1625). P/L Scherf gave him a burst which set his port engine on fire as he was going down, 2nd E/A, a P.W. 200, was then seen 10 miles ahead S.E. of Avord going west, P/L Scherf turned sharply to starboard and attacked from astern range 400 yds, height 300 ft, 7-8 sec burst. Strikes on port wing, moving to fuselage; under part of fuselage caught fire, W/O MacDonald took cine camera shots. Pieces flew off and E/A levelled out. As pilot was baling W/O MacDonald fired at E/A and engine burst into flames and E/A crashed in wood (1630). About 5 miles N.W. of Avord a He.177 was attacked at 1602 by W/O MacDonald, range about 200 yds, at 1000 ft, 2 sec burst caused starboard motors and fuselage to burst into flame. Nose pulled up, one of crew baled out, and He.177 went straight in. P/L Scherf saw a Ju.88 behind him just as W/O MacDonald was attacking his E/A. He did a steep turn to starboard but Ju.88 vanished into cloud. Weather: vis 20 miles, cloud base 2500 to 3000 ft. 1 He.111 and 1 He.177 destroyed by W/O MacDonald. 1 P.W. 200 destroyed by P/L Scherf.	
	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/O G.H. Miller Obs: P/O G.D. Miller		Flower Munster	2221	0200	Operated from Breckell Bay. Unsuccessful.	
28/29 Jan	Mosquito VI Pilot: P/L D.A. MacFadyen Obs: P/O J.D. Wright		Flower Kessel	2325	0308	No pinpoints owing to very low cloud. Flew on instruments at 500 ft to within ten minutes of target, then returned. On way in 3 very large fires seen N.E. of Fourmies (0200) and 4 fires on return.	

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28/29 Jan.	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/L E. Kipp Obs: F/O P. Biletaky	Flower Stendal		0500	0358	No activity at target.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/L E.R. McGill Obs: F/O F.D. Bendershot	1st Ops training Rambouillet		2122	2302	Some light flak from Le Troport. Weather: very dark, ceiling 2000 ft.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/O C.K. Jasper Obs: F/L C.A. Martin	Intruder Beauvais		2300	0112	No pinpoints. At 0022 hrs dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs in vicinity of Beauvais airfield by Gee fix, seeing no results.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/L T.G. Anderson Obs: F/O J.F. Gibson	1st Ops training to Rambouillet		2300	0052	Uneventful. Weather: ceiling 2000 ft. 10/10 from coast to 50 miles inland.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/L G.W. Thompson Obs: F/O W.A.R. Stewart	Flower Paderborn		2308	0300	Large fire on shore at Danner Lake. Turned from Steinhuder Region as impossible to pinpoint even lake.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: S/L H.S. Lissac Obs: F/O A.E. Franklin	Flower Wunsdorf		2315	0325	Returned from Danner lake as impossible to pinpoint. Weather: fair to German frontier, then cloud to deck.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/L E.R. Cleveland Obs: Sgt Day, F. R.A.F.	Flower St Trond		2329	0200	Flew to target without pinpoints. At 0050 hrs 4 large fires seen 12 miles N.E. of Fumines. Weather: cloud base 14-1600 ft to 50 miles inside France, 10/10.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/L C.A. Walker Obs: F/O T.J. Roberts	Flower BINLis		2347	0325	Also visited Oor Oim but both airfields inactive. Weather: 10/10 till about 4 minutes from target, when it became very clear.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: W/D J.J.P. McGale Obs: W/O E.J. Stacey	Flower Leon		0105	0340	Flew to target without pinpoints. Target inactive. Weather: 10/10 cloud at 2200 ft 2500 ft in target area.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/L E.E. Dubroy Obs: F/O F.W.D. Hayes	Flower Vechna		2307		Failed to return.	
29/30 Jan.	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/O S.H. [unclear] Obs: F/L C.A. Martin	Intruder Cambrai		2055	2240	Flew to target but owing to unfavourable weather returned. 10/10 cloud base 1500 ft top 2500 ft.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/Sgt Williams, A. R.A.F. Obs: W/O R.J. Burnett	Intruder Idle		2040	2250	Uneventful. Weather: 10/10 cloud base over target area.	

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29/30 Jan.	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/L C.A. Walker Obs: F/O T.J. Roberts R.A.F. Montdidier	Intruder R.A.F. Montdidier		2115	2305	Also patrolled Poix and Abbeville. Weather: 10/10 cloud at 1000 ft up to 1500 ft approx.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/L A.D. Cleveland Obs: Sgt Day, F. R.A.F.	Intruder Beauvais, Crell		2118	2330	Uneventful. Weather: 10/10 cloud with base at 1000 ft.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot: F/O J.T. Osine Obs: W/O E.W. Boal	Intruder Chievres		2048	2248	Also patrolled Cambrai, Douai, and Abbeville. Weather: 10/10 cloud with base at 1000 ft.	
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FORD, Sussex.	FEBRUARY, 1944	5th cont'd.	"B" Flight - HPT's and camera tests. On an intruder to Sutterly, P/L LIPP damaged one locomotive and attacked another without observing results. P/L Cleveland patrolled Bredwell and Kelms. Owing to bad weather at base, the former landed at Manston and the latter at Bredwell. At 2253 hours J at 60 minutes.		
		7th	Weather - cloudy to fair to cloudy to fine. Vis. - moderate to good. P/L J.W. Whitlaw, C.23196, the new H.O., replacing P/L G.E. Lundy, reported to the Squadron. P/O Ray Lee left, after completing his tour, for "B" Depot, Warrington, on being posted as Instructor to 36 O.T.U. Greenham, H.S. Captain Drape of Inter-Service Research Bureau visited the Ops. Room, with W/O Macdonald. "B" Flight - P/L Cleveland returned from Bredwell and P/L Kipp from Manston. "A" Flight - HPT. P/L Thompson practiced air firing and P/O Jones carried out a cross-country. There was one uneventful intruder sortie by S/L Lison to Evreux. Squadron released at 05:18 hours.		
		8th	Weather - Fair to cloudy to fair to fine. Vis. - good. W/O Macdonald visited Air Ministry and had a flap in a Halifax. P/L's Welker and Harper, with P/L Wetz, Engineer Officer, went to a Rolls Course at Derby. P/O Ross and P/O Roberts went to 13 O.T.U., Bloester. "B" Flight carried out camera tests. "A" Flight - HPT's, single-engine flying, camera and cannon tests. There were four intruder sorties. S/L Lison patrolled Lyons, W/O Macdonald Toulouse, and P/L Thompson Mont de Marson. P/O Ford, en route to Lechfield, turned back at Metz due to bad weather and icing. Squadron released - 05:15 hours.		
		9th	Weather - Fair to cloudy with intermittent drizzle and rain. Vis. - good to moderate to good. Brigadier General Mackler-Serrysen and Colonel Ram visited the Squadron, re Inter-Services matters. Air Vice Marshall Boyd, Group Captain Graham and Group Captain Denham visited the Ops. Room during the evening. "B" Flight - HPT's. P/L McGill and P/O Jasper carried out low level cross-countries. No operations. J at 60 minutes at 0931 hours.		
		10th	Weather - fine - fair to cloudy to fine. Vis. - good to moderate to good. Fifty members of the Toronto Scottish Regiment made a brief visit to the Squadron, under the guidance of P/O Williamson. W/O Meade, new Intruder Controller, visited the Squadron. P/O Williamson, P.R.O., left for a two weeks attachment to 6 Group Headquarters and his place is being temporarily filled by P/O Don MacMillan. "B" Flight - HPT's. Low level cross-countries were flown by P/L Scherf, P/L Cleveland, P/L Connell and P/L McGill, W/O Meade, P/O Jasper, P/L Kipp, and P/L Cleveland carried out practice attacks. "A" Flight - P/L MacFadyen flew to North Weald and return in the Oxford. No operations.		

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FORD, Sussex.	FEBRUARY, 1944	11th	Weather - cloudy Vis. - moderate to poor. P/L Lundy left for No. 6 Group and P/L Johnson on a posting to High Breall, and the Squadron is very sorry to lose them. "Doc" Lundy has been with the Squadron for a long time, and "Gunner" Johnson has been one of our heaviest gun barriers, with a score of 3/2 destroyed, half a machine and 1 damaged. We wish them both the best of luck. P/L W.D. Deyby, R.C.A.F. Liaison Officer, visited the Squadron. "B" Flight - P/L Scherf flew to Kirton and return. "A" Flight carried out HPT's. Intruder operations were carried out in the evening. P/O Jones bombed the Seaplane base at Lake Bisacrosse. Lt Lums also took off for this target but returned from Flers owing to bad weather. P/L Thompson patrolled Rennes, P/O MILLER Chateaubriant, P/O FORU LAON, and W/O SIMS, Montalder. We suffered another sea loss resulting from operations. P/L Al Sanagan and his observer, P/O Argyle, were both killed immediately after take off for Beauvais, crashing two miles N.W. of the A/P. Their aircraft burnt up. No reason for this tragedy has yet been found.		
		12th	Weather - cloudy to fair to cloudy with slight drizzle. Vis. - poor. "B" Flight - camera tests and an altimeter test. P/L McGill flew a high altitude cross-country. "A" Flight carried out HPT's, camera tests, and S.H. flying. 11 Lancasters of Q17 Squadron, the "Tom Busters" operated from Ford on one of their special missions. There were five intruder sorties. P/O Jones shot up a tramp steamer off Hays. Lt Lums took off for Rosiers but returned immediately owing to technical trouble. Later he took off again and destroyed a He 177 at Herigny. W/O Sims bombed Epigny airfield. P/O Miller made an uneventful trip to Mont de Marson. Squadron released - 0500 hours.		
		13th	Weather - cloudy with rain and drizzle, to cloudy, to fair to fine. Vis. - poor to good. "A" Flight - HPT's. "B" Flight - HPT's and an artificial horizon test. P/L Kipp and P/L Connell both flew to Bredwell and return. 11 officers went up to the White City, London, to see the Football game in which Canada defeated the U.S.A. by 15 to 6. There were 3 sorties in the evening. P/O Gaine sighted an Me 410 at Athies and closed to attack, but his guns failed owing to a technical fault and the Me 410 landed. P/L Connell and P/L McGill patrolled Caudebec and Montalder respectively.		
		14th	Weather - cloudy - Vis. - good. P/L Cleveland, P/O Miller, P/S Williams left for the Merlin Engine Course at Derby. The first two will go on to the H.A.T. course at Wittering. P/L Bartlett is posted to 111, Boholon. "A" Flight - camera tests, beam approach and single-engine flying. "B" Flight carried out HPT's and camera tests. P/O Raynes and W/O Schofield came for a Court of Enquiry on P/L Sanagan and P/O Argyle, killed on the night of the 11th. P/O D.E. Roberts (pilot) and P/O A.D. McLaren (Obs.) posted to the Squadron. There were three intruder sorties. W/O Macdonald flew to Tours and Limoges, then returned owing to unsuitable weather. P/L Scherf, en route to Marseilles, came back from N.E. of Lyons for the same reason. P/O Jasper made an uneventful trip to Rennes.		
		15th	Weather - cloudy, to fair, to cloud with slight rain. Vis. - good to moderate.		

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PCRD, Sussex.	15th	1944	The following officers attended the funeral of P/L Samagan and P/O Argyle at Brookwood cemetery. P/O MacDonald, P/L Anderson, P/L Thompson, P/L Kipp, P/L Martin, P/L McGill, P/O Huletaky, P/O Stewart, P/O McLaren, P/O Roberts, P/O Henderahot, P/O Cadman, P/O Carr, P/O Roal, P/O Gunnatt, Superior Coffey. P/O Bob Medhurst visited us from 60 G.T.U. The first Flower Operation since Jan. 26th was planned in support of Bomber Command's 1000 aircraft raid on Berlin. Weather scrubbed the major part, but P/O Ford and P/O Jones, who had gone to Bradwell in the afternoon, flew at 20,000 feet through 10/10 cloud to the target area, seeing nothing. This high flying approach was tried once before, by P/L Kipp on Jan. 2nd, and so far has not paid any dividends. Both flights carried out NPT's. Squadron released - 0500 hours.		
	16th		Weather - cloudy with rain until 1600 hours, then cloudy to fair. Vis. - poor to moderate. New crew were posted to the Squadron as follows:- P/L C.J. Evans (Pilot) P/O Humberstone (Obs)(RAF) P/O D.E. Roberts (Pilot) P/O A.D. McLaren (Obs) P/L J.B. Kerr (Pilot) P/O E. Clark (Obs.) (RAF) P/O "Jimmie" Gibbons posted as instructor to 60 G.T.U. "A" Flight carried out NPT's. No operations, Flower Ops, having been cancelled.		
	17th		Weather - cloudy with slight drizzle, to cloudy with slight snow, to cloudy. Vis. - poor to moderate. The "Daily Sketch" featured the Squadron Mascot, Hans the Horse, in a two paragraph write up, but much to the disgust of P/O Jasper, the photo was not included. We understand that P/O Jasper has written the Editor, complaining that owing to the unexpected publicity, Hans is now ignoring his old friends. "A" Flight - Local flying. "B" Flight carried out NPT's. Flower operations on a large scale were planned, but weather caused their cancellation, and no operations took place. A crews at 60 minutes at 2135 hours.		
	18th		Weather - cloudy. Vis. - moderate to good. "A" Flight - NPT's. "B" Flight - NPT's and cannon tests. P/O MacDonald went to A.D.C.B. Hqqs. for a conference on Intruder and Bomber policy. The Canadian Volunteer Medal Ribbon is now being distributed by the Adj. (out of a paper bag) and we are told we must have it up by the 21st. Rumourists seem to vie with one another in inventing new names for this decoration - V.P.M.E. appears to be the most popular, though titles of a gruder nature have been heard. Four officers from the Empire Training School, Millington, visited the Squadron in the afternoon. One operational sortie was flown. Enemy activity in the early hours of the morning (30 E/A visited us, 30 penetrating to the London area, dropping many incendiaries) caused 4 crews at 60 to be called to readiness, one of which P/L Kipp with P/O Huletaky, intruded on Jurincourt and shot down two He 410's in decisive manner, one on each side of the A/P.		
	19th		Weather - cloudy; slight mist. "A" Flight - NPT's and S/B flying. "B" Flight - NPT's, a cannon test and an air test. 1st Lt Luma visited London in order to broadcast to the U.S.A., over the N.B.O., on his recent victories.		

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PCRD, Sussex.	19th	1944	Flower operations were carried out on a large scale, P/L Scherf chased an E/A into the deck where it exploded and burned, at Plorence. P/O Ford patrolled Leipzig, P/L Connell Wunsdorf, P/L Anderson Yeates, P/O Jasper Arkdorf, P/L Thompson Lueburg, P/O Jones Stendal, and P/O Cairns Burg. Squadron released - 0755 hours.		
	20th		Weather - cloudy with slight rain at first, then cloudy. Vis. - moderate to good. "A" Flight - NPT's. P/L Kipp and P/L Evans flew cross countries in the afternoon. "B" Flight carried out NPT's; cannon tests, local flying and circuits and local flying. There were 8 Flower operations - P/L Linnson going to Plorence, P/L MacFadyen to Jurincourt, Lt Luma to Metz, P/O Jasper to LeCalot, P/O Ford to Amiens and Roisiers, P/L Cleveland to St. Didier and P/L Thompson to Jurincourt. P/O Cairns and P/O Jones, on Intruder patrols, bombed Melun and Vitry respectively. Squadron released - 0714 hours.		
	21st		Weather - cloudy. Vis. - good. "A" Flight - a cannon test by P/O Jones and a cross country by P/O Roberts. P/L Harper flew to Derby and return in the Oxford. "B" Flight carried out NPT's. Lt Luma and P/O Ford left for a course on Hélicop-engine at Derby. A Day Ranger by P/O MacDonald and P/L Scherf took them over a large area of France, Tours, Bourges, Clermont, Dijon, but no E/A were flying and P/L Scherf had to content himself with a He III shot up and damaged on the ground at Dijon. There were 6 Intruder sorties. P/L Walker patrolled Montdidier and Beauvais, P/L Connell Lille, and Herville, P/O Jasper Roisiers, P/S Williams Leon and Jurincourt, P/L Cleveland Breigny and Melun, and P/O Macale Abbeville, Amiens and Poix. Squadron released at 0640 hours.		
	22nd		Weather - fair to cloudy; slight mist. P/L Johnson, P.S.O. from R.C.A.F. H.Q. visited the Squadron, accompanied by P/L Johnson, our ex-adjutant. "A" Flight - NPT's, cannon and camera tests, circuits and local flying. "B" Flight carried out NPT's. There were 5 Intruder patrols. P/S Williams destroyed an He 410 and damaged an unidentified E/A at Comleslers. Leon, Montdidier, Melun/Breigny, and Chateaudun were patrolled by P/L Walker, P/O Macale, P/L McGill, and P/L Cleveland respectively.		
	23rd		Weather - fine to cloudy; fine in evening. "A" Flight - NPT's. "B" Flight - NPT's. P/L Kerr and P/L Evans carried out cross-countries. The R.C.A.F. Film Unit made a movie of an Intruder scramble, featuring our stars, Herbie Jones (P/O) and Lt Eckert (P/L). P/L Harper and P/L Walker returned from their R.A.F. Course. Intruder Operations were carried out by P/O Miller to Montdidier and Roisiers, P/L Harper to Bourges, P/L Thompson to Jurincourt and Leon, and P/L MacFadyen to Comleslers. Squadron released - 0500 hours.		

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FORD, Sussex.	FEBRUARY 24th	1944.	<p>Weather - fine; slight mist.</p> <p>"B" Flight - HPT's and compass tests.</p> <p>"A" Flight - HPT's, camera tests, single-engine flying, and a compass swing.</p> <p>The C.O. and 20 officers and NCO's proceeded to London to attend the Memorial Service for P/O Ernie Henderson at St. Martins in the Fields.</p> <p>Operation Flower was carried out by 8 crews and P/L Soherf destroyed a Ju 88 and an unidentified 1/3 B/L at Ambleok. P/L MacFadyen destroyed a Me 410 at Zursburg; P/L Walker patrolled Metz, P/L Anderson Couloumier; P/L McGill Florennes, P/L Cleveland St. Didier, P/O Jones St. Front, and P/O Miller Leun. Intruder sorties were flown by P/L Thompson to Gashrai, P/L Harper to Montdidier, P/L Cornell to Chateaudun, and W/O McCall to Juvinocourt and Leun. P/L Evans made his first Ops. trip, going to Rambouillet.</p>		
		25th	<p>Weather - fair. Vis. - good to moderate.</p> <p>W/O R.J. Bennett, D.F.C. A.M. arrived from 60 O.T.U. to take command of 418 Squadron. We are very glad indeed to welcome him back to the Squadron after his six months rest and wish him the greatest success personally and as Commanding Officer of his old Squadron.</p> <p>P/O D.G.S. MacDonald posted to 129 Airfield effective today.</p> <p>Air Marshall Hill, C.I.C. A.D.G.S., visited the Ops. Room in the afternoon.</p> <p>"B" Flight - HPT's, a cannon and compass test, a gyro check and a local flight.</p> <p>"A" Flight - HPT's.</p> <p>Operations Flower was carried out by 8 or wa. P/O Gains destroyed an Me 110 at Riev Airfield, while Leun, Biblis, Stuttgart, Lechfield and St. Didier were covered by P/L MacFadyen. P/L Anderson, P/S Williams, P/O Miller, and P/O Jasper respectively. P/L Cleveland patrolled Stuttgart and P/O Jones Zursburg.</p> <p>Squadron released - 0530 hours.</p>		
		26th	<p>Weather - cloudy; slight mist.</p> <p>A/W/S Summers, A.O.C. II Group, visited the Squadron.</p> <p>W/O MacDonald left to take command of 129 Airfield. We hope he will have great success in his new job with Mustangs and Spit's.</p> <p>"B" Flight - HPT's.</p> <p>Another Red Letter Day for 418 Squadron! P/L Soherf and P/O Finlayson as observer (P/O Al Brown being on the sick list) accompanied by P/L Cleveland and P/S Day set off on a Day Ranger over France. The skies were cloudless, but they went on, flying below the tree tops to avoid 150 attentions. At St. Yvan, "spotted" by P/L Soherf on his last Day Ranger, the A/P was shot up. P/L Soherf destroyed 2 Ju 52's on the ground, and P/L Cleveland did the same to a Heinkel 111. Their bag included a petrol bowser which also went up in flames. They then proceeded towards Belgintun, where an enormous St-Heinkel was encountered, towing two Gotha 242's. All three (or four) Buns were sent down in flames, the spoils being shared by both pilots. P/L Cleveland then finished off his ammunition by shooting up and damaging a G6, 242 in a field. This very creditable sortie brings the Squadron bag up to 467, of which 24 have been destroyed since the first of this year.</p> <p>There were no operations at night. 2 at 60 and 2 at 30 mins. at 0000 hours.</p>		

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FORD, Sussex.	FEBRUARY 27th	1944.	<p>Weather - cloudy with slight snow. Vis. - moderate to good.</p> <p>Lt Lums and W/O McCall went to Wittering on a B.K.I. Course.</p> <p>"B" Flight - an air test by P/L Kerr.</p> <p>"A" Flight - HPT's and camera tests.</p> <p>We were delighted to receive a message from Group this morning to the effect that permission would be automatically granted, in future, for Day Rangers, subject to weather being suitable. This shows great progress from the days, when not so long ago, such adventures on our part were frowned on. The skill involved in and success attending these zero feet forays is now recognised, and a new phase in Squadron operational activities is opening.</p> <p>Added to this, the improvement of weather conditions during the past few Flower operations has proved that the Night Fighters are there, and can be shot down - viz, 4 destroyed, by three pilots on two successive nights.</p> <p>Thirdly, the Hun policy of bombing London with heavy bombers has reopened the original Intruder field. If 50 planes come over, then of a surety they must land back at N. France, Belgium or Holland, and sorties after returning enemy bombers have met with signal success in the past month. Altogether from the 27th January to to-day's date, 23 enemy aircraft have been destroyed on Flower, Intruder and Day Ranger operations, by 418 Squadron. In this period, two crews have been lost on operations, P/L Dubroy and P/O Haynes on Jan. 28th, and P/L Sanagan and P/O Argyle on Feb. 11th.</p> <p>Six members of the Squadron took part during the morning in an "Exercise Fliover". Transported in covered wagons to various points of the countryside to the N.W. of Arundel, they were then disgorged in pairs and instructed, with the assistance of the compass and a half million map, to find the "Spurlun" at Slindon. The Home Guard were patrolling the countryside and few "Escapes" managed to slip through their hands. The adjutant of P.I.U., it is reported, was before the Station Commander at Tangmere for resisting arrest, and there were several other amusing episodes. No operational sorties. 2 crews at 30 mins. till 0500 hours.</p>		
		28th	<p>Weather - cloudy. Vis. - moderate to good.</p> <p>Congratulations to W/O MacDonald on his D.F.C.</p> <p>P/L Palmer is posted to 60 O.T.U., and P/O Brown becomes P/L and assumes the onerous duties of Navigation Officer of the Squadron.</p> <p>29 Squadron leaves today and 456 (RAF) Squadron comes in in their place.</p> <p>P/L MacFadyen and P/O Roberts left for a Rolls Engine course.</p> <p>News of the possibility that "Gee" Transmissions may be occasionally cut off, as the Hun is suspected of using our transmissions for his new bombing programme, caused some consternation among our navigators who rely on "Gee" for accurate landfall.</p> <p>"A" Flight - HPT's and single engine flying.</p> <p>"B" Flight - HPT's.</p> <p>A Flower operation was planned but scrubbed owing to weather. No operational sorties. All released at 0200 hours.</p>		
		29th	<p>Weather - fine; slight mist.</p> <p>The Intruder Squadrons received publicity - 418 on the front pages of the "Daily Mail" and "Express", with an account of the bi-raked incident, and 605 with a large picture of W/O "Sammy" Hoare. Heartiest congratulations to P/L Hip on his assumption of the Command of "A" Flight, following S/L Lissen, and to P/L Cleveland on taking over "B" Flight, vice P/L Soherf, who has finished a very successful tour, with 14 trips. S/L Lissen made 35 trips. Although Hoare has made four trips for Inter-Services Research Bureau, dropping parachute stores etc., at various points in France.</p>		

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4/5 Feb.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L G.W. Thompson OBS: P/O W.A.E. Stewart		Intruder Tours, Chateaubain	1900	2330	No activity at Tours, Chateaubain, Orleans, Bourges, Avord. Weather: vis excellent; cloud 10/10 central France at 5000 ft.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L W.J. Harper OBS: P/O J.H. Ross		Intruder Beauvais	2045	2257	No lights at Beauvais or other airfields in the vicinity. Unable to pinpoint sufficiently to bomb. Flaw over Beauvais and held by 2 or 3 searchlights, no flak. Weather: fair; vis: 10/10 cloud at 3000 ft 25-30 miles inland.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L D.A. MacGibbon OBS: P/O J.D. Wright		Intruder Dijon, Dole	1927	0020	No activity at targets as flew to Avord. Saw number of medium aircraft on edge of airfield, and when diving to attack, considerable light flak opened up from all round airfield after being lit up by 2 searchlights; attack abandoned. Returned via Orleans (inactive) and flew over Paris. Weather: inland up to 10/10 thin stratus at 5000 ft, large breaks. Vis good except haze at Dijon.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: W/O D.C.S. Macdonald OBS: P/O S. Wilson		Intruder Clermont-Ferrand	2323	0357	No activity at Clermont, Vichy, Bourges, or Avord. Weather: good, vis. low cloud increasing to 10/10 in Central France.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: S/L H.S. Lison OBS: P/O A.E. Franklin		Intruder Amberieu	2310	0345	Uneventful. Weather: vis good; 10/10 cloud at 5000 ft south-east of Loire.	
5/6 Feb.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L J.H. Connell OBS: P/O D.W.J. Carr		Intruder Tours, Bourges, Avord	2029	2317	Unsuccessful. Weather: over France slight patchy cloud; excellent vis.	
6/7 Feb.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L A.D. Cleveland OBS: Sgt Day, P. R.A.F.		Intruder Breitlow, Helmb	2030	2347	No activity at targets. Also patrolled Abbeville. Landed at Bradwell owing to weather closing in at base. Weather: over France 2/10 at 4-5000 ft.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L E. Kloss OBS: P/O P. Baletsky		Intruder Stuttgart	1901	2345	Attacked 2 loocs in target area, seeing strikes on one, which exploded. Results of other unobserved. Dobligen airfield lit. Landed at Hanston.	
7/8 Feb.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: S/L H.S. Lison OBS: P/O A.E. Franklin		Intruder Evreux	0210	0410	Uneventful. Weather: good vis: 8/10 cloud at 3-4000 ft.	

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8/9 Feb.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O H.C. Ford OBS: P/O J.I. Clark		Intruder Lechfield	1954	2236	Trips abandoned at Metz due to bad weather and icing. Inaccurate flak at Achiet at 2030, and 2 searchlights which caught Mosquito momentarily. Also some accurate flak at Doullens. Weather: clear over Channel and France, but in Metz area deteriorating to 9/10 cloud at 2-5000 ft.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: S/L H.S. Lison OBS: P/O A.E. Franklin		Intruder Lyons	2255	0240	Uneventful. Weather: fair on way out, with patches of low cloud in target area. Vis. excellent at start but decreasing on return.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: W/O D.C.S. Macdonald OBS: P/O S. Wilson		Intruder Toulouse	2311	0306	Patrolled Tours, Limoges, and Chateaubain; no activity. Inaccurate flak from about 6 guns at Le Mans. Weather: excellent vis - patchy cloud at 3000 ft.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L G.W. Thompson OBS: P/O W.A.E. Stewart		Intruder Mont de Marson	2240	0300	Accurate flak at Gabourg on way in. No activity at target. Much tree felling and squares of lights in woods. Weather: excellent vis; patchy cloud sometimes 10/10 at between 2500 and 4000 ft.	
11/12 Feb.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L A.L. Sanagan OBS: P/O P. Angles		Intruder Beauvais	2030		Took off and crashed at Walburton, 2 miles north-west of airfield (2030 hrs) burning up. Pilot and Observer both killed.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O H.C. Ford OBS: P/O J.I. Clark		Intruder Leon	2051	2239	at 2100 hrs large fires seen near Comanches. Also visited Juvinocourt, Amiens, and Abbeville. Vertical tracer from Amiens/Cligy. Patrol abandoned early due to generator going w/s. Weather: low cloud to 1000 ft in target area and forming over high ground. Clear near French Coast and low cloud over Channel.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: 1/Lt P.J. Linn U.S.A.A.F. OBS: P/O C.G. Finlayson		Intruder Biscarosse	2200	2318	Flew to Fiers through 10/10 cloud at 1500 feet, then returned to base. Weather: low cloud and rain; over channel layer of cloud at 2000 ft. and 10/10 above that.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O H.E. Jones OBS: P/L A.J. Eckert		Intruder Biscarosse	1957	0022	Bombing run at target made from south along lake shore. Dive-bombed target area from 3000 to 1000 ft. at 2202 hrs, no results seen. Light flak from 3 gun positions on shore, accurate towards end of bombing run. Weather: clear from south at 2000 ft. and from south of Tours on return. Some light scattered clouds in target area.	

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11/12 Feb.	MOSQUITO VI	PILOT: P/O G.N. Miller OBS: P/O G.D. Miller	Intruder Chateaudun	2010	2356	One burst of light flak from junction north of Buchy well behind aircraft. Accurate light flak from about 5 guns at Beaugency (S.W. of Orleans). At 2112 flew over south boundary of Chateaudun airfield, getting much accurate flak, (light) violent evasive action taken. No lights or activity. Weather: clear south of Paris with very good vis. over Channel cloud down to 2500 ft about 9/10.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	PILOT: P/O W. Thompson	Intruder	0105	0340	Accurate light flak from Isigny. No lights or activity in target area. Weather: heavy to Avaranches. Clear in target area. Cloud 10/10 to 1000 to 2000 ft.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	PILOT: W/O M.H. Sims OBS: W/O J.D. Sharples	Intruder Montdidier	2005	2240	Large fire seen to port at 2050 hrs near French Coast. Vertical flak from target airfield but no activity. Weather: clear in target area, cloud 10/10 at 500 ft over Channel.	
12/13 Feb.	MOSQUITO VI	PILOT: 1/Lt J.P. ZIMA (USAF) OBS: P/O G.G. Finlayson	Intruder Rodez	2113	2123	Landed immediately owing to technical trouble.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	PILOT: W/O M.H. Sims OBS: W/O J.D. Sharples	Intruder Cambrai	2104	2300	No activity at Vitry. Bombed Epigny, 2x 500 lb. on 190 deg. from 3000 ft, no results seen. No lights at Niergnies or Achiet. Visual of Mosquito (605) approaching Cambrai - identity confirmed over P/O. Weather: no cloud, industrial haze.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	PILOT: P/O K.E. Jones OBS: P/O A.J. Eckert	Intruder Biscarosse	2029	0100	Nothing seen on lake. No lights at Merignac. Shot up a tramp steamer (single-funnel-off) Elvay, near Caronne, seeing strikes on deck and C. (RLO). Weather: 10/10 cloud north of Loire, decreasing southwards; fair.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	PILOT: P/O G.N. Miller OBS: P/O G.M. Miller	Intruder Mont de Marsan	2013	0115	Uneventful. Weather: heavy with low cloud in Bordeaux; vis fair.	

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12/13 Feb.	MOSQUITO VI	PILOT: 1/Lt J.F. Lema OBS: P/O G.G. Finlayson	Intruder Bordeaux	2259	0405	At Merignac airfield sighted a He.117 with wheels down on circuit. Turned in behind and fired a 2 sec burst from 150 to 100 yds below stern, and 1st exploded in area of cockpit. As Mosquito under shot Heinkel appeared to try and ram it, but missed and went into ground between airfield and town. Weather: 10/10 cloud at 2500 ft over channel and north of Loire. Further south decreased by haze.	
13/14 Feb.	MOSQUITO VI	PILOT: P/L J.H. Cornell OBS: P/O D.W.J. Gavr	Intruder Cambrai	2049	2231	No activity at target. Covered by 2 searchlights 2-3 miles south of airfield. Horizontal tracer from Abbeville in and out. Aircraft seen going down in flames at 2105 hrs between Beahy Dungeness. Weather: no cloud, ground haze, vis fair.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	PILOT: P/L E.R. McGill OBS: P/O F.D. Henderson	Intruder Montdidier	2100	2335	Also visited Greil and Roga but no activity. Weather: no cloud; ground haze.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	PILOT: P/O J.V. Cairns OBS: W/O E.W. Boal	Intruder Leon/Athies	2133	0021	At 2245 hrs He 110 seen coming in to land at target airfield. Closed on E/A, and when in sights and about to fire, guns did not work owing to technical fault and E/A landed. Weather: no cloud but haze.	
14/15 Feb.	MOSQUITO VI	PILOT: P/L C.G. Sobers (R.A.A.F.) OBS: W/O H.J. Gunnett	Intruder Marseille	2019	2350	Trip abandoned north-west of Lyons owing to unsuitable weather. Weather: over France haze deteriorating south of Orleans with snow south of Moulins. Cloud base 2000 ft.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	PILOT: P/O C.M. Jasper OBS: P/L O.A. Martin	Intruder Rennes	2043	2359	Also patrolled Kerlin/Bastard but no activity. Weather: in target area good with vis 4-8 miles. 9-10/10 at Kerlin with base 800-1000 ft. Slight cloud at Rennes.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	PILOT: W/O D.C.S. Macdonald OBS: P/O S. Wilson (RAF)	Intruder Tours, Chateauroux	0113	0407	Visited Tours and Limoges, then abandoned owing to adverse weather: 10/10 cloud at 3500 ft and below. Icing conditions, very poor vis. south of Loire.	
15/16 Feb.	MOSQUITO VI	PILOT: P/O Ford OBS: P/O J.I. Clark	Flower Berlin	2027	2355	Took off Bradwell. Flew through 10/10 cloud, top 19000 ft to approx Stendel; then turned back as no breaks found in cloud. Heavy flak from Hanover and Bremen, bursting below. Landed Ford. Weather: cabin icing at 20,000 ft.	

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15/16 Feb.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O H.E. Jones OBS: P/L A.J. Robert		Flower Berlin	2816	0048	Operated from Bradwell. No activity in target area except three white flares which burst 2000 ft below. Went into cloud but loed up at 5,500 ft, so returned to height. Bomb bursts seen when 250 miles west of target. Weather 10/10 cloud tops 10/15000 ft average clear above.	
18/19 Feb.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L M. Kipp OBS: P/O P. Huletsky		Intruder Lecon, Montblader	0115	0310	Also visited Abberville, Amiens, and Reims. Sighted an E/A on circuit at Athies at 0222 hrs. Red flares sent up and E/A altered course to south, followed by Mosquito at 1800-2000 ft. Mosquito closed to 200-300 yds giving a 3-4 sec burst dead ahead; strikes seen and E/A (A10) burst into flames on hitting ground on north side of Juvincourt airfield at 0225. Immediately after attack a second A10 seen slightly to starboard appeared to be landing. Mosquito closed to 200 yds, gave a 2 sec burst, and E/A went down with both engines a flame, hitting ground with a great flash (0226). Both E/A seen burning on Juvincourt airfield. Weather over target area good vis below cloudy.	
19/20 Feb.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O H.G. Ford OBS: P/O J.L. Clark		Flower S. Leipzig	0207	0610	Cloud down to 1000 ft at French coast. Heavy explosions and many fires seen at Leipzig and at approx Frankfurt on return. Going-in 10/10 cloud from 500 to 7000 ft in target area.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L H.J. Connell OBS: P/O D.W.J. Carr		Flower Wunadorf	1057	0504	Uneventful. I-judged brightly lighted. Weather cloudy, clouding at target 10/10 at 3-4000 ft.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L S.C. Anderson OBS: P/O J.P. Cadman		Flower Veocha	0148	0610	Also visited Quakenbruck and Diepholz, but no activity. Weather south of target cloud at 3000 ft. north of Veocha clear.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O G.M. Jasper OBS: P/L O.A. Martin		Flower Ardorf	0226	0650	Uneventful. Weather 1-1/10 at 2000 ft on way in, misty, vis about 2 miles.	

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19/20 Feb.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L G.C. Scherb OBS: P/O R.W. Burnett	R.A.A.F. S. Leipzig	Flower S. Leipzig	0203	0700	Sighted a single-engine E/A with nav lights near Florence at 0312 hrs. Chased and he climbed to 7000 ft. E/A was doing tight turns and as Mosquito closed E/A dived and crashed into deck at St. Robert, S.E. of Florence, at 0317. E/A exploded and burst into flames. No shots were fired during combat, but Mosquito fired a 2-sec burst at wreckage and mine gun exposed. Cloud to deck at target area from 5000 ft and Leipzig burning nicely. On return followed by E/A dropping brilliant amber flares for 60 mins. Weather on way out ground not seen at all. 1 Unidentified S/E E/A Destroyed.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L G.W. Thompson OBS: P/O H.E. Jones		Flower Lunenburg	0220	0735	Amer, Hesape, Yarden, and Lunenburg lit but no activity. Two fires seen burning between Dummer and Steinharden Lecon at 0350, resembling burning aircraft. Weather low cloud south of target, clearing in target area.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O H.E. Jones OBS: P/L A.J. Robert		Flower SPERDAL	0208	0758	White flames and light flak over V/L at target; nothing else of interest. Weather overcast in target area, broken cloud on way in.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O J.T. Gaine OBS: W/O E.W. BOAL		Flower WIG	0216	0746	Much light flak at Lingeni evasive action taken; no activity at target. Weather 10/10 cloud down to 3000 ft in target area; clear in patches.	
20/21 Feb.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O H.E. Jones OBS: P/L A.J. Robert		Intruder CHENNES	2206	0010	Bombed Vitry airfield, 2x 500 lb, from 1500 ft on north heading results not seen. No activity at Chivres. Only out near Chevres cluster of 3 white signals fired, possibly from ground. Investigated but saw nothing.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O J.T. Gaine OBS: W/O E.W. BOAL		Intruder Goussiers	2207	0020	Target inactive, bombed Helun airfield, 2x 500 lb, at 2320 from 1400 ft on easterly heading. No results seen but E/A attempted to engage as Mosquito approached 1/2 masts S.W. of airfield. WEATHER: 10/10 cloud very low in places.	

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20/21	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L G.W. THOMPSON OBS: P/O W.A.R. STEWART	FLOWER JUVINCOURT	FLOWER	0315	0540	Patrolled Montdidier where much light flak hovering. Searched for Juvin-court without success. WEATHER: very hazy, vis about 500 yds.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L A.D. CLEVELAND OBS: P/S DAY, P. RAP	FLOWER SE. DIERER	FLOWER	0328	0510	Uneventful. WEATHER: no cloud until 50 miles N.W. of St. Dizier; poor vis owing to ground haze; scattered cloud over Channel.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O H.C. BIRD OBS: P/O J.L. BIRK	FLOWER FLORENNE	FLOWER	0330	0513	Also visited Amiens/Glisy and Rosiers where light flak fired. Much heavy flak seen in Pas de Calais area. Aircraft burning our nav lights seen about 30 miles from English coast, going south. WEATHER: vis fair; no cloud, but hazy to 2500 ft.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O G.M. JASPER OBS: P/L G.A. MARVIN	FLOWER IE COULET	FLOWER	0333	0515	Target inactive. Weather: 10/10 cloud at 2500 ft over Channel and coast; otherwise ground haze only. Vis. 1-2 miles.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L W.F. HINA U.S.A.A.F. OBS: P/O C.G. FINEGROVE	FLOWER JUVINCOURT	FLOWER	0329	0552	Also visited Abbeville, no activity. Weather: 10/10 cloud on deck east of St. Dizier; otherwise ground haze and poor vis.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L D.A. MacPadyen OBS: P/O J.D. WRIGHT	FLOWER JUVINCOURT	FLOWER	0432	0708	No activity at target Or at Rheims. Weather: very little cloud inland; bad haze below 3000 ft.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L T.G. ANDERSON OBS: P/O E.B. CALMAN	FLOWER IE COULET	FLOWER	0439	0708	Uneventful	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L H.S. LUSSEN OBS: P/O A.E. FRANKLIN	FLOWER FLORENNE	FLOWER	0418	0715	Vertical flak from Abbeville and Florennes; otherwise uneventful.	
21/22 Feb.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: W/O D.C.S. MacDonald Day Ranger OBS: P/O S. WILSON	RAP TOURS BOURGES	BOURGES	1440	1856	6-7 He-117's seen on ground at Bourges. 4-5 single-engine aircraft seen in south-west corner of St Yan airfield. P/L Scherf attacked an He 111 on the ground at Dijon at 1610 hrs; strikes on fuselage by cockpit. Slight light flak from east and west of Cahours on way out. Weather: vis 2-4 miles. Cloud 5/10 @ 2000 ft north of Loire; 10/10 south of river. Snow storms in southern area.	
	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L C.G. SCHERF R.A.A.F. OBS: P/O B.A. IRONS	AWARD CLEMONT	AWARD CLEMONT				

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21/22 Feb.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L G.A. WALKER OBS: P/O T.J. ROBERTS R.A.F.	INTRUDER MONTDIDIER	INTRUDER	0320	0526	No activity at targets. Also patrolled Amiens/Glisy, where identity light on for 10 secs at 2500 ft, then lost. Weather: vis 2-4 miles; cloud 5-6/10 at 2500 ft; hazy.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L J.L. CORREIA OBS: P/O D.V.J. CARR	INTRUDER COMRAI, LILLE MERVILLE.	INTRUDER	0327	0530	Also patrolled Vitry but no activity. WEATHER: hazy in river valleys; 5-6/10 at 2000 ft.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O G.M. JASPER OBS: P/L G.A. MARVIN R.A.F.	INTRUDER ROSIERS	INTRUDER	0349	0556	Uneventful. WEATHER: no cloud, 0/7 haze; vis 2-3 miles.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/S WILLIAMS, A. OBS: W/O R.J. GURNETT	INTRUDER LACH/JUVINCOURT	INTRUDER	0343	0602	Also visited Rosiers but no activity. WEATHER: hazy; occasional snow.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L A.D. CLEVELAND OBS: P/S DAY, P. RAP	INTRUDER BRETIQNY, MELUN	INTRUDER	0343	0507	Flares seen at Epernay. Also visited Montdidier. WEATHER: south of Paris poor; vis 1 mile, 10/10 cloud at 2500 ft.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: W/O J.J.F. MCCALL OBS: P/O E.V. STORY	INTRUDER ABBEVILLE, AMIENS, POIX	INTRUDER	0334	0555	Uneventful. WEATHER: 8/10 at 3000 ft at Abbeville, clearing south.	
22/23 Feb.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L G.A. WALKER OBS: P/O T.J. ROBERTS	INTRUDER LACH	INTRUDER	0039	0524	Also patrolled Juvin-court and Rosiers, but no activity. WEATHER: over France - excellent.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: W/O J.J.F. MCCALL OBS: P/O E.V. STORY	INTRUDER MONTDIDIER	INTRUDER	0020	0250	No activity at Montdidier, Abbeville, Roye, or Amiens. Weather: clear over France with ground haze; 5/10 from 2-3000 ft over Channel.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/S WILLIAMS, A. R.A.F. OBS: W/O R.J. GURNETT	INTRUDER	INTRUDER	0045	0305	Visited Creil and Beaumont. Arrived Comliouiers at 0145 hrs and saw 3 E/A circling. Fired a short burst at one of these and saw strikes and E/A doused lights. Attacked a second E/A from astern and both engines caught fire. Identified as an He 110 or 210 as it fell vertically to the ground (0153). WEATHER: excellent vis, no cloud over target area. 1 He 110 destroyed and 1 unidentified E/A damaged.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L E.B. MORILL OBS: P/O P.D. HENDERSON	INTRUDER MELUN, BRETIQNY	INTRUDER	0022	0534	No activity. One burst of light flak near VEG at Bretigny.	28

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22/23 Feb.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L A.D. CLEVELAND OBS: P/S DAY, F. R.A.F.	P/L A.D. CLEVELAND CHATEAUBRIEN	INTRUDER	0053	0426	Also patrolled Orleans and Chartres, but no activity.	
23/24 Feb.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O G.N. MILLER OBS: P/O G.D. MILLER	P/O G.N. MILLER LACH	INTRUDER	2302	0125	Sighted E/A over Rosiers but lights doused and visual lost. Vertical tracer from this airfield. Also visited Albert. WEATHER: low cloud over Channel; good vis and clear in France.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L W.J. HARRIS OBS: P/O J.H. REES	P/L W.J. HARRIS EYREUX	INTRUDER	2302	0135	No activity at Evreux or at Combes. WEATHER: clear, vis fair; broken cloud over Channel.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L G.W. THOMPSON OBS: P/O W.A.R. STEWART	P/L G.W. THOMPSON JUVINCOURT, LACH	INTRUDER	2310	0200	Amiens/Clay, Rosiers, Roys, Peronne, Juvincoirt, Lach/Combes and Athies lit but no activity. 3 bush fires seen at end of north arm of NE/SW V/L at Rosiers. Fire in Neufochatel, east of Juvincoirt. weather; clear, misty over Channel.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L D.A. MACPADDEN OBS: P/O J.D. WRIGHT	P/L D.A. MACPADDEN OULOMBIERS	INTRUDER	2304	0210	Also visited Peix, Montdidier, and Roys. Target inactive. At 2340 light flak seen from direction of Melun. WEATHER: clear, some haze.	
24/25 Feb.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L C.J. EVANS OBS: P/O S. HUNTERSTON	P/L C.J. EVANS RAMBOUILLET	1st TRAINING	2251	0044	Uneventful. WEATHER: ground haze near coast; clearer in Paris area.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L G.W. THOMPSON OBS: P/O W.A.R. STEWART	P/L G.W. THOMPSON CAMBRAI	INTRUDER	2280	0030	Also visited Monchy/Breton and Vitry. Triangular fire 3 miles west of Abbeville. WEATHER: patches of haze; no cloud.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L W.J. HARRIS OBS: P/O J.H. REES RAP	P/L W.J. HARRIS MONTMIDIER	INTRUDER	2226	0120	Lights at Abbeville, Rosiers, and Roys. Vertical flak at Montdidier. An aircraft appeared to explode in air at 0057 hrs at 5025 M. 0035 E. WEATHER: vis good but getting hazy.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L J.M. COUGREZ OBS: P/O D.V.J. CARR	P/L J.M. COUGREZ CHATEAUBRIEN	INTRUDER	2233	0215	No activity at Chateaubrien, Etamps or Orleans. WEATHER: hazy north of Paris, then clear.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L G.A. WALTON OBS: P/O T.J. ROBERTS	P/L G.A. WALTON METZ	FLOWER	2130	0250	Sighted a single-engine E/A at Metz Nancy at 0115. Also visited Beaureads, Coulamiers, and Roussy.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L P.C. ANDERSON OBS: P/O J.P. CALMAN	P/L P.C. ANDERSON COULAMBIERS	FLOWER	2219	0210	Also visited Peix but no activity. WEATHER: no cloud, ground haze; vis 1 mile.	

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24/25 Feb.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L R.P. MCGILL OBS: P/O P.D. HUNTERSTON	P/L R.P. MCGILL FLORANGES	FLOWER	2320	0305	Uneventful. WEATHER: no cloud, ground haze; vis 1-2 miles.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L A.D. CLEVELAND OBS: P/S DAY, F. R.A.F.	P/L A.D. CLEVELAND ST DIZIER	FLOWER	2317	0307	Uneventful. WEATHER: some haze, no cloud.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O HE JONES OBS: P/L A.J. ROBERT	P/O HE JONES ST TROUD	FLOWER	2309	0323	Visited Epyncy, St Trons, Le Culot, Melstrook, but no activity. Steady fire at Le Culot, possibly magnesium. WEATHER: no cloud, hazy.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O J.J.P. MORGAN OBS: P/O E.J. STONY	P/O J.J.P. MORGAN JUVINCOURT, LACH	INTRUDER	2345	0310	No activity at targets or at Amiens. U shaped fire seen N.E. of Igny. WEATHER: hazy on ground, no cloud.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O G.N. MILLER OBS: P/O G.D. MILLER	P/O G.N. MILLER LACH	FLOWER	0242	0448	2 fires near Amiens. No activity at Athies or Juvincoirt. WEATHER: hazy, no cloud.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L C.C. SCHERF R.A.A.F. OBS: P/O G.S. FIDLAYSON	P/L C.C. SCHERF ANSPACH	FLOWER	2330	0450	Patrolled between Illersheim and Ansbach. Saw Ju 290 about to land at Ansbach; closed fast and overshot. 2 E/A with lights seen on ground. Saw Ju 88 circling; fired 3 sec burst and E/A caught fire and blew up on ground. Attached a second E/A (T/E) with 7-8 sec burst slight deflection; E/A caught fire and exploded on edge of airfield. WEATHER: slight haze.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L D.A. MACPADDEN OBS: P/O J.D. WRIGHT	P/L D.A. MACPADDEN FURZBURG	FLOWER	2330	0445	Patrolled St. Frankfurt, Ingelheim, Ertzenheim, Biblis, Furzburg, Gelshain, and Oberruchen, Korbach. At Furzburg sighted an E/A (Me.410) on circuit and chased in 3 tight orbits around aerodrome, then E/A turned in to land. Closed to 150 yds range dead astern and gave 3 sec burst. Strikes seen and E/A glowed red and exploded; later seen burning on ground. WEATHER: slight haze, no cloud. 1 Me.410 DESTROYED	
25/26 Feb.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L D.A. MACPADDEN OBS: P/O J.D. WRIGHT	P/L D.A. MACPADDEN LACH	FLOWER	0127	0337	No activity at target or at Juvincoirt. WEATHER: 10/10 at 2000 ft; target area thick ground haze.	

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25/26 Feb.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L T.G. ANDERSON OBS: P/O J.P. GIBMAN		FLOWER KIRKES	2359	0335	No pinpoints on way in owing to 10/10 cloud and thick haze. Visited 3 aerodromes believed Hammarlar, Bad Droumach, and Ober Oim. Slight light flak in Ober Oim area.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/S WILLIAMS, A. R.A.F. OBS: W/O R.J. GURNEY		FLOWER STUTTGART	2305	0348	Visited Bollingen, Ober Thalheim, Rohrdarlingen, Jernstedt, and Ristissen, but no activity. WEATHER: 10/10 at 1500 ft coast to Rhine; very heavy to Rhine valley. Vis O/T good, no cloud	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O G.H. MILLER OBS: P/O G.D. MILLER		FLOWER LEIGHFIELD	2315	0434	Uneventful. Augsburg and Gablingen observed obscured by smoke. WEATHER: 10/10 cloud coast to Rhine; vis heavy to target.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O G.M. JASPER OBS: P/L O.A. MARVIN		FLOWER SF DIXIE	0057	0441	Uneventful. WEATHER: 10/10 cloud coast to Creil. Vis heavy but cloudless, O/T vis 1-2 miles.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O J.T. CAINE OBS: W/O R.W. BHAL		FLOWER MUNCH, RIM	2335	0520	Aircraft seen to crash in Uls area. No activity at Lechfeld so flew to Riem. At 0252 attacked taxiing aircraft N.W. to S.E. on N.E. perimeter (burning rear and nose lights). Fired 3-4 sec burst, starboard engine blew up, strikes seen on cockpit and fuselage, and 1/1 (No. 110) burned fiercely. Folly intense smoke light flak came up from airfield. 2 aircraft were seen to land without lights before attack. WEATHER: O/T clear, no cloud. 1 No. 110 destroyed	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L A.D. CLEVELAND OBS: P/S DAY, F. R.A.F.		FLOWER STUTTGART	2315	0217	Patrolled Rohrdarlingen, Bollingen, Oberthalheim, Oppingen. Fires seen from Rohrdarlingen and Oberthalheim. WEATHER: N. France 10/10 cloud at 2000 ft. O/T all cloud; vis 10-15 miles.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O H.R. JONES OBS: P/L A.J. BURNETT		FLOWER WURZBURG	2353	0445	Bomber seen to crash 5 miles east of Ansbach at 0029 hrs. Patrolled Kitzingen, Illshausen, and Ansbach, but no activity. WEATHER: O/T vis good but ground haze.	

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26th Feb.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O J.T. CAINE OBS: W/O R.W. BHAL		DAY RANGER TOULOUSE	1440	1625	Turned back at La Fleche owing to insufficient cloud cover. WEATHER: 10/10 cloud base over Channel, lifting to 3000 ft over French Coast.	
26th Feb.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/S WILLIAMS, A. R.A.F. OBS: W/O R.J. GURNEY		DAY RANGER BREITENBURG, DLUH	1520	1950	At St Yan P/L Cleveland attacked on He 177 and P/L Schorf attacked two Ju. 52's parked on east perimeter. One Ju. 52 seen to explode and the other well alight with burning bowser in between. 177 also burning fiercely. Slight light flak from west of airfield. Proceeded to Dole and saw a Bi-Heinkel at 2000 ft towing 2 Co. 242's line astern. P/L Cleveland gave near Gotha 2 sec burst from 200-50 yds. As the other glider was let loose P/L Schorf gave it a 2 sec burst and both gliders appeared to disintegrate and went straight down. P/L Schorf went straight on and gave Heinkel a 3 sec burst, setting 2 starboard engines on fire. P/L Cleveland gave 6-7 sec burst hitting one of port engines and port fuselage. As it was going down P/L Schorf gave a long burst of 1/2 sec, scoring numerous strikes. It was last seen burning well on ground. En route home P/L Cleveland spotted a Co. 242 in middle of field near Dole and damaged it with a short burst of 1/2 sec. WEATHER: 10/10 cloud north of Le Mans base 20-3000 ft. Slight haze but no cloud further inland. 1 Bi-Heinkel and 2 Co. 242's destroyed at Dole shared by P/L Schorf and P/L Cleveland. 2 Ju. 52's destroyed on ground at St. Yan by P/L Schorf. 1 He. 177 destroyed on ground at St. Yan and 1 Co. 242 damaged on ground at Dole by P/L Cleveland.	

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FORD, Sussex.	MARCH, 1944.	5th	<p>Weather - fine; vis. poor, improving to good.</p> <p>NPT's by "A" and "B" flights. W/O Sims flew to Danfold and return. F/S Williams left to attend a B.A.F. Course.</p> <p>S/L C.M. Hagwood D.F.C. making a liaison tour for training wing of 3 P.R.C., Bournemouth, visited the Squadron.</p> <p>Another "Recon" boner! The film of P/L MacGadyen's combat (Feb. 24th at Turzburg) in which he claimed a Me.410 destroyed reveals twin fins and rudders!</p> <p>Seven aircraft took off for Flower Operation but were recalled when the operation was cancelled. (Operation was to be from Coltishall.) A very interesting series of operations was carried out from Ford. F/O Jones went on an anti-training trip to Bourges and Avord and M. of Bourges encountered a twin-engine aircraft, flying very low. They turned and followed him, and as they identified him as a Wellington, were hit in four places by .303 bullets from his rear turret. They broke off and returned to base justifiably shaken. S/L Klipp, F/O Jasper and P/L Harper had uneventful sorties to Laon Athies, Florennes and St. Trond respectively. Then 1/Lt Luma was plotted, 12 hours away, 400 miles away. He finally struggled in one engine, all the way from Pan, on the Spanish frontier. He had destroyed a P.2, 190 there. Lastly, S/L Liaison landed near Alghero, Sardinia. His sortie had been unsuccessful. He made another attempt on the night of the 6th, also unsuccessful, but today he succeeded in finding his target, and so completed his tour of 38 trips with 438 Squadron, in triumph. Incidentally, we were amazed at the vast quantities of Italian vines, lemons and other souvenirs which the belly of his Mosquito disgorged.</p>		
		7th	<p>Weather - cloudy, moderate vis.</p> <p>F/O Wilson posted to 60 O.2.U.</p> <p>F/L "Charlie" Schert leaves us, to the regret of all, after the completion of a highly successful tour in which his score was 7½ destroyed and one damaged. He is posted to Intruder Control as S/L from the 13th March. We wish him the greatest of luck, and will miss his cheery personality sadly.</p> <p>Congratulations to Group Captain Davoud on his D.S.C.</p> <p>NPT's by "A" flight, and NPT's and 4 low level cross countries by "B" flight.</p> <p>F/L Cleveland is congratulated on promotion to Squadron Leader.</p> <p>On the 5th, 6th and 7th, the Squadron Hockey Team played in the South of England League final against 410 Squadron. The first game was won, but the second two were lost narrowly. A cup was presented by the senior Knights of Columbus Supervisor.</p> <p>Flower and Intruder Operations on 7th were cancelled as a result of a low cloud, but low cloud prevented all except W/O Sims (St. Trond) from reaching targets. W/O McGele got considerable L/T from Albert.</p> <p>F/L Connell returned after taking a trip - they blamed the winds! - along the Channel Blythes.</p> <p>F/O Miller attempted an Intruder to Cherbourg, but turned back near Metz owing to low cloud.</p> <p>F/L MacGadyen had electrical failure in the circuit, so landed immediately.</p> <p>All at 60 at 0100 hours. Released 0500 hours.</p>		
		8th	<p>Weather - fine, moderate vis.</p> <p>NPT's by "B" flight and 4 NPT's by "A" flight in preparation for a Flower, subsequently cancelled.</p> <p>S/L Klipp flew the Oxford to Lenley and return and P/L Anderson flew the Magister to Kenley. On a hot tip from Group Captain Pathfinders at Rennes, W/O Bennell and F/O Cairn took off in record time at 1635 but, in reaching a point five miles from the French Coast, turned back as no cloud was visible anywhere. Two uneventful Intruder sorties were carried out by F/L McGill to Abbeville and P/L Kerr to Evreux.</p>		

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FORD, Sussex.	MARCH, 1944.	9th	<p>Weather - cloudy, good vis., mist in the evening.</p> <p>NPT's by "B" flight and Flower by "A" flight.</p> <p>At 1436, four Mosquitos took off on Day Ranger. W/O Bennell and F/O Cairn were headed for Rennes and Toulouse, and 1/Lt Luma and F/O Jones for Lyons and Clermont. 150 miles inland the promised 10/10 at 2000 ft cloud cover was found to be nonexistent. The Lyons sortie turned back, and 1/Lt Luma got a hole bigger than a rugby ball in his fin, from accurate defences near Lyons. F/O Cairn lost touch with the O.C. while following him. M. of Rennes. F/O Cairn immediately returned to the Coast on the same track, but saw nothing. The only presumption is that the O.C. on his first operational trip since he returned to the Squadron flew into the deck on some obstruction. It is impossible to convey what grief has been cast over the Squadron by this loss. W/O Bennell D.F.C. was deeply admired and liked by all ranks in the Squadron and beloved for his enthusiasm, skill, cheerfulness and friendly nature. His observer, F/O Frank Shields, D.F.C. was an old friend, and the loss of these two is a bad and sad blow.</p> <p>Flower Operations were cancelled for the third night, and there were no operations.</p>		
		10th	<p>Weather - cloudy, slight mist.</p> <p>NPT's by "A" flight, single-engine flying by W/O Sims, Group Captain Pearson, Night Ops. visited the Ops. Room with the Station Commander.</p> <p>Group Captain Davoud, D.S.O., D.F.C. and W/O Macdonald D.F.C. visited us in the evening. Flower operations were cancelled at noon.</p> <p>S/L H.S. Mason takes over command of 418 Squadron, and we wish him all success and happiness during his period of command.</p> <p>There were no operations. All at 60 at midnight. Released at 0400 hours.</p>		
		11th	<p>Weather - cloudy, good vis.</p> <p>W/O Maude, Intruder Controller, visited the Squadron.</p> <p>NPT's by "A" flight. P/L Anderson flew the Oxford to Crocydon and return.</p> <p>"B" flight - cine camera tests by P/L McGill and P/L Evans.</p> <p>F/O Ford and F/O Miller undertook a Day Ranger which carried them via Tours to Clermont, St. Yeo, Bourges and Avord, but no enemy aircraft were flying. They enjoyed their first experience of such EXPERIENCE operations, however.</p> <p>At night, P/L Evans carried out his second training sortie to Nantes and Orleans, getting some light flak from two points en route. W/O Sims was scrambled for Abbeville but recalled immediately. Squadron released at 0500 hours.</p>		
		12th	<p>Weather - cloudy, good vis.</p> <p>"B" flight - NPT's and Cine Camera tests.</p> <p>A Day Ranger was undertaken by F/O Cairn, with F/O Jasper forming on him. The policy now used in making ISMRAIL is to go up into cloud a few miles from the French Coast, coming down together three or four miles inland. This is becoming necessary as during the past couple of weeks the Sun light flak defences have become more active, day and night. They flew without incident to Toulouse, and finding no activity there, returned to Clermont, where F/O Cairn destroyed a Ju 52 and a Ju 86 on the ground, and F/O Jasper damaged another Ju. 52. F/O Cairn scored away a Ju 190 which was hovering in the vicinity, and both returned without further incident.</p>		

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FORD, Sussex.	MARCH 1944.	12th (Cont'd)	At night, 4 sorties were flown after enemy bombers. P/L MacFadyen went to Chateaudun, P/L Kerr to Melun/Bretigny, P/L Walker to Abbeville, Amiens, Foix, and P/O Evans to Montdidier. All sorties were uneventful, though each reported considerable flak (light). Squadron released at 0500 hours.		
		13th	Weather - slight rain in morning, becoming fair to fine with excellent vis. "B" Flight - NPT's. 4 intruder sorties were flown by P/O Miller to Chateaudun, P/L Harper to Villambly, P/L MacFadyen to Rennes, P/O Sims to St. Andre, Evreux, Melun and Bretigny and got a great piece knocked out of his rudder by flak at Bretigny. Squadron released at 0800 hours.		
		14th	Weather - fair in morning, slight rain in afternoon, good vis. "A" Flight - NPT's, Beam Approach, and camera tests. P/O Lawson made a local flight. Pairs Lloyd organized a Bridge Tournament which was to be held in the Ops Room, but the arrival of the Hun in considerable force put a period to the ward playing. S/L Kipp intruded to Evreux and St. Andre, P/O Sims to Orléans, Beauvais, Coulommiers. P/L Anderson went to Abbeville, Montdidier, and Foix. P/O Jones got fleeting visuals of 4 E/A at Orléans, but lights were doused before he could do anything about it. Squadron was released at 0500 hours. P/L L.M. Evans (pilot), P/O Blakley, S.M. (obs.) P/O Bowney, W.S. (pilot), Sgt. R.K. Naylor (M.W.) posted to the Squadron from 60 C.T.U.		
		15th	Weather - fine, good vis. P/L Johnnie Johnson, D.F.C. visited us. NPT's by "B" Flight, Blind Approach and camera gun by "A" Flight. A very large Flower and intruder programme was carried out in support of Bomber Command's attacks on Stuttgart and Amiens. Arising out of several of these sorties, the effectiveness of the Hun's new S/L concentrations inside the Coast became obvious. Several of our Mosquitos were consistently held by numbers of S/L's from roughly north of Abbeville to approximately Cambrai. Evasive tactics and deck level flying were tried by various pilots but the general consensus of opinion is that the Hun has got something pretty good in the way of illumination, in that area, and that we should find some other way of reaching our targets, eliminating that Abbeville - Cambrai belt. The Flowers covered Lecon/Athies by P/L Anderson, Bochteringen by P/L Walker, St. Dizier by P/S Williams, Lechfield by Lt. Luma, Dijon by P/L McGill, Munich/Riem by P/O Jones, and Ober Ols by S/L Kipp. P/L MacFadyen and P/L Harper took off for Kitzingen and Schalksburg Hall respectively, but owing to loss of bearings caused by searchlights, did not reach their targets. In addition, there were three intruder sorties; P/O Miller going to Amiens and Foix; P/O Jasper to Athies and P/O Sims to Juvinocourt. 26 bombers landed back at Ford from the Stuttgart raid.		
		16th	Weather - mist at dawn, becoming cloudy, moderate vis., fog at midnight. Both flights carried out NPT's. P/L Evans and P/O Blakley flew local in the Oxford. P/O P.M. Sawyer (pilot) and P/O J.E. Howell (obs.) reported from 60 C.T.U. No operations.		
		17th	Weather - fog at dawn, becoming cloudy, moder to vis. Fog at midday. Both flights carried out.		

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FORD, Sussex.	MARCH 1944.	17th	Weather - fog at dawn, to fine with slight mist. "A" Flight - cross countries were flown by P/L Anderson, P/O Miller, P/L Evans and P/O Roberts. "B" Flight carried out NPT's and camera tests. P/O Bowney made a local flight. There were 4 intruder sorties - P/L Walker covering Caen, P/L McGill Montdidier, S/L Cleveland Juvinocourt and P/L Evans Coulommiers. 2 at 50 mins. at 0220 hours.		
		18th	Weather - fog at dawn; cloud in afternoon. Moderate to good vis. News was received that the City of Edmonton has officially adopted the Squadron, which will henceforth be known as 418 (City of Edmonton) Squadron. "B" Flight - NPT's. P/O Bowney carried out a day cross country and in the evening a Prickly. "A" Flight - NPT's and local flying. P/O Roberts carried out a Prickly. A large scale Flower operation was carried out in support of Bomber Command's raid on Frankfurt. P/L Harper patrolled Vendo, P/L Walker "Mundorf", P/O Rocate St. Trond, P/O Anderson Lecon and Juvinocourt, S/L Kipp Biblis, P/L McGill Zwente, S/L Cleveland Stuttgart and P/O Miller Kassel. Released - 0400 hours.		
		19th	Weather - cloudy with slight mist in morning, becoming fair with good vis. "A" Flight - NPT's, local flying and a compass check. "B" Flight - NPT's - P/O Bowney carried out a day and a night cross-country. A Flower was planned but was later cancelled. There were three intruders by; P/L Harper to Montdidier, P/L Anderson Juvinocourt and P/O Miller Chateaudun and Orleans. Four Rangers were also carried out; S/L Cleveland to Munich and P/O Jones to Nuremberg turned back from Stuttgart and the Rhine owing to bad weather. P/O Sims patrolled Lecon and Lt. Luma Mont-de-Marscon.		
		20th	Weather - fair to cloudy, good vis. As a result of growing dissatisfaction with the policy by which so many patrols and searches are ordered off to the areas, Montdidier, Lecon and Juvinocourt, the I.O. is drawing up a report for intruder control on the subject. This shows that, over a period of six months, patrols in this area have paid practically nil dividend. The Squadron feels that less attention should be paid to these bases, which are highly intruder conscious, and more to the bases, such as Melun, Bretigny, Tours, Chateaudun, Orleans, Bourges, Avord etc, where numerous successes have been claimed and many E/A seen flying with lights on. "B" Flight - NPT's. P/O Bowney carried out practice attacks and Prickly. "A" Flight - NPT's and camera tests. In the one intruder sortie P/L Walker damaged an unidentified E/A at Melun. Released - 0030 hours.		
		21st	Weather - cloudy; slight mist in afternoon. "B" Flight - NPT's and Beam Approach. "A" Flight - NPT's. A Flower programme, involving sending 5 aircraft to Coltishall, was cancelled after these aircraft had reached their forward base. A Day Ranger set off for Haguenau and Luxeuil area. Lt/Lt Luma with P/O Finlayson led, followed by P/L MacFadyen with P/O Wright. The result was terrific. Full details will be found in the operational diary, but the summary is seven destroyed and twelve damaged. This brings the Squadron total up from 492 to 562, and the sector score to 80 destroyed. There were four intruder sorties; P/O Rocate going to Evreux/St. Andre, P/L Kerr to Brussels, P/L McGill to Lecon/Coulommiers, and P/L Evans to Cambrai. P/L Anderson took off on a night Ranger but turned back N.E. of River Elbe, u/s gyro. Squadron released - 0435 hours.		

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices											
PCRD, Sussex.	MARCH 1944. 31st		<p>Weather - cloudy with moderate vis. F/S James returned to the Squadron with a new observer, F/C McFarlane, posted from 4th Squadron. "A" Flight - NPT's. "B" Flight - NPT's and local flying. F/L Connel returned from Hanston. Three operational intruder sorties were flown. F/L Cleveland was going to Czechoslovakia, but got as far as Bayreuth, returning owing to low cloud. F/C Sawyer did his second training sortie to Rennes, Tours, Melun and Breigny. W/O Sims flies on Ranger intruder through N.W. Germany, visiting Gandelgen and Stendal, but seeing nothing of interest.</p> <p>NO OF SORTIES FOR MONTH: 157 sorties. (operational) OPERATIONAL HOURS FOR MONTH....465:48 TRAINING HOURS FOR MONTH.....226:15 Personnel on strength as at 31st March, 1944.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>R.C.A.F. Officers, Air Crew..... 36</td> <td>R.C.A.F. Airmen, Aircrew..... 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R.C.A.F. Officers, groundcrew..... 4</td> <td>R.A.F. Airmen, Aircrew..... 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R.A.F. Officers, Aircrew..... 4</td> <td>R.C.A.F. Airmen, Groundcrew..... 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U.S.A.A.F. Airmen..... 1</td> <td>R.A.F. Airmen, Groundcrew..... 1</td> </tr> </table> <p>AIRCRAFT ON STRENGTH:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>MOS. VI..... 18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>OXFORD..... 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MAGISTER..... 1</td> </tr> </table>	R.C.A.F. Officers, Air Crew..... 36	R.C.A.F. Airmen, Aircrew..... 4	R.C.A.F. Officers, groundcrew..... 4	R.A.F. Airmen, Aircrew..... 4	R.A.F. Officers, Aircrew..... 4	R.C.A.F. Airmen, Groundcrew..... 4	U.S.A.A.F. Airmen..... 1	R.A.F. Airmen, Groundcrew..... 1	MOS. VI..... 18	OXFORD..... 1	MAGISTER..... 1		
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DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT
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 For the Month of March, 1944

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCE
				Up	Down		
1/2 Mar.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/L J.R. KERR.	F/L J.R. KERR.	1st. OPS TRAINING 2054	2225		Large fire seen on ground 6 miles south-east of Vernon, still burning on return.	
	OPS: F/O P. CHANE, P.A.F. RAMBOUILLET						
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/O H. WILLIAMS FLOWER.	F/O H. WILLIAMS FLOWER.	FLOWER.	0409	0440	Turned back 15 miles south-east of Bechy owing to technical trouble.	
	OPS: F/O R.J. GURNEY FLOWER						
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/O G.A. WALKER FLOWER.	F/O G.A. WALKER FLOWER.	FLOWER.	0230	0435	Flew E.T.A. to target but unable to pinpoint at 500 ft. so returned. WEATHER: clear to Grayson. Cloud 10/10 20 miles off English coast. Base to deck at French coast.	
	OPS: F/O T.J. ROBERTS GILZE						
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/L T.C. ANDERSON FLOWER.	F/L T.C. ANDERSON FLOWER.	FLOWER.	0210	0502	Patrolled Abbeville, Juvincourt, Leon/Almas and Comman, and Rodiers, but no activity. WEATHER: Improving towards end of patrol. Rain and low cloud to 1000 ft. 15 miles inside France.	
	OPS: F/O J.G. CALMAN LACH JUVINCOURT.						
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/O G.E. MILLER FLOWER.	F/O G.E. MILLER FLOWER.	FLOWER	0158	0525	Chased an E/A at St. Trond at 0510 but lights doused and E/A lost. Patrolled La Gulet and Epincy. WEATHER: low clouds and patches of rain.	
	OPS: F/O G.D. MILLER ST. TROND.						
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/L J.M. OSBELL DEPREUX.	F/L J.M. OSBELL DEPREUX.	DEPREUX	0250	0520	Grid inactive. E/A seen passing Mosquito south-west of Beuveis. Flicking lights on for 5 secs, then off. Saw an E/A going along V/L and turned in to attack, but not fired from airfield and E/A doused lights and was lost (0400) WEATHER 1/10 cloud at 3000 feet in target area. 10/10 Cloud between target and coast. - Vis Good.	
	OPS: F/O D.V.J. GIER BRAVAIS						
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/O P.A. KIPP DEPREUX.	F/O P.A. KIPP DEPREUX.	DEPREUX.	0235	0535	Visited Rennes and Dinard airfield. Vertical flash from Rennes. WEATHER: Clear at Rennes; otherwise low ground fog. Coast.	
	OPS: F/O W.A.S. STEWART RENNES.						
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/O J.J.P. MCGALE FLOWER.	F/O J.J.P. MCGALE FLOWER.	FLOWER.	0252	0540	Target inactive. Four bright flashes like bomb burst about 20 miles inside French coast fromault. WEATHER: target area cloud 10/10 base 90 ft. top about 5000 ft. On way out clear until 15 miles from coast, then 10/10 from 1700 ft.	
	OPS: F/O R.J. STOKY ST. DIXIER						
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/L H.D. CLEVELAND DEPREUX.	F/L H.D. CLEVELAND DEPREUX.	DEPREUX	0515	0548	Impossible to pinpoint in target area, so returned and investigated Druex, St. Andre, and Evreux. No activity.	80 80
	OPS: F/O P. DAY, P.A.F. CHATEAUBRIEN						

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1/2 MAR.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/O J.P. CAHNE	F/O J.P. CAHNE	INTRUDER	0245	0642	E/A with nav lights seen landing at Irevigny at 0436 hrs.	
		OBS: W/O R.V. ROAL	MELAN, BRESTIGNY			Case in action and fired 2 mo burst from 100 yds, but unable to claim strikes, though on pulling up tracer was seen passing immediately over E/A. WEATHER: thick patchy ground fog coming out. 10/10 cloud at 3000 ft. from 75 miles inland to coast.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/O G.W. JASPER	F/O G.W. JASPER	FLOWER	0245	0652	No activity at Achiet, Albert or Flocennes. WEATHER: Target area 7-9/10 cloud at 800-1500 ft. 10/10 at 3500 ft.	
		OBS: F/L G.A. MARTIN	FLOCENNES				
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/O R.E. JONES	F/O R.E. JONES	FLOWER	0255	0700	Le Oulet inactive, at 0455 saw an aircraft on circuit at St. Troind flash its lights; then land. Second E/A entered V/L and Mosquito made beam attack when E/A at about 500 ft. no strikes seen. WEATHER: clear at first over target but deteriorated.	
		OBS: F/L A.J. ROBERT	ST. TROIND			Visited Roze and Leon/Athies. Sighted and E/A at Juvincourt at 2000 ft. going parallel to F/L not seen again. at 0530 hrs. bombed Athies airfield, 2 X 500 lb. from 3000 ft. no results seen. WEATHER: coast to target 10/10 cloud and rain down to 1500 ft. Clear at target. Vis very good.	
2/3 MAR.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/L J.H. KERR	F/L J.H. KERR	2nd. TRAINING	2044	0310	Visited Rennes and Tours. When approaching Orleans town saw lights of an E/A approaching airfield. Mosquito skirted north of town but lights disappeared. Observed large wooden light on ground about 15 miles north-east of Rennes. WEATHER: clear with small patches of low cloud near coast. 8-9/10 thin layer at 300 ft. in Loire and Seine Valley. Vis. good. bright moon.	
		OBS: F/O F. CLARK	TOURS ORLEANS				
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/O R.E. JONES	F/O R.E. JONES	FLOWER	0225	0530	No activity at Poix, Bannais, Greil, Goussages, Malun, Brestigny, Orleans, and Etampes. 6 searchlights engaged Mosquito momentarily at Malun. WEATHER: excellent vis: 4/10 cloud in patches.	
		OBS: F/O J.I. CLARK	MELAN				

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2/3 MAR.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/O J.P. CAHNE	F/O J.P. CAHNE	FLOWER	0256	0610	Unsuccessful, E/A in target area 10/10 thin cloud down to 1600 ft. Otherwise very little cloud but moderate haze. Chased clear.	
		OBS: F/O R.J. STONEY	ST. DIETHE				
3/4 MAR.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/O R.E. JONES	F/O R.E. JONES	SPECIAL INTRUDER	2120	0130	Landed Alghero, Sardinia 0130	
		OBS: F/O A.E. FRANKLIN	SALVATA				
4/5 MAR.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/L J.H. KERR	F/L J.H. KERR	INTRUDER	2052	2317	Unsuccessful, E/A base in Seine Region. Cloud 8/10 at 2500 ft. South of Paris cloud base 25-3500 ft. 7-8/10 snow on ground everywhere.	
		OBS: F/O F. CLARK	MELAN, BRESTIGNY				
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/O R.E. JONES	F/O R.E. JONES	SPECIAL INTRUDER	2215	0300	No activity at target, Landed Alghero. Heavy gun emplacements seen near Agia.	
		OBS: F/O A.E. FRANKLIN	SALVATA				
6/7 MAR.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/O R.E. JONES	F/O R.E. JONES	INTRUDER	2000	0023	Intense light flak south of Avord aerodrome; then acute fire from aircraft believed friendly while trying to identify. Heavy hits, fire in cockpit which was quickly extinguished by F/L Robert. Shot at again at Cahours.	
		OBS: F/L A.J. ROBERT	BOURGES, AVYED CLEMONT				
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/O R.E. JONES	F/O R.E. JONES	FLOWER	2050	2335	No activity. One searchlight and a little flak from Doullens on way out. Vis. fair/good. Cloud 2-5/10 at 3000 ft.	
		OBS: F/O W.A.P. STEWART	LAKE/ATHIES JUVINCOURT				
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/O G.W. JASPER	F/O G.W. JASPER	FLOWER	2048	0156	Aerodrome lit momentarily; otherwise unsuccessful, Intruder Flares fire.	
		OBS: F/L G.A. MARTIN	FLOCENNES				
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/O J.P. CAHNE	F/O J.P. CAHNE	INTRUDER	2003	0225	Toulouse not lit but E/A burning. Lights sighted south of Pau/Pont Long aerodrome. Chased, discovered to be long-ranged P.N. 190 fired 3 sec. burst and E/A blew up and crashed. During combat star, red damaged by hits of E/A flying off. Forced to return to base on port engine. 600 miles on single engine; total airborne time 6 hrs. 22mins. Vis. nil cloud but haze up to 2000 ft.	
		OBS: F/O G.G. FINLAYSON	TOULOUSE MONT DE MARRAN				
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/L W.J. HARPER	F/L W.J. HARPER	INTRUDER	2302	0242	No activity, Nil Cloud; vis excellent; slight haze over some	
		OBS: F/O J.H. JONES	RAF. ST. TROIND				

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6/7 MAR.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: S/L. H.S. LISSON	H.S. LISSON	SPECIAL INTRUDER	2205	2325	Up at Alghero, Sardinia; down at Ford. No activity.	
	OBS: P/O. A.E. FRANKLIN	A.E. FRANKLIN	SENAYEA			Wx. 10/10 cloud 4000 ft. Marseilles area to Toulouse, west of Toulouse vis excellent.	
7/8 MAR.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: W/O J.J.P. MORAIS	J.J.P. MORAIS	FLOWER	2145	2320	Heavy accurate light flak from Albert and St. Quentin. Cloud base 7-800 ft. turned back from Le Catou.	
	OBS: P/O. E.J. STOKY	E.J. STOKY	FLORISSER				
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L. J.M. CORNELL	J.M. CORNELL	FLOWER	2129	2325	A row of 12 lights (white) between Poignan and Andana in direction of flight. Target not reached. out at St. Valery.	
	OBS: P/O. D.V.J. CAMP	D.V.J. CAMP	ST. DIKIER			3-4 accurate burst from 2 light flak guns.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L. D.A. MACPHERSON	D.A. MACPHERSON	FLOWER	2120	2138	Electrical system failed on take off.	
	OBS: P/O. J.D. WRIGHT	J.D. WRIGHT	DITON				
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O. G.N. MILLER	G.N. MILLER	INTRUDER	2200	0035	Poor vis. etc. Came back from Bar Le Duc. Wx. Coast inland closed 10/10 base 100-1200 ft.	
	OBS: P/O. S.D. MILLER	S.D. MILLER	OPR GEN AREA				
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: W/O. M.H. SIMS	M.H. SIMS	FLOWER	2250	2345	Large building on fire at Hesdin. No activity at target. 5 S/L's from airfield tried to illuminate. Wx. fair at target otherwise cloud to deck.	
	OBS: P/O. J.D. SHARPLES	J.D. SHARPLES	ST. THOND				
8/9 MAR.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: W/O. R.J. BENNELL WFO	R.J. BENNELL	DAY RANGER	1635	1725	Turned back 5 miles short of French coast; cloud cover nil.	
	OBS: P/O. W. SHIELD DAY WFO	W. SHIELD	DAY RANGER			Vis. 20 miles.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O. J.T. CAINE	J.T. CAINE	RECON				
	OBS: P/O. E.W. BOAL	E.W. BOAL	TOURS				
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L. E.P. MULLER	E.P. MULLER	INTRUDER	2132	2310	Abbeville. V/L. lit, 3 reds 1 white flares. Wx. 8-10/10 at 12-1500 ft. Vis 2 miles.	
	OBS: P/O. W.H. HENDERSON	W.H. HENDERSON	ABBEVILLE				
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L. J.B. HEND	J.B. HEND	INTRUDER	2135	2355	No activity at Brville 1 red and 2 white flares.	
	OBS: P/O. P. CLARK	P. CLARK	HYDRA			Wx. 8/10 at 1500-3000 ft. vis. 2-4 miles.	
9/10 MAR.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L. L.M. J.F. HESAP	L.M. J.F. HESAP	DAY RANGER	1435	1508	Turned back 100 miles inland; no cloud. Flak light and heavy from 2 miles south of Inigny. Lema's kite large hole in fin.	
	OBS: P/O. G.C. FIDELAYEN	G.C. FIDELAYEN	LYONS			Wx. Cloud 10/10 at 1000 ft. at coast. Clearing.	
	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O. H.E. JONES	H.E. JONES	CLEMENT				
	OBS: P/L. A.J. ECKERT	A.J. ECKERT					

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9/10 MAR	Mosquito VI PILOT: W/O R.J. BENNELL WFO	R.J. BENNELL	DAY RANGER	1439	1614	In Point De Feroces - new construction in gully; towers etc.	
	OBS: P/O. P. SHIELD	P. SHIELD	DAY RANGER			Weather clearing at Avranches, P/O. Caine then looked back but could see nothing of W/O Bennell. Called over P/T no reply so came home along recap tracks but saw nothing. Out at point en Basses. Considerable flak (Bofores). Wx. 10/10 at coast at 1000 ft. clear south of Avranches. W/O BENNELL W.F.P.	
	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O. J.T. CAINE	J.T. CAINE	TOULOUSE				
	OBS: P/O. E.W. BOAL	E.W. BOAL					
11/12 MAR	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O. G.N. MILLER	G.N. MILLER	DAY RANGER	1530	1940	No activity Wx. Vis south of Loire poor. North of Loire very good. Cloud 10/10 at 2-3000 ft.	
	OBS: P/O. G.D. MILLER	G.D. MILLER	CLEMENT				
	PILOT: P/O. H.C. FORD	H.C. FORD	ST. YAN				
	OBS: P/L. J.T. CLARK	J.T. CLARK	AVOUD				
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: W/O M.H. SIMS	M.H. SIMS	INTRUDER	0145	0152	RECALIZED.	
	OBS: W/O. J.D. SHARPLES	J.D. SHARPLES	ABBEVILLE				
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L. J.B. EVANS	J.B. EVANS	2nd. OPS TRAINING	2114	0028	Red peris lights Orleans. Light flak from Loire near Orgues, and St. Ay. 12 small fires seen near 49 55 N. 0124 E.	
	OBS: P/O. R. HENDERSON	R. HENDERSON	NANTES CELEANS			Wx. Cloud 10/10 at 2-3500 ft. to Loire. East of Loire clear also clearing on return to coast.	
12/1 MAR.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O. J.T. CAINE	J.T. CAINE	DAY RANGER	1420	1848	In Pte. de la Feroces. Large camp at Thouars, south of Saumur	
	OBS: P/O. E.W. BOAL	E.W. BOAL	TOULOUSE			No activity at airfields of Toulouse area. Over to Clement.	
	PILOT: P/O. G.N. JASPER	G.N. JASPER	CLEMENT			On approach from south P.W. 190 seen orbiting drone.	
	OBS: P/L. G.A. MARVIN	G.A. MARVIN				P/O Caine shot up a Ju. 52 and a Ju. 86P on east side of airfield. P/O. Jasper damaged a Ju. 52 P.W. gave chase but turned quickly when P/O Caine turned as if to engage. Out at Pte la Feroces. Wx. 10/10 at 1000 ft. at coast decreasing south of Loire very lit at Toulouse.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L. D.A. MACPHERSON	D.A. MACPHERSON	INTRUDER	2215	0116	No activity 6 searchlights and strong flak. Vertical S/L's and green flak from Orleans. Wx. 8-10/10 strata-on at 800 to 1000 ft. Channel clear; thick to Paris, clearing south of Loire.	
	OBS: P/O. J.D. WRIGHT	J.D. WRIGHT	CHATEAUDUN				

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12/13 Mar	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/L. J.P. KERR.		INTRUDER	2216	0005	28 miles off English coast single white light flashing 3 series of 2 on sea. Heavy cloud, patrolled Greal airfield. No activity flak at Rosieres.	
	OBS: F/O P. CLARK.		MELAN BRETAGNY				
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/L. C.A. WALKER.		INTRUDER	2215	2236	10 miles either side of Ault continuous flares burning for 30 secs. No activity. WL 3/10 800 ft. in 5-7/10 coming out. Vis. 5 miles.	
	OBS: F/O T.J. ROBERTS.		ABBEVILLE				
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/L. G.F. KEANE		INTRUDER	2212	0024	No activity, some light flak from airfield. Searchlights out at Amiens, Albert, Abbeville, and coast. WL 9/10 800 ft. French coast shd 15 miles inland.	
	OBS: F/O S. HUNTERSTON		MONDIDIER				
13/14 Mar	MOSQUITO VI PILOT F/O. S.V. MILLER		INTRUDER	0112	0355	Covered Orleans as well but no activity. WL no cloud vis. excellent.	
	OBS: F/O G.D. MILLER.		CHATEAUBON.				
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT F/O M.H. SIMS.		INTRUDER	0045	0350	No activity, light flak which damaged fin and rudder from Bretigny.	
	OBS: F/O J.D. SHARPLES		ST. ANDRE, EVREUX, MELAN, BRETAGNY				
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT F/L. W.J. HARPER		INTRUDER	0116	0356	Nil activity, WL 5/10a. Stratus.	
	OBS: F/O J.H. REED PAV.		VILLAGEURAY.				
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT F/L. D.A. MACPADDEN		INTRUDER	2005	2235	No. activity. Large area, probably camp at Paimpont - lights out on approach.	
	OBS: F/O J.D. WRIGHT.		EVREUX.				
14/15 Mar	MOSQUITO VI PILOT F/O M.H. SIMS		INTRUDER	2345	0240	Beauvais perimeter lit. V/L and beacon at crail also white chandelier flares. Nil at Com. Amiens WL low cloud and fog Paris.	
	OBS: F/O J.D. SHARPLES		ORLIL, OULOMBERS				
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/L. R.A. KIPP		INTRUDER	2320	0148	St. Andre lit, red and yellow flares; then Evreux lit, then noticed tactical flak from airfield. WL vis poor in patches down to 500 ft.	
	OBS: F/O P. HILSONBY		EVREUX				
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT F/O H.K. JOES		INTRUDER	2342	0100	Searchlights heading to chievres, V/L lit and 3 searchlights to in cone. At 0000 fleeting visuals of 2 aircraft without lights at 1500 ft. second on R/A Denier. 2 aircraft seen 10 mins later flashing white light. Searchlights on V/L waved behind each aircraft. WL 5/10 at 300 ft. fog patches.	
	OBS: F/L. L.J. ROBERT.		CHEVRES				

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14/15 Mar	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/L. T.G. ANDERSON		INTRUDER	2236	0035	Searchlight and lights at abbeville, inaccurate flak. Poix lit.	
	OBS: F/O J.F. CALMAN.		ABBEVILLE MONDIDIER POIX.			Montdidier and Rosiers lit WL 6/10 low cloud, poor vis.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT F/O. G.M. JASPER		INTRUDER	2300	0136	Athies lit, with flares from dummy. 3 searchlights between Athies and Juvinocourt. WL 4-5/10 at 5-600 ft. very heavy.	
	OBS: F/L. G.A. MARTIN		LACH/ATHIES JUVINOCOURT.				
15/16 Mar	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/O G.N. MILLER		INTRUDER	2056	2310	Explosions and fires at Amiens, Albert and Rosiers lit. No light at Poix or Abbeville. 5 searchlights held mosquito for 3 hours. from Abbeville on return. WL clear, vis good, very dark for pinpointing.	
	OBS: F/O G.D. MILLER		AMIENS, POIX ABBEVILLE.				
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/O G.N. JASPER		INTRUDER	214	0012	Rosieres and Athies both lit. Fires burning south-east of Amiens. Explosions and fires near Evreux. WL dark but clear vis 4-8 miles.	
	OBS: F/L. G.A. MARTIN		LACH/ATHIES				
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/L. T.G. ANDERSON		FLOWER	2337	0314	Same searchlight belt as F/L MacPadden met between coast and Abbeville much light flak, fairly accurate, No activity at Athies or Juvinocourt. Searchlights failed to illuminate on return owing to deck level flight. WL cloud 3500 ft. target area. 10/10 vis fair, cleared on return after Amiens.	
	OBS: F/O J.F. CALMAN.		LACH/ATHIES.				
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/L. D.A. MACPADDEN		FLOWER	2207	0508	4 mins. from coast (Abbeville) as far as line through Cambray searchlight lens illuminated constantly. Searchlights behind followed Mosquito at 1500 ft. and those in front dipped and illuminated. Searchlights chased 40-50 miles and held though height constantly varied. On return searchlights followed accurately when flying below tree-top level. Searchlight concentration caused complete loss of bearings. Rhine was reached but no pinpoint obtained. Light flak from four undertrained points. Unidentified airfield patrolled for 15 mins. WL dark, clear, overcast at Rhine.	
	OBS: F/O J.D. WRIGHT		KYTADEBEN.				

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15/16 Mar	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/L. W.J. HARPER OBS. F/O. J.H. HESS	F/L. W.J. HARPER F/O. J.H. HESS	FLOWER SCHADENHAIL	2212	0105	Held by searchlights from Abbeville onward for five minutes. Evasive action taken but impossible to disengage. Gyro spinning no straightened up and flew east for then mine. At 2505 saw an airfield lit (possibly Couvron) and patrolled it. Did not go on to target owing to darkness and impossibility of pinpointing. About a burst inaccurate light flak from approximately Gray on Ponthieu. WX. heavy and very dark. Cloud between coast and south-east Asiens on return. Base 4-5000 ft. About 6 searchlights between coast and Poix, fairly accurate. Large fires seen at Asiens 40 miles away. Many fires in vicinity of target airfield. Visited Sachsenhain, Dalm, and Bohlingen. On return about 7 searchlights from Abbeville. WX. east of Stuttgart smoke made via nil. very clear over N.E. France.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT F/L. C.A. WALKER OBS. F/O. T.J. ROBERTS	F/L. C.A. WALKER F/O. T.J. ROBERTS	FLOWER BOYERDINGEN	2250	0347	Fire north of Compeigne. At target airfield at 0140 hrs. 2 greens followed by red fired, as if from aircraft coming V/L. 5 mins. later V/L doused. Much inaccurate light flak and 3 searchlights from Hesilly on return. WX. Clear in target area: good vis.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT F/L. R. WILLIAMS OBS. W/O GIBNETT R.J.	F/L. R. WILLIAMS W/O GIBNETT R.J.	FLOWER ST. DIEZIE	2325	0330	Passed through wide searchlight belt as far as Cambrai; but none illuminated (at 2500 ft) - Believed saw aircraft at Thionville. Maldeheim lit, Echterdingen airfield houses burning well. Stuttgart had lovely fires. Snowstorm met at Lechfeld. Belt of 8-10 searchlights north of Lechfeld. Many fires in Luxembourg. are on way out. WX. snow in all Munich area. Smoke from target was blowing south at about 1000 ft. which made vis very bad.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT F/L. J.P. LIMA OBS. F/O. G.C. VINEYSON	F/L. J.P. LIMA F/O. G.C. VINEYSON	FLOWER LECHFIELD	2205	0320	Passed through wide searchlight belt as far as Cambrai; but none illuminated (at 2500 ft) - Believed saw aircraft at Thionville. Maldeheim lit, Echterdingen airfield houses burning well. Stuttgart had lovely fires. Snowstorm met at Lechfeld. Belt of 8-10 searchlights north of Lechfeld. Many fires in Luxembourg. are on way out. WX. snow in all Munich area. Smoke from target was blowing south at about 1000 ft. which made vis very bad.	

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15/16 Mar	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/L. E.R. MOGILL OBS. F/O. P.D. HENDERSHOT	F/L. E.R. MOGILL F/O. P.D. HENDERSHOT	FLOWER DJON	2300	0310	Big fire on ground just north of Compeigne. No pinpointe obtainable owing to haze. Target inactive. On return searchlights from Beauvais to coast at Le Crotoy. Evasive action taken and no steady illumination. WX. vis. fair at target about six miles deteriorating towards north.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT F/O. H.S. JONES OBS. F/L. A.J. ROBERT	F/O. H.S. JONES F/L. A.J. ROBERT	FLOWER MIDICH-RIEM	2247	0125	4 mins from coast (Beck) held by one of searchlights for about 3 mins. with fairly accurate light flak from about 6 positions B/T. and Intercom. failed at 2320. No activity at target Baltringen airfield lit. Snow met 25 miles west of Munich and continued to Stuttgart on return. Great fires seen at Stuttgart.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT S/L. R.A. KIPP OBS. F/O. P. HURINSKY	S/L. R.A. KIPP F/O. P. HURINSKY	FLOWER OBS. O.M.	2333	0111	Searchlight belt from 10 miles north of Abbeville for 20 miles. Evasive action taken from 2500 to 1000 ft. at 0010 hrs. T/W/A. seen by observer on tail. Sharp left bank caused T/A to overshoot to right. Quick subsonic showed low wing S/E T/A. T/A peeled off to starboard and disappeared WX. S/W cloud at 2500 ft. to Rhine. Quite clear at target.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT W/O M.H. SIMS OBS. F/O. J.D. SHARPE	W/O M.H. SIMS F/O. J.D. SHARPE	INTRUDER JUVINCOURT	0148	0150	12 searchlights from Abbeville region. port and starboard illuminating briefly. Vertical flak from Juvincourt and from Rheims. WX. mist slight cloud inland at about 5-6000 ft.	
17/18	MOSQUITO VI PILOT F/L. C.A. WALKER OBS. F/O. T.J. ROBERTS	F/L. C.A. WALKER F/O. T.J. ROBERTS	INTRUDER O.M.	2136	2256	On approach to aerodrome possible aircraft signalling seen. but no visual obtained. WX. patches of fog obscured ground.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT F/L. E.R. MOGILL OBS. F/O. P.D. HENDERSHOT	F/L. E.R. MOGILL F/O. P.D. HENDERSHOT	INTRUDER MONTDIDIER	2144	2312	No activity at Poix, Montdidier, or Beauvais. WEATHER thick haze obscured ground.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT S/L. H.D. CLEVELAND OBS. F/L. P. DAY	S/L. H.D. CLEVELAND F/L. P. DAY	INTRUDER JUVINCOURT	2142	2300	Target inactive. Coined and held in 5 searchlights at Athies but evaded. Fired on ground believed aircraft, 5 miles south of Ath. WX. thick haze.	

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17/18 Mar	Mosquito VI	PILOT: F/L C.J. EVANS OBS: F/O S. HUMBLESTONE, COUMONIERE	INTRUDER	2142	2349	No activity at Creil, Melun, Breigny. At Coulmiers 4 searchlights aimed and 3 light flak position opened up. WX thick haze obscured ground; light stratus at 2,500 ft. in background.	
18/19 Mar	Mosquito VI	PILOT: F/L W.J. HARPER OBS: F/O J.R. REES RAF, VENLO	FLOWER	2223	0142	Patrolled Gilse, Eindhoven, and Venlo but no activity. WX no cloud in Holland, 10/10 cloud 4-5000ft. over sea on return. Poor vis.	
"	Mosquito VI	PILOT: F/L C.A. WALKER OBS: F/O T.J. ROBERTS	FLOWER	2231	0152	3 illuminating flares from ship just off Dutch coast at Edmond No lights at target airfield. WX cloud from Zunder Zee 8/10 at 1000-1500 ft. becoming thicker inland.	
"	Mosquito VI	PILOT: W/O J.J.P. MEALE OBS: F/O E.J. STOKY	FLOWER	2235	0155	Unsuccessful. WX clear with thick ground haze to about 1500 ft.	
"	Mosquito VI	PILOT: F/L T.G. ANDERSON OBS: F/O J.F. CAIMAN	FLOWER	2241	0200	About 7 searchlights from south of Abbeville; several doused on firing of single red. Leon and Juvincourt lit but no activity.	
"	Mosquito VI	PILOT: S/L B.A. KIPP OBS: F/O P. HILTSKY	FLOWER	2100	0209	Patrolled Bihlis and Chr Olm. Many fires seen in all directions Frankfurt being ablaze. Darmstadt also had about 8 good fires WX haze; vis very poor.	
"	Mosquito VI	PILOT: F/L E.R. MCGILL OBS: F/O P.D. HENDERSON	FLOWER	2240	0232	Unsuccessful. Fires seen from Frankfurt direction. WX much ground; vis poor.	
"	Mosquito VI	PILOT: S/L H.D. CLEVELAND OBS: F/S P. DAY R.A.F.	FLOWER	2138	0227	Large fire at Crevecoeur. 2 airfields south of Strasbourg lit. Also patrolled Chr Theilheim, Rohlsingen, Eohrdingen, and Coppingen. WX vis poor; very heavy snow in target area.	
"	Mosquito VI	PILOT: F/O G.H. MILLER OBS: F/O G.D. MILLER	FLOWER	2210	0255	Also patrolled Pritsler but no activity. WX very heavy; low cloud near target.	
19/20 Mar	Mosquito VI	PILOT: F/L W.J. HARPER OBS: F/O J.R. REES RAF, METZ	INTRUDER	2317	0317	Also visited Abbeville, Amiens, Bostiers, and Roye. WX no cloud, vis decreased on way in to poor at target, Channel clear.	

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19/20 Mar	Mosquito VI	PILOT: F/L T.G. ANDERSON OBS: F/O J.F. CAIMAN	INTRUDER	2335	0200	No activity at Leon/Athies or Juvincourt. WX France no cloud but haze; Channel clear.	
"	Mosquito VI	PILOT: F/O G.H. MILLER OBS: F/O J.F. CAIMAN	INTRUDER	2314	0205	Unsuccessful. WX low cloud down to 1200 ft in target area.	
"	Mosquito VI	PILOT: S/L H.D. CLEVELAND OBS: F/S P. DAY RAF	RANGER	2014	0020	Turned back from Stuttgart owing to rain and 10/10 cloud. Cloud broke at Coulmiers so patrolled this area but no activity. WX haze to French coast; clear in Channel.	
"	Mosquito VI	PILOT: F/O H.E. JONES OBS: F/L A.J. ROBERT	RANGER	2016	0004	Turned back at Rhins owing to 10/10 cloud at 1000 ft and rain. Visited Juvincourt and Rhein but no activity. WX Juvincourt to coast low cloud 8/10.	
"	Mosquito VI	PILOT: W/O M.H. SIDS OBS: F/O J.D. SHARPLES	INTRUDER	2313	0145	Also patrolled Amiens. WX 8/10 at 1300 ft to target. Channel clear.	
"	Mosquito VI	PILOT: 1/Lt J.P. LIMA OBS: F/O C.C. FIDELMAN	RANGER	2035	0142	Near Coulmiers lights seen, possibly from factory. Large fire seen at Chalais (40 miles north-east of Bordeaux); 15 miles south. WX north of Loire 10/10 cloud 2000 ft on way in haze in that area on return. At target cloud 5000-5000 ft.	
20/21 Mar	Mosquito VI	PILOT: F/L C.A. WALKER OBS: F/O E.J. ROBERTS	INTRUDER	Chateaubain no		11. Lights at Breigny and Melun. At Melun attacked an unidentified E/A from quarter eastern on white tail and green starboard wing light, 500 to 100 yds, 2 burst, 12 seen total. 1/2 strikes seen on top of fuselage in cockpit area. Own I.A.S. was 240-200 m.p.h. E/A went into shallow dive toward north end of V/L and momentary visual of very wide wing span seen. E/A then turned west. Red glow seen in centre of aircraft when E/A broke off. A fire on ground seen as target left east of Etampes. WX no cloud excellent vis; west of Dieppe/Orleans 10/10 cloud at 2000 ft. Vis good east.	
						1 unidentified E/A damaged	6.3

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21/22 Mar.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: 1/Lt J.F. LIMA OBS: P/O G.G. FINALYSON	U.S.A.A.F. DAY RANGER	HAGENAU LUDRILL	1545	2100	South of Nancy Do.217 seen flying west. Turned to follow and as Lima was catching up to 217, saw 3 single-engine fighters 5 miles to north. Lima called MacFadyen and both agreed to remain course to avoid S/E fighters. On returning to track 4 S/E fighters were seen in same region but kept their distance. Hagenau reached 1802. Attack made from S.W. at deck level and one Do.217 and one He.111 parked together were riddled by cannon and w/g and left in flames. P/L MacFadyen, coming in line astern, attacked Do.217 scoring many strikes and cockpit went on fire and port engine blew up. As they pulled up a Go.242 parked behind the Dornier was seen in flames. Made a second run down east side of airfield. Lima started on line of Go.242's, scoring dozens of strikes on the first tac. Lima's observer then spotted an He.111 at the end of the line but in turning sharply to get sight on it Lima's A/G appeared to bump on something (height 20 ft), so he pulled up and away. MacFadyen followed down line and definitely saw strikes on 8 Go.242's. Flew to Engesheim (3835). Lima attacked a Ju.54W south of airfield and it blew up in sky and crashed in flames. Meanwhile MacFadyen attacked a Bucker 131 but saw no strikes. It went down in a vertical dive and was last seen 1000 ft from ground. Lima then attacked Me.109 taking off down wind; he overbot this aircraft but got many strikes on the two parked Me.109's immediately behind him. As Lima pulled up over hangar he saw the first Me.109 getting airborne and called to MacFadyen to gain cloud cover. MacFadyen ignored the call and attacked another Bucker 131 as he was	

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						about to touch down. He hit and burned fiercely. 1840 hrs. Lima, being in cloud, called and flew on for 3 mins. then came down and joined MacFadyen. At 1850 hrs. a Ju. 52 flying N.E. crossed track. Many strikes; port engine exploded and Ju. 52 crashed in forest in flames.	
21/22 Mar.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: W/O J.J.P. MOGALL OBS: P/O E.J. STONEY	INTRUDER	EVESHAM, ST. ANDRE	0105	0318	Uneventful. W/L 10/10 cloud becoming lower as seine approached Base 1500 ft. at coast; clearer in target area. Closed in to 900 ft. at St. Andre. At 0225 hrs.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L J.E. KERR OBS: P/O P. CLARK R.A.F. BRUSSELS	INTRUDER		0112	0345	Following airfields lit en route - Neirgnies, Epigny, Demain, Aohiet, Vitry, Brussels Malabroek not lit. Every lit but no activity. W. very dark. 10/10 cloud base 4500 ft. at coast. On return cloud down to deck.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L E.V. MORTILL OBS: P/O P.D. HENDERSON R.A.F.	INTRUDER	COLUMBIERS	0108	0415	Visited Abbeville, Poix, Beuvais, Creil, Compiègne, Juvincourt and Leon/Athies. W. dark 8/10 cloud down to 1200 ft. at Leon V/10 at 2500 ft.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L C.J. EVANS OBS: P/O S. THURLESTONE R.A.F.	INTRUDER	CAMBRAI	0119	0430	Also visited Demain, Vitry, Abbeville, Aohiet, but no activity. W. cloud 606/10 low patches at 4500 ft.	
2	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L T.G. ANDERSON OBS: P/O J.P. CALMAN	RANGER	FRANCHIN, MERTIN KUPPE, FROLSBERG	2108	0117	Directional instrument U/S. so returned from 20 miles N.E. of River Elbe.	
22/23 Mar.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O H.C. FORD OBS: P/O W.A.R. SHAW	FLORER	OR OLM	2040	0032	Visited Florennes en route, Fire, possibly dummy, in Bad Kreuzsch area. Obs Ols not lit. Large explosions and fires seen on bomber targets. At 2251 bomber down in flames in target area. Calais searchlight belt on in and out. Goned for 4 mins on way out. 2 streams of red tracer inaccurate W. broken at 2000 ft. via fair.	60 70

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22/23 Mar.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L. W.J. HARPER	R.A.F.	FLOWER	2135	0138	Orange-coloured glow on ground in Florennes direction. During turn at east of V/L, aircraft lights seen west, 3 star red fired and lights doused; no visual. On way out visited Florennes and sighted aircraft lights but performance repeated, and no visual obtained. 1 searchlight then lit and dipped, obviously diverting aircraft.	
	OBS: P/O. J.H. REES R.A.F. ST. TROND						
	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: W/O M.H. SIMS	R.A.F.	FLOWER	2051	0135	At Ault coded by 7 searchlights, which doused on firing red. Flares and explosions seen in Frankfurt area. Visited Wetzlar, Wastereoch, Cefassen, and Linbury. WL Clear, no cloud to house on way in, thence to Rhine 5/10 at 4500 ft. Target area clear.	
	OBS: P/O J.D. SHARPLES. GIESSEN FRANKFURT.						
	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: S/L R.A. KIPP	R.A.F.	FLOWER	2115	0146	Bonn not lit. At aerodrome believed Stratum aircraft lights seen moving on deck. Attacked from 030 degs. 3-4 sec burst clouding to 150 ft. Strikes seen followed by red/yellow explosion. No fire seen on ground after attack but small lights moving about area. WL heavy; broken cloud 6/10 at 500 ft.	
	OBS: P/O. P. HULETSKY. BONN						
	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: W/O J.J.P. MEEALS	R.A.F.	FLOWER	2108	0214	Patrolled Seligenstadt, Kitzingen. 5 searchlight coded above Omets. WL. Thaw to 2000 ft. 2-3/10 cloud above, flying 2000 ft. Shannal heavy.	
	OBS: P/O. R.J. STUET. KITZINGEN.						
	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L C.A. WALKER	R.A.F.	FLOWER	2035		Failed to return.	
	OBS: P/O. F.J. ROBERTS. STRITZMART.						
	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O. G.H. MILLER	R.A.F.	INTRUDER	2140	0060	Visited Credl. Patrolled between Malun and Bretigny. On approaching Bretigny at 2310 saw aircraft flying E.W. 4-5 miles away over obstruction lights. Turned in to attack and was met with 5 S/L's attempting to engage. Also burst of light flash where upon S/L doused lights. Broke off attack. WL scattered low cloud.	
	OBS: P/O. G.D. MILLER. MELUN BRETIGNY.						
	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L. R.P. MCILL	R.A.F.	FLOWER	2052	0055	Visited Rheine, Twente, and Plantunne.	
	OBS: P/O. F.D. HENDERSON. RHEINE, TWENTE.						

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22/23 Mar.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/S H. WILLIAMS	R.A.F.	INTRUDER	2141	0020	Uneventful. WL intermittent rain; broken 8/10 at 2000 ft. Vis. poor.	
	OBS: W/O. P.J. GIBBERT. DEUX ST. ANDRE						
	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L. J.B. KEER	R.A.F.	FLOWER	2130	0015	Malun and Bretigny not lit. Nothing seen at Coussimiers. Then at Chateau-Pedry, saw in direction of Epamoy large steady orange incandescence on ground. No activity at Juvin-court. Searchlights seen west of Amiens on turning at Albert and flew through them without being engaged. Saw in Abbeville area large cluster of searchlights and gun flashed. WL in Channel 8/10 at 4000 ft.	
	OBS: P/O. P. CLARK RAF. LAON, JUVIN-COURT						
23/24 Mar.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O. W.R. BOWEN	R.A.F.	OPS TRAINING	2035	2224	Uneventful. WL Thin patches of haze at 2000 ft. vis fair to good.	
	OBS: SGT. H.K. NAYLOR RAF. RAMBOUILLET.						
	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O D.E. ROBERTS	R.A.F.	OPS TRAINING	2108	2344	At 2122 fires seen at St. Mere Eglise. WL no cloud vis	
	OBS: P/O A.D. MACLAUGH. LOISE.						
	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L. L.E. EVANS	R.A.F.	OPS TRAINING	2310	0051	Uneventful. WL haze patches 1200-2000 ft. vis fair to good.	
	OBS: W/O. R.P. HADEN. RAMBOUILLET						
	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O. P.M. SAWYER	R.A.F.	OPS TRAINING	0002	0245	Uneventful. WL Slight ground haze, no cloud	
	OBS: P/O. J.E. HOBBS. LOISE.						
	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O. H.C. POED	R.A.F.	INTRUDER	2255	0141	Large fire seen 10 miles east of Abbeville. Visited Abbeville Athies, Couvron, and Juvin-court. WL vis good no cloud.	
	OBS: P/O. J.L. CLARE. LAON.						
	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/L. H.D. CLEVELAND	R.A.F.	RANGER			Large fires at Salmur. Otherwise uneventful. WL Paris area and Western France good vis. little or no cloud. Holland vis poor, heavy cloud at 4000 ft.	
	OBS: P/L. P. DAY R.A.F. TAEN, TOURS, CHATEAUBRI, MELUN, ST. DIEZIE, HAGNEAU, FLORENNES, ST. TROND.						
	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: W/O M.H. SIMS	R.A.F.	INTRUDER	0019	0240	No activity at Evreux or St. Andre. WL heavy over Channel. Clear otherwise.	
	OBS: P/O J.D. SHARPLES. ST. ANDRE						
	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O. P.G. ANDERSON	R.A.F.	INTRUDER	2301	0252	No activity at target or at Beauvais. Fires seen believed Neufchatel. WL ground haze in target area. no cloud.	
	OBS: P/O. J.P. CALMAN. ST. DIEZIE						
24/25 Mar.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: P/O. J.P. CAINE	R.A.F.	INTRUDER	2325	0100	Pinpointing impossible at target. Abbeville lit on way out. WL 10/10 cloud over entire target area.	6/1
	OBS: P/O. R.V. BOAL. MONTMORIER, BOSSIGNES.						

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24/25 Mar.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT	F/L. C.J. EVANS	INTRUDER	2324	0355	Targets lit but inactive. Brilliant fire burning at Pray, 5 miles south-east of Evreux. WX. heavy with clear sky. vis 1-2 miles.	
		OBS: F/O S. HUNTERSTONE R.A.F. ST. DIEZEL					
	MOSQUITO VI PILOT	F/L. W.J. HANDEY	FLOWER	2127	0350	No pinpoints to target area. Patrolled where Hessel believed to be, but no activity. Many searchlights and flares in clear area, and Hannover. Aerodrome lit in vicinity of Schwanau, and Poix airfield lit. WX. 10/10 cloud 2000 ft. thick at 1000 ft. clear east and north of Rhine.	
		OBS: F/O J.H. HERR, CAPT. KASHE.					
	MOSQUITO VI PILOT	F/O G.H. MILLER	FLOWER	2205	0230	Visited Achmer, Lippstadt, Gutersloh, Yeckle, and Quakenbruck. During patrol at least ten aircraft seen shot down in vicinity of Quakenbruck. At 0143 a distorted R/T call by Iveswick 36, stating he was in distress and heading for Iperick.	
		OBS: F/O G.H. MILLER ACHMER					
	MOSQUITO VI PILOT	F/L. J.R. KERR	INTRUDER	2330	0250	Uneventful. Out at Oriel and at 0224 hrs. 2 reds fired from sea ahead and to port; orbited near and 3 amber were fired. Called Postgirl and gave approx position, 50 degs 13 N. 08 degs 50 E. WX. 8-9/10 cloud at 1500 ft. above ground approx. 4-5000 ft. thick over entire area.	
		OBS: F/O F. CLARK RAY COULMONTIERE MELAN BERTINOT.					
	MOSQUITO VI PILOT	F/L. H.D. CLEVELAND	FLOWER	2055	0255	Twente and Diepholz afloat on way in. Target area west of Berlin, Wernocher and Strassburg patrolled. Operated from Coltishall.	
		OBS: F/O W.A.P. STEWART FUSSENWALDE					
	MOSQUITO VI PILOT	F/L. LINA USAIF	FLOWER	2120	0220	No activity at target or at Grove or Aslburg. Operated from Coltishall.	
		OBS: F/O G.G. FINGLTON KUNDE					
	MOSQUITO VI PILOT	F/O R.E. JONES	FLOWER	2125	0310	Visited Diepholz, Salzwede, Stendal, Altkamer, and Marzahn. Uneventful. Operated from Coltishall.	
		OBS: F/L. A.J. ROBERT HEIRUPPEL					
	MOSQUITO VI PILOT	F/O H.C. FORD	FLOWER	2120	0340	No activity at Sylt. White flares fired from unidentified airfield in Sylt area.	
		OBS: F/O J.I. CLARK WESTERLAND-STIL.					

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24/25 Mar.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT	F/L. D.A. MACPHERSON	FLOWER	2131	0340	Reached target 2306. Patrolled Hamm airfield and aerodrome near Hangeok. Both lit but no activity.	
		OBS: F/O J.D. WRIGHT SCHLESWIG-JACK.					
25/26 Mar.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT	F/L. J.R. KERR	INTRUDER	2240	0125	No lights or activity at targets. Engaged by searchlights and inaccurate light flak (1 gun) at Keirbergam. WX. very heavy poor vis. 4/10 high cloud.	
		OBS: F/O F. CLARK FLORENCE					
	MOSQUITO VI PILOT	F/L. C.J. EVANS	INTRUDER	2234	0220	Visited Helou, Brétigny, Juvinicourt, Leon, Rhine and St. Dieler. No activity.	
		OBS: F/O S. HUNTERSTONE ST. DIEZEL					
26/27 Mar.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT	F/O J.E. CAINE	FLOWER	2022	2331	Practically no pinpoints owing to poor vis. 10/10 cloud and rain developed in target area at 1500 ft. Uneventful.	
		OBS: F/O E.W. BOAL BON, OR OLM					
	MOSQUITO VI PILOT	F/L. J.R. KERR	FLOWER	2205	0035	Turned back from Zelder See; 10/10 cloud level to 500 ft. and above 1000 ft. vis poor.	
		OBS: F/O G.G. FINGLTON HANDOFF.					
	MOSQUITO VI PILOT	F/L. D.A. MACPHERSON	FLOWER	2203	0023	Turned back at Graves. 10/10 cloud up to 3000 ft. vis very poor over cloud. Flashed from Gilse area and heavy flak seen from Knocks area. Large flash of white light seen through cloud off coast at 2137 hrs. north of Ostend.	
		OBS: F/O J.D. WRIGHT VENLO.					
	MOSQUITO VI PILOT	F/O H.E. JONES	INTRUDER	2130	0012	Targets inactive. Whole trip in and above cloud and rain.	
		OBS: F/L. A.J. ROBERT ST. TROUD, VENLO.					
	MOSQUITO VI PILOT	F/L. C.J. EVANS	FLOWER	2236	0206	Semi-circular fire seen at Esternay area. No activity at target.	
		OBS: F/O S. HUNTERSTONE ST. DIEZEL					
	MOSQUITO VI PILOT	F/O H.E. JONES	FLOWER	2202	0226	Flare seen bombed 2300 hrs. vertical flak coming up from aerodrome, 10 miles east of Florence large fire seen on ground. Target patrolled 10 mins in 10/10 cloud. 3 small aerodrome. lit near Florence on return trip. Also patrolled Athies.	
		OBS: F/O J.D. SHARLES REUSEL.					
	MOSQUITO VI PILOT	F/L. H. WILLIAMS RAY	FLOWER	2220	0343	Patrolled Le Culot and St. Troud WX. 10/10 cloud 400-2500 ft. occasional breaks; vis poor.	
		OBS: F/O B.J. GIBBERT ST. TROUD.					

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26/27 Mar.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/O. H.D. FORD	FLOWER	FLOWER	2236	0140	In region of Somme Lakes 10-16 searchlights coned and held aircraft for 2 mins. Fire seen at Hamur. Flew in 10/10 cloud to Rhine where turned. 10/10 cloud down to deck; vis poor thick haze	
	OBS: F/O. J.I. CLARK	REFURT	GER. GEM.				
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/O. W.E. BOWHAY	OPS TRAINING	OPS TRAINING	2138	0026	Visited Dreux, Chartres, Orleans, Chateaudun, Bourges, Avord.	
	OBS: S/L. W.E. HAYLER	LOISE, ROUGES, AVORD.				WX. 3-4/10 cloud at 2000 ft. south of Paris increasing to north vis good.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/O. D.E. ROBERTS	OPS TRAINING	OPS TRAINING	2110	0018	Grass or wood fire seen at St. Fois. Also visited Orleans and Vitry. WX. cloudless north of Paris; vis good east; north haze.	
	OBS: F/O. A.D. MACLEOD	CHATEAUDUN, BRETIGNY, MELUN.					
30/31 Mar.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/O. H.G. FORD	FLOWER	FLOWER	2257	2310	Returned immediately owing to technical trouble.	
	OBS: F/O. J.I. CLARK	REFURT					
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/O. J.H. JASPER	FLOWER	FLOWER	0800	0455	Visited Kessel/Bohwest and Messich airfields, but no activity WX. low cloud and haze between Florennes and Rhine; otherwise moderate vis. add 4/10 cloud at 3000 ft.	
	OBS: F/O. G.A. MARTIN	KASSEL					
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/O. J.E. EVANS	OPS TRAINING	OPS TRAINING	2125	0040	Uneventful, WX. 3/10 low cloud, very heavy S & W of Paris.	
	OBS: F/O. E.E. HARMON	BERNES, TORES, ORLEANS.					
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/O. W.L. BARBER	FLOWER	FLOWER	2155	0210	Ran into searchlight belt at Abbeville. When held by about 6 searchlights fired red cartridge and S/L's discharged. Remained lit until 2 searchlights ahead flashed 5 dots, when searchlights re-engaged aircraft until region of Albert.	
	OBS: F/O. J.H. REES, CAP. ST. TROUD.	GER. GEM.					
		N. NUREMBERG.					
						No activity at St. Troud. Returned owing to uncertainty of pinpointing on Rhine. Florennes inactive. WX. 7/10 cloud at 7000 ft. from enemy coast to Rhine. Vis good in patches some ground fog.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/O. D.A. MACFADEN	FLOWER	FLOWER	2305	0545	No pinpoints to target. Saw target fires. Entire area and west covered by ground fog.	
	OBS: F/O. J.D. WRIGHT	NUREMBERG.					

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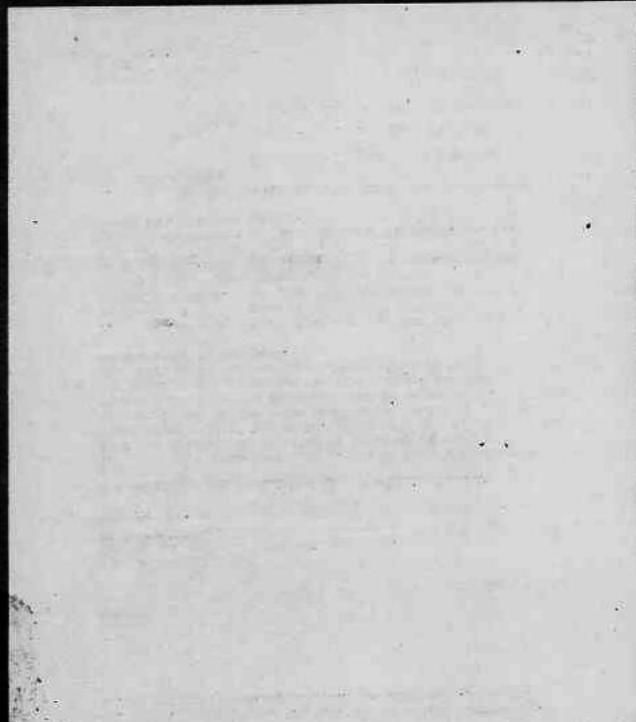
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30/31 Mar.	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/O. H.G. FORD	FLOWER	FLOWER	2330	0425	Breitscheid airfield lit. Large fire in Kessel area. Saw explosion in air towards Nuremberg. No activity in Erfurt area. WX. very good near coast; haze and increasing cloud and ground mist eastward.	
	OBS: F/O. J.I. CLARK	REFURT					
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/O. E.R. MOULIN	FLOWER	FLOWER	0010	0425	Much light flak from Saarbrücken. Thionville lit. WX. low fog and cloud in Rhine valley; clearing westward. Patches of high cloud.	
	OBS: F/O. P.D. HENDERSON	RHEIMS.					
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: S/L. R.A. KIPP	FLOWER	FLOWER	2335	0450	No airfields visible in Kitzingen area, where extensive low cloud, so flew to Nuremberg where lights and cone, probably at Furth. Also visited Ger. GEM, Darmstadt, Genshede, and Abbeville on return. WX. coastal area clear. 7/10 at 1000 ft. eastward.	
	OBS: F/O. P. HULETSKY	KITZINGEN					
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/O. J.H. CORNELL	FLOWER	FLOWER	2345	0320	Target inactive. Approaching English coast starboard engine failed owing to shortage of fuel. Landed at Manston.	
	OBS: F/O. D.W.L. CAPE	ROBE					
31/1	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: F/O. P.M. SAINES	2nd. OPS TRAINING	OPS TRAINING	2115	0047	No lights at Rennes or Tours. Flew via Melun, Bretigny,	
	OBS: F/O. J.E. HOWELL	CAP. RENNES, MELUN, COULMIEERS				Coulmiers, Beauvais, WX. clear, slight ground haze.	
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: S/L. H.D. CLEVELAND	INTRUDER	INTRUDER	2025	0055	Several burst of light flak from Darmstadt. Flew to Bayreuth. then returned as cloud down to deck.	
	OBS: F/O. W.A.R. STEWART	W. CZECHO-SLOVAKIA					
"	MOSQUITO VI PILOT: W/O. M.R. SIMS	INTRUDER	INTRUDER	2030	0221	Flew via Magdeburg, Weissesort, Burg, Stendal, and Gerdalgen.	
	OBS: F/O. J.D. SHARPLES	STENDAL				No activity. Returned via Passberg. WX. cumulous broken at 2500 ft. 100 ft. thick. Clear below, good vis. Ground haze on return journey.	
		GARDINGEN					
		N.W. GERMANY.					

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FORD R.A.F. MANSTON SQUADRON	APRIL, 1944.	1st	<p>Weather - Rainy. Vis. - moderate. Congratulations to W/O Gurnett on receiving his commission. A very successful farewell party was held at Fortington Hall in the evening. No operations. 6 at 60 mins. at 1940 hours.</p>		
		2nd	<p>Weather - cloudy. Moderate vis. "B" Flight - NPT's. No operations. 4 at 60 mins. at 0230 hours.</p>		
		3rd	<p>Weather - cloudy in morning, rain in afternoon. Vis. - poor. "A" Flight - NPT's and camera tests. "B" Flight - An Airbase Signals party left for Manston with P/O Wildgoose in charge. The C.O. motored over later with S/L Lissen and P/L Weir, Engineer Officer, returning in the evening. No operations. All at 60 mins at 2051 hours.</p>		
		4th	<p>Weather - drizzle in morning, fair in afternoon. Vis. poor becoming good. S/L Kipp and P/L Brown motored over to Manston with the C.O. to prepare the ground for our arrival. No one feels satisfied with the move. It is generally felt that Manston is a very unsuitable base for Intruder operations, in view of the proximity of Run Radar, and the well-known defended areas at Dover and Canterbury. However, the Squadron is resigned to making the best of the situation. "A" Flight - NPT's and Beam Approach. "B" Flight - Local flying. No operations. All at 60 mins. at 2245 hours.</p>		
		5th	<p>Weather - fair. Vis. good, showers in aft. noon. "A" Flight - an NPT by P/O Sawyer. P/L Scherf came down from Intruder Control for a 10, and immediately organized a Day Ranger with P/O Cairns. P/O Cairns turned back, quite rightly, from the French Coast owing to absence of cloud cover, but Charles Scherf, with P/O "Red" Stewart as his observer, decided to go on. Their persistence was rewarded by the destruction of the unidentified twin-engine B/A in the air at Lyca, one Fieseler Storch just after it landed the crew parachuting for safety into neighboring woods) and two He.III's on the ground at St. Yans. This brings Charles Scherf's score up to 12 destroyed, and, incidentally, he is to be congratulated on his D.F.C. News was received at an early hour in the morning, by the I.O., that the Squadron was now to move to Holmsley South instead of Manston. This was confirmed over the radio later in the morning, and P/L Weir immediately began to reorganize the travelling arrangements. We can only tell us much about our future home, which has, only recently, been taken from 10 into 11. Cairns and P/L Brown returned from Manston, and then drove over to Holmsley South to investigate. Operations: Five Flowers were carried out. P/L Connell shot up the Control Tower and two adjoining huts at St. Disier. S/L Cleveland patrolled Digen and Bois, P/L Evans Florence was P/L McGill Mets and Nancy, and P/O Sawyer Leon, Juvincoort. All at 60 mins. at 0400 hours.</p>		
		6th	<p>Weather - fine. good vis.</p>		63 60

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FORD	APRIL, 1944	6th (Cont'd)	"A" Flight - NPT's. "B" Flight - NPT's. S/L Lissac and P/L Weir (the Engineer) flew to Holsley and return. Practic dismounting and packing took place in all regions. The Ops. Room was left denuded of all its adornments. The big briefing map had to be cut into four sections to get it out, and onto the train. In the afternoon, the I.C. flew over to Holsley South in the Oxford with P/O Jasper, P/L Martin and P/O Clark. The sector I.C., P/L Frost, drove over and discussed the Intelligence side with the C.O. and the I.C. No Station Intelligence exists at present, but this will be remedied in the near future. For the present, 418 Intelligence and Station Intelligence will occupy the same room in the Operations Block. 190 airmen and P/O MacFarlane departed by train for Holsley in the morning. Operations - Lt. Lema made an Intruder sortie to Kerlin Bastard, and was fired at by a rocket at Yannes. All at 60 mins. at 0112 hours		
		7th	Weather - cloudy in morning, fine in afternoon. Moderate vis. The convoy for Holsley S. set off at 0930 hours. Operations to be carried on from Ford, and all aircraft and airmen to move to Holsley on the 8th. "A" Flight - NPT's. "B" Flight - NPT's. Four aircraft and the Oxford flew to Holsley South. No operations.		
HOLMSLEY SOUTH		8th	Weather - fine. Vis. - good. The remaining aircraft flew over from Ford during the morning. A busy day spent in organizing the Ops. Block. The telephone system presents the greatest problem at the moment. The Scrambler was brought from Ford, and hooked up, but unfortunately, it does not run, as at Ford, via the Sector. This will be remedied, we hope, in the near future, as it is operationally vital to be able to scramble to Sector and Group. "A" Flight - NPT's and local flying. "B" Flight - NPT's and local flying. Operations: P/O Roberts shot up the F.B. diaphragms at Helun, the first operational sortie from our new home. All released at 0400 hours.		
		9th	Weather - cloudy with drizzle in the morning, fair in afternoon, fine evening. Vis. poor becoming good. News was received from Sector that a Station Intelligence will be opened next week, with P/L Clegg as S.I.C. P/O Van Praag will be coming on attachment for a period to help in the opening up of Station Intelligence. "A" Flight - NPT's and local flying. The C.O. flew to Cranfield and returned. "B" Flight - NPT's. P/O Jt. Jones and P/O MacFarlane flew to Ford and return in the Oxford. The Squadron scored another magnificent success in the afternoon. P/O Ford and P/O Miller, operating from Ford, destroyed two E/A and damaged seven. At Foul Airfield, P/O Ford destroyed an F.W.190 and an unidentified Trainer. P/O Miller destroyed an F.W.190 and damaged two F.W.190's. Together they damaged a further single-engine Trainer and shot up the Control Tower at St. Dizier. P/O Ford damaged an unidentified E/A and P/O Miller damaged a Ducker Jungcoaster, both in hangars. Both aircraft landed back at Ford. Night Operations: P/L Lema shot up a row of 26 petrol tanks at Romoratin airfield. W/O Mickle patrolled St. Dizier, P/L Kerr Malin and Bretigny, P/L MacPadyen Biarritz, and W/O Bowhay Lann and Juvincourt. Owing to the weather existing in at Base, the first four aircraft landed at Middle Wallop. W/O Mickle landed at home.		

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RAF HOLMSLEY SOUTH	APRIL, 1944	10th	Weather - cloudy - good vis. A/H Hill visited the Operations Block and met a number of the airmen, congratulating the Squadron on its recent successes. S/L Lissac flew over from Ford. He is posted back to Canada, instead of 60 C.T.U., where he has been overdue for approximately one month. We congratulate him, and wish him great success. "A" Flight - NPT's. Our aircraft returned from Ford. "B" Flight - NPT's. Our aircraft returned from Middle Wallop and Burn. In the afternoon, S/L Cleveland and P/O Caine flew to Coltishall to carry out a Day Ranger to Aalborg and Grove. At the Danish Coast they encountered 10/10 cloud right down to the deck. They flew over Denmark once, then returned to Holsley South. Night Operations: P/L Anderson shot up hangars at Dijon. P/L Harper's aircraft sustained damage to the hydraulics and bomb doors from light flak at Juvincourt. St. Dizier was patrolled by both S/L Kipp and P/L Connell. P/L McGill covered Florennes. P/O Miller also took off for this target but ran into such a concentration of flak and searchlights that he was forced to turn back just inside France. Squadron released - 0620 hours.		
		11th	Weather - fair, good vis. The C.O. left on a short visit to Intruder Control. The Squadron and Echelon are settling down to Boy Scout Camp life in Hissen Huta. The washing accommodation is poor, but this affords a good excuse for unshaven chins. The life is healthy if not luxurious. "A" Flight carried out NPT's. Night Operations: P/O Jones destroyed a F.W.190 at Furstenfeldbruck, and P/O Sims probably destroyed a Ju.188 at Our Gise. P/L Evans covered St. Trond, P/O Ford Bonn, and P/O Jasper Kassel. Squadron released at 0416 hours.		
		12th	Weather - fair to fine. Good vis. P/O Clegg arrived to open up Station Intelligence which is a great relief to 418 Intelligence Department. P/O Van Praag came down from Group to help him with the difficulties of opening up. P/O Bowhay flew to Ford and returned. P/L Connell ferried Rec. "A" from Ford to Holsley South. "B" Flight - NPT's. "A" Flight - NPT's. P/O Miller flew to Coltishall and P/O Jasper to Ford to operate. Night Operations: P/O Jasper destroyed a F.W.190 south east of Verdun. P/O Miller destroyed an He.111 and probably destroyed a He.177 and an U/I E/A at Kolberg. S/L Cleveland patrolled E. and S. of Berlin, P/L Anderson Metz and Melun, P/L Harper Evreux and St. Andre, and P/O Roberts the Brest Peninsula. All at 60 mins. at 0355 hours.		
		13th	Weather - cloudy with rain in the morning, fine in afternoon and evening. Vis. poor to good. "A" Flight - Practice attacks. W/O Barker flew to Middle Wallop and return. S/L Kipp flew to Coltishall and return and P/O Miller returned from Coltishall. "B" Flight - NPT's. P/L MacPadyen carried out a cannon test and S/L Cleveland returned from Coltishall. A Concert Party sponsored by the S. of C. performed in the Concert Hall. 418 Squadron celebrated the victories of P/O Miller and P/O Miller in suitable fashion, this being the first night since our arrival at Holsley when the Bar in the Officers' Mess had adequate supplies of beer.		

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HOLMSTAY SOUTH	APRIL 19th.	13th (Cont'd)	The Supervisor is congratulated on the organization of a very good evening. No operations. 2 at readiness and 4 at 60 mins. at 2359 hours.		
		14th	Weather - fair, good vis. The following new crew were posted to the Squadron: P/O J.H. Phillip (Pilot) P/O H. Job (Obs.) P/L D.E. Foreyth P/O R.T. Esam P/O R.J. Tomlinson P/O G.E. Esam P/L R.C. Gray P/O F.D. Smith The claim of P/L Walker, missing on the Bomb of March, to be damaged on the night of the 20th March has been stepped up to a destroyed. P/L MacFadyen's "no claim" on 21st March has been stepped up to a "Bomber 131 probably destroyed." S/L Eipp and P/O Gains, who had proceeded to Coltishall yesterday, with the object of operating along range intruder by night, had to cancel their trips owing to weather. They set off early in the afternoon today, with Gains as their target, but decided to continue to Copenhagen Eastrup. The result was very gratifying. 4 Ju.52's were destroyed in the air, three of them equipped with mine-detonating rings. Eastrup airfield was then ground strafed. 2 Do. 21's and a He111 were destroyed on the ground and a Do. 217 and a Ju.52 damaged. On their return they were jumped by two 190's flying on the coast, and after a hectic 12 minute chase, the Hun decided that the Mosquito was a little too speedy, and gave up when the Danish Coast was cleared. "A" Flight - HPT's. S/L Eipp returned from Coltishall, P/L Harper in a Mosquito and P/O Jasper flew to Ford and return. P/O Jones flew to Coltishall. "B" Flight - HPT's. P/L Kerr and S/L Lisson flew from Ringway to base. S/L Cleveland and P/L MacFadyen returned to base. P/O Bowhay returned in the Register. 6 at 60 mins. at 0330 hours.		
		15th	Weather - foggy and cloudy with rain in afternoon. Poor visibility becoming good. S/L Eipp returned from Ford. P/O Ford flew to Ford. "A" Flight - HPT's and local flying. P/O Jones returned from Coltishall. "B" Flight - Local flying. S/L Cleveland flew to Dunfold and return. Seven officers left at 10 o'clock in P/O Williamson's transport, lunching at Ford and proceeding then to Coring-on-Sea for the wedding of Al Brown to Miss Anne Davies of Worthing. S/L Eipp brought four more over in the carport. From the church we proceeded to the Mulberry Inn where the feeding breakfast was held. A very delightful party was enjoyed by all, and after the bride and bridegroom had left, the Bar was opened for the guests. A Mass Party was enjoyed by quite a number of officers of the Squadron. The beer was free, and towards the end of the evening, other things were also. The party was released at approximately 0500 hours. No operations. All at 60 mins at 2325 hours.		
	16th	Weather - foggy and cloudy becoming fair. Vis. - poor to good. Both flights carried out HPT's. News was received that S/L Lisson and his observer P/O Franklin had been awarded the D.F.C. Our heartiest congratulations to them both. S/L Lisson will be soon returning home for the rest. P/O Stewart started his drive for £10,000. for the Canadian Victory Loan. At 1530 hours, two lots of my Rangers set off. S/L Cleveland with P/L Kerr went to Rhinville area, where numerous Ju.87's had been recently photographed.			

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Holmstey South.	APRIL 19th.	16th (Cont'd)	They did not find the A/V until the end of their stay in the area, and when they eventually located it they were deterred from ground strafing by the somewhat threatening attitudes of P.109's in the vicinity. In the meantime, however, they had destroyed a Ju.87 in the field, sharing it, and on the ground at Ford, they destroyed 2 P.109's, a Bucker 131, and an H/1 P/L Almond, damaging another H/1 P/L. Meanwhile at Lusull, P/L Harper with P/O Jasper, at 2100 (possibly) hours, destroying two on the ground and one in the air. 2 Ju.52's were knocked down in the air, making the Squadron bug for our four Mosquitos, it destroyed and 1 damaged. Another Squadron records. No night operations. Released at 0400 hours.		
		17th	Weather - cloudy, moderate vis. "A" Flight - a local recon by P/O Tomlinson. "B" Flight - HPT's and local flying. Another D.F.C. awarded to P/O Finlayson. Heartiest congratulations. No operations. Released at 0530.		
		18th	Weather - fair to fine; good vis. It should be noted that the Squadron is becoming decidedly mobile. Something like ten motor cycles are now to be seen parked outside the officers' Mess, not to mention numerous cars, and frequent HPT's take place at all hours, in the vicinity. All the officers moved from their Mess-houses into the comparative luxury of Heatsfield House, which is conveniently situated half way between the Camp and the Mess. "B" Flight - HPT's. Cross countries were carried out by S/L G.S. Evans, P/O Bowhay, P/L Gray and P/O Phillips. Local night training by P/L Gray, P/O Phillips, and P/O Bowhay was carried out in the grounds. "A" Flight - HPT's, cross country and formation flying. Cross countries were carried out by P/O Baines, P/L Foreyth, and P/O Tomlinson. P/L Ford flew to Coltishall. A night local flight was made by P/O Tomlinson. Night operations. There were two flights. P/L Evans going to Linn, Flinders and St. Trond, and P/L Merrill to Our Glen. P/O Ford, operating from Coltishall, made a night stagger in Kolberg. On intruders, P/L Connell covered Bourville and P/L Kerr took, Lumbcourt, the latter landing back at Ford. P/O Bowhay apparently hit some object on takeoff, struck the ground and struck 1 dead but no one was injured.		
		19th	Weather - fair to cloudy with rain. Moderate vis. P/L H.C. Frederick (Obs) posted to Squadron from Cranwell, as the O.C.'s observer. "A" Flight - HPT's. P/O Ford returned from Coltishall. "B" Flight - P/L Kerr and P/L Connell returned to base. P/L Connell flew to High Aerial in the Cotford. Night operations. P/L Anderson made an unventful intruder to Wincos.		
		20th	Weather - fair, good vis. P/L A.S. Ford posted supernumerary for Polar duties. S/L Mathews and P/L MacLaine visited the Squadron from Cranwell. P/L Kerr, P/O Victory took returns. A letter was sent to P/O Whitehouse, 11 Group, requesting a ruling on the question of whether P/L destroyed on the ground or, do not, count towards the Squadron's and the individual pilot's score. "B" Flight - P/L Connell returned to base. Cross country and local flying were carried out. Day cross country was flown by P/L Merrill and night cross countries by P/L Gray and P/O Phillips. "A" Flight - HPT's. P/L Anderson returned from Ford. P/O Baines carried out a cross country.		

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Holmsley South	APRIL, 1944	20th (Cont'd)	Night Operations: On Flowers, P/O Roberts covered Luch, P/O Miller Kassel, W/O McGale Tarente and Rheine and P/O Ford Yeolta - P/L McNeill took off for Obr Olm but returned from Rhinowille owing to bad weather. W/O Sawyer did an intruder on Lille and Chivres. Squadron released - 0430 hours.		
		21st.	Weather - fine; good vis. P/L J. Smith, P/L W.M. Tully, and P/L R.D. Rafterman Canadian Navigation Liaison Officers, visited the Squadron. "A" Flight - NPT's. "B" Flight - NPT's and low level flying. No operations.		
		22nd	Weather - fine; good vis. S/L Heath, Intruder Controller, visited us, and stayed during operations. "A" Flight - NPT's, low level, and unarmament tests. Cross countries were carried out by W/O Barker and P/L Forayth. "B" Flight - NPT's and low level flying. P/L Connell and P/O Caine flew to Oltishall. Night Operations: Operation Elmer was carried out by P/O Jasper to Bonn, P/O Sawyer to Rheine, P/L Anderson to Kassel, P/O Roberts to Yeolta, P/L C.J. Evans to Rheine and Twente, and Lt. Luma to Oldenburg, P/O Caine Burg, both landing back at Oltishall.		
		23rd	Weather - fine, fog in early morning. Good visibility apart from fog. C/O Davoud visited us in the afternoon. The Squadron and Echelon distinguished itself by defeating S.H.Q. at Soccer by 3 goals to 1. "A" Flight - NPT's. P/L Forayth and P/L L.E. Evans carried out S/L co-op and practice attacks. "B" Flight - NPT's and local flying. P/L Connell and P/O Caine returned to base. P/O Phillips, P/O Sawyer and P/O Smith, P/O Ford flew to Ford and return in the Oxford. P/O Phillips and P/L Gray carried out practice attacks and searchlight co-operation. Operations - four INTRUDER SORTIES. P/O JONES patrolled Vannes, P/O Ford Caen, P/L L.E. Evans Evreux and Deux, and W/O Sims Rennes. Released - 0500 hours.		
		24th	Weather - foggy, to cloudy, to fine. Vis. - poor to excellent. "A" Flight - NPT's. "B" Flight - NPT's and local flying. 3 of our aircraft flew to Ford to operate, two of them returning after landing back from ops. Night Operations: A large flower operation was carried out. P/O Miller going to Obr Olm, P/L Anderson to Obr Olm and Bilibis, S/L Cleveland to Echterdingen, P/L McNeill to Lechfield, W/O Sims to Ansbach, and P/O Jones to Karlsruhe. P/O Jasper returned from the Rhine owing to bad weather. W/O McGale took off for Kassel but returned because of technical trouble. Released 0415 hours.		
		25th	Weather - fine; good visibility. "A" Flight - NPT's. P/L Anderson flew to Ford. P/O Jasper flew to Ford and return. "B" Flight - NPT's. W/O McGale returned to base. P/L MacPadyen and Lt. Luma flew to Ford to operate. P/O Caine flew to Hornchurch, with S/L Schert as passenger, then returned. All Headquarters best Aircrew 9-2 at softball. The Squadron and Echelon held its First Dance. There was a very large attendance and despite (or perhaps because of) the absence of alcoholic refreshments, all seemed to be enjoying good music, good dancing and good looking girls.		

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HOLMSLEY SOUTH	APRIL, 1944	25th (Cont'd)	Night Operations: There were seven intruders and 2 Ops training. W/O McGale patrolled Rennes, P/O Caine Evreux and St. Andee, P/L MacPadyen Nantes, P/L Connell Melun, Bretigny, and Coulmiers, P/L McNeill Beauvais and S/L Cleveland to Chateaudun and Tours. W/O Sowby, en route for St. Diester, turned back from Creil owing to starboard engine failure, landed at Hurn, overshot and hit a ditch; no one injured; P/L Gray and P/O Phillips flew their first sortie to the Loire.		
		26th	Weather - fine, good vis. "A" Flight - NPT's and cross tests. P/O Jasper, W/O Sims and P/O Jones flew to Ford to operate. W/O Barker carried out a night cross country. "B" Flight - NPT's. P/L Connell flew to Oltishall and return. Night Operations: A large flower operation was carried out. S/L Kipp covering St. Diester, W/O McGale Obr Olm, P/O Sawyer Florence, Laupham and Hengen, P/O Jones Erfurt, Langensalza and Nordhausen. P/L MacPadyen Angstadt and Neuhaus. W/O Sims destroyed an unidentified P/O S/A in the air and damaged 2 U/I E/A on the ground at Schweinfurt. P/L Connell chased near Coulmiers without success. S/L Cleveland did an intruder on Rennes. P/L McNeill on Kerlin-Bastard and P/O Caine on Nantes. P/L Forayth flew an Ops Training sortie to Angers.		
		27th	Weather - fine, good vis. The C.O. flew up to Air Headquarters. "A" Flight - NPT's. W/O Barker flew to Northolt and return. P/O James made a return flight to Gatwick in the Magister. P/O Caine and Lt. Luma flew to Ford to operate. "B" Flight - NPT's. W/O Sims returned from Ford. P/O Ford flew to St. Evol and return. P/O Ford and P/L Anderson flew to Ford to operate. On a flower sortie, S/L Cleveland destroyed an unidentified P/O S/A at Croix de Metz without firing a shot. This was accomplished by a head-on attack at low altitude which caused the P/O to duck too quick, hit the deck, and explode. S/L Kipp damaged an unidentified P/O S/A on the ground in the course of an intruder patrol to Evreux. P/O Sawyer made an unarmament intruder on Rennes. Flower operations were also carried out by P/O Ford to Schweinfurt. W/O McGale to Florence and St. Front. P/L L.E. Evans to St. Diester, P/O Caine to Huesburg, P/L Anderson to Stuttgart, P/L MacPadyen to Dijon, W/O Jones to Giesen and Hancover, and Lt. Luma to Munich and Osnabrueck area.		
		28th	Weather - cloudy to fair; good vis. "A" Flight - NPT's. CROSS COUNTRIES by P/L Forayth and P/O Connorsen. W/O Sims flew to Oltishall. "B" Flight - NPT's. Cross countries by P/L MacPadyen and P/O James. W/O Sowby carried an aircraft from Hurn to base. "A" Flight beat "B" Flight 13-11 at softball. W/O Sims' claim of a probable on 11/22 has been stopped up to a destroyed. There were five intruder sorties. P/O Sawyer chased an Me.410 at Evreux but overshot, firing one short burst and by the time the Me.410 turned, the P/O had landed. S/L Kipp chased a single engine E/A at Rennes but overshot and visual lost. P/L Anderson patrolled Nantes, P/O Ford Kerlin-Bastard and P/O Jones Orleans and Caen. Two flowers covered routes to Hancover by P/O Jasper and Nantes by P/L L.E. Evans. W/O Sims did a night Ranger to Grignowalde. W/O Barker, P/L Forayth, P/O Connorsen and P/O Phillips flew ops training sorties.		

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5/6 Apr.	Mosquito VI Pilot F/Lt. J.M. Connell Obs. F/O. H.W. J. Carr.		Flower. St. Dizier, Lech, Juvincourt	2312	0312	Light flak at St. Dizier. Shot up Control Tower, seeing strikes on tower and two adjoining huts. Starboard engine failed just after leaving. Feathered, returned, and landed on one engine. On landing found strikes in radiator propeller. WX - No cloud, visibility excellent.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot F/O. F.M. Sawyer Obs. F/O. J.E. Howell		Flower. Leon, Juvincourt	0030	0330	Triangle of 3 orange fires near Poix. Targets inactive. WX - patches of cloud at 3,000 ft., visibility excellent.	
"	Mosquito VI Pilot F/Lt. H.R. McGill. Obs. F/O. F.D. Henderson		Flower Mets, Nancy.	0008	0405	Light flak barrage seen at Mets as Mosquito approached. 3 fires near Poix. No lights at any airfields. WX - ground fog in valleys near target, otherwise excellent visibility.	
6/7 Apr.	Mosquito VI Pilot 1/Lt. J.F. Luma Obs. F/O. G.G. Finlayson		Intruder Kerlin Bastard	2051	0051	Patrolled Rennes, Vannes and Kerlin. Ship between Groix and mainland flashing to shore and being answered. At Vannes fired at by rocket with big ground flash; large red projectile also moving petered out on downward arch over aircraft. Also light flak. WX - 10/10 200 ft. to 30 miles off French coast, then clear and bright moon to target. On return 10/10 at 200 ft. at Vire and northwards.	
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8/9 Apr.	Mosquito VI Pilot F/O D.E. Roberts Obs. F/O A.D. McLaren.		Intruder Malun, Brestigny	2227	0310	One S/E E/A, probably FW.190 passed in opposite direction at St. Florent at 0124. shot up N.E. dispersals at Malun, no results seen. WX - inside French coast 10/10 at 2,000 ft. Passed through front 30 miles north of Loire. Rain and temp 15 degs. Paris area cloud base 4-5,000 ft. Visibility good.	
9/10 Apr.	Mosquito VI Pilot F/O. H.C. Ford. Obs. F/O. J.T. Clark. Pilot F/O. G.H. Miller Obs. F/O. G.D. Miller		Day Ranger St. Dizier, Nancy	1235	1710	At Toul at 1441 hours attacked line of about 8 FW.190s and 4 S/E trainers parked along west boundary. 6-12 S/E A/C (probably FW.190) parked in N.E. corner. F/O. Ford destroyed 1 FW.190 which exploded, and damaged 1 FW. and 1 trainer. F/O. Miller destroyed 1 FW., later seeing cloud of smoke from it, and damaged 2 FW. One other trainer damaged was shared. Both shot up square building at S.W. corner. After patrolling round Nancy/Mets area, set course for St. Dizier where saw 3 FW.190s on N. perimeter 1548. F/O. Ford shot up aircraft in large hangar at south end of S.W. runway seeing strikes on aircraft and mechanic who fell off ladder. F/O. Miller damaged a biplane (probably Bucker Jungmeister) in adjoining hangar and saw bits fly off wing. Operated from Ford. WX - over target area low cloud and rain with clear patches. Medium cloud (5/10) south of Paris and near coast. Low cloud coast to Rhine. 1 FW.190 destroyed; 1 FW.190, 1 U/I trainer and 1 U/I E/A damaged by F/O. Ford. 1 FW.190 dest; 2 FW.190s and 1 Jungmeister damaged by F/O. Miller. 1 S/E trainer damaged - shared.	

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9/10 Apr.	Mosquito VI.	Pilot W/O. J.J.P. McGale Obs. W/O. E.J. Story	Intruder St. Misier	2330	0320	Searched for by 7 S/Ls. and caught by two of them 20 miles in from Fredl, and fired at by amber coloured flak. Fired red wax cartridge and flak and S/Ls. stopped. No lights at target and weather becoming thicker there. Landed Middle Wallop. WX - clear to 10 miles north of target, then 10/10 down to 1500 ft. Fog on return over south of England on return.	
"	Mosquito VI.	Pilot F/Lt. J.B. Kerr Obs. W/O. P. Clark	Intruder Malup, Bretigny	2345	0325	Targets inactive. At River Marne saw 2 big orange flashes from ground some 10 miles ahead. Circled around in area but saw nothing. Landed Middle Wallop. WX - N. Channel on return heavy cloud down to 300 feet. Clear over France; ground fog in river valleys.	
"	Mosquito VI.	Pilot 1/Lt. J.F. Lums Obs. W/O. C.G. Finlayson	Intruder Lyon (not reached) Orange.	2220	0330	Between Clermont and Lyons heavy front running N. to S. so gave up task. Looked at Vichy airfield but no lights. At Emboratin attacked row of 20 petrol tanks on south side of airfield with cannon, strikes seen but no other results. At Alencon saw an Albatross at 1000 ft. going 150 degs. Out at Pointe de la Espee and at 0250 when east of Barpleux flew under a Mosquito at about 700 ft. Wagged wings for identification and Mosquito replied in same way but then swung in behind as if to attack. 418 Squadron Mosquito took evasive action with steep turns down to 200 ft. Landed at Middle Wallop. WX - clear to Clermont and S.W. but 10/10 down to 3,000 ft. east of line running N. to S. through south England on return.	

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9/10 Apr.	Mosquito VI.	Pilot F/Lt. D.A. Macfadyen Obs. W/O J.D. Wright	Intruder Merrits	2225	0340	Light flak at Vire and bursts of light flak were directed at aircraft at frequent intervals over whole route. Heavy self-destroying flak 10 mins. south of Loire. Merrits airfield lit and concentrated light flak while making first approach. Nothing seen. Landed at Middle Wallop. Weather - Clear over whole route, till return to South England, where fog.	
"	Mosquito VI.	Pilot W/O W.E. Bowhay Obs. Sgt. H.K. Naylor	Intruder Leon Juvinocourt	2305	0352	Targets inactive. At Vailley F/S aircraft seen, heading 070. Chased for 5 mins., revisiting Juvinocourt and Leon, but could not find W/A. On return petrol low so landed at Burn. Weather - Haze in valleys, no cloud, visibility excellent.	
10/11 Apr.	Mosquito VI.	Pilot F/Lt. H.D. Cleveland Obs. F/S F. Day Pilot F/O J.T. Cairns Obs. F/O E.W. Neal	Day Ranger Grova and Salborg	1608	2012	Took off Goltishell. Danish coast reached in 10/10 cloud right down to deck. Flew over Denmark once, then returned to Holmsley South. Weather - Clear to within 100 miles of Danish coast, then 10/10 cloud, base zero to 100 ft. over Denmark.	
"	Mosquito VI.	Pilot F/Lt. J.H. Connell Obs. F/O. D.W.J. Carr.	Flower St. Misier	2250	0300	Unsuccessful. Also patrolled Creil. Weather - No cloud, slight ground haze in valleys, visibility excellent.	
"	Mosquito VI.	Pilot F/Lt. F.R. McGill Obs. F/O F.D. Henderabot	Flower Florennes	2236	0300	Target inactive. Considerable heavy flak from Leon direction. Concentration of 20 searchlights 5 miles west of Homoy on return, not directed at Mosquito. Weather - Slight haze in target area. Visibility excellent. Patches of heavy cloud at 4500 ft.	

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10/11 Apr	Mosquito VI	Pilot F/O H.W. Miller Obs. G.D. Miller	Flower Floresnes(not reached.)	0217	0347	Four minutes inside French Coast on track north of Ardens screen of S/L's ahead. Turned south to avoid and ran into mine, which illuminated at 300 ft. Intense I/P ahead of Mosquito, appearing too concentrated to fly through. Returned, nesting accurate I/P from LE Transport on leaving coast. Weather - Visibility excellent, no clouds.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot S/L R.A. Kipp Obs. F/O P. Huletaky	Flower Sti Dieler	0151	0545	Fires from Fours seen from 80 miles range. One T/R light tail aircraft, presumed Mos, seen at 0258 south of Chateaudun and chased for identification, without success. Second aircraft seen on Loire at 0304, but visual lost due to dark background. Target not lit. WX: vis excellent, ground base north of Paris.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot F/L W.J. Harper Obs. F/O J.H. Rees R.A.F.	Flower Juvincourt	0219	0519	Much flak seen from Amboville direction. At 0341 flew over Juvincourt airfield at 500 ft. Much accurate light flak and many searchlights and bomb door hit, with damage to hydraulics bomb doors came open. Speed decreased, so patrol abandoned 0358 as no activity anywhere. WX: vis excellent, no cloud over France.	
"	Mosquito VI	Pilot F/L T.G. Anderson Obs. F/O Cedman J.	Flower Dijon, Dole	0142	0615	No lights at targets. At 0415 shot up hangars at Dijon, seeing numerous strikes. Much vertical tracer from Bourges. WX: clear at target; low cloud 8/10 at 4000 ft. on return.	
11/12 Apr	Mosquito VI	Pilot F/O H.C. Ford Obs. J.I. Clark	Flower Bonn	2218	0251	Floresnes lit. Large fires seen in vicinity of Aachen. Patrolled Bonn, Ansbach, Oetzkola, and Nieder Mendig airfields. From 0025 to 0037 at Bonn it appeared that aircraft may have	

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						been landing, as V/L would go full on for a few secs, then back to only half. On way out fires still visible at Aachen. WX: clear in target area, a few patches of cloud at Floresnes. Vis 4-5 miles.	
11/12 Apr	MOSQUITO VI	F/L C.J. EVANS F/O S. HUNTERSTONE R.A.F.	FLOWER ST YVOND	2239	0255	Target lit and vertical flak fired. WX: clear to target but in target area 8 or 9/10 cloud at 3-4000 ft. Vis unlimited.	
"	MOSQUITO VI MOSQUITO VI	F/O G.M. JASPER F/L O.A. MARTIN	FLOWER KARSEL	2219	0341	Visited Fritalar and Waldau, strikes in attack was made across Waldau airfield from N.E. to S.W., but because of ground base nothing was seen and guns not fired. WX: clear to target, some to east of area, slight haze at target.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O H.R. JONES F/L A.J. ECKERT	INTRUDER LEDFIELD	2210	0344	Also visited Hengen and Maisach. At Maisach an E/A was seen heading west about 8 miles west of airfield. Turned in behind at 1000 ft at 240 m.p.h., closed to 50 yds down stream, fired a 1-2 sec burst and E/A blew up. Identified as an F.W.190 as Mos passed underneath, E/A was still burning on ground ten mins later. WX: clear with good vis all the way. 1 F.W.190 destroyed	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O M.H. SIMS F/O J.D. SHAPLES	FLOWER OIR OIR	2232	0410	At Otr Oir at 0040 hrs E/A with new lights sighted heading east along south side of airfield, E/A turned to port on approach to airfield. Mos chased in behind, closed to 150 yds at approx 1-500 ft and fired a 2 sec burst, strikes being observed in fuselage, a further burst of 2 secs was fired. Strikes again observed, and then a terrific orange explosion followed by billows of smoke with debris seen flying off. E/A identified as a Ju.188 with wheels down. Attack broken off to starboard and pilot busily engaged in avoiding ground. All this time the observer watched the E/A. It hit the end	

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14/15 Apr	MOSQUITO VI	S/L R.A. KIPP	DAY RANGER	1317	1748	Near Esstrup sighted 3 Ju 52's to starboard flying in formation, and 1 Ju 52 about 2 miles ahead. S/L Kipp attacked two of the 3 with short bursts dead astern; both E/A dived straight into the sea. The other E/A dived but was caught in the fire of P/O Caine's guns and went into the sea in flames. P/O Caine then attacked the fourth E/A, which was above and flying E.N.E. and gave a short burst, causing the port engine to blow up and E/A dived blazing into the sea. Our aircraft were flying on track to Copenhagen/Esstrup. Coming in from the west P/O Caine attacked an He 111 and a Ju 52 on the ground; strikes seen on both and the He 111 burst into flames. S/L Kipp attacked 3 Do. 217's, causing strikes on all three and 2 of them burst into flames. On way back chased by 2 P.W. 190's from Grove aerodrome until our aircraft crossed the Danish coast. Intense light flak from Esstrup airfield and moderate light flak from trawler in position 5615 N. 1110 E. WX: very high stratus 2/10 at 5000 ft. Industrial base, vis 5 miles. Hum all the way across. 2/10 at 2000 ft. vis 1 mile. 2 Ju 52's and 1 He 111 destroyed, and 1 Ju 52 damaged by P/O Caine. 2 Ju 52's and 2 Do. 217's destroyed and 1 Do. 217 damaged by S/L Kipp.	
15/26	B11						
16/17 Apr	MOSQUITO VI	P/O G.M. JASPER	DAY RANGER	1526	2000	Light flak from east of Pointe de la Pucose. Flew via Orleans Lussuil. 1745 approached Lussuil airfield from N.E. and Harper attacked Ju 34 east of airfield. Closed to 150 yds x x s see bursts, E/A went up in flames and crashed. 1747 Jasper attacked	
		P/L G.A. MARTIN	LUSSEUIL				
	MOSQUITO VI	P/L H.J. HARPER					
		P/O J.H. REES R.A.F.					

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						Caudron with engine running on airfield, 2 sec burst and E/A left blazing on airfield. Flew through flames and attacked second Caudron parked alongside, also burst into flames. Jasper then saw third third Caudron taking off to port and ahead. One below and 20 degs off starboard quarter, 2 short bursts and both engines on fire, and E/A crashed in flames south of airfield. Meanwhile Harper flew south of airfield after another Ju 34 but lost going to poor vis. Orbited airfield and attacked another Ju 34 as he was attempting to land in little field, 3 sec burst, strikes on port wing; he hit trees, smashing port wing from root, turned completely over and broke into fragments. 1752 two Mosquitos lost touch. Jasper coming out west of Trouville, Harper west of St Marcouf. WX: 10/10 cloud at 500 ft, gradually decreasing. At target 10/10 cloud at about 500 ft, rain and poor vis. 1 (possibly Caudron) destroyed in air and 2 Caudrons destroyed on ground by P/O Jasper. 2 Ju 34's destroyed in air by P/L Harper.	
16/17 Apr	MOSQUITO VI	S/L H.D. CLEVELAND	DAY RANGER	1555	1830	Nothing airborne Chateaubain, Orleans, Melun, St Didier. Ground strafed four airfield from N.E. about 12 S/E aircraft widely dispersed, mostly round N.E. perimeter. 2 P.W. 190's blew up. Trainer (probably Becker Jungmeister) disintegrated. Second Trainer left on fire and strikes seen on third. Flew to Thionville and saw 1 Ju 87 in field about 10 miles north of airfield, with 20-30 men around it. Destruction of aircraft and some personnel shared by both Mosquitos. 1 P.W. 190 seen at 2000 ft over airfield. S/L Cleveland climbed and tried to intercept, but could not close. Chase broken when E/A turned	
		P/S P. DAY R.A.F.	HEISE, HANCK				
	MOSQUITO VI	P/L J.B. REES					
		P/O P. CLARK					

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						to port., 35-40 Ju. 57's well dispersed over airfield. On return trip each of P/L Kerr's engine out intermittently over Channel, cause not known. WX: inland 5/10, coast 10/10 cloud at 3000 ft. Vis excellent.	
						2 P.W. 190's and 1 S/E Trainer destroyed by S/L Cleveland. 1 S/E Biplane destroyed and 1 S/E Biplane damaged by P/L Kerr. 1 Ju. 57 destroyed shared.	
17/18	Nil						
18/19 APR	MOSQUITO VI	P/L C.J. EVANS P/O S. HUMBLESTONE R.A.F.	FLOWER LACH, FLORENNES, ST EROND	2130	0135	Visited Juvinourt. At Florennes an aircraft at 3-4000 ft appeared to be flashing D.R.L.; unable to get visual. St Erond patrolled unsuccessfully.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O W.E. BOWHAY Sgt H.K. NAYLOR	INTRUDER AMENS	0140	0200	Aircraft believed to have hit some object on take-off. Undercarriage collapsed on landing after circuit of airfield. Crew unhurt.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/L R.R. MCGILL P/O P.D. HEINERSHOT	FLOWER OER OLM	2141	0224	Ranx into very bad weather at Verdun. Flew to approx 2,000 ft through cloud and carried out square search but unable to pinpoint target.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O H.C. FORD P/O J.L. CLARK	NIGHT RANGER KOLBERG	2125	0245	Operated from Coltshehl. Visited airfields at Ludwigslust, Kolberg, Meppel, Buggen. Large fires seen in Wittenburg area. W.L.: clear starlight night with slight haze up to Hanover. After very clear, no cloud, ground fog Bremen area.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/L J.B. KERR P/O P. CLARK R.A.F.	INTRUDER LACH, JUVINOURT	0145	0435	Patrolled Haute Fontaine, Leen, and Juvinourt. Landed at Ford. WX: heavy ground fog and haze, no cloud.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/L J.M. OSMELL P/O D.W.J. CARR	INTRUDER BEAUVAIS, OSMELL, COULAMBIERS	0145	0405	Heavy fog at targets; no activity. WX: cloudless and clear to 8 miles in France, then patchy increasing to heavy fog north and east of Paris.	

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19/20 Apr	MOSQUITO VI	P/L T.G. ANDERSON P/O J.P. CAHMAN	INTRUDER EVENHAY	2240	0050	Also visited St Andre. WX: over France high thin cloud; haze over Channel, 10/10 cloud, haze 1000 ft.	
20/21 Apr	MOSQUITO VI	P/O D.R. ROBERTS P/O A.D. MCLAREN	FLOWER LACH	2357	0543	Much flak being fired from Gredl at unknown targets (0040, 0048). No activity at Leen, Juvinourt lit sporadically. WX: poor vis over France with haze, 5-6/10 at 5000 ft.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O P.M. SAWYER P/O J.E. HORNEL	INTRUDER LILLE, CHIEVRES	0010	0350	Patrolled Vandeville and Chievres. En route for coast airfield believed to have seen lit. WX: ground haze with 5/10 strato-cu, haze 2000 ft over France.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/L R.R. MCGILL P/O P.D. HEINERSHOT	FLOWER OER OLM	0040	0410	After being lost by searchlights in Beauvais area, 2 flares were fired from ground in attempt to illuminate our aircraft. Heavy flak at Dieppe. Intense light flak in Beauvais area. Returned on E.T.A. Thionville owing to extremely bad weather. Ground haze 10/10 at less than 1000 ft east of Paris.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O S.E. MILLER P/O G.D. MILLER	FLOWER KASSEL	0013	0520	An aircraft seen to crash in flames near Bonn at 0055, and another near Cologne at 0205 hrs. No aircraft lit at Breda. Airfield, possibly Linburg, lit at 0256. Also visited Leen and Rheine. WX: 10/10 on consisting of one low layer, tops 500 ft; and second layer, tops 2000 ft, west of Florennes. Vis poor.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O J.J.P. MORALE P/O E.J. STOKY	FLOWER TERRON, REIDE	0045	0531	Visited Schipol, Tante, Rheine & searchlights held sporadically at Tante. WX: heavy vis 4-5 miles; no cloud in 2/10.	
21/22	Nil						
22/23 Apr	MOSQUITO VI	P/O G.H. JASPER P/L G.A. MARTIN	FLOWER BONN	2357	0434	Mayday call heard from 32 when 125 miles inland from Breda. Target inactive. At 0123, 0124, and 0130 three aircraft seen going down in flames to north. VIS: 10 miles, clear.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O P.M. SAWYER P/O J.E. HORNEL	FLOWER REIDE	0010	0515	Visited Hopsten and Plantluzen. Large glow and much flak from south. WX: slight ground haze; vis good.	

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22/23 Apr	MOSQUITO VI	F/L T.G. ANDERSON P/O J.P. CAIMAN	FLOWER KASSEL	0019	0520	No pinpoints to target. Many fires and flak from Rhine. WX: thick haze and fog throughout route.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O D.R. ROBERTS P/O A.D. MCGLEARN	FLOWER VECHTA	0020	0530	Some flak from Diepholtsairfield. Four aircraft seen falling in flames towards south on way in. Vechts not lit. 2 orange flares from possibly dingy at 0428 hrs, position 51 degs 47 N. 02 degs 23 E. WX good. Night haze.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L C.J. EVANS P/O S. HADGECOCK	FLOWER RHINE, THINE	0041	0528	Patrolled Rhine, Twente, Achser, and Beeps. WX: on return 10/10 thin stratus over Zuider Zee breaking over Channel.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	1/12 J.P. LIMA U.S.A.F. P/O C.G. EDWARDS DFC	FLOWER GLINSBURG, VECHTA	0019	0540	At Vechts N/A seen with nav lights going in along V/L, but too far away to attack. One searchlight followed the N/A right down V/L to prevent interception. One bomber seen going down in flames at 0245 hrs. Also visited Varel, Alhorn, and Diepholz. WX fair.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L J.M. O'NEILL P/O D.W.J. CARR	FLOWER LINSBURG	0043	0516	No activity at target. Also visited Loughagan and Wundorf. Large fire seen in Brunswick area. WX: thin layer of cloud very high up, slight haze inland. Operated from Coltishall.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O J.L. CAINE DFC P/O E.W. BOAL	FLOWER HERE	0027	0546	Operated from Coltishall. 30-40 searchlights observed at Hanover. Searchlights at Berlin. At 0250 hrs chased an F.V.190 at Stendal, but overshoot. Orbitted 20 mins, then to Burg. No activity.	
23/24 Apr	MOSQUITO VI	P/O H.R. JONES P/O A.J. BOKERT	INTRUDER VAUNES	0202	0525	Observed an aircraft burning on ground at Point de la Pucelle. Sighted and N/A landing at Venes and turned in behind but E/A doused lights on final approach. No activity at Venes. WX: no cloud, clear. Landed at Ford.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O H.G. FORD P/O J.I. CLARK	INTRUDER CARR	0150	0415	Unsuccessful. At 0400 hrs 10 miles north-east of Pointe de Barfleur intense horizontal tracer and searchlight, starburst seen on objects in sea. Landed at Ford. WX: target area very clear, no cloud.	

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23/24 Apr	MOSQUITO VI	F/L L.R. EVANS P/O E.R. BLAKELY	INTRUDER EVREUX, DIEUX	0147	0440	Also visited St Misser Andre. WX: target area clear, no cloud. Landed at Ford.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O M.H. SIMS P/O J.D. SHAPLES	INTRUDER RHENES	0220	0515	Aircraft burning on ground Pointe de la Pucelle. Target inactive. WX: target area clear, no cloud. Landed at Ford.	
24/25 Apr	MOSQUITO VI	P/O G.N. MILLER P/O G.D. MILLER	FLOWER GER OEN	2315	0510	In target area descended to 800 ft; still in cloud so returned to base. WX: 10/10 low cloud from Beauvais to target.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O C.M. JASPER P/L C.A. MARTIN	FLOWER KIRCHHEIM	0015	0545	Returned from Rhine as 10/10 cloud over entire route, base approx 800 ft.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O H.R. JONES P/L A.J. BOKERT	FLOWER S. OF KARLSRUHE	2304	0435	10/10 cloud from 20 miles inland, small break over Fontainebleau Dunes and west of St Misser. Target inactive. No cloud but heavy haze. WX: clear on return west of a line N.A.S. through Paris.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L T.G. ANDERSON P/O J.P. CAIMAN	FLOWER GER OEN & MIELES	0035	0446	Unsuccessful. 10/10 cloud over entire route from 20 miles inland.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L H.H. CLEVELAND P/S F. DAY R.A.F.	FLOWER REYERSBERGHEIM	0038	0503	Took off Ford. 10/10 cloud to target, where cleared but heavy haze. Passed beyond target on E.T.A., saw lights in distance, and wound up over Augsburg. Approx 50 searchlights came up but came only momentarily by three. Returned in 10/10 cloud.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L R.R. MCGILL P/O F.D. HEDDERSHOT	FLOWER IECHFELD	0002	0529	Airborne Ford. Lechfeld lit, searchlights over drone, and heavy concentration of heavy flak going up at base. Landshut also lit. Over Friedrichshafen came by numerous searchlights. Red fired and searchlights hesitated and lost contact. WX: 10/10 cloud to target, haze in target area.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O M.H. SIMS P/O J.D. SHAPLES	FLOWER ANSBACH	0010	0510	Aircraft seen to land with lights on at Karlsruhe at 0150. Ansbach and Hall airfields also lit. WX: 10/10 to target, haze in area.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O J.J.P. MCGALE P/O R.J. STARY	FLOWER KASSEL	2325	2358	Took off Ford. Port engine oil pressure fell off so landed at Ford.	

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25/26 Apr	MOSQUITO VI	F/L R. GRAY F/O F.D. SMITH R.A.F.	1ST OPS TRAINING LOIRE	2255	0137	Uneventful. WX: ground base at Loire, vis 3-4 miles.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O J. PHILLIPS F/O R. JOE R.A.F.	1ST OPS TRAINING LOIRE	2321	0239	Patrolled Rennes airfield. WX: clear, vis good.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	W/O J.J.P. MCGAHE F/O R.J. STORY	INTRUDER BENNES, KERLIN BASTARD	0021	0300	At 0107 hrs an E/A seen landing at Rennes, too far away to attack. Kerlin Bastard lit but no activity seen. WX: slight haze, no cloud inland.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O J.T. CAINE IFC F/O E.W. BOAL	INTRUDER EVREUX, ST ANDRE	0003	0327	Also patrolled Deaux. WX: clear, some high thin cloud.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L D.A. MACFARLANE F/O J.D. WRIGHT	INTRUDER BAYENS	0025	0325	At Rennes 2 red chandelier verays fired from air S.W. of airfield. 3rd veray fired from near aerodrome at 1000 ft. Lights came on then doused after a few mins. WX: clear, slight haze.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L J.M. CORNELL F/O D.W.J. CARR	INTRUDER COULMIEUX MELIN, BEZOUAIS	0015	0330	Also visited Abbeville, Poix, Beauvais, Creil. WX: clear, no cloud; vis good.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	W/O W.E. BOWRAY Sgt H.K. NAYLOR	INTRUDER ST DIZIER	2302	0125	Turned back at 0001 from Creil owing to starboard engine failure. Returned on one engine. R/T 4/4. Fired red over base for lights without success. Landed at Brun at 0125 and overshoot, hitting ditch. Crew uninjured. WX: clear in France, vis very good.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L R.R. MCGILL F/O F.D. HENDERSON	INTRUDER BEAUVAIS IKRILL, COUSVILLE	0020	0329	Line of searchlights heading towards N.E., near St Valery. Visited Poix, Beauvais, Creil, and Compiègne. WX: vis good, patches of fog in target area.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	S/L H.D. CLEVELAND F/S P. DAY R.A.F.	INTRUDER CHATRAUDIN, TOURS	0029	0348	Also visited Sert. WX: On return 10/10 cloud in Seine area at 2000 ft. Otherwise clear.	

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26/27 Apr	MOSQUITO VI	F/L D.E. FORSYTHE F/O R.E. BEAM R.A.F.	1ST OPS TRAINING ANGERS	2230	0110	Uneventful. WX: clear over entire trip, vis excellent.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L J.M. CORNELL F/O D.W.J. CARR	FLOWER GISSON, HANOVER	2343	0325	H.E. of Coulmiers sighted an E/A burning nav lights at 0050 hrs. Gave chase for several mins, lights doused. Five mins later sighted again and gave chase for several more mins; again doused when closing at 300 m.p.h. Set course for target but unable to locate so at 0134 set course for base. Chalons sur Marne lit so patrolled for 15 mins, and at 0134 what was believed to be nav lights came on momentarily on downward leg of V/L. Shortly after V/L and canopy doused. WX: cloudless but quite hazy beyond 3 degs E.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	S/L R.A. KIPP F/O P. HURSTICKY	FLOWER ST DIZIER	2336	0345	Also visited Creil, Montdidier, Amiens/Glis, Poix, Abbeville, and Beauvais. About 12 searchlights pointing approx 070 degs at an angle 60 degs in area Amiens, Beauvais to coast. WX: clear with some haze at 1000 ft.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	W/O J.J.P. MCGAHE F/O R.J. STORY	FLOWER GER OLM	2351	0355	Uneventful. WX: severe haze to 7 degs E, then 10/10 cloud covering entire target area from dusk to 1500 ft.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	S/L H.D. CLEVELAND F/S P. DAY R.A.F.	INTRUDER BENNES	0205	0508	4 searchlights heading to Caen. Target lit for five mins. WX: clear, slight haze.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O F.M. SAYER F/O J.E. HOWELL	FLOWER FLORIGNES	0040	0500	6 miles inland from Buck Sur M. 6 searchlights came up, not engaged. Also patrolled St Trond, where 3 reds and 2 whites fired, five in all about 5 mins apart. Believed aircraft landed at St St Trond during patrol. On way out (Suzeres and Talle/Vandeville, lit. WX: clear with slight haze.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O G.M. JASPER F/L O.A. MARTIN	FLOWER LAUPHIN, MEGHEN	0015	0515	Also visited Grosselfingen airfield. WX: in target area vis 1000 yds. Cloud 6-8/10 at 1500 ft.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O H.E. JOES F/L A.J. BICKERT	FLOWER REFURT, LANGENSALZA, NORDHAUSEN	0028	0520	Airborne Ford. At 0200 hrs an aircraft seen to crash near Cologne. Also visited Giessen, Limburg, and Juvincourt on return. Landed at BESS.	

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26/27 Apr.	MOSQUITO VI	F/L R.R. MCWILL F/O P.D. HENDERSON	INTRUDER KEMAN BASTARD	0205	0525	Also visited Caen. One heavy gun from St Aubin. WX: clear with poor vis; patches of fog on ground.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O J.T. CAINE IFO F/O R.W. ROAL	INTRUDER MANTIS	0209	0530	One heavy gun from Pointe de la Ferme, Caen lit. At Rennes airfield sighted an E/A approaching from the west. Turned in behind and at about 500 yds E/A doused lights and attack abandoned. WX: clear; vis good.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L D.A. MACPHERN F/O J.D. WRIGHT	FLOWER DEGLSTADT, HENRICH	0015	0500	Airborne Ford. Also visited Haguenau. WX: clear to 6 days E., broken cloud and fog in valleys there to target.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	ESSEX W/O M.H. SIDES F/O J.D. SHARPLES	FLOWER SCHNEINFURT KIVKINGEN	0015	0520	Airborne Ford. Some inaccurate light flak from Laon/Attiers. At 0230 Wurzburg lit with an E/A landing, too late to attack. At 0330 2 vertical searchlights exposed over Schweinfurt and 4 aircraft seen in circuit, closed in behind steering approx east and attacked one with two 1 sec bursts, range 1000-1200 yds height 500 ft. Many strikes seen and E/A dived straight into deck and exploded. Broke right over airfield and observed large hanger door open facing south-east with aircraft parked out to side. Another E/A seen approaching so turned to port closing head on. Red fired from airfield and nav lights doused, climbed to 1000 ft and returned to Wurzburg. No activity so returned to Schweinfurt and at 0350 hrs attacked airfield towards hanger on N.W. heading. Opened fire at 500 ft on E/A's parked outside hanger. Closed right in firing all the time, a 4 sec burst in all. On pulling up over hanger two explosions occurred on ground about 100 ft apart. At the same time 2 horizontal searchlights came on in direction of explosion and two vertical searchlights came down as well.	

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						illuminating hanger area, 5 other searchlights attempted to engage and some light inaccurate flak experienced from J guns. Landed at Ford. WX: clear to target with some haze in target area 1 U/I 2/5 E/A DESTROYED IN AIR 2 U/I E/A DAMAGED ON GROUND	
27/28 Apr.	MOSQUITO VI	S/L R.A. KIPP F/O P. HULENSKY	INTRUDER EVERUX, ST ANDRE	2304	0230	At 2355 hrs saw three bomb bursts milly east of Buxeuil aero-drome. Between 2355 and 0110 five E/A seen, and downward recognition lights of four aircraft flashing over-drome. Attempts were made to engage but as soon as outer V/L was crossed by E/A, Mos was engaged by searchlights, last visual was identified as an F.W.190. Following an attempted visual attack which failed, Mos orbited and saw what appeared to be landing lights moving forward which was taken to indicate a taxiing aircraft and attack was made with a lon burst. Results could not be properly observed due to flashes of the strikes. WX: clear with slight haze. 1 U/I 8/8 E/A DAMAGED ON GROUND	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O P.M. SAWYER F/O J.E. HOWELL	INTRUDER HERRES	0005	0310	Unsuccessful. WX: clear with slight haze.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O R.G. FORD F/O J.L. CLARK	FLOWER SCHNEINFURT	0021	0116	Montdidier, Rennes, Arisens, Peronne, and Flocennes lit en route. Fires and bombing at Aachen at 0151, still bombing on return at 0230 hrs. WX: hazy, clear at Flocennes, cloudy south of Aachen.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O J.J.F. MCGALE F/O E.J. STOKY	FLOWER FLORENES, ST THEND	0024	0450	Also visited Laon. WX: clear with haze, 7/10 fog ground at 1500 ft developing during return.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O L.E. EVANS W/O E.R. HANLEY	FLOWER ST DIDIER	0105	0500	Unsuccessful. WX: generally hazy with some improvement in target area, vis poor.	

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21/28 Apr	MOSQUITO VI	F/O J.T. CAINE IFC P/O R.W. BOAL	FLOWER MURMURS	0026	0510	Airborne Ford, No activity at target. WX: patches of haze to Rhine, east of there 8-10/10 cloud 2000 ft with very poor vis.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L T.G. ANDERSON F/O J.F. GIBMAN	FLOWER SKUDGART	0057	0527	Vertical tracer over target; no activity. WX: stratus 4000 ft on way in, 10/10 at target.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	S/L H.D. CLEVELAND F/S P. BRY R.A.F.	FLOWER MITE, NANCY	0151	0548	No viewpoints to target. No activity. On return at 0240 hrs saw an airfield lit, possibly Croix de Metz. Patrolled in circuit and at 0405 an E/A with nose light seen landing. Closed head on to within 200 yds, 500 ft above ground; and E/A panicked, hit the runway, veered violently to port and burst into flames. Identified as E/A. One large explosion followed by two smaller ones, and E/A still burning when course set for base five mins later. WX: very heavy in target area 2 U/L 2/R E/A RETURNED	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L D.A. MACPHERSON F/O J.D. WEDDER	FLOWER DILON	0115	0540	Also visited Dole. WX: slight haze to target; relatively clear in target area.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O H.E. JONES F/L A.J. BOLBERT	FLOWER GIERSIE, HANOVER	0045	0513	Also visited Idberg. Saw an E/A land at Bismarck but unable to engage. WX: haze from 50 miles west of Rhine.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	1/LT J.F. LIMA U.S.A.A.F. F/O G.G. FINEAYSON IFC	FLOWER Munich, Augsburg	0020	0530	Visited St Dizier, Lockfeld, Bad Wundersstadt, Augsburg, Meringgen, and Mengen. WX: Channel and France heavy Germany 3000 ft thick cloud and haze covering hills. Very clear south of Ruhr target.	
26/29 Apr	MOSQUITO VI	F/O R.J. TOMLINSON F/O C.E. BEAN R.A.F.	1st OPS TRAINING LOIRE	2235	0053	Unsuccessful. On return large explosion seen 20 miles south of 1 of W. at 0048 hrs. WX: ground haze, vis good.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O A. BAKER F/L R.G. FROBENIX	1st OPS TRAINING Tours, Chateaubain	2219	0108	Unsuccessful. WX: slight mist over Channel, clear in France. Vis 8-10 miles.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L D.E. KERSWELL F/O R.T. BEAN R.A.F.	2nd OPS TRAINING TOURS	2215	0124	Course via Chateaubain to Tours and Rennes. WX: heavy, vis good.	

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				Up	Down		
28/29 Apr	Mosquito VI	F/O J. Phillips F/O B. Job. RAF	2nd Ops Training Tours	2235	0222	Course via Tours, Orleans, to Seine. WX: clear, vis good.	
"	Mosquito VI	F/O F.M. Sawyer F/O J.R. Howell	Intruder Evreux	2355	0325	Patrolled between Evreux and Chartres. At 0205 chased and E/A but overshoot drawing level half way down V/L and identifying as an Me 210/410. Short burst of cannon, no strikes.	
"	Mosquito VI	F/O H.E. Jones F/L A.J. Robert	Intruder Orleans, Caen	0110	0343	Unsuccessful. WX: clear, vis excellent.	
"	Mosquito VI	F/O H.C. Ford F/O J.E. Clark	Intruder Vannes KerlinBastard	0145	0430	Unsuccessful. WX: clear, slight ground haze, vis 4 miles.	
"	Mosquito VI	F/L P.G. Anderson F/O J. Cadman	Intruder Nantes	0109	0435	Also visited Rennes. WX: heavy, slight cloud at 4000 ft. on return.	
"	Mosquito VI	S/L B.A. Kipp F/O Bulatsky P.	Intruder Rennes	0112	0440	Patrolled Rennes to Vannes; then returned to Rennes and at 0330 saw exhaust. Closed end saw S/E E/A going in opposite direction with wheels and flaps down. Turned to attack but overshoot owing to very slow speed of E/A. Visited then lost. WX: heavy; vis 2-3 miles.	
"	Mosquito VI	F/O C.E. Jasper F/L C.A. Martin	Flower Mont De Marsan	0045	0525	South of Gironne 10/10 cloud to deck. Flies to target on E.P.A. then returned. Vis south of Loire very poor.	
"	Mosquito VI	F/L L.E. Evans F/O B.E. Blackley	Flower Nantes	0150	0535	Also visited Rennes. WX: heavy; vis good.	
"	Mosquito VI	F/O M.H. Sims F/O J.D. Sharnles	Night Ranger Graefswald	2235	0610	Took off Colfischall. During patrol visited Ferleberg. Landed at Ford. WX: over Germany 8/10/10 cloud at 2000 ft. Over Holland 6/10.	
29/30 Apr	Mosquito VI	F/O R.J. Tomlinson F/O C.E. Bean RAF	2nd Ops Training Rennes, Tours	2241	0150	Unsuccessful. WX: 10/10 cloud at 3000 ft.	
"	Mosquito VI	F/L R. Gray F/O P.D. Smith RAF	2nd Ops Training Rennes, Tours, Orleans	2315	0240	N.W. of Nantes 10-15 large red lights going on and off in succession. Orleans lit. Large motor convoy seen 15 miles N.E. of Rennes. WX: ground haze, developing into 10/10 stratus at 1000-2000 ft in Paris area.	47 80

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29/30Apr	MOSQUITO VI	F/L J.R. KERR	FLOWER	0145	0435	Unsuccessful. Heavy, 8-10/10 cloud at 3000 ft. in W/A.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O P. CLARK	HANDS				
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L D.A. MACFARLANE	FLOWER	0049	0505	3 searchlights and some light flak from Casson. Bordeaux fires burning well. WX: heavy, no cloud in W/A.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O J.D. WRIGHT	BYRBAUX				
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L J.M. OGDEN	INTRUDER	0320	0542	Both had red perimeter lights. Very heavy.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O D.W.J. GARR	BYRBAUX, ST ANDRE				
"	MOSQUITO VI	W/O W.E. BOWMAN	INTRUDER	0326	0540	Unsuccessful. WX: very heavy.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	Sgt H.K. Naylor	FORGER				
30/4	MOSQUITO VI	1/Lt J.P. LUMA USAAP	FLOWER	2250	0620	Incidentary visual of an E/A "A" Dole. Light flak from single gun Vierzon. Landed at Ford. WX: med vis, haze, low clouds.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O C.G. FINLAYSON	DIJON, DOLE, KERR				
"	MOSQUITO VI	W/O W.E. BOWMAN	FLOWER	2313	0305	Airfields lit and deused alternately. Low cloud inland. Vis poor. Landed at Ford.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	Sgt H.K. Naylor	LACQ, JUVIDICOURT				
"	MOSQUITO VI	W/O J.V.P. MOGATE	FLOWER	2310	0320	Some light flak from airfield. E.N. No. 2 fired and guns stopped momentarily. WX: vis fair, haze. Landed Ford.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O R.J. STORY	ST DIEZIER				
"	MOSQUITO VI	W/O A. SARKIS	2ND OPS TRAINING	2234	0130	Unsuccessful. WX: very heavy.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L E.G. Fredrick	LOIRE				

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HUMBLEY SOUTH	May, 1944	1st	Weather - fair; mod to good visibility. "A" Flight - NPT's at low level. W/C Barker flies a low level cross country. 4/O Sims flew to Coltishall and return. F/O "Lefty" Miller left today on a posting back home. Our very best wishes follow a very popular member of the squadron. Flower operations by F/O Tomligan, F/L Forsyth and F/L Lee Evans to Lacq/Juvidicourt, St. Diez Metz and Dijon/Dole respectively, uneventfully.		
		2nd	Weather - cloudy. Visibility - moderate to good, clearing to fine in afternoon. A letter was received, in reply to our letter of the 20th re "destroyed on ground" claims. W/C Whitehouse expressed his sympathy with our opinions, and stated that A.D.G.R. has undertaken to obtain an official ruling from Air Ministry on the subject. In the meantime, we continue to score E/A destroyed on the ground, to the squadron and to the individual pilot, pending an official ruling. News of a bar to 3/L Sober's D.F.C. and the award of the D.F.C. to F/L MacFadyen and F/O Boal was welcomed by all of us. 3/L Sober came down for a Day Ranger and he (with F/O Stewart as Navigator) and F/O Gaine (with F/O Boal) took off from Coltishall in the early afternoon. Results were highly successful. They visited three N. German airfields and scored a total of 11 destroyed (one in the air) and 4 damaged. Full details will be found in Form 541. F/O Gaine had engine failure half way through this patrol and very nearly decided to make a landing in Sweden. F/O Boal weighed up the relative merits of Swedish blondes against Internment for the duration, and they decided to make for base. When the news of the glorious victory reached the squadron there was a rush to get the "One Hundredth". The score at this point was 98%. F/O Ford had an uneventful trip round Central France. F/L MacFadyen beat up St. Yvan, leaving a second Bi-Heinkel 3 mins of flames, and damaging another 7/8 E/A on the ground. 3/L Klipp and F/O Huletaky had an amazing victory. They scored the Hundreth and beat all previous night records by shooting down 4 P.W. 190's in the Munich and Sarrebourg areas. Total for the day, 16 destroyed and 5 damaged. "A" Flight - NPT's. F/O Ford flew to Ford. "B" Flight - NPT's. camera tests and formation flying. 3/L Sober and F/O Gaine flew to Coltishall. W/C Barker flew a low level cross country. Released - 0612.		
		3rd	Weather - cloudy to fair. Vis. - good. 4/O Legge, Sector Commander, visited the Ops Room with G/O Davoud to congratulate the crew who featured in yesterday's amazing exploits. Two personal letters, one from the Prime Minister of Canada, and one from Air Marshal Bredbury congratulating the Squadron, were received. Two new crews posted from 60 O.T.U. F/L S.H.R. Cotterill (Pilot) Sgt. E.H. MacLennan (Obs.) F/O J.J. Harvie (Pilot) F/O P.A. Alexander (Obs.) 1st Lt Luma after finishing a very successful tour, with F/O Finlayson D.F.C., is posted to U.S.A.A.F. H.Q. "A" Flight - NPT's. W/C Barker flew to Coltishall and return. "B" Flight - NPT's. Our aircraft which had operated from forward bases returned. Lt. Luma flew to Manston and return. E.A. operations from forward bases returned. Lt. Luma flew to Manston. Lt. Luma made a return trip to Manston. Night operations F/L C.J. Evans shot up Dijon and Dole airfields. W/C Barker patrolled St. Diez and F/L Kerr Pau and Biarritz.		

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BOHMSLEY SOUTH	MAY 1944	4th	<p>Weather - cloudy. Vis. moderate.</p> <p>"B" Flight - RPT's. P/O Phillips and P/S James flew to Hurn and return.</p> <p>The kitchen at the Ops Block swung into action under the capable control of Cookie Arthur. Previously, Night Flying suppers have been served at the Officers' Mess. We now eat in the crew room - with flowers on the table!</p> <p>P/L MacFadyen and his observer, P/O Wright, were attached to 29 Squadron to instruct them in Intruder methods.</p> <p>Certain generous members of the Squadron organized a party to celebrate the I.O.'s Birthday. P/L Weir produced a bottle of Canadian Club en route from a Seaside hostelry - and the evening was enjoyed by all.</p> <p>No operations. Released - 0330.</p>		
		5th	<p>Weather - fair to cloudy. Vis. - good. Showers in late afternoon.</p> <p>The new Squadron Victory map (the other is now totally inadequate owing to the range and number of our victories) is well in hand. P/L Brown has painted a magnificent outline map of Europe, and P/L MacFadyen is busy cutting out Swastikas from Persape to replace the arrow arrangement on the other map.</p> <p>P/O Jasper and P/L Martin attached to 51 O.F.U. for Night Vision Training.</p> <p>A Mess Meeting was held at the Officers' Mess to discuss the Hundredth Party. It was decided that it should be held on Friday, May 12th and would take the form of a Supper Dance at the Officers' Mess.</p> <p>"A" Flight - RPT's and local flying. P/L Forayth, P/O Tomlinson and P/L Cotterill flew low level cross countries.</p> <p>"B" Flight - P/O Harvie flew a Day and then a Night Cross country. P/L Connell carried out a cannon test and P/O Cairns flew to Ford and return.</p> <p>P/L Harper and W/O Sims, on a Day Ranger to Metz and Thionville, destroyed 2 Ju.88's and 2 Ju.87's and damaged 2 Ju.87's and 1 Ju.88. After returning to base, a dud incendiary bullet was found in the No. 16 belly tank of W/O Sims' aircraft.</p>		
		6th	<p>Weather - fair to cloudy. Vis. - moderate to good.</p> <p>The telephone system is suffering (and we with it!) a complete re-arrangement. The principal is that in order to get Sector, Group or Command we will now go through an Int. Ops. switchboard at Station Intelligence. At present, we lift the receiver and hope - We believe that ultimately it will be a good thing, but just for awhile we are counting ten several times per hour!</p> <p>"A" Flight - RPT's and single engine flying. P/L Thompson made a return trip to Hurn.</p> <p>W/O Barker flew a cross country.</p> <p>"B" Flight - RPT's and camera tests.</p> <p>Night Operations. Flower operations covered W. Paris by P/L Gray, Florence by P/L Connell, Dijon and Dole by P/O Tomlinson and Leon/Juvinocourt by P/L Forayth. P/L Cotterill and P/O Harvie made their first ops trip to the Loire.</p>		
7th	<p>Weather - fine. Vis. moderate to good.</p> <p>"A" Flight - P/O Roberts and P/L Harper flew to Kenston and return. P/L Thompson as the Signals Officer flew to Tangmere and return.</p> <p>"B" Flight - RPT's.</p> <p>Night Operations. There were four flowers, W/O Barker patrolling Lannion and Morlaix, P/O Mocale Berlin and Venes, P/O Phillips Orel, Coulmeters, and Melun and P/L C.J. Evans St. Dizier. P/L McGill flew a Night Ranger to Bordeaux.</p>				

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BOHMSLEY SOUTH	MAY 1944	8th	<p>Weather - fine to cloudy. Vis. - moderate.</p> <p>"A" Flight - RPT's, camera tests and practice attacks, single engine and low level flying.</p> <p>P/O Jones and P/O Roberts flew to Bord. P/L Sawyer and P/L Harper flew to Kenston and return.</p> <p>"B" Flight - RPT's and low level flying. P/L Connell and P/O Cairns flew to Coltishall.</p> <p>P/S James flew a cross-country and P/L Evans practice attacks.</p> <p>P/O J.I. Clark posted to A.D.C.B. for navigation duties.</p> <p>P/L C.W. Thompson returned to flying duties, after his motor cycle accident two months ago.</p> <p>The Hundredth Party Committee is experiencing much difficulty in laying in stocks of whisky, gin and beer for the officers and airman's party on Friday night. These aids to Existence are practically unprocureable in England at this period of the war.</p> <p>From a Night Ranger to Creifswald in N. Germany, P/L J.L. Connell and his navigator P/O DeW. Carr failed to return. P/O Cairns heard from them on the R/T that they had run into bad flak at several places and that they were lost and might have difficulty in returning to base. Nothing more was heard from them. We can only hope that they succeeded in making Sweden, or perhaps bailed out over Germany.</p> <p>P/O Cairns destroyed a B.V.135 and a Do.18 and damaged 2 Do.18's on the water a Putrits.</p> <p>P/O Jones destroyed a Ju.290 in the air at Illshelm and P/O Roberts destroyed an F.W.190 in the air at Oberhaffenhofen. P/L Kerr patrolled St. Dizier and P/L Gray Leon and Juvinocourt.</p> <p>Released - 0430.</p>		
		9th	<p>Weather - fine. Vis. moderate.</p> <p>Congratulations to W/O Sims on his commission.</p> <p>"A" Flight - RPT's, camera tests, single-engine flying, and practice attacks. P/L Harper flew to Coltishall and P/O Sims to Ford.</p> <p>"B" Flight - P/O Cairns returned to base. An instrument test by W/O Mocale. P/L McGill flew to Ford and W/O Barker flew a cross country.</p> <p>Operations. Flowers by P/L Forayth to St. Dizier, Metz and P/O Tomlinson to Dijon and Dole. There were three night rangers, P/L McGill to Munich, P/O Sims to W. Csechovalovkia and P/L Harper to Tokalburg. 2 at 60 and 2 at 120 hours.</p>		
		10th	<p>Weather - fine Vis. - moderate.</p> <p>"A" Flight - RPT's, camera tests, and low level flying. P/L Thompson flew to Hatfield and return. P/L Harper returned from Coltishall.</p> <p>"B" Flight - RPT's and camera tests. W/O Mocale flew to Ford. P/O Phillips, with his observer and the Signals Officer, flew to Ford and return.</p> <p>P/L A. Elliott, Medical Officer, visited the Squadron.</p> <p>From a sortie to Leon/Juvinocourt the C.O., W/O A. Barker and his observer, P/L Gordon Frederick, failed to return. This is our second sad blow this week. Wing Commander Barker during his enthusiastic, quick efficiency and kindness, had endeared himself to the Squadron during his short time as Commanding Officer. Nothing was too much trouble for him when the success of the Squadron and the welfare of personnel were concerned. P/L "Gordie" Frederick after his first hour in Coastal Command, which finished with a crash in a petrol dump, followed by months of hospital treatment, was keen and intensely interested in his job. We will miss them both very sadly. It has been decided that the Hundredth Dance at the Officers' Mess on the 12th shall be cancelled. The airman will have their party, but the officers will have a quiet Stag Party, without guests.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Besides P/O Barker's, there were five sorties, P/O Sawyer flying a flower to Florence, P/O Mocale and P/O Roberts on Rangers to Stuttgart and Melun respectively, and P/O Harvie and P/L Cotterill making their second training sortie. Released - 0330 hours.</p>		

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HOMSLEY SOUTH	MAY 19th	11th	<p>Weather - fine with slight haze. Vis. moderate.</p> <p>"A" Flight - RPT's. P/O Sawyer flew to Cranfield and return.</p> <p>"B" Flight - RPT's. P/L Gray and the Signals Officer flew to Middle Wallop and return.</p> <p>P/O Phillips and P/O Job left for the Night Vision Course at 50 O.T.U.</p> <p>The gloom which had settled over the Squadron as a result of the sad news of last night, was dispelled by a telephone message from Ops B at 2000 hours. The C.O. and his observer had both been picked up from their dinghies off Dieppe and brought back to Hawkinge. Both were unharmed and it is the best piece of news that 418 has ever planned to celebrate - and the plans will be put into action tomorrow night, with the happiest "Stag" Party that has ever been thrown.</p> <p>Two of our corporals, Plaston and Moore, are suffering from very sore feet today. It seems that on returning from a 36 hour pass they lost their way and spent some hours exploring various by-ways before finding the station. Both swear they were in a desert at one time, and in view of the Art Gallery of Beauties pinned up on the wall by their beds, we can imagine what sort of misgiver they saw.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: There were three Flares. P/L Harper turned back from the Rhine owing to the impossibility of pinpointing. P/O Steelton patrolled Malun, Coulmiers, and Romilly; and P/L Harper shot down. Note: P/L G. Evans made a Night Ranger to Emsbury and Neuruppin. Released - 0345 hours.</p>		
		12th	<p>Weather - fine to cloudy, haze. High cloud. Vis. - poor, becoming moderate.</p> <p>"A" Flight - P/O Jasper flew to Cranfield and return.</p> <p>"B" Flight - RPT's. P/L Evans returned from Coltishall.</p> <p>The Oxford went over to Hawkinge to fetch the C.O. and P/L Frederick, followed closely by 3 Mosquitoes, flown by S/L Cleveland, P/L MacFarlane and P/L Gray, carrying the I.O. and the Special Signals Officer as welcoming Committee. Hawkinge A/P was shot up from several directions, and finally the Oxford, with the C.O. and his observer aboard, started back, landing at base about 1310. The C.O. suffered only a stiff leg but P/L Broadrick turned out, on I-way, to have broken his leg below the knee. The Squadron and "Chelon" had an afternoon off, and celebrated it by a Sports Meet. In the evening the "Stag" Party got into full swing after 20:00 hours. Drinks were at the house, and copious. Air Marshall Sir Roderick Hill and Broadner visited us and, after recording a broadcast with G/O Davoud, for Canada, celebrating the Century and the C.O.'s rescue, they adjourned to the airman's Dance, which was going full blast on seven legs of beer. Sir Marshall Broadner addressed the airman and G/O Davoud led the audience in the singing of "Alouette". The party broke up early in the morning, everyone having had a very happy evening, with the exception of the three crews who were kept at Readiness owing to the apparent inability of 603 Squadron to double-up for us on such an important occasion in our Squadron history. No operations. Released - 0430 hours.</p>		
		13th	<p>Weather - cloudy to fair, slight rain later. Vis. - moderate to poor.</p> <p>"A" Flight - RPT's, camera tests, formation and single-engine flying. P/O Sawyer and P/O Roberts carried out low level cross country.</p> <p>"B" Flight carried out cannon tests.</p> <p>Very heavy congratulations to S/L Kipp on the award of the D.F.C.</p> <p>P/L Frederick left today, posted on Medical grounds owing to his injury on the night of 10/11th.</p> <p>No operations. Released - 0350 hours.</p>		
		14th	<p>Weather - Cloudy becoming fair to fine. Vis. - poor becoming good.</p>		

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HOMSLEY SOUTH	MAY 19th	11th (Cont'd)	<p>"A" Flight - RPT's and single-engine flying.</p> <p>"B" Flight - P/L Woodill flew to point and return. P/S James carried out a low level cross-country day Ranger and a night cross country.</p> <p>Day Rangers produced good results. P/O Jasper destroyed a Ju.87 on the ground at Aselot and probably shot a He.111 in the air near Nancy. P/O Sawyer damaged 2 Ju.87's on the ground at Lunenburg and P/L Harper damaged another Ju.87 in same spot. However they ran into much light flak and Harper called up to say he was on fire. Let's hope they are on their way home, safe. Another tough break occurred in the early hours after operations. Cwyn Morris, our good natured I.O., Gordie Williamson, our dressy P.R.O. riding to Hestfield House with Pete Huletsky after seeing everybody else finished for the night, collided with a T.A.F. truck on the road just past the guard room. Both Morris and Gordie were taken to Boscombe Hospital suffering from concussion and in a dangerously ill condition, and Pete was put in Sick Quarters badly shaken up. Our prayers go out for them that they may be well and back safely with us soon. This put quite a damper on the elation felt over Kipp coming back from Mont de Marsan with the good news of destroying a Heinkel 177 in the air.</p> <p>Besides S/L Kipp's sortie there were two intruder patrols, P/L L.E. Evans going to Kerlin Bastard and Yampes; and P/O James being recalled from just off Cherbourg Peninsula.</p>		
		15th	<p>Weather - fine becoming fair to cloudy. Vis. - moderate to good.</p> <p>"A" Flight - RPT's and camera tests. P/O Harvie carried out a cross country in the afternoon and P/S James a night cross country. 1/Lt Lums left on a posting to the U.S.A.A.F.</p> <p>News was received that P/O T.J. Roberts, P/L Walker's navigator, missing on the night of March 22/23, is a Prisoner of War.</p> <p>Operations There were five intruders and one Night Ranger. P/L Gray covered Rennes, P/O McGeale Nantes, P/O Harvie Yampes and Kerlin Bastard, P/L Woodill Bourges, P/L Evans Kerlin Bastard, Rennes and Yampes, and the Ranger by S/L Cleveland to Dijon, Clermont, Bourges.</p> <p>Released - 0445 hours.</p>		
		16th	<p>"A" Flight - RPT's. Weather - cloudy, some showers. Vis. - moderate to good.</p> <p>"B" Flight - RPT's and low level. P/L Gray flew to Ford.</p> <p>S/L Scherr and S/L Cleveland, with P/O Finlayson and P/S Day went out on another Day Ranger to the German Baltic Coast. Gerlie returned to Coltishall with a bag of five destroyed in the air, one destroyed on the ground and a Do.18 damaged on the water. Unfortunately though P/L Cleveland and Frank Day were last seen off Deisser Point heading for Sweden with one engine feathered. Further news from Sweden was that a Mos. had been shot down by their ack-ack and one member of crew killed, the other, a Canadian, was in hospital.</p> <p>Another Day Ranger by P/L Kerr and P/O Jasper returned owing to adverse weather.</p> <p>No night operations. Released - 0315 hours.</p>		
		17th	<p>Weather (17th) Fair to cloudy, showers. Vis. - moderate.</p> <p>Another chap was in today having his clearances signed; none other than Johnny Clark who is posted to A.D.U.B. to keep Franklin company.</p> <p>"A" Flight - RPT's, formation, single-engine flying and practice attacks.</p> <p>"B" Flight - RPT's.</p> <p>No operations.</p>		
		18th	<p>Weather - fair to cloudy, slight showers. Vis. - good.</p> <p>P/O Robert Taylor, the P.R.O. for the KENTFIELDS here was in today to say he had been detailed to take over part time, Gordie's work. Already he has got something interesting and the boys are all keen to keep him busy.</p>		

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ROBINSLEY SOUTH	MAY 1944	18th (Cont'd)	Weather - fair to cloudy, slight showers. Vis. - good. "A" Flight - NPT's, camera tests, and practice attacks. P/L Anderson flew to Coltishall to pick up P/O Phillips and returned. P/L Cotterill flew to Ford and return. P/O Sims and P/O Jasper carried out low level cross countries. P/O Sawyer made a return trip to Yatesbury in the Magister. "B" Flight - NPT's and single-engine flying. Low-level-cross-countries were carried out by P/L Grey, P/O Phillips and P/O Harvie. P/S James flew a night cross country. The following officers are congratulated on their D.F.C.'s: P/L Cleveland, P/O Rutitsky, and P/O Leroy Miller. Johnny Gaine receives a bar to his D.F.C. P/O C.C. Farlayson D.F.C. is posted to 60 C.T.U. after completing a most successful tour of Ops. OPERATIONS. There were two night rangers by S/L Kipp and P/O Jones to the Rhone Valley and Mont de Marsan respectively.		
		19th	Weather - fine to fair, hazy. Vis. - poor becoming moderate to good. Definite news came through today to the effect that S/L Rowie Cleveland was safe in hospital in Sweden, suffering from shock, however, P/S Day unfortunately died of wounds before reaching hospital. "A" Flight - NPT's. S/L Kipp and P/L Thompson flew to Tangmere and return. "B" Flight - NPT's. P/O Phillips flew a cross-country in the Magister. Operations. Four Flowers were carried out covering Nantes by P/O Harvie, Obr Oln, Biblis and Hannau by P/L Anderson, St. Dixier, Nancy and Retz by P/O Sawyer, and Dijon and Dolc by W/O Bowhay.		
		20th	Weather - fine to fair. Scattered cloud. Vis. - moderate. "A" Flight - Local flying "B" Flight - NPT's, low level, single engine and formation flying. Operations: P/S James flew a training sortie to the Loire.		
		21st	Weather - cloudy. Vis. good. S/L J.D. Parke, A.P.H.Q., Ottawa, and P/L W.D. Daley, R.Q. London, visited the Squadron and gave talks on rehabilitation and post war opportunities in Canada. P/O Leroy Miller received the D.F.C. "A" Flight - NPT's and low level. "B" Flight - An NPT in the afternoon and searchlight practice in the evening by P/O Sawyer. OPERATIONS. A Day Ranger to Denmark was carried out by P/L Kerr and P/O Jasper with 8 Mustangs of 19 Squadron, operating from Coltishall. P/O Jasper led Red and Black sections. Black 2 turned back half way across the sea and Black 1 was missing shortly after crossing the enemy coast. P/L Kerr, leading White and Green sections, destroyed a LeO45 and shared a second LeO45 destroyed with P/L Shludt and P/O Woodard of 19 Squadron. One Mustang was shot down by a Me109. The missing pilots are P/L Bird and P/S Warren of 19 Squadron. Released - 0535 hours.		
		22nd	Weather - fair to fine, becoming cloudy. Vis. - good. "A" Flight - NPT's and camera tests, single engine and formation flying. W/O Barker flew to Cranfield and return. P/O Jones and P/O Sims flew to Hanston to operate, and returned to base afterward. OPERATIONS. There were 7 Flowers covering Nantes by P/L Cotterill, Obr Oln by P/L Purayth, Dijon by P/L L.H. Evans, Ranzu by P/O Roberts, Erfurt by P/O Sims, and Juterbog by P/O Jones. P/O Jasper turned back before making landfall owing to technical trouble. S/L Kipp, P/O Sawyer and P/L Anderson flew intruder patrols to Rennes, Nantes, and Vannes/Kerlin Bastard respectively.		

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ROBINSLEY SOUTH	MAY 1944	23rd	Weather - fine becoming fair to cloudy, then fine. Vis. - GOOD Moderate to good. "A" Flight - NPT's and local flying. P/O Jasper made a return trip to Ford in the Oxford. "B" Flight - NPT's and camera tests. S/L McGill flew to Ford to operate. W/O Barker flew a night local and W/O Bowhay carried out S/L practice. Operations. S/L McGill flew a Night Ranger to Mangan/Manning and P/S James made a training trip to Avord and Chartres.		
		24th	Weather - fair to cloudy. Vis. - good. "A" Flight - NPT's. S/L Kipp flew to Hunston and return. P/O Sawyer flew a cross country to Odiham, Tangmere and return. "B" Flight - NPT's. P/L C.J. Evans and P/L MacAdyen flew to Ford. The latter returned and carried out S/L practice - also practice by P/L Kerr. OPERATIONS. Flowers were carried out. P/L C.J. Evans bombed Jurinocourt airfield and P/O Bowhay damaged a train at Brung, south of Amiens. P/O Harvie patrolled St. Dixier, P/O Phillips Doullens, P/O Roberts Bannu. P/O Tomlinson covered Florennes and on the return trip his starboard engine caught fire. He feathered on one engine, landing at Ford.		
		25th	Weather - fair to cloudy, intermittent slight rain later. Vis. - good becoming moderate. P/O J.A. Williams (C.1214) arrived today from R.C.A.F. Headquarters to take over the duties of Squadron Education Officer. "A" Flight - NPT's, S.E. Flying. P/O Sawyer flew to Ford and return. "B" Flight - NPT's. S/L McGill flew to Upwood and return. P/L Anderson and P/O Sims took off on a Day Ranger in the afternoon, but turned back before crossing the enemy coast owing to lack of cloud cover. Night operations. - P/O Jasper did an uneventful intruder to Toulouse. Released - 0259 hours.		
		26th	Weather - cloudy with slight drizzle at first, becoming fair. Vis. - moderate. S/L Kipp assumes command of the Squadron while W/O Barker is on leave. "A" Flight - NPT's. P/O Jasper returned from Ford. P/O Sawyer flew to Graves End and return in the Oxford. "B" Flight - P/O Bowhay flew to Honeybourne and return. P/L Kerr made a local flight. No operations.		
		27th	Weather - cloudy, becoming fair to fine. Vis. - good. "A" Flight - NPT's. P/O Sims and P/O Roberts flew to Coltishall to operate and returned. P/O Jasper flew to Ford, Wittering and returned to base. "B" Flight - NPT's, camera tests, low level, single engine flying and practice attacks with Liberators. P/L MacAdyen, W/O Barker and P/L Martin flew to Northolt and return. P/O Sims and P/O Roberts took off from Coltishall on a Day Ranger to the German Baltic Coast, but returned after making landfall at Antun Island owing to lack of cloud cover. Operations. Flowers covered Bretigny by W/O James, Lippe and Giessem by P/L MacAdyen, Florennes by P/O Tomlinson and Bannu by P/L Kerr. P/L Anderson took off for Ranzu but returned owing to technical trouble.		
		28th	Weather - fine to fair. Scattered cloud. Vis. - good.		

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HEMSLEY SOUTH	MAY, 1944			
	29th		"A" Flight - NPT's, single engine flying, and a cannon test. S/L Kipp and P/L Anderson flew to Manston to operate. "B" Flight - NPT's and practice attacks with Albatrosses. OPERATIONS. There were three Flares by P/L Forsyth to Rennes, P/L C.J. Evans to Evreux, and S/L McGill to Nantes. W/O McCall flew an Intruder to Abbeville, Poix and Amiens and S/L Kipp and P/L Anderson made night Ranger trips to Griefswald and Copenhagen/Kastrup respectively.	
	30th		Weather - fair to fine, slight mist, scattered cloud. Vis. - moderate. "A" Flight - NPT's and cannon tests. S/L Kipp and P/L Anderson returned from Manston. P/L Sawyer flew to Buckhall and return, and P/O Tomlinson made a return trip to Ford. OPERATIONS. There were four Intruders and one Night Ranger. P/O Roberts bombed a train in a siding at Rennes, and P/L Forsyth bombed Nantes airfield. P/L Sawyer patrolled Morlaix and Bannion, P/L L.E. Evans Kerlin/Mustard and P/O Sims the Rhone Valley.	
	31st		Weather - fair to cloudy, moderate vis. Squall at 1305. A great many of the Squadron personnel turned out to watch the Station Boxing Tournament in the evening. "A" Flight - NPT's, cannon tests, and practice attacks. OPERATIONS. There were two Night Rangers P/L C.J. Evans going to Pilsen, and P/L L.E. Evans en route for Munich, turned back after visiting Deerswa and Greil because of unsatisfactory weather. Weather - fair becoming cloudy, considerable haze and mist. Fog at end of period. P/O Johnnie Gaine D.F.C., P/O Bert Ford and P/O H.E. Jones left for Warrington, on posting to 36-O.F.W. Greenwood Canada. P/L M. Eckert and P/O Earl Boal D.F.C. are posted to Tangmere to assist the Intelligence in briefing. "A" Flight - NPT's. P/L Forsyth and P/O Tomlinson both made return flights to Ford. P/O Jasper flew to Barkwood and return. "B" Flight - NPT's. P/L C.J. Evans flew to Ford and return. MILITARY SERVICES. During the month the K of C Supervisor, Cliff McClelland, has been very busy keeping the boys amused as restricted pass privileges keeps the men in camp. Cliff arranged twenty two movies, weekly bingo games, arranged a show from Bournemouth as well as supervising and assisting with dances, comforts, hotel bookings and personal problems of our personnel. The reading room in the K of C Hut was very well patronized and Darts, Ping Pong, Horseshoe being popular. Supervisor McClelland is doing excellent work at this unit and his untiring efforts are appreciated by all personnel. NUMBER OF OPERATIONAL SORTIES FOR MONTH.....118 OPER. HOURS FOR MONTH.....441:45 Hours. TRAINING HOURS FOR MONTH.....250:45 Hours. PERSONNEL ON STRENGTH AS AT 31st May, 1944. R.C.A.F. Officers, Aircrew..... 22 R.C.A.F. Airmen, Aircrew..... 2 R.C.A.F. Officers, Groundcrew..... 5 R.C.A.F. Airmen, Groundcrew..... 2 R.A.F. Officers, Aircrew..... 8 R.A.F. Airmen, Aircrew..... 1 R.A.F. Airmen, Groundcrew..... 1 AIRCRAFT ON STRENGTH: MOSQUITO VI.....18 OXFORD.....1 MAGISTER.....1	

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				Up	Down		
1/2 May	MOSQUITO VI	P/O R.J. TOMLINSON P/O C.E. ESAM P.A.F. LACE, JUVENOURT	FLOWER	2327	0210	Unsuccessful. Wx clear, slight haze in river valleys.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/L D.E. FORSYTH P/O R.T. ESAM	FLOWER ST DIEZIER, HERZ	2359	0406	St Diezier not lit. At Metz fired a red and received a reply of two greens on altitude; then flarepath was lit, made a dummy run in, but despite two white flares fired from ground, nothing was visible. Made a second dummy run and engaged by three searchlights; Mos fired a fur her red and searchlights ceased immediately. No further activity. Wx clear to Metz on way in becoming hazy on return with some low cloud.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/L L.E. EVANS W/O R.E. HARKLY	FLOWER DIJCH, DOE	2358	0527	Unsuccessful. Wx clear on way in. On way home clear to the Loire, 8/10 cloud at 1000 ft to the coast, 10/10 at 1000 ft in Channel.	
2/3 May	MOSQUITO VI	R.C.A.F. S/L C.C. SCHERF W/O W.A.R. STEWART	FORWARD DAY RANGER	1430	1920	Operated from Coltishall. At 1626 at Ribnitz 15 plus No. 115's seen on water between Ribnitz and Putnitz. S/L Scherf attacked seeing debris flying off two of them, but apparently no fuel in R4, as they did not burn. P/O Gaine attacked 4 Do. 18's on water, seeing strikes on two and other two burst into flames and exploded. Mosquito proceeded to Berth, reached at 1632 and saw 12 E/A (Do. 217 & He. 111) on ground. S/L Scherf attacked an He. 111 and a Do. 217, both blew up. P/O Gaine attacked and destroyed a Ju. 52, a Ju. 51, a Ju. 88, and a Ju. 86P, all on the ground. Mosquito set course for Griefswald and at 1642 P/O Gaine's port engine packed up (hit by debris). He decided to set course for Sweda, but subsequently turned for home and landed safely at Coltishall on one engine. Flak from trawler in Kiel Bay on homeward run. S/L Scherf continued to Griefswald and 1645 saw a Ju 86P circling the drums at 1000 ft. Attached from astern and E/A went down in flames.	

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						<p>Mos made steep turn to starboard and attacked an He 111 on the ground; E/A blew up. Set course for Red Johnson, where destroyed an He 111 on the ground. Made for home and landed at Colfischall. Observed 13-14 ships in convoy in Kiel Bay, up to 6000 tons, mostly H/V going into Kiel. Wx 10/10 at 800 ft down to 300 ft in rain. Vis good except for rain.</p> <p>1 Ju.86F, destroyed in air, 1 Do.217 and 3 He.111's destroyed on ground, and 2 He.115's damaged on water by A/I Robert.</p> <p>1 Ju.52, 1 Ju.34, 1 Ju.88, and 1 Ju.86F destroyed on ground.</p> <p>2 Do.26's destroyed and 2 Do.18's damaged on water by P/O Osine.</p>	
2/3 May	MOSQUITO VI	S/L P.A. NEPP P/O P. HILANSKY	NIGHT RAIDER MIBIDE	2215	0400	<p>15 miles S.W. of Ammer Lake saw an F.V.190 at 5000 ft held by searchlights during convulse. Attacked from below and astern, 2 sec burst; E/A hit ground and exploded. At Gumburg second F.V.190 heading for airfield with light blazing. Engaged at 1000 ft, range 150 yds, with 2 sec burst. E/A crashed and burned on ground at 0440 hrs. At 0205 hrs saw 2 F.V.190's in formation at 500 ft with all lights on. In area of Gumburg. Closed on rearward to 150 yds, 2 sec burst and E/A disintegrated, wreckage hitting Mosquito as second F.V.190 was attacked at 150 yds. This blew up and both E/A seen burning on ground. Mosquito stalled left wing and control remained only at 100 ft. Returned and landed at Wunstow.</p> <p>Wx: clear with patchy stratus east of Hdrna.</p> <p>1 F.V.190's destroyed in air.</p>	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L D.A. MACPHERSON P/O J.D. WRIGHT	INSEDER ST YAN	2215	0325	<p>Light accurate flak at Cahourg. At target at 0345 hrs saw an U/I T/I E/A on ground and attacked three times, seeing numerous</p>	

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2						<p>strikes. Attacked an He.111E on the ground from 800-100 ft. After three attacks E/A burning fiercely. Dived to photograph aircraft and Mos hit by r/g bullets in starboard engine, explosion in aircraft. Feathered prop and returned on one engine landing at West Helling. Wx: no cloud, vis 8 miles, slight haze. 1 He.111E destroyed and 1 U/I T/I E/A damage on ground.</p>	
2/3 May	MOSQUITO VI	F/O H.C. FORD P/O J.L. CLARK	INSEDER HELIN, BOURGES AVCO	2245	0329	<p>Airborne Ford. Also visited Coulmiers and Chateaufort. Saw inaccurate light flak from Tours. Wx: clear, vis good-4-5 miles.</p>	
3/4 May	MOSQUITO VI	F/O A. BARBER F/L R.G. FREDERICK	FLOWER ST DENIER	2300 2304	0510	<p>Rubber target burning well, 5 aircraft seen falling and exploding. Also visited Bourvals. On return very large fire seen at 0221 hrs near Foncefont, 20 miles from coast.</p> <p>Wx: clear in France, slight stratus at 2500 ft.</p>	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L C.J. EVANS P/O S. HIGGINS R.A.F.	FLOWER DUNN, DOLE	2302	0352	<p>At 0013 hrs shot up Dijon airfield with many cannon strikes on buildings on west boundary. At Dole made two attacks at 0017, with strikes on blister hangers on north boundary.</p> <p>Inaccurate light flak from airfield. Many fires and explosions seen from possibly Chateaufort. Also visited Oen.</p> <p>Wx: south of Loire 7/10 medium cloud at 5-6000 ft. Otherwise clear, Vis excellent.</p>	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L J.B. KERR P/O P. CLARK RAF	INSEDER PAU & NIARTY	2241	0352	<p>Targets inactive, 10/10 cloud base 1000 ft in area. Clear in Pyrenees foothills. Numerous fires 20 miles west of Agde at 0132 hrs. Chased a Stirling near Tarbes until identified. On return narrowly missed balloons at Sancerre flying at approx 1500 to 2000 ft.</p>	
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5/6 May	MOSQUITO VI	F/L W.J. HARPER	DAY RANGER	1508	1953	Machine-gun from Pte de la Perouse. No activity at ^{Landerolle} Landerolle or Luxembourg. At Thionville Sims attacked a Ju 87 on ground, which blew up, 1727. In same line a Ju 88 attacked by Harper blew up. Many Ju 87's seen parked in woods on east and north-east side of airfield. Some light flak from one gun. At Metz at 1733 hrs Harper attacked airfield from south, along line of R/A parked on east side of airfield. 1 Ju 88 port engine blew up. Considerable digging and excavation work at coast at Pte de la Perouse. WX: clear in target area. Bad squalls across France on way in, and heavy rain at coast on return. 2 Ju 88's destroyed and 2 Ju 87's and 1 Ju 88 damaged by F/L Harper. 2 Ju 87's destroyed by W/O Sims. Bad incendiary found in No. 10 belly tank which had covered self sealing gas line from starboard wing tanks of W/O Sims aircraft. Unsuccessful. WX: no cloud, vis unlimited.	
	MOSQUITO VI	F/O T.H. HESS F/O M.H. SIMS F/O J.D. SHARPLES	MEZE THIONVILLE				
6/7 May	MOSQUITO VI	F/L S.H.R. COVERDILL S/O S.H. HERRERA	1st OPS TRN LOIRE	2306	0152	Unsuccessful. Small ship moving seaward in Alexander Bay at 004 hrs.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O J.J. HARVEY F/O P.A.A. ALEXANDER	1st OPS TRN LOIRE	2330	0150	Sighted an E/A at St Andre and came in along lighted S/E V/L to intercept, but E/A landed along unlighted M-C runway, and downed. Also visited Evreux and Dreux.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L R. GRAY F/O P.D. SMITH RAF	FLOWER W. PARIS	0157	0521	WX: 10/10 at 2000 ft at coast. Clear south of Seine. Vis excellent.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L J.M. CONNELL F/O D.W.J. CAIR	FLOWER FLORENNE	0140	0524	Unsuccessful. WX: target area 1/10 strato-on 2-3000 ft. Heavy in valleys. Vis excellent.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O R.J. WOLFINSON F/O C.E. ESAM RAF	FLOWER DEJON, DOLE	0110	0540	Clear lit on way in. Targets inactive. WX: 10/10 at 3000 ft. S.E. Paris. East of France 1/10 at 4000 ft. Vis excellent.	

and burst into flames. Struck seen on ground having 2 Ju 88's and one Ju 88. W/O Sims coming behind attacked Ju 87 and it blew up.

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6/7 May	MOSQUITO VI	F/L D.E. FORTYTH F/O R.T. ESAM	FLOWER LAIN, JUVENOURT	0149	0530	Unsuccessful. WX: 1/10 at 3000 to 3500 ft. Vis excellent.	
7/8 May	MOSQUITO VI	F/O A. BARKER F/L R.C. FROBERICK	FLOWER LANNIN, MORLAIX	2336	0248	Fires in area of Vire and at Rennes and Flourey. Heavy flak at Rennes. Also visited Ozen and Dinan. South of Dinan visual of Stirling at 500 ft flying north. 25 miles S.S.W. of Sturt Pt visual of an aircraft starboard and below 1/2 miles away in path of moon. Orbited and visual lost. WX: clear, no cloud, vis unlimited except on Atlantic coast 2-4 miles.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O J.J.P. MOGALE F/O R.J. SNEY	FLOWER KESLAW/BASTARD VAURES	2345	0303	20 miles north of Pte de la Perouse saw object showing above water, taken to be periscope of sub. Fires in area of Vire and Rennes. Passing Rennes at 0040 hrs large explosion of fires, giving a mass of red and white lights. Heavy flak going up. Also visited Ozen.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O J. PHILLIPS F/O B. JOE R.A.F.	FLOWER GRELL, MELIN	2330	0306	Also visited Bretigny. At Melin several bursts of red tracer fired as Mos engaged by single searchlight. Small group of fires at Nantes/Cassinocourt on way out. WX: clear, vis unlimited.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L R.R. MCGILL F/O P.D. HENDERSON	NIGHT RANGER BORDEAUX	2256	0345	Fires seen at Vire. Near Ozen at 0245 visual of a Stirling course 220 degs at 500 ft. Challenged but no apparent response so went down for second visual and definitely identified. Visited Linnoge and Mont de Marsan. WX: clear, vis unlimited.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L C.J. EVANS F/O S. HUMBLESTONE	FLOWER ST DIZIER	0004	0421	At St Dizier engaged by one searchlight and 6-8 light flak positions. At Thionville saw Metz appeared to be aircraft on airfield. Went in for inspection and engaged by 10-12 light flak positions from all quarters, including some bursts similar to heavy flak but not so high. Between Thionville and Metz visual against moon of U/V T/R E/A going north. Orbited and visual lost. WX: clear, vis unlimited; ground haze at Metz and St Dizier.	67 68

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8/9 May	MOSQUITO VI	P/L J. B. KEER Flg Lt PARK Flg P. Clark	FLOWER	0048	0510	Attacked Hagman airfield at 0255, but accurate light flash from 3 guns on south side of airfield prevented pressing home attack, and guns not fired. Also visited Jumbocourt, FK: clear sky with some haze, fog forming in valleys.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O J. E. CAINE IFC	NIGHT RANGER	2232	0905	Operated from Colkishall, Quakenbruck lit but damped immediately. At 0057 near Brandenburg seen lit up and V/L flashing but damped on approach. Hence to Grafsmald, not lit. Both lit up with 2 rows of white lights, S/O for kibitz which was approached from north-east. About 8 E/A seen on water directly south of Putnitzairfield, E/A were burning nav lights and water flare path and large F pointing SE/W illuminated. E/O Caine attacked a Do.18 with cannon and w/g from 300 closing to 100 ft range. E/A blew up and strikes seen on 2 other E/A, probably Do.18's also. Mosquito then made wide port orbit and attacked again from opposite direction. A BV 138 burst into flames which were seen when our aircraft was 20 miles away. S/O for Johnson Island but crossed mouth of Lealand sighting at 0119 hrs submarine's steering west approx position 54.34 N, 5.5 E. H. 1107 E. Convoy of 7 ships of coaster or trader type steaming east off Bismar approx 54.34 N. 1107 E. Also convoy of small vessels line astern off Berlin seen in distance, course uncertain. At approx 2355 hrs P/L Connell, who was behind P/O Caine, called up to say that he had been caught 3 times in intense flak, speaking of near misses and that he was uncertain of position and whether he could return to base. P/O Caine asked his height, and Connell replied 500 ft. Caine told him to reduce and follow	
	MOSQUITO VI	P/L E. V. BOAL IFC	GRIPSWALD	2233			
	MOSQUITO VI	P/L J. M. CORNELL					
		P/O D. W. J. GARR					

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						nothing but no reply was received and no further heard.	
						FK: fine, no cloud. Vis excellent until 15 days east where to east 10/10 cloud and rain. Slight haze 20 miles off coast. 1 B.V.138 and 1 Do.18 destroyed and 2 Do.18's damaged on water. P/L Connell and P/O Carr missing.	
8/9 May	MOSQUITO VI	P/L R. GRAY P/O P. D. SMITH RAF	FLOWER LACH/ASHES	0120	0517	Unsuccessful. FK: haze in Paris area to target, fog forming. Vis 1/2 mile.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O H. R. JONES P/L A. J. BOBERT	NIGHT RANGER W. CZECHO-SLOVAKIA	2232	0545	Saw 15-20 balloons at 500 ft Garmersheim. Flying through Wursburg area turned to investigate a beacon towards Illshausen. On approaching airfield saw an E/A with nav lights heading west. Mos followed round and put wheels down, anticipating that E/A would do the same to land; but E/A seemed to increase speed, drawing away east of airfield. Mos pulled up wheels and closed to 300 yds at about 2500 ft. (E/A climbing slowly) identified as Ju.290. Opened fire with a 4 sec burst and saw strikes all over fuselage and wings. Followed with a further 4 sec burst, which caused an explosion and great amounts of debris. Moved over to starboard and gave him a 2 sec burst, seeing more strikes and a smoke trail from one engine. E/A pulled nose slowly, turned over in a slow roll and dived straight in. There was a terrific explosion, and flames shot up to about 800 ft. (0105 hrs.) Having seen another E/A during chase, Mos returned to airfield but could not locate him. Another E/A with nav lights came after our aircraft. Mos did another 8 turns, then put wheels down and E/A over-shot, (identified as Ju.88). Mos was about to give chase when E/A doused lights and visual lost. Turned north after a further	

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						15 min patrol, and attacked a train at Kthalstadt, seeing strikes on car's. There was a minor explosion and the train stopped, 0130 hrs. No further activity. WX: 10/10 cloud at 3000 ft. Clear 40 miles north and south of target. 1 Ju. 290 destroyed in air. 1 train damaged.	
6/9 May	MOSQUITO VI	P/O D.E. ROBERTS P/O A.D. MELAREN	NIGHT RANGER MUNICH	2240	0400	Operated from Ford. At Oberhaffenhofen saw an E/A flying east at about 1500 ft. Mos closed below and astern to about 150 yds, identifying E/A as an F.W.190. Further closed to 125 yds and gave a one sec burst which caused him to blow up in the cockpit area, burst into flames and flick over to port. Mos broke to starboard and levelled out, seeing E/A go straight down in flames and crash in the courtyard of a big house. WX: no cloud, vis excellent. 1 F.W.190 destroyed.	
9/10 May	MOSQUITO VI	F/L R.D. HOGUE P/O P.D. HENDERSHOT	NIGHT RANGER MUNICH	2225	0346	Took off Ford. Visited Croix de Metz and Hagen on route. No activity at target. Landed base. WX clear in France. High stratus in target area, and thick ground haze.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O D.E. FORSYTH P/O P.T. BSM RAY	FLOWER ST DIEZEL, METZ	2355	0350	Many fires north of Metz. Flew over St Diez airfield on check getting intense light from approx 3 guns. Credit not lit. WX: clear; haze in valleys.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O M.H. SIME P/O J.D. SPARKES W. GOSPO-SLOVAKIA	NIGHT RANGER GOSPO-SLOVAKIA	2242	0451	Took off Ford. Discovered net winds drove 100 miles off course. Check airfield found after 3 hrs, and layout of airfield and disposition of aircraft parked noted for a second visit. Large unidentified E/A with wide wing-span observed. Poor horizontal vis prevented ground attack. Landed base. WX: good west vis, poor horizontal. Slight stratus at about 6000 ft.	

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9/10 May	MOSQUITO VI	F/O R.J. THOMSON P/O G.B. BSM RAY	FLOWER METCH, DOLE	0025	0500	Slight light flak from railway at Fretwal. Otherwise uneventful. WX: clear, vis good.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L W.J. HARPER P/O P.H. BISS	NIGHT RANGER TOLLANGE	2217	0348	Operated from Collishall. At Achser aerodrome at 2352 E/A with new lights seen. Mos credited to get behind to about 1200 yds, but he sensed lights after Dinkler warning from airfield. Proceeded to Tollange Lake, then recalled. At 0030 hrs saw an E/A landing at Naderumburg but did not chase as too far away. Light flak from Fretwal at 0140 hrs.	
10/11 May	MOSQUITO VI	F/O J.J. HARVEY P/O P.A.A. ALEXANDER	OPS TRAINING S.V. PARIS	2257	0202	Several flashes seen along coast toward Pte de la Ferme. Flew via Avranches, Champtoe, Blois, N.V. of Tours, to north of Rambouillet. Six Maydays heard in quick succession when in position 50 22 N. 00 57 W. at 0140 hrs. No call-signs heard. WX: some medium cloud, variable haze, vis 4-10 miles.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O J.J.P. MOGARE P/O R.J. SKEY	NIGHT RANGER STUTTGART	2252	0240	Took off Ford. Also visited Kehl and Coulmiers. Landed at Bess. WX heavy haze. 9/10 High cloud. Vis 1/2 mile.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O D.E. ROBERTS P/O A.D. MELAREN	NIGHT RANGER MELAN	2230	0230	Also patrolled Bailly Gerrois and Bretigny. WX: no cloud, vis moderate; slight haze over whole route.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O P.H. SAWYER P/O J.E. HOWELL	FLOWER FLORISSIES	2302	0305	Visited Besuvals, Campigne, and Florennes. Four Mayday beeps heard at 2350-2359 hrs when in Soissons area. WX: very hazy up to 2-3000 ft. Vis near ground 4-10 miles.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L S.R.H. COPPERHILL SGT S.R. MERRIN	OPS TRAINING TOURS	2329	0308	Concentration of searchlights at tip of Charbourg pen at 2355. Part failure of electrical equipment put compass out of action. Unsuccessful. WX: very hazy over route, vis about 2 miles at low level.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O A. BARRER F/L R.J. FREDERICK	FLOWER LACQ, JUVINCOURT	2307	0142	Engaged by searchlights and accurate light flak west at Juvincourt airfield. Hit in fuselage and mainplane. Mosquito became very sluggish. Proceeded to Lacq. Heavy bomb damage seen at Athies, and more light flak, which pilot thinks hit aircraft also. No lights at any of airfields. Out at Eville.	

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						at 0140 on deck, and took a crack at gun post on cliff pilot in diving believed he saw an E/A on tail and while looking back his prop hit the water. Both engines began to vibrate very badly, and after gaining 200 ft decided to ditch, ditching performed at approx 110 m.p.h. (0142). Pilot and observer went out of aircraft through bottom of cockpit, which was ripped off. Fuselage floated for 1 1/2 mins at 60 deg angle. Crew were in separate dingies, lashed them together immediately. Spitfires sighted at approx 1815, and Walrus picked up at approx 1930 about 2 miles north of Dieppe. Walrus chased by 4 He.109's for about 2 miles. Landed at Barking at 2020 hrs.	
11/12 May	MOSQUITO VI	F/L W.J. HARPER P/O T.H. HESS RAF	FLOWER BOHN	2230	0300	Searchlight canopy at Creal and at Koblenz. Attempted to cross Rhine but found it impossible to pinpoint, so returned. Fired on by four heavy guns at Rhine. WX: thick haze. Vis nil in T/A, no cloud.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O R.J. KIMLINSON P/O G.H. SSAM RAF	FLOWER MELIN COULMANTERS BASTILLE	2340	0305	At Melun hangar appeared to be on fire. Otherwise uneventful. WX: very heavy south of Paris.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L D.E. FORSYTH P/O R.T. SSAM RAF	FLOWER ST DIKIER, METZ	2340	0320	Uneventful. WX: thick haze, vis very poor.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L G.J. EVANS P/O S. HINGLESTONE RAF	NIGHT RANGER LURGEBURG NEURUPPIN	2242	0346	Operated from Colfischall. Also visited Stendal and Hoye airfields. WX: no cloud, vis 3-4 miles from Zuder See to Danner Lake. Improving to 10 miles in area north of Berlin. Slight ground haze. Between Nancy and Toul an He.111 seen flying towards E/O Jasper at about 200 ft, 1011 hrs. Steep turn and chased for 5 mins. E/A went right down on deck. Mos fired 1 sec burst, no results	
14/15 May	MOSQUITO VI	F/O G.M. JASPER F/L G.A. MARTIN P/O M.H. STUBS P/O J.D. SHARPLES	DAY RANGER DAY RANGER HAGENSAU	0825	1305		

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						seen. 2 sec burst as E/A was climbing gradually to 500 ft. Port engine exploded and began to burn with much smoke. He spiralled down to port and nos overshot. E/A was still going down with 30 deg bank when last seen, but was not seen to hit deck owing to very poor visibility. Proceeded to Hagmann, but failed to locate airfield owing to poor vis. Returned via Strasbourg. Jasper attacked 1 Ju.87 parked at Ascolt airfield, south of Nancy. E/A blew up and burned, 1105 hrs. Three gun pits seen by Sims firing at Jasper. Light flak from Caubourg on way in. Discrete light flak from St Disier, Analot, and Buzilly. Balloons of H.E. corner of St Disier airfield. WX: 10/10 at 2000 ft from 05 deg E. to 04 deg 30 E. Vis about 2 miles. From there to Strasbourg 10/10, rein. Vis 1000 yds. 1 Ju.87 destroyed on ground and 1 He.111 probably destroyed in act by F/O Jasper.	
14/15 May	MOSQUITO VI	F/L W.J. HARPER P/O T.H. HESS RAF P/O F.M. SAWYER P/O J.E. HOWELL	BOHN DAY RANGER LUXEUIL	0955	1355	Immedi airfield attacked. Many strikes seen on 3 Ju.87's. Harper seen to attack hangars on north boundary 1135 hrs. Intense light flak from all sides of airfield. Sawyer hit many things in wings and fuselage. Harper called on R/T saying on fire. Sawyer told him to climb and bail out, but heard no more. One light flak gun opened from Pts de la Paroisse. Easy flak opposition due probably to long orbit made of target before attack. Delay caused by very poor visibility. WX: 10/10 at 3000 ft to 50 miles inside coast, gradually clearing to 20 miles off T/A, where 10/10 to deck and rein. Vis 1000 yds.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O H.E. JONES F/L A.J. ROBERT	INSIDER VAHNS	0135	0217	Recalled on R/T at 0149 when off Cherbourg Pen.	69 28

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14/15 May	MOSQUITO VI	F/L L.S. EVANS W/O R.R. HEADLEY	INTRUDER KRELLIN/BASTARD VAINES	2320	0510	Uneventful. Fire like burning aircraft at 48 15 N. 05 15 W. at 0200 hrs.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	S/L R.A. KIPP F/O P. HULETSKY	NIGHT RANGER MONT DE MARSAN	2300	0535	Bomb flashes seen at Nantes. E/A seen circling target at 0122 hrs. Chased for 6 mins, and attacked as he was turning along N.E. arm of V/L. 3 sec burst from 500 yds; strikes in cockpit, which began to burn. E/A began to go down, and was identified by silhouette as he crossed the V/L (and by twin engines and excessive span), as He.177. Second and third bursts closing to 150 yds. E/A burst into flames, blew up, and Mosquito flew through debris as he hit deck and burned. Also visited Leval airfield. WX: clear to Loire, 4-6/10 at 1000 ft south of Loire, and base. 1 He.177 destroyed.	
15/16 May	MOSQUITO VI	F/L R. GRAY F/O P.D. SMITH RAF	INTRUDER RESNES	0019	0500	On approach to target saw an E/A, but lights dimmed before attack could be made. WX: haze in target area. Some 10/10 cloud at 3500 ft at enemy coast.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	W/O J.J.P. MCGALE F/O R.J. STOKI	INTRUDER NANTES	0025	0530	Uneventful. WX: vis 4 miles in target area. Hazy in coastal region with 10/10 cloud in Channel.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O J.J. HARVIE F/O P.A.A. ALEXANDER	INTRUDER VAINES KRELLIN/BASTARD	0017	0535	In position 50-20 N 01 25 W aircraft seen to explode on ground. At 0120 at Resnes got visual of aircraft passing below, tracked but contact lost. At 0145 aircraft seen over Vaines flashing D.R.L. Also visited Krellin/Bastard. WX: vis good in target area, 10/10 cloud over Channel.	
"	F/OCKY MOSQUITO VI	F/L R.R. MCGILL F/O P.D. HENDERSON	INTRUDER TOURS	0029	0558	Also visited Ozen and Chateaufort. WX: clear in target area, 10/10 cloud at enemy coast.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	S/L H.D. CLEVELAND F/S P. DAY RAF	NIGHT RANGER NIZON, CLEMENT, BOURGES	2331	0402	Uneventful. WX: 10/10 cloud, tops 5000 ft east and south of Paris. Clear Loire area.	

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15/16 May	MOSQUITO VI	F/L C.J. EVANS F/O S. HUNTERSTONE	INTRUDER KRELLIN/BASTARD RESNES, VAINES	0124	0430	Uneventful. WX: In target area 7/10 cloud 3500 ft. Clear Resnes area, 10/10 Channel 2500 ft.	
16/17 May	MOSQUITO VI	F/L J.B. KERR F/O P. CLARK RAF F/O G.M. JASPER F/L C.A. MARTIN	RESNES DAY RANGER VECHTA	1515	1800	Turned back north of Hordrocay owing to adverse weather. At 1604 sighted 8 vessels heading 080 true, presumably enemy, four miles off Borkum. Five sail, three steam, one possibly a tanker. At 1635 sighted five small fishing smacks, not moving, 20-25 miles North of Ameland.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	S/L C.G. SCHERF RAF F/O G.G. FIDELAYSON	DAY RANGER	1500	1936	Operated from Coltishall. At Godeur Head S/L Scherf chased an He.111 for five mins, closed to 150 yds dead astern, gave him a two sec burst, and E/A caught fire and dived into sea, exploding, 1705. At 1710 attacked an Fw.190 with a 30 deg deflection shot from 300 yds and E/A burst into flames. He then levelled out and Scherf gave him another two sec burst from 150 yds astern and he flicked over and exploded, completely disintegrating. Mosquitos then entered Rbitzer Bay and turned south toward Farrow airfield and separated. S/L Cleveland broke left toward Robin. S/L Scherf continued on toward Farrow and at 1730 made a 30 deg head-on attack from slightly beneath on an He.177, height 1200 ft, range 150 yds. The cockpit exploded, both engines took fire, and he plunged into the sea, one parachute was seen to open. S/L Cleveland was seen to attack a 2 1/2 E/A landing at Farrow, but no results observed. At 1732 Scherf destroyed a He.111 parked on the east side of the drome. Mos turned north over Bay and suggested that S/L Cleveland take a biplane seen proceeding west. He replied that he couldn't do it, so Scherf swung in behind, closed to 50 yds at 500 ft, and fired a 1 sec burst. This E/A blew up (Henschel 123). Observed 20 flying boats on water 649	

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						at Farrow seaplane base, dived to starboard and at 1735 attacked a Do 18 from approx 200 yds, many strikes seen and E/A left smoking. Mosquito immediately turned to chase a Ju 86P over town of Stralsund. Several guns opened up and Mos hit in the tail and port drop tank. Pressed home attack on Ju 86P and fired a 2 sec burst from 200 yds at approx 1000 ft, 1750. Both engines exploded and E/A hit the deck just south the town. On way home near Dausser Point overtook S/L Cleveland, who had decided to go home on one engine. He said over the R/T that he had destroyed 2 E/A, and S/L Scharf gave him a vector to Sweden. In Kiel Bay Scharf was fired on by a convoy, no damage. Many convoys were seen and also one large, approx 20,000 tons troop carrier (stationary) in Kiel Bay. On leaving Ferman coast east of Pellworm Is, flew into a flock of birds which rose from beach, causing much damage to leading edge of wings, nose and spinners. On landing discovered that port elevator had been shot away and that there were about 20 holes in the leading edge of the wing where birds had hit. In addition some of the birds had been driven through the leading edge and on out the top of the wing. WHAT A KITE THIS MOSQUITO. 1 He, 111, 1P.W.190, 1He, 177, 1 Hanschel 123, 1 Ju 86P all destroyed in air; and 1 He, 111 destroyed on ground and 1 Do 18 damaged on water by S/L Scharf. S/L Cleveland claimed 2 E/A destroyed over E/T.	
		<p>The claim of 2 E/A destroyed made by S/L Cleveland on behalf of S/L H.P. Cleveland + F/S J. F. Day was disallowed as the loss by ADGB/NA. but on re-education from Sweden, where he had been interned, S/L Cleveland filed another report claiming the destruction of an HE 111 and a Do 217 (Ground). This claim was allowed. 547-20-618 (745) 10/40/44</p>					
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18/19 May	MOSQUITO VI	S/L E.A. KIPP P/O W.L.R. STEWART	NIGHT RANGER BIRNIE VALLEY	2242	0256	Uneventful. Also visited Lyons. WX: clear to target area where some haze and 5/10 medium cloud.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O R.E. JONES P/L A.J. BURGESS	NIGHT RANGER MONT DE MARSAN	2248	0302	Uneventful. WX: clear to Loire, 10/10 cloud at 8000 ft with rain in target area.	
19/20 May	MOSQUITO VI	P/O J.J. HARVIE P/O P.A.A. ALEXANDER	FLOWER NANTES	0051	0245	Visited Rennes. Vis down to 2000 yds due to fog, so turned for base south of Loire, which was not seen.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/L T.G. ANDERSON P/O J.P. GAIMAN	FLOWER NANTES	2330	0427	Uneventful. WX: cloudy, 6/10 at 3500 ft all the way.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O F.M. SAWYER P/O J.E. HOWELL	FLOWER ST DIEZIER, NANCY METZ	0050	0445	Also visited Poix. WX: very hazy, slight cloud 7-8000 ft in target area.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O V.E. DOWNEY SGP H.K. HAYLER	FLOWER DELON, LOIRE	0019	0459	On way home at 0419 saw 8 small fast moving naval craft of the E boat type, 10 miles N.W. of Biville, heading 260 deg.	
20/21 May	MOSQUITO VI	P/S JAMES J.P. RAY P/O R.V. MACFARLEN	OPS TRAINING LOIRE	2327	0130	Uneventful. WX: vis bad, scattered cumulus 3500 ft over most of route.	
21/22 May	MOSQUITO VI	P/L J.B. KERR P/O F. CLARK RAY	DAY RANGER DENMARK	1358	1430	Crossed enemy coast south of Hokus 1617 at sea level. P/O Jasper with Red and Black sections 19 Squadron proceeded east almost to far coast, then turned starboard to Holbro Grove, Sbjerg, crossing out south tip Ferno Island 1700 hrs. Black 2 had turned back shortly after half way across sea and landed Southend, Black 1 was seen to be missing soon after crossing enemy coast. Two sections of fighters were seen flying west and three U/I S/E E/A orbiting Aalborg. Otherwise uneventful.	
		P/O O.A. MARTIN				P/L Kerr with White and Green sections 19 Squadron broke right on crossing enemy 1617 hrs; then proceeded to Nibe 98.E. of Aalborg. Shortly afterwards sighted LeO 45 at 1500 to 3000 ft and to starboard. Gave chase at max speed and as closing from about 2 miles saw an P.W.190 (long nose)	
	8 MURDANS of 19 Squadron						

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						<p> painted black, also chasing after LeO 45. P.W.190 yanked up from under the LeO 45 with black smoke pouring from it and disappeared. Mosquito opened fire on LeO 45 from astern 300-150 yds; port motor set on fire, strikes on fuselage and debris flying off. Turned through 180 degrees to starboard to avoid debris when an F.W.190 attacked our aircraft from 45 degree starboard and astern. Turned inside E/A, which disappeared. While Mos was attacking LeO 45, White and Green sections, who were astern, were attacked by an Me.109 which opened fire on Green 1 from 10 o'clock, the Mustang blowing up in flames. Mustangs reformed on Mosquito which attacked a second LeO 45 from astern firing a long burst, E/A dived towards ground and was attacked by White 1 and Green 2. Return fire experienced from rear gunner of E/A and White 1 hit in starboard mainplane, which caught fire; so used up all ammo, fire going out. On turning back saw E/A crash on ground. Crossed enemy coast over southern tip of Ferno Island at 1655 hrs. WX: 10/10 on 2-3000 ft; vis 6-7 miles on deck. 1 LeO 45 destroyed by P/L Kerr. 1 LeO 45 destroyed shared by P/L Kerr and P/L Shreff, W/O Woodward of 19 Squadron. P/L Bird and P/S Warren missing (19 Squadron) </p>	
22/23 May	MOSQUITO VI	P/O G.M. JASPER P/L O.A. MERTIN	FLOWER BOMBRODINGEN	2330	0040	<p> Unable to make landfall accurately owing to technical trouble, so returned from 10 miles off Biville. </p>	
"	MOSQUITO VI	S/L R.A. KIPP P/O P. HILTSKY	INVERBER KREWS	0031	0540	<p> Uneventful. WX: clear, vis good. </p>	

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22/23 May	MOSQUITO VI	P/O P.H. RAWZER P/O J.E. HOWELL	INVERBER NAVIES	0036	0246	<p> Uneventful. WX: clear, good vis. </p>	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/L T.A. ANDERSON P/O J.P. GIBMAN	INVERBER KRELLIN BASTARD	0030	0402	<p> Uneventful. Green flashes and star shells seen 15 miles S.E. of Jersey. WX: clear, vis good. </p>	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/L D.E. FORSYTH P/O R.S. ESMAN RAF	FLOWER CER CIN	2352	0430	<p> Uneventful. WX: good all way, vis. excellent. Target 2-3/10 very low cloud. </p>	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/L S.H.R. COOPER SPT R.H. MORRIS	FLOWER NAVIES	0150	0457	<p> Six orange chandeliers dropped over Granville at 0415 hrs. WX: clear over target but 5/10 cloud at 6000 ft south of target. </p>	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/L I.E. EVANS W/O R.R. BLAKELY	FLOWER DUNN, ST. DIETZ	0021	0506	<p> Also patrolled main. Large orange fire at Crepy-en-Val. WX: clear un-til 20 miles inland from Biville, where 10/10 cloud base 1500 ft, tops 10,000 ft. </p>	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O H.V. ROBERTS P/O A.D. MCLAREN	FLOWER HANAU	2347	0515	<p> Uneventful. WX: no cloud except 100 miles west of target 4-5/10 at 6000 ft. Slight hill mist on route. </p>	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O M.H. SIMS P/O J.D. SHARPLES	FLOWER REPERT	0011	0505	<p> Operated from Manston. Head St. Trond at 0100 hrs several E.S.N.'s fired from air. E.S.N.'s fired south of Erfurt. Also visited Langen Salm, Eschwege, and Bonn. WX: 8/10 at 1500 ft. Vis. - good. </p>	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O H.B. JONES P/L A.J. BOBERT	FLOWER JUTEBOG	2357	0555	<p> Operated from Manston. At 0112 hrs Bomber seen burning on ground 3 miles N.E. of Furstensen. Patrolled Jutebog, Burg, and Weisendorf. WX: scattered showers, 5/10 at 3000 ft. Vis. - mod. heavy. </p>	
23/24 May	MOSQUITO VI	P/S J.P. JAMES RAF	OPS TRAINING	2322	0330	<p> Uneventful </p>	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O E.A.R. STEWART	AVORD CHARAGES				
"	MOSQUITO VI	S/L S.E. MCILL P/O P.D. HENDERSON	NIGHT BOMBER MERTIN, MERTIN	2300	0328	<p> Took off Ford. At Croix de Metz sighted an E/A and turned to attack, but visual lost. Could not see the Rhine or pinpoint, so turned back and patrolled Nancy and Croix de Metz, landed base </p>	
24/25 May	MOSQUITO VI	P/O J.J. HAWKES P/O P.A.A. ALEXANDER	FLOWER ST. DIETZ	0010	0308	<p> Some heavy flak from Dieppe at 0045, not directed at our aircraft. At 0055 fire burning in vicinity of Poix. Orbits in target without pinpoint. WX: patches of haze in target area. </p>	

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21/25	MOSQUITO VI	P/O C.J. EVANS P/O S. HUMBLESSON RAF BOM	FLOWER	2341	0325	Took off Ford. At 0012 hrs 12 searchlights engaged, some inaccurate light flak from Poix airfield. Bombed Juvin-court airfield, 2x500 lb, no results observed. No pinpoints so returned at 0124 from just south of Bonn. WX: clear at coast, haze inland, vis 2 miles. Landed at base.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O J. PHILLIPS P/O P. JOE RAF	FLOWER COULMIERS	0035	0412	Also patrolled Melun, where fire seen burning in northernmost corner of airfield. WX: some fog patches developing in Paris area.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O W.E. BOWMAN SGC H.K. NAYLOR	FLOWER NANTES	0040	0121	Two fairly large ships 2 miles south-east of St Marcouf seen both going in and coming out. Large fires in Cherbourg. Concentrated heavy and light flak from 3 miles west of Nantes, and light flak from Nantes airfield. Visited Rennes. At 0319 hrs damaged a train at Drun, south of Rennes. WX: very good.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O R.B. ROBERTS P/O A.D. MACLAREN	FLOWER BANAU	2347	0510	Five burning at Poix airfield at 0034 hrs, looked like an aircraft (seen through night binoculars). At Hesse airfield searchlights coming from south, and flare fired from aircraft. At 0234 some flare fired from outer bar of V/L. WX: very poor vis. in target area.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O R.J. TOMLINS P/O C.R. ESAM RAF	FLOWER FLORENNES	0110	0400	Presumably an aircraft fired off a box flares (2 red and 2 green) at target airfield. On return trip, approx. forty miles inside France, starboard engine caught fire. Feath red, came home on one engine and landed at Ford. WX: clear but foggy in river valleys. Vis. 2-3 miles.	
24/25	MOSQUITO VI	P/O K.H. STUBBS P/O J.D. SHARPLES	DAY RANGERS FRETIBURG	1649	1750	Turned back before crossing enemy coast, no cloud cover. WX: 10/10 at 1000 ft to mid-Channel. Clear further south.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/L T.G. ANDERSON P/O J.P. GADMAN					

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25/26	MOSQUITO VI	P/O C.M. JASPER P/L C.A. MARTIN	INTRUDER TOULOUSE	2306	0411	Unsuccessful.	
26/27	MOSQUITO VI	N.I.L.				N.I.L.	
27/28	MOSQUITO VI	P/L T.G. ANDERSON P/O J.P. GADMAN	FLOWER BANAU	2351	0007	Returned owing to technical trouble.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O J.P. JAMES P/O E.W. MCPARLANE	FLOWER BRETAGNE	0043	0432	Also patrolled Orleans, Fontainebleau, Melun. Small fire seen ten miles east of Melun. At Bretagne an aircraft seen tracing round perimeter track. WX: good until reaching Bretagne. On way back heavy haze.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/L D.A. MACPHERSON IFC P/O J.D. WRIGHT	FLOWER LIPPES & GIESSEN	2358	0435	Also visited Ober Olin and Wetzlar. Fires seen along railway line Thionville south toward Metz, and a small fire at Compiègne. WX: hazy, practically no cloud, ground fog forming in patches on way out.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O R.J. TOMLINS P/O C.R. ESAM RAF	FLOWER FLORENNES	0140	0501	Also visited Juvin-court. Fire seen burning in Charleville area. At Florennes one unidentified aircraft in distance fired off a box of 2 red and 2 green simultaneously. Answered by red chandelier from airfield. WX: foggy in valleys, clear sky, vis 1-3 miles.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/L J.B. KERR P/O P. CLARK RAF	FLOWER BOM	0026	0457	Airfield buildings, believed Arlen, seen lit. Bombing seen at Aachen. On return visited Coulommiers and Beauneville. WX: very heavy haze. No cloud in France. 1/10 at 8000 ft.	
28/29	MOSQUITO VI	P/O J.J.P. MCGATE P/O E.T. STORY	INTRUDER ABBEVILLE, POIX, AMIENS	2345	0122	Held by searchlights between Amiens and Abbeville but no flak. 3 secs hosing light flak south-west of Abbeville, above and 400 yds behind. WX: Haze, poor vis.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/L D.E. FORSYTH P/O R.T. ESAM RAF	FLOWER BERGES	0010	0253	Heavy flak at Cherbourg. Also visited Arranches. WX: haze up to approx 3500 ft. High cloud 8-10,000 ft. approx.	
27		5/6 Sims 5/6 Sharpley 5/6 Roberts 5/6 McLaren	Day Ranger	1353	1643	To German Baltic coast. Made landfall at Antwerp. Island returned immediately owing to lack of land cover.	
27			Day Ranger	1353	1643		

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28/29 May	MOSQUITO VI	F/L C.J. EVANS P/O S. HINDSSTONE	PILOT ENGINEER	0035	0311	Light flak from flak ship 3 miles off Caenbourg. Also patrolled St Andre and Dreux. WX generally good, patchy cloud.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	S/L E.R. MACILL P/O F.D. HENNESSY	PILOT NAVIGATOR	2301	0530	Also visited Bourges, Avord, and Orleans. Experienced light flak south of Nantes town. WX valley fog, vis 5 miles.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	S/L E.A. KLEP P/O R. Huletsky	NIGHT RANGER CREWCHIEF	2215	0515	Took off Coltishall. Also visited Schleswig/Sagel, Rostok, Warnemunde, Ribnitz, Putnitz, Helshagen, Tutow, Heshbrundenburg, Roehlin, Lenz, Parchin, Neustadt, Lohelgust, Lunenburg, Munster/Leber, Seelitz, Hoyas and Yehta area. Flak 7 miles east of Thusy.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L T.G. ANDERSON P/O J.E. CAILLH	NIGHT RANGER CREWCHIEF	2240	0514	Took off Coltishall. Heavy flak from Copenhagen, approx 4 guns, otherwise uneventful. Landed at Manston.	
29/30	MOSQUITO VI	P/O M.H. SIMS	NIGHT RANGER	2029	0200	11 close hauled balloons at Florentan. Nothing seen in target area, patrolled to Mediterranean. Gas lit on way out. WX clear to Loire. Heavy thunderclouds with much lightning south of Loire to Mediterranean.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O D.E. ROBERTS P/O A.D. MCLAREN	INTRUDER ENGINEER	0045	0535	Dropped 2 x 250 lb bombs from 2000 ft on train in siding east outskirts of Rennes; two explosions, one small, one very large. At 0321, 0323, 0325, and 0329 in position 40 miles due south of the Needles, series of yellow flares, four, two, three, and three respectively, on track 500 yds astern. WX: slight haze, lightning to east.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O F.M. SAWYER P/O J.S. HOWELL	INTRUDER MORLAIX, LANNON	0050	0515	Uneventful. In position 20 miles north of Cherbourg at 0400, 2 series of three white flares parallel to track five miles to port. WX: haze in target area, lightning to east.	

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29/30 May	MOSQUITO VI	F/L L.E. EVANS W/O E.R. HARKLEY	INTRUDER ENGINEER/NAVIGATOR	0045	0350	Also visited Vannes. WX: haze in target area.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L D.E. FORSYTH P/O R.T. BSM	INTRUDER NAVIGATOR	0100	0455	At 0245 bombed target airfield, 2 x 250 lb and 2 x 500 lb, from 1500 ft; bursts seen in south-west corner near perimeter. WX: thunder clouds to east, some haze in target area.	
30/31 May	MOSQUITO VI	F/L L.E. EVANS W/O E.R. HARKLEY	NIGHT RANGER ENGINEER	2339	0155	Visited Beauvais and Creil. Returned from position 49 15 N, 5 10E, owing to unsatisfactory weather. WX: haze over Channel, clearing towards French coast. Large thundercloud in Dieppe area moving west to east. Tops estimated 15000 ft, base 1000 ft.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L C.J. EVANS P/O S. HINDSSTONE NAV	NIGHT RANGER PILOT	2310	0525	F/A with nav lights in Marisburg area, searchlights following. On approach searchlight doused and F/A dived, putting out lights. Nothing further seen. Landed with only 15 gallons of gas left. Operated from Ford.	
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HOLMSLEY SOUTH	JUNE 1944	6th (Cont'd)	<p>The Squadron ground crews arrived early at work and did a magnificent job ensuring a sufficient number of serviceable aircraft for another big night's work.</p> <p>Five new crews reported in today. Among these are two old timers, Mickey Cochrane and Ritch, whom we are glad to welcome back to the squadron.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Pilot</td> <td>Navigator</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F/L S.H. Leggat</td> <td>F/L P.L. Cochrane</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F/O S.F. Seid</td> <td>F/O D.W. McIntosh</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F/O S.H. May</td> <td>F/O J.D. Ritch</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F/O R.F. Johnson</td> <td>F/O R.D. Taylor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F/O J.E. Hill</td> <td>Sgt. G.W. Roach</td> </tr> </table> <p>Both flights carried out NPT's.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: 15 Flower operations were carried out, covering enemy aerodromes behind the battle line. F/L Cotterill scored a brilliant success in destroying four enemy aircraft in the air, 3 Ju.52's and 1 Ju.188. F/L MacPadyen destroyed a Ju.52 in the air, while W/O McGeale damaged one of the same type, and F/O Sawyer damaged an unidentified 2/2 B.A. Other targets attacked were: 2 railways, a road, two bridges, a lorry and Montdidier airfield. Released - 0526 hrs.</p>	Pilot	Navigator	F/L S.H. Leggat	F/L P.L. Cochrane	F/O S.F. Seid	F/O D.W. McIntosh	F/O S.H. May	F/O J.D. Ritch	F/O R.F. Johnson	F/O R.D. Taylor	F/O J.E. Hill	Sgt. G.W. Roach		
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		7th	<p>Weather - cloudy, with slight rain at first. Good vis with low cloud, medium, and high later.</p> <p>S/L Forayth, Public Relations Officer, visited the squadron to interview F/L Cotterill on his combats of last night.</p> <p>"A" Flight - NPT's.</p> <p>"B" Flight - NPT's and camera tests.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: The squadron again concentrated on Flower operations, flying a total of 14 sorties. F/L Kerr destroyed a Ju.52 near St. Laurent, while other crews attacked trains, bridges, motor transport, a lighted factory, and two boats. Released - 0501 hrs.</p>														
		8th	<p>Weather - little cloud at first becoming cloudy. Good vis with slight rain. Cloud lowering and vis. falling with continuous rain in evening.</p> <p>Both flights carried out NPT's.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Owing to impossible weather no operational sorties were flown. Released 0415 hrs.</p>														
		9th	<p>Weather - very low cloud and rain until midday. Slight mist in morning, then vis. becoming good.</p> <p>"A" Flight - NPT's.</p> <p>"B" Flight - NPT's.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Two crews, F/L Jasper and F/L C.J. Evans undertook a Day Ranger to Bordeaux but the weather was so bad that they turned back just before reaching the French coast. There were no operations at night. Released - 0320 hrs.</p>														
		10th	<p>Weather - cloudy - good vis.</p> <p>A new crew, S/L R. Bamcock (Pilot) and F/O R.R. Bruce (Nav.) reported to the squadron today.</p> <p>"A" Flight - NPT's, camera tests, single engine and local flying. Night cross countries were carried out by F/O Johnson and F/O May.</p> <p>"B" Flight - NPT's and local flying. F/L Leggat and F/O Seid flew day cross countries. W/O McGeale carried out S/B co-op.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: 16 Flowers were carried out. W/O Barker, en route for Nantes, turned back from Guernsey Island owing to illness. F/L Cotterill bombed a train near Nevers with good results. The other sorties were uneventful.</p>														

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HOLMSLEY SOUTH	JUNE 1944	11th	<p>Weather - cloudy with intermittent slight rain until late afternoon. Vis. good.</p> <p>"A" Flight - NPT's. F/O Johnson and F/O May carried out night cross countries and S/L co-op.</p> <p>"B" Flight - NPT's, local flying and practice attacks. S/L Bamcock carried out S/B co-op.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Bad weather over the continent restricted operations, but three Flowers were carried out covering Kerlin/Bastard by F/O Phillips, Evreux, St. Andre, Orleans and Tours by S/L McGill. Released - 0515 hrs.</p>		
		12th	<p>Weather - fine, becoming fair, and cloudy in afternoon. Vis. very good.</p> <p>Under the auspices of the R of C, the R.C.A.F. Show, "Parsons" visited the Station. It was a huge success and the audience was mainly Canadian. Ted Cohen, the M.C., was superb and kept the boys in fits of laughter. Lorne Wickett, the female impersonator kept everyone guessing - his staid-tenor was excellent. They were entertained in the Sgt.'s Mess. The Show is playing again on June 13th and it is expected that there will be a large turnout.</p> <p>"A" Flight - F/O Hill carried out a Sector recon.</p> <p>"B" Flight - NPT's and camera tests.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: 9 Flowers, 1 Night Ranger and 3 Ops. Training carried out. F/L Kerr bombed a bridge over the Loire S.W. of Nevers. F/O Bowhay bombed and shot up a train near Evreux and shot out a searchlight between Totes and St. Martin. W/O McGeale bombed Coulmiers airfield and F/O Phillips damaged a train at Blenod. The other sorties were uneventful. S/L Bamcock, F/L Leggat and F/O Seid made their first operational training trips over France.</p>		
		13th	<p>Weather - cloudy with rain and drizzle and poor vis. Rapid improvement in afternoon with good vis.</p> <p>"A" Flight - NPT's, camera tests, formation and single-engine flying. F/O Hill flew to Manston and return in the afternoon, and later carried out a night cross-country.</p> <p>"B" Flight - NPT's. F/L C.J. Evans returned to base from Ford.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Five Flowers were carried out covering Orleans by F/L Anderson, St. Dier by F/O May and F/O Johnson flew their first training trips to Morlaix, Lannion. Released - 0325 hrs.</p>		
		14th	<p>Weather - Fair to cloudy with occasional slight showers - small amounts of cloud. Vis. Good.</p> <p>"A" Flight - NPT's and single engine flying. S/L Kipp and F/O Sims flew to Coltishall to operate and returned. F/L Jasper and F/L L.E. Evans flew to Coltishall, F/L Evans returning solo.</p> <p>"B" Flight - NPT's and camera tests.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: On a Day Ranger S/L Kipp destroyed an He III at Banglop and F/O Sims destroyed a Ju.54 at Lenoelard. 10 Flowers were carried out at night. S/L Bamcock destroyed an Me.118 at Avord and bombed Avord airfield. Road bridge over the Loire at Le Charvres and at Beaugency were bombed by F/L Leggat and F/O Seid respectively. F/O Phillips shot up searchlight near Nevelign. The other sorties were uneventful. Released - 0600 hrs.</p>		
		15th	<p>Weather - partly cloudy all day, with good vis, becoming cloudy with rain by end of period.</p> <p>"A" Flight - NPT and camera tests.</p> <p>"B" Flight - NPT's. F/L Gray flew a cross-country.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Five Flowers were carried out. W/O Barnes bombed a railway at Comuay. F/L L.E. Evans covered Malin and Bretilign. F/L Forayth Evreux, St. Andre, Dreux Chartres; S/L Cotterill Beaumont, Orvil, Comcelles, and F/O Harvie Coulmiers.</p>		
		16th	<p>Weather - cloudy with breaks at mid-day. Intermittent slight rain in early morning. Vis. poor in early morning, good rest of day.</p>		

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HOLMSLEY SOUTH	JUNE 1944	16th (cont'd)	"A" Flight - NPT's. F/L Anderson and F/L Jasper flew to Coltishall to operate. Our aircraft returned from Hants. F/O Sims flew to Northolt and return in the Oxford. "B" Flight - NPT's. OPERATIONS: F/L ANDERSON and F/L Jasper flew a Day Ranger to Greifswald without sighting any E/A. Five flowers were carried out. W/O McGale, on route for Evreux, returned from the Argentin on due to engine failure. F/L Gray covered Poix and Montdidier. S/L Bamcock Beauvais and Creil; and F/L Leggat Coulommiers. F/O Seid damaged a train north-east of Paris. Five sorties were flown to combat the Hun's latest effort, the "Diver", or flying bomb. F/L MacFadyen destroyed 2 of these and F/L C.J. Evans destroyed one, while S/L McGill scored a probable. F/O Phillips made two unsuccessful attacks on them. W/O James and F/O J.D. MacFarlane are missing from one of these sorties.		
		17th	Weather - cloudy to Mir. Vis. good. S/L Kipp is heartily congratulated on his D.S.O. and F/O Pete Buletaky on the Bar to his D.F.C. "A" Flight - NPT's. Return flights were made by W/O Barker to Cranfield, F/L Sawyer to Northolt, and F/O Johnson to Crocydon. "B" Flight - NPT's. F/O Seid returned to base. OPERATIONS: Five flowers covered Evreux, St. Andre, Dreux, and Chartres by W/O McGale, Brocton and Molins by F/O Bowhay, Beauvais, Creil and Comailles by F/L Kerr, Chateauroux, Bourges, Avord by F/O May. F/O Harvie did not reach Coulommiers and Reilly owing to bad weather. Two divers were destroyed, one by F/L C.J. Evans and the other by F/L Gray. S/L McGill and F/O Phillips made unsuccessful attacks on Divers. F/L MacFadyen chased several but was unable to overtake them. F/O Hill carried out an Ops. Training to Morlaix and Lannion.		
		18th	Weather - cloudy with good vis. "A" Flight - NPT's and single engine flying. "B" Flight - F/L Leggat flew to Crocydon and return. S/L Soherf made a local flight. OPERATIONS: Uneventful intruder patrols over French airfields were carried out by F/L L.S. Evans, F/L Cotterill, F/O Hill and F/L Jasper. F/O R.P. Johnson and F/O R.D. Taylor failed to return from a sortie to Bourges, Avord and Chateauroux. Unsuccessful attacks on Divers made by W/O Barker, F/L Porayth and F/O Sims. F/L Sawyer and F/L Anderson also flew Anti-Diver patrols.		
		19th	Weather - little low cloud. Vis. good. "A" Flight - NPT's. F/O Hill flew to Ford to pick up S/L Kipp and returned. "B" Flight - An NPT and a cannon test. OPERATIONS: S/L Bamcock and F/L Jasper each destroyed a Diver. W/O Barker and F/L Porayth also made attacks, but saw no strikes. F/L Sawyer's anti-Diver patrol was uneventful.		
		20th	Weather - small amounts of high cloud. Good vis. A new pilot, F/O P.L. Brock, reported from Cranfield to crew up with F/O Molaren. The welcome news was received today that F/L John Connell and F/O Dave Carr are prisoners of war. "A" Flight - a local flight and a cannon test by F/O Sims. OPERATIONS: Intruder patrols were carried out by F/L C.J. Evans, F/L MacFadyen, F/L Leggat, S/L McGill and F/O Phillips. F/O Bowhay destroyed a Diver and W/O McGale damaged one. F/O Seid attacked one, F/O Harvie one, and F/L Gray attacked three without results. Released - 0524 hours.		

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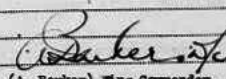
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HOLMSLEY SOUTH	JUNE 1944	21st	Weather - variable cloud with cloudless periods. Vis. fair becoming good. "A" Flight - An NPT, a cannon test, and local flying. "B" Flight - NPT's. OPERATIONS: F/L Kerr and F/O Sims, operating from Predannick, flew a Day Ranger to Tarbes. Finding this airfield obstructed they proceeded to Pau, where, together they damaged four F.W.190's on the ground. Diver operations were carried out by F/O Phillips and F/O May. F/O Seid destroyed a Diver. F/L Leggat, F/O Harvie, W/O McGale, F/L MacFadyen, F/L C.J. Evans, S/L Bamcock and F/L Gray also carried out Anti-Diver patrols.		
		22nd	Weather - fair to cloudy. Vis. - good to moderate. "A" Flight - NPT's. Return flights to Ford were made by W/O Barker and F/O Brock. "B" Flight - S/L Bamcock carried out a low level, and F/O Harvie flew to Crocydon and return. OPERATIONS: F/L Sawyer flew an uneventful intruder patrol to Angers. The Diver score for the night was 1 destroyed by W/O Barker, 2 destroyed by F/O May, and 2 destroyed by F/L Cotterill. F/O Hill attacked one, but saw no strikes. Anti-Diver patrols were also carried out by F/L Jasper, F/O Sims and F/L Anderson.		
		23rd	Weather - 10/10 cloud clearing to practically nil - Vis moderate improving at midday. "A" Flight - NPT's. W/O Barker flew to Crocydon, Northolt and return. Return trips were made by F/O Brooks to Farnborough and F/O Sims to Ford. OPERATIONS: F/O Bowhay destroyed a Diver N.E. of Rouen. F/O Hill, F/O May and F/O Brock made unsuccessful attacks. F/L L.S. Evans, F/L Porayth, and F/L Cotterill also carried out Anti-Diver patrols. Released - 0456 hours.		
	June 24th		Weather - fine. Vis. moderate to good. Operations: F/L Gray flew an uneventful night Ranger to Caen, Angers and Clermont. S/L McGill destroyed one diver, F/L C.J. Evans destroyed 2 and F/O Phillips destroyed one. Five divers were attacked by F/L Anderson, one by F/L Leggat and two by F/O Seid, all without results. W/O McGale attacked a Diver, which began to lose height. At 1500 ft. Nos. had to break away owing to engine trouble. McGale managed to bring the aircraft in over the English Coast, where he and F/O Story baled out. They were picked up and taken to Ford. W/O McGale suffered a sprained ankle and F/O Story was uninjured. Released - 0600 hrs.		
		25th	Weather - fine at first. Cloud slowly increasing with drizzle in afternoon. Vis. moderate. F/L McIvor, R.C.A.F. Padre, is now conducting weekly Church Services for R.C.A.F. Personnel. W/O Belton, who previously conducted these services, is posted overseas. "A" Flight - NPT's. "B" Flight - NPT's. Operations: F/L Gray attacked a Diver, but scored no strikes. F/L MacFadyen and F/O Brock also carried out Anti-Diver patrols.		
		26th	Weather - cloudy, becoming overcast with continuous rain. Vis. poor. We were very glad to hear today that all being well, F/O Morris should be back on Friday 30th. "A" Flight - F/L MacFadyen returned to base. S/L Bowie Cleveland DFC visited the Squadron in the evening. By his appearance we judge he was well looked after in Sweden. No operations. Released - 0230 hours.		

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HOLMESLEY SOUTH	JUNE, 1944	2/1a	Weather - Partly cloudy with occasional showers. Vis. good. Arrangements are being made for a Squadron Field Day to be held July 7th. It is planned to get the R.C.A.F. Band from London. Howie Cleveland was in today to give his combat report on the two enemy aircraft he destroyed on his last trip. He seems very pleased to be back, and we're all glad to see him around the Squadron again. "B" Flight - NPT's. "A" Flight - NPT's and camera tests. F/O Brooks returned from Ford. F/L Sawyer flew to Groydon and return. Operations. S/L Bamook and F/L Jasper flew a Day Ranger to Graifswald, during which Jasper destroyed a Ju.88 near Graal. They chased another Ju.88 but two F.W.190's appeared above and dived on them. One of our aircraft broke to starboard and the other to port, managed to evade and both returned safely to base. At night F/L Cotterill destroyed a Diver and F/L Sawyer attacked one, but saw no strikes. Loss by W/C Barker, F/O Sedg, F/L Leggat, F/O Hill and F/O Sims were F/L L.E. Evans made a Night Ranger to Chateaudun. Released - 0535 hours.								
Anti-Dive Patrols.	28th		Weather - cloudy with drizzle and rain. Vis. mainly fair until 1300 hrs, then decreasing considerably. "A" Flight - S/L Kipp flew to High Breall and returned. No operations. Released - 2225 hours.								
	29th		Weather - cloudy with occasional showers and intermittent rain. Vis. moderate, but poor in rain. "A" Flight - a cannon test by W/C Barker. F/L Sawyer flew to Horsham St. Faith and returned. F/O Hill returned from Ford. "B" Flight - NPT's. F/L Gray and F/O Phillips carried out low-level cross-country. No operations. Released - 0145 hours.								
	30th		Weather - variable cloud all day. Rain beginning in early evening. F/L Kipp, D.S.O., D.F.C. left for A.D.G.R. to take up his new duties as Intruder Controller. "A" Flight - NPT's, single engine flying and camera tests. F/L Jasper flew to Northolt and returned. Released - 0125 hours.								
			<p>NUMBER OF OPERATIONAL SORTIES FOR MONTH: 204 OPERATIONAL HOURS FOR MONTH: 726 Hours TRAINING HOURS FOR MONTH: 315 Hours PERSONNEL ON STRENGTH AS AT 2359 Hours on 30th June, 1944.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>R.C.A.F. Officers Aircrew..... 34</td> <td>R.C.A.F. Airmen Aircrew..... 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R.C.A.F. Officers Groundcrew.... 6</td> <td>R.C.A.F. Airmen Groundcrew..... 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R.A.F. Officers Aircrew..... 8</td> <td>R.A.F. Airmen Aircrew..... 3</td> </tr> </table> <p>AIRCRAFT ON STRENGTH: MEQUITO VI... 21 OXFORD..... 1 MAGISTER..... 1</p>	R.C.A.F. Officers Aircrew..... 34	R.C.A.F. Airmen Aircrew..... 2	R.C.A.F. Officers Groundcrew.... 6	R.C.A.F. Airmen Groundcrew..... 2	R.A.F. Officers Aircrew..... 8	R.A.F. Airmen Aircrew..... 3		
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1/2 June	MORNING VI	S/L R.B. MERRILL F/O J.A. SHERRIFF F/O P. HENNING HFC	DAY RAMMER LIVE CAMERA	0532	1058	At 0757 hrs 2 miles south of Plan de Man airfield sighted a Do.217 heading north at 1500 ft. Turned to port and F/L Anderson pulled up and returned, closed to 100 yds, fired a 3 sec burst; plane flew off, port engine burst into flames, and F/L Merrill was followed and fired a further two sec burst which hit F/L in port engine and mid upper fuselage. He climbed slowly down to port, hit the ground and alighted sideways, bursting into flames about 2000 yds north of airfield. S/L Merrill followed F/L Anderson in but did not have to attack. At 0805 hrs both Mequitos did an attack on Volance airfield. S/L Merrill opened fire on an unidentified F/R D/A parked in N.E. corner, from 100 ft altitude and 300 yds range, closing to 150 yds. Many strikes observed on fuselage and port wing. plane flew off but F/L did not burst. Proceeded north to Ligne. Near St Hubert Army Camp observed, with about 15-20 sec aircraft parked across east side of field, then into rain clouds. Just S.W. of Ligne. At 0822 hrs F/L Anderson attacked a goods train, stationary in station at Grand. Many strikes seen on engine and wagon. VI, south of Ligne 5-C/18 struck on at 1000 ft. 1 Do.217 destroyed in air by F/L Anderson. 1 F/R D/A damaged on ground by S/L Merrill. 1 loss damaged by F/L Anderson.	
"	MORNING VI	F/O R.B. SIMS F/O J.A. SHERRIFF	DAY RAMMER RAMMER	1812	0805	One light float gun at Plan de la Pinede. Very low cloud and rain in target area prevented going actually to Brichères, so proceeded past to Chateaufort where 2 unidentified aircraft seen on ground, poor vis. Turned north to Bellen Bellen and at 2125 sighted a Ju.88 flying north-west at 1500 ft. Closed return to 50 yds, fired a 2 sec burst of cannon and F/L blew up.	

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						<p>details flying off, much smoke and flame burning point off</p> <p>Mosquito: starboard wing, 1/2 cloud into forest and burned</p> <p>fireworks; returned home via Paris; very extensive damage to marshalling yards, as well as large factory completely gutted at Villeneuve. WX: Paris to 10 miles from coast 10/10 at 1500 ft, then clear; target area very low cloud and rain and thunderstorm. 2 250 lb bombs destroyed in ship.</p>	
2/5 June	MOSQUITO VI	F/L R.E. HANLEY W/O R.E. HANLEY	FLOWER ST MILLER	2351	0535	<p>At Chateau Thierry at 0512 hrs attached a train of box cars from Meung-sur-Loire; 2 x 250 lb bombs and cannon fire, from 1000 ft; bombs fell on or near tracks behind train, Cannon stations seen on tracks and train stopped; At 0535 hrs bombed coastal defenses, 2 x 250 lb, between Meville and Le Trappey; no results observed. WX: over target 10/10 at 1500 ft; bar 2 pulled to normal.</p>	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O R.J. TOMLINSON F/O G.E. HAN RAY	FLOWER LAW/ASHLIE	0810			
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5/5 June	MOSQUITO VI	W/O J.J.P. MORALE F/O R.J. SHRY	SPECIAL MISSION CHERBOURG PEN.	2236	0127	<p>Light flak; inaccurate from Chât St Paul, Heudilly, and 1 mile N.E. of Isigny. Dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs on light flak position at Chât St Paul from 1000 ft, ceased firing. 0200 hrs Dropped 2 x 250 lb, 2 light flak position 1/4 mile west of Chât St Paul, 3 searchlights and light flak positions 1/2 mile west of Heudilly shot up; searchlights down.</p> <p>WX: cloud 10/10 at 1200 ft; Vis good.</p>	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L P.G. ANDERSON F/O J.F. GAYMAN	SPECIAL MISSION CHERBOURG PEN.	2246	0139	<p>Took off Northolt; shot up light flak position near Carantec from 500 ft; flak ceased and bright fire started; hit by</p>	

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						<p>Light flak from Briquesbeas and Carantec. Crash landed at Brest with bomb load. WX: 10/10 cloud at 1200 ft; vis good.</p>	
5/5 June	MOSQUITO VI	F/O W.E. BOWEN F/O R.K. NAYLOR	SPECIAL MISSION CHERBOURG PEN.	2233	0158	<p>2 x 250 lb bombs from 300 ft on light flak at Briquesbeas, no results seen. 2 x 500 lb from 300 ft on light flak at Talfort, ceased firing. Searchlight and light flak position extinguished by cannon at Osterville. Intense inaccurate light flak.</p> <p>WX: 8/10 at 1200 ft, 10/10 at 3000 ft; vis good.</p>	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L C.J. EVANS F/O S. HENDERSTONE	SPECIAL MISSION CHERBOURG PEN.	2237	0200	<p>Unsuccessful. WX: 10/10 at 1500 ft.</p>	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L J.E. EVANS W/O R.E. HANLEY	SPECIAL MISSION CHERBOURG PEN.	2235	0159	<p>2 x 250 lb bombs from 700 ft on 3 light flak positions 1/2 miles west of Carantec, stopped completely. 2 x 500 lb on railway bridge 1/2 miles west of Carantec, very close. Inaccurate light flak from Carantec and general over area.</p> <p>WX: 9/10 at 3000 ft, some scattered cloud at 1000 ft; vis good.</p>	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O M.H. SODS F/O J.D. SHERRIES	FLOWER CHARENTON CHARENTON YOURS	2208	0301	<p>Unsuccessful. WX: very clear in target area.</p>	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L E. GRAY F/O F.D. SMITH RAY	FLOWER KERLIN BASTARD	2234	0310	<p>Intense accurate light flak from north and heavy flak from south of target. WX: 8-10/10 strato-cu at 3000 ft, tops 4200 ft over target. Broken inland of Brest Pen, 10/10 over coast on way out.</p>	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O J. PHILLIPS F/O R. JOB RAY	FLOWER HENNES	2251	0321	<p>2 x 250 lb bombs from 2300 ft on Rennes airfield, no results; intense accurate light flak, WX: vis good, 7-8/10 cloud at 3000 ft in target.</p>	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L R.A. MACFARLANE F/O J.D. HENRIE	FLOWER VANNES	2231	0327	<p>Unsuccessful. WX: 6-8/10 strato-cu at 3000 ft in target area. Vis good.</p>	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L R.E. MCELLE F/O F.D. HENDERSON	FLOWER BOURGESS, AVORD	2236	0407	<p>Unsuccessful. WX: vis good, 5/10 at 3000 ft in target area.</p>	

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5/6 June	MOSQUITO VI	P/L R.A. WIFE IFC P/O P. HULENSKY IFC	FLOWER CHAVEROUX	2252	0430	Measure inaccurate light flak from Bourges airfield. VI: 5/10 at 3000 ft in target area, vis good.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/L P.M. SMYER P/O J.R. HOWELL	FLOWER MONTDIDIER ROSIERES, ROYE	0027	0416	Coned by 6 searchlights and moderate accurate light flak from 20 s.m. south east of Le Troport. Also visited Leon/Convers VI: 8/10 at 6000 ft in target area, vis very good.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O J.J. HARVEY P/O P.A.A. ALEXANDER	FLOWER CHAUDAUDIN CEBRANS, TOURS	2340	0405	No activity. 2 x 250 500 lb bombs from 2000 ft on railway junction. 12 miles east of Le Mans, two flashed and red glow remained on tracks. VI: 1/10 at 6000 ft in target area. VI: very good.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/L G.W. JASPER P/L O.A. MARTIN	FLOWER OELY, MUAH, HESTVIGNY, COULOMBIERS	0034	0432	Passed on by searchlights with moderate light flak inaccurate over area from 5 miles southeast of Biville along track 140 deg for 35 miles. Targets inactive.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O A. BARKER P/O V.A.R. STEWART IFC	FLOWER BENNES	0112	0450	Intense accurate light flak from Rennes. Measure inaccurate heavy flak (1 gun) from Jersey. Road on road transport seen over entire target area. VI: 8/10 at 2500 ft, vis good.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/L S.M. COOPERHILL Sgt R.H. MORRIS RAF	FLOWER CHAUDAUDIN CEBRANS, TOURS	0111	0516	Intense inaccurate light flak from Guernsey. Dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs from 2100 ft on train at Mar, 25 miles S.W. of Orleans; train stopped.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O J.F. JAMES P/O D.W. MACFARLANE	FLOWER EVERUX, ST ANDRE, JERUX, CHARTRES	0116	0545	No airfield activity in target area. Apparent large warehouse burning on south side of railway at Pacy. Dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs from 1000 ft on train alongside; also attacked with cannon. Cannon caused some increase in intensity of flak. VI: north of Seine 10/10 at 1000 ft with rain, vis poor. South of Seine very good.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/L J.B. KERR P/O P. CLARK R.A.F.	SPECIAL MISSION CHERBOURG FEN.	2240	0230	Operated from Northolt. Shot up two searchlights (1 destroyed), and battery of guns. Dropped 2 x 250 lb bombs on flak position 1/2 mile west of Cherenton, no results seen.	

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6/7 June	MOSQUITO VI	P/L R.E. HOBILL P/O P.A. HENDERSON	FLOWER MONTDIDIER, AVON	2219	0027	Returned immediately after crossing enemy coast owing to technical trouble. VI: broken cloud. 1-6/10 at 4000 ft	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/L R.E. HOBILL P/O J.B. SMITH	FLOWER MONTDIDIER, ROYE	2239	0205	Returned. VI: low cloud east of target area at 2-3000 ft. Channel clear, good vis.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/L R.E. HOBILL Sgt R.H. MORRIS RAF	FLOWER CHAUDAUDIN	2218	0226	At 0012 hrs attacked a Ju 52 at Cherenton at 800 ft with a 2 sec burst from 30 deg astern. Machine on port wing and engine and P/L crashed west of airfield. At Orleans attacked a Ju 52 from 20 deg astern with a short burst, P/L blew up and crashed on runway. Chased a Ju 108 to south of airfield and attacked from underneath. He crashed and burst into flames south of the Loire. Returned to airfield and bombed the coast to west runway, 2 x 500 lb, from 500 ft from east to west. bombs burst one third way along. At 0012 attacked a Ju 52 coming in to land at 500 ft, with a short burst from port and astern; crashed on runway in flames. VI: 6/10 at 2500 ft, Vis 10-20 miles, patchy 1 Ju 52's and 1 Ju 108 destroyed	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/L R.A. FORBES P/O R.A. MORRIS RAF	FLOWER BENNES	2236	0228	At 0015 hrs bombed railway bridge at Meung from 500 ft. VI: to SW with 2 x 500 lb, results unchanged. VI: target vis excellent, no cloud. Channel 8-10/10 cloud base 3000 ft	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O J.J. HARVEY P/O P.A. ALEXANDER	FLOWER TOURS	2224	0245	Observed steady red fire on north side of Loire 1 mile from railway bridge near Mar. At 0017 hrs 118th Flak from airfield. Dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs on fire at railway junction 1/2 mi SE of Mar. VI: no cloud over target area, channel clear at very low 8/10 on at 5-6000 ft on return.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/L R.A. FORBES IFC P/O J.B. WHITE	FLOWER LACQ	2233	0308	Flw 079-8eg from Infants for 5 mins and encountered a Ju 52 flying west at 1500 ft. Visual lost but regained after chase. Attacked from beneath; P/L burst into flames, dived steeply.	

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						broke into two parts and crashed on ground north of Orléans, WX up to 10/10 cloud. Results observed.	
6/7 June	MOSQUITO VI	W/O A. BAKER P/O W.A.R. BURNETT W/O K.E. BASTARD	FLOWER VENNES	2338	0350	Dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs on road N.E. of Le Mans, results unobserved. Tractor coming up from 10 05 W. 02 20 W. returned early after reaching Le Mans/Orléans with electrical trouble. WX: haze, broken cloud.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O R. GAY P/O W.A. BURNETT	FLOWER VENNES	2338	0352	1 burst of flak from St. Amand. WX: target 6/10 at 2500 to 4000 ft. Charnel haze and broken cloud up to 5/10 at 2500 ft.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O T.G. ANDERSON P/O J.P. GIBSON	FLOWER EVREUX, ST AUDE	2309	0359	Bombard a bridge over Seine at Evreux with 2 x 500 lb, one hit claimed. WX: target area 10/10 cloud at 3000 ft.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O P.M. SAWYER P/O J.R. HOWELL	FLOWER MONTFORT, MELNÉ, OULLEVAIRE	2349	0418	At 0227 hrs 1 mile east of Orléans attacked an unidentified Ju 52, strikes seen in port wing and E/A went down at steep angle and to break away as covered by searchlights followed by inaccurate light flak from Orléans airfield. WX: target area 6/10 at 500 ft. 1 W/T Ju 52 downed.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O L.R. EVANS W/O K.R. BURNETT	FLOWER MONTFORT	2352	0358	2 x 500 lb bombs on Montfort airfield, 2 to E, from 3000 ft, results unobserved. WX: target 10/10 cloud to 4000 ft breaking up to 2/10 toward end of patrol. WX below very good. Target 9/10 at 4-6000 ft.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O P.L. KIPP W/O P/O P. BURNETT W/O	FLOWER BOURGES, AVORD, CHATEAUBOUX	2355	0413	Saw large number of bomb bursts at 0251 hrs at Orléans. WX: vis good to Bourges. To south-east 4/10 at 1000 ft. Bursts and burst 7/10 at 500 ft.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O G.M. JAMES P/O O.R. MARSH	FLOWER BOURGES, AVORD, CHATEAUBOUX	0049	0526	Attack seen to go down in flames at Orléans at 0250 hrs, and on return at 0555 hrs airfield burning. WX: target area 5/10 at 1500 ft.	

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6/7 June	MOSQUITO VI	W/O J.J.P. MCGALE P/O R.J. STOKY	FLOWER CHATEAUBOUX	2350	0443	At 0240 hrs dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs on bridge 3 miles below Beaugency, one hit, one near miss. Set course for Bourges and at 0255 sighted a Ju. 52 heading 090 deg. Chased for 8 mins and attacked from below and dead astern. Cannon failed, but m/g strikes scored on fuselage and starboard engine and E/A dived steeply and seemingly disappeared into trees 25 miles west of Chateauboux. Two railway stations north of Le Mans burning. WX: target clear and vis unlimited. 1 Ju. 52 damaged in air.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O W.E. BOWMAN P/O W.E. NAYLOR W/O	FLOWER VENNES	0017	0336	Lorry on road running north to south near airfield attacked with cannon and m/g, blew up (0120 hrs) At 0140 hrs train at Martigny Forehard bombed with 2 x 500 lb and stopped, but no hits claimed. Then attacked with cannon and m/g, strikes seen on engine which was left smothered in steam and smoke. WX: good vis, small amount of cloud at 2000 ft. Charnel 8/10 at 5-6000 ft.	
7/8 June	MOSQUITO VI	P/O C.J. EVANS P/O S. HUNTERSTONE W/O	FLOWER EVREUX, ST AUDE	2349	0330	Dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs from 300 ft at road bridge on Seine south of Les Andelys, no results observed. WX: 8/10 at 2500 ft to Chartres, vis 8 miles.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O J.R. KERR P/O P. CLARK W/O	FLOWER CHATEAUBOUX	2344	0330	At 0421 sighted a Ju. 52 silhouetted against moon flying west of St Laurent. E/A turned starboard to fly up Loire towards Orléans. Mos attacked E/A with a 2 sec burst from astern; E/A caught fire in port engine and blew up, crashed and burned. 1 Ju. 52 destroyed.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O M.R. SIMS P/O J.D. SHARPLES	FLOWER ST DEXTER, MELNÉ	2256	0355	No activity.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O P.M. SAWYER P/O J.R. HOWELL	FLOWER CHATEAUBOUX, BOURGES, AVORD	2305	0330	Bombard a lighted factory on west side of Allaire River 5 miles due west of Nevers, 2 x 500 lb, from 500 ft; bursts in factory and smoke came out. WX: clear in target, mist late in patrol.	

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7/8 June	MOSQUITO VI	P/L L.E. EVANS W/O R.R. HANLEY	FLOWER VAINDS	2359	0329	Masgr inaccurate light flak from Yennes. Attacked with cannon a train on line heading west 10 miles east of Yennes, strikes and train stopped. 2 x 500 lb bombs from 800 ft on bridge at La Roche Bernard, 15 miles north of St Nazaire; over shot WX: clear, small patches of mist.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O W.E. BOWMAN P/O H.K. NAYLOR RAF	FLOWER BOMBERS	0013	0402	2 x 500 lb bombs from 700 ft on railway immediately in front of train proceeding west to Amiens, 3 miles out. Burst just in front on railway and train stopped. WX: fog in valley and haze in target area.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O W.E. BOWMAN P/O P.D. HEMMERDORF	FLOWER DITCH, DILE	2251	0405	Attacked a train with cannon from 500 ft going south at Chagay; strikes and train stopped. Heard a faint Mayday at 0330 hrs, no call sign. WX: valley fog, haze, 3/10 cloud becoming 6/10 in target at 2500 ft.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/L P.A. KIPP IFC P/O P. HULLSLEY IFC	FLOWER HANDS	2339	0408	Light flak from 2 guns near St Michael Island. WX: slight haze at 500 ft in target area.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/L R. GRAY P/O P.D. SMITH RAF	FLOWER BOMBERS	0002	0412	2 x 500 lb bombs from 2500 ft on revolving light 2 miles south of Dinan airfield. Also attacked with cannon and light foused. 2-3 guns accurate light flak from Cape de Briny; hole in radius rod. WX: ground haze, vis 1 mile.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/L G.M. JASPER P/L O.A. MARTIN	FLOWER BOMBERS, LE CULOT	0021	0420	Attacked 3 motor transports on road 10 miles east of Brussels. strikes observed. WX: target area 10/10 cloud at 1200 ft, vis 4-5 miles.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/L D.E. FURNESS P/O P.C. KEAM RAF	FLOWER ORLEANS	2338	0415	3 light flak accurate from 6 miles S.W. of Gurnsey Island. Dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs from zero ft on goods train stationary 8 miles north of Orleans, no results seen. WX: clear in target, slight patches of haze.	

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7/8 June	MOSQUITO VI	P/O J. PHILLIPS P/O R. JOB RAF	FLOWER CHATELAIN, AVARD, BOURG	0025	0440	5 accurate light flak from Avard airfield. WX: heavy haze in target area, 7-8/10 cloud at 5000 ft south of Loire.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O J.F. JAMES P/O D.W. MACFARLANE	FLOWER KELVIN/BASTARD	0055	0420	2 x 500 lb bombs from 1000 ft on 2 boats east of London, no results. WX: 10/10 at 1000 ft over East Pen. Clear over target.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/L P.S. BURBIDGE P/O J.F. CHAMBERLAIN	FLOWER KELVIN, HENRIETY, COULMAYERS	0020	0459	Unsuccessful. WX: clear south of Paris. 10/10 at 1800 ft over Paris.	
9/8 June	MOSQUITO VI	P/L G.M. JASPER P/L O.A. MARTIN	WOMBLES DAY BANNER	1626	1751	Flew to French coast at Flamm but had become separated due to bad weather and returned to base. WX: Channel cloud base 100 ft, sea fog beneath. Vis 100 yds. French coast 7/10 cloud at 1200 ft; vis below 2 miles.	
10/11 June	MOSQUITO VI	P/O A. BAKER P/O W.L.E. HERBERT IFC	FLOWER HANDS	2339	0036	Pilot ill; returned from Gurnsey Island. WX: 5/10 cloud at 1000 ft over Channel.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/L D.E. FURNESS P/O R.E. KEAM RAF	FLOWER ORLEANS, CHATELAIN	2300	0230	Observed flares and bombs at Orleans and Chateaubien area, started 0035 hrs. WX: target 4/10 at 1000 ft.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/L P.M. SAWYER P/O J.E. HOWELL	FLOWER KELVIN/BASTARD BOMBERS, VAINDS	0025	0230	Unsuccessful. WX: 9/10 low stratus, tops 1500 ft to dark over target.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O J.J.P. REGAIE P/O R.J. STOKY	FLOWER CHATELAIN, BOURG, AVARD	2253	0320	No activity. WX: 8/10 in target area, base 1500 ft.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/L L.E. EVANS W/O R.R. HANLEY	FLOWER EVHULL, ST AUBIN	2329	0335	At 0120 hrs an aircraft seen hit by light flak near Bapouillet, burst into flames and crashed 10 miles east. Unable to identify.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/L R.A. KIPP IFC P/O P. HULLSLEY IFC	FLOWER LE MERE	2356	0553	Unsuccessful. WX: target area clear.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/L P.S. BURBIDGE P/O J.F. CHAMBERLAIN	FLOWER KELVIN	2300	0418	Unsuccessful. In target area 10/10 at 2000 ft, closing in tight further south.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O R.A. KEAM P/O J.D. SHAPLERS	FLOWER DITCH, DILE	2321	0425	At 0244 hrs 20 miles west of Rosilly aircraft seen to blow up in air and crash. WX: in target area 7/10 low cloud down to 200 ft and second layer 10/10 base 3000 ft.	

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10/11 June	MOSQUITO VI	F/L S.S.B. COYNE P/O J.A. HARTLEY	FLOWER BOURGES, AVRO	0018	0631	Dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs from 1500 ft on train going east into forests; bursts half way down train and small fire started. VI: target 6/10 at 2000 ft.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L C.R. JONES P/L C.S. HENRY	FLOWER MELUN, HENRI	0029	0636	Two signals obtained at Melun. First one lost immediately, second fired a blinding six star white flare and got away. VI: Paris area some patches of haze and fog 2-3/10 at 1000 ft.	
11/12 June	MOSQUITO VI	F/O J. PHILLIPS P/O R. JOE BAY	FLOWER MELUN, HENRI	2320	0225	Unsuccessful. Fire seen at Flacey, small but fierce, appeared to be a warehouse or factory. VI: target 9/10, height 800 ft on arrival but improved to 6/10 at 1500 ft before leaving.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L D.A. MACPHERSON W/O P/O J.A. WRIGHT	FLOWER MELUN, ST ANDRE	2325	0237	Aeroboms believed to be St Andre slight beneath very low cloud when leaving target area at 0235 hrs. VI: 10/10 cloud in target area below 800 ft. Vis good in break.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L R.S. MOYLE P/O P.D. HENDERSON	FLOWER CHATEAUBRIANT	2267	0216	Light flak from Channel Islands at 2305 hrs aimed at another aircraft. Observed bombs at Tours at 0209 hrs; moderate heavy flak fired at bombers. VI: at target low stratus 1500 ft to 2000 ft, 6-10/10 at beginning of patrol, later thickened. Vis about 6 miles on ground.	
12/13 June	MOSQUITO VI	F/O R.P. SHIP P/O D.E. MORGAN	1st OPS TRAINING MORLAIX, LANNION	2330	0103	Unable to see French coast on way in, and returned from Flacey.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L C.S. JONES P/L P.L. COCHRANE	1st OPS TRAINING MORLAIX, LANNION	2352	0115	Unsuccessful. VI: 10/10 cloud at 3500 ft with holes from 30 miles inland.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L R. BROWN P/O R.P. SHIP	1st OPS TRAINING MORLAIX, LANNION	0053	0231	At Nantes saw flashes in cloud at 2000 ft, presumed to be flak. VI: cloud 9/10 down to 1000 ft in target area.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O J.S. HAYES P/O P.L.A. ALEXANDER	FLOWER MELUN, HENRI	0045	0238	Moderate heavy flak from forest at 0130 hrs, bursting 1500 ft; from Lorient at 0205 hrs bursting 1000 ft. At 0225 flashes seen from Guernsey. Nothing seen in target owing to cloud below 500 ft.	

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12/13 June	MOSQUITO VI	F/L R.P. MOYLE P/O P.D. HENDERSON	FLOWER NANTES, CHATEAU, BOURGES	2344	0312	Moderate heavy flak seen at Nantes at 0150 hrs to 0255 hrs, and Laval at 0212 hrs. VI: clear until Channel Island where 10/10 cloud at 1500 ft. Cleared at Avranches. Further from between Avranches and Nantes - 10/10 at 2500 ft.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L J.A. HARTLEY P/O F. CLARK BAY	FLOWER CHATEAUBRIANT, BOURGES, AVRO	2252	0345	At 0045 hrs bombed a bridge over Loire 5 miles south-west of Brest, 2 x 500 lb, no results seen.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L R. GRAY P/O P.J. SMITH BAY	FLOWER MELUN, CHATEAUBRIANT, MELUN, ST ANDRE	2329	0345	At 0058 hrs railway junction 4 miles north of Sees on fire. Targets inactive.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O W.S. BOWEN P/S H.K. NAYLOR BAY	FLOWER MELUN, HENRI	0001	0409	At 0230 hrs bombed a train heading north-west from Prigny, 2 x 500 lb; burst seen 30 yds behind. Fired 1 sec burst of cannon from 500 ft; no strikes seen. At 0350 hrs a searchlight between Nantes and St Martin shot out from 1000 ft with 1 sec burst of cannon.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O J.J.P. MORGAN P/O H.J. SHRY	FLOWER CHATEAUBRIANT	0005	0427	F.W. 130 coded by 1 searchlight at 500 ft directly above airfield at 0230 hrs; aircraft fired 4 reds and searchlights ceased at once. At 0305 hrs bombed with 2 x 500 lb from 1000 ft; fell to north-east of airfield and results not observed.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O J.W. JAMES P/O R.W. MACPHERSON	FLOWER LE MANS	2335	0405	Unsuccessful.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O J. PHILLIPS P/O R. JOE BAY	FLOWER ST DIEZEL, METZ, NANCY	0013	0455	Covered Lorch Biville at 0051 hrs on track of 119 deg M by 8 to 10 searchlights at a time for 30 miles from 6000 ft to 3500 ft, accompanied by heavy and light inaccurate flak. At 0305 hrs attacked a train travelling north at Elancé on Toul-Nancy-Hannover line with a 2 sec burst of cannon and w/g from 2000 ft; strikes seen.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L D.A. MACPHERSON W/O P/O J.D. WRIGHT	FLOWER BOURGES	2345	0501	At 0400 hrs large rocket projectile heading north ward leaving red train, fired from ground near Laval; disappeared in a few secs at great speed. Also visited Cognac.	

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12/13 June	MOSQUITO VI	F/L C.J. EVANS F/O S. HUMPHREYS RAF COBHAM, Bordeaux, Ferbines	NIGHT RANGER	0152	0735	Uneventful. Landed at Ford, WX: to Loire 10/10 at 1500 ft, further south was clear and vis unlimited. In Ferbines area 8/10 at 1000 ft.	
11/14 June	MOSQUITO VI	F/O S.W. MAY F/O J.D. RITCH	1st OPS TRAINING 2350 MORLAIX, LANNEON	0155		Unsuccessful. WX: 4/10 at 6000 ft, some haze in valleys. Breast Pan.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O R.P. JOHNSON F/O R.R. TAYLOR	1st OPS TRAINING 2330 MORLAIX, LANNEON	0215		Unsuccessful. WX: scattered cloud, slight haze.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L T.G. ANDERSON F/O J.P. GATMAN	FLOWER CHERANS	2254	0518	Unsuccessful. WX: 9-10/10 at 2500 ft over target area. Approaches 5/10 at 3000 ft, gradually increasing. Vis good.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L R. GRAY F/O F.D. SMITH RAF	FLOWER ST DIEZER	2357	0359	Unsuccessful. WX: 10/10 at 2000 ft on arrival at target, reducing to 1000 ft on leaving. Clear 50 miles south-east of target.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O J.P. JAMES F/O D.W. MACFARLANE	FLOWER EVENHIX	2335	0400	At 0125 hrs an aircraft seen to explode on ground 5 miles north of Remoullet. Many fires at a dozen different points of railway line Conches to Avance.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O J.J. HARVEY F/O S.H. ALEXANDER RAF COULOMBIERS	FLOWER COULOMBIERS	0025	0453	Large fire 2 miles east of Le Mans, burning brilliantly. WX: 10/10 cloud at 2500 ft south of Paris, moving eastward rapidly.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O S.H.R. COOPER SFC R.E. MERRICK RAF WELSH, BUCKINGHAM	FLOWER WELSH, BUCKINGHAM	0035	0453	Unsuccessful. WX: 10/10 cloud at 2000 ft. Vis 2 miles in Paris Area.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	S/L R.A. KIPP TFC F/O P. HUNTER TFC F/O N.H. SIMS F/O J.D. SHARPLES	DAY RANGER GERMAN PATROL COAST	1400	1800	Aircraft seen landing at Flensburg. At Bagkip S/L Kipp attacked an He.111 heading south climbing to gain cloud cover. Several attacks made as E/A going down from 3000 ft, and soon tookash in sea, 2 of crew being out. F/O Sims attacked a Ju.88 heading north-east at 2500 ft altitude. E/A blew up and crashed on Langeland. Proceeded east but had to return owing to weather. Intense accurate light flak from north coast of Flensburg Fiord, and convoy in Kiel Bay. 1 He.111 destroyed in air by S/L Kipp. 1 Ju.88, sea, in air by F/O Sims.	

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14/15 June	MOSQUITO VI	S/L R. BRUCE F/O R.R. BRUCE	FLOWER BOURGES, AVARD, CHATEAUBRIOT	2301	0328	At Avard attacked an He.111, but had to break off owing to intense light flak. Returned as E/A was being alarm rummy, and attacked with a 2 sec burst (GAS) and it burst into flames. Intense light flak from airfield after attack. Bombed Avard airfield with 2 x 500 lb bombs. 1 He.111 destroyed	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L D.R. FURSTEN F/O R.P. BIRN RAF	FLOWER EVENHIX, ST ANDRE, JERSEY, CHATEAUBRIOT	2321	0318	Unsuccessful.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L C.W. JAMES F/L G.A. MERRIN	FLOWER ST DIEZER	2300	0410	Unsuccessful.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L F.M. MERRIN F/O J.R. HORNEL	FLOWER REDAUTS, GRILL, COULOMBIERS	0054	0415	Unsuccessful.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L G.W. LINGAT F/L R.L. COCHRANE	FLOWER BOURGES, AVARD, CHATEAUBRIOT	0059	0420	Dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs on road bridge over Loire at La Charite (15 miles N.W. of Nevers); no results observed.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L L.R. EVANS F/O R.R. MERRICK	FLOWER EVENHIX, CHATEAUBRIOT, ST ANDRE, JERSEY	0050	0411	Unsuccessful.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O S.P. SKID F/O D.R. MURPHY	FLOWER GREENS, CHATEAUBRIOT	0021	0430	Dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs on road bridge over Loire at Remungny from 1000 ft, results unobserved. Heavy light flak from Guernsey Island at 0105 hrs.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L S.H.R. COOPER SFC R.E. MERRICK RAF COULOMBIERS, BUCKINGHAM	FLOWER COULOMBIERS, BUCKINGHAM	0026	0455	Heavy inaccurate flak from Guernsey Island at 0045 hrs.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L S.G. ANDERSON F/O J.P. GATMAN	FLOWER ST DIEZER	2355	0505	Unsuccessful.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O J. PHILLIPS F/O S.J.B. RAY	FLOWER WELSH, BUCKINGHAM, ONLY	0036	0512	Shot up a searchlight near Bratigny with 4/4 strikes seen and a flash and searchlight extinguished.	
15/16 June	MOSQUITO VI	F/L L.R. EVANS F/O R.R. MERRICK	FLOWER WELSH, BUCKINGHAM	0028	0425	Unsuccessful. Also visited St Andra, Landed at Neuston.	

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15/16 June	MOSQUITO VI	P/O D.E. FORSYTH P/O R.T. BEAN RAF	FLOBER EVROUK, ST ANDRE HEBUL, CHATELAIN		At 0230 light 0013 0245	Flak inaccurate from Dungeness when crossing St. Landed at Nantes.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O S.H.P. COOPERHILL P/O R.M. MCKENNE RAF	FLOBER REAUVAIS, ORCEL, GURMELLEN		0106 0249	Unsuccessful. Landed at Nantes.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O J.J. HARVEY	FLOBER		0055 0322	Unsuccessful.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O P.A. ALEXANDER P/O J.F. JAMES P/O D.W. MACDONALD	COURMORIER FLOBER CHATELAIN, BOURNE, AVROD		2325 0337	Dropped 2 x 500 lb bombs on fire on railway line at Gennes, no results observed. Saw an aircraft at Chateaubourg at 0322, and another at Pontors at 0345 hrs. Dungeness on fire. South of Orleans chased light in air for 12 miles towards Tours, light vanished.	
16/17 June	MOSQUITO VI	P/O R.E. STUBSON P/O J.F. CHAMBER	DAY DIVER GRIFFITHS		1325 1754	Flew south of Flensburg, Great, and Oriskand, and same course on return. No P/A seen over entire route. Range fairly accurate light flak from vessel of about 500 tons in Kiel Bay. VI: 10/10 at 800 ft. Vis 1-2 miles; patches clear.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O G.M. JASPER P/O G.M. MURPHY	FLOBER		2342 0207	Returned from Argentina owing to starboard engine failure. Jettisoned bombs in woods 20 miles south-west of Argentina. VI: 10/10 at 2000 ft over entire route.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O K.E. MOGILL P/O P.A. HENNINGSON	ANTI DIVER		2330 0210	On approaching Boulogne at 0042 hrs at 4000 ft orange lights seen in position low over coast at Alprech. Nos turned in behind and by this time Diver appeared to be at 3000 ft heading 310 deg N. Fired a 3 sec burst at 30 deg angle at 300 yds range, no strikes seen. Followed straight and level to Dungeness but lost range at 300 I.A.S. Diver engaged by flak and searchlights, so broke off the run was made to return another Diver was sighted. Nos closed dead return to 300 yds	

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						and fired 3 two sec bursts at 3000 ft and I.A.S. 300. Strikes seen but no apparent effect on course and speed. Attack again broken off at English coast. Returned to patrol near St Quentin and proceeded north. In position over coast at Le Touquet another Diver seen climbing on 320 deg N at 0216 hrs. As he climbed Nos closed. Diver levelled out at 3000 ft and Nos closed astern at 300 yds I.A.S. to 300 yds and fired 3-4 bursts of 3 sec each (G120). Strikes seen but ran out of ammo and Diver pulling away all the time; last seen losing height slowly over English coast between Dungeness and Folkestone. At 0225 a Diver seen fired at by another aircraft and crashed in sea 25 miles south of Dungeness. 1 Diver not destroyed. 1 Diver damaged.	
16/17 June	MOSQUITO VI	P/O H.A. MAGRATHON DFC P/O J.D. WHELAN	ANTI DIVER		0038 0321	At 0125 hrs, 25 miles south-east of Beachy Head, closed on Diver to 300 yds 340 deg N at 2000 ft 340 I.A.S., and fired 2 two sec bursts. Strikes seen, Diver started to burn, hit the sea and blew up. At 0235 hrs 20 miles south of Dungeness, closed on Diver to 400 yds 340 deg N at 1000 ft 340 I.A.S., and fired one 2 sec burst, no strikes seen. Diver fired to starboard, hit the sea, and blew up. Three other Divers chased, all on 340 deg N, height between 1000 and 2000 ft. Fired 10 sec burst at third, but as he was heading away rapidly failed to see strikes. Other two not possible to overtake. Divers seen coming out arguments between Le Grubby and Le Touquet from 0215 to 0215 hrs. 2 Divers destroyed.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O R.P. SKID P/O D.W. MITCHELL	FLOBER BENTLEY, MELIN		0058 0452	Attacked a train north-east of Paris, believed near Grogny, explosions seen. Landed at Ford. 1 loco damaged.	

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16/17 June	MOSQUITO VI	F/L R. GRAY P/O P.D. SMITH RAF	FLOWER ANTISE, POLY, WOODHULL	0050	0115	Unsuccessful. WX: 10/10 at 4000 ft, very dark.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O J.P. JAMES P/O D.E. MACPHERSON	ANTI DIVER	2235		Failed to return.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L G.J. EVANS P/O S. HEMMINGSTONE RAF	UNDESIGNED ANTI DIVER	0135 0200	0138	Between 0220 and 0350 hrs about 8 Divers seen leaving from St Quentin. Four chased to English coast. At 0251 hrs closed on Diver to 100 yds, 330 deg M, at 1000 ft, 2 miles west of Hastings at 330 I.L.S. Fired a 2 sec burst. Diver glowed, red pieces broke off, crashed and blew up on land. 1 Diver destroyed	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L R. BIRROCK P/O R.E. BIRROCK	FLOWER BRUVAIS, ORILL	0102	0151	Unsuccessful. WX: 10/10 cloud at 2500 ft in Paris area.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L G.S. LORRY F/L P.L. COCHRANE	FLOWER COCHRANES	0029	0155	Unsuccessful.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O J. PHILLIPS P/O R. JOB RAF	UNDESIGNED	0031 0032	0514	At 0304 hrs one Diver seen course 010 deg M, 30 miles south-east of Beachy. At 0305 another out of St Quentin at 1800 ft 300 deg M. Unable to catch; fired a burst but no strikes seen. Last seen gliding down. At 0345 hrs another out of Le Touquet at 1800 ft 330 deg M. Unable to catch at 200 deg M. slight climb. At 0405 hrs another out of 5 miles north of Le Touquet, 350 M, 2000 ft, no strikes.	
17/18 June	MOSQUITO VI	P/O J.S. HULL P/O S.W. BIRROCK	SEARCH TRAINING MURRAY, LINDON	2250	0115	One light inaccurate gun 5 miles north-west of Eddin Harbor. Targets inactive.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O J. PHILLIPS P/O R. JOB RAF	ANTI DIVER	2227	0137	100 deg M, 10 miles from Beachy Head at 2325 hrs attacked a Diver, course 300 deg M, speed 340 m.p.h.; but target too long.	

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17/18 June	MOSQUITO VI	P/O J.J.P. MORGAN P/O R.J. GURRY	FLOWER EVERETT, ST ANDRE, DREUX, CHARRIER	2307	0145	White light seen at sea 49 01 N, 02 24 W, at 2345 hrs. White light seen to head down into sea at 5013 N, 02 01 W, at 0105 hrs; struck water and a violent explosion followed. Returned early owing to 10/10 cloud at 2000 ft with vis very poor in target area.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O J.J. HARRIS P/O R.A. ALEXANDER	FLOWER COCHRANES, DOMINIC	0021	0154	Target not reached because of bad weather. Film attached to Chatterbox cloud nil, vis 4-5 miles, N.W. of above district & rapidly deteriorated to 10/10 cloud below 1000 ft, vis practically nil.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O V.E. BOWEN P/O R.E. HAYLER RAF	FLOWER MURPHY, MORGAN	2359	0300	Unsuccessful.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L J.R. KING P/O E. CLARK RAF	FLOWER BRUVAIS ORILL, COCHRANES	0057	0331	Cameras inactive. Other two airfields not visited due to weather - 9/10 cloud, base 600 ft, tops 4000 ft. Vis very poor.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L D.A. MACPHERSON IFC P/O J.D. WRIGHT	ANTI DIVER	0035	0350	Chased several Divers which were flying in cloud below 3000 ft, speed about 350 m.p.h., and climbing slowly. Divers speed increased beyond Mox maximum on climbing out of cloud at 3000 ft. Number of Divers seen heading W.S.W. at 6-7000 ft throughout patrol. Divers seemed to cease about 0310 hrs.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L R.E. NEILL P/O P.D. HEMMINGSHOT	ANTI DIVER	2330	0234	Fired on a Diver at 4-500 yds without result at 0227 hrs. Speed estimated at between 350 and 400 m.p.h. At 0240 hrs a Diver seen 15 miles N.W. of Le Touquet flying at a height of 6000 ft. Majority of others were at 2500 ft.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L G.J. EVANS P/O S. HEMMINGSTONE RAF	ANTI DIVER	0125	0157	25 miles south-east of Brighton at 0230 hrs at 2000 ft shot down a Diver with a 2 sec burst. No effect of hit. Ten miles off Le Touquet Diver seen on 240 deg M at 6000 ft. Unable to close range due to Diver's speed. 1 DIVER DESTROYED	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O S.E. MAY P/O J.D. WRIGHT	FLOWER CHATEAUBOUX, MORGAN, AUSTIN	0007	0154	Unsuccessful.	

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17/18 June	MOSQUITO VI	F/L R. GRAY P/O P.D. BROWN RAF	ANTI DIVER	0230	0507	At 0522 hrs about 8 miles south-east of Hastings fired three 2 sec bursts at Diver from astern, height 1000 ft, course 330 deg. Strikes, Diver went into shallow dive and exploded 2 miles further north. Searchlights on English coast picked out Diver after it was hit and followed it to the water. 1 DIVER DESTROYED	
18/19 June	MOSQUITO VI	F/L R.E. FORBES P/O R.T. EMM RAF	ANTI DIVER	2242	0059	At 0014 sighted a Diver 30 miles from English coast at 2000 ft on course of 320 deg M. Chased at I.A.S. 130 and fired 5 x 2 sec bursts with unobserved results. Broke off when Diver crossed coast 2 miles west of Brighton. WX: low to 10/10 stratus cloud tops 2000 ft Diver could not be sighted until they broke cloud in mid-Channel.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L P.W. BAKER P/O J.E. HOBBS	ANTI DIVER	2244	0105	At 0005 hrs on course of 180 deg M, 10 miles north of Le Troport, saw Diver at 2000 ft. Impossible to intercept.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O A. BAKER P/O W.A.R. SCHWART RAF	ANTI DIVER	2329	0210	At 0008 hrs when 40 miles south-east of Hastings Diver seen at 1500 ft on course 320 deg M. Fired 2 x 2 sec bursts from 1000 yds, no strikes seen.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L T.G. ANDERSON P/O J.F. CANNON	ANTI DIVER	2325	0225	Unsuccessful.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L L.E. EVANS W/O R.R. BEADLEY	INTRUDER WELLS, WESTPHAL VILLACOMMAY, CHENARD	2327	0237	Unsuccessful. WX: 10/10 cloud down to 1000 ft, tops 2000 ft over whole target area.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L S.H.P. COOPER SFC R.H. MCKENNA RAF	INTRUDER EVANS, ST ANDREW, FRY, CHAMBERS	2334	0235	Unsuccessful. WX: target area 10/10 at 900 ft.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O J.G. HILL SFC G.W. ROACH	INTRUDER COULOMBERS	0010	0527	No low cloud at Avranches. Vis 2-5 miles rapidly deteriorating until half way to Le Mans, where 10/10 cloud base 1200 ft. Target not reached.	

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18/19 June	MOSQUITO VI	P/O M.E. SIMS P/O J.D. SHARPLES	ANTI DIVERS	0120	0137	Three Divers seen at 0210, and 0250 hrs, all heading towards Beaulieu Head. Fired 3 x 1 sec bursts at third from 1000 yds, no strikes seen.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L G.W. JAMES F/L D.A. MARTIN	INTRUDER COGNAC	0025	0156	Unsuccessful.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O R.P. JOHNSON P/O H.H. TAYLOR	INTRUDER BOURGES, AVARD CHATEAUBOUK	0015		Failed to return.	
19/20 June	MOSQUITO VI	F/L G.W. JAMES F/L D.A. MARTIN	ANTI DIVER	2250	0040	At 0000 hrs sighted a Diver at 2800 ft on a course of 015 W. Not turned and dived from 5000 ft, closed to 500 yds astern and fired several bursts. Strikes seen, Diver slowed down, lost height, exploded in air and crashed in sea in position 50 35 N, 00 35 E. WX: some high cloud. 1 DIVER DESTROYED	
"	MOSQUITO VI	W/O A. BAKER P/O A.D. McLAGEN	ANTI DIVER	2335	0105	At 0005 hrs a Diver seen to blow up 20 miles S.E.E. of Beaulieu. At 0014 hrs sighted a Diver coming out from Boulogne area. At 0023 attacked a Diver 6 miles east of Eastbourne at 1000 yds range. Both engines cut so attack abandoned. Diver held in searchlights over English coast, no flash. Another aircraft passed during chase burning nav lights, also following Diver.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	S/L R. BARNOCK P/O P.R. HUDON	ANTI DIVER	0035	0324	Saw 1 Diver come out at Le Troport and followed to French coast at St Valery, but too late to close. At 0223 hrs made two attacks on a Diver flying 340 deg W out of Dieppe. Diver flew up and crashed in sea with brilliant flash, in position 50 20 N, 00 45 E. Chased a third Diver and fired several bursts, but unable to catch, so abandoned. Searchlights from Beaulieu engaged Diver on crossing English coast.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L P.M. SAWYER	ANTI DIVER	0131	0402	At 0223 hrs a Diver seen destroyed in position 20 miles N.W. of Dieppe. (Confirmation of S/L Barnock's claim.)	20

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19/20 June	MOSQUITO VI	F/L D.E. FORSYTH P/O R.T. ESMAN RAF	ANTI DIVER	0245	0542	Saw 1 Diver crash into sea. Chased another but unable to catch. At 0430 hrs fired on a Diver on a course of 340 deg T, no results seen.	
20/21 June	MOSQUITO VI	F/O S.P. SKID P/O D.H. MCINTOSH	ANTI DIVER	2235	0052	Fired 3 x 2 sec bursts at a Diver 20 miles south of Washburn, height 2000 ft, no results observed. No Divers seen until 0012 hrs.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	W/O J.J.P. MCGAHEE P/O R.J. STOKY	ANTI DIVER	0027	0202	Three Divers seen at 0125 hrs at about 10 miles intervals, flying 010 deg and appeared to come from the same starting point between Biville and Dieppe. Fired at a Diver 5 miles off Pte Haut Bone. 3 strikes seen.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L P. GRAY P/O F.D. SMITH RAF	ANTI DIVER	2328	0218	Three Divers fired upon but no hits obtained due to superior speed.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L G.J. IVANE P/O S. HENNINGSONE RAF	INTRODUCER SPECIAL ST ANDREW SPECIAL CHARGES	2339	0535	Unsuccessful. Also visited Nantes, Chateaudun, Orleans, Tours	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L D.A. MACADAM DFC P/O J.D. WIGGIE	INTRODUCER COGNAC	0016	0100	Unsuccessful. Small amounts of scattered clouds, but poor oblique vis and darkness made pinpointing difficult. Returned early for this reason.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L G.S. LEGGAT P/O P.J. COCHRANE	INTRODUCER MELAN, BREVIGNY VILLAGEURAY	2321	0109	Saw one E/A take off and another land at Melun, but unable to engage as lights doused.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O W.E. POWELL P/O R.K. NAYLOR RAF	ANTI DIVER	0138	0429	At 0220 chased a Diver but could not overtake. At 0305 hrs attacked a Diver at 50 30 N. 01 10 E at 2500 ft but overboard. Returned to attack and after a 2 second burst of cannon from astern, mild flash and explosion occurred and part broke off. Diver peeled off to port and at 500 ft blew up with a large orange flash.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	W/O F.S. MCGILL P/O P.D. HENDERSON	INTRODUCER CHATELAINOUX BOURGES, AVORD	0004	0134	Unsuccessful.	

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20/21 June	MOSQUITO VI	F/O J. PHILLIPS P/O B. JOB RAF	INTRODUCER COULMIGNES, BENELEY	0024	0145	Unsuccessful.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O J.J. HARTY P/O P.A. ALEXANDER RAF	ANTI DIVER	0240	0512	At 0406 hrs chased a Diver and attacked at 25 miles off Beachy, no strikes.	
21/22 June	MOSQUITO VI	F/L J.B. KERR P/O P. CLARK RAF	DAY RAIDER	1345	1910	Operated from Fremantle. P/O Sims leading. Two 3000 lb bombs destroyed. Cannon empty except for dummies. P/L Kerr shot up a flak site which was firing at Sims, strikes on emplacement and firing ceased. Proceeded to Puz, where 6 F.W.190's in line on field. At 1638 hrs P/O Sims attacked two aircraft with 2 x 2 sec bursts, many strikes seen. P/L Kerr followed in and attacked, seeing strikes on two aircraft. Flak from coast at Cape Perret on way home. 2 F.W.190's damaged by P/O Sims 2 F.W.190's damaged by P/L Kerr	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O S.P. SKID P/O D.H. MCINTOSH	ANTI DIVER	2230	0146	At 0001 hrs a Diver sighted at 2500 ft at 50 20 N. 00 20 E. Attached from 50 yds astern with a 1 sec burst. Diver exploded in str burning all the paint off Mosquito. (Confirmed by two other pilots - P/L Leggat and P/O Harris.)	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L G.S. LEGGAT P/O P.L. COCHRANE	ANTI DIVER	2230	0155	At 0037 hrs saw large red explosion in direction of Le Havre.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O J.J. HARTY P/O P.A. ALEXANDER RAF	ANTI DIVER	2229	0200	At 0037 hrs saw large red explosion in Le Havre area, possibly caused by aircraft crash.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O J. PHILLIPS P/O B. JOB RAF	FLOWER SPECIAL ST ANDREW SPECIAL CHARGES	2327	0258	No apparent activity in target area. Moments before flak seen from Le Havre at 0220 hrs.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O S.P. SKID P/O J.D. RYAN	FLOWER	2315	0320	Unsuccessful. Unable to see targets owing to clouds.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	W/O J.J.P. MCGAHEE P/O R.J. STOKY	ANTI DIVER	0001	0130	At 0122 hrs when 10 miles off Dieppe at 6000 ft 2 other lights on and off for 30 secs above clouds.	

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21/22 June	MOSQUITO VI	F/L D.A. MACPHERSON DFC P/O J.D. WRIGHT	ANTI DIVER	2359	0322	Unsuccessful.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O G.E. FRANK P/O S. HANBROOK	ANTI DIVER	0134	0145	Unsuccessful.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L R. BIRROCK P/O R.E. BRUCE	ANTI DIVER	0141	0147	Unsuccessful.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L R. GRAY P/O F.D. SMITH RAF	ANTI DIVER	0141	0159	Unsuccessful.	
22/23 June	MOSQUITO VI	F/L G.M. JASPER F/L G.A. MARTIN	ANTI DIVER	2230	0159	Unsuccessful.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O M.H. SIMS P/O J.D. SHARPLES	ANTI DIVER	2236	0154	Unsuccessful.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L S.E. ANDERSON P/O J.F. CHAMMAN	ANTI DIVER	2240	0215	Unsuccessful.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O A. BAKER P/O W.A.R. STEWART DFC	ANTI DIVER	0001	0258	10 Divers seen crossing in between Hastings and Eastbourne from 0150 until 0205 hrs, heading Q40 M, height 3000 ft, 300 I.A.S. At 0155 and 0201 hrs fired on 2 Divers; no strikes seen but Diver seen to crash at 0202 hrs in position 50 42 N, 00 31 E. 1 DIVER DESTROYED	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L F.M. SAWYER P/O J.R. HOWELL	ANTI-DIVER INTRUDER ANGERS	2249	0300	At 0040 hrs an aircraft seen to approach to land with lights on, but every thing doused before attack could be made. Vis. clear, good vis.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O J.R. HILL	ANTI DIVERS	0005	0335	At 0210 in position 50 45 N, 01 05 E. attacked a Diver at 2000 ft with 3 x 2 sec bursts, no strikes seen.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O S.H. MAY P/O J.D. RITCH	ANTI DIVER	0131	0120	At 0228 hrs attacked a Diver with 3 x 2 sec bursts of cannon, position 50 20 N, 00 40 E, height 2200 ft, 340 deg M, 300 I.A.S.	

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22/23 June	MOSQUITO VI	F/L S.H.R. COTTEWILL Sgt E.H. MORRIS RAF	ANTI DIVER	0126	0130	Diver exploded and crashed in sea. At 051 hrs attacked a Diver with a 4 sec burst 2 miles south of Beachy, 2000 ft, 360 M, 310 I.A.S. Diver exploded in sea. Divers seen to leave from position bearing 150 T, 5-8 miles inland from Pte de Mally, crossing 5 miles west of Dieppe on bearing between 340 M and 350 M. At 0250 in position 50 30 N, 00 30 E, Diver seen to die out and explode in sea. 2 Divers destroyed.	
22/23 June	MOSQUITO VI	F/L S.H.R. COTTEWILL Sgt E.H. MORRIS RAF	ANTI DIVER	0126	0130	At 0228 hrs saw Diver explode approx 20 miles N.W. of Dieppe. Between 0232 and 0235 chased 2 Divers approx 10 miles off Le Grotoy, unable to intercept. 5 miles off Dieppe at 0317 intercepted Diver and chased to 20 miles south of Beachy Head, closed to 300 yds at 2000 ft, 340 I.A.S., and fired 2x2 sec bursts. Strikes seen and Diver exploded in sea. At 0336 hrs 20 miles south of Beachy attacked a Diver with 1 x 5 sec burst at 2000 ft, heading 340 deg M, I.A.S. 340. Strikes seen and Diver exploded in sea. During patrol Divers seen leaving with bright orange flash from position 49 59 N, 01 34 E, climbing over coast on bearing of 340 M. 2 Divers destroyed.	
23/24 June	MOSQUITO VI	F/O S.H. WY P/O J.D. RITCH	ANTI DIVER	2244	0155	Sighted one Diver but unable to overtake.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O J.S. HILL Sgt G.W. BOACH	ANTI DIVER	2257	0200	At 0011 hrs fired at a Diver north-east of Le Touquet, but range too long due to Diver's speed.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O P.R. BROOK P/O A.D. MCLAREN	ANTI DIVER	2250	0232	At 2352 hrs attacked a Diver south-west of Beachy, no results seen.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O W.R. BOWMAN F/S H.K. NAYLOR RAF	ANTI DIVER	2155	0337	At 0155 hrs saw a Diver at 0100 E, 1950 N, heading overland in a south-westerly direction at 2000 ft. Mos. went into a shallow dive reaching 360 I.A.S. and gave a short burst from	

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						Seeing strikes. Second attack made at 1200 ft closing from 200 to 50 yds. Diver crashed, exploded, and burned on ground 1/2 miles north-west of Rouses. 1 DIVER DESTROYED.	
23/24	MOSQUITO VI	F/L L.E. EVANS W/O F.R. HASKY	ANTI DIVER	0006	0321	Unsuccessful.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L D.E. FORSETH F/O R.T. ESM(RAF)	ANTI DIVER	0111	0152	At 0223 hrs observed an explosion in Channel 10-15 miles south of Hastings.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L S.H.R. COTTEWILL Sgt E.H. MORRIS RAF	ANTI DIVER	0125	0155	At 0222 observed what appeared to be a Diver explode in channel 10 miles north of St. Valery.	
24/25 June	MOSQUITO VI	S/L E.R. MCGILL F/O F.D. HEMMERSON	ANTI DIVER	2210	0210	20 miles off Le Troport attacked a Diver at 3000 ft with 3 x 1 sec bursts from 300 yds. Aircraft with nav. lights flew in front. As Mos. broke away, Diver hit the sea, causing a large yellow flash. 1 DIVER DESTROYED.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L C.J. EVANS F/O S. HEMMERSON RAF	ANTI DIVER	2238	0215	At 0015 hrs 15 miles due south of Beachy fired 1 x 2 sec burst at a Diver at 4000 ft; further 2 sec burst from 100 yds when Diver blew up in air. At 0123 hrs attacked a Diver off Maapa from 100 yds; Diver hit sea and exploded at 50 08 N, 00 50 E. 2 DIVERS DESTROYED.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O S.P. SKID F/O D.N. MCDONOSH	ANTI DIVER	0016	0218	At 0110 hrs attacked a Diver south of Brighton and at 8200 a second diver south of Hastings, no strikes seen in either case.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L G.S. HEGGAT F/L P.L. COCHRANE	ANTI DIVER	0018	0312	At 0112 hrs attacked a Diver at 50 15 N, 00 54 E at 3000 ft, no strikes. At 0235 hrs saw a Diver crash in sea at 50 20 N 00 30 E.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L T.C. ANDERSON F/O J.F. CALMAN	ANTI DIVER	0017	0316	12 Divers sighted, 5 attacked, but no claims.	

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24/25 June	MOSQUITO VI	F/O J.J.F. MORALE F/O K.J. HONEY	ANTI DIVER	0111		Fired at 2 Divers, no strikes seen. Attacked a third Diver, which began to lose height, still losing height at 1500 ft when Mos broke away owing to engine failure. Starboard engine failed, so climbed to 5000 ft, feathering faulty engine. Port engine then caught fire, so re-started starboard and feathered port engine. Called for vector to nearest land and prepared to bale out. Starboard engine provided enough power to glide overland at 2000 ft. Navigator baled out as soon as pilot feathered engine. Pilot baled out at 1500 ft after pulling out of a dive, aircraft practically stalled. Height of ground 700 ft. Pilot dropped the 800 ft to ground, spraining one ankle on landing. Navigator uninjured. Both walked into summer cottage, where received assistance from a doctor, and phoned Ford. Picked up by transport and taken to Ford.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O J. PHILLIPS F/O R. JOE RAF	ANTI DIVER	0116	0118	In position 50 16 N, 00 35 E attacked a Diver at 1000 ft from 200 yds astern. Diver glided down to sea and exploded on impact with bright yellow flash. 1 DIVER DESTROYED.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L R. GRAY F/O F.D. SMITH RAF	NIGHT RANGER CABLE, AIRCRAFT, CLOCKWORK	0015	0519	Unsuccessful.	
25/26 June	MOSQUITO VI	F/L D.A. MACPHERSON F/O J.D. WRIGHT	ANTI DIVER	0112	0526	Several Divers sighted but no contacts possible. Diver seen to explode at 0206 hrs 30 miles south-east of Beachy Head. Landed at Ford. VI pitched of low cloud right down to deck.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L R. GRAY F/O F.D. SMITH RAF	ANTI DIVER	0111	0530	Sighted approx 14 Divers. Chased 2 formations of four and 2 single Divers. Attacked one with 2 x 2 sec bursts about 30 miles south of Hastings, no strikes seen. Landed at Ford.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O F.R. BROOK F/O A.D. MCLAUGH	ANTI DIVER	2215	0015	At 2325 hrs chased two Divers on course of 310 deg heading for Beachy Head. Chase abandoned after 3 mins as Divers pulling away steadily. Landed at Ford.	60 64

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26/27	Nil						
27/28 June	MOSQUITO VI	F/L C.H. JASPER F/L C.A. MARTIN	DAY RANGER	1545	2113	Took off Colishall. At 1742 hrs at Fordliffe turned back as bad weather ahead. Came out at 1749 hrs at Great and saw a Ju.88 2 miles out to sea travelling 135 deg M, making for large passenger ship approx 10,000 tons. At 1752 F/L Jasper opened fire from 250 yds; both engines caught fire and E/A falling into sea. Mos slightly burned by flames from E/A. At 1931 hrs 20 miles north of Ferschalling sighted a Ju.88 and chased for seven min N.N.W.; then two F.V.190's appeared above and dived at our aircraft, one of which broke to starboard and other to port and managed to evade. During patrol experienced intense light flak from approx 12 guns at suspected ammo dump at W. Eggbeck, and from ship mentioned above. Landed at Beas. 1 Ju.88 destroyed by F/L JASPER	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O M.E. SIDES F/O J.D. SHAPLES	ANTI DIVER	2250	0217	Uneventful.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L S.H.E. COTTRELL Sgt E.E. MCKENNA RAF	ANTI DIVER	2255	0226	1 Diver seen at 2600 ft, course 350 M, 5 miles north of Le Touquet, I.A.S. 310. Attacked at 0051 hrs with a 2 sec burst from 150 yds followed by a 1 1/2 sec burst, strikes seen on starboard wing. Diver spiralled down to sea and blew up on impact. 3 Divers seen at approx 500 ft on course 270 M from Disappears at 0200 hrs, went into cloud at 100 ft to west. 1 DIVER DESTROYED	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O A. PARKER F/O W.A.B. SHAWBY DFC	ANTI DIVER	0019	0303	At 0231 hrs saw supposed aircraft crash and burst into flames on sea 30-35 miles south of Hastings.	

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27/28 June	MOSQUITO VI	F/O S.E. SEID F/O D.W. McIVOSH	ANTI DIVER	2355	0310	Diver seen to explode in air 8 miles north-west of Le Touquet at 0040 hrs.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L I.R. EVANS F/O E.B. HANLEY	N. RANGER CHATEAUBRIEN	2329	0326	Target inactive. At 0123 hrs saw air to air tracer at 1000 ft and an aircraft crash in flames 15 miles north of Orleans. 5 mins. later two large orange explosions from ground.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L C.S. TROGAT F/L F.L. COCHRANE	ANTI DIVER	0051	0435	Uneventful.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L F.M. SAWYER F/O J.E. HOSKIN	ANTI DIVER	0055	0420	At 0335 hrs attacked a Diver at 2000 ft off Le Crotoy, no strikes seen.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O HILL Sgt ROACH	ANTI DIVER	0203	0600	Uneventful. Landed at Ford.	
28/29	Nil						
29/30	Nil						
30/1	MOSQUITO VI	F/L R. BAINOCK F/O E.E. BRUCE	ANTI DIVER	2301	0210	Several Divers seen, mainly after 0130 hrs. Strikes on one. Landed at Ford.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L D.E. WORTH F/O R.T. ESM RAP	ANTI DIVER	2255	0137	Saw one Diver explode in the air. Otherwise uneventful. Landed at Ford.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/O S.E. MAY F/O J.D. RITCH	ANTI DIVER	2257	0230	Sighted 3 Divers. Fired at one, no strikes seen. Landed at Manston.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	F/L R. GRAY F/O F.D. SMITH RAF	NIGHT RANGER NUREMBERG	2342	0440	Visited Sobrabish-Hall and Tilleshain. Chased an E/A at Colishall, E/A doing steep turns as Mos. attempted to close astern. Finally attacked from head-on with a 1 1/2 sec burst. E/A doused lights and lost. Two more E/A sighted while chase was on, but landed before the attack on first was finished. Landed Manston.	

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(A. Barber) - Wing Commander
Commanding, No. 418 Squadron, R.C.A.F.

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HOMASLEY SOUTH	JULY, 1944	6th	<p>W: Cloudy to fair, fair to fine, afternoon. Cloudy evening, light showers and thunderstorms evening.</p> <p>"A" Flt. - HPT's. P/L Sawyer flew to Thorny Island and return.</p> <p>"B" Flt. - HPT's.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: A special Mission by S/L McGill, not successfully carried out. P/O Phillips carried out a Night Ranger to the Murdoch area. P/O Harvie returned from south of Strachan owing to bad weather. 3 Divers were destroyed over sea and 1 overland by S/L Hancock, 2 by P/L C.J. Evans, 2 by P/L MacFadyen, 1 by P/O Seid and 1 by P/L Leggat. Anti Divers were also flown by P/O Barker and P/L Gray. P/L MacFadyen carried out two patrols.</p> <p>Released - 0515 hours.</p>		
		7th	<p>W: Cloudy, occasional rain morning. Fair to cloudy with showers afternoon, showers heavy at times.</p> <p>"B" Flt. - HPT's.</p> <p>P/O Sherris left us to take up duties at A.D.G.S. Headquarters.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: P/L Sawyer destroyed a Ju-88 at Hengsa. 2 Divers were destroyed by S/L Hancock and one by P/O Harvie, P/O Hill, P/L Gray, P/O Seid, P/L C.J. Evans, P/L MacFadyen, P/L Phillips and P/L Leggat also flew anti-divers.</p> <p>Released - 0521 hours.</p>		
		8th	<p>W: Fair at first cloudy later with bright showers, fine evening.</p> <p>"A" Flt. - one HPT.</p> <p>A very successful Field Sports Meet was held at the Athletic Field during the afternoon, and a 418 Squadron Dance, with the R.C.A.F. Dance Band in the evening.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: P/L Cotterill destroyed a Diver. Other Anti Diver patrols were by S/L Kerr, P/L Anderson, P/L Forsyth, P/L Jasper and P/O Hill.</p> <p>Released - 0524 hours.</p>		
		9th	<p>W: Cloudy, fair periods evening. Drizzle for few hours mid-day, heavy at times.</p> <p>"A" Flt. - HPT's. Our aircraft returned from Ford.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: P/L L.E. Evans carried out an uneventful Intruder on Cognac. S/L Kerr destroyed 1 Diver, P/O Brock 1 and P/L Jasper 1. P/L Anderson, P/L Sawyer, P/O Hill, P/O May and P/L Forsyth also made anti-diver patrols. P/L Cotterill returned early owing to failure of the starboard engine.</p>		
		10th	<p>W: Cloudy, occasional light rain or drizzle morning till mid-afternoon.</p> <p>A fire broke out in the Operations block at approximately 0600 hrs, probably caused by sparks from the kitchen stove. "B" Flight Room was well ablaze, but all fire was out by 0745 hours. Considerable damage to aircraft hangar walls and other flight property resulted. The cause is, as yet, unknown.</p> <p>"A" Flt. - one HPT.</p> <p>"B" Flt. - HPT's.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: S/L McGill flew a Night Ranger to Ditch and Dole. P/L Gray carried out a Feather Beece over the channel, and P/O Bowry an Anti diver.</p> <p>Released - 0540 hours.</p>		

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HOMASLEY SOUTH	JULY, 1944	11th	<p>W: Cloudy occasionally fair, light drizzle at first. Vis. moderate to good.</p> <p>News was received that 418 Squadron would move, in the course of 2 or 3 days, to Burn.</p> <p>The Squadron was visited today by P/L W.W. Harris of District No. 2 Educational; S/L G.M. Green, Protestant Chaplain of District No. 2. P/O Boyd of the Auxiliary Services; and P/O Shadbolt of the Postal Mission, to interview R.C.A.F. personnel.</p> <p>The following new crews reported to the Squadron:</p> <p>P/O R.D. Thomas (Pilot) P/L R.W. Macdonald (Nav.) P/O R.A. Johnson (Pilot) P/O R. Gent-Russell (Nav.) P/O R.E. Miller RAF (Pilot) Sgt W. Hooper RAF (Nav.) P/O R. Bourne (Pilot) P/L E. Sewell (Nav.) P/O S.K. Scollay (Pilot) P/O W.A. Hastie (Nav.) P/L R.H. Thomas RAF (Pilot) P/O Allan RAF (Nav.) P/L T. Matthew RAF (Pilot) P/O G. Drew RAF (Nav.)</p> <p>"A" Flt. - One HPT. and formation flying. P/L Jasper flew from Ford to base.</p> <p>"B" Flt. - HPT's.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: On a Day Ranger in the afternoon, P/O Harvie and P/L C.J. Evans destroyed an Me.110 in the air at Gardalagan. P/O Seid flew a Night Ranger to Tours. Anti Divers were flown by P/L MacFadyen, P/L Cotterill, and S/L Hancock.</p> <p>Released - 0632 hours.</p>		
		12th	<p>W: Cloudy, slight rain or drizzle throughout evening.</p> <p>"A" Flt. - HPT's, single engine and formation flying. P/L Jasper flew to Tangara and return.</p> <p>Low level cross countries by P/O May and P/O Hill.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Anti Divers by P/L L.E. Evans and P/L Sawyer.</p> <p>Released - 0600 hours.</p>		
		13th	<p>W: Cloudy with light rain or drizzle mid afternoon to evening. Fair evening, cloud base below 1000 ft in rain or drizzle. Visibility moderate to good.</p> <p>"A" Flt. - HPT's. P/L L.E. Evans returned from Burn and P/L Sawyer from Ford.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Anti Diver patrols by P/L Cotterill, P/L Forsyth and P/L L.E. Evans.</p> <p>Released - 0507.</p>		
R.A.F. HEN.		14th	<p>W: Cloudy, trace cloud below 1000 ft end of period. Vis. very good, moderate.</p> <p>The Squadron moved during the day to its new location. The set up at present is very unsatisfactory. The ground crew have their billets 6 miles from Burn A/F, at Christchurch aerodrome, Burn Homage, and have to be transported by bus, which considerably reduces their efficiency and keenness. The aircrew and officers are billeted at Hollywood House, 4 miles E. of the A/F and they too have to rely on a bus service for transport. The officers Mess is 5 miles from this billet. We will probably have other more satisfactory arrangements made, or be moved again.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Flower operations by P/O Harvie to Goulomiers and P/L Phillips to Chateaudun, Bourges, Avord and Orleans. P/O May destroyed a diver over the sea. P/L MacFadyen, S/L Hancock, P/L C.J. Evans, P/L Gray and P/O Bowry also flew anti-divers.</p>		

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R.A.F. HERN	JULY 1944	15th	<p>Wk: cloudy, occasional slight drizzle just after dawn. Hearty congratulations to P/L Jasper and P/L Martin on the award of the D.F.C.</p> <p>"A" Flt - Cross countries were flown by P/L Matthews, P/O Loriaux, P/O Johnson, W/O Barker made a local flight. Return trips were made to Holmsley South by P/L Mathew and P/L Jasper.</p> <p>No operations.</p> <p>Released - 0023 hours.</p>		
		16th	<p>Wk: cloudy. Intermittent light rain or drizzle just after dawn. Fine evening.</p> <p>The process of settling in at Hurn continues. Distances and transport are still the great obstacles to efficiency but good weather has enabled us to get rapidly installed.</p> <p>"A" Flight - NR's single engine and formation flying.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Anti Divers by W/O Barker, P/L L.E. Evans, P/L Kerr and P/L Jasper.</p> <p>Released - 0114 hours.</p>		
		17th	<p>Wk: Fair, fog before dawn. Vis. 3/4000 yds before dawn improving to moderately good in evening.</p> <p>"A" Flight - NR's, single engine and formation flying.</p> <p>OPERATIONS</p> <p>Anti Diver patrols flown by P/L L.E. Evans, W/O L. Barker, P/L D.B. Forayth, P/O R.D. Thomas, P/L F.L. Sawyer, P/O S.H. May, P/L F.C. Anderson.</p> <p>S/L R. Bamcock on a Night Ranger to Altonburg damaged an U/I E/A and also destroyed an U/I E/A. P/L S.E. Cotterill operated from Oultishall on a Night Ranger to Putnitz which, however, proved uneventful. S/L Kerr failed to return from his sortie to Kolberg.</p>		
		18th	<p>Wk: Fine becoming fair. Vis. moderate.</p> <p>Another sad loss was experienced last night in the loss of S/L "G.S." Kerr, a Flight Commander, with his observer, P/O "Butch" Clark. They failed to return from a long Ranger sortie to Kolberg. A new crew reported to the squadron P/L H.L. Sears (Pilot) Sgt P. Hill (RAF) Obs.</p> <p>"A" Flt - P/L Cotterill returned from Oultishall. P/L Evans N.E.S. - Base - Ford, P/L Anderson P/L Sawyer and P/O Howell to Bloemfontein and return.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: There were Anti Diver Patrols by P/O S.H. Woolley and P/L R.D. Thomas. Diver Base patrols by P/L C.J. Evans, P/L R. Gray, P/L J. Phillips and P/O J.J. Harvie.</p> <p>Operating from Ford, P/L L.E. Evans on a Night Ranger to Munich, probably destroyed a P.E.190. Two FLOWERS, P/L O.S. Leggat to Orly, Bretigny, Melun, Coulanciers proving uneventful and P/O W.R. Bowley to Brussels, Heimbuck, Le Culot also uneventful.</p>		
		19th	<p>Wk: Fair, cloudy around dawn. Hazy vis. moderate to poor.</p> <p>"A" Flt - NR's and practice attacks. P/L Evans N.E.S. returned from Ford, P/L Evans and P/O Sims - Base Lutgate Bottom in the Oxford.</p> <p>OPERATIONS:</p> <p>Anti Diver patrols by P/O H.E. Miller, P/O S.L. Woolley, S/L R. Bamcock and P/O R.D. Thomas. S/L Bamcock destroyed 2 Divers over the sea. Special Anti Diver patrols by P/L J. Phillips, P/O W.R. Bowley and P/O J.J. Harvie.</p> <p>Two night rangers, P/O F.R. Brook to Cognac and Bordeaux; P/L C.J. Evans to Munich area, where he probably destroyed a P.E.190 at Oberpfaffenhafen.</p>		

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R.A.F. HERN	JULY 1944	20th	<p>Wk: Cloudy, fair periods. Occasional light rain, evening haze. Vis. Moderate to poor.</p> <p>"A" Flt - S.E. flying. P/L L.E. Evans flew to Ford and returned. P/O Loriaux flew in the Oxford to Northolt - base.</p> <p>The news came through that each diver trip will henceforth count as an operational sortie. This is good news, following the letter from Air Headquarters a week ago, stating that these operations would count towards flying hours, but not as a part of a tour of operations.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Ten Anti Diver patrols were flown, a few Divers were sighted and attacked but no joy.</p> <p>P/O Woolley, P/L Mathew, P/L Forayth, P/L Cotterill, P/O Brook, P/O Johnson, P/L L.E. Evans, P/L Gray, P/O Sears.</p>		
		21st	<p>Wk: Cloudy, intermittent light rain all day, becoming continuous after dusk.</p> <p>"A" Flt - NR's. P/L Evans flew to Exeter in the Oxford and back to base.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: A Weather Recon carried out over the Channel successfully by P/L L.E. Evans. P/L C.J. Evans and P/O W.R. Bowley on a Day Ranger to the Baltic Coast destroyed a Ju.52 each, 6 miles W. of Putnitz. The fin rudder of P/L Evans A/C was damaged owing to his having cut 6 ft off port wing of his victim, both returning to base.</p>		
		22nd	<p>Wk: Cloudy, continuous rain till mid day. Patches cloud below 1000 ft at first, soon lifting. Vis. moderate to good. Fine P.M. to H.M. light.</p> <p>"A" Flt - W/O Barker to Middle Wallop and return. P/L Cotterill in the Oxford to Northolt and returned. P/L Thompson flew in the register to Holmsley South and return. One N.F.T.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Anti Diver Patrols by P/L C.J. Evans and P/O Harvie. Uneventful.</p>		
		23rd	<p>Wk: Cloudy, thick haze. Vis. mainly poor but moderate around mid day.</p> <p>P/L McIvor, R.C.A.F., Protestant Padre, visited the Squadron over the week end, but as a suitable building was not available, the services were cancelled for this week.</p> <p>We experienced another very sad loss in the death owing to a crash during an N.F.T., of P/O W.R. Bowley and P/O H.H. Naylor (RAF).</p> <p>"A" Flt - One N.F.T. P/O Loriaux in the Oxford to Northolt and return.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Anti Diver patrols by P/L C.J. Evans and P/O Harvie. P/L Thomas, P/O Loriaux, S/L Bamcock, P/L Leggat, P/O Seid, P/O Miller, S/L Bamcock destroyed 2 Divers over the sea.</p>		
		24th	<p>Wk: Cloudy becoming fair after mid afternoon. Hazy, visibility poor to moderate.</p> <p>The Squadron was very glad to receive a signal that the D.P.C. had at last been awarded to 1st Lt. Lane, our ex-American ace.</p> <p>"A" Flt - NR's, single engine, formation flying. P/O Brook and P/L Cotterill on C.C. cross countries. P/L Bray, cannon test.</p> <p>S/L R.B. McGill, J.4249 and P/O Hemmrich, J.21726 who have completed a successful tour of operations with our squadron left on posting to 8 O.T.U. in Canada.</p> <p>P/O Cassell, R.C.A.F. has come down for approximately three days to trade test personnel of 418 and 6418 S.E.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Ten Anti Diver patrols, all uneventful, by P/L Cotterill, P/L Forayth, P/O Loriaux, P/O Hill, P/L L.E. Evans, P/L F.R. Brook, P/L Mathew, W/O Johnson, P/L Gray, P/O Sears.</p>		

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R.A.F. HURN	JULY 1944	25th	<p>Wk Fair, becoming cloudy after dawn. Occasional light rain after mid-day.</p> <p>F/L O.A. Martin, DFC, J. 7792 left today for "A" Depot and will proceed to Canada for duties at No. 8 O.F.U. - Brock is the dress member of the Squadron having first arrived 9-12-44. He has completed two tours with us and while the boys are sorry to see him leave, a well earned rest at home will be welcomed.</p> <p>"A" Flight - HPT's and practice attacks.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Anti Diver patrols by W/O A. Barker, F/L Cotterill, F/L Matthes, F/O Sears, F/L L.S. Evans, F/O Hill and F/L R. Gray. F/O Hill dest. 1 Diver.</p> <p>Two offensive training patrols to the Loire River by F/O Loriaux and F/O J. Johnson. Flowers to Kitzingen by F/L Forayth and to Giesen by F/L Brook, both uneventful.</p>		
		26th	<p>Wk: Cloudy, fair occasionally in morning, rain or drizzle in evening at dawn and end of afternoon, again towards midnight.</p> <p>F/O Peter Huletaky, DFC and Bar, J. 22396 left today and will join the boys going back to Canada after a tour of ops with us. Well done Pete! And now the Squadron loses one of its best athletes as well as a top navigator.</p> <p>The Squadron is due for another move. The Americans are coming to Burn, so the Station moves at the end of the week, to Middle Wallop.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: F/L C.S. Evans and F/L Barnock destroyed a Diver each. F/L Leggat and F/L R. Matthes fired at several Divers, but no claims. Uneventful Anti Diver patrols flown by F/O Harvie, F/O Woolley and F/O Seid. Ops training to the Loire carried out by F/L Thomas, F/O Miller, and F/O Thomas.</p>		
		27th	<p>Wk: Cloudy with occasional light rain or drizzle before mid day. Fair evening.</p> <p>"A" Flight - Cannon test and one HPT.</p> <p>Operations: F/L Barnock destroyed one Diver.</p> <p>Unsuccessful Diver patrols by F/L Leggat, F/L Evans, F/O Harvie, F/O Thomas, F/O Miller and F/O Sears.</p> <p>Unsuccessful patrols (Intruder) were carried out by F/O Woolley to Angers, F/L Thomas to Tours and F/O Seid to Bordeaux.</p>		
		28th	<p>Wk: Cloudy with fair to cloudy periods late. Via. moderate to good.</p> <p>F/L MacPadyck and F/O Wright left for 60 O.F.U.</p> <p>Preparations are well in hand for the move to Middle Wallop. The move will take place on the 29th and 30th, tomorrow night being the last night for operations at Hurn.</p> <p>"A" Flight - HPT's, Practice attacks, S.M. formation flying.</p> <p>F/O Loriaux and F/O Johnson - cross country.</p> <p>F/L Gray and F/L Cotterill to Hanton.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: W/O Barker, F/O Loriaux, F/O Hill, F/L Matthes, F/L Brook, and F/O Johnson all made unsuccessful attacks on a number of Divers. An uneventful Diver patrol was also flown by F/L Sawyer.</p> <p>3 Divers were flown by F/L Evans who took off from Ford in Eckhardingen. F/L Cotterill took off from Hanton to Otr Oth, both uneventful and F/L Gray to Hanton. He attacked moving lights on ground, but no claim made as crew were uncertain whether target was vehicle or A/A taxiing.</p>		

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MIDDLE WALLOP	JULY 1944	29th	<p>Wk: Cloudy to fair, rain in the morning till 0700 hrs.</p> <p>The move to Middle Wallop began. Certain ground personnel were flown by Dakotas in the morning, and others followed in the afternoon. Work began busily in the hangar, which pleased all, and the officers thereto attached. "A" Flight operate from Hurn tonight, and will be coming over tomorrow.</p> <p>Congratulations on the award of the D.P.C. to F/L Stan Cotterill, and to F/O Sims and F/O Shorleya.</p> <p>F/L "Stan" is still with us.</p> <p>"A" Flight - HPT's.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: F/L Brook destroyed one Diver. W/O Barker fired at three Divers but without results. F/L Cotterill, F/L Sawyer, F/L Evans and F/O Hill flew uneventful Diver patrols.</p> <p>Ops Training flights to Angers by F/L Matthes and to the Loire by F/O Johnson and F/O Loriaux, all proving uneventful.</p>		
		30th	<p>Wk: Cloudy going to fair in the afternoon, cloudy in the afternoon.</p> <p>F/L Anderson and F/O Cadman, after completion of a good tour, leave for Warrington, en route for Canada.</p> <p>Much work to get an Ops. Room and a Crew Room into working order. The gravel on the grass always caused some damage to the tails of 6 of our aircraft, during H.P.T.'s. The grass level with the runways will in future be used to avoid this danger.</p> <p>"A" Flight flew their aircraft to Middle Wallop.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: All Anti Diver patrols, three divers being destroyed, two by F/L Leggat and one by F/O Woolley. The patrols by F/O Sears, F/O Harvie, F/O Seid, F/L Thomas and F/O Thomas were uneventful.</p>		
		31st	<p>Wk: Fog in the morning, rising at 1200 hours, becoming fair to hazy.</p> <p>F/L "Stan" Jasper, D.P.C. left us on his way home.</p> <p>"A" Flight - HPT's, Air Test.</p> <p>F/O May ground test to Hurn and return. F/L Sawyer with F/O Stewart and F/L Jasper in the Oxford to Burtonwood and return.</p> <p>Operations: Unsuccessful Diver patrols by F/O Thomas, F/O Seid, F/O Woolley, F/L Phillips, F/L Leggat, F/L Thomas.</p> <p>F/O Thomas returned early owing to mechanical trouble.</p>		
			<p>NUMBER OF OPERATIONAL SORTIES FOR MONTH..... 242</p> <p>OPER. HOURS FOR MONTH..... 695 HOURS. TRAINING HOURS FOR MONTH..... 239:00 Hours.</p> <p>PERSONNEL ON STRENGTH AS AT 31st July, 1944.</p> <p>R.C.A.F. Officers Airmen..... 32 R.C.A.F. Airmen, Groundcrew..... 2</p> <p>R.C.A.F. Officers Groundcrew... 5 R.A.F. Airmen, Aircrew..... 4</p> <p>R.A.F. Officers Airmen..... 13</p> <p>AIRCRAFT ON STRENGTH: MOSQUITO VI..... 21</p> <p>OXFORD..... 1</p> <p>MASTER..... 1</p>		
			<p><i>[Signature]</i> Squadron Leader, Commanding No. 418 Squadron, R.C.A.F.</p>		

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				Up	Down		
3/4th	MOSQUITO VI	F/L C. J. EVANS F/O S. HURLESSTONE	ANTI DIVER	0142	0502	Uneventful	
"	"	F/O J. PHILLIPS F/O B. JOB	INTRUDER BOURGES	0012	0459	UNEVENTFUL	
"	"	F/L R. Bray F/O P. D. Smith	ANTI DIVER	0154	0504	Uneventful	
4/5th	"	F/O A. BARKER F/O W. A. R. STEWART	ANTI DIVER	2245	0208	Divers seen coming out of Le Troport, six at 0005 hours, 3 at 0105 hours. Fired at several, no strikes seen. Speed 340-350 mph, average height 3000 ft.	
4/5th	"	F/L T. G. Anderson F/O J. P. CALMAN	ANTI DIVER	2244	0213	Fired at 2 Divers which came out from LeTroport area at 0012 hours, 51°30N, 01°E, no strikes seen.	
4/4th	"	F/L C. M. JAMES F/L O. A. MARTIN	ANTI DIVER	0019	0310	Fired 3 sec. burst at Diver 5030 N, 0050 E at 0055 hours. Fired 1/2 burst at a Diver 10 miles S.E. of Dungeness 0224 hours, no strikes. Returned early as sunlight w/s.	
4/5th	"	F/O F. K. BROOK F/O A. D. McLEAREN	OPS. TRAINING TOURS, ANVERS	2304	0313	Targets inactive. Meagre tracer inaccurate from Anvers and from Tours. Meagre heavy flak inaccurate from both sides of river Loire, S.E. of Anvers at Les Fonta.	
4/5th	"	F/L J. D. KERR F/O P. CLARK	FLOWER BOURGES	2342	0350	At 0110 hours on bearing 010° 3 miles from Verdons, saw a JU.88 flying due North at 600 feet. Chateaudun airfield then fired intruder warning, and immediately afterwards saw another JU.88 flying south at 800 ft. Closed on W/A flying north and at 0113 hours fired 121 sec. burst from 100 yards dead astern. Strikes on port engine and fuselage, burst into flames and exploded on hitting ground. At 0202 hours saw intense tracer from Avord airfield. An aircraft caught fire and crashed. At 0335 hours 15 miles	

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						S.E. of Portland Bill tracer from 2 or 3 guns. Fired colours and tracer ceased. 1 JU.88 destroyed.	
4/5th	Mosquito VI.	F/L. D. P. Fongath F/O. R. T. Egan.	Anti-Diver.	0018	0320	At 0207 hours attacked a Diver at 5020N 0110E course 340°, height 2000 feet, T.A.S. 340, with 2 x 2 sec. bursts cannon from 150 yards. Strikes in starboard wing. Diver went down steeply and exploded with amber flash on hitting sea. 1 Diver destroyed.	
"	"	F/L. S. H. R. Gatterill Sgt. E. J. McEwen.	Anti-Diver.	0023	0353	Chased 7 Divers in various positions, no strikes seen.	
"	"	F/L. P. M. Sawyer F/O. J. E. Howell.	Anti-Diver.	0158	0424	Diver fired at by A.A. 10 miles west of Brighton. Further Diver seen 15 miles S.W. of Brighton. Too far off to engage.	
"	"	F/O M. H. Sims F/O J. D. Sharples.	Intruder. Cognac.	2320	0435	A.E.S.N.'s first white then red from aircraft on bearing 240° from Cognac. Four Intruder warnings from airfield. No other activity.	
"	"	F/O. J. S. Hill Sgt. W. Roach.	Anti-Diver.	0156	0431	Attacked two Divers from extreme range, no strikes. I.A.S. letter 410.	
"	"	F/O. A. Barker F/O. W. A. R. Stewart.	Anti-Diver.	0316	0513	Uneventful.	
5/6th	"	F/L. J. E. Kerr F/O. P. Clark.	Anti-Diver.	0031	0056	Returned when 10 miles west of Winchester due to low fuel pressure.	
"	"	F/L. P. M. Sawyer F/O. J. E. Howell.	Anti-Diver.	2245	0158	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. P. B. Brock F/O. A. D. McLEAREN.	Anti-Diver.	2244	0204	5 miles off Pte. Hants Banc received meagre light flak, presumably from ships.	
"	"	F/L. T. G. Anderson F/O. J. P. CALMAN.	Anti-Diver.	2243	0213	Uneventful.	

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5/6th	Mosquito VI.	P/Lt G.H. Jasper. P/Lt O.A. Martin.	Anti-Diver.	0032	0211	Ammunition exhausted in attacks on two Divers at 0200 hours and 0205 hours. Strikes observed and 2 minutes later Diver seen to blow up. 1 Diver destroyed.	
"	"	P/O A. Barker P/O W.A.R. Stewart.	Anti-Diver.	0028	0311	At 0200 hours attacked a Diver 29 miles south of Hastings, no results observed. At 0200 hours saw a Diver explode following attacks by another aircraft. Chased another Diver at 0209 hours but net attacks possible.	
"	"	P/O M.H. Sims. P/O J.D. Sharples.	Anti-Diver.	0035	0351	At 0245 hours chased a Diver heading 340° at 2000 ft. at 340 m.p.h. 2 x 1 sec. bursts fired, Diver seen to smoke, catch fire and plunge into sea 25 miles south of Duncannon. Fired on another Diver but no strikes seen. One Diver dest. over sea.	
"	"	P/O S.H. Miley. P/O J.D. Ritch.	Anti-Diver.	0232	0500	At 0325 hours chased a Diver flying 330 M at 1500 feet at about 380 m.p.h. from French Coast south of Cayeux. 1 x 2 second burst fired but no results observed. At 0355 hours Diver fired on at 2500 feet flying out from Le Fayard on a course of 350 M. 1 x 2 sec. bursts fired and strikes seen. Diver attacked by another aircraft and crashed at 0357 hours 12 miles S.E. of Hastings.	
"	"	P/Lt D.E. Joweth P/O R.T. Egan.	Anti-Diver.	0230	0532	At 0317 hours saw a Diver crossing French Coast about 20 miles N.E. of Dieppe at 2000 feet, 350 m.p.h. on course of 340 M. Closed to 150 yards, fired 3 x 2 sec. bursts and Diver crashed at 5052N, 0058E. At 0436 hours attacked another Diver diving from 7000ft to 2000ft. Fired 2 x 2 sec. burst at 150 yards and Diver crashed 5052N, 0103E. 2 Divers destroyed.	

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5/6th	Mosquito VI	P/Lt S.H.E. Cottrell P/Sgt E.H. McKenna	Anti Diver	0228	0532	Chased total of 7 Divers during period of patrol but speed too great to net within range, excepting at 0435 hours at 5052N, 0103E, strikes obtained on Diver heading 340° at 2000 ft, speed about 360 m.p.h.	
6/7th	Mosquito VI	P/Lt G.S. Longat P/Lt E.L. Goshvane	Anti Diver	2212	0152	At 000 hours, course 360°T, speed 320 I.A.S., height 1500 to 1800 feet, range 4-500 yards, fired 4x2 sec. bursts. Flares occurred and Diver exploded in sea in position 5039N, 0045E. One Diver destroyed over sea.	
"	"	P/Lt R. BIRDICK	ANTI DIVER	0021	0211	At 0051 hours attacked a Diver 340°T, 390 I.A.S., 3500 ft. range 100 yards astern, 1 1/2 sec. burst, exploded in sea 5 miles S.W. Beachy. At 0057 attacked a Diver 340°T, 100 I.A.S. 2000 ft, range 350 yards astern, 2x2 sec bursts, exploded in air and crashed in sea 6 miles S.E. of Beachy. At 0132 attacked a Diver 340°T, 340 I.A.S., 1000 ft 600 yds astern, 2x2 sec bursts, Diver went into a gentle dive at 200 I.A.S. followed till it crashed on land 4-5 miles north of Hastings at 0216 hours. At 0048 hours Diver seen to explode a few miles south of Beachy. At 0213 a Diver seen to explode 20 miles S.E. of Hastings. 3 Divers destroyed over sea. 1 Diver destroyed over land.	
"	"	P/O J.L. Harris P/O E.A. Alexander	Night Ranger MISSION	2128	0314	took off Ford. Unable to orient position on Rhine south of Strasbourg, so returned. Landed base. Weather - clear bright moon with some haze.	

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6/7th	Mosquito VI	W/O A. BARKER P/O W.A.D. STEWART	ANTI DIVER	0016	0330	Uneventful	
"	"	P/O G.J. SWANS P/O S. HURCHESPORE	ANTI DIVER	0143	0348	At 0245 hours attacked a Diver 3300 ^M , range 150 yards astern, 2x1 sec. bursts, strikes seen and Diver exploded in sea 10 miles S.E. of Dungeness. At 0305 hours 3308, 370 I.A.S. 2500 ft range 100 yds astern, 1x sec bursts, exploded violently in air 15 miles south of Hastings. Dabria hit Mosquito and starboard engine packed up. At 0315 hours attacked third Diver on single engine, diving from 6000 ft down to 1800 feet, 1x2 sec bursts, strikes seen and Diver exploded in sea 6 miles S.E. of Hastings. 3 Divers destroyed over sea.	
"	"	P/O R. GRAY P/O P.D. SMITH	ANTI DIVER	0026	0338	Several seen and chased. In position on two but cut out by other fighters. Weather - small patches of cloud at 8-900 feet.	
"	"	S/L S.P. MOYLE P/O P.D. HENDERSON	NIGHT RANGER DIVER, DOLE	2256	0105	Uneventful. Weather - thunderstorms and patches of cloud over route.	
"	"	P/O D.A. MACRAE P/O J.D. WIGHT	ANTI DIVER	2300	0112	At 0011 hours attacked a Diver 350 ^M out of Dieppe, 340 I.A.S. 2200 ft, range 400 yards astern, 1 x 2 sec. burst, strikes seen and exploded in sea 25 miles S.E. of Beachy. At 0044 hours attacked a Diver 350 ^M , 340 I.A.S., 2000 ft, range 500 yards astern, 1 x 2 sec. burst, also 1x sec burst exhaust cut and Diver exploded in sea 30 miles S.E. of Beachy. Fired on another Diver at 0053 hours, strikes but Diver shot down later by another aircraft. Landed Pool.	

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6/7th	Mosquito VI	P/O D.A. Macrae P/O J.D. Wight	Anti-Diver	0226	0500	Took off Ford at 0251 hours, attacked a Diver 330 ^M out of Ault, 350 I.A.S., 1500 feet, range 300 yards astern, 2x1 sec. burst; strikes, exhaust cut, exploded in sea 3 miles N.W. of Ault. 1 Diver destroyed over sea.	
"	"	P/O S.E. Reid P/O B. Job	Anti-Diver	0145	0504	At 0352 hours attacked a Diver 340 ^M out of Ault, 340 I.A.S. 2500 feet, range 200 yards aster, 1 x 2 second burst, strikes, exhaust cut, dived to port, exploded in sea 15 miles 340 ^M from Ault. (Immediately after combat a voice over R/T said "I shot at that one too.") Many Divers seen destroyed about 0300 hours. Only 1 Diver seen to get through to English Coast, lost in cloud. 1 Diver destroyed over sea.	
"	"	P/O J. Phillips P/O B. Job	Night-Ranger Munich area	2134	0437	Uneventful. Weather fog in valleys in target area, otherwise clear.	
7/8th	"	S/L R. Bamcock P/O R.R. Bruce	Anti-Diver	2301	0044	At 2342 hours 10 miles south of Hastings on course of 340 ^M , 3000 ft., I.A.S. 150; attacked a Diver from 100 yds. astern with a 2 second burst. Diver blew up in mid-air at 0001 hours 20 miles south of Dungeness on course 340 ^M , 1500 feet, I.A.S. 320, attacked a Diver from 300 yards astern with a 4-5 second burst; Diver blew up on hitting sea. Two further Divers attacked at 2244 and 0011 hours; strikes seen but not claimed destroyed. 2 Divers destroyed over sea.	
"	"	P/O J.S. Hill P/O G.W. Roach	Anti-Diver	2302	0211	Fired at two Divers at 0015 and 0022 hours, no claims. Fired at twice by Flak ships 3 miles N.W. of Le Gombry, 4000 ft. tracer 0106 hours, accurate 0118 hours.	

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7/8th	Mosquito VI	P/L R. Gray. P/O F.D. Smith.	Anti-Diver.	0022	0327	No Divers seen. Intense tracer inaccurate from flak ship 1 mile N.W. of Le Touquet. Flak being fired all the way from Le Crotoy to S. Touquet.	
"	"	P/O B.P. Reid. P/O D.H. McIntosh.	Anti-Diver.	0024	0332	No Divers seen. At 0050 hours aircraft seen to explode in air and crash into sea 25 miles off Etretat. Two flak ships as in previous reports.	
"	"	P/L G.J. Evans. P/O S. Hamblestone.	Anti-Diver.	0016	0339	No Divers seen. Aircraft coded by searchlights at 0038 5-6 miles south of Le Crotoy. Aircraft dived and crashed in flames just inside coast.	
"	"	P/L F.M. Sawyer. P/O J.E. Howell.	Night Ranger Murdoh.	2325	0431	Took off Ford. At Mengen saw an aircraft to S.E. making left hand circuit at 1000 feet. Closed, recognized as JU.88 and at 0158 hours attacked about 300 feet above ground with 2 sec. burst dead astern closing from 150 to 50 yards. Starboard engine caught fire and exploded. Mosquito pulled away steeply to starboard and JU.88 slowly descended in flames, crashing 1/2 mile from runway. Left area 10 minutes later and R/A was still burning on ground. 1 JU.88 destroyed.	
"	"	P/L D.A. MacFadyen, DFC. P/O J.D. Wright.	Anti-Diver.	0116	0442	No Divers seen.	
"	"	P/L J. Phillips. P/O B. Job.	Anti-Diver.	0139	0452	Unsuccessful.	
"	"	P/O J.J. Harris. P/O E.J. Alexander.	Anti-Diver.	0116	0514	At 0428 hours 2 Divers came out on 340° from Le Touquet. Fired at first unable to close at 360 I.A.S. Second passed underneath at 2900 feet. Mosquito dived from 4500 ft. and fired 1 1/2 sec. burst from 200 yards, 15 miles off Dungeness.	

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7/8th	Mosquito VI					At 0428 hours. Strikes, and rear of tube fell off, continued on same course at 220 I.A.S., losing height slowly. Crossed the coast at Dungeness at 0432 hours and hit ground 0435 hours, 8 miles inland. No A.S. fire at Diver. Inaccurate tracer from 5030N, 0120W at 0225 hours and 0240 hours. 1 Diver destroyed over land.	
"	"	P/L G.S. LINGARD P/L P.L. COCHRANE	ANTI DIVER	0225	0415	At 0432 hours attacked a Diver out from Le Touquet with all cannon in short bursts. Strikes on port wing and piece fell off but Diver continued on course. Two other aircraft took up the chase.	
8/9th	"	P/L J.B. HERR P/O P. CLARK	ANTI DIVER	2300	0219	Unsuccessful. Observed numerous flares and some flak 0120-00145 hours, north of Le Havre.	
"	"	P/L T.S. ANDERSON P/O J.P. CHAMMAN	ANTI DIVER	2301	0259	Fired at 3 Divers, no strikes, four others sighted but unable to engage. Landed at Ford.	
"	"	P/L D.E. FORSYTH P/O R.C. R. SMITH	ANTI DIVER	0054	0524	Unsuccessful - landed at Ford.	
"	"	P/L S.H.R. COTTERILL Sgt R.H. MCKENNA	ANTI DIVER	0054	0524	Two Divers seen during early part of patrol, but unable to engage. At 0345 hours attacked a Diver in position 5040N, 0118E, 340° I.A.S., at 1500 feet, a 1 sec. burst dead astern from 100 yds. Diver went straight down into the sea and blew up. Mosquito shook from explosion below. 1 Diver destroyed over sea.	
"	"	P/L G.M. JASPER P/L O.A. MARTIN	ANTI DIVER	2302	0234	Fired at one Diver off Beachy, no strikes seen. Immediately afterwards another aircraft attacked and Diver blew up. Landed at Ford.	
"	"	P/O J.S. HILL Sgt G.W. ROACH	ANTI DIVER	0052	0553	Unsuccessful.	

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9/10	Mosquito VI	F/L T.O. ANDERSON P/O J.A. GAILLARD	ANTI DIVER	2253	0214	Fired on 3 Divers out of Le Treport, course 340°. No results. Weather - good, scattered cloud over French coast.	
"	"	S/L J.H. FROD P/O P. CLARK	ANTI DIVER	2251	0224	At 0210 hours attacked a Diver 340° 380 I.A.S., 2500 ft range 300 yards astern, 5x2 sec bursts. Strikes seen and Diver exploded violently in sea. This attack was carried out immediately after another aircraft had broken off attack without results. 1 Diver lost, over sea.	
"	"	P/O S.E. COOPERHILL SFC R.H. MORRELL	ANTI DIVER	0145	0210	Starboard engine failed at 0152 hours no returned.	
"	"	P/O J.M. SAUNDERS P/O J.M. HOWELL	ANTI DIVER	0043	0256	At 0110 hours Diver seen destroyed.	
"	"	P/O R.H. PROOK P/O A.D. MELWATER	ANTI DIVER	0037	0417	At 0123 hours attacked a Diver 340°, 380 I.A.S., 3500 ft range 300 yards astern, 3x2 sec bursts; dived to starboard and exploded in sea in position 50°30'N, 002°27'W. Fired on another Diver at 0218 hours, no results. 1 Diver destroyed over sea. Weather: Broken cloud from enemy coast to mid-channel.	
"	"	P/O J.S. HILL SFC C.W. ROACH	ANTI DIVER	0024	0520	Unsuccessful.	
"	"	P/O S.H. MAY P/O J.D. RICH	ANTI DIVER	0059	0527	Unsuccessful.	
"	"	P/L J.E. EVANS P/O R.B. HANLEY	DIVER	0059	0527	Weather cleared in over target area, 10/10ths cloud at 1500 ft.	
"	"	P/L D.E. FORSYTH P/O R.T. ESSE	ANTI DIVER	0155	0525	Unsuccessful.	

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9/10	Mosquito VI	P/L G.M. JAMBER P/L O.A. MARTIN	ANTI DIVER	2256	0122	At 0057 hours attacked a Diver on course 340° at 2,500 ft. I.A.S. 340, 15 to 20 miles south east of Beachy Head, with 1 second burst from 200 yards closing to 100 yds dead astern. Diver exploded in mid-air and although Mosquito broke away, slight damage was caused to the aircraft by debris. At 0057 hours port engine failed so landed at Ford. 1 Diver destroyed over sea.	
10/11	Mosquito VI	S/L E.S. McCall P/O E.D. HENDERSON	Night Ranger DIVER, DOL	2309	0339	Unsuccessful	
"	"	P/L P. GRAY P/O F.D. SMITH	Weather Recog	2253	0018	Carried out successfully.	
"	"	P/O W.E. WORTHAY P/O M.L. HAYLER	ANTI DIVER	0204	0450	Unsuccessful	
"	"	P/O J.M. HARTIE P/O P.A. ALEXANDER P/L G.J. EVANS P/O S. HENDERSON	DAY RANGER DIVER TRADESMAN GARDLAGEN	1440	1920	Completed from Colishall. At 1715 hours while 2 miles west of Gardelagen sighted No.110 at 500 feet during a large circuit of the airfield. P/O Harris opened fire at 150-200 yards dead astern, 1x1 sec. bursts, strikes seen on fuelage and cockpit. P/L Evans fired a 1 sec. burst, strikes on starboard engine and wing root, engine caught fire. P/A nosed off to starboard and exploded on overshoot. Moderate inaccurate flak from several small ships in Kiel Bay at 1611 hours. Weather: over Denmark 9/10ths cloud 600-1000 ft. above 7/10ths storm clouds over eastern Elbe, 10/10ths storm clouds over Western Elbe area. Visibility very good. 1 No.110 lost, in air - shored.	
"	"	P/L D.A. MACPADDEN, DFC P/O J.D. WRIGHT	ANTI DIVER	2255	0230	Unsuccessful. Weather 10/10ths cloud 5000 feet to minimum of 500 feet.	

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11/12th	Mosquito VI	F/L S.H.R. COTTERILL	Anti Diver	2251	0235	Mesgre light inaccurate flash from ship at 5030, 0052.	
6	"	S/T E.H. MCKENNA				Otherwise uneventful.	
"	"	F/O S.P. SEID	Night Ranger	2351	0315	No activity at target. Mesgre light accurate flash from railway bridge 2 miles east of Tours at 0130 hours.	
"	"	F/O D.N. MIDNOSH	TOURS				
"	"	S/L R. BRUCE	ANTI DIVER	0125	0131	Mesgre light, inaccurate flash from 5 miles west of La Touquet.	
"	"	F/O R.R. BRUCE					
12/13th	Mosquito VI	F/L L.R. EVANS	ANTI DIVER	2250	0055	Uneventful - landed at Burn.	
"	"	F/O E.R. BLANLEY					
"	"	F/L F.N. SAWYER	ANTI DIVER	2251	0050	Uneventful - landed at Ford.	
"	"	F/O J.B. HOWELL					
13/14th	Mosquito VI	F/L S.H.R. COTTERILL	Anti Diver	2257	0219	Fixed at 1 Diver 15 miles south of Beachy at 0130 hours, no results.	
"	"	S/T E.H. MCKENNA					
"	"	F/L D.K. KERSITH	Anti Diver	2256	0302	At 0140 hours fixed at a Diver 15 miles south of Beachy, no results.	
"	"	F/O R.H. HSAM					
"	"	F/L L.R. EVANS	ANTI DIVER	2253	0306	Only 1 Diver seen, unable to intercept.	
"	"	F/O E.R. BLANLEY					
14/15	Mosquito VI	F/L D.A. MACPHERSON	ANTI DIVER	2250	0159	Uneventful	
"	"	F/O J.D. BRIDGE					
"	"	S/L R. BARNOCK	ANTI DIVER	2252	0215	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O R.D. BRUCE					
"	"	F/L G.J. EVANS	ANTI DIVER	0045	0316	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O S. HUBBESFORD					
"	"	F/O J.J. HARVEY	FLOWER	0014	0235	No activity at target much light and heavy flash seen to the north of Paris.	
"	"	F/O F.A. ALEXANDER	COULOMBERS				
"	"	F/L J. HULLIPS	FLOWER	0020	0132	Uneventful	
"	"	F/O D. JOE	CHARENTAIS, ORLEANS, BOURGES, AVORD				

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14/15	MOSQUITO VI	F/L R. GRAY	ANTI DIVER	0202	0140	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O F.D. SMITH					
"	"	F/O W.E. BOWRAY	ANTI DIVER	0152	0508	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/S H.K. HAYLER					
"	"	F/O S.H. MAY	ANTI DIVER	0014	0501	At 0013 hours attacked a Diver 3350ft, at 1200 feet from 500 yards, 5 miles off Le Treport. Much light flash from flash ship below caused attack to be broken off. Light from Diver disappeared.	
"	"	F/O J.D. RITCH				1 Diver plus.	
15/16th	Mosquito VI	W.I.L.					
16/17	"	F/L L.R. EVANS	ANTI DIVER	0006	0011	Recalled when three miles from Ford, bad weather.	
"	"	F/O E.R. BLANLEY					
"	"	F/O A. BARKER	ANTI DIVER	2257	0053	Uneventful	
"	"	F/O W.A.B. SHERIFF					
"	"	S/L J.B. DEED	ANTI DIVER	2306	0106	Patrolled Biville, Poix, Rouen-on-D.R.	
"	"	F/O P. CLARK					
"	"	F/L G.J. JASPER	ANTI DIVER	2305	0200	Uneventful. Weather - 10/10ths cloud all way to 1000 ft. Clear patch from Poamp to 20 miles east.	
"	"	F/L C.A. MARTIN					
17/18	"	F/O A. BARKER	ANTI DIVER	2259	0147	Three Diver seen. One chased and attacked but no results.	
"	"	F/O W.A.B. SHERIFF					
"	"	F/L D.B. FORSYTH	ANTI DIVER	2205	0200	Patrolled between Poix/Seine/Berney. Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O R.C. SSAM					
"	"	F/O R.D. THOMAS	ANTI DIVER	2257	0207	One Diver chased but no results.	
"	"	F/L R.W. MACDONALD					
"	"	F/L F.N. SAWYER	ANTI DIVER	0020	0310	Patrolled Poix/Seine/Berney. No activity. Much ground base over area.	
"	"	F/O J.B. HOWELL					

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18/18th	Mosquito VI	F/O S. B. HARRIS F/O B. H. HARRIS	ANTI-DIVER	0011	0313	Attacked two Divers, strikes on one, but no further results.	
"	"	F/O S. B. HARRIS F/O S. B. HARRIS	ANTI-DIVER	0113	0355	Unsuccessful.	
"	"	F/O S. B. HARRIS F/O S. B. HARRIS	Night Ranger	2326	0454	took off from Hantscomb at Altenburg 1/2. 1/2 way being 2/2 cooperation. One 1/2 1/2 attacked, one strike was seen on the port wing, chased for about 77 miles and 1/2 way 3000ft time, more strikes seen. Escorted then lost track and returned to Altenburg 1/2. A second 1/2 1/2 was observed with 1/2 second burst at 0201 hours. Many strikes were seen, and 1/2 burst into flames and crashed, 1/2 1/2 was found, owing to intense darkness impossible to judge whether 1/2 was 1/2 or 1/2. 1 1/2 1/2 down, 1 1/2 1/2 down.	
"	"	F/O S. B. HARRIS F/O S. B. HARRIS	ANTI-DIVER	0113	0305	Unsuccessful.	
"	"	F/O S. B. HARRIS F/O S. B. HARRIS	Night Ranger	2305	N.T.D.		
"	"	F/O S. B. HARRIS F/O S. B. HARRIS	Night Ranger	2315	0355	Operated from Colchester, Unsuccessful.	
18/19th	Mosquito VI	F/O S. L. HARRIS F/O S. L. HARRIS	ANTI-DIVER	2252	0330	Unsuccessful.	
"	"	F/O S. L. HARRIS F/O S. L. HARRIS	ANTI-DIVER	2306	0354	Three Divers seen. At 0325 hours Diver crossed out at Dieppe, unable to close fired 2nd sec. burst cannon from 500 yards. Results unobserved.	
"	"	F/O S. L. HARRIS F/O S. L. HARRIS	FLYER, ONLY	2305	0251	Unsuccessful.	

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18/19th	Mosquito VI.	F/L.R. Gray. F/O S. B. HARRIS.	Anti-Diver.	0136	0305	Failure technical, and half way across channel at 0126 hours, so returned.	
"	"	F/L.J. Phillips. F/O B. Job.	Anti-Diver.	0021	0321	Unsuccessful.	
"	"	F/L.R.H. Thomas. F/O G. J. Allan.	Anti-Diver.	0202	0305	Diver seen to come out at Dieppe, unable to intercept.	
"	"	F/O W.E. Rowley. F/O H.K. Naylor.	Flower, Brussels. Yalabroek, La Culot.	0054	0450	Moderate light and heavy flak from S.E. Brussels at 0232 hrs. Diver seen to explode at Bergues at 0345 hours.	
"	"	F/L.J.E. Evans. W/O S.R. Blakley.	Night Ranger. Kunch.	2325	0458	Operated from Ford. At Lechfeld gave chase to an E/A with NAV. lights, but losing this one attacked another at 9000ft with cannon and m.g., strikes in the immediate cockpit area. Identified as a FW. 90. E/A seen to go down in a gentle bank. Second E/A attacked with 3 sec. burst, but no strikes seen. 1 FW. 190 prob. destroyed.	
18/19th 19/20th	"	F/O J. J. Harris. F/O P. A. Alexander.	Anti-Diver	0021	0325	Operated from Ford. Unsuccessful.	
19/20th	Mosquito VI.	F/O H.K. Miller. Sgt. W. Hooper.	Anti-Diver.	2257	0136	Unsuccessful.	
"	"	F/O J. Phillips. F/O B. Job.	Anti-Diver.	2259	0210	Patrolled between Poix and Berny. Unsuccessful.	
"	"	F/O S. L. Colley. F/O T. A. Hastie.	Anti-Diver.	0017	0230	One Diver seen destroyed south of Dieppe 0115 hours.	
"	"	F/O E.R. Brock. F/O A. D. McLaren.	Night Ranger Cognac and Bordeaux.	2300	0341	Patrolled both targets, but no activity.	
"	"	F/O W.E. Rowley. F/O H.K. Naylor.	Anti-Diver.	0059	0345	Patrolled Poix to Berny. No activity.	

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19/20th	Mosquito VI.	S/L. H. Bannock. P/O R.R. Brown.	Anti-Diver.	0020	0400	One Diver from ault, 340 ^M at 3000 ft., I.A.S. 390, attacked with 2 x 2 sec. bursts. At 0114 hours he crashed in sea 00°45'E. At 0221 hours, Diver from ault, 340 ^M at 3000 ft., I.A.S. 320 attacked with 2 x 1 sec. bursts, crashing in sea 50°35'N, 00°55'W, 00°50'E. 2 Divers plus.	
"	Mosquito VI.	P/O J.J. Neville. P/O P.A. Alexander.	Anti-Diver.	0154	0450	Patrolled Poix to Bernay. No activity.	
"	"	P/O R.D. Thomas. P/L R.Y. MacDonald.	Anti-Diver.	0133	0452	Two Divers seen at 0313 hours from St. Valery at approximately 310 ^M . Both disappeared into the cloud.	
"	"	P/L C.J. Evans. P/O S. Humblestone.	Night Ranger, Munich area.	2250	0520	At 0140 hours, S/E E/A with nav. lights attacked when going to land at Oberpfaffenhafen. E/A at 30 feet. Fired 2x2 second bursts, many strikes all over E/A which rolled over on its side and was lost sight of as Mosquito passed over it at 75 feet. 1 U/X S/E E/A prob. dest.	
"	"	P/L C.S. Leggett. P/L P.L. Cochran.	Night Ranger, Neuruppin.	2234	0320	Operated from coltishall. Uneventful.	
20/21st	Mosquito VI.	P/O S.K. Mollay. P/O W.A. Hastie.	Anti-Diver.	2252	0153	At 2329 hours 25 miles N.W. of Dieppe, Diver seen to explode in air. Five Divers seen, one fired at, no claim. All came out 10 miles S. Boulogne.	
"	"	P/L T. Matthew. P/O G.H. Drew.	Anti-Diver.	2337	0246	At 0102 hours Diver seen to explode in air 50°30'N, 01°25'E and at 0145 hours one exploded on sea 50°40'N, 01°10'E. Chased Diver out to sea from S. of Boulogne, but no strikes seen.	
"	"	P/L D.S. Forsyth. P/O P.T. Egan.	Anti-Diver.	2345	0300	Sighted 2 Divers 2 miles W. of Boulogne, at 0040 hours, chased, but broke off at 0045 and Diver crashed in west of Folkestone. Again at 0053 hrs. identical happening.	

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20/21st	Mosquito VI	P/L S.E.B. COVERHILL S/R E.H. WOODGATE	ANTI DIVER	2250	0307	Ten Divers sighted coming out at Le Touquet and Berck-sur-Mer, but no combat possible.	
"	"	P/O E.P. BROOK P/O A.E. MCGARR	ANTI DIVER	2346	0311	Five Divers seen coming out either at Le Touquet or Boulogne. Fired at one but no claim.	
"	"	P/O E.A. JOHNSON P/O E.T. GENT	ANTI DIVER	0043	0344	Two Divers out of six coming out from Boulogne fired at, but no claims.	
"	"	P/L L.E. EVANS P/O E.H. HANLEY	ANTI DIVER	0050	0350	Six Divers seen crossing out from Boulogne fired at Le Touquet and Berck-sur-Mer. Fired at one, no claims.	
"	"	P/O S.H. MAY P/O J.D. RITCH	ANTI DIVER	0145	0515	Fired on two Divers, strikes seen on second which came out from Le Touquet, no claim.	
"	"	P/L R. GRAY P/O E.B. SMITH	ANTI DIVER	0146	0514	Four Divers seen, unable to engage.	
"	"	P/O M.L. SEARS S/R W.P. HILL	ANTI DIVER	0143	0556	One Diver seen, fired, but no strikes.	
21/22nd	"	P/L I.E. EVANS P/O E.H. HANLEY	WEATHER RECON CHASER	2222	2350	Carried out successfully.	
"	"	P/L C.J. EVANS P/O S. HUMBLESTONE P/O W.E. DONLAX P/O H.K. NAYLOR	DAY RANGER BALBOA COAST	1214	1654	Took off from Coltishall, crossed Kiel Bay to Bihlitz where 2 Ju. 52's were seen flying east. Mosquitoes too - one each and attacked from astern and after short bursts both crashed onto 6 Sls. west of Bihlitz. P/L Evans aircraft out 6 ft off port wing of his victim. Fin and Rudder of Mosquito damaged but only Cat. 'A'. Weather: 10/10ths at 1,000 ft. across V. Sea to 60 miles out where cloud decreased to 2/10ths over Kiel Bay. Visibility good below cloud. 2 JU. 52's destroyed.	
22/23rd	Mosquito VI	P/L C.J. EVANS P/O S. HUMBLESTONE P/O J.J. HARVEY P/O P.A. ALEXANDER	ANTI DIVER Weather Recon. ANTI DIVER Weather Recon.	2226 0115	2352 0235	Unsuccessful. Unsuccessful.	

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23/24th	Mos. VI	F/O R.H. THOMAS P/O G.E. ALLEN	ANTI DIVER	2300	0157	Fired at one Diver; further one seen and then three in burst. No claim.	
"	"	F/O H. HARRISON P/O R. H. BRUCE	ANTI DIVER	0255	0217	At 0002 hrs. fired 1 x 1 sec. and 1 x 2 sec bursts of ammunition and n.g. at Diver 50°18'N, 01°21'E course 350°N, I.A.S. 300 ft 2,500 feet, exploded in air. Again at 0022 hours fired 10 sec. n.g. at Diver 50°23'N, 01°09'E course 350°N, I.A.S. 300 ft. 5,200 ft. exploded on sea. 2 DIVERS KILLED.	
"	"	F/O H. LORIANX P/L W. SEWELL	ANTI DIVER	2303	0115	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O G.H. EVANS	ANTI DIVER	0019	0230	Fired at 2 Divers - no claims.	
"	"	F/O G. HUBBESDORF					
"	"	F/O R.H. THOMAS P/L R.W. MacDonald	ANTI DIVER	0150	0319	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O G.E. TROTT P/L F.A. COCHRANE	ANTI DIVER	0017	0336	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O S.R. SEID F/O R.N. BRIDGEMAN	ANTI DIVER	0016	0341	Two Divers seen, fired at one 0130 hrs, no strikes observed. Afterwards Diver shot down by I.A. near Hastings.	
"	"	F/O J.J. HARTIE F/O F.A. ALEXANDER	ANTI DIVER	0114	0350	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O H.E. MILLER Sgt W. HOBBS	ANTI DIVER	0149	0114	Fired at two Divers but no strikes seen.	
24/25th	"	F/L S.H.H. Cotterill F/S E.H. KORNTHUA	ANTI DIVER	2250	0200	Large fire seen S. of Dieppe. Six rounds of 1 1/2" fired from 50°21'N, 01°20'E.	
"	"	F/L W.E. MORSEY F/O R.S. BISH	ANTI DIVER	2250	0203	Large fire seen at 0053 hours, 50°27'N, 01°18'E.	
"	"	F/O H. LORIANX P/L W. SEWELL	ANTI DIVER	0016	0247	Uneventful.	

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24/25th	Mosquito VI.	F/O J.G. Hill Sgt. J. Bosch.	Anti-Diver.	2340	0252	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/L I.E. Evans F/O E.R. Blakley.	Anti-Diver.	0021	0321	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/L P.R. Brook F/O J.D. McLaugh.	Anti-Diver.	2333	0310	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/L T. Matthew. F/O G.H. DEW.	Anti-Diver.	0004	0340	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O E.A. Johnson. F/O F.J. Gent.	Anti-Diver.	0013	0350	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/L R. Gray. F/O P.D. Smith.	Anti-Diver.	0150	0458	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O M. Sears. Sgt. F. Hill.	Anti-Diver.	0145	0510	Uneventful.	
25/26th	Mosquito VI.	F/O A. Barker. F/O W.A.R. Stewart.	Anti-Diver.	2249	0158	One Diver seen approximately 35 miles south of Beachy Head when Mosquito was on way home at 0125 hours. Course 250°N speed 350 m.p.h., height 2,500 feet. Mosquito chased but could not engage, and Diver appeared to fall into sea south of Selsey.	
"	"	F/O H. Lorianx P/L W. Sewell.	Training Patrol Loire River.	2305	0200	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/L S.H.H. Cotterill. F/Sgt. E.H. McKenna.	Anti-Diver.	2354	0225	Four Divers seen coming out from between Boulogne and Berck. A fifth came from Somme, course 340°, speed 280, height 700 ft. This one chased to Gun Belt firing numerous bursts without results.	

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25/26th	Mosquito VI.	F/Lt. J. Mathew.	Anti-Diver.	2240	0238	Out of seven Divers seen coming out S. of Boulogne, two chased and fired at both, but no results.	
		F/O. G. H. Drew.	Ops. Training.				
"	"	F/O. E. A. Johnson.	Ops. Training.	2339	0218	Training Patrol to Loire River. Uneventful.	
		F/O. S. J. Cant.					
"	"	F/O. Sears.	Anti-Diver.	0105	0425	Uneventful.	
		Sgt. Hill.					
"	"	F/Lt. L. E. Evans.	Anti-Diver.	0049	0425	Four Divers seen. Followed one which was already being chased. Came from mouth of Seine.	
		F/O. F. H. Blakley.					
"	"	F/Lt. D. E. Forayth.	Flower to	0049	0431	Took off Manston. Did not reach target area. Unable to pinpoint position owing to weather conditions. Landed at base.	
		F/O. P. T. Sahn.	Kitsingen.				
"	"	F/Lt. S. Hill.	Anti-Diver.	0052	0525	At 0405 hours salvo of 5 came out from Berck area. 335 ⁰ N. height 2500 feet, speed 380 m.p.h. Fired several bursts at one, and Diver exploded in mid-air 50°30'N, 00°38'E.	
		Sgt. G. W. Roach.				1 Diver plus.	
"	"	F/Lt. P. S. Brook.	Flower to	0050	0434	Took off Manston. Did not reach target area. Unable to pinpoint position owing to weather conditions. Landed at base.	
		F/O. A. D. McLaren.	Giesen.				
"	"	F/Lt. R. Gray.	Anti-Diver.	0151	0529	Approximately 10 Divers seen from Le Touquet/Berck area. Fired at 1, strikes on one. One Diver chased up to 10,000 ft., and was still going up when Mosquito broke away 3/4 way across Channel.	
		F/O. P. D. Smith.					
26/27th	Mosquito VI.	F/O. R. D. Thomas.	Ops. Training.	2337	0227	Uneventful.	
		F/Lt. R. W. McDonald.	Loire.				
"	"	F/Lt. O. S. Leggat.	Anti-Diver.	2246	0244	Several Divers fired at, no claims.	
		F/Lt. P. L. Cochrane.					

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26/27th	Mosquito VI.	F/O. J. J. Harvie.	Anti-Diver.	0002	0030	Uneventful.	
		F/O. P. A. Alexander.					
"	"	F/Lt. J. Mathew.	Anti-Diver.	0003	0320	Two Divers fired at, no claims.	
		F/O. G. H. Drew.					
"	"	F/Lt. R. H. Thomas.	Ops Training.	0014	0350	Uneventful.	
		F/O. G. J. Aylin.	Loire.				
"	"	F/O. H. S. Miller.	Ops Training.	0100	0428	Uneventful.	
		Sgt. W. Hooper.	Loire.				
"	"	F/Lt. C. J. Evans.	Anti-Diver.	0100	0451	At 0142 hours chased Diver 20 miles S.W. Beachy Head on course due N., I.A.S. 360, height 1500 feet. Fired 3 x 1/2 sec. and 1 x 1 sec. burst cannon and m.g. several explosions and Diver crashed into sea 10 miles W. Eastbourne.	
		F/O. S. Rumblestone.				1 Diver plus.	
"	Mosquito VI.	S/Lt. E. Bamcock.	Anti-Diver.	0112	0426	Attacked Diver out from Dieppe area, course 350°N, I.A.S. 400 height 2,500 feet, with 3 x 2 secs. cannon and m.g. Diver went down in steep dive and exploded on sea 50°17'N, 01°42'E. 1 Diver plus.	
		F/O. R. R. Bruce.					
"	"	F/O. S. K. Woolley.	Anti-Diver.	0210	0504	Uneventful.	
		F/O. W. A. Hastie.	Anti-Diver.				
"	"	F/O. S. P. Seid.	Anti-Diver.	0202	0505	Uneventful.	
		F/O. D. W. McIntosh.					
27/28th	Mosquito VI.	S/Lt. E. Bamcock.	Anti-Diver.	2302	0042	During patrol 10 Divers seen coming out Le Touquet area. At 2350 hours attacked Diver using all cannon rounds, no results. Another attack made at 2356 hours, 50°48'N, 00°50'E., height 2,000 feet, 340°N, 300 I.A.S., with 12 sec m.g., range 300 yards. Diver exploded in sea.	
		F/O. R. R. Bruce.					

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27/28th	Mosquito VI.	F/O. G. S. Leggat. F/L. P. L. Cochrane.	Anti-Diver.	2303	0215	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/L. G. J. Evans. F/L. S. Rumblestone.	Anti-Diver.	2315	0225	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. S. F. Woolley. F/O. W. A. Hastie.	Intruder. Angers.	2337	0243	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. J. J. Harvie. F/O. E. A. Alexander.	Anti-Diver.	0024	0329	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. R. D. Thomas. F/L. B. W. MacDonald.	Anti-Diver.	0022	0351	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. R. E. Miller. Sgt. W. Cooper.	Anti-Diver.	0039	0354	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/L. R. H. Thomas. F/O. G. J. Allan.	Intruder to Tours.	0030	0406	Uneventful. Single gun fired from river 12 miles E. of Tours.	
"	"	F/O. M. L. Sears. Sgt. V. P. Hill.	Anti-Diver.	0123	0416	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. S. E. Seid. F/O. D. N. McIntosh.	Intruder to Bordeaux.	0034	0452	Uneventful. Weather:- 5/10ths at 5000 ft. target, with low stratus.	
28/29th	Mosquito VI.	F/O. A. Barker. F/O. W. A. R. Stewart.	Anti-Diver.	2248	0102	At 0001 hours attacked F/B. in salvos from Le Treport, second attacked at 0016 hours. No strikes seen.	
"	"	F/O. R. Loriaux. F/L. W. Sewell.	Anti-Diver.	2245	0202	Salvo of six seen coming from Dieppe, 3 attacked but no strikes seen.	
"	"	F/O. J. S. Hill. Sgt. G. W. Roach.	Anti-Diver.	2254	0213	One Diver attacked out of a salvo of 10 from Le Touquet at 0001 hours, but no strikes seen.	
"	"	F/O. S. Matthew. F/O. G. H. Drew.	Anti-Diver.	2349	0308	Attacked one Diver, no strikes.	

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28/29th	Mosquito VI	F/L L. E. EVANS F/O E. R. HANLEY	FLOWER RECHERCHER	0006	0412	Took off from Ford. Turned back from Rhine owing to lack of pinpoints caused by low patchy cloud.	
"	"	F/L P. E. BROOK F/O A. D. MCLAREN	ANTI DIVER	0040	0425	At 0210 hrs attacked Diver 3500ft, 2500 ft, 400 F.A.S. several strikes seen but no results.	
"	"	F/L S. L. R. COMPTON F/S E. H. MORRIS	FLOWER OPS OLM	0059	0450	Took off from Manston. No activity at target 1/2.	
"	"	F/O P. A. JOHNSON F/O E. J. GENT	ANTI DIVER	0411	0518	Six Divers out at Le Treport at 0340 hrs, 3100ft, I.A.S. 400 2500 ft, attacked but no results seen.	
"	"	F/L P. H. SAWYER F/O J. E. HOWELL	ANTI DIVER	0145	0510	Uneventful.	
"	"	S/L R. GRAY F/O P. D. SMITH	FLOWER, HANAU	0025	0525	At 0240 hrs. moving lights attacked at Hanau on ground, strikes seen. No claim as crew uncertain whether target was vehicle or P/A taxiing.	
29/30th	"	F/O A. BARNER F/O H. A. L. STEWART	ANTI DIVER	2248	0024	Sight Divers seen coming out between Dieppe and Le Treport fired at three but no strikes seen.	
"	"	F/L S. MATTHEW F/O G. H. DREW	OPS TRAINING	2302	0150	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/L S. L. R. COMPTON F/S E. H. MORRIS	ANTI DIVER	2250	0210	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O P. A. JOHNSON F/O E. J. GENT	OPS TRAINING LOIRE	2333	0245	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O H. LORTAUX F/L W. SEWELL	OPS TRAINING LOIRE	2345	0300	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/L P. H. SAWYER F/O J. E. HOWELL	ANTI DIVER	0025	0150	Three Divers came out from Beacamp area 2/3000 ft, unable to intercept owing to patches of cloud.	
"	"	F/L L. E. EVANS F/O E. R. HANLEY	ANTI DIVER	0026	0405	Four Divers came out from Dieppe area, but too far away to intercept.	

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29/30th	Mosquito VI	F/L P.T. BROOK P/O A.D. MCLAREN	ANTI DIVER	0203	0515	At 0311 hours Diver came out from Dieppe, course 330° W, I.A.S. 300, height 2,500 feet, fired 3 x 3 sec. and 1 x 1 sec cannon m.g. Diver exploded on sea at 0315 hrs. 50°30'N, 00°30'W. 1 DIVER KILLED.	
"	"	P/O J.S. HILL Sgt G.W. ROACH	ANTI DIVER	0202	0525	Uneventful.	
30/31st	Mosquito VI	F/L H.E. THORNTON P/L P.L. COCHRANE	ANTI DIVER	2246	0119	At 2350 hours Diver plus 340° W, 380 I.A.S., 3000 ft. position 50°28'N, 00°40'W. At 2357 hrs. Diver plus 340° W, 380-400 I.A.S., 2,500 feet, position 50°28'N, 00°43'W. 2 DIVERS KILLED.	
"	"	P/O H.Y. BEARS Sgt W.F. HILL	ANTI DIVER	2252	0207	Uneventful.	
"	"	P/O J.J. HARVEY P/O F.A. ALEXANDER	ANTI DIVER	2250	0200	Uneventful.	
"	"	P/O S.P. HEID P/O D.N. MCDONALD	ANTI DIVER	0008	0330	Uneventful.	
"	"	P/O S.L. WOOLLEY P/O W.A. HASTIE	ANTI DIVER	0025	0400	Two Divers chased at 0250 hrs. attacked one 280° W, 390-400 I.A.S., 3000 ft. Strikes from 150 yards and many sparks flew off. Exhaust immediately going out. No seen to explode, but one claims Diver plus 15 miles S. Beachy Head. 1 DIVER KILLED.	
"	"	F/L R.H. THOMAS P/O G.J. ALLIN	ANTI DIVER	0155	0444	Uneventful. Landed at Tangmere.	
"	"	P/O W.D. THOMAS P/L R.W. MACDONALD	ANTI DIVER	0155	0503	Uneventful. Landed at Tangmere.	
31st	"	P/O P.D. THOMAS P/L R.W. MACDONALD	ANTI DIVER	2333	2392	Abortive. Returned base, mechanical trouble.	

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For the month of JULY 1944

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31/1st Aug	Mosquito VI	F/L J. Phillips P/O B. Job	Anti-Diver	2234	0127	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/L G.S. Leggat F/L P.L. COCHRANE	Anti-Diver	2346	0157	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/L R.H. THOMAS P/O G.J. ALLIN	Anti-Diver	2248	0205	Uneventful.	
"	"	P/O S.F. Seid P/O D.H. Mcintosh	Anti-Diver	2317	0117	Uneventful.	
"	"	P/O S.L. Woolley P/O W.A. Hastie	Anti-Diver	2241	0124	Uneventful.	

(A. Barker) Wing Commander,
Commanding, No. 128 Squadron, R.C.A.F.

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MIDDLE WILLOP	ARCHER, 1944	5th (Cont'd)	News clippings and Edmonton papers advise that over \$12000.00 was raised for comforts for the boys are looking forward to future postages. "A" Flight - HPT's. Operations: Four Divers destroyed over the sea, two by P/O Loriaux, one by P/O May, P/L Brock when returning from a L. Ranger to St. Dunoh's boat. A Diver. Other Diver patrols were flown by P/O Sears, P/O Thomas, P/O Hill, P/O Johnson and P/L Forsyth. All uneventful. An uneventful training sortie to Lake Louise was carried out by P/L Matthes. P/L Cotterill took off from Ford on a Night Ranger to Munich area but did not reach target owing to shortage of fuel.		
		6th	W: Fine start of day. Partly cloudy early morning, early afternoon. P/L Helver, our padre, conducted his last service with us. He leaves for other duties shortly. His successor, P/L A.C. French (20001) arrives from 1st and 2nd Regts. "A" Flight - HPT's. Operations: Two Night Rangers. P/L Reid took off from Ford to Nuremberg but had to return early as generator went off when 5 miles off French Coast. P/L Forsyth also took off from Ford and went to Nittingen. Attached from 2nd level a big Jerry 15 miles S. Mustangs, Jerry flew. One Diver was destroyed over sea by P/O Loriaux. The remainder of the anti Diver patrols dispatched out by P/L Brock, P/O May, P/L Matthes, P/O Hill, P/O Johnson and P/L Cotterill were uneventful.		
		7th	W: Fine with slight mist in morning. Airscrews vs. groundcrews was the headline on today's card, the flyers won 7-6 but most of them are pretty well crippled today. Forty eight hour passes are still forbidden but seven days leave can now be granted to those who haven't had leave this year and in need of a rest - don't let us all. The news is welcome and applications are being received. "A" Flight - HPT's. Operations: Diver claims are: 1 Diver, over land by P/O May, 1 over sea by P/L Leggett and 1 over sea by P/O Miller, anti Diver patrols by P/L Sawyer and P/L Phillips proving uneventful. P/O Harris landed at station on fire, not serious, over CE. The Ylomma, P/O Sears to Coulmiers and P/L Thomas to Villacoublay, Gely, Bratigny and Helms. A Night Ranger was undertaken to Grailham and Schenbich Hall by P/O Seid.		
		8th	W: Fine with slight mist until 17:00, becoming partly cloudy, fine in evening. P/O R. Bannock and his swiftness, P/O Harris, proceeded to London to make a recording for radio broadcast regarding recent successes. "A" Flight - HPT's. Operations: Night uneventful anti Diver patrols by P/O Seid, P/L Thomas, P/L Leggett, P/L Sawyer, P/L Bannock, P/L Thomas, and P/L Miller.		
		9th	W: Fog in morning becoming cloudy with poor visibility. Entire Station groundcrew personnel are confined to camp due to condition of billets when inspected by Station Commander. Parade was held and the boys "given the stick". In area are that the billets are dry and open today. Weather lately has been fine and aircrew personnel are taking advantage of swimming facilities near the camp. "A" Flight - HPT's. Operations: P/L Forsyth on an anti Diver patrol destroyed one diver over the sea. Other anti Diver patrols by P/L Matthes, P/L Leggett, P/O Miller, P/L Brock, P/L Gray and P/O Johnson.		

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MIDDLE WILLOP	ARCHER, 1944	5th (Cont'd)	all, however, proving uneventful. Flower operations by P/O Johnson, P/O May to Beauvais, Grail and Comelles A/P's, P/O Hill to Bourges/Alfort and P/O Loriaux to Coulmiers A/P.		
		10th	W: Cloudy becoming fair to fine in evening. Vis. very good. P/O G. Morris, our I.O. for the past 16 months has been boarded as the result of his recent winter accident and the Medical men have decided to repatriate him to Canada. The Squadron will miss "Morris" and his Gen. P/O Gord. Williamson, our former R.R.O. is also on his way to Canada. Gord was responsible for the City of Edmonton adopting our Squadron last March. "A" Flight - HPT's. Operations: Seven Anti Diver Patrols by P/L Sawyer, P/L Phillips, P/L Gray, P/L Brock, P/L Matthes, P/O Hill and P/O Leggett, all uneventful. A Flower operation to Coulmiers by P/O Johnson. A Night Ranger to Alfort was undertaken by P/O May, however, the port engine cut and so had to return on the engine to Coltishall.		
		11th	W: Fog before dawn becoming cloudy to fair. Vis. very poor early, becoming good. The Auxiliary Services Supervisor, Sgt. Mackenzie, is busy planning movies, sports and amusements for the personnel of the Squadron. We are getting settled in very good surroundings and the billets on this station are permanent which makes the living conditions the best the Squadron has had in England. "A" Flight - HPT's. Operations: During the afternoon a Day Ranger was undertaken by P/L R. Gray and P/L Phillips. P/L Phillips and his observer, P/O Job, were wounded by flak and so both crews returned before completing the operation. P/L Phillips landing at Coltishall and P/L Gray at base. P/L Sawyer and P/O Seid destroyed one Diver each. Anti Diver patrols also flown by P/O Harris, P/L Thomas, P/L Brock, P/L Matthes and P/O Sears, all however, proving uneventful. Two Night Rangers, one to Grailham and Schenbich Hall by P/L Leggett, and the other to Leipzig, were by P/L Bannock. A Flower to Coulmiers undertaken by P/O Miller.		
		12th	W: Cloudy to fair. Vis. moderate to poor, becoming good. Our Squadron Band played for the Station Dance last night and an enjoyable time was had by all. Public Relations A.D.G.S. are taking pictures of our Mosquito and crews for future publicity. "A" Flight - HPT's. OPERATIONS: P/O Harris damaged a Ju.88 at Borterdingen. The other Flowers were flown by P/O Sears to Ger. Sea and P/O Seid to Hanau and Coulmiers and P/L Thomas to Bratigny, Gely and Helms. P/L Bannock and P/L Gray destroyed a Diver each and P/O Miller destroyed two. P/L Sawyer, P/O May and P/L Leggett made uneventful Anti Diver patrols.		
		13th	W: Fair to fine. Vis. moderate to good. P/L Bannock Acting C.O. and P/L Thompson, Adjutant, today visited P/L Phillips and P/O Job who are patients in the R.A.F. Hospital at Eley. Both are doing well. Fine weather has made summer sports very popular. Basketball and swimming at present hold the spotlight. Our Squadron Orchestra is reputed to be a second Tommy Dorsey. All we need now is Frank Sinatra. 402. "A" Flight - HPT's.		

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KIDDER WALKOP.	AUGUST, 1944	15th Cont'd.	Operations: Special Offensive patrols flown by F/O Seid, F/O Sears, F/L Brook, F/O May, S/L Gray, F/O Hill and F/L Evans. Many motor transports were destroyed and damaged. Two divers were destroyed, one by F/O Seid and one by F/L Evans.		
		14th	W: Fine, vis. moderate to good. F/O Barker returned from leave and assumed Command of the Squadron. The boys are pleased to get a chance to go after other prey again, than small bugs. The war situation is very favourable and we hope to have it over and home by New Years - maybe. "A" Flight - NPT's. Operations: Seven uneventful Anti-Diver Patrols by F/L Evans, F/L Leggat, F/O Miller, F/O May, S/L Gray, F/L Forsyth, F/L Brook. Three Flowers proving uneventful by F/O Hill, F/O Johnson and F/L Matthew.		
		15th	W: Fair and hazy. Vis. moderate to good. Four new crews arrived from No. 60 O.T.U., High Recall for operational duties. They consisted of the following:- S/L P.R. Montgomery G.1390 S/L D.R. Amos J.455 S/L K.A. Bomber G.1220 F/L J.R.C. Bourgeois J.10697 F/O H.R. Tribbeck 15462 F/O W.R. Sellar G.1420 F/O A.M. Mcintosh J.24325 and F/O Pace. They are a likely looking bunch with bags of rank and hoes. "A" Flight - NPT's. Operations: Three Night Rangers; one to Toulouse area by F/L Sawyer, F/L Leggat to Kolberg; Wallace-Brigand area by S/L Bamcock, all uneventful. The remainder of the operations were Anti-Diver Patrols being undertaken by F/L L.E. Evans, F/L Forsyth, F/O Sears, F/L Thomas, F/O Seid, F/O Miller and F/O Woolley, all, however, uneventful.		
		16th	W: Fine, haze in morning. Vis. moderate, becoming good. Word has been received that F/L Jack Phillips and F/O Ben Job are progressing very well and look forward to getting back soon. A Grade "A" Base show visited the Station and the Squadron was well represented. Bits of Cal and Glasgow are well received. Let's have more of it! "A" Flight - F/O Hill with F/O Williams, Base to Coltishall, then to Ely and returned to Coltishall. Operations: Three Flowers - F/L Sears, who intended going to Ardorf, Marx and Iscol, but had to return owing to electrical trouble. F/O Seid to Buss and Jagel and F/L Thomas to Tients, Rhine and Elmthum. Uneventful Diver patrols flown by F/L Miller, S/L Bamcock, F/L Sawyer, F/O Woolley and F/L Leggat.		
		17th	W: Fair becoming cloudy with intermittent slight drizzle in early morning and at night. Vis. moderate at first becoming excellent to good. F/O W.A. Stewart J.14796 (Mar.) left today for "B" Depot prior to posting to S.O.T.U. Canada after a tour of ops. He made 19 trips with F/L Tommy Thompson who was injured, then finished with one C.O., F/O Barker. He also had a few with other pilots - quite a novel tour. F/L C.J. Evans J.371 also left for "B" Depot on posting to S.O.T.U. Canada. F/O Stan Hamblestone, his navigator, proceeded to A.D.G.R. Intruder on posting. So long boys. "B" Flight - NPT's. F/L Thomas Coltishall to base. F/L Miller, cross country.		

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KIDDER WALKOP	AUGUST, 1944	18th Cont'd.	"A" Flight - NPT's, Cine Gun and air tests. F/O Hill, Coltishall to Oxford - base. F/L Brook N.P.T. to Colerne, W/O Barker and F/L Brook to Ford. S/L Bomber and S/L Montgomery Sector Recon. F/O Hill with Mr. Reid three tests with Sp. equipment. F/O May to Exeter and returned. OPERATIONS: Two Night Rangers; F/O Barker to Toulouse and Carassone and F/L Brook to Marseilles, both uneventful. Two Flowers: F/L Coltishall to Dole, Tavaux and F/L Matthew to Rosilly. Three Anti-Diver patrols, carried out by F/L Forsyth, F/L May and F/O Hill.		
		18th	W: Mainly cloudy with very slight drizzle around 0100 hrs. Vis. moderate to good. "A" Flight - NPT's, summer tests. F/L Forsyth and F/L Matthew, Hanston to base. F/L May returned from Colerne and W/O Barker, F/L Cotterill, F/L Brook returned from Ford. F/O Hill to Colerne-Coltishall - Base. F/L Evans returned from Ford. A P.O.W. postcard was today received from F/L Jack Connal (G1456) mailed on May 31/44. F/O Dave Carr, his navigator, and himself are well and living a easy life in M-Standlager Luft 3 Germany. As privilege leave is again in force a number of personnel are again getting the yen for a holiday. Reports are that hotels and beaches are packed and most of the boys are having difficulty getting rooms and meals. Operations: S/L Amos flew to Loire on Ops Training, landed at Ford. Three Anti-Diver patrols carried out by F/L Evans, S/L Bomber and F/L Matthew.		
		19th	W: Cloudy with occasional slight rain, becoming more continuous towards midday. Ground fog towards midnight. Vis. moderate to poor. Deluges of rain seemed better than usual after the long spell of real summer weather. The Adjutant, F/L Thompson, went on leave, and the Education block, F/O J.A. Williams, started trying to keep things running smoothly. F/L Metayer, R.O. Padre, arrived from R.O.A.F. H.Q. for temporary services. "B" Flight - NPT's. No operational activity.		
		20th	W: Fog in early morning. Cloudy with slight rain and occasional slight shower in afternoon. Vis. very poor at first, improving slowly to good by afternoon. None rain during the evening - this should help out the present water shortage. New crew arrived, F/O J Carruthers (Pilot) and F/S Sharpe (Mar.). Two padres busy with services during the day. Our Squadron was better supplied today than all the rest of the station combined. Received notice that Squadron and Squadron to move to Bradwell Bay on 25th August - back to old hunting grounds again - just another move - some fun! F/O Barker and F/L Seid flew to Bradwell Bay in afternoon to look things over. "A" Flight - NPT's. F/O Barker with F/L Weir to Bradwell and return. "B" Flight - F/L Sawyer to Watwood Common and return. Low level cross-country and practice attacks. Operations: All Anti-Diver patrols, one Diver destroyed over the sea by F/O Thomas. The remainder carried out by F/L Thomas, F/L Sawyer, F/O Woolley were uneventful.		

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MIDDLE WALLOP	AUGUST 21st	1944	<p>UK: Cloudy, slight drizzle or rain in afternoon and evening. Vis. good. Dull, damp and much colder. Some boys on leave advised to return before expiration of leave due to forthcoming move. F/L Weir plenty busy getting movement organized by rail. Advance party to leave Wednesday morning. Copies of Canadian Press News in great demand as it has an outline of scale of gratuities to be granted on discharge. Everyone busy figuring out how much they are going to receive, and some (very few) wishing for a real prolongation of the war so they will get that much more. F of C cinema, w/ Eleanor Powell and Red Skelton much enjoyed by full house.</p> <p>"A" Flight - NPT's, Formation, low level and cross country flights. F/L Cotterill N.P.T. Test - special equipment.</p> <p>No operational activity.</p>		
		22nd	<p>UK: Cloudy, slight rain or drizzle in early morning. Vis. moderate. Dull, with some rain. Move order changed from Bradwell Bay to Hunsdon, date not definite, either on the 23rd August or shortly after. Affairs up in the air some what as a result.</p> <p>"A" Flight - NPT's and formation flying.</p> <p>No operational activity.</p>		
		23rd	<p>UK: Cloudy, rain in early morning. Heavy thunderstorms around 0630. Some breaks after noon. Vis. poor gradually becoming good or very good.</p> <p>F/L Phillips and F/O Job who were injured by flak on an operational trip are reported to be progressing favourably.</p> <p>"A" Flight - NPT's. F/O Carruthers S/L Co-op and cross country.</p> <p>"B" Flight - NPT's.</p> <p>Operations: Anti-Diver patrols carried out by F/L Thomas, F/O Thomas, F/O Harris and F/L Miller, all uneventful. One Flower to Dijon, Dole by F/O Woolley.</p>		
		24th	<p>UK: Cloudy with very slight drizzle in early morning. Vis. moderate to good. Softball in full swing. Personnel preparing to move to Hunsdon Herts. Four moves since April 7th, 44.</p> <p>"A" Flight - S/L Gray with F/L May to Wiltford and return. F/L Evans to Colerne and return.</p> <p>"B" Flight - NPT's.</p> <p>Operations: Four uneventful anti-Diver patrols carried out by F/L Thomas, F/O Zeller, F/O Seid, S/L Amman.</p>		
		25th	<p>UK: Fair morning and evening, cloudy around midday, with very slight drizzle at noon. Vis. moderate becoming good.</p> <p>Squadron and Kobelton Dance was held last night. Enjoyable time had by all. Advance party of approx. 70 men left this morning for our new home. Word has been received from Edmonton that the City and Lions Club have shipped parcels to each member of the Squadron - the list of contents really looks inviting.</p> <p>"A" Flight - NPT's and S.E.A.'s.</p> <p>F/O Barker with F/L Cochran N.P.T. to Hunsdon and return.</p> <p>"B" Flight - S/L Amman Ford to Base. S/L Bennock with F/L Weir to Hunsdon and return.</p> <p>Operations: Six Anti-Diver Patrols by W/O Barker, S/L Boomer, S/L Montgomery, F/O Loriaux, F/O Hill and F/L Johnson - all uneventful. F/L Evans carried out a Night Ranger to the Munich area, but was unable to pinpoint target as returned. Flower operations carried out by F/L Cotterill to Haguenau, F/L Forayth to Katterdingen and F/L Gray to Brussels/LeClout.</p>		

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MIDDLE WALLOP	AUGUST 26th	1944	<p>UK: Fair, visibility good.</p> <p>Moving by rail to Hunsdon, Herts today and tomorrow.</p> <p>"A" Flight - NPT's, Formation and low level cross countries (Flights).</p> <p>F/L May to Ford and returned with F/O Morris.</p> <p>Operations: Two Ops Training Flights. S/L Montgomery to Brussels area and S/L Boomer also to Brussels area. Anti-Diver Patrols by F/L Cotterill, F/L Forayth and F/O Johnson. Flower operations carried out by F/O Hill to Brussels/Welsbroek and LeClout, F/O Loriaux to Leuwarden and F/L Evans to Wehrupia.</p>		
		27th	<p>UK: Fair, vis. moderate to good.</p> <p>Moving Main Party today. Good bye to Middle Wallop.</p> <p>"A" & "B" Flights flew their aircraft to Hunsdon.</p> <p>Operations: Two Ops Training to Day by F/O Zeller and F/O Carruthers. Two uneventful Anti-Diver Patrols by F/L Miller and S/L Bennock.</p>		
R.A.F. HUNSDON		28th	<p>UK: Fine at first, cloudy, then rain, vis. mainly good.</p> <p>Getting settled in new home. Airfield excellent but living quarters not so good compared with Middle Wallop. Rear Party to leave Middle Wallop after inspection.</p> <p>"B" Flight - NPT's and practice attacks.</p> <p>Operations: F/O R.D. Thomas carried out a Flower operation to St. Dizier and shot up J long convoys at Bertrix, Boharon and Cardigan. Four uneventful Anti-Diver patrols by F/O Zeller, F/O Carruthers, F/O Woolley and S/L Amman.</p>		
		29th	<p>UK: Cloudy at first, rain main part of day. Vis. mod. to good.</p> <p>Blanket shortage caused delay of rear party proceeding to Hunsdon. Proceeding today by train and motor transport.</p> <p>"A" Flight - NPT's Sector recon.</p> <p>Operations: F/L Evans carried out successfully a weather recon in the Diver area. The remainder of the night's operations were all Flowers, carried out by W/O Barker to Wessendorf and Lüneburg; F/L Gray to Guterloh and Paderborn. F/L Johnson to Stainsijk; F/L Cotterill to Lindorf/Mars/Vedel; F/L Forayth to Fessberg/Delelshorf/Wessendorf. On a Day Ranger to Copenhagen S/L Bennock destroyed a Ju.88 and Me.110 and F/O Seid damaged a FW.190 and He.110.</p>		
		30th	<p>UK: Rain at first becoming fair during the day. Vis. moderate to good.</p> <p>Our squadron personnel are renewing old acquaintances as 29 Squadron are here and were at Ford, Sussex when we were on that station last winter.</p> <p>Joe Munklas, K.C. Supervisor who has been with the squadron several months left for Bournemouth as his District does not extend to these parts. Joe will be missed by the boys, here's hoping our new F of C Supervisor has lots of service and entertainment.</p> <p>"A" Flight - N.P.T.'s and practice attacks.</p> <p>"B" Flight - F/L Miller in the Oxford to Middle Wallop and return. F/O Zeller with F/O Midgrose range equipment tests.</p> <p>Operations: F/L Forayth carried out successfully a Weather Recon in the Diver area. On an Ops Training Flight, F/O Zeller attacked a barge with cannon, strikes seen. Other ops training flights by S/L Boomer, F/O Carruthers, S/L Montgomery and S/L Gray.</p> <p>Two Night Rangers, F/O Loriaux to Wessberg, attacking a goods train, strikes seen midway along train and F/L L.E. Evans to Lüneburg and Haguenau.</p>		

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R.A.F. HURSDON	AUGUST 1944 1st		<p>Wk. Fair with showers, fine in evening. Vis. moderate to good. Blanket shortage adjusted with R.A.F. Station, Middle Wallop. Squadron move to R.A.F. HURSDON completed and the personnel are getting settled in our new quarters. Arrangements are being made for the softball finals in London this week. "B" Flight - NFI's, S.E. and formation flying. P/L Sawyer with Sgt Boyce test "Monika" P/O Harvie base to Ely and return. P/L Miller with Sgt Hooper, target w/c. Operational intruder patrols were carried out very successfully by P/L Miller to Haguenau, who damaged one MET, then attacked line of vehicles, the leading one exploding and 6 to 18 further vehicles were observed to be burning furiously. Four MET dest. when turning back from target area, and also attacked stationary freight train, many strikes seen. P/O Zeller on intruder to Veshte and Diepholz attacked four trains, many strikes being seen on all attacks, buildings by railroads also caught fire. P/L Annan on intruder to Passberg attacked 2 trains successfully, both left steaming. P/O Woolley on intruder to Luneberg attacked 4 trains, strikes seen on all attacks, also attacked transport which blew up. The rest of the night operations were anti-Diver Patrols, these, however, being uneventful.</p> <p>TOTAL OPERATIONAL SORTIES FOR MONTH: 212 SORTIES TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS FOR MONTH: 691:55 TOTAL TRAINING HOURS FOR MONTH: 227:10 HOURS. PERSONNEL STRENGTH AS AT 23:59 HOURS 31-8-44.</p> <p>R.A.F. Officers, Aircrew.....35 R.C.A.F. Airmen, Aircrew.....2 R.C.A.F. Officers, Groundcrew.....6 R.C.A.F. Airmen, Groundcrew.....2 R.A.F. Officers, Aircrew.....13 R.C.F. Airmen, Aircrew.....4 R.A.F. Airmen, Groundcrew.....3</p> <p>TOTAL NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT ON STRENGTH MOSQUITO VI.....20</p> <p>OXFORD.....1 MAGISTER.....1</p> <p><i>(Signature)</i> (A. Barker) Wing Commander, Commanding, No. 418 Squadron, R.C.A.F.</p>		

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1/2nd	MOSQUITO VI	P/L L.S. RYAN P/O E.R. HANLEY	ANTI-DIVER	2252	0055	Recalled before reaching patrol line owing to weather at base.	
"	"	P/O H. LORIAN P/L V. BELL	ANTI-DIVER	2254	0045	Uneventful.	
"	"	P/O E.A. JOHNSON P/O E.J. GIBB	ANTI-DIVER	2303	0038	Recalled owing to base weather conditions.	
2/3rd	MOSQUITO VI	P/L T. MATTHEW P/O G.H. DEWE	INTRUDER, LOINS	2353	0005	Returned early owing to mechanical trouble.	
"	"	P/O R.E. MAY P/O J.A. STINE	ANTI-DIVER	2240	0121	Flying Bombs attacked at 0050 and 0055 hrs, 320-330°. Strikes seen. Pumped by 1st E/A (0012 hrs) 8 miles off Caumont. Dived right down and evaded attack. At 0030 hrs, jumped by second E/A (probably ME.110) 6 miles off Le Troport. Violent turns made and E/A lost.	
"	"	P/L P.R. BROOK P/O A.D. BELLAIR	ANTI-DIVER	2302	0150	Attacked one E/B heading for Dover. No strikes.	
"	"	P/O A. BARKER P/O J. GIBB	ANTI-DIVER	2246	0225	Fired, no claims.	
3/4th	MOSQUITO VI	P/O S.E. WOOLLEY P/O W.A. HASTIE	ANTI-DIVER	2242	0148	Moderate tracer accurate for height but behind from coast at Dieppe. Patrol uneventful.	
"	"	P/L J. PHILLIPS P/O B. JEN	ANTI-DIVER	2243	0235	Uneventful. Two bursts of heavy flak below and to starboard from Boulogne.	
"	"	P/O E. BARKER P/O R.E. DEWE	ANTI-DIVER	2246 2315	0238 0315	Returned owing to mechanical trouble and took off in another aircraft. Six Divers seen coming out Boulogne area, fired, strikes seen on one, no claims.	
"	"	P/L P.M. SAWYER P/O J.R. BOWELL	ANTI-DIVER	0027 0125	0100 0343	Returned mech. trouble and took off in another aircraft. at 0220 hours 5 "B" Boats 6 miles due north Dieppe travelling N. at slow speed. All fired inaccurate tracer.	

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3/4th	MOSQUITO VI.	F/O. E. D. THOMAS. F/L. E. W. MACDONALD.	ANTI-DIVER.	0020h	0617	Approximately 20 Divers seen to come out mainly from 3mls. S. Boulogne on course 320°M, I.A.S. 350, height 1500/3000 ft. Fired at four. Seven seen shot down. A over sea. 3 by A.	
"	"	F/O. S. P. SEID. F/O. D. H. WILKINSON.	ANTI-DIVER.	0142	0450	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/L. C. S. LEGGAT. F/L. F. I. COCHRANE.	ANTI-DIVER.	0142	0436	At 0257 hours Diver seen coming out N. Le Touquet, course 330°M, I.A.S. 400, height 2,000 feet. Fired 3 short bursts cannon and M.G. Diver blew up on impact with sea 50°48'N, 00°55'E. ONE DIVER PLUS.	
4/5th	MOSQUITO VI.	F/L. E. H. THOMAS. F/O. G. J. ALLEN.	ANTI-DIVER.	2234	0210	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. N. I. SEARS. SFC. W. F. HILL.	ANTI-DIVER.	2256	0207	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. S. P. SEID. F/O. D. H. WILKINSON.	ANTI-DIVER.	2254	0202	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. E. D. THOMAS. F/L. E. W. MACDONALD.	OPS TRAINING, LOIRE, ORLEANS, TOURS.	2324	0257	At 0135 hours obtained visual of JU.88 at 400 ft. on course 135°M, 5 miles north of Rambouillet. Visual lost against darkness of forest. Intense accurate multicoloured tracer from railway junction S.E. Tours and moderate tracer from road/river junction, one mile further south.	
"	"	F/L. C. S. LEGGAT. F/L. F. I. COCHRANE.	ANTI-DIVER.	0007	0340	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/L. F. M. SAHNE. F/O. J. E. BUNELL.	NIGHT RANGER, TOULOUSE.	2247	0400	Uneventful. 12 rounds accurate tracer accompanied by 3 searchlights from Langais, 12 miles S.W. Tours.	
"	"	F/L. J. PHILLIPS. F/O. R. JOB.	NIGHT RANGER, MUNICH.	2250	0434	Took off Ford. At 0135 hours at Wehliberg A/E, aircraft with nav. lights seen in circuit. Two 3/1s. made evasive movement, nav. lights extinguished and contact lost.	

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4/5th	MOSQUITO VI.	F/O. F. J. HARTIE. F/O. P. A. ALEXANDER.	ANTI-DIVER.	0148 0508	0151 0515	Returned mech. trouble and changed a/c. At 0432 hrs. sighted Diver on course 320°M, I.A.S. 300 at 2,000 ft. Fired cannon and m.g. Diver went down in steep glide and blew up just before hitting sea, 50°50'N, 01°05'E at 0435 hours. ONE DIVER PLUS.	
"	"	F/O. R. BRADOCK. F/O. E. H. BEALE.	ANTI-DIVER.	0147	0535	At 0430 hours, 50°40'N, 00°40'E, Diver on course 340°M, 3,000 ft., I.A.S. 400 plus, fired 3 x 2 sec. cannon and m.g. 250 yards dead astern. Blew up in air. At 0445 hours, 50°42'N, 00°40'E, Diver course 340°, 2,500 feet, I.A.S. 330, 3 x 2 sec. burst cannon and m.g. from 500 yards dead astern crashed into sea and exploded. 2 DIVERS PLUS.	
"	"	F/O. S. K. WOOLLEY. F/O. V. A. HARTIE.	ANTI-DIVER.	0050	0132	Landed at Ford on one engine.	
5/6th	MOSQUITO VI.	F/O. N. I. SEARS. SFC. W. F. HILL.	ANTI-DIVER.	2243	0158	Two Divers seen but too far away to engage.	
"	"	F/O. E. D. THOMAS. F/L. E. W. MACDONALD.	ANTI-DIVER.	2245	0159	Two Divers seen but not engaged. One hit sea 20 miles out from Somme. Not attacked as far as could be seen.	
"	"	F/L. T. MATTHEW. F/O. N. H. HINE.	OPS TRAINING, TO LOIRE.	2224	0236	Patrolled Loire from Orleans to Angers uneventfully.	
"	"	F/L. N. E. R. COFFINILL. F/SFC. E. H. MERRIMA.	NIGHT RANGER, MUNICH AREA.	2250	0516	Took off Ford. Uneventful. Did not reach Munich area owing to shortage of fuel.	
"	"	F/O. J. S. HILL. SFC. G. E. BOACH.	ANTI-DIVER.	0013	0320	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. S. A. JOHNSON. F/O. E. J. GIBB.	ANTI-DIVER.	0012	0330	During patrol fired at one Diver heading due North at 2,000 ft., without results.	
"	"	F/L. D. E. POSEYTH. F/O. R. J. FEAR.	ANTI-DIVER.	0202	0433	Out of 3 Divers seen, fired at one, results, course 340°, speed 400 m.p.h. Other two Divers too far away to engage.	

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5/6th	MOSQUITO VI.	F/O. E. LORIAN. P/L. W. SEWELL.	ANTI-DIVER.	0154	0454.	Numerous Divers seen mostly from Le Treport. Attacked two both destroyed over the sea, exploding in air. First dest. at 0337 hours, height 3500 feet, 330 m.p.h., due North. Second at 0340 hours, height 4000 feet, 360 m.p.h. due North. 2 DIVERS KILLED.	
"	"	F/O. S. H. MAY. P/O. J. D. RYON.	ANTI-DIVER.	0150	0510	Several Divers seen during patrol mostly from Le Treport and Dieppe. Attacked three, no results on first two. Third attacked at 0436 hours, 350 m.p.h., 2500 ft., 330°, exploded on sea 25 miles off Beachy Head, 1 DIVER KILLED.	
"	"	F/L. P. E. BROOK. P/O. A. D. WILSON.	NIGHT RANGER. SOUTH OF MUNICH.	2245	0405	Operated from Ford. Unsuccessful. Halfway across channel, course 318°M from Biville, attacked Diver at 2,000 feet, I.A.S. 300 with 4 x 1 sec. mixed burst from 500 yards dead astern. Diver went down in slow glide 50°38'N, 00°15'W at 0348 hours. 1 DIVER KILLED.	
6/7th	MOSQUITO VI.	F/O. S. P. SKID. P/O. D. E. MURPHY.	NIGHT RANGER WURZBURG.	2230	2317	Took off Ford. Generator u/s when 5 miles off French Coast. No R/T. Returned to base.	
"	"	F/L. P. E. BROOK. P/O. A. D. WILSON.	ANTI-DIVER.	2248	0139	Unsuccessful.	
"	"	F/O. S. H. MAY. P/O. J. D. RYON.	ANTI-DIVER.	2248	0147	Unsuccessful.	
"	"	F/L. D. E. FORBETH. P/O. W. J. BROWN.	NIGHT RANGER. KITZINGEN.	2235	0130	Took off Ford. No R/A in target area. At 0057 hours big lorry 15 miles S.W. Wurzburg attacked from deck level. Lorry blew up.	
"	"	F/O. E. LORIAN. P/L. W. SEWELL.	ANTI-DIVER.	0017	0340	At 0113 hours Diver attacked heading 350°M from Somme. Quarter attack at 1500 feet, 320 I.A.S. Diver blew up. 1 DIVER KILLED.	

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6/7th	MOSQUITO VI.	F/L. T. MATTHEW. P/O. S. H. MAY.	ANTI-DIVER.	0020	0340	Unsuccessful.	
"	"	F/O. S. H. HILL. F/S. G. W. ROACH.	ANTI-DIVER.	0144	0458	Unsuccessful.	
"	"	F/O. E. A. JOHNSON. P/O. S. J. GIBBY.	ANTI-DIVER.	0143	0501	Unsuccessful.	
"	"	F/L. S. H. R. COTTRELL. F/S. E. E. McNEENA.	ANTI-DIVER.	0145	0520	Unsuccessful.	
7/8th	MOSQUITO VI.	F/L. P. M. BARTER. P/O. J. E. BOWELL.	ANTI-DIVER.	2249	0240	At 0125 hours S.E. fighter made quarter attack 8 miles due S. Beachy Head, not seen to fire.	
"	"	F/O. S. H. MAY. P/O. J. D. RYON.	ANTI-DIVER.	2250	0243	Attacked Diver at 2316 hours, height 1,500 ft., bearing 150°M, I.A.S. 380, with 2 x 2 sec. cannon and m.g. Strikes seen, flames from tail. Exploded on land near Brighton when held by S/Lt. No. 44 seen. 1 DIVER DEST. (over land.)	
"	"	F/O. S. P. SKID. P/O. D. E. MURPHY.	NIGHT RANGER. BRUNNENHALL.	2238	0248	Took off Ford. White lighting in independent clusters at Nancy. Circled and judged to be big storage depot - one large building on fire. Turned back when 5 minutes over E.T.A. unable to pinpoint River Rhine. W: Very low thick fog blanketing River Rhine.	
"	"	F/L. S. C. LEGGAT. F/L. F. L. COCHRANE.	ANTI-DIVER.	0020	0253	Diver on bearing 530°M from East of Dieppe at 1,000 ft., I.A.S. 310 attacked from dead astern, crashed into sea and exploded 50°28'N, 00°28'W at 0136 hours. 1 DIVER KILLED.	
"	"	F/O. M. J. SMITH. P/O. W. P. HILL.	FLOWER. OCCUPATIONS.	2345	0322	At 0105 hours saw what appeared to be an aircraft burning on ground 4 miles S.E. of A/P. When making circuit to N. of A/P at 0120 hours visual obtained of Mosquito and also at 0140 hours when 6 miles N. of A/P visual of ME 110 at 1,500 ft. which banked steeply, visual lost.	

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7/8th	MOSQUITO VI.	F/O. J. J. HAVIE.	ANTI-DIVER.	0025	0115	Landed Preston on fire. Not serious & crew O.K.	
"	"	F/O. E. J. ALEXANDER.					
"	"	F/O. E. E. MILLER.	ANTI-DIVER.	0023	0356	When 10 miles S. of Le Treport, two Divers came out on bearing 330°M, 4000 ft., I.A.S. 350. Attacked first with 3 x 1 sec. mixed bursts. At 0141 hours Diver hit sea and exploded 50°20'N, 01°08'E. 1 DIVER KILLED.	
"	"	SGT. W. HOOPER.					
"	"	F/O. E. H. THOMAS.	FLOWER, VILLACOURAY.	0024	0407	No activity in target areas.	
"	"	F/O. C. J. ALLEN.	CHRY, FUSIGNY.				
"	"		SELEN.				
"	"	F/Lt. J. PHILLIPS.	ANTI-DIVER.	0155	0524	Unsuccessful.	
"	"	F/O. B. JEB.					
8/9th	MOSQUITO VI.	F/O. S. F. SKID.	ANTI-DIVER.	0022	0027	Excessive starboard side vibration caused immediate return to base.	
"	"	F/O. D. N. McINTOSH.					
"	"	F/O. R. D. THOMAS.	ANTI-DIVER.	2243	0152	Four Divers seen (2315 hours), S. Beachy, on way to patrol area, one attacked without result.	
"	"	F/Lt. R. W. MACDONALD.					
"	"	F/Lt. C. S. LEGGAT.	ANTI-DIVER.	2250	0230	Unsuccessful.	
"	"	F/Lt. J. J. COCHRANE.					
"	"	F/Lt. J. M. SANDER.	ANTI-DIVER.	0021	0313	Unsuccessful.	
"	"	F/O. J. E. HENNELL.					
"	"	S/Lt. R. BRIDGOK.	ANTI-DIVER.	0020	0331	Unsuccessful.	
"	"	F/O. R. E. HUCE.					
"	"	F/Lt. R. H. THOMAS.	ANTI-DIVER.	0050	0430	Unsuccessful.	
"	"	F/O. C. J. ALLEN.					
"	"	F/O. S. F. SKID.	ANTI-DIVER.	0150	0443	Unsuccessful.	
"	"	F/O. D. N. McINTOSH.					

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8/9th	MOSQUITO VI.	F/O. E. E. MILLER.	ANTI-DIVER.	0146	0451	Unsuccessful.	
"	"	SGT. W. HOOPER.					
9/10th	MOSQUITO VI.	F/Lt. C. S. LEGGAT.	ANTI-DIVER.	2215	0145	Unsuccessful.	
"	"	F/Lt. J. J. COCHRANE.					
"	"	F/O. E. E. MILLER.	ANTI-DIVER.	2219	0138	Unsuccessful.	
"	"	SGT. W. HOOPER.					
"	"	F/Lt. P. R. BROOK.	ANTI-DIVER.	2223	0133	Unsuccessful.	
"	"	F/O. A. D. McINTOSH.					
"	"	F/O. S. F. SKID.	FLOWER, BEANVAIS.	2348	0240	Unsuccessful, no aircraft seen on any of the three A/Fs.	
"	"	F/O. J. D. RITCH.	CHRY, COCHILLER.				
"	"	F/O. J. S. HILL.	FLOWER, BOURGES.	2255	0322	Unsuccessful.	
"	"	F/Sgt. V. ROACH.	STARD A/Fs.				
"	"	F/O. H. LORIAN.	FLOWER.	2347	0326	Unsuccessful.	
"	"	F/Lt. W. SEWELL.	COCHILLER A/F.				
"	"	S/Lt. R. GRAY.	ANTI-DIVER.	0036	0335	Unsuccessful.	
"	"	F/O. F. D. SMITH.					
"	"	F/O. C. A. JOHNSON.	ANTI-DIVER.	0021	0330	Unsuccessful.	
"	"	F/O. F. J. GIBBY.					
"	"	F/Lt. T. MATTHEW.	ANTI-DIVER.	0228	0526	Approximately 12 Divers seen between 0405 and 0440 hours. Fired at two no claims; Two Divers seen to explode at 0417 hours and at 0438 hours, S/12 mls. S.E. of Hastings.	
"	"	F/O. E. E. HUCE.					
"	"	F/Lt. D. E. FORSYTH.	ANTI-DIVER.	0204	0547	Approximately 16 Divers seen between 0410 and 0445. At 0444 hours saw Diver crossing coast N. of Boulogne. Attacked after climbing after Diver to 3,000 ft., range 200 yards from quarter astern. Diver went sharply into sea.	
"	"	F/O. E. T. BURN.					
"	"					1 DIVER KILLED.	

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10/11th	MOSQUITO VI.	F/L.D.E.FORSTH. P/O.R.T.ESSM.	FLOWER TO COGNAC.	1940	0021	No activity in target area. One Destroyer and two escort vessels seen 17°42'N, 04°32'W, stationary at 2058 hours. No hostile acts. Inaccurate 1/7 5 miles N.E. of La Rochelle.	
"	"	P/O.P.M.SANDER. P/O.J.E.HOWELL.	ANTI-DIVER.	2215	0100	Uneventful.	
"	"	P/O.F.PHILLIPS. P/O.E.JOB.	ANTI-DIVER.	2228	0124	Diver seen 10 miles S. of Beachy Head at 2,000 feet, 300 I.A.S., 330°M. fired 2 x 1 sec, 1000 yards. Broke away as Diver engaged by shore batteries.	
"	"	P/O.E.GRAY. P/O.V.V.SMITH.	ANTI-DIVER.	2227	0132	Four Divers seen Le Troport area. Fired at one Diver 25 miles S. of Hastings at 2,000 feet, 340°M, 350 I.A.S., 3 x 2 sec, burst from 500 yards. Diver climbed to 3,000 feet, dived 2,000 feet 3 or 4 times in waves but not seen to crash. Chased by H/A 5 miles S. of Le Troport for 3 or 4 minutes. H/A lost after much evasive action.	
"	"	P/O.E.A.JOHNSON. P/O.S.J.GENT.	FLOWER, COCKPITERS.	2345	0247	Abandoned between Nantes and Gascoucourt and Paris area due to low cloud and inability to pinpoint. 1/7 from Foscomy on way out 0115 and H/7 from Paris. Landed Harford Bridge.	
"	"	P/O.F.R.BROOK. P/O.J.D.McKENN.	ANTI-DIVER.	0153	0507	Uneventful.	
"	"	P/O.T.MATTHEW. P/O.G.E.HARRIS.	ANTI-DIVER.	0156	0520	Uneventful, Landed Manston.	
"	"	P/O.J.S.HILL. P/O.G.W.ROACH.	ANTI-DIVER.	0004	0320	Uneventful, Landed Harford Bridge.	
"	"	P/O.S.H.WAY. P/O.J.D.FITCH.	NIGHT RANGER, ALBORG.	2140	0220	Operated from Coltishall. At 2341 hours port engine out, returned to Coltishall on one engine.	

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11/12th	MOSQUITO VI.	P/O.E.GRAY. P/O.F.D.SMITH. P/O.J.PHILLIPS. P/O.E.JOB.	DAY RANGER, ALBORG and COCKPITERS.	1520	1902	Took off Coltishall. P/O. Phillips and P/O. Job both wounded by flak and landed Coltishall 1900 hours.	
"	"	P/O.J.J.HARVEY. P/O.P.A.ALEXANDER.	ANTI-DIVER.	2233	2305	At least 20 Divers seen in mid-channel in salvos of 4 or 5, judged to be coming out between Dieppe and Somme. Fired at 2 used up all ammo., returned to base.	
"	"	P/O.R.H.THOMAS. P/O.G.J.ALLAN.	ANTI-DIVER.	2225	0142	Fired at one out of 4 Divers seen, no claim.	
"	"	P/O.P.M.SANDER. P/O.J.E.HOWELL.	ANTI-DIVER.	2341	0205	At 0112 hours Diver seen 50°10'N, 01°05'W on course 340° 2,500 feet, I.A.S.350. Aircraft dived from 7500 ft. made quarter attack 3 x 2 sec, cannon and m.g. from 300 yds. Diver went down in slow glide and exploded on sea 50°28'N, 00°31'W at 0115 hours. Fired at another Diver at 0124 hrs. on course 240°M from St. Quentin, no strikes. 1 DIVER SEEN.	

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11/12th	MOSQUITO VI.	F/O. S. F. REID, F/O. D. N. MORTONCH.	ANTI-DIVER.	0025	0234	When 15 miles off Le Troport at 0105 hours. Diver seen on course 340°M, height 1500 ft., I.A.S. 360. Aircraft dived down to 200 yds. dead astern, fired 3 x 2 sec. cannon and Diver dived down to sea exploded on impact 30 miles N.W. Le Troport 0107 hours. 1 DIVER PLUS.	
"	"	F/O. H. E. MILLER, SGT. W. BOOPER.	FLOWER, COULOMBIERS.	2340	0320	No activity in target area. At 0152 hours saw road coming 3 to 4 miles long very bright head and tail lamps, on main road from Meaux moving W. towards Paris. Flew directly over column at 200 ft. and on returning to investigate, found all lights had been extinguished.	
"	"	F/L. C. S. LEGGAT, F/L. H. COCHRANE.	NIGHT RANGER, MATIHEIM AND SCHWABING-HALL.	2305	0420	No activity in target area. Inaccurate red and green tracer from flak barge just off Cuxyde. took off Manston.	
"	"	F/L. FORBROOK, F/O. A. D. McNEEL.	ANTI-DIVER.	0230	0511.	Three Divers seen, two destroyed by flak and one by aircraft.	
"	"	F/L. T. MATTHEW, F/O. G. H. IRWIN.	ANTI-DIVER.	0232	0524	Two Divers seen, but unable to intercept.	
"	"	F/O. M. L. SEARS, SGT. W. F. HILL.	ANTI-DIVER.	0052	0340	Uneventful.	
"	"	S/L. R. BARNOCK, F/O. R. E. BRUCE.	NIGHT RANGER, HEIPZIG AREA.	2257	0424	Operated from Manston. Landfall Cuxyde. Between Torgau and Finsterwalde all railway yards brilliantly lit. Furthermore, there appeared to be a large amount of surface mining activity excavations, levelling operations etc., particularly on the edges of the woods.	

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12/13th	MOSQUITO VI.	S/L. R. BARNOCK, F/O. R. E. BRUCE.	ANTI-DIVER.	2227	0151	At 2255 hours 5 Divers seen coming from Dieppe area. Attached one at 2300 hours, 50°45'N, 00°32'E on course 340° speed 400 I.A.S., height 2000 ft. Fired all cannon from approximately 500 yards astern. Diver slowed, dropping right wing and then righting itself. Just before Gun Belt was reached, Diver turned on to 120°. Flew back to France and crashed on land near Boulogne after Mosquito had followed firing two bursts of M.G. Fired at another Diver out from Dieppe, 3 x 2 sec. bursts M.G. strikes seen. Saw another Diver following, both picked up by S/Ls, and one crashed about 10 miles S.S.E. of Hastings at 0120 hours. This ties up with claim of S/L Gray. 1 DIVER PLUS.	
"	"	S/L. R. GRAY, F/O. J. D. SMITH.	ANTI-DIVER.	2238	0204	Two Divers seen approaching Hastings at 0115 hours. Made interception on one on course 340°, speed 400 I.A.S., height 2,000 ft. Fired two bursts from astern 200 yards. Diver went straight in to sea and exploded at 0120 hours approx. 10 miles S.S.E. Hastings. 1 DIVER PLUS.	
"	"	F/L. P. M. SAWYER, F/O. J. E. HOSKEL.	ANTI-DIVER.	0011 2258	0505	Chased 3 Divers, but no claims.	
"	"	F/O. S. H. MAY, F/O. J. D. RITCH.	ANTI-DIVER.	0008	0307	Chased several Divers, fired at one 0118 hours, but no claims.	
"	"	F/O. M. L. SEARS, SGT. W. F. HILL.	FLOWER TO OBER-GEM AND	2307	2314	Took off Manston. Patrol uneventful. Visibility in vicinity of A/Ps. considerably reduced by thick black smoke from fires caused by bombing.	
"	"	F/O. S. F. REID, F/O. D. N. MORTONCH.	FLOWER TO HANAU & GELBERAUSEN.	2305	0332	Took off Manston. No activity in target area. Vis. reduced by weather conditions. Brussels, Malchrook and Le Culot seem to be active on return journey.	

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12/13/48	MOSQUITO VI.	F/O. J. J. HARTVEIL. F/O. P. A. ALEXANDER.	FLOWER TO BOCHERDINGEN.	2300	0418	Took off Ford. Attacked JU.88 at Bocherdingen at 0413 hrs. Just as it touched down on E/W E/P. Strikes all round and over E/A whose lights went out at once. Pilot lost sight of it and no further attack made. Rest of patrol uneventful. 1 JU.88 damaged.	
"	"	F/L. R. H. THOMAS. F/O. G. J. MALLIN.	FLOWER, BERTIGNY. DEUX, MELINE.	0021	0421	Patrol uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. N. E. MILLER. SGT. W. HOOPER.	ANTI-DIVER.	0446	0438	Attacked Diver which left Le Troport at 0243 hours. Fired 1 sec. burst from 100 yards. Fuel tank exploded and Diver went into sea exploding on impact, 22 miles N.N.W. of Le Troport. Chased Diver from Dieppe at 0407 hours, pilot fired remaining ammo, and informed Credo 23 he was returning to base. Reduced speed to 180 I.A.S., and climbed to 6,000 ft., found he was overtaking Diver, and it climbed past Mosquito to 7,500. Jet spluttered, stopped, and Diver went into sea and exploded 40 mls. N.E. Le Troport. 2 DIVERS PLUS.	
"	"	F/L. G. S. BROOK. F/L. J. J. COCHRANE.	ANTI-DIVER.	0449	0502	Fired at three Divers but no claims.	
13/14/48	MOSQUITO VI.	F/O. S. E. MAY. F/O. J. D. RITCH.	ANTI-DIVER.	2229	2321	Attacked Diver 20 miles S. of Beachy Head. No claim. Returned early due to technical trouble.	
"	"	F/O. S. F. SKID. F/O. D. E. McDOUGAL.	SPECIAL PATROL.	2235	0059	On way out sighted Diver at 2257 hours, 15 miles S. of Beachy Head. Attacked head on from starboard side with 2 x 1 sec. bursts. Diver dived in and exploded on sea. Shot up one large MET from 0 ft. near Les Hayons (49°40'N, 01°20'E) which blew up. Attacked possible MET in Gisors area.	

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						area (49°20'N, 01°46'E) which blew up with large explosion. Two other large trucks attacked in vicinity of Poix A/F., one damaged, smoke being emitted. 1 DIVER PLUS.	
13/14/48	MOSQUITO VI.	F/L. G. S. EVANS. F/O. E. P. HEANLEY.	ANTI-DIVER.	2238	0415	Diver attacked at 2310 hours, 10 miles S. of Beachy Head, 2,000 ft., 350 N., 340 I.A.S., with 1 x 1 sec. burst. Diver exploded on sea. Three other Divers attacked without results. 1 DIVER PLUS.	
"	"	F/L. D. E. FOSBATH. F/O. R. T. BSM.	ANTI-DIVER.	2237	0437	Several Divers seen, 2 attacked but no claim.	
"	"	F/O. M. L. SEARS. SGT. W. P. HILL.	SPECIAL TARGETS.	2233	0220	Patrolled Ault, Abbeville, Boulogne. Attacked lights in wood 50°18'N, 02°00'E with unobserved results at 0004 hours. Attacked MET at 50°05'N, 02°10'E which was hit and exploded 0055 hours. Other MET attacked 10 miles N. of Abbeville with unobserved results.	
"	"	F/L. P. E. BROOK. F/O. A. D. McLAUREN.	SPECIAL PATROL. SPECIAL PATROL.	2230	0256	Shot up lights 49°23'N, 01°20'E unobserved results. Rest of patrol uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. S. E. MAY. F/O. J. D. RITCH.	ANTI-DIVER. and SPECIAL PATROL.	0032	0427	No Divers seen. Attacked one large MET which blew up with large blue flame at 49°44'N, 01°42'E (0315 hrs.) MET attacked at three other places with unobserved results.	
"	"	S/L. R. GRAY. F/O. J. D. SMITH.	ANTI-DIVER, and SPECIAL PATROL.	0029	0046	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. J. S. HILL.	ANTI-DIVER	0030	0500	No Divers seen. Special patrol uneventful. Light inaccurate flak from Biville area.	
"	"	F/SGT. G. W. BOACH. F/L. G. S. EVANS. F/O. E. P. HEANLEY.	SPECIAL PATROL. SPECIAL PATROL.	0235	0514	Uneventful.	

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13/14th	MOSQUITO VI.	F/L. T. MATTHEW. F/O. G. H. DEWE.	ANTI-DIVER.	0152	0520	Attacked one Diver out of 11 seen 10 miles S. of Boulogne. No strikes seen.	
"	"	F/O. G. P. SEID. F/O. D. E. McDOUGALL.	SPECIAL PATROL.	0211	0514	Attacked 5 MEV; one destroyed and 4 damaged, area 15 miles S. of Dieppe.	
"	"	F/O. E. A. JOHNSON. F/O. E. J. GERT.	ANTI-DIVER.	0145	0537	Eight Divers seen. None attacked.	
14/15th	MOSQUITO VI.	F/L. L. E. EVANS. F/O. E. R. HANLEY.	ANTI-DIVER.	2203	0133	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/L. C. S. LEGGAT. F/L. P. J. COCHRANE.	ANTI-DIVER.	2200	0142	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. H. E. MILLER. Sgt. W. HODDER.	ANTI-DIVER.	2201	0137	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. S. H. MAY. F/O. J. D. RITCHIE.	ANTI-DIVER.	0026	0109	Uneventful.	
"	"	S/L. R. GRAY. F/O. P. D. SMITH.	ANTI-DIVER.	0028	0344	Fired at one out of 6 Divers seen from extreme range. Strikes seen, but no claim.	
"	"	F/O. J. S. HILL. F/S. G. W. BOACH.	FLOWER.	0038	0407	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. E. A. JOHNSON. F/O. E. J. GERT.	FLOWER, BOMB. JUVENOURT.	0106	0420	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/L. T. MATTHEW. F/O. G. H. DEWE.	FLOWER, ONLY. NIGHTY & MELON.	0125	0440	Uneventful. Ten large deep red fires for 15 miles along S.W. bank of River Eure.	
"	"	F/L. D. E. FORSYTH. F/O. R. T. ESAM.	ANTI-DIVER.	0149	0446	Fired at two Divers, no strikes seen.	
"	"	F/L. P. R. BROOK. F/O. A. D. McLEAREN.	ANTI-DIVER.	0151	0211	Landed Ford, mech. trouble.	

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15/16th	MOSQUITO VI.	F/L. L. E. EVANS. F/O. E. R. HANLEY.	ANTI-DIVER.	2204	0118.	No Divers seen. Searched for dinghy reported to be in area 15 mls. N.W. of Berck, but nothing seen.	
"	"	F/L. D. E. FORSYTH. F/O. P. T. ESAM.	ANTI-DIVER.	2209	0115	As reported above.	
"	"	F/L. P. M. SANDER. F/O. J. S. BOWELL.	NIGHT RANGER. TOULOUSE AREA.	2204	0300	Aircraft flashed green light at Toulouse Blaguo A/F, but Mosquito was unable to obtain visual. Remainder of patrol uneventful.	
"	"	S/L. V. BARRACK. F/O. R. R. HEUCE.	NIGHT RANGER. VALENCE-AVIQUON.	2210	0322	Tack off Ford. Unable to go farther south than Roannes owing to weather on route. Patrolled south of Paris from 0035 to 0217. Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. M. L. SEARS. Sgt. W. P. HILL.	ANTI-DIVER.	0006	0305	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/L. R. H. THOMAS. F/O. G. J. ALLEN.	ANTI-DIVER.	0007	0315	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. S. P. SEID. F/O. D. E. McDOUGALL.	ANTI-DIVER.	0032	0320	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. H. E. MILLER. Sgt. W. HODDER.	ANTI-DIVER.	0144	0444	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. S. K. WOOLLEY. F/O. W. A. HASTIE.	ANTI-DIVER.	0146	0456	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/L. C. S. LEGGAT. F/L. P. J. COCHRANE.	NIGHT RANGER. HILBERG.	2147	0310	Operated from Coltishall. Landfall at Pellworm. Much heavy flak noticed in the Heligoland area. On crossing into the Baltic 10 miles north of Kiel Bay, one gun from a ship fired 17 rounds accurate tracer which passed behind the tail of the Mosquito flying at 500 ft. White beacons seen in many positions along the Baltic Coast. At 0015 hours Barth A/F had P/P illuminated, but there was no visible activity. Hilberg A/F had P-of-W camp illuminated at Koglin. On return P/P at Barth still illuminated remainder of trip uneventful.	

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16/17th	MOSQUITO VI.	F/L. H. E. MILLER.	ANTI-DIVER.	2200	0122	Uneventful.	
"	"	Sgt. W. HOOPER.					
"	"	S/L. R. BARNOCK.	ANTI-DIVER.	2356	0323	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. R. V. BRUCE.					
"	"	F/L. P. M. SAWYER.	ANTI-DIVER.	0146	0444	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. J. E. HUNNELL.					
"	"	F/O. S. K. WOOLLEY.	ANTI-DIVER.	0059	0514	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. V. I. HASTIE.					
"	"	F/L. G. S. IGGAN.	ANTI-DIVER.	2206	2348	Returned from Le Touquet with mechanical trouble.	
"	"	F/L. F. J. COCHRANE.					
"	"	F/L. M. L. SLARS.	ANTI-DIVER.	2239	2354	Returned on account of electrical trouble.	
"	"	Sgt. W. F. HILL.	MARI & VAREL.				
"	"	F/O. S. P. SKID.	FLOWER, HUSUM &	2306	0421	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. D. N. McINTOSH.	JACEL.				
"	"	F/L. R. H. THOMAS.	FLOWER, TWENTY,	0013	0423	Landed Coltishall, uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. G. J. ALLIN.	BRIN APLANTINE.				
17/18th	MOSQUITO VI.	S/L. S. H. R. COTTERILL.	FLOWER, DOLE,	2255	0312	Uneventful. Landed Ford.	
"	"	F/O. E. H. MCKENNA.	TAVAL.				
"	"	F/L. D. E. FORNITH.	ANTI-DIVER.	0031	0304	Uneventful. Landed Manston.	
"	"	F/O. R. T. BRAM.					
"	"	F/L. T. MATTHEW.	FLOWER, ROMILEY.	2214	0203	Uneventful. Landed Manston.	
"	"	F/O. G. H. DEW.					
"	"	F/L. P. R. BROCK.	NIGHT RANGER,	2257	0320	Lyons/Bon A/P lit but doused on approach. Monteliman lit.	
"	"	F/O. A. D. McLAUREN.	MARSEILLES.			Two searchlights intersecting above A/P. White beacon to S. Landed Ford.	

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17/18th	MOSQUITO VI.	W/C. A. BARKER.	NIGHT RANGER,	2230	0349	Uneventful. Landed Ford.		
"	"	F/L. J. GIBBONS.	TOULOUSE & CARCASSONE.					
"	"	F/L. S. H. MAY.	ANTI-DIVER.	2215	0150	Uneventful. Landed Colerne.		
"	"	F/O. J. D. BIRCH.						
"	"	F/O. J. S. HILL.	ANTI-DIVER.	2300	0225	Uneventful. Landed Colerne.		
"	"	F/S. G. W. ROACH.						
18/19th	MOSQUITO VI.	F/L. L. E. EVANS.	ANTI-DIVER.	2206	0126	Uneventful. Landed Ford.		
"	"	F/O. S. S. HASKIEY.						
"	"	S/L. K. A. DOOMER.	ANTI-DIVER.	2208	0009	Uneventful. Landed Ford. Generator u/s.		
"	"	F/S. E. W. PAGE.						
"	"	S/L. D. B. ARMAN.	OPS. TRAINING,	2214	0124	Oulomiers beacon flashing "P.X." Landed Ford.		
"	"	F/O. A. M. MACINTOSH.	LOIS.					
"	"	F/L. T. MATTHEW.	ANTI-DIVER.	0006	0357	Uneventful.		
"	"	F/O. G. H. DEW.						
19/20th	MOSQUITO VI.	NO OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY.						
20/21st	MOSQUITO VI.	F/L. R. H. THOMAS.	ANTI-DIVER.	2200	2221	Returned with electrical trouble.		
"	"	F/O. G. J. ALLIN.						
"	"	F/L. P. M. SAWYER.	ANTI-DIVER.	2207	0114	Uneventful.		
"	"	F/O. J. E. HUNNELL.						
"	"	F/L. R. H. THOMAS.	ANTI-DIVER.	2237	0136	Uneventful.		
"	"	F/O. G. J. ALLIN.						
"	"	F/O. S. K. WOOLLEY.	ANTI-DIVER.	0007	0305	Three Salvos each of 5 Divers seen to cross out south of Boulogne. Fired, strikes seen but no claim.		
"	"	F/O. W. A. HASTIE.						
"	"	F/O. R. D. THOMAS.	ANTI-DIVER.	0003	0336	Salvo of 5 Divers crossed out north of Berck-sur-Mer, course 330°, height 2,500 feet, I.A.S. 160. Dived from 5,000 ft. fired 3 x 1 sec. cannon from 600 yards dead astern. Diver went down in slow glide and exploded on sea 10 miles south Dungeness 0217 hours. 1 DIVER MISSING.		
"	"	F/L. E. W. MACDONALD.						

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21/22nd	MOSQUITO VI.					NO OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY.	
22/23rd	MOSQUITO VI.					NO OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY.	
23/24th	MOSQUITO VI.	P/L. R. H. THOMAS. P/O. G. J. ALLEN.	ANTI-DIVER.	2254	0043	Uneventful. Inaccurate tracer at 6,000 ft. from Boulogne.	
"	"	P/O. R. D. THOMAS. P/L. R. H. THOMAS.	ANTI-DIVER.	2156	0038	Uneventful.	
"	"	P/O. S. K. WOOLLEY. P/O. W. A. HASTIE.	FLOWER, DIVER. DOL.	2145	0202	No activity noticeable in target area.	
"	"	P/O. J. G. HARVEY. P/O. P. A. ALEXANDER.	ANTI-DIVER.	0053	0234	Many white flares in Dieppe area apparently fired from ground also much tracer with practically horizontal trajectory direction approximately 220°. Recalled.	
24/25th	MOSQUITO VI.	P/L. R. H. THOMAS. P/O. G. J. ALLEN.	ANTI-DIVER.	2205	0115	Uneventful.	
"	"	P/O. W. E. SKELER. P/O. R. E. TRIERCK.	ANTI-DIVER.	2206	0130	Uneventful.	
"	"	P/O. S. P. SEID. P/O. R. M. W. MITCHELL.	ANTI-DIVER.	0008	0153	Uneventful. Landed at Ford.	
"	"	S/L. D. B. ANMAN. P/O. A. M. MAGISTROSI.	ANTI-DIVER.	0005	0205	Uneventful. Landed at Ford.	
25/26th	MOSQUITO VI.	P/O. A. BAKER. P/L. J. GIBBONS.	ANTI-DIVER.	2206	0115	Uneventful.	
"	"	S/L. A. A. DOOMER. P/O. E. W. PAGE.	ANTI-DIVER.	2205	0136	Uneventful. Tracer accurate for height but behind from ship 5 miles out Somme Estuary.	

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25/26th	MOSQUITO VI.	S/L. S. H. P. OSTERILL. P/S. R. H. MCKENNA.	FLOWER, HAGHEBAU	2313	0253	Took off Ford. Unable to pinpoint Vauxbard onwards, flew over target area on D.R. but pinpointed Saare Lake on return. Moderate light & heavy flak from Baden Baden.	
"	"	S/L. P. A. MONTGOMERY. P/L. J. H. C. BOUGROIS.	ANTI-DIVER.	2125	0315	No Divers seen. Sea engagement in Fecamp area. Tracer from ship 50°30'N, 1°10'W put up in form of barrage, aircraft avoided easily.	
"	"	P/O. H. LORIAN. P/L. W. SEWELL.	ANTI-DIVER.	0009	0320	Uneventful.	
"	"	P/L. D. E. FORSYTH. P/O. R. T. ISAM.	FLOWER, ECHTERDINGEN.	2343	0327	Took off Manston. Returned when 20 miles beyond Rhine owing to poor visibility.	
"	"	P/L. L. E. EVANS. P/O. E. R. BLAKLEY.	RANGER, MURICH AREA.	2240	0332	Unable to pinpoint in target area and returned. Took off Ford.	
"	"	S/L. E. GRAY. P/O. F. D. SMITH.	FLOWER, BRUSSELS/ LE CULOT.	2559	0414	Took off Goltishall. Melbroek Mt E-W V/L 2 bars. Escorted flashing M.F. in white. Suspected a/c landed, Le Culot unit.	
"	"	P/O. J. S. HILL. P/SPT. G. V. ROACH.	ANTI-DIVER.	0211	0440	Uneventful. Recalled due to weather by Tangmere.	
"	"	P/L. E. A. JOHNSON. P/O. E. J. GENT.	ANTI-DIVER.	0208	0444	Uneventful. Recalled due to weather by Tangmere.	
26/27th	MOSQUITO VI.	S/L. P. A. MONTGOMERY. P/L. J. H. C. BOUGROIS.	OPS. TRAINING. BRUSSELS AREA.	2214	0054	Patrol uneventful.	
"	"	S/L. E. A. DOOMER. P/S. E. E. PAGE.	OPS. TRAINING. BRUSSELS AREA.	2219	0057	Patrol uneventful.	
"	"	P/O. J. S. HILL. P/S. C. W. ROACH.	FLOWER, BRUSSELS/ MELBROCK/LE CULOT.	2252	0227	No activity at Balabrook, E-W V/L on at Le Culot from 0005-0100 and A/T appeared to be active but no E/A seen.	
"	"	P/L. S. H. P. OSTERILL. P/S. R. H. MCKENNA.	ANTI-DIVER.	2327	0238	Diver chased at 0109 hrs. coming out from Gris Nes, course 300°W, height 3,500 ft., speed 430 m.p.h. Fired 3 x 1 sec. bursts from about 1,000 yards. No results. At 0146 hrs. Diver seen to blow up 6 mls. inland from Gris Nes. At 0115 hrs. another Diver	67

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						chased from about 400 yds. Hits possibly on starboard wing, but no claim.	
26/27th	MOSQUITO VI.	F/O. H. LORIANE.	FLOWER TO	2234	0311	No E/A seen during patrol which was uneventful.	
"	"	F/L. W. SPENCE.	RESERVE				
"	"	F/L. D. R. FORSYTH.	ANTI-DIVER.	2214	0030	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. R. T. ESAL.					
"	"	F/O. E. A. JOHNSON.	ANTI-DIVER.	0121	0433	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. E. J. GENT.					
2	"	F/L. L. E. EVANS.	FLOWER TO	2257	0417	Took off Coltishall. Neuruppin patrolled from 0100-0130 hrs. No E/A seen. One orange intruder warning flare fired from ground. Dedelsdorf, Cardalegan, Stendal A/Fs. all appeared active.	
"	"	F/O. E. R. HANLEY.	NEURUPPIN.				
27/28th	MOSQUITO VI.	F/O. W. R. ZELMER.	OPS. TRAINING.	2321	0156	Uneventful patrol.	
"	"	F/O. E. R. SPURLOCK.	HUI.				
"	"	F/O. A. B. CARRUTHERS.	OPS. TRAINING.	2302	0123	Uneventful patrol.	
"	"	F/L. W. SHARPE.	HUI.				
"	"	F/L. R. E. MILLER.	ANTI-DIVER.	0116	0429	No Divers seen.	
"	"	Sgt. W. HOOVER.					
"	"	S/L. R. BANNOCK.	ANTI-DIVER.	0115	0432	No Divers seen.	
"	"	F/O. R. P. BRUCE.					
28/29th	MOSQUITO VI.	F/O. S. D. THOMAS.	FLOWER TO ST.	0021	0437	Three long convoys shot up at:- Bertix 49°52'N, 05°35'E., Boharon 48°35'N, 04°52'E., Carignan 49°38'N, 05°10'E.; all headed S.W. No details seen. Large fire on St. Disler A/F, possibly a hangar. Orange flares, black smoke.	
"	"	F/L. R. W. MACDONALD.	DIVER.				
"	"	F/O. W. R. ZELMER.	ANTI-DIVER.	2324	0244	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. E. R. SPURLOCK.					

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28/29th	MOSQUITO VI.	F/O. A. B. CARRUTHERS.	ANTI-DIVER.	2327	0238.	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/S. W. SHARPE.					
"	"	F/O. S. K. WOOLLEY.	ANTI-DIVER.	2125	0013	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. W. J. HASTIE.					
"	"	S/L. D. B. ADAM.	ANTI-DIVER.	2126	0037	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. A. H. MACINTOSH.					
29/30th	MOSQUITO VI.	F/L. L. E. EVANS.	WEATHER HOOK.	2216	2314	Carried out successfully.	
"	"	F/O. E. R. HANLEY.	DIVER AREA.				
"	"	W/O. A. BAUKER.	FLOWER.	2345	0111	Returned mechanical trouble when half-way to Holland.	
"	"	F/L. J. GIBSON.	WESSENDORF & HINGSBURG.				
"	"	S/L. R. GRAY.	FLOWER.	2305	0312	Both A/Fs. unlit. Wunstorf seem to be lit in distance.	
"	"	F/O. P. D. SMITH.	COVERSLOH, PADERBORN.				
"	"	F/L. E. A. JOHNSON.	FLOWER, STEINWJE.	0017	0340	A/F. unlit. Steady white light at Hoorn.	
"	"	F/O. E. J. GENT.					
"	"	F/L. S. H. R. COTTRELL.	FLOWER, ARDORF.	2352	0347	Ardorf fully lit V/L and 2 bars, W/E., revolving S/L. and beacon flashing "K.G." Marx and Varel unlit.	
"	"	F/S. D. H. MCKENNA.	MARX/VAREL.				
"	"	F/L. D. E. FORKETH.	FLOWER, PASSBERG.	0012	0415	No activity in target area. Landed Coltishall.	
"	"	F/O. R. T. ESAL.	DEDELSDORF, RESENDING.				
"	"	F/L. T. MATTHEW.	FLOWER, HUSUM &	0024	0423	Husum unlit, Jagel lit E/W V/L, 3rd bars, W/P. QM. 085°.	
"	"	F/O. C. V. DEW.	SCHLESWIG-JAGEL.			No activity at seaplane anchorage Schleswig. Landed Coltishall.	
"	"	S/L. R. BANNOCK.	DAY RANGER.	0824	1340	Vaxlose A/F attacked from E/W. S/L. Bannock fired 1 1/2 secs. mixed burst from 100 yards astern at JU.88 parked on E. perimeter. Petrol tank exploded and E/A commenced to burn. Fired further 1 1/2 secs. mixed burst from 50 yds. head on at ME.110 parked in blast-bay on N. side of A/F, E/A immediately caught fire and was burning as our A/F flew off. F/O. Seid sprayed 3 FE.190s parked in front of control tower with 2 sec. burst of cannon, strikes being observed on the third one only.	
"	"	F/O. E. R. BRUCE.	COPENHAGEN AREA.				
"	"	F/O. S. P. SEID.					
"	"	F/O. D. H. MACINTOSH.					

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
						An ME.110 parked on S. perimeter track attacked with 1 sec. mixed burst, strikes being seen. P/O. Reid's a/c Cat.(A) S/L. Bannock's A/G. Cat. 'B', both due to flak. 1 JU.88 and 1 ME.110 DEST. ON GROUND (S/L. BANNOCK). 1 FW.19 and 1 ME.110 DAMAGED ON GROUND (P/O. REID.)	
30/Jul.	MOSQUITO VI.	P/L.D.E. FORSTH. P/O.R.T. BRAM.	WEATHER PROBE, DIVER AREA.	2218	2312	Carried out successfully.	
"	"	P/L.K.A. BOOMER. P/S.E.W. PAGE.	OPS. TRAINING, ISSUWADEN.	0059	0158	Returned when approximately 45 miles out across N. Sea, also trouble.	
"	"	P/O.A.R. GARDINERS. P/S. W. SHERR.	OPS. TRAINING, VAREL/MARY/ROOPE.	2238	0149	All three A/Ps. unlit.	
"	"	P/O.F.W. SHELTER. P/O.H.R. FRIDMANN.	OPS. TRAINING, WURROOP.	2255	0243	Nine barges stationary on canal at 52°28'N, 0°20'E, made 2 attacks with canon on one, strikes being seen. No apparent activity in target area.	
"	"	P/L.P.A. MONTGOMERY. P/L.J.H.C. BOURGEOIS.	OPS. TRAINING, ISSUWADEN.	0123	0247	On approaching Dutch Coast encountered intense accurate light flak at 3,000 ft. just above cloud. Orbited and attempted to make landfall further south, still encountered	
"	"	P/L.R. GRAY. P/O.R.J. GRIFF.	OPS. TRAINING, ISSUWADEN.	0150	0316	Returned owing to unsuitable weather on approaching Dutch Coast.	
"	"	P/L. I. B. BYARS. P/O.H. H. H. H.	NIGHT RANGER, LUNSBURG.	2307	0329	No activity seen.	
"	"	P/O.H.P. HEARLEY. P/O.H. LORIANI.	LUNSBURG & HAGENAU. NIGHT RANGER,	2350	0329	At 0058 hours attacked goods train heading S., 3 to 4 miles below Lunsburg. Strikes seen mid-way along train. Turned back 45 miles S.E. Bremen on account of adverse weather.	
"	"	P/L.W. GERRARD.	PASSEBERG.				

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
31/Jul.	MOSQUITO VI	P/L.H.H. MILLER P/L.W. ROOPER.	INTRUDER TO HAGENAU	2205	0207	Damaged one MET in Mets area at 2340 hours, where much traffic encountered. Attacked line of vehicles from rear approaching Mets. Leading vehicle blew up explosion carried down the line, and 6 to 10 further vehicles were clearly observed to be burning furiously. Carried on to target area but had to turn back owing to jettison tanks not working. Several MET spotted in Mets area, attacked four individual vehicles which exploded and were destroyed. At 0052 hrs. attacked stationary freight train near Audenards (05°36'E, 50°50'N) three times from front, rear, and beam, seeing strikes on all three runs. Engaged by accurate intense light flak from train on last run.	
"	"	P/O.H.P. SHELTER. P/O.H.R. FRIDMANN.	INTRUDER, VERVA. DIRFELDE.	2211	0215	No activity at Verba & Diepholz. Four train attacks, two stationary on railway line by Damer Lake. Many strikes seen on all attacks, strikes also seen on building by railroad which caught fire. Engaged by very accurate flak which appeared to come from station.	
"	"	P/L.H.H. MILLER. P/O.A. MACDONALD.	INTRUDER, PASSEBERG.	2156	0210	No activity at Passberg. Train attacked going S. 5 miles N. of Nienburg (09°14'E, 52°14'N), with short mixed burst. Train was left stopped and steaming. Second train attacked near Walle (09°12'E, 52°58'N) with canon and strikes seen on locomotive which commenced to steam heavily.	
"	"	P/O.H. WOOLLEY. P/O.W.A. HASTIE.	INTRUDER, LUNSBURG.	2152	0223	No activity seen at Lunsburg. Sighted train N. of Damer 08°12'E, 52°32'N, and made two attacks. Stopped after first and all coaches rebled on 2nd attack. Strikes seen. Second train attacked at Landesbergen strikes seen on engine. Third attacked approaching Raschde, strikes seen. Fourth attacked approaching Verden strikes on engine & train stopped.	117

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1. May the following corrections and additional information be added to your copy of the above mentioned Operations Record Books, please.

- (a) ~~XXX~~
- ✓ 2th/8th - In the "Flight" column F.541 on the reverse side of page 8, after the words "engine blew up", add the following: "and burst into flame. Strakes seen on and pieces flying off 2 Ju.87s and 1 Ju.88. W/O Sims coming behind attacked a Ju.87 and it blew up." The Squadron also changes "handcuff" in the first line to "Landeville".
 - ✓ 9th/9th The observer for F/L Ross should be W/O F. East. Clark
 - ✓ 10th F.540 states F/O Sanger went to Florence while F.541 says it was F/O Jasper. F/O Sanger is correct.
 - ✓ 11th ✓(1) Amend F.540 to indicate F/O Harper went to Bonn instead of St. Disier/Hels. F/L Forsyth went to St. Disier/Hels.
 - ✓(11) Amend F.541 for F/L Evans' target to read Lunenburg.
 - ✓ 14th/15th The observer for F/O Jones was F/L Bakart.
 - ✓ 20th The 2 Sangers under the 24th/25th should have appeared under the 20th only.
 - ✓ 4th ✓(1) Day Sangers for W/O Sims and F/O Roberts should appear on F.541 as follows:

W/O Sims and F/O Sharples	} 1828 - 1828
F/O Roberts and F/O McLaren	

 Day Sanger to German Baltic coast. Made landfall at Antan Island and returned immediately owing to lack of cloud cover.
 - ✓(14) Amend F.541 to indicate W/O Jones went to Hamburg and not Bonn.
- (b) ~~XXX~~
- ✓ 12th/16th Time up and down for F/L Forsyth were 0015 and 0045 hrs.

(c) JULY

- ✓ 2nd/4th Amend F.541 to place parties by Barber, Anderson, Brock and Kerr under 4th/5th instead of 3rd/4th.
- ✓ 19th/19th (1) An Anti-diver patrol for F/O Harvie was omitted from F.541 as follows: F/O J.F. Harvie and F/O P.J. Alexander OMB - OMB. Unsuccessful.
- ✓ 19th/20th The observer for F/O Miller was Sgt. W. Hooper.
- ✓ General Total operational sorties were 222.

(d) SEPTEMBER

- ✓ 23rd Amend F.540 to read 6 patrols instead of 4.
- ✓ General Amend total operational sorties on F.540 to read 148.

W. L. Thompson
(W.L. Thompson) W/O

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R.A.F. HUNSDON	SEPTEMBER, 1944	1st	<p>W: Fine at first, becoming cloudy. Vis. mainly good. Letters have been received by this squadron from former crew who have been posted to Canada. They are anxious to get back, stating they miss squadron life and some we know who miss the odd Miss. "A" Flight - N.F.T.'s and Practice Attacks. "B" Flight - N.F.T.'s. OPERATIONS: Three uneventful Anti Diver Patrols, by S/L Amann, P/O Harvie and P/O Zeller. On a Night Ranger to the Munich area, P/O Seid attacked three trains, two left stopped and steaming, but although many strikes seen on the third, 1000 continued.</p>		
		2nd	<p>W: Heavy showers, vis. poor to good. Congratulations to S/L Bannock on the award of the D.F.C. M.C. Staff of the squadron spent the first few days working without desks or chairs. The situation has now been remedied and we are back to normal. Our softball team journeyed to London to participate in the finals today but the weather man said "No". All games rained out. "A" Flight - N.F.T.'s and practice air-ground. "B" Flight - N.F.T.'s. No operational activity.</p>		
		3rd	<p>W: Fine in morning, cloudy with showers later on in day. Vis. moderate to good. S/L R. Bannock "B" Flight Commander received an immediate D.F.C. to-day. Congratulations! "A" Flight - P/L Forsyth and P/L Cotterill - base to Coltishall. N.F.T.'s, Practice Attacks, low-level, cross country formation flying and practice ground attacks. P/L Matthew in the Oxford - Photography. "B" Flight - P/O Thomas with P/L MacDonald, low level cross country. Operations: On a Day Ranger to the German Baltic Coast during the afternoon of the 3rd, undertaken by P/L Cotterill and P/L Forsyth, an He.109 was damaged by P/L Cotterill and 3 goods trains damaged, 2 by P/L Forsyth and 1 by P/L Cotterill. No night operations.</p>		
		4th	<p>W: Cloudy with rain most of day, stopped for one hour. Vis. - poor. Letter received from G/O Miller, C.O. at R.A.F. Middle Wallop, commending the squadron on the neatness of the premises after we vacated the station. Personnel have their sheets out. "A" Flight - P/L Forsyth and P/L Cotterill - Coltishall to base. "B" Flight - One N.F.T. No operational activity.</p>		
		5th	<p>W: Rain becoming cloudy. Vis. moderate to good. ENSA shows and movies are plentiful on the station and are much enjoyed by all. Aircrew on off days are journeying to London as we are now very close. P/O G. Morris, our I.C. for the past 17 months, is leaving for "B" Depot on repatriation to Canada, reporting 11 September, 1944. "A" Flight - Air Firing and low flying. "B" Flight - N.F.T.'s, cross country, low level, cannon tests, single-engine landing and air firing. OPERATIONS: Two Anti Diver Patrols by P/O Carruthers and P/L Thomas, both uneventful. Three flares were carried out, P/O Scoller to Zwisshensain, Ailhorn and Diepholz, but had to return from halfway across sea due to technical failure. P/L Miller to Hopsten, Sahmer, Hesepe, Twente, Rheine and Plantlunne, damaging one loco 3-4 miles N. of Steinfeld and one loco 4 miles N.E. Diepholz. P/O Harvie to Leeuwarden, uneventful.</p>		

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RAF HUNSDON	SEPTEMBER, 1914	5th	<p>WX: Cloudy with rain, poor vis.</p> <p>W/O Barker with F/L Gibbons, W/O House of A.D.C., with F/O Finlayson and S/L Bannock with F/O Bruce escorted an He.177 from France. The trip in all was spread over four days, from Csem/Carpentier to Toulouse on the 6th September, Salons to Toulouse on 8th Sept. Leaving Toulouse for base on the 10th Sept. Welcome gifts of grapes and champagne were brought back for the ground crews.</p> <p>First arrival of 53 parcels out of 250 enroute from Edmonton to our squadron is announced by Post Office Clerk. The boys are looking forward to the balance.</p> <p>"A" Flight - N.F.T.'s, cross country, ground attacks and formation flying.</p> <p>F/L Johnson in the Oxford to Middle Salop and return.</p> <p>"B" Flight - F/L Sawyer with F/L Johnson to Leeming and return.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Two uneventful anti diver patrols by F/L Evans and F/L Loriaux. Three Night Rangers S/L Gray to Bad Oeynhausen, attacked two trains. F/L Cotterill to Haya and Rotenburg, strikes observed on one loco attacked, made 6 attacks on second loco, strikes seen on all attacks and steam came from loco and at least two R.R. coaches on fire. Also attacked 15 MEV, strikes seen all along convoy which stopped. F/L Brock to Hildesheim, uneventful. Three Flowers, F/L Mathew to Deelen, S/L Montgomery to Leeuwarden, attacked cars but no strikes seen, and F/O Hill to Munsdorf, Hannover and Celle, who returned early owing to bad weather.</p>		
		7th	<p>WX: Cloudy with very heavy showers. Vis. poor.</p> <p>Rain - no sports, no divers, no excitement.</p> <p>"A" Flight - N.F.T.'s.</p> <p>No operational activity.</p>		
		8th	<p>WX: Fair in morning, cloudy and dull later. Vis. moderate to good.</p> <p>Our new I.O., F/O P.T. Hughes, J.35003, reported to the squadron today from R.C.A.F. Station East Moor, Yorks (432 and 415 Sqds)</p> <p>"A" Flight - F/L Johnson and F/L Bomber base to Odihm and returned.</p> <p>"B" Flight - N.F.T.'s and low level flying.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Three special patrols (Big Ben) undertaken by F/O Carruthers, F/L Thomas and F/O Harris, all success, proving uneventful.</p> <p>Three Flowers, F/O Sears to A-derf/Marz/Varel; S/L Annan to Zeischensahn/Oldenburg/Warrelbusch/Alhorn, both uneventful. F/O H.R. Zeller and his observer, F/O H.R. Tribbeck are missing from a Flower to Voeha/quackenbruck/Diepholz. Two Night Rangers against ground targets undertaken by F/L Miller to Munster area, strikes on R.R. Coaches and torry left in flames, and F/O Woolley to Hannover area claiming loco cat. "B" and strikes on 2 lorries.</p>		
		9th	<p>WX: Fair, visibility, moderate to good.</p> <p>Notice was received this morning that 418 Squadron is to move to Manston. S/L Gray - acting C.O. is taking steps to have this movement unobscured. 418 Squadron softball team played R.C.A.F. H.Q. this afternoon on the home field. Many brass hats from H.Q. were present. The game ended with a score of H.Q. - 24; 418 - 8.</p> <p>"A" Flight - S/L Gray with Sgt MacCreedy and F/L Brock with F/S Chapman to Manston and return.</p> <p>"B" Flight - N.F.T.'s.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Owing to weather conditions there were only 2 operations: F/L Sawyer on a Special Patrol (Big Ben) and F/O Woolley on an Anti Diver Patrol, both returning early owing to bad weather.</p>		

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R.A.F. HUNSDON	SEPTEMBER, 1914	10th	<p>WX: Fine - Vis. poor at first becoming good.</p> <p>Most of the Squadron personnel had just about finished packing when word was received from the Station C.O. saying that the move to Manston was cancelled - no one seemed to mind unpacking.</p> <p>"A" Flight - N.F.T.'s and single engine practice.</p> <p>"B" Flight - Low level, cross country, N.F.T.'s, single engine landing and local practice.</p> <p>Operations: All the patrols were uneventful, 2 Anti Divers by S/L Montgomery and S/L Bomber and two Special Patrols (Big Ben) by F/L Cotterill and F/L Mathew.</p>		
		11th	<p>WX: Fine, vis. moderate.</p> <p>F/O G. Morris, the I.O. left today for Warrington, on the first stage of his journey back home. Bon Voyage!</p> <p>"A" Flight - N.F.T.'s and practice ground attacks.</p> <p>F/L May with F/S Chapman to Burn and returned.</p> <p>Operations: Two uneventful Anti Diver Patrols by F/L Evans and F/L Brock. A Special Patrol (Big Ben) by F/O J.S. Harvie, also uneventful. The remainder of the night's operations were Flowers, carried out by S/L Montgomery to Plantunne/Twente, F/L Mathew to Stuttgart/Boblingen, F/L Johnson to Neespe and Bomber and F/O Hill to Lachen-Speyerdorf.</p>		
		12th	<p>WX: Fine, vis. moderate becoming good.</p> <p>Three new crews reported for duty today from 60 C.O., as follows:</p> <p>F/L M.B. Zimmer J.25030 Nav. with F/O G.R. Redeker, J.1246, as Pilot.</p> <p>F/O W.P. Retzer J.67943 Nav and F/O A. Smith J.21137 Pilot.</p> <p>Also an R.C.O. crew - Sgt Kelly (R.A.F.) Nav with W/O Johnston as pilot.</p> <p>"A" Flight - W/O Barker to High Broad and return. N.F.T.'s.</p> <p>"B" Flight - N.F.T.'s, Gun and S.R. flying.</p> <p>Operations: Five Special Patrols (Big Ben) by F/O Seid, F/L Johnson, F/L May, S/L Annan and F/O Sears. Out of these only S/L Annan had any joy in his patrol.</p> <p>Six Flowers were planned for the night, but only four crews patrolled their targets; F/O Harvie to Kesselt/Arnhem, F/L Miller to Munster, S/L Bannock to Hildesheim, prob. destroying an U/I F/L A and F/O Carruthers to Ardorf, Marz, Varel. Out of the other two, F/O Woolley bogged down off runway and didn't take off and F/L Thomas returned from over the aerodrome, his undercarriage failing to retract.</p>		
		13th	<p>WX: Fair to fine, vis. moderate.</p> <p>F/L "Al" Brown, J.13947, Navigation Officer, left today for Warrington on his way back to Canada, having completed a tour of ops with 418 and six months as navigation Officer with the squadron.</p> <p>Operations: The sorties flown were all uneventful, comprising three Special Patrols (Big Ben) by F/O Harvie, F/O Carruthers and F/L Leggat; One Flower, F/O Sears to Varel, Ardorf and a Night Ranger to Kittingen/Neumunster by S/L Annan.</p>		
		14th	<p>WX: Fair to fine, vis. poor.</p> <p>"A" Flight - N.F.T.'s, S.E. landings; F/L Mathew with F/L Bourgeois to Lashen and return.</p> <p>"B" Flight - F/O Redeker with F/O Zimmer, cross country.</p> <p>Operations: No operational activity.</p>		

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R.A.F. HUNSDON	SEPTEMBER, 1944	15th	<p>WX: Intermittent rain, Vis. moderate.</p> <p>F/O J.E. Howell 153227 who has finished a tour of Ops with us, today replaces F/L S.A. Brown as Squadron Navigation Officer. Congrats, Johnnie!</p> <p>434 Officers, Airmen and Airwomen received parcels of comforts at Pay Parade today from the City of Edmonton and Lions International. Contents were enjoyed by all. Pictures for City and Press were taken by P.R.O. R.O.A.A.F.</p> <p>"A" Flight - H.F.T.'s, Practice at 8000 and 2 low level cross country flights. F/L Forsyth and F/L Cotterill to Coltishall and return.</p> <p>"B" Flight - H.F.T.'s, cannon and practice attacks and three night cross countries.</p> <p>Operations: Four Intenders, all uneventful, F/L Loriaux to Bunsdorf, F/O Hill to Hegenow, Fochis and Ludwigslust; F/L Cotterill to Guterloek/Paderborn and F/L Johnson to Stendal/Gardel Spa. The remainder of the night's operations were also uneventful, being special patrols (Big Ben) undertaken by F/L Matthes, F/L Brock (who returned early due to generator trouble) and F/L Forsyth.</p>		
		16th	<p>WX: Fine becoming cloudy, Vis. moderate becoming good.</p> <p>Goodbye and good luck to the following crews who have completed their tour with us; F/L P.L. Sawyer, F/L L.A. Evans and F/O S.M. Blakely. F/L Sawyer and F/O Blakely are posted to C.T.U. in Canada while F/L Evans is posted to Intruder Control A.D.G.S.</p> <p>"A" Flight - H.F.T.'s, cannon tests and practice attacks.</p> <p>"B" Flight - H.F.T.'s, S.E. landings, cannon tests, F/O Harvie to Witterford and return.</p> <p>F/L Sawyer in the Magister to Newmarket and return.</p> <p>Operations: The night's operations consisted of five special patrols (Big Ben) undertaken by F/O Sears, F/O Harvie, F/L Matthes, S/L Annan and F/O Seid. One Ops Training to Leuswarden by F/O Redeker and four flowers, F/O Carruthers to Yechts, Quackenbruck and Diepholz; F/L Leggat to Teente and Volkel, F/L Thomas to Guterloek, Paderborn and F/O Woolley to Oldenburg, Ahhorn and Zwischenahn, Warrelbusch.</p>		
		17th	<p>WX: Fog at first, visibility becoming good later. Weather fair.</p> <p>"A" Flight - H.F.T.'s, S.E., cannon and altitude tests and 3/4 Co-op.</p> <p>"B" Flight - H.F.T.'s, S.E. landings. F/L Sawyer to Manston and return.</p> <p>Operations: Four Special Patrols (Big Ben) undertaken by S/L Boucher, F/O Carruthers, F/L Forsyth and F/L Thomas. The remainder of the operations were flowers, F/O Woolley to Yechts, Quackenbruck and Diepholz, destroying a truck 5 miles E of Bremen, F/L Leggat to Handorf, Munster. S/L Annan to Paderborn, Guterloek, F/O Sears to Soesterburg, Deden, F/O Harvie to Leuswarden, F/O Seid to Teente, Rhine Plantlunne, destroying a truck and attacking two convoys. S/L Bannock to Ardorf Marx, and Varel, destroying 6 trucks and damaging 5 and also attacked and left 2 coaches burning furiously.</p>		
		18th	<p>WX: Cloudy, vis poor at first becoming moderate.</p> <p>"A" Flight - H.F.T.'s, low level cross country, practice attacks, cannon tests, formation flying and air tests.</p> <p>"B" Flight - One Air Test, F/L Leggat.</p> <p>Operations: All the night's operations were uneventful, consisting of 5 flowers, F/L Brock to Teente, Rhine-est-Bastunne, S/L Montgomery to Schitzweg/Jager, F/L Boucher to Leuswarden, F/L Matthes to Nordholz and Stade and F/L Forsyth to Quackenbruck, Diepholz, Yechts, Ahhorn, Warrelbusch, Oldenburg, Zwischenahn. Two Ops Training, F/O Seid to Leuswarden and F/O Johnston to H. Holland and two Special Patrols (Big Ben) S/L Gray and F/L Johnson.</p>		

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RAF, HUNSDON	SEPTEMBER, 1944	19th	<p>WX: Cloudy with drizzle or rain, Vis. mainly poor.</p> <p>We welcome back to the Squadron, F/L C.A. Walker, J.4552. On March 22nd whilst on a trip to Kehlrodningen, he ran out of gas 23 minutes from home and landed in the Pas de Calais area. He remained at liberty, but his nav. F/O T.J. Roberts, owing to injuries received in the foot, decided to become a non-paying guest of the Germans for the duration! The British 2nd Army liberated the Pas de Calais area on the 5th September and F/L Walker landed in England on the 6th September. Good Show!</p> <p>"A" Flight - H.F.T.'s, practice attacks and S.E. flying. F/L May and F/O Job, Sector Recon and compass check.</p> <p>"B" Flight - H.F.T.'s and compass check.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: No operational activity.</p>		
		20th	<p>WX: Fog and rain becoming cloudy with moderate visibility.</p> <p>"A" Flight - F/O Barker and F/O Loriaux, omers and local flying. F/O Hill - Air test on R/T.</p> <p>"B" Flight - H.F.T.'s, Cine Camera Gun and S.E. firing. F/O Seid with Lt. Seid to Epe and return.</p> <p>No Operational activity.</p>		
		21st	<p>WX: Fog, clearing towards mid-day, becoming cloudy. Fog again at night.</p> <p>"A" Flight - H.F.T.'s.</p> <p>"B" Flight - H.F.T.'s, F/O Seid with F/O McIntosh H.F.T. to N. Weald and return.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: During a Day Ranger to Bad Albing undertaken by S/L Gray with F/L Gibbons, and F/L Brock with F/O McLaren in the afternoon of the 21st, the following score resulted: 2 U/I S/E E/A dest. and 2 damaged by S/L Gray, 1 U/I S/E E/A dest and 1 damaged by F/L Brock - all in 3 minutes. An engine was also damaged in the Munich area by F/L Brock and both A/G attacked and damaged 2 stationary petrol tank cars near Ingolstadt. F/L Brock's A/G sustained damage from debris flying off R/T destroyed.</p>		
		22nd	<p>WX: Fog, clearing 0900 hrs, C.M.T. sky overcast all day. Visibility poor, intermittent rain. Two big celebrations were present at the Station Dance in the eve tonight, our old friends "Lou" Lane and "Pink" Pilayson. Lou came to bid us goodbye as he was returning to the U.S.A. Cheers and best of luck Lou Lane, U.S.A.A.F.</p> <p>"A" Flight - H.F.T.'s.</p> <p>"B" Flight - No flying.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Two Day Rangers were undertaken during the afternoon, F/O J.A. Harvie and F/L P.L. Thomas to Grove, Aalborg and Kartrup, but after hitting the Dutch Coast they turned back owing to bad weather. The other Day Ran ger to Fator and Lechensoorf undertaken by F/L D.S. Forsyth and F/O Hill resulted in a bag of 2 Ju.88's and 1 U/I S/A dest. by F/L Forsyth and 1 Do. 217 dest. by F/O Hill.</p>		
		23rd	<p>WX: Cloudy Vis. moderate becoming good.</p> <p>Tonight brought back memories of home to the boys, the W. Debs gave a show, which was very good indeed for an all girl show.</p> <p>"A" Flight - One H.F.T., F/L Leggat with F/L Cochrane to Coltishall and return.</p> <p>"B" Flight - H.F.T.'s and practice attacks.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Four Special Patrols (Big Ben) undertaken by F/O Johnston, F/L May, F/L Loriaux, S/L Montgomery and F/O Thomas - all uneventful.</p>		

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RAF HUNSDON	SEPTEMBER, 1944	24th	W: Continuous drizzle or rain. Visibility moderate. "A" Flight - S/L Gray - Air Test. "B" Flight - N.F.T.'s, low-level across country and practice attacks. OPERATIONS: No operational activity.		
		25th	W: Slight drizzle, becoming fine. Vis. good all day. What a party "A" Flight airmen gave their ground crew tonight. Canadian Public Relations photographers and newsmen have recently obtained many stories on activities in the Squadron. "A" Flight - P/L Matthew with Cpl Smead - Air Test. W/O Barker - local flying. "B" Flight - N.F.T.'s, Cine Gun, S.E. landing and low level flying, local practice. F/O Sears - Base to Coltishall. OPERATIONS: All the sorties were uneventful, comprising one Special Patrol. F/L H.E. Miller - a Night Ranger to Konisberg - F/O Sears and five flowers; F/O Seid, F/O Thomas, and F/O Harvie to Varrelbusch and Ahlhorn, F/L Thomas and F/L Leggat to Handorf.		
		26th	W: Fine to start with, becoming fair with some slight showers. Vis. moderate to good. "A" Flight - N.F.T.'s and practice attacks. "B" Flight - F/L Leggat, Bradwell to base. F/O Seid and F/O Sears, Base to Leuchars and then on to Wick. F/L Walker with Lt. Luna - Air test. OPERATIONS: A factory and 2 H.R.'s were attacked successfully by F/L Johnson on a flower to Munster and Handorf, a S/L position attacked by F/L Matthee on flower to Ahlhorn and Varrelbusch, S/L destroyed and truck exploding in vicinity. The other flowers undertaken by W/O Johnston, W/O Barker, F/L Brock, F/L Loriaux, F/L May, F/O Smith, F/O Hill were all uneventful.		
		27th	Cloudy becoming fair, in the evening slight rain. Vis. moderate to good all day. "B" Flight airmen held a party for the ground crew types at Tudor Cafe in Hoddesdon. The Squadron orchestra provided the music. "A" Flight - N.F.T.'s. "B" Flight - F/O Sears and F/O Seid - Peterhead to base. F/L Walker with Lt. Luna A/C test. OPERATIONS: On a Day Ranger to Rug/Aufgun during the morning, S/L Bamcock destroyed 2 Hs.108's in the air at Petrow A/P. Another Day Ranger was also undertaken by F/O Seid and F/O Sears to South Norway, taking off from Wick and landing at Petersund, however no joy resulted from this operation beyond an open hangar at Hjellevik left smoking. During the night, F/L Johnson, on a flower to Beblingen and Kosterfingen, destroyed a Ju.88 in the air at Hallingen A/P bringing the score of squadron up to 100 destroyed in the air. The remainder of night operations were uneventful being flowers undertaken by F/L Brock, S/L Gray and F/L Cotterill to Varrelbusch and Ahlhorn, F/O Hill and W/O Johnston to Handorf, Munster and F/O Smith to Kitzingen and Wurzburg.		
28th	W: Fine to start with, becoming cloudy. Vis. moderate to good. "B" Flight - N.F.T.'s, Cine Camera Gun, low level, local practice attacks. S/L Annan and F/O MacEntosh - N.F.T. to Coltishall. OPERATIONS: The majority of the night's operations were highly successful consisting of a Night Ranger to Kitzingen by F/L Thomas, attacking and strikes being seen on train. S/L Arman on a Night Ranger to Konisberg, damaged an U/I B/A and attacked two trains, destroying one and damaging the other.				

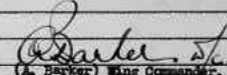
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RAF HUNSDON	SEPTEMBER, 1944	29th	W: Fair to start with, becoming cloudy, slight mist. Vis. moderate, improving to good and going back to moderate. "A" Flight - S/L Gray and F/L Brock base to St. Dizier. "B" Flight - N.F.T.'s, F/L Thomas with F/O Allin in the Oxford to Warrington and return. OPERATIONS: Four flowers, F/O Harvie to Ahlhorn, Varrelbusch, F/O Seid to Handorf, Munster, destroying 2 trucks, damaging one and attacking and damaging a train; S/L Annan to Ahlhorn/Varrelbusch and F/O Redeker to Handorf, Munster. A Night Ranger to the Strasbourg area was undertaken by F/L Thomas but was uneventful.		
		30th	W: Cloudy all day, with slight rain in the evening. Vis. moderate improving to good. Another ENZA Show tonight; this station is certainly giving us good entertainment, with American Swing Session to top the list. Captain McGregor, C.D.C. who has been attached to the squadron for several weeks departed today on posting. "A" Flight - S/L Gray and F/L Brock - St. Dizier to base. F/L Cotterill base to Coltishall. F/L Forsyth base to Coltishall. "B" Flight - S/L Bamcock base to St. Dizier. Air firing. Wireless Test. F/L Thomas and F/L Miller to Coltishall. OPERATIONS: During the afternoon there were 4 Day Rangers covering Erding and Erding (S/L Gray and F/L Brock) New Brandenburg (F/L Forsyth and F/L Cotterill) Grove, Aalborg and Copenhagen. F/L Thomas and F/L Miller, and Munich, Linn (S/L Bamcock). The score for all these operations was 5 H/A dest and 7 damaged. We regret that F/L Thomas and his navigator, F/O Allin, failed to return. The evening's operations consisted of 2 flowers, F/O Redeker to Handorf and Munster and W/O Johnston to Ahlhorn, Varrelbusch, attacked 5 barges. One intruder to Wittmundshaven, Marx, Varel. F/L Johnson, who attacked and damaged one locomotive.		
			NUMBER OF OPERATIONAL SORTIES FOR MONTH: 543, 102. OPERATION HOURS FOR MONTH: 506 - OHR - HOURS - TRAINING HOURS FOR MONTH: 235, 10 PERSONNEL ON STRENGTH AS AT 2359 HOURS ON 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1944. R.C.A.F. Officers, Airmen.....36 R.C.A.F. Airmen, Airmen.....3 R.C.A.F. Officers, Groundcrew.....5 R.C.A.F. Airmen, Groundcrew.....2 R.A.F. Officer, Airmen.....11 R.A.F. Airmen, Airmen.....5 R.A.F. Airmen, Groundcrew.....1 R.A.F. Airmen, Groundcrew.....1		
			AIRCRAFT ON STRENGTH: MDGQUITO VI.....21 OXFORD.....1 MAGISTER.....1		


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2/2nd	MOSQUITO VI	F/L S.H. COTTERILL	DAY RANGER	1A20	1903	Operated from Coltishell. At Anklam one ME109 at 500 ft. sighted above Palsin. F/L Cotterill attacks head-on closing to 30 yds. E/A climbed into cloud at 1,000 ft., black smoke coming from port wing. Mosquito turned to follow but unable to locate E/A owing to poor visibility. Goods train travelling W/E near Jabel (N. of Murtitz Lake) attacked by F/L Cotterill at 1641 hrs. 1/4 sec. burst produced strikes on loco and two explosions, left emitting clouds of steam. At 1708 hrs goods train travelling W/E near Gidendorf attacked by F/L Forayth and clouds of steam smoke. At 1728 hrs a goods train travelling SW/NE attacked by F/L Forayth E of Wansendorf, 1 sec. burst produced explosion and clouds of steam. Messrs inaccurate heavy flak from S. of Holzel Derry A/P. Flak from stationary tender-type vessel in Helligoland Light approx. 10 miles NE of Fangerose. 1 ME. 109 damaged by F/L Cotterill.	
		F/S R.H. WOODS	GERMAN BALTIC				
		F/L D.E. FORAYTH	COAST				
		F/O R.T. ISAM					
3/4th	MOSQUITO VI		NIL				
4/5th	MOSQUITO VI		NIL				
5/6th	MOSQUITO VI	F/O S.K. WOOLLEY	FLOWER, ZALSCHMANN	2336	0046	Returned to base from half-way across sea. Technical failure.	
		F/O W.A. HASTIE	ALBORN, VECHTA DEPHOLE				
"	"	F/L H.E. MILLER	FLOWER, HOPSON	0037	0651	3 to 4 miles N of Steinfeld at 0203 hrs. damaged one loco. left stationary. Strikes seen, 4 miles N.E. Dispholz at 0223 hrs. damaged one loco, strikes seen. S/Ls and intense accurate I/P from Achmer. Flak from Hesepe. Both unlighted. 6-10 large barges line astern towed by tug 3 miles N of Westerhork on Orange Canal, heading W.N.W.	
		Sgt W. HOOPER	ACHMER, HESPE, TWENTS, REHINE, PLANTUNG.				

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5/6th	MOSQUITO VI	F/O J.J. HARTIE	H. OBER	0301	0645	One searchlight from East of Lantwarden. Unsuccessful.	
		F/O P.A. ALEXANDER	LEHWARDEN.				
		F/L R.H. THOMAS	ANTI DIVER	0359	0708		Unsuccessful.
		F/O B.J. ALLEN					
"	"	F/O A.B. CARPENTERS	ANTI DIVER	2351	0308	Unsuccessful.	
		F/S. W. SHARPE					
5/7th	MOSQUITO VI	S/L R. GRAY	NIGHT RANGER	2321	0304	At 0030 hrs attacked train 7-8 miles S of Moppel. Fired 3 second mixed bursts, no results observed. At 0100 hrs attacked train 2 miles S.W. of Bassum (5 miles S. of Bremen) with 2 second mixed burst, strikes seen on loco.	
		F/O F.D. SMITH	RAD OENVAUSSEN				
"	"	F/L S.H. COTTERILL	NIGHT RANGER	2222	0247	At 0012 hrs two attacks made on loco, no strikes observed. At 0050 hrs 5 miles S. of Verden, six attacks made on train strikes seen on all attacks. Steam came from loco and at least 2 R.R. coaches on fire. Attacked 15 MEET on road E of Linden. Strikes seen all along convoy which stopped.	
		F/S R.H. MOKKINA	ROYA, ROTENBURG				
"	"	F/L T. MATTHEW	FLOWER, DEKLER.	2150	0153	Unsuccessful. 15-20 MEET seen at 2308 hrs in convoy, (lighted) crossing river at Deventer, heading N.E.	
		F/O G.H. IRBY					
"	"	F/O J.S. HILL	FLOWER, WINDSOR	2252	0220	Returned to base from D.R. position 5 miles south of Lake Dummer, owing to bad weather.	
		F/S. G.V. BOMCH	HANOVER, CHIEF				
"	"	S/L P.A. MONTGOMERY	FLOWER	2249	0240	At 2349 hrs saw 3 cars at 52deg36'N, 4deg55'E and fired one short burst of cannon, no strikes seen. Remainder of patrol uneventful.	
		F/L J.H. BAIRDON	LEHWARDEN				
"	"	F/L P.B. BROOK	NIGHT RANGER	2329	0301	Unsuccessful. Light flak from ship 8 miles W. of Egmond.	
		F/O A.D. McLAREN	HILDESHIM.				
"	"	F/L I.E. EVANS	ANTI DIVER	2145	0020	Unsuccessful. Returned technical failure.	
		F/O R.R. BLAGBY					
"	"	F/L H. LORE-AUX	ANTI DIVER	0154	0340	Unsuccessful.	
		F/L V. SHEWELL					

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6/7th	MOSQUITO VI	W/O MAHER W/O FINLAYSON, W/O A. PARKER, P/L H.J. GIBSON, S/L P. BAINOCK, P/O R.R. BRUCE,	DAY RANGER TOULOUSE	1500	1840	Three aircraft took off Hunsdon, landed Caen/Carpignat at 1610 hrs. Took off Caen/Carpignat 1700, arrived Toulouse 1845. Took off Toulouse 1100 7th September, arrived S. Long/Par Pelissanne 1215 h.s. Left Salons for Toulouse 1200 hrs 8th September, arriving Toulouse at 1315 hrs. Left Toulouse 1500 hrs 10th September to escort HML77. Arrived Hunsdon 1840 hrs 10th September, 1944.	
7/8th		KILL					
8/9th	MOSQUITO VI	P/O A.B. CARRUTHERS P/S. V. SHARPE P/L R.H. THOMAS P/O G.M. ALLIN	SPECIAL PATROL (BIG BEN) SPECIAL PATROL (BIG BEN)	0052	0215	Returned from Dutch Coast electrical trouble.	
"	"	P/O M.L. SHARS SGT W.F. HILL	FLOWER, ARDRE MARK, VAREL	2230	0258	A/Vs unlit. Attacked train at Aschendorf, strikes on R.R. coaches. Accurate heavy flak at 1,000 ft. from south of Leer.	
"	"	S/L D.B. ANMAN P/O A.M. MacDINTOSH	FLOWER ZWISCHENMANN, GLASBURNH, WAPPELBOUSCH, AALHOF	2242	0302	All A/Ps unlit. 12-15 S/Ls from Oldenburg, 2 frch Warrelbusch, all unsuccessful, failed to engage.	
"	"	P/O J.J. HARVIE P/O E.A. ALEXANDER	SPECIAL PATROL (BIG BEN)	0224	0353	Returned early owing to unfavourable weather at Westhoofd, WX. No cloud until 0145, cloud forming and increasing until Dutch Islands where 9/10ths base at or below 1,800 ft. with continuous lightning and rain.	
"	"	P/L H.S. MILLER SGT V. HOOPER	NIGHT RANGER, MINSTER AREA	0100	0145	At 0234 hrs strikes on R.R. coaches train travelling west from Arnhem to Weasel. At 0256 hrs left lorry in flames near Elst.	

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8/9th	MOSQUITO VI	P/O S.K. WOOLLEY, P/O W.A. HASTIE, HANOVER AREA	NIGHT RANGER, GROUND TARGETS	2359	0440	At Epenburg (22 miles S/W Emden) attacked loco, Oct 'B'. Circled town, attacked 2 lorries, strikes seen. Inaccurate heavy and light flak from south of Leewarden.	
"	"	P/O W.R. YELLEY, P/O H.P. SWINCK	FLOWER, VONDA, QUACKENBUSH, DIEPHOLE	2240	N.Y.D.	Not yet returned.	
9/10th	MOSQUITO VI	P/L P.M. SAWYER, P/O J.E. HOWELL	SPECIAL PATROL (BIG BEN)	2315	0147	Unsuccessful. Returned early due to bad weather conditions.	
"	"	P/O S.K. WOOLLEY, P/O W.A. HASTIE	NIGHT RANGER, ANTI-DIVER	2130	2330	Returned owing to bad weather.	
10/11th	MOSQUITO VI	P/L S.H.R. COOPER, P/S.E.H. MORRIS, S/L P.A. MORGAN, P/L J.H.C. ROBERTS	SPECIAL PATROL (BIG BEN), ANTI-DIVER	0114	0331	Unsuccessful. Heavy flak from Rotterdam - ineffective. WX: 2/10ths cloud 2/3,000 ft., at Dutch Coast, Vis. good.	
"	"	P/L T. MATTHEW, P/O G.H. DEW	SPECIAL PATROL (BIG BEN)	0239	0450	Unsuccessful. Flak from 51°55'N, 05°47'W - presumed flak ship - at 0323 hours of heavy and light calibre. Convoy of 12 ships of medium size proceeding on course of 0308 at 0408 hrs. Light and Heavy flak moderate in intensity coming from convoy which was first thought to be flak ship.	
"	"	SGT. E.A. BOOMER, P/S.E.H. PAGE	ANTI-DIVER	0327	0550	Unsuccessful. Returned early - technical failure.	
11/12th	MOSQUITO VI	P/O J.J. HARVIE, P/O E.A. ALEXANDER	SPECIAL PATROL (BIG BEN)	2201	2351	Patrolled S.E. and N.E. of Rotterdam. Small numbers of fast road transport moving into the city from the east. Several small red fires on east side of Schouwen Island. Inaccurate heavy flak from south of Rotterdam.	
"	"	P/L I.V. EVANS, P/O E.P. BLAKLEY	ANTI-DIVER	2157	2354	Unsuccessful.	

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11/12th	MOSQUITO VI.	F/L F.A. WINGGARDY	FLOWER	2208	0122	Neither A/P lit. Patrol uneventful.	
		F/L J.H.C. BOUGROUS	FLANLINDER/SCHWITZ				
"	"	F/L P.R. BROOK	ANTI-DIVER	2250	0155	Uneventful.	
		F/O A.D. McLAUREN					
"	"	F/L G.M. MADDEN	FLOWER, STURGE-AGE	2246	0246	Uneventful to D.H. position over Rhine; unable to pinpoint position on returned.	
		F/O G.H. NEW	BOELIGER				
"	"	F/L R.A. JOHNSON	FLOWER, HESSE	2205	0217	Hesepo unit. Achmer lit with single steady vertical S/L and rough perimeter in form of square consisting of very dim white lights. Consider A/P was being used for landing. Inaccurate tracer from Esmond.	
		F/L N.J. GIBBONS	ACHMER				
"	"	F/L S.H.R. COFFERTILL	SPECIAL PATROL	0116	0118	Two sets of 12 orange flares dropped near Walcheren Island.	
		F/S R.H. MCKENNA	(BIG BEN)			0120 hours and 0300 hours, otherwise uneventful.	
"	"	F/O J.S. HILL	FLOWER, LACHER	2245	0353	Karlruhe A/P appeared to be lit. At 0140 hrs. N/S V/L at Speyerdorf illuminated for 2 minutes. No apparent activity.	
		F/S G.V. ROBE	SPYERDORF				
12/13th	MOSQUITO VI.	F/O S.P. SEID	SPECIAL PATROL	0201	0230	Abandoned mission over English Coast at Nam at 0215 hours. Port engine n/s.	
		F/O D.L. McINTOSH	(BIG BEN)				
"	"	F/O S.K. WOOLLEY	FLOWER, GIESSEN			Didn't take off. Bogged down off runway, tail slightly damaged.	
		F/O J.A. HASSIE	LIPPE				
"	"	F/L R.A. JOHNSON	SPECIAL PATROL	0010	0324	Large fire with explosions seen at approximate position 51°05'N, 04°05'E. Patrol uneventful.	
		F/L H.J. GIBSON	BIG BEN				
"	"	F/L R.H. THOMAS	FLOWER	2152	0116	Returned early from over aerodrome n/c failed to retreat.	
		F/O G.J. ALLIN	ECHTERDINGEN				
"	"	F/O J.J. HARVEY	FLOWER, KASSEL	2048	2337	Uneventful. Searchlights active in Diapolds area, four batteries with 3 S/Ls each. At 0015 hours engaged by 5 S/Ls and 1 P at Standsjk. S/Ls and flak active at Dannebruck.	
		F/O V.I. WILKINSON	ROHNSTEN				

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12/13th	MOSQUITO VI.	F/L H.E. MILLER	FLOWER, HANDBER	2219	0159	Uneventful. High powered beacons, one rotating, one fixed both white, in vicinity of Bruner, 2352 hours. S/Ls attempted to engage in target area but were ineffective. An amber light, similar to an Aldis lamp flashed at 4/c. Returned to target at 0030 hours, V/L off, S/Ls remained crossing. Haze becoming very thick, so abandoned patrol.	
		Sgt. W. HOOKER	MUNSTER				
"	"	S/L P. BARKOCK	FLOWER	2218	0118	Target active at 0044 hours with red perimeter lights. Proceeded to Unterehrlouersbach which was fully lit with E/W V/L and beacon flashing "W.Q." At 0102 hours U/I S/L E/A flashing a nose light came in to land, but went round again. At 0115 hours it came in and landed, flashing nose light twice. Unable to attack at any time. At 0221, saw an aircraft with nav. lights on at Eitlingen at 4,000 ft. and climbing. Came in from behind and below. Fired 2 x 1 1/2 sec. bursts from 125 yards. Strikes were seen from both bursts. Starboard engine exploded during second burst. E/A dived downward disappeared from view. Flash was seen on the ground almost immediately.	
		F/O P.P. BROCK	TIJERSHEIM				
"	"	F/L S.W. WAT	SPECIAL PATROL	2229	0143	Uneventful. Faint red light seen several miles to starboard cur. D.R. position 51°20'N, 04°07'E, 0020 hours. Violent explosion seen about 25 miles to the east at 2330 hours, cur position 51°44'N, 04°38'E.	
		F/L W. SWEILL	(BIG BEN)				
"	"	F/O A.B. CARGUNERS	FLOWER, ARDIEP	2224	0212	Varel A/P active, one aircraft seen landing. One S/L flashing up and down over the V/L to the N.W. Unable to obtain pinpoint, so abandoned patrol. Orange light seen on water, both on inward and outward journey at 52° 0 20'N, 03°10'E.	
		F/S W. SHARPE	MARY, VAREL				

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12/13th	MOSQUITO VI.	S/L. D. R. ANNAN.	SPECIAL PATROL	2309	2336	At 2135 hrs. saw what appeared to be Big Ben soon after launching. It ascended vertically, only a large blob of light similar to a flare being visible, appeared to accelerate rapidly as it climbed. At 8/9,000 ft. it fell on a course of 270°, climbing steeply until it disappeared. When first seen, object was about 2 miles away from Mosquito, our position being 51°53'N, 04°54'E. When viewed from behind, we saw grey smoke trail left behind extending down to the ground. Remainder of patrol uneventful.	
		F/O. A. M. McINTOSH.	(BIG BEN)				
"	"	F/O. M. I. SEARS. SGT. W. P. HILL.	SPECIAL PATROL (BIG BEN)	0359	0621	Uneventful.	
13/14th	MOSQUITO VI.	F/O. M. I. SEARS.	FLOWER, VAREL	2239	0200	Patrolled target area for 25 minutes. Unable to pinpoint due to haze. Patrol uneventful. Returned early due to poor visibility.	
		W/PT SGT. W. P. HILL.	ARDOLF				
"	"	F/O. J. J. HAWKIE.	SPECIAL PATROL	2048	2337	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. P. A. ALEXANDER.	(BIG BEN)				
"	"	F/O. A. B. CARPENTERS.	SPECIAL PATROL	2208	0126	Patrol uneventful. Five S/Ls active but ineffective at 51°44'N, 04°04'E. Flak & S/Ls active at position thought to be Soesterburg.	
		F/L. F. L. DOORRANE.	(BIG BEN)				
"	"	S/L. D. R. ANNAN.	NIGHT RANGER	2242	0351	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. A. M. McINTOSH.	KITZINGER/BERGMEYER				
14/15th	MOSQUITO VI.		NO OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY.				
15/16th	MOSQUITO VI.	F/L. H. LORTAN.	INTRUDER	2352	0238	Uneventful. Wunstorf not reached due to weather. WX:- Broken cloud at 4/5,000 ft. Very poor vis. due to ground haze.	
		F/L. V. SEWELL.	WUNSTORF				

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15/16th	MOSQUITO VI.	F/O. J. S. HILL.	INTRUDER, HAGENOW	2302	0410	Hagenow lit, but lights doused at 0150 hours. Intense H/F seen in distance, also flashes from apparent bombing in vicinity of Lubeck. At 0145 hrs. explosion in Solweitz A/B WX:- Clear on way across to continent, where cloud encountered down to 800 ft., clear below cloud & vis. good.	
		F/S. W. BOACH.	PARCHIM, LUNWIGSDORF				
"	"	F/L. S. H. R. COVERHILL.	INTRUDER GUMMERSLOH 0024	0430	Uneventful. Two S/Ls and light inaccurate flak from Lippstadt A/F. WX:- Vis. 1000 max. due to haze.		
"	"	F/S. E. H. MOKERDA.	PAIERSDORF				
"	"	F/L. E. A. JOHNSON.	INTRUDER, STENDAL	2252	0440	Aerodromes not lit; what was thought to be an A/C burning downward recognition light seen in Stendal area, not attacked. Medium accurate I/F experienced from Nieburg and also S/Ls from River Usser. WX:- Very poor vis. owing to haze.	
		F/L. W. J. OTERSON.	GARDISEN				
"	"	F/L. T. MATTHEW.	SPECIAL PATROL	2153	2359	Reached patrol at 2232 hrs. and stayed until 2303 hrs. when found weather to be unsuitable for continuous of patrol.	
"	"	F/O. G. H. DEBY.	(BIG BEN)				
"	"	F/L. P. R. BROOK.	SPECIAL PATROL	2312	0035	Returned early, generator trouble.	
"	"	F/O. A. D. McLANE.	(BIG BEN)				
"	"	F/L. D. B. BENTON.	SPECIAL PATROL	0025	0422	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. R. T. BRAM.	(BIG BEN)				
16/17th	MOSQUITO VI.	F/O. M. I. SEARS.	SPECIAL PATROL	2043	2338	Saw single white light that appeared to be in wood at 51°57'N, 04°12'E. Mos. was at 4,500 ft. on course of 210°M. Turned on to 020°M to investigate, just finished turn at 2236 hours when a bright orange flame was seen shooting up vertically and leaving a trail of smoke behind it. It went up to about 10/12,000 ft. then changed from vertical ascent and continued climbing, at an angle of 70° on a course of about 250°M and disappeared. One heavy gm was in action but not accurate at the launching position (53°35'N, 04°12'E.)	
		SGT. W. P. HILL.	(BIG BEN)				

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16/17th	MOSQUITO VI	F/O. [unclear] F/O. [unclear]	OPS. TRAINING	2132	0040	Uneventful. H/P from Leer. WX:- Slight haze, vis. good.	
"	"	F/O. A. B. GARRETT F/S. W. SHARPE	FLOWER, VECHTA QUACKENBROCK	2300	0153	Patrolled target area for about 20 minutes, uneventful. WX:- Haze, vis. fair.	
"	"	F/O. J. J. HARVEY F/O. P. A. ALEXANDER	SPECIAL PATROL (BIG BEN.)	2350	0258	Uneventful. WX:- Haze, vis. good, 6 miles.	
"	"	F/L. T. MATTHEW F/O. C. H. DEW	SPECIAL PATROL (BIG BEN.)	2215	0122	Saw one very large white flak from Dutch Coast, dead ahead. Pos. position 51°43'N, 01°34'E, course 102°M at 2236 hrs.	
"	"	S/L. D. B. ANMAN F/O. A. H. HOOBROOK	SPECIAL PATROL (BIG BEN.)	0127	0440	Patrol uneventful. WX:- Slight ground haze, patches of cloud at 4,000 ft. Vis. good.	
"	"	F/O. S. P. SEID F/O. D. H. MONTGOMERY	SPECIAL PATROL (BIG BEN.)	0515	0544	Patrol uneventful. WX:- Haze, 8/10ths cloud, base 1800 ft.	
"	"	F/L. C. S. LEGGAT F/L. W. COCHRANE	FLOWER, VECHTA VOLAKEL	0214	0535	No activity at A/Ps. Uneventful. WX:- Haze, 8-10/10ths cloud.	
"	"	F/L. P. H. THOMAS F/O. G. J. ALLDIE	FLOWER, GIBBERSON PADENBORN	0118	0521	Airfield, presumed dummy, fully lit, S. of railway, E. of Dunsar Lake. Uneventful. WX:- Heavy haze Holland. P/A. frontal conditions, no rain.	
"	"	F/O. S. K. WOOLLEY F/O. V. A. HASTIE	FLOWER, GIBBERSON MUNSTER, WITSCHENMANN WARRINGER	0149	0547	Uneventful. Six batteries of J 5/1s each active, but inaccurate, E. of Oldenburg. Marshalling Yards at Oldenburg lit. WX:- Patches of ground haze, no cloud in P/A.	
17/18th	MOSQUITO VI	S/L. K. A. BOOMER W/O. E. V. PAGE	SPECIAL PATROL (BIG BEN.)	2039	2341	At position 51°57'N, 02°04'E at 2114 hours saw two steady amber lights on the water. Flak active at Rotterdam. Position 51°30'N, 04°28'E, 2214 hours, 17 amber coloured flares seen shot from the ground, and went up to 4,000 ft. Also seen at 2250 hrs. from the same area.	

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18/18th	MOSQUITO VI	F/O. S. K. WOOLLEY F/O. V. A. HASTIE	FLOWER, VECHTA QUACKENBROCK & DISPHOLE	2156	0210	10 mls. N. of Egmond at 2246 hrs. saw slight similar to that of a Diver at 2,500 ft., on course of about 200°. Quackenbruck lit, but all lights doused at 2345 hours. Vechta, Disphole and Cloppenburg covered with fog. At 0043 hrs, 5 miles N. of Emsen attacked a truck. Strikes seen and it was left burning. At 0105 hrs. when trying to get into position to attack 187 convoy, engaged by 4 S/Ls. Broke off attack, and convoy doused lights.	
"	"	F/L. C. S. LEGGAT F/L. E. L. COCHRANE	FLOWER, HAUDORP MUNSTER	2135	0140	Patrolled area 2340 hours to 0025 hours - uneventful. WX:- Haze up to 2/3,000 ft., 4/10ths thin cloud at about 4,000 ft.	
"	"	S/L. D. B. ANMAN F/O. A. H. HOOBROOK	FLOWER, PADENBORN GIBBERSON	2104	0134	Uneventful. S/Ls active at Gsnabruck and Munster at 2130 hrs. WX:- Haze 8/10 - vis. poor.	
"	"	F/O. A. B. GARRETT F/S. W. SHARPE	SPECIAL PATROL (BIG BEN.)	0220	0437	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/L. D. B. FORSYTH F/O. R. T. ESAM	SPECIAL PATROL (BIG BEN.)	2205	0130	Uneventful. Large explosion seen, then resulting fire on water at 51°53'N, 02°57'E, at 0100 hours.	
"	"	F/L. R. H. THOMAS F/O. G. J. ALLDIE	SPECIAL PATROL (BIG BEN.)	2349	0308	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. H. L. SEARS S/L. V. P. HILL	FLOWER, SOBSTERREUP DEBEL	2121	0040	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. J. J. HARVEY F/O. P. A. ALEXANDER	FLOWER LEBUHARDEN	2230	0040	Flak & S/Ls at Lebuwarden active and flashes seen on ground. Patrol uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. S. P. SEID F/O. D. H. MONTGOMERY	FLOWER, THOMAS BEHRE, HANZLINS	2104	0051	Slightly N.E. of Tranta, slow moving white light with large yellow light alongside, presumed truck, attacked and it exploded with a yellow flame at 2220 hours. Numerous other trucks seen in immediate vicinity. Patrolled A/Ps, then returned to 15 miles S.E. of Zwolle. Cirled a convoy of trucks, 1st convoy Rinjaen 2330 hours, 2nd convoy Raalte 2340	127

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						hours, attacked and strikes seen on all convoys.	
						WX- Haze to 2,000 ft. Visibility 1 mile in haze.	
17/18th	MOSQUITO VI	S/L R. BARRICK, P/O R. R. BRUCE	FLOWER, ARDOR, MAX, VANSI.	2100	0232	E/A patrolling N. side of Ardor A/P, but no visual was obtained. Convoy 3 to 4 miles long heading north on road from road junction west of Aurich running to Nordian, four separate attacks made, and total of 6 trucks destroyed and 5 damaged is claimed. These attacks took place between 0027 and 0036 hours. At 0122 hours a train south of Mappel attacked head-on. Two coaches left burning furiously.	
18/19th	MOSQUITO VI	F/L R. E. BROOK, P/O A. D. McLAREN, RHINE, PLANTINGE.	FLOWER, TWENTE, SCHLESWIG/JACHEN	2044	0025	Uneventful. WX- Over T/A heavy ground mist. No cloud.	
"	"	S/L P. A. MCGROGHERYL, F/L J. E. C. BOURGEOIS	FLOWER, SCHLESWIG/JACHEN	2047	0046	Uneventful; Husan A/D lit. Convoy 4 S/Ls. Oldervy lit. Schleswig Jagel lit. 2 S/Ls intersorting.	
"	"	W/O A. BARBER, P/O EY. GENT.	SPECIAL PATROL (BIG BEN)	2355	0125	Returned owing to engine failure.	
"	"	F/O A. SMITH, P/O W. P. RUTZER	OPS. TRAINING LEEUWARDEN	2203	0105	Uneventful. Light flek S. of Emden. WX- Thick ground haze. Visibility poor.	
"	"	W/O G. S. JOHNSON SGT. D. D. KELLY	OPS. TRAINING NORTH HOLLAND.	2200	0059	Uneventful. I/P from 5 miles S. Emden. WX- Thick ground haze whole area. Visibility poor.	
"	"	S/L K. A. BOOPER, W/O E. W. PACE	FLOWER, LEEUWARDEN	2135	0118	Uneventful. Leeuwarden lit. E-W runway. 8 S/Ls active throughout patrol. WX- Heavy ground haze. Vis. poor.	
"	"	F/L T. MATTHEY, P/O G. H. IRBY	FLOWER, NORTHOLES STALE	2120	0152	Uneventful. WX- In target area weather good. Vis. 10-15 mls. Slight ground haze.	
"	"	F/L D. E. FORSYTH, P/O R. T. SSM.	FLOWER, QUACONDRUCK, DIXPHOLE, VEGTIA, AHSIGUI, WARSILBUSCH, OLEWIBERG, ZWISCHENW.	2124	0130	Uneventful. WX- In target area good. visibility 10 miles.	

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18/19th	MOSQUITO VI	S/L R. GRAY, P/O F. D. SMITH	SPECIAL PATROL (BIG BEN)	2159	0125	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/L R. A. JOHNSON, F/L J. GIBBONS	SPECIAL PATROL	2027	2342	Uneventful.	
19/20th			NO OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY.				
20/21st	MOSQUITO VI		NO NIGHT OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY.				
"	"	S/L R. GRAY, F/L N. J. GIBBONS, F/L P. R. BROOK, P/O A. D. McLAREN	DAY RANGER, BAD AIBLING	1110	1615	<p>Took off from St. Disier at 1110 hours, proceeded to Bad Aibling and arrived there at 1245 hours. Saw a S/E E/A coming in from the east at 600 ft. with wheels down. S/L Gray circled to the north of the A/P. F/L Brook went in and attacked the A/P, destroyed 1 S/S E/A, and damaging 1 S/E E/A both on the ground. S/L Gray shot down the S/E E/A coming in from the east at 1250 hours, then went down and attacked the A/P, damaging 2 S/S E/A on the ground at 1255 hours and attacking and destroying a S/E E/A also on the ground. Intense I/P was now encountered from the A/P and S/L Gray's a/c was damaged by flek. F/L Brook's a/c damaged by debris from a/c destroyed. F/L Brook attacked and damaged an engine in the Munich area at 1252 hours. Both a/c attacked and damaged 2 stationary petrol tank cars near Ingolstadt at 1325 hours. Strikes were soon hit no fire results. Due to damage S/L Gray decided to return to base, and F/L Brook landed at St. Disier 1430 hrs, 7/0 again at 1635. 2 U/I S/S E/A Dest. in air, 2 S/E E/A DAM. on ground - S/L Gray. 1 U/I S/S E/A Dest. on ground, 1 U/I S/S E/A Dam. on ground.</p>	
						F/L Brook	

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21/22nd.			NO OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY.				
22/23rd.	MOSQUITO VI		NO NIGHT OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY.				
"	"	F/O J. J. HARTY, F/O P. A. ALEXANDER, F/L R. E. THOMAS, F/O G. J. ALLD.	DAY RANGER, GROVE, AALBERG, & KASTRUP.	1325	1725	At 1427 hours from 6 miles away saw what appeared to be either an aircraft figure in singly or coast of buoy rolling from side at 54°30'N, 04°30'E. On investigation nothing seen. At 1500 hours passed 1 Danish trawlers stationary 56°N, 07°E. Hit Danish coast estimated Torvaende 1513 hours. Weather had no set course for base 1520 hours. WX:- Encountered frontal zone 1440 hours, 55° ^{01'} N, 5° ^{30'} E.	
"	"	F/L D. E. FORSYTH, F/O R. T. ESAM, F/O J. S. HILL, P/S W. ROACH.	DAY RANGER, TUTLOW, LECHERSDORF.	1335	1905	At 1556 hours at Helmsbagen, F/L Forsyth made two attacks, one from E-W scoring hits on JU. 88 on Eastern perimeter, turned and made second attack N-S on JU. 88 in middle of 'drome scoring hits. On this attack first machine was seen to be burning furiously, and second JU. 88 caught fire immediately with several minor explosions. F/O HILL made one attack E-W on DO. 217 in eastern perimeter. Strikes obtained on wing roofs and cockpit and flames seen on port engine by F/D Forsyth. The two a/c refueled and proceeded to Tutow. F/L Forsyth observed an U/I R/A on S. perimeter, banked steeply and strafed, whereupon the R/A blew up - twin engine, single tail. At 1659 hours at position 10°03'N, submarine on surface heading 120°. WX:- 5/10ths at 1,000 ft. Very hazy over target area, cold front centred over Denmark. 2 JU. 88s dest. on ground, 1 U/I R/A dest. on ground F/L Forsyth, 1 DO. 217 dest. on ground - F/O Hill.	

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23/24th	MOSQUITO VI	F/L S. A. JOHNSON, F/L N. J. GIBBONS, F/O A. SMITH, F/O W. P. KETZER, S/L R. GRAY, F/O P. D. SMITH.	FLOWER, BOHN, FLOWER, LEEWARDEN, FLOWER, GUTERSLOH.	2114	0040	Uneventful. WX:- 8/10ths cloud at 2,500 ft. over Dutch coast increasing and lowering inland. Vis. good in places, poor.	
"	"	F/O A. SMITH, F/O W. P. KETZER, S/L R. GRAY, F/O P. D. SMITH.	FLOWER, LEEWARDEN, FLOWER, GUTERSLOH.	2125	0115	Uneventful. WX:- As above report.	
"	"	S/L R. GRAY, F/O P. D. SMITH.	FLOWER, GUTERSLOH.	2028	0003	Strafed lighted railway yard at Rheda. No results observed. At 2225 hours a/c seen going down in flames, explode and burn on hitting the ground in vicinity of Emswick. WX:- Good to Munster, then 10/10ths cloud at 1,000 ft. lowering eastwards to 600 ft. at Gutersloh, vis. very poor.	
"	"	W/O G. S. JOHNSON, Sgt. D. D. KELLY, F/L S. N. MAY, F/O E. J. GIBB.	SPECIAL PATROL (BIG BEN), SPECIAL PATROL (BIG BEN),	2205	0130	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/L S. N. MAY, F/O E. J. GIBB.	SPECIAL PATROL (BIG BEN),	0230	0603	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/L H. LORIANI, F/L E. SEWELL.	SPECIAL PATROL (BIG BEN)	2343	0336	Uneventful.	
"	"	S/L P. A. MONTGOMERY, F/L J. E. C. BOURGEOIS.	SPECIAL PATROL (BIG BEN.)	0110	0258	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O R. D. THOMAS, F/L R. W. MACDONALD.	SPECIAL PATROL (BIG BEN.)	2040	2358	Uneventful.	
"	"	F/L R. R. BROOK, F/O A. D. McLENN.	FLOWER HANDOFF, MUNSTER.	0413	0600	Uneventful. Returned from Gilse Rijen as it was too light. WX:- At 1,000 ft. over channel with rain - 5/10ths overland, no rain, visibility good.	
24/25th			NO OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY.				
25/26th	MOSQUITO VI	F/L H. E. MILLER, Sgt. W. BOYER.	SPECIAL PATROL (BIG BEN.)	2110	2242	Proceeded south of Rotterdam to Willemsdam, returned early due to weather WX:- 10/10ths cloud, tops 1200 ft.	

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25/26th	MOSQUITO VI.	F/O M. L. SEARS. Sgt. W. P. HILL.	HIGHT BAWKER. KORTISBERG.	1922	2307	Took off Coltishall. Proceeded as far as 10°30'E, then turned back due to unfavourable weather. Saw an A/A with lights on about 6-8 miles ahead of Mosquito, on a course of 280°E at 2145 hours. Mos. followed, gaining on R/A and two minutes later a white beacon off to starboard blinked twice. R/A then blinked his lights twice and doused. A/A was then lost.	
"	"	F/O S. P. SEED. F/O D. H. McINTOSH.	FLOWER. VARELEBUSCH, AHLHORN.	2137	0117	Reached T/A at 2228 hrs. At Ahlhorn saw an a/c with downward ident. lights occasionally flashing on momentarily. Mos. tried to close in on it, but due to poor weather conditions (cloud), and the little time the lights were on this was impossible. Attempting to intercept the a/c it if landed at Ahlhorn, Mos. patrolled the clearpath but A/A was not seen again.	
"	"	F/O P. D. THOMAS. F/A P. W. MacDONALD.	FLOWER. VARELEBUSCH, AHLHORN.	0010	0250	Uneventful. Proceeded as far as 52°58'N, 07°18'E at 0105 hrs., then turned back due to weather. Went down to 500 ft. and was still in 10/10ths cloud.	
"	"	F/A P. H. THOMAS. F/O G. J. ALLTY.	FLOWER, HANDORF.	0243	0522	Uneventful. Proceeded as far as 07°00'E, 52°08'N at 0352 hours then returned due to weather.	
"	"	F/O J. J. HARVEY. F/O F. A. ALEXANDER.	FLOWER. VARELEBUSCH, AHLHORN.	0230	0518	Uneventful. Proceeded into target area, turned back at 0347 hours due to bad weather.	
"	"	F/L C. S. BOGAT. F/L F. L. COCHRANE.	FLOWER. HANDORF.	2128	0116	Uneventful. 4 or 5 a/l's and light flak, very short burst and inaccurate at Rheine at 2245 hrs. 4 S/L's from N. side of Handorf failed to engage. Landed at Bredwall Bay.	
26/27th	MOSQUITO VI.	F/L E. A. JOHNSON. F/L J. GIBBONS.	FLOWER, MUNSTER. HANDORF.	1905	2316	2105. Three second burst of cannon and m.g. into factory in vicinity of Letta. All strikes in factory left smoking. 2145. On road S.E. from Apeldoorn 10 mls. attacked 1 MVT with 3 sec. burst of cannon and m.g. MANY strikes.	

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26/27th	MOSQUITO VI.					2155. On road 3 mls. W. Deventer attacked 1 MVT, 3 sec burst - many strikes.	
"	"	F/L T. MACHON. F/O G. H. DEAN.	FLOWER, AHLHORN. VARELEBUSCH.	1930	2330	2114. Attacked S/L position in vicinity of Hamstedt, 2-3 sec. burst cannon S/L. East, large explosion with vivid white flash from truck near S/L position. Also ammunition exploding. I/P. experienced throughout attack, one M.G. bullet lodged in woodwork above cannons. Continual flak in square, Bremen-Oldenburg-Ahlhorn - Varelbusch.	
"	"	F/O G. S. JOHNSON. Sgt. D. D. KELLY.	FLOWER, AHLHORN. VARELEBUSCH.	2134	0106	Uneventful. Returned unable to locate target.	
"	"	F/O A. BARKER. F/O J. E. HOBELL.	FLOWER. MUNSTER, HANDORF.	2137	2357	Turned back from Kempen at 2235 hours, owing to pilot becoming sick.	
"	"	F/L F. B. BROOK. F/O A. D. McLAUREN.	FLOWER, MUNSTER.	0143	0555	Low cloud made it impossible to locate target which was unit. Stayed in area for 20 minutes and at 0420 hours set course for Rheine, it being considered patrol was useless.	
"	"	F/L N. LORIAN. F/L W. SWEET.	FLOWER, SINDTGAR. BOYERDINGEN.	0155	0515	Uneventful. Found whole T/A covered with low cloud.	
"	"	F/O S. N. MAY. F/O E. J. GIBBY.	FLOWER, KATZEN. MUNSTER, HANDORF.	2356	0314	Uneventful. On arrival at Munster at 0114 hrs. 5 S/L's exposed. A/C turned off and came back 3 times meeting S/L opposition on each occasion, and on the third attempt being covered and passed from one group to another around Munster and then to Doeburg, when it was decided to return to base because of weather conditions.	
"	"	F/O B. SMITH. F/O W. F. HAYES.	FLOWER, AHLHORN. VARELEBUSCH.	0001	0334	Uneventful. Commenced patrol from 51°05'N, 07°50'E on D.R. and after 20 minutes ground haze made it impossible to see the ground. at 0153 hours set course for home on D.R.	
"	"	F/O J. S. HILL. F/S W. ROACH.	FLOWER, KATZEN. MUNSTER.	0203	0603	Uneventful.	

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27/28th	MOSQUITO VI	S/L. R. BAINOCK. S/O. S. H. BRUCE.	DAY RANGER. BOT/AUSRUHM.	0553	1015	Arrived near Farrow A/P at 0613 hrs. and immediately saw approx. 6 S/R E/A (Training) which had apparently just taken off. Attacked ME.108 flying on downward leg at 1,000 ft. from base eastern, fired 1 sec. burst from 200 yds. and E/A disintegrated in mid-air. E/A crashed in Kibissa Bay at 0615 hours. Attacked second ME.108 at 0616 hrs over Kibissa Bay at 1,000 ft. 90° beam attack firing 2 sec. burst, 2 rings deflection. E/A caught fire in cockpit area, rolled over on back and dived into sea. At this point, E/A was attempting to get on our tail, made 180° turn, and was going to pull up and fire a head-on attack, when it was obvious E/A was going to ram us. Turned sharply to starboard and dived below E/A which manoeuvred sharply on to our tail and opened fire at 500 yds. Bullets passed below and hit water although one bullet hit port mainplane. Pulled away from E/A but 30 secs. later red. temp rose to 120°, and almost immediately port engine caught fire (0621 hours). Pressed fire extinguisher and feathered port engine. Landed base on one engine. 2 ME.108s destroyed in air.	
"	"	F/O. S. P. SEID. F/O. D. W. McTOSCH. F/O. W. I. SEARS. Sgt. W. P. HILL.	DAY RANGER. SOUTH NORWAY.	0825	1320	Took off Wick and landed at Peterhead. Airfields at Oslo/Kjeller and Lists, attacked with cannon. Open hangar at Kjeller left smoking. Accurate and heavy flak at Lists on way out.	
"	"	F/L. P. P. BROOK. F/O. A. D. McLAUREN.	FLOWER. VARGELBUSCH, ANHOLDEN.	1915	2320	Uneventful. Neither A/P lit.	

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21/28	MOSQUITO VI	F/O J. S. HILL F/S. B. BOACH	FLOWER, HANDORF	1915	2316	Uneventful. Neither A/P lit.	
"	"	S/L. D. Gray F/O F. D. SMITH	FLOWER VARGELBUSCH, ANHOLDEN	2245	0301	Neither A/P lit, but Oldenburg thought to have been lit momentarily at 0020 and 0140 hours.	
"	"	F/O A. SMITH F/O W. F. REINER	FLOWER KITTINGEN, MURZBURG	2255	0330	Flw from Moselle River to target area on D.R., but as unable to pinpoint decided to return. At 0142 hours when 15 miles south of Char-Olm appeared to be lit and an A/C proceeding in the direction of Karselauren crossed from N. to S. 2,000 yds ahead but disappeared into cloud at 7,000 ft.	
"	"	F/L R. A. Johnson F/L N. J. GIBSON	FLOWER BOELINGEN, ECHTERDIDEN	2233	0438	At 0120 hours Hailfingen A/P lit and saw several A/C burning nav. lights approaching from the S.E. at 5,000 ft. Pursued an A/C in and out of cloud and closed to approx. 100 yds eastern over Western side of A/P. Opened fire as A/C turned, both engines burst into flames clearly illuminating A/C as a Ju.88. E/A went into a steep spiral and crash approx. 2 miles W/W of A/P. No other A/C seen afterwards. 1 Ju.88 destroyed in air.	
"	"	W/O G. S. JOHNSON Sgt D. F. KELLY	FLOWER, HANDORF	0138	0527	Handorf A/P lit double E/P and red periscope lights at 0325 hrs. but doused when A/C 12 miles N.W.	
"	"	F/L S. H. B. O'NEILL F/O E. H. MERRIN	FLOWER VARGELBUSCH, ANHOLDEN	0119	0525	Uneventful.	
28/29th	"	F/L R. H. THOMAS F/O G. J. ALLEN	NIGHT RANGER KITTINGEN	1936	0054	No activity in E/A. Attacked a train on homeward route at 2252 hours 12 miles S.S.E. of Darmstadt. Strikes seen all along entire length and on the engine.	

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28/29th	MOSQUITO VI	S/L D.B. ANMAN P/O A.M. MACHINOSH	NIGHT RANGER MONTSSERG	2005	0159	Took off Coltishall, Stendal at 2325 hrs. saw a large a/c and attacked with a 2 sec. burst of cannon and mag. Strikes seen but a/c did not match fire. Train attacked 5 miles N.E. of Steinhuder Lake at 0001 hrs with 3 sec. burst of cannon, strikes seen and loco exploded. Second train attacked near Lese at 0005 hrs., strikes seen towards centre of train then towards the engine - loco not hit. 1 H/T E/A dem. (ground)	
"	"	F/L H.E. MILLER SGT. W. HOOPER	FLOWER, GROVE	2008	0126	At 2234 hrs sighted 3 MNT proceeding N.E. from Sunda, attacked with 2x1 sec bursts, claim, 2 dest. 1 dm. Attacked a truck about 1 mile north of Sunda at 2238 hours, claim damaged. A truck attacked in Sunda at 2242 hours, dest. At 2302 hrs, 3 miles S. of Sunda attacked a truck but results not observed, claim - damaged. Another truck attacked at 2312 hours 4 miles S. of Holtebro, on first attack, driver continued, second attack, truck stopped, and on the third attack it seemed to be in a ditch, claim damaged. At 2319 hrs. at Ven. lights seen in presumed N/Y, fired a 2 sec. burst and observed much smoke and some smouldering fires among the cars.	
"	"	F/O M.L. SEARS SGT W.P. HILL	FLOWER, HÄNDORF MUNSTER	2136	0152	At 2237 hours saw what appeared to be a red flare (Big Ben) about 20 miles south, travelling in a northerly direction on a steep climb. (Nos. position 52°40'N, 06°00'E). Too fast to follow. No activity in 7/4.	
"	"	F/O REDNER P/O KILMER	FLOWER, AHLHORN VARELSBUSCH	2139	0117	A/C seen at Kayhauerfeld flashing downward identity lights. The A/F blinked their lights and then doused, as did the a/c afterwards. At posn. 51°00'N, 06°12'E. 2345 hrs attacked two MNT travelling south, on second attack hit the first truck in the line, claim 1 MNT dm. Attacked a train in position 52°58'N, 06°15'E, but no strikes seen.	

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28/29th	MOSQUITO VI	F/O J.J. HARVIE F/O P.A. ALEXANDER	FLOWER, HÄNDORF MUNSTER	0223	0544	Four white lights in a straight line along enemy coast lit up at 0311 hours. No other activity. Returned early - mechanical failure. Crossed English coast at 0511 hrs. and almost immediately saw a Diver. Permission was given by Sector to attack it over open territory, but by this time it was over Worchich. Height 300 ft., course 24.0°N, Nos. speed 390, 12 mls. S.E. Norwich fired 3 short bursts but it was out of range by this time.	
"	"	F/L G.S. LEGGAT F/L F.L. COOPERAGE	FLOWER, AHLHORN VARELSBUSCH	0224	0515	Uneventful.	
29/30th	MOSQUITO VI	F/O J.J. HARVIE F/O P.A. ALEXANDER	FLOWER, AHLHORN VARELSBUSCH	1921	2236	Uneventful. Patrolled T/A from 2032-2048. No activity on A/P. Returned early due to bad weather.	
"	"	F/O S.P. SEID F/O D.H. MACHINOSH	FLOWER, HÄNDORF MUNSTER	1920	2350	Attacked 2 truck at Ludinghuas at 2058 hrs. Both exploded. At 2110 hours attacked train in same area, strikes were observed and some cars left on fire. In the same area at 2120 hours attacked a truck, strikes observed, but results not investigated.	
"	"	F/L R.H. THOMAS F/O G.J. ALLIN	NIGHT RANGER STRASBOURG AREA	2055	0200	Uneventful.	
"	"	S/L D.B. ANMAN F/O A.M. MACHINOSH	FLOWER, AHLHORN VARELSBUSCH	0158	0503	Uneventful, returned early due to bad weather.	
"	"	F/O REDNER F/O ZIEBER	FLOWER, HÄNDORF MUNSTER	0138	0400	Uneventful, returned early due to bad weather.	

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30/1st.	MOSQUITO VI	F/L P.R. BROOK F/O A.D. McLAUREN S/L P. GRAY F/L N.J. GIBBS	DAY RANGER BRIDING AND SPRODING	1200	1645	S/L Gray attacked 2 ME.110s parked on west part of landing area at Erding. Fired very long burst of cannon and m.g. from close range. Numerous strikes seen all over nearest ME.110 with large fragments being flung all round - claim dest. Several strikes also observed on second ME.110 - claim dest. Flew to far side of A/P at 10 ft. and attacked U/I S/E E/A parked in N/W of landing area, with 2 sec. burst of cannon & m.g. Most of strikes seen on engine cowling. CLAIM damaged. At 1430 hours approached Horsing A/P. and saw FW.190 at 1,000 ft. above A/P with u/c lowered. Attached from beam, fired 3 sec. burst cannon and m.g. E/A blow up in air. Saw further FW.190 with u/c lowered at same height, E/A retracted u/c and climbed vertically. Mos. fired as it stalled. E/A did stall turn and dived onto deck. Chase resumed. Range gradually closed to 300 yds. at Horsing. Gave further short burst cannon and m.g. and strikes seen in back of fuselage and T/P. Cannon ammo. exhausted and pursuit broken off. Attacked DO.217 in S.W. corner of Horsing with m.g. only. strikes seen on port wing root, claimed as damaged. At 1357 hours F/L Brook attacked FW.190 in S/E corner of Erding A/P with 5 sec. burst cannon & m.g. closing from 200 to 40 yds. E/A disintegrated. swung to port and attacked further FW.190 towards centre of A/P with 2 sec. burst of cannon and m.g. closing from 100 - 30 yards, numerous strikes at wing roots. Claimed as damaged. Attacked ME.110 in dispersal to N. of A/P with 2 1/2 sec. burst of cannon and m.g. Numerous strikes on	

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						fuselage behind cockpit. Claimed as damaged. At 1430 hours approached Horsing from N.E. pulled up and noticed Me.109 on E. side of A/P. Attacked with 3/4 sec. burst cannon and m.g. numerous strikes all along fuselage. Claimed as damaged 1 Me.110 dest., 1 Me.110 dam., 1 U/I S/E E/A Dam., 1 Do.217 dam. on ground, 1 Fw.190 dest and 1 Fw.190 dam. in air - S/L Gray 1 Fw.190 dest., 1 Fw.190 dam., 1 Me.110 dam., 1 Me.109 dam on ground - F/L Brook.	
30/1st	MOSQUITO VI	F/L D.E. FORSYTH F/O R.T. ESAM F/L S.H.R. COTTRELL F/S R.H. MCKENNA	DAY RANGER NEW BRANDENBURG	1357	1805	At 1541 hours a goods train travelling south was sighted south of Sorup. F/L Forsyth attacked loco, boiler exploded and large pieces blew off. Loco enveloped in smoke and steam and is claimed dest. When 2 miles south of Brandrup, 3 S/E fighters were sighted. Both Mosquitos gave chase and attacked E/A as they were landing on a strip near Egeback. F/L Forsyth made head-on attack on Fw.190 which banked steeply starboard and crashed in trees. F/L Cottrell attacked Me.109 which was taxiing after landing. Fired 3 sec burst but could not get enough deflection - no claim as when making attack Mosquito was hit by intense accurate flak in port engine. Both mainplanes and fuselage, electrical system and port engine went u/a. Aircraft then set course for Goltishall returning at 180 m.p.h. F/L Cottrell prepared to ditch three times, but made Goltishall. 1 Fw.190 dest. in air - F/L Forsyth.	
		F/L R.H. THOMAS F/O G.J. ALLIN F/L H.E. MILLER SOT W. HOOPER	DAY RANGER CROVE, AALBORG	1425	N.Y.N. 1940	Orerated from Goltishall. At 1620 hrs. sighted an E/A in the vicinity of Aalborg. Attacked with 2 sec. burst - strikes seen on E/A identified as Me.109, burst into smoke, starboard wing fell off and E/A spiralled down and crashed - 4 sec. cost of	643 643

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						Salborg A/P Near Staville attacked a train, strikes seen on loco, claim damaged. At Fredriksvaik Lake attacked staff car crashed off road.	
30/1st	MOSQUITO VI	S/L R. BARNOCK P/O R.E. BRUCE	NIGHT RANGER NORTH AREA	1950	0040	Operated from St. Disier. Unsuccessful.	
"	"	P/O REISER P/O KIDDER	FLOWER, HANDGEP MUNSTER	2032	0021	Flew over Munster A/P and 12 S/L's sprung up from all round These illuminated and 1 S/L E/A on the ground. Unable to attack owing to flak.	
"	"	W/O G.S. JOHNSTON S/O D.P. KELLY	FLOWER, ANKOR VAREMBUSCH	2012	0042	A/P's III - unlit. At 2252 hours made two attacks on 3 barges on Kusten Canal, with unobserved results.	
"	"	P/L R.A. JOHNSON P/L R.W. MACDONALD	EMERSON HYTHUNHAVEN	2115	0135	Attacked and saw one loco at 23°28'N, 07°18'E, strikes seen Diverted to Coltishall owing to bad weather.	
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1. Variations in spelling of targets between F.540 and F.541 were noted in the s/m O.R.B. The Squadron advises the correct versions were as follows:

- 2nd/3rd - Wunspeat, Hardenberg, Zwolle, Hasselt.
- 6th/7th - Dedeladorf.
- 9th/10th - Hansau, Hoya.
- 14th/15th - Fritelar, Bindersleben, Dedeladorf.
- 15th/16th - Passberg, Hoya.

- 2. - Hastie's rank should be amended in F.541 for 2nd/3rd to read Flying Officer.
- 3. F.540 should be amended to state one, not two, Flower sorties by F/O Sears.
- 4. F.540 should be amended to state S/L Gray claimed four, not two, Ju.87's destroyed.
- 5. May these corrections be made to your copy of the O.R.B., please.

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and other collections be made in the light of the above. It is to be noted that the above is a summary of the operations of the Squadron during the period mentioned and does not include details of individual operations.

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R.A.F. HENSON	October 1944	1st	W: Slight rain at first, becoming mainly fair. Vis, moderate to good. "A" Flight: F/O Johnson and F/O Forester (Circus) to base. N.F.T.'s, Sector Keeso, practice attacks, compass swings and S.E. flying. "B" Flight: N.F.T.'s; S/L Hancock, St. Disier to Hunston and then base. Operations: Six flowers, all uneventful. F/O Johnson, F/O Matthew and F/O May to Alibon, Verrulbusch. F/O Johnston and F/O Smith to Hunster, Handorf and F/O Hill to Ober Gls, Frankfurt, Rhein Main.		
		2nd	W: Fine, vis. moderate becoming good. "A" Flight: F/O Johnson R.F.L. to Ford. F/O Matthew, in the Oxford, base-Hunston-base. "B" Flight: N.F.T.'s, F/O Leggat base to St. Disier and return, F/O Seid with F/O Fennel to Galdeshall and return, N.F.T.'s. Operations: F/O Johnson on a Night Ranger to the Munich area damaged on U/I SE/ N/A on the ground. F/O Seid base on a flower to Handorf and Hunster East. Loss in vicinity of Hunster and dog one south of Handorf. Attached barges south of Biele and attached 3 barges at Henschel, strikes down on Henschel all cases. S/L Brown on a flower to Handorf and Hunster dog a loss; F/O Miller attached barges, strikes down on two and a minor explosion on one. F/O Seid on a flower to Alibon, Verrulbusch, dog a loss and strafed Bounditz A/P. We regret that F/O Wholly and his navigator F/O Hattie did not return from a flower to Eltingen and Wursburg, the other two flowers, S/L Doomer to Alibon, Verrulbusch and F/O Redeker to Biele, Hanz and Frankfurt were successful.		
		3rd	W: Cloudy with slight rain at first becoming fair. Vis. mainly good. F/O D.G. Richards R.F.L. has reported to the Squadron from R.A.F. Station, West Rayham on posting to base with F/O C.A. Walker (pilot). "A" Flight: N.F.T.'s, F/O Miller in the Oxford, base-Hunston-base. Operations: F/O Seid on a flower to Handorf, Hunster, attached and dog, a lorry and attached two small trailer type ships - strikes down. The other flowers were uneventful. F/O Redeker and F/O Seid to Alibon, Verrulbusch and F/O Leggat to Handorf, Hunster.		
		4th	W: Cloudy, rain during afternoon, followed by showers during evening. Vis. moderate to good. "A" Flight: N.F.T.'s, compass swing, and practice attacks, air test. "B" Flight: S/L Hancock base to High Recall and return; N.F.T. and night cross country. Operations: The flower operations tonight are all uneventful. F/O Smith to Ardorf; S/L Montgomery to Biele and Stads; F/O Matthew to Gardelagen and Standal; F/O Johnston to Ober Gls and S/L Doomer to Groves.		
		5th	W: Cloudy becoming fair; vis good. "A" Flight: N.F.T.'s, practice ground attacks, F/O Matthew in the Oxford to Wilford and return. "B" Flight: F/O Walker R.F.L. to West Rayham. Operations: The operations again tonight were all uneventful being flowers to Eltingen, Galdeshall & Wursburg; S/L Doomer, F/O May to Sachshaus, F/O Cottrell to Hanz, Langelshaus; S/L Montgomery to Wursburg and Hanz, S/L Gray to Galdeshall and Schelsh Hall; F/O Hill to Bollingen and Hallingen. One Ops Training to Ardorf - F/O Walker.		

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R.A.F. HUNSDON	OCTOBER 1944	5th	<p>W: Fair to fine, Vis. moderate becoming good during afternoon.</p> <p>"A" Flight - N.F.T.'s. W/C Barker in the Oxford, local flying.</p> <p>"B" Flight - N.F.T.'s.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Nine Flowers, all uneventful. P/O Redeker to Oldenburgh, Zischensain, P/L Miller to Over Elm and Bihlie, P/L Leggat to Weck, P/O Hill to Dedelsdorf and P/O Johnston to Alhorn, Varralbusch, St. Geron to Paderborn, P/O Bann to Faching, who attacked when P/O Redeker attacked when a height. P/O Bann to Faching with down a bear, P/O Hill to Havel, Paderborn.</p>		
		7th	<p>W: Mainly cloudy, Vis. moderate becoming poor during evening. Fog by midnight.</p> <p>P/O M. Rheinblatt, R.G.A.F. War Artist, has been attached to the squadron and expects to stay here for some time.</p> <p>"B" Flight - N.F.T.'s. S/L Annan, base to Manston.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Nine Flowers, all uneventful. P/O Sears to Plantunne, P/L Walker to Guterstach, P/O Thomas to Konihsberg, Newark; P/L Miller to Handorf, Munster, P/O Sears to Plantunne and P/O Redeker to Schleswig, Jagel. One Night Ranger to Cheb, S/L Annan.</p>		
		8th	<p>W: Fog until 1200 hrs, becoming cloudy, Vis. poor.</p> <p>"A" Flight - N.F.T.'s. Air Tests, formation flying and local landings.</p> <p>"B" Flight - P/O Redeker, Coltishall to base. P/O Thomas in the Oxford with P/L MacDonald to Christchurch and return.</p> <p>No operational activity.</p>		
		9th	<p>W: Mainly cloudy, slight drizzle during afternoon, Vis. poor becoming moderate.</p> <p>"A" Flight - N.F.T.'s. Parachute Test, Cine Camera Gun Tests, and low level cross country formation flying.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Nine Flowers, uneventful due to weather. S/L Montgomery to Handorf, Munster, P/L Cottrell to Hama, Langendischach and Frankfurt Rhein Main. P/L May to Hava, Venhta and Quackenbruck and S/L Bommer to Aghert, Varel, P/O Hill to Gumbel, S/L Gray to Bonn.</p>		
		10th	<p>W: Mainly cloudy, vis. poor morning and evening, good during afternoon.</p> <p>S/L Bommer, "B" Flight Commander, is promoted to W/Cdr and takes over Command of the squadron from W/C Barker, effective today.</p> <p>"A" Flight - S/L Bommer and P/L Loriaux, base to Coltishall, cannon test, low level cross country, N.F.T.</p> <p>"B" Flight - N.F.T. and Cannon Test.</p> <p>No operational activity.</p>		
		11th	<p>W: Cloudy with period of rain from 13/1600 hrs. Vis. poor to moderate.</p> <p>P/L Leggat, deputy flight Commander of "B" Flight has been promoted to S/Ldr and has taken over the duties of "B" Flight Commander.</p> <p>S/L Annan is taking over Command of "A" Flight from S/L Gray who is being posted to Canada for a month's leave.</p> <p>"A" Flight - S/L Gray, Base to St. Dizier.</p> <p>"B" Flight - P/O Thomas.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: During the morning of the 11th a Day Ranger to Grove, Alborg and Vandel was undertaken by S/L Bommer and P/L Loriaux, but owing to cloud being right down to the deck, they returned without completing their mission. Two Flower operations were flown during the night. P/L Walker to Alhorn, Varralbusch but was forced to return from Southold due to Glycol leak. P/O Harvie to Munster, Handorf, but he also returned early due to unfavourable weather.</p>		

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R.A.F. HUNSDON	OCTOBER 1944	12th	<p>W: Fair becoming cloudy, occasional rain becoming frequent 1500-1800 hrs. Vis. poor to moderate.</p> <p>W/C Barker is posted to Cranwell on a Junior Commander's Course.</p> <p>"A" Flight - S/L Gray, Italy to base, N.F.T.</p> <p>"B" Flight - N.F.T.'s. P/O Thomas, Italy to base.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: During the morning, S/L Gray and P/O Thomas operated from IBSI (Italy) on a Day Ranger to Geste, Bulogovice and Nemecky Brod, S/L Gray claims 2 Ju.52's dest., 1 Ju.52's dest. and 5 Ju.87's dest. P/O Thomas claims 1 Ju.52's dest., 2 Ju.87's dest. and 3 Ju.87's dest.</p> <p>No flight operational activity.</p>		
		13th	<p>W: Fair at first becoming cloudy. Fog developing between 0700-2000 hrs and rain towards evening. Vis. poor at first.</p> <p>418 Squadron is to be transferred from A.D.C.S. to No. 2 Group - T.A.F. some time in the near future.</p> <p>"A" Flight - N.F.T.'s. low level cross country.</p> <p>"B" Flight - S/L Annan Base to Amiens and return.</p> <p>P/O Redeker to Charteshall and return. P/O Thomas - cannon test to Manston and return.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Two A/C scrambled, both being uneventful, P/L Johnson and P/O Hill to Alhorn, Varralbusch.</p>		
		14th	<p>W: Mainly fair. Vis. fair becoming good.</p> <p>"A" Flight - P/O Smith N.F.T. to Horsham St. Faith, base. N.F.T.'s. S/L Montgomery, Coltishall & return.</p> <p>"B" Flight - N.F.T.'s.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Nine Flowers, all, however, being uneventful. P/L Miller to Fritular, P/L Walker to Kessel, Rothwesten, P/O Redeker to Hama, Langendischach, P/O Harvie to Ferchen, P/O Smith to Bihlie, S/L Annan to Erfurt, Biederleben, S/L Bommer to Dedelsdorf, S/L Leggat to Born and P/O Thomas to Handorf, Munster.</p>		
		15th	<p>W: Fine becoming cloudy with fog developing after dusk. Vis. poor all day.</p> <p>"A" Flight - P/L Johnson and S/L Bommer to Foud from base.</p> <p>"B" Flight - N.F.T.'s. and formation flying.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: Three Flowers, all uneventful. S/L Leggat to Paderborn, P/L Miller to Dedelsdorf and Kasselberg and S/L Annan to Hava.</p>		
		16th	<p>W: Fog until 0600 hrs. Showers and rain with poor vis. during morning. Thundery showers and rain during afternoon and evening.</p> <p>"A" Flight - N.F.T.'s.</p> <p>"B" Flight - S/L Annan, Cranfield to base, N.F.T.'s. and formation flying.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: S/L Annan was scrambled to Alhorn, Varralbusch but the patrol was uneventful.</p>		
		17th	<p>W: Cloudy with moderate rain, becoming fine during evening. Vis. good.</p> <p>Today the Squadron said farewell to W/C Barker. A cocktail party was held in the Officers' Mess where the Wing Commander was presented with a gold cigarette case. Following this, there was a dance for the squadron in the Drill Hall at Ware, a few miles from Hunston. Over 400 persons were present. Dancing was to the music of the Squadron orchestra. The refreshments were of the very best, with special mention given to the delicious chocolate cake and short bread supplied by the K of G. Transport to and from Ware was supplied by 147 Wing. The total cost of the dance festivities amounted to £143. The committee who were responsible for making it such a success were: P/L MacDonald, P/L Cookson and P/L Foreyth. P/L MacFadyen, ex 418 - who was present donated £20 towards the cost of the party.</p>		

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R.A.F. HUNSDON	OCTOBER 1944	17th (cont)	"A" Flight } P/L Johnson and S/L Bomber RE St Disier to base. S/L Gray, base, St. Disier returned. OPERATIONS: P/L Cotterill (P) P/O Finlayson (N) with P/L May (P) P/O Eitch (N) undertook a Day Ranger to the Vienna area. P/L May crash landed on enemy territory, but the crew is safe. P/L Cotterill after landing in Italy took off on another trip and is, unfortunately, missing from this. No night operational activity.		
		18th	W: Fine at first, becoming cloudy, slight showers during afternoon. Vis. mainly good. "A" Flight - N.F.T.'s. P/L Lorian in the Oxford, returned from St. Disier. S/L Gray returned from St. Disier. S/L Gray with P/L Howell to High Breall. "B" Flight - Practice attacks, N.F.T.'s. S.E. landings. P/O Redeker with W/O Barker to Cranwell and return. OPERATIONS: Only one intruder tonight to Munster and Handorf by P/O R.D. Thomas, which, however, proved uneventful.		
		19th	W: Fair becoming cloudy. Vis. mod. to good. Captain McKinney, Canadian Dental Corps, has been attached to the Squadron, P/O McLaren is posted home after completing a tour with the squadron. The following crews have been screened. P/O Harvie (Pilot) P/O Alexander (Nav.) P/L Forsyth (Pilot) P/O Eam (Nav.) "A" Flight } S/L Gray with P/L Howell returned from High Breall. N.F.T.'s. Practice Ground Attacks. S/L Bomber to Hatfield. "B" Flight - P/O Thomas with P/O Bruce, N.F.T. to Hatfield and return. Cine Gun, N.F.T.'s. OPERATIONS: Three Flowers, all uneventful. S/L Annon to Koltersingen. S/L Leggat to Dornstatt and W/O Bamcock to Kitzingen.		
		20th	W: Cloudy with slight rain during morning. Cloud breaking during evening. P/O Alexander left Fw No. 54 O.T.U. where he is to take up his new duties as instructor. "A" Flight - N.F.T.'s. "B" Flight One N.F.T. OPERATIONS: P/L Lorian and W/O Johnston were detailed to attack ammunition train at Brode, but could not distinguish target owing to low cloud and bad visibility.		
		21	W: Slight drizzle at first, cloudy most of day, becoming fair to fine after dusk. P/L Cotterill - Deputy Flight Commander, and his navigator P/S McKenna have been posted to 106 Squadron as intruder instructors to 106 Squadron. "A" Flight - N.F.T.'s. Practice Ground attacks and Cannon Tests. "B" Flight - P/O Thomas to Cottishall and return. P/L Walker, N.F.T. to Cottishall and return. N.F.T.'s. P/O Harvie with P/L Phillips in the Oxford to Cottishall and return. S/L Leggat in the Magister to Gark. No Operational activity.		
		22nd	W: Fog until 0800 hrs slowly improving, vis becoming mod by 1200 hrs. Cloudy all day, slight drizzle at 2200 hours. P/L Forsyth (P) have been posted to Cottishall as intruder instructors. P/O Eam (N)		

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R.A.F. HUNSDON	OCTOBER 1944	22nd (cont'd)	"B" Flight - N.F.T.'s. OPERATIONS: S/L Bomber (P) P/L Gibbons (N) with P/L Johnson (P) W/O Pace (N) operated on a Day Ranger to the Munich area. S/L Bomber and P/L Gibbons are missing from this operation. P/L Johnson saw S/L Bomber destroy an U/I E/A and damaged one at Holykirchen whilst he destroyed 3-4 miles N. of Leader and also fired into a factory at Schenberg. No night operational activity.		
		23rd	W: Cloudy at first with poor vis. Fog again during morning. Becoming fair, mod. vis. during evening. S/L Gray, Flight Commander "A" Flight has been posted to "R" Depot, Warrington for return to Canada on one month's leave. P/L Phillips has also been posted home after completing two tours of operations. OPERATIONS: P/O Sears and P/L Walker were scrambled to Alhorn, Varrelbusch, but both returned early due to unfavourable weather.		
		24th	W: Fair becoming cloudy, continuous slight rain. Vis. moderate to poor. P/L Phillips, whose A/O was hit by flak on 11th August whilst on a Day Ranger to Aalborg and Copenhagen has been posted to Hunston S.H.S. pending a medical re-authorization. His navigator, P/O Job, is convalescing at the Hay Meads Emergency Hospital in Bishops Cleeve. "B" Flight - S/L Leggat returned in the Magister from Gark. No operational activity.		
		25th	W: Overcast during morning with slight drizzle becoming fair during afternoon. Vis. poor. P/S McKenna, who was posted to 106 Squadron with P/L Cotterill, is now posted to 307 Squadron. Previous posting was cancelled. "A" Flight - N.F.T.'s. OPERATIONS: S/L Annon was scrambled to Alhorn, Varrelbusch and W/O Johnston to Handorf, Munster. S/L Annon fired at an E/A at Varrelbusch but no results were obtained. W/O Johnston's patrol was uneventful.		
		26th	W: Fog until 1000 hrs. Cloudy or overcast with poor vis all day. Fog again after dark. Word has been received that W/O R. Tomlinson-J. 11398 (Pilot) who was missing from an operation to Lecq/Athies on June 3, 1944, was killed and is buried in a cemetery in France. "B" Flight - N.F.T.'s. No Operational activity.		
		27th	Fog with continuous rain until dawn. Vis. improving to moderate. Fair during afternoon, fine after dusk. P/O Harvie - J. 22885, is posted effective today, to R.C.A.F. "R" Depot, returning to Canada for one month's leave. "A" Flight - Low level formation, cross country and N.F.T.'s. P/L Glascock with P/O Harvie in the Oxford to Burwood and return. "B" Flight - N.F.T.'s. W/O Bamcock N.F.T. to Brussels Melshrook and return. No operational activity.		
		28th	W: Fine at first, becoming cloudy with rain by 0700 hours, clearing but cloudy all day. Vis. moderate to good. A Station Officers' party was held in the Officers' Mess this evening. Refreshments, both food and beverage, were supplied to all gratis and were very delicious. The Station Band was in attendance.		

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RAF. HUNSDON	OCTOBER 1944 25th (cont'd)		At 1 A.M. the party wound out with a breakfast of bacon and eggs for all guests. Everyone enjoyed themselves and without a doubt, the party was a success in all ways. "A" Flight - Cine Gun, Air and Air-ground. "B" Flight - Camera Gun Test. No operational activity.										
	29th		WX: Cloudless at first with fog, becoming cloudy with vis. improving to moderate. An R.C.A.F. Trade Test Board comprising of several W/O's and one officer has arrived on the Station. They are under the command of P/O Lassewell and expect to be here for some few days. "A" Flight - I.L. Formation, I Country, R.F.T.'s. P/O Glasgow Training to Goltishall, Wansote, Ford, I Country, S/L Anson to Goltishall. "B" Flight - Low level I Country, P/L Miller and P/O Thomas to Goltishall. OPERATIONS: Six Night Rangers, P/L Johnson to Juterbog-Dresden area, W/O John ton to Bremen-Dummer Lake area, W/O Bannock to Bremen, P/O Thomas to Neuruppin, Konigsberg/Neuruppin and Juterbog, P/L Miller to Goltishall and Frensbunde and S/L Anson to Frensbunde and Konigsberg. P/L Miller detns. one W/T and S/L Anson damaged a train, the remainder of the patrols were uneventful, weather hampering most of the patrols.										
	30th		WX: Fair to fine. Vis. good but deteriorating by 1200 hours. "A" Flight - R.F.T.'s, Cross Country and one Night Training Flight. "B" Flight - R.F.T.'s, S/E, P/O Evaschak I country, landed at Wansote, P/L Matthews with P/S Boston in the Magister to Earls Colne and return. No operational activity.										
	31st		WX: Cloudy. Slight rain at 1800 and 2300 hrs. Vis. good to moderate. "A" Flight - R.F.T.'s and S.E. One Training Flight. "B" Flight - R.F.T.'s and Cine Gun. Operations: Four Flowers, all uneventful, due to bad weather. P/L Miller to Handorf, Munster, P/O Redeker to Tante, Rhine, Plantunne, P/L Walker to Bonn, S/L Montgomery to Biele.										
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1/2nd	MOSQUITO VI	P/L R.A. JOHNSON P/L R.J. SIBBONS	FLOWER, AIRCROW VANDELBOUSCH	2020	0223	Uneventful. A/Pa unlit. Continuous intense accurate tracks from Werdshurg to Handorf.	
"	"	P/L P. MATTHEW P/O G.H. IRBY	FLOWER, AIRCROW VANDELBOUSCH	2245	0300	A/Pa unlit. At 0319 hrs. fired 1 1/2 sec. burst cannon at 3 barges of Eastern Canal 2 mls. S. of Mlowicht (5300N, 04deg W). Strikes seen on two. Possible strikes from 1 sec. burst cannon on barge 1/2 mile to west. Two freighters seen on Ender 200:20deg 25'E. 05 deg 25'E. heading E.	
"	"	P/O R.S. JOHNSON Sgt R.D. IRBY	FLOWER, MUNSIEP HANDORF	2240	0302	At 2316 hrs. saw what was thought to be an A/D glide into sea in flames. Took fix 5200N, 02deg W. Investigated, but nothing seen. Flashes and explosion probably caused by A/D on fire in vicinity of Tante A/P.	
"	"	P/O J.S. HILL P/S E. BOMM	FLOWER, OVER COM FRANKFORT BRUNN MATE.	0247	0523	Uneventful.	
"	"	P/L S.E. MAY P/O J.D. RITCH	FLOWER, AIRCROW VANDELBOUSCH	0228	0545	At 0350 hrs. attacked train travelling N.E. at Westinghede (5315N, 0755E.) (Claim, loss, Cat. "B"). At 0500 hrs. attacked train travelling N.W. (5300N, 7deg 20'E) Strucklingem. Claim, loss, Cat. "B".	
"	"	P/O A. SMITH P/O R.P. RITCHER	FLOWER, MUNSIEP HANDORF	0235	0558	Uneventful.	
2/2nd	MOSQUITO VI	P/O M. BARRS Sgt J.E. HILL	FLOWER, HANDORF MUNSIEP	1911	2311	South of Werdshurg at 2050 hrs. attacked train with 1 sec. burst of cannon. Strikes seen on engine. Cannon round again and saw it stopped in wood steaming. 1 Look, dam. Attacked barge south of 2nd 1/2 with 1/2 sec. burst of cannon & s.g. Strikes seen. In vicinity of Nunspast attacked train, strikes seen all along. Engine and next two coaches exploded, 1 loco dnt. At Hasselt at 2140 hrs. attacked 3 barges. Strikes seen.	

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2/24	MOSQUITO VI	S/L D.B. ARMAN P/O A.M. MCINTOSH	FLOWER, HANDORF MINSTER	2130	0150	No activity throughout patrol. Divers at 2334 hrs. attacked a train, strikes seen along train and on the engine. Claim 1 loco damaged. Damaged by flak - antiaircraft machine.	
"	"	S/L E.E. MILLER SFC W. ROOPER	FLOWER, ANSCHEN VANDERLUSCH	0010	0342	Four miles south of Aschenhof attacked a train from 1500 ft. down to 500 ft. Strikes not seen, but engine stopped. No claim. Attacked two power barges towing 3 barges each at 52deg 40'N, 05deg 25'W, strikes seen on two of them, and a minor explosion resulted on one. Trk. 0100-0120 light accurate before flak.	
"	"	P/O G.P. SEID P/O D.H. MCINTOSH	FLOWER, ANSCHEN VANDERLUSCH	2131	0155	Made 2 attacks and damaged train at Billurg at 2319 hrs. Strafled Bourlitz A/V with 3 or 4 sec. burst 2325 hrs. S. of Walrode; at 2326 hrs. attacked train with 2 sec. burst strikes seen and loco stopped, claim. Damaged. Attached train at Billingen at 2334 hrs. strikes seen and one coach on fire. Claim, damaged. At Longingen, 0004 hrs. attacked and damaged train with m.g. only. EX-2/A. Clear, visibility unimpaired.	
"	"	P/O G.P. SEID S/L E.E. MILLER P/O E.V. PAGE	FLOWER, ANSCHEN VANDERLUSCH	1910	2324	Unsuccessful.	
"	"	P/L P. A. JOHNSON P/L M.J. SIMMONS	NIGHT BANNER MIRCH AREA	1820	0032	P/O Ford, at 2130 hrs. at Berlin went down over the aerodrome, but saw torpedoes too late to attack. Went around twice and came in the third time with nos. lights on, and fired at an A/C parked on the east side of the A/V. Strikes seen. Numerous A/C parked on the S. and S.E. side of the A/V. 1 B/I A/V A/D DAMAGED ON GROUND.	

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2/28	MOSQUITO VI	P/O G.P. SEID P/O E.E. FURBER	FLOWER, ANSCHEN HARRIS, FRANKFURT	1851	2318	Unsuccessful.	
"	"	P/O G.P. SEID P/O E.V. PAGE	FLOWER, ANSCHEN VANDERLUSCH	1856	N.Y.P.		
3/28	MOSQUITO VI	P/O G.P. SEID P/O E.E. FURBER	FLOWER, ANSCHEN VANDERLUSCH	0227	0520	Unsuccessful. Returned early due to weather.	
"	"	P/O G.P. SEID P/O D.H. MCINTOSH	FLOWER, HANDORF MINSTER	0223	0552	Abandoned mission at Munster due to unfavourable weather. At Ludinghausen, 0605 hrs. attacks lorry with a 2 sec. burst of cannon. Lorry was seen to explode. In the light of the explosion saw we were heading directly towards a large gunnery. After breaking off attack were engaged by 2 A/Vs followed by intense accurate I/F. Sighted two small towler type ships 10 miles N.E. of Eukelau at 0640 hrs. Attached larger of the two with cannon. Strikes were seen. Attached another similar type ship with cannon, 5 miles S.E., and damaged it.	
"	"	P/O E.E. FURBER SFC W.E. HILL	FLOWER, ANSCHEN VANDERLUSCH	0010	0320	Unsuccessful. Returned early due to weather.	
"	"	P/L G.S. LEGGAT P/L P.L. COCHRANE	FLOWER, HANDORF MINSTER	0009	0307	Unsuccessful.	
4/28	"	P/O A. HAIN P/O E.E. FURBER	FLOWER, ANDORF	2000	2333	Unsuccessful.	
"	"	P/L E.L. HENDON P/L J.H. HENDON	FLOWER, ANSCHEN SEAR	2034	2346	Unsuccessful. Returned early due to weather.	

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4/5th	MOSQUITO VI	F/L. Z. MATTHEW F/O G. JEFF	FLOWER, SPENDAL SARGENT	2011	2359	Returned early due to mechanical trouble. Landed one engine.	
"	"	F/O G.S. JOHNSTON Sgt. D.D. KELLY	FLOWER, OBER OLM	2015	0006	Uneventful.	
"	"	S/L. K.A. BOOMER W/O E.V. PAGE	FLOWER, GROVE	1945	0040	Uneventful.	
5/6th	"	S/L. K.A. BOOMER W/O E.V. PAGE	FLOWER, KIEBINGEN GROENSTADT, MURSBURG	1917	2114	Returned from region of Moselle River due to weather.	
"	"	F/L. S.R. MAY F/O J.B. BURN	FLOWER, SACHSBERG	1939	2225	Returned from St. Disier Area, bad weather.	
"	"	F/L. G.J. WALKER F/L. G.G. RICHARDS	OPS TRAINING ARZUF	2014	2315	Uneventful. At 2231 hrs, convoy of 6 to 12 ships 6 miles south Jan Helder 4 miles off coast steaming due south possibly escorted by flak ships as accurate tracker, inaccurate host. Flak fired at aircraft.	
"	"	F/L. SIB COFFRILL F/L. E.H. BUCHHA	FLOWER, HANAU LANGENBACH	1930	2345	Uneventful.	
"	"	S/L. F.A. MURPHY F/L. J.B. BURN	FLOWER, STRABERG KIEBINGEN	2106	0027	Returned from St. Disier area, bad weather.	
"	"	S/L. E. GRAY F/O F.B. SMITH	FLOWER, CRATESHAM SCHWABEN HALL	1920	2347	At 2236 hrs in approx. positions 50° 40' N, 10° 25' E, saw what appeared to be burning aircraft on the ground.	
"	"	F/O J.B. HILL F/L. S.R. MAY	FLOWER, BUNDEBERG HALLFINGEN	1952	0035	Uneventful. A/Ps unlit.	
6/7th	MOSQUITO VI	F/O G.S. JOHNSTON F/O E.L. STAMER	FLOWER, GLANBURGH, FRIEDENHAIN	1908	2304	Uneventful. Saw bombing at Bremen, WX-Vary heavy over Continent, 5/10th cloud at 2,500 ft.	

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6/7th	MOSQUITO VI	F/L. H.E. MILLER F/S.V. HOOPER	FLOWER, OBER OLM BIELEF.	1903	2227	No activity in T/A. 6 miles S. of Bielefeld at 2100-2110 hrs. saw four -sets of ESN's, '1 red 3 white' did not appear to be fired to an A/F but to ground forces.	
"	"	F/L. C.S. LEGGAT F/L. P.L. COCHRANE	FLOWER, WERL	1855	2308	No activity in T/A. Uneventful.	
"	"	F/O. J.S. HILL F/S. W. BOACH	FLOWER, DEKELSTROP.	1857	2326	No activity except bombing at Dortmund and Bremen. A/Ps not lit.	
"	"	F/O. G.S. JOHNSTON Sgt. D.D. KELLY	FLOWER, AHLHORN VARELSBUSCH	2007	2338	Uneventful, A/Ps unlit.	
"	"	S/L. D.B. ANNAN F/O. A.M. MACINTOSH	FLOWER, PADERSBORN	1852	2339	South of Westkroben area at 2120 hours saw an a/c up moon turning on to a reciprocal course. He turned hard port, hit his slip stream, but lost the visual immediately.	
"	"	F/O. R.D. THOMAS F/L. R.F. MACDONALD	FLOWER, LUNDERG.	1832	2351	Considerable road activity in area N. of Zwolle, in westerly direction. Bombing activity seen at Bremen. Saw a/c on the runway at Lüneberg, but lost it somewhere on the F/F. At position 5320N, 1015E attacked and damaged a loco. Saw strikes and two small explosions.	
"	"	F/O. N.L. SEARS Sgt. J.P. HILL	FLOWER, PASSBERG	1857	2221	Could not find pinpoint at Dummer Lake at 2019 hrs. due to thick haze, but set course on D.R. to continue to T/A. At 2025 hours decided to turn back. 1/P. from Dummer Lake at 2028 hours, fairly accurate, S/Ls co-operating. Fired E.S.N. '1 red 3 whites', firing stopped and S/Ls doused. Three miles S. of Hoogeveen at 2105 hours attacked and damaged one loc. On canal 3 mls. S.E. Meppel, attacked and dam. a barge.	
"	"	F/O. S.F. SEID F/O. D.N. McDONOH	FLOWER, KASSEL ROTHE-STEN	1853	2340	No activity in T/A. WX- T/A heavy, scattered 1/10ths low cloud.	

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7/8th.	MOSQUITO VI.	F/O. N. L. BEARS. Sgt. W. F. HILL.	FLOWER, FLANLISSE.	1836	2151	Could not pinpoint due to haze so decided to return.	
"	"	F/L. C. J. WALKER. F/L. RICHARDS.	FLOWER, SUPERBLOH.	1847	2122	Proceeded as far as Hasselt 2000 hours, then returned due to weather.	
"	"	F/O. R. D. THOMAS. F/L. R. W. MACDONALD.	FLOWER, KONISBERG, NEUMARK.	1830	1904	Proceeded as far as Aldeburgh - 1845 hours, then recalled due to unfavourable weather conditions.	
"	"	F/L. H. E. MILLER. Sgt. W. HOOPER.	FLOWER, HANDORF, MUNSTER.	1951	2235	Uneventful. Passed two Flying Bombs at 2010 hours, one at about 4,000 ft., the other at 500 ft. Large fires seen in Hengelo area.	
"	"	S/L. D. B. ANNAN. F/O. A. M. MACINTOSH.	NIGHT RANGER, CHIED.	1855	2311	Took off from Hanston. Turned back from Humberg due to haze.	
"	"	F/O. C. D. BROWN. Sgt. W. F. HILL.	FLOWER, FLANLISSE.	1836	2151	Could not pinpoint due to haze so returned.	
"	"	F/O. C. R. REISER. F/O. J. L. ZIMMER.	FLOWER, SCHLESWIG-JACK.	1835	2155	Uneventful. Attempted several times to break cloud but base too low. Landed Coltiashil.	
6/9th.	MOSQUITO VI.					NO OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY.	
9/10th.	MOSQUITO VI.	S/L. P. A. MONTGOMERY. F/L. J. H. C. MURRESOIS.	FLOWER, HANDORF, MUNSTER.	2030	2044	Undercarriage trouble, and so returned to base.	
"	"	F/L. S. H. R. COTTEWILL. F/S. E. H. MCGONNIA.	FLOWER, HANAU, LANDESBACH AND FRANCKURT RHEIN MAIN.	1905	2159	Flew almost to the Rhine without being able to see the ground and so decided to return to base. W/- 10/10ths cloud at 1,000 ft. tops 6,500 ft., 40 miles inside French Coast.	
"	"	F/O. J. S. HILL. F/S. G. W. BOACH.	FLOWER, SUPERBLOH.	1913	2225	Flew on D.R. to E.T.A. at River, Ess, but being unable to find pinpoint a/c for base at 2044 hours.	
"	"	S/L. R. GRAY. F/O. E. D. SMITH.	FLOWER, WISE. MUNSTER.	1912	2018	Flew on D.R. to E.T.A. at the River Moselle and two minutes but could not locate pinpoint so a/c for base at 2047 hrs.	

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9/10th	MOSQUITO VI	F/L. S. H. HAY F/O. J. H. ELTON.	FLOWER, HOZA WORM, QUACKENBROCK	1906	2221	At 2041 hrs & 8/10s exposed but were evaded, thought to be Damborg, but being unable to see the ground decided to return to base at 2042 hrs, 4/0 and at 2100 hrs at position 5220N, 0640E was believed Big Ben activity like a rocket going vertically upwards losing sight of it at 12,000 ft.	
"	"	S/L. K. A. BOGNER F/O. R. V. PAGE	FLOWER, ARDORF, VANEL	1927	2234	Flew on to three minutes past E.T.A. for River, Ess, but being unable to see ground and locate pinpoint, a/c for base at 2059 hrs.	
10/10th	MOSQUITO VI	S/L. K. A. BOGNER F/O. R. V. PAGE F/S. E. H. MCGONNIA F/L. W. HENELL	NIGHT RANGER, GROVE, ARDORF, VANEL, LANDESBACH AND FRANCKURT RHEIN MAIN.	0655	1100	Took off Coltiashil about one mile before reaching Danish Coast, there was cloud and rain down to about 50 ft. Went in as far as 16 miles west of Aalborg at 0838 hrs, then set course for base as cloud was right down to base.	
11/12th	MOSQUITO VI	F/L. C. J. WALKER F/L. G. G. RICHARDS	FLOWER, AMHORN VANKLUSCH	1936	2017	Succeeded to intercept Flying Bomb carrying H.L.P.s. Proceeded as far as Southold at 1955 hrs, then forced to return early due to alcohol leak.	
"	"	F/O. J. J. HARTY F/O. E. A. ALEXANDER	FLOWER, MUNSTER, HENDON	1937	2154	Proceeded as far as 5200N, 0790E at 2003 hrs, then returned due to unfavourable weather.	
12/11	"	S/L. R. GRAY F/L. W. J. GIBSON F/O. E. D. THOMAS F/L. R. W. MACDONALD	NIGHT RANGER CHIED, HEDANOVIC, MUNSTER, WISE, MUNSTER, WISE.	0935	1500	Operated from IJai (Italy). At Balogjovica at 0640 hrs, saw JU.88. Fired at another JU.88, which exploded. Attacked third JU.88 which burst into flames. At Hensky Brod at 0745 hrs & destroyed large number of JU.87s scattered around A/F. Destroyed 4 and damaged 5. (S/L Gray) F/O Thomas dest. 1 JU.88 on the E. side of Balogjovica A/F, at Hensky Brod made many attacks on JU.87s in the S.L. Despatch left 1 JU87 on fire, and second emitting large column of smoke and also 3 other JU87s 2 JU88s dest. 1 JU88 DEST., 4 JU87s DEST., 5 JU87s DEST. S/L GRAY. 1 JU.88 DEST., 2 JU87s DEST., 3 JU87s DEST. F/O THOMAS	

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12/13th	MOSSQUITO VI						
13/14th	MOSSQUITO VI	P/L R.A. JOHNSON P/L JEB BOURGEOIS	SCRAMBLE THUNDER, AMERSON AMERSON, VANDERBUSH	2110	0040	Unsuccessful. WX- 10/10th cloud from E. of base to centre of Zuider Zee. Sky clear over W/A, considerable ground haze, visibility poor.	
"	"	P/O J.S. HILL P/O G.V. BOACH	SCRAMBLE THUNDER, AMERSON VANDERBUSH	2145	0125	Unsuccessful. WX- 10/10th cloud from inland English coast to Zuider Zee, base 3,000 ft., down to 1,000 ft. over N. Sea.	
14/15th	MOSSQUITO VI	P/L R.E. MILLER Sgt W. ROOPER	FLOWER, FRIDLAND	2319	0308	Returned from Dummer Lake, weather V/m. At 0127 hrs 1 str. M. Neppel destroyed 1 ME. WX- At 0024 hrs. violent thunderstorms over Egmond, unable to penetrate so climbed to 13,000 ft., down to Dummer Lake vis. down to one mile.	
"	"	P/L G.J. WALKER P/L G.C. RICHARDS	FLOWER, KESSEL ROTHENSTEIN	0208	0528	Returned unable to pinpoint River Rhine. WX- Clear until civet, but from then on 10/10th low stratus base on deck to River Rhine afterwards breaking to 5-8/10th.	
"	"	P/O G.R. FISHER P/O R.L. TINNER	FLOWER, HANAU LANDENBERG	0151	0532	Unable to see ground in target area so returned. At 0520 hrs saw an aircraft crash west of Woodbridge A/D. WX- From Moselle to Rhine ground fog but clear at 3,000 ft.	
"	"	P/O J.J. HARVEY P/O P.A. ALEXANDER	FLOWER, PARSON ROTHENSTEIN	0131	0442	Returned from Dummer Lake, unable to pinpoint. A/P unlit but Furstenau lit with double P/P and red outer circle at 0252 and 0304 hrs. WX- Electrical storm from 1400 to 5 deg. Heavy afterwards.	
"	"	P/O A. SMITH P/O E.P. BRYNER	FLOWER, HEMMIS ROTHENSTEIN	0156	0523	Returned from W/A unable to see ground. WX- 2/A 9/10th low stratus, base 1,000 ft.	
"	"	P/L D.B. ANHAY P/O A.W. MACDONALD	FLOWER, KEMPST ROTHENSTEIN	2315	0422	A/P, unlit at 0200 hrs., but Alouette lit with single P/P. W/V/L with one bar. WX- Mainly clear across North Sea, very severe electrical storm Dutch Coast. W/A 3/10th broken cloud 3,000 ft., ground haze.	

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14/15th	MOSSQUITO VI	P/L R.A. JOHNSON W/O E.V. PAGE	FLOWER REINOLDSON	0200	0505	A/P lit on arrival with single P/P W/V V/L one red bar, but doused at once. At 0430 hrs. Diaphala & Yabba seen to be lit. WX- 2/A 3-5/10th cloud base 4,000 ft. Vis below poor, ground fog.	
"	"	P/L G.L. LEGGAT P/L H. COCHRANE	FLOWER, BOBE REINOLDSON	0217	0634	A/P, lit with single P/P, and red perimeter lights, white flares fired up. WX- Low cloud over Moselle breaking to 5/10th at 3,500 ft. in W/A.	
"	"	P/O R.D. THOMAS P/O E.V. MACDONALD	FLOWER, HANDELF REINOLDSON	0227	0523	A/P, unlit. At 0425 hrs outer circle double P/P and obstruction lights, 2 5/16 at W. and red bar of 15 white lights across east end, 5 reds fired up. WX- 2/A heavy industrial haze and smoke, visibility poor.	
15th	"	P/O R.P. SEID P/O D.W. MONTGOMERY	DAY RANGER, REINOLDSON	0445	1025	Took off Le Gulot, Ground strafed Stargard A/D at 0640 hrs. Two attacks made, claiming 1 ME.109, 1 JU.87B, ME.110 dest., and 2 ME.109s, 1 U/I 2/2 R/A damaged. Proceeded to Enderb A/D, two attacks made on A/V claiming 5 JU.88s dest., 2 JU.88s damaged. 1 ME.109, 1 JU.87B, 1 ME.110 and 5 JU.88s DESTROYED. 2 ME.109s, 2 JU.88's and 1 U/I 2/2 R/A DAMAGED.	
"	"	P/L R.A. JOHNSON W/O E.V. PAGE P/L P.A. JOHNSON P/L H.J. GIBSON	DAY RANGER, REINOLDSON REINOLDSON	2515	1805	3/O Ford, landed St. Maier. Delayed at Ford through w/s refuelling Komar. Not sufficient light at W/A to carry out ground attack on A/V, so returned to St. Maier, P/L Johnson fired at group of lights on way back at Spandorf. E.R.G. followed for 8 minutes by accurate P/P from Humberford area.	
15th	"	P/L G.L. LEGGAT P/L H.J. COCHRANE	FLOWER, REINOLDSON	2553	2151	Returned from Quackenbush due to bad weather. WX- 10/10th cloud from deck up to 4,500 ft., across North Sea to Zuider Zee where 10/10th cloud base 3,500 ft.	

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15/16th	MOSQUITO VI	F/L R.R. MILLER SFC W. BROWNE	FLOWER, HILSDORF & PASCHKE	1851	2150	Returned from estimated 10 miles west of Quachabank due to bad weather.	
"	"	S/L D.B. ANON F/O A.W. MACINTOSH	FLOWER, HOVA.	1852	2122	Unsuccessful. A/P lit with E/W single E/P missile, but constant intruder warnings being given. Landed at Grandfield. WX - Vis very poor, with rain throughout patrol.	
16/17th	MOSQUITO VI	S/L R.N. ANON F/O A.W. MACINTOSH	SCRAMBLE TO AHLBORN, VARELSBUSH	2010	0005	Unsuccessful. WX-10/10th over N. Sea, base 5,000 ft., top 11,000 ft. Thunderstorms over Dutch Coast.	
17th	"	F/L R.H.R. CORRIE F/O G.S. FLEMAYSON F/L S.R. MAY F/O J.B. RITCH	DAY HANGER VIENNA AREA.		N.Y.P. N.Y.P.	E/L May and F/O Ritch crash landed in enemy territory, crew safe.	
17/18th	MOSQUITO VI		NIL				
18/19th	MOSQUITO VI	F/O R.N. THOMAS F/L R.W. MACDONALD	DEFENDER, MURKIN, 2323 HANDOFF	2323	0237	No activity in Münster or Handoff. Successful A/P lit during patrol. Intruder warning fired as Mosquito approached. E/P a/o seen and patrol unsuccessful.	
19/20th	MOSQUITO VI	S/L D.B. ANON F/O A.W. MACINTOSH	FLOWER, HILSDORF	1943	0043	Unsuccessful. Hildingen A/P lit single E/P, Hildingen lit perimeter lights only. Hildingen lit double E/P, V/L, one hit at 2200 hrs and still lit when area left.	
20th	"	S/L G.S. LINGAT F/L F.L. COCHRANE	FLOWER, DEERSTADT	1955	0045	Unable to see ground in V/A due to cloud.	
"	"	F/O R. BROWNE F/O R.B. BROWN	FLOWER, HILSDORF	2045	0238	Unsuccessful. Following A/Ps lit with V/L only, Hildingen, Hildingen, Unterschlesensbach single E/P only.	
20/21st	"	F/L R. LORIAN F/L W. SMITH	DETAIL ON ARMO TRAIN AT BERDA.	0130	0135	Unsuccessful. Brake cloud at Berda 0218 hrs but could not distinguish target owing to low cloud and bad visibility. Several faint white lights seen around Berda but nothing could be found.	

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20/21st.	MOSQUITO VI.	F/O G.S. JOHNSON. SFC D.D. KELLY.	DETAIL ON ARMO. TRAIN AT BERDA.	0149	0345	Unsuccessful. At 0234 hours obtained pinpoint on inland and at 0238 hours S.T.A. for T/A saw 4 lights N-S, but could not make out any other details. Could see nothing else in area due to bad visibility although ascended to 500 ft.	
21/22nd.	MOSQUITO VI.	F/L R.A. JOHNSON. F/O E.W. PAGE. S/L K.A. BOGGER. F/L N.J. CIBBONS.	DAY HANGER. MUNICH AREA.	1440	1916.	Arrived Holskirehen 1617 hrs. S/L Bogger presumably dest. 1 U/Y E/A and damaged one, both on the ground. S/L Johnson saw a carefully camouflaged T/E E/A on the W. side of the A/P but unable to get in a position to attack. Lost contact with S/L Bogger after attacking A/P - but heard him on P/T until 1636 hours, when several miles E. of sun Lake. Attacked and destroyed a train 3-4 miles N. of Leeder at 1700 hrs. Attacked a factory at Schenberg 1725 hours.	
22/23rd.	MOSQUITO VI.		NO OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY.				
23/24th.	MOSQUITO VI.	F/O L.L. SEARS. SFC S.P. HILL.	SCRAMBLE TO AHLBORN, VARELSBUSH	1933	2309	Proceeded as far as OJOOE and returned early due to very unfavourable weather. WX - Patches of cu, continuous cloud.	
"	"	F/L C.J. WALKER. F/L C.C. RICHARDS.	SCRAMBLE TO AHLBORN, VARELSBUSH.	0017	0130	Went about 16 miles out from Aldeburgh. Saw a Diver at 0045 hrs., turned back to attack it but was unsuccessful. WX - Continuous rain, 9/10ths cu, and st. cu, down almost to 0 ft.	
24/25th.	MOSQUITO VI.		NO OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY.				
25/26th.	MOSQUITO VI.	F/O G.S. JOHNSON. SFC D.D. KELLY.	SCRAMBLE TO HANDOFF, MURKIN.	1901	2205.	At 1930 hours Diver seen 5234N, 0304E, course 260°M, height 2,000 ft. Both A/Ps unlit.	
"	"	S/L R.H. ANON. F/O A.W. MACINTOSH.	SCRAMBLE TO AHLBORN, VARELSBUSH.	1906	2213.	Ahlborn unlit, Varrelbusch lit double E/P. Beacon flashing "W.Q." on bearing 60°E from A/P. Canopy of 3 S/Ls over A/P with intermittent tracer being fired into same. Visual of a/o burning navlights at 900 ft. to W of A/P at 2043 hrs. E/A then flew over A/P, fired 3 spots, burst cannon from 500 yds. N.R.O. E/A then doused lights A/P & S/Ls, went out. E/O	

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27/20th	MOSQUITO VI.					NO OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY.	
28/20th	MOSQUITO VI.					NO OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY.	
29/20th	MOSQUITO VI.	W/L. E. A. JOHNSON. W/O. R. W. PAGE.	W. RANGER, JUTTEN, 1845 BRESLEN AREA.	2206		Turned back in area of River Ems. Unable to pinpoint. I/F in two points. Possible flak ship scored 4/5 miles off IJmuiden, WK. - Over Holland and N.W. Germany - mainly clear with haze reducing visibility to 1-2 miles.	
"	"	W/O. G. S. JOHNSON. Sgt. D. D. KELLY.	W. RANGER, HEDDEN, 1845 DUMMER LAKE AREA.	2240		Patrolled railway lines between Dummer Lake, Hiesburg and Bremen. Nothing seen to attack. Quackenbrück A/F seen lit at 2103 hours.	
"	"	W/O. P. R. BARNICK. W/O. R. R. BRICE.	W. RANGER, BRESLEN AREA.	1008 2331		Took off Brussels. Uneventful. Patrol hampered by weather conditions. WK: - E. of Rhine, Germany, covered by 10/10ths stratus cloud from deck up to 3,000 ft. with a few breaks.	
"	"	W/O. R. D. THOMAS. W/L. D. W. MACDONALD.	W. RANGER, BEURUPPEL, 1940 KUNISBERG/NEUBECK, JUSERBOG.	0027		Took off Coltishall. Uneventful. Generally hampered by weather conditions. I/F inaccurate from Haren. Intense light accurate from Quackenbrück A/F. WK: - In T/A 10/10ths cloud at 1500 ft. with haze below and vis. fair only.	
"	"	W/L. H. E. MILLER. Sgt. W. BOOPER.	W. RANGER, GRIEFSWALD, 1900 KONNUNIE.	0030		T/O. Coltishall. At 2101 hrs. convoy of MEV attack at SCHE 242H, 0910E. At least one truck left burning furiously. No activity at Griefswald or Pommern. At 2245 hrs. large vehicle attacked at Looke, with unobserved results.	
"	"	W/L. D. R. SHAW. W/O. A. M. MCELVOCK.	W. RANGER, FROESLAH, 1945 KUNIGSBERG.	0105		T/O. Coltishall. No activity seen at any A/F on route or in T/A. Goods train attacked at 2321 hrs. travelling south from Galle. Hits seen on loco and trucks and train stopped.	
29/21st	MOSQUITO VI.					NO OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY.	

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31/1st Nov.	MOSQUITO VI.	W/L. H. E. MILLER. Sgt. W. BOOPER.	FLOWER, HANDBUF, 1924 MUNSTER.	2255		T/A inactive. Stayed in area for five minutes then returned due to bad weather.	
"	"	W/O. C. J. HEDDER. W/O. M. EDGER.	FLOWER, TWENTE, 2000 RHEINE, HANVLAUGE.	2252		Uneventful. Returned early due to very poor weather. WK: T/A 10/10ths cloud str. on, down to deck, continuous rain.	
"	"	W/L. C. WALKER. W/L. O. G. RICHARDS.	FLOWER, BOHN, 1929	2246		Uneventful. Numerous fires seen at 2140 hrs. several miles south of Asselborn. Returned early due to bad weather. WK: Rhine to target, solid rain down to deck.	
"	"	W/L. P. A. MONTGOMERY. W/L. J. H. C. BOURGEOIS.	FLOWER, KIRLIS, 1929	2322		No activity in T/A or any of the A/Fs in vicinity. Fires seen at Lutzkampen at 2207 hours. Flak seen presumed from Koblenz in the distance.	

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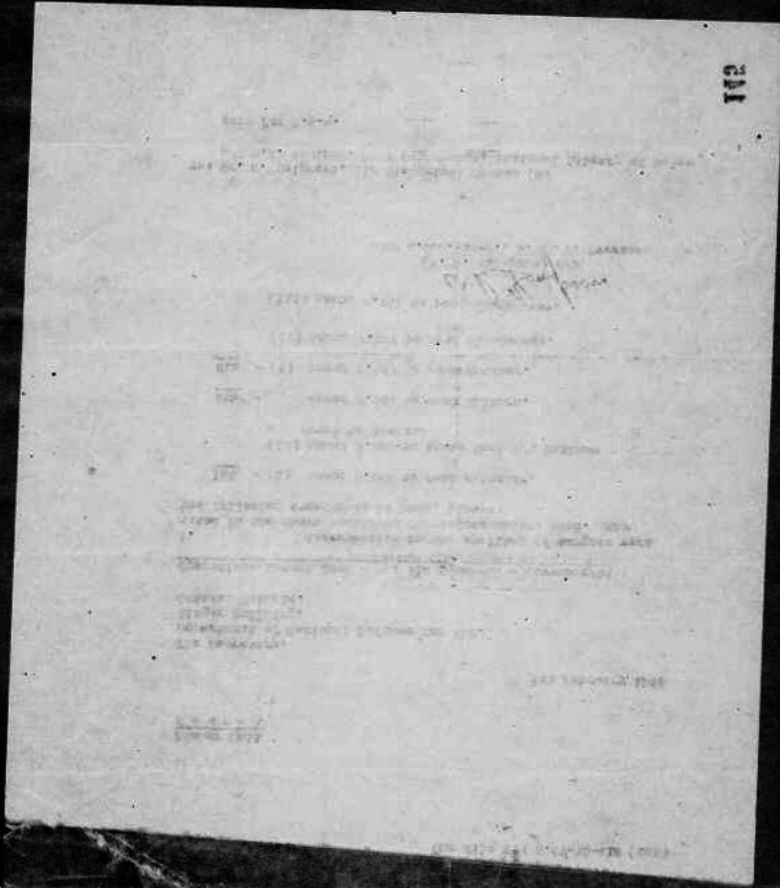
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<u>R.A.F. BRIDGE</u>	<u>NOVEMBER 1944</u>			
	<u>1st</u>		<p>WX: Fair all day, vis. moderate to good.</p> <p>The Knights of Columbus Hut is busy these days. Last month 22 movies were shown to the airmen in the Hut. Reading material is plentiful, and due to the weather, indoor games are most popular. Supervisor O'Connor is also busy giving out winter wearing apparel such as socks, etc, which is very welcome in this damp English climate.</p> <p>"A" Flight: N.F.T.'s, S.E. & Practice Attacks.</p> <p>"B" Flight: F/L Howell with F/O Sears in the Oxford to Manston and return, N.F.T.'s and X country and Practice Attacks.</p> <p>Operations: On a Flower to Hama, Langendiebach, F/L Miller dest. a JUB66 in the air; W/O Johnston went to Hove and damaged two loocs, and also dam. coaches on a stationary train; W/O Bamcock went to Fiktalar and dest. a loco, and damaged one. The remainder of the Flowers were uneventful. S/L Montgomery to Ardorf, F/L Matthew to Quadenbruck, and Bechtel, & S/L Legget to Werl. We regret that F/O Hill and his navigator F/O Bechtel are missing from a Flower to Giessen. F/L Johnson was scrambled to Althorn Varelbusch, at 0136 but was recalled and landed at 0200 hrs.</p>	
	<u>2nd</u>		<p>Fog early in morning, then becoming fair later on.</p> <p>W/O Bamcock and W/O Scott (RCAF Liaison Officer in Fighter Command) went to Holland to visit G/O Devoud; re: gun and advice.</p> <p>Station dances are being arranged each Thursday, which are well patronised by the Squadron and Hoboken. The Station is supplying refreshments and our band the music.</p> <p>News regarding our move to R.A.F. are still persistent but as yet no definite date is available.</p> <p>"A" Flight: N.F.T.'s and Camera Gun.</p> <p>"B" Flight: W/O Bamcock to Rindhaven and return, N.F.T.'s and Cima Gun.</p> <p>Operations: Five Flowers undertaken by F/L Walker to Leemarden, F/O Sears to Yechts, Quadenbruck, S/L Montgomery to Lechen, Speyerdorf, F/O Thomas to Ardorf, F/L Johnson to Hama, Langendiebach, F/O Thomas attacked and dam. a train and coaches one mile west of Apen, and was very surprised when flak was fired back at him! The other patrols were uneventful.</p>	
	<u>3rd</u>		<p>WX: Fog at first, then cloudy with continuous rain, cloudy with mist in evening.</p> <p>250 parcels and 104,000 cigarettes are arriving from our sponsors, the City of Edmonton. Acknowledgment has been obtained these comforts are really appreciated by all personnel. Movies are now being shown in the Officers mess each Wednesday and Sunday by the kind permission of Supervisor O'Connor. F/O Frank Smith 153220 (RCAF) has finished his tour and is posted to 7 O.T.U. Canada. Frank will be nearer home which is Jamaica.</p> <p>"A" Flight: Nil</p> <p>"B" Flight: N.F.T.'s.</p> <p>No Operational Activity.</p>	
	<u>4th</u>		<p>Cloudy with intermittent rain, vis. moderate.</p> <p>W/O E. Bamcock, Officer Commanding, visited H.Q. Fighter Command today to attend a conference. F/O Ted Wildmore, our Radar Officer, was married today in Exeter. Several Officers attended the wedding. A suitable gift was given by the Officers. Good Luck, Ted! Weather has hampered all sports activities. The Station Cinema is popular.</p> <p>"A" Flight: N.F.T.'s, Compass Spring. F/O Thomas N.F.T. to Manston and return, F/L Loriaux to Belfield and return.</p>	

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R.A.F. HINSDALE	NOVEMBER, 1944	4th (Cont'd)	Operations: Eight Flowers, all uneventful. P/L Johnson to Hatzlar, S/L Leggat to Kitzingen, Wursburg, P/O Thomas to Hunsangendobach, P/L Loriaux to Wehl, P/O Smith to Hays, W/O Johnston to Lamsberg, Pessberg, P/L Miller to Erfurt/Binderleben, S/L Montgomery to Ardoff, P/L Glascoo undertook his first Ops training to Leuwarden this also was uneventful.		
		5th	WX: Cloudy, light rain during morning becoming continuous in the afternoon. Vis moderate. P/O McKenna, one of our navigators, received his commission today. P/L J. Phillips J.1124 (Pilot) and P/O R. Job G815333 (Nav) have returned to ops after several months in the hospital as a result of their tussle with Jerry last summer. Operations: 2 Scrambles - P/O Thomas to Althorn and P/L Loriaux to Munster, both sorties were uneventful.		
		6th	Cloudy, becoming fair, Vis. Moderate. W/O Bamock attended a conference at 10 Group today. Canadian Press reports that our Squadron leads all R.C.A.F. Squadron by destroying the most enemy aircraft. There are 41 R.C.A.F. Squadrons overseas. P/O M. Reinghelt, War Artist, who has been attached to our unit for several weeks has received word to leave. Several pictures and sketches of a very high standard have been completed by this officer, who has done excellent work. Our sponsors (The City of Edmonton) are asking for requests as to gifts, as they want to spend \$ 15,000 which was raised for us. The boys suggest a crest, which has been requested. "A" Flight: N.F.T.'s Practice Ground attacks, "B" Flight: W/O Bamock base to Colerne and return. P/O Seid to Goltishall and return. P/L Phillips return from Goltishall. N.F.T.'s - Low Level, J. Country. Operations: 2 scrambles - P/L Loriaux to Althorn, damaged 3 net. P/O Smith to Goltishall - uneventful. 2 Ops Training Sorties - P/L Glascoo - uneventful, P/O Braschuk, Leuwarden, uneventful, 1 Sagger, P/O Sears, Grove, Althorn, and 3 Flowers, S/L Anson to Syle, P/L Johnson to Hatzlar, Munster, P/L Matthews to Lohock/Bismarck - all uneventful.		
		7th	WX: Cloudy, becoming fair, Vis. Moderate to good. We are getting a Public Relations Officer. P/O P. Jackson (G.25416) is being attached to our Squadron. "A" Flight: Air Test, P/L Johnson with W/O Pace and P/O Collinge in the Oxford to Castle Camps & return. "B" Flight: Low Level, N.F.T.'s, S.E. Practice and Practice Attacks. Operations: P/L Walker was scrambled to Althorn, Verrelbusch, but due to bad weather, returned early.		
		8th	WX: Fair, becoming cloudy, Vis. moderate. P/O James, D. (Junior) Sharples D.F.C. (J.19986) reported for duty today after a months leave in Canada, and a tour of non-operational duty in England. Junior will navigate for S/L Montgomery (G.1356) who has been with the Squadron a few months. P/L H. Bourgeois (J.10697) has been screened and will soon be posted. He has just completed his second tour. "A" Flight: N.F.T.'s. "B" Flight: N.F.T.'s, S.E. Practice, Night Practice Attacks. Operations: S/L Leggat was scrambled to Hessepe, and P/O Sears to Althorn, both being uneventful.		
		9th	WX: Fair, fog early in morning, Vis. moderate. More parcels arrived from our sponsors today. Press from Edmonton give the Squadron ample publicity. Postal Clerks announce that the Xmas mail rush is commencing. "A" Flight: N.F.T.'s S.E. Practice, Low Level, Ground Practice Attacks, and Air Test. "B" Flight: N.F.T.'s and Practice Attacks. Operations: Three Scrambles, W/O Johnston to Althorn, Zwickhausen - uneventful, S/L Anson to Hatzlar, Munster, who attacked convoy, destroying one lorry and damaging another and P/O Smith also uneventful. S/L Montgomery, P/O Braschuk and P/L Phillips.		

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R.A.F. HINSDALE	NOVEMBER, 1944	10th	WX: Cloudy, becoming fair, vis. moderate. P/L Fred Jackson, our new PBO has reported for duty and is busy taking pictures, etc of the Squadron. Parcels and cigarettes, from the City of Edmonton, were distributed to all personnel today and are very much appreciated. "A" Flight: N.F.T.'s, S.E. Practice, and Air Firing Test. "B" Flight: Cinegram Practice. Operations: Four Flowers, all uneventful. P/L Loriaux to Wechte, Quackenbush, and Hays, P/O Smith to Teute, Rhine, and Matluna, P/L Glascoo to Leuwarden and Stenwick, W/O Johnston to Hatzlar.		
		11th	WX: Cloudy, becoming fair in the afternoon, and fine during evening. Vis poor to moderate. P/L G. (Tommy Thompson) visited the Squadron, today. He previously completed a tour with us. P/L H.E. Miller RAF 19848 one of our pilots, was married yesterday in Manchester. P/O RD Thomas was best man. A suitable gift was given by the Squadron. "A" Flight: N.F.T.'s, P/O Thomas in the Mag, returned from Brunstons. "B" Flight: N.F.T.'s. Operations: Seven Flowers, S/L Leggat to Kitzingen, Wursburg, P/L Glascoo to Ober Oln, Wischeden, P/O Seid to Kassel/Nothwesten, P/L Phillips to Schleswig, Jugel, W/O Bamock to Lohock, Bismarck, P/O Sears to Lohmer, Hessepe, and Plantluna, and P/O Braschuk to Teute, Rhine.		
		12th	WX: Fair becoming cloudy, fog during morning, clearing at 1300. Rain with mist at 2300 hrs. P/L H.F.C. Bourgeois, J.10697 (Nav.B.W.) left the unit today on posting to RCAF "B" Depot, Warrington. "A" Flight: N.F.T.'s. Operations: Only two flowers, P/L Walker, to Aalborg, P/O Seid to Copenhagen.		
		13th	WX: Rain early in the morning, became cloudy, then fair rain again becoming fair, Vis poor to moderate, all day. A Diver landed near the Airman's Site and a number of personnel were shaken, and buildings damaged but no casualties resulted. "A" Flight: N.F.T.'s. No operational activity.		
		14th	WX: Fine at first, becoming cloudy, continuous rain from 1500 hours onward. Another shipment of parcels arrived from the "City of Edmonton". We really are grateful for their generosity. G.2. and 300 (P/L F. Jackson) is busy taking pictures of the Squadron and obtaining stories. Sports activities are at a standstill as rain and damp weather is still with us. K of C. but is a busy phase, games, reading in movies. "A" Flight: N.F.T.'s and practice attacks. "B" Flight: N.F.T.'s and S.E. practice. Operations: P/L Matthew and P/O Smith were scrambled to Ardoff, and Hessepe, respectively, but both returned early due to unfavourable weather.		
		15th	WX: Cloudy all day, slight drizzle rain, early morning and late at night. W/O R. Bamock visited Group H.Q. today. No operational activity.		
		16th	WX: Fog in the morning, dispersing about 1000 hrs. Cloudy with slight mist all day, becoming foggy later.		

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R.A.F. HARTFORD BRIDGE	NOVEMBER, 1944				
	25th	(Cont'd)	"B" Flight: Low level bombing practice. N.F.T.'s. F/L Cherry to Shipden in effort. No operational activity.		
	26th		WX: Fair in morning, developing showery in afternoon. Vis moderate at first, deteriorating. R.C.A.F. Show "Bring This" is arranged for next Sunday. Joe Faggart R. C. Air Services Supervisor, is busy with future comforts and entertainment. City of Edmonton Sqdn Fund have dispatched another shipment of parcels. "A" Flight: Air to Ground firing and low level bombing and N.F.T.'s. "B" Flight: Low level bombing practice, Air Ground firing practice and formation flying. Operations: W/O Firth (P/O Day), F/L Walker (P/O Jones), P/O Beary (P/O Brown), F/L Hackett (P/O Brittain) carried out operational training trips to Seine and Loire areas of FRANCE. F/L Hope (P/O Thorpe) F/L Macintosh (P/O Macdonald) P/O Maclellan (P/O White), P/O Higgins (P/O Miles), F/L Cherry (P/O Birdwell) carried out operational training trips to FRANCE.		
	27th		WX: Fair to cloudy inland with occasional showers. Mist and fog in industrial areas. Word has been received that F/L P.R. Brook, P/O R.R. Bruce, F/L Jack Phillips and P/O Barn Job, have been awarded the D.F.C. and P/O McKenna, the D.F.M. They have received the congratulations of the fellow members of the Squadron. "A" Flight: Low level bombing, dive bombing and air ground firing practice. "B" Flight: -do- No operational activity.		
	28th		WX: Large amounts of low cloud. Vis moderate to poor. Rain belt over whole of area in morning. Clearing in afternoon. Our Post Office has been swamped with Mass parcels. Shortage of room has made it necessary to move to the Site where a hut will be used. City of Edmonton Squadron parcels are also arriving for Mass. "A" Flight: Air to ground firing practice. "B" Flight: -do- No operational activity.		
	29th		WX: Fair all day. Vis. good. W/O A. Barker, J.5807, our former Officer Commanding, has been awarded the D.F.C. S/L Ross Gray, J.7547 has also been awarded the DFC and S/L Gray finished a tour last month, and was posted to Canada. "A" Flight: Air ground firing practice, Formation and dive bombing practice, P/O Beary and P/O Brown to Othman. "B" Flight: Air ground firing practice. No operational activity.		
30th		WX: Thin layers of stratus cloud over area. Vis. moderate to good. W/O Russ Bamock, C.1086, DFC has been awarded a bar to his D.F.C. Ice Hockey is in the air. Our hopefuls held the first work out on London Ice next Sunday. A successful season is expected as talent is plentiful. So ends another month. "A" Flight: Dive bombing and air to ground firing practice, P/O Thomas and F/L Macdonald to Shipden and return. "B" Flight: Dive bombing and air to ground firing practice. No operational activity.			

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R.A.F. HARTFORD BRIDGE	NOVEMBER, 1944				
			<p>NUMBER OF OPERATIONAL SORTIES FOR MONTH: 60</p> <p>OPERATIONAL HOURS FOR MONTH: 235.45 TRAINING HOURS FOR MONTH: 186.50</p> <p>PERSONNEL ON STRENGTH AS AT 2359 HRS 31st NOVEMBER, 1944.</p> <p>R.C.A.F. Officers, Aircrew.....23 R.C.A.F. Airmen, Aircrew.....2</p> <p>R.C.A.F. OFFICERS, Groundcrew.....20 R.C.A.F. Airmen, Groundcrew.....2</p> <p>R.A.F. Officers, Aircrew.....2 R.A.F. Airmen, Aircrew.....2</p> <p>R.A.F. Officers, Groundcrew.....1 R.A.F. Airmen, Groundcrew.....0</p> <p>AIRCRAFT ON STRENGTH:</p> <p>MOSQUITO VI.....19</p> <p>CHEROKEE.....1</p> <p>MAGISTER.....1</p>		
			<p><i>Wickett</i> (J.O. Wickett) Wing Commander, Commanding, No. 418 Squadron, RCAF.</p>		

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				Up	Down		
1/2nd	MOSQUITO VI	F/O E. A. JOHNSON. W/O E. W. PAGE.	SEARCHING TO AIRBORN. VARELSCHON.	0236	0200	Recalled and landed at 0200 hours.	
2/3rd	MOSQUITO VI	F/O G. E. WALKER. F/O O. C. RICHARDS.	FLOWER LEHMANN.	1825	2135	Uneventful. Jet s/o seen at position 266° beyond 32 miles. Wk- 2/10ths at 6,000 ft. over Holland with ground fog forming at end of patrol. Rainstorms over sea on return.	
"	"	F/O J. L. BEARS F/O W. P. HILL.	FLOWER, VECHTA. QUICKENBROCK	1816	2158	T/A inactive. Carried out uneventful patrol until 2000 hours when a rocket was seen fired from Rhohlerstet. Left patrol area at 2030 hrs. and at 2045 hrs. attacked 3 barges, causing one to blow up and damaging the other two. At 2057 hrs. a U/I s/o believed to be s/o passed under Mosquito on reciprocal course. Turned about but lost visual. Wk- 1-1/10ths in T/A at 2,500 ft. with ground haze and fog in valleys.	
"	"	S/L F. A. MONTGOMERY. F/O J. H. C. BOURGEOIS.	FLOWER, LACHEN. SEYERDORF.	1806	2136	Uneventful. Returned early owing to bad weather. At 2000 hrs. rocket fired from approximately 20 miles E. of Trier and at 2056 hours rocket believed to have been seen from Dutch Islands. Too distant to identify positively. Wk- 8/10ths at 5,800 ft. over land with considerable low cloud & ground fog in Rhine area.	
"	"	F/O R. D. THOMAS F/O R. W. MACDONALD.	FLOWER, RIDDF. LACHEN.	1815	2215	Flew to T/A and saw nothing en route, and commenced patrol at 1953 hours. At 2028 hrs. a train was attacked one mile west of Apen heading west. Strikes were observed on coaches & loco, and flak was fired from the train. At 2040 hrs. 3 light guns fired from Aulich. Wk- 1/10ths cloud base 2,500 ft. in T/A with haze in west area.	
"	"	F/O E. A. JOHNSON. W/O E. W. PAGE	FLOWER, HANAU. LACHEN.	1812	2230	Uneventful. At 1940 hrs. saw 3 Jet s/o 25 miles N.W. of Ingelheim. Wk- Scattered cloud up to 20 mls. west of River Moselle then 10/10ths to end in T/A. Vis. very poor.	

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2/3rd	MOSQUITO VI	S/L D. B. SMITH. F/O G. E. WALKER.	FLOWER, WEL. FRANKFURT.	1746	2255	Uneventful.	
"	"	S/O O. S. TEGGAT F/O J. J. COCHRANE	FRANKFURT. HIL	1742	2201	Uneventful. Jet seen near Bad Kreuznach.	
3/3rd			HIL				
4/3rd	MOSQUITO VI	F/O E. A. JOHNSON. W/O E. W. PAGE.	FLOWER, FRITZLAR. HIL	1818	2302	Patrol uneventful. Wörzburg A/P lit. Bonn also lit and S/Ls active. Wk- T/A 7-8/10ths down on to hills tops 5,000 ft.	
"	"	S/O G. S. TEGGAT. F/O J. J. COCHRANE	FLOWER, KITTENDEN. WELCH.	1814	2200	No activity, but red intruder warning fired from vicinity of Hanau/Landebach. Jet propelled s/o - jet only seen in vicinity of Bonn. Wk- T/A, 10/10ths cloud from 0 ft. to 3,500 ft.	
"	"	F/O R. D. THOMAS. F/O R. W. MACDONALD.	FLOWER, HANAU. LACHEN.	1832	2259	S/Ls active in T/A, inaccurate, no other activity.	
"	"	F/O H. HORTLAKE. F/O W. SENEZ.	FLOWER, WEL. WELCH.	1826	2138	Six S/Ls active and fairly accurate from Koblenz, and could not pinpoint due to them.	
"	"	F/O A. SMITH. F/O W. P. RYDER.	FLOWER, HOTA. WELCH.	1819	2116	Unable to pinpoint due to haze. Wk- 9/10ths cloud base 2,000 ft. tops 5,000 ft. over W. Holland. Heavy haze over Solder See and E. Holland.	
"	"	W/O G. S. JOHNSON. Sgt. D. D. ENLEY	FLOWER, LINDENBURG. PASSING.	1822	2228	No activity in T/A. Patrol uneventful. Wk- T/A heavy haze up to 1,000 ft. Vis. 3 miles. 7/10ths cloud, tops 1500 ft. W. of Dummer Lake.	
"	"	F/O L. E. MILLER. Sgt. W. HOOPER.	FLOWER, REPERT. HINDERSBACH.	1739	2212	T/A inactive. Flak ground, flashed nav. lights several times and also fired a "3 red" cartridge to try to attract attention but nothing happened, in the vicinity of Ober-Olm 2035 hrs. "3 red 3 white" cartridge seen fired from the air. Wk- T/A 3/10ths cloud base 3,000 ft. Haze, vis. moderate to poor.	

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4/5th	MOSQUITO VI	S/L F. A. MONTGOMERY P/L J. H. G. BOURGEOIS	FLOWER, HEDGECOCK	1802	2136	Patrolled T/A and at 1940 hrs. saw an a/c with downward ident. lights on, went after it, but 7 S/Ls tried to engage Montgoin. Evasive action was taken and saw another a/c about 50 yds. behind and above us, flashing its downward ident. lights. We took evasive action and went right down to the deck. After the 3/Ls doused the two a/c were lost. We then found ourselves over Emden. 3/Ls tried to engage and some 1/2 was fired from one or two guns. Wk- T/A, patches of low cloud - base up to 2,000 ft. Vis. 1/2 miles.	
"	"	P/L GLASSCO P/O WOOD	OPS. TRAINING, LEZUMBIEN	1806	2144	Uneventful. Klds, 1945 hrs. "2 red & 3 white" cartridge fired from the ground. Two S/Ls active in this area. Wk- Very heavy ceiling 2,000 ft. 10/10ths cloud 3,000 ft. Vis. 2-3 miles.	
5/6th	MOSQUITO VI	P/L H. LORIAN P/L WISEWELL	SCRAMBLE TO MUNSTER.	2028	2303	Proceeded as far as Hardenbergh 2134 hours and returned as the cloud was about 500 ft. and getting lower. Wk- Vis poor and continuous light rain.	
"	"	P/O S. D. THOMAS P/L S. W. MACDONALD	SCRAMBLE TO AHLHORN.	1945	2307	Uneventful. Wk- 9/10ths cloud T/A base 8,900 ft. Vis. sometimes down to 1 mile.	
6/7th	MOSQUITO VI	P/L J. A. JOHNSON W/O J. W. PAGE	FLOWER, HEDGECOCK MUNSTER	1825	2238	Uneventful. At 1955 hrs. a/c seen to explode in air and crash near Oldembok. Returned early due to bad weather and inability to pinpoint. Wk- 3-4/10ths cloud at 1500 ft. over sea increasing to 8-9/10ths overland. Vis. under 1 mile.	
"	"	P/L T. MATTHEW P/O G. H. IRBY	FLOWER, LUBBECK BLANKENBURG	1712	2258	Uneventful. At 2027 hrs. flak from Wangerborge Island. Two S/Ls both inaccurate. Wk- Thunderstorms over N. Sea, 8/10ths cu. and cu. nim. overland clearing at T/A. Vis. 2-3 miles.	

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6/7th	MOSQUITO VI	P/L H. LORIAN P/L W. SEWELL	SCRAMBLE, AHLHORN VARELSBURG	1955	2230	No activity at either aerodrome. At 2050 hrs. road convoy seen just east of Dalem, attacked and damaged. Wk- Thunderstorms over N. Sea, 8-10/10ths cloud at 3,000 ft. overland. Vis 4-5 miles.	
"	MOSQUITO VII	P/O BRASCHKE P/O STRATTON	OPS. TRAINING LEZUMBIEN.	1838	2131	Uneventful. 1/P 5 mls. S. Emden, inaccurate. 20X1 hours orange glow seen in sea at D.R. position 52°43'N, 03°14'W. Wk- 7/10ths cloud at 1500 ft. over sea and land with breaks. Rain over sea. Vis. two mile.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/L GLASSCO P/O WOOD	OPS. TRAINING FRANKFURT AREA	1740	2206	Uneventful. At 2008 hrs. at position 50°00'N, 07°30'W Jet a/c single jet seen flying at 4,5000 ft. disappeared into cloud. Wk- Clear across France to Mannheim then 6-7/10ths st. cu. at 3,000 ft.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/L D. B. ANNAN P/O A. W. MACHYDOSH	FLOWER, SVET GEMUNHUSEN.	1715	2215	Uneventful. Intensities accurate 1/P from Jagel. Wk- Scattered cloud across sea. Heavy thunderstorms near German coast. Clear from 15 miles inland.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O M. L. BEARS Sgt. W. F. HILL	NIGHT RANGER GROVE AALBORG.	1747	2210	Uneventful. Could not identify landfall in vicinity of Fellsmo due to bad weather so a/c for base after searching for 35 minutes at 1950 hours. Wk- 8 to 10/10ths cu. base 2,000 ft. and below - electrical storms over N. Sea with rain and hail - vis. very poor.	
"	MOSQUITO VII	P/O A. SMITH P/O W. P. RUTZER	SCRAMBLE TO GEMUNHUSEN.	0132	0457	Uneventful - returned from about 10 miles N.W. of Frankfurt at 0256 hrs. Wk- 10/10ths st. cu. base 500 ft. from Belgian coast to T/A. Heavy showers. Vis. poor.	
7/8th	MOSQUITO VI	P/L G. E. WALKER P/L G. G. RICHARDS	SCRAMBLE TO AHLHORN, VARELSBURG.	1847	2045	Uneventful. Returned early due to bad weather. At 1920 hrs. at 5220N, 0245E, 2 large yellowish explosions in air, some distance away bearing 080°W. At 1924 hrs. 1 large white explosion 4-5 mls. away bearing 080°W. At 2010 hrs. at posn. 5245N, 0234E a white jet a/c 2,000 ft. above and on same course (300c) at wash	

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						greater speed. Single jet on for 20 secs. Wk:- Scattered cloud across sea with rain. Dutch Coast clear but 10/10ths 5 miles inland with heavy rain.	
8/9th	MOSQUITO VI	S/L O. S. LEGG P/O J. L. COCHRANE	SCRAMBLE TO HEISEN	2031	0005	Uneventful. At Yarralbusch 2225 hrs. saw light blinking flying east at 1,000 ft. Mosquito flying south. dived to attack and almost immediately the light on the a/c went out and all lighting at Yarralbusch doused. Just before Yarralbusch doused a single S/L came on momentarily. Wk:- T/A 3/10ths base 2,500 ft. vis. fair.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O N. J. SHARR SPT. W. F. HILL	SCRAMBLE TO AHLBORN.	2045	2343	No activity in T/A. Patrolled for about 10 minutes then returned. Some MET were seen and attacked, strikes seen but no definite results were observed. Wk:- 5/10ths on base 800 ft. p.dor vis. over Channel. T/A. 5-8/10ths at sea base 5,000 ft. heavy ground base.	
9/10th	MOSQUITO VI	W/O G. S. JOHNSON SPT. D. D. KELLY	SCRAMBLE, AHLBORN WISCHENAHN.	1860	2150	Uneventful. Could not pinpoint position due to bad weather. S/C for Zuder Zee to find definite position. arriving 2031 hrs. High powered white revolving beacon seen in area SW. Swolle (2031 hrs.) Wk:- T/A 8/10ths cloud 700 ft. scattered showers.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	S/L F. A. MONTGOMERY P/O. SHARRERS	OPS. TRAINING FRANKFURT AREA	1839	2150	At 1845 hrs. saw 3 F/50s heading west, one exploded in the sea. Proceeded as far as Rhine, south of Koblenz 2000 hrs. then returned due to unfavourable weather. Wk:- Koblenz area 10/10ths cloud tops about 4,000 ft. Vis. fair.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O BRASHING P/O. BERKATON.	OPS. TRAINING FRANKFURT AREA	1905	2225	Proceeded as far as the Rhine near Bopard 2032 hrs. then returned due to poor weather. Wk:- Bopard area. 10/10ths cloud, tops 4,500 ft. base 1500 ft.	

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9/10th	MOSQUITO VI	S/L D. B. ARNOLD P/O. A. M. MACDONALD	SCRAMBLE, HANDORF, MINSTER.	1859	2216	Saw Diver at 521N, 0112E on course 260°M at 500 ft. Saw large explosion at 1955 hrs. in vicinity of Bealitz. No activity in T/A. Attacked MET convoy at 2053 hrs. proceeding south on road towards Swolle with cannon, damaging one lorry, attacked lorry with lights on and it exploded with an orange flame. Wk:- T/A 7/10ths cloud base below 1,000 ft. vis. out of cloud good.	
"	"	S/L J. PHILLIPS P/O B. JOB	OPS. TRAINING, FRANKFURT AREA	2004	2345	No activity in T/A. Saw Jet a/c proceeding north about 4,000 ft. 10 miles W. of Ober Oln disappearing into cloud.	
"	"	P/O. A. SMITH P/O W. F. RUTHER	SCRAMBLE, AHLBORN 2030 ZWISCHENAHN.	0039		Arrived in T/A 2200 hrs. Yarralbusch lit but doused as a/c arrived. Aircraft seen to land with landing lights on at Zwischenahn, but doused as Mosquito approached. Wk:- T/A clear, visibility good.	
10/13th	MOSQUITO VI	S/L R. LORIAN P/L W. SEWELL	FLOWER, VECHTA QUACKERBUCK & HOJA.	1753	2155	Uneventful. Wk:- Few patched cloud at 1500 ft. over sea and Holland. Clear in T/A vis. 5-10 miles.	
"	"	P/O. A. SMITH P/O. W. F. RUTHER	FLOWER, TWENTE RHINE, FLAVLUND.	1822	2250	Uneventful. U/I A/C (possibly a Mosquito), Ht. 3,000 ft., speed 240, course 085°, seen at 2020 hrs. 10 mins. W. of Bealitz. Chased for 2 minutes, but lost in cloud. Wk:- Scattered cloud over sea increasing eastwards to 5/10ths at 800 ft. in T/A Heavy ground base.	
"	"	P/A CLARCO P/O WOOD	FLOWER, LEUWERIKEN/STRECHT.	1930	2329	Uneventful. Wk:- Scattered cloud over sea and to Zuder Zee then clear to end in T/A	
"	"	W/O G. S. JOHNSON SPT. D. D. KELLY	FLOWER, HANDORF.	1835	2317	Uneventful. At 1925 hrs. at position 5212N, 0243E 7 Divers, 3 seen launched from 200 ft. max. 1800 ft. At 1928 hrs. a further Diver was observed launched at about 200 ft. which crashed into sea and exploded. At 1930 hrs. two more were launched at about 600 ft. Nothing seen launching aircraft.	

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11/12th	MOSQUITO VI	S/Lt. C. S. LEEGAT P/Lt. P. L. COCHRANE, KITZINGEN, WÜRZBURG.	FLOWER.	1715	2034	Proceeded as far as Bad Homburg, N. of Frankfurt, then turned back at 1855 hours owing to bad weather. WX - Clear over Mos area. Showers over N.E. France & Belgium. Firm Rhine eastwards 10/10ths cloud.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/Lt. GLASSCO. P/O. WOOD	FLOWER, OBER OLM 1801 WESBACHEN	1801	2143	At 1953 hrs. observed Jet a/c 5 mls. west of Moselle at posn. 50°08'N, 07°13'E. At 1954 hrs. a/c bank to Thine and at 1957 hrs. Jet a/c was seen in posn. approx. 50°03'N, 07°20'E. Jet a/c followed Mosquito closing and at 2000 hrs. 300 yds. behind. Pilot then turned steeply into cloud, and Jet a/c was lost. WX - 10/10ths mt. CU. tops 5,000ft, base 1500/2000ft, persisting from French Coast to T/A with breaks only near the German frontier.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/O S. P. SEID P/O D. N. McINTOSH	FLOWER, KASSEL ROTHSWEYER.	1750	2205	At 1830 hrs. saw S/E Jet a/c 50 mls. W. of Egmond at 3,000 ft. and at 1836 hrs. observed another S/D Jet a/c at 2,000 ft. 20 mls. W. of Egmond. At 1925 hrs. 1 a/c in vicinity of Dummer Lake tried to engage Mosquito. At 1943 hrs. landing ground in vicinity of Holsindon lit. Winstorf lit. several S/A formed among. Observed a/c on downwind leg and Mosquito prepared to engage. Two light guns opened fire, firing vertically for one minute. During the period of fire an explosion was seen on runway & shortly after the guns ceased.	
"	MOSQUITO VI	P/Lt. J. PHILLIPS. P/O B. JOE	FLOWER. SCHLESWIG JAGEL.	1753	2240	Uneventful patrol. Schleswig & Jagel lit with V/L and white beacon flashing "A.W". No activity at Tonder A/B. Flares fired from Sylt continuously during patrol. WX - Heavy showers N. Sea area. T/A, vis. 10/20 mls. 9/10ths medium cloud at 4,000 ft. base.	

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FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1944 TO 14.

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
11/12th	MOSQUITO VI	W/O. R. BAINBRIDGE P/O. H. BRICE.	FLOWER, LURBECK HACKENBURG.	1815	2358	1945 hrs. Varel lit, much a/c activity. Arrived S/A 2240 hrs., and found it lit. At 2105 hrs. saw an explosion on ground 5 miles west of aerodrome which later seen to burn. Much high level flak all down Weser estuary. WX - Occasional showers as far as Bremen. Considerable haze south of Bremen and Hamburg. 10/10ths cloud down to 15000ft. in S/A	
"	"	P/O M. I. SEARS. Sgt. W. P. HILL.	FLOWER, ACHNER HEGER, HANAUEREN.	1816	2221	At 1950 hrs. Achner unlit and inactive. Heger also unlit and inactive at 1955 hrs. At 2059 hrs attacked convoy of 6 U-BOATs stricken seen. Opposition from flak ship 12 miles west of Egmond at 2135 hrs. WX - Persistent showers with cloud down to 500 ft. in showers.	
"	"	P/O. EWASCHKE P/O. STRATTON.	FLOWER, TWENTE RHEINE.	1800	2237	Twente and Rheine unlit and inactive at 1937 hrs. At 2055 hrs attacked U-BOAT on secondary road west of Lingen, saw blue and white flashes. WX - Scattered showers throughout. Clear in T/A. Cloud 5/10th. Vis. good outside showers.	
12/13th	MOSQUITO VI.	P/Lt. G. E. WALKER. P/Lt. D. G. RICHARDS.	FLOWER, AALBORG	1711	2112	Proceeded to T/A on D.R. arriving at 1920 hrs. unable to see anything due to unfavourable weather so returned. WX - T/A. cloud and haze up to about 4,000 ft. vis. very poor.	
"	"	P/O. S. P. SEID P/O. D. N. McINTOSH	FLOWER, OOBENHAGEN.	1815	2035	Uneventful. 100 mls. WSW Romo, large explosion seen at 5,000 ft. dead ahead. At 2200 hrs. at 700 ft. two very bright lights seen on surface at posn. 8 mls. E. of 42°10'N, 03°38'W visible 20 miles away.	
13/14th							
14/15th	MOSQUITO VI.	P/Lt. T. MATTHEW. P/O. C. H. DEWE.	SCRAUZE SIBORP.	1849	2023	Flew in cloud and showers on instruments until 2 minutes after P.T.A., unable to distinguish between land and water and a/c for base at 1938 hours.	

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				Up	Down		
14/15th	MOSQUITO V1	F/O A. SCOTT F/O R. P. BAKER	STRANDE, HESSE	1846	2030	Unable to pinpoint due to weather.	
15/16th				NIL			
16/17th				NIL			
17/18th				NIL			
18/19th	MOSQUITO V1	F/O SCHMIDT F/O STRATTON	FLOWER QUACKENBUCK & VECINA	1745	2211	No activity seen at A/P's patrolled. At 1900 hrs. considerable road traffic seen moving east from Meppel area. 1/P seen from Zwolle. WX: 10/10ths at 500' ft. E. of Zinder Zee to S/A. poor vis.	
"	MOSQUITO V1	F/O F. D. THOMAS F/O E. W. MACDONALD	FLOWER, FRANKFURT/1810 BIRKEN WAIN & MIBRADEL	1810	2230	No activity seen at Target A/P's. Ober-Olm and Grinsheim appeared active. Two MEV attacked and down in T/A and a third vehicle damaged at Coches on the Moselle. WX: 3/4 - no cloud. vis. good.	
"	"	F/O C. J. WEDDER F/O W. STUBBS	FLOWER, BONL	1809	2235	Bonn A/P active but no E/A seen and patrol was uneventful. WX: Clear in T/A with slight haze. vis. good.	
"	"	F/O GLASSCO F/O WOOD	FLOWER STUTTGART/SCHPENDINGEN	1823	2320	No activity seen at Kosterdingen. Hailfingen A/P was seen to have E/P on 220°. This could not be seen above 500 ft. Patrol generally uneventful. WX: Clear with slight mist in valleys. Vis good.	
"	"	F/O E. A. JOHNSON F/O R. W. FACE	FLOWER PUTZLAR	1750	2340	Putzlar A/P lit on arrival but doused at 2000 hrs. An A/P 15 mls. S. of Putzlar, either Eiegenheim or possibly a dummy then came on and remained lit during patrol. Two MEV attacked south of Putzlar - strikes on one. One MEV attacked near Harburg - strikes seen. A/G seen to crash in flames near Daun A/P at 2208 hrs. WX: Cloudless in T/A but vis. reduced by haze.	
"	"	S/L C. S. LEGG F/O R. B. BRUCE	NIGHT RANGER VIENNA AREA	1830	2352	T/O St. Didier. Patrol curtailed owing to weather. Pilot turned back at Inns. WX: Cloudless but hazy. E. of Munich considerable mist with nil. visibility.	
19/20th				NIL			
20th to 30th		NON OPERATIONAL					

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Operations Record Book - No. 418 Squadron - December 1944

1. Form 541 of the subject Operations Record Book lists sorties under Dec. 31st/Jan. 1st, although all times up and down for aircraft were completed before 2359 hours on the 31st December. The Squadron explains that it takes its operational period as sunset one day to sunset the following day. While this would appear not to be in accordance with AF.3040, para 8(g), it has been noted that quite a number of Squadrons normally follow the Intelligence method of dividing the operations into sunrise to sunset and sunset to sunrise.

2. Para. 8(g) of AF.3040 has lead to a great many difficulties and this Headquarters has been carrying out a series of discussions with Air Ministry to determine whether or not a suitable amendment may be made to this paragraph so that the Squadrons may compile F.541 on a uniform time basis.

3. In view of the above it is not thought necessary to amend the Squadron's F.541 as the Squadron has indicated that the times for the a/s involved were correct and - in spite of the dual date - there should be no confusion as to when the operations actually took place.

D. L. Thompson
(W. H. Thompson) W/C
for A.O.C.-in-C., R.C.A.F. Overseas

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
RAF HARTFORD BRIDGE	DECEMBER, 1944	20th	WX: Fog and mist persisting throughout day. Our Xmas party was a great success. The entertainments Committee were able to work all day on the last minute arrangements owing to the cancellation of the flying programme. Dinner, consisting of Roast Goose, (A spite of the black Market I) was served to the airman by the officers in the large Mess Hall. A concert party "Airscreens" gave a really good show, commencing at 7.30 PM and from 2000 onwards the free-for-all was in progress. 180 gallons of booze was served to the crowd, also refreshments. Dancing commenced about 20.30 and continued until after midnight. Lucky sports, and novelty dances, and a lucky draw for whisky etc., were among the highlights of the evening. Doubtlessly it was enjoyed by all, and the Squadron owe a huge debt to the entertainments Committee, headed by P/Lt Sewell, for the excellent manner in which they performed a truly hard task. No operational activity.		
		21st	WX: Widespread fog lifting gradually to low cloud. Vis poor. P/O Joe Barnes reported for duty with us as Intelligence officer, P/O Hughes posted to H.Q. 6 Group. Many bleary-eyed individuals reading around the dispersal today, as a result of last night's party. Flying for afternoon cancelled. One or two attempts were made to get to the ranges. "A" Flight: Formation and low-level practice, and dive bombing practice. "B" Flight: Formation practice. No operational activity.		
		22nd	WX: Wide spread fog gradually lifting throughout day. Vis poor. It was learned today that 50 % of our aircrew will be allowed on pass over the Xmas period. "A" Flight: Nil "B" Flight: Nil No operational activity.		
		23rd	WX: Wide spread fog persisting in whole of area. "A" Flight: Dive bombing practice. "B" Flight: Nil No operational activity.		
		24th	WX: Group Capt Lighthorn, senior R.C.A.F. Padre arrived today to spend Xmas with the Squadron and Echelon. "A" Flight: Formation practice. P/Lt Johnson (P/O Pace) to Coxyde and return. P/Lt Mason 3 trips in Oxford. "B" Flight: P/O Hughes (P/O Zimmer) to Coxyde. No operational activity.		
		25th	WX: Still foggy !! Sharp hoar frost. Vis. poor. Tummy announcement that 136 King has been put operational. Huge flap - All Squadron boys on leave and pass were recalled; many from their Xmas dinners. Efforts were made to send some crews to advanced bases but weather bad, and programme scrubbed. A disappointing yuletide for many, but news of operations at last was very welcome. The Squadron was well represented at local village functions !!! Xmas dinner served to airman and WAAF by officers. Chinese show on camp in the afternoon. All ranks dance held in evening. "A" Flight: Nil "B" Flight: Nil No operational activity.		

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RAF HARTFORD BRIDGE	DECEMBER, 1944	26th	WX: Fog still persisting. Vis. poor. Squadron goes to work in morning in the hope of flying, but weather too bad. Programme for night scrubbed in afternoon. Airman's dance in NAAPL. Communal site, "A". "A" Flight: Nil "B" Flight: Nil No operational activity.		
		27th	WX: Fog, and hoar frost. Temperature very low! Vis. poor. Another batch of inoculations. "A" Flight: Nil "B" Flight: Nil No operational activity.		
		28th	WX: Fog lifting gradually. Vis. 1000-1500 ft. generally. Hoar frost, warming issued. Total expense incurred at Xmas Party was £ 212. "A" Flight: Nil "B" Flight: Nil No operational activity.		
		29th	WX: Fog throughout morning, clearing during afternoon. Vis. poor to moderate. Light and variable winds. Officers attended Xmas Party in Mess. Large crowd present and enjoyable time had by all. "A" Flight: N.F.T.'s. "B" Flight: N.F.T.'s. No operational activity.		
		30th	WX: Anticyclone centred off S.W. England. Fog clearing generally. Vis. moderate. NIL "A" Flight: N.F.T.'s. "B" Flight: N.F.T.'s. No operational activity.		
		31st	WX: Clear and sunny. Visibility good. First night operations and New Years Eve. Last crew landed in time to celebrate the New Years arrival in Mess. Next year we hope to celebrate at home. "A" Flight: N.F.T.'s. ... compass setting. "B" Flight: N.F.T.'s. Operations: The following petrolled Battle area (Ardenas area) bombing and strafing Rail and Road targets. P/Lt Miller (P/O Hooper), P/Lt Johnson (P/O Pace), P/Lt Matthew (P/O Drew), P/Lt Hope (P/O Sharpe), P/O Thomas (P/Lt Macdonald), P/Lt Phillips (P/O Job), P/O Smith (P/O Retzer), W/O Johnston (Sgt Kelly), P/O Baskin (P/O Stratten), P/O Bernier (P/O Simpson), P/Lt Johnson (P/O Dobby).		

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RAF HARTFORD BRIDGE					
DECEMBER, 1944					
NUMBER OF OPERATIONAL SORTIES FOR MONTH: 12			TRAINING HOURS FOR MONTH: 456.30		
OPERATIONAL HOURS FOR MONTH: 39.40			PERSONNEL ON STRENGTH AS AT 2359 hrs 31st DEC, 1944.		
R.C.A.F. Officers.....	aircrew.....30	R.C.A.F. airmen.....	aircrew.....2		
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R.A.F. Officers.....	aircrew.....20	R.A.F. airmen.....	aircrew.....3		
R.A.F. Officers.....	groundcrew...1	R.A.F. airmen.....	groundcrew...0		
AIRCRAFT ON STRENGTH:					
MOSQUITO VI.....20					
CYPRESS.....1					
MAGISTER.....1					
 (J.G. Wickett) Wing Commander, Commanding, No. 418 Squadron, R.C.A.F.					

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	MOSQUITO VI		December 1st to December 30th	1944			
			No Operational Activity.				
31/1st Jan		F/L H.R. MILLER	PATROL	1802	2125	Straffed 1 MET. S. 10763 and 1 MET W. 0487. Also bombed explosions and lights in wood I. 0771 N.R.O.	
"		F/S F. BOGGER	<i>Under review</i>				
"		F/L F.A. JOHNSON	PATROL	1815	2155	Bombed Railway junction at L2281 on Gee N.R.O.	
"		F/O E.V. PAGE	do				
"		F/L T. MATTHEW	PATROL	1835	2230	Bombed Fronsfield, N.R.O. A/O twoes hit by flak, flying bomb seen on course 320 deg. at 5000 ft.	
"		F/O G.H. DEAN	do				
"		F/L R.M. HIFE	PATROL	1855	2210	Bombed Schuro (I4506) N.R.O.	
"		F/O L.A. THORPE	do				
"		F/O R.D. THORPE	PATROL	1855	2250	Bombed Autobahn at I4368, Near Miss. Bombed Autobahn at I4271. Overshot. Straffed MET at I4672 N.R.O.	
"		F/L J.H. PHILLIPS DFC	PATROL	1900	2235	Bombed a fire at Schwiesheim (I4383) N.R.O. 1 x 500 hung up.	
"		F/O R. JOB DFC	do				
"		F/O A. SMITH	PATROL	1950	2135	Bombed wood (P.6674) N.R.O.	
"		F/O V.P. BRIDGER	do				
"		F/O G.B. BRIDGER	PATROL	1910	1920	Task abandoned. Gyro u/s.	
"		F/O N.E. ZIMMER	do				
"		W/O G.S. JOHNSON	PATROL	1940	2255	Bombs brought back. Position uncertain.	
"		Sgt D.D. KELLY	do				
"		F/O M. BRASCHUK	PATROL	1940	2315	Bombed Ulmen (I4580) N.R.O. Straffed lights North of Damm. N.R.O.	
"		F/O R.M. STRATTON	do				
"		F/O P. BERTNER	PATROL	2010	2135	Bombs brought back. Hung up.	
"		F/O W. THOMPSON	do				
"		F/L J.S. JOHNSON	PATROL	2000	2345	Bombed road S. of Ulmen (I4580) N.R.O. Straffed road and wood I.4580 to I4276.	
"		F/S P.M. DOLBY	do				
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RAF HARTFORD BRIDGE	JANUARY 1945	6th	WX. Rain showers, and occasional snow shower. Moderate visibility, except in showers. Personnel are having severe colds and several in sick quarters. Squadron band is almost ready for their opening dance. "A" Flight; NPT's "B" Flight; NPT's Nil operations		
		7th	WX. Cold front affecting area, with sleet and snow showers. Sunday - Our Padre S/L French is now holding Communion Service at 1100 Hrs. and evening service at 1900 hrs. in the K-of-G Hut "Geneva House". "A" Flight; Air ground firing and bombing practise. & NPT's. "B" Flight; -do- Nil operations.		
		8th	WX. Frequent wintry showers local sleet and snow. Vis. moderate. Mail has been scarce lately owing to a mistake at Postal H.Q. and our mail is going to the Continent. "A" Flight; NPT's F/O Johnston to GEBHAM "B" Flight; NPT's F/O McKittrick (F/O White) to High Wycombe in Oxford. Nil operations.		
		9th	WX. Wintry showers. Vis. generally moderate and except in snow blizzards. Nil "A" Flight; Nil "B" Flight; Nil Nil operations.		
		10th	WX. Frequent snow falls, vis. moderate. R.C.A.F. show "All Clear" played to a capacity house today. A grand show and thoroughly enjoyed by all personnel - especially the Canadians. Our entertainment Committee are trying to obtain more entertainers of this type. "A" Flight; NPT's Formation flying. "B" Flight; NPT's Formation flying. F/O Moore to Odham. Nil operations.		
		11th	WX. Frequent snow showers clearing during afternoon. Heavy fall at night. Vis. poor. Supervisor Teggart is busy supplying comforts to Canada House. Activity is tops these days. "A" Flight; NPT's and formation flying. "B" Flight; -do- nil operations.		
		12th	WX. Cold front affecting whole area. Showers persisting all day. Vis. poor. Sports Committee are endeavouring to organise Soccer and Rugby teams to participate in Wing League. "A" Flight; Nil "B" Flight; Nil nil operations.		

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RAF HARTFORD BRIDGE	JANUARY 1945	13th	WX. Fog and mist over whole of area, clearing slightly during afternoon. Vis. poor to moderate. No word received of our Oxford which took off for Woodvale this morning. Casualty action has been taken. "A" Flight: NPT's. low-level, X-country, formation practice. F/L Mather, F/O Botner, F/O Day, F/O Park to Woodvale, Abbots Duch in Oxford. No news of A/C. "B" Flight: NPT's. Operations: F/L Johnson, F/O Thomas, F/O Johnston, F/L Walker, F/O Bernier, F/L Hackett, F/O Macleod, F/O Barry, S/L Montgomery, F/L Cherry, F/L Hope, F/L Drake all patrolled battle area (MURRANCE, FROM, MURRANCE, along bank line to MURRANCE) straffing, bombing, enemy houses, road and rail transport, barracks and lights seen in woods. F/L Drake brought bombs back due to Gee failure.		
		14th	WX. Generally hazy over whole of area, vis. approx 2 miles. Low stratus forming at nightfall. Nil "A" Flight: NPT's. "B" Flight: NPT's. Operations: F/O Wicklett, F/L Walker, F/L Lorisux, F/O Johnston, F/L Hackett, F/O Bernier, F/L Hope, F/L McClatchie, F/O McKittrick, F/L Cherry, F/L Drake, F/L Mason, all patrolled enemy lines behind battle area, straffing and bombing road and rail transport, lighted buildings and towns. F/O Thomas returned early due to electrical troubles. F/O Bernier returned early, engine trouble. F/O Barry (F/O Brown) killed in crash 7 miles from base on returning from Op sortie.		
		15th	WX. low stratus with occasional drizzle. Poor visibility. "City of Edmonton" are again pouring parcels to us. Distribution will be made this week. "A" Flight: NPT's. "B" Flight: NPT's. Nil operations.		
		16th	WX. Fairly general fog, with occasional slight drizzle. Vis. poor. F/L C.E. King R.C.A.F. Accounts and S/L E. Eymann, RCAP Padre, F/L Brigg, RCAP Liaison Officers visited our Unit today. "A" Flight: Nil "B" Flight: Nil Nil operations.		
		17th	WX. Clear skies for part day, until passage of a weak front, then 6/10th Se & Ct clearing up about 5 PM. After this time sky again became cloudy, winds increased in strength. Bovies have been resumed in "Canada House" and Officers Mess and NPT Room. Entertainment Committee are busy trying to engage more RCAP shows. Personnel are still talking about "All clear". "A" Flight: NPT's. "B" Flight: NPT's. Operations: NPT's. F/L Mason flew to Redrall, F/O Swaschuk, low level cross country. F/O Hughes S.A.F. Operations: F/O Wicklett, F/O Thomas, F/L Lorisux, F/O Bernier, F/O Johnston, F/L Hackett, F/L Montgomery, F/L Cherry, F/L Mason, F/L Drake, F/O Swaschuk, F/O Hughes, F/O Bernier, F/L McClatchie, F/O McKittrick, F/O Moore, operating ahead of Dr. 2nd Army thrust MURRANCE, HEINBERG, HEINBERG, bombed and straffed, houses and NPT received attention.		
		18th	WX. Sky cloudy most of day 9/10 10/10th Ps and Se cloud. Wind 46 m.p.h. with gusts up to 55 m.p.h. during rain, sleet and vis. except during rain storms. Two distinct cold fronts passed through base, approx 1500 hrs and 1900 hrs.		

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RAF HARTFORD BRIDGE	JANUARY 1945	19th	<p>WX: Slight snow squalls, cold winds, still gusty, vis. good 5/10 to 9/10ths cloud.</p> <p>Today the three cartons of cigs. from our sponsors were collected, 100 cigarettes the address we were labeled as The Desert Air Force, C.M.F. These cigs. should last quite some while and came at a very opportune moment, as our stock was quite low.</p> <p>"A" Flight; NPT's</p> <p>Operations: F/O Wickett, S/L Montgomery, F/O Braschuck, F/O Hughes, F/O Redeker, took part on ops., all returned early due to weather or radar trouble, except S/L Montgomery who bombed a large factory and strafed railway lines.</p>																										
		20th	<p>WX: Snow squalls quite frequently, which covered the ground with a small amount of snow. Sun was strong enough to melt it. 5/10-7/10th Cu cloud with 9/10 Fc. lower cloud.</p> <p>The E of G Saturday night show for the siren did not materialize due to no film turning up, this means no show in the officers mess tomorrow night.</p> <p>"A" Flight NPT's</p> <p>"B" Flight NPT's</p> <p>Operations - NIL</p>																										
		21st	<p>WX: Trace of Cu (less than 1/10) with 3/10 false Ci. Fine all day, sunny but cold wind still persists. Good vis.</p> <p>F/L R.E. NAYLOR J4550 Pilot and SGT. BUTLER T.C. 180224 reported for duty with our squadron today from No. 29 S.W.</p> <p>"A" Flight: S/L Annon, F/L Johnson, F/O Thomas, low level cross country across France. Best NPT's</p> <p>"B" Flight: F/L Mason, F/L Johnson (J.F.), F/L Cherry, F/O McLachlan, F/O Redeker, low level cross-country to show, rest NPT's</p> <p>Operations: S/L Annon, F/L John son, F/O Thomas, F/O Lorisux, F/L Phillips, F/O Moore, F/O Hughes, F/L Mason, F/L Cherry, F/L J.S.P. Johnson, F/L McLachlan, F/O Redeker, F/O McKittrick, F/L Hope participated in the now familiar role of bombing and strafing all Benetramt ahead of the 21st Army Group. (2nd British).</p>																										
		22nd	<p>WX: Low cloud St. 10/10ths early morning give snow, clearing up around mid-day with sufficient sun to melt most of snow. Sky clouded over with 10/10ths frontal Ci.</p> <p>The following crews reported today from No. 2 G.S.U. for duty.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>F/L W.C. CHAMBERS</td> <td>PILOT</td> <td>J11328</td> <td>RCAP</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SGT. ROSENTHAL S.</td> <td>NAV</td> <td>171674</td> <td>RAF</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F/O L.H. McLeod</td> <td>PILOT</td> <td>J25876</td> <td>RCAP</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F/O G.D. MORRISON</td> <td>NAV</td> <td>169020</td> <td>RAF</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F/O A.M. HIGGINS</td> <td>PILOT</td> <td>J24978</td> <td>RCAP</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F/O J. WICKEN</td> <td>NAV</td> <td>169057</td> <td>RAF</td> </tr> </table> <p>"A" Flight; NPT's</p> <p>"B" Flight; NPT's</p> <p>Operations: F/O Wickett, S/L Annon, F/L Johnson, F/O Thomas, F/L Lorisux, F/L Phillips, F/L Cherry, F/L Mason, F/L J.S.P. Johnson, F/O Hughes, F/O Redeker, F/O McKittrick, F/O Moore, F/L Hope, strafed MET, railway lines, lines of communication, villages ahead of the 21st Army Group (2nd British), F/L Hope attacked a VI, no results observed.</p>	F/L W.C. CHAMBERS	PILOT	J11328	RCAP	SGT. ROSENTHAL S.	NAV	171674	RAF	F/O L.H. McLeod	PILOT	J25876	RCAP	F/O G.D. MORRISON	NAV	169020	RAF	F/O A.M. HIGGINS	PILOT	J24978	RCAP	F/O J. WICKEN	NAV	169057	RAF		
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RAF HARTFORD BRIDGE	JANUARY 1945	23rd	<p>WX: Continuous snow until 4 P.M. sky cleared with 4/10ths Cu. Cloud. Keen frost, causing snow to become very sloppy.</p> <p>Squadron still has several members on sick list. Colds are prevalent and sick quarters are very busy.</p> <p>"A" Flight; NIL NPT's</p> <p>"B" Flight; NIL NPT's</p> <p>Operations; NIL</p>		
		24th	<p>WX: Foggy vis. down to 100 yds. Temperature remained below freezing point all day.</p> <p>Sr. N.O.s were entertained by officers in mess tonight. Usual singing and refreshments made an enjoyable evening.</p> <p>"A" Flight; NIL</p> <p>"B" Flight; NIL</p> <p>Operations; NIL</p>		
		25th	<p>WX: Fog and mist persisting throughout day. Vis., poor.</p> <p>F/O J.G. WHERRETT, OFFICER COMMANDING, visited London today on service matters.</p> <p>"A" Flight; NIL</p> <p>"B" Flight; NIL</p> <p>Operations; NIL</p>		
		26th	<p>WX: Fog and mist persisting throughout day. Clearing gradually during midday and afternoon.</p> <p>F/L J.H.R. MURRAY NAV/RAD 132992 arrived on a posting from 54 OTW CHARLES HALL. Recent promotions to Flight-Lieutenants include F/O A. SMITH (J.2137), F/O D.J. McKITTRICK (J.21390)</p> <p>F/O O.A. HEDDER (J.12454)</p> <p>"A" Flight; NIL</p> <p>"B" Flight; NIL</p> <p>Operations; NIL</p>		
		27th	<p>WX: Fog and mist throughout whole of day. Slight falls of snow.</p> <p>Red flying weather persists. Sport activities nil. Movies shown in HQ Hut (Canada House) for officers and siren. Education Officer is busy these days. Post War Courses, Rehabilitation, Hot stove League and some brushing up on French, (for future use).</p> <p>"A" Flight; Nil</p> <p>"B" Flight; Nil</p> <p>Operations; Nil</p>		
		28th	<p>WX: General improvement, cloud base lifting gradually throughout day, vis., good.</p> <p>"A" Flight; NPT's and Gee practise homings. F/L NAYLOR (SGT. BUTLER), F/L CHAMBERS (SGT. ROSENTHAL) F/O HIGGINS (F/O WICKEN), on training cross-country to France.</p> <p>"B" Flight; NPT's F/L HOPE (F/O THORPE) returned from Manston.</p> <p>Operations: F/O WICKEN (F/O JESSUP), F/O THOMAS (F/L HOWELL), S/L MONTGOMERY (F/O SHARPLES) S/L ANNON (F/O MACKINTOSH) patrolled battle area. F/O MOORE (F/O WILKINS) jettisoned bombs in channel owing to Gee trouble. F/L NAYLOR (SGT. BUTLER), F/O HUGHES (F/O HILME) returned early with technical trouble. F/L HARRISON (F/O BRITAIN), F/L CHAMBERS (SGT. ROSENTHAL) F/O JOHNSTON (SGT. KELLY), F/O McKITTRICK (F/O WHITE), F/L MASON (F/O MORRIS), F/L JOHNSON (F/O DALEY) F/O BRACK (F/O GURRING), F/O BRASCHUCK (F/O STRATTAN), F/L HOPE (F/O THORPE) all patrolled battle area and diverted on return to Bradwell Bay.</p>		

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RAF HARTWOOD REIDGE	JANUARY 1945 29th		<p>Wk: Fog, mist, with occasional snow showers, vis. poor. Arrangements are being made for a squadron St. Valentines Dance February 14th, 1945. It is hoped to have an RAF Show visit us on that date. Sports activities have been at a standstill due to the wet cold weather.</p> <p>"A" FLIGHT: F/L ROBERTS (P/O BRITLAND), F/L CHAMBER (SGT. ROSENTHAL), F/O JOHNSTON (SGT. HILL) returned from Bradwell Bay and IPT's.</p> <p>"B" FLIGHT: F/L KRAUSS solo to Thorny Island, F/L DRAKE, F/L MCKITTRICK, F/L CHERRY, F/L JOHNSON, F/O BRASCHUK and navigators returned from Bradwell Bay and IPT (F/O HUGHES and F/O HULME)</p> <p>Operations: W/O WICKETT (P/O JESSOP), S/L ANHAN (P/O MACINTOSH) S/L MONTGOMERY (P/O CHARLES) F/L F.A. JOHNSON (P/O PAGE) patrolled behind enemy lines in Cologne area. W/O Wickett returned to base. Base later diverted to Cambrai (Spinoy)</p>		
	30th		<p>Wk: Very early in the morning it snowed but temperature rose above freezing point. Low cloud with intermittent rain and windy later on, clearing snow up. Fog developed in the afternoon.</p> <p>Trade test board visited our echelon this week. Several remasterings and tests took place.</p> <p>"A" FLIGHT: NIL "B" FLIGHT: NIL Operations: NIL</p>		
	31st		<p>Wk: Low stratus cloud covering the whole area occasional rain and drizzles, vis. poor. January was a month of bad weather. The R. of G. AUX Services (Canada House) was fairly busy but non arrival of films and reading materials was very disappointing. It is hoped an improvement will be made during the following month.</p> <p>"A" FLIGHT: NIL "B" FLIGHT: NIL Operations: NIL</p>		
			<p>NUMBER OF OPERATIONAL SORTIES FOR MONTH: 121 OPERATIONAL HOURS FOR MONTH: 406.51 TRAINING HOURS FOR MONTH: 194.50 PERSONNEL ON STRENGTH AT 2359 Hours 31st January 1945.</p> <p>R.C.A.F. OFFICERS.....ALDRICH.....34 R.C.A.F. ALIEN.....ALDRICH.....1 R.C.A.F. OFFICERS.....GROUNDCHW.....5 R.C.A.F. ALIEN.....GROUNDCHW.....9 R.A.F. OFFICERS.....ALDRICH.....21 R.A.F. ALIEN.....ALDRICH.....6 R.A.F. OFFICERS.....GROUNDCHW.....1 R.A.F. ALIEN.....GROUNDCHW.....0</p>		
			<p>AIRCRAFT ON STRENGTH:</p> <p>MOSQUITO VI.....21 MANTISER.....1</p>		
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				UP	DOWN		
1st/2nd	MOSQUITO VI		NIL				
2nd/3rd			NIL				
3rd/4th	"A" - PR397	F/L J.C. WICKETT	PATROL	2234	0200	Bombed ST. VITH on navigational aids. N.R.O. due to adverse weather conditions.	
		F/O N. JESSOP	ARENNES AREA				
"	"B" - PR396	F/L F.A. JOHNSON	PATROL	2223	0150	Bombed ST. VITH on navigational aids. Strikes seen on light which doused.	
		F/O E.V. PAGE	ARENNES AREA				
"	"B" - PR323	F/L H.H. MILLER	PATROL	2237	0115	Landed CAMBRAI EPINOY due to instrument trouble. Report outstanding. (Bombs jettisoned in target area).	
		SGT. W. ROOPER	ARENNES AREA				
"	"B" - PR321	F/O M. BRASCHUK	PATROL	2247	0154	Bombed ST. VITH on nav. aids. N.R.O. due to weather.	
		F/O E.M. STRATTAN	ARENNES AREA				
"	"B" - PR235	F/O M. HENRY	PATROL	2301	0226	Bombed ST. VITH on nav. aids. N.R.O. due to weather.	
		F/O F. BROWN	ARENNES AREA				
"	"B" - PR254	F/L J.K. MCGILCHRIST	PATROL	2306	0137	Task abandoned. Instruments u/s. Bombs jettisoned in target area.	
		F/O W.J. MITCHELL	ARENNES AREA				
"	"B" - PR251	F/L T.L.B. WALKER	PATROL	2321	0302	Bombed ST. VITH on nav. aids. N.R.O. due to weather.	
		F/O D.W. JONES	ARENNES AREA				
"	"B" - PR249	F/O J.H. PHILLIPS	PATROL	2319	0231	Bombed ST. VITH on nav. aids. N.R.O. due to weather.	
		F/O E. JOE	ARENNES AREA				
"	"B" - PR258	F/O E.H. THOMAS	PATROL	2325	0313	Bombed ST. VITH on nav. aids. N.H.G. 1 MNT destroyed at L. 5975 and strikes on another.	
		F/O E.V. MACDONALD	ARENNES AREA				
"	"B" - PR288	F/L K.G. MARCH	PATROL	2349	0300	Bombed ST. VITH on nav. aids. N.R.O. due to weather.	
		F/O K. MORRIS	ARENNES AREA				
"	"B" - PR268	F/O A. SMITH	PATROL	2357	0310	Bombed ST. VITH on nav. aids. N.R.O. due to weather.	
		F/O K. HETZER	ARENNES AREA				
"	"B" - PR267	F/O G.S. JOHNSTON	PATROL	2353	0256	Bombed ST. VITH on nav. aids. N.R.O. due to weather.	
		SGT. D.P. KELLY	ARENNES AREA				
1st/2nd		NIL	NIL				

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				Up	Down		
5th/6th	MOSQUITO VI "A" - P8396	F/L P.A. JOHNSON F/O E.V. PAGE	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	1755	2149	Bombed ST. VITH on Gee N.R.O. Struffed 2 MET at FRONSFELD Strikes seen. Struffed 1 MET at FRON, left in flames.	63
"	"B" - P8342	F/L P.A. MONTGOMERY F/O J.D. SHAPPLES	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	1647	2006	Bombed ST. VITH on Gee N.R.O. Struffed small fire at SCHULO. Large explosions seen.	
"	"C" - P8115	F/L S. MATTHEW F/O G.M. TREN	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	1839	2201	Bombed ST. VITH on fires and MET check. N.R.O. Struffed lights on road L.0677. 1 MET left burning.	
"	"D" - P8849	F/L J.M. VILLIERS F/O R. JOE	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	2137	0101	Bombed MURRING RIDGE on Gee. N.R.O. Struffed 2 MET at L.2806 lights doused.	
"	"E" - P8823	F/O G.R. RUDKER F/O M.E. ZIMMER	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	1933	2251	Bombed ST. VITH on Gee. N.R.O. Attacked flying bomb N. of WINDMOUNT. No strikes seen but VI crashed.	
"	"F" - P8151	F/L G. HACKETT F/O W. BRITPADE	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	2000	2347	Bombed ST. VITH on Gee N.R.O. Struffed 2 lights L.0662 and fire seen.	
6th	"G" - P8168	F/O M. SWASCHKE F/O R. STRATTAN	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	1720	2141	Bombed ST. VITH on Gee. N.R.O. Struffed roads and lights N.R.O.	
"	"H" - P8458	F/O A. SMITH F/O W. HICKER	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	2046	2352	Bombed cross roads K9602 on Gee N.R.O. Struffed roads and lights. No results observed.	
"	"I" - P8321	F/O J. HUGHES F/O L. HUME	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	2055	0032	Bombed ST. VITH on Gee. Struffed lights L.1881 N.R.O.	
"	"J" - P8391	F/O D.J. MONTGOMERY F/O J.E. WHITE	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	2121	0952	Bombed Rivy junction on Gee. L.2584 N.R.O. Struffed lights L.0984 Strikes seen.	
"	"K" - P8572	F/L H.S. GLASSCO F/O T. WOOD	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	1850		Not yet returned	
"	"L" - P8454	F/L G. McGLATCHIE F/O W. KENNEDY	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	1154	2025	Bombed ST. VITH on Gee N.R.O.	
6th/7th			NIL				
7th/8th			NIL				
8th/9th			NIL				

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				Up	Down		
9th/10th	MOSQUITO VI		NIL				
10th/11th			NIL				
11th/12th			NIL				
12th/13th			NIL				
13th/14th	"A" - P8396	F/L P.A. JOHNSON F/O E.V. PAGE	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	0155	0555	Bombed BUNG ESULAND N.R.O. 9 struffing attacks on MET and lights. Strikes on 2 MET (P8279) one burning.	
"	"B" - P8234 P8235	F/O R.D. THOMAS F/L R.W. MACDONALD	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	0214	0544	Bombed lights and convoys on road. Lights doused. 7 struffing attacks on MET and lights on roads. 4 MET claimed as destroyed and convoy damaged. 1 train damaged.	
"	"C" - P8857	F/O G.S. JOHNSON SGT D. KELLY	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	0243	0603	Bombed Rivy Sta and convoy on road at FRONSFELD. Lights doused but N.R.O. 9 attacks on lights and roads N.R.O.	
"	"D" - P8458	F/L P.L.R. WALKER F/O D.C. JONES	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	0253	0620	Bombed and struffed 2 beacons P9074, P9176 and lights in wood P9285, beacons doused and fire started in wood.	
"	"E" - P8115	F/O P. HENNER F/O W. TIMPSON	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	0325	0635	Bombed wood P8579 visually (Gee w/s) N.R.O. Struffed stationary MET on road P.8283, P.8179 lights doused.	
"	"F" - P8151	F/L G. HACKETT F/O W. BRITPADE	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	0329	0702	Bombed beacon P8697, and lights P.8273. Struffed lights on road. N.R.O.	
"	"G" - P8823	F/O W.K. MACLEOD SGT P.C. BRACKLEY	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	0401	0720	Bombed ST. VITH fire presumably started. Struffed lights on road running into FRON from S.E.	
"	"H" - P8572	F/O M. HENRY F/O W. BROWN	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	0420	0735	Bombed beacon P9587 N.R.O. and met 8 struffing attacks on lights and believed barracks. N.R.O.	
"	"I" - P8342	F/L P.A. MONTGOMERY F/O J.D. SHAPPLES	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	0450	0820	Bombed beacon S.E. of ST. VITH, N.R.O. Struffed road transport N.R.O.	
"	"J" - P8321	F/L V.R. CHERRY F/L D. HURDALL	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	0513	0842	Bombed ST. VITH on Gee. 4 struffing attacks, including 1 MET in flames P.8272.	
"	"K" - P8388	F/L M. HENRY F/O I.A. THORP	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	0521	0845	Bombed lights in burning buildings at P.8272. N.R.O. Struffed wood P8293 N.R.O.	115 116

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13th/14th (CONT'D)	MOSQUITO VI NS849	F/L W.C. DRAKE	PATROL	0530	0822	Patrolled general area but brought bombs back owing to Gee failure (Loss Lead)	
		F/O E. CHURCH	ARMED AREA				
14th/15th " - F237	V/O J.G. VICKERT	PATROL	1940	2347	Bombed burning buildings at EUSKICHEN, N.R.O. 9 strafing attacks on moving lights, N.R.O.		
	F/O E. JESSOP	ARMED AREA					
" " - NS91	F/O R.D. THOMAS	PATROL	2020	2049	Returned early. Complete electrical failure R/T and Generator failure.		
	F/L E.V. MACDONALD	ARMED AREA					
" " - NS97	F/O W.E. HENNER	PATROL	2018	2354	Bombed EHM. Small fire started. Seven strafing attacks on MET and lights. 2 MET exploded.		
	F/O W.V. JONES	ARMED AREA					
" " - NS115	F/O F. HENNER	PATROL	2037	2047	Returned early. engine trouble.		
	F/O W. TIMSON	ARMED AREA					
" " - F235	F/L R. LORIAN	PATROL	2005	2130	Bombed lights F.7577, N.R.O. Straffed lights F.7783, N.R.O. Gee s/a.		
	F/L W. SWELL	ARMED AREA					
" " - NS95	V/O G.S. JOHNSON	PATROL	2130	0134	Bombed EUSKICHEN. Straffed lights and MET. Strikes seen and fire seen.		
	Sgt D. KELLY	ARMED AREA					
" " - NS51	F/L G. HACKETT	PATROL	1943	2310	Bombed railway and lights F.788. Small fires started. 9 strafing attacks on MET, and very large building. Explosion and 2 fires started.		
	F/O W. BELTAIN	ARMED AREA					
" " - NS71	F/O K.J. HENRY	PATROL	2107	N.Y.S.	Crashed 6 miles N. of base after returning from Ops. Crew killed.		
	F/O W. BROWN	ARMED AREA					
" " - NS75	F/O W.N. MACLEOD	PATROL	2035	2339	Bombed lights at EHM L3493. Large flash seen. Straffed MET and 1 EHM train. Large flash from MET.		
	Sgt F.G. HACKETT	ARMED AREA					
" " - NS82	F/O G.R. HENNER	PATROL	2230	0240	Bombed lights at ST. OZM (F525) 5 strafing attacks on MET. Strikes seen. MET262 believed seen.		
	F/O M. ADAMS	ARMED AREA					
" " - NS88	F/L R. REE	PATROL	2058	0030	Bombed EHM. Straffed lights and started small fire.		
	F/O L.A. THORPE	ARMED AREA					

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14th/15th (CONT'D)	MOSQUITO VI						
" " - NS254	F/L G. MCCLACHIE	PATROL	2057	0046	Bombed EHM N.R.O. Straffed lights N.R.O.		
	F/O E. WILSON	ARMED AREA					
" " - NS849	F/O D.J. MCKITTRICK	PATROL	2017	0020	Bombed rail junction F.617. 4 strafing attacks on MET buildings and lights N.R.O.		
	F/O J.E. WELLS	ARMED AREA					
" " - NS821	F/L V.R. CHERRY	PATROL	2038	0012	Bombed MET L0956 N.R.O. Straffed MET on roads N.R.O.		
	F/L D. BIRDSALL	ARMED AREA					
" " - NS910	F/L W.C. DRAKE	PATROL	2043	0036	Bombed MET F.9777. 2 fires seen. Straffed lights which doused.		
	F/O K. HUNTING	ARMED AREA					
" " - NS823	F/L E. MARCH	PATROL	2055	0110	Bombed EUSKICHEN, and made 5 strafing attacks on lights and MET.		
	F/O K. MORRIS	ARMED AREA					
15th/16th			NIL				
16th/17th			NIL				
17th/18th " - NS357	V/O J.G. VICKERT	PATROL	2239	0236	Landing ground near GYMKHOF strafed N.R.O. Bombed HEINSHURG via. N.R.O. near HEIDER KHUTEN. 2 MET strafed. 1 set on fire. strikes on others.		
	F/O W. JESSOP	ARMED AREA					
" " - NS991	F/O R.D. THOMAS	PATROL	2229	0245	Bombed HEINSHURG on Gee, N.R.O. Straffed barracks villages and MET strikes seen.		
	F/L E.V. MACDONALD	ARMED AREA					
" " - F235	F/L R. LORIAN	PATROL	2101	0231	Bombed HEIDER KHUTEN on Gee, N.R.O. Flares on HEINSHURG and strafed huts. strikes seen.		
	F/L W. SWELL	ARMED AREA					
" " - NS115	F/O F. HENNER	PATROL	2305	0203	Bombed railway K968. via. Fires seen. Nothing seen to straff.		
	F/O W.A. TIMSON	ARMED AREA					
" " - NS957	V/O G.S. JOHNSON	PATROL	2329	0250	Bombed HEINSHURG via. N.R.O. Flares on EHM on Gee. Straffed 20 MET moving west N.R.O.		
	Sgt D.P. KELLY	ARMED AREA					
" " - NS151	F/L E.G. HACKETT	PATROL	2335	0255	Bombed HEIDER KHUTEN on Gee, N.R.O. Flares S. BRADY used to straff buildings. Strikes seen, lights, roads 7 MET strafed N.R.O.		
	F/O W.S.P. BELTAIN	ARMED AREA					

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17th/18th	MOSQUITO VI (CONT'D)						
"	"W" - BR342	S/L P.A. MONTGOMERY P/O J.D. SHARPLES	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	2156	0507	Bombed HEINSBERG on Gee N.R.O. Flares S.E. MACKENBUCK over M yard, which were strafed. Flares at HEIDER ERICHSEN strafed N.R.O.	
"	"G" - BR321	P/L J.B. CHERRY P/L A.D. BIRDSELL	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	0001	0331	Bombed fires vis. at ERKELANG which spread. Flares on HEINDALAKEN and main street strafed, strikes seen.	
"	"B" - BR348	P/L K.C. MARON P/O W.R.K. MOORE	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	0022	0356	Bombs and flares on fires at ERKELANG, vis., additional fire started, also strafed HEINDALAKEN and 1 MET N.R.O. strafed strikes seen.	
"	"H" - BR396	P/L W.L. DEANE P/O K. HUNTING	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	0027	0404	Bombed ERKELANG vis., on fires. Flares on HEINDALAKEN town strafed, strikes seen, light strafed and doused.	
"	"W" - BR323	P/O J. HUGHES P/O L. HULME	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	0052	0415	Bombed ERKELANG vis., N.R.O. Flares on WEDDING, then strafed strikes seen.	
"	"H" - BR330	P/O C. BECKER P/O M.E. ZIMMER	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	0111	0429	Bombs and flares on ERKELANG on Gee., town hit and fire started, town strafed 4 times, strikes seen.	
"	"T" - BR454	P/L G. MCGILVERIE P/O W. MIDWOOD	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	0113	0437	Bombs and flares on ERKELANG vis., fires increased. Straffed long building. Strike and one explosion seen.	
"	"R" - BR368	P/O D.J. MCKITTRICK P/O J.E. WILVE	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	0132	0513	Bombed HEINSBERG fires vis., N.W., strafed 1 MET and 4 lights N.R.O. 1 loco strike seen, 1 loco N.R.O.	
"	"K" - BR358	P/O R.K. MOORE P/O J.G. WILKINS	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	0134	0521	Incd. bombs ERKELANG on Gee, fires starting. Flares and bombs on HEINSBERG N.R.O.	
"	"Z" - BR184	P/O M. SWASHUCK P/O R.M.M. STRATTON	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	0043	0419	Bombed HEINSBERG. Fires increased. Flares and strafing on ERKELANG. Strikes seen on buildings.	
18th/19th			NIL				
19th/20th	"X" - BR397	P/O J.C. VIDENT P/O D.W. JESSOP	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	0004	0051	Returned early, radar trouble.	

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19th/20th	MOSQUITO VI (CONT'D)						
"	"W" - BR342	S/L P.A. MONTGOMERY P/O J.D. SHARPLES	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	0107	0558	Bombed VIDENT vis., fires seen in large factory. Straffed railway train and strikes seen.	
"	"Z" - BR184	P/O M. SWASHUCK P/O R.M.M. STRATTON	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	0027	0040	Returned early, radar trouble.	
"	"K" - BR358	P/O J. HUGHES P/O L. HULME	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	0102	0355	Returned early, owing to weather.	
"	"H" - BR330	P/O C. BECKER P/O M.E. ZIMMER	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	0120	0307	Returned early, owing to weather.	
20th/21st			NIL				
21st/22nd	"F" - BR148	S/L D.H. ANNAN P/O A. MCGILVERIE	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	2210	0042	Bombed ARSBECK on Gee. Straffed lights and 1 MET. Strikes seen.	
"	"H" - BR396	P/L P.A. JOHNSON P/O E.V. PAGE	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	2211	0156	Bombed KHEINEN vis. N.R.O. Straffed 4 MET and 2 lights. Strikes seen on all MET and 1 light.	
"	"H" - BR391	P/O R.D. THOMAS P/L E.W. MACDONALD	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	2239	0230	Bombed W of KEMPER and ARSBECK N.R.O. 5 MET strafed 1 exploded, strikes seen on others.	
"	"K" - BR358	P/L H.G. HANNEY P/O W.S.R. BRITTAIN	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	2255	0234	Bombed MUNCHEN N.R.O. BOMED ERKELANG and ARSBECK, fires started. Straffed lights and fires seen on buildings.	
"	"M" - BR235	P/L R. LORTAN P/L V. SHELL	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	2311	0258	Bombed LINDICK N.R.O. strafed road and train N.R.O.	
"	"T" - BR569	P/O J.A. PHILLIPS P/O E. JOB	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	2325	0300	Bombed ARSBECK on Gee and BR298 vis. N.R.O. Straffed flashing beacon and lights. Strikes seen.	
"	"W" - BR323	P/O R.K. MOORE P/O J.G. WILKINS	PATROL ARDENNES AREA	2350	0319	Bombed WASSENBERG vis. fires started. Straffed lights which were doused.	
"	"H" - BR115	P/O J.A. HUGHES P/O L. HULME	PATROL	2346	0324	Bombed ARSBECK vis., explosion seen in centre of town. Straffed lights and fire N.R.O.	

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26/29th	MOSQUITO VI CONT'D						
"	"D" - P2458	S/L H. ANMAN P/O A.M. MACINTOSH	PATROL COLOGNE AREA	0137	0504	Bombed HATZHEIM cross-roads N.E.O. and factory. Big cloud of smoke from side of building.	
"	"U" - N8930	P/O K. MOORE P/O J.G. WILLIAMS	PATROL COLOGNE AREA	0211	0503	Jettisoned bombs into channel owing to Gas trouble	
"	"O" - P2396	P/L P.E. NAYLOR Sgt. T.G. HUYLER				Artificial horizon u.s.	
"	"K" - H8358	P/L G. HACKETT P/O V.S. BRITTAIN	PATROL COLOGNE AREA	0402	0732	Patrolled and bombed area on Gas N.E.O. Diverted to BRADWELL BAY.	
"	"W" - H8151	P/L V.O. GRANT Sgt. S. ROSENTHAL	PATROL COLOGNE AREA	0407	0738	Patrolled and bombed area on Gas N.E.O. Diverted to BRADWELL BAY.	
"	"L" - H8524	P/O G.S. JOHNSON Sgt. B. KELLY	PATROL COLOGNE AREA	0432	0748	Patrolled and bombed area on Gas N.E.O. Diverted to BRADWELL BAY.	
"	"Y" - P2454	P/L McIVERDIK P/O J. White	PATROL COLOGNE AREA	0201	0605	Patrolled and bombed area on Gas N.E.O. Diverted to BRADWELL BAY.	
"	"W" - H8569	P/L V.D. CERRY P/L A.D. HUDSALL	PATROL COLOGNE AREA	0212	0606	Patrolled and bombed area on Gas N.E.O. Diverted to BRADWELL BAY.	
"	"B" - H8991	P/L E. MASON P/O E. MORRIS	PATROL COLOGNE AREA	0213	0626	Patrolled and bombed area on Gas N.E.O. Diverted to BRADWELL BAY.	
"	"E" - P2388	P/L J.S. JOHNSON P/O P. DOLY	PATROL COLOGNE AREA	0215	0611	Patrolled and bombed area on Gas N.E.O. Diverted to BRADWELL BAY.	
"	"W" - H8823	P/O K. BURNING P/L V. DEANE	PATROL COLOGNE AREA	0324	0653	Patrolled and bombed area on Gas N.E.O. Diverted to BRADWELL BAY.	
"	"W" - H8164	P/O W. BRASCHUK P/O P. STRATTON	PATROL COLOGNE AREA	0320	0702	Patrolled and bombed area on Gas N.E.O. Diverted to BRADWELL BAY.	
"	"W" - P2235	P/L M. HOPK P/O L.A. THORPE	PATROL COLOGNE AREA	0200	0523	Bombed BERGHEIM on Gas N.E.O.	

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26/29th (Cont'd)	MOSQUITO VI						
"	"W" - H8396	P/O P. THOMAS P/L H. HOSKELL	PATROL COLOGNE AREA	0159	0531	Bombed BERGHEIM on Gas. Explosions seen through cloud.	
"	"B" - H8615	P/O J.A. HUGHES P/O L. HIRM	PATROL COLOGNE AREA	0216	0412	Returned early. Technical trouble.	
29/30th	"X" - P2387	P/O J.C. WHEAT P/O W. JESSOP	PATROL COLOGNE AREA	1829	2214	Struffed lights at GLADBACH 3 flames. Five at BERGHEIM. Strikes on buildings, lights, WERVENHOF, LOMBERGHEIM.	
"	"W" - P2458	S/L D.R. ANMAN P/O A.M. MACINTOSH	PATROL COLOGNE AREA	1836	2206	Bombed LITHEAR and W2345. Strikes on 1 MW.	
"	"W" - H8342	S/L P.A. MONTGOMERY P/O J.D. SHARLES DEU	PATROL COLOGNE AREA	1908		Landed at Epiny. Small town bombed. Bursts seen on road junction in centre of town.	
"	"W" - H8306	P/L P.A. JOHNSON P/O E.W. PAGE	PATROL COLOGNE AREA	1915		Landed at Epiny. 1 MW struffed. Strikes seen.	
30/31st		NIL					
31/1st		NIL					

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R.A.F. BLACKBUSH (HARTFORD BRIDGE)	FEBRUARY 1945	20th (CONT'D)	OPERATIONS: F/L Miller (P/S Hooper), F/L Phillips (P/O Job), F/L Redeker (P/O Zimmer), F/L Mason (P/O Morris), F/L Johnson (P/S Dolby), F/O Hughes (P/O Hulme), F/L Gordon (Sgt. Findlay), F/L McKittrick (P/O White), F/L Ameen (P/O Macintosh), F/O Thomas (P/L Macdonald), F/L Krause (P/O Charters), F/L Hope (P/O Thorpe) patrolled area behind battle lines in Holland attacking road and rail transport, buildings, lights and small towns.		
		21st	WX: Mist and fog patches. Light wind. vis. good. Several aircrew members are still non-effective due to sickness. Movement of main party to Continent has been provisionally set for 11th March 1945. "A" Flight: - NPT's F/L Smith (P/L McClatchie) - air test and practise ground attacks. "B" Flight: - NPT's OPERATIONS: NIL		
		22nd	WX: Hazy at first, becoming cloudy with vis. slowly deteriorating. Our Squadron was busy today having twenty aircraft on sorties to enemy territory, four crews are missing, one of which is the Officer Commanding W/O J.C. WICKETT, C.855. "A" Flight: - Day Operations "B" Flight: - Day Operations OPERATIONS DAY: - S/L Ameen (P/O Macintosh), F/L Gordon (Sgt. Findlay), F/O Hughes (P/O Hulme), F/L Mason (P/O Morris), F/O Thomas (P/L Macdonald), F/L Phillips (P/O Job), F/L Johnson (P/S Dolby), F/L McKittrick (P/O White), F/L Redeker (P/O Zimmer), W/O Johnston (Sgt. Kelly), F/L Krause (P/O Charters), F/L Graham (P/O Styles), F/O McLeod (P/O Morrison), F/O McLeod (P/O Wickon), F/O McLeod (Sgt. Blackaby), F/L McClatchie (P/O Timson), W/O Wickett (P/O Jessop), F/L Miller (P/S Hooper), F/L Hope (P/O Thorpe), F/L Hockett (P/O Brittain), took part in the Wing daylight bombing and strafing offensive in HOLLAND and N.W. Germany, attacking roads, railways, transport and buildings. The last named four crews failed to return. F/L Mason and P/O Hughes collided on route and returned. F/O Redeker was hit by birds and returned. NIGHT OPERATIONS: NIL		
		23rd	WX: Hazy at first, medium cloud lowering towards evening. Vis. mod. S/L D.B. Ameen J.45% Flight Commander of "A" Flight has been appointed acting O/C of our Squadron. "A" Flight: - NPT's "B" Flight: - NPT's OPERATIONS: - S/L Ameen (P/O Macintosh), P/O Thomas (P/L Macdonald), W/O Johnston (Sgt. Kelly), F/L McLeod (Sgt. Blackaby), F/L Walker (P/O Jones), F/L Redeker (P/O Zimmer), F/L Graham (P/O Styles), F/L McLeod (P/O Morrison) patrolled area behind battle lines and bombed BREVENHOE. F/L McLeod (P/O Morrison) have not returned.		

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R.A.F. BLACKBUSH (HARTFORD BRIDGE)	FEBRUARY 1945	24th	WX: Fog at first with low stratus improving in afternoon with increasing visibility. Due to casualties several O/C's are recovering. F/O Drew with S/L Montgomery and P/O Charters with F/L Krause. No word has been received of five crews missing this week. "A" Flight: NPT's "B" Flight: NPT's Operations: S/L Ameen (P/O Macintosh), P/O Hughes (P/O Hulme), W/O Johnston (Sgt. Kelly), F/O McLeod (Sgt. Blackaby), F/L Walker (P/O Jones), F/L Redeker (P/O Zimmer), F/L Graham (P/O Styles), F/L Phillips (P/O Job), F/L Johnson (P/S Dolby), F/L Gordon (Sgt. Findlay), F/L McKittrick (P/O White), patrolled area behind battle lines in Holland and Germany, attacking trains, stations, factories and buildings with bombs and cannon fire.		
		25th	WX: Fair with slight haze, vis 3 - 6 miles, little low cloud but much medium cloud above 10,000 ft. Several members of the Squadron have visited London to witness the Navy show, "Meet the Navy" which is playing with great success at the Hippodrome for nine weeks. "A" Flight: NPT's "B" Flight: NPT's Operations: NIL		
		26th	WX: Cloudy with lowering haze throughout day. The following personnel have reported for duty from No. 2 G.S.U. on posting:- P/O W.F. SHAVE Pilot J.40999 CAN. P/O C.T. COLLINS NAV 165292 RAF P/O A.D. JENKINSON Pilot J.24511 CAN Sgt. C. PEMBERTON NAV 1623915 RAF P/O B.W. ESCOFF PILOT J.20453 CAN P/O D.M. WADE NAV J.45428 CAN P/L D. McLAUGHLIN PILOT C.13135 CAN P/O A. TRICKLE NAV J.45425 CAN "A" Flight: NPT's "B" Flight: NPT's Operations: - P/O Thomas (P/L Macdonald), F/L Phillips (P/O Job), F/L Graham (P/O Styles), F/L Krause (P/O Charters), F/L Walker (P/O Jones), F/L Nicol (P/O Wickon), F/O McLeod (Sgt. Blackaby), W/O Johnston (Sgt. Kelly), F/L Styles (Sgt. Bettle), F/L Gordon (Sgt. Findlay), F/O Hughes (P/O Hulme), F/L Drake (P/O Gunning), F/L Johnston (P/S Dolby), patrolled area behind battle lines, bombing and strafing woods near IJZERH.		
		27th	WX: Cloudy with slight drizzle in morning, fair to fine in afternoon.		

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R.A.F. WACKENSUS (HARFORD BRIDGE)	FEBRUARY 1945 27th (cont'd)		<p>F/L Jack Phillips DFC, J.1127A Pilot, and his navigator F/O B. Job DFC, J.13381 have today completed their tour of operations and are screened awaiting posting. They have been with us since April 1944 and were hospitalised for three months last summer after having been wounded by flak. These boys have had a very successful tour and the Spangron is losing a popular crew.</p> <p>"A" Flight:- NPT's New cross on cross country, F/L Cherry(F/L Birdsall) to Coxyde in Oxford. "B" Flight; F/O Moore(F/O Wilkins) to Coxyde in Oxford and NPT's.</p> <p>Operations: F/O Thomas(F/L Macdonald), F/L Naylor(Sgt. Battle), W/O Johnston(Sgt. Kelly) F/O Macleod(Sgt. Blackaby), F/O Nichol(F/O Wickens), F/L Krauss(F/O Chertsey), F/L Walker (F/O Jones), F/L Graham(F/O Styles), F/O Moore(G/O Wilkins), F/L Redeker(F/O Zimmer) F/L Johnson(F/S Dolby), F/L Drake(F/O Gunning), patrolled battle lines bombing and strafing transport, towns and factories and buildings.</p>																																																		
	28th		<p>WX:- Cloudy in morning becoming fair in afternoon with 5/10ths at 3000 ft. vis. poor at first, improving to 10 - 15 miles.</p> <p>Daily Oxford trips are being made to Coxyde. The following crews reported for duty today on posting from No. 2 G.S.U.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>F/O G. I. SHELDON</td> <td>PILOT</td> <td>J.12051</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F/O P. HADGREN</td> <td>NAV. W.</td> <td>J.45220</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S/L J. P. COOKE</td> <td>PILOT</td> <td>J.15223</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F/O D. F. FIELDS</td> <td>NAV. W.</td> <td>164347</td> </tr> </table> <p>"A" FLIGHT: NPT's. "B" FLIGHT: NPT's.</p> <p>Operations:- F/L Cherry(F/L Birdsall), F/L Johnson(F/S Dolby), F/L Drake(F/O Gunning) F/O Hughes(F/O Hulme), F/L Gordon(Sgt. Pindley), F/L Lacey(F/O Wade), F/L Redeker(F/O Zimmer) F/L McLaughlin(F/O Toke), F/L McKittrick(F/O White), F/O Robson(Sgt. Pemberton), F/O Moore (F/O Wilkins), F/O Shave(F/O Collins), operated behind lines on railway patrols, and bombed and strafed transport, bridges etc. F/L McKittrick(F/O White) landed at MELSEBROOK, after starboard engine was hit.</p> <p>Number of operational sorties for month:- 225 Operational hours for month; 759.55 hours. Training hours for month; 180.25 hours. Personnel on strength at 2359 hours 28th February 1945;</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>R.C.A.F. Officers.....</td> <td>Aircraft.....</td> <td>38</td> <td>R.C.A.F. Airmen.....</td> <td>Aircraft.....</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R.C.A.F. Officers.....</td> <td>Groundcrew.....</td> <td>5</td> <td>R.C.A.F. Airmen.....</td> <td>Groundcrew.....</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R.A.F. Officers.....</td> <td>Aircraft.....</td> <td>17</td> <td>R.A.F. Airmen.....</td> <td>Aircraft.....</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R.A.F. Officers.....</td> <td>Aircraft.....</td> <td>1</td> <td>R.A.F. Airmen.....</td> <td>Groundcrew.....</td> <td>111</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R.A.F. Officers.....</td> <td>Groundcrew.....</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>MOSQUITO VL.....</td> <td>17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>OXFORD.....</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MAGISTER.....</td> <td>1</td> </tr> </table> </p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>D.B. Annan</i> (D.B. ANNAN) Wing Commander Commanding No. 418 Squadron R.C.A.F.</p>	F/O G. I. SHELDON	PILOT	J.12051	F/O P. HADGREN	NAV. W.	J.45220	S/L J. P. COOKE	PILOT	J.15223	F/O D. F. FIELDS	NAV. W.	164347	R.C.A.F. Officers.....	Aircraft.....	38	R.C.A.F. Airmen.....	Aircraft.....	1	R.C.A.F. Officers.....	Groundcrew.....	5	R.C.A.F. Airmen.....	Groundcrew.....	3	R.A.F. Officers.....	Aircraft.....	17	R.A.F. Airmen.....	Aircraft.....	6	R.A.F. Officers.....	Aircraft.....	1	R.A.F. Airmen.....	Groundcrew.....	111	R.A.F. Officers.....	Groundcrew.....	1				MOSQUITO VL.....	17	OXFORD.....	1	MAGISTER.....	1		
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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
1st/2nd	MOSQUITO VI "H" - H242	S/L P.A. MERTONCHET F/O J.D. SHARPLES	PATROL-ZWOLLE OSHARROCK	22.29	01.54	Bombed BOCHOLT vis. NRO.	
"	"D" - H2458	S/L D. ANNAN	do	22.08	01.46	Bombed GREVENBROEK vis. Explosion seen among fires already burning. Straf MST. strikes. 3 blown up. 3 damaged.	
"	"H" - H2499	F/L J.H. PHILLIPS F/O B. JOB	do	23.29	03.32	Bombed COESFELD NRO.	
"	"R" - H2388	F/L H.M. HEESE F/O L.A. THORPE	do	22.11	01.43	Bombed GREVENBROEK NRO.	
"	"T" - H2454	F/L J. McKITTRICK F/O J. WHITE	do	22.34	02.37	Bombed train GREVENBROEK NRO. Straffed railway trucks NRO.	
"	"U" - H2980	F/O K. MOORE F/O J.G. WILKINS	do	22.37	01.32	Landed CAMBRAI/EPINOY. Bombed railway junction F1978 bursts seen. strafed buildings in area NRO.	
"	"T" - H2569	F/L V.R. CHERRY F/L A.D. BIRDSALL	do	23.01	03.06	Bombed BERSHEM NRO. Straffed MST lights extinguished.	
"	"R" - H2921	F/L K. MASON F/O K. MORRIS	do	23.02	02.54	Bombed GREVENBROEK NRO. Straffed lights NRO.	
"	"G" - H2354	F/L P.A. JOHNSON F/O R.V. PAGE	do	23.18	03.33	Bombed railway F2055 NRO. Straffed lights.	
"	"W" - H2823	F/L W. DRAKE F/O K. GUNNING	do	23.44	03.34	Bombed GREVENBROEK NRO. Straffed factory and train. strikes seen. Straffed lights NRO.	
"	"G" - H2124	F/O M. SWASCHKE F/O R. BRATTAN	do	00.01.5	04.26	Bombed COESFELD on Gee NRO. Straffed trucks and buildings NRO.	
"	"R" - H2613	F/O J.A. HUBBS F/S L. HUBBS	do	00.04	03.41	Bombed BHEIDE NRO. Straffed MST lights doused.	
"	"L" - H2324	F/O G.S. JOHNSTON SGT. D. KELLY	do	00.57	04.37	Bombed BOCHOLT NRO.	
"	"X" - H2397	F/L G. HACKETT F/O W.S. BRATTAN	do	00.47	04.46	Bombed GREVENBROEK NRO. Straffed BUTZGILLER s/f and barges and ships on RHINE between BOISE and KOEN NRO.	

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	MOSQUITO VI						
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"	"M - PE235	F/O J.A. WICKEN	PATROL	0001	0536	Bombed HUKYDIF NRO, strafed lights NRO.	
		F/O A. HOOGE	ZWOLLE OSHARROCK				
"	"M - HE151	F/L R.E. NAYLOR	do	0044	0424	Bombed MAIBATH NRO, Strafled lights, doused.	
		SGT. T.C. BUTLER					
"	"M - PE336	F/L W.C. CHARGE	do	0059	0440	Bombed HUKYDIF NRO, Strafled trains and fires at HUKYDIF NRO.	
		SGT. S. ROSENTHAL					
2nd/3rd	"M - PE458	S/L D. MANN	do	1814	2150	Bombed ZUPPHEN, Large bomb flashes. Strafled MET 1 blown up and strikes on others.	
		F/O A.E. MACINTOSH					
"	"M - BE 136	F/L F.A. JOHNSON	do	1835	2221	Bombed railway at GEMEN via. Column of smoke, strafed 10/15 MET, 1 flammg. & damaged. Strikes on 6.	
		F/O E.W. PAGE					
"	"M - PE337	F/O R.D. THOMAS	do	1957	2337	Bombed GEMEN, Smoke seen, large white buildings. Strafled MET, Orange explosion at HUSSEN. Trucks seen in glare.	
		F/L R.V. MACDONALD					
"	"M - HNS49	F/L B. WALKER	do	2015	0031	Bombed MET NRO, Strafled lights NRO.	
		F/O D.W. JONES					
"	"M - HNS23	F/O P. REYNOLDS	do	2107	0050	Bombed railway by aid of Flares.	
		F/O W.A. TOMSON					
"	"M - PE334	F/O W.H. MACLEOD	do	2202	0151	Strafled 6 MET NRO.	
		F/O G.B. MORRISON					
"	"M - PE235	F/L H. LORIAN	do	2307	0256	Bombed ZUPPHEN on Gee NRO, Strafled lights NRO.	
		F/L W. SWELL					
"	"M - HNS94	F/O G.S. JOHNSON	do	2356	0311	Bombed Z7841 NRO.	
		SG. D. KELLY					
"	"M - HNS69	F/O J.H. WICKEN	do	0040	0409	Jettisoned bombs 10 miles N. of WEGMUND, Strafled moving lights NRO.	
		F/O A. HOOGE					
"	"M - HNS42	F/L G. HACKETT	do	0113	0508	Bombed train V2133 - Stopped. Smoke seen and train believed derailed. Strafled train and factory NRO. Attacked DIVER NRO, but seen to crash 5 miles NW of ZUPPHEN.	

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2nd/3rd	MOSQUITO VI						
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"	"M - HNS61	F/L W. CHARGE	PATROL -	0208	0613	Bombed ZUPPHEN N.R.O.	
		SGT. S. ROSENTHAL	ZWOLLE-OSHARROCK				
"	"M - HNS13	F/L V.H. CHARGE	do	0309	0620	Bombed ZWOLLE on Gee, NRO, Strafled 2 MET and buildings in village. Strikes seen.	
		F/L A.D. HINDSALL					
"	"M - HNS90	F/L J.S. JOHNSON	do	0340	0658	Bombed ZUPPHEN NRO.	
		F/S P. HOLBY					
"	"M - HNS14	F/O F. THOMAS	do	0423	0756	Bombed GEMEN on Gee, NRO.	
		F/L Y.E. HOWELL					
"	"M - PE454	F/L R.E. NAYLOR	do			Sortie cancelled. Tail wheel w/s.	
		SGT. T.C. BUTLER					
3rd/4th	"M - HNS42	F/L F.A. JOHNSON	PATROL -	1835	2220	Bombed GEMENBROCH NRO, 14 attacks on lighted MET in area, 9 exploded 5 damaged.	
		F/O E.D. SHANNON	COLOGNE AREA				
"	"M - PE235	F/L H. LORIAN	do	1800	2136	Bombed railway junction, near miss.	
		F/L W. SWELL					
"	"M - HNS23	F/L W. DRAKE	do	1829	1937	Returned early engine trouble.	
		F/O K. GIBSON					
"	"M - HNS94	F/O G.S. JOHNSON	do	1827	2215	Bombed HUSKIRCHEN via. NRO, Strafled fire, F1868, 2027. Second fire started.	
		SGT. D. KELLY					
"	"M - HNS13	F/L R.E. NAYLOR	do	1847	2235	Bombed fire F1060, Blase on buildings increased. Strafled LIEBEN, railway tracks and buildings, NRO.	
		SGT. T.C. BUTLER					
"	"M - HNS14	F/L W.C. CHARGE	do	1850	2227	Bombed fire at GEMENBROCH NRO, Strafled lights at GEMENBROCH. Strikes on factory. Fires on rail road.	
		SGT. S. ROSENTHAL					
"	"M - HNS48	F/L J.H. WICKEN	do	1930	2300	Patrolled ERKLEBEN - COLOGNE Area, diverted to MANSION.	
		F/O B. JOE					
"	"M - PE336	F/L F.A. JOHNSON	do	1924	2330	Patrolled ERKLEBEN - COLOGNE Area, diverted to MANSION.	
		F/O E.W. PAGE					

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MOSQUITO VI 3rd/4th CONT'D.							
"	" - 82901	F/O R.D. THOMAS	PATROL	1954	2358	Patrolled BRISLENE - COLOGNE Area diverted to MANSTON	
COLOGNE AREA							
"	" - 82458	F/L L. WALKER F/O D.W. JONES	PATROL	1957	2350	Patrolled BRISLENE - COLOGNE Area diverted to MANSTON	
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"	" - 82397	F/O P. BUNTER F/O V. THORPE	do	2032	2344	Patrolled BRISLENE - COLOGNE Area diverted to MANSTON	
"	" - 82354	F/O L.B. WAGLESD F/O MORRISON	do	2024	0003	Patrolled BRISLENE - COLOGNE Area diverted to MANSTON	
"	" - 82622	F/O A. RIDGE F/O J.E. WILKIN	do	2101	0013	Patrolled BRISLENE - COLOGNE Area diverted to CAMBRAL/EPINOU.	
"	" - 82454	F/L J. MCKEITHEN F/O J.C. WHITE	do	2203	0145	Patrolled BRISLENE - COLOGNE Area diverted to CAMBRAL/EPINOU	
"	" - 82910	F/O K. MASON F/O K. MORRIS	do	2302	0210	Patrolled BRISLENE - COLOGNE Area diverted to CAMBRAL/EPINOU.	
4th/5th							
"	" - 82342	F/L P.A. MONTGOMERY F/O J.D. SHARPLES	PATROLLED - ZWOLLE-GONARREK	1834	2206	Bombed railway junction W1505 on Gee NRO. Flares brought back.	
"	" - 82569	F/L H.E. MILLER F/Sgt. V. ROOPER	do	1854	2159	Bombed canal and road junction V2705 NRO.	
"	" - 82849	F/L J.H. PHILLIPS F/O B. JOB	do	1931	2142	Bombed COESFELD NRO. Diverted to BRADWELL BAY.	
"	" - 82184	F/L J.S. JOHNSON F/A P. DOLAN	do	2000	2318	Bombed and strafed small road convey SNE 44 HALLESBURG Landed MANSTON.	
"	" - 82594	F/L W. IRANE F/O K. GIBBING	do	2030	2346	Bombed COESFELD Straffed goods trucks NRO. Landed BRADWELL BAY.	
"	" - 82235	F/O M. MARCHEK F/O R. STRATTAN	do	2058	NTR	Not yet returned	

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MOSQUITO VI 4th/5th CONT'D.							
"	" - 82397	F/O J.A. HUMES F/O L. HUMES	PATROL ZWOLLE-GONARREK	2142	0106	Bombed COESFELD Straffed lights NRO. Landed BRADWELL BAY.	
"	" - 82396	F/L C. REDEKER F/O M.E. ZIDDER	do	2145	0106	Bombed COESFELD NRO. Landed BRADWELL BAY.	
"	" - 82454	F/L J. MCKEITHEN F/O J.C. WHITE	do	2143	0113	Bombed COESFELD NRO. Landed BRADWELL BAY.	
"	" - 82594	F/O K. MOORE F/O J.G. WILKINS	do	2150	0051	Bombed COESFELD NRO. Landed BRADWELL BAY.	
"	" - 82291	F/O R.D. THOMAS F/L R.W. MACDONALD	do	2149	0200	Bombed COESFELD NRO. Straffed MET at BOCHOLT and train Landed BRADWELL BAY.	
"	" - 82358	F/L L. WALKER F/O D.W. JONES	do	2154	0113	Landed EPINOU.	
5th/6th							
"	" - 82342	F/L P.A. MONTGOMERY F/O J.D. SHARPLES	PATROL COLOGNE AREA	2315	0248	Patrolled COLOGNE AREA. Brought bombs back.	
"	" - 82569	F/L H.E. MILLER F/Sgt. V. ROOPER	do	2340	0251	Task abandoned, uncertain of position in target area. See U/S.	
"	" - 82849	F/L J.H. PHILLIPS F/O B. JOB	do	0001	0357	Bombed MADRATH on Gee. Straffed 1 MET and many lights. NRO.	
"	" - 82396	F/L C. REDEKER F/O M.E. ZIDDER	do	0032	0408	Bombed MADRATH on Gee. Straffed 8 MET NRO.	
"	" - 82454	F/L J. MCKEITHEN F/O J.C. WHITE	do	0105	0515	Bombed WESSHEIM NRO. Straffed lights NRO.	
"	" - 82115	F/O K. MOORE F/O J.G. WILKINS	do	0125	0501	Bombed factory type buildings hits seen in centre.	
"	" - 82184	F/L K. MASON F/O K. MORRIS	do	0207	0552	Bombed MADRATH on Gee NRO. Straffed lights which doused.	

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5th/6th	MOSQUITO VI						
"	" - E8594	F/L N. DRAKE	PATROL	0412	0759	Bombed MADRATH on Gee NRO. Straffed barracks, strikes seen.	
"	" - E8397	F/O K. GUNNING	COLOGNE AREA				
"	" - E8397	F/O J.A. HUGHES	do	0341	0700	Bombed MADRATH on Gee NRO.	
"	" - E8151	F/O L. HUME					
"	" - E8151	F/L H. MORTON	do	0232	0614	Bombed MADRATH on Gee NRO.	
"	" - E8151	F/L W. SEWELL					
"	" - E8394	F/O W.H. McLEOD	do	0300	0624	Bombed MADRATH on Gee NRO.	
		SET. BLACKBURN					
6th/7th			NIL OPERATIONS				
7th/8th	" - E8148	S/L D.B. ARMSTRONG	PATROL	1855	2236	Bombed GELDERN (A0226) NRO. Straffed 10 MET, 1 blew up strikes on 7.	
"	" - E8396	F/L H. MORTON	do	1855	2207	Bombed A1724 factory with three chimneys. Small fire started. Straffed 3 MET, 1 flamer, strikes on 2.	
"	" - E8594	F/L W. SEWELL					
"	" - E8594	W/O G.S. JOHNSON	do	1920	2246	Bombed XANTON NRO. Straffed lights at E8535 moving SE strikes seen. Straffed lights in area NRO.	
"	" - E8458	SET. D. KELLY					
"	" - E8458	F/O W.H. McLEOD	do	1932	2239	Bombed burning factory A1624 NRO.	
"	" - E8151	SET. BLACKBURN					
"	" - E8151	F/L R.E. NAYLOR	do	1945	2254	Bombed GELDERN, Explosion seen. No other results.	
"	" - E8151	SET. R.O. BATTLE					
"	" - E8151	F/L W.C. CHAMBER	do	1948	2306	Bombed GELDERN NRO. 1 flare dropped, straffed lights A1028-2117, A1624-2127 NRO.	
"	" - E8613	SET. S. ROSENTHAL					
"	" - E8613	F/O A. MORGAN	do	2021	2342	Bombs hung up. Straffed lights A2127 and E8559 NRO.	
"	" - E8613	F/O J.C. WICKEN					
"	" - E8991	F/O R.D. THOMAS	do	2017	0035	Bombed road/railway junction E8603 NRO. 5 other attacks on lights NRO. Straffed 6 MET. Strikes seen - 1 exploded.	
"	" - E8991	F/L E.V. MACDONALD					

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7th/8th	MOSQUITO VI						
"	" - E8148	F/L K. MASON	PATROL	2049	2358	Straffed A0817 Road junction NRO. Bombed GELDERN NRO.	
"	" - E8148	F/O E. MORRIS	GELDERN AREA				
"	" - E8148	F/L P. HERRIER	do	2052	2356	Bombed road junction A0532 hits seen - straffed lights in wood A0933 N.R.O.	
"	" - E8394	F/O L.H. McLEOD	do	2128	0050	Bombed GELDERN on Gee NRO. Flare on KEMFEN. Near miss on railway. Straffed built up area at KEMFEN. Strikes on buildings.	
"	" - E8649	F/O G.D. MORRISON					
"	" - E8649	F/L J.H. PHILLIPS	do	2116	0056	Bombed road junction E8617 NRO. Straffed 2 MET.	
"	" - E8649	F/O R. JOE					
"	" - E8649	F/O K. MOORE	do	2155	0125	Bombed A2323 Fire in villages - large explosion.	
"	" - E8649	F/O J.G. WILKINS					
"	" - E8414	F/L G. HENDER	do	2226	0128	Bombed lights in wood A0616. NRO. Flames on E8913 and A0110 attacks made.	
"	" - E8414	F/O N.S. ZIDNER					
"	" - E8398	F/L J. McIVERICK	do	2148	0131	Bombed lights on river A2719 NRO. 3 MET attacked in area NRO.	
"	" - E8398	F/O J.S. WHITE					
"	" - E8569	F/L K.S. MILLER	do	2225	0133	Bombed A 0227. NRO. Straffed 2 burning villages. Attacked 2 MET, 1 flamer, strikes on other.	
"	" - E8569	F/S W. HOOPER					
8th/9th			NIL OPERATIONS				
9th/10th	" - E8342	F/L K.S. MILLER	PATROL	1852	2108	Bombed MET at A 8611. NRO. Bombed lights on outskirts of MÜNCHEN/BLADBACH NRO. Straffed fire at VIERSON, strikes seen.	
"	" - E8184	F/S W. HOOPER	N. REER				
"	" - E8184	F/L L. PALMER	do	1751	2130	Bombed BRUNNEN NRO. 1-500 lb. bomb brought back. Straffed lights and MET NRO.	
"	" - E8397	F/O D.W. JOHNS	do	1757	2057	Bombed lights and small fire at ALAG. Straffed roads lights and buildings NRO.	
"	" - E8397	F/L J.S. JOHNSON	do	1757	2057	Bombed lights and small fire at ALAG. Straffed roads lights and buildings NRO.	
"	" - E8397	F/S P. DOLBY					
"	" - E8398	F/L N. DRAKE	do	1819	2139	Bombed fire at VIERSON. Started fresh fire. Straffed lights NRO.	
"	" - E8398	F/O K. GUNNING					

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"	"S" - BS613	F/O J.A. HUGHES F/O L. HULME	PATROL N. RUHR	1816	2111	Bombed fire at VIERSON NRO.	
"	"T" - BS549	F/L J.H. PHILLIPS F/O B. JOB	do	1852	2205	Bombed KEMPEN NRO, landed BRADWELL BAY.	
"	"P" - BS411	F/L G. REDEKER F/O M.E. SUMNER	do	1854	2157	Bombed and strafed MET small explosion seen on third attack. Landed BRADWELL BAY.	
"	"Y" - BS454	F/L J. McKITTRICK F/O J.E. WHITE	do	1928	2247	Bombed KEMPEN NRO. Straffed MET - explosion seen. Landed BRADWELL BAY.	
"	"W" - BS823	F/O K. MOORE F/O J.G. WILKINS	do	1922	2232	Bombed KALDENKIRCHEN area. Fires resulted. Landed BRUSSELS/MEUSEBROEK	
"	"H" - BS396	F/L H. LORIAUX F/L W. SEWELL	do	1955	2301	Bombed KEMPEN NRO. Straffed MET near NRO. CRUCHTEN. MET exploded. Landed BRADWELL BAY.	
"	"D" - BR048	F/O G.S. JOHNSON SGT. D. KELLY	do	1957	2306	Bombed and strafed lights. North of MUNICHEN/GLADRACH. Fire started BRADWELL BAY.	
"	"J" - BS315	F/O A. HEDGECOCK F/O J.H. WIGDEN	do	2054	2305	Bombed VIERSON - fire started. Bombed KALDENKIRCHEN NRO. Straffed lights NRO. Landed LILLIS.	
"	"F" - BS561	F/L W.C. CHARGE SGT. S. ROSENTHAL	do	2051	N/R	Not yet returned.	
"	"R" - BS921	F/O W. McLEOD SGT. BLACKMAN	do	2030	2304	Bombed burning factory B, VIERSON further fire started. Straffed 5 stationary MET - 3 distinct explosions seen. Burning factory attacked and large flashes seen. 5 further attacks.	
"	"D" - BS458	F/L R.E. NAYLOR SGT. T.C. BUTTLE	do	2031	2313	Bombs brought back, landed EPINOY.	
10th/11th	"T" - BS397	F/O J.O. WICKETT F/O W. JESSOP	PATROL - ZWOLLE-OSNABRUCK	1930	2311	Bombed road junction E. of ENSCHDE NRO. Straffed lights NRO.	
"	"B" - BS148	S/L D. AMMAN F/O A.M. MacINTOSH	do	1932	2337	Bombed ZUTPHEN M/Y and road junction. NRO. Straffed 5 MET, 1 flamer, strikes seen on 2.	

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"	"W" - BS849	F/O R.D. THOMAS F/L P.W. MACDONALD	PATROL ZWOLLE-OSNABRUCK	2020	0024	Bombed road/rail/canal junction NRO. Straffed 1 MET exploded, strikes on another.	
"	"H" - BR342	F/L R.E. MILLER F/S W. HOOPER	do	2021	2359	Bombed road/rail junction N. ALMELO NRO. Straffed 9 MET strikes on 3.	
"	"K" - BR358	F/L D. WALKER F/O D.W. JONES	do	2007	2352	Bombed train at BELTHERN. Hit in centre. Straffed 2 MET DULMAN area, NRO.	
"	"H" - BS396	F/L H. LORIAUX F/L W. SEWELL	do	2057	0045	Bombed transport S.E. ZWOLLE. Attacked MET at ALMELO. Large explosion seen A/C hit by flak. Landed HANSTON.	
"	"L" - BS594	F/O G.S. JOHNSON SGT. D. KELLY	do	2105	0059	Bombed 3 MET NRO. Straffed 18 MET, 3 flammers, 1 damaged.	
"	"O" - BS394	F/L GRAHAM F/O R.T. STILES	do	0050	0104	Bombed road/rail junction. Straffed railway line EMBILO-ZUTPHEN NRO.	
"	"Y" - BS454	F/O A. NIOCI F/O J.H. WIGDEN	do	0055	0113	Bombed ZUTPHEN NRO. Straffed lights NRO.	
"	"Z" - BR184	F/L K. MASON F/O K. MORRIS	do	0114	0525	Bombed railway junction near DEVENTER. Straffed 3 MET. Strikes on one.	
"	"S" - BS613	F/L J.S. JOHNSON F/S P. DOLEY	do	0104	0121	Bombed road junction NRO. Attacked MET and DIVER NRO.	
"	"J" - BS315	F/L W. DRAKE F/O K. GIBBING	do	0118	0130	Bombed CORSPELD NRO. Straffed 14 MET - 6 flammers and building starting fire.	
"	"W" - BS388	F/L GORDON SGT. J.A. FINLAY	do	0053	0100	Bombed ZUTPHEN, starting fire.	
"	"D" - BS458	F/L R.E. NAYLOR SGT. T.C. BUTTLE	do	0123	0151	Bombed lights NRO. Straffed MET 2 explosions.	
11th/12			NIL OPERATIONS				
12th/13th			NIL OPERATIONS				

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"	"G" - 88613	F/O J.A. HUGHES F/O L. HUGHES	PATROL N. RUN	1816	2111	Bombed fire at VIERSON NRO.	
"	"T" - 88549	F/L J.H. PHILLIPS F/O R. JOE	do	1852	2205	Bombed KEMPEN NRO, landed BRADWELL BAY.	
"	"W" - 88411	F/L G. BECKER F/O M.E. STUBBS	do	1854	2157	Bombed and strafed MET small explosion seen on third attack. Landed BRADWELL BAY.	
"	"Y" - 88451	F/L J. MCLECKY F/O J.E. WHITE	do	1928	2247	Bombed KEMPEN NRO. Straffed MET - explosion seen. Landed BRADWELL BAY.	
"	"R" - 88623	F/O K. MOORE F/O J.O. WILKINS	do	1922	2232	Bombed KALDENKROCHEN area, Fires resulted. Landed BRUSSELS/BRUSSELS.	
"	"U" - 88396	F/L H. LORIANE F/L V. SEWELL	do	1955	2301	Bombed KEMPEN NRO. Straffed MET near NER. CRACKING MET exploded. Landed BRADWELL BAY.	
"	"D" - 88048	W/O G.S. JOHNSTON SGT. B. KELLY	do	1957	2306	Bombed and strafed lights. North of MINCHEN/BLADRAGE. Fire started BRADWELL BAY.	
"	"J" - 88115	F/O A. HEDGECOCK F/O J.H. VIGOR	do	2054	0705	Bombed VIERSON - fire started. Bombed KALDENKROCHEN NRO. Straffed lights NRO. Landed LITTE.	
"	"F" - 88561	F/L W.O. CHASE SGT. S. ROSSIGNAL	do	2051	NER	Not yet returned.	
"	"K" - 88621	F/O W. WARD SGT. MACHANE	do	2030	2304	Bombed burning factory E. VIERSON further fire started. Straffed 3 stationary MET - 3 distinct explosions seen. Burning factory attacked and large flashes seen. 5 further attacks.	
"	"P" - 88458	F/L H.R. NAYLOR SGT. T.C. BURTLE	do	2031	2313	Bombs brought back, landed EPINOU.	
10th/11th	"T" - 88397	W/O J.C. VERRITT F/O W. JESSOP	PATROL - ZWILLE-OSNABRUK	1930	2311	Bombed road junction E. of ENSCHEDE NRO. Straffed lights NRO.	
"	"B" - 88148	S/L D. SMITH F/O A.M. MacINTOSH	do	1932	2357	Bombed ZUTPHEN M/Y and road junction. NRO. Straffed 5 MET, 1 flamer, strikes seen on 2.	

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"	"T" - 88349	F/O R.B. THOMAS F/L E.V. MACDONALD	PATROL ZWILLE-OSNABRUK	2020	0024	Bombed road/rail/canal junction NRO. Straffed 1 MET exploded, strikes on another.	
"	"W" - 88342	F/L H.R. MILLER F/S W. HOPPER	do	2021	2359	Bombed road/rail junction E. ALMELO NRO. Straffed 9 MET strikes on 3.	
"	"K" - 88358	F/L D. WALKER F/O D.V. JONES	do	2007	2352	Bombed train at HILVERSI, hit in centre. Straffed 2 MET DULMAN area, NRO.	
"	"U" - 88396	F/L H. LORIANE F/L V. SEWELL	do	2057	0005	Bombed transport S.E. ZWILLE. Attacked MET at ALMELO. Large explosion seen A/C hit by flek. Landed HANSTON.	
"	"L" - 88659	W/O G.S. JOHNSTON SGT. B. KELLY	do	2105	0059	Bombed 3 MET NRO. Straffed 16 MET, 3 flammers, 1 damaged.	
"	"O" - 88394	F/L GRAHAM F/O R.T. STILES	do	0050	0104	Bombed road/rail junction. Straffed railway line HILVERSI-ZUTPHEN NRO.	
"	"Y" - 88451	F/O A. HEDGECOCK F/O J.H. VIGOR	do	0055	0113	Bombed ZUTPHEN NRO. Straffed lights NRO.	
"	"Z" - 88164	F/L K. MASON F/O E. MORRIS	do	0114	0525	Bombed railway junction near DEVENTER. Straffed 3 MET. Strikes on one.	
"	"S" - 88613	F/L J.S. JOHNSON F/S P. DOLLY	do	0104	0121	Bombed road junction NRO. Attacked MET and DIVER NRO.	
"	"J" - 88115	F/L W. DRAKE F/O K. GIBBINE	do	0118	0130	Bombed COESVELD NRO. Straffed 14 MET - 6 flammers and building starting fire.	
"	"R" - 88388	F/L GORDON SGT. S.A. FURBER	do	0053	0100	Bombed ZUTPHEN, starting fire.	
"	"D" - 88458	F/L H.R. NAYLOR SGT. T.C. BURTLE	do	0123	0151	Bombed lights NRO. Straffed MET 2 explosions.	
11th/12th			NIL OPERATIONS				
12th/13th			NIL OPERATIONS				

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13th/14th	MOSQUITO VI						
"	" - R2569	F/L H.E. MILLER P/S W. HODDER	PATROL MUNSTER-OSNABRUCK	0149	0511	Bombed MARIENBURG on Gee NRO, Straffed 1 MET,	
"	" - R241A	F/L G. HODDER P/O M.E. ZIMMER	do	0209	0533	Bombed MARIENBURG on Gee NRO.	
"	" - R2398	F/L H.W. HOFF P/O L.A. THORPE	do	0225	0603	Bombed HALTEN on Gee NRO. Straffed 4898 (road) NRO.	
"	" - R2391	P/O P.D. THOMAS F/L R.W. MACDONALD	do	0144	0506	Bombed OLSENZALL lights NRO. Straffed 1 MET NRO.	
"	" - R2613	F/O K. MOORE P/O J.G. WILKINS	do	0242	0624	Bombed MARIENBURG on Gee NRO, Straffed light K1272 NRO.	
"	" - R2358	F/L W. GORDON SPT. J. A. FINLAY	do	0306	0644	Bombed HALTEN on Gee NRO.	
"	" - R218A	F/L T. MASON P/O W.E. MORRIS	do	0107	0612	Bombed MARIENBURG on Gee NRO. Straffed 5 MET, 2 flares strikes seen on others.	
"	" - R257A	W/O G.S. JOHNSTON SPT. D. KELLY	do	0102	0756	Bombed BORGEN NRO. Straffed 5 MET - 1 flamer, straffed train - strikes seen.	
"	" - R237A	F/O W. McLEOD SPT. BLACKAW	do	0105	0754	Bombed AHANS on Gee NRO, Straffed MET - 14 destroyed - 14 damaged.	
"	" - R245B	F/L R.E. NAYLOR SPT. F.C. BUTLER	do	0309	0647	Bombed MARIENBURG on Gee NRO, Straffed 3 MET NRO.	
"	" - R2561	F/O A. KIDOL P/O J.H. WILKIN	do	0338	0711	Bombed ZUTPHEN NRO, Straffed lights Y2545 NRO, Straffed convoy running North along AMSTERDAM/BIJST road. Strikes seen.	
"	" - R260A	F/L G.K. GRAHAM P/O R.T. STILES	do	0520	0803	Bombed HALTEN on Gee 1 bomb believed safe. Flares hung up.	
14th/15th	" - R218A	S/L D. ANNAN P/O A.M. MACINTOSH	PATROL MUNSTER-OSNABRUCK	1842	2253	Bombed MARIENBURG on Gee 1 MET straffed	

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14th/15th	MOSQUITO VI (CONT'D)						
"	" - R2569	F/L H.E. MILLER P/S W. HODDER	PATROL MUNSTER-OSNABRUCK	1810	2122	Bombed 6 MET on ZWITZE/AMERSFOORT road NRO, 10 MET straffed NRO.	
"	" - R2391	P/O P.D. THOMAS P/L R.W. MACDONALD	do	1921	2316	Bombed railway MAARSWIJZEN smoke seen. Straffed large convoy on MIEPPEN/ZWITZE rd. 1 MET destroyed, 2 damaged. Strikes on 4 MET.	
"	" - R257A	W/O G.S. JOHNSTON SPT. D. KELLY	do	2015	2108	Bombs brought back. Straffed 4 MET at R2658. Strikes seen.	
"	" - R2358	P/O W.H. McLEOD SPT. P.D. BLACKAW	do	2102	0052	Bombed MET 25705 NRO, Straffed MET and buildings. Strikes seen on both.	
"	" - R245B	F/L R.E. NAYLOR SPT. F.C. BUTLER	do	1852	2210	Bombed MARIENBURG on Gee NRO, Straffed 2 MET and 1 light NRO.	
"	" - R260A	F/L G.K. GRAHAM P/O R.T. STILES	do	1949	2326	Bombed CORSPOLD, Brilliant fire started. Straffed 5 MET 1 destroyed. O.P. strafed unidentified lights NRO.	
"	" - R2342	F/L E. MASON P/O W.E. MORRIS	do	2200	0205	Bombed MARIENBURG on Gee NRO, Straffed 5 MET strikes seen on three.	
"	" - R2349	F/L J.H. PHILLIPS P/O B. JOE	do	2241	0240	Bombed road/railway junction at OLSENZALL NRO, Straffed 2 MET. Strikes seen landed FREESFIELD.	
"	" - R241A	F/L G. HODDER P/O M.E. ZIMMER	do	2051	0019	Bombed MARIENBURG on Gee NRO, Straffed 3 MET, 1 destroyed 1 flamer, 1 damaged, Straffed w/1 lights NRO.	
"	" - R2613	F/O K. MOORE P/O J.G. WILKINS	do	2158	0119	Bombed HALTEN NRO.	
"	" - R245A	F/L J.W. GORDON SPT. J.A. FINLAY	do	2249	0205	Bombed 26020 - 3 MET. lights extinguished.	
15th/16th			NIL OPERATIONS				
16th/17th			NIL OPERATIONS				
17th/18th			NIL OPERATIONS				
18th/19th			NIL OPERATIONS				
19th/20th			NIL OPERATIONS				

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20th/21st	MOQUITO VI						
"	"W" - E241A	F/L C. REIDER	PATROL	2320	0252	Bombed HALZEN on Gee. NRO.	
"	"R" - E238B	F/O W.E. ZIMMER F/L J.S. JOHNSON F/S P. BOLBY	HALZEN-MARTENBURG	2330	0255	Bombed HALZEN on Gee NRO. Straffed train, 2 attacks, strikes seen	
"	"S" - E2613	F/O J.A. HUGHES F/O L. HEINE	do	2340	0302	Bombed HALZEN on Gee NRO.	
"	"T" - E245A	F/L J. McIVERICK F/O J.H. WHITE	do	2339	0331	Bombed barges nr LEMMER. NRO. Straffed barges, strikes seen.	
"	"U" - E2561	F/L G.A. KRAUSE F/O A. CHANNERS	do	2344	0306	Bombed HALZEN on Gee NRO. Straffed 3 MET, 1 damaged. Straffed barges and lights NRO.	
"	"V" - E2569	F/L H.S. MILLER F/S V. HOOPER	do	2355	0345	Bombed OGDON on Gee NRO.	
"	"W" - E2148	S/L D.B. ANJAN F/O A.H. MacINTOSH	do	2354	0337	Bombed HALZEN on Gee NRO. Straffed 3 MET; strikes seen.	
"	"X" - E2849	F/L J.H. PHILLIPS F/O B. JOB	do	0001	0355	Bombed MARTENBURG on Gee NRO.	
"	"Y" - E218A	F/L MASON F/O W.E. MORRIS	do	0008	0358	Bombed MARTENBURG on Gee NRO.	
"	"Z" - E2823	F/L J.W. GORDON Sgt. J.A. FIBELAY	do	0009	0340	Bombed MARTENBURG on Gee NRO.	
"	"AA" - E252A	F/L H.W. ROSE F/O L.A. THORPE	do	0012	0353	Bombed HALZEN on Gee NRO.	
"	"AB" - E289D	F/O R.D. THOMAS F/L R.W. MacDONALD	do	0007	0352	Bombed ZB239 vis. NRO. Straffed train (27727) Strikes seen.	
21st/22nd	"B" - E2148	S/L D.B. ANJAN	PATROL - ZWOLLE	1117	1505	Bombed 3 TME and side of factory disappeared after attack. Straffed Radar installations.	

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"	"W" - E2823	F/L J. GORDON Sgt. J.A. FIBELAY	PATROL ZWOLLE-OSNABRUCK	1118	1520	Bombed road/rail crossing - near wies, straffed 4 barges - 1 left smoking.	
"	"S" - E2613	F/O J.A. HUGHES F/O L. HEINE	do	1118	1311	Collided with another A/C. A.B.I. n/a	
"	"Z" - E218A	F/L K. MASON F/O W.S. MORRIS	do	1118	1311	Collided with another A/C. Single engine returned. Landed COLTSHALL.	
"	"R" - E289D	F/O R.D. THOMAS F/L R.W. MacDONALD	do	1118-1/2	1507	Bombed railway line at HASKLINE NRO. Bombed rail trucks NRO.	
"	"U" - E2849	F/L J.H. PHILLIPS F/O B. JOB	do	1118-1/2	1511	Bombed railway line at WARR NRO. Straffed factory - strikes seen.	
"	"V" - E2342	F/L J.S. JOHNSON F/S P. BOLBY	do	1119	1459	Bombed rail station at V958, smoke seen, straffed loco, small station and factory - strikes seen.	
"	"T" - E245A	F/L J. McIVERICK F/O J. WHITE	do	1119	1513	Bombed E7796 bombs fell between road and factory. Straffed railway vans in sidings.	
"	"P" -	F/L C. REIDER F/O W.E. ZIMMER	do	1119-1/2	1420	Bombs jettisoned - A/C hit by birds - main spar fractured.	
" 2	"L" - E252A	F/O G.S. JOHNSON Sgt. D. KELLY	do	1119-1/2	1511	Bombed QUACKENBUSH, believe bombs fell in centre of station. Straffed signal box and small factory - strikes seen.	
"	"U" - E2561	F/L G. KRAUSE F/O A. CHANNERS	do	1115	1448	Bombed railway station V1561 - smoke seen rising.	
"	"W" - E2195	F/L G.W. GRAHAM F/O E.L. STILES	do	1115	1505	Bombed factory at HORN, straffed buildings and 5 boats - strikes seen.	
"	"Q" - E232A	F/O L. McLEOD F/O W. MORRISON	do	1115	1505	Bombed V4569 road and rail junction. Hits on E. & W. side of junction. Straffed 4 barges - strikes seen.	
"	"X" - E2158	F/O A. HIDGE F/O J. WICKEN	do	1115	1517	Bombed road and rail junction at BODON, straffed 1 MET black saloon car, 5 waggons - strikes seen.	

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21st/22nd	MOSQUITO VI (CONT'D)						
"	"P" - P2458	F/O F. WILSON Sgt. BLACKBURN	PATROL WILLES-OSWARRUCK	1115-1/2	1506	Bombed bridge over canal at VESLE.	
"	"Y" - W1115	F/L C. MCCLATCHIE F/O W.A. JIMSON	do	1115-1/2	1445	Bombed bridge at HAREN, Landed BEADWELL BAY.	
"	"X" - P2397	F/O J. WICKST	do	1117	N/R	NOT YET RETURNED	
"	"R" - P2388	F/O W. JESSOP F/O L.A.C. THORPE	do	1118-1/2	N/R	NOT YET RETURNED	
"	"M" - P2604	F/L C. HACKETT F/O W.S. BRITAIN	do	1119	N/R	NOT YET RETURNED	
"	"T" - P2569	F/L H.E. MILLER F/S W. ROGER	do	1114-1/2	N/R	NOT YET RETURNED	
22nd/23rd			NIL OPERATIONS				
23rd/24th	"R" - W1115	S/L D. ANGAN F/O A.W. MACINTOSH	PATROLLED GREVENBROCH	2046	2357	Bombed GREVENBROCH on Gee NRO.	
"	"X" - W2991	F/O R.D. THOMAS	do	2044	2358	Bombed GREVENBROCH on Gee NRO. Straffed building -	
"	"L" - P2594	F/O G.S. JOHNSTON Sgt. D. KELLY	do	2053	2339	Bombed GREVENBROCH on Gee NRO.	
"	"G" - P2394	F/O W. MCLEOD Sgt. F.C. BLACKBURN	do	2052	2343	Bombed GREVENBROCH on Gee NRO.	
"	"K" - W2358	F/L T.A. WALKER F/O D.W. JONES	do	2100	0005	Bombed GREVENBROCH on Gee NRO.	
"	"D" - P2458	F/L C.H. REBERER F/O M.E. ZIMMER	do	2051	2347	Bombed GREVENBROCH on Gee NRO.	

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23rd/24th	MOSQUITO VI (CONT'D)						
"	"H" - W1195	F/L G.K. GRAHAM F/O R.T. STYLES	PATROLLED GREVENBROCH	2102	0001	Bombed GREVENBROCH on Gee NRO.	
"	"N" - W2342	F/L MCLEOD F/O V. MURISON	do	2053	N/R	Not yet returned	
24th/25th	"R" - W1115	S/L D. ANGAN F/O A.W. MACINTOSH	PATROLLED VIERSSEN-ALDENKERKE	2342	0267	Bombed and straffed VIERSSEN - NRO.	
"	"X" - W2364	F/L J.H. PHILLIPS F/O E. JOB	do	0012	0351	Bombed VIERSSEN NRO.	
"	"R" - W2961	F/L J.S.P. JOHNSON F/S P. DOLEY	do	0027	0327	Bombed ALDENKERKE - NRO.	
"	"P" - P2458	F/O J.A. HUGHES F/O L. HUME	do	0057	0612	Bombed ALDENKERKE, burst seen on town, straffed stationary trains at REINBURG (A.2029) - NRO.	
"	"H" - W1195	F/L J.W. GORDON Sgt. J.A. FIDDLAY	do	0118	0635	Bombed ALDENKERKE NRO. Straffed lights in factory camp (A1425) strikes all over factory.	
"	"X" - W2991	F/L C.R. REBERER F/O M.E. ZIMMER	do	0145	0502	Bombed KEMPEN - close miss to rail track, straffed KEMPEN NRO.	
"	"J" - W1115	F/L D.J. MCINTYRE F/O J.R. WHITE	do	0212	0543	Bombed KEMPEN - bursts in built up area. Straffed (A037) & (A094) 1 MET in each area. 1 MET exploded and burned.	
"	"K" - W2358	F/L T.A. WALKER F/O D.W. JONES	do	0230	0612	Bombed train at A1133, direct hit on rear train stopped, burning. Straffed same train, strikes on engine.	
"	"G" - W2960	F/L G.K. GRAHAM F/O R.T. STYLES	do	0253	0550	Bombed KANTEN (A1242) on Gee NRO.	
"	"O" - W2394	F/O W.H. MCLEOD Sgt. J.A. BLACKBURN	do	0319	0545	Bombed GELDEN bombs dropped on buildings NRO. Straffed GELDEN strikes on buildings. Straffed TONISBERG A1114 strikes on buildings.	
"	"L" - W2991	F/O G.S. JOHNSTON Sgt. D. KELLY	do	0350	0700	Bombed KANTEN on Gee - NRO. Straffed A0124 at GELDEN. Town on fire in places.	

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25th/26th	MOSQUITO VI						
26th/27th	"E" - RS901	F/O R.D. THOMAS	PATROL	1850	2048	Bombed XANTEN, on Gee NRO, straffed lights, believed HIT NRO.	
"	"F" - RS961	F/L R.V. MACDONALD	GELESEN AREA			Bombs brought back, bombs hung up.	
"	"D" - RS458	F/L G.E. GRAHAM	do	1948	2241	Bombed XANTEN on Gee, 2 explosions seen through clouds.	
"	"B" - RS148	F/L G.A. KRATZER	do	2012	2330	Bombed wood S. XANTEN on Gee NRO.	
"	"Y" - RS154	F/L T.L.B. WALKER	do	2048	0018	Bombed wood S. XANTEN on Gee NRO.	
"	"H" - RS155	F/O A.M. NIGG	do	2103	0012	Bombed wood S. XANTEN on Gee NRO, V2 observed in NIEBUNENK Area.	
"	"C" - RS194	F/O V.N. McLEOD	do	2120	0028	Bombed wood near XANTEN on Gee NRO.	
"	"L" - RS595	W/O G.S. JOHNSON	do	2153	0055	Bombed wood S. NIEVERHEIM NRO.	
"	"Q" - RS560	F/L R.E. NAYLOR	do	2207	0110	Bombed wood XANTEN, NRO, V2 trail seen N of HAGUE Area.	
"	"U" -	F/L J.W. GORDON	do	2259	0201	Bombed wood nr. XANTEN NRO.	
"	"S" - RS613	F/O J.A. HURRES	do	2307	0208	Bombed wood nr XANTEN on Gee NRO.	
"	"X" - RS961	F/L F.L. DRAKE	do	2343	0255	Bombed wood near XANTEN on Gee NRO.	
"	"P" - RS961	F/L J.S.P. JOHNSON	do	2358	0259	Bombed wood nr. XANTEN on Gee NRO.	
		F/S P.M. DOLEY					

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27th/28th	MOSQUITO VI						
"	"G" - RS560	F/O R.D. THOMAS	PATROL	2250	0238	Bombed ALDERKERKE. Straffed roads and railways and buildings	
		F/L R.V. MACDONALD	ALDERKERKE AREA			ALDERKERKE-KAPULLEN-WAERTSBOORDEN-VANOM strikes seen.	
"	"B" - RS148	F/L R. NAYLOR	do	2311	0226	Bombed ALDERKERKE on Gee NRO.	
		SGT. T.G. HURVE					
"	"L" - RS594	W/O G.S. JOHNSON	do	2335	0255	Bombed ALDERKERKE on Gee NRO.	
		SGT. D. KELLY					
"	"O" - RS294	F/O V. McLEOD	do	2350	0316	Bombed KEEFELD vis. NRO. Straffed roads ALDERKERKE and VIERSOM - strikes	
		SGT. F.G. BLACKBURN					
"	"H" - RS195	F/O A. NIGG	do	0020	0328	Bombed OSTERATH - NRO. Straffed buildings KRECHEN-ALDERKERKE - KEEFELD - strikes	
		F/O J. WILKIN					
"	"F" - RS961	F/L G. KRATZER	do	0047	0347	Bombed ALDERKERKE NRO.	
		F/O A. CHAMBERS					
"	"X" - RS358	F/L T.L.B. WALKER	do	0108	0427	Bombed ALDERKERKE vis. overcast possibility on road.	
		F/O D.E. JOHNS					
"	"E" - RS901	F/L G. GRAHAM	do	0144	0454	Bombed ALDERKERKE (bridge) NRO.	
		F/O R.D. STYLES					
"	"W" - RS823	F/O K. MOORE	do	0222	0432	Task abandoned Gee W/S - bombs jettisoned.	
		F/O J.S. WILKINS					
"	"U" - RS962	F/L C. HENNER	do	0244	0607	Bombed train (A2222) NRO. Straffed factory and buildings strikes.	
		F/O M.E. ZIMMER					
"	"R" - RS961	F/L J.S. JOHNSON	do	0309	0612	Bombed road (A1128) NRO.	
		F/S P. DRAKE					
"	"X" - RS961	F/L F.L. DRAKE	do	0354	0720	Bombed ALDERKERKE - NRO. Two hits in centre of town	
		F/O K. CHURCH				straffed village (A1123) and ALDERKERKE - strikes seen.	
28th/1st	"G" - RS560	F/L Y.R. CHERRY	PATROL - S. EMEN	1911	2254	Bombed ALDERBURE on Gee, fires started, straffed 1 HIT	
		F/L A.D. BRIDGALL	MUNSTER			(Hitless observed, Commander Observing No. 418 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron. D.M. Lewis info	

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28th/1st	MOSQUITO VI (CONT'D)						
"	" - 82965	F/L J. S. P. JOHNSON	PATROL - S. BOMBS 2025	0005		Bombed WEENNER nr. miss on bridge. Straffed factory at WEENNER. fires started.	
"	" - 82964	F/S P. M. DOLBY	MUNSTER	1907	2258	Bombed lights possible convoy. Y9811 NRO. Straffed lights NRO.	
"	" - 82613	F/O J. A. HIGGS	do	2029	0019	Bombed BURGSHINDURF - NRO. Straffed 1 MET 27529 strikes seen.	
"	" - 82148	F/L J. W. GORDON	do	2151	0043	Bombed BURGSHINDURF on Gas NRO.	
"	" - 82394	SGT. J. A. FINLAY	do	1913	2307	Bombed MEPPLE - NRO.	
"	" - 82962	F/L C. P. REDDICK	do	1914	2358	Bombed 9 MET, ALDERBROOK areas straffed train LINGEN strikes all over. fires started in wood along side of flames.	
"	" - 82991	F/L D. S. McLAUGHLIN	do	2159	0207	Bombed LERER NRO.	
"	" - 82454	F/L D. J. MCKEITHEN	do	2053	0015	Aircraft damaged by flek - crew safe, landed at METSHROCK - no details of attack.	
"	" - 82511	F/O A. D. ROSSON	do	2045	0053	Bombed train at 29955 - NRO. also METSHROCK Gas NRO.	
"	" - 82825	F/O R. K. MOORE	do	2208	0216	Bombed DULMEN, bomb flashes seen, straffed light at LINGEN, strikes all around light doused.	
"	" - 82195	F/O V. F. SHAVE	do	2217	0200	Bombed railway bridge 25208 - NRO. Straffed train 23455 strikes seen.	
		F/O G. P. COLEMAN					

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R.A.F. Blackbushe (HARFORD BRIDGE)	MARCH 1st	1945	<p>WX - Fragment showers, with broken cumulus cloud in base area, vis. good deterioration in (showers)</p> <p>F/S P. Bunker, C.2266 (PILOT), has been repatriated to Canada due to Medical reasons F/O D. B. Annan J.4554, assumes command of 418 Sqn. eff. 23rd February 1945.</p> <p>"A" Flight - F/L Graham (F/O Skyles), to Coxyde and return in Oxford. F/L Smith checked out in Oxford "B" Flight - F/L Phillips (F/O Job), F/L Veir to Amiens in Oxford. NPT's.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - F/O Annan (F/O MacIntosh), S/L Montgomery (F/O Drew), F/L Cherry (F/L Birdsell), F/L Robson (F/O Moore), F/O Moore (F/O Wilkins), F/L Johnson (F/O Dolby), F/L Drake (F/O Cummins), F/O Hughes (F/O Hobbs), S/L McLaughlin (F/O Hobbs), F/L Naylor (Sgt. Ruttle), patrolled rail roads and lines of communication behind battle line area, bombing and straffing trains and road transport and towns.</p>		
	2nd		<p>WX - Fair to fine periods, vis. good except for slight hazy patches.</p> <p>F/L V. Veir who has been engineering officer of our squadron for the past year has been posted to 410 Squadron R.C.A.F. 418 Squadron are going to organise an officers mess to operate in Coxyde when move is completed. F/L J. C. Browning Pilot J.7003 and his navigator F/O A. A. Costagne Navigator, J. 46160 reported for duty from 2 G.S.U. on posting.</p> <p>"A" Flight - NPT's. "B" Flight - S/L Ogden (F/O Piggie), F/O Sheldrick (F/O Kipling) in training areas country NPT's.</p> <p>OPERATIONS - S/L Montgomery (F/O Drew), F/O Robson (Sgt. Pemberton), F/L Cherry (F/L Birdsell), F/L Krause (F/O Charters), F/L Walker (F/O Jones), F/O Shave (F/O Collins), F/O Nicol (F/O Wilkins), F/O Johnston (Sgt. Kelly), F/L Lacey (F/O Wade), patrolled area behind battle lines, attacking road and rail transport and lines of communications, with bombs and cannon and machine gun fire.</p>		
	3rd		<p>WX - Fine but hazy conditions vis. poor to moderate.</p> <p>Station and wing messes are holding a combined mess party and dance prior to our move Date set for party is Wednesday 7th March 1945.</p> <p>"A" Flight - Low level and dive bombing practices. S.R.P. and NPT's. "B" Flight - F/L Phillips (F/O Job) and F/L Veir, to AMBRES and return in Oxford. F/L Moore to OXBURN. S/L Montgomery (S/L French, Sgt. Finlay) to COXIDE and return in Oxford. F/L McLaughlin F/O Hobbs and 2 passengers to COXIDE and return in Oxford. NPT's.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: F/L Cherry (F/L Birdsell), F/L Naylor (Sgt. Ruttle), F/O Johnston (Sgt. Kelly), F/O Moore (Sgt. Blackaby), F/L Drake (F/O Cummins), F/L Walker (F/O Jones), F/L Krause (F/O Charters), F/O Shave (F/O Collins), F/O Robson (Sgt. Pemberton), patrolled lines of communication behind battle area.</p>		
	4th		<p>WX - Fine, but rather hazy with local fog, vis. poor, but improving throughout day.</p> <p>Daily trips to Coxyde, our new home, are made by Oxford. F/O D. B. Annan and F/L G. W. Thompson, ADY, visited Coxyde today re movement.</p> <p>"A" Flight - F/O Annan (F/O MacIntosh) to Coxyde and return. NPT's. "B" Flight - F/O Moore (F/O Wilkins) to Coxyde and return in Oxford. Formation and single- engine flying practice and NPT's.</p>		

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R.A.F. BLACKBUSH (HARTFORD BRIDGE)	MARCH 14th	1945 (GMT 'D)	OPERATIONS F/L Cherry (P/L Birdsall), F/L Drake (P/O Gunning), F/O Hughes (P/O Hulme), F/O Thomas (P/L Macdonald), F/L McKittrick (P/O White), F/O Moore (P/O Wilkins), F/L McLaughlin (P/O Tokala), F/L Lacey (P/O Wade), F/L Johnson (P/S Dalby), patrolled lines of communication behind battle area, bombing and strafing road and rail transport, barges towns and unidentified lights.		
	5th		WX - fair to fine local fog patches, vis. med. F/O J.D.E. Hewitt J.21273 Pilot and F/O B. Barcovitch J.4543k (Nav. W.) reported to duty with our Squadron today. "A" Flight - F/L Walker checked out on Magister, F/L Walker (P/L Kreuss) to Odiham in Magister and NPT's. "B" Flight - F/L Browning (P/O Castagn) on training across country to France, S/L Montgomery F/L Cherry, on low level photography practice and NPT's. Formation practice. OPERATIONS - S/L Montgomery (P/O Drew), F/O Moore (P/O Wilkins), F/L Lacey (P/O Wade), F/L Johnson (P/S Dalby), F/L Cherry (P/L Birdsall), F/L McLaughlin (P/O Tokala), F/L Mason (P/O Morris), F/L McKittrick (P/O White), patrolled lines of communication behind battle area. F/L Drake (P/O Gunning) returned early due to technical trouble.		
	6th		WX - Large amounts of layer cloud 8/10th to 10/10th at 2000 ft. occasional slight rain, vis. poor. Personnel busy packing as move to continent to take place this week. Main road party to depart 11th March 1945. Air party and aircraft a few days later. "A" Flight - NPT's. "B" Flight - One NPT OPERATIONS - NIL		
	7th		WX - Conditions very heavy over whole of area, improving during day. R.A.F. Stratton Blackbush in conjunction with our wing, held a party and dance in Officers Mess prior to our move. 418 Squadron invited a large number of Canadian Nurses from Hospitals at Farnborough and Haslemere and a very enjoyable time was had by all. F/L V.L. Cherry proceeded to R.A.F. Cranwell for Junior Commanders Course. "A" Flight - NPT's. "B" Flight - NIL OPERATIONS - NIL		
	8th		WX - Continued ground haze, vis. poor. Joe Tappart, Knights of Columbus Supervisor visited the Squadron for the last time today. Joe is not moving overseas at present. "A" Flight - NPT's. "B" Flight - NPT's. OPERATIONS - S/L Montgomery (P/O Drew), S/L Coyne (P/O Figgis), F/L Redeker (P/O Kinman), F/L McKittrick (P/O White), F/L McLaughlin (P/O Tokala), F/L Lacey (P/O Wade), F/L Drake (P/O Gunning) patrolled lines of communication behind battle area. F/L Johnson (P/S Dalby), returned early and landed at Coltisham, pilot was sick.		

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R.A.F. BLACKBUSH (HARTFORD BRIDGE)	MARCH 9th	1945	WX - Fair with local fog patches, clearing gradually during day, vis. poor to moderate. Main road party leads today for departure in the morning. Movement is going fine and 418 Sqn. will soon be on the Continent. "A" Flight - NPT's (NPT's) "B" Flight - F/O Hughes to Harwell and return, F/L Johnson (P/S Dalby) flew from Coltisham		
	10th		OPERATIONS W/O Annan (P/O MacIntosh), S/L Coyne (P/O Figgis), F/O Hughes (P/O Hulme), F/O Hewitt (P/O Barcovitch), F/L MacLetchie (P/O Timson), F/L Lacey (P/O Wade), F/L Browning (P/O Castagn), F/L Redeker (P/O Kinman), patrolled rail roads in MUNSTER-OSNABURG Area, F/L Mason (P/O Morris), returned from English Coast. A/C up, F/O Sheidrick (P/O Skapton), N.Y.E.		
	11th		WX - Generally heavy over whole area, vis. very poor. F/L J.A. Williams G1234 our Sq/O/Officer who is also our new mess secretary departed for Coxyde today as well as our padre S/L French O800k, who is accommodation Officer for our Mess. "A" Flight - NPT's. "B" Flight - S/L Montgomery (P/O Gunning), S/L French, F/L Williams to Coxyde in Oxford. F/L Phillips (P/L Howell & 2 passengers) to Coxyde, and return in Oxford NPT's. OPERATIONS - NIL		
	11th		WX - Large amounts of layer cloud base 2-3000 ft. vis. good. Squadron on move. F/L A. Smith J.2137 is grounded for one month, medical reasons but able to be on light ground duties. (to Harwell and return in Magister) "A" Flight - F/L Loxaux (P/O Gent) to Coxyde in Oxford and NPT's, F/O Nicol (P/O Wicken) in Oxford. "B" Flight - S/L Montgomery (P/O Gunning) returned from Coxyde in Oxford. OPERATIONS - NIL		
	12th		WX - Thin layer of Strato-cu at 3-4000 ft. Winds light and variable. Vis. med. except in head. Aircraft and crews also rear party still at Blackbush. Squadron still operational and it is anticipated that no time will be lost due to being enroute to Belgium. "A" Flight - F/L Johnson (P/L Sewall), to Harwell and return in Oxford, F/O Nicol (P/O Wicken) to Coxyde and return in Oxford, F/L Johnson (P/L Sewall) to Coxyde and return in Oxford, F/L Walker (P/L Kreuss) to Odiham and return in Magister. NPT's. "B" Flight - NPT's. OPERATIONS - F/L Thomas (P/L Macdonald), F/O Hughes (P/O Hulme), F/O Hewitt (P/O Barcovitch), F/L Mason (P/O Morris), F/L Redeker (P/O Kinman), F/L MacLetchie (P/O Timson), F/L McKittrick (P/O White), F/L McLaughlin (P/O Tokala), F/L Lacey (P/O Wade). All patrolled lines of communication behind battle area stocking max with bombs and cannon fire, road and rail transport, factories, towns, and unidentified lights.		

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R.A.F. BLACKBURN (RAFORD BRIDGE)	MARCH 13th	1945	WX- Fine throughout, thickening after nightfall, nil cloud, little wind. P/W's Thompson (Adjutant), Whitart (Medical), Jackson (P.R.O.) left RAFORD BRIDGE today for Oxeye to organize our new base. W/O R.J. Gant R.A.F. (NAV) left for RAFORD BRIDGE (Recollection Depot). Main road party arrived at Oxeye today (135 Mig). "A" Flight:- P/L Thomas (P/L Sewell, D/O Gunning) to Oxeye and return in Oxford, P/L Loriaux (P/O Pace, P/L Thompson) to Oxeye and return in Oxford, W/O Anson (P/O Macintosh) to Oxeye and return. "B" Flight:- NIL OPERATIONS:- NIL		
		14th	WX- Fine, with mist and fog patches in morning and small amounts of cloud and light winds. The following Officers proceeded from Blackburn to 2 S.S.U. at Farnfield, waiting posting for next town. P/L J.H. Phillips (PILOT) J. 11274 P/L P.A. Johnson (PILOT) J. 12239 P/O B. Job (NAV) 15338 P/O E.V. PAGE (NAV) J. 90610 P/L M. Loriaux (PILOT) J. 11382 P/L N. Sewell (NAV) J. 9062 P/L R.E. Moore J. 22263 is taking a Merlin Engine handling course at Derby. "A" Flight:- S/L Coyne to Farnfield and return. NPT's and formation flying. "B" Flight:- NIL OPERATIONS:- NIL		
R.L.A.		15th	WX- Fog and mist persist throughout morning, clearing with sunny patches during afternoon. All Mosquito aircraft and crews arrived today from Blackburn, Oxford also, but Magister forced down at Henkange. "A" Flight:- All Mosquito A/C flown to Oxeye. "B" Flight:- All Mosquito A/C flown to Oxeye. OPERATIONS:- NIL		
		16th	WX- Fair to fine - local haze. P/L J.S.P. Johnson J. 22230 is attending a medical board and is grounded for the present. In future aircrew will use Dakota Aircraft for leave to the UK. Officer Commanding W/O D.R. Anson J. 4554 was married today in West Oxstead to W/S Muriel Cavanagh (Canadian). Suitable gift and congratulations from the entire Squadron were conveyed to our chief. "A" Flight:- NIL "B" Flight:- NIL OPERATIONS:- 1 NIL		
		17th	WX- Little high clouds; weather generally fine, vis. good.		

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R.L.A.	MARCH 17th	1945 0800-10	P/O V.L. Edmond, 15648. Nav. W., did not arrive with the Squadron due to illness and is appearing before a Medical Board. "A" Flight:- NPT's. "B" Flight:- NPT's. OPERATIONS:- S/L Montgomery (P/O Drew), P/L Thomas (P/L Macdonald), P/L Redaker (P/O Zinner), P/L Hamilton (P/O White), P/L Drake (P/O Gunning), P/O Hughes (P/O Hulme), P/L Gordon (Sgt. Findlay), P/O MacLeod (Sgt. Blackaby), P/O Wood (P/O Wickham), P/L McLaughlin (P/O Takala), P/L Lacey (P/O Wade), all patrolled railroads in Munster-Bremen-Stendal-Magdeburg area, strafing and bombing road and rail transport. P/L Moore (P/O Morris), did not take off due to taxiing accident.		
		18th	WX- Fair to fine, long sunny periods, little high stratus, vis. good. S/L P.L. Coyne, W/O J. 15233 is appointed as appointed to Flight Commander of "A" Flight today. S/L Appleby, Auxiliary Services, visited the Squadron today re future entertainment and comforts for the same. First shell fire from Dunkirk was received tonight. Several aircraft being damaged. "A" Flight:- W/O Johnson (3 pass.) to Northolt and return in Oxford, NPT's. "B" Flight:- NPT's. OPERATIONS:- S/L Coyne (P/O Figgis), P/L Thomas (P/L Macdonald), P/L Walker (P/O Jones), S/L Brown (P/O Charters), P/L Graham (P/O Styles), P/O Robson (Sgt. Pemberton), P/O MacLeod (Sgt. Blackaby), P/O Wood (P/O Wickham), P/O Sharratt (P/O Collins), P/L Bussell (P/O Gastege), P/L Gordon (Sgt. Findlay), patrolled railway lines in Bremen-Munster-Stendal-Magdeburg Area. P/O Hughes (P/O Hulme), returned early due to radar failure.		
		19th	WX- Clear fine periods, little wind, vis. good. NIL (and NPT's) "A" Flight:- P/O MacLeod (Sgt. Blackaby), P/L Thomas (P/L Macdonald), returned from Gumbert, Spiny "B" Flight:- P/L McLaughlin (P/O Takala), to Gumbert, Spiny and return. OPERATIONS:- P/L Thomas (P/L Macdonald), P/O Johnson (Sgt. Kelly), P/O MacLeod (Sgt. Blackaby), P/O Wood (P/O Wickham), P/L Browning (P/O Gastege), P/L Taylor (Sgt. Ruttle), P/L Walker (P/O Jones), P/L Brown (P/O Charters), P/L Graham (P/O Styles), patrolled rail lines in Bremen-Munster-Magdeburg-Stendal Area.		
		20th	WX- Weather generally fine, vis. good. As Dakota transport does not commence until 26th March for aircrew leave to U.K. Our Oxford has been busy conveying flying personnel to England. "A" Flight:- NPT's. "B" Flight:- NPT's. OPERATIONS:- S/L Montgomery (P/O Drew), S/L Coyne (P/O Figgis), P/L Anson (P/O Morris), P/L Drake (P/O Gunning), P/O Hughes (P/O Hulme), P/L Gordon (Sgt. Findlay), P/O Hewitt (P/O Borovitch), P/L Hamilton (P/O White), P/L Moore (P/O Wilkins), patrolled railways in area Bremen-Stendal-Magdeburg-Munster, bombing and strafing trains, road transport, buildings and lights.		

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R.I.A.	MARCH 27th (Cont'd)	1945	<p>OPERATIONS:- S/L Coyne(F/O Figgis), F/L Walker(F/O Jones), F/L Graham(F/O Styles), F/O Robson(Sgt. Pemberton), bombed DUMEN. F/O Johnson(Sgt. Kelly), F/O Shave(F/O Collins), F/L McLaughlin(F/O Tokala), F/L Moore(F/O Wilkins), F/L McKittrick(F/O White), bombed CHESTERFIELD. F/L Browning(F/O Gastagne), F/O Bush(Sgt. O'Connor), F/L Scott(F/O Wayne), F/L "Acay"(F/O Wade) bombed STATION. Owing to adverse weather conditions, All A/C bombed on Gee HRO.</p>		
	28th		<p>WX:- Low stratus over whole of area.</p> <p>Airmen are anxiously awaiting visit of Auxiliary Services Officer. To date very little entertainment has been provided at Oxyde for personnel.</p> <p>"A" Flight:- NIL.</p> <p>"B" Flight:- NPT's.</p> <p>OPERATIONS:- NIL</p>		
	29th		<p>WX:- Low stratus covering whole of area, vis. moderate.</p> <p>F/L K. Moore (Sports Officer) is busy these days. A ball diamond has been made near our dispersal and games have been arranged with the army also with No. 16 Canadian General Hospital.</p> <p>"A" Flight:- NPT's.</p> <p>"B" Flight:- F/L McKittrick(F/L Howell) on low level cross country.</p> <p>OPERATIONS:- NIL</p>		
	30th		<p>WX:- Patchy and medium low stratus over whole of area, vis. moderate.</p> <p>F/L V.R. Cherry, J.12539 has returned from R.A.F. Cranwell after completing a Junior Commanders Administrative Course.</p> <p>"A" Flight:- Low Level formation practice and NPT'S.</p> <p>"B" Flight:- F/L McLaughlin to GATWICK.</p> <p>OPERATIONS:- NIL</p>		
	31st		<p>WX:- Patchy low stratus, slight occasional showers, vis. good, except in showers.</p> <p>Another month and we are still on the Continent. War News is optimistic and all personnel, are talking about home sweet home.</p> <p>"A" Flight:- Air-Ground Firing practice, S/L Coyne to Epiney, low level formation practice and NPT's.</p> <p>"B" Flight:- F/L McKittrick from Cambrai/Epiney, F/L Falconer from Cambrai/Epiney and NPT's.</p> <p>OPERATIONS:- S/L Coyne(F/O Figgis), F/O Johnston(F/S Kelly), F/O Shave(F/O Collins), F/L Browning(F/O Gastagne), F/O Bush(Sgt. O'Connor), F/L Walker(F/O Jones), F/O Robson(Sgt. Pemberton), F/L McKittrick(F/L Howell), F/L Moore(F/O Wilkins), F/L Falconer(F/O Faste), F/L Graham(F/O Styles), have not returned from sorties and have been reported missing. F/L Scott(F/O Wayne), returned early due to Gee trouble.</p>		

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R.I.A.	MARCH 1945		<p>Number of operational sorties for month:- 190</p> <p>Operational hours for month:- 62L40 Training hours for month:- 202,50</p> <p>Personnel on strength at 2359 hrs. 31st March 1945.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>R.C.A.F. Officers.....</td> <td>Aircrew.....</td> <td>37</td> <td>R.C.A.F. Airmen.....</td> <td>Aircrew.....</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R.C.A.F. Officers.....</td> <td>Groundcrew.....</td> <td>5</td> <td>R.C.A.F. Airmen.....</td> <td>Groundcrew.....</td> <td>9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R.A.F. Officers.....</td> <td>Aircrew.....</td> <td>21</td> <td>R.A.F. Airmen.....</td> <td>Aircrew.....</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R.A.A.F. Officers.....</td> <td>Aircrew.....</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Aircraft on strength</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>MOSQUITO VI.....</td> <td>16</td> <td>OXFORD.....</td> <td>1</td> <td>MANTON.....</td> <td>1</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>D.B. Annan</i> w/c (D.B. ANNAN) Wing Commander, Commanding No. 418 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.</p>	R.C.A.F. Officers.....	Aircrew.....	37	R.C.A.F. Airmen.....	Aircrew.....	2	R.C.A.F. Officers.....	Groundcrew.....	5	R.C.A.F. Airmen.....	Groundcrew.....	9	R.A.F. Officers.....	Aircrew.....	21	R.A.F. Airmen.....	Aircrew.....	6	R.A.A.F. Officers.....	Aircrew.....	1				MOSQUITO VI.....	16	OXFORD.....	1	MANTON.....	1		
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2nd/3rd	MOSQUITO VI (COVERED)						
"	" - 28563	F/O C.A. KRAUSE F/O A.W. BRIDGEMAN	Patrol Munster Canabruok Area	0026	0357	Bombed MEXPH. NRO. Straffed 28672 - light NRO.	
"	" - 28560	F/O T.L. WALKER F/O D.V. JONES	do	0120	0553	Bombed train at A617A - NRO. Straffed 5/6 rail oil tankers and MET - strikes seen.	
"	" - 28562	F/O V.P. SHAVE F/O G.T. COLLINS	do	0232	0515	N.B.M. due to weather.	
"	" - 28195	F/O A. NIGOL F/O J.E. WILKIN	do	0259	0710	Bombed E5488 (rail Junc) NRO. Straffed 4 MET, 1 flamer, 2 damaged. Straffed town, strikes on buildings.	
"	" - 28594	F/O G.S. JOHNSON SGT. D.P. KELLY	do	0300	0715	Bombed MEXPH - NRO. Straffed train at W0808 - NRO.	
"	" - 28562	F/O D.S. LACEY F/O D.M. VAIR	do	0300	0708	Bombed 29266 - NRO.	
2nd/4th	" - 28576	F/O V.R. CHERRY F/O A.D. BRIDGEMAN	Patrol Munster Canabruok Area	2227	0028	Bombed wood NRO. Straffed 3 MET NRO.	
"	" - 28561	F/O R.E. MAYOR SGT. T.C. BUTLER	do	1928	2313	Bombed and straffed fire on railway. Straffed 2 sets of lights. Strikes on 2.	
"	" - 28576	F/O G.S. JOHNSON SGT. D.P. KELLY	do	2028	0048	Bombed light at COESFELD, NRO. Straffed 5 MET with lights. Strikes seen among 4.	
"	" - 28594	F/O V.M. HADGROD SGT. BLACKLEY	do	2159	0201	Bombed building on fire. Fresh fire started. Straffed 1 MET - destroyed.	
"	" - 28118	F/O V. DRANK F/O L. GUNNING	do	1856	2311	Bombed MEXPH, NRO. Straffed 12 barges with aid of flare. Strikes on 4. Straffed car, flamer.	
"	" - 28562	F/O T.L. WALKER F/O D.V. JONES	do	1918	2301	Bombed road junction north of COESFELD. Straffed 4 MET. Strikes on 1.	
"	" - 28613	F/O C.A. KRAUSE F/O A.W. CHARTERS	do	2132	0135	Bombed bridge NRO. Straffed light NRO.	

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3rd/4th	MOSQUITO VI (COVERED)						
"	" - 28564	F/O V.P. SHAVE F/O G.T. COLLINS	Patrol-Munster Canabruok Area	1857	2247	Bombed train at ELJSTEDEN - NRO. Straffed 2 MET with lights. N. Angolom.	
"	" - 28565	F/O A. BOBSON SGT. O. FERGUSON	do	2805	0048	Bombed De Kooz A/D via. NRO. Straffed on believed V/T post. Strikes seen. Straffed 3 red lights - downed.	
4th/5th	" - 28576	F/O V.R. CHERRY F/O A.D. BRIDGEMAN	Patrol Canabruok Area	0059	0651	Bombed V1284 - NRO.	
"	" - 28823	F/O V. DRANK F/O L. GUNNING	do	0150	0629	Bombed ANAIS - NRO. Straffed diver - strikes seen, exploded on ground.	
"	" - 28613	F/O J.A. HURDS F/O L. HURDS	do	0101	0637	Bombed canal bank at V5726 - NRO.	
"	" - 28560	F/O E.D. THOMAS F/O R.W. MACDONALD	do	0146	0651	Bombed train E1296 - NRO. Straffed 4 MET. 1 blow up, strikes seen on three.	
"	" - 28594	F/O J. MCIVRICK F/O J.E. WILKIN	do	0254	0806	Bombed goods train at Y9512 - train stopped. Straffed engine probably destroyed.	
"	" - 28565	F/O K. MOORE F/O J.G. WILKIN	do	0224	0618	Bombed barges at 28050 NRO. Straffed 1 MET at 28573 flamer.	
"	" - 28562	F/O D.S. McLENNAN F/O A. TRINIA	do	0153	0605	Bombed MEXPH NRO. Straffed train at Q3207. Strikes seen on engine.	
"	" - 28134	F/O D.G. LACEY F/O D.M. VAIR	do	0249	0646	Bombed railway at 00356 - NRO. Straffed 4 MET. Strikes and small fire seen.	
"	" - 28148	F/O J.S. JOHNSON F/O P. DOLY	do	0124	0525	Bombed V446 NRO.	
2nd/6th	" - 28562	S/L P.A. MONTGOMERY F/O G.H. IRISH	Patrol Munster Area	1851	2244	Bombed railway line on D.R. NRO. Plates brought back.	
"	" - 28458	F/O K. MOORE F/O J.G. WILKIN	do	1852	2258	Bombed HUNGSTEINERT area on D.R. Flares B.B.	

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MOSQUITO VI								
5th/5th (cont'd)								
"	" - 8235	F/L D.G. LACKY F/O D.M. WADE	Patrol Bomber Area	1853	2257	B.B.B. due to weather and Gee failure. Struffed lights in BREM area NRO.		
"	" - 8250	F/L J.S. JOHNSON F/S P. DOLY	do	1854	2155	Returned early due to weather B.B.B.		
"	" - 8276	F/L V.L. CHERRY F/O A.D. BIRDGALL	do	2102	0044	Bombed town via. (V6102) NRO. Flares B.B.		
"	" - 8295	F/L K. MASH F/O V.R.E. MORRIS	do	2134	0116	Bombed on DE. NRO.		
"	" - 8294	F/L R.B. McLAUGHLIN F/O R.M. HANE	do	2053	0057	Bombed MEXFEN on Gee NRO. Flares B.B.		
"	" - 8261	F/L W.L. BRANE F/O K. GORDON	do	2132	2220	Returned early due to generator trouble.		
"	" - 8264	F/L J. MCKENZIE F/O J.R. WHITE	do	2250	0245	Bombed LOCHIN on Gee NRO. Flares B.B. Struffed lights doused.		
6th/7th			NIL OPERATIONS					
7th/8th			NIL OPERATIONS					
8th/8th	" - 8266	S/L P.A. MURPHY F/O G.L. WEE	Patrol Bomber Ombark Area	2300	0202	B.B.B. see u/s.		
"	" - 8291	S/L J. COOKE F/O D. FUDGE	do	2340	0330	Bombed MEXFEN. Flashes seen. Struffed lights V656 - doused.		
"	" - 8298	F/L G. HEDDER F/O M.R. FURBER	do	0057	0435	Bombed ISSELBURG. flash and glow, lasting one minute Jolt felt at 3,800 ft.		
"	" - 8254	F/L J. MCKENZIE F/O J.R. WHITE	do	0222	0657	Bombed M499 NRO.		
"	" - 8248	F/L D.S. McLAUGHLIN F/O A. TRILLA	do	0124	0522	Bombed MEXFEN NRO.		

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MOSQUITO VI							
8th/8th (cont'd)							
"	" - 8215	F/L D.G. LACKY F/O D.M. WADE	Patrol Bomber Ombark Area	0028	0416	Bombed railway at 28518 via. NRO. Struffed 2 MET NRO.	
"	" - 8276	F/L J.S. JOHNSON F/S P. DOLY	do	0157	0254	Returned early landed OULFISHALL. Pilot ill.	
"	" - 8261	F/L W.L. BRANE F/O K. GORDON	do	2350	0338	Bombed DUMMAN on Gee NRO. Struffed 5 MET. 3 damaged.	
9th/10th	" - 8248	F/O D.B. ANMAN F/O A.V. MATHISON	do	2002	0110	Landed HUNSMERE for refuel. Bombed BUNGSTON on Gee NRO. Struffed 3 MET. Strikes on 4, 3 blew up. Struffed train strikes seen.	
"	" - 8260	S/L J. COOKE F/O D. FUDGE	do	1859	2256	Bombed CORSPATE via. NRO. Struffed 14 MET. 1 flamer M.O.B.	
"	" - 8294	F/L R. MASH F/O V.R.E. MORRIS	do	2005	2057	Returned early A/T u/s.	
"	" - 8261	F/O J.A. HUNES F/O L. HUME	do	2032	2358	Bombed A1884 on DE. NRO.	
"	" - 8276	F/O J.D. HOWAT F/O B. BIRDGALL	do	1919	2308	Bombed MEXFEN on Gee NRO.	
"	" - 8254	F/L G. McLAUGHLIN F/O W.A. SIMPSON	do	1847	2239	Bombed railway at 28484 NRO.	
"	" - 8215	F/L D.G. LACKY F/O D.M. WADE	do	2032	0053	Bombed HALDEN on DE. NRO. Struffed MET NRO.	
"	" - 8294	F/L J. MCKENZIE F/O A.A. CASTAGNE	do	2008	2346	Bombed MEXFEN on Gee NRO.	
"	" - 8262	F/L G. HEDDER F/O M.R. FURBER	do	2219	0217	Bombed ISSELBURG on Gee NRO. Struffed 3 MET NRO.	
"	" - 8261	F/O G. HEDDER F/O P. KAFFEN	do	2107	N/R	Not Yet Returned.	

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10th/19th	MOSQUITO VI						
11th/19th							
12th/19th	"C" - 82560	F/L R.D. THOMAS F/L R.W. MACDONALD	Patrol Munster Cumbraek Area	1918	2357	Bombd AHAIS and WESSEM on Gee NRO. Struffed 3 MET, 1 train and 1 fire. Strikes seen on all.	
"X"	"S" - 82613	F/O J.A. HUGHES F/O L. BIRSE	do	2026	0017	Bombd VIKENY Area NRO. Struffed lights and 1 MET. Strikes seen.	
" "	"O" - 82328	F/O J.D. HOWAT	do	1920	2253	Bombd MIPPEN NRO.	
" "	"R" - 82621	F/L K. MARKE F/O W.E.T. MORRIS	do	1905	2334	Bombd MIPPEN NRO. Struffed 3 MET and 2 barges. Strikes seen.	
" "	"U" - 82962	F/L G. KEMNER F/O H.E. KEMNER	do	2137	0149	Bombd STADLOEN on Gee NRO. Struffed 12 MET, 5 strikes, 3 explosions and 1 fire seen.	
" "	"T" - 82965	F/L G. McLAUGHLIN F/O V. TIMPSON	do	2025	0040	Bombd MIPPEN on Gee NRO. Struffed 2 sets lights, NRO.	
" "	"E" - 82991	F/L J. McKEOWN F/O J.E. WHITE	do	2021	0047	Bombd factory. Direct hits and fire started, 4 MET and factory struffed, 4 strikes and 1 explosion seen.	
" "	"D" - 82458	F/L D. McLAUGHLIN F/O A. TENIA	do	2134	0142	Bombd MIPPEN NRO.	
" "	"H" - 82195	F/L B.G. LACKY F/O D.E. WARE	do	2130	0155	Bombd DALGEN on Gee NRO.	
13th/19th							
14th/19th							
15th/19th							
16th/19th							
17th/19th	"T" - 82964	S/L P.A. MONTGOMERY F/O G.H. IRBY	Patrol Stendal Magdeburg Area	2351	0306	Bombd DEGENSTADT, NRO. Struffed w/i lights, NRO.	

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17th/18th	MOSQUITO VI (CONT'D)						
" "	"C" - 82560	F/L R.D. THOMAS F/L R.W. MACDONALD	Patrol Magdeburg Stendal Area	0040	0450	Bombd factory, hits on side, struffed 11 MET, 2 destroyed 7 damaged, struffed train, railway station, w/i lights, all strikes.	
" "	"U" - 82962	F/L G. KEMNER F/O H.E. KEMNER	do	0135	0520	Bombd road B4262 on Gee NRO. Struffed tracks and w/i lights. Strikes seen.	
" "	"T" - 82454	F/L J. McKEOWN F/O J.E. WHITE	do	0212	0622	Bombd town GY984, flashes and explosion, Struffed 7 MET and lights, 3 MET destroyed, strikes on others.	
" "	"W" - 82825	F/L V.L. IRBY F/O E. CHURCH	do	0050	0405	Bombd BURGSTADT on Gee NRO.	
" "	"S" - 82613	F/O J.A. HUGHES F/O L. BIRSE	do	0155	0440	Bombd road and canal junction.	
" "	"L" - 82728	F/L J. GORDON SFC J.M. FINLAY	do	0226	0556	Bombd BURGSTADT NRO.	
" "	"O" - 82328	F/O W.H. MACLEOD SFC F.G. BLACKBURN	do	0124	0456	Bombd KD055 Small number of strikes seen. Struffed town strikes seen on buildings.	
" "	"H" - 82195	F/O A. KIDDE F/O J.H. WICKEN	do	0127	0600	Bombd STEINBERG, Column of smoke 200 ft. Struffed 4 MET 2 damaged.	
" "	"T" - 82965	F/L D.A. McLAUGHLIN F/O A. TENIA	do	2342	0347	Bombd w/i lights, NRO. Struffed lights NRO.	
" "	"H" - 82195	F/L B.G. LACKY F/O D.E. WARE	do	0052	0433	Bombd bridge NRO. Struffed 1 MET. Strikes seen.	
18th/19th	"T" - 82991	S/L J. COOKE F/O B. FIDDIS	Patrol Bremen Munster Stendal Magdeburg Area	2239	0300	Crash landed BRUSSELS/MELSBROEK after patrolling Munster Area.	
" "	"C" - 82560	F/L R.D. THOMAS F/L R.W. MACDONALD	do	2045	0100	Patrolled Magdeburg area landed Cambrai/Spincy.	
" "	"K" - 82391	F/L T.L. WALKER F/O D.V. JONES	do	2241	0217	Bombd G2115 NRO. Struffed fire, strikes seen.	

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18th/19th	MOSQUITO VI (CONT'D)						
"	"B" - PE458	F/L C.A. KRAUSE F/O A.N. CHATTERS	Patrol Bremen Munster Stendal Magdeburg	2335	0250	Bombed GUTENBERG on Gee NRO.	
"	"H" - PE195	F/L G.K. GRAHAM F/O R.T. STILES	do	2350	0316	Bombed FRANKFURT - MARBURG NRO. Straffed lights. NRO.	
"	"J" - PE115	F/O A. ROSSON Sgt. G. HARRISON	do	2339	0308	Flare on railway junction B9226. Fire started. Bombed BEILSLOHN NRO. Straffed MET and train. Strikes seen.	
"	"O" - PE398	F/O V.N. MACLEOD Sgt. F.G. BLACKBURN	do	2012	2345	Patrolled OBERMAYN Area landed EPINOV.	
"	"B" - PE148	F/O A. NICOL F/O J.H. WICKSON	do	2312	0235	Bombed BAD OYENHAUSEN marshalling yards, believe damage to storage sheds. Straffed factory - strikes. Many attacks on marshalling yards. Straffed 3 MET strikes on all. Claimed 12-15 TEE destroyed, 1 loco destroyed, 1 building damaged.	
"	"U" - PE362	F/O W.P. SHAVE F/O G.T. COLLINS	do	2260	0229	Bombed KORBACH on Gee NRO. Flares R.R.	
"	"T" - PE153	F/L J.C. BROWNE F/O A.A. CASTAGNE	do	2322	0256	Bombed WAREMUE on Gee NRO.	
"	"P" - PE114	F/L J.V. GORDON Sgt. J.A. FINLAY	do	2340	0330	Bombed YONK NRO.	
"	"S" - PE613	F/O J.H. HUGHES F/O L. HUME	do	0053	0214	Returned early Gee w/a.	
19th/20th	"O" - PE550	F/L R.D. THOMAS F/L R.V. MACDONALD	Patrol Bremen Munster Stendal Magdeburg Area	0009	0145	Bombed and straffed goods train - strikes seen. Straffed 12 MET, claims 1-5-6 landed Ombrai/Epinov.	
"	"T" - PE365	F/O G.R. JOHNSON F/S D.P. KELLY	do	0205	0623	Bombed railway junction. Straffed 3 MET NRO. Straffed w/a lights in town. Fire started. Landed Epinov.	
"	"O" - PE398	F/O V.N. MACLEOD Sgt. F.G. BLACKBURN	do	2348	0305	Bombed factory (Bombs dropped safe) straffed lights and buildings Strikes seen. Landed Epinov.	

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19th/20th	MOSQUITO VI (CONT'D)						
"	"B" - PE148	F/O A. NICOL F/O J.H. WICKSON	Patrol Bremen Munster Stendal Magdeburg Area	0006	0450	Bombed w/a lights NRO. Straffed 12 MET. 4 destroyed 3 damaged.	
"	"S" - PE613	F/L J.C. BROWNE F/O A.A. CASTAGNE	do	2315	0318	Bombed town NRO. Straffed w/a lights. NRO. Landed Epinov.	
"	"T" - PE376	F/L R.E. MAYOR Sgt. T.C. BUTLER	do	0145	0504	Bombed BOCHUM. Straffed w/a lights. Landed Epinov.	
"	"K" - PE391	F/L T.L.B. WALKER F/O D.W. JONES	do	0031	0448	Bombed MIEPPEN on Gee NRO. Straffed 2 MET, lights on A/W and fire NRO.	
"	"D" - PE458	F/L C.A. KRAUSE F/O A.N. CHATTERS	do	0146	0544	Bombed railway line. Straffed 2 MET, strikes seen landed EPINOV.	
"	"H" - PE195	F/L G.K. GRAHAM F/O R.T. STILES	do	0213	0611	Bombed railway junction. Straffed 2 MET NRO. Landed Epinov.	
20th/21st	"T" - PE366	S/L P.A. MURPHY F/O G. B. DEW	Patrol Swalle to Hanover	2009	2348	Straffed 2 MET 1 blew up and strikes seen on other. Straffed w/a light. NRO.	
"	"O" - PE360	S/L J. COYNE F/O D. FISHER	do	2015	0042	Straffed train, strikes seen on engine.	
"	"U" - PE362	F/L E. MASON F/O V.R.E. MORRIS	do	1940	2320	Straffed 2 MET, 1 blew up 1 damaged. Straffed train, strikes seen.	
"	"W" - PE223	F/L W.L. IRANE F/O E. GUNNING	do	1942	0035	Straffed 2 MET, buildings and fire. Strikes seen on all.	
"	"S" - PE613	F/O J.A. HUGHES F/O L. HUME	do	2112	0051	Straffed fire at X7733, fire increased.	
"	"P" - PE114	F/L J.V. GORDON Sgt. J.A. FINLAY	do	1953	2237	Straffed 2 MET. Strikes on 1. Straffed train at 4604 NRO.	
"	"T" - PE376	F/O J.D.W. EWAT F/O B. HERCOVICH	do	2146	0110	Patrol carried out, no attacks made.	

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20th/21st	MOSQUITO VI (CONT'D)						
"	"T" - 82953	F/L D.L. MONTGOMERY F/O J.E. DEW	Patrol Swalla to Manover	2220	0340	Straffed 8 HRO, 1 exploded, 1 damaged, strikes on trees.	
"	"S" - 82954	F/L E. MOORE F/O J.C. WILKINS	do	2219	0346	Patrol carried out, no attacks made.	
21st/22nd	"T" - 82954	S/L F.A. MONTGOMERY F/O G.E. DEW	Patrol Swalla Normal Area	2353	0312	Straffed ABAIN HRO. Bombed GOSFIELD HRO.	
"	"T" - 82955	F/L R.V. MONTGOMERY F/O J.E. DEW	do	0017	0235	Bombed DORSET HRO.	
"	"T" - 82955	F/L R.S. MONTGOMERY F/O A. THOMAS	do	0054	0235	Bombed VIDLEN and ANNET HRO.	
"	"T" - 82959	F/L D.S. MONTGOMERY F/O D.S. WARE	do	0114	0234	Bombed ISSLEBURG HRO.	
"	"T" - 82962	F/L K. MANN F/O R.E.E. MORRIS	do	0146	0348	Bombed GOSFIELD HRO.	
"	"S" - 82954	F/L W.L. DEW F/O K. COLLINS	do	0217	0310	Bombed HALBURN HRO.	
"	"S" - 82963	F/O J.A. HUGHES F/O L. DEW	do	0231	0335	Bombed BOREN HRO. Straffed fire at HARRISBURG HRO.	
"	"T" - 82964	F/L J.V. GORDON Sgt. J.A. FURLEY	do	0258	0335	Bombed ISSLEBURG on Gee HRO. 3 straffed lights ALICE HRO.	
"	"T" - 82975	F/O J.D. W. HOWE F/O B. MONTGOMERY	do	0314	0314	Bombed ANNET on Gee. Fire started.	
"	"S" - 82960	F/O G.S. JOHNSON F/S D. KELLY	do	0330	0335	Bombed GOSFIELD via. - enlarges fire - straffed fire at ABAIN. 2 attacks HRO. Straffed 1 HRO destroyed.	
22nd/23rd	"T" - 82955	S/L J.P. COYNE F/O D. FIELDS	Patrolled S.E. HOLLAND	2122	2153	Bombed BOREN. Started fresh fire.	

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22nd/23rd	MOSQUITO VI (CONT'D)						
"	"T" - 82955	F/L R.D. THOMAS F/L K.W. MACDONALD	Patrolled S.E. Holland	2046	2257	Bombed HALBURN. Explosions seen. Straffed lights, strikes seen.	
"	"S" - 82963	F/O A. BURSON Sgt. C. FRASER	do	2305	0309	Bombed BOREN on Gee started fires.	
"	"T" - 82991	F/L T.L. WALKER F/O D.W. JONES	do	2045	2151	Bombed concentration of fires at DUMEN.	
"	"T" - 82949	F/O C. SHAVE F/O G.T. COLLINS	do	2308	0102	Bombed HALBURN via. fires on either side of railway.	
"	"T" - 82944	F/L J.C. BROWNING F/O A.A. CASTAGNE	do	2302	0112	Bombed DUMEN on Gee bombs on large fire.	
23rd/24th	"T" - 82965	S/L J.P. COYNE F/O D. FIELDS	Patrolled Isselburg-Abol	2110	2306	Bombed on M.R.C.P. Position unknown HRO.	
"	"T" - 82964	S/L F.A. MONTGOMERY F/O G.H. DEW	do	2132	2326	Bombed ISSLEBURG on Gee HRO.	
"	"S" - 82960	F/L R.W. THOMAS F/L R.W. MACDONALD	do	2130	2315	Bombed ISSLEBURG on M.R.C.P.	
"	"T" - 82953	F/L R.E. NAVLOR Sgt. T.C. BUTLER	do	2139	2324	B.B.B. M.R.C.P. could not handle.	
"	"T" - 82934	F/O G.S. JOHNSON F/B K.P. KELLY	do	2156	2336	B.B.B. M.R.C.P. could not handle.	
"	"T" - 82955	F/O A. RIDGE F/O J.H. WICKEN	do	2204	2355	Bombed ANNET on M.R.C.P. HRO.	
"	"T" - 82949	F/O C. SHAVE F/O G.T. COLLINS	do	2244	0037	Bombed on M.R.C.P. Position unknown 2 bombs hung up.	
"	"T" - 82976	F/L J.C. BROWNING F/O A.A. CASTAGNE	do	2248	0044	Bombed ANNET on M.R.C.P. HRO.	

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23rd/24th	MOSQUITO VI (CONT'D)						
"	"K" - 82991	F/L T.L.B. WALKER	Patrolled	2206	0003	Bombed ANHOLT on M.R.C.P. NRO.	
"	"Y" - 87115	F/O D.E. JONES S/L G. FERRISON	Isselburg-Anholt				
"	"V" - 82115	F/O A. ROWSON	do	2222	0035	Bombed ISSELBURG via NRO.	
"	"S" - 82613	F/L G.K. GRAM F/O R.T. STILES	do	2238	0025	Bombed on M.R.C.P. Position unknown.	
24th/25th	"R" - 82148	S/L F.A. MONTGOMERY F/O G.H. DEW	Patrolled Zwolle Ganebruck Deventer Area	2104	2355	Bombed SEIGEN and MUDERSBACH NRO. Straffed lights NRO., Buildings - strikes, MET - strikes.	
"	"D" - 82458	S/L J.F. COOKE F/O D. FIDGIE	do	2124	2352	Bombed ELZEN NRO. Straffed lights at VASSEVELD - strikes. Straffed WESSEN - strikes on bldg, believed factory.	
"	"Q" - 82394	F/O J.D.V. HOWAT F/O B. HEDOVITCH	do	2126	2335	Bombed ELZEN - fire seen on way out.	
"	"Y" - 87115	F/O J.V. GORDON S/L J.A. FINELAY	do	2142	0010	Bombed light 61356 NRO. Straffed light 85158 NRO.	
"	"S" - 82613	F/O J.A. HUGHES F/O L. HULME	do	2156	0014	Bombed ELZEN NRO. Straffed STADEN - strikes. T	
"	"K" - 82991	F/L W.L. DRAKE F/O K. GIBBING	do	2155	2359	Bombed ELZEN NRO. Bombed BARSFELD, 2 fires started. Straffed lights S. of TERNBURG, fire seen.	
"	"T" - 82976	F/L K. MASON F/O W.R.K. MORRIS	do	2212	0029	Bombed CLER via NRO.	
"	"W" - 82849	F/L D.G. LACEY F/O D.M. WADE	do	2315	0141	Bombed ELZEN on Gee NRO. Bombed 40175 via NRO. Straffed WESSEN NRO.	
"	"L" - 82594	F/L D.S. McLAUGHLIN F/O A. TERELA	do	2217	0043	Bombed ELZEN on Gee NRO. Straffed 6 MET, 2 blew up, 1 flame rest damaged. Straffed fires - strikes.	
"	"U" - 82362	F/O R.K. MOORE F/O J.C. WILKINS	do	2232	0106	Bombed SEIGEN via - fire started.	

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"	"K" - 82991	F/L D.J. MONTGOMERY F/O J.E. WHITE	Patrolled Zwolle Ganebruck Deventer Area	2245	0101	Bombed N. of ELZEN on Gee NRO.	
"	"T" - 82965	F/L G.M. McCLACHIE F/O W.A. TOMPSON	do	2247	0057	Bombed fire AALTON NRO. Bombed Rly/road junction, NRO. Straffed road at AALTON, NRO.	
25th/26th	"D" - 82148	S/L F.A. MONTGOMERY F/O G.H. DEW	Patrolled Zwolle-Ganebruck Banover	1935	2241	Bombed HELL NRO. Landed CAMBRAY/SPINNY.	
"	"Y" - 87115	F/L D.M. MONTGOMERY F/O J.E. WHITE	do	1939	2312	Bombed HILLERBACH, Factory hit. Straffed 5 MET, Strikes seen.	
"	"U" - 82362	F/L R.K. MOORE F/O J.C. WILKINS	do	1941	2232	Bombed FISBACK starting fire in town.	
"	"K" - 82991	F/L D.S. McLAUGHLIN F/O A. TERELA	do	1955	2238	Bombed fire in wood nr. VASSEN, fire increased.	
"	"W" - 82849	F/L D.G. LACEY F/O D.M. WADE	do	2120	0009	Bombed railway NRO. Straffed lights on road NRO.	
"	"T" - 82976	F/L K.C. MASON F/O W.R.K. MORRIS	do	2100	0036	Bombed HORDERIM via NRO.	
"	"W" - 82821	F/L W.L. DRAKE F/O K. GIBBING	do	2057	0012	Bombed AHAUS fires increased.	
"	"S" - 82613	F/O J.K. HUGHES F/O L. HULME	do	2104	2357	Bombed SEIGEN NRO.	
"	"Q" - 82394	F/O J.D.V. HOWAT F/O B. HEDOVITCH	do	2245	0128	Bombed railway nr. BAALTE NRO. Straffed fire by canal NRO.	
"	"D" - 82458	F/O A. HIGGON F/O J.H. WICKEN	do	2228	0100	Landed GILZE-RIJEN - crew both wounded by flak.	
"	"L" - 82594	F/L J.C. BROWNING F/O A.A. CASTAGNE	do	2221	0115	Bombed MUDERSBACH fires increased. Straffed railway station and train.	
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				Up	Down		
27th/28th	MOSQUITO VI "T" - 82976	S/L J.P. COYNE P/O D. FINNIS	Patrol Osnabruck Area	2126	2310	Bombed DULMEN on Gee NRO.	
"	"L" - 82994	P/O G.S. JOHNSTON P/S D.P. KELLY	do	2102	2315	Bombed COESFELD on Gee NRO.	
"	"T" - 82965	P/O G. SHAVE P/O G.T. COLLINS	do	2180	2315	Bombed COESFELD on Gee NRO.	
"	"S" - 82613	P/L J.C. BROOKING P/O A.A. CASTAGNE	do	2157	0005	Bombed STADTLOEN on Gee NRO.	
"	"R" - 82195	P/O A.S. BUSH P/S M.V. O'CONNOR	do	2126	2331	Bombed STADTLOEN on Gee NRO.	
"	"W" - 82991	P/L T.L.B. WALKER P/O B.W. JONES	do	2139	2359	Bombed DULMEN on Gee NRO.	
"	"Q" - 82904	P/L E.K. GRAHAM P/O R.T. STILES	do	2208	0018	Bombed DULMEN on Gee NRO.	
"	"Y" - 82115	P/O A. BOBSON Sgt. C. FERRINGTON	do	2203	0058	Bombed DULMEN on Gee NRO.	
"	"Q" - 82560	P/L P.J. SCOTT P/O W.E. WARE	do	2132	2350	Bombed STADTLOEN on Gee NRO.	
"	"P" - 82454	P/L D.G. LACKY P/O D.M. WARE	do	2219	0025	Bombed STADTLOEN on Gee NRO.	
"	"R" - 82414	P/L D.B. McLAUGHLIN P/O A. TRINCLA	do	2143	0010	Bombed COESFELD on Gee NRO.	
"	"W" - 82823	P/L E.K. MOORE P/O J.G. WILKINS	do	2152	0012	Bombed COESFELD on Gee NRO.	
"	"T" - 82153	P/L D.J. McATRICK P/O J.E. WHITE	do	2229	0100	Bombed COESFELD on Gee NRO.	
28th/29th		NIL	OPERATIONS				

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				Up	Down		
29th/30th	MOSQUITO VI	NIL	OPERATIONS				
30th/31st		NIL	OPERATIONS				
1st/1st APR.	"T" - 82976	S/L J.P. COYNE P/O D. FINNIS	Patrol Osnabruck Area	2015	2351	Bombed MET and bridge nr. TROVE NRO. Struffed numerous MET nr. LEER. Strikes and fire started.	
"	"T" - 82965	P/L G.E. McLAUGHLIN P/L J.E. HOWELL	do	2012	2325	Bombed fires nr. KRUEHHAUS. Struffed 4 sets stationary lights NRO.	
"	"L" - 82994	P/O G.S. JOHNSTON P/S D.P. KELLY	do	2034	0049	Bombed MET NRO. Struffed numerous MET. 1 flamer, 2 incendiary.	
"	"T" - 82849	P/O G. SHAVE P/O G.T. COLLINS	do	2030	2388	Bombed MET moving E. NRO. struffed 12 MET 1 flamer.	
"	"T" - 82962	P/L J.C. BROOKING P/O A.A. CASTAGNE	do	2040	2342	Bombed burning stationary MET. Fire increased. Struffed MET and lights. Strikes on 1 truck.	
"	"R" - 82195	P/O A.S. BUSH P/S M.V. O'CONNOR	do	2115	0021	Bombed WUBSTENAU NRO. railway and canal NRO. Struffed fire by canal NRO.	
"	"T" - 82153	P/L T.L.B. WALKER P/O B.W. JONES	do	2049	0100	Bombed GLEMBURG bridge NRO. Struffed 5 MET, strikes on 1.	
"	"Q" - 82904	P/L E.K. GRAHAM P/O R.T. STILES	do	2109	NTR	NOT YET RETURNED	
"	"Y" - 82115	P/O A. BOBSON Sgt. C. FERRINGTON	do	2143	0044	Bombed MET and lights. Column of white smoke. Struffed MET strikes seen.	
"	"Q" - 82560	P/L P.J. SCOTT P/O W.A. WARE	do	2134	2219	Returned early Gee u/s.	
"	"W" - 82823	P/L E.K. MOORE P/O J.G. WILKINS	do	2131	0108	Bombed railway NRO. Struffed stationary light NRO.	
"	"T" - 82976	P/L P. PALOCHER P/O R.A. FURV	do	2058	0011	Bombed railway junction on Gee NRO.	

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B.71	B.L.A.	6th April	<p>WXP. Low stratus over whole of area. Vis. poor.</p> <p>Aircraft are enjoying leave in U.K. Dakota service being available both ways. A 48 hr leave hotel is available in Brussels (The Atlantic). It is expected that all officers will avail themselves to this leave.</p> <p>"A" Flight: NPT's.</p> <p>"B" Flight: NPT's and Ops approach training.</p> <p>Operations: S/L Montgomery (P/O Drew), S/L Coyne (P/O Figgis), F/L Redeker (P/O Zimmer), F/L McLaughlin (P/O Tabela), F/L Lacey (P/O Wade), F/L Falconer (P/O Tuttle), P/O Howat (P/O Barcovitch), F/L Gordon (Sgt Findlay), F/L Drake (P/O Gunning) F/L Mason (P/O Morris), F/L Cherry (P/L Birdsall), F/L Krause (P/O Charters) patrolled lines of communication in BREMEN, HANOVER AND BERLIN area.</p>		
		7th April	<p>WX: Fair to fine, vis good.</p> <p>W/O R. Hancock our former G.O. visited the Squadron today from Manston.</p> <p>"A" Flight: Low level formation cross country training. F/L Gordon (O/L Campbell) to Brussels and return. NPT's.</p> <p>"B" Flight: NPT's.</p> <p>Operations: S/L Coyne (P/O Figgis), F/L Krause (P/O Charters), P/O Robson (Sgt Pemberton), F/L Scott (P/O Worne), F/L Crapper (P/O Lane), W/O Johnston (P/S Kelly), P/O Shave (P/O Collins), F/L Gordon (Sgt Findlay), F/L Mason (P/O Morris) F/L Cherry (P/L Birdsall) patrolled lines of communication in BREMEN/HANOVER/MAGDEBURG AND BERLIN area.</p>		
		8th April	<p>W/X: Fair to fine with small bits of high cloud. vis good.</p> <p>Word has been received that our former G.O. W/O J.C. Wickett (O.855) is safe in U.K. He was posted Missing 22nd February, 1945.</p> <p>"A" Flight: Low level formation cross country. Single engine flying and cushioning practice; NPT's.</p> <p>"B" Flight: NPT's.</p> <p>Operations: W/O Aman (P/O MacIntosh), S/L Montgomery (P/O Drew), F/L Coyne (P/O Figgis), P/O MacLeod (P/S Blackaby) W/O Johnston (P/S Kelly) P/O Shave (P/O Collins), F/L Browning (P/O Castagn), F/L Bush (W/O O'Connor), F/L Krause (P/O Charters), P/O Robson (Sgt Pemberton), F/L Crapper (P/O Lane), F/L Scott (P/O Worne), patrolled battle area in North-east HOLLAND and North West GERMANY.</p>		
		9th April	<p>WX: Fair to fine. Vis good.</p> <p>Supervisor J. McCallan, RMA arrived on the Squadron and will be in charge of Am. Services for RCAF personnel. P/O A.M. Nicol, J.26373 who was injured by shrapnel on operations, returned to our unit today, looking very fit.</p> <p>"A" Flight: F/L Crapper flew from REFINOX & NPT's.</p> <p>"B" Flight: Air to ground firing practice. F/L to Epancy and return in Oxford. NPT's.</p> <p>Operations: F/L Cherry (P/L Birdsall), P/O Howat (P/O Barcovitch), F/L MacLeod (P/S Blackaby), S/L Montgomery (P/O Drew), F/L Mason (P/O Morris), F/L Gordon (Sgt Findlay), F/L Redeker (P/O Zimmer), F/L Drake (P/O Gunning), F/L Lacey (P/O Wade), F/L Falconer (P/O Tuttle), F/L McLaughlin (P/O Tabela), F/L Krause (P/O Charters), patrolled lines of communication in N.E. Holland and N.W. Germany.</p>		
		10th April	<p>WX: Fine, with patches of cumulus. Vis. good.</p> <p>W/O R.E. Aman, J.4554, O.G. visited Blackbushe and Manston by air today. The Squadron held a very enjoyable party in the officers mess (ONE HOUR) Everyone had a grand time especially, we enjoyed the Canadian girls.</p> <p>"A" Flight: W/O Aman (P/O MacIntosh) to Blackbushe and return, F/L Thomas on air test. NPT's.</p> <p>"B" Flight: NPT's.</p>		

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B.71	B.L.A.	APRIL 10th Contd.	<p>Operations: F/L Cherry (P/L Birdsall), F/L Gordon (Sgt Findlay), W/O Johnston (P/S Kelly), F/L Bush (W/O O'Connor), P/O Shave (P/O Collins), patrolled enemy lines of communication in N.E. Holland and N.W. Germany.</p>		
		11th	<p>WX: Fair to fine, High medium cloud in afternoon. Vis. good.</p> <p>Even shows, movies by RMA have been enjoyed by airmen. Amuse for airmen is being arranged by the Entertainments Officer, of the Squadron.</p> <p>"A" Flight: Formation flying and NPT's.</p> <p>"B" Flight: NPT's.</p> <p>Operations: S/L Coyne (P/O Figgis), F/L Krause (P/O Charters), F/L Scott (P/O Worne), F/L Crapper (P/O Lane), W/O Johnston (P/S Kelly), P/O Robson (Sgt Pemberton), P/O Shave (P/O Collins), F/L Browning (P/O Castagn), F/L MacLeod (P/S Blackaby), F/L Moore (P/O Wilkins), F/L Drake (P/O Gunning), F/L Mason (P/O Morris), patrolled enemy lines of communication in Holland and N.W. Germany, attacking road and rail transport with bombs and cannon fire.</p>		
		12th	<p>WX: Fair to fine, Thundery conditions during evening. Vis - Good.</p> <p>Word has been received from 2 groups, that P/O J.D. Ritch, J.39289, missing on operations 17th October, 1944, is now safe in Odessa. P/O Ritch has been a P.O.W. but freed by the Russians.</p> <p>"A" Flight: Air to ground firing practice. NPT's.</p> <p>"B" Flight: NPT's.</p> <p>Operations: S/L Coyne (P/O Figgis), S/L Montgomery (P/O Drew), W/O Johnston (P/S Kelly), P/O Robson (Sgt Pemberton), P/O Shave (P/O Collins), F/L Browning (P/O Castagn), F/L Bush (W/O O'Connor), F/L Krause (P/O Charters), P/O MacLeod (P/S Blackaby), F/L Scott (P/O Worne), F/L Crapper (P/O Lane), F/L Moore (P/O Wilkins) patrolled enemy lines of communication in BREMEN-LINCOLN-BERLIN area.</p>		
		13th	<p>WX: Patches of low stratus - otherwise fair. Vis-moderate</p> <p>Sections are packing and preparing to move again. Our future home is in Holland.</p> <p>"A" Flight: NPT's.</p> <p>"B" Flight: Low level cross-country training. F/L Moore, F/L Gordon, to GIBBERL/REFINOX. F/L McLaughlin (P/O Tabela) to REFINOX and return in Oxford.</p> <p>Operations: Nil.</p>		
		14th	<p>WX: Fine all day with slight ground haze. Vis-moderate.</p> <p>F/L R.D. Thomas, J.23052 (Pilot) and F/L R.W. MacDonald, J.9256 (Nav) proceeded by air today to No. 5 (RCAF) FMS Bournemouth for reporting to Atlantic Ferry Command. This crew finished a very successful tour of operations with our Squadron.</p> <p>"A" Flight: NPT's.</p> <p>"B" Flight: NPT's.</p> <p>Operations: W/O Aman (P/O MacIntosh), S/L Montgomery (P/O Drew), S/L Coyne (P/O Figgis), F/L Redeker (P/O Zimmer), F/L Moore (P/O Wilkins), F/L McLaughlin (P/O Tabela), F/L Lacey (P/O Wade), F/L Cherry (P/L Birdsall), F/L Browning (P/O Castagn), F/L Drake (P/O Gunning), F/L Gordon (Sgt Findlay), F/L Krause (P/O Charters), P/O MacLeod (P/S Blackaby), F/L MacCallan (P/L Howell), F/L Crapper (P/O Lane), W/O Johnston (P/S Kelly), P/O Shave (P/O Collins), F/L Falconer (P/O Tuttle), P/O Howat (P/O Barcovitch), P/O Robson (Sgt Pemberton), F/L Bush (W/O O'Connor), F/L Scott (P/O Worne), patrolled enemy lines of communication in N.W. Germany and N.E. Holland.</p>		

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R.71 R.L.A.	APRIL 15th		<p>WX: Fine all day. Vis. good.</p> <p>Rights-Genevieve-Victory-Loan Campaign is well under way on 6418 Servicing-Bohdon and 438 Squadron. Our objective is 2/ 18000,00. Results will be advised later.</p> <p>"A" Flight: Air to ground firing and HPT's.</p> <p>"B" Flight: HPT's.</p> <p>Operations: W/C Anson (P/L Howell), P/L Krause (P/O Chartars), P/O MacLeod (P/S Blackaby), P/L McCletochie (P/O Dolby), P/L Crapper (P/O Lake), P/O Johnston (P/S Kelly), P/O Robson (Sgt Pemberton), P/O Shave (P/O Collins), P/L Browning (P/O Castagna), P/L Bush (W/O O'Connor), W/O Lenton (S/L McCaul) patrolled KIEL-BREMEN-BERLIN area. P/L Coyne (P/O Figgis) returned early due to Gee failure.</p>		
	16th		<p>WX: Fine all day. Vis-good.</p> <p>P/O A.M. MacDrook, J.24916, (New) left today for 3 (RAF) FMS on posting after a tour of duty with our Squadron. Record night last night as we operated with a strength of 23 crews from our Squadron alone.</p> <p>All returned safely.</p> <p>"A" Flight: HPT's.</p> <p>"B" Flight: HPT's.</p> <p>Operations: P/O Shave (P/O Collins), P/L Bush (W/O O'Connor), P/L Scott (P/O Waine), P/O MacLeod (P/S Blackaby), P/L Crapper (P/O Lake), P/L Browning (P/O Castagna), P/O Robson (Sgt Pemberton), P/L McCletochie (W/O Dolby), S/L Coyne (P/O Figgis), P/L Redaker (P/O Zimmar), P/L McLaughlin (P/O Tuttle), P/L Lacey (P/O Wade), patrolled enemy lines of communication in KIEL-BREMEN-LIBSCHE-BERLIN area.</p>		
	17th		<p>WX: Fine all day. Ground haze during morning improving to good visibility.</p> <p>Several officers attended the Sgts Mess Dance last night. They held a grand party and all enjoyed even though the fair sex do not speak much English.</p> <p>"A" Flight: HPT's.</p> <p>"B" Flight: HPT's.</p> <p>Operations: P/L Cherry (P/L Birdsell), P/L Mason (P/O Morris), P/L Drake (P/O Gunning), P/L Gordon (Sgt Findlay), P/O Howat (P/O Bercoovitch), P/L Redaker (P/O Zimmar), P/L Moore (P/O Wilkins), P/L McLaughlin (P/O Tuttle), P/L Lacey (P/O Wade), P/L Falconer (P/O Tuttle), P/L Krause (P/O Chartars) patrolled enemy lines of communication in KIEL-BREMEN-LIBSCHE-BERLIN area. P/O MacLeod (P/S Blackaby) returned early due to Gee trouble.</p>		
	18th		<p>WX: Fine all day. Vis-good.</p> <p>Debats leave service is working very satisfactorily to U. K. Some aircrew are taking advantage of leave to Paris and Brussels. A Belgian Brass show played to the Wing tonight. A High class effort. Our Squadron Mess entertained the artists after the performance.</p> <p>"A" Flight: W/C Anson (P/L Howell) to Volkel and return, and HPT's.</p> <p>"B" Flight: W/O Howat (P/O Bercoovitch) to Volkel and return and HPT's. Air ground firing practice.</p> <p>Operations: W/O Howat (P/L McLaughlin) to Halbrook and return.</p> <p>Operations: W/C Anson (P/L Howell), P/L Drake (P/O Gunning), P/L Redaker (P/O Zimmar), P/L Falconer (P/O Tuttle), P/L Lacey (P/O Wade), P/L McLaughlin (P/O Tuttle), P/L Moore (P/O Wilkins), P/O Howat (P/O Bercoovitch), P/L Gordon (Sgt Findlay) patrolled lines of communication in KIEL-BREMEN-LIBSCHE-BERLIN area.</p>		
	19th		<p>WX: Fine all day. Vis-good.</p> <p>Information has been received that P/L J.S.P. Johnson, J.12230, a pilot on our Squadron has developed tuberculosis and being repatriated to Canada.</p>		

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	20th		<p>WX: Fair to fine. Vis-good.</p> <p>The following crews reports from 2 GSU today for operational duty with our Squadron.</p> <p>CAN. P/L J.L. Barclay, J.24094, Pilot - CAN. P/O J.A.G. Deledurantaye, J.47008, Nav. W.</p> <p>CAN. P/L R.E. Church, J.5326, Pilot - CAN. P/O J.L. Hood, J.47000, Nav. W.</p> <p>"A" Flight: HPT's.</p> <p>"B" Flight: P/L McLaughlin (P/O Tuttle), to B.80 and return in Oxford and HPT's.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: P/L Walker (P/O Jones), P/L Browning (P/O Castagna), P/L Bush (W/O O'Connor), P/O MacLeod (P/S Blackaby), P/L Scott (P/O Waine), P/L Crapper (P/O Lake), P/L McCletochie (W/O Dolby), P/L Krause (P/O Chartars), P/L McKittrick (P/O White), P/L Moore (P/O Wilkins), P/L Lacey (P/O Wade), P/L Falconer (P/O Tuttle), patrolled enemy lines of communication.</p>		
	21st		<p>WX: Low stratus and slight showers in morning improving during day.</p> <p>P/O W.E. Hutchinson, J.19718, Pilot and P/L A.J. Eckert, J.9059, Nav. B.W. reported for operational duty today from 2 GSU. P/L Eckert completed a tour with our Squadron 31st May, 1941 and is now starting a 2nd tour. W/O D.E. Aasen, J.4554, officer commanding and P/L O.W. Thompson, G.8862, Adjutant, visited B.80 (Volkel) our new home today, by air.</p> <p>"A" Flight: W/C Anson (P/L Howell) & 1 passenger, to B.80 and return.</p> <p>S/L Coyne (1 passenger) to B.80 and return in Oxford. HPT's.</p> <p>"B" Flight: Air to ground firing practice and HPT's.</p> <p>Operations: P/L Cherry (P/L Birdsell), P/L Mason (P/O Morris), P/L Drake (P/O Gunning), P/L Hughes (P/O Hulme), P/L Gordon (Sgt Findlay), P/O Howat (P/O Bercoovitch), P/L Redaker (P/O Zimmar), P/L McKittrick (P/O White), P/L Moore (P/O Wilkins), P/L McLaughlin (P/O Tuttle), P/L Lacey (P/O Wade), P/L Falconer (P/O Tuttle), patrolled lines of communication in battle areas.</p>		
	22nd		<p>WX: Small amounts of cu. cloud. Vis good. Sunny.</p> <p>Airman's dance in Cologne (Kessel) was a huge success. Much praise has been given to P/L Birdsell the Entertainments officer of the Squadron, who with the support of a committee of three airman made the evening very enjoyable for all.</p> <p>"A" Flight: P/L Church (P/O Hood) on training cross-country.</p> <p>"B" Flight: HPT's.</p> <p>Operations: S/L Coyne (P/O Figgis), P/L McKittrick (P/O White), P/L Moore (P/O Wilkins), P/L McLaughlin (P/O Tuttle), P/L Falconer (P/O Tuttle), P/L Drake (P/O Gunning), P/L Hughes (P/O Hulme), P/L Gordon (Sgt Findlay), patrolled enemy lines of communication in KIEL-BREMEN-LIBSCHE-BERLIN area. P/L Redaker (P/O Zimmar) returned early due to generator failure.</p>		
	23rd		<p>WX: Occasional showers. Otherwise fair. Vis. moderate.</p> <p>WX: HPT's.</p> <p>"A" Flight: P/L Barclay (1 passenger) to B.80 and return in Oxford. HPT's.</p> <p>"B" Flight: P/O Hutchinson (P/L Eckert) on training cross-country.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: P/L Walker (P/O Jones), P/L Krause (P/O Chartars), P/O MacLeod (P/S Blackaby), P/L Scott (P/O Waine), P/L McCletochie (W/O Dolby), P/L Browning (P/O Castagna), P/L Bush (W/O O'Connor), P/O Howat (P/O Bercoovitch), patrolled enemy lines of communication in battle areas. P/L Crapper (P/O Lake) bombed by ground control.</p>		

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	APRIL 24th		<p>WX: Fair to fine, becoming cloudy. Vis-Med.</p> <p>W/O Amman and F/L Thompson visited R.C.A.F. O/S Headquarters, London, by air today.</p> <p>"A" Flight: Air to ground firing practice. NPT's.</p> <p>"B" Flight: Air to ground firing practice. F/L Cherry (F/L Howell), to B.80 and return.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: F/L Crapper (F/O Lake), F/L Bush (W/O O'Connor) F/L McClelland (W/O Kelly), F/L Krouse (F/O Charters), F/O Macleod (F/O Blackaby), F/L McLaughlin, (F/O Takala), F/L Lacey (F/O Wade) bombed HUBBON on ground control. F/L Browning (F/O Castagne), F/L Walker (F/O James), F/L Scott (F/O Varne) F/L Redeker (F/O Zinner), F/L Falconer (F/O Tutts) patrolled enemy lines of communication.</p>		
	25th		<p>WX: Cloudy, becoming fair. Vis-good.</p> <p>Entire 136 Wing and our Squadron in process of moving by air and vehicle transport to B.80, Volkel, Holland which will be our future base.</p> <p>"A" Flight: F/L Barclay (F/O DeLamantaye) to BECKES and return in Oxford. NPT's.</p> <p>"B" Flight: F/L Cherry (F/L Howell) to B.80. NPT's.</p>		
	26th		<p>WX: Fair, deteriorating in afternoon.</p> <p>Aircraft officers have been taking advantage of Paris leave as well as Brussels. A new leave is available to Games on the Riviera and it is expected that it will be a popular resort for aircraft.</p> <p>"A" Flight: S/L Coyne to Hartford Bridge. NPT's.</p> <p>"B" Flight: NPT's.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: F/L Cherry (F/L Birdall), F/L Redeker (F/O Zinner), F/L McKittrick (F/O White) F/L McLaughlin (F/O Takala), F/L Lacey (F/O Wade), F/L Falconer (F/O Tutts), F/O Hutchinson (F/L Eckert), S/L Hughes (F/O Bulme), F/L Gordon (Sgt. Findlay) patrolled enemy lines of communication attacking road and rail transport.</p>		
	27th		<p>WX: Occasional showers, becoming fair. Vis-Med.</p> <p>NIL</p> <p>"A" Flight: S/L Coyne returned from Hartford Bridge.</p> <p>"B" Flight: NIL.</p> <p>NIL.</p>		
	28th		<p>WX: Low stratus, heavy rain, hail. Vis-poor.</p> <p>Officers are billeted under canvas at our new home and its rain, rain, rain, in Holland.</p> <p>Educational Officer is setting up business under canvas.</p> <p>Auxiliary services films and "Gnade House" to open soon.</p> <p>"A" Flight: All aircraft flown to B.80. F/L Barclay (F/O Hewst) to Brussels and return in Oxford.</p> <p>"B" Flight: NIL</p>		
	29th		<p>WX: Rain over whole of area. Vis-poor.</p> <p>Sports and games have been at a standstill due to rain and movement of Squadron but activity on a large scale is expected shortly as sports officer is hard at work.</p> <p>The souvenir hunters are hard at work - with great success.</p> <p>"A" Flight: NIL</p> <p>"B" Flight: NPT's.</p> <p>NIL</p>		

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R.71 R.L.A.	APRIL 30th		<p>WX: Low Stratus, and rain over whole of area.</p> <p>W/O G.S. Johnston has received his commission. This W/O has completed a most successful tour and is to be congratulated on a fine showing.</p> <p>"A" Flight: NPT's.</p> <p>"B" Flight: NPT's.</p> <p>OPERATIONS NIL.</p>		
			<p>Number of operational sorties for month:- 265</p> <p>Operational hours for month:- 1111.50 Training hours for month:- 196.55</p> <p>Personnel on strength at 2359 hrs. 30th April, 1945.</p> <p>R.C.A.F. Officers.....Aircraft.....11 R.C.A.F. Airmen.....Aircraft.....2</p> <p>R.C.A.F. Officers.....Groundcrew.....6 R.C.A.F. Airmen.....Groundcrew.....10</p> <p>R.A.F. Officers.....Aircraft.....3 R.A.F. Airmen.....Aircraft.....6</p> <p>R.A.A.F. Officers.....Aircraft.....3</p>		
			<p>Aircraft on strength</p> <p>MOSQUITO VI.....20 OPERON.....1 MACISSER.....1</p>		
			<p><i>J.P. Amman etc</i></p> <p>(W. B. AMMAN) Wing Commander, Commanding No. 418 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.</p>		

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2nd/3rd (CONT'D)	MOSQUITO VI						
"	"W" - 8296	F/L R. FAUCONER F/O R.A. TUTT	Patrol Osnabruck HANOVER AREA	2218	0135	Bombd MEPPEN NRO, Straffed light NRO, 1 flare B.E.	
"	"S" - 82613	F/L W.D. TRAKE F/O K. GIBBINE	do	2324	0257	Bombs dropped NRO, Straffed 15 MET Strikes on L.	
"	"P" - 82131	F/L J.W. GORDON SPT. J.A. FINDLAY	do	2323	0247	Flares dropped nothing seen.	
"	"S" - 82560	F/O J.D.W. HOAT F/O B. BERGOVITCH	do	2346	0300	Bombd railway NRO.	
"	"W" - 82524	F/O G.S. JONESTON SPT. D. KELLY	do	0008	0329	Straffed railway N/Y. Strikes on buildings.	
"	"P" - 962	F/L J.C. BROWNING F/O A.A. GASTAGNE	do	2348	0350	Straffed MET. Strikes seen, Straffed train - strikes on front coaches, Straffed light - undershot.	
3rd/4th	"W" - 82219	S/L J.P. COYNE F/O D. FERGUS	Patrol Osnabruck Bremen Hanover	0133	0351	B.E.B. owing to bad weather.	
"	"W" - 82524	F/L T.H.R. WALKER F/O D.W. JONES	do	0146	0611	Bombd OSCHERSLEBEN factory NRO, Straffed train, Strikes in middle, Strikes on 4 MET, 1 burnt.	
"	"S" - 82560	F/O A. ROBINSON SPT. FEMBERTON	do	0213	0546	Bombd WIEZENDORN railway on Gee NRO, 2 flares dropped Train straffed, 5 coaches damaged, Straffed 3 light flashes.	
"	"W" - 82364	F/L P.J. SCOTT F/O W.A. HARRIS	do	0202	0521	Bombd railway 4 miles N. of MEPPEN and five at HANNOVER NRO, Straffed 2 MET possible strikes.	
"	"P" - 82454	F/O C. SHAVE F/O G.T. COLLINS	do	0228	0538	Bombd railway N.W. NORDHAUSEN on Gee NRO, Flares dropped NRO.	
"	"W" - 82362	F/L J.C. BROWNING F/O A.A. GASTAGNE	do	0225	0620	Bombd GOTTINGEN on Gee, NRO, Straffed main street in HERGA, Strikes on buildings, Straffed MET NRO.	
"	"W" - 82931	F/L A.S.C. BUSH F/S M.W. O'CONNOR	do	0211	0537	Bombd PAPENBURG via, NRO, Straffed 2 sets of lights, NRO.	

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3rd/4th (CONT'D)	MOSQUITO VI						
"	"W" - 82376	F/L V.B. CHERRY F/L A.B. RUDSALL	Patrol Osnabruck Bremen Hanover	0234	0554	Bombd LATHEN 2 flares dropped NRO.	
"	"S" - 82613	F/L K.G. MASON F/O W.R.K. MORRIS	do	0246	0617	Bombd PAPENBURG NRO, Straffed 1 MET NRO.	
"	"W" - 82823	F/L W.L. TRAKE F/O K. GIBBINE	do	0310	0626	Bombd railway junction NRO. 2 flares dropped nothing seen.	
"	"P" - 82131	F/L J.W. GORDON SPT. J.A. FINDLAY	do	0233	0515	Bombd CHEMPFELD on Gee NRO, Flares on WIEZENDORN NRO.	
"	"W" - 82365	F/O J.D.W. HOAT F/O B. BERGOVITCH	do	0322	0623	Bombd railway junction via, NRO.	
4th/5th	"W" - 82397	F/O D.B. ANNAN F/O A.M. MacINTOSH	Patrol Osnabruck Magdeburg Area	2006	0058	Bombd DANKERBURG bombs hit centre of town, column of smoke, Straffed 1 MET Strikes on L.	
"	"P" - 82454	S/L J.P. COYNE F/O D. FERGUS	do	2028	0053	Bombd X2565 NRO, Straffed several MET, 1 flare, strikes on 2.	
"	"W" - 82115	F/O C. SHAVE F/O G.T. COLLINS	do	2058	2329	Bombd railway V8871 - NRO, Straffed train, strikes on loco fire seen at each end of train.	
"	"W" - 82524	F/L J.C. BROWNING F/O A.A. GASTAGNE	do	2008	0012	Bombd GANDESHEIM NRO, Straffed line and lights, Strikes seen lights doused.	
"	"P" - 82831	F/L A.S.C. BUSH F/S M.W. O'CONNOR	do	2041	2357	Bombd PAPENBURG - fires started.	
"	"W" - 82823	F/O A. ROBINSON SPT. C. FEMBERTON	do	2000	2341	Bombd NORDHAUSEN Spread fire already burning, Straffed some buildings.	
"	"S" - 82362	F/L C. REIDER F/O M.R. STROER	do	2025	0048	Bombd 2 MET V1893 NRO, except lights doused.	
"	"P" - 82131	F/L D.S. McLAUGHLIN F/O A. TRENIA	do	2080	2359	Bombd OSCHERSLEBEN A/Y, fire started of 2 A/O, 1 possibly destroyed, 1 damaged.	

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4th/5th (CONT'D)	MOSQUITO VI.						
"	" - NS849	F/L D.G. LACEY F/O D.M. WADE	Patrol Osnabruck Magdeburg Area	2024	0022	Bombed D5068, NRO, Struffed lights, NRO.	
"	" - NS560	F/L R. FALCONER F/O R. A. TUTTLE	do	2047	0032	Bombed cross roads V7269 NRO, Struffed MET -- 1 flamer lights extinguished.	
"	" - NS991	F/L P.J. SCOTT F/O W.A. WARNE	do	2040	0005	Bombed SCHULLEN - NRO, Struffed fire and light NRO.	
5th/6th	" - NS 831	F/O D.B. ANMAN F/O S. MacINTOSH	Patrol Zwolle Bremen Hannover Area	2234	0202	Bombed W9988 (junction) NRO.	
"	" - NS454	S/L P.A. MONTGOMERY F/O G.H. DEW	do	2304	0258	Bombed BASSUM on Gee NRO.	
"	" - NS195	F/L V.R. CHERRY F/L A.D. BIRDSALL	do	2357	0537	Bombed QUACKENBURG on Gee NRO.	
"	" - NS849	F/L K.G. MASON F/O W.R.E. MORRIS	do	2308	0253	Bombed W4778 on Gee NRO.	
"	" - NS823	F/L W.L. BRAKE F/O E. GUNNING	do	2344	0343	Bombed W6673 (junction) NRO.	
"	" - NS334	F/L J.V. GORDON SPT. J.A. FINDLAY	do	2354	0345	Bombed W0294 (junction) Huge explosion and fire.	
"	" - NS613	F/O J.D.W. HOWAT F/O B. HERCOVITCH	do	2235	0138	Bombed W0194 (rly-canal junction) on Gee NRO.	
"	" - NS962	F/L C. REISER F/O M.E. ZIMMER	do	2258	0319	Bombed SULDEN on Gee NRO, Struffed 5 MET, 1 exploded Strikes on 2.	
"	" - NS964	F/L R. FALCONER F/O R.A. TUTTLE	do	2259	0156	Bombed towns V7898 and V7396 on Gee, Large flash on 2nd bomb, NRO.	
"	" - NS115	F/O A. BOBSON SPT. C. HEMINGTON	do	0010	0341	Bombed WILDGSAUSEN NRO.	

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5th/6th Apr.	MOSQUITO VI. (CONT'D)						
"	" - NS378	F/L P.J. SCOTT F/O W.A. WARNE	Patrol Zwolle Bremen Hannover Area	2351	0301	Bombed GLOPPENBURG NRO.	
"	" - NS594	F/O G.S. JOHNSON SPT. D. KELLY	do	2351	0251	Bombed ACHENDORF - NRO, Struffed 15 MET, strikes on 3.	
6th/7th	SE96 - "B"	S/L P.A. MONTGOMERY F/O G.H. DEW	Patrol Bremen Hannover-Berlin Area	2004	0013	Bombed factory NRO, Struffed 4 MET, 2 exploded, strikes on 1.	
"	" - NS 219	S/L J.P. COYNE F/O D. WELLS	do	2002	0021	Bombed W4189 NRO, Struffed MET, Strikes on 4.	
"	" - NS962	F/L C. REISER F/O M.E. ZIMMER	do	1959	0001	Bombed 2 MET lights doused, Struffed 10 MET, 1 destroyed 2 damaged.	
"	" - NS965	F/L D.S. McLAUGHLIN F/O A. TEBBEL	do	1957	0020	Bombed KAHNITZ fire started, Struffed train, loco exploded, Struffed 9 MET, 2 destroyed, 4 damaged.	
"	" - NS613	F/L D.G. LACEY F/O D.M. WADE	do	2011	2328	Bombed road junction NRO, Struffed 25 MET, 2 flamers 2 damaged, Struffed w/1 lights NRO.	
"	" - NS849	F/L R. FALCONER F/O R.A. TUTTLE	do	2013	0005	Bombed road junction NRO, Struffed 9 MET, 1 flamer Strikes on 2.	
"	" - NS378	F/O J.D.W. HOWAT F/O B. HERCOVITCH	do	2006	2350	Bombed junction near VEDDEN NRO, Struffed 1 MET NRO.	
"	" - NS114	F/L J.V. GORDON SPT. J.A. FINDLAY	do	2000	2359	Bombed road junction NRO, Struffed 14 MET and lights Strikes on MET.	
"	" - NS 823	F/L K.G. MASON F/O W.R.E. MORRIS	do	1955	2359	Bombed road junction NRO, Struffed 4 MET, 5 flamers and strikes on 10.	
"	" - NS953	F/L W.L. BRAKE F/O E. GUNNING	do	1958	2359	Bombed SYKE, Fire started Struffed 4 MET, 1 destroyed 1 damaged.	
"	" - NS976	F/L V.R. CHERRY F/L A.D. BIRDSALL	do	2001	2355	Bombed convoy of MET SYKE NRO, Struffed MET convoy strikes on 10.	

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9/10th (cont'd)	MOSQUITO VI	F/L E.C. MASH	PATROL BERGEM/HANOVER/BERLIN	2224	0236	Bombed factory near HERSLICHEN visually-smoke seen, Straffed train	
	"T-2414	F/O W.R.E. MORRIS				Steam emitted from box, 1 not damaged.	
"	"T-2414	F/L J.W. GORDON	DO	2228	0158	Bombed junction at SUFFENSON on Gee, N.R.O. Straffed 1 MET.	
		SET. A.J. FINLAY				Strikes followed by large flash.	
"	"T-2454	F/L C. BRIDGER	DO	2221	0229	Bombed OSTERRING on Gee, N.R.O. Straffed 5 MET. 1 destroyed and 1 damaged.	
	"W-2823	F/L W.L. IRANE	DO	2250	0247	Bombed HAINSHIDE NRO, Straffed train, Steam and red glow from loco, 1 met destroyed, 2 damaged and factory hit.	
"	"T-2454	F/L D.G. LAGRY	DO	2300	0246	Bombed Rd/Hwy junction, N.R.O. Straffed stationary lights NRO.	
		F/O D.M. WADE					
"	"T-2297	F/L R. FALCONER	DO	2258	0234	Bombed CLOPENSURG, on Gee, N.R.O. Straffed 4 Met, Strikes on one.	
		F/O R.A. TUTT					
"	"T-2261	F/L D.S. McLAUGHLIN	DO	2328	0241	Bombed AHNDESEE, NRO, Straffed train, Strikes seen, Straffed lights.	
		F/O A. WICKA					
"	"T-2291	F/L A. KRAUSE	DO	2326	0257	Bombed BREMENSDORF on Gee, N.R.O.	
		F/O A.E. CHAPMAN					
10/11th	"T-2297	F/L V.K. GIBBY	DO	0148	0544	Bombed train 31655. - started fire.	
		F/L A.W. BIRDSELL					
"	"T-2414	F/L J.W. GORDON	DO	0140	0529	Bombed UZZEN on Gee, N.R.O.	
		SET. S.A. FINLAY					
"	"T-2294	F/O G.S. JOHNSON	DO	0117	0540	Bombed 5 Met (D6558); N.R.O. Straffed 8 Met. 1 destroyed, Strikes on four.	
		F/S D.P. KELLY					
"	"T-2261	F/L A.S.C. RUSH	DO	0144	0511	Bombed BREMENSDORF, NRO.	
		F/O M.W. O'CONNOR					
"	"T-2291	F/O W.P. SHAVE	DO	0200	0536	Bombed 3 Met at D6020, N.R.O. Straffed 2 Met both flamm.	
		F/O G.T. COLLINS					

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11/12th	MOSQUITO VI	F/L J.P. COYNE	PATROL BERGEM/HANOVER/BERLIN AREA.	2014	0059	Bombed Hwy junction, N.R.O. Straffed 6 Met, Strikes on 1 damaged	
	"T-2261	F/O D.L. FIDDIS					
"	"T-2292	F/L G.A. KRAUSE	DO	2006	0003	Bombed Hwy junction, N.R.O. Straffed 2 MET, Strikes on 1 - 1 damaged	
		F/O A.N. CHAPMAN					
"	"T-2291	F/L P.J. SOOFT	DO	2030	0011	Bombed town (R0225) N.R.O. Straffed 2 MET and lights doused	
		F/O V.A. WARE				Straffed convoy, N.R.O.	
"	"T-2454	F/L P. CRAPPER	DO	2046	0005	Bombed lights, N.R.O. Straffed 2 Met, N.R.O.	
		F/O M. LEE					
"	"T-2294	F/O G.S. JOHNSON	DO	2047	0014	Bombed met, N.R.O. Straffed met, 1 destroyed - 1 damaged, Straffed SOLZAU, Strikes on buildings.	
		F/S D.P. KELLY					
"	"T-2292	F/O A.D. BOBSON	DO	2105	0032	Bombed WESSEHALT (2 MET) bomb on road, Straffed 2 MET, Strikes on 1, Straffed lights, - strikes.	
		SET. C. FERRISON					
"	"T-2261	F/O W.P. SHAVE	DO	2039	0015	Bombed 13489, Fire started, Straffed at BREMENSDORF, NRO.	
		F/O G.T. COLLINS					
"	"T-2297	F/L J.C. BRONKING	DO	2029	0045	Bombed road E. of SEEMAUER (Convoy of 9-12 met), NRO.	
		F/O A.A. CASAGRE				Straffed convoy, 1 exploded, Strikes on 2.	
"	"T-2250	F/L G.F. McLAUGHLIN	DO	2051	0122	Bombed road D6815, N.R.O. Straffed lights on 1 light.	
		F/L J.E. BORGEL					
"	"T-2292	F/L R.L. MOORE	DO	2054	0033	Bombed convoy 53332 - hit seen, Straffed 2 met and lights, Strikes on met.	
		F/O J.C. WILLIAMS					
"	"T-2823	F/L W.L. IRANE	DO	2055	0101	Bombed BREMENSDORF, NRO. Straffed 6 met, 1 dest, Strikes on 1	
		F/O K. GIBBY				Straffed lights, N.R.O.	
"	"T-2414	F/L E.C. MASH	DO	2026	0012	Bombed GRESHIMLEN, N.R.O. Straffed 2 met, Strikes, Straffed lights	
		F/O V.P.E. MORRIS				1 hit and strikes.	
12/13th	"T-2291	F/L J.P. COYNE	DO	2203	0245	Bombed UZZEN rd junction, N.R.O. Straffed met, N.R.O.	
		F/O D.L. FIDDIS					
"	"T-2292	F/L R.A. WOODGATE	DO	2157	0217	Bombed D6122 - 2 explosions and fire started, Straffed fire - fire increased, Straffed lights, N.R.O.	
		F/O G.H. IRAN					

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12/17th	MOSQUITO VI (cont'd) "A" "A" RS594	W/O G.S. JOHNSON P/S D.P. KELLY	PATROL BREMER/HANOVER BERLIN AREA.	2240	0311	Bombed 3 met, 5, NEURUPPIN. Straffed 9 met and 1 light. 5 small fires started.	
"	"B" TA114	F/O A.D. ROSSIN SGT. C. FEMBERTON	DO	2212	0131	Bombed HOLZHOFF bridge over canal. Bridge destroyed. Straffed met and lights. - Strikes.	
"	"D" HS831	F/O W.P. SHAVE F/O G.T. COLLINS	DO	2238	0222	Bombed 3 lights, NEUKIRCHEN. N.R.O.	
"	"E" RS362	F/L J.C. BROWNING F/O A.A. GASTAGNE	DO	2300	0319	Bombed Rd/El junction at NEUMERVOORDE NRO. Straffed small convoy - strikes seen. Several attacks on loco which blew up.	
"	"G" HS823	F/L A.D. BUSH W/O M.V. O'CONNOR	DO	2252	0230	Bombed HANSEN - fire started. Straffed 4 sets of lights. Fire started and lights doused.	
"	"H" FS454	F/L C.A. KRAUSE F/O A.N. CHARPES	DO	2237	0308	Bombed HILZEN on Gee, N.R.O. 3 Attacks on lights. 1 doused.	
" (1)	"I" HS153	F/O W.N. MACLEOD P/S P.C. BLACKBURN	DO	2307	0253	Bombed HILZEN, NRO. Straffed 6 or 7 met and 5 attacks on lights. Strikes on 3 met.	
"	"J" HS115	F/L P.J. SCOTT F/O W.A. YARRE	DO	2324	0525	Bombed Soltau. Straffed 2 convoys. 1 met exploded. 1 damaged. strikes on 3 others.	
"	"K" RS560	F/L P.P. CRAPPER F/O M. LIME	DO	2322	0255	Bombed AUREL, NRO.	
"	"L" RS265	F/L R.K. MOORE F/O J.G. WILKINS	DO	2316	0328	Bombed road near TANKERHOF, NRO.	
13/14th		Nil					
14/15th	"B" RS297	W/O D.B. ANMAN F/O A.M. MACHINOSH	DO	2340	0423	Bombed Woomer (73218) lights on rly. Straffed met - 6 damaged 2 flammes.	
"	"K" RS296	S/L P.A. MONTGOMERY F/O G.H. IRISH	DO	2343	0030	Landed Brussels/Malahook, with technical trouble.	

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14/15th	MOSQUITO VI (cont'd) "A" "A" RS591	S/L J.P. COYNE F/O D.L. FIDGIS	PATROL BREMER/HANOVER BERLIN AREA.	2345	0432	Bombed Rd/El, junction 56879, NRO. Straffed MET. - Strikes.	
"	"U" - RS262	F/L C.R. BESEKER F/O M.E. ZIMMER	DO	0017	0450	Bombed 56879 visually. Straffed lights - Strikes.	
"	"T" - RS265	F/L R.K. MOORE F/O J.G. WILKINS	DO	2350	0345	Bombed 12 MET, NRO. Straffed same MET - 2 flammes and Strikes. Straffed 1 light.	
"	"I" - HS153	F/L D.S. McLAUGHLIN F/O A. TRINGLA	DO	0030	0444	Bombed HILZBERG - Blue flash in town. Straffed 5 lights - Strikes.	
"	"H" HS803	F/L D.G. LACEY F/O D.M. WADE	DO	0015	0406	Bombed SIMPSON, VIS, NRO.	
"	"V" RS276	F/L V.R. CHERRY F/L A.D. BIRDGALL	DO	0056	0518	Bombed train S3397. Fire started near train. Straffed MET - 1 flammes.	
"	"S" RS613	F/L J.C. BROWNING F/O A.A. GASTAGNE	DO	0009	0435	Bombed railway T2135, N.R.O. Straffed MET. 1 destroyed. Attacked train. N.R.O.	
"	"W" HS823	F/L W.L. TRAKE F/O K. GUNNING	DO	0104	0519	Bombed BOITZENBERG. Fire started. Straffed MET. - Strikes on MET.	
"	"P" FS 414	F/L J.W. GORDON SGT. J.A. EDULAY	DO	0102	0513	Bombed N7822 N.R.O. Straffed 4 MET Strikes.	
"	"F" FS454	F/L C.A. KRAUSE F/O A.N. CHARPES	DO	0014	0500	Bombed Railway junction 40158, visually N.R.O. Straffed train - Strikes. Straffed 9 MET - 6 damaged.	
"	"Q" TA374	F/O W.N. MACLEOD P/S P.C. BLACKBURN	DO	0023	0457	Bombed train (U7848) N.R.O. Straffed train - Strikes. Straffed lights - Strikes.	
"	"G" RS560	F/L G.K. McCLATCHIE F/L J.E. HOWELL	DO	0033	0526	Bombed train at SCORBERG N.R.O. Straffed train - Strikes. Straffed MET. N.R.O.	
"	"J" HS115	F/L P. CRAPPER F/O M. LIME	DO	2353	0349	Bombed ZWEN, N.R.O. Straffed lights, believed train N.R.O.	

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14/15th (CONT'D)	MOSQUITO VI.						
"	"L" R2594	W/O G.S. JOHNSON P/S D.F. KELLY	PATROL BREMEN/HANOVER/ BERLIN AREA.	2359	0440	Bombed bridge N9972 visually. Probable hit. Straffed 8 MET. 2 destroyed. Strikes on 4. Straffed lights. N.R.O.	
"	"D" R1831	F/O V.F. SHAVE P/O W.F. SHAVE	DO	0012	0405	Bombed fire (R9545) fires increased. Straffed train - 5 attacks. Loco and 4 Trgs. left burning.	
"	"T" R2991	F/L R.G. FALCONER P/O M.A. TUTTLE	DO	0040	0504	Bombed rd/rail junction (R9543), increased fire. Straffed 4 MET. Strikes.	
"	"W" R2454	F/O J.D.V. HOWAT P/O B. HEDDOVERCH	DO	0036	0430	Bombed S1709. N.R.O.	
"	"U" R2962	F/O A.D. ROBSON SPL. G. PEMBERTON	DO	0046	0453	Bombed S2826 and S1137. Fire started. Straffed lights - Strikes and 10 small fires started.	
"	"X" R2964	F/L A.S.C. BUSE W/O M.V. O'CONNOR	DO	0048	0446	Bombed BREMEN bridge. Fire started. Straffed train - Strikes seen.	
"	"Y" T4374	P.L. SCOTT P/O V.A. WARRIE	DO	0051	0538	Bombed GARTENBUCH increased fire, bombed 3 MET 1 flamer. Straffed MET - 4 flammers. Strikes on 2.	
15/16th Apr.	"R" R2997	W/O J.E. ANMAN F/L J.E. HOWELL	DO	1953	0108	Bombed REHRIA rd/rail junction hit an intersection. Straffed 5 MET. 1 destroyed. Strikes on others.	
"	"S" R2613	F/L J.P. COOKE P/O D.L. FIDGIE	DO	2022	2309	B.B.B. owing to Gee failure.	
"	"T" R2454	F/L G.A. KRANE P/O A.V. CHAPMAN	DO	2045	0057	Bombed cluster of lights R9652. N.R.O. Straffed train - Strikes on loco and train. Straffed 3 MET. 2 damaged.	
"	"U" R2962	F/L W.E. MACHROD P/S P.G. BLACKBART	DO	2008	0015	Bombed town R9445 N.R.O. Straffed 1 MET. which exploded.	
"	"V" R2660	F/L G.V. MCCLATCHIE W/O P. DOLBY	DO	2032	0019	Flare on village S0459. Bombed same place. N.R.O.	
"	"W" R2803	F/L P. CRAPPER P/O M. LUKS	DO	2026	0052	Bombed BOILERSBURG. N.R.O. Straffed 3 MET. 2 destroyed - 1 damaged.	

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15/16th (CONT'D)	MOSQUITO VI.						
"	"L" R2594	W/O G.S. JOHNSON P/S D.F. KELLY	PATROL BREMEN/HANOVER/ BERLIN AREA.	2032	0100	Bombed 3 MET. Y0552. N.R.O. Straffed 1 MET and 1 light. N.R.O.	
"	"T" R2965	F/O A.D. ROBSON SPL. G. PEMBERTON	DO	2047	0048	Bombed S3905 on Gee. N.R.O.	
"	"U" R2453	F/O W.F. SHAVE P/O G.F. COLLINS	DO	2052	0112	Bombed Rly. junction T7624. N.R.O. Straffed light on road. N.R.O.	
"	"V" R2823	F/L J.C. BROWNE P/O A.A. GASTAGNE	DO	2030	0120	Bombed rd. junction N7322. N.R.O. Straffed 2 MET and a convoy 2 MET claimed as damaged.	
"	"W" R2976	F/L A.S.C. BUSE W/O M.V. O'CONNOR	DO	2045	0050	Bombed BREMERVOORDE - burst among houses. Straffed light which doused.	
16/17th Apr.	"T" R2454	F/L J.P. COOKE P/O D.L. FIDGIE	DO	2155	0254	Bombed HLAU - N.R.O. Straffed train on fire. Hits on road. Straffed 2 MET. Strikes on 1. Also Straffed fire - Strikes.	
"	"U" T4114	F/O A.D. ROBSON SPL. G. PEMBERTON	DO	2145	0227	Bombed lights T1135. N.R.O. Straffed 4 MET - Strikes on 1. Straffed lights - Strikes.	
"	"S" R2613	F/O W.F. SHAVE P/O G.F. COLLINS	DO	2254	0245	Bombed road S9615 near mine.	
"	"T" R2997	F/L J.C. BROWNE P/L A.A. GASTAGNE	DO	2257	0331	Bombed PRIVEIDALE. another fire started. Straffed 2 MET. N.R.O.	
"	"V" R2976	F/L A.S.C. BUSE W/O M.V. O'CONNOR	DO	2208	0205	Bombed BOILERSBURG. N.R.O. Straffed lights in town (T1325) fire started in wood near town and Strikes on bldgs.	
"	"Y" T4374	F/O W.E. MACHROD P/S P.G. BLACKBART	DO	2156	0211	B.B.B. Flare dropped S2825 N.R.O.	
"	"W" R2803	F/L P.J. SCOTT P/O V.A. WARRIE	DO	2219	0308	Bombed Building T2311. Fire Started. Straffed 3 MET. N.R.O.	
"	"X" R2715	F/L P. CRAPPER P/O M. LUKS	DO	2218	0215	Bombed R9445 on Gee N.R.O.	

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16/17th (CONT'D)							
"	"U" SE962	F/L C.R. REIDNER F/O M.R. ZIDGER	PATROL BRIDGE/HANOVER/ REHLIN AREA	2223	0303	Bombed Rd. junction C3375. Hit in centre. Straffed 3 MET. 1 dem.	
"	"F" FZ114	F/L D.S. MACLAUGHLIN F/O A. TROSLA	DO	2232	0328	Bombed STAPEL N.R.O.	
"	"W" NS823	F/L D.G. LACEY F/O D.M. WADE	DO	2228	0310	Bombed town 78549 N.R.O. Straffed 1 MET. - Planers	
"	"G" RS560	F/L G.K. MCLEACHIE W/O P. DOLEY	DO	2259	0241	Bombed cross roads Q8342 - visually - N.R.O. Straffed 1 MET. N.R.O.	
17/18th	"T" SE376	F/L V.R. GIBNEY F/L A.D. BIRDSALL	DO	0021	0501	Bombed light on road U0255 - fire started.	
"	"R" FAL14	F/L K.C. MASON F/O V.R.L. MORRIS	DO	0025	0123	Bombed HORSEFIELD junction on Gee, N.R.O.	
"	"S" RS613	F/L W.L. IRANE F/O G. GUNDEL	DO	0035	0147	Bombed RACAND, N.R.O.	
"	"P" FZ114	F/L J.W. GORDON SGT. J.A. FIDDLAY	DO	0015	0142	Bombed fire T2337, N.R.O.	
"	"H" B3764	F/O J.D.W. HONAT F/O P. ESCOVITCH	DO	0107	0520	Bombed HEMERTORDE on Gee. Fire seen afterwards.	
"	"U" SE962	F/L C.R. REIDNER F/O M.R. ZIDGER	DO	0106	0543	Bombed Rly. W77188 N.R.O. Straffed MET. Strikes.	
"	"B" SE397	F/L R.K. MOORE F/O J.G. WILKINS	DO	0055	0516	Straffed MET - Strikes.	
"	"L" RS594	F/L D.S. MACLAUGHLIN F/O A. TROSLA	DO	0101	0606	Bombed U0756, bomb fell in lake - Straffed 12 MET 2 destroyed. and fires started. Straffed train - missed.	
"	"J" SE261	F/L D.G. LACEY F/O D.M. WADE.	DO	0118	0537	Bombed R3445 on Gee, N.R.O. Straffed train - 2 Trg. left burning.	



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17/18th (CONT'D)							
"	"W" NY153	F/L R. FALCONER F/O R.A. TUTT	PATROL BRIDGE/HANOVER/ REHLIN AREA	0117	0528	B.B.B. Generator U/S.	
"	"F" FZ154	F/L G.A. KRASSE F/O A.N. CHARRERS.	DO	0141	0602	Bombed 63784 Hwy. junction visually - N.R.O. Straffed train fire started in one Trg.	
"	"Q" FA374	F/O W.N. MACLEOD F/S F.C. BLACKNEY	DO	0145	0225	B.B.B. Gee u/s, s/o collapsed on landing.	
18/19th	"B" SE397	W/O D.B. ANMAN F/L J.B. HOWELL	DO	1952	0115	Bombed Rd/rl. junction 26692 visually. N.R.O. Straffed 5 MET. 1 destroyed - 2 damaged.	
"	"U" SE962	F/L C.R. REIDNER F/O M.R. ZIDGER	DO	2018	0051	Bombed Hwy. R7747 N.R.O. Straffed train - Strikes on loco and small explosion on Trg.	
"	"G" RS560	F/L R. FALCONER F/L R.A. TUTT	DO	2025	0357	Bombed HEIDE - cloud of smoke. Straffed MET) Strikes on l.	
"	"H" NS803	F/L D.G. LACEY F/O D.M. WADE	DO	2018	0049	Bombed Baschl, N.R.O. Straffed MET. N.R.O.	
"	"L" SE261	F/L D.S. MACLAUGHLIN F/O A. TROSLA	DO	2043	0104	Bomb Sheds on fire near canal W2399. Fires increased. Straffed same sheds, N.R.O.	
"	"L" RS594	F/L R.K. MOORE F/O J.G. WILKINS	DO	2024	0046	Bombed GR. HERSE, burst in middle of town.	
"	"H" B3764	F/O J.D.W. HONAT F/O P. ESCOVITCH	DO	2028	0041	B.B.B. VEF u/s, turned back in GOLDBERG Area.	
"	"P" FZ114	F/L J.W. GORDON SGT. J.A. FIDDLAY	DO	2047	0117	Bombed REHLIN on Gee N.R.O. Straffed lights - which doused.	
"	"S" RS613	F/L W.L. IRANE F/O G. GUNDEL	DO	2017	0059	Bombed LENZEN via, N.R.O.	

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22/22nd	MOSQUITO VI (CONT'D)		PATROL BREMEN/HANOVER/ BREMEN AREA				
"	"R" 2311A	F/L R.G. MASH F/O W.B.K. MORRIS	DO	0046	0523	Bombed town (T.027) N.R.O.	
"	"W" 2323	F/L W.L. TRANK F/O E. GUNDEL	DO	0037	0504	Bombed village (R.268) hits on buildings.	
"	"R" 2313	F/O J.A. HERRIS F/O L. HUME	DO	0054	0438	Bombed wood (R.1421) N.R.O.	
"	"K" 2324	F/L J.V. GORDON Sgt. J.L. FIDLEY	DO	0052	0518	Bombed town (T.2837) N.R.O. Flare revealed train but less prevented attack.	
"	"D" 2321	F/O J.D.V. HOWAT F/O R. BIRCHOFFER	DO	0056	0540	Bombed town (T.1155) N.R.O.	
"	"U" 2322	F/L G.R. BREWER F/O M.K. ZIGER	DO	0055	0520	Bombed Road Junct. (W.9212) N.R.O.	
"	"T" 2323	F/L H.J. MCKERRICK F/O J.R. WHITE	DO	0104	0512	Bombed road R.553A N.R.O. Straffed light - missed	
"	"M" 2325	F/L R.K. MOORE F/O J.G. WILKINS	DO	0108	0531	Bombed Junction T3669 N.R.O.	
"	"X" 2324	F/L D.G. McLAUGHLIN F/O A. THOLA	DO	0113	0615	Bombed town (H7524) N.R.O.	
"	"G" 2326	F/L D.G. LACEY F/O H.W. VALE	DO	0115	0542	Bombed town (H0126) N.R.O.	
"	"H" 2324	F/L H.G. FALCONER F/O K.A. TUTT	DO	0127	0533	Bombed town (R492) N.R.O.	
22/23rd	"K" 2321	S/L J.P. COYNE F/O D.L. FIDLEY	DFU DO	2006	0101	Bombed M/Yard (S7483) Hit on Hwy Track. Straffed MET and train. Strikes seen.	
"	"Y" 2326	F/L G.R. BREWER F/O M. ZIGER	DO	2003	2245	E.R.B. G. generator u/s. R/T u/s.	

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22/23rd (CONT'D)	MOSQUITO VI		PATROL BREMEN/HANOVER/ BREMEN AREA				
"	"T" 2325	F/L H.J. MCKERRICK F/O J.R. WHITE	DO	2010	0114	Bombed town (78048) N.R.O.	
"	"M" 2325	F/O R.K. MOORE F/O J.G. WILKINS	DO	2017	0032	Bombed village (T0068) hit seen in building.	
"	"X" 2324	F/L D.S. McLAUGHLIN F/O A. THOLA	DO	2021	0107	Bombed town (84889) flash seen. Straffed the town. Strikes seen.	
"	"H" 2324	F/L H.G. FALCONER F/O K.A. TUTT	DO	2028	0119	Bombed Hwy. Bridge (2557) N.R.O. Straffed MET (2759) coming out of woods. Strikes seen.	
"	"W" 2323	F/L W.L. TRANK F/O E. GUNDEL	DO	2051	0048	Bombed train (R7261) train stopped steam emitted. Straffed train 7 attacks made. Explosion on engine. Strikes seen.	
"	"R" 2311A	F/O J.A. HERRIS F/O L. HUME	DO	2043	0034	Bombed town (H1218) N.R.O.	
"	"P" 2311A	F/L J.V. GORDON Sgt. J.A. FIDLEY	DO	2049	0043	Bombed JADE (R3426) light reddish fire started.	
23/24th	"K" 2321	F/L T.L.B. WALKER F/O H.W. JONES	DO	2158	0255	Bombed train (Q2570) N.R.O. smoke seen later. Bombed train (U502) - flaming debris seen. Straffed both trains - strikes. Straffed 1 MET - N.R.O.	
"	"P" 2324	F/L G.A. KRAUSE F/O A.M. CHANGERS	DO	2210	0258	Bombed STUGGERG much smoke seen - Straffed train strikes.	
"	"D" 2321	F/O W.H. MACHOOD F/O P.C. BLACKETT	DO	2154	0225	Bombed train T 2890 - large flash and smoke seen up to 200' Straffed train - Strikes.	
"	"H" 2324	F/L P.J. SCOTT F/O V.K. VARE	DO	2211	0235	Bombed I2322N - N.R.O.	
"	"L" 2324	F/L J.K. McLAUGHLIN W/O P.M. JOYCE	DO	2218	0250	Bombed H1. Junct. N.R.O. Straffed roads and Rail Junct. N.R.O.	
"	"B" 2327	F/L J.O. BROWNE F/O A.A. GASTACHE	DO	2229	0316	Bombed BAINSTEAD - N.R.O. Straffed train - missed.	

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21/24th (CONT'D)	MOSQUITO VI		PATROL BEMEN/HANOVER/BERLIN AREA				
"	"T" SE976	F/O A.E.G. BUSH F/O M.W. O'CONNOR	DO	2223	0320	Bombed train T6183 - missed. Straffed train - strikes.	
"	"J" SE961	F/L P.R. CRAPPER F/O M.M. LEEK	DO	2220	0210	Bombed M.R.C.P. - successful.	
"	"T" SE965	F/O J.D.V. HOWAT F/O B. BEROOVITCH	DO	2219	0217	Bombed BEMERSENG - hits on town. Straffed 1 MNT - Strikes.	
24/25th	"T" T411A	F/L P.R. CRAPPER F/O M.M. LEEK	DO	0149	0526	Bombed on M.R.C.P. - successful.	
"	"B" SE997	F/L J.C. BROWNING F/O A.A. CASTAGNE	DO	0056	0436	Bombed train (R.2038) stopped. Straffed same train - strikes on engine. 2 Large coils smokes.	
"	"B" PE219	F/L T.L.B. WALKER F/O D.V. JONES	DO	0040	0530	Bombed Rd/Ely crossing at BRINE. Ely Junct. hit.	
"	"J" SE961	F/O A.E.G. BUSH F/O M.W. O'CONNOR	DO	0152	0523	Bombed on M.R.C.P. - successful.	
"	"T" SE964	F/L J.F. MCGLAUGHLIN F/O P.M. HOLBY	DO	0222	0558	Bombed on M.R.C.P. - successful.	
"	"T" PE454	F/L G.A. BRAUNE F/O A.M. CHARTERS	DO	0230	0555	Bombed on M.R.C.P. - successful.	
"	"U" HE358	F/O MACHOD W.R. F/S MR BLACKBAY	DO	0119	0536	Bombed BEMEN (M.R.C.P.) O.K. - Straffed Trg. in sidings (S.7570) strikes seen.	
"	"D" HE851	F/L P.A. BOOTH F/O V.E. VANCE	DO	0057	0522	Bombed train (T.4272) overshoot.	
"	"T" HE823	F/L T.P.R. BENDER F/O M.E. ZIMMER	DO	0054	0517	Bombed Rd/Ely Junct. (S.6773) - rail cut.	
"	"T" PE41A	F/L P.G. FALCONER F/O R.A. TUTT	DO	0042	0545	Bombed train (T.7078) N.R.O. Straffed 2 MNT, strikes seen - lights doused.	

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"	"T" SE961	F/L D.S. MCGLAUGHLIN F/O A. THRELA	DO	0125	0549	Did not bomb on M.R.C.P. Bombed town (S.0062) large red glow burning intermittently for 2 mins.	
"	"T" HE805	F/L D.G. LACEY F/O D.M. WADE	DO	0115	0551	Bombed on M.R.C.P. O.K. Straffed canopy of MNT. Strikes on one. Straffed 2 trains. Strikes seen.	
"	"B" SE997	F/L J.C. BROWNING	DO	0056	0436	Straffed 2 more trains - 1 loco exploded - clouds of steam. Strikes on other a small fire behind loco started.	
26/27th - NIL	"T" SE976	F/L V.E. GERRY F/L A.D. BURGALL	DO	2025	0114	Bombed Ely. Junct. (T1255) N.R.O.	
"	"T" SE962	F/L T.L.B. WALKER F/O M.E. ZIMMER	DO	2037	0120	Bombed Rd/El. Junct. (G4275) N.R.O.	
"	"T" PE453	F/L D.J. MCKINNEY F/O J.E. WHITE	DO	2038	0051	Bombed BRINE. N.R.O.	
"	"T" T411A	F/L D.S. MCGLAUGHLIN F/O A. THRELA	DO	2027	0122	Bombed BEMEN (fires in town) - increased.	
"	"T" HE805	F/L D.G. LACEY F/O D.M. WADE	DO	2048	0115	Bombed Road (T1252) - hits on road.	
"	"T" SE965	F/L R.G. FALCONER F/O R.A. TUTT	DO	2050	0039	Bombed BRAKE Ely. N.R.O.	
"	"B" PE460	F/O V.T. HENDERSON F/L A.J. BERT	DO	2044	0110	Bombed WAIN - N.R.O. Straffed Ely line explosion seen near a light. (T5457) Straffed train - Strikes.	
"	"B" HE813	F/O J.A. HARRIS F/O L. HUME	DO	2026	0046	Bombed RAD SEGBERG. N.R.O.	
"	"T" PE41A	F/L J.V. GORDON SSE J.A. FURLEY	DO	2024	0045	Bombed ALVADEL N.R.O. Straffed fires at ELDEHA strikes seen.	
27/28th	26/29th	29/30th	NIL				
30/31st			NIL				

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R. 80 R.L.A.	MAY 20th	1945	<p>WX: Fine becoming fair to cloudy. Thunder storms in Evening. Via. Mod to poor.</p> <p>NIL</p> <p>"A" Flight: NIL</p> <p>"B" Flight: NIL</p> <p>OPERATIONS: NIL</p>		
	21st		<p>WX: Continuous Mod. Rain until mid-afternoon. Cloudy. Via. Poor, becoming Mod.</p> <p>S/L R.V. Ross (Education) G.11159, A.H. Gripps Personnel Counsellor J.15703 and W.J. McCreary (Acute Liaison) G.5421. The mentioned officers visited the squadron today and very interesting talks were given. More visits of this kind are urged.</p> <p>S/L Gripps is returning in a few weeks to interview personnel re-post war rehabilitation.</p> <p>"A" Flight: NIL</p> <p>"B" Flight: NIL</p> <p>NIL</p>		
	22nd		<p>WX: Continuous rain throughout. Via. Poor.</p> <p>Secour - 418 - 4</p> <p>" - 605 - 2</p> <p>Baseball Hoboken 1P</p> <p>418 - 9</p> <p>"A" Flight: NIL</p> <p>"B" Flight: NIL</p> <p>NIL</p>		
	23rd		<p>WX: Cloudy - frequent showers and thunder storms. Via. Poor to Mod.</p> <p>W/O R.A. Hansen J.4552. Our G/O since 23 Feb/45 departed on posting to 3 P.R.O. after a very successful tour. An informal banquet was held in the officers mess on 21st May in his honour. S/L R.D. Cleveland J.5785 is assuming command of 418 Squadron.</p> <p>"A" Flight: Formation - countries</p> <p>F/L Nicol (Sgt. Battle) to BRUSSELS - w/c blew tyre on landing.</p> <p>"B" Flight: NIL</p> <p>NIL</p>		
	24th		<p>WX: Cloudy showers afternoon and evening. Via. good.</p> <p>R.M.G.A. - Am. Services present movie shows today took in our eye, black. These are popular and fill a huge gap in our night life which is very quiet here. A small canteen with Canadian articles available is also open and supervised by Jack McCallum.</p> <p>"A" Flight: F/O MacLeod (F/S Blackaby) on cross - country exercise</p> <p>"B" Flight: NIL</p> <p>NIL</p>		
	25th		<p>WX: Fair to cloudy. Via. good.</p> <p>Personnel are still talking about our homeward trek when and where we are going. Rumours are numerous but no official gun as yet has come through.</p> <p>"A" Flight: Formation dive - bombing practice.</p> <p>S/L Coyne (3 pass) on local flying.</p> <p>"B" Flight: NIL</p> <p>NIL</p>		

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R. 80 R.L.A.	MAY 26th	1945	<p>WX: Cloudy with slight rain late p.m. Via. mod.</p> <p>NIL</p> <p>"A" Flight: F/L Walker (F/L Smith) to REFINOY and return.</p> <p>"B" Flight: NIL</p> <p>NIL</p>		
	27th		<p>WX: Gen. cloudy showers and thunderstorms afternoon and evening. Via. mod to good.</p> <p>F/L P.H.G. Rolke G.23161 Admin. P.R.O. from R.C.A.F. Overseas H.Q. is visiting our night.</p> <p>"A" Flight: S/L Coyne (3 pass) to BRUSSELS/EVERE and return in Oxford.</p> <p>"B" Flight: NIL</p> <p>NIL</p>		
	28th		<p>WX: Fair periods and showers. Thunderstorms in evening. Via. good.</p> <p>Recreational periods of swimming at Bludhoven, Baseball, Softball, Cricket, Secour and Movies at the camp are the main sources of amusement these days. Steady rain falls almost every day.</p> <p>"A" Flight: Formation x-countries.</p> <p>"B" Flight: Formation x-countries. F/L Mason (F/O Morris) to Hartford Bridge and return in Oxford.</p> <p>NIL</p>		
	29th		<p>WX: Showers - overcast all day. Via. poor.</p> <p>Tomorrow morning at 1600 hrs., polling booths open for all personnel to cast their vote in the Ontario and Federal elections. F/L Brooking J.1003 is in charge and a heavy vote is anticipated.</p> <p>"A" Flight: Air - ground firing and dive - bombing practice. F/L Cropper (F/O Lobb) to BRUSSELS/EVERE and return.</p> <p>"B" Flight: Air to ground firing - dive bombing practice.</p> <p>NIL</p>		
	30th		<p>WX: Cloudy with occasional drizzle. Via. mod.</p> <p>C.C. S/L R.D. Cleveland returned from Brussels after attending a 2 Group meeting.</p> <p>"A" Flight: Formation flying practice.</p> <p>"B" Flight: Formation flying practice.</p> <p>NIL</p>		
	31st		<p>WX: Cloudy, with occasional showers and fair periods. Via. Mod.</p> <p>Another month ended. Training program in progress but the boys find it difficult to keep occupied. The main question - "When do we go home?"</p> <p>"A" Flight: Dive bombing practice. F/O MacLeod (F/S Blackaby) to BRUSSELS/EVERE</p> <p>F/L Nicol (3 pass) to BRUSSELS/EVERE and return in Oxford</p> <p>"B" Flight: Formation - flying practice low level bombing practice. F/L Mason (F/O Wilkins) force - landed at IZOUWAREN. F/L Cherry (F/L Howell) to IZOUWAREN and return.</p> <p>NIL</p>		

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				Up	Down		
BOEING VI							
12th/19th (OSMPD)							
"	" - 8024	F/L R.V. GORON	Patrol Postburg Brunschagan area	1204	1648	H.P.R. Stirlings were dropping smoke flares 1421, 553W 0608	
"	" - 8025	SGT J.A. FURLEY					
"	" - 8025	F/O R.V. GORON	DO	1304	1714	H.P.R. 5 mine sweepers, 1350 5430N 0716E, heading 1108 Mag	
"	" - 8025	F/L A.J. HENRY					
"	" - 8025	S/L R.D. CLEVELAND	DO	1355	1621	H.P.R. Via 2 miles No clouds, 1 hour 10 min. search	
"	" - 8025	F/O R.V. GORON					
"	" - 8027	F/O J.K. HUGHES	DO	1454	1953	H.P.R. Good weather, 2 hours in area	
"	" - 8027	F/O R.V. GORON					
"	" - 8028	F/O A.H. HEDGECOCK	DO	1553	1959	H.P.R.	
"	" - 8028	SGT J.O. BUTLER					
"	" - 8028	F/O R.V. GORON	DO	1708	1736	Returned early as R.P.M. showing	
"	" - 8028	F/L R.V. GORON					
"	" - 8029	F/L D.J. HENRY	DO	1756	1909	H.P.R.	
"	" - 8029	F/O J.E. WHITE					
19th to 21st inclusive	- NIL						

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JUNE 1st 1945		<p>WX: Frequent showers and thundery conditions. Vis, mod. Aircrew personnel are enjoying leave in Southern France (Comas). The boys report grand scenery and very pleasant holidays. "A" Flight: Air to ground firing practice. F/L Grepper to LONSBURG and return. S/Ldr. Cleveland to LONSBURG and return. "B" Flight: F/L Drake (F/O Gunning) on air - ground firing practice. (RANGE U/S) OPERATIONS: NIL</p>	
2nd		<p>WX: Fair to fine. Vis. good. Post has been received that F/L G.L. Graham J.1563, a pilot of this squadron missing since March was killed and buried near HOORNVEEN, HOLLAND. "A" Flight: S/L Cleveland (F/O Noel) to Hartford Bridge and return. "B" Flight: NIL OPERATIONS: NIL</p>	
3rd		<p>WX: Cloudy, with occasional showers. Vis, mod. NIL "A" Flight: NIL "B" Flight: F/O Hutchinson (J Pass) to Brussels/Evere and return in Os-box. OPERATIONS: NIL</p>	
4th		<p>WX: Fair to fine, small amounts of cloud. Vis. good. All personnel have filled out declaration forms as to volunteering for service at home in the Pacific or occupational duties in Germany. "A" Flight: Formation I - Comrades. F/L Walker (F/O Hutchinson) to Brussels/Evere and return in Oxford. F/L Browning (F/O Brance) to Brussels and return. "B" Flight: High - Level dive - bombing practice. NIL</p>	
5th		<p>WX: Rain during morning. Fine in afternoon and evening. Vis. good. In addition to our wet-bags, today the boys have immersion of pots to our tents each night. Food stuff in their main objective. Some life - what next? "A" Flight: Formation flying. Air to ground firing practice. F/L Grepper (J pass) to Brussels/Evere in Os-box. "B" Flight: Air - ground firing practice. OPERATIONS: NIL</p>	
6th		<p>WX: Fine all day. Vis. good. Soccer - 418 4 Echelon 4 Softball R.78 - 6 R.80 - 10 Return pass at 8.30 next Sunday. "A" Flight: F/L Browning (F/L Howell) to ORIEL and return. S/L Coyne to VESULO and AALBORN and return. "B" Flight: NIL OPERATIONS: NIL</p>	

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R.80 R.I.A.	JUNE 7th	1945.	<p>WX: Mainly fair with showers MIdday. Vis. good.</p> <p>"A" Flight: Formation Training. P/O Hutchinson to WUNSTON</p> <p>"B" Flight: Formation and cross-country training.</p> <p>The following R.A.F. Navigators have been posted from the Squadron to 136 Wing.</p> <p>164792 P/O W.R. Morris, 157885 P/O W.A. Thompson, 1396290 P/S P.M. Dally,</p> <p>160974 Sgt J.A. Findlay, 1183110 P/S D.P. Kelly, 165084 P/O K. Gunning.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: NIL</p>		
		8th.	<p>WX: Generally fair. Vis. good.</p> <p>105522 P/L A.D. Birdsell (Nav.W) was posted to 137 Wing to a admin duties.</p> <p>"A" Flight: P/O Hutchinson and passenger (C/O Blair - Deputy) to Northolt and return to base. S/L Coyne and S/L Cleveland flew Mosquito from LEEMARDEN to base. Passenger P/L Moore. S/L Coyne and P/O Wilkins return to base in Magister. 8 aircraft on training night cross country.</p> <p>"B" Flight: 3 a/c on training night cross country.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: NIL</p>		
		9th.	<p>WX: Fair to Cloudy. Vis. mod. to Good.</p> <p>153405 P/O W.A. Thompson A5SD (Ex Nav.W.) departed for U.K. on posting to 9 P.D.G. Pembroke for flying control duties. Following postings today: 165084 P/O Gunning, 1183110 P/S D.P. Kelly, 153227 A/S/L J.R. Howell, Redundant aircrew who proceeded to U.K. under A.M.O. 1486/45.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: NIL</p>		
		10th.	<p>WX: 5/10 Clouds in morning, 10/10 overcast in afternoon, drizzle in evening.</p> <p>S/L H.R. Coleman C.6770 Staff Padre R.C.A.F. visited the squadron today and also conducted Sunday Services in dispersal for all Canadian Personnel.</p> <p>"A" & "B" Flights: 6 a/c from each flight participated in Wing Show in Wing formation 605 landing, participated in review of allied air forces (approx 1400 a/c) by Russian Marshal ZHUKOV at FRANKFURT; ON - MAIN at 1309 hours R.I.S.T.</p> <p>"A" Flight: NIL</p> <p>OPERATIONS: NIL</p>		
		11th.	<p>WX: Gen. cloudy. Slight rain and drizzle in forenoon. Slight rain in evening. Vis. poor to mod.</p> <p>I.M.C.A. Aux. Services movies are proving very popular. They are our only recreation when the weather will not permit outside sports.</p> <p>"A" Flight: Formation and air test.</p> <p>"B" Flight: Formation training.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: NIL</p>		
		12th.	<p>WX: Generally cloudy. Occasional showers. Vis. mod to good.</p> <p>The following crews reported on posting today from 2 C.S.U. Perfield.</p> <p>J.2834 P/L R.M. Douglas, Pilot J.1700. P/O L.A. Schmidt, Nav.W.</p> <p>J.2328 P/O G.W. Owen, Pilot R.20062 P/S D.A. Hogg, Nav.W.</p> <p>J.2267 P/L G.F. Waters, Pilot R.20988 P/S J.R. Black, Nav.W.</p> <p>"A" Flight: Formation training P/O Hutchinson and P/L Drake to Hartford Bridge and return.</p> <p>S/L Cleveland, P/L Cherry to Holbrook to attend meeting and return.</p>		

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R.80 R.I.A.	JUNE 13th	1945.	<p>WX: Cloudy with occasional rain. Vis. mod.</p> <p>NIL</p> <p>"A" Flight: S/L Coyne, P/O Barnes to Warrwell, England. P/L Bush, P/O O'Connor from Hartford Bridge to R.80. Formation Local.</p> <p>"B" Flight: P/L Cherry, P/L Kruse to Cril, P/L Cherry to base.</p> <p>OPERATIONS: NIL</p>		
		14th.	<p>WX: Cloudy. Vis. Mod.</p> <p>Several personnel are on the sick list these days.</p> <p>"A" Flight: air to ground firing, Bombing, Formation. S/L Coyne from Warrwell to R.80 Oxford. P/L Scott, P/O Warrs from Holbrook to R.80.</p> <p>"B" Flight: P/L Drake to Holbrook and return with 2 passengers. (Oxford) P/L Moore, P/O Wilkins, Sgt Booth to Leamardden. P/L Moore and P/O Wilkins to R.80 Air to ground firing, Bombing and formation.</p> <p>NIL</p>		
		15th.	<p>WX: Cloudy early becoming fair. Vis. mod.</p> <p>Activities of Squadron almost NIL. Picture shows - Swimming - Softball and Soccer are the amusements these days.</p> <p>"A" Flight: P/L Scott, P/O Warrs, P/L Browning, P/O Castagne, P/L Church, P/O Hood to Brussels and return.</p> <p>"B" Flight: Cross countries and I.M.P.T.</p> <p>NIL</p>		
		16th.	<p>WX: Fair and cloudy throughout the day. Vis. mod.</p> <p>NIL</p> <p>"A" Flight: P/L Browning and pass to Avere and return.</p> <p>"B" Flight: NIL</p>		
		17th.	<p>WX: Fine. Small amount of cumulus. Vis. good.</p> <p>NIL</p> <p>"A" Flight: P/L Browning and P/L Stewart as passenger to Hartford Bridge and return to R.80.</p> <p>"B" Flight: P/L Moore, with P/L Thompson, P/L Drake, P/L Jackson and P/O Wilkins to Brussels in Oxford.</p> <p>NIL</p>		
		18th.	<p>WX: Fine - small amounts of high cloud. Vis. good.</p> <p>P/L Jackson C.2810 P.R.O. of Squadron for several months is posted to R.C.A.F. C/S Hdg. for duty.</p> <p>"A" Flight: Night X - countries carried out P/L Robson and pass to Brussels and return.</p> <p>P/O Cleveland and C/O Morgan DCO, DEC (pass) to Osnabruck. P/O Cleveland returned to base.</p> <p>P/L Browning, P/O Castagne, to B.116 and thence with pass to Calo.</p> <p>"B" Flight: Bombing and night cross-countries were carried out.</p>		

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B.50 B.L.A.	JUNE 19th	1945	WX: Fine. Vis. good. NIL "A" Flight: W/O Cleveland (P/O Boal) P/L Walker (P/O Jones) to Spiny and return. formation practice. P/L Church P/O Hood to Malsbrook and return. P/L Barclay (Capt. Hallbrook) S/L Coyne, to Brussels and return. "B" Flight: Low level across countries and formation training.		
	20th		WX: Fine and clear. Vis. good. Thunder storms in evening. Scores - Soccer 115 - 2 605 - 1 "A" Flight: P/L Crapper (P/O Inke) to Hartford Bridge, Manston and return to B.50. W/O Cleveland (P/O Boal) to 135 and return. Dive bombing practice also carried out. "B" Flight: Air firing and bombing. P/L Drake P/L Cherry search area near Emericch for crashed a/c in Magister. P/L Lacey to Gliss-Hilfen and return.		
	21st		WX: Fair to cloudy. Vis. good. S/L D.R. Mussett J.3222 arrived today from 21 Squadron to assume flight commanders position with our Squadron. P/O G.A. Burrows 113064 (Inv/W) also arrived on posting to r duty. "A" Flight: Low level formation. W/L Crapper to U.K. and return. "B" Flight: Low level formation and cross countries. P/L Drake to Hartford Bridge and return. P/L Gordon to B.116 to 174 to Base on carrier transport.		
	22nd		WX: Cloudy slight rain early period. Vis. good. Very little squadron activities. Personnel anxious to move to U.K. or improved quarters from our present location. ITS HENRY GOLD NEWS "A" Flight: Low level formation - countries and low level bombing. "B" Flight: P/L Drake (Col. Saunders) from Base to H16 to Bowington to B.116 to Base. Carrier transport. W/O Owens (Sgt. Hogg) to Malsbrook and return. P/L Lacey Base to B.116 to Bowington to H16 to Base. P/L Mason to Hartford Bridge in Oxford.		
	23rd		WX: fine - Vis. good. Baseball "A" Flight - 25 "B" Flight - 16 "A" Flight: W/O Cleveland P/O Boal to Illesham and return. W/O Cleveland to Malsbrook. "B" Flight: P/L Hughes (P/O Hines) to Hartford Bridge. P/L Mason, S/L Knobs from Hartford Bridge.		
	24th		WX: Fair to cloudy slight rain early storms thunder in evening. Vis. good. NIL "A" Flight: P/L Walker and 3 passengers in Oxford to Malsbrook. "B" Flight: NIL.		
	25th		WX: Early morning fog otherwise fair to cloudy. Vis. improving to good. "A" Flight: P/L Drake to Malsbrook and return. S/L Mussett, S/L McCall to Brussels and return.		

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B.50 B.L.A.	JUNE 26th	1945	WX: Fine. Vis. good. Three crews arrived today from 2 C.S.U. for duty. Our strength at present is 35 pilots and 28 Navigators. P/L L.E. Ferguson J.2324 Pilot, R.194733 Sgt. E.S. Ignes Nav.W., J.30153 P/O G. MacDermas Pilot, J.47860 P/O Lt. Smer Nav.W., J.28546 P/O W.J. Reeves Pilot, R.22035 WOIT Bryson Nav.W. "A" Flight: Large low level bombing and air to ground firing programme. S/L Coyne to Blackbushe and return. "B" Flight: Low level bombing and formation. P/L Drake on pass to Stade and return.		
	27th		WX: Cloudy, rain and thunderstorms afternoon and evening. Vis. mod. to good. Softball "A" Flight 20, "B" Flight 12. Leave is being spent by personnel at Paris, U.K. Brussels, and Southern France. "A" Flight: W/O Cleveland, Supervisor McCalland flew to Truents and returned. L.L. Cross countries. "B" Flight: P/L Drake W/O Barton, pass to Blackbushe and return. Low level 2-country practice.		
	28th		WX: Cloudy with periods of rain. Vis. good otherwise. Latest addition to Squadron - two children owned by P/L Barnes. Eggs in future - maybe. "A" Flight: W/O Cleveland and P/L Thompson to Brussels in Mosquito and return. P/L Bush and 4 passengers to Malsbrook in Oxford. Low level bombing, dive bombing exercises carried out. "B" Flight: P/O Hutchinson and 3 passengers in Oxford to Brussels/Tvere and return. One Dive Bombing exercise.		
	29th		WX: Cloudy occasional showers. Vis. mod. NIL "A" Flight: W/O Cleveland (P/O Boal), P/L Walker (P/O Jones) to Malsbrook for formation practice and return. Air to ground firing exercises. "B" Flight: P/L Cherry (P/O Tobala) to Malsbrook for formation practice and return. Air to ground firing.		
	30th		WX: Mostly cloudy throughout the day. Rain in morning, showers in afternoon. Vis. mod. Word has been received that P/L F.G. Johnson J.12229 a former member of our squadron has been awarded the D.F.C. End of another month - No news re - our future. "A" Flight: W/O MacLeod (P/O Blackaby) flew from Base to Winstour, picked up one pass. and ferried him to Oslo. W/O Cleveland (P/O Boal), P/L Walker (P/O Jones) flew in formation to Breston, Denmark to take part in display there on July 1st. Also took part in rehearsal in F.M. of June, 30th. "B" Flight: P/L Moore (P/L Hoot) to the Hague and return. P/L Cherry, P/O Tobala, P/L Robert to Kestrup to take part in fly past and rehearsal.		

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			<p>Aircraft on strength</p> <p>MOSQUITO VL.....21 OXFORD.....1 MAGISTER.....1</p>		
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R.80 R.L.A. VOLKEL GERMANY	JULY 1st	1945	<p>WX: Cloudy with continuous slight rain early, thunder showers later. Vis. Mod to good.</p> <p>Supervisor J. McMillan (Edinburgh) is arranging to have four movies a week for our men. These are held in our Operations block and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Our Padre holds church services on Sunday before the movie. Those attending are assured of a good seat for the show.</p> <p>"A" Flight: P/L Nicol IFC (Sgt Buttle) Base to Parsfield to Blackbushe to R.58 to Base. P/L Kreuze (P/L Brooks) to Halsbrook and return. P/L McIlstobie to Halsbrook and return. P/O McLeod (P/S Blackaby) returned to Base from Oslo.</p> <p>"B" Flight: P/O Green flew to Halsbrook and returned to Base. P/L Gordon (Sgt Findlay) flew to R.116 to Munich to Base. P/L Dougall flew to Oril with pass and returned. P/L Moore, P/O Walker flew to Halsbrook and returned. P/L Lacey (P/O Wade) flew to Halsbrook and returned. P/L Dougall again flew to Oril with pass. From there to Halsbrook to Base. P/L Moore to Halsbrook and return.</p>		
	2nd		<p>WX: Fair to cloudy thunder showers in evening. Vis. Mod to Good.</p> <p>Baseball - "A" Flt. 8 and "B" Flt. 11.</p> <p>We now have transport for missing runs to Nindhoven. Keeping the boys busy is a problem these days. We are miles from facilities, messes, clubs etc.</p> <p>"A" Flight: P/L Nicol IFC (P/S Blackaby) to Blackbushe and return. P/O Cleveland IFC, P/O Boal IFC, P/L Walker, P/O Jones returned from Eastrup.</p> <p>"B" Flight: P/L Cherry, P/O Tokals, P/L Bokart to Base from Eastrup. S/L Musset (P/O Burrows) flew to Halsbrook and returned. P/L Lacey (P/O Wade) flew to Halsbrook and returned. P/L Dougall again flew to Oril with pass. From there to Halsbrook to Base. P/L Moore to Halsbrook and return.</p>		
	3rd		<p>WX: Cloudy early morning drizzle. Overcast all day. Vis. good.</p> <p>Baseball game between all star ground crew and all star aircrew - score: Aircrew 16 G.C. 2. Our padre S/L A.C. French G.800K is attending a meeting of (Sky) pilots at Backburg, Germany.</p> <p>"A" Flight: P/O McLeod (2 pass) and P/L Robson (2 pass) to R.58 and return. P/L Robson to R.58 and return. S/L Gagne IFC (S/L Robinson) to Copenhagen to return to Base. P/O Shaw (P/O Collins) to Besselsheim and return. P/L Barclay (P/L Cherry) to Paris and return.</p> <p>"B" Flight: P/L Musset (P/O Burrows) flew to R.166 and returned. P/L Gordon (S/L French) to Hamburg and return.</p>		
	4th		<p>WX: Cloudy early fair later. Vis. Mod.</p> <p>The Wing Track and Field meet was held today. Several 418 competitors took part. A large crowd attended and the afternoon was enjoyed by all.</p> <p>"A" Flight: Four crew took part in a rehearsal fly past at Hamburg. P/O Cleveland IFC, P/O Boal IFC, P/L Walker, P/O Jones returned from Eastrup. P/L Lacey (P/O Wade) flew to Halsbrook and returned. P/L Dougall again flew to Oril with pass. From there to Halsbrook to Base. P/L Moore to Halsbrook and return.</p>		

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B.80 B.L.A.	JULY 5th	1945	WX: Cloudy with occasional showers. Vis. Mod. The following aircraft are today posted to 3 F.R.O. w/e 8 July. Will proceed home for 30 days leave before continuing to the Pacific. S/L B.S. Mussett J8212, F/L Cherry J.12539, J.10394 F/L J.L. Barclay, F.2408 F/L W.L. Drake, F.23872 F/L J.A. Hughes, F.22267 F/L R.E. Moore, F.22390 F/L J.J. McKittrick (Pilot) - F.46160 F/O Ark. Curragh, J.47008 F/O V.A. S. Dalcorantony, J.47000 F/O J.L. Hood, R.202070 W/O M.W. O'Connor (Nav.) "A" Flight: 1-Commiss carrier out. F/L McKittrick to B.58 and return. F/L Hood to B.58 and return. "B" Flight: F/L Mason Cpl Jenner to Blackbushe and return. S/L Mussett (F/O Burrows) to B.58.		
		6th	WX: Cloudy thunder showers in evening. Vis. Fair. The main topic of the day, "When do we go home". "A" Flight: Low level exercises carried out. F/L Bush to Orisk and return. S/L Coyne returned from Copenhagen, with F/O Hall. "B" Flight: Low level exercises in formation carried out. F/L Howat (F/O Barovitch) to Orisk and return. S/L Mussett (F/O Burrows) returned from B.58. F/L McKittrick F/L Hughes (F/O Hulse) returned to Base from Blackbushe.		
		7th	WX: Cloudy. Vis. Mod. City of Edmonton have again scored. There are 9,000 cigarettes enroute to the squadron. We have also received cigarettes regularly from Mr. J.L. Oress of Calgary Alta. and R.O. Oressess Tobacco Firm. "A" Flight: F/O Shave (F/O Collins) F/L Robson (Sgt. Pemberton) to Blackbushe and return. F/O Cleveland to Orisk. "B" Flight: NIL		
		8th	WX: Fair Vis. Mod. NIL "A" Flight: F/O Reeves (3 pass) in Oxford to Brussels. F/O Orann (4 pass) " " " " Base. "B" Flight: NIL		
		9th	WX: Fine. Vis. Mod. F/L O.M. McCreary RAAF Personnel counsellor has been visiting the squadron for the past three weeks interviewing all those interested in rehabilitation. He gave advice to approx. 120 men which is 30% of our strength. "A" Flight: Air to Ground firing. F/L McKittrick to Blackbushe and return with F/L Smith. "B" Flight: Air to Ground firing, exercises carried out.		
		10th	WX: F.S. to Fine Vis. Poor improving. F/L Rodrig G.802k Aux. Services Officer visited the Squadron today re-Sports meet to obtain athletes for R.C.A.F. Championships. "A" Flight: Bombing exercises. F/L Smith to Orisk and return. S/L Coyne to B.116, to Gestow, to B.116 to base on courier trip. F/L Scott to Brussels, F/O Reeves to Base, W/O Cleveland (F/M Church) returned to Base from Villacoublay.		
			"B" Flight: Bombing exercises carried out. F/L Crapper (2 pass) to Brussels. F/O Orann flew w/o back to base.		

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B.80 B.L.A.	JULY 11th	1945	WX: Fair to Cloudy. Early morning rain. Cloudy with intermittent rain. Vis. Mod. Baseball "A" Flight: 10, Schalun 2. Swimming race to Hindbown area popular. "A" Flight: F/L Reeves (F/O Charters) to B.116, to Gestow (Berlin) to B.116, to base on courier. F/O Charters, F/O Reed to Orisk, and to Blackbushe. "B" Flight: F/O Hutchinson flew F/L Mason to Achmer. Then flew to Brussels Malabarok and picked up F/L Cherry and returned to base.		
		12th	W/O H.D. Cleveland IFC J.5765 Officer Commanding and his Navigator F/O E.W. Boal IFC & Bar proceeded to London to receive awards from His Majesty The King. WX: Fair. Vis. Mod to Good. "A" Flight: Extensive bombing and Air to ground firing. F/L Church (F/O Wilkins) to Blackbushe. F/L Walker (F/O Jones) from Blackbushe to Base. F/L Nicol (pass) in Oxford to B.58. F/L Scott (pass) in Oxford from B.58. "B" Flight: F/L Essey flew to B.116, to Gestow (Berlin) to B.116, to Base on courier mission. Extensive Air to Ground and Bombing Programme. F/L Ferguson (W/O Ignes) flew to Blackbushe in Oxford and returned to Base.		
		13th	WX: Fair. Fog patches early, later fair to fine. Vis. Mod. Baseball All Stars 6, Rks 4. "A" Flight: F/L Scott to B.58 and return. "B" Flight: H.P.R.'s and Night flying programme. F/L Gordon (Sgt. Pinlley) flew on courier to B.116 and to Oslo. H.P.R.'s carried out during afternoon. Night cross countries carried out.		
		14th	WX: Fine. Poor to Mod. Vis. Improving to good. NIL "A" Flight: W/O Cleveland (F/O Reed) returned from Blackbushe. F/L McKittrick to B.116, to Gestow (Berlin) to B.116 to Base. F/L Browning (S/L Coyne) to Blackbushe, to Warwell, to Base. "B" Flight: F/O Hutchinson flew to B.116 to Gestow (Berlin) to B.116 to Base on courier mission.		
		15th	WX: Fine. Vis. Mod to good. Our ball team visited Cambrai Spincy and won by a score of 32 - 2. (All Canadians have been posted from there and Englishmen played - That's why we won.) "A" Flight: F/L Crapper flew from Base to B.151. Picked up passenger and flew to North Wood. "B" Flight: F/L Gordon (Sgt. Pinlley) returned from Oslo via B.116 to Base on courier trip.		
		16th	WX: Fair later, Fair to cloudy. Vis. good. "A" Flight: Dive bombing and low level bombing. "B" Flight: F/L Howat (F/O Barovitch) on courier to B.116 to Gestow (Berlin) to B.116 and return to Base. F/L McLaughlin to B.106 and return.		

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R. 80 B.L.A.	JULY 17th	1945.	WX: Cloudless day and hot. Vis. Mod. Ball game in evening "A" versus "B" The winner - "B" Flight (17 to 15) "A" Flight: F/L Walker (P/O Jones) to Brussels B.58. F/L Smith (P/O Harris) to Brussels B.58. Air to ground firing. F/L Dash on courier to 199 to B.56 and returned to base in Oxford. F/O Macleod on courier to B.16 and 174. F/L Crapper flew from North Wood with pass to B.58 to Base. "B" Flight: Air to Ground firing exercises F/O MacInnes (P/O Shaw) from B.58 to Base F/L Ferguson (W/O Ignes) from B.58 to Base.			
			18th	WX: Another cloudless day. Vis. good. Usual amount of bridge playing and letter writing. I.M.C.A. give another of their very welcome shows. "A" Flight: Dive bombing exercises. F/O MacInnes (P/L Browning) to Blackbushe and return. "B" Flight: Air to Ground firing exercises. F/O Evans (W/O Hogg) to B.58 to B.93 to B.58 and return to Base on courier mission.		
			19th	WX: Threat of rain in the P.M. Vis. Mod. Softball Play Off. Team of 457 Squadron arriving in Dakota. Good fast game with some close if not entirely popular decisions being called. In last inning 418 had lead of one run but something collapsed and when Gust had settled at end of game the score board read: Visitors 14 - 418 11. However, a good game enjoyed by all. Winners go to Germany for finals "A" Flight: F/L Crapper with P/O White as passenger flew to Blackbushe. Returned to Base with P/O Shave as passenger. "B" Flight: F/L Waters with LtC Flanigan as pass to Blackbushe and returned to Base. F/L Gordon, F/L Ferguson to Brussels B.58 and return.		
			20th	WX: One or two drops of rain otherwise WX: good with fairly strong breeze. Vis. Good. "A" Flight: F/L Nicol (Sgt. Ruttle) to B.116, to Getow (Berlin) and return on courier. F/L Smith and F/L Ferguson on formation exercises landing at Orielan route. W/O Cleveland to Villacoublay and return. F/L Walker (P/O Jones) to B.151, to B.58 and return to Base on courier. "B" Flight: NIL.		
			21st	WX: Still good Vis. good. Swimming run to St. Heribonbosch in the afternoon. Great time had by all. "A" Flight: NIL "B" Flight: NIL		
			22nd	WX: Cloudy in the Morning. Another swimming run delayed until the P.M. when the WX: improved Vis. good. "A" Flight: W/O Cleveland on courier to Berlin (Getow) landing at B.116 en route. F/L Robson to B.58 with two passengers and returned to Base. F/L Walker to Oriel and return with passengers. "B" Flight: F/L Gordon to B.58 with passengers and return. F/O Hutchinson to B.58 with passengers and return.		
			23rd	WX: Cloudy. Vis. Mod. NIL "A" Flight: NIL. "B" Flight: NIL.		

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R. 80 B.L.A.	JULY 24th	1945	WX: XXXXXXXXXXXX Fine later fair. Vis. Mod. NIL "A" Flight: F/L Walker (P/O Jones) to Getow (Berlin) on regular courier run. F/L Crapper on low level bombing landing at Oriel after completing exercise and then returning to Base with pass. F/O Macleod (P/O Blackaby) 1 pass to Schleswig and return. "B" Flight: F/L Gordon, 2 pass, to Blackbushe. 2 crews on low level Bombing.			
			25th	WX: Cloudy cool. Vis. good. F/L A.W. Eckert and P/O W.T. Hutchinson posted on "high priority bases to 3 P.R.C. - Is this the beginning of the great tank home? No Hope. "A" Flight: Air firing exercises carried out. "B" Flight: Air to ground firing carried out.		
			26th	WX: Still good, but cloudy most of the day, in evening thunder storm with rain. More postings in for ground crew. "A" Flight: F/L Smith (W/O Bryson) on courier to Berlin F/L Scott and 3 pass in Oxford from B.58 to Base. Low level and High Level bombing exercise. "B" Flight: F/L Dougall and 3 pass to B.58 in Oxford. Low level bombing exercises.		
			27th	WX: Good, but cloudy, during the day. Fairly heavy showers in the evening. Vis. mod. Ball team up to 139 Wing where 418 won 29 to 21. Game was called. "A" Flight: F/L Scott, with F/L Eckert as passenger from Blackbushe to Base via B.58. "B" Flight: F/L Gordon, with S/L Coyne IFC as passenger, from Warnwell to Base.		
			28th	WX: Cloudy, with occasional slight showers. Coolish. Vis. Mod. Liberty run to Simboven in the evening good time had by all. "A" Flight: F/L Scott (P/O Harris) on courier to Berlin. F/L Walker with two passengers to Blackbushe and return. F/L Robson, air test on Oxford. "B" Flight: NIL		
			29th	WX: Warmer, but still cloudy. Vis. Mod. Absence party of Polish Mosquito Squadron (305) arrived. "A" Flight: F/L Browning with 2 passengers to B.58 and return. "B" Flight: F/L Gordon with W/O Cleveland IFC and P/O Ebal IFC and Bar to Oriel and return.		
			30th	WX: Cloudy in the morning and afternoon. Sunshine and clear sky in the evening. Vis. good. "A" versus "B" Flight in Ball this evening. "A" Flight: F/L Scott with 4 passengers to Oriel and return with 4 passengers. P/O Shave (P/O Collins) with 1 passenger to Blackbushe. "B" Flight: NIL		
			31st	WX: Cloudy most of the day. Cleared considerably in the evening when it turned rather chilly. Fall already ?? Vis. Mod. Another month and the 1st Squadron still battling the elements and the Detach Egg-Sellers. How much longer? "A" Flight: P/O Shave (P/O Collins) returned from Blackbushe with the Adjutant. F/L McIlachla (Sgt. Pemberton) to Blackbushe and return. "B" Flight: NIL		

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R.80	JULY	1945	<p>Number of operational sorties for the month: - NIL</p> <p>Operational hours for month: NIL Training hours for month: - 260.20</p> <p>Paras on strength at 2359 hrs. 31st July, 1945.</p> <p>R.C.A.F. Officers.....Airmen.....33 R.C.A.F. Airmen.....A.C. 4</p> <p>R.C.A.F. Officers.....Groundcrew..... 5 R.C.A.F. Airmen Groundcrew...7</p> <p>R.A.F. Officers.....Airmen..... 6 R.A.F. Airmen Airmen..... 3</p> <p>R.A.F. Officers.....Airmen..... 1</p> <p>Aircraft on strength:</p> <p>MOSQUITO VI.....20 CINDER.....1 MAGISTER.....1</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(H.D. Gervase)</i> Wing Commander, Commanding, 428 Squadron, RCAF.</p>		

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R.80 R.I.A.	2nd	1945	<p>WX Good, but cloudy all day. Vis. Mod.</p> <p>Suffolk, 4 Flt. 20, 2 Flt. 4</p> <p>1st Flight: 1/2 Bunting (1/2 Brown) with passenger in Oxford to Blackbusk and return. High level banking exercises carried out.</p> <p>2nd Flight: 1/2 Bunting to Swanton on courier, 1/2 McLaughlin (1/2 Tait) to Blackbusk. High level banking exercises carried out.</p>		
	3rd		<p>WX Cloud 10/10 occasional drizzle, ceiling 1500 - 2000' down to 1000' in showers. Cloud breaking towards end of period. Wind 150/15.</p> <p>Due to report, weather from Swanton with no requirements, flying has been curtailed somewhat.</p> <p>1st Flight: 1/2 Brown (1/2 Garton) to Farnfield and Incefield with Capt. Mather (Pass) to Swanton. 1/2 Bunting (1/2 McLaughlin) to Incefield and return. 1/2 Bunting (1/2 Tait) to Swanton and return.</p> <p>No training.</p> <p>2nd Flight: 1/2 McLaughlin, to Ryding and return, 1/2 Ferguson 1, 25 - Base - Oxford, 1/2 Falconer Base - RCAF - Uttoxeter - Base.</p> <p>No training.</p>		
	3rd		<p>WX Flight flat early, light drizzle clearing towards afternoon. Vis. 1-2 later.</p> <p>General Improvement later on.</p> <p>A visit was made by R.A.F. C in C, Air Chief Marshal Sir Sholto - Douglas K.C.B. - MC - D.F.C. who inspected our squadron today. He was accompanied by A.O.C. 2 Group Air Marshal R. Tabor D.F.C. - MC and party.</p> <p>1st Flight: 1/2 Brown (1/2 Douglas) Berlin Courier. High level banking exercises carried out.</p> <p>2nd Flight: 1/2 Ferguson (3 pass) Blackbusk. High level banking exercises carried out.</p>		
	4th		<p>WX 10/10 at 2500' Vis. 5-6 Clearing in afternoon. Winds light.</p> <p>Arrangements are being made to hold a Squadron and Squadron dance on 13th Aug/45. An R.C.A.F. 10 place band (Voluntary) are available for that date. Committee are busy.</p> <p>1st Flight: No training.</p> <p>2nd Flight: 1/2 Ferguson (3 pass) Blackbusk - Base. No training.</p>		
	5th		<p>WX Good to g wind. Clearing at 1000 - 1100 later cloud nil. Fine day.</p> <p>Suffolk 1st Flight 5 - 2nd Flight 0.</p> <p>1st Flight: 1/2 Brown (1/2 Brown) Berlin courier. No training.</p> <p>2nd Flight: Nil.</p>		
	6th		<p>WX Fair to cloudy Vis. 4-5 Drooping to 2000 feet in Base. Thunder showers.</p> <p>Notice has been received that our Squadron will move to the U.K. early in Sept and then disband.</p> <p>1st Flight: 1/2 Brown Berlin and return.</p> <p>2nd Flight: 1/2 Ferguson (1/2 Bunting) to De-mald (Oxford). 1/2 Garton (1/2 Falconer, & Bunting) to Oxford, 1/2 McLaughlin to Swanton (Oxford)</p>		

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R.80 R.L.A.	AUGUST 7th	1945	<p>VI: Little or no cloud early. Via. 10. No. 136 wing officers party was very much enjoyed by members of 418 Squadron. *A Flight: W/O Coyne base - Brussels, Oxford and return. W/O Macleod return and return to Oxford. *B Flight: W/O Ferguson (W/O Lyons) Berlin arrival.</p>		
		8th	<p>VI: Fair to cloudy, scattered showers. Via. 10. I.R.C.A. Supervisor Jack McCallum has succeeded in bringing three services a week which are shown in our timetable in addition to the HRAF regular about. *A Flight: Nil *B Flight: W/O Ferguson (W/O Lyons, Mick, Reg) to Oriskany - W/O Gordon (2 pass) R.80 - Blackbushe.</p>		
		9th	<p>VI: Boreable Cloud. Via. very poor. Intermittent moderate rain. W/O J.L. Moran (G.1552) has been our I.O. since 21st Aug/45 has been posted to 3 (RAF) R.L.C. for repatriation to Canada. *A Flight: Nil *B Flight: W/O Gordon Blackbushe - Base.</p>		
		10th	<p>VI: Little and very low cloud during forenoon becoming fair in aft. Via. 10. *A Flight: Nil *B Flight: W/O Lacey (W/O White) to Blackbushe and return. W/O Gordon (W/O Collins) flew to Villacoublay and W/O Cleveland (W/O Bond) returned from Villacoublay to Base.</p>		
		11th	<p>VI: Fair throughout day. Via. good. Not weather has curtailed our sports program. We have four members of the squadron participating in the R.O.A.F. Athletic programme to find the most outstanding athlete. *A Flight: W/O McCallum (Capt. McCallum) to Harrogate & return. W/O Scott and 3 pass to Blackbushe in Oxford. W/O Lyons and pass to Blackbushe and return. *B Flight: Nil.</p>		
		12th	<p>VI: Cloudy in morning with much low cloud fair in aft. Via. Med to good. Some days ago a Polish Aerobics Squadron member W/O Johnson and 3 pass. *A Flight: W/O Walker to R.80 and return with two pass. W/O McCallum to R.80 and return via base. W/O Scott returned to base in Oxford from Blackbushe. *B Flight: Nil.</p>		
		13th	<p>I. Nil. Boreable and dry until noon becoming fair in aft. Via. Med to heavy and in aft. A Fifteen place R.O.A.F. Band (Musicians) played for our final all ranks party tonight in the mess hall. Several hundred enjoyed the evening. Canadian Nursing Sisters from No. 1 Gen Hospital at Harrogate helped the Dutch girls solve the lady shortage. Our committee did a grand job. *A Flight: Nil. *B Flight: Nil.</p>		

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R.80 R.L.A.	AUGUST 14th	1945	<p>VI: Fair with thunderstorms and rain in aft. and evening broken cloud. Via. Med to good. Occasional rain - miserable. Nil *A Flight: W/O Walker 2 pass to R.80 and return. W/O McCallum and 2 pass Harrogate to Farnborough and return to base. *B Flight: Nil.</p>		
		15th	<p>VI: Slight rain in morning and afternoon, much cloud. Via. poor to med. Cloudy and rain in evening. V.J. day. Several members of the squadron are attending a swimming meet in Brussels. Individual and team events are being entered. *A Flight: Nil. *B Flight: Nil.</p>		
		16th	<p>VI: Fair period, local thunderstorms. Via. Med. Rain and wet weather has stopped baseball and soccer activities. *A Flight: W/O Smith (W/O Brown) to R.80, W/O Coyne, W/O Browning to Oriskany, W/O Cleveland W/O Bond to Blackbushe, Farnborough, Langney and return to Base. W/O McCallum and pass to Villacoublay and return. W/O Gordon (W/O Collins) from Oriskany to Base. W/O Bond W/O Falconer from Oriskany to Base in Oxford. W/O Nicol 3 pass in Oxford to Base. *B Flight: Nil.</p>		
		17th	<p>VI: Rain until noon and cloudy. Via. Med. Word has been received that 418 Squadron G/Lt Schalen will move to Farnborough England for debarkment. It looks like the end of a dreary life is near. Canada, here we come! *A Flight: Nil *B Flight: Nil.</p>		
		18th	<p>VI: Fair throughout day with broken cloud. Via. med. to good. Nil *A Flight: In Oxford W/O Robson and 3 pass to Blackbushe. Also in Oxford W/O Cropper to Blackbushe and return. W/O Scott to Oriskany and return. *B Flight: W/O Degeert to Oriskany and return.</p>		
		19th	<p>VI: Local drizzle in morning. Cloudy in afternoon. Via. Med. Several officers have taken advantage of University Courses at Brussels and Copenhagen. A grand time was reported by all. *A Flight: W/O Robson returned from Blackbushe in Oxford with 3 pass. W/O Smith and 4 pass returned to base from R.80. *B Flight: W/O Scott and 2 pass to R.80 in Oxford.</p>		
		20th	<p>VI: Local morning drizzle otherwise cloudy. Via. Med. All R.A.F. Navigators of which we have nine have been posted to 9 P.D.C. for vetting for transport command. They report on 25th Aug/45. *A Flight: W/O Cleveland to Villacoublay and return with 2 pass. *B Flight: Nil.</p>		

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R.80 R.L.A.	AUGUST	1945	<p>21st. Occasional rain throughout day much low cloud. Via. med to pass V/L G.V. Macdonald (G.10996) is posted to BIRMINGHAM J.F.R.C. for registration to Canada. Sent her home with the squadron since 19th Nov/44 and almost finished a tour before V.R. day. *A Flight: V/O Cleveland (V/O Boal) to Idage and return. V/L Scott and 3 pass in Oxford to base from Brussels. *B Flight: Low level bombing exercises carried out.</p>		
		22nd.	<p>VI: Showers with thunderstorms, broken cloud. Via. Med to good. Nil *A Flight: V/L Coyne and pass to Blackbushe and then to Warrmill *B Flight: Dues to the Squadron dismounting on 7th Sept/45 very little flying is being done lately. Feeding is in full progress. *C Flight: V/O MacDunn to Brussels and return to base with 2 passengers.</p>		
		23rd.	<p>Mainly fair occasional showers. Via. Med to good. Nil *A Flight: V/L Nelson to Oxford and return. *B Flight: V/L Lacey (V/O Wall) to Malbrook. V/L McLaughlin from Malbrook to base V/L Ferguson and pass to Blackbushe and Christchurch and return to base. V/L Falconer to Oxford and return to base with passengers.</p>		
		24th.	<p>VI: Cloudy with occasional drizzle in aft. Via. pass. R.M.G.A. Air Services Supervisor is arranging services several times a week which are more than welcome as there isn't anything else to do around these parts. *A Flight: V/L Bush flew 2 pass to Oxford and returned to base. V/L Rowing to Blackbushe and return. V/L Coyne returned from Warrmill via Blackbushe. *B Flight: V/L McLaughlin to Blackbushe and return to base with passengers. V/L Ferguson in Oxford to Christchurch, Blackbushe and base.</p>		
		25th.	<p>VI: Cloudy with drizzle in evening. Via. med. V/L L.A. Williams (G.12133) ex. Squadron Officer since May 1944 is posted to R.O.A.F. G.R.C. *A Flight: V/L Scott and pass to Oxford and return. *B Flight: Nil.</p>		
		26th.	<p>VI: Fair throughout day. Via. Med to Good. V/L R.A. Miles G.5066 Admin Intelligence Officer is posted to J.F.R.C. for registration. *A Flight: V/L Brown to Oxford and return with 2 pass. V/L Cropper V/L Coyne to Blackbushe with 2 pass and return to base. V/O Cleveland (V/O Boal) returned to base from A.A.S. *B Flight: V/L Church in Oxford to Brussels with 3 passengers.</p>		
		27th.	<p>VI: Clear and fine. Via. Med to good gen. small cloud. Footings have arrived for entire G.16 S. Echelon to proceed to J.F.R.C. Bournemouth. It won't be long now *A Flight: V/L Coyne to Blackbushe *B Flight: Five bombing exercises carried out.</p>		

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
R.80 R.L.A.	AUGUST	1945	<p>28th. Fine slight haze. Small amounts of cloud. Via. Med. V/L G.V. Thompson G.5562 Admin. Squadron Adjutant since October 1943 is posted to Staff at J.F.R.C. Bournemouth on disbandment of Squadron 7th Sept/45. *A Flight: Air to ground exercises carried out. V/L Cropper flew to Blackbushe and then to Abbotswich. *B Flight: Air to ground firing carried out. V/L Falconer flew two pass. in Oxford to Malbrook and V/L Church flew 1 pass. back to base in same a/c. V/L Lacey to Blackbushe and return with two pass. - V/L Ferguson flew Supr. McCalland to Trants and returned to base.</p>		
		29th.	<p>VI: Fair to cloudy. Much upper cloud but little low cloud. Via. Med. *A Flight: V/L Bush flew to Trants and returned to base with Supr. McCalland. V/L Cropper returned to base from Abbotswich via Christchurch. *B Flight: Nil.</p>		
		30th.	<p>VI: Fair in evening. Rain in morning and afternoon. Via. pass. All ball games have been postponed lately due to rain. *A Flight: Nil. *B Flight: Nil.</p>		
		31st.	<p>VI: Thick fog in morning; fair in aft. and evening. Via. Med until noon then med; Nil throughout. *A Flight: Nil *B Flight: Nil</p>		
			<p>No. of operational sorties for the month - Nil Operational hours for month Nil Training hours for month 135-45</p>		
			<p>Personnel on strength at 2359 hrs. 31st August, 1945.</p>		
			<p>R.C.A.F. Officers.....Aircrew.....22 R.C.A.F. Officers.....Groundcrew.....3 R.A.F. Officers.....Aircrew.....Nil R.A.F. Officers.....Aircrew.....1</p>		
			<p>R.C.A.F. Airmen A.C.....4 R.C.A.F. Airmen G.C.....8 R.A.F. Airmen.....84 crew Nil.</p>		
			<p>Aircraft on strength MOSQUITO VI.....20 OXFORD.....1 MUSTERS.....1</p>		
			<p><i>John Macdonald</i> (R.D. McFarland) Wing Commander, Commanding, 418 Squadron, R.C.A.F.</p>		

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