

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	<u>SECRET.</u>	References to Appendices
Halifax, N.S.	20.1.44		No. 111 Squadron was sent to England to operate as a Squadron, embarking at Halifax at 1500 hours, 20 Jan., 1944. During the night or early morning		
"	21.1.44		of the 21st, the boat "Louis Pasteur" put out to sea. The Squadron was		
Liverpool, Eng.	27.1.44		composed of 26 officers and 93 airmen. The boat pulled into Liverpool Harbour on the morning of Jan. 27 at 1100 hours but personnel were not debarked until the evening of 31 January.		
"	31.1.44		All personnel were placed on the train for Bournemouth where they arrived at 0900 hours the 1st of February, 1944.		
Bournemouth, Eng.	1.2.44		All personnel were given Dental inspection, kit inspection and were documented and kitted to scale. The Squadron entrained for R.A.F. Station, Ayr at 1400 hours on the 13th of February, arriving at Ayr at 1400 hours on the 14th. The health of the Squadron was very good throughout the voyage. Concert parties, sing song groups and stage shows were provided by personnel on the boat and from the Squadron and the spirits and morale of all personnel remained high throughout the entire voyage.		
	13.2.44		440 Squadron was formerly 111 Squadron which was stationed in the Aleutian Islands from July, 1942 to August, 1943 and was under Western Air Command Headquarters.		
			The Squadron now operates under a new establishment, the authority being LWE/SR/1006B dated 1.11.43.		
			<i>W.H. Pentland S/L</i> (W.H. Pentland) S/L, Officer Commanding, 440 Squadron.		

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20. Lincoln's Inn Fields,
London. W.C.2

18th May, 1944.

The Secretary,
Department of National Defence for Air,
Lisgar Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

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1. The initial Diary submitted to this H.Q. by the above referenced Squadron commenced on the 14th February, the date the Squadron was posted to Ayr. Request was made to the unit to cover the period from embarkation until the 14th February.
2. An Operations Record Book covering this period has been prepared by the Squadron and the original is being forwarded for your retention.
3. Personnel and aircraft strength and total flying times were omitted from the February, 1944, Operations Record Book. The information is as follows:-

<u>STRENGTH</u>	<u>Officers</u>	Aircrew:	25
		Groundcrew:	Nil

Airmen Aircrew: Nil
Groundcrew: 26

AIRCRAFT 5 Typhoon IB
11 Hurricane IV (on loan)

TOTAL FLYING TRAINING TIME: 285 hours.

(Sgd.) W.R. Thompson, S/L.
for A.O.C.in C., R.C.A.F. Overseas.

four Hurricanes servicable. Flying time - 8:10 hrs. Lecture in afternoon
by Intelligence Officer on M.I9 interrupted by flying, continued at 1800 hrs

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Ayr, Scotland	14-2-44		Squadron arrived at Ayr from Bournemouth. Many of the boys witnessed their first air raid in London while at St. Pancras Station, Sunday night. Balance of Monday spent in billeting Officers and ground personnel. All the officers with exception of O.C. and Flight Commanders are billeted together.		
	15-2-44		Pilots were issued with equipment. Various members of the squadron were allocated to other parts of the airfield. A very interesting lecture was given by W/C Davidson, D.F.C. who is C.O. of our Wing. He explained what type of work our Squadron would be doing in operations.		
	16-2-44		F/O Ramsay Milne of Matchosin B.C. was posted from 245 Squadron to our Squadron to "gen" up the boys. Our aircraft arrived today, and sixteen of our pilots flew familiarization circuits and bumps being carried out. Total flying time - 12:00 hours.		
	17-2-44		All pilots have been up in the Hurricane IV. They are all quite keen to get back flying. Aircraft identification test today. Most of the pilots passed it with ease. There was a slight industrial haze. Flying time - 18:00 hrs.		
	18-2-44		Orderly room being set up and ready for business. Five pilots had lectures on intelligence. Everybody has started cracking and flying time increased to 24 hours. Weather was very good.		
	19-2-44		Intelligence lectures were attended by various members of the Squadron, also a lecture was given in the evening by S/L Boothby, D.F.C. Normal flying carried out, mostly Cinc gun exercises. Flying time - 22:00 hrs.		
	20-2-44		Officers and personnel attended church services at Presbyterian Church at Prestwick. Main sermon was delivered by Air Commodore Cockrane. Only four Hurricanes serviceable. Flying time - 6:10 hrs. Lecture in afternoon by Intelligence Officer on M.19 interrupted by flying, continued at 1800 hrs.		

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
Ayr, Scotland	21-2-44		Started air firing in the morning, this was washed out by bad weather. Flying was resumed in the afternoon. A total of 11:00 hrs. was put in. P/O Farrell was posted to A.F.H.Q. and P/L Gohl takes over duty as adjutant. Seven pilots had inoculations for typhus and spent the rest of the afternoon at the I.O.'s room. A lecture on interrogation at 1800 hrs. was given the pilots by the assistant I.O. Some of the pilots had the cockpit check and starting procedure of Typhoon Ib.		
	22-2-44		Air firing carried out by the Squadron, a total of 20:20 hrs. P/O Clacken and P/O Stewart were top men with a total of 20 and 32 hits resp. Lecture on "booby traps" was given in the station cinema to all 143 Airfield personnel. Typhus inoculations continued.		
	23-2-44		Visibility bad all day and air firing was cancelled. 12:50 hrs. were put in on general flying. Remainder of the day spent in drawing the remainder of flying equipment. There were no lectures today. P/O Ward managed to get a coffee pot so expect to enjoy coffee in dispersal in the near future.		
	24-2-44		Visibility continues to be bad, with industrial haze plus low cloud. 12:55 hrs. were put in on formation. Lecture by P/L Creighton, I.O. on form "D" and interrogation. We had our first coffee today and it was a big success. There was a lecture on camouflage at station cinema at 1830 hours.		
	25-2-44		P/O Ken Mitchell (J19123), Greenfield Park P.Q. was posted to this Squadron from 174 Squadron, West Hamlet. Seven pilots solved the Typhoon today, the remainder did formation and Cine gun making a total of 36:35 hrs. There was a lecture by Napier Sabre expert on the Napier Sabre engine and Typhoon.		
	26-2-44		Total flying time 14:20 hrs. It was snowing in the morning and early part of the afternoon. A lecture on tank recognition was given by		14/15

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Ayr, Scotland	26-2-44		Lieut. Pierce, A.L.O. A lecture at 1330 hrs. was given by W/C Davidson on tactics and operational flying. Remainder of afternoon spent in flying. Had our first squadron formation.	
	27-2-44		We had a practice sortie over the coast of Ireland. It was led by W/C Davidson, D.F.C. 438 and 440 squadrons took part and we were jumped by Spit. Vb's. We bombed the target and returned to base. Weather was C.A.V.U. No lectures today. Total flying time was 35:50 hrs.	
	28-2-44		Another Wing Do today led by W/C Davidson, D.F.C., the airport at Ayr was target--no interception. Weather was C.A.V.U. All pilots have gone solo on Typhoons. Total flying time - 33:00 hrs. There was a lecture at 19:30 hrs. by S/L Boothby, D.F.C. The subject was "The Man We Are Fighting".	
	29-2-44		The Squadron Leader led a raiding party to the Land Army Dance last night. Operation was successful all pilots returned safely, some by foot others by taxi. P/O Ward was knocked out of formation but managed to stagger home. There was intermittent rain, flying was washed in and then out, a total of 18:20 hrs. being put in. There was a lecture by Lieut. Jack Pierce, A.L.O. on tank recognition during this period of bad weather. Serviceability of aircraft continues to be at a high standard.	
			NIL RETURN SUBMITTED IN RESPECT OF FORM 541 AS THIS SQUADRON IS NOT OPERATIONAL.	
			W.H. Pentland S/L Officer Commanding, No. 440 Sqn.	

R.A.F. Form 540

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Place	Date	Time
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SECRET - By Bomber Mail

The Secretary,
Department of National Defence for Air,
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Ottawa, Ont.

20 Lincoln's Inn Fields,
London, W.C.2.

19th June, 1944.

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Appendices

Operations Record Book - No. 440 Squadron - March, 1944

1. No personnel strength return, no aircraft strength return and no total flying time for the month is provided in the above mentioned Operations Record Book. The information has now been supplied as follows:-

Officers - Aircrew - 24 (RCAF)
Ground Crew - Nil

Airmen - Aircrew - Nil
Ground crew - 26 (RCAF)

Typhoon IB - 3, Hurricane IV - 11 (on loan)

Flying times: Non-operational - Typhoon - 183 hours
Hurricane - 377 hours
Operational - Typhoon - 15 hours

2. The Squadron also states that the health of the squadron at the end of month was very good.

3. Under entry in the 2nd, it is stated that a change in adjutant and assistant adjutant took place, without any explanation of the reason. In the case of the adjutant, it could not be because F/L J.G. Gohl was posted as he signs the diary at the end of the month. The Unit has explained that the change in adjutant was made because as a Flight Commander F/L Gohl had many other duties to attend to.

4. May this information be filed with your copy of the O.R.B., please.

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

due to bad visibility. A movement on to buy a squadron mascot, a bull dog pup. It is undecided yet but the majority is in the affirmative.

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<u>110 - Scotland.</u> <u>Heavy Bombs</u>	<u>1-3-44</u>		We had intermittent snow flurries all day. This curtailed our flying somewhat but put in 27:10 hours. The boys are starting on their second hour in Typhoons. A lecture by Jack Pierce in the morning, tank recognition was the main subject. Another lecture after flying by F/L Creighton, the I.O. This was on S.D. 158 and a test on the coast of France.		
"	<u>2-3-44</u>		Good flying weather all day with a grand total of 38:55 hours on formation in Hurricanes and Typhoons. P/O Hicks was appointed Adjutant of the Squadron vice F/L Gohl. P/O Watkins assistant adjutant vice P/O Wright.		
"	<u>3-3-44</u>		Good weather continues--put in the most time since the squadron arrived - 56:15 hours.		
"	<u>4-3-44</u>		Most of the pilots have had colds and this curtailed the flying but 55:20 hours was managed, some pilots flying as much as 5 hours daily. F/O Gordon is still sick in the hospital, it is hoped that he will be out soon.		
"	<u>5-3-44</u>		There was church service at dispersal, S/L Ashford, O.B.E. officiating. It was noted that landings improved immediately. The first night flying started. There was a slight industrial haze but this cleared up after a height of 100 feet was reached. A total of 63:10 hours was put in--this included night and day flying. Serviceability of Typhoons isn't going so good but it is felt that this isn't the fault of our ground crew or maintenance.		
"	<u>6-3-44</u>		W/C Davidson, D.F.C. lead a wing on a sortie to Ireland. weather very good. Total flying time - 43:30 hours. A lecture on Dingy Drill at 1800 hrs.		
"	<u>7-3-44</u>		Good flying weather today. Have started to slacken down our flying in preparation for our trip south. Wing exercise over Ireland again today, very successful and a lot of fun. Total time 38:40 hrs. Show on Camouflage at Station dinner.		
"	<u>8-3-44</u>		Total flying time - 11:25 hours, mostly Typhoon time. Night flying was washed out due to bad visibility. A movement on to buy a squadron mascot, a bull dog pup. It is undecided yet but the majority is in the affirmative.		

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<i>AYR. Scotland</i> <i>Hurricane</i>	9-3-44		Flying was washed out today. A lecture in the morning by F/L Creighton on M.I. 9. The afternoon was spent in assessing camera gun films and some very interesting combat films were shown. A beer party in the Mess at night. It was a farewell party for 143 Airfield. 440 Squadron acquitted themselves in the usual fashion.		
"	10-3-44		Flying has almost ceased in the squadron. We are flying only the Typhoons and a little Hurricane on the side. Total hours today - 15:30. The last typhus inoculation was received yesterday. Dr. Dunn did the honours. A talk by S/L Pentland to the ground crew. He told them what he expected of them and congratulated them on their work up to this point.		
"	11-3-44		Total flying time - 12:35 hours. We had our first practice air firing in the Typhoon. We had a show at 1830 hours. An American signals picture and "A Ranger to Eden". The pilots had their "escape" photos taken today.		
"	12-3-44		Weather bad all day. 6:30 hours was put in on local formation in Hurricanes. Everybody is getting ready to go south, advance party left today. S/L Pentland went on leave today.		
"	13-3-44		Flying is washed out until we get south, main party is leaving tomorrow. Pilots of squadron are packing their bags, etc.		
"	14-3-44		Main convoy party left today. F/O Hicks, P/O Dewar, F/O Peacock and P/O Lippert drove the O.C.'s car down. The remainder of the pilots went to a little party in Ayr. This was very successful.		
"	15-3-44		No further news of departure, remainder of squadron sitting around waiting.		
"	16-3-44		Still waiting.		
"	17-3-44		False alarm today, were supposed to leave at 1300 hours but cancelled because of duff weather.		
<i>HURN. Norfolk</i>	18-3-44		Five Typhoons led by F/O Milne left at 1000 hours. This formation was split up in cloud and P/O Mitchell was reported missing. F/O Allman pranged at Woodvale, his engine failed over the field and he overshot in subsequent forced landing. Eleven Hurricanes led by F/L Gohl took off at 1310 hours. This formation landed at Millon and Woodvale and arrived at Hurn at 1500 hours.		

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Hurn, Hants	19-3-44		143 Airfield at Hurn is getting organized and preparing for our first operational trip. P/O Mitchell's body reported to be found at Wigtown. No further details on this. W/C Davidson gave a short lecture this morning on R.T. procedure and the motive of our operational trips in the near future. Some air firing carried out with our two serviceable Typhoons. Remainder of the day spent in gathering luggage and organizing flight room and dispersal. C.O. returned from leave today.		
"	20-3-44		Air to sea firing with our Typhoons. Total time - 4:35 hours. P/O Stewart arrived with the rear party today. Most of the day spent in receiving escape aids, etc.		
"	21-3-44		We had a practice trip today led by W/C Davidson, D.F.C. The airport at Hurn was the target. Total Hurricane and Typhoon time - 24:15 hours. P/O Campbell went back to Ayr to be present and represent the squadron at P/O Mitchell's funeral.		
"	22-3-44		Weather was duff all day. A lecture was given by Art Woodhouse on what to look for and report on our trips to Indian country. The Squadron Leader gave us the afternoon off took a number of pilots into town and gave the girls a chance to breathe again.		
"	23-3-44		Flying weather was good in the latter part of the morning. We had an escape lecture, very interesting but very secret. Some pilots went in to have dinghy drill but the truck was late and it was washed out. Total flying time - 15:00 hours.		
"	24-3-44		A squadron formation led by W/C Davidson, D.F.C. Dinghy drill was completed by four pilots this afternoon. Flying weather was good but there was a lot of haze in early part of morning. Total time - 18:20 hours. A Commando course was started for all pilots. P/O Beatty, Allman, P/O Dewar and Stusiak are on it now.		
"	25-3-44		Total flying time 26:35 hours. The weather wasn't too good for formation flying. We had a short talk on accidents and movements of the Airfield by G/C Davoud, D.S.O., D.F.C. The Squadron Leader took up a squadron formation, this went off better than previous do's.		
"	26-3-44		Ch/Wh service at dispersal, S/L Ashford officiating. The morning scripture was read by P/O Peacock. Only one Typhoon serviceable. Total flying time - 22:45 hours.		

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FORM 541.

DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT

By 440 Squadron

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FOR THE MONTH OF March 19 44

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
				UP	DOWN		
28-3-44	Typhoon 1B	W/C Davidson	Sweep	1450	1510	Duty not carried out because of bad weather.	
"	"	F/O Wright	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O Milne	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O Garside	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/L Gohl	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O Watkins	"	"	"	"	
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"	"	F/O Hicks	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O Beatty	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O Heath	"	"	"	"	
30-3-44	"	W/C Davidson	"	1015	1125	D.C.O.	
"	"	F/O Wright	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O Milne	"	"	"	"	
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"	"	F/O Beatty	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O Stults	"	"	"	"	
31-3-44	"	W/C Davidson	"	1015	1130	Sweep of Cherbourg and Caen, D.C.O.	
"	"	F/O Dudge	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/L Gooding	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O Stusiak	"	"	"	"	
"	"	S/L Pentland	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O Stewart	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/L Gohl	"	"	"	"	

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Officer Commanding,
No. 440 Sqn.

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
Hurn, Hants	1.4.44		Weather again unfavourable, so our flight to our new base was cancelled. The advance party went by road.		
"	2.4.44		Weather cleared mid-afternoon. Squadron took off in six Typhoons and eleven Hurricanes for new base. On landing F/O Wright, on going around again had motor failure and aircraft crashed in nearby field. Pilot received a broken nose and facial lacerations.		
Puntington, Sur.	3.4.44		Spent morning pitching our tents and welcomed our rear road party. Weather was duff in p.m. and a couple of the boys visited F/O Wright in hospital. His condition is reported favourable but his flying is over for approximately three months. Tonight it rained--our tents leaked--no light and no heat--all hope dawn comes soon.		
"	4.4.44		Weather still poor--our sweep was cancelled. All pilots were given instruction in the bomb-up of a Typhoon. This p.m. weather cleared somewhat and local flying was carried out. F/O Clark of 439 Squadron crashed on landing in a Typhoon. Serious spinal injuries were sustained. F/O Lippert and F/O Ward received postings to the wing flying pool. S/L Pentland left in Typhoon ZV for a course on fighter leadership at "Milfield".		
"	5.4.44		All available pilots began the day by doing a "Kino" exercise. All returned in good time. F/O Watkins flew to Hurn and returned. Six pilots are to take a driver's course on trucks and landing barges. F/O Wright is doing favourably and has been moved to Basingstoke. A lecture on escape tactics was given by S/L Evans to all pilots.		
"	6.4.44		C.A.V.U. today, no sweeps in view though. We have quite a shortage of pilots. Local recon was carried out. A total of 9:55 hours. F/O Heath was awarded seven days orderly officer for a breach of flying discipline. Six pilots returned from drivers course and barge landing technique.		
"	7.4.44		Weather unfavourable -- local flying only. A lecture by Capt. Woodhouse was given to all pilots comparing the T.A.F. with Army set-up		

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Funtington, Sax	7.4.44		and how they work in unison.		
"	8.4.44		Heavy haze throughout the day. A sweep consisting of seven aircraft and pilots of 440 Sqn. lead by W/C Davidson (RAF) bombed a No ball target at Gorenflös. Flak was received coming out from Abbeville and Caveux. No hits were scored and all aircraft returned safely.		
"	9.4.44		Weather doubtful in the morning. Weather check carried out and some local flying done. Flying time - 4:40 hrs.		
"	10.4.44		Weather cloudy. Some local and formation flying done. Flying time - 6:20 hrs.		
"	11.4.44		Weather in p.m. was good--local flying carried out. Several of the pilots were freed and a visit to Horsham to see P/O Wright in hospital. His condition was good and he expects to be discharged shortly.		
"	12.4.44		Weather good and local flying carried out. A sweep consisting of eight aircraft was made by pilots of 440 Sqn. on No ball target at Moyenneville. light flak above, hits observed on target area. All our aircraft returned safely.		
"	13.4.44		Weather good in a.m., rain and low cloud in p.m. There was a lecture by Capt. Price to all pilots on ground to air signals.		
"	14.4.44		Weather good, 440 Sqn. bombed a No ball target north-east of Abbeville, light flak below, all aircraft returned safely. Formation led by W/C Davidson.		
"	15.4.44		Weather unfavourable and all operational trips were washed out for the day. Air Firing was carried out in the p.m. off the coast by 440 Sqn.		
"	16.4.44		Weather unfavourable all day. Church service was held in 440 Sqn. hangar. Pilots attended a lecture by Capt. Price on A.S.S.U. in the afternoon.		
"	17.4.44		Weather still duff. The Squadron's victory loan drive has reached 6,500 dollars to date, this only including the aircrew. 440 played 439 squadron last night, the first in a series of softball games. We won 20-18.		
"	18.4.44		Weather fair and very little flying was carried out. Three pilots solved the Auster.		

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Funtington, Sux	19.4.44		This is the big day. The first convoy of 143 Airfield left for Hurn. 440 Squadron led by W/O Davidson (RAF) bombed a No ball target south of Crecy Wood and all our aircraft returned safely. F/O Mills and Stults were sent to Redhill to pick up two new Typhoons. 440 Squadron landed at Hurn this p.m. Flying time - 15:35.		
Hurn, Hants	20.4.44		Weather good. Squadron was taken off Operations until we got things settled at our new airdrome. The boys were busy today fixing tents and building a water heater. In the evening a recco. was carried out by the C.O. and several of the pilots to Christchurch. Flying time - 3:20.		
"	21.4.44		Weather fair with very little flying. New aircraft are being received by the squadron. The pilots had a liberty run into Christchurch in the evening. Flying time - 5:05.		
"	22.4.44		Weather very good. Squadron carried out G.C.I. and Army Co-op exercises. S/L Pentland returned to the squadron after a three week leadership course at Milfield. F/O Wright was out to visit the Squadron. His condition has greatly improved. Flying time - 16:10.		
"	23.4.44		Weather very good all day. Local flying was carried out. Church service was well attended, S/L Ashford officiating. Flying time - 9:45.		
"	24.4.44		Weather good. Total flying 7:50.		
"	25.4.44		Weather very good. 440 Squadron carried out two operational sweep <i>dis-bombing attacks.</i> today, target was a bridge at Agon. Returning from the first sweep W/O Davidson (RAF) sighted a truck and troops on the beach. They were strafed very successfully. All our aircraft returned safely. Flying time - 36:05.		F.A.A.
"	26.4.44		Weather good. Two sorties were carried out today. The one in the a.m. was carried out against No ball target near Abbeville. The Squadron landed at Tangier to refuel before returning to base. The sortie in the p.m. was carried out against a Viaduct near Balbec with 500 lb. bombs. target destroyed. Wing strafed from target out to the coast. S/L Pentland		and 9/2

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Hurn, Hants	26.4.44		received a piece of flak in one of his nose tanks and had to land at Christchurch airfield.		
"	27.4.44		Weather good, total flying 18:25. The Squadron made one operation, bombing a bridge near St. Jores. Strafing was carried out from target area to the coast.		
"	28.4.44		P/O Osborne, C.E. (C11745) reported to take up Adjutant's duties with the Squadron. Squadron carried out training in the morning. Stood by for scheduled Wing Operation which was cancelled and pilots carried out one hour of aerobatics and dog fighting each.		
"	29.4.44		Eight aircraft participated in a wing operation. Weather over target area--railways at Rouen--was 10/10 cloud. Bombs were dropped on land approximately four minutes from target on safe. In the afternoon Squadron participated in Wing formation.		
"	30.4.44		Eight pilots stood by on immediate readiness all day. First scramble this morning W/L Gooding and P/O Campbell assisted in air sea rescue which was successful. Remainder of day Squadron kept a standing patrol on Isle of Wight between Selsey Bill and Portland Bill. There were several scrambles during the day and pilots were vectored as far south as the Cherbourg Peninsula. <i>before the unidentified were identified as friendly.</i> The health of the Squadron is very good.		V.A. 8
			Total operational sorties for the month - 111. <i>apl. flying time - 157:40</i>		F. 8.16
			Total flying training time - 266:50		
			Strength - Aircraft - 18 Typhoons, 1 Hurricane IV and 1 Auster III.		
			Officers - Aircrew - 22 Airman - Aircrew - Nil		
			Groundcrew - 1 Groundcrew - 30		
			<i>W.H. Pentland S/L</i> (W.H. Pentland) S/L, Officer Commanding, 440 Squadron.		Revised in accord with 95 11/9 letter, 22.10.44, file 5.24-5-7. F. 8.16

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
8.4.44	Typhoon 1B	W/C Davidson (RAF)	Bombing	1310	1440	Bomb No Ball at Gorenflor. D.C.O.	
"	"	F/O Watkins	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/L Gooding	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O Hicks	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/L Gohl	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O Crowley	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O Garside	"	"	"	"	
12.4.44	"	W/C Davidson (RAF)	"	1350	1505	Bombing No Ball at Abbeville. D.C.O.	
"	"	F/O Clacken	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O Milne	"	CANCELLED	"	CANCELLED N/c because of late start - 174	J.N.A.
"	"	F/O Allman	"	1350	1505	Bombing No Ball at Abbeville. D.C.O.	
"	"	F/L Gohl	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O English	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/L Gooding	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O Heath	"	"	"	"	
"	"	S/L Grant	"	"	"	"	
14.4.44	"	W/C Davidson (RAF)	"	1000	1125	Dive Bombed No Ball North East Abbeville. D.C.O.	
"	"	F/O Beatty	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/L Gooding	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O Doidge	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/L Gohl	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O Dewar	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O Garside	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O Stults	"	"	"	"	
19.4.44	"	W/C Davidson (RAF)	"	0915	1035	Bomb No Ball target south of Crecy Wood. D.C.O.	J.N.A.
"	"	F/O Hicks	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O Garside	"	"	"	"	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
19.4.44	Typhoon 1B	P/O Stewart	Bombing	0915	1035	Bombed No Ball target north of Craggy Wood. D.C.O.	
"	"	F/L Gohl	"	"	"	"	
"	"	P/O Allman	"	"	"	"	
"	"	P/O Marcoux	"	"	"	"	
"	"	P/O Doidge	"	"	"	"	
"	"	P/O Watkins	"	"	"	"	
25.4.44	"	W/O Davidson (RAF)	"	1240	1400	Bombed bridge near Agon with 1000 and 500 lb. bombs.	
"	"	P/O Doidge	"	"	"	also strafing	T.R.N.
"	"	P/O Hicks	"	"	"	"	
"	"	P/O Allman	"	"	"	"	
"	"	S/L Pentland	"	"	"	"	
"	"	P/O Carside	"	"	"	"	
"	"	P/O Milne	"	"	"	"	
"	"	P/O Crowley	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/L Gohl	"	"	"	"	
"	"	P/O Stults	"	"	"	"	
"	"	P/O Watkins	"	"	"	"	
"	"	P/O Heath	"	"	"	"	
"	"	S/L Pentland	"	1720	1850	Bombing and strafing using 500 lb. bombs. Target -	
"	"	P/O Peacock	"	"	"	bridge near Agon.	
"	"	P/O Beatty	"	"	"	"	
"	"	P/O Stewart	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/L Gohl	"	"	"	"	
"	"	P/O English	"	"	"	"	
"	"	P/O Hicks	"	"	"	"	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
25.4.44	Typhoon 1B	F/O Clacken	Bombing	1720	1850	Bombing and strafing using 500 lb. bombs. Target -	
"	"	F/O Heath	"	"	"	bridge near Agon.	
26.4.44	"	S/L Pentland	"	0905	1045	Using 500 lb. bombs bombed No Ball target at	
"	"	F/O Peacock	"	"	"	Abbeville. Landed at Tangiers.	4.8.44
"	"	F/O Beatty	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O Crowley	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O Milne	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O Allman	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O Garside	"	"	"	"	
"	"	P/O Campbell	"	"	"	"	
"	"	W/C Davidson (RAF)	"	1450	1615	Bombing and strafing using 500 lb. bombs. Target -	
"	"	F/O Gordon	"	"	"	Viaduct near Balbec.	
"	"	F/O Watkins	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O Clacken	"	"	"	"	
"	"	S/L Pentland	"	"	"	Flak in nose fuel tank. Landed at	
"	"	F/O Heath	"	"	"	Christchurch.	
"	"	F/L Gohl	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O Campbell	"	"	"	"	
27.4.44	"	S/L Pentland	"	1150	1310	Bombing and strafing. Target - bridge near St. Jores.	
"	"	F/O Peacock	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O Marcoux	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O Heath	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/L Gohl	"	"	"	"	
"	"	P/O Campbell	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O Hicks	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O Stewart	"	"	1320	"	
"	"	F/O Watkins	"	"	1310	"	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
29.4.44	Typhoon 1B	S/L W.H. Pentland	Bombing	0835	1005	Mission was to bomb Marshalling Yards at Houen with	
"	"	F/O R.W. Doige	"	"	"	500 lb. bombs. However weather over target area was	
"	"	F/O M.A. Marcoux	"	"	"	10/10 cloud so bombs were dropped safe approximately	
"	"	F/O S.V. Gerside	"	"	"	4 minutes from target.	
"	"	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O J.F. Dewar	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O C.W. Hicks	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	"	
30.4.44	"	F/L H.O. Gooding	<i>N/A scramble</i> Patrol	0905	1015	<i>N/A scramble</i> Patrol off Isle of Wight. Orbit pilot in dinghy.	
"	"	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O J.H. Beatty	<i>Patrol</i>	0950	1115	Patrol off Isle of Wight.	<i>J.H.B.</i>
"	"	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O C.W. Hicks	"	1045	1205	"	
"	"	F/O J.F. Dewar	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O D.C. Stults	"	1145	1315	"	
"	"	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O S.V. Gerside	"	1245	1345	Readiness Patrol	
"	"	F/O L.R. Allman	"	"	1300	"	
"	"	F/O A.A. Watkins	"	1305	1440	"	
"	"	F/O M.A. Marcoux	"	1405	1540	"	
"	"	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	1605	1735	"	
"	"	F/O J.H. Beatty	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O A.A. Watkins	"	1705	1835	"	
"	"	F/O R.H. Heath	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O L.R. Allman	Scramble	1900	2000	D.C.O. <i>Scramble for unidentified of.</i>	<i>J.H.B.</i> <i>mtP5/1</i>

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				UP	DOWN		
30. April	Typhoon 1B	F/O S.V. Carside	Patrol	2030	2155	Patrol off Isle of Wight	
"	"	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/L J.G. Gohl	"	1905	2035	"	
"	"	F/O D.G. Campbell	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O D.G. Stults	"	2000	2030	"	
"	"	F/O M.A. Marcoux	"	"	2110	"	
"	"	F/O D.F. English	Scramble	1900	2000	D.C.O. <i>scramble for unidentified fl.</i>	<i>4.8.41</i>

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Place	Date	Time	
Hurn, Hants	1.5.44		Respirators were worn by all Squadron personnel for 30 minutes commencing at 1000 hours as a practice in accordance with A.F.H.C. instructions. No operations were carried out. The Squadron practised formation flying and local flying during the day. Squadron Adjutant attended the C.O.'s conference where plans were laid for a practice move on Friday, May 5th. Total flying carried out 23 hrs. 40 mins. Weather conditions were very good. Sun was shining and a light breeze blowing most of the day.
"	2.5.44		Eight aircraft were ordered to bomb the marshalling yards at Rouen but were called back before going over the coast. Total ops. time 4:20. Eight aircraft participated in wing formation flying and dusk landing. 6 hrs 45 mins..
"	3.5.44		Nine aircraft bombed German destroyer in the afternoon. Pilots were briefed at Predannack and carried out operation from there. Ops. time 8:15. Near misses were scored.
"	4.5.44		Nine aircraft participated in operation on Moball target Ailly-le-haut Olocher. Aircraft refuelled on way back at Ford. After take-off from Ford, F/O Peacock was killed while flying in formation, returning to unit. His aircraft struck a balloon cable near Southampton and broke off four feet of the wing. He went into a dive and was killed instantly when the aircraft crashed and caught on fire. Ops time 12 hrs.
"	5.5.44		All op. flying was cancelled and only local flying carried out by Squadron. "B" party moved with equipment and personnel by motor convoy for a practice pack-up. It was very successful and good time was made. Lunch was eaten in the field. Convoy returned to unit and tents were immediately set up and work resumed normal procedure. Weather was cloudy and dull most of the day and there were local showers.
"	6.5.44		Squadron was on readiness in the forenoon. Five hours non ops. on Typhoons. 2:55 non-ops onuster

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
Hurn, Hants	7.5.44		Squadron bombed bridge near Rouen, no direct hits were scored. Ops. time 10:40. Squadron bombed "Hoball" near Totes. Ops. time 10:50, weather clear and bright. Non ops. time Typhoon 4 hrs, Hurricane 1 hr., Auster 2:10.		
"	8.5.44		Squadron bombed marshalling yards at Douai. Total ops. time 11:40. During afternoon were on readiness. Non ops. time 15:25 Auster 1:30.		
"	9.5.44		Squadron bombed bridge at Rouen no direct hits scored. Operational time 13 hrs. non ops. 19:45, Hurricane 1:45, Auster 4:30.		
"	10.5.44		Bombed marshalling yards Amiens. Ops. time 10 hrs. Non ops. 12:30.		
"	11.5.44		Squadron took off to bomb bridge at Long with 1000 lb. bombs and landed at Ford on returning. Roads leading to the bridge were damaged but no hits were scored.		
"	12.5.44		Bridge and overhead roadway were bombed south of Amiens. Near misses were scored and some damage caused with the 500 lb. bombs carried. Squadron moved to RAF Station, Hurn, for accommodation (Adjutant proceeded on T.D. to Rear H.Q. 83 Group to attend conference of Squadron Adjutants) etc.		
"	13.5.44		Squadron took off for Tangmere at 11:15 hours with 500 lbs. Bombed Hoball at Amiens and refuelled at Tangmere. Target at Amiens was successfully bombed out. At 15:45 Squadron again took off with 500 lb. bombs to bomb railroad bridge near Amiens. Bridge was knocked out completely and returned to Tangmere. Owing to adverse weather, personnel were unable to return to their squadron and were accommodated at West Hampnett for the night. returning to the Squadron in the morning. Two four-bladed propellor typhoons were received by the Squadron.		
"	14.5.44		Squadron was on stand-by and readiness all day. No operations carried out. Personnel attended a party at 143 Airfield Officers' Mess and a good time was had by all. Two more four bladed propellor typhoons were received by the Squadron and personnel were busy making familiarization flights in the new aircraft.		

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Burns, Scots	15.5.44		Due to inclement weather no operational flying or training carried out.		
"	16.5.44		The Squadron participated in air to sea firing in the morning. New fighter formation was tried. W/C Judd gave a lecture on fighter tactics to all pilots of 143 Wing. In the afternoon pilots were released from operations and training and a Liberty run provided to take them to Bournemouth. Ops. time Nil. Non-ops time 12:30.		
"	17.5.44		Weather all day was unserviceable for flying. The Squadron pilots had a lecture from the A.L.O. on "Ack Ack guns and artillery". In the afternoon pilots were released from flying.		
"	18.5.44		Two four-bladed Typhoons received at the Squadron making total of six on strength. W/O D.V. Wright attached to Aircrew Refresher School at Sheffield for 3 weeks. Pilots took off with Wing tanks for testing on Typhoons. W/O Stusjak and W/O Crowley went to Boscombe Downs to ferry aircraft back to Unit.		
"	19.5.44		Squadron personnel participated in Cine-gun dog fighting. Squadron participated in bombing attack on Evergen, Belgium. Landing was made at Menston for refuelling and operations carried out from there. On returning from operations, F/L Gohl, W/O Carside, Crowley and Beatty landed at Tangmere, F/L Gohl's aircraft had hung up and his section landed. P/O Clacken and P/O Stewart landed at Dinsford on return being short of fuel. All aircraft returned to Unit during the morning of 20.5.44. P/O Mahagan reported to Sqn. for flying duties. Squadron now one under strength for pilots.		
"	20.5.44		Squadron bombed Noball target at Parc 8 aircraft participating. Remainder of day Squadron was on readiness. Bombed Noball Edenflos with 8 aircraft. W/O Ward and Libbert reported to Sqn. for flying duties making Sqn. strength one over in pilots. Total ops. time 25:20.		
"	21.5.44		Pilots were briefed evening before bombing Radar installation at Cherbourg, but was postponed due to weather conditions. Pilots attended a lecture on Security by Intelligence Officer from H.Q. and pilots were		

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
Hurn, Hants	21.5.44		released for remainder of day. F/O McCurdy reported to Squadron for flying duties. This makes Squadron up to full strength for pilots.		
"	22.5.44		One aircraft piloted by F/O Garside took off for smoke screen test in conjunction with the Armament Section. 8 aircraft strafed D.F. Station at Arromanches, France. Direct cannon bursts scored on target. Attack made from 6000' to zero. One aircraft piloted by F/O Watkins was hit by enemy ack ack and the pilot was seen to bale out and land safely in the water five miles off the French coast. He was last seen floating in the dinghy before Walrus with fighter escort were unable to locate the dinghy before darkness. The weather over the target area was clear. Squadron was complimented for its sterling performance during the raid by W/C Green Commanding 121 Airfield. Two raids were carried out, one on Wuerszburgs on the Cherbourg Peninsula and one on the D.F. Station at Arromanches, France. Ops. time 14:50.		
"	23.5.44		Four of our aircraft led by F/L H.O. Goding participated in air sea rescue at 0550 hours, but F/O Watkins could not be located. Second sea search was made by four aircraft of the Squadron led by F/O Garside at 1015 hours but no trace was seen of the missing pilot. It has been assumed that F/O Watkins has been rescued by the Huns. Squadron participated in bombing of Wuerszburgs near Cherbourg carrying 1000 lb. bombs. 440 Sqn. went in for the attack after the target area had been strafed with cannon fire by other sqn. taking part in the Ramrod. F/O Crowley baled out after being hit by flak over the target area. His aircraft caught fire and he baled out over the water at approximately 900'. Just prior to baling out the pilot called up on the R/T saying "Here's Stinky baling out". Aircraft of the Squadron orbited F/O Crowley in the dinghy until the Walrus of the Air Sea Rescue party appeared on the scene. After considerable trouble the Walrus successfully took off and the pilot was flown to land and returned to his Unit the same evening.		

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Hurn, Hants	24.5.44		No flying carried out due to adverse weather. P/O Crowley welcomed back by personnel of Squadron.		
"	25.5.44		All 143 Wing attended a talk by Air Marshal Conningham on the Second Front. All personnel were advised to prepare themselves to bend every effort to make the Second Front a success. Pilots were given a lecture by A.L.O. on Artillery and Ack Ack. Squadron was released for training in the morning.		
"	26.5.44		Pay parade for airmen personnel of 440 Squadron was held at 1000 hrs. by Sqn. Adjutant. Fifteen pilots proceeded to Southampton to inspect naval craft. Remainder of pilots attended a talk by Air Chief Marshal Sir Stafford Leigh Mallory. Two pilots reported for duty bringing Squadron pilot strength up to 26. Pilots were W/O Watson and P/O Fromholz. Flights carried out testing cannon and bombs. No operations carried out--Squadron pilots released for the afternoon.		
"	27.5.44		Eight aircraft took off for Homey South to act as Anti-Flak Squadron. Of the 8 despatched 1 returned with engine trouble. A special target was hit and also Coast Watcher. Squadron practiced laying smoke screens during the day. P/O N. Stusiak was killed in a flying accident near Homey South at 1130 hours, while doing aerobatics. His plane was seen to go into a spin and the pilot failed to recover. Court of Inquiry has been ordered to convene.		
"	28.5.44		Eight aircraft dive bombed Hobbell target at Heudiere from 2000'. 10 hits scored on target and six around target area. One of our aircraft was hit by flak in Glycol tank. 500 lb. bombs were carried. 10 bombs landed direct on target. This operation saw P/O Ward and P/O McQuady, two Squadron pilots recently posted, complete their first operational sortie. P/O Ward was twice hit by flak. Arrangements are being made for the burial of P/O Stusiak whose funeral is expected to be in North Bournemouth Cemetery. Bridge at Orivel bombed from 6500-2500' with 1000 lb. bombs. Two direct hits were scored. Also 2 on marshalling yards, 2 S.E. edge of bridge, 5 near misses N.E. side of bridge. 2 N.W. of marshalling		

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				UP	DOWN		
3.5.44	MN378 Typhoon LB	S/L Pentland, WH	Bombing	1630	1735	Bombed Destroyer, taking off from Predannack.	
"	MN JMA31	F/O Gordon, JAD	"	"	1730	Crash-landed at Predannack on return from operation, because of engine failure.	
"	MN548 "	F/L Gohl, JG	"	"	"	"	
"	MN171 "	F/O English, DF	"	"	"	"	
"	MN603 "	F/O Stults, DC	"	"	"	"	
"	MN691 "	F/O Beatty, JH	"	"	"	"	
"	MN428 "	F/O Clacken, COR	"	"	"	"	
4.5.44	MN378 "	S/L Pentland, WH	"	1050	1220	Bombed Neball at Ailly-le-Haut Glecher.	
"	MN633 "	F/O Peacock, WD	"	"	"	Killed on return flight. Aircraft struck a balloon barrage cable.	
"	MN691 "	F/O Milne, RH	"	"	"	"	
"	MN171 "	F/O English, DF	"	"	"	"	
"	MN583 "	F/L Gooding, HO	"	"	1230	"	
"	MN257 "	F/O Campbell, DC	"	"	"	"	
"	MN603 "	F/O Heath, RH	"	"	1220	"	
"	MN637 "	F/O Clacken, COR	"	"	"	"	
7.5.44	MN378 "	S/L Pentland, WH	"	1025	1145	Dive bombed bridge at Rouen with 500 lb. bombs, landed Tangare.	
"	MN171 "	F/O Dewar, JF	"	"	"	"	
"	MN583 "	F/L Gooding, HO	"	"	"	"	
"	MN603 "	F/O Deidge, RW	"	"	"	"	
"	MN548 "	F/L Gohl, JG	"	"	"	"	
"	MN691 "	F/O Marcoux, MA	"	"	"	"	
"	MN428 "	F/O Allman, LR	"	"	"	"	
"	MN420 "	F/O Stults, DC	"	"	"	"	
"	MN378 "	S/L Pentland, WH	"	1925	2045	Bombed Neball near Tetes with 500 lb. bombs.	
"	MN603 "	F/O Heath, RH	"	"	"	"	
"	MN171 "	F/O Watkins, AA	"	"	"	"	
"	MN691 "	F/O Crowley, FJ	"	"	"	"	
"	MN420 "	F/O Milne, RH	"	"	"	"	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
5 7.8.44	MN366 Typhoon 1B	F/O Dewar, J.F.	Bombing	1925	2045	Bombed Neball near Totes with 500 lb. bombs.	
"	MN348	F/O Gordon J.A.D.	"	"	"	"	
8.5.44	MN378	S/L Pentland W.H.	"	1130	1240	Bombed marshalling yards at Douai with 500 lb. bombs.	
"	MN405	F/O Heath R.H.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN548	F/L Gohl, J.G.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN257	F/O Doidge, R.W.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN589	F/L Gooding, H.O.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN318	F/O Stults, D.C.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN171	F/O Hicks, C.W.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN366	F/O Beatty, J.H.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN691	F/O Watkins, A.A.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN348	F/O Dewar, J.F.	"	"	"	"	
9.5.44	MN378	S/L Pentland, W.H.	"	1300	1405	Bombed bridge at Long with 1000lb. bombs from 8000' to 1500'.	
"	MN257	F/O Campbell, D.C.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN420	F/O Milne, R.H.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN405	F/O Gordon J.A.D.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN428	F/L Gohl, J.G.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN171	F/O English, D.F.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN758	F/L Gooding, H.O.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN547	F/O Clacken, C.O.N.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN366	F/O Marcoux, H.A.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN691	F/O Crowley, F.J.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN589	F/O Stults, D.C.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN548	F/O Beatty, J.H.	"	"	"	"	
10.5.44	MN428	S/L Pentland, W.H.	"	1430	1545	Bombed marshalling yards at Amiens with 500 lb. bombs from 12-7000'.	
"	MN348	F/O Dewar, J.F.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN420	F/O Milne, R.H.	"	"	"	"	

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10.5.44	MN403 Typhoon 1B	F/O Heath, R.H.	Bombing	1430	1545	Bombed marshalling yards at Amiens from 12,700' with	
"	MN583	F/L Gooding H.O.	"	"	"	500's.	
"	MN257	F/O Beatty J.H.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN603	F/O Hicks C.W.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN171	F/O English D.F.	"	"	"	"	
11.5.44	MN 157	W/C Judd (RAF)	"	1530	1650	Bombed bridge at Long with 1000's.	
"	MN4547	F/O Gordon, J.A.D.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN413	F/O Hicks, C.W.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN420	F/O Stults, D.C.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN378	S/L Pentland, W.H.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN403	F/O Heath, R.H.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN298	F/O Beatty, J.H.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN115	F/O Carside S.V.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN583	F/O Milne, R.H.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN603	F/O Campbell, D.C.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN591	F/O Crowley, F.J.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN171	F/O English, D.F.	"	"	"	"	
12.5.44	MN378	S/L Pentland, W.H.	"	0900	1030	Bombing junction near Abbeville with 500's.	
"	MN548	F/O Gordon, J.A.D.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN548	F/O Carside, S.V.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN420	F/O Clacken, C.O.R.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN115	F/L Gohl, J.G.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN318	F/O Stusiak, N.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN603	F/O Marcoux, M.A.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN257	F/O Campbell, D.C.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN583	F/O Stults, D.C.	"	"	"	"	
"	MN518	W/C Judd, (RAF)	"	1515	1645	Bombed Neball at Douai, France. Light flak.	
"	MN548	F/O Allman, L.R.	"	"	"	"	

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12.5.44	Typhoon 1B MN 257	F/O R.H. Milne	Bombing	1515 1445	1645	Bombed Noball at Deuail, France. Light flak.	
"	MN115	F/L J.G. Gohl	"	"	"	"	
"	MN171	F/O D.F. English	"	"	"	"	
"	MN403	F/O A.A. Watkins	"	"	"	"	
"	MN603	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"	"	
13.5.44	MN548	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1120	1245	Bombed Noball at Ailly-le-Haut Clecher with 500's from 7000-1500'. Landed at Tangmere.	
"	MN348	F/O J.F. Dewar	"	"	"	"	
"	MN420	F/O M.A. Marcoux	"	"	"	"	
"	MN583	F/O L.R. Allman	"	"	"	"	
"	MN115	F/L J.G. Gohl	"	"	"	"	
"	MN171	F/O N. Stusiak	"	"	"	"	
"	MN403	F/O A.A. Watkins	"	"	"	"	
"	MN257	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"	"	
"	MN548	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1530	1710	Bombed bridge near Amiens with 500's from 7000-1500'	
"	MN348	F/O J.F. Dewar	"	"	"	"	
"	MN583	F/O L.R. Allman	"	"	"	"	
"	MN115	F/L J.G. Gohl	"	"	"	"	
"	MN171	F/O N. Stusiak	"	"	"	"	
"	MN403	F/O A.A. Watkins	"	"	"	"	
"	MN257	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"	"	
"	MN318	F/O R.H. Milne	"	"	"	"	
14.5.44	MN378	F/O S.V. Garsel de	Scrambled	1300	1400	To intercept German aircraft - not sighted.	
"	MN644	P/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	"	
"	MN548	P/O N. Stusiak	"	1310	1410	Bogey at Cherbourg - no contact.	
"	MN378	F/O R.H. Milne	"	"	"	"	
19.5.44	MN157	W/C Judd (RAF)	Bombing	2025	2210	Bombed tank concentration near Ghent, Belgium. All bombs on village--6 direct hits on factory. No tanks seen but suspected area effectively bombed	and 5/2

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19.5.44	Typhoon 1B MN783	F/L H.O. Gooding	Bombing	2025	2210	Bombed tank concentration near Ghent, Belgium. All	
"	MN171	F/O N. Stusiak	"	"	"	bombs on village--6 direct hits on factory. No tanks	
"	MN348	F/O M.A. Marcoux	"	"	"	seen but suspected area effectively bombed.	
"	MN257	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"	"	
"	MN603	F/L J.G. Gohl	"	"	2155	"	
"	MN555	F/O S.V. Garaid	"	"	2205	"	
"	MN378	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	2155	"	
"	MN635	F/O J.H. Beatty	"	"	"	"	
"	MN528	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"	"	
"	MN403	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	"	
20.5.44	MN157	F/O Judd (RAF)	"	0920	1100	Bombed Nobell at Paro. 12 direct hits on target. No	
"	MN644	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"	activity seen in target area.	
"	MN366	F/O M.A. Marcoux	"	"	"	"	
"	MN171	F/O D.F. English	"	"	"	"	
"	MN783	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	"	"	"	
"	MN257	F/O R.W. Deidge	"	"	"	"	
"	MN378	F/O C.W. Hicks	"	"	"	"	
"	MN318	F/O N. Stusiak	"	"	"	"	
"	MN783	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	1505	1635	Bombed Nobell at Gorenfls with 500 lb. bombs. 2 hits	
"	MN348	F/O J.F. Dewar	"	"	"	seen near building. Most bombs in target area.	
"	MN635	F/O J.H. Beatty	"	"	"	"	
"	MN548	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"	"	
"	MN644	F/O R.H. Milne	"	"	"	"	
"	MN257	F/O D.C. Stults	"	"	"	"	
"	MN 637	F/O A.A. Watkins	"	"	"	"	
"	MN318	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	"	

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				Up	Down		
22.5.44	LM 157	W/C Judd (RAF)	Strafing	1500	1545	Straffed Wuersburgs on Cherbourg Peninsula. Flak area	
"	MN635	F/O J.H. Beatty	"	"	"	successfully sprayed with cannon. Target not seen	
"	MN637	F/O A.A. Watkins	"	"	"	because of dust and smoke.	
"	MN528	F/O D.G. Stults	"	"	"	"	
"	MN583	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	"	"	"	
"	MN348	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	"	
"	MN603	F/O C.W. Hicks	"	"	"	"	
"	MN257	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"	"	
"	MN644	F/O L.R. Allman	"	"	"	"	
"	MN644	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1800	1910	Straffed D.F. Station at Arramanches, France. Direct	
"	MN348	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	cannon bursts on target. Attacked from 6000' to zero.	
"	MN583	F/O A.A. Watkins	"	"	1840	Squadron complimented by W/C Green for its performance	
"	MN528	F/O D.G. Stults	"	"	1910	F/O Watkins was hit by flak and seen to bale out 5 miles	
"	MN603	F/O C.W. Hicks	"	"	"	off the coast of France. Was not picked up. after drift-	
"	MN257	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"	"	
"	MN635	F/O J.H. Beatty	"	"	"	"	
"	MN378	F/O D.G. Campbell	"	"	"	"	
23.5.44	MN644	S/L W.H. Pentland	Bombing	1625	1800	Bombed Wuersburgs with 1000lb. bombs on Cherbourg	
23.5.44	MN366	Major Theron	"	"	1755	Peninsula from 7-2000'. Many bombs fell safe. Bursts	
"	MN420	F/O R.H. Milne	"	"	1740	were seen in centre of target area. Intense inaccurate	
"	MN378	F/O L.R. Allman	"	"	1735	flak over target.	
"	MN555	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	"	1745	"	
"	MN528	F/O S.V. Garside	"	"	1735	"	
"	MN403	F/O R.H. Heath	"	"	1755	"	
"	MN437	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	1710	" Hit by flak. Seen to bale out and subsequently	
						rescued	

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24.5.44	Typheon 1B MN403	F/O R.H. Heath	Scramble	1755	1825	To investigate aircraft. Patrolled between Anvil and	
"	MN555	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"	the Needles. One aircraft seen. Identified as friendly.	
"	MN603	F/O D.C. Stults	Patrol	0800	0900	Shipping reconnaissance - patrolled from base to Pt. de	
"	MN420	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"	Barfleur to Cap de la Hague and returned via St. Albans	
						Head. Uneventful.	
27.5.44	MN157	W/C Judd (RAF)	Strafing	1635	1735	Flew to Hemesly South to act as anti-flak sqn. 2 a/c	
"	X MN 428	F/O L.R. Allman	"	"	"	flew with 274 Sqn. Target near Cherbourg. Coast	
"	MN548	F/O S.V. Garthdee	"	"	1730	Watcher was hit.	
"	MN635	F/O J.F. Dewar	"	"	"	"	
"	MN420	F/L J.G. Gehl	"	"	"	"	
"	MN691	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"	"	
"	MN566	F/O C.W. Hicks	"	"	"	"	
"	MN403	F/O R.H. Heath	"	"	"	"	
"	MN583	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	"	
28.5.44	MN644	S/L W.H. Pentland	Bombing	0830	0940	Bombed target at Heudicourt with 500 lb. bombs from 7-2000'	
"	MN318	F/O R.E. McCurdy	"	"	"	10 bombs dead on target, 6 bombs around target area.	
"	MN555	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	"	"	"	
"	MN378	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"	"	
"	MN420	F/L J.G. Gehl	"	"	"	"	
"	MN548	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	"	
"	MN528	F/O D.C. Stults	"	"	"	"	
"	X MN 641	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"	"	
"	MN644	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1625	1740	Bombed bridge at Orival (near Reuven) with 1000 lb. bombs	
"	MN555	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	"	"	from 6500-2500' angle of dive 60°. Two bombs direct	
"	MN420	F/L J.G. Gehl	"	"	"	on target which was destroyed, 2 in marshalling yards	
"	MN528	F/O D.C. Stults	"	"	"	2 S.E. of bridge, 3 near misses N.W. side, 2 N.W. of	
"	MN691	F/O S.V. Garthdee	"	"	"	marshalling yards, 2 600 yds. N.E. of target.	
"	MN378	F/O E.W. Doidge	"	"	"	"	

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28.5.44	MM635	P/O J.H. Beatty	Bombing	1625	1740	Bombed bridge at Orival (nr Reuven) with 1000 lb. bombs from 6500-2500' angle of dive 60°. Two bombs direct on target which was destroyed, 2 in marshalling yards, 2 S.E. of bridge, 5 near misses N.W. side, 2 N.W. of marshalling yards, 2 600 yds N.E. of target.	
"	MM666	P/O C.W. Hicks	"	"	"		
"	X MN 428	P/O D.F. English	"	"	"		
29.5.44	MM115	P/L J.G. Gohl	"	1905	2010	Sqn. took off from Gravesend to bomb Heball at Gernflies but failed to find target. Alternative target attacked believed a Heball at Ailly-le-Haut Clecher. Nearly all bombs in proposed target area but 2 overshoot. Hits were observed on buildings. Attacked from 9-3000' from S.E. to N.W.	
"	MM583	P/O W.J. Mahagan	"	"	"		
"	MM666	P/O M.A. Marcoux	"	"	"		
"	X MN 538	P/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"		
"	X MN 482	P/O R.H. Milne	"	"	"		
"	MM318	P/O J. Stewart	"	"	"		
"	X MN 428	Major Theron	"	"	"		
"	MM348	P/O J.H. Beatty	"	"	"		
30.5.44	MM157	W/C Judd (RAF)	"	1050	1220	Bombed Radar station at Abbeville/Vandriesurt. Attacked from SW/NE from 7500-2000'. Two direct hits on Eastern Wuerzburg which fell over. 2 near misses on Western Wuerzburg. All remaining bombs burst in target area. Moderate inaccurate flak. Weather hazy up to 9000' vis. 10-15 miles.	
"	MM578	P/O R.E. McCurdy	"	"	"		
"	MM666	P/O C.W. Hicks	"	"	"		
"	MM348	P/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"		
"	MM555	P/L H.O. Gocking	"	"	"		
"	MM583	P/O R.H. Heath	"	"	"		
"	MM115	P/O J.H. Beatty	"	"	"		
"	MM318	P/O J. Stewart	"	"	"		
"	MM420	P/O S.V. Garvick	"	"	"		
"	MM171	Major Theron	"	"	"		
"	MM115	P/L J.G. Gohl	"	1320	1645	Attacked Heball at Bois de la Justice from E/W from 9-4000'. All bursts seen in target area. Moderate inaccurate light flak. Weather hazy, vis: 10-14 miles.	
"	MM578	P/O W.J. Mahagan	"	"	"		
"	MM666	P/O M.A. Marcoux	"	"	"		
"	X MN 428	P/O J.H. Beatty	"	"	"		
"	MM420	P/O R.H. Milne	"	"	"		
"	MM318	P/O G.O.R. Clackson	"	"	"		
"	MM171	P/O D.F. English	"	"	"		
"	MM348	P/O R.E. McCurdy	"	"	"		

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Hurn, Hants	1.6.44		Two pilots went on Weather Recce. from Cape Levy to Le Havre. No flak was encountered. Squadron carried out Aerobatics and cloud flying. Squadron was released from operations at 1500 hours.		
"	2.6.44		Ten aircraft took off to bomb Radar installations at Cape de la Havre with 500 lb. bombs. New bomb fusing was tried and proved successful. Heavy flak was encountered, all pilots returned safely. On way to operation F/L Cohl encountered engine trouble and had to make a forced landing at Wankton. F/O Hicks and F/O Dewar assisted in Air Sea Rescue of pilot in Channel but it is believed the pilot was drowned before rescued from the sea. All Squadron personnel attended a lecture on Mines and Booby Traps given by A.L.O. Great interest was aroused when two of the practice booby traps were accidentally set off by airmen attending the lecture.		
"	3.6.44		Eight aircraft took off to bomb Wuerzburg on Guernsey Islands. Extremely heavy flak was encountered and it was seen to be very accurate. Results of the attack could not be observed as there was no spare time to hang around the target. All pilots returned safely and all were of the opinion that they had encountered the heaviest flak of any operation they had participated in thus far.		
"	4.6.44		Squadron was on readiness all day. Personnel attended a Wing party in the Officers Mess.		
"	5.6.44		Nine aircraft bombed Preya on Guernsey Isles. Two aircraft were forced to turn back before reaching target, one developing engine trouble, and the other aircraft was leaking oil very badly from the propeller. Target was effectively bombed. One aircraft in the Wing Formation was shot down by flak and was seen to spin in from 3000' approximately 200 yards from shore. Lecture was given to pilots on assessment of dive bombing films by two civilians from Air Ministry. In the afternoon combat films were shown to all pilots. All pilots were confined to barracks from 1700 hours. Pilots were briefed at 2130 hours on the Invasion and the role the Squadron was to play in the Second Front.		
"	6.6.44		Twelve aircraft carrying 500 lb. bombs covered initial stages for 3rd British Army Invasion troops about to land. Gun emplacements and shore batteries were blasted and		

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Hurn, Hants	6.6.44		<p>strafed effectively. Eight aircraft carried out armed reconnaissance for M.T. and tanks. Strafing trucks and staff cars near Caen. Eight aircraft carried out another armed Recce. for M.T. and tanks in the evening target south of Caen. F/O L.R. Allman was missing from this operation. F/O Milne was badly hit and crash-landed on the airfield on return. F/O Crowley was hit by flak in his gas tanks and had to land at Wood church. Intense and accurate flak was encountered.</p>		
"	7.6.44		<p>Eight aircraft did armed recce. of area Caen-Falaise-Aunay for tanks and M.T. Weather bad, ceiling 1500'. Flak was very heavy resulting in loss of three pilots. Two other aircraft were very badly damaged but managed to stagger home. Tanks and M.T. were attacked successfully also some gun positions were strafed. Eight aircraft carried out armed recce. of Caen-Falaise-Aunay area for tanks and M.T. Light flak was encountered. Two bomb bursts were seen on roadway but owing to bad weather pilots were unable to see results. Eight aircraft dive bombed railway bridge during patrol area East of Caen. Bridge was dive bombed from 7-2000'. Direct hits were observed and the bridge destroyed. Meagre light flak experienced.</p>		
"	8.6.44		<p>Squadron was on readiness all day and personnel took advantage of the lull to clean aircraft and build up serviceability. ^{5/12} Some aircraft took off on armed recce. but failed to observe armoured or motor convoys owing to poor visibility. On way home pilots were shot at by guns from Naval batteries due to the poor visibility and low hanging cloud. All pilots returned safely.</p>		<i>don not agree with 8/12</i>
"	9.6.44		<p>Squadron did readiness all day. Four Typhoon bombers did armed recce. Vire area. Patrolled area but nothing seen. Bombs were jettisoned in Channel free of shipping lanes. One aircraft landed at Ford on return journey. One aircraft was damaged by enemy flak.</p>		
"	10.6.44		<p>F/O Doidge returned to the Squadron after being shot down over enemy territory. His aircraft was hit by flak in the radiator and his engine heated very fast. F/O Doidge opened his parachute in the aircraft by mistake and when he baled out the parachute tore on the tail plane. He landed safely without injury near our own lines and was escorted to British Intelligence where he was interrogated. Committee of Adjustment for F/O</p>		<i>with 8/12</i>

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Hurn, Hants	10.6.44		<p>Stuslak was completed and forwarded this day. F/O D.V. Wright returned from a three week course at Aircrew Refresher School for flying duties with Squadron. Eight Typhoon bombers and two Typhoon fighters bombed concentration of infantry and A.F.V.'s. Target was missed. One aircraft turned back when motor out and landed safely at Ford. Seven bombs landed on target and six others in target area on what appeared to be camouflaged tents. One bomb scored near miss on railway. One cruiser seen burning in Channel. Balloons were observed on beaches at 1000'. Eight bombphoons despatched to bomb Met. on road Villers Bocage to Caen. No Met. seen on target road. Twelve vehicles possibly tanks seen on minor road in woods. Two bombs were dropped but landed wide of target. Two large camouflaged trucks noticed at U.0548. Fourteen bombs dropped on target from North to South. Several near misses scored. Trucks were strafed and damaged. Eight bombphoons attacked target of concentration of tanks and M.T. at U.0152. Concentration of M.T. and tents bombed along with 438, 439 Squadrons participating in the Forêt-de-Cinglais U.023516. All bombs landed in target area and some direct hits were scored.</p>		<p>One bomber did not take off</p>
"	11.6.44		<p>Eight bombphoons attacked infantry and M.T. in wooded area at Carpiquet. In spite of 10/10ths cloud over target area at 3000' the target xxxx was dive bombed out of the cloud with 500 lb. bombs. Bursts were seen to be scattered over target area. Some light flak was encountered over target area.</p>		
"	12.6.44		<p>Eight Bombphoons and 2 fighters attacked M.T. concentration in village of Varaville with 500 lb. bombs. Roadway from Varaville to Perier en Aute bombed successfully and blocked. The village of Varaville practically destroyed. The fires were left burning after bombing. F/L Gohl was forced to bale out after experiencing engine trouble probably caused by enemy flak. The parachute was seen to catch on the tail plane of his aircraft going down but tore free 100 feet off the water. He was posted as missing and owing to darkness a sea search was not possible at the time of the accident. Seven Bombphoons attacked M.T. concentration, guns and tanks in wooded area with 500 lb. bombs. Four hits were scored on the target all other bombs landed in the target area. Light flak was experienced. All aircraft returned safely.</p>		<p>WHL 5/2</p>

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Hurn, Hants	13.6.44		Sea Search carried out by Walrus aircraft for F/L Cohl. His body was sighted floating in the sea and attempts were made to rescue but failed. The body was seen to sink below the surface and the aircraft returned to base. F/L Cohl was posted as killed. The pack-up for overseas move is in full swing and Squadron moved to Hurn Station for accommodation and rations. The new identification cards No. 1250R are nearing completion and will be issued to all personnel within a few days. Twelve Bomphoons dropped 500 lb. bombs on concentration of M.T., Artillery and Infantry. All bombs landed in the target area. Two Typhoon fighters were scrambled to intercept German Glider bombers or pilotless aircraft. No enemy aircraft sighted and aircraft returned to base.		
"	14.6.44		Squadron of eight Typhoon bombers were detailed to attack HOTTOT, a heavily defended enemy position. When over target it was seen to have already been successfully attacked by a previous operation. Squadron made an attack on alternative target at LINGEVRES. Target was bombed from 5-1000' and all bombs landed in target area. Mission was considered very successful. On return to base one aircraft piloted by F/O McCurdy made forced landing in France on E.L.S. due to engine trouble. Seven Typhoon bombers and one fighter attacked concentration of Infantry and guns at Demouville with 500 lb. bombs. Target was attacked successfully, most bombs landing in target area with a few to the south. Eight Typhoon bombers and two fighters attacked bridge and M.T. moving on roads in immediate vicinity at U.200727. Target was attacked from 5-1000'. No direct hits were scored on bridge but near misses were scored. One aircraft piloted by F/L Stuils forced landed in France at an E.L.S. due to engine failure. He remained overnight and returned to base in the morning.		One of 9 bombs failed to take off. 9. 11. 44.
"	15.6.44		Nine Typhoon bombers attacked a double bridge at T.983577 over River Orne with 500 lb. bombs. Bombs dropped in target area and fell at both ends of bridge but no direct hits would be observed. Considerable accurate light flak was experienced from roadway at T.9961. Eleven Bomphoons again attacked double bridge target over River Orne with 500 lb. bombs. Four very near misses were scored and all remaining bombs landed well within the target area. Heavy and light accurate flak was encountered		sub 5/2

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Burn, Hants	15.6.44		from the target area. One aircraft piloted by P/O J.W. Lippert landed on E.L.S. in France because of engine failure. Eight Bomphoons made third attack on bridge over River Orne with 1000 lb. bombs. Four aircraft were required to turn back owing to mechanical trouble. Eight bombs were dropped on target and many near misses were scored but no direct hits were observed. One aircraft blew tire on take-off and when returned from operations made a belly landing on the grass on the airfield. Aircraft was damaged but pilot was unhurt. For the first time since the Squadron started operations all aircraft were unserviceable at one time. By 1830 hours, eight aircraft were again serviceable.		
"	16.6.44		Eight Bomphoons attacked M.T. concentration of forty vehicles at *U.1840 with 500 lb. bombs. Target was attacked from 5-2000'. All bombs landed in target area but results were unobserved owing to dusk setting in. Focke Wulfe was observed at 5000' head on at Hercoville and dived into cloud, being chased by Spitfire. One aircraft was hit by flak on wing tip. Eight Bomphoons detailed to attack M.T. dumps and personnel at Verde with 500 lb. bombs. Owing to bad weather and poor visibility over target the alternative target a bridge at T.9857 was attacked. Two near misses scored and twelve bombs were scattered in target area. One aircraft returned to base before reaching target due to engine trouble.		
"	17.6.44		S/L Clare, P.M.O. from Overseas Headquarters accompanied by a representative of the Montreal Gazette, visited the Squadron and interviewed a number of the pilots concerning operations and experiences recently encountered. Eight Typhoon bombers and one fighter attacked bridge near Caen U.06570 with 500 lb. bombs .025 scoring numerous near misses. Bombing difficult owing to strong North wind blowing and limited visibility. Light flak was encountered and one of our aircraft received a slight hit in the tail plane. Twelve Typhoon bombers again attacked bridge near Caen with 500 lb. bombs. Direct hits were scored on West end of bridge and bridge appeared to be bent and twisted on West end. East end also appeared damaged. Ten enemy aircraft reported seen over Caen were not seen.		a report given by this aircraft also. mms J.W.L.

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Hurn, Hants	18.6.44		Nine Typhoon bombers ordered to attack bridge over River Orne and Dives. Attack abortive due to bad weather. Two 1000 lb. bombs dropped on railway south of Trouville. Remainder of bombs jettisoned in sea. Weather over target was 10/10 at 1000' to 3000'. One aircraft returned because of engine trouble before reaching target. Ten Typhoon bombers attacked bridge East of Caen with 1000 lb. bombs. Aircraft dropped bombs within 25 yards of target from 7-2000'. No direct hits were scored. Bridge was not seen to collapse. Medium and accurate heavy flak was encountered from Caen. One aircraft was slightly damaged by flak.		
"	19.6.44		Two Typhoons carried out Shipping Recce. off Cherbourg from 1000'. 10/10 cloud at 1000', heavy haze and rain. Was uneventful due to weather. Two Typhoons carried out another Shipping Recce. but owing to weather conditions nothing was noticed.		
"	20.6.44		Four Typhoon bombers and two fighters attacked tunnel 4900/13/29 with 500 lb. bombs. One bomb landed at mouth of tunnel, two on tracks destroying them, three landed on top of tunnel 20 yards from West end. Entrance not closed. Fires were noticed burning at Mesidon. ^{Eight} Typhoon bombers bombed Noball target at Bientques with fourteen 500 lb. bombs. All bombs undershot target. Fourteen near misses scored on Q site. ^{Seven} Typhoon bombers bombed Noball target south of St. Omer taking off from Manston. and a third attack on a Noball target from Manston. 7. 8. 8.		
"	21.6.44		Squadron did stand-by on runway. No Squadron operations were carried out owing to weather conditions. P/O Beatty took off to obtain samples of earth from airdrome near B.9. Samples obtained and operation completed successfully.		
"	22.6.44		Six Typhoon bombers with one 45 gal. long range tank fitted on each aircraft and two long range tanks fitted on two fighters bombed small Marshalling Yards at St. Carburge with 500 lb. bombs. Direct hits were scored on buildings which were seen to blow up. Two hits were scored on railway line. No sign of activity or troop movements seen on roads. Two aircraft scrambled on Air Sea rescue search. Were vectored 165 degrees for 20 minutes. Oil patch was observed on water and wreckage seen floating. Two life buoys also noticed floating in vicinity of oil patch. No dinghys observed in water and it is believed aircraft sank with all personnel on board.		

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Hurn, Hants	23.6.44		Six Typhoon bombers and two fighters carried out armed reconnaissance. Two M.T. vehicles seen at U.1141. Six 500 lb. bombs dropped on M.T. and targets were left in flames. Convoy of 15-20 vehicles seen on road heading East into Vire. Two Typhoon bombers patrolled area for M.T. and troop concentrations south of Caen to Falaise. Five M.T. seen at U.1342. Two 500 lb. bombs dropped, one falling wide of target; one a very near miss. Cannon attacks also carried out. Three vehicles claimed damaged due to strikes seen. F/O D.C. Campbell made a forced landing on E.L.S. due to damage by enemy flak. Eight Typhoon bombers ^{bombed} concentration of trucks at T.8151. Seven 500 lb. bombs were dropped. Six direct hits; one bomb overshot target. Results not seen due to flame, smoke and dust. Large ground flash seen. F/O Hattie shot down in flames after being hit by enemy flak. Baled out near Juvigny. Is reported as missing believed safe.		
"	24.6.44		F/O Hattie returned to the Squadron from France after being shot down near Juvigny. No injuries were sustained and pilot landed near our lines and was given safe passage by troops to a flying strip operated by the American Air Forces. From there he was flown to England in a Dakota and was back at the Squadron fourteen hours after baling out. Eight Typhoon bombers attacked defensive locality at T.919676 near Cheux with 500 lb. bombs. Ten .025 delay and six 6 hour delay. Fourteen bombs landed on target and three buildings could be seen completely demolished. Two bombs overshot target. Six Typhoon bombers and two fighters carried out Armed Recce. near Laval-Mayenne-Domfront for rail and road movement. No movement was observed. Bridge at Ambrières was attacked with 500 lb. bombs and near misses were scored. On return to base F/O Bernier taxied into a stationary aircraft and both aircraft are Cat. A.C.s.		
"	25.6.44		No operations carried out due to weather conditions over France. Squadron pack-up going ahead for move overseas.		
"	26.6.44		No operations carried out due to poor visibility. F/O Bernier was grounded and posted to "R" Depot, Warrington due to two accidents since reporting to this unit attributable to carelessness and error in judgment. F/O Marcoux posted to "R" Depot, Warrington to appear before a Medical board. His operational flying was discontinued		

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Hurn, Hants	26.6.44		by the Medical Officer as he was considered operationally tired. Signal from Army was received congratulating the Squadron on support given them.		
"	27.6.44		Squadron personnel of "D" Party proceeded to France by airlift in D.C.3's for B.9. Fifteen pilots flew Squadron Typhoons, three remaining behind to pick up replacement aircraft for those unserviceable. All personnel arrived safely and in good health; no casualties were sustained. The trip across was uneventful and stormy weather was encountered most of the way. Fifteen aircraft landed at B.7 for operations as B.9 was unserviceable.		
Lantheuil, France	28.6.44		Four Typhoon bombers attacked bridge at T.9858 G.C. 27 with eight 1000 lb. bombs from landing strip at B.7. Bridge was not hit but two bombs were near misses. Bridge believed badly damaged. Six bombs landed in target area. Road at west end blown up. Light intense flak encountered over target. Two aircraft hit by flak Cat. AB. Woods and town of Verson (T.9865) attacked by six Typhoon bombers with twelve 500 lb. bombs. Bombs dropped from 8-4000' east to West. Bombs were scattered in area. Results were unobserved. Three Typhoon bombers attacked bridge at T.9448 with 1000 lb. bombs from 8-2000' from N-S.W. Heavy intense accurate flak encountered over target and N.W. of target area. Bridge was destroyed. F/O D.C. Campbell landed at B.5 because of damage to aircraft by flak hits. Six Bomphoons attacked bridge at 937472 with twelve 1000 lb. bombs. Bombs were dropped from 8-3000'. Attack unsuccessful. All bombs landed in target area. F/O D.V. Wright had accident on take-off losing tail wheel. No damage to aircraft resulted and pilot was unhurt.		Corrected in de - cardinal index 4/2/49 d. 22.7.44. (Ref 1.24.4-7) 7/44
"	29.6.44		Five Typhoon bombers attacked bridge south of Caen with ten 1000 lb. bombs from 8-3000' W to E. Heavy accurate flak east of Caen encountered. Two direct hits scored on bridge, believed damaged on North East end and centre. Balance of bombs landed in target area. One aircraft returned to base due to mechanical trouble before reaching target. Ten pilots were guests at an army show in Cruelly at 1600 hours and at 1900 hours. At approximately 1200 hours one enemy shell exploded on the field but caused no damage to landing strip or other property. F/O Beatty found a crashed		1/44/5

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Lantheuil, France	29.6.44		Typhoon near St. Mauvieu which proved to belong to 440 Squadron and had been missing since June 6th. It had been flown by F/O L.R. Allman who was reported missing. Casualty signal forwarded by Wing H.Q. reporting F/O Allman as dead. Grave located nearby which was marked with his number, rank and name.										
"	30.6.44		<p>Pilots were released all day owing to the landing strip being rendered unserviceable from rain. Personnel spent the day settling down and digging slit trenches and improving camouflage at dispersal. Enemy aircraft were over during the night and flares were dropped over the airfield. No bombs were dropped.</p> <p>The health of the Squadron personnel at the end of the month is very good.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH</u> - Aircraft - Typhoons 1B - 18.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>- Personnel</th><th>Aircrew</th><th>Groundcrew</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Officers</td><td>24</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr> <td>Airmen</td><td>3</td><td>32</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p><u>FLYING TIMES</u></p> <p>Operational - 482:40 hours.</p> <p>Non-Operational - 127:55 hours.</p> <p>No. of Operational Sorties - 371</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <i>W.H. Pentland</i> (W.H. Pentland) S/L, Officer Commanding, 440 Squadron. </p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <i>Corrections made in forms 540 and 541 in accordance with 9/5 H.Q. letter of 5 Oct. 44 (S.47-20-14391) on file S.24-5-7</i> <i>P.H.N.</i> </p>	- Personnel	Aircrew	Groundcrew	Officers	24	2	Airmen	3	32	
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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
1.5.44	Typhoon 1B MN457	F/O R.H. Milne	Recon.	1020	1120	Weather Recon. Crossed English Coast at Bournemouth	
"	MN348	F/O J.F. Dewar	"	"	"	and flew due south out in Channel for 20 miles. Heavy sea fog developing into 10/10 cloud deck to 4500', patches of 10/10 cloud up to 6500'.	
2.6.44	MN555	S/L W.H. Pentland	Bombing	1545	1655	Ramrod 959, Target X11/35 Le Havre/Cap de la Havre.	
"	MN378	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"	attacked target from 9-3000' from E to W. 6 bomb bursts	
"	MN528	F/L D.C. Stults	"	"	"	seen in target area, 6 bombs just short of target. Not	
"	MN348	F/O R.E. McCurdy	"	"	"	sure of direct hits due to dust raised from bombs. Flashes	
"	MN115	F/L J.G. Gohl	"	"	"	appeared to come from ship partly sunk off shore at Le	
"	MN318	F/O R.H. Heath	"	"	1620	Havre. Light, intense, fairly accurate flak up to 3000'	
"	MN457	F/O R.H. Milne	"	"	1655	some heavy up to 9000'. F/O Heath turned back because of	
"	MN583	F/O D.F. English	"	"	"	engine trouble. Both spares also participated in bombing.	
"	MN366	F/O M.A. Marcoux	Spare	"	"	"	
"	MN428	F/O L.R. Allman	"	"	"	"	
"	MN603	F/O C.W. Hicks	Search	1745	1915	Scrambled for pilot in dinghy 10 miles N.W. Cherbourg.	
"	MN257	F/O J.F. Dewar	"	"	"	Orbited 10 miles N.W. Cherbourg but nothing seen. Pilot in Mac West seen 3 miles N.W. Cherbourg but seemed pretty lifeless.	
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3.6.44	MN555	F/L J.G. Gohl	Bombing	1945	2100	Bombing Wurtzburgs on Guernsey Island. Four bursts seen	
"	MN457	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	near Freya in the E. Corner, remaining bombs on E. & S.	
"	MN257	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"	edge of target. Intense medium and heavy accurate flak	
"	MN318	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	was experienced over target.	
"	MN583	F/O C.W. Hicks	"	"	"	"	
"	MN348	F/O J.F. Dewar	"	"	"	"	
"	MN528	F/O J.E. Beatty	"	"	"	"	
"	MN171	F/O D.F. English	"	"	"	"	
5.6.44	MN366	F/L J.G. Gohl	"	0820	0925	Bombing Wurtzburgs on Guernsey Island. Two bombs near	
"	"	F/L D.C. Stults	"	"	0915	"	
"	MN457	F/O J.W. Lippert	"	"	0915	misses on S.E. Freya. Rest believed overshoot but	
"	MN428	F/L H.S. Gooding	"	"	0915	"	
"	"	F/O C.O.R. Claackem	"	"	0915	unobserved due to smoke of previous bombs attack.	
"	MN257	F/L S.V. Garada	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O W.J. Nalagana	"	"	"	"	
"	"	F/O R.H. Heath	"	"	"	"	

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6.6.44	Typhoon 1B MN 644	S/L W.H. Pentland	Air Support	0645	0815	Gave direct support to 3rd British Army for initial	
"	MN 257	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"	invasion stage. Bombed beach at La Breche with 500 lb.	
"	MN 603	F/O C.W. Hicks	"	"	"	bombs. Strafed 88 mm. guns just inland. FLUMETOT also	
"	MN 635	F/O J.H. Beatty	"	"	"	strafed.	
"	MN 171	F/D J.G. Gohl	"	"	"	"	
"	MN 348	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	"	
"	MN 583	F/L D.C. Stults	"	"	"	"	
"	F/ MN 307	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"	"	
"	MN 555	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	"	"	"	
"	MN 378	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"	"	
"	MN 457	F/O R.H. Milne	"	"	"	"	
"	MN 403	F/O R.H. Heath	"	"	"	"	
"	MN 366	F/O M.A. Marcoux	Späre	"	0745	"	
"	MN 548	F/O S.V. Garside	"	"	"	"	
"	MJ	W/C Judd (RAF)	Bombing	1645	1815	Made recon south of Caen. A few trucks seen moving north.	
"	MN 171	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"	on roads to Caen. Road bombed at U.0953 with 500 lb.	
"	MN 548	F/O S.V. Garside	"	"	"	bombs. Two direct hits seen on road. No tanks seen in	
"	MN 348	F/O J.F. Dewar	"	"	"	Caen area. One truck strafed and seen to blow up,	
"	MN 115	F/L J.G. Gohl	"	"	"	another strafed and hit, not claimed as destroyed.	
"	MN 635	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	"	
"	MN 366	F/O M.A. Marcoux	"	"	"	"	
"	MN 603	F/O C.W. Hicks	"	"	"	"	
"	MN 403	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1910	2050	Made recon south of Caen. Couple of trucks bombed at	
"	MN 307	F/O R.E. McGurdy	"	"	"	U.0851 with 500 lb. bombs, both destroyed. 2 vehicles	
"	MN 457	F/O R.H. Milne	"	"	"	strafed. 5 vehicles seen travelling south just out of	
"	MN 171	F/O D.F. English	"	"	"	St. Laurent.	
"	MN 428	F/O L.R. Allman	"	"	"	Missing.	

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				Up	Down		
6.6.44	Typhoon 1B MN583	F/L D.G. Stalts	Bombing	1910	2050	Continuation of previous operation.	
"	MN257	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	"	
"	MN378	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"	Landed at Woodchurch.	
7.6.44	MN115	F/L J.G. Gohl	Patrol	0730	0855	Patrolled area Caen-Falaise-Aunay. Staff car destroyed at	
"	MN307	F/O W.J. Mahagan	"	"	Crashed	T.9648. Flak position on road T.8548 bombed. 20 tanks at	
"	MN257	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	Baled out	cross roads U.1437 and 10 to 20 tanks at U.2244 bombed.	
"	MN635	F/O J.F. Dewar	"	"	0855	Tanks and vehicles strafed with cannon at U.1437-U.2344.	
"	MN555	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	"	0855	Intense light flak was experienced over the whole area,	
"	MN366	F/O A. Frombolo	"	"	"	and 3 aircraft are missing as result of flak. Pilots	
"	MN548	F/O S.V. Garside	"	"	Crashed	missing are F/O Doidge, R.W., F/O S.V. Garside, and	
"	MN603	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	0855	F/O W.J. Mahagan. F/O Doidge was seen to bale out and	
"						returned to unit on 11 June, 1944.	
"	MN555	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1150	1325	Patrolled area Caen-Falaise-Aunay. 500 lb. bombs dropped	
"	MN378	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	on tanks and MET on road T.6669-T.6266 but except for	
"	MN595	F/O D.O. Campbell	"	"	"	seeing two bombs burst in the road pilots were unable to	
"	MN603	F/O C.W. Hicks	"	"	"	see results owing to bad weather. Smoke and flames were	
"	MN366	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	also seen on this road as results of a previous attack by	
"	MN583	F/L D.C. Stalts	"	"	"	an Allied Squadron. Light flak experienced from T.7275.	
"	MN403	F/O R.H. Heath	"	"	"	"	
"	MN595	F/O J.H. Beatty W/C Judd (RAF)	"	1815	1950	Patrolled area south of Caen. A railway bridge at	
"	MN378	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"	T.923432 was dive bombed from 7 to 2000' with 500 lb.	
"	MN555	W/C F.W. Hillock	"	"	"	bombs, direct hits were observed and the bridge destroyed.	
"	MN366	F/O M.A. Marcoux	"	"	"	Meagre light flak was experienced from woods at U.0252.	
"	MN115	F/L J.G. Gohl	"	"	"	"	
"	MN583	F/O A. Frombolo	"	"	"	"	
"	MN603	F/O R.H. Milne	"	"	"	"	
"	MN348	F/O R.E. McCurdy	"	"	"	"	

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				UP	DOWN		
8.6.44	Typhoon 1B MN115	F/L J.G. Gohl	Recoe.	1855	2025	4 Typhoon bombers and 2 fighters made armed Recoe. south	
"	MN805	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	east of Caen. Attacked 20 tanks moving north on road	
"	MN583	F/L D.C. Stults	"	"	"	T.7847 with 8 X 500 lb. bombs. No direct hits were ob-	
"	MN703	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"	served. 4 bursts in road.	
"	MN318	F/O J.H. Beatty	Fighter Escort	"	"	"	
"	MN171	F/O A. Frombolo	"	"	"	"	
9.6.44	MN115	F/O R.H. Milne	Recoe.	2055	2225	Armed recoe. Vire area. Patrolled area but nothing seen.	
"	MN583	F/S C.J. McConvey	"	"	2220	2 X 500 lb. bombs jettisoned in channel out of shipping	
"	MN603	F/O M.A. Maroux	"	"	"	lane. Other bombs brought back. F/O Maroux landed at	
"	MN805	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"	Ford. Fired on by own navy. One a/c damaged by flak.	
10.6.44	MN555	F/L H.C. Gooding	Bombing	0500	0620	Bombed concentration of infantry and A.F.Vs. with 500 lb.	
"	MN644	F/O A. Frombolo	"	"	"	bombs. Missed target and bombed T.9276, 50,000 Map.	
"	MN366	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"	7 on target and 6 in target area on what appeared to be	
"	MN318	F/O C.C.R. Claeken	"	"	"	camouflaged tents. 1 bomb near miss on railway. 1	
"	MN703	F/S C.J. McConvey	"	"	"	Cruiser seen burning in P.1525. Balloons on beaches at	
"	MN805	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"	1000'. One bomber a/c did not take off and end?	
"	MN684	F/O R.E. McCurdy	"	"	"	fighter a/c (F/O W.E. Ward 0500-0548) returned	
"	MN583	F/L D.C. Stults	"	"	"	early	
"	MN595	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1515	1700	12 vehicles, possibly tanks seen on road in wood U.0683.	
"	MN583	F/O J.F. Dewar	"	"	"	2 bombs dropped here but wide. 2 large camouflaged trucks	
"	MN366	F/O J.H. Beatty	"	"	"	seen at U.0548. 14 bombs dropped, several near misses,	
"	MN348	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	also strafed, claimed as damaged.	
"	MN603	F/O C.W. Hicks	"	"	"	"	
"	MN115	F/O D.F. English	"	"	"	"	
"	MN805	F/O M.A. Maroux	"	"	"	"	
"	MN703	F/O C.C.R. Claeken	"	"	"	"	

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10.6.44	Typhoon 1B MN555	S/L W.H. Pentland	Bombing	1845	2015	Bombed concentration of Met. and Tents in the Forest de Cinglais, U.023516. All bombs in target area some direct hits observed.	
"	MN583	WO2 R.A. Watson	"	"	"	"	
"	MN603	F/O C.W. Hicks	"	"	"	"	
"	MN684	F/O R.E. McCurdy	"	"	"	"	
"	MN366	F/L J.G. Gohl	"	"	"	"	
"	MN403	F/O R.H. Heath	"	"	"	"	
"	MN318	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	"	
"	MN348	F/O D.F. English	"	"	"	"	
11.6.44	MN595	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	0630	0750	In spite of 10/10ths cloud at 3000' Squadron bombed infantry and vehicles in wooded area at Carpiquet.	
"	MN583	WO2 R.A. Watson	"	"	"	"	
"	MN703	F/O J.H. Beatty	"	"	"	with 500 lb. bombs. Bursts were seen to be scattered over target area. Some light flak was experienced over the target area.	
"	MN403	F/O H.R. Bernier	"	"	"	"	
"	MN805	F/L J.G. Gohl	"	"	"	"	
"	MN378	F/O D.V. Wright	"	"	"	"	
"	MN366	F/O M.A. Marcoux	"	"	"	"	
"	MN684	Sgt. N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	"	
12.6.44	MN318	F/O D.V. Wright	"	1145	1300	Attacked guns and tanks in wood U.0545 with 500 lb. bombs. 4 bombs in target, all others in target area.	
"	MN603	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"	"	
"	MN348	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	"	
"	MN555	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	"	"	"	
"	MN691	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"	"	
"	MN595	F/O R.H. Milne	"	"	"	"	
"	MN703	F/O A. Fromholz	"	"	"	"	
"	MN115	F/L J.G. Gohl	"	2115	Crashed	Attacked M.T. in village of Varaville with 500 lb. bombs, concentrated bombing on road from VARAVILLE to Perier en Auto, road blocked. Village of Varaville practically destroyed, 3 fires seen burning after bombing. F/L Gohl baled out 2 miles south of Christchurch. He was not	
"	MN603	Sgt. N.L. Gordon	"	"	2250	"	
"	MN366	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"	"	
"	MN691	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	2300	"	
"	MN555	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	"	"	"	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
12.6.44	Typhoon 1B MN644	F/O H.R. Bernier	Bombing	2115	2250	rescued, his body was seen to sink below the surface of the sea.	
"	MN583	F/O D.V. Wright	"	"	"	"	
"	MN348	F/O R.E. McCurdy	"	"	"	"	
"	MN595	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	"	
"	MN684	F/O A. Frombolo	"	"	"	"	
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				UP	DOWN		
13.6.44	Typhoon 1B MN366	F/O M.A. Maroux	Patrol	0540	0655	Scrambled to intercept Glider bombers - uneventful.	
"	MN644	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	"	
"	MN555	F/L H.O. Gooding	Bombing	1915	2040	Bombed concentration of Met., Artillery and Infantry	
"	MN684	F/S C.J. McConvey	"	"	"	at U.155767/U.182745/U.157744/U.143747. 24 X 500 lb.	221
"	MN366	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"	M.C. .025 bombs were dropped in target area and 540 rds.	
"	MN348	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	20 mm. were fired.	
"	MN318	F/O R.H. Milne	"	"	"	"	
"	MN691	F/O G.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"	One other a/c (F/O W.F. Ward	
"	MN583	F/O D.V. Wright	"	"	"	1915-1930) returned early after	
"	MN703	F/O R.E. McQuady	"	"	"	15 mins.	
"	MN817	F/L D.C. Stultz	"	"	"	"	
"	MN644	F/O J.F. Dewar	"	"	"	"	
"	MN805	F/O R.W. Dudge	"	"	"	"	
14.6.44	MN555	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	CANCELLED			
"	MN684	F/S C.J. McConvey	"	0940	1100	Bombed defended position at LINGEVRES from 3-1000'	
"	MN366	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"	with 500 lb. M.C. Inst. bombs. All bombs on target.	
"	MN348	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	Mission considered very successful.	
"	MN318	F/O R.H. Milne	"	"	"	"	
"	MN691	F/O G.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"	"	
"	MN583	F/O D.V. Wright	"	"	"	"	
"	MN703	F/O R.E. McQuady	"	"	1030	Landed in France, because of engine trouble.	
"	MN595	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1250	1410	Bombed Infantry and guns at Demouville Woods with	
"	MN684	F/O A. Frombale	"	"	1330	500 lb. M.C. .025 bombs. Most of bombs seen in target	
"	MN805	F/O R.W. Dudge	"	"	1410	area with a few to the south. No German movement of	
"	MN348	F/O J.F. Dewar	"	"	"	troops seen.	
"	MN817	F/L D.C. Stultz	"	"	"	He Frombale took off late and	
"	MN318	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	being unable to catch up returned	
"	MN583	F/O J.H. Peaty	"	"	"	to base.	

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				UP	DOWN		
14.6.44	Typhoon 1B MN635	F/O W.E. Ward	Bombing	1250	1410	"	
"	MN403	F/O R.H. Heath	"	"	"	"	
"	MN555	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	2135	2305	Bombed bridge at U.200727 and Met. moving on roads in immediate vicinity. Attacked from 5-1000' with 500 lb.	
"	MN378	F/O D.V. Wright	"	"	2245	"	
"	MN805	F/O R.W. Deidge	"	"	"	M.C..025 bombs. Bombs dropped around bridge at	
"	MN348	F/O J.F. Dewar	"	"	2305	U.195727 but no direct hits were seen.	
"	MN603	F/L C.W. Hicks	"	"	2245	"	
"	MN644	WO2 R.A. Watson	"	"	2305	"	
"	MN817	F/L D.C. Stults	"	"	2235	2.19.44 Forced to land at an E.L.S. in France due to engine failure.	
"	MN366	F/O C.O.R. Clackem	"	"	2305	after carrying out the attack.	
"	MN403	F/O R.H. Heath	"	"	2245	"	
"	MN635	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"	"	
15.6.44	MN555	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	0510	0630	Bombed a double bridge over River Orne with 500 lb. M.C.	
"	MN805	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"	.025 bombs. All fell in target area and fell at each	
"	MN378	F/O M.A. Marcoux	"	"	"	end of the bridge but no direct hits were seen.	
"	MN691	Sgt. N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	Considerable accurate light flak was experienced from	
"	MN603	F/L C.W. Hicks	"	"	"	road.	
"	MN684	F/O J.W. Lippert	"	"	"	"	
"	MN635	F/O J.H. Beatty	"	"	"	"	
"	MN348	F/O D.P. English	"	"	"	"	
"	MN318	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	"	
"	MN595	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	0755	0905	Again attacked the double bridge over River Orne with	
"	MN378	Sgt. N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	500 lb. M.C. .025 bombs. Four very near misses observed,	
"	MN366	F/O M.A. Marcoux	"	"	"	all the remainder were well concentrated in the target	
"	MN555	WO2 R.A. Watson	"	"	"	area. Considerable accurate heavy and light flak was	
"	MN603	F/L C.W. Hicks	"	"	"	experienced from the target area.	

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				UP	DOWN		
15.6.44	Typhoon 1B MN684	F/O J.W. Lippert	Bombing	0755	0830	Landed at E.L.S. in France because of engine trouble	
"	MN318	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	0905		
"	MN403	F/O R.H. Heath	"	"	"		
"	MN635	F/O J.H. Beatty	"	"	"		
"	MN348	F/O D.F. English	"	"	"		
"	MN703	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"		
"	MN703	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	1200	1340	Attacked double bridge over River Orne for the third	
"	MN555	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	"	1335	time, with 1000 lb. bombs. Many near misses observed.	
"	MN635	F/O D.V. Wright	"	"	"	Four other aircraft turned back, abortive. W/C A. Judd (MS) and F/O J. P. Power ("Q") 1200-1210; F/O R.H. Milne ("P") 1200-1220; F/O A.D. Gordon ("N") 1200-1240.	
"	MN318	F/O R.W. Dodge	"	"	"	Belly landed at base, aircraft rendered Cat. B. Pilot unhurt.	
16.6.44	MN403	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1130	1255	Attacked target with 500 lb. bombs. There were two	
"	MN171	F/O J.W. Lippert	"	"	"	near misses, rest of bombs scattered in area. Missed	
"	MN635	F/O J.H. Beatty	"	"	"	original target due to weather. 7/10ths cloud at 1500	
"	MN603	F/L C.W. Hicks	"	"	"	ft. so attacked alternative target bridge at T.9857.	
"	MN703	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"		
"	MN348	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"		
"	MN555	WO2 R.A. Watson	"	"	"		
"	MN595	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	2100	2220	Attacked 40 M.T. at U.1840 with 500 lb. bombs from	
"	MN703	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"	5-2000'. All bombs in target area but results unobserved	
"	MN555	F/O R.H. Heath	"	"	"	owing to falling light. Saw FW190 at 5000' head on at	
"	MN684	F/O R.E. McCurdy	"	"	"	Heroville. Enemy aircraft dived into cloud chased	
"	MN603	F/L C.W. Hicks	"	"	2250	by a Spitfire.	
"	MN691	F/O H.R. Berriard	"	"	"		
"	MN635	F/L D.C. Stults	"	"	"		
"	MN171	F/O D.F. English	"	"	"		
17.6.44	MN348	W/C Judd (RAF)	"	0500	0625	Attacked a bridge at U.06570 (Gaen) with 500 lb. bombs,	
"	MN171	F/O D.F. English	"	"	"	scoring near misses. Bombing only fair owing to strong	
"	MN366	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	north wind and low cloud base. One aircraft damaged by	

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				Up	Down		
17.6.44	Typhoon 1B MN644	WO2 R.A. Watson	Bombing	0500	0625	flak.	
"	MN555	F/L C.W. Hicks	"	"	"		
"	MN583	F/L D.C. Stults	"	"	"		
"	MN684	F/O H.R. Bernier	"	"	"		
"	MN378	F/O J.H. Beatty	"	"	"		
"	MN703	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"		
"	MN684	F/O D.F. English	"	1330	1450	Attacked bridge at U.065703 with 1000 lb. bombs. All	
"	MN403	F/O R.H. Heath	"	"	"	concentrated in target area. Two bombs appeared to	
"	MN378	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"	burst under bridge. There were one or two hits on	
"	MN555	F/L C.W. Hicks	"	"	"	eastern end. Believe eastern half down.	
"	MN709	F/O J.W. Lippert	"	"	"		
"	MN583	F/L D.C. Stults	"	"	"		
"	MN644	WO2 R.A. Watson	"	"	"		
"	MN805	F/O J.H. Beatty	Fighters	"	"		
"	MN703	F/O H.R. Bernier	Fighter	"	"		
"	MN403	S/L W.H. Pentland	Bombing	1830	1950	Attacked bridge at U.06570 (Caen) with 500 lb. bombs,	
"	MN703	F/S C.J. McConvey	"	"	"	scoring direct hits on west end of bridge. Bridge	
"	MN644	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"	appeared twisted. East end damaged. Ten enemy aircraft	
"	MN171	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	reported seen over Caen were not sighted.	
"	MN555	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	"	"		
"	MN684	F/O A. Fromholz	"	"	"		
"	MN805	F/O D.V. Wright	"	"	"		
"	MN348	F/O J.F. Dwyer	"	"	"		
"	MN603	F/O R.H. Milne	"	"	"		
"	MN318	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"		
"	MN378	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"		
"	MN709	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"		

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18.6.44	Typhoon 1B MN603	S/L W.H. Pentland	Bombing	0545	0655	Attacked bridges over River Orne and Dives. Attack	
"	MN805	F/O R.W. Doige	"	"	"	abortive due to weather. Two 1000 lb. bombs were dropped	
"	MN644	F/O R.H. Milne	"	"	"	on railway south of Trouville. Rest of bombs jettisoned	
"	MN348	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	in sea. Weather over target 10/10 base at 1000',	
"	MN691	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	"	"	top 3000'.	
"	MN684	F/O A. Fromholz	"	"	"	(Total 9)	
"	MN709	F/O J.F. Dewar	"	"	"		
"	MN318	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"		
"	MN603	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	0545 1805	0620 1930	Attacked bridge at U.065703 east of Caen. 1000 lb.	
"	MN171	F/O R.G. Hattie	"	"	"	bombs were dropped within 25 yards of target. Attacked	
"	MN555	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	from 7-2000', no direct hits. Bridge was not seen to	
"	MN709	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	collapse. Medium, accurate, heavy flak was experienced	
"	MN684	F/O R.H. Milne	"	"	"	from Caen. One aircraft was damaged by flak.	
"	MN805	F/S C.J. McConvey	"	"	"		
"	MN583	F/O D.V. Wright	"	"	"		
"	MN403	F/O R.E. McCurdy	"	"	"		
"	MN348	F/O J.F. Dewar	"	"	"		
"	MN318	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"		
19.6.44	MN366	F/O J.H. Beatty	Patrol	1500	1630	Looked for enemy shipping off Cherbourg but nothing seen.	
"	MN644	Sgt. N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	10/10 cloud at 1000'. Heavy haze and rain.	
"	MN603	F/L D.C. Stalts	"	1705	1815	Same recon carried out but also uneventful.	
"	MN171	F/O J.S. Colville	"	"	"		
20.6.44	MN555	F/L H.O. Gooding	Bombing	0650	0835	Attacked Moball target at Bientques with 500 lb. bombs.	
"	MN366	F/O C.O.B. Clacken	"	"	"	All under-shot but near misses on Q site. On landing at	
"	MN403	F/O D.V. Wright	"	"	"	Manston, F/O Clacken ground looped, caused by strong	
"	MN805	F/O R.W. Doige	"	"	"	cross wind.	
"	MN691	F/O R.H. Milne	"	"	"		
"	MN348	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"		

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20.6.44	Typhoon 1B MN703	F/O F.J. Crowley	Bombing	0650	0835		
"	MN709	F/O J.F. Dewar	"	"	"		
"	MN691	F/O R.H. Milne	"	1515	1615	Bombed Moball near Sta. Omer with 500 lb. bombs.	
"	MN348	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	Took off from Manston.	
"	MN555	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	"	"		
"	MN805	F/O E.W. Doidge	"	"	"		
"	MN403	F/O D.V. Wright	"	"	"		
"	MN703	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"		
"	MN691	F/O R.H. Milne	"	1825	1935	Bombed Moball near St. Omer with 500 lb. bombs.	
"	MN555	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	"	"	Took off from Manston.	
"	MN805	F/O E.W. Doidge	"	"	"		
"	MN403	F/O D.V. Wright	"	"	"		
"	MN703	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"		
"	MN709	F/O J.F. Dewar	"	"	"		
"	MN603	F/L C.W. Hicks	"	2115	2230	Attacked tunnel 4900/R/29 with 500 lb. bombs. One fell	
"	MN595	F/O J.W. Lippert	"	"	"	at mouth of tunnel, two on tracks destroying them and	
"	MN583	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	three on top of tunnel 20 yards from west end. Entrance	
"	MN644	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	not closed. Fires seen burning at Mesidon.	
"	MN703	F/O R.E. McCurdy	Fighter	"	"	Fighter protection.	
"	MN777	F/O J.S. Colville	Fighter	"	"	Fighter protection.	
21.6.44	NIL						
22.6.44	MN817	F/O W.E. Ward	Search	1535	1710	Scrambled on Air Sea Rescue search. Vectored 165 degrees	
"	MN658	F/O J.S. Colville	"	"	"	for 20 mins. Saw oil patch and wreckage.	
"	MN595	S/L W.H. Pentland	Recco	1700	1830	Attacked small Marshalling Yards at St. Cavburge with 500	
"	MN171	F/O J.F. Dewar	"	"	"	lb. bombs. Each aircraft carried one long range tank and	
"	MN457	F/O R.H. Milne	"	"	"	one bomb. Direct hits were observed on buildings which	
"	MN644	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"	blew up and two bombs landed on railway line. Nothing	

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22.6.44	Typhoon 1B MN805	F/O D.V. Wright	Recon	1700	1830	seen on roads.	
"	MN555	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"		
"	MN777	F/O A. Frombold	"	"	"		
"	MN378	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"		
23.6.44	MN595	S/L W.H. Pentland	Bombing	0715	0910	Carried out armed reconnaissance of S4G/1. Two Met.	
"	MN691	F/O H.R. Bernier	"	"	"	seen at U.1141. Six X 500 lb. bombs were dropped and	
"	MN403	F/O R.H. Heath	"	"	"	Met left in flames. 15-20 Met. seen on road heading	
"	MN171	F/L C.W. Hicks	"	"	"	East into Vire. Each aircraft carried one long range	
"	MN378	F/O J.S. Colville	"	"	"	tank and one bomb.	
"	MN318	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"		
"	MN555	F/L D.C. Stults	"	"	"		
"	MN777	F/O D.P. English	"	"	"		
"	MN703	F/O J.H. Beatty	Patrol	"	"	Patrolled south of Caen to Falaise. Attack made on 5 Met.	
"	MN805	F/O D.C. Campbell	Patrol	"	0830	seen at V.1342. 3 vehicles claimed damaged due to strikes	
"	MN595	S/L W.H. Pentland	Bombing	2115	2230	Bombed concentration of trucks at T.8151 with 500 lb.	
"	MN171	F/O R.G. Hattie	"	"	"	bombs. Seven were direct hits, one overshoot. Results	
"	MN603	F/O D.V. Wright	"	"	"	not seen due to flame, smoke and dust. Number of trucks	
"	MN403	F/O C.O.R. Clackson	"	"	"	believed possibly destroyed. Large ground flash seen.	
"	MN457	F/O R.H. Milne	"	"	"	Each aircraft carried one wing tank and one bomb. F/O	
"	MN703	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	Hattie shot down in flames but managed to bale out near	
"	MN378	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"	Juvigny. Returned to unit next day.	
"	MN691	F/O J.F. Dewar	"	"	"		
"	MN817	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	2130	Duty not carried out due to mechanical trouble.	
24.6.44	MN603	F/L C.W. Hicks	Recon	1220	1405	Carried out Armed Recon. of Leval-Mayenne-Domfront for	
"	MN378	Sgt. N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	rail and road movement but none seen. Each aircraft	
"	MN691	F/O J.W. Lippert	"	"	"	carried one wing tank and one 500 lb. bomb. Bridge at	
"	MN817	F/L D.C. Stults	"	"	"	Ambrières attacked and near misses scored.	

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				UP	DOWN		
24.6.44	Typhoon 1B MN644	WO2 R.A. Watson	Recon	1220	1405		
"	MN318	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"		
"	MN777	F/O D.C. Campbell	Fighter	"	"	Fighter protection	
"	MN658	F/O H.R. Bernier	Fighter	"	"	Fighter protection	
"	MJ	W/C Judd (RAF)	Bombing	2025	2145	Attacked defensive locality at T.919676 (Cheux) with	
"	MN457	F/O H.R. Bernier	"	"	"	10 X 500 lb. bombs .025 delay and 6 X 500 lb. bombs	
"	MN403	F/O R.H. Heath	"	"	"	6 hour delay. Fourteen bombs were on target and	
"	MN644	WO2 R.A. Watson	"	"	"	destroyed 3 buildings. Two bombs overshot.	
"	MN603	F/L C.W. Hicks	"	"	"		
"	MN378	F/O J.S. Colville	"	"	"		
"	MN703	Sgt. N.L. Gordon	"	"	"		
25.6.44	NO FLYING						
26.6.44	NO FLYING						
27.6.44	NO FLYING						
28.6.44	MJ	W/C Judd (RAF)	Bombing	✓ 1200	1245	Bombed bridge at Thury Harcourt with 1000 lb. bombs	
"	MN703	W02 F/S G.J. McConvey	"	✓ "	"	from 8-3000'. Unsuccessful, all bombs in target area.	
"	MN777	" F/L H.O. Gooding	"	✓ "	"	No flak seen. (4.4p)	
"	MN583	F/O D.V. Wright	"	"	"	Lost tail wheel on take-off.	
"	MN457	" F/O R.H. Milne	"	✓ "	"		
"	MN348	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	Not on mission?	
"	MN318	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"		
"	MN603	" F/L C.W. Hicks	"	✓ 1450	1535	Bombed bridge at T.9448 - G.C. 30/Pt. 1 with 1000 lb.	
"	MN378	" F/O P.J. Crowley	"	✓ "	"	bombs. Four direct hits, bridge destroyed.	
"	MN709	" F/O D.C. Campbell	"	✓ "	1520	Landed at B.5 because of flak hit.	
"	MN403	" F/O R.H. Heath	"	✓ "	1535		
"	"X"	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"		
"	"H"	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"		

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
				Up	Down		
28.6.44	Typhoon 1B MN595	S/L W.H. Pentland	Bombing	✓ 1600	1620	Attacked Woods and Town at T.9865 (Version) with 500 lb.	
"	MN709	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	✓ " "	" "	bombs from 8-4000' East to West. Bombs scattered in	
"	MN403	F/O R.H. Heath	"	✓ " "	1630	area, results unobserved.	
"	MN691	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	" "	1620		
"	MN603	F/L C.W. Hicks	"	" "	" "		
"	MN378	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	" "	" "		
"	MN817	F/L D.C. Stults	"	" "	" "		
"	MN595	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1640	1715	Attacked bridge at T.9858 G.C. 27 with 1000 lb. bombs	
"	MN691	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	" "	" "	Bridge not hit but two very near misses, bridge believed	
"	MN817	F/L D.C. Stults	"	" "	" "	badly damaged. Road at west end smashed. Light intense	
"	MN635	F/O J.H. Peatty	"	" "	" "	barrage over target.	
29.6.44	MN777	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	0710	0740	Attacked bridge at T.937472 G.C. 1 Part 3 with 1000 lb.	
"	MN378	F/O A. Frohbelo	"	" "	" "	bombs from 9-4000' from West to East, angle of dive 45	
"	MN457	F/O R.H. Milne	"	" "	" "	degrees. Two near misses others scattered in area.	
"	MN348	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	" "	" "		
"	MN703	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	" "	" "		
"	MN318	F/O W.B. Ward	"	" "	0755		
"	MN603	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	1035	1120	Attacked bridge at T.937472 G.C. 8 Part 3 with 1000 lb.	
"	MN691	F/S C.J. McConvey	"	" "	1125	bombs from 8-3000' W to E. Heavy accurate flak East of	
"	MN378	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	" "	" "	Caen. Two direct hits on bridge, believed damaged N.E.	
"	MJ	W/O Judd (RAF)	"	" "	" "	end and centre. Balance of bombs in area.	
30.6.44	NONE FLYING CARRIED OUT						
28.6.44	V	F/L H.O. Gooding		1625	1650		
	T	F/O R.E. McCurdy		"	"		
	G	F/L D.F. English		"	"		
	X	F/O J.A.D. Gordon		"	"		
	R	F/O R.H. Milne		"	"		
	H	F/O J. Stewart		"	"		

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Lantheuil, France	1.7.44		Squadron pilots were released to 1800 hours, the landing strip being unserviceable due to rain. Pilots completed log books and monthly flying times compiled. No flying carried out.		
"	2.7.44		Due to inclement weather landing strips were unserviceable and the Squadron was released for the day.		
"	3.7.44		Inclement weather continued and no operational flying was carried out.		
"	4.7.44		The airfield was again serviceable but no operational flying carried out due to low hanging clouds. The Squadron spent the day moving the dispersal from a wheat field to a line of trees situated close to Wing H.Q. The new location gives ample natural camouflage and is considered a big improvement. Electricity is now available for the dispersal and pilots have now set up the radio receiving set.		
"	5.7.44		Nine Typhoon bombers attacked a bridge south of Caen with 16 X 1000 lb. bombs. One aircraft experienced engine trouble and was forced to turn back before reaching the target. Bridge was bombed from West to East. Two hits were scored on the West approach to the bridge making it impassable. Remainder of the bombs landed in the target area. Bridge was dived on from angle of 60° and heavy intense and accurate flak was encountered in this area, and also in the Calleville area. Visibility was excellent there being no cloud.		
"	6.7.44		Three Bomphoons dive bombed target, bridge at U.011610, with 6 X 1000 lb. bombs from 8-2000' from East to West at angle of 60°. Two bombs undershot target. Two believed to have dropped on road west of bridge. Two hung up but dropped on road crossing near Mesidon. Light, meagre, inaccurate flak from target was encountered. Heavy flak from U.2060. Visibility was excellent.		
"	7.7.44		Squadron was grounded due to summerfelling being laid on runways to enable aircraft to fly after inclement weather would otherwise keep aircraft grounded. At 1655 hours the Ack Ack batteries around B.9 opened up on aircraft from 439 Squadron which were operating from B.5. They had apparently seen other guns firing at the Typhoons as they came out of cloud and followed suit. Fortunately none of the aircraft were hit, but		

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Lenthswil, France	7.7.44		considerable excitement was caused amongst the pilots from this Squadron. This incident is being investigated.		
"	8.7.44		Nine Typhoon bombers attacked target XJU2 784634 with 18 X 500 lb. bombs fused instantaneous nose and .025 tail. The run on the target was started at 6500' to 2500' from West to East at 60°. All bombs landed well within target area and a great deal of smoke arose from the target. Building at 785634 was completely demolished. Light inaccurate flak was encountered from the target at 4000'. 10/10ths cloud over target at 7000'. Visibility was good en route to target. Posting of F/O Heath to 65 Squadron was received and he is being cleared from the Station today.		
"	9.7.44		Squadron did not carry out any operational sorties. Weather was changing and unsettled most of the day.		
"	10.7.44		Eight Typhoon bombers dive bombed target G.C. 5A-1.7.3. with 14 X 1000 lb. bombs from south to north at 80°. All bombs landed in the target area. Explosions and smoke seen in target and fires were burning around target area. Inaccurate light flak encountered over target area. Weather over target was hazy and 5/10ths cloud at 9000'. Visibility was good en route. The bombs hung up on one aircraft.		
"	11.7.44		Two Typhoons carried out weather recon. from Bayeux to East of Caen. At Bayeux 8/10ths cloud observed at 3000'—East of Caen 5/10ths at 3000'. Weather likely to clear within 45 minutes. Visibility below cloud good.		
"	12.7.44		Ten Typhoon bombers attacked target G.C. 16 H.E.B.I. St. Martin 9760 with 1000 lb. bombs from 6-2000' from SW to NE at 35°-40°. Hits and explosions seen in village but no red smoke seen. Moderate, heavy, inaccurate flak encountered south of St. Martin. Light flak, moderate, east of target. 6 to 7/10ths cumulus cloud over target, base 3500'.		
"	13.7.44		Upon returning from an operation at 1845 hours F/O Doidge overshot the runway and hit a ditch causing Oleo leg to spring. Pilot was uninjured. Nine Typhoon bombers carrying 1000 lb. bombs bombed targets U.017651 and U.002620 both bridges. Bombing was carried out in two sections of 4 with spare bombing with first section. All bombs were seen to land in target area. Bridge at U.017651 was destroyed. One ME109 seen over target but		

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Lantheuil, France	13.7.44		disappeared into cloud after exchanging fire with F/L H.O. Gooding, Flight Commander. Moderate, heavy accurate flak encountered over targets at 7000'. 7 to 8/10ths cloud at 4 to 5000'. Visibility was good. Bombing run was carried out from 7-3000' from south to north at 40° to 50°. One bomb hung up and two of our aircraft were damaged by enemy flak. Pilots and groundcrew played a challenge match of volleyball during the afternoon the groundcrew winning three games to two. Sports are being enjoyed by personnel on a limited scale. Horseshoes and volley ball having proved most successful due to the ease with which teams can get into play on such short notice. Baseball is not proving successful due to there being no diamond available close to the dispersal. Teams have been organized and challenge matches will be run off when time allows.		
"	14.7.44		Eleven Typhoon bombers attacked target G.C. 3R.B. Embankment Bunay to Lisieux. Target attacked with 1000 lb. bombs from 8-3000 from east to west at 45°. Four hits seen on track between St. Aubin and Lisieux. Remainder of bombs in target area. A large number of cars seen in Marshalling Yards at Lisieux. 9 to 10/10ths stratus cumulus cloud over target from 4-5000' in two layers, above 7500' C.A.V.U. Much interest is being shown in sports by aircrew and ground personnel. Volleyball is holding the limelight at present but the horseshoe pitch is being used frequently.		
"	15.7.44		Fourteen Typhoon bombers attacked targets G.C. 16 CWN 4 - G.C.17 CWN 6 and G.C. 22 JAH5.918617. Chateaux suspected of being German military H.Q. Squadron broke off into three sections and attacked targets separately, five attacking first target, five second and four the third target. First target was demolished by four direct hits, remainder of bombs landing in target area. Second target received ten direct hits and was wiped out completely. Third target was successfully bombed all bombs landing in target area but the result could not be observed due to fire and smoke after bombing. 10/10ths cloud encountered from 6-9500' over targets. F/O Colville landed at B.5 on return due to engine failure.		
"	16.7.44		Four Typhoon bombers attacked a quarry at 840388 near south east of Landes, containing troops and M.T. vehicles with 1000 lb. bombs. Ground mist made pin point very		

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Lantheuil, France	16.7.44		<p>difficult and aircraft passed over target twice before dropping bombs. Red smoke which was to have been laid by army was not observed. Heavy and light accurate flak over target up to 9000'. 6 to 7/10ths cloud over target at 6000', visibility three miles.</p> <p>On take-off on this operation WO2 McConvey's aircraft veered off runway dipping starboard wing into ground. His aircraft was believed to have struck another aircraft of 438 Sqn. parked in bay. The starboard bomb exploded, killing WO2 McConvey, LAC Wilman of 6438 Echelon and LAC Holmes of 6438 Echelon who were nearby working on aircraft. Also damaged were one Typhoon and one Auster aircraft belonging to 438 Squadron. A court of Inquiry is investigating this accident. Eight Typhoons attacked target G.C. 25, concentration of troops and M.T. south of Evreux with 1000 lb. bombs. Red smoke laid by army was believed to be one minute late and aircraft orbited target awaiting smoke. Very intense accurate light and heavy flak was encountered and luckily none of our aircraft were hit. Visibility 30 miles over target, 10/10ths cloud at 500-1000' along coastline.</p>		
"	17.7.44		<p>Twelve Typhoons bombed Gun positions at Maltot, target G.C. 23 E.A.R.I. with 1000 lb. bombs from 8-2000'. All bombs landed in target area. Results were not observed but no gun positions were seen. Visibility was good on way to target. Intense heavy accurate flak was encountered and P/O R.C. Hattie was hit by flak and was forced to bale out. He landed between the lines, and 15th Scottish Division sent out armoured recon. car to pick him up. Within an hour word was received that P/O Hattie was safe but wounded. His condition is unknown but it is expected he will be removed to hospital and notification will be received. Funeral was held for WO2 McConvey today in Lantheuil Parish Church. He was buried in Canadian Cemetery at Beny Sur Mer.</p>		
"	18.7.44		<p>Thirteen Typhoon bombers attacked target G.C. 3, Concentration of Mortar, guns at 10000' near Lisieux, Fremental, east of Caen, dropping 1000 lb. bombs from south to north from 8-2000' at 60°. All bombs landed on target and positions were completely wiped out. WO2 Watson was presumably hit by flak and he was blown completely out of his aircraft, breaking the harness and coupe top. The first thing he remembers is coming to in the air and looking for his ripcord. He landed behind German lines unhurt except for a very</p>		sub 51

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Lanthuail, France	18.7.44		<p>bed shaking up and a severe headache. While coming down in his parachute the Jerries were machine-gunning him and his parachute was hit several times. One 20 mm. shell ripped through his Mac West on way down. After landing he threw off his Mac West and dingy and ran for shelter and an artillery shell exploded a few yards from where he had laid down his dingy and Mac West. The ls and bombs were exploding close by and Watson dug a slit trench with his hands and remained in it until the British army advanced. He then assisted in removing German prisoners to our lines. He was later given transport to his unit and was put to bed by the Medical Officer. Four Typhoon bombers attacked target G.C. 29, bridge at U.2167 north of St. Pierre des Jonquet with 1000 lb. bombs. Target dive-bombed from 8000-4000' SE to NE at 90°. One bomb landed in target area, two just north of bridge, four very near miss: and one hung up. Pilot with hang-up went out to sea and shook off bomb safe. Heavy inaccurate flak was encountered east of target. C.I.V.U. NE of Caen, thin layer of cloud at 7000'. Five Typhoons dive-bombed bridge at 239628 mistaking same for original target G.C. 22. Bridge over Dives at 2464. Bridge at Amory dive bombed from 6000-800' at 90°. One direct hit scored on west end of bridge. Two aircraft experienced hang-ups. Slight light inaccurate flak experienced over target and near Le Perreux. All bombs fitted with 11 second delays but several bombs exploded on impact. Four Typhoons attacked bridge over Dives at 2560 target G.C. 22 with 8 x 1000 lb. bombs with 11 second delays. Five bombed bridge from 6-100' at 90° from N to W. Six direct hits on bridge and 2/3rds of West end of bridge gone. Believed some troops concentrated in square 2560. Intense, light inaccurate flak over target. Light high cloud and slight ground haze over target area. Eight bomphoons ordered to attack target G.C. 32 M.T. and troop concentration at U2560. One returned due to mechanical failure. Target attacked from SE to NW at 40-45°. All bombs scattered in target area. Results were unobserved due to smoke and dust. No troops or M.T. seen. Medium, light, accurate flak encountered from north side of road. 9/10ths cloud at 5000'. Visibility 6 miles. Nine bomphoons attacked target G.C. 40 Part 1, Woods at U0590 and O453 near Bourguibus with 500 lb. bombs. Dive bombed target from 4-2000' from N to W. Ten bombs landed in</p>		

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Lenthoul, France	18.7.44		target area 110590. Due to bad weather conditions. This flight bombed U0451 with eight bombs. Intense light and heavy accurate flak was encountered. 10/10ths cloud at 4000'. Visibility poor. Word was received that P/O Hattie was admitted to 75 General Hospital with burns to face, and slight flak wounds in right leg and left wrist. 440 Squadron did a total of 44 operational sorties which is the most done in any one day by a Squadron of this airfield to date. Squadron dropped a total of 39 1/2 tons of bombs. Much credit is due to the hard work of the ground crew keeping our aircraft serviceable.		
"	19.7.44		Due to low ceiling and poor visibility no flying was carried out. P/O Stewart and P/O Gordon returned to B.9 from England ferrying two replacement aircraft for B Squadron.		
"	20.7.44		Bad weather continued and no operational flying was carried out.		
"	21.7.44		The airfield was deluged with rain which commenced at approximately 0700 hours and continued steadily most of the day. In the afternoon the pilots attended a film in the Officers' Mess at 1400 hours.		
"	22.7.44		All aircraft remained grounded due to the continued rain and unserviceability of taxi strips. Pilots attended a film in the Officers' Mess at 1430 hours.		
"	23.7.44		Pilots remained on one hour available during the day but no operations were carried out due to poor visibility. Squadron pilots challenged the ground crew to a volleyball match and lost three games to two.		
"	24.7.44		The target G.C. 9 Petrol Dump at U332205 which was ordered was not attacked. Instead the marshalling yards at La Morlaixville 05239 was attacked by ten aircraft loaded with 1000 lb. bombs. 16 bombs landed in the target area but due to weather conditions the result of the attack were unobserved. Visibility was 1-2 miles with haze up to 5000'. 8/10ths cloud base at 5000' over target. One of our aircraft was slightly damaged by flak.		
"	25.7.44		Target ordered was G.C. 4 R.O.W. 4 at U332521. As this target could not be located alternative target at U065905 concentration of M.T. and troops. 18 x 1000 lb. bombs were dropped on target and many near misses scored. Results could not be observed due to weather. 5/10ths cloud at 5000' over target. The second target G.C. 20 Petrol Dump and woods at U332206 was attacked by nine Typhoon bombers escorted by two fighters.		<i>Amul 5/2</i>

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Lenthoul, France	25.7.44		<p>18 x 1000 lb. bombs were dropped on the target, all bombs landing in target area. Target was attacked from 8000-9000' from S to N at 90° dive. Many near misses were scored. Results could not be observed. 10/10ths cloud at 15000'. Many over target. Visibility 10 miles. The third target G.C. 35 R.O.W. 7 was a quarry and dump containing railway guns. 14 x 1000 lb. bombs were dropped 12 direct hits were scored on the target. Two bombs being over-shot. South wall of quarry destroyed and buildings on south side also destroyed. Railway track cut at U086516. Moderate, light accurate flak was encountered. 10/10ths cloud at 9000'. Many over target.</p>		
	26.7.44		<p>At 0315 hours the camp was shaken by a terrific explosion. There was considerable speculation as to the origin of the blast but personnel returned to bed without any clue as to the cause. It was later learned that it was caused by a large German land mine which had apparently been dropped by parachute earlier in the night. Another mine was discovered about half a mile from the western end of the field which had failed to explode. The Navy bomb disposal squad were called and removed this hazard. At 0755 hours nine Typhoon bombers were airborne to attack target G.C. 5 VET 3, mortars, guns at Requecourt. 14 x 1000 lb. bombs landed in the target area, two fell short. Bombing was carried out from 8000-9000'. Results were believed very good. Many wrecked tanks observed north of target. Moderate light flak was encountered. Ceiling and visibility unlimited. After take-off on this operation S/L Pontland experienced engine trouble and as he approached Cospicquet his engine cut out. He made a wheels up landing with 2 x 1000 lb. bombs on the grass alongside runway which was unserviceable, which he chose rather than jettison his bombs or bail out. He intended to bring the aircraft in to land intact but his speed on landing, 200 m.p.h. did not allow time for the wheels to come down. One bomb came off and exploded just behind him, blowing off the complete tail plane. The other bomb came off as he came to a stop. The aircraft is Category B. At 1800 hours the Squadron was again airborne to attack target G.C. 41. Concentration of troops forming up at U055505. This concentration was believed to be forming up for a counter attack against the Canadian front. Eight Typhoon bombers started on this operation but going into the dive the</p>		

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Lenthoul, France	26.7.44		<p>aircraft flown by P/L Stults exploded and he was thrown clear of the aircraft. He was seen parachuting down and on landing he ran towards our lines. He has been reported missing details unknown. 12 X 1000 lb. bombs were seen to land in the target area which was attacked from 9000 to 3000' at 60° from SE to NE. Flares were seen to rise from the target area. Heavy inaccurate heavy flak was encountered north of target. P/O Gordon on leaving the target area was hit by flak in the engine which started smoking and rear section of the fuselage and he baled out north of Osm. Within two hours he was back to base uninjured.</p>		
"	27.7.44		<p>Word was received that P/L Stults was in hospital suffering from first and second degree burns about the face and hands. P/O Rattle returned to the Squadron today from the hospital after his most recent bale out and it is believed he is going for a spot of leave until he is fit again for operational flying. LAC Foster who was recently hurt in an accident, being hit by a propeller of an aircraft starting up, was discharged from hospital today and reported back for duty. Word was received that P/L Stults has been placed on the "Dangerously Ill" list.</p>		
"	28.7.44		<p>All aircraft were grounded while investigation is being made to determine the cause of aircraft exploding in mid air after bombs released or when guns were fired. In all recent operational accidents. All aircraft were grounded while investigation is being carried out to determine the cause of aircraft exploding in mid-air after bombs are released or while guns were being fired. In the most recent accident - P/L Stults - the aircraft exploded when the gun buttons were pressed and it was believed that gas had formed in the wings and when the guns were fired the spark ignited, the gas and caused an explosion. Faulty spark plugs have also been suspected and all plugs on aircraft have been checked and special gaskets have been inserted to prevent any possible shorting. The guns have also been housed cutting them off from the wing air space.</p>		
"	29.7.44		<p>Seven Typhoon bombers carried out operation G.C. 51 - Mortar, guns and troop concentration at 123618 at Bourges. Twelve bombs were dropped from 1500', four landing in target area, eight in field west of target. No results were observed due to</p>		

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Lanthuail, France	29.7.44		cloud. S/L Pentland experienced two hang-ups and proceeded out to sea to shake them off. Just west of Odeburg on observing a railway siding an effort was made to drop his bombs and the bombs came away and great volumes of smoke rose up from warehouses beside the track. Heavy light flak was encountered over target at Bourges. Bombed again 6/10ths cloud at 6000'. P/L Skute has been moved to England by air for hospitalization. It is learned he has 1st degree burns to the face, 2nd degree burns to the hands and a sprained wound in back and left wrist.		
"	30.7.44		Nine Bomphons attacked target G.C. 21 079591 at north end of woods with 1000 lb. bombs from S to N. Target area was covered with cloud and after passing over target hole was found approximately two miles to the south and aircraft went into dive on target from 8-10000'. Eight bombs landed on target, two in village, and two the right of the woods. Four overshoot. Black smoke seen from target. No flak was visible but five of our aircraft were hit. P/O John Lippert was missing when the formation returned to base and it is believed he was shot down after diving through the cloud. Intelligence report that a German pilot claimed a Typhoon aircraft shot down in this area about the same time P/O Lippert was missing.		
"	31.7.44		Weather in the a.m. kept the Squadron grounded but it cleared in the afternoon and operations were resumed. Target G.C. 23 04411. 4 was ordered attacked by eight Bomphons. Army which was to have laid smoke markers were late and the Squadron circled target for twenty minutes without any result so proceeded to attack alternative target, woods at 9123. All bombs landed in target area but due to cloud no results could be observed. Near misses scored. Moderate, light, inaccurate flak encountered south of target. 5/10ths cloud at 5-7000'. Visibility good. Gestapo H.Q. in wood at 1.983495 was attacked with 1000 lb. bombs from S to N from 10000' to 2000'. Twelve bombs landed in target area, six overshoot buildings on north-hand demolished smaller buildings. Remainder in buildings not observed due to smoke. Intense heavy and light accurate flak was encountered over target. Vis. fair, haze up to 7000'. The general health of the Squadron for the month was very good.		

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Lantheuil, France	31.7.44		<p><u>REMARKS</u> Aircraft - Typhoon IB - 19 (includes aircraft of Wing Co. Flying)</p> <p>Auster III - 1</p> <p>Personnel - Aircrew - Officers: 24</p> <p>Airmen: 2</p> <p>- Groundcrew - Officers: 2</p> <p>Airmen: 32</p> <p><u>FLYING HOURS</u>) Operational - 154 hrs. 40 mins.</p> <p>Non-operational - Typhoon IB - 50 hrs. 50 mins.</p> <p>- Auster III - 58 hrs. 5 mins.</p> <p>No. of Operational Sorties - 250</p> <p><i>W. B. Pentland</i> S/L</p> <p>(W. B. Pentland) S/L,</p> <p>Officer Commanding,</p> <p>440 Squadron.</p>		

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
1.7.44	Typhoon 1B						
	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING						
2.7.44	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING						
3.7.44	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING						
4.7.44	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING						
5.7.44	MN309	S/L W.H. Pentland	Bombing	0940	1030	Attacked bridge G.C. 4 - 983576 with 1000 lb. bombs	
"	MN777	F/O J.W. Lippert	"	"	"	.025 Nose fused, .14 Tail fused from W to E. Two hits	
"	MN817	F/L D.C. Stults	"	"	"	were observed on West approach to bridge making it	
"	MN658	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"	impassable. Balance of bombs in area. Angle of dive 60°.	
"	MN603	F/L C.W. Hicks	"	"	"	Intense, accurate, heavy flak was experienced from	
"	MN378	F/O J.S. Colville	"	"	"	target at 5000', same from Colville area. No cloud,	
"	MN764	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	vis. good.	
"	MN635	F/O J.H. Beatty	"	"	"		
6.7.44	MN475	W/O Judd (RAF)	"	0700	0740	Dive bombed bridge at U-011610 with 1000 lb. bombs.	
"	MN603	F/L C.W. Hicks	"	"	"	Two bombs under-shot, two believed out the road West of	
"	MN805	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"	bridge and two hung up but dropped on road crossing	
						near Mesidon.	
7.7.44	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING						
8.7.44	MN309	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1025	1110	Attacked target LJU2 784634 with 500 lb. bombs Inst.	
"	MN793	W/O McConvey, C.J.	"	"	"	Nose fused, .025 tail fused from 6500' to 2500' from	
"	MN777	F/O D.V. White	"	"	"	W to E at 60°. All bombs well in area, a great deal	
"	MN764	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"	of smoke was seen. Building at 785634 destroyed.	
"	MN720	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	"	"	Light flak experienced from target at 4000'. 10/10ths	
"	MN348	F/O J.M. Dumas	"	"	"	cloud at 7000' over target. Vis. good en route.	
"	MN378	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"		
"	MN403	F/O A. Frembo	"	"	"		
"	MN805	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"		
9.7.44	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING						
10.7.44	MN709	W/O Watson, R.A.	"	0650	0750	Dive bombed target G.C. 5 A-1.7.3. with 1000 lb. bombs	
"	MN154	F/L D.C. Stults	"	"	0720	Inst. Nose fused, .025 tail fused from 8-3000' from S to	

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10.7.44	Typhoon 1B MN764	F/O J. Stewart	Bombing	0650	0730	N at 80°. All bombs were dropped in target area.	
"	MN311	F/L C.W. Hicks	"	"	0720	Explosions and smoke were seen from target and fires	
"	MN348	F/S Gordon, N.L.	"	"	"	seen burning around area. Inaccurate light flak over	
"	MN777	F/O J.H. Beatty	"	"	"	target. Weather over target, hazy, 5/10ths at 9000'.	
"	MN658	F/O D.F. English	"	"	"	Vis. good en route. WO2 Watson's bombs hung up and he	
"	MN378	F/O R.E. McCurdy	"	"	"	was forced to jettison them in the sea.	
11.7.44	MN635	F/O R.H. Milne	Recco	1345	1405	Patrolled Bayeux to East of Caen on Weather Recco.	
"	MN644	F/O R.G. Hattie	"	"	"	8/10ths at 3000' at Bayeux, 5/10ths East of Caen.	
12.7.44	MN777	F/O D.E. Jenvey	Bombing	1810	1840	Attacked G.C. 16 H.E.B.I. St. Martin 9760 with 1000 lb.	
"	MN764	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	bombs from 6-2000' SW to NE at an angle of 35°-40°.	
"	MN348	WO2 R.A. Watson	"	"	"	Hits and explosions observed in village but no red	
"	MN817	F/L D.C. Stults	"	"	"	smoke seen. Moderate, heavy, inaccurate flak south	
"	MN311	F/L C.W. Hicks	"	"	"	of St. Martin. Light flak, moderate east of target.	
"	MN691	F/O J.S. Colville	"	"	"	6 to 7/10ths cloud, cumulus over target, base 3500'.	
"	MN720	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"		
"	MN658	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"		
"	MN403	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	"		
"	MN793	F/O R.E. McCurdy	"	"	"		
13.7.44	MN709	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1755	1850	Attacked G.C. 3, bridges U.017651, U.002620 with 1000 lb.	
"	MN403	F/O R.G. Hattie	"	"	"	bombs from 7-3000' S to N at 40°-50°. Bombs fused	
"	MN764	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	1855	.14 Nose, .025 Tail. All bombs in target area. Bridge	
"	MN720	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	1800	1850	U.017651 destroyed. One ME109 seen over target,	
"	MN691	F/O G.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"	disappeared in cloud. Moderate, heavy accurate flak at	
"	MN793	F/O D.V. Wright	"	"	"	7000' from target. 7-8/10ths cloud at 4-5000', vis. good.	
"	MN348	F/O J.F. Dwyer	"	"	"	F/O Doidge had hang-up and returned with one bomb. His	
"	MN311	F/O R.H. Milne	"	1755	1830	and F/O Clacken's aircraft were damaged by flak. F/O	
"	MN703	WO2 C.J. McConvey	"	1800	1850	Milne returned because of mechanical trouble.	

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14.7.44	Typhoon 1B MN709	S/L W.H. Pentland	Bombing	1000	1045	Attacked cuttings or embankment Lisisieux to Bunay with	
"	MN348	F/O J.F. Dewar	"	"	"	1000 lb. bombs fused .14 Nose, .025 Tail from 8-1000'	
"	MN635	F/O R.H. Milne	"	"	"	from E to W at 45°. Four hits seen on track between	
"	MN403	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"	St. Aubin and Lisisieux Q4286.4586. Balance in area.	
"	MN309	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	"	"	Considerable number of cars seen in Marshalling Yards	
"	MN644	F/O A. Frombolo	"	"	"	at Lisisieux. 9-10/10ths stratus cumulus cloud over tar-	
"	MN793	F/O D.V. Wright	"	"	"	get from 4-2500' in 2 layers, above 7500', C.A.V.U.	
"	MN777	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"		
"	MN805	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"		
"	MN703	WO2 C.J. McConvey	"	"	"		
"	MN817	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"		
15.7.44	MN709	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	2100	2135	Attacked target G.C. 16 C.V.N. 4 with 1000 lb. bombs	
"	MN403	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	fused 11 sec. delay, from 8-1000' at 50° from W to E.	
"	MN635	F/O J.H. Beatty	"	"	"	Four direct hits and target demolished. Most of bombs	
"	MN720	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"	in area. 10/10ths cloud, base 9500' over target.	
"	MN309	F/O R.E. McCurdy	"	"	"		
"	MN348	F/L C.W. Hicks	"	2115	2150	Attacked target G.C. 17 C.V.N. 6 with 1000 lb. bombs	
"	MN777	F/O J.S. Colville	"	"	"	fused 11 sec. delay, from 7-1000' at 60° from NE to SW.	
"	MN154	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	All bombs directly on target. Four aircraft strafed on	
"	MN644	WO2 R.A. Watson	"	"	"	way down and then strafed again. Two buildings left	
"	MN378	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"	burning and smoke covered whole area.	
"	MN817	F/L D.C. Stults	"	2150	2225	Attacked target G.C. 22 J.A.H.5,918617 with 1000 lb.	
"	MN703	F/O J.W. Lippert	"	"	"	bombs fused 11 sec. delay, from 6-2000' at 50° from	
"	MN793	F/O D.V. Wright	"	"	"	SE to NW. All bombs in buildings. Target obscured by	
"	MN805	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"	fire and smoke after bombing.	
16.7.44	MN475	W/C Judd (RAF)	"	1915	2015	Attacked a quarry at 840388 with 1000 lb. bombs fused	
"	MN720	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	"	"	Inst. Nose, .025 Tail. Mist made pin-point difficult.	
"	MN703	WO2 C.J. McConvey	"	"	Crashed	Passed over original target, G.C. 9 twice but no smoke	Hand 31/L

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16.7.44	Typhoon 1B MN644	P/O G.D. Russell	Bombing	1915	2015	seen. WO2 McConvey veered off the runway on take-off.	
"	MN793	P/O D.V. Wright	"	"	"	struck another Sqn's a/c & blew up, killing himself & 2	
"	MN709	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	2135	2220	airmen of 438 Sqn. Attacked target G.C. 25 with 1000 lb. bombs fused inst.	
"	MN348	P/O J.F. Dewar	"	"	"	nose, .025 tail, from 8600'-2000' from NE to SW at 45°.	
"	MN658	P/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	All bombs in target area. Red smoke was seen but be-	
"	MN801	P/O R.H. Milne	"	2140	2225	lieved one minute late. Orbited target awaiting smoke.	
"	MN720	P/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"	Intense, accurate, light and heavy flak over target at	
"	MN805	P/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"	8500' all the way down. Vis. 30 miles over target,	
"	MN817	P/O A. Frombolo	"	"	"	10/10ths cloud at 500-1000' along coastline.	
"	MN403	P/O R.G. Hattie	"	"	"		
17.7.44	MN709	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1745	1835	Attacked gun area in orchard 981622 with 1000 lb. M.C.	
"	MN805	P/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"	bombs fused inst. Nose, .025 Tail, from 8-2000'. All	
"	MN635	P/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"	bombs in target area. Results not observed. No guns	
"	MN720	P/O W.E. Ward	"	"	1830	seen. Meagre accurate light flak over target. 5/10ths	
"	MN309	P/L H.O. Gooding	"	"	1835	cloud at 4000' over target. Vis. good en route. P/O	
"	MN348	P/O J.F. Dewar	"	"	"	Hattie was hit by flak and had to bale out. The 15th	
"	MN644	P/O D.V. Wright	"	"	"	Scottish Division picked him up. He was admitted to	
"	MN403	P/O A. Frombolo	"	"	"	75 General Hospital with facial burns and shrapnell	
"	MN154	P/O R.H. Milne	"	"	"	wounds in the left wrist and right leg.	
"	MN548	P/O R.G. Hattie	"	"	1820		
"	MN817	P/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	1835		
"	MN658	P/O R.E. McCurdy	"	"	"		
18.7.44	MN709	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	0735	0805	Attacked G.C. 3 Mortars 100651 with 1000 lb. M.C. bombs	
"	MN691	P/O J.S. Colville	"	"	"	fused inst. Nose, .025 Tail, from 8-2000' at 60° from	
"	MN635	P/O J.H. Beatty	"	"	"	S to N. All bombs on target. After bombing nothing left.	
"	MN817	P/L D.C. Stults	"	"	"	WO2 Watson baled out and landed 300 yards NW of target.	WUP 5/6

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18.7.44	Typhoon 1B NR720	F/O R.E. McCurdy	Bombing	0735	0805	He eventually made his way back to base. Weather over target clear, vis. on ground bad due to smoke and dust.	
"	NR793	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"		
"	NR644	W/O R.E. Watson	"	"	0735		
"	NR311	F/L C.W. Hicks	"	"	0805		
"	NR403	F/S H.L. Gordon	"	"	"		
"	NR578	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"		
"	NR805	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"		
"	NR348	F/O J.P. Dewar	"	"	"		
"	NR658	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"		
"	NR309	F/O J.W. Lippert	"	0730	"	Flew with 439 Squadron.	
"	NR309	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	1215	1250	Attached G.C. 19 Bridge U.2167 with 1000 lb. bombs fused .025 Tail, from 8-4000' at 50° from SW to NE.	
"	NR777	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	1255	Unsuccessful. One bomb hung up. Pilot went out to sea to shake it off. Four very near misses. Two just north of bridge, one in target area. Heavy flak.	
"	NR793	F/O D.V. Wright	"	"	"		
"	NR764	F/O A. Froehle	"	"	1315		
"	NR709	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1355	1425	Attached G.C. 22 Bridge over Dives at 2461 with but	
"	NR348	F/O J.B. Colville	"	"	1445	attached bridge at 239628, mistaken for original target,	
"	NR635	F/O J.H. Beatty	"	"	1425	with 1000 lb. bombs, 11 sec. delay, from 6000-8000' at 50°.	
"	NR658	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"	1 direct hit on west end of bridge. 2 bombs hung up.	
"	NR354	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"	Several bombs exploded on impact.	
"	NR311	F/L C.W. Hicks	"	1415	1430	Attached G.C. 22 Bridge over Dives at 2560 with 1000 lb.	
"	NR805	F/O R.E. McCurdy	"	"	"	bombs, 11 sec. delay, from 6-100' at 30° from S to W.	
"	NR817	F/L D.C. Stubbs	"	"	"	Six hits on bridge, 2/3rds of west end of bridge gone.	
"	NR403	F/L J.W. Lippert	"	"	"	Possibility of troop concentration in Square 2560.	
"	NR309	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	1615	1650	Attached G.C. 32 Met. and Troop Concentration at U.2656	
"	NR805	F/O R.W. Dodge	"	"	"	with 1000 lb. bombs, fused inst. Nose, .025 Tail, from	
"	NR793	F/O D.V. Wright	"	"	"	5-2000' at 40-45° from SE to NW. All bombs scattered	
"	NR354	F/O R.H. Miles	"	"	"	in target area. Results unobserved. No troops or Met.	

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18.7.44	Typhoon IB MN311	F/O G.D. Russell	Bombing	1635	1650	seen. Medium light accurate flak from north side of	
"	MN378	F/O E.J. Crowley	"	"	"	road. 9/10ths cloud at 5000' over target. Vis. 6 miles	
"	MN720	F/O R.E. Ward	"	"	"	on route.	
"	MN801	F/O J.F. Dewar	"	"	"		
"	MN709	S/L R.H. Scotland	"	1900	1930	Five aircraft attacked Woods 110590 with 5.0 lb. bombs	
"	MN309	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"	M.C., fused inst. Nose, .025 Tail, from 4-20.0' from E	
"	MN795	F/O J.H. Batty	"	"	"	to W. Bombs landed in area. Due to bad weather conditions	
"	MN311	F/L G.H. Hicks	"	"	"	four aircraft attacked Woods 10453. One bomb hung up.	
"	MN691	F/O J.S. Colville	"	"	"	Intense accurate light and heavy flak from target.	
"	MN777	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"	10/10ths cloud at 4000' over target. En route vis. poor.	
"	MN720	F/O J.W. Lippert	"	"	"		
"	MN354	F/L D.C. Stults	"	"	"		
"	MN378	F/O G.D. Russell	"	"	"		
19.7.44	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING						
20.7.44	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING						
21.7.44	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING						
22.7.44	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING						
23.7.44	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING						
24.7.44	MN709	S/L R.H. Scotland	Bombing	1750	1900	Attached Marshalling Yard at Le Harleuault 05329 with	
"	MN405	F/O A.L. Simard	"	"	"	1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused inst. Nose, .025 Tail,.	
"	MN309	F/L D.C. Jenvey	"	"	"	Results unobserved due to weather. Vis. 1-2 miles,	
"	MN311	F/L G.H. Hicks	"	"	"	base up to 5000'. 8/10ths cloud, base 5000' over	
"	MN691 435	F/O J.S. Colville	"	"	"	target. One aircraft received small flak hits.	
"	MN801	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"		
"	MN378	F/O J.W. Lippert	"	"	"		
"	MN720	F/O R.E. McCurdy	"	"	"		

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24.7.44	Typhoon 1B NR805	F/O D.C. Campbell	Escort	1750	1900	Fighter Escort	
"	NR691	F/S H.L. Gordon	"	"	"	Fighter Escort	
25.7.44	NR309	F/L H.O. Gooding	Bombing	0635	0720	Original target G.C. 4 - R.O. 4 - U.132581 could not	
"	NR698	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	be located. Alternative target, wood 065505 attacked	
"	NR894	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"	with 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused inst. Nose, .025 Tail,	
"	NR805	F/O R.W. Dudge	"	"	"	from 8500-5500' from S to N. No results observed,	
"	NR154	F/O R.L. Milne	"	"	"	near misses scored. 5/10ths cloud at 5500' over	
"	NR403	F/O C.A.R. Clarkson	"	"	"	target.	
"	NR793	F/O D.V. Wright	"	"	"		
"	NR348	F/O J.P. Downer	"	"	"		
"	NR720	F/O R.E. Hard	"	"	"		
"	NR709	S/L R.H. Pentland	"	0950	1055	Attacked target G.C. 20 - Petrol Dump - Wood 332208	
"	NR403	F/L D.R. Jarvey	"	"	"	with 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused inst. Nose, .025 Tail,	
"	NR817	F/L D.C. Stultz	"	"	"	from 8-3000' from S to N. at 50°. Near misses scored,	
"	NR801	F/O R.H. McDurdy	"	"	"	no results observed. 10/10ths cloud at 15000', hazy,	
"	NR311	F/L C.W. Hicks	"	"	"	vis. 10 miles on route.	
"	NR309	F/O J.S. Colville	"	"	"		
"	NR793	F/O J.H. Beatty	"	"	"		
"	NR348	F/O J.W. Lippert	"	"	"		
"	NR805	F/O A.F. Sinden	"	"	"		
"	NR777	F/O D.C. Campbell	Escort	"	"	Fighter Escort	
"	NR764	F/S H.L. Gordon	Escort	"	"	Fighter Escort	
"	NR378	F/L C.W. Hicks	Bombing	1300	1345	Attacked target G.C. 33 - R.O. 7 - Railway guns in	
"	NR403	F/L D.R. Jarvey	"	"	"	quarry and dump 086516 with 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused	
"	NR805	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"	Nose Inst./025 Tail, from 8-3000' from S to N. Twelve	
"	NR698	F/O R.E. McDurdy	"	"	"	direct hits on target, two overshoot. South wall of	
"	NR349	F/L D.C. Stultz	"	"	"	quarry deserted, buildings on south side also deserted.	
"	NR154	F/O J.S. Colville	"	"	"	Railway track cut at 086516. Moderate accurate light	

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25.7.44	Typhoon 1B MH801	F/O J.H. Beatty	Bombing	1300	1345	Flak from target. 8 hit. W. between 305822 and 296318.	
26.7.44	MH709	S/L W.H. Pentland	Bombing	0755	0820	Attached target G.C. 5 - VZV 5 - Mortar and Communication	
"	MH405	F/L D.R. Jenvey	"	"	0840	Centre with 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused Inst. Nose, .025	
"	MH511	F/O J.H. Beatty	"	"	0830	tail, from 8-3000'. Results believed good. Many	
"	MH801	F/O J.W. Lippert	"	"	"	wrecked tanks north of area. Moderate light flak from	
"	MH793	F/L D.C. Stulta	"	"	"	target. C.A.V.U. S/L Pentland experienced engine	
"	MH354	F/O A.F. Simard	"	"	"	failure on way to target and had to crash land at	
"	MH764	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	Carpiquet. One bomb exploded and blew off tail but	
"	MH658	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"	pilot unhurt.	
"	MH309	F/O J.S. Colville	"	"	"		
"	MH511	F/L G.W. Hicks	Bombing	1745	1825	Attached target G.C. 41 (Troops forming up U.055585)	
"	MH405	F/S R.H. Gordon	"	"	1800	with 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused Inst. Nose, .025 tail,	
"	MH309	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	1820	from 9-3000' at 60° from SW to NE. All bombs in target	
"	MH720	F/O R.H. McCurdy	"	"	"	area. Plane seen from wood U.057587. F/L Stulta's	
"	MH369	F/L D.C. Stulta	"	"	1800	aircraft blew up as he went into bombing dive. He baled	
"	MH777	F/O A.F. Simard	"	"	1820	out successfully but is suffering from 1st degree burns	
"	MH805	F/O J.H. Beatty	"	"	1825	to the face and 2nd degree burns to the hands. F/S	
"	MH801	F/L D.R. Jenvey	"	"	"	Gordon shot down but baled out successfully.	
27.7.44	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING						
28.7.44	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING						
29.7.44	MH934	S/L W.H. Pentland	Bombing	1725	1835	Attached target G.C. 31 - Mortars, guns and troop	
"	MH348	F/O A. Froehle	CANCELLED			concentration at 123618 with 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused	
"	MH354	F/O R.H. Milne	Bombing	"	"	Inst. Nose, .025 Tail. Dropped bombs from 1300'. Four	
"	MH433	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	in target area, 8 in field west of target. Results not	
"	MH777	F/O C.G.R. Clackson	"	"	"	observed due to cloud. S/L Pentland had hang-up on first	
"	MH793	F/O D.V. Wright	"	"	"	run and dropped bombs on railway siding at 1406093.	MH 5/2

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
29.7.44	Typhoon 1B MH311	P/O R.J.C. Gardner	Bombing	1755	1835	Column of black smoke seen from buildings beside track.	
"	MH378	P/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"	Heavy light accurate flak.	
30.7.44	MH894	S/L W.H. Portland	"	1445	1530	Attacked target G.C. 21 - 077791 - North end of woods	
"	MH720	P/O R.E. McCarty	"	"	"	with 1000 lb. H.C. bombs, fused Inst. Nose, .025 Tail,	
"	MH348	P/O J.H. Beatty	"	"	"	from south to north. Found hole in cloud 2 miles south	
"	MH309	P/O D.P. English	"	"	"	of target and went down 8-1000'. P/O Lippert missing	
"	MH311	P/L G.W. Hicks	"	"	"	after diving through cloud. 8 bombs on target, 2 in	
"	MH805	P/O J.S. Colville	"	"	"	village, 2 to right of woods, 4 overshoot. Black smoke	
"	MH154	P/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	seen from target. No visual flak but flak experienced.	
"	MH793	P/O J.W. Lippert	"	"	1515	2 aircraft damaged by flak, 1 Cat A, 1 Cat B. 10/10ths	
"	MH435	P/L D.H. Jenvey	"	"	1530	cloud over target 3-0300'.	
31.7.44	MH348	P/O J.P. Dewar	Bombing	1510	1625	Waited 20 minutes over target G.C. 23 - G.K.R. 4, but no	
"	MH777	P/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	smoke seen so bombed alternative target, wood 9123, with	
"	MH378	P/O G.D. Russell	"	"	"	1000 lb. H.C. bombs, fused .025 Tail. All bombs in	
"	MH309	P/L H.O. Gooding	"	"	"	target area, no results observed, near misses scored.	
"	MH435	P/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"	Moderate flak over target. Light inaccurate flak south	
"	MH764	P/O D.V. Wright	"	"	"	of beam. 5/10ths cloud at 9000/7000', good vis. on route.	
"	MH805	P/O R.W. Doldge	"	"	"		
"	MH901	P/O G.O.R. Clackson	"	"	"		
"	MH311	P/L G.W. Hicks	"	2045	2115	Bombed G.C. 44 - F.982495, Centago II, in woods with 1000 lb.	
"	MH435	P/L D.H. Jenvey	"	"	"	H.C. bombs, fused .025 Tail from S to NW from 10,000-9000'.	
"	MH817	P/O D.O. Campbell	"	"	"	12 bombs on target, 6 overshoot. Blk. on north end demol-	
"	MH775	P/S H.L. Gordon	"	"	"	ished, Bomber on blidge not observed due to smoke. Near	
"	MH603	P/O J.H. Beatty	"	"	"	misses scored. Intense heavy and light accurate flak from	
"	MH348	P/L D.P. English	"	"	"	target. Ray over target up to 7000' Vis. fair.	
"	MH764	P/O J. Stewart	"	"	"		
"	MH691	P/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		
"	MH154	P/O J.S. Colville	"	"	"		

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Lantheuil, France	1.8.44		Groundcrew airmen of this Squadron played a valley-ball match with groundcrew airmen of 439 Squadron. 439 Squadron came out on top 2 games to 1. At approximately 1715 hours F/S Gordon came in to land and the port undercarriage failed to lock in the down position. He made a landing on one wheel doing extensive damage to the aircraft but he was uninjured. Port and starboard mainplanes, propeller, tail wheel assembly, port and starboard undercarriage and radiator damaged. WO2 Watson appeared before the A.O.C. for an interview regarding his application for a commission.	24160	
"	2.8.44		Due to haze and poor visibility the Squadron remained grounded throughout the morning until 1522 hours. Eight Typhoons attacked target G.C. 9, troops and guns in woods at U.1260 with 1000 lb. bombs from east to west. Results were very good, all bombs landing in target area. 7/10ths cloud at 2-3000'. The second target G.C. 11 at U.0760 with 1000 lb. bombs. All bombs in target area. Large column of black smoke seen to rise from target. 5 to 4/10ths cloud from 3-5000'. 9 Bomphoons attacked target G.C. 29 at T.8535, troop concentration, bridge and road junction with 1000 lb. bombs. All bombs in target area. Heavy black smoke arising from target made results impossible to observe. Meagre light inaccurate flak encountered over target. 5 M.T. observed on road 875334. Patch of 10/10ths cloud north of target area from 4-6000'. Final target for the day was G.C. 46, concentration of troops at 8247. 9 Typhoons attacked from 8500-3000' from north-west to south-west. All bombs in target area. Results could not be observed due to darkness closing in. Medium light and heavy accurate flak encountered over target. Squadron landed with Navigation lights on.		
"	3.8.44		Nine Typhoons bombed target G.C. 14 R.M.P.1, concentration of enemy tanks at 287485-789486 with 1000 lb. bombs. Target was attacked from north to south from 8-2000'. All bombs in target area. Buildings to south of orchard demolished completely. Near misses scored. Meagre light inaccurate flak encountered over target. 3/10ths cloud en route from 7-8500'. Visibility poor.		
"	4.8.44		Nine aircraft of this Squadron were called on to attack target G.C. 20 Ammo. Dump and cross-roads at 846442 and recce. between Falaise, Argentan, and Flers. Dive was made		

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Lanthuail, France	4.8.44		from 8-2000' from south to north. All bombs in target area. No results observed. Target seemed to be empty field. Armed reconce, was unsuccessful, no M.T. observed. Intense light accurate flak seen. Visibility 20 to 30 miles. The second target of the day, dispersed M.T. at U.2226, target G.C. 31 was not attacked. Nine Typhoons took part in bombing scattered M.T. on roads in area U.1729. Result 3 smokers, 1 flamer and 3 direct hits on road. Target was attacked from south to north at 60°. Moderate accurate light flak from Trouville to East of Falaise. Intense accurate heavy and light flak near Thury Harcourt and east.		
"	5.8.44		Only one operational mission was carried out. During the early part of the day ground fog and haze kept the aircraft grounded. At 1802 hours 8 aircraft carried out armed reconce. for M.T. and troop concentration. 7 Typhoons dropped 12 bombs in woods at U.3149, all bombs landing in target area. No results were observed. Two remaining bombs dropped on road at U.285501 damaging roadway. One Typhoon returned with bombs on due to mechanical trouble. Aircraft flown by P/O Campbell was hit by enemy flak, pilot was uninjured. Meagre light inaccurate flak over target. In the evening officers of the Squadron attended a party and dance in the Officers' Mess. A number of Canadian nurses were invited from a nearby Canadian General Hospital and a good time was had by all.		
"	6.8.44		Heavy ground haze restricted operations in the morning but Squadron became airborne at 1455 hours for a bombing mission on the village of Rouge Douit where a concentration of M.T., infantry and tanks were observed. 18 X 500 lb. bombs were dropped by nine aircraft who dive-bombed from 8-2000' from south-east to north-west. S/L Pentland after dive-bombing target went in and did some very effective strafing.		
"	7.8.44		One officer and 30 men recuperating in a rest camp visited the Squadron and were shown the workings of a Typhoon aircraft. Keen interest was shown and it was very apparent from the conversations carried out that the boys in the front lines have the greatest admiration and praise for the type of work being carried out by this Wing. In the morning an extremely heavy fog covered the district and it was almost like a very fine rain. Visibility was very limited. Towards noon the sun penetrated through and dispersed the		46

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Lanthuil, France	7.8.44		<p>the fog in short order. Target G.C. 26 at U.727330, concentration of ALA. 8 Typhoons dive-bombed from 7500-2500' from S-N. All bombs landed in south side of village. No results observed due to haze. Meagre light inaccurate flak over target. Visibility limited to 2 to 3 miles due to haze. The second target G.C. 45, J.J.M. 3 at 020538-024546, concentration of mortars. 9 Typhoons attacked target from S to N from 14,000' to 7000'. All bombs landed in target area. Bombing results could not be observed due to darkness and on return to base at dusk our aircraft had to make numerous circuits before the army discontinued moving tanks across the tank road at the end of the runway. When the last aircraft was down darkness had set in. It was the darkest it has been for a landing of aircraft from this Squadron to date. Over the target an extremely heavy barrage of flak was encountered both heavy and light. The target was well pranged and it was considered one of the best missions the Squadron has done. S/L Pentland first to dive on the target placed his bombs right in the middle of the road, F/O Clacken who followed also did a good job of bombing and placed his right behind the C.O.'s</p> <p>Target G.C. 2, H.Q. in Chateau at 065442. 10 typhoons bombers dive-bombed target from 9-3000', SE to NW with 1000lb. bombs. 4 direct hits were scored in the Chateau, balance of bombs burst in target area. Intense accurate light and meagre accurate heavy flak over target was encountered. Visibility 4 to 5 miles over target, hazy south of target. F/L Hicks received a direct hit on his aircraft when pulling out of the dive. His aircraft was seen to burst into flames and crash close to the target. He was not seen to blae out. He was reported as "Missing", beleived killed". The second operation of the day was a concentration of troops and guns in woods at U.164540, 6 bombs in woods at 180553, and road at 176530 target G.C. 20. 9 aircraft dive-bombed from 9-4000' from S-N. 8 bombs landed in woods at U.2644 and crossroads 203573. Attack was from 8-2500', from S to N with 500 lb. bombs. 6 bombs landed on concentration, 10 on village of Courcy and 2 on crossroads. No results observed due to haze. No flak experienced.</p> <p>Word was received that S/L Pentland has been awarded an immediate D.F.C. This promises to boost the morale of the pilots. A congratulatory message was received from</p>		
"	8.8.44				
"	9.8.44				

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Lantheuil, France	9.8.44		<p>AOC 83 Group by S/L Pentland on the award of an immediate D.F.C. The first target at 1225 hours was a concentration of troops and mortars at 0741, with 500 lb. bombs Target dive-bombed from 9-3000' S to N. All bombs were well dispersed in target area.</p> <p>Unidentified movement seen in Le Pot at 0741. Weather was good and visibility 10 to 12 miles. The second target was G.C. 46, infantry and M.T. at 877383 in orchard east of wood 9940. No red smoke seen on G.C. 46, 87783. All bombs were well dispersed in target area. Flames were observed after bombs hit. Intense heavy accurate flak was seen south of 877383. Visibility 10 miles. 8 aircraft dive-bombed target G.C. 56, woods at 300145 and town of Teroey at 313149. Red smoke was laid on targets and 14 bombs were placed in the woods, 2 landed in town. First set of 500's on woods caused a large column of smoke to rise. Dive-bombed from 8-2000' S to N. Moderate heavy inaccurate flak seen. 2/10ths cloud at 8000' and hazy.</p>		
"	10.8.44		<p>Target G.C. 11, concentration of M.T. at St. Pierre Sur Dives Levalot, Q.4773 was the first target allotted this Squadron. Due to poor visibility the target could not be bombed. Bombs were dropped safe in the sea. 10/10ths cloud over target at 2000'. This was the first operation led by our new Flight Commander F/L J.H. Beatty who was reposted to fill the vacancy created by the loss of F/L Hicks who was posted "Missing believed Killed". The second target G.C. 20 mortars forming up position at U.130455-142468-130465 was effectively bombed. All bombs being dispersed in target area. Intense heavy and light flak was encountered over target. 10/10ths cloud at 700' thin layer at 2000' over target.</p>		
"	11.8.44		<p>F/O H.J. Hardy reported to Squadron on posting, replacement for F/L Hicks. Operation No. G.C. 11 sent 9 Typhoons to bomb mortars and dug-in tanks in wood at 115483-116484-119486-119482. The bombing run was made from 8-2000' and all bombs were seen to land in target area. A great deal of smoke and debris was seen to rise from the target after bombing. Visibility was good- 15 miles over target. 9 Typhoons returned to bomb the above target again though all the pilots were satisfied that it had been well pranged on the first mission. The second time all bombs again landed in target area and smoke and debris was seen to rise again from the target. This operation was in support</p>		

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Lantheuil, France	11.8.44		of the Polish army and a signal was received from the front lines immediately following the pilots return congratulating them for the fine piece of work. The third mission was an armament dump at 215478. Seven Typhoons dive-bombed target from 8500-2000'. All bombs in target area and in the neck of the woods. Two pilots strafed on way in. Moderate light flak was seen from target and orchard NE of target 230485. Visibility good, 10 to 15 miles over target. The final target of the day was G.C. 39, a concentration of gun positions at T.815258. Nine aircraft dive-bombed from 8-3000' from S to N. All pilots strafed on way down. Moderate light accurate flak over target. Haze was observed coming in from the sea. S/L W.H. Pentland, D.F.C. congratulated all pilots on the wonderful show they had made. Their bombing accuracy was of a very high standard and they were very deserving of credit for the days work.		
Lantheuil, France	12.8.44		The first target of a busy day was a German SS and PZ H.Q. at T.823320. The target was dive-bombed from 8-2000' from S to N and all bombs landed in target area. Near misses were scored but results could not be observed due to haze. Moderate heavy inaccurate flak was encountered over target and also from 775303. The second mission was bridges at T.985343-U.000314- T.979261. 13 aircraft dive-bombed these bridges from 8-3000' from E to W. The first two sections of four each bombed the same bridge. No direct hits scored on bridge. 16 bombs landed on side of road to both approaches. The remaining sections of five aircraft bombed the second bridge but no direct hits scored. 10 bombs landed on approach to NW end--road is believed to be destroyed. Intense heavy and light accurate flak from target area. Considerable movement in and around Corde-Sur-Noireau was observed. 4 typhoons attacked bridge at U.000314. F/O Dewar was hit by flak in the dive and crashed. The pilot was seen to bale out and has been reported "Missing believed killed". F/O Dotts experienced hang-up and had to jettison his bombs in the sea. 4 bombs dropped on target. No results observed due to haze. Intense heavy and light accurate flak over target. 4 Typhoons bombed bridge at T.985343 which was well guarded by an intense barrage of heavy and light accurate flak. All bombs dropped on target and bridge was completely destroyed. Bridge at T.979261 was again attacked by four aircraft		

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Lanthuail, France	12.8.44		from 9-3000'. 2 direct hits on centre of bridge four on West approach 2 overshoot. Large explosion seen at 962307. Considerable movement of M.T. observed S.E. of target.		
"	13.8.44		F/O Frank Crowley proceeded to England on leave. The first target was a movement of M.T. around Habloville at U.150235. Nine aircraft bombed above target with 1000 lb. bombs. All bombs were in target area. Smoke and debris seen from target. Near misses were scored. Three trucks at 1423 damaged; 1 truck at 105311 damaged; 1 truck at 155304 damaged. 2 tanks travelling SE at 126332 were strafed; 4 or 5 troops at 1532 153236 in orchard were strafed. Enemy ambulances travelling SSE from Falaise. 9 Typhoons carried out armed recon. near Fliers. Anti-flak truck at 910247 was badly damaged, 1 met damaged at 892237, 2 Met smokers at 941252, 1 met smoker at 9834 and 1 at 9832. 1 gun carrier and 1 armoured car damaged at 079368. Scattered Met observed SE. 1 Red Crossed car fired on our aircraft. 8 Typhoons carried out the second armed recon. in the Fliers area. 1 staff car flamer at 942197, 1 French civilian car damaged at 955235. 3 Met flamers at 909222, 1 staff car damaged at 902241, 1 long trailer damaged at 913256. Ambulances and scattered Met seen travelling NE and E. Car marked with Red Cross fired on our aircraft with small arms. F/O McCurdy was hit by flak at 932241 was seen to crash at 855445 but was not seen to bale out. He was reported as missing details unknown.		
"	14.8.44		S/L Pentland, D.F.C. proceeded to England for a well earned rest. P/L Gooding assumed temporary command during the absence of S/L Pentland. No operational flying was carried out and the Squadron had a well deserved rest. WO2 Duncan reported to the Squadron as replacement for F/O Dewar.		
"	15.8.44		8 Typhoons did an armed recon. near Trun-Livaiot. One aircraft returned because of mechanical failure. Target was dive-bombed from 7-3000feet. All bombs were in target area. Road was very definitely rendered unserviceable. 6 or 7 M.T. bearing Red Crosses seen at target 490630. 8 or 9 stationary M.T. bearing Red Crosses seen facing NE at 4261. No strafing was carried out due to poor visibility. Intense heavy and light inaccurate flak from Vimoutiers. F/O Milne led a section on a leaflet		

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<i>Lantheuil, France</i>	<i>15.8.44</i>		raid over enemy lines in the Falaise - N.D. Durocher area. Leaflets dropped from 3000 feet from a special leaflet bomb. This is the first leaflet raid carried out by the Squadron. F/O Barber reported as replacement for F/O McCurdy. F/O Barber has completed a previous tour in the Middle East.		
"	<i>16.8.44</i>		Only one operation carried out due to the non-availability of suitable targets. Nine Typhoons proceeded to attack target - M.T. in woods at U.3439. One aircraft jettisoned its bombs and returned to base with engine trouble. Remainder of aircraft dive-bombed from 7500-2500 feet, all bombs landing in target area. Near misses were scored and two red flashes were seen from target. 3 pilots strafed on way down. Moderate light accurate flak encountered over target.		
"	<i>17.8.44</i>		Nine of our aircraft proceeded on an armed recon. of tugs and barges on the River Seine. 6 bombs were dropped on river boat at L1207 which was damaged. 8 bombs dropped on buildings at L1307 which were also damaged. 4 bombs dropped on docks with 4 barges in dock. No hits were scored. Two tugs strafed at 1414. 1 claimed damaged. 3 barges at 9815 observed - stationary, 2 barges at 9920 moving South. 1 M.T. at 6007 strafed and damaged. Moderate heavy inaccurate flak over target. 5/10ths cloud at 3000'. F/O R.G. Hattie posted to "R" Depot, Warrington for repatriation after his recent bale-out experiences and hospitalization. WO1 Meraw reported to the Squadron from 83 GSU replacing F/O Hattie.		
"	<i>18.8.44</i>		The Squadron was called upon to make an all-out effort strafing the retreating Germans and M.T. convoys in the Falaise sector. This was a record breaking day for the Squadron and surpassed the previous record day of one month previous, July 18. In all a total of 54 sorties were flown for a total of 52 operational hours. At the close of the day the following targets had been attacked. G.C. 8 an armed recon. in the Bernay-Conches-la Viellen area by 9 Typhoon fighters. M.T. was attacked with the following results: 2 flamers NE Q5971, 2 flamers at Q6473, 1 flamer NE Q6782, 2 flamers SW Q7076, 2 damaged SE Q8671, 1 flamer SE Q6179, 1 damaged NE Q8585, 1 flamer SE Q8474, 1 smoker SE Q8474, 1 smoker SW R0894, 2 smokers SE Q8662. Totals for this operation: 9 flamers,		

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Lantheul, France	18.8.44		<p>4 smokers, 3 damaged. Four stationary vehicles observed facing west at Q8296, 6 stationary vehicles facing east at 6070. Our pilots were out of ammo. and had to return to base. Cloud was coming from the west and settling over area. The second operation was in the same area and was carried out by nine Typhoon fighters. The following are the results observed: 4 flamers at E7378, 1 motorcycle and rider destroyed at 7786, 1 smoker E of 7786, 4 smokers E of Q5070, 5 flamers E of Q5070, 1 flamer at Q425870, 1 flamer at Q4686. Totals for this operation: 11 flamers, 5 smokers, 1 motorcycle and rider destroyed.</p> <p>Large amount of M.T. going east at 595070 observed. Moderate light accurate flak encountered. 3/10ths cloud at 3000'. One of our aircraft damaged by flak, Cat. AC. The 3rd operation was another armed recce. in the SE of Vimoutier area, going NE carried out by 12 aircraft. The following results observed. 3 flamers at Q5393, 3 smokers, 1 flamer at Q5995, 1 flamer and 1 staff car flamer at Q6287, 6 damaged between L5403-Q5495, 1 Met. flamer, 1 smoker at 5868, 2 flamers at Q6374, 1 smoker, 1 staff car flamer at Q5881, 2 Met. flamers, 2 damaged at Q5364, 1 Met. flamer at Q6582, 1 motorcycle destroyed at Q8374. Total for this operation: 11 flamers M.T., 2 staff car flamers, 1 motorcycle destroyed, 5 smokers M.T., 8 M.T. damaged. P/O Colville was hit by flak and had to abandon his aircraft at Q6574. His parachute failed to open and he crashed to earth. The 4th operation carried out near Lisieux to E. of Thul Nolent by nine Typhoon fighters brought the following results: 2 flamers and 3 smokers at Q562, 1 flamer at 5767, 2 damaged at Q5373, 1 flamer at Q5777, 1 motorcycle destroyed at 6076, 1 smoker at 5468, 1 damaged at 5868, 2 flamers at 5567, 2 damaged at 5763, 2 flamers and 1 damaged staff car, 1 armoured car damaged at U.2978. Totals for this operation: 8 flamers, 1 smoker, 3 damaged, 1 staff car damaged, 1 armoured car damaged. The fifth mission, an armed recce. in the area south of Vimoutiers by 4 Typhoon fighters accounted for the following: 1 half track smoker, 1 flamer at 4961, 1 smoker and 1 damaged at 4961 totalling 1 flamer, 1 smoker and 1 damaged, 1 half-track smoker. The next operation was a petrol dump on road between Vimoutiers and Lisieux carried out by 5 Typhoon fighters. No M.T. seen, aircraft returned base. The last operation was also a patrol of Evengy-Lisieux-Cormailles area, carried</p>		

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<i>Lantuil, France</i>	<i>18.8.44</i>		out by 6 Typhoon fighters but M.T. had all vanished. Everywhere was strewn smoking vehicles and wreckage. This proved to be the busiest day for the Squadron. Everyone did their utmost to keep our aircraft up in the air and the co-operation of the groundcrew was magnificent. The totals for the day were: 40 flamers, 16 smokers, 17 damaged, 2 motorcycles damaged, 2 staff car flamers, 2 staff cars damaged, 1 armoured car damaged, 1 half track smoker. One outstanding feature was the fact that not one bomb was dropped and for the first time Typhoons played the role of fighters to a greater extent than ever before. Our losses in aircraft were 1 Cat E missing, 1 Cat AC. One pilot was missing.		
<i>Lantuil, France</i>	<i>19.8.44</i>		Nine Typhoons despatched on armed recce. in Bernay-Blaumont-Le Rober-Brogie area. One aircraft returned without attacking target due to mechanical trouble. Convoy of 40+ M.T. vehicles attacked as it moved East on Orbec-Bernay road. Results: 6 flamers, 7 smokers claimed. 7/10ths cloud at 8000', visibility good. The second operation again was an armed recce. in the Orbec-Bernay area of 8 Typhoons with the following results observed: 1 smoker at Q6574, 2 smokers at Q6678, 1 motorcycle destroyed at Q7183, 1 damaged at Q7171, 1 damaged at Q7878, 2 flamers at Q8779, 4 damaged at Q8779, 1 smoker at Q7575, 1 flamer at L8006, 1 damaged at L8006. Yellow smoke was observed at 6474. The operations results totalled: 3 flamers, 4 smokers, 7 damaged, 1 motorcycle destroyed. The third operation was an armed recce. of Orbec-Lesap-Jervagues area of 8 Typhoons. The following results were observed: 1 Met. damaged at Q6884, 1 smoker at Q6562, 1 tank smoker at Q7768, 1 flamer at Q5667, 1 damaged at Q5667, 1 smoker at Q6367, 1 damaged at Q5997, 3 smokers and 1 flamer at Q5997. Weather was hazy and visibility poor. F/O Milne was missing from this operation. It is believed he baled out as a Typhoon was seen to go down in this area with the pilot baling out but because of the large numbers of aircraft in the vicinity the identity was doubtful. He was posted as "Missing, details unknown". Totals for this operation: 2 flamers, 5 smokers, 1 tank smoker, 3 damaged. The final operation for the day was an armed recce. from Lisieux to Orbec 6161. 11 aircraft despatched on this mission but two returned without attacking the target due to mechanical trouble. Considerable movement seen of Met. into Orbec from SW. Scattered		

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Louthville, France	19.8.44		movement into Bernay from W and SW. Results of this operation were 11 flammers, 13 smokers, 3 damaged, 1 tank damaged. Total sorties - 36, total hours - 26:50.		
"	20.8.44		The Squadron carried out only one operation an armed recce. of Bernay-Beaumont Le Roger-Lax Barre en Couche-Broglie - Orbec. Nine aircraft participated with the following results observed: 1 tank smoker at Q7276, 1 Met. Flamer at Q6877, 1 Met. flamer at 7078, 1 smoker at 7377, 1 tank smoker at 7474, 1 smoker at 6972, 2 Met. flammers at 7572, 1 half track flamer at 7673, 1 smoker at 7674, 1 damaged at 7775, 1 flamer at 7876, 1 horse drawn vehicle damaged at 8273. Moderate heavy inaccurate flak was encountered. The totals for the day are: 2 tank smokers, 1 half track, 5 Met. flammers, 3 Met. smokers, 1 Met. damaged, 1 Met. horse drawn vehicle damaged.		
"	21.8.44		No operational flying carried out by the Squadron due to inclement weather. Squadrons were released at 1400 hours.		
"	22.8.44		The runway was unserviceable until 1100 hours. The Squadron carried out an armed recce. of crossroads at 702862, Brionne River to 9063 LaBarrie en Onche. Very little movement was seen in this area. One ambulance observed heading West out of Bunay. One despatch rider moving south at Q9275. No other movements were seen and no attacks were made. Moderate heavy and light flak from Orbec, moderate heavy and light accurate flak from Lisieux. Moderate heavy and light accurate flak from Brionne. Moderate light inaccurate flak south of Bernay. Nine aircraft participated on this mission for a total of 9 hours, 45 minutes.		
"	23.8.44		The weather was poor with low clouds and intermittent rain. No operations carried out. Squadron was released till noon the following day.		
"	24.8.44		Weather was cloudy and no operations were carried out. Remained at 30 minutes readiness until 2100 hours when Squadron was released until first light on 25th.		
"	25.8.44		The Squadron carried out an armed recce. for barges on the River Seine up to Rouen at 1235 hours. The nine Typhoons taking part in this operation dive-bombed a large river ferry from 13-8000' at M1005, scoring two direct hits. 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused Inst. tail were used. Brown smoke was seen to come from the boat. Moderate light		

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<u>Lanthevil, France</u>	<u>26.8.44</u>		<p>inaccurate flak was experienced from the Montfort area. Weather was 6/10ths cloud at 7-8000</p> <p>Flying time was 7 hrs. 30 mins. 12 Typhoons took off at 1650 hrs. on the 2nd operation of the day to bomb a concentration of Met. at M4410, using 500 lb. M.C. bombs fused</p> <p>Inst. tail. 7 or 8 camouflaged vehicles, possibly Met. or tanks on either side of the road at M550153 were dive-bombed from 4500-1500'. All bombs were in target area but no results were observed. The road was cut however. Meagre light flak was experienced. The weather was 3/10ths cloud at 5-9000', 12 barges were seen stationary 4 miles south of Rouen. A ferry at M0806 was seen burning amidships. Flying time for this operation was 15 hours.</p>		
"	<u>26.8.44</u>		<p>One operation was carried out at 0845 hours. The mission was an armed recon. of Met. going East in the Rouen area, mainly Fleury-sur-Andelle to Lyons de Foret. 9 Typhoons took part dive-bombing roads in Square M31 with 500 lb. bombs fused Inst. tail. Near misses were scored. A ferry at 0905 was seen to have steam up. The weather was hazy. Targets are rapidly getting out of range at the Squadron's present location. Flying time - 10 hrs. 30 mins.</p>		
"	<u>27.8.44</u>		<p>The first operation of the day took place at 1520 hours. The mission was to bomb ferry and Met at L9622. A typhoon took off but 2 returned because of mechanical failure. The remaining seven dropped 500 lb. M.C. bombs fused Inst. tail in target area. A great deal of black smoke prevented results being observed. 20 plus Met. in town at L9721 seen on road leading to ferry. Intense accurate light flak experienced over target. Weather was 3/10ths cloud at 6000' over target, hazy. Flying time - 7 hrs. 15 mins. The second operation took place at 1755 hours. The mission was to bomb a Met. concentration at L9622. 9 Typhoons took off but one returned because of mechanical failure. The remaining 8 dropped 500 lb. M.C. bombs fused inst. tail in the target area. Near misses scored. A great deal of black smoke and a fire were seen in the target area. 3 or 4 small barges seen in the south-west side of bank at L9622. Intense accurate heavy and light flak experienced from target area. Visibility poor, 3 to 4 miles, hazy. Flying time - 7 hours.</p>		
"	<u>28.8.44</u>		<p>One operation was carried out. 7 Typhoons despatched to attack concentration of</p>		

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Lantheuil, France	28.8.44		Met. in woods N7304 but one returned because of mechanical failure. The remaining 6 dropped 500 lb. M.C. bombs fused inst. tail, diving from 9-4000'. All bombs were in target area. No results observed. No movements seen. Weather was 5/10ths cloud. The Squadron peaked up to move first thing in the morning.		
" "	29.8.44		Move was cancelled as it was found the new field was unsuitable. Remained packed awaiting further developments. Weather was cloudy with rain and no operations were carried out.		
" "	30.8.44		"A" Echelon departed B9 for B24 at 0620 and 1720 hrs. arriving at B24 10 hours later. Apart from a light congestion due to 2 wings leaving together, the move was quite smooth.		
St. André, France	31.8.44		Squadron aircraft landed at B.24 at 131430 hours. The Squadron was settling down and awaiting the arrival of "B" Echelon. The general health of the Squadron was good although there was a mild epidemic of diarrhoea. However that attack was of short duration and all personnel have recovered. <u>(STRENGTH)</u> Aircraft - Typhoon LB - 19 (This includes aircraft of Wing Co. Flying) Auster III - 1 Personnel - Aircrew - Officers - 19 Airmen 4 Groundcrew - Officers - 3 Airmen - 32 Operational sorties for the month - 481 hours " " " - 418:50 Non-operational hours - Typhoon - 65:50 hours.		
			with leading th. R.W.H. Pentland S/L, Commanding Officer, 440 Squadron.		

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				UP	DOWN		
1.8.44	Typhoon 1B MN154	S/L W.H. Pentland	Bombing	2005	2105	Bombed G.C. 16, petrol dump at T887479 with 1000 lb. M.C. bombs fused .025 Tail from SE to NW from 8-2000' at 50°.	
"	MN348	F/O C.O.R. Claeken	"	"	"	All bombs on target. No results observed. Intense accurate flak over target. No cloud, visibility 3 to 4 miles over target.	
"	MN378	F/O P.J. Crowley	"	"	"		
"	MN309	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	"	"		
"	MN777	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
"	MN817	F/O D.V. Wright	"	"	"		
"	MN311	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"		
2.8.44	MN817	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	1515	1555	Bombed G.C. 9, guns and troops in woods U1260 with 1000 lb. M.C. bombs fused .025 Tail from E to W from 7-2000'.	
"	MN777	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	Good bombing, all bombs on target. Results not observed due to poor visibility. 7/10ths cloud from 2-3000' over target.	
"	MN348	F/O J.F. Dewar	"	"	"		
"	MN801	F/O G.D. Russell	"	"	"		
"	MN603	F/O D.V. Wright	"	"	"		
"	MN691	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
"	MN805	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"		
"	MN764	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"		
"	MN311	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1730	1820	Bombed G.C. 11, U0760 with 1000 lb. M.C. bombs fused .025 Tail from 7-2000' NW to SE. All bombs in target area. Large column of black smoke seen from target. One bomb hung-up. 3 to 4/10ths cloud, base 3000', top 5000' over target.	
"	MN435	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	1815		
"	MN348	F/O J.F. Dewar	"	"	1810		
"	MN635	F/O G.D. Russell	"	"	"		
"	MN817	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	"	1815		
"	MN764	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"		
"	MN154	F/O D.V. Wright	"	"	1810		
"	MN805	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	1815		
"	MN691	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	1810		
"	MN756	F/L C.W. Hicks	"	1915	2000	Bombed G.C. 29, T.8535 - tank concentration, bridges and road junctions with 1000 lb. M.C. bombs fused .025 Tail from 7-2000' W to E. All bombs in target area. Smoke from target made it impossible to observe results.	
"	MN801	F/O J.S. Colville	"	"	"		
"	MN154	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"		
"	MN348	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		

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2.8.44	Typhoon 1B MN635	F/O J.H. Beatty	Bombing	1915	2000	Meagre light inaccurate flak over target. Three	
"	MN435	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	2015	stationary Met seen on road 875334. Patch of cloud north	
"	MN691	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	2000	of target area, 10/10ths, base 4000' top 6000'.	
"	MN603	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	"		
"	MN805	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"		
"	MN817	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	2125	2200	Bombed G.C. 46 at 8247, concentration of tanks with 500	
"	MN777	F/O J.S. Colville	"	"	"	lb. M.C. bombs fused .025 Tail from 8500-3000' NW to SW.	
"	MN154	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	All bombs in target area. Results not observed due to	
"	MN348	F/O A.F. Simard	"	"	"	darkness closing in. Medium light and heavy flak,	
"	MN311	F/L C.W. Hicks	"	"	2215	fairly accurate over target.	
"	MN435	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	2200		
"	MN635	F/O J.H. Beatty	"	"	"		
"	MN764	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	"		
"	MN805	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"		
3.8.44	MN691	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1310	1400	Bombed G.C. 14 R.M.P. 1, concentration of tanks at	
"	MN603	F/O A.F. Simard	"	"	"	287485 - 789486 with 1000 lb. M.C. bombs fused .025 tail	
"	MN805	F/O R.E. McCurdy	"	"	"	from 8-2000' N to S. All bombs in target area.	
"	MN756	F/L C.W. Hicks	"	"	"	Buildings to south of orchard demolished. Near misses	
"	MN801	F/O J.S. Colville	"	"	"	scored. Meagre light inaccurate flak over target.	
"	MN154	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"	3/10ths cloud en route 7000 to 8500', visibility poor.	
"	MN635	F/O J.H. Beatty	"	"	"		
"	MN378	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"		
"	MN764	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"		
"	MN756	F/L C.W. Hicks	"	1605	1650	To Bombed G.C. 24, concentration of armament and Met in wood	
"	MN777	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	at 924465 but bombed alternative target 942431 because of	
"	MN805	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"	low cloud and rain over original target. Dive-bombed	

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3.8.44	Typhoon 1B MN764	F/O J. Stewart	Bombing	1605	1650	from 5-2000' S to N using 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail. No results observed. Two Mustangs jumped Squadron at 942431. Intense accurate light and heavy flak over target. 9/10ths cloud from 10,000-4,000' with rain over target.	
"	MN801	F/O J.S. Colville	"	"	"		
"	MN154	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"		
"	MN635	F/O J.H. Beatty	"	"	"		
"	MN603	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		
"	MN817	F/O R.E. McCurdy	"	"	"		
4.8.44	MN894	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1840	1940	Bombed G.C. 20, ammunition dump, cross roads 846442 with 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail from 8-2000' S to N. All bombs in target area. No results observed. Target seemed to be empty field. Carried out armed. recce. of Falaise, Argentan, Flers but nothing seen. Intense light accurate flak over target. Visibility 20 to 30 miles en route.	
"	MN777	F/O W.L. Gordon	"	"	"		
"	MN801	F/O A. Frombello	"	"	1930		
"	MN635	F/O D.V. Wright	"	"	1940		
"	MN805	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"		
"	MN975	F/O G.D. Russell	"	"	"		
"	MN764	F/O R.H. Milne	"	"	"		
"	MN378	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"		
"	MN309	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
"	MN313	F/L C.W. Hicks	"	2050	2130	Bombed G.C. 31, dispersed Met area U.2226 with 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail from 8500-3000' at 60° from S to N., also road and wood U.1729. Attacked scattered Met on roads in area. 1 Met destroyed, 3 Met smokers and 3 direct hits on road. Moderate accurate light flak over target. Moderate accurate heavy flak from Trouville AND ACCURATE, HEAVY AND NIGHT NEAR THURY HARBOUR to E. of Falaise. No cloud over target, haze up to 9000'. Visibility 2 to 3 miles except into sun.	
"	MN817	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	"		
"	MN603	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"		
"	MN635	F/O J.H. Beatty	"	"	"		
"	MN777	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		
"	MN805	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"		
"	MN929	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"		
"	MN309	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"		
"	MN641	F/O R.E. McCurdy	"	"	"		
5.8.44	MN313	F/L C.W. Hicks	Armed Recce.	1755	1855	Target G.C.2, armed recce. 12 X 500 lb. bombs M.C., fused .025 tail dropped in wood U.3149, all bombs in target area. No results observed. Dropped remaining two bombs on road U.285501, road damaged. F/O Campbell's	
"	MN801	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	"		
"	MN348	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"		
"	MN635	F/O J.H. Beatty	"	"	"		

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5.8.44	Typhoon 1B MN805	F/O D.G. Campbell	Armed Recon.	1755	1855	aircraft was hit by flak, cat. AC. Meagre light	
"	MN764	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	inaccurate flak over target. F/O Simard was forced to	
"	MN777 MN929	F/O A.P. Simard F/L D.F. English	"	"	1815 1855	return because of mechanical trouble.	
6.8.44	MN894	S/L W.H. Pentland	Bombing	1455	1525	Bombed G.C. 7, Met, infantry, tanks with 500 lb. M.C.	
"	MN817	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"	bombs, fused .025 tail from 8-2000' SE to NW dropping	
"	MN641	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	all bombs on target. No results observed. S/L Pentland	
"	MN929	F/O D.V. Wright	"	"	"	strafed troops in a town. Meagre light inaccurate flak	
"	MN975	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"	over target. Visibility good over target.	
"	MN801	F/O A. Fromelo	"	"	"		
"	MN309	F/O R.H. Milne	"	"	"		
"	MN348	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"		
"	MN777	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"		
7.8.44	MN475	W/C M.T. Judd (RAF)	"	1750	1840	Bombed G.C. 26, 727330, concentration of ALA with 1000 lb.	
"	MN603	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"	M.C. bombs, fused .025, diving from 7500-2500' from S to	
"	MN311	F/L G.W. Hicks	"	"	"	N. All bombs in south side of village. No results	
"	MN764	F/O R.E. McCurdy	"	"	"	observed. Meagre light inaccurate flak over target.	
"	MN975	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	Hazy, vis. 2 to 3 miles.	
"	MN635	F/O J.H. Beatty	"	"	"		
"	MN756	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"		
"	MN801	F/O J.S. Colville	"	"	"		
"	MN894	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	2115	2215	Bombed G.C. 45, J.J.M. 3 at 020538-024546, mortars with	
"	MN817	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"	1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail, diving from 14,000-	
"	MN435	F/O G.D. Russell	"	"	"	7000' from S to N. All bombs in target area. No results	
"	MN929	F/O D.V. Wright	"	"	"	observed. Intense heavy and light accurate flak over	
"	MN309	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"	target.	
"	MN313	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		

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7.8.44	Typhoon 1B MN154	F/O R.H. Milne	Bombing	2115	2215		
"	MN777	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"		
"	MN378	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"		
8.8.44	MN313	F/L C.W. Hicks	"	1005	1045	Bombed G.C. 2. H.Q. in Chateau at 066442 with 1000 lb.	
"	MN801	F/O J.S. Colville	"	1025	1105	M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail, diving from 9-3000' SE to	
"	MN309	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	NW. Four direct hits on Chateau, balance in target area.	
"	MN435	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"	Intense accurate light and meagre accurate heavy flak	
"	MN777	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"	over target. Visibility 4 to five miles over target,	
"	MN635	F/O J.H. Beatty	"	1030	"	hazy south of target. F/L Hicks was hit by flak in the	
"	MN154	F/O R.E. McGurdy	"	"	"	dive and caught fire. He crashed in flames.	
"	MN817	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"		
"	MN975	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	"		
"	MN756	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"		
"	MN777	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1415	1450	Bombed G.C. 20, concentrations in woods at U.164540,	
"	MN309	F/O J.F. Dewar	"	"	"	180553 and road - 176530, with 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused	
"	MN801	F/O A. Frombolo	"	"	"	Inst. Nose, .025 tail, diving from 9-4000' from S to N.	
"	MN635	F/O D.V. Wright	"	"	"	Eight bombs were dropped in woods at U164540, six bombs	
"	MN817	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	1455	in woods at 180553 and four bombs on road at 176530.	
"	MN641	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	1450	Intense accurate light flak over target. Visibility	
"	MN154	F/O R.H. Milne	"	"	1455	five to ten miles over target.	
"	MN378	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	1450		
"	MN975	F/O R.J. C. Gardner	"	"	"		
"	MN929	F/O D.V. Wright	"	1740	1810	Bombed G.C. 37, concentration U170488, Courvoisier U2644,	
"	MN756	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	crossroads 203573 with 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused Inst.	
"	MN801	F/O A. Frombolo	"	"	"	nose, .025 tail, diving from 8-2500' from S to N. Six	
"	MN154	F/O R.H. Milne	"	"	"	bombs were dropped on U170488, ten on town at U2644, and	
"	MN603	F/O J.F. Dewar	"	"	"	two on crossroads at 203573. No results observed. No	
"	MN817	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"	flak experienced, weather hazy.	

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8.8.44	Typhoon 1B MN635	F/O R.W. Doidge	Bombing	1740	1810		
"	MN378	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"		
"	MN975	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
9.8.44	MN475	W/C Judd (RAF)	"	1225	1310	Bombed G.C. 25 - En Countee attack all arms, Ussay-	
"	MN378	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"	Hamel - Chesnaie - 0741 with 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused	
"	MN603	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"	inst. nose, .025 tail, diving from 9-3000' S to N. All	
"	MN764	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"	bombs well dispersed on and around Le Pot at 8741.	
"	MN801	F/O A. Frombolo	"	"	"	Unidentified movement seen in town. No flak encountered.	
"	MN929	F/O D.V. Wright	"	"	"	Weather good, visibility 10 to 12 miles over target.	
"	MN635	F/O J.F. Dewar	"	"	"		
"	MN641	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
"	MN311	F/O R.H. Milne	"	"	"		
"	MN894	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1625	1715	Bombed infantry and Met. in orchard east of wood 9940	
"	MF122	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"	with 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused inst. nose, .025 tail,	
"	MN603	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"	diving from 9-4000' S to N. All bombs well dispersed in	
"	MN635	F/L J.H. Beatty	"	"	"	target area. Flames seen after bombs hit. Near	
"	MN311	F/O J.S. Colville	"	"	"	misses scored. Intense heavy accurate flak south	
"	MN975	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	of 877383. 2 to 3/10ths cloud at 8000' visibility	
"	MN764	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	10 miles.	
"	MN777	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		
"	MN756	F/O R.E. McCurdy	"	"	"		
"	MN154	F/O R.H. Milne	"	1900	2005	Bombed G.C. 56, dump in wood at U.018225, woods 300145	
"	MN435	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"	town 313149 Tercey with 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025	
"	MN801	F/O A. Frombolo	"	"	"	tail, diving from 8-2000' S to N. Red crosses on target.	
"	MN929	F/O D.V. Wright	"	"	"	14 bombs landed on woods at 300145 and a large column	
"	MN378	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"	of black smoke was seen. 2 bombs landed on town at	

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				UP	DOWN		
9.8.44	Typhoon 1B MN764	F/O J.F. Dewar	Bombing	1900	2005	313149. Moderate heavy inaccurate flak from 9338.	
"	MP122	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"	2/10ths cloud at 8000', hazy over target.	
"	MN641	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
10.8.44	MN764	F/O R.E. McQuirby	"	1200	1240	Despatched to attack G.C. 11, concentration of Mat.	
"	MN603	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"	St. Pierre Sur Dives - Livaiot, Q4773, with 1000 lb.	
"	MN154	F/L J.H. Beatty	"	"	"	bombs but due to poor visibility bombs were jettisoned	
"	MN311	F/O J.S. Colville	"	"	"	in the sea. 10/10ths cloud over target at 2000'.	
"	MN975	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	"		
"	MP122	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"		
"	MN756	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"		
"	MN929	F/O R.J.D. Gardner	"	"	"		
"	MN894	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1525	1600	Bombed G.C. 20 mortars forming up position at U.130455.	
"	MN378	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"	142458, 130465 with 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025	
"	MN817	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"	tail, diving from 7-2000' SE to NW. All bombs well	
"	MN929	F/O D.V. Wright	"	"	"	dispersed on target area. No results observed.	
"	MN635	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"	Intense accurate heavy and light flak over target.	
"	MN309	F/O G.B. Russell	"	"	"	10/10ths cloud at 7000', thin layer at 2000' over	
"	MN777	F/O R.H. Milne	"	"	"	target.	
"	MN641	F/O J.F. Dewar	"	"	"		
"	MN801	F/O A. Frombole	"	"	"		
11.8.44	MN894	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1045	1125	Bombed G.C. 11, mortars, dug-in tanks in wood, 115483-	
"	MP122	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"	116486-119486-119482 with 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused	
"	MN311	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"	.025 tail, diving from 8-2000' SE to NW. All bombs in	
"	MN929	F/O D.V. Wright	"	"	"	target area. A great deal of smoke and debris seen	
"	MN603	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"	after bombing. Good visibility, 15 miles over target.	
"	MN975	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
"	MN154	F/O R.H. Milne	"	"	"		
"	MN635	F/O J.F. Dewar	"	"	"		

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11.8.44	Typhoon 1B MN435	R/O G.D. Russell	Bombing	1045	1120		
"	MN894	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1920	1410	Bombed G.C. 20 at 115483, armament in woods, with 500	
"	ME MF122	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	1320	1410	1b. M.C. bombs, fused inst. nose, .025 tail, diving	
"	MN801	F/O A. Frembello	"	"	"	from 8-2000' S to N. All bombs in target area. Smoke	
"	MN929	F/O D.V. Wright	"	"	"	and debris seen after bombing. Meagre light	
"	MN817	F/O Clacken, C.O.R.	"	"	"	inaccurate flak over target. Good visibility, 15	
"	MN309	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"	miles over target. Haze coming in from sea.	
"	MN378	F/O R.H. Milne	"	"	"		
"	MN720	F/O J.F. Dewar	"	"	"		
"	MN756	F/O G.D. Russell	"	"	"		
"	MN635	F/L J.H. Beatty	"	1540	1620	Bombed G.C. 29, armament dump at 215478, with 500 lb.	
"	MN817	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"	M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail, diving from 8500-2000'	
"	MN435	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"	S to N. All bombs in target area, in the neck of the	
"	MF122	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"	woods. No results observed. Two pilots strafed on way	
"	MN975	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	down. Moderate inaccurate light flak from target and	
"	MN801	F/O J.S. Colville	"	"	"	orchard NE of target 230485. Good visibility, 10 to	
"	MN756	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"	15 miles over target.	
"	MN154	F/L J.H. Beatty	"	1740	1830	Bombed G.C. 39 at T.815258, concentration of gun	
"	MN817	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"	positions, with 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail,	
"	MN603	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"	diving from 8-3000' S to N. All bombs in target	
"	MN720	F/O R.E. McCurdy	"	"	"	area. No results observed. All Squadron strafed on	
"	MN378	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	way down. Moderate light accurate flak over target.	
"	MN975	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	Haze coming in from sea.	
"	MN311	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"		
"	MN801	F/O J.S. Colville	"	"	"		
"	MN309	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"		

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				Up	Down		
12.8.44	Typhoon 1B MN894	S/L W.H. Pentland	Bombing	0950	1035	Bombed G.C. 5 at T.823320, Headquarters of SS Panzers, with 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail, diving from 8-2000 feet S to N. All bombs in target area. No results observed. Near misses scored. Moderate heavy inaccurate flak over target. Flak also from 775303. Weather was hazy.	
"	MN801	F/O J.S. Colville	"	"	"		
"	MN154	F/O J.H. Beatty	"	"	"		
"	MN817	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"		
"	MN975	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	"		
"	MN929	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"		
"	MN603	F/L D.E. Janvey	"	"	"		
"	MN756	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		
"	MP122	F/L J.H. Beatty	"	1330	1415	Bombed G.C. 20, bridges at T.985343, U.000314, T.979261 with 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail, diving from 8-3000 feet E to W. Two sections of four aircraft each bombed the same bridge. No direct hits on bridge. 16 bombs on side of road both approaches. Remaining section bombed another bridge but there were no direct hits. 10 bombs on approach on NW end. Road believed to be destroyed. Intense heavy and light accurate flak from target area. Considerable activity in and movement east from town thought to be Corde-sur-Noireau. Weather was hazy.	
"	MN801	F/O A. Frombello	"	"	"		
"	MN311	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"		
"	MN894	F/O G.D. Russell	"	"	"		
"	MN929	F/O D.V. Wright	"	"	"		
"	MN720	F/O J.F. Dewar	"	"	"		
"	MN805	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"		
"	MN435	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
"	MN154	F/O R.H. Milne	"	"	"		
"	MN817	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"		
"	MN603	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"		
"	MN756	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"		
"	MN975	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	"		
"	MN641	F/O D.V. Wright	"	1750	1830	Bombed G.C. 34, bridge at U000314 with 1000 lb. M.C. bombs fused .025 tail. F/O Dewar was hit by flak in dive and crashed at 005319, bombs non-effective. F/O Doidge had hang-up and jettisoned bombs in sea. 4 bombs dropped on target. No results observed. Intense heavy and light accurate flak over target.	
"	MP122	F/O J.F. Dewar	"	"	1810		
"	MN805	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	1840		
"	MN817	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
"	MN154	F/O R.H. Milne	"	1815	1845	Bombed G.C. 34, bridge at T.985343. All bombs on target and bridge completely knocked out. Intense heavy and light accurate flak over target.	
"	MN764	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"		
"	MN777	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"		

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				UP	DOWN		
12.8.44	Typhoon 1B MM975	F/O A. Frombolo	Bombing	1815	1845		
"	MM894	F/L J.H. Beatty	"	1845	1940	Bombed G.C. 34, bridge at T.979261 with 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail, diving from 9-3000'. 2 direct hits on center of bridge, 4 on west approach, 2 overshoot.	
"	MM801	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"	Large explosion seen at 962307. Considerable movement of MET seen SE of target. Haze to 7000'.	
"	MM311	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"		
"	MM603	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"		
13.8.44	MM894	F/L J.H. Beatty	"	1335	1435	Bombed G.C. 22, activity around Habloville at U.150235 with 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail. All bombs in target area. Smoke and debris seen from target.	
"	MM641	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"	Near misses scored. 3 trucks at 1423 damaged, 1 truck at 105311 damaged, 1 truck at 155304 damaged, 2 tanks travelling SE at 126332 strafed. 4 or 5 troops strafed at 153236, in orchard. 6 or 7 of our own trucks parked at 1224. Enemy ambulances travelling ESE from Falaise.	
"	MM603	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"		
"	MM801	F/O J.S. Colville	"	"	"		
"	MM154	F/O D.V. Wright	"	"	"		
"	MM975	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	1425		
"	MM805	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	1435		
"	MM817	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		
"	MM720	F/O R.E. McCurdy	"	"	"		
"	MM929	F/O D.V. Wright	Strafing	1555	1645	Mission G.C. 26. Carried out armed recon. of Fiers area. Anti-flak truck at 910247 damaged, 1 Met damaged at 892237, 2 smokers at 910247, 1 flamer at 919273, 1 damaged at 919273, 1 smoker at 919273, 1 gun carrier and 1 armoured car damaged at 079368. Scattered Met moving SE. 1 Red Cross car fired on aircraft. 1 Met smoker at 9834. 1 Met smoker at 9832.	
"	MM801	F/O J.S. Colville	"	"	"		
"	MM805	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"		
"	MM603	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"		
"	MM894	F/L J.H. Beatty	"	"	"		
"	MM756	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"		
"	MM720	F/O R.E. McCurdy	"	"	"		
"	MM777	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		
"	MM975	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	"		
"	MM894	F/L J.H. Beatty	Strafing	1745	1845	Carried out armed recon. of Fiers area. 1 staff car flamer at 942197, 1 French civilian car damaged at 955235, 3 Met flamers at 909229, 1 staff car damaged	
"	MM311	F/O J.S. Colville	"	"	"		
"	MM764	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"		

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13.8.44	Typhoon IB MN435	F/L D.F. English	Strafing	1745	1845	at 902241, 1 long trailer damaged at 913266. Ambulances	
"	MN805	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"	and scattered Met travelling Ne and E. F/O McCurdy hit	
"	MN720	F/O R.E. McCurdy	"	"	1730	by flak at 932241 area, and was seen to crash in 855445	
"	MN378	F/L D.E. Janvey	"	"	1845	area. No parachute was seen. Car marked with Red Cross	
"	MN817	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"	opened fire with small arms.	
14.8.44	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT.						
15.8.44	MN894	F/L J.H. Beatty	Strafing	1645	1745	G.C. 20, armed recce. between Trun and Ldiviot. Dive-	
"	MN756	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"	bombed from 7-3000' dropping 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused	
"	MN801	F/O J.S. Colville	"	"	"	.025 tail. All bombs in target area. Road definitely	
"	MN641	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"	unserviceable. 6 or 7 Met with Red Crosses seen at	
"	MN309	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"	target, 490630. 8 or 9 stationary Met with Red Crosses	
"	MN311	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"	facing NE at 4261. No strafing due to poor visibility.	
"	MN378	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	Intense heavy and light inaccurate flak from Vimoutiers.	
"	MN435	WO2 Duncan, J.L.	"	"	1730	WO2 Duncan jettisoned bombs in sea because of mechanical	
"	MN154	F/O R.H. Milne	Leaflet Raid	1845	1935	Dropped leaflets from 3000' in the Falaise area. trouble.	
"	MN975	F/O G.D. Russell	"	"	"	No results observed.	
"	MF138	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"		
"	MN435	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
16.8.44	MN894	F/L J.H. Beatty	Bombing	1920	2005	Despatched to attack G.C. 19, Met. in woods U.3439.	
"	MN603	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"	WO2 Duncan experienced engine trouble, jettisoned his	
"	MN805	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"	bombs and returned to base. The rest dive-bombed the	
"	MF138	WO2 Duncan, J.L.	"	"	2006	target from 7500 to 2500' dropping 1000 lb. M.C. bombs.	
"	MN764	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	2005	fused .025 tail. All bombs landed in target area. Two	
"	MN309	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"	red flashes seen from target. Near misses scored.	
"	MN801	F/O J.S. Colville	"	"	"	Three pilots strafed on way down. Moderate light	
"	MN975	F/O G.D. Russell	"	"	"	accurate flak over target.	
"	MN817	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		

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17.8.44	Typhoon 1B MN311	F/L J.H. Beatty	Bombing	1645	1755	Mission G.C. 16. Carried out armed recon. of tugs and barges on River Seine. Dive-bombed above targets from 9-3000' using 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused inst. tail.	
"	MN641	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"	Six bombs dropped on river boat at L1207, which was damaged. Eight bombs dropped on buildings at L1307, which were damaged. Four bombs dropped on dock with four barges, but no hits. Two tugs strafed at L111, one tug claimed as damaged. One Met strafed and damaged at 6007. Moderate heavy inaccurate flak over targets.	
"	MN801	F/O W.D. Barber J.S. Colville	"	"	"		
"	MN817	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		
"	MN154	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"		
"	MN756	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"		
"	MN378	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"		
"	MN603	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"		
"	MN975	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	"		
18.8.44	MN309	F/L H.O. Gooding	Strafing	0835	0950	Mission G.C. 8, armed recon. of Bernay-Conches-La Viellen. Attacked Met. in the above area with the following results: 2 flamers NE Q.5971, 2 flamers NE Q6473, 1 flamer NE Q6782, 2 flamers SW Q7076, 2 damaged SE Q8671, 1 flamer SE Q6179, 1 damaged NE Q8585, 1 flamer SE Q8474, 1 smoker SE Q8474, 1 smoker SW R0894, 2 smokers SE Q8662. A stationary Met seen facing west at Q8296 and 6 seen facing east at 6070. Cloud was coming in from the west over the area.	
"	MN764	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"		
"	MN805	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"		
"	MN894	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"		
"	MN154	F/O R.H. Milne	"	"	"		
"	MN777	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"		
"	MP138	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"		
"	MP200	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
"	MN311	WO1 R.A. Watson	"	"	"		
"	MN894	F/L J.H. Beatty	"	1125	1205	Mission G.C. 18, armed recon. of Bernay-Conches-La Viellen. Attacked Met in this area with following results: 4 flamers E 7378, 1 motorcycle and rider destroyed at 7786, 1 smoker E 7786, 4 smokers E Q5070, 5 flamers E of Q5070, 1 flamer at Q425870, 1 flamer at Q4687. Moderate light accurate flak encountered. 3/10ths cloud at 3000'. Large amount of met. seen going east at 595070. F/O Stewart's aircraft damaged by flak. Cat AC.	
"	MP138	WO2 Duncan, J.L.	"	"	"		
"	MN311	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	1215		
"	MN378	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"		
"	MN764	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	1225		
"	MN929	F/O J.S. Colville	"	"	"		
"	MN603	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"		
"	MN756	F/L D.F. English	"	"	1205		
"	MN817	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	1215		

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18.8.44		Typhoon 1B MN894	F/L H.O. Gooding	Strafing	1500	1545	Target G.C. 35, 500 plus Met. SE of Vimoutier going NE.	
"		MN878	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"	Carried out armed recon with the following results: 3	
"		MN801	F/O A. Frombolo	"	"	"	flamers at Q5393, 3 smokers, 1 flamer at Q5995, 1	
"		MN154	F/O R.H. Milne	"	"	1610	flamer, 1 staff car flamer at Q6287, 6 damaged between	
"		MN975	WO1 R.A. Watson	"	"	1555	L5405 - Q5495, where there is also a large amount of	
"		MN777	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	1600	stationary Met., 1 flamer, 1 smoker at 5868, 2 flamers	
"		MF138	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	1605	at Q6374, 1 smoker, 1 staff car flamer at Q5881, 2	
"		MN311	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	1545	flamers, 2 damaged at Q5364, 1 flamer at Q6562, 1	
"		MF200	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	1605	motorbike destroyed at Q8374. F/O Colville hit by flak	
"		MN805	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	1545	at Q6574. He baled out but his parachute failed to	
"		MN929	F/O J.S. Colville	"	"	1525	open properly and he was killed.	
"		MN603	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	1545		
"		MN154	F/O R.H. Milne	"	1655	1705	Carried out armed Recon. near St. Vimouches with	
"		MN975	WO1 R.A. Watson	"	"	"	following results: 2 Met. flamers, 3 smokers at Q5562,	
"		MN817	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	1 flamer at 5767, 2 damaged at Q5373, 1 flamer at Q5777,	
"		MF138	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	1800	1 motorbike destroyed at 6076, 1 smoker at 5468, 1	
"		MN635	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	1735	damaged at 5868, 2 flamers at 5567, 2 damaged at 5763,	
"		MF200	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"	2 flamers, 1 damaged staff car, 1 armoured car damaged	
"		MN603	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	1725	1805	at 5365, 1 staff car damaged at U2978. Large amount of	
"		MN378	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"	stationary Met. seen burning east of Lisieux to Thul	
"		MN756	F/O A. Frombolo	"	"	"	Nolent. 25 plus stationary Met. seen at 5362.	
"		MN894	F/L J.H. Beatty	"	1815	1905	Strafed Met. south of St. Vimoutiers with following	
"		MN805	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"	results: 1 half-track smoker, 1 flamer at A961, 1	
"		MN777	F/L D.E. English	"	"	1915	smoker, 1 damaged at Q4949, 1 flamer, 2 smokers at	
"		MN311	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	Q4961. 2 tanks seen in area Q4858. 3 gun positions	
"		MN635	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"	seen at Q4961. Moderate light inaccurate flak. One	
"		MN154	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	1920	2030	aircraft damaged by flak, Cat. B.	
"		MN378	WO2 J.L. Duncan	"	"	"	Target - Strafing Met. on road between Vimoutiers and	
"				"	"	"	Lisieux. Patrolled area Evieux-Lisieux-Cornailles, but	
"				"	"	"	nothing seen.	

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				Up	Down		
18.8.44	Typhoon 1B MP200	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	Strafing	1920	2040		
"	MP138	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"		
"	MN894	F/L J.H. Beatty	"	2030	2135	Patrolled area Eveque-Lisieux-Corneilles but no	
"	MN756	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"	movements seen.	
"	MN805	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"		
"	MN311	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"		
"	MN817	F/O A.P. Sinard	"	"	"		
"	MN975	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"		
19.8.44	MN894	F/L J.H. Beatty	Armed recon.	0625	0715	Mission G.C. 5, armed recon. of Bernay-Elamont Le	
"	MN756	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"	Roger-Brogie. WOI Meraw returned because of mechanical	
"	MN801	WO1 J.H. Meraw	"	"	0645	trouble. Rest attacked Met. convoy of 40 plus moving	
"	MN311	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	0720	east on road Orbec to Bernay with the following results:	
"	MN817	F/O A.P. Sinard	"	"	0715	6 flares and 7 fl smokers. 7/10ths cloud at 8000'	
"	MN378	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"	vis. good.	
"	MN635	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"		
"	MN975	WO2 J.L. Duncan	"	"	"		
"	MN154	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	"		
"	MN378	F/O W.D. Barber	"	0940	1025	Carried out armed recon. of Orbec-Bernay area with	
"	MP138	F/O G.O.R. Clacken	"	"	1045	following results: 1 Met smoker at Q6574, 2 smokers	
"	MN635	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"	at Q6678, 1 motorcycle destroyed at Q7183, 1 Met.	
"	MN154	F/O R.H. Milne	"	"	1040	damaged at Q7171, 1 damaged at Q7878, 2 flares at	
"	MN777	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	1050	Q8779, 4 damaged at Q8779, 1 smoker at Q7575, 1 flare	
"	MN805	F/O D.G. Campbell	"	"	"	at L8006, 1 damaged at L8006. Yellow smoke seen at	
"	MN801	F/O A. Frombold	"	"	1025	6474.	
"	MN975	WO1 R.A. Watson	"	"	1045		
"	MN894	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	1225	1335	Carried out mission G.C. 16, armed recon. of Orbec -	

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				Up	Down		
19.8.44	Typhoon 1B MN378	F/O W.D. Barber	Armed Recce.	1225	1335	Lesap-Jervagues with the following results: 1 Met.	
"	MP138	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"	damaged at Q6884, 1 smoker at Q6562, 1 tank smoker at	
"	MN817	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	1330	Q7768, 1 Met. flamer at Q5667, 1 damaged at Q5667, 1	
"	MN154	F/O R.H. Milne	"	"	1325	smoker at Q6367, 1 damaged at Q5997, 3 smokers, 1 flamer	
"	MN805	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	1350	at Q5997. F/O Milne failed to return. Two pilots were	
"	MN801	F/O A. Frombolo	"	"	1335	seen to bale out but owing to the considerable amount of	
"	MN971	WOL R.A. Watson	"	"	1350	aircraft in the vicinity it is not known whether F/O	
"	MN309	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	"	"	Milne was one of them. Weather hazy, visibility poor.	
"	MN378	F/O W.D. Barber	"	2020	2125	Carried out mission G.C. 22, armed recce. of Lisieux -	
"	MN348	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"	Orbec, 6161. F/O Gardner returned because of low oil	
"	JR506	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"	pressure. F/O Ward also returned because of mechanical	
"	MP138	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	2105	failure. The rest strafed Met. with the following	
"	MN756	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	2125	results: 11 flamers, 13 smokers, 3 damaged, 1 tank	
"	MN311	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	2110	damaged. Considerable movement seen into Orbec from	
"	MN975	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	2125	SW, scattered movement into Bernay from W and SW.	
"	MN635	F/L J.H. Beatty	"	"	2125		
"	MN817	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	2115		
"	MN971	WOL R.A. Watson	"	"	2125		
20.8.44	MN870	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	"	2125		
"	MN378	F/O W.D. Barber	"	1645	1745	Carried out mission G.C. 15, armed recce. of Bernay -	
"	MN894	F/O W.E. Ward	"	1650	"	Beaumont Le Roger - La Barre en Ouche - Broglie - Orbec	
"	MN971	WOL R.A. Watson	"	1645	"	with the following results: 1 tank smoker at Q7276,	
"	MP138	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"	1 Met flamer at Q6877, 1 flamer at 7078, 1 smoker at 7377,	
"	MN777	F/O A. Frombolo	"	"	1755	1 tank smoker at 7474, 1 Met smoker at 6972, 2 flamers	
"	JR506	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	at 7572, 1 tracked vehicle flamer at 7673, 1 Met. smoker	
"	MP200	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"	at 7675, 1 damaged at 7775, 1 flamer at 7876, 1 horse-	
"	MN603	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	drawn vehicle damaged at 8273 area. Moderate heavy	
				"	1745	inaccurate flak experienced.	

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21.8.44	Typoon 1B	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT					
22.8.44	MN870	F/L H.O. Coeding	Armed Recce.	1425	1530	Mission G.C. 13. Carried out armed recce. from	
"	MN764	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"	crossroads at 702862, Brienne River to 9063, La Barre	
"	MN378	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"	en Onche. One ambulance seen heading west out of	
"	MN975	F/O A. Frembole	"	"	"	Bernay and one D.R. seen moving south at 09275. No	
"	MP138	F/O G.O.R. Claeken	"	"	"	other movements seen and no attacks made. Moderate	
"	MN311	WOL J.H. Meraw	"	"	"	heavy and light accurate flak experienced from Orbec,	
"	MN894	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	moderate heavy accurate flak from Lisieux, moderate	
"	MP200	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"	heavy and light accurate flak from Brienne and moderate	
"	MN971	WOL R.A. Watson	"	"	"	light inaccurate flak south of Bernay.	
23.8.44	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT						
24.8.44	"	"	"	"	"		
25.8.44	MN894	S/L Pentland, W.H.	Armed recce.	1235	1325	Mission G.C. 15, armed recce. of barges on River Seine	
"	MN801	F/O A. Frembole	"	"	"	up to Rouen and to investigate area M.1305. Dive-	
"	MN805	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"	bombed from 13-8000' using 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused	
"	MN311	WOL R.A. Watson	"	"	"	inst. tail, a large river ferry at M.1005, scoring two	
"	MN348	F/O G.O.R. Claeken	"	"	"	direct hits. Brown smoke was observed to come from the	
"	MP200	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"	boat. Moderate light flak (inaccurate) was experienced	
"	MN777	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	from Montfort area. Weather was 6/10ths cloud at	
"	MN975	F/O G.D. Russell	"	"	"	7-8000'.	
"	MN635	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"		
"	MN635	F/L J.H. Beatty	Bombing	1650	1805	Mission G.C. 26/2, concentration of Met. at M.4410.	
"	MN975	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	Dive-bombed 7 or 8 camouflaged vehicles, possibly Met.	
"	MN348	WOL J.H. Meraw	"	"	"	or tanks on either side of the road at M550153 from	
"	MN801	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"	4500-1500'. All bombs dropped in target area. No	
"	MN311	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"	results observed, but the road was out. Meagre light	

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25.8.44	Typhoon 1B MN817	F/O A.P. Simard	Bombing	1650	1805	flak experienced. Weather was 3/10ths cloud at 5-9000'.	
"	JR506	WO2 J.L. Duncan	"	"	"	Twelve barges seen stationary four miles south of Rouen.	
"	MN894	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	Ferry at MD806 seen burning amidships. Three Met.	
"	MN971	WO1 R.A. Watson	"	"	"	seen stationary facing south on road north of wood.	
"	MN378	F/O G.D. Russell	"	"	"		
"	MN805	F/O E.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
"	MN870	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"		
26.8.44	MN870	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	0845	0955	Mission G.C. 9, dive-bombing and armed recon. of Met.	
"	MN764	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"	going east in the Rouen area, mainly Fleury-sur-Andelle	
"	MN635	F/O F.J. Crawley	"	"	"	to Lyons de Forêt. Dive-bombed roads in Square M.31	
"	MN311	F/O E.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"	using 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused inst. tail. Near misses	
"	MP138	F/O G.O.R. Claassen	"	"	"	scored. Ferry at 0905 seen to have steam up. Weather	
"	MN805	F/O G.D. Russell	"	"	"	was hazy.	
"	MN348	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"		
"	MN975	WO1 R.A. Watson	"	"	"		
"	MN801	F/O A. Frombole	"	"	"		
27.8.44	MN894	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1520	1615	Mission - dive-bombing ferry and Met. at 19622. 500 lb.	
"	MN756	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"	M.C. bombs, fused inst. tail were dropped in target area.	
"	MN764	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	F/S Gordon and WO1 Watson returned to base with bombs	
"	MN971	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"	because of mechanical trouble. A great deal of black	
"	MN777	F/L J.H. Beatty	"	"	"	smoke from target area prevented results being observed.	
"	MP138	WO2 J.L. Duncan	"	"	"	Fire from SW Side of river after bombing. 20 plus Met.	
"	MN817	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"	in town L.9721 seen on road leading to ferry. Intense	
"	MN975	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	1540	accurate light flak was experienced over target.	
"	MN378	WO1 R.A. Watson	"	"	1550	Weather was 3/10ths cloud at 6000' over target, hazy.	
"	MN894	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1755	1845	Mission G.C. 21, Met. concentration at 19622. 500 lb.	
"	MN801	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"	M.C. bombs, fused inst. tail were dropped in target area.	
"	MN764	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	WO1 Watson returned to base with bombs because of	

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27.8.44	Typhoon 1B MN311	F/O H.J. Hardy	Bombing	1755	1845	mechanical trouble. Near misses were scored. A great	
"	MN777	F/O J.H. Beatty	"	"	"	deal of black smoke and a fire were seen from target	
"	MP138	WO2 J.L. Duncan	"	"	"	area. 3 or 4 small barges were seen on south-west side	
"	MP200	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"	of river bank at L9622. Intense accurate heavy and light	
"	JR506	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	flak experienced from target area. Visibility poor,	
"	MN870	WO1 R.A. Watson	"	"	1815	3 to 4 miles, hazy.	
28.8.44	MN894	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1730	1840	Mission - G.C. 17, concentration of Met. in woods M7304.	
"	MN311	WO1 R.A. Watson	"	"	"	F/O Clacken returned to base with bombs because of	
"	MN309	WO2 J.L. Duncan	"	"	"	mechanical trouble. Remainder dive-bombed target from	
"	MP200	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"	9-4000', using 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused inst. tail. All	
"	JR506	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	1815	bombs were dropped in target area. No results observed	
"	MN805	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	1840	and no movements seen. Weather was 5/10ths cloud over	
"	MN975	F/O A. Frembele	"	"	"	target.	
29.8.44	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT						
30.8.44	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT						
31.8.44	MN894	S/L W.H. Pentland	Armed recon.	1950	2115	Despatched on mission G.C. 110 but no attacks were made.	
"	MN311	F/O D.C. Campbell	"	"	"	Unable to contact Skallwag until on way back. Were	
"	MN764	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	attacked and fired on by eight Thunderbolts at 2110	
"	MN756	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"	hours in area N.45. Weather was 2/10ths cloud at 6000'	
"	MN309	F/L J.H. Beatty	"	"	"	to ground, hazy.	
"	MN971	WO2 J.L. Duncan	"	"	"		
"	MN603	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"		
"	MN817	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		
"	MN801	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	"	"		
"	MN348	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"		
"	MP138	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"		
"	MN805	F/O R.W. Dudge	"	"	"		

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1. The following points have been noted in the above mentioned Operations Record Book. May they be clarified, please:

(a) Sept. 10 - F.540 states 8 a/c attacked barracks at Turnhout. F.541 lists 2 a/c.

(b) Sept. 27 - F.541 lists two dive bombing missions against railways, one at 1605-1610 hrs which was carried out, and one at 1750-1820, which turned back owing to weather. F.540 mentions the latter only.

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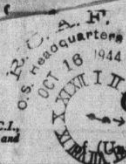
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St. Andre, France	19.44		"E" Echelon composed of 70 M.T. vehicles arrived at B.24 at 1900 hours after a journey of 10 hours. Tents were being pitched and equipment was being unloaded. At 1430 hours 80 aircraft and pilots of 126 Wing arrived in due to the unserviceability of their airfield. No operational flying carried out.		
"	2.9.44		Squadron continued to settle down in the new location. No operational flying carried out.		
"	3.9.44		"A" party proceeded by M.T. to Amiens, B.48. All pilots ferried the aircraft to the new location.		
Amiens, France	4.9.44		"B" party proceeded from B.24 Nr. St. Andre to new location. Tents were struck and personnel settled down for an uncertain period before the next move. No operational flying carried out.		
"	5.9.44		No operational flying carried out. Packing up was commenced for "A" party to leave tomorrow.		
"	6.9.44		"A" Party proceeded by road to B.58 near Brussels, Belgium. Pilots left by air at 1800 hours going in two sections of 9. The section led by F/L H.O. Gooding ran into difficulty trying to locate Brussels, and on being unable to get a homing from Flying Control, returned, intending to land at B.48 near Amiens. Bombs were jettisoned "Safe" and a rainstorm was encountered. No word was received by personnel at B.48 and B.58 as to their whereabouts and all pilots were posted as missing, details unknown.		
Brussels, Belgium	7.9.44		"B" Party was scheduled to start early today but due to the very heavy rains during the night, considerable difficulty was experienced in starting M.T. vehicles. The 30 cwt. of this Squadron was unserviceable until 1030 hours and made a late start, arriving in Brussels at approximately 1700 hours. The Squadron Jeep was unserviceable until 1930 hours due to a breakdown of the brakes. At 1500 hours F/L Gooding, F/O Barber, F/O Crowley, who had been posted as "missing" returned to B.48 after having made "Wheels up" landings approximately 50 miles from Amiens. The three pilots were uninjured and a report was forwarded to B.58, the new location of 143 Wing.		
"	8.9.44		F/L D.F. English, who was reported as "Missing" on 6 Sept/44 returned to B.58 by		

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Brussels, Belgium	8.9.44		M.T. after having forced landed approximately 40 miles from Amiens. P/L English was uninjured and casualty signal reporting him safe was forwarded. Four Typhoons carried out an armed recce. in the Utrecht - Dordrecht - Corinchem area. Two trains were strafed travelling north at E.2579. After pressing home the attack the engines were seen to spout steam and smoke. One large barge seen moving east at E1362. Moderate, light inaccurate flak from E.2579 area. Visibility was poor over target with 10/10ths cloud at 1500'. Four Typhoons carried out an armed recce. of the Eindhoven - Tilburg - Breda area. Area was patrolled at 2000'. Mission was uneventful, no movement being seen. On return 10 - 15 stationary barges were seen at D.9009. 10/10ths cloud over target at 3000'. Eight Typhoons carried out armed recce. of west road from Bree - Peer on reported movement of 1000 German infantry. No movements were seen. Moderate heavy and accurate flak from K4593. There was 6/10ths cloud at 6000' over target. Today was the first time our Squadron carried out operations over Germany proper.		
"	9.9.44		Eight Typhoons carried out armed recce. of Tilburg-Eindhoven-Venlo area. Mission was uneventful no movement being seen. Three engines observed getting up steam at Eindhoven. Eight Typhoons carried out an armed recce. north of Albert Canal. Scattered Met. were attacked, scoring 1 flamer and 1 smoker. Five barges were seen on west bank of river at K1999 and E.1903. These were not attacked. P/S Gordon on returning had a Glycol leak and crash landed at J6868. The pilot sustained a bruise to the forehead which was not serious. Aircraft burned and is Category E. Moderate light accurate flak observed from K.0932. 10/10ths cloud at 4000' over target. Eight Typhoons carried out armed recce. of Arnheim area. Recce. was unsuccessful due to poor visibility and rain. 10/10ths cloud was encountered at 2000' and was deteriorating. P/L Jenvey and F/O Hardy and F/O Gardner returned to base after being missing on 6 Sept/44. The remainder of pilots still missing have been heard from and all are safe and uninjured.		
"	10.9.44		Five aircraft attacked barracks in Turnhout, dive-bombing from 11-4000' scoring four direct hits on building in center which was seen to disintegrate. There were six near misses, two overhot, two hung up and two failed to explode. Weather was 6/10ths.		

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Brussels, Belgium	10.9.44		cloud at 4000' over target. Eight aircraft took off on armed recce. of Bergen-op-Zoom - Breda - Eindhoven area. P/O Crowley's engine out and he was forced to make a dead stick landing just before reaching the runway. The aircraft turned over, bounced and caught on fire and in some unknown manner P/O Crowley managed to extricate himself from the wreckage. He suffered first degree burns to the face and left hand, his glove having come off in his attempt to crawl from the wreckage. He has been admitted to S.Q. and is doing very well. The seven remaining aircraft strafed one stationary train at D.8937. Engine strafed but coaches which bore red crosses were not attacked. No steam was up in the engine and it is believed it may have been attacked previously and put out of commission. Nine of our aircraft attacked an enemy stronghold and observation post in a sawmill at J144847 with 500 lb. bombs from 8-3000'. All bombs in target area. Small factory on north side of river hit. Smoke and flames seen to rise from target after bombing.		
"	11.9.44		Eight Typhoons carried out armed recce. of west Schelde for rail movement. No movements observed. Three tugs seen in harbour at D.4427, stationary small boat on canal at D.4223 -- no attacks were made. Intense and heavy flak from D.4427 area. Moderate heavy flak from D.32 Square. Nine Typhoons carried out armed recce. of Eindhoven - Tilburg - Nijmegen - Venlo area. No movements seen due to poor visibility. Moderate heavy flak (accurate) from woods at Bergendol at E.7358. Explosion seen at E.0512 believed to have been an aircraft. Weather was poor haze to 6000'.		
"	12.9.44		A court of Inquiry was assembled at 143 Wing H.Q. to investigate the forced landings of the flight of aircraft led by P/L Gooding on move from E.48 to E.58. The first mission was an armed recce. Bergen-op-Zoom - Tilburg - Turnhout area carried out by eight aircraft. Two barges were seen at D.5928 but were not attacked. 8 to 12 buildings, possibly barracks seen at cross roads in woods at E.0534. Visibility 3 miles. Eight Typhoons carried out recce. of Turnhout - Wolms - Drecht area. Strafed 12 to 16 barges with canvas tops at D.9308. Results were not observed. Probably gun position strafed at D.9607. Three Met seen travelling north at D.6907 - not attacked. Visibility one		

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Brussels, Belgium	12.9.44		mile at 5000'.		
"	13.9.44		Eight Typhoons were despatched on an armed recon. of the Bergen-op-Zoom - Dordrecht area. One aircraft returned after developing engine trouble. No movements were observed. While on this mission our pilots saw a rocket fired N.E. of Rotterdam. Vapor trail started at 15000' to 35000'. A balloon barrage was seen flying East of Rotterdam. Three petrol storage tanks seen at Bergen-op-Zoom D.5927. Weather was hazy and visibility very poor. The second mission was an armed recon. of Bergen-op-Zoom - Dordrecht - Hertogenbosch - Eindhoven area carried out by nine aircraft. Twelve stationary passenger cars strafed, resulting in 3 flammers and 9 smokers. One engine seen at E.2248. One flak tower at E.2248 was strafed. No other movements were observed. Weather was hazy. Visibility 1 to 3 miles.		
"	14.9.44		Four aircraft carried out weather recon. in the vicinity of Bergen-op-Zoom. Weather was very poor - 10/10ths cloud at 2000'.		
"	15.9.44		Four aircraft carried out an armed recon. of Turnhout - Tilburg - Breda - Bergen - op-Zoom with following results: 1 staff car flamer at E0714, 1 staff car damaged at E0714, 4 Met damaged at E1303. Moderate light accurate flak experienced over target. 5/10ths cumulus over Antwerp at 7000'. The second armed recon. in the Turnhout area by four aircraft brought the following results: 1 staff car at E1204 damaged, 1 Met at E1312 damaged. Moderate light and heavy accurate flak from E.1207. Light and Heavy accurate flak from E.0007. Haze forming into cloud at 7000' over target. Four aircraft were despatched on armed recon. of Eindhoven - Roermond - Venlo area. No movements seen.		
"	16.9.44		Eight aircraft despatched on armed recon. Helmond - Venlo south to boundary. Two aircraft returned because of mechanical failure. No movements seen. Weather was 9/10ths at 1500' in Venlo area. Eight typhoons carried out armed recon. of ammo. train at E2434 with the following results: 15 box car smokers at E.2237. The town of Oosterwijk left in flames. Meagre light inaccurate flak from E.2237. 6 box cars observed in siding by factory at E.2435. 150 plus box cars seen on siding at D.7332. Weather was 6/10ths at 4000' over area. Eight Typhoons carried out armed recon. of Breda -		

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Brussels, Belgium	16.9.44		Hertogenbosch - Helmond area. Two M.E. 109's seen at 4000', five miles NE of Turnhout. Two of our aircraft broke into them opening fire at 800 yards, closing to 400 yards and chased as far as Tilburg. No hits were observed. Moderate light inaccurate flak over target. Weather was 6 to 7/10ths at 4000', cloud base at 4000'. Seven Typhoons carried out recon. of Breda - Tilburg - Hertogenbosch - Helmond area. Seven barges were attacked at E.2028 resulting in 2 smokers and 5 damaged. Large explosion seen at J.8893 followed by brown and white smoke. Moderate light inaccurate flak from Tilburg.		
"	17.9.44		Four Bomphoons attacked gun position at E.765560. All bombs dropped in target area. Black smoke and explosion seen from Ammo. dump. Moderate light accurate flak from E.7852. Visibility good. The second target was a gun post at E.801605, nine Bomphoons being despatched on above mission. One aircraft returned due to mechanical failure. Remainder dropped all bombs in target area. Moderate light accurate flak from area. Visibility 25 to 30 miles. Four Typhoons carried out recon. at the request of Winecup. Strafed woods on both sides road at E.3906. Strafed M.T. towing gun at E.4209 - flamer; caused building to burn at E.4010 and woods on both sides road at E.4212. Three of our own tanks seen burning at E.3803 and saw our own tanks moving up at E.3906. Weather and visibility good. Eight Typhoons carried out recon. of "Market Garden", strafing both sides of road from one quarter mile at E.4218. 1 Met damaged at E.3717. Weather good.		
"	18.9.44		No operational flying carried out due to rain and haze.		
"	19.9.44		No operational flying carried out due to rain and haze.		
"	20.9.44		Inclement weather continued during the day. Eight Typhoons despatched on armed recon. of Emmerick - Cleve - Goch - Gildern - Xanten area. Due to bad weather and poor visibility all our aircraft returned. 7 to 8/10ths cloud at 2-2500'. Haze under clouds. Visibility 1/2 mile. During the afternoon a large number of aircraft were forced down at this landing strip. Beacon lights on runways were seen for the first time in operation and flares were being fired out continuously until the weather cleared somewhat.		
"	21.9.44		Four Typhoons proceeded on armed recon. in the Breda - Gorinchem - Tiel area, which was abortive due to weather - 10/10ths cloud at 1000' N and NE of Antwerp, haze under		

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Brussels, Belgium	21.9.44		cloud to ground. Four Typhoons proceeded on weather recce. in the Breda, Corinchem - Tiel area which was found to be heavily covered with cloud. North of Antwerp there was 10/10ths cloud from 1 to 6000' and in the Rosendaal area 10/10ths cloud from 1 to 4000', with haze to ground. Visibility poor.		
"	22.9.44		The first target was a road junction at Cleve E9856 carried out by eight aircraft. No results observed due to haze and cloud. 6 to 7/10ths cloud, base 3000', top 6000'. The second target was tank concentration in woods at Udeh carried out by nine of our aircraft. All bombs landed in woods at E5735 and village of Boekel at E5735 and flak guns at E5639 were strafed. Sky was hazy with 7/10ths cloud at 6000'.		
"	23.9.44		The only target for the day was an armed recce. by four aircraft on Antwerp - Breda road. Near misses were scored. Moderate light flak encountered. Weather was 2/10ths cloud at 4000'. Visibility was good.		
"	24.9.44		The only mission was an armed recce. in the Breda area, carried out by nine aircraft. Freighter and tug at E1379 were both damaged. Seven horse drawn vehicles and ambulances were observed moving North at E0455. Stationary train facing West seen at E0448. Concentration of stationary barges were seen in E0043 area. One Met. damaged at D8753. Intense accurate flak at E1783 - E0343 - E8753. 10/10ths cloud at 9000', visibility good.		
"	25.9.44		Two bridges at Z9507 and Z9208 were the first target of the day. Bridge at Z9507 not hit. Bombs landed in canal. Bridge and railway at Z9208 not damaged. Near misses were scored. 10/10ths cloud at 11000', visibility good. The second mission was a patrol in the Eindhoven area by four aircraft. Patrol was uneventful. Aircraft patrolled from 5 to 8000'. Pilots proceeded to Eindhoven by air, ferrying Squadron aircraft.		
"	26.9.44		Squadron moved off at 0645 hours for the new airport at Eindhoven, Holland, arriving approximately 1600 hours. The Squadron pilots' baggage and Orderly Room trucks of the three Squadrons travelled in a small convoy of their own instead of independently as before. Move was completed without mishap. At 1420 hours eight of our aircraft on readiness were scrambled. The patrol proved uneventful being carried out in the Nijmegen		

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Brussels, Belgium	26.9.44		Xanten area. At 1650 hours four of our aircraft together with four of 439 Squadron were scrambled. Patrol was carried out in the Nijmegen area. Probable jet aircraft seen N of Nijmegen, climbing steeply at 7500'. Patrol was uneventful. The last mission was a dive-bombing sortie on a railway embankment at E4059 carried out by eight of our aircraft. No results observed but it is believed junction cut. Train which was stationary with steam up at 4598 was strafed. No results observed but strikes were seen. Intense light and heavy accurate flak from wooded area E3590. Heavy and light flak at Amersfoort.		
Landhorst, Holland	27.9.44		Eight aircraft dive-bombed railway junction at A045054, dropping all bombs in target area. Rails were cut at O45054. Locomotive strafed at E9064 and damaged train at E9803. Weather was 8/10ths cloud from 4500' to 6000'. Eight aircraft dive-bombed rail lines at E973991, A083151 and A082141. Eight bombs landed on E973991 which were all near misses, rail not cut. Eight bombs dropped on road bridge at A082141, near misses cord but rails not cut. Engine of goods train strafed and blown up at A0497. 12 trucks also strafed. Engine at E1904 strafed and damaged. Goods train at W A2004 and 10 trucks strafed and damaged. Attacked scattered Met., scoring four flammers, 3 smokers and eight damaged. Weather was 8/10ths cloud at 6500', 10/10ths at 5000' with haze and rain. Four aircraft were scrambled and patrolled Nijmegen area. Patrol was uneventful. Weather was 10/10ths in some places at 2000' with rain. Eight aircraft were despatched to bomb railway south of Wessel but were turned back due to weather.		
	28.9.44		Eight aircraft were despatched to bomb rail junction at A148342 - A182369. One aircraft returned due to mechanical trouble. Eight bombs were dropped on junction at A182369 and railway was cut, also siding on SE side. Six bombs dropped on railway at A097887 and railway cut. Concentrated light accurate flak was encountered at A192396. Four aircraft were scrambled to patrol Nijmegen area. Patrol was uneventful. The third sortie was a dive-bombing effort on railway junction at A286760, A092887, A037906, A0590 which was carried out by eight of our aircraft. Eight bombs were dropped on A037906. Railway was not hit, all bombs in target area. Eight bombs were dropped on A0590, 1 bomb cut railway, remainder in target area. A286760 was not bombed. Twelve aircraft		

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<i>Cindhuu, Holland</i>	<i>28.9.44</i>		dive-bombed railway junction at A393627, A286760, and A037906. 8 bombs were dropped on rail at A037906. All bombs were in target area and railway cut. Building on NE side hit and blown on track blocking same. 8 bombs were dropped on A392627. Two hits were scored and railway cut. Balance of bombs in target area. 8 bombs were dropped on A286760. All bombs were in target area but railway not cut. Moderate light inaccurate flak from F. 9281 and E8366. Seven Typhoon bombers despatched to attack target at A286760. One aircraft returned due to mechanical trouble. Twelve bombs were dropped all landing in target area. Two hits were scored on A2777, two on A2776 and two on A2975, the railway lines being cut in each case. Marshalling yards at Winterswyk were strafed. Moderate light inaccurate flak from Isselburg, A1362. On this mission two Spitfires jumped and fired on the Squadron at AB8353.		
	<i>29.9.44</i>		Eight Typhoons carried out a bombing mission against rail junction at V091355 and Z936372. 8 bombs were dropped on V0835 and V0935, rails being cut in both places. 8 bombs were dropped on rail at Z9845. All bombs were in target area but rails not cut. A layer of cloud was encountered at 5000', visibility 8 to 10 miles below cloud. Eight Typhoons carried out a bombing mission against rail lines at A062406 and Z936372. Eight bombs were dropped on A062406 cutting one rail, all bombs in target area. 8 bombs were dropped on Z9845. One rail being cut and road blocked. All bombs in target area. Moderate light and heavy inaccurate flak from E7025 area, visibility good. The third mission took seven of our aircraft on another rail bombing at A040593 and V099105. Eight bombs were dropped in target area At A040593, one rail being cut. Six bombs were dropped on second target at V111 and rails were cut.		
	<i>30.9.44</i>		Eight aircraft were despatched on the first sortie of the day but one returned due to the radio being unserviceable. Rails at E9614 were out and also at A1572 and A1972. All bombs were in target area. On return a railway engine and twelve trucks were strafed and damaged at E9204. The second target, rails at A3075 were dive-bombed by eight aircraft. Eight bombs dropped on rails at A3075. Rails cut at A2777 and A2975 also cut. Eight bombs were dropped on Marshalling yards at A2974. Forty plus trucks		

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Kindhorst, Holland	30.9.44		<p>and engine and train put out of order in this attack. The final sortie was against rail between Venlo and Wessel in which eight aircraft were despatched but two returned with mechanical trouble. Two bombs were dropped on rail at A1029, two at A0727 and eight at A1238. No results were observed due to darkness. Two trains at N181298 and S181298 were damaged. Intense accurate light flak from A1029.</p> <p><u>HEALTH</u> - With cooler weather here there are an increased number of colds. However, on the whole, the health of the Squadron is good.</p> <p>No. of operational hours flown during the month - 384:45</p> <p>" " " sorties " " " " - 386</p> <p><u>STRENGTH</u> - <u>Personnel</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>Aircrew</u></td> <td>- Officers</td> <td>- 24</td> <td><u>Groundcrew</u></td> <td>- Officers</td> <td>- 3</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>- Airmen</td> <td>- 2</td> <td></td> <td>- Airmen</td> <td>- 32</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Aircraft</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>Operational</u></td> <td>- Typhoon 1B</td> <td>- 19 (this includes the aircraft of the Wing Co. Flying)</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Non-Operational</u></td> <td>- Nil</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: right;"> <i>W. H. Fentland</i> (W.H. Fentland) S/L, Officer Commanding, No. 440 Squadron. </p>	<u>Aircrew</u>	- Officers	- 24	<u>Groundcrew</u>	- Officers	- 3		- Airmen	- 2		- Airmen	- 32	<u>Operational</u>	- Typhoon 1B	- 19 (this includes the aircraft of the Wing Co. Flying)	<u>Non-Operational</u>	- Nil			
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				UP	DOWN		
1.9.44	Typhoon 1B		NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT			Too far from bomb line.	
2.9.44		"				"	
3.9.44		"				"	
4.9.44		"				"	
5.9.44		"				"	
6.9.44		"				"	
7.9.44		"				"	
8.9.44	MN894	S/L W.H. Pentland	Armed recce.	0845	0955	Weather poor	
	MN641	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"	Carried out mission G.C. 103, armed recce. Utrecht -	
	MP138	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"	Dordrecht - Gorinchem. Strafed two trains travelling N.	
	MN348	F/O A. Frombolo	"	"	"	at E.2579. Steam and smoke seen from engines after attack.	
	MN975	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	1330	1400	Moderate, light, inaccurate flak from E.2579 area.	
	MP138	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"	Carried out mission G.C. 113, armed recce Eindhoven -	
	MN777	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	1400	1430	Tilburg - Breda. Uneventful, no movements seen. Patrolled	
	MN801	F/O G.D. Russell	"	"	"	at 2000'. Moderate heavy and light flak from D.9802.	
	MN801	F/O A. Frombolo	"	1805	1850	Weather was 10/10ths at 3000' over target.	
	MN348	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	Carried out mission G.C. 122, armed recce. for 1000	
	MN940	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"	infantry west road Bree-Peer. No movements seen.	
	MN641	WO2 J.L. Duncan	"	"	"	Moderate heavy accurate flak from K.4593. Weather was	
	MP138	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"	6/10ths at 6000' over target.	
	MN817	WO1 J.H. Meraw	"	"	"		
	MP183	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"		
	MN407	F/O B.D. Russell	"	"	"		
9.9.44	MN894	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	0715	0820	Carried out mission G.C. 2, armed recce. Tilburg -	
	MN801	F/O A. Frombolo	"	"	0825	Eindhoven - Venlo. Uneventful, no movements seen.	
	MN777	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	0820	Three engines seen getting up steam at Eindhoven.	
	MN975	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"		
21	MP138	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"		

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9.9.44	Typhoon 1B MN817	WO1 J.H. Meraw	Armed recon.	0715	0820		
	MN348	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"		
	MP183	WO2 J.L. Duncan	"	"	"		
	MN894	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1235	1330	Carried out mission G.C. 10, armed recon. north of	
	MN817	F/S M.L. Gordon	"	"	1325	Albert Canal. Scattered Met. were attacked, scoring	
	MN805	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	1330	1 flamer and 1 smoker. 5 barges were seen on west bank	
	MP183	WO2 J.L. Duncan	"	"	"	of river at K1999 and E1903. They were not attacked.	
	MN777	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	F/S Gordon had a glycol leak and crash landed at J6868.	
	MN407	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"	The aircraft was Category E but the pilot was uninjured.	
	MN796	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"	Moderate light accurate flak from K0392. Weather was	
	MN940	F/O G.D. Russell	"	"	"	10/10ths at 4000' over target.	
	MP138	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	1545	1625	Carried out mission G.C. 18, armed recon. of Arnheim	
	MP183	WO1 J.H. Meraw	"	"	"	area. Unsuccessful due to weather which was 10/10ths	
	MP139	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"	at 2000', deteriorating and rain, visibility poor.	
	MN777	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"		
	MN940	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	"	"		
	MN805	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	1615		
	MN796	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	1625		
	MN801	F/O A. Frombolo	"	"	"		
10.9.44	MN475	W/C M.T. Judd	Bombing	1055	1135	Carried out mission G.C. 6, bombing barracks in Turnhout.	
	MN801	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"	Dive-bombed from 11000' - 4000', scoring 4 direct hits.	
	MP138	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"	Building in centre of Square seen to explode. 4 near	
	MN805	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"	misses, 2 overshot, 2 hung up, 2 did not explode.	
	MN940	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	"	"	Weather was 6/10ths at 4000'. Used 500 lb. M.C. bombs,	
	MN777	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	fused .025 tail.	
	MN796	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"		

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				UP	DOWN		
10.9.44	Typhoon 1B MN894	F/O G.D. Russell	Bombing	1055	1135		
	MP183	WO2 J.L. Duncan	"	"	"		
	MN940	F/L H.O. Gooding	Armed recon.	1415	1525	Carried out mission G.C. 20, armed recon. Bergen-op-	
	MN796	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	1420	1425	Zoom - Breda - Bindhoven. F/O Crowley crash landed	
	MN801	F/O A.P. Simard	"	1415	1525	shortly after take-off and suffered slight burns on hands	
	MP138	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"	and face. No movements seen by remaining aircraft. 1	
	MN407	F/O G.D. Russell	"	"	"	train, seen stationary at D8937, strafed engine. Coaches	
	MN805	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"	had red crosses on roof. No steam up. Possibly attacked	
	MP183	WO1 J.H. Meraw	"	"	"	before. Weather was 8/10ths at 3500' over target.	
	MN777	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"		
	MN801 MP183	EX WO2 J.L. Duncan	Bombing	1915	2000	Carried out mission G.C. 34, enemy stronghold and	
	MP138	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"	observation post at J144847. Dive-bombed from 8-3000'	
	MN975	WO1 J.H. Meraw	"	"	"	using 1 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused inst. tail. All bombs	
	MN805	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"	in target area. Small factory on north side of river hit.	
	MN777	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	Smoke and flame seen from target after bombing.	
	MN801	F/O A. Frombolo	"	"	"		
	MN407	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		
	MN940	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"		
	MN999	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	2005		
11.9.44	MN940	F/L H.O. Gooding	Armed recon.	1245	1345	Carried out mission G.C. 9, recon. of barges in area of	
	MN801	F/O A. Frombolo	"	"	"	West Schelde, rail movement D.47221. No movements seen.	
	MP183	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"	Three tugs were in harbour at D.4427, no attacks made.	
	MP149	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"	Stationary small boat on Canal at D.4223, no attacks	
	MN805	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"	made. Intense heavy and light accurate flak from D.4427	
	MP138	WO2 J.L. Duncan	"	"	"	area. Moderate heavy flak from D.32 Square.	
	MP139	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"		
	MN777	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		
24	MN138	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	1830	1935	Carried out mission G.C. 21, armed recon. Bindhoven -	sh

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11.9.44	Typhoon 1B MN999	F/O J.G.E. Savard	Armed recon.	1830	1935	Tilburg - Nijmegen - Venlo. No movements seen due to poor visibility. Moderate heavy accurate flak from woods at Bergendal, E7358. Explosion seen at E.0512, believed to be an aircraft. Visibility poor, hazy to 6000'.	
	MN777	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"		
	MN894	F/O G.D. Russell	"	"	"		
	MP183	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	"		
	PD478	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"		
	MN805	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"		
	MN875	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	"		
	MP139	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		
12.9.44	MN940	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	1100	1205	Carried out mission G.C. 3, armed recon. Bergen-op-Zoom, Tilburg, Turnhout. No movements seen. 2 barges seen at D.5928, not attacked. A group of 8 to 12 buildings, possibly barracks at cross roads in woods at E.0534. Visibility was 3 miles.	
	MP139	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		
	MP149	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	"		
	MN999	F/O J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"		
	MN805	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"		
	MN407	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	"		
	PD478	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"		
	MN801	F/O G.D. Russell	"	"	"		
	MN475	W/O M.T. Judd (RAF)	"	1425	1530	Carried out mission G.C. 9, armed recon. Turnhout - Wolms - Drecht. No movements seen. Strafed 12 to 16 barges with canvas tops at D.9308. Results not observed. Probable gun position strafed at D.9607. 3 Met. travelling north at D.6907 not attacked. Visibility 1 mile at 5000'.	
	MN692	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"		
	MP139	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"		
	MN999	MP183 F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	"		
	MP183	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	"		
	MP173	WO2 J.L. Duncan	"	"	"		
	MN805	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"		
	MN801	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"		
13.9.44	MN930	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	1030	1130	Carried out mission G.C. 5, armed recon. Bergen-op-Zoom, Dortrecht, Tilburg. F/L English returned early because	
	MN692	F/L D.F. English	"	"	1100		

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13.9.44	Typhoon 1B MN805	F/O R.W. Doidge	Armed recon.	1030	1130	of engine trouble. No movements seen. Rocket fired	
	MN999	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"	NE of Rotterdam. Vapor trail started at 15000' and went	
	MP138	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	"	to approximately 35000'. Balloon barrage seen east of	
	MP173	WO2 J.L. Duncan	"	"	"	Rotterdam. 3 petrol storage tanks seen at Bergen-op-Zoom	
	MN777	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	D.5927. Weather hazy, visibility very poor.	
	MN801	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
	MN940	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	1355	1510	Carried out mission G.C. 12, armed recon. of Bergen-op-	
	MN999	F/O J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"	Zoom - Dortrecht - Hertogenbosch - Eindhoven. 12	
	MP124	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"	stationary passenger cars strafed at E.2248 resulting	
	MP149	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"	in 3 flamers, 9 smokers. One flak tower at the same	
	MP138	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"	place strafed, otherwise no movements seen. Weather	
	MP183	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	hazy, visibility 1 to 3 miles.	
	PD478	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"		
	MP139	P/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"		
	MN801	F/O A. Frombolo	"	"	"		
14.9.44	MN894	F/L H.O. Gooding	Weather recon.	1545	1625	Carried out weather recon. in the vicinity of Bergen-op-	
	MP124	F/O J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"	Zoom. Weather was very poor.	
	PD462	F/L J.H. Beatty	"	"	"		
	PD478	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"		
15.9.44	MN475	W/C M.T. Judd(RAF)	Armed recon.	1605	1705	Carried out mission G.C. 8, armed recon. Turnhout - Tils-	
	MP139	F/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"	burg - Breda - Bergen-op-Zoom. Results - 1 staff car	
	PD462	F/L J.H. Beatty	"	"	"	flamer at E.0714. 1 staff car damaged at E.0714. 4 Met	
	MP124 MN805	F/L S.O. Aistrop	"	"	"	damaged at E.1303. Moderate light accurate flak experien-	
	MN894	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	1805	1910	ced over target. 5/10ths cumulus at Antwerp at 7000'.	
	PD478	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"	Carried out mission G.C. 11, armed recon. Turnhout area	
	MN407	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	"	with following results: 1 staff car at E1204 damaged,	
	MN692	WO1 J.H. Meraw	"	"	"	1 Met. at E.1312 damaged. Moderate light and heavy	
	MP138	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	1805	1900	accurate flak from E.1207, also from E.0007.	
						Carried out mission G.C. 12, armed recon. Eindhoven -	

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				Up	Down		
15.9.44	Typhoon 1B MP124	F/L S.C. Aistrop	Armed recce.	1805	1900	Roermond - Venlo. No movements seen.	
	MP183	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"		
	MP173	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	1910		
16.9.44	MN777	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	0900	1010	Carried out mission G.C. 5, armed recce. Helmond - Venlo	
	MN805	WO2 J.L. Duncan	"	"	"	south to Boundary. F/L Wright and F/O Gordon were	
	MP124	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"	forced to return early because of mechanical failure.	
	MN692	F/O G.D. Russell	"	"	"	No movements seen by remaining aircraft. Weather was	
	MN407	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	0915	9/10ths at 1500' in Venlo area.	
	MN777	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	0920		
	MN801	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	1010		
	PD478	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"		
	MN870	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	1225	1335	Carried out G.C. 13, armed recce. of ammo. train E.2434,	
	MN801	F/L S.C. Aistrop	"	"	"	with following results: 15 box car smokers at E.2237.	
	MN805	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"	Town of Oisterwijk in flames. Meagre light inaccurate	
	MP138	F/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"	flak from E.2237. 6 box cars seen in siding by factory	
	MP139	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	"	at E.2435. 150 plus box cars seen on siding at D.7332.	
	MP173	WO2 J.L. Duncan	"	"	"	Weather was 6/10ths at 4000' over area.	
	MP149	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"		
	MN692	WO1 J.H. Meraw	"	"	"		
	PD462	F/L J.H. Beatty	"	1545	1650	Carried out mission G.C. 21, armed recce. Breda - Hert-	
	MN801	F/O J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"	ogenbosch - Helmond. 2 ME 109's seen at 4000' 5 miles	
	MP124	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"	NE of Turnhout. Two of our aircraft broke into them, 1	
	MP139	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"	ME disappeared into cloud, opened fire on other at 800	
	MP183	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	yards closing to 400 yards, chased as far as Tilburg.	
	MN348	WO1 J.H. Meraw	"	"	"	No hits observed. Moderate light inaccurate flak over	
	MN805	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"	target. Weather was 6 to 7/10ths at 4000', cloud base	

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(*10964-9511) WL 9533-9545 200M 12/49 T.S. 700

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				Up	Down		
16.9.44	Typhoon 1B MPL49	F/L S.C. Aistrop	Armed recon.	1545	1650	at 4000'.	
	PD462	F/L J.H. Beatty	"	1820	1930	Carried out mission C.C. 27, armed recon. Breda -	
	MN801	F/O J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"	Tilburg - Hertogenbosch - Helmond. 7 barges attacked	
	MN805	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	at E.2028, 2 smokers, 5 damaged. Large explosion seen	
	MP138	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	"	at J8893, brown and white smoke. Moderate light inacc-	
	MN348	WO1 J.H. Meraw	"	"	"	urate flak from Tilburg.	
	MP173	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"		
	MPL49	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"		
17.9.44	PD462	F/L J.H. Beatty	Bombing	1100	1220	Mission - G.C. 6, gun position E766560. 500 lb. M.C.	
	MN940	F/O J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"	bombs fused inst. nose were dropped in target area.	
	MP173	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"	Black smoke and explosion seen from ammo. dump.	
	MP124	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"	Moderate light accurate flak from E.7852. Good visibility.	
	MN894	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1110	1230	Mission - G.C. 6, gun post at E801605. F/S Gordon	
	MP149	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"	forced to return early because of mechanical failure.	
	PD428	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	Remainder dropped 500 lb. M.C. bombs fused inst. nose	
	MN805	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	1130	in target area. No results observed. Moderate light	
	MP138	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	1230	accurate flak from area. Visibility 25 to 30 miles.	
	MP139	F/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"		
	MN777	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"		
	MN801	F/L S.C. Aistrop	"	"	"		
	MN407	WO2 J.L. Duncan	"	"	"		
	PD462	F/L J.H. Beatty	Armed recon.	1445	1555	Carried out armed recon. of "Market Garden". At request	
	MN975	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	Winecup strafed wood both sides road E3906. Met. twing	
	MN805	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"	gun E4209 flamer, area E4010 caused building to burn	
	MN407	WO2 J.L. Duncan	"	"	"	and woods both sides road E4212. Weather good.	
	MN940	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	1500	1610	Carried out armed recon. of "Market Garden". Strafed	
	MN692	F/L S.C. Aistrop	"	"	"	either side of road for one quarter mile at E.4212.	
28	PD428	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"	1 Met. damaged at E.3717. Weather good.	

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				UP	DOWN		
17.9.44	Typhoon 1B MP139	P/O A.P. Simard	Armed recon.	1500	1610		
	MP138	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	"		
	MP183	P/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
	MN777	P/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"		
	MP149	P/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"		
18.9.44	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT					Weather foggy.	
19.9.44	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT					Weather foggy.	
20.9.44	MN940	F/L H.O. Gooding	Armed recon.	1410	1455	Mission - G.C. 3, armed recon. of Emmerick - Cleve -	
	MN975	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	Goch - Gildern - Xanten. Due to bad weather an armed	
	MP173	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	"	recon. could not be carried out. Weather was 7 to 8/10ths	
	MN348	WO1 J.H. Meraw	"	"	"	cloud at 2-2500', haze under cloud, visibility 1/2 mile.	
	MP138	P/O C.O.R. Clackner	"	"	"		
	MN777	P/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"		
	MN805	P/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"		
	MP149	P/O J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"		
21.9.44	MN894	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	0750	0830	Mission - G.C. 3, armed recon. Breda - Gorinchem - Tiel.	
	MN805	P/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"	This could not be carried out because of bad weather:	
	MP124	P/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"	Weather was 10/10ths cloud at 1000' N and NE of Antwerp.	
	MP173	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	"	Haze under cloud to ground.	
	MN940	F/L H.O. Gooding	Weather recon.	1130	1220	10/10ths cloud, top 6000' north of Antwerp. 10/10ths	
	PD428	P/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"	cloud, top 4000' in the Rosendaal area. Visibility	
	MN777	P/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	poor.	
	MP149	P/O J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"		
22.9.44	PD462	F/L J.H. Beatty	Bombing	1350	1500	Mission G.C. 5, to dive-bomb road junction at Cleve,	
	MP149	P/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"	E.9056. 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused inst. tail were used.	
	MN777	P/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	All 16 bombs dropped in target area. No results observed.	

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(*1094-9211) WL 58331-9243 105M 12/48 T.S. 700

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				Up	Down		
22.9.44	Typhoon 1B MN805	F/S N.L. Gordon	Bombing	1350	1500	Weather was 6 to 7/10ths cloud, base 3000', top 8000'.	
	MP138	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"	hazy.	
	MN999	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
	MP173	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"		
	PD428	F/O J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"		
	MN894	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1700	1815	Mission - G.C. 16, to dive-bomb enemy tanks in area of	
	MN348	F/L S.G. Aistrop	"	"	"	UDEH. 18 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail were	
	MN805	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"	dropped in woods at E5735. No results observed.	
	MP183	F/O G.D. Russell	"	"	"	Strafed village of Boekel at E5735. Strafed flak guns	
	MP138	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	"	at E5639. Moderate light accurate flak experienced	
	MN999	F/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"	from E5834. Weather hazy, 7/10ths at 6000'.	
	MP124	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"		
	PD348	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"		
	MP149	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"		
23.9.44	MN940	F/L H.O. Gooding	Armed recce.	1750	1850	Mission - G.C. 4, armed recce. of road Antwerp - Breda.	
	MN641	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	Carried out above mission, no movements seen. Moderate	
	MP183	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	"	light inaccurate flak experienced. Weather was 2/10ths	
	MN805	WO2 J.L. Duncan	"	"	"	cloud at 4000', visibility good.	
24.9.44	MN894	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	0805	0915	Mission - G.C. 4, armed recce. Breda area. Carried out	
	MN641	F/L S.G. Aistrop	"	"	"	the recce. with the following results: One freighter and	
	PD462	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	tug at E1379 damaged. One Met. damaged at D8753.	
	MN692	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"	Intense accurate light flak from E1783, E0343, D0753.	
	MP138	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	0810	"	Weather was 10/10ths cloud at 9000', visibility good.	
	PD348	F/O J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"		
	MP124	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"		
	MP138	F/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"		
	MP149	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	0805	"		
25.9.44	PD462	F/L J.H. Beatty	Bombing	1730	1835	Mission - G.C. 109, to dive-bomb bridges Z9507, 9208.	

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				UP	DOWN		
25.9.44	Typhoon 1B MP138	(Entered in error) WO2 J.L. Duncan	Bombing	1730	1835	6 bombs were dropped on bridge at Z9507 but bridge and railway not hit. Bombs dropped in canal. 8 bombs dropped on bridge at Z9208. Neither bridge nor railway damaged. Intense light accurate flak from Z9208. 10/10ths cloud at 11000', visibility good. Bombs used were 500 lbs. M.C., fused .025 tail.	
	MN801	F/L D.E. Jenvey	Bombing	1730	1835		
	MN348	F/O G.D. Russell	"	"	"		
	MP124	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	"		
	MP149	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"		
	MN407	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"		
	PD428	F/O J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"		
	MP183	F/O J. Stewart	Patrol	1810	1910	Patrolled Eindhoven area at 5 to 8000', uneventful.	
	MP138	WO2 J.L. Duncan	"	"	"		
	MN940	F/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"		
	MN777	F/L S.C. Aistrop	"	"	"		
26.9.44	PD462	F/L J.H. Beatty	Patrol	1420	1525	Carried out patrol from Nijmegen to Xanten. No movements seen.	
	MN777	F/O R.J. Reilly	"	"	"		
	MP183	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"		
	MN641	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	"		
	MP124	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	"		
	MN801	F/O J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"		
	MP149	F/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"		
	MP173	F/O G.D. Russell	"	"	"		
	MP183	F/L H.O. Gooding	Scramble	1645	1815	Scrambled to patrol Nijmegen area. Probable jet aircraft seen NE of formation just N of Nijmegen, climbing steeply at 7500'. Weather good.	
	MP124	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"		
	MN692	WO2 J.L. Duncan	"	"	"		
	MN801	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"		
	MN940	S/L W.H. Pentland	Bombing	1705	1805	Mission - G.C. 115, to dive-bomb railway embankment at E4099. 16 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay	
	MN805	F/O A. Frombolo	"	"	"		
	PD462	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"	were dropped in target area. No results observed but	

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(*1094-911) WL 3531-4543 1034 12/47 T.S. 700

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				UP	DOWN		
26.9.44	Typhoon 1B MP149	F/O W.E. Ward	Bombing	1705	1805	believe junction cut. Strafed stationary train with steam up at 14698, strikes were seen. Intense heavy and light accurate flak from wooded area E3590. Heavy and light flak from Amersfoort.	
	MP138	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"		
	MN407	F/L S.C. Aistrop	"	"	"		
	MN777	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"		
	MP138	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
27.9.44	PD462	F/L J.H. Beatty	"	0715	0800	Mission C.C. 103, to dive-bomb rail at A045054. 16 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail were dropped in target area. Rail was cut at 045054. Strafed locomotive at E9604 which was damaged. Strafed train at E9803. Weather was 8/10ths cloud from 4500 - 6000'.	
	MN999	F/O R.J. Reilly	"	"	"		
	MP149	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"		
	MN641	F/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"		
	MN940	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"		
	MP124	F/O J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"		
	MP138	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"		
	MN407	F/L S.C. Aistrop	"	"	"		
	PD461	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1035	1145	Mission C.C. 106/3 & 5, to dive-bomb rail at E973991 & A083151, A082141. 8 bombs dropped on E973991, all near misses, rail not cut. 8 bombs dropped on road bridge at A082141, rail not cut. Blew up engine of goods train at A0497, strafed 12 trucks. Engine at A1904 stopped and damaged with cannon. Goods train, 10 trucks at W.A2004 strafed and damaged. Bombs used on this operation were 500 lb. M.C. fused 11 sec. delay. Attacked scattered Met. scoring 4 flammers, 3 smokers and 8 damaged. Scrambled to patrol Nijmegen area. Patrol was uneventful. Weather was 10/10ths as low as 2000', in some places, rain.	
	MP124	F/O J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"		
	MP138	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"		
	MN641	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	"		
	PD462	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	"		
	MN999	F/O A. Frombolo	"	"	"		
	MN777	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"		
	MN940	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"		
	PD428	F/L J.H. Beatty	Scramble	1245	1315		
	MN801	F/O R.J. Reilly	"	"	"		
	MN805	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"		
	MP138	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
	PD462	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	Bombing	1505	1610	Mission - C.C. 106/6 A143342, to dive-bomb railway junction. 14 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail were dropped in area of junction. 2 bombs cut railway	
	MP173	WO2 J.L. Duncan	"	"	"		
	MP124	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"		

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				UP	DOWN		
27.9.44	Typhoon 1B MN407	F/L S.C. Aistrop	Bombing	1505	1610	N.W. of junction. Moderate light intense flak from Wesel. Weather was 7/10ths at 5000', hazy.	
	MN777	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"		
	MN641	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	"		
	MP147	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"		
	PD462	F/L J.H. Beatty	"	1750	1820	Mission to dive-bomb railway south of Wesel. All aircraft were turned back because of bad weather.	
	MN999	F/O R.J. Reilly	"	"	"		
	MP124	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"		
	MN805	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"		
	PD428	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	"		
	MN692	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"		
	MP173	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"		
	MN801	F/O A. Frombolo	"	"	"		
28.9.44	MP138	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	0735	0835	Mission - C.C. 103, to dive-bomb rail junction at A118342, A182369. 8 bombs dropped on junction at A182369, railway cut, also siding on SE side. 6 bombs dropped on railway at A097887, railway cut. Bombs used were 500 lb. M.O., fused 24 sec. delay. F/L Aistrop was forced to turn back because of mechanical failure. Concentrated light accurate flak from A192596.	
	MN801	F/L S.C. Aistrop	"	0740	0805		
	MN999	F/O W.D. Barber	"	0735	0835		
	MN692	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"		
	MN805	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"		
	MN348	F/S N.L. Gordon	"	"	"		
	MP173	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"		
	PD428	F/O J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"		
	MN940	F/L H.O. Gooding	Scramble	0845	1005	Scrambled to patrol Nijmegen area. Patrol was uneventful.	
	MN641	F/O A. Frombolo	"	"	"		
	MP139	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"		
	MP149	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"		
	PD461	S/L W.H. Pentland	Bombing	1020	1135	Mission G.C. 1052-3-4, A286760 - A092887 - A037906 - A0590. 8 bombs were dropped on railway at A037906, railway not	
26		F/L S.C. Aistrop	"	"	"		

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(2544-2313) Wt. 2531-2345 102K 12/45 T.S. 700

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				UP	DOWN		
28.9.44	Typhoon 1B MP183	F/O J. Stewart	Bombing	1020	1125	hit. all bombs in target area. 8 bombs were dropped on	
	MP173	WO1 Duncan, J.L.	"	"	"	A0590. 1 bomb out railway, balance in area. 500 lb.	
	MP138	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	1135	M.C. bombs, fused 24 sec. delay were used. A286760 not	
	MN801	F/O R.J. Reilly	"	"	"	bombed.	
	MN805	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	1125		
	MN348	WO1 Meraw, J.H.	"	"	"		
	MN940	F/L J.H. Beatty	"	1335	1435	Mission G.C. 105, to dive-bomb rail at A393627 -	
	MP149	F/O J.C.E. Savard	"	"	"	A286760, A037906. 8 bombs were dropped on rail at	
	MN692	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"	A037906, all bombs in target area. Railway was cut,	
	MN80X 1	F/O A. Frombolo	"	"	"	building on NE side hit and blown on track blocking it.	
	MP138	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"	8 bombs dropped on rail at A393627. There were two hits,	
	MP173	F/O R.J. Reilly	"	"	"	balance of bombs in area. 8 bombs were dropped on rail	
	MN777	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	at A286760. All bombs were in target area but railway	
	MN641	F/O N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	not out. Bombs used were 500 lb. M.C., fused 24 sec.	
	MP183	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	"	delay. Moderate light inaccurate flak experienced	
	MN999	F/L S.C. Aistrop	"	"	"	from F9281 and E8366.	
	MN805	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"		
	MN348	WO1 Meraw, J.H.	"	"	"		
	MN475	W/C M.T. Judd(RAF)	"	1630	1645	Mission G.C. 105(2), rail at A286760. W/C Judd was	
	MP139	WO1 Duncan, J.L.	"	"	1740	forced to return early because of mechanical trouble.	
	MP138	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"	Rest carried out bombing. 12 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs,	
	MP149	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	fused 24 sec. delay were dropped in target area. There	
	MP173	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"	were two hits at A2777, two at A2776, two at A2975.	
	MP183	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	Railway was out in each case. Strafed marshalling yards	
	MN777	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	at Winterswyk, A3075. Moderate light inaccurate flak	
						experienced from Tuitburg; A3362. 2 Spitfires jumped	
						Sqn. and fired on them at E8353.	
29.9.44	PD462	F/L J.H. Beatty	"	0915	1030	Mission G.C. 102, rail at V091355 and Z936372. 8 bombs	
20	MP173	WO1 Duncan, J.L.	"	"	"	were dropped on Rail at V.0835 and V0935, rail was out	
	MN348	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	at both places. 8 bombs dropped on rail at Z9845. All	

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29.9.44.	Typhoon 1B MP138	F/O W.E. Ward	Bombing	0915	1030	bombs in target area, but rail not cut. Layer of cloud	
	MP149	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	"	at 5000'. Underneath visibility 5 to 10 miles. Bombs	
	MN801	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"	used were 500 lbs. M.C., fused 11 sec. delay.	
	MP124	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"		
	MN641	P/O N.L. Gordon	"	"	"		
	MN801	F/L D.V. Wright	"	1155	1250	Mission G.C. 102, rail at A.062406, Z.936372. 8 bombs	
	MN999	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	dropped on rail at A0624406, all bombs in target area	
	MN348	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	and 1 rail out at E9742. 8 bombs dropped on Z.9845. 1	
	MN641	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"	rail cut and road blocked. Bombs used were 500 lbs.	
	MN940	F/L J.H. Beatty	"	"	1315	M.C., fused 11 sec. delay. Moderate heavy and light	
	PD478	P/O R.J. Reilly	"	"	"	inaccurate from E7025 area.	
	MP173	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"		
	MP124	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"		
	PD461	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1435	1535	Mission G.C. 102, rail at A.040593, V.099105. 8 bombs	
	MN801	F/O A. Frombolo	"	"	"	dropped on rail at A040593, all bombs in target area	
	MN777	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"	and 1 rail out. 6 bombs dropped on V1111, all bombs in	
	PD478	F/O J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"	target area, rail out. Bombs used were 500 lbs. M.C.,	
	MP138	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	1555	fused 11 sec. delay	
	MN641	F/L S.C. Aistrop	"	"	"		
30.9.44.	MP139	P/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"		
	MN940	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1005	1045	Mission G.C. 101, to dive-bomb rail at E1985303 and	
	PD348	F/O J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"	A152710. F/O Frombolo forced to return early because	
	MN641	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"	of radio trouble. Rest carried out mission. 8 bombs	
	MP139	P/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"	dropped on rail at E9614, all bombs in target area and	
	MP138	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	1000	1045	rail out. 6 bombs dropped on rail at A1572 and 1972,	
	MN777	F/L S.C. Aistrop	"	"	"	rail was cut. Engine and 12 trucks strafed and damaged	42

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30.9.44	Typhoon 1B MP149	F/O W.E. Ward	Bombing	1000	1045	at E9204. Bombs used were 500 lb. M.C., fused 11 sec.	
	MN801	F/O A. Frombolo	"	"	1025	delay.	
	PD462	F/L J.H. Beatty	"	1500	1610	Mission - G.C. 101, to dive-bomb rail at A.3075. 8	
	MP124	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"	bombs dropped at A3075. Railway cut at A.2777. Track	
	PD348	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	at A2975, NE side also cut. 8 bombs dropped on	
	MN805	F/O N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	marshalling yards at A2974. 40 plus trucks and complete	
	MN139	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	"	engine and train put out of order. Bombs used were	
	MN348	F/O R.J. Reilly	"	"	"	500 lbs. M.C., fused XXXX 24 sec. delay.	
	PD461	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"		
	MP183	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"		
	PD461	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1755	1845	Mission - G.C. 102, rail between Venlo and Wesel.	
	MN999	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"	F/O Gordon and WOI Duncan forced to return because of	
	MN777	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	1820	mechanical trouble. Rest carried out operation. 2	
	MN641	F/O N.L. Gordon	"	"	1845	bombs dropped on rail at A1029, 2 at A0727, 8 at A1238.	
	MN940	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	1835	No results observed due to darkness. 2 trains, at	
	MN407	WOI Duncan, J.L.	"	"	1820	N181298 and S181298 damaged. Intense accurate light	
	MP183	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	1845	flak experienced from A.1029. Bombs used were 500 lb.s	
	MP149	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	1835	M.C., fused 24 sec. delay.	

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B.78, Holland	1-10-44	1700	<p>The Officers of the Squadron attended a movie in the Sgts. Mess, "A Chip Off the Old Block".</p> <p>The show was well attended and produced many laughs from the audience.</p> <p>The problem of keeping the dispersal tent warm has been overcome by laying a wooden floor in the tent, installing a wooden doorway and a stove. The dispersal is now very comfortable and is being visited by pilots of other Squadrons in order to get ideas for their own. The Orderly Room is also being winterized and the back is built in and a stove installed. Electric lighting is being installed in the Officer's Mess and quarters and the job is expected to be complete in a day or two.</p> <p>The meals have improved by leaps and bounds since our arrival in Eindhoven. It is reported we are being fed abandoned German rations which include plenty of fresh meat.</p> <p>Duff weather during the early part of the day restricted operations. The full days programme which had been scheduled was not possible. Only one mission was participated in by the Squadron when 8 of our aircraft attacked railway lines at E.8885 - A.1360. A low level attack was made using 11 second delays. 8 bombs were dropped on Marshalling yards at A.1360 scoring 2 direct hits on round houses. Remainder caused damage in and around the Marshalling Yard. One engine and 15 goods cars which were stationary at A.0359 were strafed and damaged. 8 bombs were dropped on railway at E.8885 cutting rail line with 6 direct hits. Barge at E.A.0597 was strafed and damaged.</p>		
	2-10-44	1700	<p>8 Aircraft participated in a rail cutting mission at A.1559 - A.0459. 8 x 500 lbs. 11 second delay were dropped on railway at A.1559 scoring 4 direct hits and severing rails. Stationary train headed West at A.0459 with 20 plus goods cars attacked and strafed. Engine was Blown up and cars damaged. 8 x 500 - 11 second delay bombs dropped on A.0459, two direct hits scored balance landing in target area. Railway out. 3 Stationary trains with steam up were observed at E.9761, E.9165 and E.9574, all headed West. On this operation F/O Dick Watson had a narrow escape as he followed F/Lt. Gooding into the dive. One bomb of F/L Gooding's prematurely exploded as F/O Watson was diving and his aircraft received much of the blast damaging his aircraft which was Category "B". Moderate light inaccurate flak in E.8263 area. Visibility was good but 9/10ths cloud at 4000' encountered over target.</p>		

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B-78, Holland	2-10-44	1700	<p>The second Squadron sortie of 8 aircraft was a dive bombing show with 500 lb. bombs using 11 second delay on A.2072 - A.3075. 14 Bombs dropped on A.2072 no direct hits scored due to hard surface, bombs skiffed. Road blocked but rails not out. Rails were already out at A.1971. One set dropped at A.1472 damaging track but rails were not out. A.2075 was not bombed. 50 plus boxcars seen in yards at E.9761. 12 plus barges on canal at E.9759. Train seen moving north at A.2261.</p> <p>The third sortie was against the marshalling yards at Winte#styk with 8 aircraft using 500 - 11 second delays. 16 bombs were dropped on marshalling yards. 8 direct hits scored, balance in area. Railway cut at A.2777, A.2876 - A.2479. Train with steam up composed of 14 goods cars and engine strafed at A.2762 and Engine and 15 cars strafed at A.2262. Claim: 2 Engines damaged - 14 goods cars damaged. Moderate light inaccurate flak from A.2359 area.</p> <p>The fourth operation was another attack on a marshalling yard at Gildern, participated in by 438 and 440 Squadrons. In all, 32 x 1000 lb. bombs were dropped on target, dive bombing from 8 - 3000 feet. All tracks running thru marshalling yard estimated to be a minimum of 10, were severed. The main double rails into south end of marshalling yard out. 20 goods trucks in yards destroyed. Station house destroyed and a locomotive and six passenger cars were strafed and damaged. This was considered to be very successful as the marshalling yards were totally put out of action. Intense light accurate flak over target.</p> <p>The final task of the day was a fighter sweep in the area of Nijmegen - Wesjel-Gelden area. 20 plus Muns were reported headed north-west from Venlo but no contacts were made.</p> <p>The difficulty of getting laundry done has been taken care of. P/L Aistrop has made a connection in Eindhoven and has been appointed O/O Laundry services for the pilots.</p>		
	3-10-44	1700	<p>The Squadron Officers and Senior N.C.O.s attended a film in the Officers Mess "Andy Hardy" In Blonde Trouble". Everyone was agreed that it was a good show and many comments were heard praising the acoustics and the type of films being shown of late.</p> <p>Showers and swim have been provided in Eindhoven for Air Force personnel in the public baths. No charge being made and clean up to date shower baths with bags of hot water being enjoyed by all.</p>	(cont'd.)	

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<u>Einhaven, Holland</u>	<u>2-10-44</u>	<u>1700</u>	The day was cloudy and unsettled and our aircraft remained grounded throughout the day.		
	<u>4-10-44</u>	<u>1700</u>	A large number of personnel are suffering from cold and the sniffles due to the cold weather. Word has been received that winter quarters will be erected very shortly but for the present most personnel are living in unheated tents. A small outbreak of dysentery or diarrhoea has come to notice but it has not been anything like the spell we had in late August. The situation is well in hand and every precaution is being taken. In spite of the weather being far from ideal the Squadron maintained its rail cutting operations participating in 4 operations out of 11 for the Wing. The cloud base during the morning over the targets was from 800 to 4000' with mist and haze below. The first operation was against A.324 using 11 sec. delays and 500 lb. bombs. 16 bombs were dropped with all bombs in target area. Locomotive and 6 goods cars damaged at A.2535. Locomotive and 8 goods cars damaged at A.2434. There was intense light accurate flak from A.2535. Cloud was 5/10 at 7000'. Visibility was poor with haze and ground fog. The second operation was against railway at E.9931 - A.0626 participated in by 12 of our aircraft. 24 x 500 - 11 sec. delay bombs were dropped with the following results. 8 x 500 on rail at E.9535; 2 direct hits scored rail cut. Balance in area scoring near misses. 8 bombs at A.0526 rail cut and also at A.0224. 8 bombs were dropped on A.0928 cutting rails. Stationary train at A.0928 with 12 coaches which was stationary was completely destroyed. The third very successful operation was again marshalling yards at Bocholt and Borkam also rails at A.2252. 8 x 500 - 11 sec. delay dropped on A.2252 scoring two direct hits cutting rail, balance in area. 8 bombs dropped on A.3962 Borkam marshalling yards. Roundhouse destroyed and large explosions seen. Not much seen. No flak was seen from target area. 10/10 cloud at 1500' in layers to 5000'. The final target marshalling yards at Winterswijk A.6170 was abortive due to weather with 7 to 8/10 cloud from 2 - 5000'. Heavy haze made visibility poor below 2000'. 8 a/c started out but returned without dropping bombs.		

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B-78, Holland	5-10-44	1700	<p>8 Aircraft carried out recon to check rail cuts. A/c dive bombed rails using 16 x 500 - 11 sec. delay at A.1459 cutting rails in two places. Repair engine at A.4553 strafed and damaged. 8 trucks nearby not attacked. Moderate light inaccurate flak at A.3367 - A.2147. The following urgent information was reported "Train with trucks travelling south east at 1337. Large barge going north at A.2138." Visibility poor into sun 2 - 4 miles.</p> <p>The second target was another rail cutting mission at A.4552. 16 x 500 - 11 sec. delay dropped on target with all bombs in target area. Rails possibly cut at A.4650. Large explosions from A.4552. Train strafed at A.1317 engine damaged and 4 passenger cars. Train observed going east at A.1714 with 10 - 15 cars. Weather was hazy up to 8000' visibility being poor.</p> <p>8 aircraft proceeded to dive bomb rails at E.9828 but one returned due to mechanical failure. 11 x 500 bombs with 11 sec. delays dropped scoring near misses. Rails not cut. 3 bombs being up. Moderate light accurate flak at E.9040 encountered.</p>		
	6-10-44	1700	<p>8 aircraft proceeded to dive bomb marshalling yards at Geldern. 16 x 1000 bombs with .025 tail fusing used. All bombs in target area. No results observed due to debris and smoke of a previous attack. F/L Aistrop, A.F.C. was missing in this attack. He was last seen in the dive and further details are unknown. ^{Moderate} heavy accurate flak from E.8424 but no flak was seen over target.</p> <p>The following were observed en route to target:- Railway Emmerick to Holdern is not out; Railway still out A.1859. V.2 rocket trail in Almelo area at about 15 to 30,000'. Ceiling and visibility unlimited.</p> <p>The second target was bombing of rails at A.0459 using 500 lb bombs with 11 sec. delay. 7 aircraft participated in this show dropping 14 bombs in target area cutting rails at A.0558 with 2 direct hits. Many near misses scored. Intense light accurate flak A.0565 and E.9762 5/10 cloud at 15000'. Visibility was unlimited.</p> <p>The third target was rail at A.4767 - 8 aircraft starting out with one returning early due to mechanical trouble. 6 x 500 - 11 sec. delay dropped on A.4767 with all bombs in target area. Rails were not cut. 8 bombs dropped on rails and moving locomotive at A.4344. Rails were cut (cont'd.)</p>		

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B.78, Holland	6-10-44	1700	(cont'd) and engine stopped and strafed. Intense light accurate flak at E.81. Large barge was seen going west at A.3743. The next operation was a repeat bombing of the marshalling yards at Gildron using 1000 lb. bombs 12 x 1000, .025 tail and 2 x 1000 - 11 sec. delays. All bombs in target area leaving the yards in complete ruin with no rails left. Moderate light accurate flak at E.9517. The final operation was a dusk patrol. Area of Venlo - Geldern patrolled but it was uneventful.		
	7-10-44	1700	F/O C.F. Osborne appointed as "7th Victory Loan" representative for 440 Squadron. Seven aircraft carried out rescue of A.3962 area, using 500 lb. bombs, 11 second delay. 7 X 500's dropped on rails and bridge at 3962 damaging bridge and cutting rails. Train with locomotive and 13 trucks strafed and damaged. 1 locomotive at A.3962 strafed. 1 locomotive and 4 cars hit by bomb and damaged at A.3965, rail also cut. 7 X 500's dropped on A.4259. A locomotive with 10 cars hit and damaged, rails cut. Locomotive with 7 cars strafed at A.3762. Brick factory hit by stray bomb at A4158 and demolished. Moderate light accurate flak in A.3862 area. Weather was hazy with cloud, base 2000', visibility poor. The second mission was a dive-bombing show on rails at A4370 by 8 aircraft carrying 500 lb., 11 second delay bombs. All bombs were in target area. Rail cut in three places and near misses scored. Rails at A.3743 were seen to be still cut. Haze over target and en route, visibility 5-10 miles. The third and final target proved very costly when our Officer Commanding, S/L W.H. Pentland, D.F.C. was killed. He has only three more trips to complete his second tour of operations and his loss is deeply felt by all who worked with and knew him. The target was to dive-bomb rails at A.0758 - A.1747 in which 8 of our aircraft participated, using 16 X 500 lb., 11 second delay bombs. On the bombing run S/L Pentland was seen to dive with his guns blazing and his aircraft was seen to explode after dropping his bombs. F/O Savard, who followed behind was caught in the explosion and narrowly escaped spinning in. From this operation two aircraft are Category B and one Category E at A1747. All bombs were in target area, rails were cut and near misses scored. Weather was hazy and smoky.		

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B.78, Holland	7.10.44		Moderate heavy inaccurate flak at E8747 with light accurate flak over target.		
	8.10.44		S/L Monson of 439 Squadron was posted to replace S/L Pentland, D.F.C., missing believed killed on 7.10.44. All flying was cancelled due to rain and cloud. At midnight all personnel were ordered to "Battle Stations" as a "Ground attack" was imminent from the northwest where a small pocket of Germans is still hiding out on the far side of the Wilhelmina Canal. The 71st Royals were not confident of holding the front which was expected to develop. Stations were taken and patrols carried out until 0245 hours when a relaxed state was reverted to. Nothing further developed.		
	9.10.44		For the second day running inclement weather kept all aircraft grounded.		
	10.10.44		The rain continued throughout the day much heavier than the two days previous. All aircraft remained grounded throughout the day. G/C P.Y. Davoud today was presented with the D.S.O. by the King at Buckingham Palace.		
	11.10.44		All airfield personnel were invited to attend the No. 1 Canadian Army Unit show playing at Phillips' Theatre in Mindhoven. The Unit played to a full audience and received round after round of applause for the grand showing. Everyone attending thoroughly enjoyed the show and are very anxious to see the other Canadian Army Units very soon. This type of entertainment is far above the usual standard and everyone hopes there are many more to come. Cloudy skies and the muddy condition of the field and taxi strips prevented flying from first light. At 1000 hours rain with no promise of a let-up caused the Wing to be released until 1200 hours tomorrow. The R.A.F. Regiment construction units were seen filling in the bomb craters about the field which have been an eyesore since our arrival.		
	12.10.44		Officers and N.C.O. pilots attended the showing of Abbott and Costello in "Hit the Ice". Recent combat films were shown and these have become extremely popular. Ground personnel have also shown a keen interest and look forward to seeing the actual results of their work, even if they are only indirectly responsible for the good results shown on the screen. Word has been received that 100 sorties now constitutes a tour on Typhoon fighter bombers. Eight Typhoons were despatched to dive-bomb rails at E.9798 with 500 lb.		

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E.78, Holland	12.10.44		bombs. One aircraft returned early because of mechanical failure. The remainder dropped all bombs in the target area. Three direct hits were scored and rails cut. Moderate light accurate flak experienced from E.9995 and E.7874. Weather was good and visibility unlimited. The second squadron sortie was against railway at E.775167 (Amerika). Eight Typhoons dropped 1000 lb. bombs on target, all bombs landing in target area. Railway was cut at E.775167 and many fires were started in the surrounding area. On this operation our pilots were protected by a smoke screen and it worked with great success. Many buildings were seen burning west of smoke screen on North side of railway two miles west of target. The final show of the day was another rail cutting sortie carried out by eight of our aircraft with 1000 lb. bombs fused .025 tail. Aircraft dive-bombed from 8 to 3000' dropping all bombs in target area. Results were not observed due to cloud. Weather was 6/10ths cloud at 3500'.		
	13.10.44		Eight Typhoons dive-bombed rails at A.1240 with 500 lb. bombs, dropping all bombs in target area, scoring six direct hits. It was observed that the rails at A.1041 which were previously cut had been repaired. Moderate light inaccurate flak was experienced from Horst. For the first time this Squadron acted as withdrawal cover to bombers from Roermond. Eight Typhoon fighters acted as fighter cover. German jet aircraft were reported coming from the East but were not seen. Only a small number of hits observed on target. Our aircraft patrolled area Venlo south to Maastricht at 12-15000'. Moderate heavy accurate flak from target. Moderate heavy inaccurate flak from Horst. The final operation was against Z.7501 with 500 lb. bombs carried out by eight of our aircraft. All bombs landed in target area, most of them landing on North side of track at E.5699. Tracks were believed out at this point. Weather was 10/10ths cloud at 3500'.		
	14.10.44		Eight Typhoons bombed rail at A.0391 with 500 lb. bombs, dropping all bombs in target area but rails were not cut. Our pilots observed rails at A.1088 which had been previously cut had now been repaired. The trip was otherwise uneventful. The second part of G.C. 1 for the Squadron was dive-bombing of rails at A.0789 with 500 lb. bombs. All bombs were in target area and rails were cut at A.0789 and A.0989. Intense light		

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B.78, Holland	14.10.44		accurate flak experienced from woods at E.96 and three gun positions at E.9363.		
	15.10.44		The first target was against rails at A.4455 carried out by eight of our aircraft with 500 lb. bombs. All bombs were in target area. A train with 12 to 15 cars were bombed and engine damaged. Rails were cut at A.4453. Moderate light inaccurate flak experienced from A.4245. Weather was 10/10ths cloud at 3000', visibility poor. The second part of G.C. 6 for the Squadron was against rails at E.5698. Eight aircraft participated, dropping all bombs in target area. Rails were cut at E.5496, using 500 lb. bombs. The third part of G.C. 6 was the dive-bombing of rails at E.9928. Due to cloud over area results could not be observed. Eight aircraft dropped 500 lb. bombs on target. Intense heavy and light accurate flak from A.03. Medium light accurate flak from E.9828. Weather was 9/10ths cloud at 3000', visibility poor. From 1400 hours the weather would not permit flying and aircraft remained grounded for the remainder of the day. The new squadron (168 Sqn., R.A.F.) attached to 143 Wing escorted the above mission which proved very successful. W/C P.E. Grant, ex C.O. of 438 Squadron succeeded W/C M.T. Judd (RAF) as Wing Commander Flying of 143 Wing.		
	16.10.44		Abortive weather grounded our aircraft and at 1400 hours the Squadron was released. Air Chief Marshal Sir Ludlow Hewitt, K.C.B. visited the Wing today and had lunch at the Officers' Mess.		
	17.10.44		Officers and N.C.O. pilots attended a movie in the Sergeants Mess "The Hard Way". F/L J.H. Beatty, Flight Commander, completed his first tour of operations. This is the first pilot of 440 Squadron to finish a tour to date. F/L Beatty is proceeding to England for a well-deserved rest. F/O Claeken has been appointed Flight Commander, succeeding F/L Beatty, and has been promoted to Flight Lieutenant. An attempt was made at 0745 hours to continue with the rail-cutting programme. Eight aircraft took off to bomb rail lines but visibility and heavy clouds forced them to return to base without dropping any bombs. Clouds were from 15 to 3000'. At 1300 hours four aircraft carried out a weather check of Deventer - Amersfort area but this only confirmed that flying for the day was finished.		

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B.78, Holland	18.10.44		For the second ^{day} running heavy cloud continued to mar operations. Multi-layered cloud was from 1500 to 10,000'. On the first operation eight aircraft were despatched to attack target at V.2223 but attacked secondary target at Z.8806 due to cloud. One of the above aircraft was not bombed up and acted as fighter escort for the operation. 14 X 500 lb. bombs were dropped at Z.8806 scattering in target area. One direct hit cut rails. Weather was 9/10ths from 3 to 9000' over target. The second and last sortie was against rails at A.1298 carried out by eight of our aircraft. All bombs were dropped in target area and rail was cut in at least three places. Moderate inaccurate light flak from V.0700 area. Weather was 5 to 6/10ths cloud at 3 to 5000'.		
	19.10.44		Heavy layers of cloud restricted operations and poor visibility prevented any recon. information as to rail movement. Eight of our aircraft participated in one sortie, dive-bombing rails at V.419 but due to weather had to attack alternative target at A.1398. 16 X 500 lb. bombs were dropped on rails at A.1398 cutting rail with two direct hits. Moderate inaccurate light flak from E.8467 area. Weather was 10/10ths cloud at 5 to 10,000'.		
	20.10.44		F/L Gooding proceeded to England to attend the Fighter Leaders' Course at Millfield. The first operation was against rail lines at V.1419. Seven Typhoons took off on above mission. Only two bombs out of the 14 dropped exploded and the matter is being investigated. It is believed something to do with the fusing was to blame and the armament officer is giving his attention to the matter. The two bombs that did explode landed in the target area but did not cut the rails. On this operation F/O R.W. Doidge was hit by flak and spun in. It is not definite what happened as he was in the dive at the time but smoke was seen streaming from his aircraft and he was not seen to bale out. This was the second accident to F/O Doidge on operations, the first in which he baled out on the beachhead in Normandy on June 7th. F/O Doidge has been posted as missing believed killed. Intense accurate light flak was experienced over target. The second operation was against rail lines at Z.9537. Eight of our aircraft participated in this sortie dropping 16X 500 lb. bombs in target area. Rails were cut in three places by bombs.		

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B.78, Holland	20.10.44		between Z.9744 and Z.9847. Intense inaccurate light flak from E.8769.		
	21.10.44		F/L Beatty proceeded to England for posting on instructional duties after completing a tour of operations. All pilots were glad to see him leave and yet regretted losing his services with the Squadron. His gallant leadership and cheerful disposition will be greatly missed by both the pilots and groundcrew. Two pilots carried out a weather recon. of Coesfeld - Borken area at 0655 hours. Thick ground haze and cloud were encountered. At 0855 hours another weather check was carried out, of Coesfeld - Borken area. The haze and cloud were noticed clearing. The first dive-bombing sortie was carried out by eight aircraft with 500lb. bombs at V.0609. All bombs were in target area and rails were cut at V.0308, V.0609 and V.1111. Signs of repair work were seen at A.1398. Weather was excellent, C.A.V.U. Another weather check was carried out in the area of A.5967 at 1245 hours. Scattered clouds and slight ground haze encountered. The second operational sortie was carried out against rails at A.5967. Seven of our aircraft dropped 14 X 500 lb. bombs in target area. Rails were cut at A.5967 and junction at A.6069 was also cut by two bombs. Meagre inaccurate heavy flak was encountered from A.2344. Rhine River appeared swollen and area just west of Wesel appeared to be slightly flooded. The final operation was against railway at A.4867. Eight Typhoons carried out above mission but one aircraft's bombs were not effective due to hang-up. 14 X 500 lb. bombs landed in target area. Two direct hits scored at A.4867 cutting track. Slight inaccurate heavy flak from Gosh. Weather was hazy, visibility limited to two miles.		
	22.10.44		For the first time in a month the Wing was detailed to give close support to the army, but once again the weather was duff and this Squadron remained grounded throughout the day.		
	23.10.44		No operational sorties were flown due to continued bad weather. All pilots attended lectures at Intelligence on tactics and General Intelligence matters.		
	24.10.44		An effort was made to continue the rail-cutting program in the early morning but immediately the sun came out visibility was reduced to half a mile. The only operation of the Squadron for the day was against rails at W0024 in which 14 bombs were scattered		

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B.78, Holland	24.10.44		over the target area, dropped by seven of our aircraft. No results could be observed due to poor visibility. 1000 lb. H.C. bombs were used with .025 tail fusing. An ambulance train was seen facing south-east at W0121. Weather was 8/10ths cloud from 1 to 2000' scattered cloud from 4 to 13000'. The prospective site for our new dispersal was inspected. Our present dispersal is unsatisfactory due to mud and water lying around. Our pilots tent will not be warm enough in the winter and it is intended to erect two Nissen huts for the use of the pilots and groundcrew. Approval of 83 Group is being awaited before the move can take place.		
	25.10.44		The duff weather continued and fog, mist and low ceiling kept all aircraft grounded throughout the day. The pilots were given map lectures and spent some time in making up their own maps and cases.		
	26.10.44		Duff weather continued and flying was washed out. During the evening the Officers and senior H.C.O.'s attended the showing of "His Butler's Sister" in the Sergeants Mess. This film co-starred Franko Tone, Deanna Durbin and Pat O'Brien and was much enjoyed by all who attended.		
	27.10.44		Visibility remained poor and flying was again washed out. An ENSA show in the Airmen's Mess was attended by the pilots in the afternoon. The Officers' Mess moved to a new building off the airport. It is situated right in Eindhoven and the officers quarters promise to be more comfortable. Personnel spent the day settling down and getting comfortable.		
	28.10.44		The weather finally cleared allowing our aircraft to continue rail-cutting. The first operation against rails at Z918258 was carried out by eight of our aircraft with 500 lb. bombs. All bombs were dropped in the target area, one direct hit being scored at Z9308. No results observed due to heavy concentration of flak over target. Moderate heavy inaccurate flak from east of Deventer. Moderate heavy inaccurate flak from E9603. Intense heavy and light accurate flak from E7879. Weather was good with visibility 3 to 4 miles. The second rail-cutting operation was at V 2218 by eight of our aircraft using 500 lb. bombs. All bombs dropped in target area, scoring two direct hits at W0916		

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B.78, Holland	28.10.44		and cutting both rails. Moderate light inaccurate flak from V.2116. The last rail cutting operation of the day was against rails at V.018218. Eight aircraft took part carrying 500 lb. bombs. Sixteen bombs were dropped in target area cutting rails at Z9825 and E9726. The fourth and final operation was to dive-bomb bridge at E729064 with alternative target, rails at E9723. The weather was fast deteriorating and original target was not attacked. Our five aircraft participating in this operation dropped bombs at E9723. No results were observed due to cloud. Weather was 9 to 10/10ths cloud at 2500'.		
	29.10.44		Final preparations were made for the bombing lock gates at V9210 which is an important inland waterway in Germany. This was a mission in which 143 wing combined with 124 wing and was led by W/C Grant our Wing Co. Flying. Five of our aircraft participated in this show and though everything came off according to plan the mission was unsuccessful due to the lock gates being open. 1000 lb. bombs with 11 sec. delay were dropped from 70 feet in a shallow dive. One large explosion seen from oil barge. One bomb thought to have made a direct hit on house on east side of gates. Intense and heavy flak was encountered from woods on both sides of Canal at V9210. A great deal of barge activity was seen on canal to north and south of lock. Numerous trains observed at Rheine - Osnabruck, Becholt - Wesel, Standhohn - Borken. The second operation was against rails at V6013, A6047, A5255. Eight of our aircraft participated dropping 8 X 500 lb. bombs on train at A.6047 but no results observed. Eight bombs were dropped on train at headed south at A.5255, scoring two direct hits on centre of train. Moderate heavy accurate flak from A6759. Moderate light accurate flak from A6270. Five barges were seen headed west at A5542. The third operation was the dive-bombing of Bridge at E.710039 with 1000 lb. bombs, fused .025 tail. Four Typhoons dropped eight bombs in target area. One hit seen on north approach. S/L Henson, the D.O. was hit by flak and nursed his aircraft home as far as E4715. Due to his being hit in the oil rad. he had to abandon aircraft at this point as his engine was out of oil and was heating up fast. He made a successful jump but in jettisoning his coup top he was hit in the ear by it and later		

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B.78, Holland	29.10.44		<p>required four stitches. He returned to the Squadron within an hour and was taken to hospital for treatment. Intense heavy and light accurate flak was encountered at E7103. This operation was in support of our army. The final target was rail at V6013. Eight of our aircraft dropped 16 X 500 lb. bombs in target area. South track at V6113 and double track at V5913 cut. A stationary train with 8 to 10 goods cars hit in the centre with two bombs. Two cars were destroyed, two damaged and rails believed cut at this point.</p>																
	30.10.44		<p>Due to unfavorable weather there were no operations during the day. Squadron C.O.'s and Flight Commanders had a discussion with the Wing Co. Flying and F/L Hodson of A.F.I.S. on the subject of rail interdiction and photographic interpretation.</p>																
	31.10.44		<p>Two of our aircraft endeavoured to carry out a weather check but due to very poor visibility they returned to base after 15 minutes in the air. Heavy ground fog reduced visibility and at 0900 hours the Wing was released for 24 hours.</p>																
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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
1.10.44	Typhoon 1B MN940	S/L W.H. Pentland	Bombing	1715	1820	Mission was G.C. 101, to dive-bomb rail at E.8885 -	
	MN641	P/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"	A1360. Bombs carried were 500 lbs. M.C., fused 11 sec. delay. 8 bombs were dropped on rail at A1360. Two	
	MP149	P/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	direct hits were scored on round houses and rest in	
	MN999	F/L S.C. Aistrop	"	"	"	target area. Engine and approximately 15 goods trucks	
	MP138	P/O C.O.R. Claeken	"	"	"	strafed near A.0359. Engine was damaged. 8 bombs were	
	MP124	P/O J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"	dropped on railway at E.8885 and the rail was out with	
	MN805	P/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"	six direct hits. Barge at E.AQ597 was damaged.	
	MN801	P/O A. Frombolo	"	"	"		
2.10.44	PD462	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	0705	0805	Mission was G.C. 103, to dive-bomb rail at A.1559 - A.0459	
	MN348	P/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"	Dive-bombed rail at A.1559 scoring two direct hits with the	
	MP183	P/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	balance of the bombs in the area. Standing train with	
	MN801	P/O A. Frombolo	"	"	"	20 plus goods cars headed west at A.0459 strafed. Engine	
	MP138	P/O C.O.R. Claeken	"	"	"	blew up. 8 bombs were dropped at A.0459. Rail was out	
	PD478	P/O J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"	with two direct hits. A total of 16 X 500 lb. M.C.	
	MN805	P/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"	bombs, fused 11 sec. delay were dropped.	
	MN407	F/L S.C. Aistrop	"	"	"		
	MP138	P/O C.O.R. Claeken	"	0940	1050	Mission was G.C. 103, to dive ^{bomb} rails at A.2072 - A.3075.	
	PD478	P/O J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"	Rail at A.2072 was bombed but no hits were scored. Due	
	PD462	P/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"	to hard surface the bombs skipped. The road was blocked	
	MN407	F/L S.C. Aistrop	"	"	"	but rails not out. Rail was already out at A.1971.	
	MP940	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	"	"	Rail at A.1472 was bombed, track was damaged but not out.	
	MP124	P/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"	A.3075 was not bombed. A total of 16 X 500 lb. M.C.	
	MP183	P/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	bombs, fused 11 sec. delay were dropped.	
	MN801	P/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
	MP138	P/O C.O.R. Claeken	"	1210	1320	Mission was G.C. 103, marshalling yards at Winterswick.	
	MN801	P/O J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"	16 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay were dropped	
	MN805	P/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"	on marshalling yards, scoring 8 direct hits. Rail was	
	MN407	F/L S.C. Aistrop	"	"	"	out at A.277, A.2876, A.2479. Engine with steam up and	

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2.10.44	Typhoon 1B MN940	F/L H.O. Gooding	Bombing	1210	1320	15 trucks at A.2262 were strafed. Engine with steam-up	
	MN441	P/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"	and 14 trucks at A.2762 were strafed. Claims were	
	MP149	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	2 engines and 14 trucks damaged.	
	MN999	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
	MN475	W/O M.F. Judd (RAF)	"	1520	1610	Mission was G.C. 103, to dive-bomb marshalling yards at	
	PD478	F/O R.J. Reilly	"	"	"	Gildern. 16 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail	
	MN999	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"	were dropped on marshalling yards. All rails (estimated	
	MN407	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"	at 10) running through marshalling yards destroyed. The	
	MP183	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	"	main double rails into south end of marshalling yards cut.	
	MN940	W/O J.L. Duncan	"	"	"	20 goods trucks in yard destroyed. Station destroyed.	
	MN805	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	6 passenger cars and locomotive between marshalling	
	MN641	P/O N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	yards and town strafed and damaged.	
	PD461	F/L D.V. Wright	Sweep	1815	1920	Carried out fighter sweep between Nijmegen, Wesel and	
	MN940	W/O J.L. Duncan	"	"	"	Gildern. 20 plus Huns reported headed north-west	
	PD478	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	from Venlo but no contacts were made.	
	MN641	P/O N.L. Gordon	"	"	"		
3.10.44	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING - Weather very poor.						
4.10.44	PD461	F/L H.O. Gooding	Bombing	0725	0825	Mission was G.C. 3, to dive-bomb rail at A.3242.	
	MN999	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"	16 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs dropped on rail lines at A.2535.	
	MP178	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"	Bombs were fused 11 sec. delay. Rail was cut and	
	MN641	F/O A. Frombolo	"	"	"	locomotive and 6 goods trucks damaged. Locomotive and	
	PD523	F/O C.O.R. Claassen	"	"	"	8 goods trucks were damaged at A.2434.	
	MN805	F/O J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"		
	MP183	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"		
	MN407	F/L S.C. Aistrop	"	"	"		
	PD461	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1000	1100	Mission was G.C. 3, to dive-bomb rail at E.9931 and	

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4.10.44	Typhoon 1B PD478	F/O J.G.E. Savard	Bombing	1000	1100	A.0626. 8 bombs were dropped on rail at E.9535. 2	
	MP183	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	making direct hits and cutting the rails. 8 bombs were	
	MN407	F/L S.C. Aistrop	"	"	"	dropped at A.0526 cutting rail. Rail was also cut at	
	MN692	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	1005	1050	A.0727 and A.0224. 8 bombs were dropped at A.0928	
	PD462	F/O R.J. Reilly	"	"	"	cutting rail. A total of 24 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs,	
	PD523	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	fused 11 sec. delay, were dropped.	
	MN641	F/O N.L. Gordon	"	"	"		
	MP173	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	1010	1120		
	MN805	WO1 J.L. Dunean	"	"	1100		
	MN801	F/O A. Frambolo	"	"	"		
	MN380	F/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"		
	PD523	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1210	1310	Mission was G.C. 3, to dive-bomb marshalling yards at	
	PD478	F/O J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"	Bocholt, alternative target, marshalling yards at	
	MP183	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	Borkem, A.2252. 8 bombs were dropped on marshalling	
	MN805	F/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"	yards at A.2252, cutting rail with two direct hits.	
	MP173	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	1305	8 bombs were dropped at A.3962 destroying a roundhouse	
	MN692	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"	and causing large explosions.	
	MN801	F/O A. Frambolo	"	"	"		
	MN641	F/L S.C. Aistrop	"	"	"		
	PD462	F/L D.V. Wright	"	1710	1815	Mission was G.C. 3, to dive-bomb marshalling yards at	
	MN801	WO1 J.L. Dunean	"	"	1755	Winterswijk or rail at A.6170. WO1 Dunean was forced to	
	MN692	F/L D.F. English	"	"	1815	turn back early because of mechanical trouble. Remainder	
	MN380	WO1 J.H. Meraw	"	"	"	carried on but were eventually forced to turn back by bad	
	MP183	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	weather. All bombs were brought back to base.	
	MN805	WO1 R.J. Reilly	"	"	"		
	PD523	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"		
	MN641	F/O N.L. Gordon	"	"	"		
5.10.44	PD462	F/L J.H. Beatty	"	1050	1210	Mission was G.C. 4, to dive-bomb rail at A.1459. 16 X	

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				Up	Down		
5.10.44	Typhoon 1B MN805	F/O R.J. Reilly	Bombing	1050	1210	500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay were dropped at A.1452, cutting the rail in two places. Repaired engine at A.4553 strafed and damaged.	
	MN380	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"		
	MN801	F/O A. Frombol	"	"	"		
	MP138	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	"		
	MP173	WO1 J.L. Duncan	"	"	"		
	MN641	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"		
	PD523	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"		
	PD523	S/L W.E. Pertland	"	1330	1435	Mission was G.C. 4, to dive bomb rail at A.4552. 16 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay were dropped at A.4552. Rail was possibly cut at A.4650. Large explosion seen from A.4552. Strafing train at A.1317, damaging engine and 4 passenger cars.	
	PD462	F/O J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"		
	MP149	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"		
	MP139	F/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"		
	MP138	F/O C.O.R. Claeken	"	"	"		
	MN888	F/O R.J.G. Gardner	"	"	"		
	MP183	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"		
	MN801	F/L S.C. Airstop	"	"	"		
	MN475	W/O M.T. Judd (RAF)	"	1630	1725	Mission was G.C. 4, to dive-bomb rail at E.9828. F/L Gooding turned back early as windscreen was covered with oil. Remainder dropped 11 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay north and south of Weeze. Three bombs hung up. Rails were not cut.	
	MN407	F/L S.C. Airstop	"	"	"		
	MN999	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"		
	MN641	F/O A. Frombol	"	"	"		
	PD523	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	"	1700		
	MP173	F/O J.G.E. Savard	"	"	1725		
	MP183	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"		
	MP139	F/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"		
6.10.44	PD461	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	0755	0845	Mission was G.C. 4, to dive-bomb marshalling yards at Gildern. 16 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail were dropped on marshalling yards but no results were observed	
	PD554	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
	MP124	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"		

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(*9211) WL 9211-50 50,000 Yds T.S. 700
(*1014-9211) WL 36311-2345 102M 12/48 T.S. 700

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
				UP	DOWN		
6.10.44	Typhoon 1B MN641	F/O A. Frombolo	Bombing	0755	0845	due to smoke and debris of a previous attack.	
	MP138	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	0855	F/L Aistrop did not return from this mission. He was last seen over target, prior to attack.	
	MP139	F/O J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"		
	MP149	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"		
	MN805	F/L S.C. Aistrop	"	"	0830		
	PD461	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1005	1110	Mission was G.C. 4, to dive-bomb rail at A.0459. F/O Russell forced to return early as underswings would not come up. Remainder dropped 14 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay on rail at A.0459. There were two direct hits and rail was cut at A.0558.	
	PD478	F/O J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"		
	PD523	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"		
	MP173	F/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"		
	MP184	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"		
	MN692	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
	MN801	F/O A. Frombolo	"	"	"		
	MN407	F/O G.D. Russell	"	"	1030		
	MN940	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1225	1330	Mission was G.C. 4, to dive-bomb rail at A.4767. F/O Frombolo was forced to return early because of mechanical trouble. 6 bombs were dropped at A.4767 but rail was not cut. 8 bombs were dropped on locomotive going east at A.4344. Locomotive was damaged by bombing and strafing and rails were cut. A total of 14 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs fused 11 sec. delay were dropped.	
	PD478	F/O J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"		
	MN692	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"		
	MP139	F/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"		
	MP138	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"		
	MN380	F/O A. Frombolo	"	"	1245		
	MP149	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	1330		
	MP173	F/O G.D. Russell	"	"	"		
	PD462	F/L J.H. Beatty	"	1555	1615	Mission was G.C. 4, to dive-bomb marshalling yards at Gildern. F/L Beatty was forced to return early as gun panels were not fastened. Remainder dropped 12 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail and 2 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs fused 6 hr. delay on marshalling yards. No tracks were left and the marshalling yards were a complete wreck.	
	MP173	WOL J.L. Dunsan	"	"	1640		
	PD523	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"		
	PD478	F/O R.J. Reilly	"	"	"		
	MN940	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	1650		
	MN692	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"		
	MP183	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"		

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
6.10.44	Typhoon 1B MP149	F/O A.P. Simard	Bombing	1555	1600		
	MP940	F/L J.H. Beatty	Patrol	1810	1920	Mission was G.C. 38, dusk patrol. Carried out patrol	
	PD478	F/O R.J. Reilly	"	"	"	over Venlo - Geldern area which was uneventful.	
	MP692	F/L D.F. English	"	"	1910		
	MP801	WOL J.L. Dunstan	"	"	"		
7.10.44	PD462	F/L J.H. Beatty	Bombing	0700	0830	Mission was G.C. 4, rescue north-west of A.3962. 6 bombs	
	MP641	WOL J.L. Dunstan	"	"	"	were dropped at A.3962, cutting rails and damaging bridge.	
	PD523	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	Train composed of locomotive and 13 trucks was damaged.	
	MP777	F/O R.J. Reilly	"	"	"	1 locomotive damaged. 1 locomotive with 4 cars hit by	
	PD461	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	"	bomb and damaged at A.3965. Rail was also cut. 8 bombs	
	MP124	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"	were dropped at A.4259. 1 locomotive with 10 cars was	
	MP183	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	hit and damaged and the rail was cut. 1 locomotive with	
						7 cars was strafed and damaged at A.3762. Brick factory	
						at A.4158 was hit by stray bomb and destroyed. Bombs	
						used were 500 lb. M.C., fused 11 sec. delay.	
	MP940	F/L J.H. Beatty	"	1115	1225	Mission was to dive-bomb rail at A.4870. 16 x 500 lb.	
	MP801	WOL J.L. Dunstan	"	"	"	M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay were dropped at A.4870.	
	MP407	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	Rail was cut in three places. It was observed that	
	PD478	F/O R.J. Reilly	"	"	"	rail was still cut at A.3743.	
	MP641	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	"		
	MP173	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"		
	MP183	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"		
	MP149	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		
	MP641	S/L W.H. Pentland	"	1430	1500	Mission was G.C. 4, to dive-bomb rail targets at A.0728	
	PD478	F/O J.G.E. Savard	"	"	1515	and A.1747. 16 x 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec.	
	PD462	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"	delay were dropped at A.1747. Rail was cut. Just after	
	MP149	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	dropping bombs S/L Pentland's aircraft blew up and pieces	
	MP173	F/O C.O.R. Clacken	"	"	"	of it struck and damaged F/O Savard's aircraft.	

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				Up	Down		
7.10.44	Typhoon 1B MN380	P/O R.A. Watson	Bombing	1430	1500	P/O Watson was forced to return early due to engine trouble.	
	MN801	P/O A. Frombolo	"	"	1515		
	MN777	P/O G.D. Russell	"	"	"		
8.10.44	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING					Weather poor	
9.10.44	" "	"				"	
10.10.44	" "	"				"	
11.10.44	" "	"				"	
12.10.44	MN940	P/O C.O.B. Claeken	Bombing	0925	1025	Mission was G.C. 1, to dive-bomb rail at E.9798. P/O	
	MP173	P/O G.D. Russell	"	"	"	Ward was forced to return early because of mechanical	
	MP149	P/O W.E. Ward	"	"	0940	failure. Remainder dropped 14 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs,	
	MN801	P/O A. Frombolo	"	"	1025	fused .025 tail in target area. Three direct hits were	
	MN641	P/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"	observed and the rail was cut. Moderate light accurate	
	PD469	P/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"	flak experienced from E.9595 and E.7874. Weather was	
	PD523	P/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"	good, visibility unlimited.	
	MN692	P/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"		
	MN475	W/C M.T. Judd (RAF)	"	1340	1420	Mission was G.C. 4, to dive-bomb E.775167 (Amerika).	
	PD478	P/O R.J. Reilly	"	"	"	16 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail were dropped in	
	MP183	P/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	target area. Railway was cut at E.775167 and many fires	
	MP149	P/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"	seen in area. Many buildings seen burning west of smoke	
	PD462	P/L J.H. Beatty	"	"	"	screen on north side of railway two miles west of target.	
	PD523	W/L Duncan, J.L.	"	"	"		
	MN640	P/L D.V. Wright	"	"	"		
	MP183	P/O G.D. Russell	"	"	"		
	MN480	P/L J.H. Beatty	"	1515	1625	Mission was G.C. 5, to dive-bomb E.830184. Pilots	
	MN692	P/O R.J. Reilly	"	"	"	dive-bombed target from 8-3000' dropping 16 X 1000 lb.	
	PD461	P/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail in target area. Results	
	MP124	P/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"	were not observed due to cloud. Weather was 6/10ths	
	MP469	P/L D.V. Wright	"	"	"	cloud at 9500'.	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
12.10.44	Typhoon 1B MN801	Wol Duncan, J.L.	Bombing	1515	1625		
	MP138	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		
	MP139	F/O R.R. Watson	"	"	"		
13.10.44	PD462	F/L J.H. Beatty	Bombing	0830	0915	Mission was G.C. 3, to dive-bomb rail at A.1240. 16 X	
	MP139	F/S W.C.J. Clifford	"	"	"	500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail were dropped in	
	MN692	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"	target area, six of them scoring direct hits. Rail was	
	MP173	Wol Duncan, J.L.	"	"	"	cut at A.1239. It was noticed that rail had been repaired	
	MN940	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	"	at A1041. League light inaccurate flak was experienced	
	MP149	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"	from Horst.	
	MP183	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"		
	PD478	F/O R.J. Reilly	"	"	"		
	MN940	S/L A.E. Monson	Escort	1035	1205	Mission was G.C. 9, to act as withdrawal cover to	
	MP139	F/S W.C.J. Clifford	"	"	"	bombers from Richmond. Mission was carried out. Jet	
	PD478	F/L J.H. Beatty	"	"	"	aircraft were reported coming from the east but were not	
	MP173	Wol Duncan, J.L.	"	"	"	seen. Only a small number of hits observed on target.	
	MP138	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	"	Patrolled area Venlo south to Maastricht at 12-15000'	
	PD469	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"	uneventful. Moderate heavy accurate flak from target.	
	MP183	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	Moderate heavy inaccurate flak from Horst.	
	PD478	F/O R.J. Reilly	"	"	"		
	MN940	S/L A.E. Monson	Bombing	1345	1455	Mission was G.C. 3, to dive-bomb rail at Z7501. 16 X	
	MN407	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"	500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail were dropped in	
	MN801	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"	target area. Most of the bombs fell on north side of	
	MN308	F/O G.D. Russell	"	"	"	track at B.3699. Tracks believed to be damaged at this	
	MP138	F/O C.O.R. Clasken	"	"	"	point. Weather was 10/10ths cloud, base 3500'.	
	PD523	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"		
	PD461	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"		

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(1094—9312) Wt 3511—2545 105M 1242 T.S. 700

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				UP	DOWN		
13.10.44	Typhoon 1B LN641	P/O R.A. Watson	Bombing	1345	1455		
14.10.44	PD462	F/L J.H. Beatty	"	1350	1440	Mission was G.C. 1. to dive-bomb rail at A0391. 16 x	
	MP139	F/S W.C.J. Clifford	"	"	"	500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail were dropped in	
	MP173	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"	target area but rail not cut. It was observed that rail	
	MN777	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"	had been repaired at A.1088.	
	PD469	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	1450		
	MN801	WOL Duncan, J.L.	"	"	1440		
	MP183	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"		
	MN940	P/O N.L. Gordon	"	"	1450		
	PD461	F/L J.H. Beatty	"	1620	1720	Mission was G.C. 1. to dive-bomb rail at A0789. 16 x	
	MP139	F/S W.C.J. Clifford	"	"	"	500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail were dropped in	
	MP138	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"	target area. Rail was cut at A0789 and also at A0689.	
	PD478	F/O R.J. Reilly	"	"	"	Intense light accurate flak from woods in E96 and 3	
15.10.44	PD523	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	"	gun position at E963.	
	MN801	WOL Duncan, J.L.	"	"	"		
	MP124	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		
	MN641	P/O N.L. Gordon	"	"	"		
	MN940	S/L A.E. Monson	"	0750	0850	Mission was G.C. 6. to dive-bomb rail at A4455. 16 x	
	MN407	F/S W.C.J. Clifford	"	"	"	500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail were dropped in	
	PD523	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	"	target area. Train with 12 to 15 trucks bombed, engine	
	MN801	WOL Duncan, J.L.	"	"	"	damaged. Rail cut at A4455. Moderate light inaccurate	
	PD462	F/L J.H. Beatty	"	"	"	flak from A4245. Weather was 10/10ths cloud at 3000',	
	MN692	P/O N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	visibility poor.	
	MP183	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"		
	MN692	F/O R.J. Reilly	"	"	"		
	MN940	S/L A.E. Monson	"	1025	1125	Mission was G.C. 6. to dive-bomb rail at E5698. 16 x	
	MN801	WOL Duncan, J.L.	"	"	"	500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail were dropped in	
	PD462	F/L J.H. Beatty	"	"	"	target area. Rail was cut at E5496.	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
15.10.44	Typhoon 1B MP183	F/S W.G.J. Clifford	Bombing	1025	1125		
	PD523	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	"		
	LN692	P/O N.L. Gordon	"	"	"		
	MP173	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"		
	MP124	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		
	LN940	F/O C.O.R. Claeken	"	1300	1355	Mission was G.C. 6. to dive-bomb rail at 39928. 16 X	
	MP173	F/O G.D. Russell	"	"	"	300lb. H.C. bombs fused .025 tail were dropped in target	
	MP124	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"	area. Results not observed due to low layer of cloud over	
	MP183	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	1405	area. Intense heavy and light accurate flak from A.03.	
	PD461	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	1355	Moderate light accurate flak from E.9828. Weather was	
	PD523	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	9/10ths cloud at 3000'. visibility poor.	
	LN801	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"		
	PD469	F/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"		
16.10.44	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING						
17.10.44	LN940	F/L J.H. Beatty	Bombing	0755	0845	Mission was to bomb rail lines but sortie was abortive	
	MN139	F/S W.G.J. Clifford	"	"	"	due to multi-layered cloud from 15000' to 3000'. All	
	MP183	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	aircraft returned with their bombs.	
	LN308	F/O R.J. Reilly	"	"	"		
	PD469	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	"		
	LN801	F/O N.L. Gordon	"	"	"		
	MP173	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	0855		
	MP124	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		
	PD462	F/O F.J. Crowley	Recon.	1530	1620	Carried out weather check of Deventer - Amersfoort area	
	PD478	F/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"	and discovered that weather was bad.	
	LN453	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"		
	LN692	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"		

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				UP	DOWN		
18.10.44	Typhoon 1B MN352	S/L A.E. Monson	Bombing	0845	0955	Mission was G.C. 5, to dive-bomb rail at V.2223.	
	MP183	F/L D.C. Stults	"	"	"	Secondary target a rail at Z8806. F/O Doidge acted as	
	MP124	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"	fighter cover for the Squadron as his aircraft had not	
	MP149	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	been bombed up. Remainder were prevented from attacking	
	PD461	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"	first target by cloud. 14 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused	
	PD554	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"	.025 tail were dropped at A.8806 scoring one direct hit	
	MN641	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"	and cutting rail. Weather was 9/10ths cloud from 3 to	
	MP139	F/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"	9000'.	
	PD462	F/L D.V. Wright	"	1345	1455	Mission was G.C. 5, to dive-bomb rail at A.1298. 16 X	
	LN475	W/C F.G. Grant	"	"	"	500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail were dropped on rail	
	MP173	F/L D.E. Jervey	"	"	"	at A1298. Rail cut at least in three places. Moderate	
	MN692	F/S W.C.J. Clifford	"	"	"	inaccurate light flak from W0700 area. Weather was	
	PD523	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	5 to 6/10ths cloud at 3 to 5000'.	
	MN801	WOL Dunsan, J.L.	"	"	"		
	MN641	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		
	PD478	F/O R.J. Reilly	"	"	"		
19.10.44	MN940	F/O C.O.R. Claeken	"	1600	1700	Mission was G.C. 3, to dive-bomb rail at V1419, alternative	
	PD462	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	target, rail at A1398. 16 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused	
	MN692	F/L D.C. Stults	"	"	"	.025 tail were dropped on rail at A1398. Rail was cut	
	PD478	F/O J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"	with two direct hits. Moderate inaccurate light flak	
	MP124	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"	from B3467. Weather was 10/10ths cloud from 5 to 10000'.	
	LN461	F/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"		
	MN801	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	"		
	MP173	F/O G.D. Russell	"	"	"		
20.10.44	MN352	S/L A.E. Monson	"	0750	0900	Mission was G.C. 3, to dive-bomb rail at V1419. 14 X	
	MN940	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"	500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail were dropped in	
	PD478	F/L J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"	target area. Only four bombs exploded and rail was not	
	MP183	F/L D.C. Stults	"	"	"	cut. F/O Doidge was hit by flak, exploded and went straight	

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				UP	DOWN		
20.10.44	Typhoon 1B						
	MF139	F/O R.A. Watson	Bombing	0750	0900	in at V1419. Intense inaccurate light flak experienced.	
	PD469	F/O R.W. Doidge	"	"	0830		
	MF173	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	0900		
	PD462	F/L D.V. Wright	"	1515	1625	Mission was G.C. 3. to dive-bomb rail at X 29537.	
	MF149	F/S W.C.J. Clifford	"	"	1630	16 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail were dropped,	
	MF183	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	1625	which cut rail lines in three places between Z9744 and	
	MF124	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"	Z9847. Intense inaccurate light flak from X 28769.	
	MN940	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"		
	MN642	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"		
21.10.44	PD523	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"		
	MN641	F/O N.L. Gordon	"	"	"		
	MN692	F/O J. Stewart	Recon.	0655	0745	Carried out weather check of Coesfeld - Borken area.	
	MN407	F/O R.J. Reilly	"	"	"	Thick ground haze and cloud was encountered.	
	PD462	F/O J. Stewart	"	0855	0935	Repeated weather check of Coesfeld - Borken area.	
	MN407	F/O R.J. Reilly	"	"	"	Observed that haze and cloud was clearing.	
	MF183	F/L D.V. Wright	Bombing	1055	1155	Mission was to dive-bomb rail at V0609. 16 X 500 lb.	
	MN308	F/O R.J. Reilly	"	"	"	M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail were dropped, which cut	
	PD523	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	rails at V0308, 0609 and 1111. Signs of repair were	
	MN461	F/O N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	seen at A1398. Weather was CAVU.	
	MF173	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"		
	MF124	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		
	PD461	F/O D.F. English	"	"	"		
	MN138	F/S W.C.J. Clifford	"	"	"		
	PD523	F/O J. Stewart	Recon.	1245	1325	Carried out weather check in area A.5967. Scattered	
	MN407	F/O R.J. Reilly	"	"	"	clouds and slight ground haze.	
	MN352	S/L A.E. Monson	Bombing	1335	1445	Mission was G.C. 3. to dive-bomb rail at A5967. 14 X	

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				Up	Down		
21.10.44	Typhoon 1B MN139	P/O R.A. Watson	Bombing	1335	1445	500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail were dropped in	
	PD554	P/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	target area. Rail at A5967 and junction at A6069 were	
	MP183	F/L D.C. Stults	"	"	"	out. Meagre inaccurate heavy flak from A2344. Rhine	
	MP173	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"	River appeared swollen and area just west of Wesel	
	MP124	P/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"	appeared slightly flooded.	
	MN940	F/S W.C.J. Clifford	"	"	"		
	MN940	F/L C.O.R. Glaeken	"	1615	1730	Mission was to dive-bomb railway at A4867. One aircraft	
	MN139	P/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"	had hang-up. 14 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail	
	MX PD554	P/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	were dropped on target. Two direct hits were scored at	
	MN692	F/L J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"	A4869. Slight accurate heavy flak from Goch. Weather	
	MP183	F/L D.C. Stults	"	"	"	heavy, visibility two miles.	
	MP173	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"		
	MP124	P/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"		
	MN308	F/S W.C.J. Clifford	"	"	"		
22.10.44	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING						
23.10.44	"	"	"	"	"		
24.10.44	PD523	F/L D.C. Stults	Bombing	0915	1045	Mission was G.C. 2, to dive-bomb rail at W0024. 14 X	
	PD462	P/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail were scattered over	
	MN641	F/L J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"	target area. No results observed due to poor visibility.	
	MN149	P/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	1050	Ambulance train seen facing S.E. at W0121. Weather was	
	PD554	P/O E.J.C. Gardner	"	"	1045	8/10ths cloud from 1 to 2000', scattered cloud from	
	MP173	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"	4000 to 13000'.	
	MN308	F/S W.C.J. Clifford	"	"	"		
25.10.44	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING (Dense fog)						
26.10.44	"	"	"	"	"		
27.10.44	"	"	"	"	"		
28.10.44	MN475	W/C F.G. Grant	Bombing	0820	0920	Mission was G.C. 1, to dive-bomb rail at Z918258.	
	PD589	P/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	16 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail were dropped	

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				UP	DOWN		
28.10.44	Typhoon 1B MP124	F/O F.J. Crowley	Bombing	0820	0920	scoring one direct hit at Z9308. Results were not	
	MN692	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"	observed. Moderate heavy inaccurate flak from east side	
	MP183	F/L D.C. Stults	"	"	"	of DeWitter. Moderate heavy inaccurate flak from E9609.	
	MN777	F/O J.M. Cordiak	"	"	"	Intense heavy and light accurate flak from E.P.S.	
	PD461	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"	Weather good, visibility 3 to 4 miles.	
	MN407	F/O A. Frombolo	"	"	"		
	LP540	F/L C.C.R. Clacken	"	1125	1235	Mission was G.C. 1, to dive-bomb rail at V.2218. 16 X	
	PD462	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail were dropped in	
	MN308	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"	target area, scoring two direct hits at V1916 and cutting	
	PD554	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"	both rails. Meagre light inaccurate flak from V.2118.	
	PD523	F/L D.C. Stults	"	"	"		
	MN149	F/O J.M. Cordiak	"	"	"		
	MP138	F/O A. Frombolo	"	"	"		
	MP173	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"		
	MP173	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	1415	1515	Mission was G.C. 1, to dive-bomb rail at Realts.	
	MP183	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	V.018218. 16 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail	
	PD462	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	"	were dropped in target area cutting rail at E9825 and	
	MN692	F/L H.F. English	"	"	"	Z9726.	
	MN308	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"		
	MN407	F/S W.C.J. Clifford	"	"	"		
	PD589	F/O N.L. Gordon	"	"	"		
	PD461	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"		
	MP138	F/L D.V. Wright	"	1710	1810	Mission was G.C. 1, to dive-bomb bridge at E.729064.	
	MP149	F/O J. Stewart	"	"	"	Alternative target - rails at E9723. Original target was	
	MN641	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	not attacked due to low cloud. 10 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs,	
	MP139	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"	fused .025 tail were dropped at E9723. Results were not	

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28.10.44	Typhoon 1B MN777	F/L D.F. English	Bombing	1710	1810	observed. Weather was 9 to 10/10ths cloud at 3500'	
29.10.44	MN475	F/O F.G. Grant	"	0810	0930	Mission was M.O.B.L. to dive-bomb look gates at V5210.	
	MN940	F/L C.O.R. Claeken	"	"	"	Bombed look gates according to plan with 11 aircraft from other squadrons, but the look gates were up. One large explosion seen from oil barge. One bomb thought to have made direct hit on house on east side of gates. Intense heavy and light flak from woods on east side of canal at V.5210. 10 x 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail, were dropped. A great deal of barge traffic was seen on canal to north and south of look.	
	MN777	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"		
	MN352	S/L A.E. Monson	"	0825	0945		
	PD523	F/L D.C. Stults	"	"	"		
	PD589	F/L D.C. Stults	"	1125	1230	Mission was G.C. 5, to dive-bomb rail at V.6013, A.6047	
	MP173	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"	and A.5255. Eight bombs were dropped on train at A6047 but results were not observed. Eight bombs were dropped on stationary train headed south at A5255. Two direct hits were scored on centre of train. Bombs used were 500 lb. M.C., fused .025 tail. Moderate heavy accurate flak from A6759. Moderate light accurate flak from A6250. Five barges were seen headed west at A.3582.	
	MN692	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
	MP149	F/O J.M. Cordick	"	"	"		
	MP124	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"		
	MN407	F/O A. Frombole	"	"	"		
	PD462	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"		
	MN641	F/O W.T. Dunkeld	"	"	"		
	MN352	S/L A.E. Monson	"	1145	1225	Mission was G.C. 11, to bomb bridge at X E.710039.	
	MN777	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	1230	8 x 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail were dropped in target area. One hit seen on north approach, others not observed. S/L Monson was hit by flak and baled out at E.715. He returned to unit later. Intense heavy and light accurate flak from E.7103.	
	MN308	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"		
	MP183	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"		
	MN308	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	1425	1535	Mission was G.C. 5, to bomb rail at V6013. 16 x 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail were dropped in target area.	
	MN407	WO2 R.H. Dundas	"	"	"	South track at V.6113 and double tracks at V5213 cut.	
	PD462	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	"	Stationary train with 8 to 10 goods cars hit in the centre with two bombs. Two cars destroyed, two damaged and rail possibly cut.	
	MN940	WO1 Duman, J.L.	"	"	"		
	MP183 See above with	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"		
	MN777	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"		
	MN461	F/O N.L. Gordon	"	"	"		
	PD589	F/S W.C.J. Clifford	"	"	"		
30.10.44	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING						
31.10.44	PD554	F/L D.V. Wright	Recon.	0725	0740	Proceeded on weather recon but weather was so poor had	

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B.78, Kindhoven	1.11.44		Due to inclement weather, no flying was carried out.		
	2.11.44		Two Typhoons carried out a weather check of fifty minutes duration. The first operation was against bridge and rails at K629997 by four of our aircraft with 1000 lb. bombs. P/O Crowley scored two direct hits on the bridge knocking it out. Moderate heavy accurate flak at K7104. One of our aircraft returned Category "A", having been hit by flak. The pilot was unhurt. It was found necessary to carry out another weather check in the afternoon as the weather wasn't very promising. Two of our aircraft were despatched and reported weather fit for flying. The second operation was against rails at F.1294 carried out by seven aircraft. Due to the extremely heavy and light accurate flak encountered all our aircraft returned without bombing the target. All pilots were of the opinion that this was the heaviest barrage of flak encountered to date.		
	3.11.44		Due to adverse weather no flying was carried out.		
	4.11.44		The first operation was against rail at Z9639. Eight of our aircraft carrying 500 lb. bombs overshot target due to poor visibility and mission proved unsuccessful, no rails being out. Moderate light accurate flak experienced from Z9545. The second operation was against rails at Z7202 carried out by eight aircraft. 500 lb. bombs were dropped short of target and rails were not out. Intense accurate light flak experienced from Z7102. The final operation for the day was against rails at Z9639 by eight aircraft. One aircraft was forced to return early due to mechanical failure and seven attacked target. Due to very poor visibility and very intense cloud, which was 10/10ths at 2500' over target, original target was not attacked. However rails were believed out between Z9232 and Z9626 in one place. Two gun positions observed at Z9333 and 50 plus ships and barges anchored at Z7145.		
	5.11.44		Two aircraft carried out a weather recon. of the Zwolle area but reported weather unfit for flying. A second weather recon was carried out by two Typhoons but no change had taken place and weather was reported unfit for operations. In the afternoon a weather recon was carried out but not sufficient improvement was observed to permit operational flying.		

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B.78, Eindhoven	6.11.44		The first operation was against rails at V1319. Eight aircraft attacked the target but two bombs on one aircraft were ineffective. Rail was cut at V075025 and near misses were scored. Intense heavy accurate flak at E729. Moderate light inaccurate flak from A0925. The second operation was abortive due to bad weather. Eight aircraft were despatched with 500 lb. bombs to attack rail at Z9226 but returned without dropping bombs. Three jet-propelled aircraft were seen. The third operation was to dive-bomb rails at Z9639. Eight aircraft were despatched and dropped bombs in target area. One bomb hung up and was brought back to base. One near miss scored on SE side of bridge but rails not cut. Near misses were scored. Meagre light inaccurate flak at Z9639. Vapor trail of V.2 seen in V1015 area. The final target was the dive-bombing of rails at Z9507. Eight aircraft were despatched on this mission but one was forced to return early due to mechanical trouble. 14 X 500 lb. bombs landed in target area scoring near misses and cutting the track at Z959057. Goods train seen at Z9702 and was very well camouflaged.		
	7.11.44		Bad weather restricted operations and only one operation was carried out. This against rails at Z9847, six aircraft took off on this mission but due to low cloud base the alternative target at A1387 was attacked. Four direct hits were scored and rails were cut with 500 lb. bombs M.C. with .025 tail fusing.		
	8.11.44		Threatening weather restricted operations and three weather recce. was the operational flying for the day. Three weather recce. of the Zwolle - Sneek area, each by two aircraft were carried out. The weather was reported unfavorable for operations.		
	9.11.44		No operational flying was carried out due to rain.		
	10.11.44		Seven aircraft engaged in an armed recce., the only operation of the day. This was carried out in the Meppel area. Barges were strafed in canal between Meppel and Hoogeveen (V0453 to V1357). One smoker and eleven damaged barges were seen. Intense light accurate flak was encountered at Z7535.		
	11.11.44		E/O J.A.D. Gordon and E/L D.F. English went on a weather recce to finish off their operational tours and it turned out to be a very successful armed recce. 15 trucks were strafed and damaged at Z6101, 6 Tiger tanks on flat cars were strafed and damaged. One		

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B.78, Bindhoven	11.11.44		truck behind the engine exploded on being strafed and the engine was also spouting great columns of steam. Two other engines at B5598 and Z6722 were also damaged. Intense light accurate flak was experienced in Z6520 area. Visibility was 20 to 30 miles. The second operation was against rails at Z9746 in which eight aircraft dropped 500 lb. bombs on the target. The rails were cut at Z9746. F/O F.J. Crowley, one of the original pilots of the Squadron is missing, believed killed after this operation. After releasing his bombs he was hit by flak and exploded before pulling out of the dive. He was not seen to abandon his aircraft. Four of our aircraft provided fighter cover for a Wing show in which the Lock Gates east of Sneek were bombed. This mission proved uneventful. Four of our aircraft provided fighter cover for the second attack on the Lock Gates east of Sneek. This was also uneventful for our pilots. Four of our aircraft provided fighter cover for an attack on the Lock Gates at Gaaskeuken. One aircraft returned shortly after take-off due to a technical failure. This mission was uneventful. Four of our aircraft provided fighter cover for a second attack on the Lock Gates at Gaaskeuken. This also was uneventful.		
	12.11.44		No operational flying carried out due to adverse weather.		
	13.11.44		No operational flying carried out.		
	14.11.44		No operational flying carried out.		
	15.11.44		No operational flying carried out.		
	16.11.44		No operational flying carried out.		
	17.11.44		One of our aircraft carried out a weather recon. but weather was declared unfit for operations.		
	18.11.44		The bridge at K942728 was attacked with 1000 lb. bombs by eight of our aircraft. All bombs landed in target area. Two landed on road at south end of Bridge cutting road. F/O R.J. Reilly called up on the R/T and asked to be directed over our lines as he was in trouble. Due to cloud he could not be seen but soon after an explosion was seen on the ground. He has been posted as missing, details unknown. The bridge at K942728 was attacked a second time by seven of our aircraft. All bombs landed in target area and many near misses scored, but no direct hits were observed. Two bombs hung up and were		

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B. 78, Eindhoven	18.11.44		jettisoned before return. Intense heavy and light accurate flak was encountered over target area. One aircraft is Category A. The first ^{first} operation was the dive-bombing of rails between Bochoolt and Isselburg. The weather was bad and bombs had to be jettisoned in Bochoolt area.		
	19.11.44		Seven Typhoons were despatched to cut rail line between Kempen and Geldern. P/O J.M. Cordick's aircraft was hit by flak before reaching target and exploded in mid-air. The pilot was not seen to bale out. Six aircraft dropped 1000 lb. bombs on rails at B9430 but rail was not cut. Meagre light accurate was experienced in this area. A second operation to cut rails in the Kempen - Geldern area was carried out by five aircraft with 500 lb. bombs. Two direct hits cutting rail were scored at A037212 and two direct hits also scored at A039209 and rails also cut.		
	20.11.44		No operational flying carried out.		
	21.11.44		The rail-cutting programme continued and the first operation was against rails at A6366. Nine Typhoons, seven bombers and two fighters took off to attack above target. Rails were damaged at A629651 but not cut. Locomotives with 10 or 12 cars at A5747 and locomotive with 8 cars at A4243 and locomotive with 8 to 12 cars at A3142 damaged. Many strikes were seen. Strafing was carried out after target was bombed with 500 lb. bombs with .025 tail fusing. P/O J.L. Duncan was hit by flak and crash-landed at B8423 and has not yet returned. Intense accurate light flak at B8423. It is believed P/O Duncan made a safe landing and P/O Gordon orbited his aircraft but could not see P/O Duncan in the aircraft. It is possible he got out and ran, and it is believed he was over the bomb line when he landed. The second operation was against rails at K911672 near Wuns with 1000 lb. bombs, instantaneous tail fusing. Four aircraft were despatched but this proved abortive due to bad weather. Cloud in target area was 10/10ths cloud up to 7000'. Bombs were dropped on Linne at K7586 but results were not observed. The third and final operation was against railway between Dulmen and Ludlchouse. ^{NINE} Six aircraft, two of them fighters, bombed railway at A734364 with 14 X 500 lb. bomb fused .025 tail. Rails were cut at this point. Two trains, one at A255 with 25 cars and one with 5 cars		

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B.78, Eindhoven	21.11.44		at A5255 were attacked with cannon. Both engines damaged and strikes seen on trucks. Moderate accurate heavy flak from A4644. 9/10ths cloud at 5000' over target. F/L Jenvey's aircraft was hit by flak and had to make a belly-landing at base which was made safely.		
	22.11.44		No operational flying carried out.		
	23.11.44		Two new pilots, P/O's Passmore and Villiers arrived today. ^{du} Replacements have been badly needed but we have been advised that at present the supply at 83 G.S.U. is exhausted. No operational flying carried out.		
	24.11.44		No operational flying carried out.		
	25.11.44		Two aircraft carried out a weather recon. in the Goch area. Weather was found unsuitable for operations due to cloud and very poor visibility. A second weather recon. of the Goch area was carried out by two aircraft. Weather was found unsuitable for bombing at low-level.		
	26.11.44		The first operation was against rails in the Goch area carried out by eight of our aircraft with two acting as fighter escort. 12 X 500 lb. bombs were dropped at A032401 and rail was cut. Large explosion seen at A0341 with white smoke. Moderate light accurate flak from B9942 was observed with meagre light accurate flak from B9723. The second operation was against rails in the Goch area. Nine Typhoons were despatched, two acting as fighter cover on the operation. Our formation was jumped by Mustangs near the target and four of our aircraft jettisoned their bombs. The six remaining bombs were dropped on A513936 and rails were cut. One bomb hit second truck behind locomotive of a stationary train with locomotive and 10 trucks at A513939. No flak was encountered on this operation. The third operation was to dive-bomb rails at A8288. 10 aircraft 2 forming fighter cover dropped 16 X 500 lb. bombs at A8990 but rail was not cut. Moderate heavy inaccurate flak was experienced from B9130. 10 car train was seen going SE at A9187. Flat cars appeared to have lumber on with tarpaulin covers over top. Guns were seen firing from cars and it is believed it was a flak train.		
	27.11.44		No operational flying was carried out due to weather.		

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B. 78, Eindhoven	28.11.44		Two aircraft carried out a weather recon. of A5879 area. Weather was found fit for operations. A heavy concentration of flak was encountered in this area. The first operation was to dive-bomb rails at A5879. 10 aircraft with 500 lb. bombs dispatched on this operation but one was forced to return early because of an oil leak. 6 bombs were dropped on A5879 but rails were not cut. 12 bombs were dropped by train moving SW with 6 flat cars at A6476. Train was stopped and it is believed rails were cut. Intense heavy accurate flak from Goch area. Intense light accurate flak from Coesfeld area. Two Typhoons had to carry out a weather recon. before further operations. The weather in the Coesfeld area was cloudy and visibility was poor. No further operations were carried out. Two bombing of railway at A1552 was carried out.		
	29.11.44		The first target was against rails at A0341 in which 8 aircraft with 500 lb. bombs attacked target. All bombs in target area cutting rails at A051406, A031402, A035462. Moderate light accurate flak experienced from A0338 and A0040. Weather over target was good with visibility 10 to 15 miles with a small amount of haze. A test of vectors for dropping bombs at high level through cloud was carried out by two aircraft carrying 500 lb. bombs which were not dropped. The second operation was against a defended post at E834299 in which two aircraft participated with 1000 lb. bombs 11 second delay tail fused. 3 bombs scored direct hits on buildings demolishing both buildings. Fourth bomb skipped and out a junction the army had wanted out. A communication was received from the army thanking the Typhoons for the thorough job done and also for the job of mind reading, re cutting the junction. The above target was an S.S. Headquarters and was the first job of close support to the army for some time. Weather was 6/10ths cloud at 1500' over target. The final target was dive-bombing rails between Wesel and Emmerich. 6 aircraft dropped 500 lb. bombs at A152502 and cut the rails. Meagre inaccurate heavy flak was experienced from E9030. Weather was hazy.		
	30.11.44		F/O Flintoft reported to the Squadron for flying duties. No operational flying was carried out due to heavy ground haze which greatly reduced visibility though the sky overhead was clear and a strong sun was shining.		

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B.78, Eindhoven	30.11.44		<p>The general health of the Squadron for the month was good.</p> <p>Operational sorties for the month - 251.✓</p> <p>" " " " - 282:15 hrs.</p> <p>Non-operational hours for the month - 24:40.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>Aircraft</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Typhoon 1B - 16 (includes Wing Commander Flying's aircraft).</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>Personnel</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;"><u>Aircrew</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">Officers - 22</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">Airmen - 1</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;"><u>Groundcrew</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">Officers - 3</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">Airmen - 31</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <i>A.E. Monson</i> (A.E. Monson) S/L, Officer Commanding, 440 Squadron. </p>	

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1.11.44	Typhoon 1B	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT - Bad weather					
2.11.44	MP183	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	Recon.	1330	1420	Carried out weather check of Venlo area. Found suitable for operations.	
	PD461	F/S Clifford, W.C.J.	"	"	"		
	PD462	F/L D.V. Wright	Bombing	1650	1750	Mission was G.C. 31, to divebomb rail at F.1294.	
	MN984	W/O Duncan, J.L.	"	"	"	Because of very intensive enemy flak Squadron could not reach target and returned to base with bombs.	
	MN453	F/O N.L. Gordon	"	"	"		
	MN380	F/O P.H. Kearse	"	"	"		
	MN692	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"		
	MP149	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"		
	PD589	F/O R.J. Reilly	"	"	"		
	MP183	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	Recon.	1505	1615	Carried out weather check of area K.629997. Found suitable for operations.	
	MP138	F/S Clifford, W.C.J.	"	"	"		
	PD497	F/L D.C. Stults	Bombing	1550	1635	Mission was G.C. 13, to blow up bridge at K629997.	
	MN777	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"	8 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs fused .025 tail were dropped and two direct hits scored, knocking out bridge. Moderate accurate heavy flak at K7104.	
	MP124	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"		
	MN801	F/O W.T. Dunkeld	"	"	"		
3.11.44		NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT - Bad weather					
4.11.44	MP183	F/L D.C. Stults	Bombing	0915	1025	Mission was G.C. 1, to divebomb rail at Z9639. One aircraft, F/L Russell, returned early because of mechanical failure. Remainder dropped 14 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail on rail between Z9252 to Z9626.	
	PD462	F/O W.T. Dunkeld	"	"	"	One rail possibly out. Original target not reached due to 10/10ths cloud. Two gun positions were observed at Z9333 and 50 or more ships were seen anchored at Z7145.	
	MP139	F/O A. Frombolo	"	"	"		
	MP149	F/O J.M. Cordick	"	"	"		
	MN692	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"		
	PD589	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	1000		
	MN453	F/O N.L. Gordon	"	"	1025		
	MN984	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
	MN940	F/L D.C. Stults	"	1220	1325	Mission was G.C. 1, to divebomb rail at Z9639. 16 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail were dropped short of target and rail was not out. Moderate light accurate	
	PD589	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"		
	MN801	F/O A. Frombolo	"	"	"		

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				UP	DOWN		
4.11.44	Typhoon 1B MP138	F/O J.M. Cordick	Bombing	1220	1325	flak experienced from Z9545.	
	PD523	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"		
	MN984	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
	MP124	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"		
	MN380	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"		
	MP149	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	1535	1640	Mission was G.C. 1, to dive-bomb rail at Z7202. 16 X	
	MN984	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"	500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail were dropped on target,	
	MP138	F/L D.V. Wright	"	"	"	but they overshot and rail was not out. Intense	
	MN801	WOL Duncan, J.L.	"	"	"	accurate light flak experienced from Z7102.	
	MN183	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"		
	MN380	F/O P.H. Kearse	"	"	"		
	MN453	F/O N.L. Gordon	"	"	"		
5.11.44	MP139	F/S Clifford, W.C.J.	"	"	"		
	PD462	F/L D.V. Wright	Recco.	0830	0915	Carried out weather recco. of Zwolle area. Found it	
	MN801	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"	unsuitable for operations.	
	PD462	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	1000	1050	Carried out weather recco. of Zwolle area. Found it	
	MN801	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"	unsuitable for operations.	
	PD462	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	1430	1510	Carried out weather recco. of Zwolle area. Found it	
6.11.44	MN801	WOL Duncan, J.L.	"	"	"	unsuitable for operations.	
	MP183	F/L D.C. Stults	Bombing	0825	0930	Mission was G.C. 4, to dive-bomb rail at V1319. F/O	
	MN692	F/O W.T. Dunkeld	"	"	0845	Dunkeld forced to return early because of mechanical	
	MP124	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	0930	trouble. Remainder dropped 14 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs	
	MP149	F/O J.M. Cordick	"	"	"	fused .025 tail on target. Rail was out. Hits were	
	MN940	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"	observed at W075205. Intensive heavy accurate flak	
	PD589	F/L J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"	from E739. Moderate light inaccurate flak from A0295.	
	MN984	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		

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				Up	Down		
6.11.44	Typhoon 1B MP138	F/L G.D. Russell	Bombing	0825	0930		
	MP183	F/L D.C. Stalts	"	1050	1150	Mission was G.C. 4, to dive-bomb rail at Z9226 Z9639.	
	MN380	F/O W.T. Dunkeld	"	"	"	F/O Barber had one bomb hang-up. 15 x 500 lb. M.C.	
	MP124	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	"	bombs, fused .025 tail were dropped on SE side of Bridge.	
	PD497	F/O J.M. Cordick	"	"	"	Rail was not cut. Meagre light inaccurate flash from	
	MN940	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"	Z9639. Vapor trail of V.2 seen at V1015 area.	
	MN984	F/L J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"		
	MP138	F/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"		
	PD462	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"		
	MP138	F/L D.V. Wright	"	1325	1430	Mission was G.C.4, to dive-bomb rail at Z9226. All	
	MN801	WO1 Duncan, J.L.	"	"	"	aircraft returned with bombs because of bad weather.	
	PD589	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	Three enemy jet-propelled aircraft were seen.	
	MN453	F/O N.L. Gordon	"	"	"		
	MP149	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"		
	MN984	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"		
	MP124	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		
	MP139	F/O P.H. Kearse	"	"	"		
	MP138	F/L D.V. Wright	"	1610	1730	Mission was G.C.4, to dive-bomb rail at Z9507. 16 x	
	MP183	WO1 Duncan, J.L.	"	"	"	500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail were dropped and	
	PD589	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	two direct hits scored at Z95057, cutting rail. Well-	
	MN453	F/O N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	camouflaged goods train seen at Z9702.	
	MP149	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"		
	MN984	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"		
	MP124	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		
	MP139	F/O P.H. Kearse	"	"	"		
7.11.44	MP183	F/L D.V. Wright	"	0940	1055	Mission was G.C. 1. to dive-bomb rail at Z9847.	
	MN801	WO1 Duncan, J.L.	"	"	"	Alternative target bombed as original could not be	
	MN453	F/O N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	reached because of bad weather. 12 x 500 lb. M.C.	

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				UP	DOWN		
7.11.44	Typhoon 1B PD497	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	Bombing	0940	1055	bombs, fused .025 tail were dropped at A1387 cutting	
	MP149	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	1105	rail with four direct hits.	
	MN380	F/L D.F. English	"	"	1055		
8.11.44	PD589	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	Recco.	0725	0825	Carried out weather recco. of Zwolle area. Weather not	
	MN626	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"	suitable for operations but appeared to be breaking.	
	MN626	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	0920	1040	Carried out weather recco. of Zwolle area. Weather had	
	PD589	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"	not improved.	
	MN626	F/O N.L. Gordon	"	1345	1455	Carried out weather recco. of Zwolle area. Weather still	
	PD589	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	not suitable for operations.	
9.11.44		NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT +		Snowing			
10.11.44	PD462	F/L D.E. Jenvey	Recco.	1555	1715	Mission was G.C. 11, an armed reconnaissance in Meppel	
	MN453	F/O N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	area. Strafed barges in canal between Meppel and	
	MP183	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	"	"	Hoogeveen, scoring one smoker and 11 damaged. Intense	
	MP149	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"	light accurate flak from 27535.	
	MN984	F/O P.H. Kearse	"	"	"		
	MP138	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		
	MN692	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"		
11.11.44	PD523	F/O J.A.D. Gordon	"	0725	0825	Carried out weather recco. of Sneek area. Strafed 15	
	MP183	F/L D.F. English	"	"	"	trucks at 26101. 9 tanks on flat cars, truck behind engine	
	PD497	F/L D.E. Jenvey	Escort	0900	1030	blew up, damaged engine. Two engines damaged at 27598	
	PD589	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	and 26722. Intense light accurate flak from 26520.	
	MP124	F/O N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	Mission was G.C. 2, to act as fighter cover for bombers	
	MP138	F/S Clifford, W.C.J.	"	"	"	to look gates east of Sneek. Uneventful.	
	MN626	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	0915	1045	Mission was G.C.2. Acted as fighter cover for bombers	
	MN984	F/O P.H. Kearse	"	"	"	to look gates east of Sneek. Uneventful.	
	MN380	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		

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				UP	DOWN		
11.11.44	Typhoon 1B MN801	WO1 Duncan, J.L.	Escort	0915	1045		
	PD497	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	1205	1345	Mission was G.C.2. Acted as fighter cover for bombers	
	MP183	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	1225	to look gates at Gaasbeeken. F/O Ward returned early	
	MP124	F/O N.L. Gordon	"	"	1345	because of mechanical trouble. Escort uneventful.	
	MN692	F/S Clifford, W.C.J.	"	"	"		
	MN626	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	1220	1400	Mission was G.C.2. Acted as fighter cover for bombers	
	MP149	F/O P.H. Kearse	"	"	"	to look gates at Gaasbeeken. Uneventful.	
	MN380	F/O A.F. Simard	"	"	"		
	MN801	WO1 Duncan, J.L.	"	"	"		
	MN940	F/L C.O.R. Clacken	Bombing	1520	1630	Mission was to dive-bomb railway at Z9746. 16 X 500 lb.	
	MP149	F/O J.M. Cordick	"	"	"	M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail were dropped on target cutting	
	MP139	F/O E.A. Watson	"	"	"	rail. F/O Crowley's aircraft exploded in the air after	
	PD523	F/L J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"	bombs were released. Pilot was posted as missing.	
	PD462	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"	believed killed..	
	MN984	F/O W.T. Dunkeld	"	"	"		
	MP124	F/O F.J. Crowley	"	"	1600		
	MP138	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	1630		
12.11.44		NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT - Weather poor					
13.11.44		"	"	"	"		
14.11.44		"	"	"	"		
15.11.44		"	"	"	"		
16.11.44		"	"	"	"		
17.11.44	MN940	F/L C.O.R. Clacken	Recco.	0815	0915	Carried out weather recco. in Zwolle area. Poor.	
18.11.44	MP183	F/L D.G. Stuits	Bombing	0920	1025	Mission was G.C.2. to dive-bomb rail at Bochoolt.	
	PD402	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	Isselburg. 14 X 1000 lbs were jettisoned because of	
	MN453	F/O N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	very bad weather. F/L Savard's aircraft was not loaded	
	MP138	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"	with bombs.	
	MN626	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"		

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				UP	DOWN		
18.11.44	Typhoon 1B MN777	F/O J.M. Cordick	Bombing	0920	1025		
	MP139	F/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"		
	MP124	F/L J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"		
	RE203	Sgt A.E. Monson	"	1305	1405	Mission was G.C.1, to dive-bomb bridge at K942728.	
	MN940	F/L D.C. Stults	"	"	"	12 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail were dropped	
	MN801	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"	in target area. F/O Barber's bombs hung up but managed	
	MN777	F/O W.D. Barber	"	"	"	to jettison them before returning to base. Near misses	
	MP149	F/O J.M. Cordick	"	"	"	scored on bridge. Intensive heavy and light accurate	
	PD528	F/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"	flak experienced.	
	PD589	F/L J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"		
	MP183	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	1520	1635	Mission was G.C.1, to dive-bomb bridge at K942728.	
	MP138	F/S Clifford, W.C.J.	"	"	"	14 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail were dropped in	
	MN453	F/O N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	target area. F/O Duncan was forced to return early	
	MN984	F/O P.H. Kearse	"	"	"	because of mechanical failure. Two bombs landed on road	
	MN692	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"	at south end of bridge. F/O Reilly failed to return	
	MP139	F/O J.L. Duncan	"	"	1555	from this mission.	
	PD462	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"/	1635		
	MP124	F/O R.J. Reilly	"	"	1610		
19.11.44	MN777	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	0855	0945	Mission was G.C. 1, to cut rail between Kempen - Geldern.	
	MN626	F/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"	During dive on target, rail at E9340, F/O Cordick was	
	PD523	F/O J.L. Duncan	"	"	"	hit by flak before releasing his bombs. His aircraft	
	MP183	F/O P.H. Kearse	"	"	"	exploded in the air and broke into pieces. Remainder	
	PD497	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"	dropped 12 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs fused .025 tail on rail	
	MP138	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"	at E9340 but rail was not cut. Meagre light accurate	
	MN801	F/O J.M. Cordick	"	"	0935	flak was experienced.	
	PD497	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	1125	1230	Mission was G.C. 1, to cut rail between Geldern - Kempen	

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				UP	DOWN		
19.11.44	Typhoon 1B PD462	P/O J.L. Duncan	Bombing	1125	1230	10 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs fused .025 tail were dropped on	
	PD589	P/O P.H. Kearse	"	"	"	target. Two direct hits were scored at A037212 and 2 at	
	MP149	P/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"	A039269. Rail was cut in both places.	
	MN626	P/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"		
20.11.44		NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT					
21.11.44	MP183	F/L D.E. Jenvey	Bombing	0935	1055	Mission was G.C. 1, to dive-bomb rail at A6366. 14 X	
	PD323	P/O J.L. Duncan	"	"	1035	500 lb. M.C. bombs fused .025 tail were dropped at	
	MN940	P/O N.L. Gordon	"	"	1055	A629651. Rail was damaged but not cut. Locomotive with	
	MN626	P/O P.H. Kearse	"	"	"	10 or 12 trucks at A5747, locomotive with 8 trucks at	
	MP149	P/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"	A4243 and locomotive with 8 or 12 trucks at A3142	
	MP138	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"	damaged by strafing. Many strikes were seen. Intense	
	PD589	F/L J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"	accurate, light flak from A4243. P/O Duncan crash-	
	PD497	P/O W.E. Ward	Escort	"	"	landed at B8423 and has not yet returned. P/O Ward and	
	MN777	P/O W.T. Dunkeld	Escort	"	"	Dunkeld acted as fighter cover.	
	MP149	F/L D.E. Jenvey	Bombing	1130	1230	Mission was G.C. 10, to dive-bomb K911672. Wurm.	
	MP139	P/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"	Unable to bomb target because of bad weather. 8 X 1000	
	PD462	P/O N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	lb. M.C. bombs fused inst. tail were dropped on railway	
	MN692	P/O P.H. Kearse	"	"	"	at Linne. Results not observed.	
	MN626	P/O W.T. Dunkeld	"	1605	1735	Mission was to dive-bomb railway between Dulmen and	
	MP139	P/O R.A. Watson	"	"	1725	Ludlighausen. 14 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs fused .025 tail	
	MP138	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	1715	were dropped on target and cut railway at A734564.	
	MN692	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"	Attacked train with 25 trucks at A5255 and train with	
	MP149	F/L J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"	5 trucks at A5255 with cannon. Both engines damaged	
	PD462	P/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	and strikes seen on trucks. Moderate accurate heavy	
	MN984	P/O P.H. Kearse	"	"	"	flak from A4644. 9/10ths cloud at 5000' over target.	
	RB203	S/L A.E. Monson	Escort	"	"	F/L Jenvey crash-landed at base safely. S/L Monson	
	MN777	P/O N.L. Gordon	Escort	"	"	and P/O Gordon acted as fighter cover.	
22.11.44		NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT - Weather poor					

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				Up	Down		
23.11.44	Typhoon 1B	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING	CARRIED OUT -	Weather poor			
24.11.44		" " "	" " "	"	"		
25.11.44	RB203	S/L A.E. Monson	Reece.	1020	1105	Carried out weather reece. in the Goch area. It was	
	MN453	P/O N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	found unsuitable for operations. Cloudy.	
	RB203	S/L A.E. Monson	"	1320	1420	Repeated weather reece. in the Goch area. Weather was	
	MN453	P/O N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	unsuitable for an armed reconnaissance but not for bombing.	
26.11.44	RB201	P/L D.E. Jenvey	Bombing	1020	1120	Mission was G.C., to cut rail in Goch area. 12 X 500 lb.	
	MN777	P/O J.H. Villiers	"	"	"	M.C. bombs fused .025 tail were dropped and cut rail	
	MP139	P/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"	at A032401. Large explosion was seen at A0341 with	
	MP149	P/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"	white smoke. Moderate, light accurate flak from E9942,	
	PD589	P/L J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"	meagre light accurate flak from E.8723. P/O W. Ward	
	PD497	P/O W.T. Dunkeld	"	"	"	and P/O Gordon acted as fighter cover.	
	PD462	P/O W.E. Ward	Escort	"	"		
	MN453	P/O N.L. Gordon	Escort	"	"		
	PD497	P/L D.E. Jenvey	Bombing	1215	1335	Mission was G.C.3, to dive-bomb rail at A5297. The	
	MN626	P/O G.L. Pasmore	"	"	"	formation was jumped by two American Mustangs and four	
	JR530	P/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"	pilots had to jettison their bombs. 6 X 500 lb. M.C.	
	MN777	P/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"	bombs fused .025 tail were dropped at A513996 and cut the	
	MN940	P/L J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"	rails. One bomb hit second truck behind locomotive	
	MN380	P/O A. Frambolo	"	"	"	of a stationary train with locomotive and 10 trucks at	
	MN984	P/O W.T. Dunkeld	"	"	"	A513939. No flak. P/O Ward and P/O Gordon acted as	
	MP139	P/O W.E. Ward	Escort	"	"	fighter cover.	
	PD589	P/O N.L. Gordon	Escort	"	"		
	RB203	S/L A.E. Monson	Bombing	1525	1655	Mission was G.C.3, to dive-bomb rail at A8288. 16 X	
	JR530	P/O G.L. Pasmore	"	"	"	500 lb. M.C. bombs fused .025 tail were dropped at	
	MN453	P/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"	A8990 but rail was not cut. Moderate heavy inaccurate	

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				UP	DOWN		
26.11.44	Typhoon 1B MN777	P/O R.A. Watson	Bombing	1525	1655	flak from B9130. 10 car train seen going SE at A9127.	
	RE201	P/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"	Flat cars appeared to have lumber with tarpaulin over	
	MN984	P/O J.H. Villiers	"	"	"	top. Guns were firing from cars. Believed to be a	
	MN380	P/O A. Frombolo	"	"	"	flak train. P/O Barber and P/O Gordon acted as fighter	
	PD497	P/O P.H. Kearse	"	"	"	cover.	
	MP139	P/O W.D. Barber	Escort	"	"		
	PD589	P/O N.L. Gordon	Escort	"	"		
27.11.44		NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT					
28.11.44	MP138	S/L A.E. Monson	Recon.	0800	0900	Carried out weather recon. of area A3879. Found fit for	
	JE530	P/O N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	operations. A lot of flak was encountered.	
	MN940	P/O W.D. Barber	Bombing	0855	0955	Mission was G.C.3, to dive-bomb rail at A3879. P/L	
	MN777	P/L J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"	Russell was forced to return early because of an oil leak.	
	MP139	P/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"	6 bombs were dropped on rail at A3878. Rail was not cut.	
	MN626	P/L G.D. Russell	"	"	0915	12 bombs were dropped near train moving SW with 6 flat	
	RE201	P/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	0955	cars at A6476. Train stopped and rail possibly cut.	
	MN984	P/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"	Bombs used were 500 lb. M.C. bombs fused .025 tail.	
	MN453	P/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"	Intense heavy accurate flak from Gosh area. Intense	
	MP183	P/O W.T. Dunkeld	"	"	"	light accurate flak from Coesfeld area.	
	PD462	P/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"		
	PD497	P/O A. Frombolo	"	"	"		
	MN940	P/O W.D. Barber	"	1125	1215	Mission was G.C.3, to dive-bomb rail at A1552. P/O	
	MN777	P/L J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"	Frombolo was hit by flak before reaching target and	
	RE201	P/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"	baled out at E8534. He is believed to be a prisoner of	
	MP138	P/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"	war. 14 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs fused .025 tail were dropped	
	MP183	P/O A. Frombolo	"	"	1155	on target but failed to cut the rails. Moderate heavy	
	MN984	P/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	1215	accurate flak from B9633. 8 to 10/10ths cloud, base	
	MN626	P/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"	6000' moving NW south of target.	
	JE530	P/O W.T. Dunkeld	"	"	"		rem.

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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28.11.44	Typhoon 1B PD462	F/O N.L. Gordon	Recon.	1300	1335	Carried out weather recon. of Coesfeld area. Weather cloudy and visibility poor.	
29.11.44	MP139	F/S Clifford, W.C.J.	"	"	"		
	FB201	F/L D.E. Jenvey	Bombing	1245	1335	Mission was G.C.3. to dive-bomb rail at A0341. 16 x 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail were dropped in target area. Rail was cut at A03402, A035402 and A051406.	
	MP138	F/O Gordon, N.L.	"	"	"	Moderate light accurate flak from A0338 and A0040.	
	MP139	F/S Clifford, W.C.J.	"	"	"	Weather over target good, visibility 10 to 15 miles.	
	PD497	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"	small amount of haze.	
	PD461	F/O G.L. Pasmore	"	"	"		
	PD523	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		
	MP380	F/O P.H. Kearse	"	"	"		
	MP940	F/O W.D. Barber	Test	1355	1505	Tested vectors for dropping bombs. Carried 500 lb. bombs but brought them back to base.	
	MP149	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	Attacked G.C.10, defended post at E834299 with 4 x 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay tail. 3 bombs scored direct hits on buildings, demolishing both of them.	
	MP777	F/O R.A. Watson	Bombing	1425	1525		
	PD462	F/O W.T. Dunkeld	"	"	"		
	MP139 MP940	F/O W.D. Barber	"	1615	1715	Mission was G.C. 3. to dive-bomb rail between Weasel and Emmerich. 12 x 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail were dropped at A152502 and cut the rails. Meagre inaccurate heavy flak from E9030. Weather hazy.	
	MP139	F/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"		
	PD497	F/O W.T. Dunkeld	"	"	"		
	MP380	F/L J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"		
	MP777	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"		
	PD461	F/O R.J. C. Gardner	"	"	"		
30.11.44		NO OPERATIONAL FLYING	CARRIED OUT				

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 (A.E. Monson) S/L
 Officer Commanding,
 440 Squadron.

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Since bombing procedure was carried out on two operations with four 8000' bombs these operations were almost identical to our army. No fire was visible.

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Reported to the Squadron for flying duties.

Officer Commanding,
No. 440 Squadron,
c/o Canadian Overseas Postal Depot,
England.

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1. The subject O.R.B. appears to be accurately compiled and this fact is greatly appreciated by this Headquarters.

2. While F.541 rather than F.540 is designed to be the detailed record of operations, it would be appreciated if the total operational sorties for the day were consistently given in F.540. This provides a check on operational sorties and this Headquarters is anxious that aircrew receive official credit for every operation they carry out.

3. It would also be appreciated if F.540 end of the month summary gave postings in and out of aircrew, with effective date; a victory claims; promotions of officers and commissioning of airmen; a formal list of casualties; and honours and awards. This information is required by Air Ministry if P.O.R.s are not attached.

In view of the particular bad experience the Squadron has had been categorized as "In-Exired". A further reason of the Squadron is that it has been out and a large number of operations.

Two operations against the enemy were carried out by the Squadron. The first was reported to the A.O.C.-in-C., R.C.A.F. Overseas.

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The Squadron, being provided after the war, has been adopted and the Squadron, have begun to arrive. Advice has been given to the Squadron that the Squadron are expected to arrive in time for operations.

No operations were carried out due to adverse weather.

Bad weather restricted flying and no operations were carried out. J89136 P/O

E.F. Flanagan reported to the Squadron for flying duties.

Compiled by P/O C. Osburne

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
B.78, Eindhoven	1.12.44		Blind bombing procedure was carried out on two operations, both from 8000'. Both these operations were direct support to our army. No flak was visible, possibly due to 10/10ths cloud over target on both operations. J24166 P/O D.E. Waller and J20791 P/O L.A. Roach reported to the Squadron for flying duties.	
	2.12.44		Two weather reconcs. of the Helmond area were carried out but weather on both trips was found to be unsuitable for operations though there were holes in the clouds in a few places. A third weather reconc. was carried out by three of our aircraft carrying 500 lb. bombs. The weather had deteriorated and they returned with bombs on. Weather was 10/10ths cloud with base at 1500'.	
	3.12.44		Two rail bombing sorties were carried out by the Squadron carrying 500 lb. bombs. The third operation was a blind bombing operation. P/O Sugden, a recent arrival at the Squadron, was forced to return early because of engine trouble. Apparently he had to land and came in down wind. There was a brisk wind blowing and he went off the end of the runway into the canal and was pinned in his aircraft and drowned. Remainder of the formation were vectored over enemy territory and dropped their bombs.	
	4.12.44		P/L Stults has been grounded after completing 64 sorties and is being posted to England for non-operational flying. In view of the particular bad experience he had last summer he has been categorized as "Four Expired". A weather reconc. of the Wesel area was carried out and a barge and one M.T. were strafed and damaged.	
	5.12.44		Two operations against rail targets were carried out by the Squadron. J26416 P/O T.R. Smith reported to the Squadron for flying duties. P/O M.L. Gordon completed his first tour of operations with the Squadron, being grounded after 98 sorties and recommended for instructional duties in England. Parcels from the City of Ottawa, who have adopted this Squadron, have begun to arrive. Advice has been received that there are 300 on the way and are expected to arrive in time for Christmas.	
	6.12.44		No operations were carried out due to adverse weather.	
	7.12.44		Bad weather restricted flying and no operations were carried out. J39136 P/O E.F. Flanagan reported to the Squadron for flying duties.	

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B.78, Eindhoven	8.12.44		One operation was participated in by the Squadron. Two aircraft were forced to return early due to mechanical trouble and the remainder had to jettison their bombs due to bad weather.		
	9.12.44		No operations were carried out due to bad weather. J25086 F/O D.H. Cumming reported to the Squadron for flying duties.		
	10.12.44		Two armed reconnaissance patrols were carried out, one of the Coesfeld area and one in the Dulmen area. Heavy flak was encountered on both operations and weather was cloudy and visibility limited owing to haze.		
	11.12.44		Only one operation was carried out due to weather. This was a blind bombing mission bombs being dropped from 10,000' through 10/10ths cloud.		
	12.12.44		J17954 F/O C.F. Harwood reported to the Squadron for his second tour after having completed his first tour on Spitfires. The mail and parcels are arriving from Canada in good time and all personnel seem to be receiving a good share. The Post Office staff are working overtime trying to cope with this increased burden. With the continual heavy rains which have been experienced during the past month to six weeks, the airfield is under water in many parts. Hard standings for our aircraft are being laid by the Work Squadron of the RAF Regiment. One weather recon. of the Gaarkeuken area was carried out. A layer of 9/10ths cloud lay over the above area from 2 to 6000'. En route a layer of 10/10ths cloud was encountered from 9 to 14,000'.		
	13.12.44		The day's operations consisted of two armed reconnaissances of the Bocholt area and one weather recon. The weather was generally bad, there being 9/10ths to 10/10ths cloud at 4 to 6000' generally and down to 3000' in some places. On the weather recon. our aircraft returned to base soon after being airborne as the weather was definitely not fit for operational flying.		
	14.12.44		Extremely dull weather kept all our aircraft grounded throughout the day.		
	15.12.44		There was a heavy frost during the night which resulted in a haze through-out the day. The weather showed signs of closing in and all pilots were released early in the afternoon. In the short time that the weather permitted flying three operations		

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B.78, Eindhoven	15.12.44		were made. They were all rail targets in the Dulmen and Coesfeld areas.		
	16.12.44		The sky was overcast and there was a heavy ground haze throughout the day. The Intelligence Section gave a lecture to the pilots of the Squadron on the war situation and also gave some "gen" on the German buzz bombs. Arrangements are going ahead for our Squadron Christmas Party to be held in the Airmen's Mess between Christmas and New Year's. W/L H.O. Gooding has assumed command of the Squadron on S/L A.E. Monson becoming tour-expired. The Squadron was released due to the adverse weather prevailing.		
	17.12.44		There was a meeting of the Squadron Entertainment Committee and plans were laid to obtain food and refreshments for our Christmas party. No operational flying was carried out due to weather.		
	18.12.44		No operational flying was carried out due to weather.		
	19.12.44		A special talk by Field Marshal Montgomery to all pilots and a number of ground personnel was scheduled to take place in Phillip's Theatre this afternoon but was cancelled due to reasons unknown. No operational flying was carried out due to weather.		
	20.12.44		No operations were carried out due to weather. In the afternoon a film "Heavenly Body" starring William Powell and Hedy Lamarr was shown in the Officers' Mess. Numerous Mickey Mouse and Popeye cartoons were shown. There were numerous breakdowns in the lighting system and it was not appreciated by those seeing the show. A roster of Officers' Duties in the Squadron was drawn up by the O.C. for duties such as Parachute Officer, Armament Officer, etc.		
	21.12.44		No operational flying carried out due to fog. The pilots are becoming restless due to continual adverse weather and it is hoped that operations will be resumed soon.		
	22.12.44		Organization of ground defence was reviewed with the RAF Regiment. Areas to be defended by personnel of this Squadron were discussed and battle stations were outlined. This is assuming its proper importance now that the Germans are using paratroops, and it is possible that an airborne landing will be attempted on this airfield. A meeting of Squadron Adjutants was called by the S.L.A. at 1030 hours. The question of supplying metal water pails in place of the canvas buckets was discussed. At present		slk

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B.78, Mindhoven	22.12.44		the canvas buckets are left standing full of water and the area in the billets around the ablutions is kept constantly flooded. The question of heat in the billets was also discussed. At present the supply of coal is very limited and a sufficient quantity cannot be obtained to heat the Officers' billets. It was decided to round up three Valor kerosene stoves for each room but this is very difficult at the present time. The room temperature in the quarters this morning was 42 degrees. One armed recon. was slated for three of our aircraft in the Duben - Neuss area but due to weather it was abortive.		
	23.12.44		440 Squadron pilots were given the task of decorating the Officers' Mess and P/O Ward has been appointed O.C. Decorating Committee. The pilots worked very hard stringing holly leaves and branches around the Mess and worked on into the night in order to complete the job. One operation, an armed recon. was abortive when the two section leaders experienced mechanical trouble and the formations had to return to base.		
	24.12.44		The Squadron experienced three casualties on operations today and it has blunted the spirits of the pilots for the Christmas festivities planned. The operations consisted of four armed recones., two of the Julich - Neuss area and two of the Malmady area. On the second operation P/O Harwood while strafing was hit by flak and a burning aircraft believed to be him was seen to crash at F.2211. On the third operation P/O Dunkeld and P/O Cumming while acting as fighter cover for six of our aircraft on an armed recon. were shot down by an ME 109 ^{FW 190} . They were last seen at EY010 just after setting course with a third aircraft flying line astern to them. An E/T warning to "break" was heard and they were believed to have been shot down. This was later confirmed by Intelligence and it was also stated that a Spitfire shot down the ME 109 right after this. During the morning equipment was set up to record for the newsreels the distribution of parcels from the City of Ottawa which were sent as gifts to members of the Beaver Squadron. P/L Gooding our O.C. said a few words to start off the proceedings and a complete recording for broadcast and newsreels were made. All personnel were extremely pleased with the parcels of food and comforts.		

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B.78, Eindhoven	25.12.44		Christmas Day, 1944 saw the weather fit for operations and a full program of operations was carried out. In between flights our pilots served at the Airmen's Christmas Dinner and kept the traditional custom of officers serving Christmas Dinner to the airmen. The meal with all the trimmings was exceptionally good and went far beyond the expectations of everyone. The meal consisted of Canned Turkey, roast pork, dressing, roasted potatoes, peas, carrots, steamed pudding and rum sauce. Oranges, apples, cigars, beer, cigarettes and candy. Four armed recon. patrols were carried out by our aircraft. This proved a very successful day and numerous Mot, locomotives, coaches were destroyed or damaged. On the second operation an armed recon. of the Malmedy area F/O Hardy was hit by flak while strafing and had to bale out before reaching base. He was back at the Squadron in time to enjoy Christmas Dinner with the pilots.		
	26.12.44		Armed recones. continued to have priority on operations, there being considerable movement by the Germans during the daytime over the roads. Five armed recones. over a wide area were carried out and those in the St. Vith area were particularly successful.		
	27.12.44		Only one operation was carried out, this in the St. Vith area. In this operation two 500 lb. cluster bombs on each aircraft were dropped for the first time against front line German troops, but was not successful due to poor weather. F/L Don Jenvey on this operation observed three ME 109's and with two on his tail he turned into the other and with a long burst the ME 109 disintegrated in the air. He then turned on another but he was robbed of another victory when his guns jammed without a shot being fired. The third ME 109 disappeared in the cloud.		
	28.12.44		No flying was carried out due to fog. An effort is being made to obtain stores to heat the pilots' billets, the furnace being out of order. Oil stores have not proven very successful in warming the rooms.		
	29.12.44		Two armed recones. were carried out, both were very successful. The weather was good for operations. In the early part of the morning operations were held up due to the icy conditions of the runway. Towards evening fog once more enveloped the airfield. On the second operation, an armed reconnaissance of the Munster area F/L Don Jenvey was		

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B.78, Eindhoven	29.12.44		hit by flak and had to force land in Germany at V7303. He was seen to walk away from his aircraft and wave to the flight. This was his 98th trip of his tour and he was to have been grounded on his return to base.											
	30.12.44		Two new pilots reported to the Squadron to bring our strength up to 21, six under establishment. Considerable difficulty has been experienced in obtaining replacements. 83 G.S.U. at times have none available for posting and during heavy operational periods, a great strain is thrown on the remaining pilots. No operational flying was carried out due to fog.											
	31.12.44		This proved to be one of the nicest days since the Squadron started operations from B.78. The sun was shining brightly throughout the day. A sleet that had fallen during the night left the streets and paths in a very icy and dangerous condition. By noon the sun had melted this and a warm breeze was blowing. The Squadron made a raid with fragmentation bombs on the marshalling yards at Winterswijk but due to weather results could not be observed. After this operation a recon. of the Borken - Coesfeld - Groenlo area was carried out but no movement was observed. A weather recon. was carried out of the Coesfeld - Rheine - Enschede area and another of the St. Vith area. An armed recon. of Wesel - Dorsten - Dulmen - Coesfeld area was carried out which finished off the day's operations. No movement was seen. The general health of the Squadron personnel for the month was very good. <u>STRENGTH</u> + <u>Aircraft</u> - Typhoon 1B - 16 <table><tr><td><u>Personnel</u></td><td><u>Aircrew</u></td><td><u>Groundcrew</u></td></tr><tr><td>Officers</td><td>20</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>Airmen</td><td>1</td><td>31</td></tr></table> <u>Operational time for the month</u> - 318:55 <u>Operational sorties for the month</u> - 255 <u>Training time for the month</u> - 30:20 A. Gooding (H.O. Gooding) S/L, Officer Commanding, 440 Squadron, RCAF.	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Aircrew</u>	<u>Groundcrew</u>	Officers	20	3	Airmen	1	31		
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				UP	DOWN		
1.12.44	Typhoon 1B RB205	W/C F.G. Grant	Bombing	1535	1645	Carried out operation G.C. 6, blind bombing from 8000'	
	MP149	F/L J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"	between K835717 - 835722 using 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail. Contact was made and the 8 bombs were dropped	
	MP139	F/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"	according to plan from 5000'. Visibility was very poor.	
	FD497	F/O W.T. Dunkeld	"	"	"	Carried out operation G.C. 7, blind bombing from 8000'	
	MN940	F/L W.D. Barber	"	1540	1655	between K849714 - 849718 using 8 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail. Contact was made and bombs were dropped	
	JR530	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"	according to plan from 9000'. Visibility was very poor.	
	FD462	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	Took off on weather recon. of Helmond area but forced to return early with bombs because of bad weather.	
	MP138	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"	Took off on weather recon. of Helmond area and found weather unsuitable.	
2.12.44	RB203	F/O R.A. Watson	Recon.	0820	0850	Took off on weather recon. of Helmond area. Weather was again unfit for operations.	
	MP139	F/O N.L. Gordon	"	"	"	Dive-bombed rail at A4881 but failed to cut it.	
	MN777	F/O J.H. Villiers	"	"	"	Meagre light inaccurate flak experienced from A5087 and A4977. 14 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail were used. F/O Ward acted as fighter cover.	
	RB203	F/O R.A. Watson	"	0945	1015		
	MN940	F/O A.P. Simard	"	1515	1545		
3.12.44	RB201	F/L D.E. Jenvey	Bombing	0850	1020		
	JR530	F/O L.A. Roach	"	"	"		
	MN980	F/O P.H. Kearse	"	"	"		
	MN251	F/O G.L. Passmore	"	"	"		
	FD462	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"		
	MN984	F/O J.D. Flintoft	"	"	"		
	MN777	F/O J.H. Villiers	"	"	"		
	FD589	F/O W.E. Ward	Escort	"	"		
	RB201	F/L D.E. Jenvey	Bombing	1125	1240	Dive-bombed rail at A709579 S.E. of Dilmun and cut rail using 16 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs fused .025 tail. Strafed train with 10 trucks at A8367, engine blew up and 3 trucks damaged. Strafed train with 25 box cars at A8167, engine blew up. Strafed train with 12 trucks at A7967, engine blew up. Moderate light accurate flak from A7057. F/L Savard and F/L Russell acted as fighter cover.	
	JR530	F/O L.A. Roach	"	"	"		
	FD462	F/O P.H. Kearse	"	"	"		
	MN251	F/O G.L. Passmore	"	"	"		
	MP149	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"		
	MN984	F/O J.D. Flintoft	"	"	"		
	MN986	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		

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3112.44	Typhoon 1B MP139	F/O J.H. Villiers	Bombing	1125	1240		
	PD589	F/L J.G.E. Savard	Escort	"	"		
	MP138	F/L G.D. Russell	Escort	"	"		
	MP139	P/O R.A. Watson	Bombing	1400	1500	Vectored over enemy territory by M.R.G.P. 6 X 1000 lb.	
	MP551	P/O A.E. Sugden	"	"	1430	M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail were dropped. P/O Sugden	
	MP984	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	1500	returned early, overshot runway into a canal and was	
	PD462	F/O W.F. Dunkeld	"	"	"	drowned.	
4.12.44	RB202	F/O H.J. Hardy	Recco.	0820	0920	Carried out weather recco. of Wesel area. 1 barge at	
	MN777	F/O J.H. Villiers	"	"	"	A1342 was strafed and damaged and 1 Met at A1745 was	
	RB201	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"	strafed and damaged.	
	PD497	F/O P.H. Kearse	"	"	"		
5.12.44	RB201	F/L D.E. Jenvey	Bombing	0925	1100	Dive-bombed rail at V5403 with 16 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs,	
	PD462	F/O L.A. Roach	"	"	"	fused .025 tail. Results not observed due to bad weather.	
	MP139	F/O P.H. Kearse	"	"	"	No flak experienced. F/L Savard and F/L Russell acted	
	MN777	F/O J.H. Villiers	"	"	"	as fighter cover.	
	PD589	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"		
	MP380	F/O J.D. Flintoft	"	"	"		
	MP984	F/O A.E. Simard	"	"	"		
	MP626	F/O G.L. Passmore	"	"	"		
	JR530	F/L J.G.E. Savard	Escort	"	"		
	RB203	F/L G.D. Russell	Escort	"	"		
	RB201	F/L D.E. Jenvey	Bombing	1225	1400	Dive-bombed and cut rail at A515545, A539576 and A583579	
	JR530	F/O L.A. Roach	"	"	"	between Goesfeld and Dulmen using 16 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs	
	MP139	F/O P.H. Kearse	"	"	"	fused .025 tail. No flak experienced. F/L Savard and	
	MN777	F/O J.H. Villiers	"	"	"	F/L Russell acted as fighter cover.	
	RB202	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"		

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5.12.44	Typhoon 1B MN380	F/O J.D. Flintoft	Bombing	1225	1400		
	MP138	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		
	MN984	F/O G.L. Passmore	"	"	"		
	PD589	F/L J.G.E. Savard	Escort	"	1335		
	RB203	F/L G.D. Russell	Escort	"	1400		
6.12.44	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT - poor weather						
7.12.44	"	"	"	"	"		
8.12.44	RB202	F/L W.D. Barber	Bombing	0950	1110	Mission was to divebomb rail at A7463. F/O Dunkeld	
	JE590	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"	and F/O Gardner were forced to return early because of	
	PD589	F/L J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"	mechanical trouble. Target was not reached by remainder	
	MN380	F/O L.A. Beach	"	"	"	because of bad weather. 14 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused	
	MP139	F/O E.A. Watson	"	"	"	.025 tail were dropped at E9068. F/O Ward and F/O	
	PD497	F/O W.T. Dunkeld	"	"	1030	Gardner acted as fighter cover.	
	MP138	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	1110		
	MN777	F/O G.L. Passmore	"	"	"		
	RB203	F/O W.E. Ward	Escort	"	"		
	MN940	F/O E.J.C. Gardner	Escort	"	1040		
9.12.44	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT						
10.12.44	RB201	F/L D.E. Jenvey	recoe.	1045	1145	Mission was armed recoe. of Goesfeld area, but area was	
	MN940	F/O L.A. Beach	"	"	"	not reached because of bad weather. 4 bombs were dropped	
	PD589	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"	on road at A1451 and 4 were dropped on town of Goah.	
	MN777	F/O J.H. Villiers	"	"	"	Bombs used were 500 lb. M.C. fused 11 sec. delay.	
	RB202	F/L W.D. Barber	"	1300	1420	Strafed and damaged cargo at A1749.	
	MN380	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"	Target was armed recoe. of Dulmen area, but area not reached	
	MN984	F/O E.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"	because of bad weather. 4 bombs dropped on rail at A1353	
	MP138	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"	and 4 dropped on rail at A1749, results not observed.	
						Heavy flak was experienced at E9035 and A3758.	
11.12.44	RB201	F/L D.E. Jenvey	Bombing	1245	1345	Carried out blind bombing of KB46703. Contact was made	
	MN777	F/O J.H. Villiers	"	"	"	and 13 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay were	24.

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				UP	DOWN		
11.12.44	Typhoon 1B MN940	F/O A.P. Simard	Bombing	1245	1345	dropped from 10,000' through 10/10ths cloud. 1 bomb hung up.	
	PD589	F/O L.A. Roach	"	"	"		
	MP149	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"		
	MN626	F/O G.L. Passmore	"	"	"		
	RE MN380	F/O J.D. Flintoft	"	"	"		
12.12.44	RE201	F/L H.O. Gooding	recoe.	1140	1240	Carried out weather recoe. of Gaerkeuken area. A layer of cloud was found over area from 2-6000', 9/10ths.	
	MP139	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"		
13.12.44	PD589	F/L H.O. Gooding	recoe.	0830	0920	Carried out armed recoe. of Bocholt area. 7 X 500 lb. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay were dropped through cloud east of Bocholt. One bomb was dropped on take-off.	
	PD462	F/O D.H. Cumming	"	"	"		
	MP139	F/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"		
	JR530	F/O E.T. Flanagan	"	"	"		
	RE201	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	1110	1210	Carried out armed recoe. East of Bocholt. F/O Flanagan returned early because of mechanical trouble. 6 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay were dropped N.E. of Bocholt through 10/10ths cloud.	
	JR530	F/O E.T. Flanagan	"	"	1130		
	MP139	F/O R.A. Watson	"	"	1210		
	PD462	F/O D.H. Cumming	"	"	"		
	MN940	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	1350	1420	Took off on weather recoe. of tactical area. Extremely poor visibility forced section to land back at base immediately after take-off.	
	PD462	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		
	JR530	F/O G.L. Passmore	"	"	"		
14.12.44	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT						
15.12.44	RE203	F/L D.E. Jenvey	Bombing	1115	1235	Dive-bombed rail in Dulmen area and cut it at A733633 and A723623, using 8 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay. Train S.E. of A7262 was strafed, engine damaged and 8 trucks damaged. Three tanks on trucks damaged. Two engines and 10 trucks damaged at A7255. Flak post at A7463 strafed and wiped out. F/L Savard & F/O Smith were fighter cover.	
	JR530	F/O G.F. Harwood	"	"	"		
	MN940	F/O L.A. Roach	"	"	"		
	MN777	F/O J.H. Villiers	"	"	"		
	MP139	F/L J.G.E. Savard	Escort	"	"		
	MN380	F/O T.R. Smith	Escort	"	"		
	RE205	F/O F.C. Grant	Bombing	11			

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15.12.44	Typhoon 1B MP149	F/O H.J. Hardy	Bombing	1250	1350	Dive-bombed rail in Wesel area through 10/10ths cloud.	
	MP138 MN984	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"	using 8 X 500lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay. F/O	
	MP138	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"	Passmore and F/O Dunkeld acted as fighter cover.	
	PD462	F/O J.D. Flintoft	"	"	"		
	MN641	F/O G.L. Passmore	Escort	"	"		
	PD497	F/O W.T. Dunkeld	Escort	"	"		
	RB203	F/O R.A. Watson	Bombing	1435	1535	Mission was to dive-bomb rail in Coesfeld area. Dropped	
	MN940	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"	8 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay through	
	PD589	F/L J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"	10/10ths cloud in Coesfeld area. F/O Ward and F/O	
	RB201	F/O Cumming, D.H.	"	"	"	Flanagan acted as fighter cover.	
	PD462	F/O W.E. Ward	Escort	"	"		
	MP139	F/O E.T. Flanagan	Escort	"	"		
16.12.44	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT						
17.12.44	"	"	"	"	"		
18.12.44	"	"	"	"	"		
19.12.44	"	"	"	"	"		
20.12.44	"	"	"	"	"		
21.12.44	"	"	"	"	"		
22.12.44	MN940	F/L H.O. Gooding	Recon.	1215	1245	Mission was to carry out armed recon. of Duren - Neuss	
	RB203	F/O W.T. Dunkeld	"	"	"	area. Section flew to area approximately 10 miles north	
	MN251	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"	of Aachen and had to return to base because of 10/10 low cloud.	
23.12.44	RB202	F/L W.D. Barber	recon.	1400	1445	Took off on armed recon. but turned back from Weerts	
	MN984	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	1530	as both section leaders. F/L Barber and F/O Watson had	
	PD497	F/O W.T. Dunkeld	"	"	"	mechanical trouble.	
	MP149	F/O E.T. Flanagan	"	"	"		
	MP139	F/O R.A. Watson	"	"	1445		
	RB203	F/O D.H. Cumming	"	"	1530		
	MP138	F/L J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"		

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				UP	DOWN		
23.12.44	Typhoon 1B PD621	F/O D.E. Waller	Recon.	1400	1530		
24.12.44	RE202	F/L W.D. Barber	"	0925	1045	Carried out armed recon. of Julich - Duren - Zilpich	
	MN984	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"	and east of Blatzheim. No movement observed in area	
	PD462	F/O W.T. Dunkeld	"	"	"	although weather was very good. Light flak at 1246 -	
	MP149	F/O E.T. Flanagan	"	"	"	1039 - 2351.	
	RE203	F/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"		
	JE530	F/O D.H. Cumming	"	"	"		
	MN626	F/L J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"		
	MN777	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"		
	RE205	W/C F.G. Grant	"	1130	1245	Carried out armed recon. of Julich - Neuss - Ahweiler	
	MN380	F/O J.D. Flintoft	"	"	"	area. F/O Roach returned early because of mechanical	
	MP138	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"	trouble. Two FW 190's attacked section while over	
	MN940	F/O G.L. Passmore	"	"	"	Aachen. W/C Grant claims one damaged. F/O Harwood	
	RE201	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"	while strafing, was hit by flak and is presumed killed.	
	MN641	F/O C.F. Harwood	"	"	1220	9 Met were destroyed and 11 damaged. Heavy and light	
	MN251	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	1245	flak from Aachen.	
	PD589	F/O L.A. Roach	"	"	1200		
	RE202	F/L W.D. Barber	"	1220	1335	Carried out armed recon. of Malmady - Enkiroben - Meyen	
	JE530	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"	Houffalize. 2 Met destroyed, 1 damaged. F/O Dunkeld	
	MP149	F/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"	and F/O Cumming, fighter cover, were shot down by a FW 190.	
	MN984	F/O E.T. Flanagan	"	"	"	F/O Cumming is known to have been killed and F/O Dunkeld	
	PD462	F/O W.T. Dunkeld	Escort	"	1235	is presumed killed.	
	MN984	F/O D.H. Cumming	Escort	"	1235		
	MN940	F/L H.Q. Gooding	Recon.	1450	1620	Carried out armed recon. of Malmady area. 6 Met	
	MP139	WD2 Clifford, W.C.J.	"	"	"	destroyed, 3 damaged. Two of the Met destroyed were full	
	RE203	F/O L.A. Roach	"	"	"	of German soldiers who were probably killed. Light	

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				UP	DOWN		
24.12.44	Typhoon 1B MN777	F/O D.E. Waller	Recco.	1450	1620	Flak from whole area, particularly F.0723.	
	RB201	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	"		
	MP138	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"		
	MP149	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"		
	JB530	F/O G.L. Passmore	"	"	"		
25.12.44	MN984	F/L J.G.E. Savard	Recco.	0925	1040	Carried out armed recco. in Enkironen area. Strafed	
	MP139	P/O E.F. Flanagan	"	"	"	and damaged stationary locomotive and 12 coaches at	
	MN777	F/O W.E. Ward	"	"	"	F3729. Light flak from F3827, weather good.	
	JB530	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	RB201	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	0950	1115	Carried out armed recco. of Malmedy area. Strafed	
	MN940	F/O L.A. Roach	"	"	"	scattered Met and train in area. 2 Met were damaged.	
	PD589	F/O P.H. Kearse	"	"	"	1 half-track destroyed and 5 coaches damaged. F/O	
	RB202	WO2 Clifford, W.C.J.	"	"	"	Hardy was hit by flak while strafing. His controls were	
	MP149	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	1105	shot up so badly that he was forced to bale out near	
	MN380	F/O J.D. Flintoft	"	"	1115	base. Heavy flak from F7301.	
	RB203	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		
	MP138	F/O G.L. Passmore	"	"	"		
	MN940	F/O W.E. Ward	"	1235	1350	Carried out armed recco. Attacked scattered Met,	
	MP139	P/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"	destroying 1 staff car, 1 other Met and damaging 1	
	MP138	WO2 Clifford, W.C.J.	"	"	"	staff car and 8 other Met. This recco. was carried out	
	RB201	F/L J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"	North of Manderfield.	
	MN777	F/O L.A. Roach	"	"	"		
	MN984	F/O P.H. Kearse	"	"	"		
	RB201	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	1525	1650	Carried out armed recco. of St. Vith area. Attacked	
	MN251	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	1640	convoy of 20 vehicles between P9965 - P9760. 7 Met were	
	MN984	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"	destroyed and 8 damaged. Large lorries, by quick flames	
	MP139	F/O G.L. Passmore	"	"	"	and explosion, appeared to be petrol tankers. No flak.	
	RB203	F/L W.D. Barber	"	1505	1615		

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				UP	DOWN		
25.12.44	Typhoon 1B JR530	F/O J.D. Flintoft	Recco.	1505	1615		
	MN641	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	1630		
	MN777	F/O E.T. Flanagan	"	"	1630		
26.12.44	MP139	F/O R.A. Watson	Recco.	0925	1050	Carried out armed recco. of Houffalize area. Two staff	
	JR530	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"	cars attacked and destroyed and six Met damaged.	
	MN984	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
	RB202	F/O P.H. Kearse	"	"	"		
	MN940	F/L J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"		
	MP138	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"		
	RB203	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		
	MN251	F/O L.A. Roach	"	"	"		
	RB201	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	1140	1310	Carried out armed recco. of St. Vith area. Strafed 4	
	MN641	F/O L.A. Roach	"	"	"	petrol bowlers, which exploded in flames, 4 other Met	
	MN777	F/O P.H. Kearse	"	"	"	Met flamers and 16 damaged. 3 field guns and 1 tank	
	MP138	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"	strafed on road from St. Vith to P9975.	
	JR530	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	1205	1330	Carried out armed recco. of St. Vith area. Five Met	
	MN251	F/O E.T. Flanagan	"	"	"	strafed and damaged.	
	RB203	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		
	MP139	WO2 Clifford, W.C.J.	"	"	"		
	RB202	F/L W.D. Barber	"	1430	1615	Carried out armed recco. in St. Vith area. 1 Met	
	MN940	F/O J.D. Flintoft	"	"	"	destroyed and 6 damaged.	
	MP138	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"		
	MN641	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	1455	1630	Carried out armed recco. of Prüm area. Groups of 7 or 8	
	MN251	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"	Met Moving east out of Prüm attacked and 6 Met destroyed	
	RB203	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"	14 damaged.	
	MN777	F/O G.L. Passmore	"	"	"		

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				Up	Down		
27.12.44	Typhoon 1B RB202	W/O F.O. Grant	recco.	1455	1600	Carried out armed recco. in St. Vith area. Each aircraft	
	MN251	F/O L.A. Roach	"	"	1610	carried 2 500 lb. cluster bombs. These were dropped	
	RB203	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	1600	at 5500' on woods at L0893. Results were not observed.	
	PD589	F/O G.L. Pasmore	"	"	1600	Weather was poor at base but fair over target area.	
	MN641	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	"	1610	At 1530 hrs. F/L Jenvey spotted 3 ME109's--he attacked	
	JR530	F/O J.D. Flintoft	"	"	"	and destroyed one of them. Heavy flak from F2005.	
	MN940	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"		
	MP139	W/O2 Clifford, W.C.J.	"	"	"		
28.12.44	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT						
29.12.44	RB201	F/L D.E. Jenvey	Recco.	1005	1135	Carried out armed recco. of Munster - Dulmen area.	
	MN777	F/O G.L. Pasmore	"	"	"	Attacked trains in Winterswijk marshalling yards. 3	
	MP139	W/O2 Clifford, W.C.J.	"	"	"	locomotives damaged, 4 coaches destroyed, 14 damaged,	
	PD589	F/O L.A. Roach	"	"	"	15 flat cars damaged. Light flak from Winterswijk	
	MN940	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"	marshalling yards. Weather good.	
	JR530	F/O P.H. Kearse	"	"	"		
	RB203	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		
	MN251	F/O J.D. Flintoft	"	"	"		
	RB201	F/L D.E. Jenvey	"	1235	1335	Carried out armed recco. of Munster area. A locomotive	
	MN777	F/O G.L. Pasmore	"	"	1405	with 9 cars standing at V7303, presumed to be an ammunition	
	MN984	W/O2 Clifford, W.C.J.	"	"	"	train, completely destroyed and rail was cut. 20 cars	
	PD497	F/O L.A. Roach	"	"	"	standing at A7394 attacked, 18 of them damaged. F/L	
	RB202	F/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"	Jenvey, presumed hit by flak, crash landed in smoking	
	MN942	F/O P.H. Kearse	"	"	"	aircraft at V7303. He was seen to walk out of the	
	MP138	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"	aircraft. Light flak from A7393.	
	MN380	F/O J.D. Flintoft	"	"	"		
	RB203	F/L H.O. Gooding	"	1500	1610	Carried out armed recco. of Coesfeld area. F/L Russell	
	MP138	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	1550	was forced to return early because of engine trouble.	
	PD589	F/L J.G.M. Savard	"	"	1630	No movements seen. All aircraft forced to land at Vokel	

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				UP	DOWN		
29.12.44	Typhoon 1B MN251	P/O E.T. Flanagan	Recco.	1500	1610	because of poor visibility at base.	
	RE202	P/L W.D. Barber	"	"	"		
	MN984	P/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
	MP139	P/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"		
	JE530	P/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"		
30.12.44	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT						
31.12.44	MN940	P/O H.J. Hardy	Recco.	1155	1325	Dropped 8 X 500 lb. fragmentation bombs on marshalling	
	PD497	WO2 Clifford, W.C.J.	"	"	"	yards at Winterswijk. Results not observed. Carried out	
	MN984	P/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"	recco. of Borken - Coesfeld - Groenlo area. No movements	
	MN777	P/O G.B. Pasmore	"	"	"	seen. Heavy and light flak from Winterswijk yards.	
	RE202	P/L W.D. Barber	"	1205	1320	Carried out weather recco. of Coesfeld, Rhine and	
	MN984	P/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"	Enschede area. No movements seen. 5/10ths cloud at	
	MP139	P/O R.A. Watson	"	"	"	10,000ft in E. portion, 10/10ths cloud at 10,000' in S.	
	MN251	P/O E.T. Flanagan	"	"	"	portion.	
	RE202	P/L J.G.E. Savard	"	1400	1450	Carried out weather recco. in St. With area. 10/10ths	
	JE530	P/O L.A. Roach	"	"	"	cloud from 2 - 8000' north of Aachen to St. With area.	
	RE202	P/L W.D. Barber	"	1555	1655	Carried out armed recco. of Wesel - Dorsten, Dülmen -	
	MN942	P/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"	Coesfeld area. No movements were seen. Light flak from	
	MN777	P/L J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"	EGS, heavy from A.04.	
	JE530	P/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	MN940	P/O H.J. Hardy	"	"	"		
	PD497	P/O L.A. Roach	"	"	"		
	MP139	WO2 Clifford, W.C.J.	"	"	"		
	MN251	P/O J.D. Flintoft	"	"	"		

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1. May the following discrepancies be clarified, please:

28th - F.540 states 4 sorties over Germany, nothing seen. F.541 asserts "no operational flying carried out".

27th - F.540 gives entries for both the 26th and 28th but no entry is made for the 27th. If there is nothing to report then a Nil entry should be made.

29th - F.540 states "1 locomotive was damaged and also an amount of German billets". F.541 does not indicate the damage to German billets. Irrespective of operational information that is provided in F.540, any details concerning operations should appear in F.541.

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B.78, Holland	1.1.45		<p>The New Year was brought in with a bang! At 0920 hours two waves of mixed FW190's and ME109's made an attack on the field coming in right on the deck from out of the sun east to west and another wave directly down the runway from north to south. Succeeding waves of approximately twelve aircraft each made attacks which left the airfield a blazing inferno with aircraft burning, ammunition exploding and later bombs exploding from heat from our burning aircraft. This Squadron lost its pilots dispersal and extensive damage was done to the Orderly Room. It was fortunate our pilots were not in the dispersal when the first bomb exploded as extensive damage was caused and it is almost certain casualties would have been high. A number of pilots were in the Orderly Room which, while protected by a blast wall seemed to get the full blast which broke every window and cut the faces and hands of a number in the room. Desks, tables, chairs, went up and the place was a shambles. At the time of the attack eight of our aircraft were on the runway ready to take off and received a going over by the Jerries. P/O R.A. Watson opened fire with his cannon from the ground and damaged one FW190 before his aircraft was set on fire. Fortunately all of our pilots survived the attacks though it was a miracle and many had close calls. P/O E.T. Flanagan was our only serious casualty amongst the pilots of the Squadron. He received numerous shrapnel wounds and has a damaged eye and has been placed on the seriously injured list. The number of casualties is as yet incomplete. Three Squadron Echelon groundcrew personnel received bullet wounds but none fatal. Many personnel received treatment for cuts and bruises at Sick Quarters, and a large number were shaken up. The Squadron were left with two aircraft Cat AC and two Cat B. These were transferred to Maintenance. During the afternoon it was decided by W/O F.C. Grant, the Wing Commander Flying that 440 Squadron should cease to operate until replacement aircraft became available. Eight of our pilots left during the afternoon for England to pick up replacement aircraft. Airmen's barracks were shot up and damaged by bomb blast but they were quickly repaired before nightfall.</p> <p>Squadron personnel were recovering from the beat-up of the drama yesterday and plans are going ahead to replace our dispersal with a new Nissen hut. Work was</p>		
B.78, Holland	2.1.45				

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B.78, Holland	2.1.45		proceeding, boarding up the windows of the Orderly Room, crew room and Armament section. All personnel available are pitching in to clean up the airdrome and taxi strips.		
	3.1.45		Word has been received that 440 Squadron must continue to operate and aircraft have been transferred from 438, 439 and 168 Squadrons, giving the Squadron a total of eight aircraft. Work on rebuilding the pilots dispersal has been going ahead and it is almost complete. A new stove has been found and is being installed.		
	4.1.45		P/O Dick Watson has become tour-expired with 90 trips and commenced celebration in the Mess soon after supper had finished. This makes three tour-expired pilots awaiting transportation to the United Kingdom. A ration of oranges was received today for distribution to the pilots. This is the second ration of oranges within a week and are very welcome to the pilots. One armed recon. was carried out of Coesfeld, Almelo, Apeldoorn area.		
	5.1.45		Our eight pilots who proceeded to the United Kingdom to pick up replacement aircraft returned with new aircraft which puts new life blood into the Wing. An exceptionally fine job was done by our groundcrew personnel. Five missions were completed amounting to 20 sorties and at the end of the day seven aircraft were serviceable. The five missions were carried out with only four serviceable aircraft.		
	6.1.45		Lectures by the Intelligence Officers were given in the dispersal on Signals, R/T, I.F.P., Homing, and A.S.R. procedure, to all pilots available. Briefing was carried out for operations at first light but fog rolled in and all operations were cancelled. Pilots were released at 1300 hours.		
	7.1.45		The pilots occupied the new dispersal today. It is a big improvement over the last dispersal and work is going ahead to build a small coffee bar inside, racks for parachute boxes and coat racks. P/O T.R. Smith and P/O A.P. Simard proceeded to the United Kingdom to pick up two additional replacement aircraft for the Squadron. The O.C. and Adjutant inspected the quarters of 124 Wing where we are planning to move from our present location. An effort is being made to obtain stoves for the rooms before the move is made as they are entirely unsatisfactory without heat.		

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B.78, Holland	8.1.45		The weather once again was unfavourable due to snow and low cloud and there were no operations. The Squadron were on stand-by at the runway but were not scrambled. The Wing was released early in the afternoon.		
	9.1.45		Flying for the day was wadded due to poor visibility and the icy conditions of the runway. During the afternoon army ground training films were shown to the pilots.		
	10.1.45		Bad visibility kept all aircraft grounded.		
	11.1.45		Furniture of a very high class was obtained by F/L H.J. Hardy from some mysterious source. On the same trip he managed to find a piano for the Officers Mess. The pilots spent the day at dispersal playing bridge but no operations were carried out.		
	12.1.45		The weather kept the Squadron grounded today so more time was spent on the dispersal.		
	13.1.45		One trip carried out today to St. Vith area but weather 10/10ths over target. Rest of the day was spent at the flight around the cocoa bar and bridge table.		
	14.1.45		At last the weather broke for the Squadron and three flights were carried out into Germany, the total score for the day included a tank damaged, a train shot up and attacks on railway station. A little encouraging after such a long spell of poor weather. F/O Simard and Smith arrived back from England with replacement aircraft.		
	15.1.45		Another day of no flying but more time was spent on the flight dispersal. It is something to be proud of now and everyone is taking a keen interest in the place.		
	16.1.45		We of 440 managed to make the B.B.C. news today along with a little help from 439 and 438!! A rather soft trip with everything running very smoothly. Our target, a fair town in Germany was well pranged. In the evening a party was held in the R & I Mess for the airmen. A fine time was had by all but heavy heads will be prevalent in the morning.		
	17.1.45		The Squadron was quite keen today for a possible repeat of yesterday's target but as the weather held against us we were kept on the ground all day. Latest reports are that 440 can't have the best dispersal on the drone so 439 is having a try at improving theirs. We shall see!		
	18.1.45		Today was spent very quietly at the dispersal with the weather showing no signs of letting up. O/C A.D. Nesbitt paid us a friendly visit in the morning. The afternoon was		

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B.78, Holland	18.1.45		spent fixing the dispersal reading, playing bridge and building readiness board. In the evening 440, for the most part, attended the movie at the Wing mess.		
	19.1.45		More work on painting the dispersal. F/O R.J.C. Gardner and P/O W.C.J. Clifford left for a holiday at Chamonix for winter sports.		
	20.1.45		The day started out quite well for us with a dive-bombing trip on Effeld using 1000's. A German Divisional Headquarters was well pranged on this trip and hits on the town and roads obtained. The afternoon was spent in the dispersal palying cards and brewing hot chocolate. In the evening we had 100 per cent attendance at 39 Recce. Wing theatre to see an Army Show, very good too! Second dive-bombing mission of the day failed because of bad weather.		
	21.1.45		A weather recce. was carried out in Montfort area xx in preparation for a bombing show. An attack by nine aircraft of this Squadron planted one thousand pound bombs on Montfort. One large explosion was seen in the south part of the village and believed to be the result of oil tanks being hit. Debris reached up to 2000 feet. The success of this mission was somewhat dimmed by the loss of F/O P.H. Kearse, J25840, his aircraft having blown up just after releasing the bombs.		
	22.1.45		The Squadron put up twelve aircraft on a dive-bombing show on Heinsberg, using thousand pound bombs and the target was well pranged. The second show was another similar trip on Montfort and a third trip, dive-bombing Schleiden, also with thousand pounders. Total sorties for the day numbered twenty-eight.		
	23.1.45		Thirty-four sorties were carried out today. Thousand pound bombs on Uttereth and Dremmen, and an armed recce. into the Coesfeld area. On the Dremmen show a factory, suspected of containing front line supplies was well pranged and roads in the town blocked. The operations for the day cost the Squadron a very keen pilot, F/L H.N. "Bugs" Byers, J13485, his aircraft being set on fire in his dive. He was not seen to bale out and is listed as missing believed killed.		
	24.1.45		An armed recce. was carried out to the Heinsberg and Borken area led by F/L W.D. Barber, and a similar trip led by F/L H.J. Hardy into the Coesfeld area. P/O I.L.		

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B.78, Holland	24.1.45		Gunnarson force-lobbed just west of Venlo and is safe after tearing up a few fences and bouncing over a road. Another recon. was attempted but the weather intervened.		
	25.1.45		The weather today was 10/10ths over the target so 440 was kept at the dispersal playing bridge and reading.		
	26.1.45		Today was more or less a repeat of yesterday with the weather still clamped in. F/L C.O.R. "Brian" Claeken, former flight commander in the Squadron has been awarded the D.F.C. for work done in the advance through France.		
	27.1.45		F/L J.H. "Jim" Beatty, J14471, who completed a tour with this Squadron, arrived on the continent today on posting to 143 Wing, and has now taken over 439 Squadron as O.C. He has just completed a period of instructing at T.E.U. and has now come back for a second tour. Four sorties over Germany, nothing seen.		
	28.1.45		A somewhat hectic pleasure cruise of Germany was carried out by 440 today in the form of two flights of four led by F/L H.J. Hardy. Our target was to cut the railway line just east of Nienberg but as the cloud was 10/10ths this was impossible, hence the town of Dingden received our 500's. As the weather did not improve over Germany this was the only trip carried out today.		
	29.1.45		The weather today was a little discouraging but a flight of four led by F/L W.D. Barber went on a rhubarb to Rhine. One loco. was damaged and also an amount of German billets.		
	30.1.45		The only flying for 440 today was a trip to Vokel in the Auster by F/O's J.H. Villiers, W.R. Gibbs, I.L. Gunnarson. After arriving the weather clamped and the three have been detained there.		
	31.1.45		As the Squadron was released today due to weather a trip was organized to Brussels by road. A good time was had by all and due to previous briefing by F/L W.D. Barber everyone arrived back at the transport and the correct fit-time and the Squadron set course for base at 10 p.m. During the day many of our roving pilots returned including F/O Gardner and F/O Clifford. F/O A.P. "Art" Simard surprised us at the flight this morning by announcing his intention to marry soon.		

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				UP	DOWN		
1.1.45	Typhoon 1B		NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT				
2.1.45		" " "	" " "				
3.1.45		" " "	" " "				
4.1.45	RB203	F/L J.G.E. Savard	recce.	1440	1545	Carried out armed recce. of Coesfeld, Almelo, Apeldoorn	
	MN777	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"	area. No movements noted. Weather generally poor.	
	MP138	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"	Heavy and light flak from Apeldoorn. One aircraft	
	PD497	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"	damaged by flak, category "B".	
5.1.45	MN626	F/L H.O. Gooding	recce.	0820	0920	Carried out a weather recce. in the St. Vith area.	
	MN777	F/O W.R. Gibbs	"	"	"	Discovered 10/10ths cloud from 2-5000' from	
	RB203	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"	Maastricht to south. Clear about 15 miles south of	
	MP138	F/O J.H. Villiers	"	"	"	St. Vith.	
	MN626	S/L H.O. Gooding	"	1010	1110	Carried out weather recce. of St. Vith area. 10/10ths	
	MN777	F/O W.R. Gibbs	"	"	"	cloud encountered from Maastricht to St. Vith, top	
	MN755	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"	6000'.	
	MP138	F/O J.H. Villiers	"	"	"		
	RB399	F/L J.G.E. Savard	"	1155	1300	Despatched on armed recce. of Coesfeld area. F/O Waller	
	MN777	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"	had loose cowling and rough-running engine and returned	
	MP138	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"	to base after 30 minutes. Remainder attacked and	
	RB203	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	1225	damaged two Met west of Coesfeld. No other movement seen.	
	MN626	F/O A.P. Simard	"	1345	1445	Despatched unarmed recce. of Bocholt, Borken, Coesfeld	
	MN654	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"	area. F/O Villiers was forced to return early as engine	
	MN755	F/O J.H. Villiers	"	"	1400	was throwing oil on the windscreen. The remainder	
	PD497	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	1445	strafed and observed strikes on factory at Ramadorf.	
	RB399	F/L J.G.E. Savard	"	1500	1610	Carried out armed recce. of Coesfeld area. No movements	
	MN755	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"	seen. Weather fair. Many other typhoons observed in	
	MP138	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"	area.	
	MN777	F/O W.R. Gibbs	"	"	"		
6.1.45			NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT				

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				UP	DOWN		
7.1.45	Typhoon 1B						
		NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT					
8.1.45		" " "	" "				
9.1.45		" " "	" "				
10.1.45		" " "	" "				
11.1.45		" " "	" "				
12.1.45		" " "	" "				
13.1.45	RB435	F/L J.G.E. Savard	recoe.	1250	1420	Despatched on armed recoe. of St. Vith area. P/O	
	MN626	F/O W.R. Gibbs	"	"	"	Gunnarson forced to return early with oily windscreen.	
	PD497	F/O P.H. Kearse	"	"	"	On landing, his aircraft was damaged, category AC when	
	MN659	F/O G.L. Passmore	"	"	"	it ran off edge of runway and hit small ditch. Remainder	
	MN755	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	1310	carried out operation. No movements seen. Weather	
	RB445	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	1420	generally poor.	
14.1.45	RB445	F/L J.G.E. Savard	"	1005	1125	Carried out armed recoe. of Bocholt, Borken area. One	
	MN626	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"	tank north of A3959 was strafed, strikes were seen.	
	PD497	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"	Shot up railway station and shack alongside track.	
	MN659	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"		
	MP138	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"		
	RB435	F/O J.H. Villiers	"	"	"		
	RB445	F/L W.D. Barber	"	1240	1350	Carried out armed recoe. of Bocholt area. No movement	
	MN626	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"	observed.	
	RB435	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
	MN659	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"		
	RB435	F/L H.J. Hardy	"	1515	1645	Carried out armed recoe. of Borken area. Strafed and	
	MN659	F/O W.R. Gibbs	"	"	"	damaged a locomotive and 15 box cars south-east of	
	MN777	F/O P.H. Kearse	"	"	"	A5582.	
	RB445	F/L L.A. Roach	"	"	"		

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				UP	DOWN		
15.1.45	Typhoon 1B	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT					
16.1.45	MP149	F/L H.J. Hardy	recce.	1450	1530	Carried out weather recce. of Waldfucht area. Weather	
	RB315	F/O W.C.J. Clifford	"	"	"	was found to be satisfactory for operations.	
	RB445	F/L W.D. Barber	bombing	1525	1625	Dive-bombed village of Waldfucht at K7776 with 16 X	
	MN659	F/L H.N. Byers	"	"	"	1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail. All bombs landed	
	RB435	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"	in target area. A large factory at K77758 was hit by	
	MN581	F/O R.T. Smith	"	"	"	at least four bombs. Light flak was experienced from	
	MN777	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"	target area.	
	MP138	F/O N. Hughes	"	"	"		
	MN626	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
	PD497	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"		
17.1.45		NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT					
18.1.45		" " " " " "					
19.1.45		" " " " " "					
20.1.45	RB445	F/L W.D. Barber	bombing	0945	1050	Dive-bombed German Divisional Headquarters at K3581,	
	MN626	F/L H.N. Byers	"	"	"	village of Effeld, with 16 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs,	
	RB203	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"	fused .025 tail. Bombs closely grouped around	
	PD493	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"	Divisional Headquarters in wood. No movement was seen.	
	RB315	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"	Heavy flak experienced from K87.	
	MN581	F/O J.F. Warrell	"	"	"		
	RB435	F/L L.A. Roach	"	"	"		
	PD601	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"		
	RB445	F/L W.D. Barber	"	1200	1245	Despatched to bomb bridge at V108334 and rail at V104357,	
	PD497	F/L H.N. Byers	"	"	"	with 14 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused .025 tail. Because	
	RB203	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"	of bad weather over targets, bombs were jettisoned safe	
	MP138	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"	south-west of Nijmegen.	
	MN777	F/O J.F. Warrell	"	"	"		
	PD601	F/O P.H. Kearse	"	"	"		

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
20.1.45	Typhoon 1B RB399	F/O D.E. Waller	Bombing	1200	1245		
21.1.45	RB445	S/L H.O. Gooding	Recon.	1145	1330	Carried out weather recon. of Montfort and Rocholt area.	
	RB203	F/L H.N. Byers	"	"	"	Weather was found to be good.	
	MP149	F/L H.J. Hardy	Bombing	1235	1345	Dive-bombed town of Montfort with 18 X 1000 lb. M.C.	
	MP626	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"	bombs, fused .025 tail. Large explosion seen in south	
	RB315	F/L L.A. Roach	"	"	"	portion of town, believed to be oil tanks. Debris	
	RB435	F/O J.H. Villiers	"	"	"	reached height of 2000'. F/O Kearse's aircraft blew	
	PD601	F/O P.H. Kearse	"	"	1310	up over target immediately after bombs released. He	
	MN777	F/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	1345	is believed killed.	
	RB399	F/O J.D. Flintoft	"	"	"		
	PD497	F/O W.R. Gibbs	"	"	"		
	PD493	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"		
22.1.45	RB435	F/L W.D. Barber	"	1000	1100	Dive-bombed town of Heinsberg with 24 X 1000 lb. M.C.	
	MP626	F/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	1120	bombs, fused .025 tail. 8 bombs were dropped near large	
	PD493	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	1100	building, building still standing. 16 bombs were	
	MN777	F/O W.R. Gibbs	"	"	1120	dropped on group of buildings south end of town. Road	
	RB203	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"	blocked and great deal of smoke. Factory seen to be	
	PD497	F/L H.N. Byers	"	"	"	hit on north end and smoking. Roads north end of town	
	MP139	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"	cratered.	
	RB399	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"		
	MP149	F/L H.J. Hardy	"	"	1140		
	RB315	F/S Crittenden, J.G.	"	"	1110		
	MN581	F/O J.D. Flintoft	"	"	1140		
	PD476	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	1110		
	RB445	F/L W.D. Barber	"	1325	1415	Dive-bombed town of Montfort with 16 X 1000 lb. M.C.	
	PD497	F/L H.N. Byers	"	"	"	bombs, fused .025. Six bombs landed on north end of	

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				UP	DOWN		
22.1.45	Typhoon 1B RB203	F/O A.P. Simard	Bombing	1325	1415	village, ten were scattered throughout village. Fires	
	MN777	F/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	"	and smoke seen. North-west road from town cratered.	
	MP138	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"		
	RB399	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"		
	PD493	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	MP149	F/L L.A. Roach	"	"	"		
	MP149	F/L H.J. Hardy	"	1600	1700	Dive-bombed town of Schleiden with 16 X 1000 lb. M.C.	
	MN581	F/S Crittenden	"	"	"	bombs, fused .025 tail. All bombs dropped in target	
	PD493	F/O J.D. Flintoft	"	"	"	area. Town wall gutted, much brown smoke seen.	
	RB203	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"		
	RB435	F/O J.H. Villiers	"	"	"		
	RB399	F/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	"		
	RB445	F/L L.A. Roach	"	"	"		
	PD497	F/L H.N. Byers	"	"	"		
23.1.45	MP149	F/L H.J. Hardy	"	0920	1010	Dive-bombed town of Kempen with 14 X 1000 lb. M.C.	
	PD493	F/O J.D. Flintoft	"	"	"	bombs, fused .025 tail. Centre of village and road	
	MN581	F/S Crittenden, J.G.	"	"	"	through town seen to be blocked. Intense heavy and	
	RB399	F/L L.A. Roach	"	"	"	light flak over target area.	
	PD497	F/O W.R. Gibbs	"	"	"		
	RB445	F/O J.H. Villiers	"	"	"		
	MP138	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"		
	RB435	F/O A.P. Simard	"	1010	1055	Mission was armed recce. of tactical area. F/O Waller	
	MN626	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	1025	was forced to return early because of mechanical trouble.	
	RB235	F/L H.N. Byers	"	"	1055	Remainder carried out recce. of Bochoolt, Borken and	
	MP138	F/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	"	Coesfeld area. Four Met west of A5477 were attacked and	
	RB445	F/L H.J. Hardy	"	1140	1235	damaged.	
	RB203	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"	Dive-bombed town of Utterath with 16 X 1000 lb. M.C.	
	PD493	F/O J.D. Flintoft	"	"	"	bombs, fused .025 tail. Two bombs overshoot, remainder	
						landed directly on target.	

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				Up	Down		
23.1.45	Typhoon 1B MN581	F/S Crittenden, J.G.	Bombing	1140	1235		
	MN626	F/O J.H. Villiers	"	"	"		
	MP138	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"		
	RB399	F/L L.A. Roach	"	"	"		
	PD497	F/O W.R. Gibbs	"	"	"		
	RB445	F/L W.D. Barber	"	1425	1525	Dive-bombed town of Dremmen with 16 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs.	
	MN581	F/O E.M. Gray	"	"	"	fused .025 tail. Twelve bombs landed on cross-roads in	
	RB235	F/L H.L. Byers	"	"	1500	center of town, two on north part and two on Schleiden.	
	MN777	F/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	1525	Results were not observed. F/L Byers was hit by flak	
	MP139	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"	during the dive, was enveloped in black smoke, burst	
	PD493	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"	into flames. He climbed to 9000 feet where his tail fell	
	RB203	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"	off and he cartwheeled into the ground at K8972. Heavy	
	RB399	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"	flak was encountered in target area.	
	RB445	F/L W.D. Barber	Rece.	1615	1720	Carried out armed recee. of Wesel, Borken, Coesfeld,	
	MN581	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"	Ahaus, Bocholt area. No movements were seen.	
	PD493	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	MN777	F/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	"		
	MP139	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"		
	RB203	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		
	RB399	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"		
24.1.45	RB445	F/L W.D. Barber	"	0810	0920	Carried out armed recee. of Bocholt, Borken, Coesfeld area.	
	MN626	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	0900	F/O Hughes returned early because of mechanical trouble.	
	MN581	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	0920	F/O Gunnarson force-landed in Venlo area with engine	
	MN777	F/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	0825	trouble. He returned to Unit several hours later.	
	MP139	F/L H.J. Hardy	"	0840	1000	Other than that the recee. was uneventful.	
	PD497	F/O W.R. Gibbs	"	"	"	Carried out armed recee. of northern tactical area.	
						Covered area twice but no movements seen.	

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24.1.45	Typhoon 1B PD493	F/O J.H. Villiers	Recon.	0840	1000		
	RB399	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"		
	RB445	F/L W.D. Barber	Bombing	1120	1240	Prevented from bombing special target at A5892 by bad weather. Small factory at A2357 destroyed by two direct hits. Barracks at A1962 hit and buildings damaged.	
	MP138	F/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	"	Three small factories at A2062 bombed, no direct hits. Bombs used were 14 X 500 lb. M.C., fused .025 tail.	
	MP139	F/O J.H. Villiers	"	"	"	9/10ths cloud at 6000' covered target area.	
	PD497	F/O W.R. Gibbs	"	"	"		
	RB435	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		
	RB399	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"		
	PD493	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	RB445	F/L H.J. Hardy	Recon.	1400	1530	Carried out armed recon. of tactical area but nothing seen because of bad weather.	
	RB399	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"		
	RB435	F/O J.H. Villiers	"	"	"		
	MP138	F/S Crittenden, J.G.	"	"	"		
	PD493	F/O W.R. Gibbs	"	"	"		
	MP138	F/O J.F. Warrell	"	"	"		
25.1.45		NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT					
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27.1.45	RB435	F/L G.D. Russell	Recon.	1335	1445	Carried out armed recon. of tactical area. No movements seen. Weather was 10/10ths at 800/2000 feet, visibility 1 mile.	
	RB445	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"		
	RB203	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"		
	PD497	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"		
28.1.45	MP149	F/L H.J. Hardy	Bombing	1420	1535	Prevented from bombing railway east of Nienberg by heavy cloud. Instead bombed small town at A.2253 with 16 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay. Results were not observed. 10/10ths cloud at 2000 feet, heavy, very poor visibility.	
	PD497	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"		
	RB399	F/O W.R. Gibbs	"	"	"		
	RB203	F/S Crittenden, J.G.	"	"	"		
	RB315	F/L L.A. Roach	"	"	"		
	RB445	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	RB435	F/O J.H. Villiers	"	"	"		

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	4.2.45		A repetition for the most part of the usual duff weather procedure, that is cards, letter writing and discussions at dispersal were the highlights of the day.
	5.2.45		Another day of poor weather cancelled operations for the day and the Squadron spent the day at dispersal awaiting a weather change.
	6.2.45		The day started out with an armed recon. led by S/L Gooding over the south-western tactical area. A weather report was sent back and the Wing began its

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Summary of Events

12th May 1945

Officer Commanding,
No. 440 (RGAP) Squadron,
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2. On the same date, F.540 asserts a barge was 'pranged'. This does not appear among claims on F.541.
3. May the correct version in each instance be advised, please.

(W. R. Thompson) W/O
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B.78, Holland	1.2.45		The one show for the day was abortive due to weather. The flight of four was led by P/L Hardy and the intended target area was an armed recon. in the Coesfeld area. Apart from this the only other flying carried out by the Squadron was four A & E tests. A sortie of five pilots left for the front to scrounge furniture. The results were fair and included some useful articles. However, P/O Gunnarson's spring mattress was put U/S due to German bugs. P/O's Flintoft and Passmore returned from the U.K. with replacement aircraft.		
	2.2.45		Although it was possible for only one sortie of eight aircraft to be flown, a very good show was scored by the Squadron. The flight was led by P/O Clifford and the target was the Dülmen - Münster railway. Four cuts were obtained and one locomotive and met. was damaged. An unfortunate incident occurred however while strafing the locomotive when P/O Passmore's aircraft was hit by light flak at 300 feet and the tail was blown off. The aircraft was seen to crash and burn.		
	3.2.45		The Beaver Squadron was busy today having flown thirty-two sorties. The day began with runway readiness and weather which was not too promising. The first two shows, armed recon. were followed by six bombing shows on rail interdiction. The Squadron claims for the day are four rail cuts, one locomotive damaged and four railway trucks damaged. The first show was led by P/L Barber and was a low level sweep across the Maas and Rhine Rivers. P/L Savard strafed some German troops between the rivers near an ack-ack position. Unfortunately the day was not without losses as P/O Warrell was seen to flick in at 300 feet while attacking a locomotive. There was no visible flak at the time.		
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B.78, Holland	6.2.45		operations for the day. Throughout the day a total of six missions were flown, five of them on rail interdiction and one armed recon. The results of the day were three rail-cuts and two met. damaged. F/L Hollingsworth and F/O O'Brien were posted in to 440.		
	7.2.45		There being no flying today the Squadron met at dispersal and heard the experiences of Captain E. Cleveland, who has just returned from the Canadian Army front. In the afternoon Air Marshal Leekie visited the field and lectured at the airmen's mess and officers' mess. Due to weather the Wing was released in the late afternoon.		
	8.2.45		Operations began today with a section of four led by P/O Clifford. A rail was cut S.E. of Kempen and a locomotive and five coaches damaged through strafing. Another section attempted a cut south east of Goch but no results were obtained. Other sections were led by F/L Barber, F/L Savard and F/O Villiers. The total number of sorties came to thirty with two rail cuts, two locomotives and ten coaches damaged, two met damaged and the towns Dinxperle and Kevelaer dive-bombed with 500 lb. cluster bombs and 1000 lb. H.C. bombs.		
	9.2.45		440 Squadron was detailed for runway readiness this morning. The weather was unfit for operations due to rain and low cloud. F/L Barber and F/O O'Brien were scrambled but were airborne for only a short time before directed to pancake by control. Another section of four aircraft was later scrambled but also recalled after being airborne only a short time. Two missions of four aircraft did armed recon. and weather recon. but weather over tactical area was poor and no movements were seen.		
	10.2.45		Three missions of four sorties were carried out by the Squadron today and 24 X 1000 lb. bombs were dropped. The weather was not too favourable and due to a force-landed Marauder on the field less operations were carried out than expected. The results for the day were three rail cuts and one met. damaged. The Squadron strength was increased by the posting in of F/O Gregory. A lecture was laid on for the pilots by F/O McKay, the Engineer Officer but due to the weather clearing it was postponed to another day. The ground crew are doing an excellent job in servicing and bombing up the Squadron in spite of unfavourable working conditions.		

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B. 78, Holland	11.2.45		The daily operations began today with a weather recon. flown by the O.G., S/L Gooding and P/O Pearson to the Bochoolt area. No movement was seen and the weather was unfit for bombing. Later a section of seven aircraft attempted a rail cut near Almelo but due to 10/10th cloud target could not be bombed and were jettisoned through cloud near Bochoolt.		
	12.2.45		The only operations carried out by Squadron today was the moving of a hut to be used as the O.G.'s new office. The ground crew set about cleaning up the dispersal and preparing make-shift bomb bays.		
	13.2.45		A section of four led by P/L Savard managed to find a small hole through 10/10th cloud which covered the whole of the west tactical area and obtained three cuts on the railway south of Borken. Another section of four led by P/L Russell were unable to find a target in their area due to cloud and dropped them in the Gladbach area. Later a section of four led by P/L Savard obtained four cuts on a double track south-west of Munster with 6 X 1000 lb. bombs, one aircraft having turned back due to mechanical trouble. These three aircraft then carried out an armed recon. which resulted in a locomotive and five coal cars damaged and also five box cars damaged and a flamer in the same area. P/O Hughes led a section of four taking off at the same time as P/L Savard's section. They attempted a rail cut near Aalten but cut was not obtained.		
	14.2.45		With a total of 55 sorties today a record was broken for the Squadron since arriving at Eindhoven. The tally of damage totaled at the end of the day included twenty-two rail cuts and seven barges, one staff car, two locomotives and seventeen railway trucks damaged. The reason for this success was due mainly to the excellent weather conditions and the keenness shown by all ranks.		
	15.2.45		As a sharp contrast to yesterday's activities the slack period due to weather made an opportunity for cleaning up dispersals and improving serviceability.		
	16.2.45		The first show of the day was led by P/L Barber and was a section of eight aircraft. The target was a V.I site at Pottershoek. The target was attacked by the whole wing and a large explosion and a great deal of smoke indicated that the target was		

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B.78, Holland	16.2.45		well hit. P/O Clifford leading a section of four cut a rail in two places south of Verdingen. Although a section of four led by F/L Savard failed to cut their rail line, an armed recon. was carried out resulting in a flaming transport truck and two damaged trailers. P/O Gardner suffered engine failure and managed to force-land at B.89 safely. Total sorties for the day totaled twenty-four.		
	17.2.45		A "Gen. Talk" was the topic of the day with F/L Harry Thompson starting with a talk on Sabre engines. Following that F/L Langelle gave the boys a lecture on the use of a new petrol coming into use. Capt. "Red" Johnston also made an appearance with the Squadron and gave an interesting talk on Amies in the field.		
	18.2.45		With no flying today the Squadron relaxed at dispersal reading and catching up on home correspondence.		
	19.2.45		Weather again caused a repeat of yesterday, as operationally it was an uneventful day. The ground crews have finished all preparations for the use of the new petrol.		
	20.2.45		Wishful thinking and briefing had no effect on the overcast--the pilots had to be satisfied with juggling up until release time. Then the cinema in town was invaded. The only wing ops. for the day was a fifteen minute scramble by 168 but nothing but a 500 foot ceiling was encountered.		
	21.2.45		At last the weather broke for operations and the first target attacked was a V.I site south-west of Rotterdam. S/L Gooding led the Squadron in an anti-flak attack on the target prior to the remainder of the Wing dive-bombing with 1000 pounders. A perfect rendezvous was made with a Typhoon rocket Squadron and the site was well-pranged. Other sections led by F/L Savard, F/L Hardy, F/L Russell and P/O Clifford managed later in the day to cut seven rails and pranged a barge.		
	22.2.45		With only eight aircraft serviceable it was made possible by hard work by the groundcrews to send off forty sorties. The damage caused was five rails cut, three locomotives damaged and three met pranged. It was learned today that branch lines in the vicinity of Enchede have been torn up and removed so it is assumed that there is an acute shortage of rails as a result of rail interdiction.		

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B.78, Holland	23.2.45		Operations for the day was limited to two two plane armed reccees, but there proved to be no hope for bombing due to cloud in the tactical area. P/O Gibbs and P/O Macmillan visited Heesch in the Auster. The Wing was released in the afternoon and a movie shown at the mess.		
	24.2.45		The Squadron totaled forty-one sorties today and obtained sixteen cuts but unfortunately not without loss. P/O John Flintoft force-landed inside German occupied Holland and called up over the R/T to say he was "all right". The bombing highlight of the day was a show led by P/O Neil Hughes in which eight cuts were obtained with four aircraft. F/L Carl West the new Adjutant was posted to 440 and is a very welcome addition.		
	25.2.45		The biggest feature of the day was the award of the D.F.C. to S/L Hal Gooding, our O.C. -- well-earned! Shows led by P/L Harry Hardy and P/L Ernie Savard kept up the assault on German traffic lines with monotonous success. Another good briefing for an attack on a V.I. site brought about very good results. Rendezvous and E.T.M. with 124 Wing were perfect and direct hits were observed by the pilots. A good day was finished off with a fine meal and a movie in the mess.		
	26.2.45		The weather was poor today but P/O Neil Hughes managed to lead a section of three on rail interdiction but results were not observed. Apart from this one trip the only excitement was rushing in and out of dispersal to watch the low-flying buzz-bombs going over in the morning. P/O Currie Gardner has finished his tour, a good pilot with a good record.		
	27.2.45		The Squadron was on runway readiness today and as was usual the weather allowed only a flight of four on an armed recce. into the western tactical area. A new arrival F/L Paul Bisacky late of P.R.U. on Spits. and Mosquitoes should bring a good deal of experience with him.		
	28.2.45		Eight op. sorties were carried out today which consisted of two flights of four led by P/L Harry Hardy and P/O Clifford. While flying above cloud just near the Rhine east of Goch a hail of flak caught red section and P/O Gibbs' aircraft was hit in the starboard wing and caught fire. He was not seen after entering cloud. P/O Bob Gray		

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B.78, Holland	28.2.45		<p>had a 12" flak hole blown through his port wing just inboard of an unreleased bomb. A good effort put the aircraft down safely at base.</p> <p><u>GENERAL HEALTH</u> - The health of the Squadron personnel for the month was good.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH</u> - Aircraft - Typhoons 18 - 17</p> <table><thead><tr><th>Personnel</th><th>Aircrew</th><th>Groundcrew</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Officers</td><td>24</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Airmen</td><td>1</td><td>31</td></tr></tbody></table> <p><u>FLYING TIMES</u> - Operational - 415:20 Sorties - 374</p> <p>Non-operational - 41:25</p> <p><u>CASUALTIES</u> - J35987 F/O G.L. Passmore Missing believed killed 2.2.45.</p> <p>Ops: hrs. - 27:30, sorties 21</p> <p>J38833 F/O J.F. Warrell Missing believed killed 3.2.45.</p> <p>Ops: hrs. - 5:10, sorties 5</p> <p>J37127 F/O J.D. Flintoft - Missing 24.2.45 Ops. hrs. 38:35, sorties 30</p> <p>J27239 F/O W.R. Gibbs - " 28.2.45 " " 42:55, sorties 37</p> <p><u>MOVEMENTS</u> - J16822 F/L W.D. Barber, 2nd tour-expired, posted on 25.2.45</p> <p>J5833 F/L P. Blesky, J36421 F/O D.M. Leach and J33126 F/O H.C. Keon arrived on posting from 83 G.S.U.</p> <p><u>AWARDS</u> - S/L H.O. Gooding was awarded the D.F.C. (non-immediate)</p> <p>(H.O. Gooding) Squadron Leader, Officer Commanding, 440 Squadron.</p>	Personnel	Aircrew	Groundcrew	Officers	24	2	Airmen	1	31		
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1.2.45	Typhoon 1B RB455	F/L H.J. Hardy	Recon.	1545	1650	Carried out armed reconnaissance in Group tactical area.	
	MP138	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	1705	No movements seen because of bad weather.	
	RB399	F/O W.O.J. Clifford	"	"	1650		
	MN380	F/S Crittenden, J.G.	"	"	1645		
2.2.45	RB399	F/O W.O.J. Clifford	Bombing	0930	1100	Carried out rail-cutting mission in Dulman area using	
	RB203	F/O J.D. Flintoft	"	"	"	16 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay. Rail cut	
	RB433	F/O J.H. Villiers	"	"	"	in four places. Two locomotives were damaged by cannon	
	MN380	F/S Crittenden, J.G.	"	"	"	fire. F/O Passmore was hit by flak while strafing a	
	RB455	F/L H.J. Hardy	"	"	"	locomotive at 300 feet. His tail fell off and he crashed	
	PD493	F/O G.L. Passmore	"	"	1030	and burned N.W. of Coesfeld. Heavy and light flak	
	RB315	F/L L.A. Roach	"	"	1100	encountered.	
	MN777	F/O W.R. Gibbs	"	"	"		
3.2.45	RB455	F/L W.D. Barber	Recon.	0920	1015	Carried out armed reconnaissance in Nijmegen - Bochoit	
	MN380	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"	area. One locomotive and four coaches were strafed and	
	RB315	F/L J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"	damaged. F/O J.F. Warrell spun in while strafing loco-	
	PD497	F/O J.F. Warrell	"	"	0950	motive. F/L Savard strafed a gun position and put the	
	RB399	F/O A.P. Simard	"	1020	1120	Carried out armed reconnaissance in Bochoit, Coesfeld,	
	MN755	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"	Dorsten area. No movements seen.	
	MN777	F/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	1125		
	MP138	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	1120		
	RB455	F/L W.D. Barber	Bombing	1145	1315	Bombed rail at A2258 using 8 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs,	
	RB455	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"	fused 11 sec. delay. Two near misses were scored.	
	RB433	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
	MN581	F/O J.D. Flintoft	"	"	"		
	RB315	F/L J.G.E. Savard	"	1235	1335	Original target not reached because of cloud. Dropped	
	MN380	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"	8 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay on rail at	
	RB203	F/O A.P. Simard	"	"	"	A2256, scoring two near misses.	
	RB342	F/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	"		

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3.2.45	Typhoon 1B RB455	F/L H.J. Hardy	Bombing	1405	1520	Carried out rail-cutting mission in tactical area, using	
	MN755	F/S Crittenden, J.G.	"	"	"	8 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay. Bombed	
	RB399	P/O W.C.J. Clifford	"	"	"	through hole in 10/10ths cloud, cutting rail at A2577.	
	MN777	F/O W.R. Gibbs	"	"	"	Large explosion observed on south side of track at A2279,	
	RB435	F/O J.H. Villiers	Bombing	1505	1645	which emitted black and grey smoke.	
	MP138	F/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"	Original target not reached due to cloud. 8 X 1000 lb.	
	RB315	F/L L.A. Roach	"	"	"	M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay were dropped at A1553.	
	RB433	F/O J.D. Flintoft	"	"	"	Results were not observed. Light flak from A04.	
	RB342	F/L H.J. Hardy	Bombing	1600	1720	Carried out rail-cutting mission in tactical area using	
	MN380	F/S Crittenden, J.G.	"	"	"	8 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay. Rail cut	
	RB310	P/O W.C.J. Clifford	"	"	"	twice at Z9528. Heavy and light flak experienced from	
	RB203	F/O W.R. Gibbs	"	"	"	V10775 and Z9627.	
	RB455	F/L W.D. Barber	Bombing	1705	1805	Carried out rail-cutting mission in tactical area using	
	MN755	P/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"	8 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay. Rail cut	
	RB399	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"	at A0957. Two bombs fell in Mellingden and started two	
	MN777	P/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	"	fires.	
4.2.45	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT						
5.2.45	"	"	"	"	"	"	
6.2.45	RB342	S/L H.O. Gooding	Recco.	0810	0850	S/L Gooding and P/O Hughes patrolled Wesel, Dorsten area.	
	MN581	P/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	"	No movements seen.	
	RB435	P/O W.C.J. Clifford	Bombing	0845	1000	Carried out rail-cutting mission south of Bocholt using	
	MN755	P/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"	14 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay. Rail cut	
	MP138	F/O W.R. Gibbs	"	"	"	at A2359. Six bombs landed in Bocholt, causing a large	
	RB203	F/O J.H. Villiers	"	"	"	explosion and fires.	
	MN777	P/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"		
	RB310	P/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"		

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
6.2.45	Typhoon 1B MN380	F/S Crittenden, J.G.	Bombing	0845	1010		
	MN755	F/O W.C.J. Clifford	Bombing	1200	1300	Carried out rail-cutting mission north of Wesel, using	
	MN777	F/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"	8 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay. Two near	
	PD510	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"	misses were scored, track believed blocked by debris.	
	MP138	F/O W.R. Gibbs	"	"	"	Two Met were strafed and damaged. Heavy flak from	
	RB433	F/O N.M. Hughes	Bombing	1300	1410	A2243.	
	MN380	F/S Crittenden, J.G.	"	"	"	Bombed rail north of Wesel through 7/10ths cloud using	
	RB203	F/L J.G.E. Savard	Bombing	1350	1510	4 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay. Results	
	RB310	F/O J.H. Villiers	"	"	"	not observed.	
	RB435	F/L W.D. Barber	"	"	1440	Bombed rail N.W. of Wesel using 6 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs,	
	MP138	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	1510	fused 11 sec. delay. F/O Villiers jettisoned bombs and	
	RB399	F/O W.C.J. Clifford	Bombing	1440	1600	returned to base because of mechanical trouble. Remainder	
	MN777	F/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"	out rail in two places at Al649.	
	PD510	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"	Bombed rail north of Wesel through cloud using 8 X 1000	
	MN755	F/O W.R. Gibbs	"	"	"	lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay. Results not	
7.2.45	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT						
8.2.45	RB399	F/O W.C.J. Clifford	Bombing	0820	0920	Bombed and out rail S.E. of Kempen using 8 X 1000 lb.	
	RB433	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"	M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay. Strafed and damaged	
	RB338	F/O W.R. Gibbs	"	"	"	a locomotive and five coaches. Other section, led by	
	MP138	F/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"	F/O Villiers, using same number and type of bombs, failed	
	RB310	F/O J.H. Villiers	"	"	0910	to out rail S.E. of Goch. Light flak from A0808.	
	RB388	F/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	"		
	RB203	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	MN380	F/S Crittenden, J.G.	"	"	"		
	RB310	F/L J.G.E. Savard	Bombing	1045	1145	Attempted rail-out in Bocholt area. Due to cloud bombs	
	RB388	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"	(8 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, 11 sec. delay) were	
	MN777	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"	jettisoned live in Bocholt area.	
	PD510	F/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	"		

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
8.2.45	Typhoon 1B RB399	P/O W.C.J. Clifford	Bombing	1105	1205	Carried out rail-cutting mission west of Almele using	
	RB203	P/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"	8 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs fused 11 sec. delay. Bombed	
	RB433	P/O W.R. Gibbs	"	"	"	rail through cloud at V0719. A pilot of 439 Sqn.	
	MP138	F/S Crittenden, J.C.	"	"	"	verified that rail was out.	
	RB203	F/L W.D. Barber	Bombing	1345	1500	Attempted to dive-bomb target at RB455. Unsuccessful	
	PD510	P/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	"	because of thick cloud. (4 X 500 lb. No. 17 cluster bombs	
	RB399	P/O W.C.J. Clifford	"	1505	1620	were brought back to base)	
	RB433	F/O R.W.C. Gardner	"	"	"	Dropped 4 X 500 lb. No. 17 cluster bombs on Dinkerler.	
	MP138	F/L J.G.E. Savard	Bombing	1535	1645	Results not observed due to cloud.	
	MN777	F/L H.W. Hollingsworth	"	"	"	Dropped 12 X 500 lb. No. 17 cluster bombs on Kevelaer.	
	MN581	F/O T.E. Smith	"	"	"	Results not observed due to cloud. Strafed and damaged	
	RB433	P/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"	1 locomotive, 5 coaches and two Met. Light flak from	
	RB310	F/O J.F. Villiers	"	"	"	B9734, A1229, heavy from A2337.	
	RB388	P/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"		
	RB203	F/L W.D. Barber	Bombing	1650	1740	Bombed village of Kevelaer, using 4 X 500 lb. No. 17	
	RB315	P/O W.R. Gibbs	"	"	"	cluster bombs and 2 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, 11 sec. delay.	
	PD510	P/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	"	F/S Crittenden brought 2 cluster bombs back to base, as he	
	PD338	F/S Crittenden, J.C.	"	"	"	had mechanical trouble. Remainder dropped all bombs in	
					1720	target area. Smoke and fire seen after bombing. Heavy	
						flak from B9733.	
9.2.45	RB455	F/L W.D. Barber	Scramble	1120	1145	Scrambled. No vectors received and were ordered to return	
	PD510	P/O H.K. O'Brien	"	"	"	to base.	
	RB203	P/O W.C.J. Clifford	Scramble	1415	1430	Scrambled. Nothing seen and were recalled.	
	MN581	P/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"		
	MN777	F/L L.A. Roach	"	"	"		
	RB365	P/O W.R. Gibbs	"	"	"		
	MP138	F/L J.G.E. Savard	Recon.	1535	1625	Carried out armed recon. in Wesel - Borken area. No	
	RB433	F/L H.W. Hollingsworth	"	"	"	movements seen due to 10/10ths cloud.	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
				UP	DOWN		
9.2.45	Typhoon 1B PD510	F/O T.R. Smith	Recco.	1535	1625		
	RB388	F/O O'Brien	"	"	"		
	RB310	F/O J.H. Villiers	Scramble	1700	1745	Carried out armed recco. in Gosh-Wesel area. No movements	
	MN581	F/S Crittenden, J.G.	"	"	"	seen due to 10/10ths cloud but received plenty of light	
	MN777	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	1715	and heavy flak for their effort. F/O Gardner returned	
10.2.45	RB203	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	1745	early with mechanical trouble.	
	RB455	F/L W.D. Barber	Bombing	1450	1610	Attempted rail-cut. Original target not reached because	
	MP138	F/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"	of bad weather. Bombed secondary target at A3042 with	
	RB399	F/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	"	8 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay. Failed to	
	MN581	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"	cut rail.	
	RB203	F/L J.G.B. Savard	Bombing	1605	1740	Attempted rail-cut. Original target not reached because	
	RB310	F/O H.C. Keon	"	"	"	of bad weather. Bombed and cut rail at A4275, south of	
	RB433	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	W	"	"	Stadthorn, using 8 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec.	
	RB388	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"	delay. Carried out armed recco. and damaged one Met.	
	PD510	F/L G.D. Russell	Bombing	1700	1810	Cut rail twice at A2962, east of Bocholt, using 8 X	
	MN380	F/L H.W. Hollingsworth	"	"	"	1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay. Light flak	
	RB365	F/O J.H. Villiers	"	"	"	from A2872 and A3258.	
	RB338	F/O W.R. Gibbs	"	"	"		
	PD510	S/L H.O. Gooding	Recco.	0750	0835	Carried out armed recco. in Bocholt - Gessfeld area.	
	MN380	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"	No movements seen.	
11.2.45	RB455	F/L J.G.E. Savard	Bombing	0830	0940	Attempted rail-cut. F/L Russell jettisoned bombs	
	RB388	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"	and returned early because of mechanical trouble.	
	RB315	F/O H.K. O'Brien	"	"	"	Remainder jettisoned 12 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused	
	MP138	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	0900	11 sec. delay through 10/10ths cloud in Enschede area.	
	MN581	F/O H.C. Keon	"	"	0940		
	RB203	F/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	"		
	PD510	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
	PD510	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
12.2.45	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT						

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				Up	Down		
13.2.45	Typhoon 1B RB315	F/L J.G.E. Savard	Bombing	0950	1115	F/L Savard led one section of four on a rail-cutting mission south of Borken. Three cuts were obtained, two at A4454 and one at A4356. F/L Russell led other section of four and dropped bombs through hole in 10/10ths cloud over Gladbach. Results not observed. 16 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay were fused. Heavy flak from A01.	
	MN380	F/O H.C. Gregory	"	"	"		
	PD510	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	RB338	F/O H.K. O'Brien	"	"	"		
	RB203	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	1110		
	RB388	F/O H.C. Keon	"	"	"		
	RB433	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
	RB455	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"		
	RB342	F/L J.G.E. Savard	Bombing	1245	1400	Carried out rail-cutting mission S.W. of Munster, using 16 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay. Four cuts were obtained on a double track. Locomotive and coal cars were damaged, also five box cars damaged and one flamer in same area. Light flak from A9071. F/O O'Brien returned to base early with mechanical trouble. F/O Hughes led section of four on rail-cut near Aalten but failed.	
	MN381	F/O R.C. Gregory	"	"	"		
	RB310	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	RB365	F/O H.K. O'Brien	"	"	1245		
	MN777	F/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	1400		
	MN755	F/O H.C. Keon	"	"	"		
	RB433	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
	RB455	F/O I.L. Gunmarson	"	"	"		
14.2.45	RB203	F/O W.G.J. Clifford	"	0755	0915	Carried out rail-cutting mission west of Almelo using 16 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay. One cut was obtained. One section spotted eight barges on a river east of Zutphen and strafed and damaged four. Other section led by F/O Clifford attacked a train, damaging locomotive and four cars.	
	MP138	F/O Pearson	"	"	0915		
	RB338	F/O W.R. Gibbs	"	"	"		
	RB342	F/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"		
	RB310	F/O J.H. Villiers	"	"	"		
	RB433	F/L H.W. Hollingsworth	"	"	"		
	MN777	F/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	0855		
	RB315	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	0855		
	RB455	F/L J.G.E. Savard	Bombing	0900	1015	Attempted rail-cut between Dulmen and Munster. 6 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay were dropped at A3843	
	PD510	F/O R.C. Gregory	"	"	"		

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				UP	DOWN		
14.2.45	Typhoon 1B RB388	F/O D.E. Waller	Bombing	0900	1015	but failed to cut rail. One aircraft jettisoned bombs	
	MN380	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"	live at B995, demolishing a farm house, and returned to base. Light flak received from A3945.	
	RB433	F/O W.C.J. Clifford	Bombing	1005	1125	Carried out rail-cutting mission south of Dulmen. Rail	
	MN755	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"	cut in two places by 8 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11	
	RB315	F/O W.R. Gibbs	"	"	"	sec. delay. Carried out armed reconnaissance of Almelo -	
	MN581	F/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"	Zutphen - Arnhem area but no movements were seen.	
	RB310	F/O J.H. Villiers	"	1030	1140	Cut rail west of Bochoit, using 8 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs	
	MP138	F/L H.W. Hollingsworth	"	"	"	fused 11 sec. delay. Attacked train south-west of	
	RB338	F/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	"	Dulmen, damaging locomotive and 10 trucks. Carried out	
	RB203	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"	armed reconnaissance of Bochoit - Borken area but no	
						movements were seen.	
	RB455	F/L J.G.E. Savard	Bombing	1120	1235	Cut rail north-west of Winterswijk in two places using	
	PD510	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"	8 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay. Strafed	
	RB342	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"	twelve trucks (railway) north-west of Wesel, damaging	
	RB388	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"	three.	
	RB433	F/L G.D. Russell	Bombing	1255	1400	Failed to cut rail north of Dorsten using 8 X 1000 lb.	
	RB315	F/O H.K. O'Brien	"	"	"	M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay. One bomb caused large	
	MN755	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"	crater in concrete road alongside of track. Confirmed	
	RB365	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"	that rail cut was made by 438 Squadron on Wesel -	
						Dorsten line previously.	
	RB455	F/O W.C.J. Clifford	Bombing	1345	1445	Cut rail in four places north-west of Almelo using	
	RB388	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"	8 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay. Attacked	
	RB310	F/O W.R. Gibbs	"	"	"	five stationary barges south-east of Zwole, damaging	
	MP138	F/L H.W. Hollingsworth	"	"	"	three. Light flak received from V2919.	
	PD510	F/O N.M. Hughes	Bombing	1420	1530	Cut rail in two places north-west of Borken, using	
	MN581	F/O R.C. Gregory	"	"	"	6 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay. F/O	
	RB342	F/O J.H. Villiers	"	"	"	McMillan returned early because of mechanical trouble.	

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				UP	DOWN		
14.2.45	Typhoon 1B RB338	F/O D.A. McMillan	Bombing	1420	1455	Carried out armed reconnaissance of Borken - Bocholt but no movements seen.	
	RB203	F/L G.D. Russell	Bombing	1520	1630	Cut rail in two places south-west of Hengelo using 8 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 second delay. Carried out armed reconnaissance of Zutphen - Hengelo area.	
	MN755	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"	One staff car east of Zutphen damaged by strafing. No other movements observed.	
	RB433	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
	RB399	F/O J.E. Waller	"	"	"		
	RB455	F/L J.G.E. Savard	Bombing	1550	1715	Cut rail in two places north-east of Borken using 6 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay. F/O Smith returned early because of mechanical trouble and jettisoned bombs in Borken area. Remainder carried out armed reconnaissance of Munster and Dulmen area but no movements were seen.	
	RB310	F/O J.D. Flintoft	"	"	"		
	MP138	F/O R.T. Smith	"	"	1650		
	RB365	F/O H.K. O'Brien	"	"	1715		
	RB342	F/O J.H. Villiers	Bombing	1650	1745	Carried out rail-cutting mission east of Bocholt using 8 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 second delay. With the exception of two every bomb was effective and the the rail was cut in six places.	
	RB203	F/O R.C. Gregory	"	"	"		
	PD510	F/O W.R. Gibbs	"	"	"		
	MN581	F/S Crittenden, J.G.	"	"	"		
	RB399	F/O W.C.J. Clifford	Bombing	1710	1800	Carried out rail-cutting mission north-west of Eerik using 6 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 second delay. The railway line was not cut but was obstructed by debris.	
	RB433	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
	MN380	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"		
	RB455	F/L W.D. Barber	recco.	1730	1815	Carried out an armed reconnaissance in the Bocholt and Goch area. No movements were seen.	
	RB365	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"		
	RB310	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"		
	MP138	F/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"		

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				UP	DOWN		
14.2.45	Typhoon 1B RB388	F/O D.H. Waller	Bombing	0900	1015		
	MN380	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"		
15.2.45	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT						
16.2.45	RB455	F/L W.D. Barber	Bombing	1345	1405	Bombed a V.I site at Pottershook using 16 X 1000 lb.	
	MN755	F/O H.K. O'Brien	"	"	"	M.C. bombs fused 11 sec. delay. Two bombs overshoot	
	RB433	F/O R.J.G. Gardner	"	"	"	target and two ax undershot. The balance were in	
	RB399	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"	target area. A large explosion and a great deal of	
	PD510	F/L J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"	smoke indicated that the target was well hit.	
	RB338	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"		
	MP138	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"		
	RB310	F/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	"		
	RB342	F/O W.C.J. Clifford	Bombing	1420	1520	Cut rail south of Verdingen in two places using	
	RB365	F/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"	8 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec delay. Heavy	
	MN380	F/O J.D. Flintoft	"	"	"	flak received from F1995.	
	RB203	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"		
	RB315	F/L J.G.E. Savard	Bombing	1550	1700	Failed to cut rail north of Borken using 8 X 1000 lb.	
	RB388	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"	M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay. Carried out armed recon.	
	RB435	F/O R.J.G. Gardner	"	"	1650	of Neede - Booholt area. Strafed truck with two large	
	MN381	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	1700	trailers, truck a flamer, trailers damaged. Light flak	
	RB455	F/L G.D. Russell	Bombing	1620	1720	from A4067. F/O Gardner suffered engine trouble and	
	RB388	F/O H.K. O'Brien	"	"	"	force-landed at B.89, pilot unhurt.	
	RB310	F/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	"	Cut rail south of Krefeld using 8 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs	
	RB399	F/S Crittenden, J.G.	"	"	"	fused 11 sec. delay.	
	RB433	F/O J.H. Villiers	Bombing	1645	1810	Carried out rail-cutting mission north-west of Coesfeld,	
	PD510	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"	using 8 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs fused 11 sec. delay. Two	
	MN380	F/O J.D. Flintoft	"	"	"	near misses scored but rail not cut.	
	MN755	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"		
17.2.45	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT						

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				UP	DOWN		
18.2.45	Typhoon 1B						
	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT						
19.2.45	"	"	"				
20.2.45	"	"	"				
21.2.45	RB315	S/L H.O. Gooding	Bombing	1245	1400	Attacked V-1 site S.W. of Rotterdam using 14 X 500 lb. cluster bombs. It was a wing operation and this Squadron went in first on anti-flak duty. Results of bombing not observed but reports indicate it was a job well done.	
	PD510	F/S Crittenden, J.G.	"	"	"		
	MN755	F/O J.D. Flintoft	"	"	"		
	RB388	F/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"		
	RB342	F/L H.J. Hardy	"	"	"		
	RB365	F/O W.C.J. Clifford	"	"	"		
	RB338	F/L H.W. Hollingsworth	"	"	"		
	RB455	F/L J.G.E. Savard	Bombing	1315	1415	Cut rail in three places S.W. of Wesel using 8 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, 11 sec. delay. Light flak was received from area of cuts.	
	MN777	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"		
	RB399	F/L G.D. Russell	"	"	"		
	RB310	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
	PD510	F/L G.D. Russell	Bombing	1500	1615	Scored near misses on rail south of Enschede but failed to cut it. 8 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, 11 sec. delay were used.	
	MN755	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
	RB365	F/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	"		
	RB388	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"		
	RB455	F/L H.J. Hardy	Bombing	1630	1750	Cut rail twice north of Dorsten using 8 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, 11 sec. tail.	
	RB315	F/L H.W. Hollingsworth	"	"	1730		
	RB310	F/O J.D. Flintoft	"	"	1750		
	RB338	F/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"		
	RB399	F/O W.C.J. Clifford	Bombing	1700	1820	Cut rail twice N.E. of Borken using 8 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. tail.	
	RB433	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"		
	RB388	F/O W.R. Gibbs	"	"	"		
	PD510	F/S Crittenden, J.G.	"	"	"		

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
22.2.45	Typhoon 1B RB455	F/L H.J. Hardy	Scramble	0745	0830	Section scrambled. Carried out reconnaissance of	
	MN777	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"	Nijmegen - Goch area. Uneventful.	
	RB310	F/O G.D. Russell	"	"	"		
	RB388	F/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"		
	RB399	P/O W.C.J. Clifford	Scramble	0910	1010	Section scrambled to carry out armed reconnaissance in	
	RB433	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"	tactical area. No movements seen. Weather hazy.	
	RB315	F/L L.A. Roach	"	"	"		
	RB338	F/O J.D. Flintoft	"	"	"		
	RB455	F/L H.J. Hardy	Bombing	0920	1020	One rail cut and one probably cut north of Gladbach.	
	MN777	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"	8 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. tail were used.	
	PD592	F/O W.R. Gibbs	"	"	"		
	RB365	F/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"		
	RB342	F/L H.J. Hardy	Bombing	1105	1235	Failed to cut rail at Krefeld using 8 X 1000 lb. M.C.	
	RB455	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"	bombs, fused 11 sec. tail. Strafed 20 flat cars,	
	RB310	F/O W.R. Gibbs	"	"	"	strikes seen. Strafed scattered Met. at A0313, A0014,	
	RB388	F/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"	and B9729 and damaged three. Light flak from A0030.	
	RB399	P/O W.C.J. Clifford	Bombing	1135	1255	Cut rail in two places north of Dorsten using 8 X 1000	
	RB433	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"	lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay.	
	RB315	F/L L.A. Roach	"	"	"		
	MN777	F/O J.D. Flintoft	"	"	"		
	RB455	F/L J.G.E. Savard	Bombing	1330	1440	Cut rail in two places east of Geldern using 8 X 1000	
	RB388	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"	lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. tail.	
	RB338	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"		
	RB441	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"		
	MN777	P/O N.M. Hughes	Bombing	1410	1445	Rail-cut attempted north of Dorsten. Rail blocked but	
	RB433	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	1520	not out with 8 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, 11 sec. tail.	
	RB315	F/O J.D. Flintoft	"	"	"	F/O Hughes jettisoned bombs and returned to base with	
	RB342	F/S Crittenden, J.S.	"	"	"	mechanical trouble. Light flak received from A4649.	

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
22.2.45	Typhoon 1B RB455	F/L J.G.E. Savard	Bombing	1530	1630	Dive-bombed three stationary engines north of Wesel	
	RB399	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"	using 8 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. tail.	
	RB388	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"	No hits made with bombs but engines damaged with four	
	LN380	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"	attacks of strafing.	
	RB338	F/O N.M. Hughes	Bombing	1610	1715	Failed to cut rail south of Bocholt using 8 X 1000 lb.	
	RB433	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"	M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. tail.	
	RB315	F/O J.D. Flintoft	"	"	"		
	RB342	F/S Crittenden, J.G.	"	"	1730		
	RB455	F/L J.G.E. Savard	Bombing	1725	1825	Dive-bombed a ferry at Rees using 8 X 1000 lb. M.C.	
	RB399	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"	bombs, fused 11 sec. tail. 9/10ths cloud and haze	
	PD592	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"	prevented results being observed. Light and heavy flak	
	RB441	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"	from B9830.	
23.2.45	RB342	F/O N.M. Hughes	Recco.	0930	1030	Carried out armed reconnaissance north and east of	
	RB315	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"	Geldern. No movements were seen.	
	RB315	F/L J.G.E. Savard	Recco.	1230	1320	Took off to give cover to Mitchell aircraft. No contact	
	RB455 342	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"	was made and no movements seen.	
24.2.45	RB455	F/L H.J. Hardy	Bombing	0805	0905	Attempted rail-cut but due to bad weather were recalled	
	PD510	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"	by control. Dropped 8 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11	
	RB388	F/O W.R. Gibbs	"	"	"	sec. tail on Duisburg. Results not observed.	
	RB338	F/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"		
	RB399	F/O W.C.J. Clifford	Bombing	1020	1130	Dropped 8 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs fused 11 sec. tail on	
	RB203	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	1145	rail north of Munster. Results not observed. F/O	
	PD592	F/O J.D. Flintoft	"	"	1110	Flintoft was hit by flak over target and force-landed	
	RB310	F/O H.C. Keon	"	"	1130	some place near German - Holland border near Enchede.	
	RB365	F/O N.M. Hughes	Bombing	1020	1130	R/T'd he was O.K. after landing.	
	RB315	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"	Dive-bombed rail S.W. of Munster through 8-9/10ths	
						cloud using 8 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. tail.	

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				Up	Down		
24.2.45	Typhoon 1B RB433	P/O I.L. Gunnarson	Bombing	1020	1130	Failed to cut rail.	
	SW401	F/S Crittenden, J.G.	"	"	"		
	RB342	F/L J.G.E. Savard	Bombing	1030	1130	Cut rail in four places west of Dorsten using 6 X 1000	
	MN380	F/O W.R. Gibbs	"	"	"	lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. tail.	
	MN755	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"		
	RB310	S/L H.O. Gooding	Recce.	1235	1315	Carried out armed reconnaissance in tactical area.	
	SW401	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"	No movements seen.	
	RB455	P/O N.M. Hughes	Bombing	1325	1425	Cut rail in two places west of Bocholt using 8 X 1000	
	RB315	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"	lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. tail.	
	RB388	P/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"		
	PD510	F/O H.G. Keon	"	"	"		
	RB365	P/O W.C.J. Clifford	Bombing	1325	1415	Bombed rail north of Bocholt with 8 X 1000 lb. M.C.	
	RB433	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"	bombs, fused 11 sec. tail. Results not fully observed	
	MN380	F/O W.R. Gibbs	"	"	"	but rail probably cut.	
	MN755	F/S Crittenden, J.G.	"	"	"		
	RB342	F/O W.R. Gibbs	Bombing	1445	1545	Bombed rail S.W. of Coesfeld with 8 X 1000 lb. M.C.	
	RB399	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"	bombs, fused 11 sec. tail. Only near misses claimed,	
	RB310	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"	rail possibly cut.	
	SW401	F/S Crittenden, J.G.	"	"	"		
	RB455	F/O N.M. Hughes	Bombing	1500	1600	Attempted rail-cut on Dorsten line. Due to weather	
	PD510	F/O D.E. Waller	W	"	"	target not reached. Dropped 8 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs,	
	RB338	P/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"	fused 11 sec. tail through hole in cloud in Bocholt.	
	RB365	F/O H.G. Keon	"	"	"	Results not observed.	
	RB441	F/L H.J. Hardy	Bombing	1610	1730	Failed to cut rail west of Almelo with 8 X 1000 lb. M.C.	
	RB315	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"	bombs, fused 11 sec. tail. Strafed four barges west	
	MN380	P/O W.C.J. Clifford	"	"	"	of Almelo, damaging one.	
	MN755	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"		
	RB433	P/O N.M. Hughes	Bombing	1635	1730	Bombed rail S.E. of Apeldoorn with 8 X 1000 lb. M.C.	

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24.2.45	Typhoon 1B RB399	F/O D.E. Waller	Bombing	1635	1730	bombs, fused 11 sec. tail. Three direct hits cut rail	
	MP138	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"	six times and two more cuts obtained in 100 yds.	
	RB310	F/O H.C. Keon	"	"	"	radius, making a total of 8 cuts.	
25.2.45	RB441	F/L J.G.E. Savard	Bombing	0820	0935	Attempted rail-cut but due to bad weather target not	
	RB310	F/O D.M. Leach	"	"	"	reached. Dive-bombed through hole in cloud. locomotive	
	RB433	F/O R.J.C. Gardner	"	"	"	and 12 flat cars, using 8 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, 11 sec.	
	MN380	F/O H.C. Keon	"	"	"	tail. No claims made.	
	RB203	F/O N.M. Hughes	Bombing	0825	0935	Attempted rail-cut but due to bad weather target not	
	RB399	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"	reached. Dive-bombed a bridge over a canal S.W. of	
	MP138	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"	Delden with 8 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. delay.	
	MN755	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"	No claims made.	
	RB310	F/O N.M. Hughes	Bombing	1110	1220	Cut rail twice west of Munster using 8 X 500 lb. M.C.	
	MN380	F/O D.M. Leach	"	"	"	bombs, fused 11 sec. tail.	
	RB399	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"		
	MN755	F/O H.C. Keon	"	"	"		
	RB342	F/L H.J. Hardy	Bombing	1135	1245	Bombed a V.I. site at Puttershoek, used 16 X 1000 lb.	
	RB365	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"	M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. tail. Due to a strong wind,	
	RB338	F/O W.R. Gibbs	"	"	"	most of the bombs overshot or undershot, only one	
	SW401	F/S Crittenden, J.G.	"	"	"	direct hit being made on a storage building.	
	RB302	F/O W.C.J. Clifford	"	"	"		
	RB388	F/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"		
	RB455	F/L L.A. Roach	"	"	"		
	PD510	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"		
	RB302	F/L J.G.E. Savard	Bombing	1350	1500	Cut rail north of Dorsten using 8 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs,	
	MN659	F/O R.C. Gregory	"	"	"	fused 11 sec. tail.	
	RB399	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"		

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(H.O. Gooding) Squadron Leader
Officer Commanding,
440 Squadron, R.C.A.F.

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16 May, 1945.

Officer Commanding,
No. 440 Squadron,
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1. May the following discrepancies in the subject O.R.B. be clarified, please:

3rd - F.540 claims 12 sorties; F.541 lists 11.

5th - (i) The account of operations given by F.540 bears no similarity to operations as detailed in F.541. (ii) F.541 Flight column for the third 4-a/c rail cutting mission states F/O Waller returned early, but he is shown with the same time down as the rest of the Squadron. (iii) In the 11-a/c mission Flight column states that one a/c returned early because of mechanical trouble and three fighter cover because of bad weather. Gregory, Roach and Leach are listed as returning at 1615 hours and Pearson, Waller and Keon as returning at 1630 hours.

14th - F.540 states two formations of 12 a/c each; F.541 shows only 10 a/c in the second mission.

15th - F.540 claims two 12-a/c missions. F.541 shows 11 a/c in each.

19th - (i) F.540 claims two cuts scored in the first show; F.541 specifies six cuts. (ii) F.540 claims six cuts scored on the second show; F.541 shows one cut. While it is possible the two operations became reversed in one form or the other, it still does not explain the difference in one instance. (iii) F/O McMillan's a/c is stated by F.540 to have been hit by flak but made Base. As he is given the same time down as the rest of the Squadron, is it implied that he returned with the Squadron?

22nd - F.540 states three formations of 12 a/c each. F.541 shows 11 a/c on the first two operations and 12 on the third.

24th - F.540 states 48 sorties for the day; F.541 lists 46.

25th - F.540 and F.541 do not agree in the claims for attacking German H.Q. buildings at Huren.

31st - F.540 states 32 sorties; F.541 lists 31.

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

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B./8, Holland	1.3.45		The weather did not break till late in the afternoon and kept down operations for the day. It was at 10.30 hours that the Squadron began operating. Two sections of four aircraft were led by W/L Savard on a rail interdiction on the main railway line running east and west of Dorsten. Only two cuts were obtained but it was felt by the pilots upon returning that they had managed to do some damage in spite of the weather.		
	2.3.45		The first operation for the day was airborne at 0845 hours and was led by W/L Hardy and W/L Savard. A new formation was used consisting of four flights of three aircraft flying line abreast with the down sun flights stepped up. The first two sections of six led by W/L Hardy attacked railway south of Munster obtaining two cuts. The other six aircraft led by W/L Savard attacked marshalling yards at A/504, bombing and strafing. A large fire was started in south side of marshalling yards, smoke rising to 100 feet. The second and third operations for the day consisted of attacks against railways.		
	3.3.45		The only show of the day was a twelve plane effort led by W/L Savard on the railroad running west from Coesfeld. Only one cut was obtained but a passenger train in a nearby siding was strafed and seriously damaged. The Squadron was released at noon for twenty-four hours. In the afternoon some of the pilots motored to the front to continue their collection of German souvenirs. Myrtle, the squadron mascot increased the pup population by six. At last report mother and children were doing well.		
	4.3.45		Released until noon and dull weather in the afternoon kept the Squadron grounded all day. Some of the pilots took advantage of the no flying to attend church. In the afternoon Group Captain Nesbitt, D.F.C. gave the pilots a gen. talk.		
	5.3.45		The two shows of the day, led by W/L Hardy and W/L Villiers were not too successful due to heavy cloud. A section of four aircraft spent the day sitting on the end of the runway. This section got airborne twice on fighter cover to the two bombing shows but saw no enemy aircraft.		
	6.3.45		Due to dull weather in the morning and release in the afternoon there was no flying.		
	7.3.45		Released until noon. The Squadron made up for lost time on their one show in the		

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B./8, Holland	7.3.45		<p>afternoon. Three sections, led by W/L Hardy, W/L Villiers and W/O Smith, were airborne. W/L Hardy's section scored six cuts on the railroad north of Borken. The other two sections dumped their bombs into the Borken marshalling yards with very good effect. Claims: TRE 16-25, locomotives 0-2. The Squadron was not content with this effort, so sent on an armed reconnaissance. East of Borken a locomotive and two TRE's were sighted. All were damaged. Next a train was sighted north-east of Borken. In subsequent attacks two TRE's were destroyed and a locomotive and three TRE's damaged. Lack of fuel and ammunition necessitated returning to base before further damage could be done. In all it was a very successful trip.</p>		
	8.3.45		No flying today because of dull weather. W/O Benny Dunn arrived today to build up the pilot strength.		
	9.3.45		No flying today due to dull weather.		
	10.3.45		No flying today due to dull weather.		
	11.3.45		To break the monotony of no operational flying the pilots played the ground crew at baseball and took quite a kicking. Apparently the flak was too heavy and the pilots had to beat a hurried retreat. S/L Gooding has finished his tour and S/L Bob Correy of 438 Squadron is taking 440 Squadron over.		
	12.3.45		For the fifth consecutive day there was no operational flying. The only flying of recent days has been A & E tests and practice flips in the Auster.		
	13.3.45		S/L Correy led the only show of the day. One cut was scored on the Borken-Dorsten line. Heavy flak was experienced. W/L Jake Murr of "Hurra Feme" arrived on Squadron today. W/L Ernie Savard has completed his tour and W/L Johnny Villiers is taking over "B" flight.		
	14.3.45		Two formations of twelve aircraft each both led by W/L Johnny Villiers, scored thirteen cuts on Hitler's already badly damaged railway system. One misplaced bomb blew a small factory at Mienberg off the map.		
	15.3.45		W/O Grant led a formation of twelve to the railway at Bocholt. S/L Correy led a formation of twelve to the Dorsten - Haltern railway. Four cuts were scored in all.		

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B./8, Holland	15.3.45		F/L Ken. Smith had a shaky do when his engine quit on take-off. He jettisoned his bombs "safe" and crash landed off the end of the runway. The aircraft is Cat. E but Ken was unhurt.		Rec
	16.3.45		Bad weather caused cancellation of all flying. The morning was occupied by a "gen session. W/O Mackay gave the pilots a talk on engine handling. W/L Roger Dunne, the Squadron M.O., demonstrated the use of the pilots' aid box. Captain Ernie Cleveland, A.L.O., gave advice on how to return through the lines if shot down in enemy territory.		
	17.3.45		S/L Coffey led an abortive show on a German supply base at Peddenberg, just east of Wesel. The target area was covered by 10/10ths cloud at 6000 feet. After being vectored all over western Germany by control, the Squadron was ordered to drop bombs when control thought we were in the target area. Due to the clouds no results were observed. A little heavy flak was experienced.		
	18.3.45		Due to bad weather in the morning and being released in the afternoon, there was no operational flying. W/O's Scott and French joined the Squadron this morning. They were taken on a sector reconnaissance this afternoon so they could be thrown into the breach tomorrow.		
	19.3.45		W/O Grant led the first show to the railway west of Coesfeld. Two cuts were scored despite heavy flak. W/O McMillan was hit by flak but made base. S/L Coffey led the second show to the railway south of Burgsteinfurt. Six cuts were scored and the flak continues to come up. The morning was spent in moving into new quarters. It is an old Luftwaffe Mess and much better than the old mess.		
	20.3.45		Two missions of twelve aircraft each, led by Johnny Villiers, attacked the railways in the Coesfeld-Dulmen area. Six cuts were scored. Marshall of the R.A.F. Lord Frenchard spoke to the pilots in the briefing room this afternoon. He had no important gen. to pass on to the pilots.		
	21.3.45		S/L Coffey led twelve aircraft to the winterswijk marshalling yards in Holland. The yards were full of trucks. All the bombs went into the yards and left them pretty badly messed up. The only other show of the day resulted in six cuts on the Munster -		Rec

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B./8, Holland	21.3.45		Rhine railroad. In the afternoon practice bombing was in order. Sections, led by P/O Clifford and P/O Hynes bombed the practice marker near Valkenswaard with varying results.		RSC
	22.3.45		Three formations of twelve aircraft each, paid visits to Hitler's railway system in the west. Results were good, rails being hit in thirteen places. Our whole tactical area was covered in dense smoke from fires in the Ruhr, making navigation difficult. One section had a grandstand seat when twenty-four Marauders bombed Ahaus.		
	23.3.45		Two attacks on the railways in the Coesfeld area netted several cuts and four TRG's destroyed. The last show of the day, led by S/L Coffey, was to bomb the German town of Praest with 1000 pounders in close support of the army. It was a very good show. The town received a terrific battering. At 2030 hours all the pilots were briefed for "R" day, which is tomorrow.		
	24.3.45		In support of Monty crossing the Rhine, the Squadron flew 48 sorties. Most of these were against the enemy flak positions. Good results were obtained and quite a few guns were put out of action by frag. bombs and cannon fire. Despite considerable flak thrown up, the Squadron did not suffer a single scratch. P/L Harry Hardy finished his tour today. P/O Bill Clifford takes over "A" Flight.		
	25.3.45		Except for the last show of the day, all trips were on anti-flak duty. Quite a few gun positions were bombed and strafed. The last show was a 1000 pounder effort on German Headquarters buildings at Huren. Two sections, led by P/O Bill Clifford and P/O Neil Hughes, made three of four buildings untenable. Quite a notable effort.		
	26.3.45		Fragmentation bombs on gun positions and armed reconnaissances were the order of the day. Operating in fours, several gun positions were strafed and bombed. A couple of horse-drawn vehicles and a cycle were also pranged.		
	27.3.45		No flying due to diff weather. News came through today that the Wing is to move to B100 near Weeze, Germany. "A" Party moves tomorrow.		
	28.3.45		The first eight out, led by S/L Coffey, jettisoned their fragmentation bombs on a village west of Coesfeld because of low cloud. On his second sortie S/L Coffey was more fortunate. His eight bombed a Chateau near Anholt. It was being used by the Jerries as an		

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B. 78, Holland	28.3.45		observation post. The third eight, led by F/L Johnny Villiers dropped their fragmentation bombs on the village of Nettull. Bags of 20 and 40 mm. were fired at them. "A" Party arrived at our new drome, B.100 at noon and began at once to get things organized.		812
	29.3.45		Bad weather prevented the aircraft from flying up to our new drome in Germany.		
B.100, Germany	30.3.45		All the aircraft were flown up to B100 near Weeze, Germany this morning. Myrtle and her six pups were flown up by F/L ORD Taylor in the Auster. 143 Wing is the first Canadian Wing to operate from an airfield inside Germany. Four missions were flown during the afternoon. Two sections of four on armed reconnaissance, led by F/L J.H. Villiers and F/O Clifford found little to attack. The two bombing missions were led by the Officer Commanding. The first was a cluster bomb raid on German Headquarters at Ulft, Holland. The second was 500 pounders on Steekum, Holland. A German Headquarters were pranged on this occasion. F/O Scott was badly shot up and had to crash-land near base. He is O.K.		
	31.3.45		Armed reconnaissances were the order of the day. The boys had to go far afield to find any Jerries. Thirty-two sorties were flown. A considerable number of Met. were destroyed or damaged. Low cloud considerably hampered operations but in all it was a very successful day. F/O McMillan was badly shot up. His wheels failed to come down so he had to crash-land off the strip and with no airspeed. Rather a tricky do but he got down O.K.		
			The general health of the Squadron for the month was good.		
			STRENGTH: Aircraft - Typhoons 18 - 19		
			Personnel - Aircrew Groundcrew		
			Officers 23 2		
			Airman Nil		
			FLYING TIMES: Operational - 512:35		
			Training - 43:35		
			No. of operational sorties - 475		
			PROMOTIONS - J12261 F/O K.R. Smith to be T/F.L. eff. 19.4.44		
			J37006 F/O J.H. Villiers to be A/F.L. eff. 18.3.45		

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
1.3.45	Typhoon 1B RB445	F/L J.G.E. Savard	Bombing	1035	1135	F/L Savard led a section of four on a rail-cutting mission	
	RB315	F/L P. Bissay	"	"	"	west of Dorsten, cutting rail twice. F/O Smith led other	
	RB310	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"	section of four on a rail-cutting mission north-east of	
	RB305	F/O R.C. Gregory	"	"	"	Dorsten, rail not cut. Bombs used were 16 X 500 lb. M.C.	
	SW462	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"	fused 11 seconds tail.	
	RB399	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"		
	RB203	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"		
2.3.45	RB388	F/L H.W. Hollingsworth	"	"	"		
	RB389	F/L H.J. Hardy	Bombing	0845	0950	F/L Hardy led section of six on railway south of Munster,	
	MN177	F/L K.R. Smith	"	"	"	obtaining two cuts. Other section of six, led by F/L	
	RB203	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"	Savard	
	RB388	F/L H.W. Hollingsworth	"	"	"	Roach, attacked marshalling yards at A/504, bombing	
	RB310	F/O J.H. Villiers	"	"	"	and strafing. Large fire started in south side of	
	RB305	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"	marshalling yards, smoke rose to 100 feet. Light flak	
	RB315	F/L L.A. Roach	"	"	"	flak received from A/504. Bombs used were 24 X 500 lb.	
	MN079	F/O H.R. O'Brien	"	"	"	M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. tail.	
	RB445	F/L J.G.E. Savard	"	"	"		
	SW401	F/L H.T.V. Taylor	"	"	"		
	SW405	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	RB399	F/L P. Bissay	"	"	"		
	RB389	F/L H.J. Hardy	Bombing	1055	1200	F/L Hardy led bombing attack on trains and coaches,	
	MN380	F/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"	using 16 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. tail.	
	RB388	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"	Bombed locomotive and 25 coaches west of A816/ but made	
	SW405	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	1205	no hits. 20 coaches at A/506 were strafed and strikes	
	RB310	F/O J.H. Villiers	"	"	1155	seen. Strafed locomotive and 25 coaches, strikes were	
	MN177	F/L K.R. Smith	"	"	"	seen. Light flak received from A816/.	
	SW462	F/L L.A. Roach	"	"	"		
	RB399	F/O R.C. Gregory	"	"	"		

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
2.3.45	Typhoon 1B EW405	F/L J.G.M. Savard	Bombing	1010	1130	F/L Savard led section of four on rail-cutting mission	
	EB445	F/L H.T.C. Taylor	"	"	"	and obtained two cuts at A4845. F/O Hughes led other	
	EB315	F/L P. Bissack	"	"	"	section of four and obtained two cuts at A4356. Strafed	
	SW401	F/O R.C. Gregory	"	"	"	railway station at A4251, strikes seen. 16 X 500 lb.	
	EB203	F/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	1115	M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. tail were used.	
	MD579	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"		
	EB365	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	EB425	F/O D.M. Leach	"	"	"		
3.3.45	EB389	F/L J.G.M. Savard	Bombing	1020	1135	Eight aircraft dive-bombed marshalling yards at A5013	
	EB365	F/L H.T.C. Taylor	"	"	"	in which there were one locomotive and 35 coaches. 25 coaches	
	EB315	F/L P. Bissack	"	"	"	were damaged. Three aircraft dive-bombed rail at A4113,	
	SW401	F/O R.C. Gregory	"	"	"	cutting it. 22 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. tail	
	MD111	F/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	"	were dropped.	
	EB379	F/L H.T.C. D.E. Waller	"	"	"		
	SW462	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	EB425	F/O D.M. Leach	"	"	"		
	EB310	F/L J.H. Villiers	"	"	"		
	SW405	F/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"		
	EB315	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"		
4.3.45	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT.						
5.3.45	SW405	F/L J.G.M. Savard	Escort	0810	0900	Three sections of four took off on rail-cutting mission	
	EB425	F/O D.M. Leach	"	"	"	in tactical area. Section led by F/L Savard acted as	
	SW462	F/L H.T.C. Taylor	"	"	"	fighter cover. 10/10ths cloud was encountered in	
	PD510	F/O R.C. Gregory	"	"	"	tactical area so bombed rail at E4842. Results not	
	EB310	F/L J.H. Villiers	Bombing	"	"	observed. F/O Waller had mechanical trouble and returned	
	EB203	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"	to base early. 14 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec.	P.C.

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				Up	Down		
5.3.45	Typhoon 1B EB315	F/L L.A. Roach	Bombing	0810	0900	tail were dropped.	
	MN755	F/L K.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	SW401	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	EB309	F/O H.C. Keon	"	"	"		
	EB339	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"		
	EB365	F/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"		
	EB389	F/L H.J. Hardy	Bombing	1555	1710	F/L Hardy led 11 aircraft on rail-cutting mission.	
	EB485	F/L K.R. Smith	"	"	"	One returned early because of mechanical trouble. Three	
	EB203	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"	fighter cover returned early because of bad weather.	
	SW401	F/L H.W. Hollingsworth	"	"	"	Remainder bombed rail at A4436, no claims made. Heavy	
	EB310	F/L J.H. Villiers	"	"	"	flak received in Wesel area. 14 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs.	
	EB339	F/O R.O. Gregory	"	"	1615	fused 11 sec. tail were dropped.	
	MN111	F/L L.A. Roach	"	"	"		
	MN755	F/O D.M. Leach	"	"	"		
	SW405	F/O R.P. Pearson	Escort	"	1630		
	PD710	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"		
	EB425	F/O H.C. Keon	"	"	"		
6.3.45	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT						
7.3.45	EB309	F/L H.J. Hardy	Bombing	1455	1610	F/L Hardy led 12 aircraft on attack against railways.	
	EB485	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"	Bombed rail at A7968 obtaining 6 cuts in three places.	
	SW401	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"	8 aircraft bombed marshalling yards at A7962, all bombs	
	EB388	F/L H.W. Hollingsworth	"	"	"	in target area. Destroyed 15 train trucks and damaged	
	EB310	F/L J.H. Villiers	"	"	"	20. Damaged locomotive and 2 train trucks at A6959 by	
	EB339	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"	strafing. Destroyed 1 train truck, damaged 1 and damaged	
	EB315	F/L L.A. Roach	"	"	"	1 locomotive at A8168 by strafing. 24 X 500 lb. M.C.	
	EB445	F/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"	bombs, fused 11 sec. tail were dropped.	
	SW402	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	EB425	F/O H.C. Keon	"	"	"		

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				Up	Down		
1.3.45	Typhoon 1B MH117	F/L H.T.C. Taylor	Bombing	1455	1610		
	SW405	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"		
8.3.45	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT.						
9.3.45	" "	" " "					
10.3.45	" "	" " "					
11.3.45	" "	" " "					
12.3.45	" "	" " "					
13.3.45	SW462	S/L R. Coffey	Bombing	1620	1735	S/L Coffey led 11 aircraft on dive-bombing mission of railway between Borken and Dorsten. Cut rail at A4651 and A455/. Bombed locomotive and 20 trucks. Results not observed. Large column of white smoke at A4850 caused by one bomb. 22 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. tail were dropped.	
	EB203	F/O E.M. Gray	"	"	"		
	SW405	F/L K.E. Smith	"	"	"		
	EB379	P/O W.C.J. Clifford	"	"	"		
	EB388	F/O D.A. McKillan	"	"	"		
	EB315	F/L L.A. Roach	"	"	"		
	MW679	F/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"		
	EB445	F/L P. Bismy	"	"	"		
	EB425	F/O D.M. Leach	"	"	"		
	SW428	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"		
	SW401	F/O R.C. Gregory	"	"	"		
14.3.45	EB310	F/L J.H. Villiers	Bombing	1310	1420	F/L Villiers led 12 aircraft on rail-cutting mission. Two cuts were obtained at A7811, two at A7818 and one at A7819. 24 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. tail were used.	
	SW401	F/O B.H. Dunn	"	"	"		
	EB487	F/L H.T.C. Taylor	"	"	1415		
	EB365	P/O I.L. Gunnarsson	"	"	"		
	EB310	F/O T.E. Smith	"	"	"		
	EB425	F/O D.M. Leach	"	"	"		
	SW428	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"		
	SW462	F/O R.C. Gregory	"	"	"		Ref

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				Up	Down		
14.3.45	Typhoon 1B RB315	F/L P. Bissky	Bombing	1310	1415		
	RB389	F/O H.C. Keon	"	"	"		
	RB388	F/O D.A. McKillan	"	"	"		
	RB445	F/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"		
	RB310	F/L J.H. Villiers	Bombing	1610	1730	F/L Villiers led rail-cutting mission. F/O Waller and	
	SW401	F/L J. Muff	"	"	"	F/O Smith returned early with R/T and mechanical	
	RB399	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	1635	failures. Four double cuts were obtained at A7591 and	
	RB445	F/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	1730	A7792. One bomb hit a factory at A7692 causing	
	MN755	F/O D.M. Leach	"	"	"	explosion and smoke. 16 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11	
	RB485	F/L H.T.C. Taylor	"	"	"	sec. tail were used.	
	RB315	F/L P. Bissky	"	"	"		
	RB389	F/O H.C. Keon	"	"	"		
	RB388	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"		
	SW405	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	1635		
15.3.45	SW452	W/C F.G. Grant	Bombing	1315	1410	W/C Grant led Sqn. (composed of 7 bombers and 4 fighters)	
	MN755	F/L J. Muff	"	"	"	on rail-cutting mission west of Borken, claiming 4 rail	
	RB310	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"	cuts. F/L Smith had to make a crash landing when his	
	SW405	F/L K.R. Smith	"	"	1520	engine cut on take-off, and landed safely. 12 X 500 lb.	
	RB399	F/O W.C.J. Clifford	"	"	1410	M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. tail were dropped.	
	RB315	F/L L.A. Roach	"	"	"		
	RB389	F/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"		
	SW425	F/L J.H. Villiers	Escort	1320	1415		
	RB485	F/O B.H. Dunn	"	"	"		
	SW426	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"		
	RB203	F/O E.C. Gregory	"	"	"		
	SW462	S/L R. Coffey	Bombing	1600	1720	S/L Coffey led Sqn. on rail-cutting mission on the	
	MN755	F/L J. Muff	"	"	"	Dorsten - Haltern line. Two near misses scored, rail	
	RB389	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"	not cut.	

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				UP	DOWN		
15.3.45	Typhoon 1B RB445	F/L K.R. Smith	Bombing	1600	1720		
	MM679	F/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"		
	RB388	F/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"		
	SW401	F/O B.H. Dunn	"	"	"		
	RB315	F/L L.A. Roach	"	"	"		
	SW428	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"		
	PD510	F/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	"		
	RB365	F/O D.M. Leach	"	"	"		
16.3.45	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT						
17.3.45	SW462	S/L R. Corfey	Bombing	1610	1710	S/L Corfey led dive-bombing attack on supplies at	
	MP130	F/O K.R. Smith	"	"	"	Peddenberg. All bombs landed in target area. Results	
	RB310	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"	not observed due to weather. Heavy flak received from	
	SW428	F/L J. Muir	"	"	"	target area, A3242. 24 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11	
	RB399	F/O W.C.J. Clifford	"	"	"	sec. tail were dropped.	
	SW401	F/O B.H. Dunn	"	"	"		
	RB388	F/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"		
	PD510	F/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"		
	RB315	F/L L.A. Roach	"	"	"		
	RB485	F/L H.T.G. Taylor	"	"	"		
	SW425	F/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	"		
	RB445	F/L P. Biecky	"	"	"		
18.3.45	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT						
19.3.45	SW451	W/C W.G. Grant	Bombing	1335	1455	W/C Grant led Squadron on rail-cutting mission west of	
	RB445	F/O A.M. Scott	"	"	"	Coesfeld, claiming 6 outs. One aircraft was hit by flak	
	RB388	F/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"	and jettisoned bombs in area A1555. 24 X 500 lb. M.C.	
	RB399	F/O W.C.J. Clifford	"	"	"	bombs, fused 11 sec. tail were dropped.	

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				UP	DOWN		
19.3.45	Typhoon 1B MP130	F/O T.R. Smith	Bombing	1335	1435		RCC
	RB365	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"		
	MN175	F/L J. Muff	"	"	"		
	RB315	F/L L.A. Roach	"	"	"		
	RB425	F/O B.H. Dunn	"	"	"		
	SW428	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"		
	RB485	F/O H.K. O'Brien	"	"	"		
	SW462	S/L R. Corfey	Bombing	1700	1810	S/L Corfey led Squadron on rail-cutting mission south of Bursfelde, claiming 1 rail cut. F/L Muff's aircraft became unserviceable and he was forced to return early. 22 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. tail were dropped.	
	RB445	F/O A.M. Scott	"	"	"		
	RB365	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"		
	SW425	F/O B.H. Dunn	"	"	"		
	RB310	F/O W.G.J. Clifford	"	"	"		
	RB510	F/L J. Muff	"	"	1720		
	MN117	F/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	1810		
	MP130	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	RB315	F/L L.A. Roach	"	"	"		
	RB389	F/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"		
	SW428	F/L P. Bieky	"	"	"		
	RB485	F/L H.T.G. Taylor	"	"	"		
20.3.45	SW462	F/L J.H. Villiers	Bombing	1000	1110	F/L Villiers led Squadron on rail-cutting mission south of Gosfeld, claiming 4 cuts. 24 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs were dropped.	
	SW425	F/O B.H. Dunn	"	"	"		
	RB445	F/O H.K. O'Brien	"	"	"		
	RB485	F/L H.T.G. Taylor	"	"	"		
	RB315	F/O W.G.J. Clifford	"	"	"		
	PD510	F/O A.M. Scott	"	"	"		
	RB389	F/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"		
	MP130	F/L J. Muff	"	"	"		
	RB359	F/L L.A. Roach	"	"	"		

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
20.3.45	Typhoon 1B MN111	W/L W.J. McCarthy	Bombing	1000	1110		
	RB398	W/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"		
	MN679	W/L K.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	RB310	W/L J.H. Villiers	Bombing	1450	1615	W/L Villiers led Squadron on rail-cutting mission south of Dalsen, claiming two rail cuts. Two aircraft made	
	PD510	W/O D.A. French	"	"	"	early returns due to mechanical trouble. 20 X 500 lb.	
	RB445	W/O H.K. O'Brien	"	"	"	M.G. bombs were dropped.	
	SW428	W/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"		
	SW462	W/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	"		
	SW425	W/O D.M. Leach	"	"	"		
	RB398	W/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	1540		
	RB485	W/L H.T.G. Taylor	"	"	1615		
	RB315	W/L P. Biesky	"	"	"		
	MP130	W/O T.R. Smith	"	"	1540		
	RB399	W/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	1615		
	RB399	W/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"		
21.3.45	SW462	S/L R. Coffey	Bombing	0910	1020	S/L Coffey led Squadron on bombing mission to Winterswijk marshalling yards. All bombs in yards	
	MN755	W/O D.A. French	"	"	"	except two which landed in the town. 25 TBO's used	
	RB445	W/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"	destroyed and 10 damaged in yards. A train was set on	
	SW401	W/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"	fire in yards and rails were cut. 24 X 500 lb. M.G.	
	RB310	W/L J.H. Villiers	"	"	"	bombs, fused 11 sec. tail were dropped.	
	PD510	W/L J. Murr	"	"	"		
	RB315	W/L P. Biesky	"	"	"		
	RB485	W/L H.T.G. Taylor	"	"	"		
	MN111	W/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	"		
	MP130	W/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	MN679	W/O H.K. O'Brien	"	"	"		

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				Up	Down		
21.3.45	Typhoon 1B RB399	F/O R.P. Pearson	Bombing	0910	1020		
	SW462	S/L R. Coffey	Bombing	1155	1310	S/L Coffey led Squadron on rail cutting mission north of Munster. Six rail cuts claimed in small radius.	
	MN755	F/O D.A. French	"	"	"		
	RB389	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"	24 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. tail were dropped.	
	SW428	F/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"		
	RB310	F/L J.H. Villiers	"	"	"		
	PD310	F/L J. Muff	"	"	"		
	RB315	F/L P. Bisak	"	"	"		
	RB485	F/L H.T.G. Taylor	"	"	"		
	MN771	F/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	"		
	MP310	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	MN679	F/O H.K. O'Brien	"	"	"		
	SW425	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"		
22.3.45	RB310	F/L J.H. Villiers	Bombing	1330	1435	F/L Villiers led Squadron on rail-cutting mission south of Coesfeld and claimed 7 cuts. 22 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs fused 11 sec. tail were dropped.	
	MN679	F/O D.A. French	"	"	"		
	SW425	F/L H.W. Hollingsworth	"	"	"		
	MN771	F/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	1425		
	SW428	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"		
	PD310	F/L J. Muff	"	"	1435		
	RB485	F/L H.T.G. Taylor	"	"	"		
	RB389	F/L H.J. Hardy	"	"	"		
	MN755	F/O A.M. Scott	"	"	"		
	RB399	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"		
	RB388	F/L K.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	SW451	W/C F.G. Grant	Bombing	1530	1645	W/C Grant led Squadron on rail-cutting mission south-east of Ahaus, claiming four cuts, due to dense smoke to 10,000 ft. it was hard to pinpoint area. 22 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. tail were dropped.	
	RB388	F/O A.M. Scott	"	"	"		
	RB485	F/L H.T.G. Taylor	"	"	"		
	SW425	F/L H.W. Hollingsworth	"	"	"		

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
22.3.45	Typhoon: 1B RB310	F/L J.H. Villiers	Bombing	1730	1845		
	MP310	F/L K.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	PD510	F/L J. Muff	"	"	"		
	RB445	F/O D.A. French	"	"	"		
	RB389	F/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	"		
	SW401	F/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"		
	RB315	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"		
	RB310	F/L J.H. Villiers	Bombing	1800	1900	F/L Villiers led Squadron on rail-cutting mission west of Groenlo, claiming two cuts. F/L's Smith and Taylor	
	SW425	F/O A.M. Scott	"	"	"	were forced to return early with mechanical trouble.	
	RB445	F/L H.T.O. Taylor	"	"	1825	20 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. tail were dropped.	
	MN659	F/L H.W. Hollingsworth	"	"	1900		
	RB389	F/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	"		
	RB359	F/L K.R. Smith	"	"	1825		
	RB389	F/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	1900		
	RB445	F/O D.A. French	"	"	"		
	PD510	F/L J. Muff	"	"	"		
	SW401	F/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"		
	RB315	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"		
	RB428	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"		
23.3.45	SW462	S/L R. Coffey	Bombing	0900	1005	S/L Coffey led Squadron on rail-cutting mission north of Coesfeld, claiming 4 rail cuts. One section dive-	
	SW425	F/O D.A. French	"	"	"	bombing 30 - 40 CTRE, claiming four destroyed. 22 X 500	
	MN659	F/O H.K. O'Brien	"	"	"	lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. tail were dropped.	
	SW428	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"		
	RB445	F/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	"		
	MP130	F/L K.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	PD510	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"		

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				Up	Down		
23.3.45	Typhoon 1B RB317	F/L P. Bisaky	Bombing	0900	1005		RSL
	RB388	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"		
	RB389	P/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"		
	RB407	F/L H.T.G. Taylor	"	"	"		
	SW462	S/L R. Corfe	Bombing	1255	1355	S/L Corfe led Squadron on rail-cutting mission south-east of Borren, claiming six cuts. 20 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. tail were dropped.	
	RB388	F/O D.A. McKillan	"	"	"		
	RB407	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"		
	SW428	F/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"		
	RB389	F/L H.J. Hardy	"	"	"		
	RB445	F/O A.M. Scott	"	"	"		
	MN755	F/L H.W. Hollingsworth	"	"	"		
	RB399	P/O W.C.J. Clifford	"	"	"		
	PD710	F/O B.H. Dunn	"	"	"		
	RB317	F/L P. Bisaky	"	"	"		
	SW462	S/L R. Corfe	Bombing	1650	1730	S/L Corfe led Squadron on special target at Praest. All bombs were in target area, buildings seen to explode. A large amount of debris and smoke were observed. 14 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. tail were dropped.	
	MN755	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"		
	RB445	F/O A.M. Scott	"	"	"		
	SW425	F/L J. Muff	"	"	"		
24.3.45	MP130	F/L K.R. Smith	"	"	"		M/L Hardy led Squadron dive-bombing on the town of Osterich. Two hits observed on probable headquarters otherwise no results observed due to smoke and haze. 24 X 1000 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. tail were dropped.
	RB317	F/L P. Bisaky	"	"	"		
	RB405	F/L H.W. Hollingsworth	"	"	"		
	RB389	F/L H.J. Hardy	Bombing	0625	0725		
	RB388	F/O D.A. McKillan	"	"	"		
	SW425	F/L J. Muff	"	"	"		
	MP130	F/L K.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	RB399	P/O W.C.J. Clifford	"	"	"		
	RB367	F/O D.A. French	"	"	"		
	SW428	F/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"		

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				UP	DOWN		
24.3.45	Typhoon 1B SW446 PD710	F/O B.H. Dunn	Bombing	0945	0945		
	MN755	F/O E.P. Pearson	"	"	"		
	RB310	F/L H.W. Hollingworth	"	"	"		
	SW426	F/L P. Biskay	"	"	"		
	SW401	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"		
	RB310	F/L J.H. Villiers	Bombing	0945	1035	F/L Villiers led section on dive-bombing gun positions.	
	RB339	F/O D.A. French	"	"	"	No results were observed. Also strafed Bocholt.	
	RB388	F/O H.K. O'Brien	"	"	"	8 X 500 lb. fragmentation bombs were used.	
	RB485	F/L H.T.C. Taylor	"	"	"		
	RB425	F/O W.C.J. Clifford	Bombing	0955	1110	F/O Clifford led section attacking gun positions at	
	RB305	F/O A.M. Scott	"	"	"	Barnes. All bombs in target area, no results observed	
	SW428	F/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"	but army officer at advanced observation post phoned	
	PD310	F/O B.H. Dunn	"	"	"	after attack to congratulate leader on good bombing	
						effort as the guns were silent after attack. 8 X 500	
						lb. fragmentation bombs were dropped.	
	MP130	F/O D.E. Waller	Bombing	1025	1140	F/L Biskay led section dive-bombing Disselburg. Results	
	MN755	F/L P. Biskay	"	"	"	not observed. Section received only one burst of flak.	
	RB309	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"	Strafed woods near Al20610. 6 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs,	
						fused 11 sec. tail were dropped.	
	RB203	F/L H.J. Hardy	Bombing	1120	1240	F/L Hardy led section on gun positions south-east of	
	SW401	F/O W.A. McMillan	"	"	1125	Bocholt. Results not observed. Also strafed scattered	
	RB342	F/L J. Murr	"	"	1240	Met. F/O McMillan returned early because of engine	
	RB445	F/L A.M. Smith	"	"	"	trouble. 6 X 500 lb. fragmentation bombs were dropped.	
	SW462	F/O N.M. Hughes	Bombing	1220	1330	F/O Hughes led section dive-bombing gun positions in	
	RB388	F/O F.R. Smith	"	"	"	town of Brunen. Also strafed gun positions on edge of	
	SW425	F/L H.W. Hollingworth	"	"	"	town, results not observed. 6 X 500 lb. fragmentation	
						bombs were dropped.	P.P.

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				Up	Down		
24.3.42	Typhoon 1B PD510	S/L R. Coffey	Bombing	1300	1405	S/L Coffey led section bombing gun positions south of	
	RB399	F/O D.A. French	"	"	"	Böscholt. Guns which were firing on Spitfires in the	
	SW401	F/O H.K. O'Brien	"	"	"	same area were silent after the attack. Strafed Met.	
	SW428	F/L H.T.C. Taylor	"	"	"	claiming one damaged. 8 X 500 lb. fragmentation bombs	
						were dropped.	
	SW451	W/C F.G. Grant	Bombing	1525	1645	W/C Grant led Squadron on gun positions, but due to	
	SW428	F/O D.A. French	"	"	"	poor visibility could not locate target, so bombed	
	RB415	F/O H.K. O'Brien	"	"	"	bridge west of Delden. Results not observed. Two rails	
	RB388	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"	were also cut at the same place. 24 X 1000 lb. M.C.	
	RB310	F/L J.H. Villiers	"	"	"	bombs, fused 11 sec. tail were dropped.	
	PD510	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	RB485	F/L H.T.C. Taylor	"	"	"		
	RB342	F/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	"		
	MP130	F/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"		
25.3.42	MN755	F/L P. Biskay	"	"	"		
	RB365	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"		
	RB425	F/L J. Muff	"	"	"		
	SW402	S/L R. Coffey	Bombing	0630	0720	S/L Coffey led Squadron dive-bombing three gun position	
	SW428	F/O H.C. Keon	"	"	"	west of Isselburg. Two sets of bombs landed in gun site	
	RB365	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"	area. Results not observed. 22 X 500 lb. anti-personnel	
	MP130	F/L K.R. Smith	"	"	"	bombs were dropped.	
	RB310	F/O W.C.J. Clifford	"	"	"		
	RB425	F/O B.H. Dunn	"	"	"		
	RB399	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"		
	RB445	F/O A.M. Scott	"	"	"		
	PD510	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	RB485	F/L H.T.C. Taylor	"	"	"		
	RB203	F/L P. Biskay	"	"	"		

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
25.3.45	Typhoon 1B SW462	S/L R. Coffey	Bombing	1120	1210	S/L Coffey led section dive-bombing gun position at	
	RB445	P/O B.H. Dunn	"	"	"	Worth. Two sets of bombs directly on site. Balance in	
	RB445	P/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"	area. 8 X 500 lb. Anti-personnel bombs were dropped.	
	MP130	P/L K.A. Smith	"	"	"		
	RB310	P/L J.H. Villiers	Bombing	1125	1205	P/L Villiers led section dive-bombing gun position.	
	RB365	P/O H.C. Keon	"	"	"	All bombs in target area. Results not observed.	
	RB315	P/L P. Biskay	"	"	"	8 X 500 lb. fragmentation bombs were dropped.	
	SW428	P/O H.K. O'Brien	"	"	"		
	PD510	P/O W.C.J. Clifford	Bombing	1130	1220	P/O Clifford led section dive-bombing gun position.	
	RB203	P/O A.M. Scott	"	"	"	Two sets of bombs landed on site. Results not observed.	
	RB389	P/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"	8 X 500 lb. anti-personnel bombs were dropped.	
	RB485	P/L H.T.C. Taylor	"	"	"		
	RB389	P/O W.C.J. Clifford	Bombing	1220	1315	P/O Clifford led Squadron dive-bombing H.Q. in a group	
	MP130	P/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"	of four buildings. Direct hits were scored on two	
	RB365	P/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"	buildings and they were left smoking. 16 X 1000 lb.	
	RB445	P/L H.W. Hollingsworth	"	"	"	M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. tail were dropped.	
	RB427	P/O H.M. Hughes	"	"	"		
	RB203	P/O H.C. Keon	"	"	"		
26.3.45	RB445	P/O T.M. Smith	"	"	"		
	SW428	P/O D.A. French	"	"	"		
	RB310	P/L J.H. Villiers	Bombing	0615	0730	P/L Villiers led section dive-bombing gun position near	
	SW428	P/O D.A. French	"	"	"	Hurl. Results not observed. Strafed 100 CTRG in	
	RB203	P/L P. Biskay	"	"	"	marshalling yards at Borken. Strikes were observed on 40	
	RB445	P/O H.K. O'Brien	"	"	"	4 HDW's, 1 Met. and 1 cyclist were damaged in Borken.	
	SW451	P/O F.G. Grant	Bombing	1140	1230	8 X 500 lb. Cluster bombs were dropped.	
						P/O Grant led Squadron, dive-bombing concentration of	P16

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				Up	Down		
26.3.45	Typhoon 1B SW428	F/O A.M. Scott	Bombing	1140	1250	troops in woods south-east of Waldern. All bombs in target area, but no results observed. W/C Grant strafed and destroyed staff car, also strafed marshalling yards at Goesfield where 12 locomotives were jammed in by bombed out TEG's. 24 X 500 lb. Cluster bombs were dropped.	
	PD310	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	1235		
	EB310	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"		
	EB342	F/O W.C.J. Clifford	"	"	1250		
	EB365	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"		
	SW401	F/O B.H. Dunn	"	"	"		
	EB203	F/L P. Biskay	"	"	"		
	EB425	F/L J. Muff	"	"	"		
	EB445	F/O H.K. O'Brien	"	"	"		
	EB441	F/O D.A. French	"	"	"		
	MN/55	F/O H.C. Keon	"	"	"		
	EB345 SW462	S/L Correy, R.	Bombing	1550	1650	S/L Correy led Squadron in dive-bombing of town of Erie. Fires were seen burning after bombing. Also strafed Met. in area, claiming 1 destroyed and 1 damaged. Strafing CTEG's in Dulmen marshalling yards. Strikes were seen. 16 X 500 lb. Cluster bombs were dropped.	
	EB345	F/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"		
	PD310	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	EB203	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"		
	EB310	F/L J.H. Villiers	"	"	"		
	SW428	F/L H.T.C. Taylor	"	"	"		
	EB445	F/L J. Muff	"	"	"		
	MP130	F/L K.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	EB399	F/O W.C.J. Clifford	Bombing	1800	1845	F/O Clifford, F/O O'Brien and F/L Biskay led sections of four in dive-bombing town of Erie. All bombs were in target area, but results were not observed. 24 X 500 lb. Cluster bombs were dropped.	
	SW428	F/O A.M. Scott	"	"	"		
	MN/55	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"		
	EB425	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"		
	EB342	F/O H.K. O'Brien	"	"	"		
	EB365	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"		
	SW401	F/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"		
	MP130	F/L K.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	EB315	F/L P. Biskay	"	"	"		

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
				UP	DOWN		
26.3.45	Typhoon 1B RB388	F/O H.C. Keon	Bombing	1800	1845		
	PD310	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	RB345	F/O D.A. French	"	"	"		
27.3.45	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT.						
28.3.45	SW462	S/L R. Coffey	Bombing	0755	0855	S/L Coffey led Squadron on bombing and armed recon. in Dorsten - Bocholt - Borken area. F/O Smith returned early with bombs because of mechanical trouble.	
	SW401	F/O B.H. Dunn	"	"	"	Remainder jettisoned bombs at Heiden, 14459, results not observed. 14 X 500 lb. Cluster bombs were dropped.	
	RB203	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"		
	RB315	F/L K.R. Smith	"	"	0845		
	PD310	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	0855		
	SW428	F/O D.A. French	"	"	"		
	RB485	F/L H.T.C. Taylor	"	"	"		
	RB427	F/O H.C. Keon	"	"	"		
	SW462	S/L R. Coffey	Bombing	1110	1200	S/L Coffey led Squadron on bombing attack on Chateau observation post near Anholt. All bombs scored direct hits on Chateau causing large explosion followed by fires and black smoke, building was destroyed. 16 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused inst. nose were dropped.	
	RB342	F/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"		
	RB365	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"		
	RB315	F/L K.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	RB377	F/O W.C.J. Clifford	"	"	"		
	SW428	F/O A.M. Scott	"	"	"		
	RB485	F/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"		
	SW401	F/O B.H. Dunn	"	"	"		
	RB310	F/L J.H. Villiers	Bombing	1450	1600	F/L Villiers led in dive-bombing town of Nettlingen. Some bombs landed on factory. Several fires were seen after bombing. 1 Met. was destroyed east of 1211, 2 were damaged east of 1675, 1 tank east of 1570 was strafed. Light flak was experienced from A742. 16 X 500 lb. Cluster bombs were dropped.	
	RB388	RB388 F/O R.C. Gregory	"	"	"		
	RB342	F/O H.K. O'Brien	"	"	"		
	PD310	F/L H.T.C. Taylor	"	"	"		
	RB377	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"		
	RB315	F/L K.R. Smith	"	"	1615		

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(*9512) Wt 3531-2343 1000 1000 T.S. 700

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				Up	Down		
28.3.45	Typhoon 1B RB427	F/O R.M. Gray	Bombing	1450	1615		
	SW425	F/O B.H. Dunn	"	"	"		
29.3.45	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT.						
30.3.45	RB389	P/O W.C.J. Clifford	Recon.	1345	1500	P/O Clifford led armed recon. in Munster - Lengerich -	
	RB485	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"	Iburg area. 1 Met. N.W. of W136005 was strafed and was	
	RB445	F/O B.H. Dunn	"	"	"	a flamer. 15/20 TRG's facing NE at B0183 attacked and	
	PD510	F/L J. Muff	"	"	"	6 damaged. Well-camouflaged train at A9980 attacked, strikes	
	RB388	F/O D.A. McKillan	"	"	"	seen on 1 TRG.	
	SW462	S/L R. Coffey	Bombing	1530	1645	S/L Coffey led Squadron dive-bombing infantry at A063663.	
	RB427	F/O R.C. Gregory	"	"	"	Cluster bombs were dropped on many trenches each side of	
	RB365	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"	road. Results not observed. Carried out armed recon.	
	SW428	F/O D.A. French	"	"	"	to north. 3 barges damaged at V55410, 2 damaged at	
	RB310	F/L J.H. Villiers	"	"	"	V40215, 2 Met. destroyed, 1 damaged. Strikes made on	
	MN755	F/L W.G. McCarthy	"	"	"	20 TRG's at V49320. 16 X 500 lb. Cluster bombs were	
	RB315	P/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"	dropped.	
	RB399	F/O H.C. Keon	"	"	"		
	SW462	S/L R. Coffey	Bombing	1800	1850	S/L Coffey led dive-bombing attack on Headquarters at	
	RB365	F/O A.M. Scott	"	"	1855	Stokholm. Bombing was scattered. Two direct hits were	
	RB445	F/O H.K. O'Brien	"	"	1850	scored on building, north part of target and two on	
	RB445	F/L H.T.C. Taylor	"	"	"	buildings in south part of target. F/O Scott was hit by	
	RB389	P/O W.C.J. Clifford	"	"	"	flak and forced to make belly landing at base. 16 X	
	RB399	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"	500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused inst. nose were dropped.	
	PD510	F/L J. Muff	"	"	"		
	RB388	F/O D.A. McKillan	"	"	"		
	RB310	F/L J.H. Villiers	Recon.	1810	1925	F/L Villiers led armed reconnaissance of Munster - Iburg.	
	RB427	F/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"	Melle - Warendorf area. 1 Met. smoker claimed at B1990.	
	RB315	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"	1 train at B1047 observed to be burning from previous	
	SW428	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"	attack. Packing cases and Met. at edge of wood B2696	

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				UP	DOWN		
30.3.45	Typhoon 1B					and cases in area B12/3 not attacked. Light flak experienced from B008/.	
31.3.45	RB310	F/L J.H. Villiers	Recon.	0805	0855	F/L Villiers led armed reconnaissance of Coesfeld - Munster area. Mission was abortive due to heavy cloud.	
	SW428	F/O D.A. French	"	"	"		
	RB435	F/L H.T.G. Taylor	"	"	"		
	RB315	F/L K.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	RB445	F/O H.K. O'Brien	"	"	"		
	RB388	F/O H.C. Keon	"	"	"		
	RB389	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"		
	RB203	F/O R.C. Gregory	"	"	"		
	RB315	F/O W.C.J. Clifford	Recon.	1130	1220	F/O Clifford led armed reconnaissance of Neede - Ahaus - Enchede area. No movements seen due to heavy cloud.	
	RB485	F/L K.R. Smith	"	"	"	F/O McMillan was hit by flak at A01/5 and was forced to belly land at base.	
	RB427	F/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"		
	RB310	F/O A.M. Scott	"	"	"		
	RB203	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	1225		
	RB388	F/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"		
	RB342	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"		
	MN/55	F/L J. Muff	"	"	"		
	RB315	F/L J.H. Villiers	Recon.	1530	1625	F/L Villiers led armed reconnaissance of Ahaus - Burgsteinfurt - Nordhorn area. Strafed buildings at V533, results not observed. 3 Met. at same point attacked and damaged. Light flak experienced from B4/b7.	
	MN/55	F/O R.C. Gregory	"	"	"	F/O O'Brien led armed reconnaissance of Neede - Enchede - Almelo - Deventer area. Scattered Met. attacked, four damaged. Rockets were observed causing havoc in convoy between Deventer and Holten. Light flak experienced from B489.	R.
	RB485	F/L H.T.G. Taylor	"	"	"		
	RB427	F/O D.A. French	"	"	"		
	RB203	F/O H.K. O'Brien	Recon.	1605	1705		
	ED510	F/O A.M. Scott	"	"	"		
	RB342	F/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"		
	SW428	F/L H.W. Hollingsworth	"	"	"		

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B.100, Weeze, Germany	1.4.45		Unfavourable weather conditions prevented operations during the day. There was only one mission flown by the Wing and 440 was able to fly only two A & E tests. Today being Easter Sunday special church services were held and well attended.	
	2.4.45		The four flights on armed reconnaissances flown by the Squadron did not prove to be particularly lucrative but the section led by F/L Lynn Roach had joy with fifteen horse-drawn vans. On the first attack two of them immediately caught fire and another filled with pyrotechnics started a fireworks display which proved to be colourful to say the least. One incendiary shot out about 100 yards and landed on a barn which immediately went up in flames. The score was five destroyed and seven damaged. In the evening pilots from 121 Wing were entertained in the Mess. There were sixteen operational sorties flown during the day.	
	3.4.45		There were five missions flown by the Squadron today but collected only three Met. and two H.D.V.'s damaged for the effort. Jerry is apparently keeping his movements over the bombline well concealed. Twenty operational sorties were flown.	
	4.4.45		Two of 440's five shows today were entirely fruitless but the other three netted a few scattered Met. in the area south of VO941, but nothing of great importance. Some gun positions attracted the Typhie's cannons and were temporarily silenced. A train north-east of Rheine was spotted and proved to be loaded with tanks. This was reported and it was hoped that the rockets would have a chance at it. F/O John Flintoff returned yesterday after five weeks in German-occupied Holland. Thirty-two operational sorties were flown.	
	5.4.45		S/L Bob Coffey was the special Auster D.R. for the C.O. today, but before leaving, managed to score two staff cars destroyed and three Met. damaged. While he was away the Squadron was led by F/L's Clifford, Roach and F/O Pearson. All that was seen of the wary Hun was three Met., all of which were effectively dealt with. Bags of new pilots have arrived, bringing our strength up to twenty-nine. Eighteen operational sorties flown.	
	6.4.45		Owing to local weather conditions operations were cancelled and the only flying for the day amounted to two A & E tests. There are only two important items for	

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B.100, Weeze, Germany	6.4.45		today, the wave of nausea and dysentery which swept the Squadron and most of the Wing has abated and most of those affected are up to par again. The other item and perhaps more important is the fact that there will be a beer shortage, as the NAAFI is in the process of moving.		
	7.4.45		The weather held out for us today and thirty-four sorties were carried out against the Hun. Aimed reconnaissances with bombs were the order of the day and targets were mostly those of opportunity and also some from cab rank. F/L's Villiers and Kerr carried out leaflet raid on town of Freren. The Squadron received orders for "A" Party to prepare for the move to our new airfield.		
	8.4.45		Two sections of four led by F/L Risky and P/O Gray attacked gun positions five miles east of Furstenau. Three of our aircraft led by P/O Pearson flew with a section of three from 438 Squadron on a leaflet raid north of Osnabruck. "A" Party left this morning and all servicing was done by "B" Party. Even under such difficult conditions of working and living the ground crew remain cheerful and are at all times keen with their work. Eleven operational sorties were flown.		
	9.4.45		Two flights of four with 500 lb. bombs and a flight of three as fighter cover was led by S/L Coffey and was a close support show for the Army. As the target was changed at the time the Squadron was airborne a woods at W2175 was bombed and a railway track cut at W2275. The remaining eight bombs were dropped on W1469. Another leaflet raid was carried out consisting of two aircraft from this Squadron and two from 438. Thirteen operational sorties were flown.		
	10.4.45		Poor weather in the morning delayed operations until noon hour when the Wing was led by W/C Grant flying Red 1 in 440 Squadron. The target was the small town of Loningan and the effort proved satisfactory as the roads were blocked by the bombs as intended and fires started in the town. Strafed armoured vehicle at W1581, which was left flaming. S/L Coffey led eight aircraft on an attack on a concentration of Met. at W025619. Eleven bombs were directly on the area and five overshoot. Two unidentified vehicles were destroyed by a direct hit and light flak was received from the area. P/O Hughes led the		RC

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B.100, Weeze, Germany	10.4.45		Squadron on the last mission of the day. The target was a group of German Headquarters buildings. All bombs landed in the target area and the two south-east buildings of the target were smoking after the attack. Twenty-four operational sorties were flown.	
	11.4.45		S/L Coffey led two flights of four on a target of opportunity. As the Controller had no target available a woods was bombed at W4166 and also woods at W4568. F/L's Villiers and Bisky led sections of four on an armed reconnaissance to Gaxrall. Two Met. going east at W2166 were strafed, one destroyed and one damaged. One staff car also was destroyed going south at W1959. The weather became hazy after this operation and although the pilots and ground crews stood by for another possible trip the visibility did not clear till approximately 1700 hours. At 1930 hours the aircraft were flown to B.110, near Osnabruck, our new home. On! On! 440, into the land of the supermen! Sixteen operational sorties were flown.	
B.110, Osnabruck, Germany	12.4.45		A total of thirty-two sorties were flown today by the Squadron despite the fact that flying did not commence till noon. Total claims tallied at the end of the day amounted to twenty-five rail cuts, three railway trucks destroyed and some damaged, a railway station dive-bombed at R8646 causing a very large explosion and writing off buildings in the area. Visibility became poor towards the evening making it difficult to spot enemy movement.	
	13.4.45		S/L Coffey led the first of the day which scored four cuts and destroyed two T.R.G.'s. The next show was led by F/L Villiers which was an armed reconnaissance with bombs. No Met. or trains were seen and bombs were dropped on an autobahn at S1017. Results not observed. Due to very poor visibility and 10/10ths cloud at 6500 feet the results of the last trip led by F/L Bisky, were not observed. The target was a rail at X4984. Twenty-four operational sorties were flown.	
	14.4.45		Operations for the day did not look too promising but at 1300 hours the weather cleared and the Squadron got under way. The first section led by P/O Hughes, dive-bombed a rail at S20509, cutting the siding twice and demolishing a large building. The second trip was of two flights of three and four aircraft led by F/L McCarthy.	

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B.110, Canabuck, Germany	14.4.45		All bombs landed in the south part of Verden and a large factory east of the railway was directly hit and left in flames. The last trip of the day was led by the C.O., S/L Coffey, who dive-bombed the marshalling yards at R9545. Eight aircraft dropped their bombs in the south-east corner of the target area. The marshalling yards contained more than 100 mixed T.R.G.'s, four to five locomotives with steam up and a flak train. Much debris, steam and flames resulted from direct hits. The remaining four aircraft obtained two outs at the railway at S0145. Twenty-two operational sorties were flown.		
	15.4.45		Twenty-four sorties were carried out today, which results in disrupting German rail communications and transport by nineteen outs. The three different shows of the day were led by F/L Roach, F/O Gray and F/L Villiers.		
	16.4.45		S/L Coffey led the Squadron in dive-bombing rail between R6342 and R6539, obtaining three outs in three places. The next show of the day was led by F/L Clifford and was an attack on Velsen. All bombs were in the south-east corner of the town and one large flat topped building which received a direct hit was left in flames. Flames and smoke were observed in the north and centre of the town from previous raids. The next two shows led by S/L Coffey and F/L Clifford netted ten outs and the last show of the day led by W/C Grant, an armed reconnaissance accounted for three Met. destroyed and three damaged. Forty-six operational sorties were flown.		
	17.4.45		S/L Coffey's three sections managed well on the first trip despite the hazy weather and 3/10ths cloud at 3000 feet, and destroyed one Met, damaged two and rang up seven rail outs between S0422 and S0618. F/L Clifford next led the Squadron against shipping. Eight aircraft attacked a minesweeper south-east of R8385, scoring one direct hit in the stern. Four aircraft attacked large freighter but failed to obtain any hits. A locomotive with 15 tankers and 15 T.R.G.'s was strafed, damaging the locomotive and 15 T.R.G.'s and destroying four tankers. Intense light flak was received from the minesweeper. F/L Villiers led the next trip and accounted for one Met. destroyed and two damaged. The last trip of the day was also led by F/L Villiers but due to bad weather the aircraft were forced to return. F/O O'Brien had hydraulic trouble and pranged on		

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B.110, Osnabruck, Germany	17.4.45		landing but was uninjured. Forty-five operational sorties were flown.		
	18.4.45		S/L Coffey led Squadron to dive-bomb Sage. All bombs were in the target area and buildings were left burning. Strafed woods on south-west side of town and caused extensive fires which lasted for some time. He then carried out an armed reconnaissance of Varel - Jevera - Aumoh area. Saw 30 T.R.C.'s at R4235, four aircraft three quarters of a mile south-east of the aerodrome at R0938 and a merchant ship south-east of R3143. F/L Clifford led the Squadron to attack the village of Stuhr and after bombing carried out an armed reconnaissance in which one Met. was damaged. On their return the village was still smoking. W/C Grant scored for the Squadron when an attack was made on a stationary light cruiser at R2945, two near misses were observed and tallied four damaged Met. in an armed reconnaissance on the return to base. F/L Ken Smith's tail was damaged, possibly by bomb blast. Twenty operational sorties were flown.		
	19.4.45		The weather looked very promising for the day's operations. The first two sections led by S/L Coffey and F/L Clifford accounted for a demolished station and seven rail cuts. The next show was a reconnaissance of Jadebusen by F/O Bob Gray and F/L Ken Smith, which confirmed that a probable light cruiser reported in the area yesterday was still there. This ship was spotted at 1200 hours and at 1350 hours 440 Squadron set course to dive-bomb the warship. W/C Grant led 438 Squadron, which attacked first followed by this Squadron. The damage claimed was one direct hit on the superstructure, two direct hits amidship, three direct hits astern and three near misses. Very intense flak was received from the vessel and a flak barge at R2345, this flak smoke was grey and after completion of the attack the vessel was left listing to port and burning. F/L Johnny Villiers and F/O Ted Smith led two sections of four in an anti-shipping strike on the Elbe. F/L Villiers four dive-bombed a 1500 ton freighter, scoring two near misses and the other section scoring a near miss on one of two freighters at S2358. There were four active flak ships in the area of both targets. Twenty-nine operational sorties were flown.		
	20.4.45		A total of twenty-five sorties were carried out by the Squadron today.		

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B.110, Osnabruck, Germany	20.4.45		which considerably boosted the score on rail cuts. With F/L Johnny Villiers leading twelve aircraft, the cuts amounted to twenty in ten places. F/L Bill Clifford's turn came next and succeeded in destroying four T.G.'s, damaging two and cutting eight rails between R7846 and R8645. F/O Scott joined four aircraft of 438 Squadron to carry out a leaflet raid on Bremen but due to weather conditions the aircraft were forced to return with their bombs. In the evening the aircraft were flown to our new base, B.150, near Celle.	
B.150, Celle, Germany	21.4.45		It was found upon arrival at B150 that "A" party, who had arrived previously to the aircraft suffered an early morning strafing attack by Focke-Wulfs and Jet aircraft. However, no casualties were sustained by this unit. One PW 190 was claimed by the ground defences. The weather for today did not look too promising for with the cloud at 10/10ftm from 1 to 2000 feet all hopes of engaging and doing damage to Jerry appeared slight. However, at 1940 hours the Squadron managed to do a short trip led by the Winco. The purpose of the show was to dive-bomb the small town of Achim, to block roads and cause confusion in the town after which the British Army was to advance and capture the town. After arriving at the appointed time it was necessary to do an orbit as the red smoke from the Army had not been fired. The weather around the target was not at all good as there were large cumulus clouds at about 4000 feet. However, after the red smoke appeared W/O Grant so positioned the Squadron that all aircraft obtained a good dive on the target. All bombs were in the target area and the results satisfactory. There were twelve operational sorties flown.	
	22.4.45		On the morning of this date word came through from Intelligence that 439 Squadron had left the United Kingdom and the pilots and aircraft of 440 Squadron were to take off as soon as possible for Warmwell, England, where we were to take a refresher course at No. 14 Airmant Practice Camp. Long range tanks were fitted to the aircraft and in the afternoon the Squadron set course for Eindhoven led by S/L Coffey. At B.78 the Squadron refuelled and set course again for Warmwell. The weather was fair for the whole trip and at 1830 hours pancaked and were immediately made welcome by Warmwell	

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B.150, Celle, Germany	22.4.45		station. The prospect of English beer at the Mess seemed too good to be true and after a hearty pint we were given very comfortable quarters and told that the Squadron would be released the next day.		
No. 14 A.P.C., Warmwell, Eng.	23.4.45		This being the day of our release there is little to relate. The pilots seemed to split up in small groups and head for Bournemouth. In the evening the Camp Commandant was met by some of the pilots at the Mess. F/O Waller and F/O Scott arrived from B.150 with two Typhoons. The Squadron and Echelon ground crew arrived by Dakota at 1800 hours.		
	24.4.45		Today the exercises began with practice dive-bombing using 10 lb. smoke bombs. F/O Smith took a Typhoon to Courtrai in search of some pilots' kit which was lost en route from B.150 Celle, returning in the evening.		
	25.4.45		Dive-bombing and air to ground firing was the order for the day. The weather was clear and 46 trips carried out. In the evening certain of the Squadron personnel took the liberty bus to Weymouth and others attended the station cinema.		
	26.4.45		Twenty-seven trips were carried out today of which all but four were bombing. The pilots are becoming quite keen with the results obtained. So far the weather has been good and it is hoped that with the continuation of good weather the Squadron will complete the course at an early date.		
	27.4.45		A total of 29:35 hours was flown for 56 exercises including high and low level bombing and air to ground firing. Maintenance has been good and the ground crews still as keen as ever. In the evening the pilots took a liberty bus to Bournemouth, returning at 1230.		
	28.4.45		Fifty exercises were completed for a total of 32:50 hours which brings the Squadron well ahead of schedule. The war news has everyone's keen interest and it is wondered whether the end will come before completion of the course.		
	29.4.45		Today 48 exercises totaled 26:20 hours. Each of the pilots has arranged to put ten shillings towards a prize to be divided between the two with the highest scores in dive-bombing and air to ground firing.		

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No. 14 A.P.C., Warnwell, Eng.	30.4.45		Forty-seven exercises including dive-bombing and air to air firing were completed by the Squadron today.		
			SUMMARY		
			HEALTH - The health of the Squadron was very good except for a short attack of nausea and dysentery during the first week of the month.		
			STRENGTH - Aircraft: Typhoons 18 - 18		
			Personnel:	Aircrew Groundcrew	
			Officers 28	2	
			Airmen 1	3	
			FLYING TIMES: Operational - 568:55 hrs., 463 sorties		
			Non-Operational - 250:30 hours		
			PROMOTIONS: J92895 P/O W.O.J. Clifford to A/F.L. effective 5.4.45.		
			POSTINGS: J21A01 F/L W.E. Bell to B.P.C., 85 Group wef 20.3.45.		
			J20B41 F/L H.J. Hardy to 83 G.S.U. ferry pool wef 4.4.45		
			J89136 P/O E.T. Flanagan from 83 G.S.U. wef 2.4.45.		
			J43855 P/O G.R. Dean, J16073 F/L H.J.F. Kerr, DPM, J43839 P/O R.H. Wilson		
			from 83 G.S.U. wef 5.4.45.		
			CASUALTIES: - Nil.		
			HONOURS AND AWARDS: - Nil.		
			R.E. Coffey (R.E. Coffey) Squadron Leader, Officer Commanding, 440 Squadron.		

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
1.4.45	Typhoon 18	NO OPERATIONAL FLYING CARRIED OUT					
2.4.45	SW462	S/L R. Coffey	Recon.	1700	1815	S/L Coffey and P/O O'Brien led respective sections of four patrolling Lingen - Hammelburg, Segel, Huppen area. No movements were seen.	
	W7130	P/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"		
	P/ RD475	P/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"		
	W7175	P/L J. Mott	"	"	"		
	RD445	P/O H.K. O'Brien	"	1720	1820		
	RD389	P/O R.O. Gregory	"	"	"		
	RD495	P/O D.A. French	"	"	"		
	RD506	P/L H.W. Hollingsworth	"	"	"		
	RD425	P/L Beach, L.A.	"	1805	1920	P/L Beach led section on armed reconnaissance of Northern area. Strafed 15 H.D.V.'s loaded with pyrotechnics, claiming 3 destroyed and 7 damaged.	
	RD310	P/O H.J. Egan	"	"	"		
	RD485	P/L H.F.G. Taylor	"	"	"		
	RD494	P/L E.B. Smith	"	"	"		
	RD310	P/L J.N. Williams	"	1905	2020	P/L Williams led armed reconnaissance in northern Holland. Observed convoys of 50 plus German ambulances with trailers. No attacks were made. Considerable amount of light flak received.	
	RD495	P/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	2015		
	RD205	P/O I.J. Gunnerson	"	"	"		
	SW428	P/O D.J. Waller	"	"	"		
3.4.45	RD485	S/L R. Coffey	"	1400	1730	S/L Coffey led section on armed reconnaissance of Rhede, Rhine, Gochbruck area. No movements were seen.	
	W7130	P/O R.O. Gregory	"	"	"		
	RD425	P/O D.A. French	"	"	"		
	SW428	P/O D.J. Waller	"	"	"		
	RD310	P/L J.N. Williams	"	1420	1545	P/L Williams led section on armed reconnaissance of Lingen, Huppen, Gochbruck area. Strafed 2 Hdt. claiming 1 damaged. Strafed and silenced small arms fire in woods in area. Light flak received from W946.	
	RD389	P/O I.J. Gunnerson	"	"	"		
	RD445	P/O H.K. O'Brien	"	"	"		
	RD427	P/O H.J. Egan	"	"	"		
	RD494	P/O W.C.J. Clifford	"	1640	1800	P/O Clifford led section on armed reconnaissance of Lingen, Gochbruck area. Strafed scattered Hdt in area, claiming 3 Hdt damaged and 2 H.D.V.'s damaged. Also	
	RD475	P/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"		
	W7110	P/O I.J. Gunnerson	"	"	"		

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				UP	DOWN		
3.4.45	Syphoon 1B W910	P/L E.R. Smith	Recon.	1640	1800	strafed slit trenches in vicinity of W940.	
	W947	P/L L.A. Beach	"	1645	1805	P/L Beach led section on above armed recon. of	
	W906	P/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"	Paristown, Quakenbush, Rhine area. Observed 40	
	W943	P/L J. Huff	"	"	"	push carts in town at W949, otherwise no movements	
	W948	P/L H.W. Hallingworth	"	"	"	seen.	
	W945	P/O H.E. O'Brien	"	1740	1900	P/O O'Brien led section on armed reconnaissance of Lingon.	
	W947	P/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	1805	Gloppen, Glödenburg area. P/L McCarthy was forced to	
	W909	P/O R.M. Gray	"	"	1900	return early because of a mechanical failure. 20 plus	
	W947	P/L H.T.G. Taylor	"	"	"	bombers were seen in area, no attacks made. Light flak	
4.4.45	W910	S/L R. Coffey	Recon.	0830	0955	received from W7481.	
	W910	P/O E.F. Flanagan	"	"	"	S/L Coffey led section on armed reconnaissance of	
	W906	P/O H.E. O'Brien	"	"	"	Lingon, Paristown, Quakenbush area. Strafing stationary	
	W945	P/O E.S. Gregory	"	"	"	artillery gun at W947. Strikes seen on gun and troops.	
	W947	P/L P. Black	"	"	0945	Strafed suspected park in wood W14. Heavy flak	
	W948	P/O H.G. Keen	"	"	"	received from W994.	
	W948	P/L H.T.G. Taylor	"	"	"		
	W947	P/O D.A. French	"	"	"		
	W904	P/O W.S.J. Clifford	"	1700	1820	P/O Clifford, P/L Beach and P/L Williams led sections of	
	W909	P/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"	four on above armed reconnaissance of Zulle, Almale.	
	W948	P/L E.R. Smith	"	"	"	Lingon, Rhine and Quakenbush area. 4 gun and 6 gun	
	W947	P/L J. Huff	"	"	"	positions strafed at W910 and W973, strikes were seen.	
	W913	P/L L.A. Beach	"	1905	1815	Strafed scattered Hut, claiming one staff car damaged.	
	W906	P/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"	south of W948. Directed to loaded tanks W.E. of	
	W909	P/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"	Rhine, but failed to locate them. P/L Hallingworth	
	W947	P/L H.W. Hallingworth	"	"	1750	and P/O Pearson were forced to return because of	

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				Up	Down		
4.4.45	Typhoon 1B						
	ED310	F/L J.H. Williams	Recon.	1315	1615	mechanical failure.	
	ED310	F/O R.T. Flanagan	"	"	"		
	ED309	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"		
	ED445	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"		
	SW462	F/O W.O.J. Clifford	"	1855	1955	F/O Clifford led section on armed reconnaissance of	
	SW679	F/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"	Almale, Gwarden area. A train, locomotive and 6 TNG's	
	SW428	F/L K.E. Smith	"	"	"	seen in town V4146. Large factory working at V4147.	
	ED425	F/L J. Maff	"	"	"		
	ED315	F/L L.A. Beach	"	1840	1945	F/L Beach led section on armed reconnaissance of Maguen.	
	ED475	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"	Hamman and Aalage area. No movements were seen.	
	ED209	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"	Intense light flak was received from W2, V7734 and W245.	
	ED445	F/L H.W. Hollingsworth	"	"	"		
	ED485	F/L R. Maskey	"	1845	1945	F/L Maskey led section on armed reconnaissance of	
5.4.45	ED310	F/O R.T. Flanagan	"	"	"	Maguen, Lathan, Soral area. No movements were seen.	
	SW462	F/O I.L. Gunnarson	"	"	"	Light flak was received from V7269.	
	ED306	F/O R.O. Gregory	"	"	"		
	SW462	S/L R. Coffey	"	0730	0830	S/L Coffey led section on armed reconnaissance of Maguen.	
	ED315	F/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"	Maguen and Cloppen area. Strafed 2 staff cars and 3 Mot	
	SW428	F/L K.E. Smith	"	"	"	parked on road at W4176. Two staff cars destroyed and	
	ED425	F/L J. Maff	"	"	"	3 Mot damaged. Light flak received from W4176 and W775.	
	SW462	F/L W.O.J. Clifford	"	0755	0845	F/L Clifford led section on armed reconnaissance of	
	ED475	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"	Almale area. Strafed possible gun position at V2327 and	
	ED209	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"	V2429. 1 Mot destroyed, otherwise no movements seen.	
	ED310	F/L H.W. Hollingsworth	"	"	"		
	SW462	S/L R. Coffey	"	0830	1105	S/L Coffey led section on armed reconnaissance of Almale.	
	ED445	F/L H.W. Hollingsworth	"	"	"	Northern, Gwarden, Rardenburgh area. Covered area well	
	SW428	F/L K.E. Smith	"	"	"	but no movements were seen.	
	SW462	F/L W.O.J. Clifford	"	0955	1105	F/L Clifford led section on armed reconnaissance of Maguen.	R.

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				Up	Down		
5.4.45	Typhoon 1B						
	ED473	P/O R.P. Pearson	Recon.	0925	1107	Handlums. Altham area. Low scattered Met. found in area	
	ED389	P/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"	W7, 2 were destroyed. A possible dump was seen at W1762.	
	ED315	P/L L.A. Beach	"	1000	1100	Observed large traffic and 2nd standing at S. W6766, and	
	ED772	P/O H.C. Kane	"	"	"	HDV activity at W6965.	
	ED203	P/O R.H. Gray	"	"	"		
6.4.45	ED497	P/O D.A. French	"	"	"		
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7.4.45	SW46	P/L L.A. Beach	Recon.	1035	1130	P/L Beach and P/O Pearson led sections of four on armed	
	ED315	P/O G.E. Dean	"	"	"	reconnaissance of Haguen, Handlums, Quenibuck area.	
	ED310	P/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"	Directed by control to dive-bomb woodcut W1376. A large	
	ED427	P/L H.W. Hollingsworth	"	"	"	fire was observed south-east of Handlums. 16 X 500 lb.	
	ED473	P/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"	cluster bombs were dropped.	
	ED330	P/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"		
	ED389	P/O R.H. Gray	"	"	"		
	ED425	P/L J. Muir	"	"	"		
	SW46	P/L J.H. Williams	"	1330	1405	P/L Williams and P/O O'Brien led sections of four on	
	ED772	P/L H.J.F. Kerr	"	"	"	armed reconnaissance with bombs. Vectored to Furberham	
	ED473	P/O I.L. Cunningham	"	"	"	but cloud prevented attack. Dropped 14 X 500 lb.	
	ED425	P/O R.A. Sengway	"	"	"	M.C. bombs, fused inst. nose and 2 X 500 lb. cluster	
	ED494	P/O H.K. O'Brien	"	"	"	bombs as used at W0143. Light flak was received from	
	ED315	P/O E.T. Flanagan	"	"	"	wood.	
	ED473	P/O D.A. French	"	"	"		
	ED306	P/O D.E. Miller	"	"	"		
	ED310	P/L J.H. Williams	"	1405	1705	P/L Williams and P/O O'Brien led sections of four on	
	ED425	P/O R.H. Gray	"	"	"	armed reconnaissance with bombs. Vectored to dive-bomb	
	ED497	P/O D.A. French	"	"	"	village at W0220 and block roads at Furberham. W0220 as	

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				UP	DOWN		
7.4.45	Typhoon 1B						
	W306	P/O D.E. Waller	Recon.	1615	1725	40 Met were using the road. Bombs fell on three southern	
	W445	P/O H.K. O'Brien	"	"	1730	roads leading to town and believed blocked traffic.	
	W305	P/O R.S. Gregory	"	"	"	Some bombs cannot fire in village. Light flak received	
	W309	P/O I.L. Cameron	"	"	"	from W309.	
	W425	P/O H.C. Keen	"	"	"		
	W310	P/L J.H. Villiers	Bombing	1815	1920	P/L Villiers and Keen carried out leaflet raid on town	
	W425	P/L H.J.F. Keen	"	"	"	of Freetown. Four K & Z bombs were dropped.	
	W442	P/L R. Coffey	Recon.	1830	2000	P/L Coffey led armed reconnaissance with bombs.	
	W315	P/O R.H. Wilson	"	"	"	Vectored to bomb red smoke target at W425 but called off	
	W377	P/O B.J. Smith	"	"	"	at last minute. Vectored to and bombed town at W309.	
	W306	P/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"	All bombs in target area. Light and heavy flak received	
	W425	P/O H.K. O'Brien	"	"	"	from north and south of W309. 16 X 500 lb. H.C. bombs,	
	W475	P/O H.T. Flanagan	"	"	"	fused inst. nose were dropped.	
	W425	P/O I.L. Cameron	"	"	"		
8.4.45	W310	P/O H.C. Keen	"	"	"		
	W377	P/O R.P. Pearson	Bombing	1230	1400	Carried out leaflet raid north of Onahruk using four	
	W315	P/O R.H. Wilson	"	"	"	P & C bombs and two C & Z bombs.	
	W425	P/O I.L. Cameron	"	"	"		
	W425	P/L P. Macky	Recon.	1645	1745	P/L Macky and P/O Gray led sections of four on armed	
	W722	P/O Gurd, B.J.	"	"	"	reconnaissance of Freetown area. Directed to 4 gun	
	W306	P/O D.A. Hamilton	"	"	"	position at W306. Four direct hits were scored, rest	
	W427	P/L J. Huff	"	"	"	of bombs were dropped in village to south. Light flak	
	W310	P/O R.H. Gray	"	"	"	received from W306. 16 X 500 lb. H.C. bombs, fused	
	W445	P/O G.R. Dean	"	"	"	inst. nose, were dropped.	
9.4.45	W309	P/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"		
	W447	P/L K.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	W310	P/L J.H. Villiers	Bombing	1515	1630	Carried out leaflet raid on Rappen at W144 using four	
	W305	P/L L.J. Beach	"	"	"	leaflet bombs.	

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				Up	Down		
9.4.43	Spencer 13 SW442	S/L R. Coffey	Recon.	1610	1735	S/L Coffey led 8 bombers and 3 fighters on armed	
	SW443	S/L H.J. Kerr	"	"	"	reconnaissance south-west of Oldenburg. Dropped 8 bombs	
	SW444	S/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"	at W.1469, 6 in wood at W2275 and 2 on track at W2275	
	SW506	S/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"	cutting the rail. Light flash was received from W.28	
	SW515	S/L P. Macky	"	"	"	16 X 500 lb. H.C. bombs, fused inst; none were dropped.	
	SW493	S/O R.H. Wilson	"	"	"		
	SW485	S/L H.T.C. Taylor	"	"	"		
	SW487	S/O H.G. Kean	"	"	"		
	SW725	S/L W.J. McCarthy	Recon.	"	"		
	SW589	S/L J. Maff	"	"	"		
10.4.43	SW679	S/L E.B. Smith	"	"	"		
	SW432	S/O P.A. Grant	Bombing	1205	1330	S/O Grant led in dive-bombing of Lemmigen at W2260.	
	SW475	S/O D.E. Waller	"	"	1230	Bombed and blocked north-east road, south-east road	
	SW130	S/L H.T.C. Taylor	"	"	1330	and south-west road into town. Balance of bombs in	
	SW494	S/L H.J.J. Kerr	"	"	"	town causing fires. Started armoured vehicle at W2381	
	SW487	S/L P. Macky	"	"	"	which was left burning. 16 X 500 lb. H.C. bombs, fused	
	SW445	S/O H.T. Flanagan	"	"	"	inst; none were dropped.	
	SW510	S/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	SW425	S/O R.H. Wilson	"	"	"		
	SW462	S/L R. Coffey	"	1300	1620	S/L Coffey led in dive-bombing concentration of W.1469 at	
	SW679	S/O Gurd, R.S.	"	"	"	W2275. Directed by controller. 11 bombs landed	
	SW515	S/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"	directly on area, 5 overshoot. Two unidentified vehicles	
	SW506	S/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"	were destroyed by a direct hit. Received light flash	
	SW510	S/O H.M. Hughes	"	"	"	from area. 16 X 500 lb. H.C. bombs, fused inst; none	
	SW428	S/O G.R. Dean	"	"	"	were dropped.	
	SW589	S/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"		

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				UP	DOWN		
10.4.45	Typhoon 1B W497	P/L W.J. McCarthy	Bombing	1500	1630		
	W475	P/O H.M. Hughes	"	1620	1930	P/O Hughes led in dive-bombing headquarters buildings	
	W445	P/S Gurd, R.S.	"	"	"	at W13777. All bombs were dropped in target area. The	
	W430	P/L K.B. Smith	"	"	"	two south-east buildings of target were left smoking	
	W496	P/L H.W. Hollingsworth	"	"	"	after attack. Light flak was received from target area	
	W427	P/L L.A. Beach	"	"	"	and W438. 16 X 500 lb. H.C. bombs, fused inst. nose	
	W410	P/O G.B. Dean	"	"	"	were dropped.	
	W443	P/L J. Huff	"	"	"		
	W494	P/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"		
	W446	P/L R. Coffey	Recon.	1035	1225	P/L Coffey led armed reconnaissance of Vishak area.	
11.4.45	W427	P/L H.W. Hollingsworth	"	"	"	No target was received from Controller. Dropped 8 bombs	
	W403	P/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"	on woods at W4166 and 8 on woods at W456. Results were	
	W435	P/L K.B. Smith	"	"	"	not observed. A total of 16 X 500 lb. H.C. bombs.	
	W410	P/L L.A. Beach	"	"	"	fused inst. nose were dropped.	
	W428	P/L J. Huff	"	"	"		
	W497	P/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"		
	W439	P/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"		
	W410	P/L J.H. Williams	"	1315	1445	P/L Williams and P/L Macky led sections of four on	
	W406	P/L H.J.P. Kerr	"	"	"	armed reconnaissance of Gushambur area. Strated	
	W403	P/L H.F.G. Taylor	"	"	"	8 Not going east at W4166, destroying one and damaging	
	W427	P/O H.C. Egan	"	"	"	the other. Destroyed one staff car going south at	
	W423	P/L P. Macky	"	"	"	W479. Weather was hazy.	
	W479	P/O R.H. Wilson	"	"	"		
	W410	P/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"		
	W446	P/O D.H. Miller	"	"	"		
12.4.45	W410	P/L J.H. Williams	Bombing	1225	1355	P/L Williams led dive-bombing of railway between Bremen	
	W445	P/L H.J.P. Kerr	"	"	"	and Bremenburg. Rail was cut 4 times in two places at	
	W477	P/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"	W495 and 3 GWR's out of 10 on siding were destroyed	

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				Up	Down		
12.4.43	Typhoon 1B E8427	P/O R.F. Mangan	Bombing	1225	1335	by explosion. Carried out armed reconnaissance of Gladenburg, Osterholz area. 16 X 500 lb. H.C. bombs, fused inst. nose were dropped.	
	E8489	P/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"		
	E8499	P/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"		
	E8494	P/O R.C. Dean	"	"	"		
	E8490	P/L K.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	SW462	S/L R. Coffey	"	1355	1455	S/L Coffey led in dive-bombing of rail between Bremen and Wesermünde. Accurate bombing caused 16 cuts in 3 places. Large freighter was noted down Weser at E8413.	
	E8472	P/O Gurd, R.S.	"	"	"		
	SW428	P/L J. Haff	"	"	"		
	E8490	P/L K.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	E8406	P/O R.M. Hughes	"	"	"	Flak was received from E7455. 24 X 1000 lb. H.C. bombs fused 11 sec. tail were dropped.	
	E8410	P/O G.R. Dean	"	"	"		
	E8489	P/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"		
	E8479	P/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"		
	E8427	P/L L.A. Beach	"	"	"		
	E8493	P/O R.M. Wilson	"	"	"		
	E8475	P/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"		
	E8485	P/L H.T.C. Taylor	"	"	"		
	SW442	P/O F.A. Grant	"	1900	2000	P/O Grant led in dive-bombing of railway station at E8466, causing very large explosion and demolishing buildings. Made 3 rail cuts in 4 places to west of station. Light flak was received from E42. Visibility was poor. 24 X 500 lb. H.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. tail were dropped.	
	E8445	P/O Gurd, R.S.	"	"	"		
	E8475	P/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"		
	E8485	P/L H.T.C. Taylor	"	"	"		
	E8410	P/O R.M. Hughes	"	"	"		
	E8493	P/O G.R. Dean	"	"	"		
	E8489	P/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"		
	E8410	P/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"		
	E8415	P/L L.A. Beach	"	"	"		

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				UP	DOWN		
12.4.45	Typhoon 1B SW439	F/L J. MacF	Bombing	1900	2000		
	EW306	F/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"		
	EW130	F/L E.B. Smith	"	"	"		
13.4.45	SW462	F/L R. Coffey	Bombing	1130	1235	F/L Coffey led in dive-bombing of rail at S0202	
	EW775	F/S Gurd, R.S.	"	"	"	between Bremen and Rotterdam. F/L Beach was forced to	
	EW475	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"	return early as his aircraft became unserviceable. The	
	EW427	F/O B.H. Dunn	"	"	"	remainder made 4 cuts in 4 places at S0202 and	
	EW310	F/O F.M. Hughes	"	"	"	destroyed 2 GWR's out of 20 which were parked. 24 X	
	EW485	F/O A.M. Scott	"	"	"	500 lb. M.O. bombs, fused 11 sec. tail were dropped.	
	EW589	F/O R.M. Gurr	"	"	"		
	EW320	F/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"		
	EW315	F/L L.A. Beach	"	"	1140		
	EW495	F/O C.E. Dunn	"	"	1235		
	EW306	F/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"		
	SW401	F/L J. MacF	"	"	"		
	EW310	F/L J.H. Williams	Recon.	1630	1730	F/L Williams led section on armed reconnaissance of	
	EW775	F/O R.P. Macgann	"	"	"	Bremen area. Dropped 8 X 500 lb. M.O. bombs, fused	
	EW485	F/L H.F.G. Taylor	"	"	"	11 sec. tail on autobahn at S1017. Results not observed.	
	EW475	F/O D.B. Waller	"	"	"		
	SW462	F/L P. Massey	Bombing	1730	1900	F/L Massey led in dive-bombing rail at X060, between	
	EW495	F/O F.H. Wilson	"	"	"	Bremen and Soltau. Due to very poor visibility and	
	EW427	F/O E.C. Keen	"	"	"	10/10ths cloud at 6500' results were not observed.	
	EW130	F/L H.J.F. Kerr	"	"	"	26 X 500 lb. M.O. bombs, fused 11 sec. tail were dropped.	
	EW316	F/O F.H. Smith	"	"	"		
	EW496	F/O A.M. Scott	"	"	"		
	EW489	F/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"		
	SW401	F/O B.H. Dunn	"	"	"		
14.4.45	SW401	F/O F.M. Hughes	"	1530	1610	F/O Hughes led section in dive-bombing rail at S20709.	

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				Up	Down		
14.4.45	Typhoon 1B HD477	P/O R.P. Penman	Bombing	1730	1610	Out riding twice in one place and demolished large building. Dropped 6 X 500 lb. H.C. bombs, fused inst. nose.	
	HD775	P/O A.M. Scott	"	"	"	"	
	HD465	P/L W.J. McCarthy	Bombing	1615	1720	P/L McCarthy led in dive-bombing of Vanden. 24 X 500 lb. H.C. bombs, fused inst. nose were dropped in south part of town. A large factory east of railway was directly hit and left in flames.	
	HD130	P/L E.H. Smith	"	"	"	"	
	HD427	P/L L.A. Beach	"	"	"	"	
	HD494	P/O B.H. Dunn	"	"	"	"	
	HD310	P/O R.H. Gray	"	"	"	"	
	HD389	P/L P. Macfarlane	"	"	"	"	
	HD306	P/O B.A. McMillan	"	"	"	"	
	HD462	S/L R. Coffey	"	1805	2000	S/L Coffey led in dive-bombing marshalling yards at E9245. Eight aircraft dropped all bombs in target area, south-east corner. Marshalling yards contained more than 100 mixed T20's, 4 to 5 locomotives with steam up and a flat train. Much debris, steam and flames resulted from direct hits. Four remaining aircraft, led by P/L Beach, dive-bombed rail at 20124, scoring two outs in one place. Observed red cross train at E9944 and 4 vessels south of E9946 escorted by two smaller boats. Heavy mid light flash resulted from E9245 and HD467. A total of 24 X 500 lb. H.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. tail were dropped.	
	HD465	P/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"	"	
	HD477	P/O R.P. Penman	"	"	"	"	
	HD130	P/L E.H. Smith	"	"	"	"	
	HD465	P/O B.H. Dunn	"	"	"	"	
	HD389	P/O R.H. Gray	"	"	"	"	
	HD306	P/O B.A. McMillan	"	"	"	"	
	HD775	P/O B.H. Dunn	"	"	"	"	
	HD315	P/L L.A. Beach	"	"	"	"	
	HD465	P/O B.A. Penman	"	"	"	"	
	HD310	P/O R.H. Gray	"	"	"	"	
	HD427	P/O R.H. Gray	"	"	"	"	
15.4.45	HD315	P/L L.A. Beach	"	0730	0845	P/L Beach led section which dive-bombed rail at 20124 and obtained four outs. 8 X 500 lb. H.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. tail were dropped. Suspected military camp seen at 20323.	
	HD494	P/O A.M. Scott	"	"	"	"	
	HD306	P/O B.A. McMillan	"	"	"	"	
	HD427	P/O B.H. Dunn	"	"	"	"	

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				UP	DOWN		
15.4.45	Typhoon 1B EY310	P/O R.M. Gray	Bombing	0900	1025	P/O Gray led in dive-bombing rail at S0746, obtaining	
	EB495	P/L H.J.P. Kerr	"	"	"	6 cuts in 4 places. Recalled by Kemmy to base.	
	SW428	P/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"	Dropped 16 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. tail.	
	PS710	P/L H.W. Hallingworth	"	"	"	Observed locomotive and 10 TMS's east of S.2238, 20	
	EB509	P/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"	locomotives with steam up south of R6912, locomotive	
	EB209	P/S Gurd, R.S.	"	"	"	with 15 TMS's at W6199, Red Cross train at R6915, large	
	WF130	P/L K.H. Smith	"	"	"	TMS and locomotive in marshalling yards at Hardstedt,	
	EB485	P/L J. Huff	"	"	"	large freighter stationary at S1569 and 2 small tugs at	
						S1964.	
	SW462	P/L J.M. Williams	Bombing	1910	2030	P/L Williams led in dive-bombing rail between S3817	
	EB475	P/O R.T. Flanagan	"	"	"	and S4289, obtaining nine cuts in four places. 24 X	
	EB485	P/O H.K. O'Brien	"	"	"	500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. tail were dropped.	
	WF130	P/L H.J.P. Kerr	"	"	"		
	EB494	P/L W.A.J. Clifford	"	"	"		
	EB427	P/O H.C. Koss	"	"	"		
	EB485	P/L H.P.C. Taylor	"	"	"		
	EB209	P/O D.M. French	"	"	"		
	EB315	P/L P. Macky	"	"	"		
	EB495	P/O R.H. Wilson	"	"	"		
	PS710	P/O L.R. Smith	"	"	"		
16.4.45	SW428	P/O B.R. Waller	"	"	"		
	SW462	S/L R. Coffey	"	0940	1070	S/L Coffey led in dive-bombing rail between R6942 and	
	EB475	P/O R.T. Flanagan	"	"	"	6799, obtaining 3 cuts in 3 places. 24 X 500 lb. M.C.	
	EB485	P/L H.P.C. Taylor	"	"	"	bombs, fused 11 sec. tail were dropped. Observed	
	EB485	P/L H.J.P. Kerr	"	"	"	suspected oil storage tanks at R7215 and that all cuts	
	EB515	P/L P. Macky	"	"	"	had been repaired in double track at R6935 and R7223.	
	EB495	P/O R.H. Wilson	"	"	"		
	EB485	P/O H.K. O'Brien	"	"	"		

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16.4.45	Typoon 18						
	RE203	P/O D.A. French	Bombing	0940	1050		
	PD710	P/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	RE706	P/L H.W. Hollingsworth	"	"	"		
	RE427	P/O H.S. Koon	"	"	"		
	SW428	P/O D.B. Waller	"	"	"		
	SW472	P/L W.C.J. Clifford	"	1040	1200	P/L Clifford led section in dive-bombing Volcan. 6 X	
	RE494	P/L L.A. Beach	"	"	"	700 lb. H.G. Bombs, fused inst. none were dropped in	
	RE230	P/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"	south-east corner of city. One large flat-top building	
						was a direct hit and was left in flames. Flames and	
						smoke observed in north and centre of town from previous	
						air attacks. No flak received.	
	SW428	S/L R. Coffey	Bombing	1350	1510	S/L Coffey led in dive-bombing rail between R7247 and	
	RE130	P/S Gurd, R.S.	"	"	"	R7646. Obtained 5 cuts in 3 places. 24 X 700 lb. H.G.	
	RE203	P/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"	bombs, fused 11 sec. tail were dropped. Observed much	
	RE427	P/L H.W. Hollingsworth	"	"	"	movement on Waser River north of R7345. Carried out	
	RE494	P/L W.C.J. Clifford	"	"	"	armed reconnaissance north to R7679 and west but	
	PD710	P/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"	no movements were seen.	
	RE475	P/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"		
	RE425	P/L J. Huff	"	"	"		
	RE315	P/L L.A. Beach	"	"	"		
	RE389	P/O K.M. Scott	"	"	"		
	RE706	P/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"		
	RE497	P/O B.H. Dunn	"	"	"		
	RE494	P/L W.C.J. Clifford	Bombing	1650	1800	P/L Clifford led in dive-bombing rail between S2396 and	
	RE485	P/S Gurd, R.S.	"	"	"	S2635. Obtained 5 cuts in 3 places. 22 X 700 lb. H.G.	
	RE203	P/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"	bombs, fused 11 sec. tail were dropped. Strafing a	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
				UP	DOWN		
16.4.42	Typhoon 1B EH727	F/O A.M. Scott	Bombing	1630	1800	locomotive and 6 TBO's at south-east of S2034.	
	SW428	F/O H.M. Hughes	"	"	"	locomotive was a flower and all the TBO's were damaged.	
	ED389	F/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"	Light flak was received from W7784.	
	PD310	F/O B.H. Dunn	"	"	"		
	ED315	F/L L.A. Bush	"	"	"		
	ED427	F/L H.W. Hollingsworth	"	"	"		
	ED706	F/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"		
	ED475	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"		
	SW452	W/O F.A. Grant	Recon.	1900	2020	W/O Grant led an armed reconnaissance in the E1134.	
	ED465	F/O A.M. Scott	"	"	"	08245, Baden area. F/O McMillan was forced to return	
	SW428	F/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"	early because of a mechanical failure. Remainder	
	ED427	F/S Gurd, F.S.	"	"	"	encountered scattered flak only, destroying 3 and	
	ED389	F/O R.M. Gray	"	"	"	damaging 3. Observed locomotive and 20 TBO's stationary	
	ED494	F/L J. Haff	"	"	"	with steam up in marshalling yards at E1044 and 2	
	ED475	F/O B.H. Dunn	"	"	"	JU 88's on ground at 09749. Received light flak from	
	ED315	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"	E1249, 0225 and Q7544.	
	SW462	S/L R. Coffey	Bombing	0800	0920	S/L Coffey led in dive-bombing rail between S0422 and	
	PD310	F/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"	0638. Scored 7 hits in 4 places. Struck scattered	
17.4.42	ED427	F/S Gurd, F.S.	"	"	"	flak, destroying 1 and damaging 2. Observed 2 trains	
	ED494	F/L W.C.J. Clifford	"	"	"	steaming north into Stade at S1657 and suspended 4 gun	
	ED425	F/L J. Haff	"	"	"	position at S2037. Weather was heavy with 3/10ths cloud	
	ED465	F/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"	at 3000'. 20 x 500 lb. H.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. tall	
	SW428	F/O A.M. Scott	"	"	"	were dropped.	
	ED315	F/L L.A. Bush	"	"	"		
	ED330	F/L E.B. Smith	"	"	"		
	ED475	F/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"		
	ED494	F/L W.C.J. Clifford	"	1120	1240	F/L Clifford led anti-shipping strike. 8 aircraft	
	ED310	F/S Gurd, F.S.	"	"	"	attacked minesweeper south-east of E0385, scoring one	

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				Up	Down		
17.4.43	Typhoon 1B						
	RE203	P/O R.M. Gray	Bombing	1120	1240	direct hit in stern. Four aircraft attacked large	
	SW408	P/O D.A. McMillan	"	"	"	freighter south-east of R0304 but failed to score any	
	PD310	P/O H.M. Hughes	"	"	"	hits. Stranded locomotive with 15 tankers and 15 CTM's,	
	RE445	P/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"	damaging locomotive and 15 CTM's and destroying four	
	RE423	P/L J. Huff	"	"	"	tankers. Received intense light flak from minecutter.	
	SW428	P/O A.M. Scott	"	"	"	24 X 500 lb. H.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. tail were dropped.	
	RE315	P/L L.A. Beach	"	"	"		
	RE465	P/O B.H. Dunn	"	"	"		
	MP130	P/L K.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	RE475	P/O R.P. Pearson	"	"	"		
	RE310	P/L J.H. Villiers	Bombing	1500	1600	P/L Villiers led attack against shipping. 8 aircraft	
	RE475	P/O R.F. Flanagan	"	"	"	dive-bombed medium freighter south of S1374 scoring no	
	SW401	P/O H.C. Keen	"	"	"	hits. 4 aircraft dive-bombed surfaced U boat south of	
	RE203	P/O D.A. French	"	"	"	S2277 but scored no hits. Stranded scattered hit.	
	RE315	P/L P. Maskey	"	"	"	destroying 1 and damaging 2. Received heavy flak from	
	RE494	P/O R.H. Wilson	"	"	"	S1577 and W2297. 22 X 500 lb. H.C. bombs, fused 11 sec.	
	RE445	P/O H.K. O'Brien	"	"	"	tail were dropped.	
	SW428	P/O B.H. Waller	"	"	"		
	PD310	P/O F.E. Smith	"	"	"		
	SW462	P/L R.J.F. Kerr	"	"	"		
	RE485	P/L H.F.C. Taylor	"	"	"		
	RE310	P/L J.H. Villiers	Bombing	1900	1940	P/L Villiers led attempted attack of shipping. Forced	
	RE475	P/O R.F. Flanagan	"	"	"	to return with bombs because of bad weather,	
	RE427	P/O H.C. Keen	"	"	"	thunderstorm and rain. P/O O'Brien had hydraulic	
	RE203	P/O D.A. French	"	"	"	trouble and crashed on landing. Pilot was unhurt but	
	RE315	P/L P. Maskey	"	"	"	aircraft was rendered Category B.	

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17.4.45	Typhoon 1B RD497	P/O R.H. Wilson	Bombing	1900	1940		
	SW462	P/O H.K. O'Brien	"	"	2000		
	SW428	P/O D.E. Wallad	"	"	1940		
	FD310	P/O T.B. Smith	"	"	"		
	RD389	P/L H.J.P. Kerr	"	"	"		
	RD425	P/L H.T.G. Taylor	"	"	"		
	SW401	P/S Gurd, P.S.	"	"	"		
18.4.45	RD477	S/L R. Coffey	"	1410	1735	S/L Coffey led in dive-bombing of Sage at RD285. All	
	RD427	P/L J. Huff	"	"	"	bombs landed in target area and buildings were left	
	RD389	P/O P.M. Gray	"	"	"	burning. 12 X 500 lb. H.C. bombs, fused inst. none	
	RD497	P/O H.H. Hughes	"	"	"	were dropped. Strafed woods south-west side of town	
	RD445	P/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	"	and caused extensive fire which lasted a long time.	
	SW401	P/O R.H. Dunn	"	"	"	Carried out armed reconnaissance of Varal - Jovara, Amuch	
						area. Saw 30 MG's at RD385, 4 aircraft 1/2 mile south-	
						east of aerodrome at RD938 and merchant ship south-east of	
						RD145.	
	RD310	P/L W.J.J. Clifford	Bombing	1430	1745	P/L Clifford led in dive-bombing village of Stahr. All	
	SW428	P/O A.M. Scott	"	"	"	bombs were in target area, north-east road intersection.	
	RD485	P/L K.B. Smith	"	"	"	Village was left smoking. 12 X 500 lb. H.C. bombs,	
	RD389	P/L L.A. Beach	"	"	"	fused inst. none were dropped. Carried out armed	
	FD310	P/O R.F. Pearson	"	"	"	reconnaissance of Hursfeldt Brennerverde. One Met. was	
	RD775	P/S Gurd, P.S.	"	"	"	sighted and damaged. On return village was still	
						smoking.	
	SW452	P/O P.O. Grant	Bombing	1730	1845	P/O Grant led in dive-bombing of stationary light	
	SW401	P/O R.H. Dunn	"	"	"	crucifix at RD945. 2 near misses scored. Dropped 16 X	
	RD389	P/O A.M. Scott	"	"	"	500 lb. H.C. bombs. Fused 11 sec. tail. Strafed and	
	RD315	P/O R.H. Gray	"	"	"	damaged 2 Met. at 07300. 1 at RD631 and 1 Met. and	
	RD477	P/O R.F. Pearson	"	"	"	trailer at RD175. P/L Smith's tail plane was damaged.	Da

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18.4.45	Typhoon 1B RB427	F/L K.R. Smith	Bombing	1720	1845	believed by his bombs, during the operation. Aircraft	
	RB506	F/S Gurd, R.S.	"	"	"	was rendered Category B.	
	RB589	F/L J. Muff	"	"	"		
19.4.45	RB203	S/L R. Coffey	Bombing	1025	1155	S/L Coffey and F/L Clifford led sections of four on rail-	
	SW401	F/O D.H. Dunn	"	"	"	cutting operation. S/L Coffey's four dive-bombed rail at	
	RB445	F/L W.L. McCarthy	"	"	"	RB431, obtaining 2 cuts and direct hit on station which	
	SW428	F/O A.M. Scott	"	"	"	was demolished. F/L Clifford's four dive-bombed rail	
	RB310	F/L W.O.J. Clifford	"	"	"	at RB799, obtaining five cuts in 2 places. Unidentified	
	RB389	F/O H.P. Pearson	"	"	"	medium ship, stationary at RB345 and large freighter	
	RB315	F/L L.A. Beach	"	"	"	south-east of S1961 not attached. 16 X 500 lb. M.C.	
	RB495	F/S Gurd, R.S.	"	"	"	bombs fused 11 sec. tail were dropped.	
	RB310	F/O R.M. Gray	Reco.	1235	1335	Carried out reconnaissance of Jadebusen and confirmed that	
	RB315	F/L K.R. Smith	"	"	"	probable light cruiser reported in that area was still	
						there. Otherwise reconnaissance was uneventful.	
	SW401	S/L R. Coffey	Bombing	1350	1455	S/L Coffey led attack against probable light cruiser at	
	RB485	F/L H.T.C. Taylor	"	"	"	Jadebusen. One direct hit was made on superstructure.	
	RB494	F/O D.A. French	"	"	"	two direct hits amidships, three direct hits astern and	
	PD310	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"	three near misses. 6 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs fused in at	
	RB389	F/L H.J.W. Kerr	"	"	"	nose and 11 sec. tail and 16 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs fused	
	RB203	F/L J.H. Villiers	"	"	"	11 sec. tail were dropped. Ship was left listing to	
	RB315	F/O H.C. Keon	"	"	"	port, explosions and one fire were seen. Very intense	
	RB445	F/O H.K. O'Brien	"	"	"	flak was received from vessel and flak barge at RB345.	
	RB506	F/O E.T. Flanagan	"	"	"	Flak smoke was grey.	
	SW428	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"		
	RB425	F/L J. Muff	"	"	"		
	RB310	F/L J.H. Villiers	Bombing	1800	1925	F/L Villiers and F/O Smith led sections of four on	

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19.4.45	Typhoon 1B RB315	F/O R.H. Wilson	Bombing	1800	1925	an anti-shipping strike. F/L Kerr returned early	
	RB485	F/L H.T.C. Taylor	"	"	"	because of mechanical trouble. F/L Villiers' four	
	RB203	F/O D.A. French	"	"	"	dive-bombed 1500 ton freighter south of S14/1, scoring	
	PD510	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"	two near misses. Observed three active flak ships in	
	SW401	F/L H.J.F. Kerr	"	"	1845	area. F/O Smith's three dive-bombed two freighters at	
	RB427	F/O H.C. Keon	"	"	1925	S2358, scoring one near miss. Observed one flak ship	
	SW428	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"	in area. Each aircraft carried two 500 lb. M.C. bombs,	
						port fused 11 sec. tail and starboard fused inst. nose.	
20.4.45	RB RB310	F/L J.H. Villiers	Bombing	1310	1430	F/L Villiers led in dive-bombing of rail between R/482	
	RB495	F/O R.H. Wilson	"	"	"	and RB279. 24 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. tail	
	RB315	F/L H.T.C. Taylor	"	"	"	were dropped. Obtained 20 cuts in 10 places. Observed	
	RB203	F/O D.A. French	"	"	"	rail activity in Ottendorf, otherwise no movements seen.	
	PD510	F/O T.R. Smith	"	"	"		
	RB475	F/L H.J.F. Kerr	"	"	"		
	RB427	F/O H.C. Keon	"	"	"		
	SW SW428	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"		
	RB389	F/O H.K. O'Brien	"	"	"		
	RB506	F/O E.T. Flanagan	"	"	1435		
	RB494	F/L W.J. McCarthy	"	"	1430		
	SW401	F/O B.H. Dunn	"	"	"		
	RB494	F/L W.C.J. Clifford	Bombing	1625	1750	F/L Clifford led in dive-bombing attack on rails.	
	RB427	F/O D.A. French	"	"	"	Dropped 24 X 500 lb. M.C. bombs, fused 11 sec. tail.	
	RB389	F/O B.H. Dunn	"	"	"	Out four rails at R/846, two at RB346, and two at	
	RB506	F/S R.S. Gurd	"	"	"	RB645. Destroyed three TBE's and damaged two at RB346.	
	RB310	F/O N.M. Hughes	"	"	"	Destroyed one TBE at RB645. Received light flak from	
	RB425	F/L J. Muff	"	"	"	area.	
	RB RB203	F/O R.H. Gray	"	"	"		
	PD510	F/O D.E. Waller	"	"	"		

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
14 A.P.O., Warmwell, Eng.	1.5.45		Air to ground and bombing exercises were flown today for a total of fifty trips and twenty-seven hours and twenty-five minutes. Nothing of interest to report.		
	2.5.45		Thirty-eight trips flown today for a total of nineteen hours and forty-five minutes. In the afternoon F/L Villiers took transport to Weymouth to arrange for a Squadron pilots' party to be held at the Black Dog pub.		
	3.5.45		There was no flying today due to weather and at noon the Squadron was released. A few of the pilots went into Weymouth with F/L Villiers to make final arrangements for the Squadron Party. After dinner the pilots left for the Black Dog and all went well with the "do".		
	4.5.45		Again the weather was duff this morning which gave the pilots time to recover from the previous evening's celebrations. The Squadron was released for the day and most of the personnel spent the day at Bournemouth.		
	5.5.45		Today was more or less a repeat of yesterday as the weather was poor and the Squadron was released for the day. F/L Villiers is arranging a Squadron party for the airmen to be sponsored by the officers and N.C.O.'s.		
	6.5.45		It was expected that the Squadron would leave for Germany today but the move did not come about. Everyone shows keen interest towards the news as the collapse of the German forces is expected daily. No flying was carried out.		
	7.5.45		Instructions were received this morning that the aircraft were to proceed to the Continent. Preparations were made in the morning and the Squadron took off at 1510 hours and set course for Eindhoven where we were to refuel. After approximately fifteen minutes flying time from Warmwell F/L Huff, flying Black Four, experienced engine trouble and returned to Warmwell safely. The trip to Eindhoven was uneventful and after landing the pilots reporting at the Control Office heard the news that the German armed forces had surrendered and VE Day would be on the following two days, May 8th and 9th. As the refueling facilities were not adequate to refuel all aircraft in time to leave for Celle it was found necessary to stay overnight at Eindhoven. Transport was arranged and it was found that it was impossible to obtain accommodation from the Town		

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14 A.P.C., Wainwell, Eng. B.150, Celle, Germany	7.5.45		Major. However 34 Recce. Wing took the Squadron in for the night.		
	8.5.45		Early this morning the Squadron set course for B.150, Celle, Germany.		
			The trip was very quiet and there seemed to be something strange about flying over Germany now that VE Day had arrived. At B.150 all aircraft landed safely and were dispersed at their individual dispersals. In the evening V Day was celebrated at the Mess.		
	9.5.45		All the flying and work was cancelled for the day. In the afternoon the Squadron attended an Ensa show put on for the Wing. All in all the day was spent in relaxation with everyone in the best of spirits.		
	10.5.45		On this day all work and flying was cancelled again and a sports event was organized for all sections and Squadrons in the Wing. In the afternoon a team from 440 Squadron, captained by P/O Bob Gray entered into the main sporting event, consisting of track and field and throwing events. Although the team put forth the supreme effort the prizes were taken away by 439 Squadron. In the evening the pilots were invited by our eight airmen to a venison meal.		
	11.5.45		There was a bit of flying today and the Squadron ground crew was strengthened by crews borrowed from the two other Squadrons in the Wing. As yet the 440 ground crews have not returned from England. Nine hours were flown which consisted of formation flying and aerobatics.		
	12.5.45		This morning the Squadron was led by S/L Coffey on a two wing show over Bremerhaven. 143 Wing was led by W/C Grant and flew formation on 121 Wing. Two individual runs were made over the town by each Squadron during a March Past by the British Army units. The show went very well. In the afternoon there was no flying and some of the pilots went swimming in a stream about three miles from the aerodrome.		
	13.5.45		There was no flying today and most of the time was spent tidying up dispersals and cleaning aircraft. In the afternoon a swim was organized and a new spot was found near an old German mill. The Squadron Adjutant, clerk and continuity sergeant arrived at noon by Dakota from Wainwell.		
	14.5.45		Formation flying, aerobatics and cross-country flying was the order of the		

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B.150, Celle, Germany	14.5.45		day. A total of thirty hours and fifteen minutes were flown. A new flying scheme has been brought into effect by the Wing Commander, consisting of squadron and flight formations, aerobatics, high and low-level cross-countries, cloud flying and training lectures.		
	15.5.45		In the morning seven of the pilots were briefed at Intelligence for a new high-level cross-country. The cross-country averaged out approximately 1:25 hours, and with the one trip flown in the afternoon the day's flying total came to 10:30 hours. In the afternoon the pilots and ground crews washed and cleaned the aircraft. It has been decided to paint the spinners of the aircraft red and white.		
	16.5.45		Flying for the day started at 1000 hours with cross-countries and A & E tests. S/L Coffey went by Typhoon to B.166, Flensburg to inspect the drone and arrange quarters of the Squadron. The date of our movement to B.166 is not yet known. In the afternoon F/L Taylor was directed to proceed to Warnemünde in a Typhoon to pick up the Squadron authorization book as it is expected our Echelon is to remain at No. 14 A.P.C. to maintain other squadrons taking the course. The afternoon was again spent washing and cleaning the aircraft. The spinner from the O.C.'s aircraft has been painted red and white. The pattern being the first half of the spinner from the nose back painted white with a small red dot in the centre and the remainder from the white back painted red. A white band two inches wide has been painted on the engine cowling directly behind the spinner.		
	17.5.45		Flying for the day consisted of cross-countries and local flying. A general clean-up of dispersal was made and pilots and ground crews were kept busy cleaning the aircraft. In the evening 440's ball team received a trimming from R & I but with more practice better results are expected next game.		
	18.5.45		A collection of cigarettes, food, candy and clothing was made for the victims of Belsen Camp. A few of the pilots made a trip there and were escorted around the camp being told and shown the horrors that the prisoners of Belsen have endured. Seven aircraft did the "Milk Run" to Hamburg and Bremen in formation. Three A & E tests		

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B.150, Celle, Germany	18.5.45		were also flown which brought the day's flying total up to 11:05 hours.		
	19.5.45		The Squadron was fairly busy today with the flying programme--aerobatics, flight formations and A & E tests were carried out while those pilots who were not flying continued cleaning and painting their aircraft. F/L "Cro" Taylor, flying number four position in a four plane formation experienced engine trouble as the flight was approaching the field and succeeded in doing a very good down-wind landing, wheels down.		
	20.5.45		The Squadron was released today and most of the pilots and ground crews went swimming in the afternoon down by the old mill stream.		
	21.5.45		S/L Coffey, F/L Clifford and F/O French visited the new airfield at Flensburg, arriving back at 2130 hours. Some flying was carried out by the balance of the Squadron until approximately noon when weather became unsuitable for further activities.		
	22.5.45		Ten sorties were carried out this morning including A & E tests, formation, aerobatics and cloud flying. F/L Villiers took a Typhoon to Flensburg. In the afternoon the weather closed in and the pilots spent most of it cleaning their aircraft. F/L Villiers returned from B.166 at approximately 1900 hours.		
	23.5.45		General flying was washed out today due to weather, the pilots and crews spent most of the time cleaning and painting aircraft. The sports events planned for the afternoon were cancelled due to the rain.		
	24.5.45		High and low-level cross countries were the order for the day with the pilots still busy painting spinners according to the Squadron pattern. Total hours flown tallied to 18 hours and 35 minutes.		
	25.5.45		Flight formations and cross-countries were carried out by the pilots throughout the day while between trips the painting of the aircraft continued. In the evening a deer hunting party was arranged but although quite a few deer were seen the results were nil.		
	26.5.45		More routine flying was carried out today by the Squadron. It is expected that the Wing will soon move to B.166, Flensburg. In the evening a few of the		RLC

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B.150, Celle, Germany	26.5.45		hardy types went swimming.		
	27.5.45		There was no flying today as instructions have been received that all aircraft are to be serviced for the move to B.166.		
	28.5.45		S/L Coffey and S/L J. Beirnes, O.C. of 438 Squadron flew to B.166 to inspect the aerodrome and pilots' accommodation. On the way back the O.C., S/L Coffey, experienced engine failure and force-landed safely ten miles south of B.166, returning the next day by Auster.		
	29.5.45		Word came through that the aircraft were to move to B.166 this afternoon and so the morning was spent by the pilots and ground crews preparing the aircraft for the trip. The Squadron flew to Flensburg in two sections of eight aircraft the first taking off at 1410 hours and led by F/L Villiers. F/L Clifford led the remaining eight which took off ten minutes later. The aerodrome was found to be very satisfactory and a good flight building occupied in front of the aircraft dispersal. In the evening the pilots personal kit arrived from Celle and was unloaded and the quarters cleaned and tidied up.		
B.166, Flensburg, Germany	30.5.45		Local flying in the morning kept the pilots and ground crews busy and in the afternoon a softball game was organized between the pilots of 438 and 440 Squadrons.		
	31.5.45		The Squadron was on readiness from first light this morning to last light this evening and was worked by the pilots in shifts of nine men each. Those not on duty took trips to Flensburg to see the sights. The natives are definitely unfriendly.		
			DIARY SUMMARY		
			HEALTH - The health of the personnel for the month was very good.		
			STRENGTH - Aircraft: Typhoons 18 - 18		
			Personnel: 100		
			Aircrew		
			Officers 28		2
			Airmen 1		3

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B.166, Flensburg, Germany.	1.6.45		In the morning F/L Johnny Villiers led eleven aircraft in some 'panay' formation. The onlookers were very impressed by the 'arrowhead' that was tried out. During the day a new time-table was drawn up to help keep the pilots occupied. As well as practice flying, it includes a series of ground sessions, soft-ball games, and small arms competitions. F/L Billy Clifford received his posting in the morning. He is going to Bournemouth awaiting repatriation and we all wish him lots of luck.	
	2.6.45		Today was the first day of our new time-table, and in the morning we had a talk by our armament officer, F/L Bill Cantelon. In the afternoon the pilots did some practice flying. Cleaning up of the dispersal has started in earnest and it is beginning to look very spick and span.	
	3.6.45		Eleven of our pilots were present at the funeral of Squadron Leader Beirnes of 438 Squadron. After a short service on the airfield the body was laid to rest in a peaceful little Danish town twenty miles north of Flensburg.	
	4.6.45		During the day F/L Paul Bisak was made O.C. of 438 Squadron. We know he will do a good job and wish him the best of luck in his new appointment. In the morning we had a talk on the German wireless aids to navigation by F/L Tait. In the afternoon some of the pilots flew the new high-level and low-level cross-countries.	
	5.6.45		We spent the morning at the range and each pilot fired fifteen rounds with a service rifle. F/O McMillan had the best score. After the rifle shoot everyone got busy with an assortment of revolvers and automatics which the Squadron has acquired. In the afternoon we were visited by Marshal of the R.A.F. Sir Hugh Trenchard, who spoke a few words on the magnificent part the Air Force has played in helping to win the war in Europe. Preparations are going ahead for a big demonstration of flying over Copenhagen. Eight pilots from each Squadron and three spares are taking part, and in the evening the thirty-three aircraft were flown to B.160 so that the pilots could take a look at the range and be told the set-up for the big show.	
	6.6.45		This being the first anniversary of 'D' Day, the Allied Forces under General Eisenhower were released. There were several expeditions into Flensburg and in	

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B.166, Flensburg, Germany.	6.6.45		the evening some of the pilots went to see the new Ensa show at the Crusader Theatre. Everyone enjoyed it very much. The arrival of some English beer and a couple of cases of champagne was reason for a celebration in the Mess until bedtime.		
	7.6.45		In the morning the weather was duff so there was no flying. In the afternoon it cleared up and the Wing went to Copenhagen for a rehearsal. The rehearsal however had been called off without our knowledge so the show was abortive. Ten aircraft from the Squadron took part.		
	8.6.45		F/L Ken Smith led eight aircraft in pansy formation during the morning. 'A' Flight went down to the range for some small arms practice. The afternoon was given up to various exercises, low-level cross-countries, cloud flying, etc. The aircraft are being cleaned up and fitted with bomb racks for the show on the 17th.		
	9.6.45		'B' Flight was 'on' this morning and were given a talk on the Far Eastern battle situation by Captain 'Red' Johnson. Later on F/O O'Brien led a squadron formation. In the afternoon the Copenhagen team went on another rehearsal, this time carrying 500 lb. bombs. The bombs were dropped in the target area, the targets being some old German flying boats. The formation both to Copenhagen and back was excellent. After the bombing the pilots landed at Copenhagen and were driven through the city in the back of a three tonner. The chance of a little 'fraternizing' even from a distance was a very welcome change. Next we visited 125 Wing's Mess for a buffet supper. They were having a Saturday evening dance and I think we were all a little envious of our colleagues in the R.A.F. We landed back at Flensburg at eight o'clock, rather tired but pleased with our day's work.		
	10.6.45		This being Sunday and a day of rest there isn't much to report. In the morning a few pilots sallied forth to the Danish border and came back with some extra guns for the collection. Some of the others visited some 'brown jobs' they had met at a show in Flensburg. In the afternoon two members of the Squadron put up rather a poor show in a cricket match, 143 Wing versus R.A.F. Regiment.		
	11.6.45		F/L 'Jake' Muff having returned from his Court of Inquiry in Denmark		

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B.166, Flensburg, Germany.	11.6.45		has taken over his duties as Flight Commander of 'A' Flight. In the morning the Squadron had an inter-members brains trust and discussed various subjects from post-war gratuities for a non-resident of Canada to the Organization of the Russian Air Force.		
			The flying for the day was the usual pansy formation and exercises. In the evening the soft-ball team played a terrifying match with the medical section. The Squadron won by 19 runs to 18 and everyone was limp from excitement at the end.		
	12.6.45		Another pistol and rifle range session in the morning where various smaller type automatics were prominent. The most popular being Walthers and Mausers. F/L Palmer of Signals helped by supplying some .765 ammunition which is very hard to get.		
			It rained most of the day so there was no flying and in the afternoon the pilots went on an expedition into Flensburg to see the picture show. In the evening there was a new Ensa show in town which gave us some good laughs.		
	13.6.45		The weather was duff again all day so there was no flying. In the morning we had a session on post-war plans. Our personnel counsellor, F/L Murray cleared up some sticky points on the question of gratuities and grants. To illustrate the atmosphere of chaotic rumours by which we are surrounded, one could recount the story of one of our pilots who started a little rumour in the dispersal "The Wing is moving in four days". In the Mess the same evening all the officers had some real 'Gen'. The Wing Adjutant was supposed to have announced that in four days the Wing is going to Bermuda. If any of us had any idea of our near future we would be in a more peaceful frame of mind.		
	14.6.45		More rain today. In the morning an eight plane formation was signed out but didn't get airborne. There was a film in the Mess in the afternoon, and various games of cards were started up. Four fortunate members of the Squadron went up into Denmark for a memorial service. They are going to stay two nights.		
	15.6.45		It was fine in the morning and high-level cross-countries and aerobatics were prominent in the authorization book. The clamp returned in the afternoon with a gale warning and the pilots moped in dispersal until supper time.		

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B.166, Flensburg, Germany	16.6.45		It was fine all day and everyone was proportionately more cheerful. In the morning we had a talk on the Invasion of Europe from the tank crews' point of view by one of the A.L.O.'s. The flying consisted of cross-countries and cloud flying with one small formation led by Bob Gregory. News came through that the Copenhagen show was postponed for fourteen days.		
	17.6.45		This was Sunday and the pilots were released. The day was spent in writing letters, reading and cleaning guns. F/L Jimmy Kerr is making a fine model of a Typhoon, F/O Ted Smith is making a pair of shoes; in fact most of the pilots are finding some sort of hobby to fill up their spare time.		
	18.6.45		The weather is improving slowly and quite a bit of flying was done today. There was going to be a rehearsal of the Copenhagen show but it was once again cancelled and flying was confined to the usual exercises.		
	19.6.45		The most important thing during the day was a rehearsal for the Copenhagen show. Twelve aircraft from each Squadron are now going to take part. The main innovation was putting the whole Wing into Echelon Starboard about ten miles from the target and then going straight in to bomb. It was supposed to look very impressive from the ground. After landing the pilots had to wait about two hours while the aircraft were refueled and most of them spent it in a cafe eating ham and eggs and drinking lots of milk and Danish beer. We also had a chance to see some Meteors flying while we were there. The Squadrons flew back separately and 440 landed at about 8:30 o'clock.		
	20.6.45		In the morning we had a talk on Airfield and Traffic Control in Canada and the States. Flying was confined to catching up on the flying exercises schedule. In the afternoon the Wing had a sports meeting. 440 was rather in the shade and F/L Penfield was our only star. He competed in the soft-ball throw.		
	21.6.45		The Squadron was on readiness from first until last light. The boys were rather disgusted at having to get up at four o'clock in the morning but otherwise the day was uneventful. We worked in three shifts of eight pilots each.		
	22.6.45		Today was fine and another rehearsal for Copenhagen was called. Briefing		R6c

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B.166, Flensburg, Germany	22.6.45		was at 12:30 and we landed at our destination at 2:30 with eleven aircraft in the Squadron. We were shown the position of the target and at four o'clock five of our aircraft managed to get airborne, the rest being unserviceable. There were several wings over the aerodrome and the resulting chaos was difficult for all the pilots. After stooing around for 45 minutes we managed to do our bombing run then returned home very low on gas. Several of the U/S. aircraft were repaired and flown back to base later in the evening.		
	23.6.45		Various stranded members of the Squadron came back today and seemed to have had a very good time in Copenhagen. The Group Captain has returned from England so of course there is a new flood of rumours about repatriation, etc. The Squadron was released in the afternoon and in the evening the softball team played another match. We lost 5 to 18, to Equipment.		
	24.6.45		The Squadron was released today. The pilots enjoyed the sun in the morning and several of them fixed up various gadgets for the sleeping quarters, such as bed lamps and book-cases. In the afternoon there was a fruitless expedition to the neighboring Danish border posts in search of cameras and binoculars.		
	25.6.45		Two formations got airborne in the morning and flew down to an American drome whose Thunderbolts have been shooting us up lately. The Americans found our Typhoons very impressive. In the afternoon a 'cab rank' was laid on to co-operate with some army manoeuvres. It was cancelled just as the first section became airborne. The rest of the day was spent in practice flying.		
	26.6.45		In the morning we were given a talk by F/L Roger Dunne our M.O.. We were of course all very interested as the subject was mostly the female body with V.D. as a sideline. Eight aircraft led by S/L Coffey took off at 11:15 to do some pansy formation. We found ourselves by chance over the American Aerodrome again which was a good place to show off. On the way back we did cloud flying and finally all eight aircraft passed over our drome in line abreast. In the afternoon once again there was a Copenhagen rehearsal. Nine aircraft went this time and did the usual dummy run on		

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B.166, Flensburg, Germany	26.6.45		the target. Fortunately only one went U/S and was unable to return.		
	27.6.45		Flying was confined to two weather checks but the cloud base was very low and flying was scrubbed. F/L French returned from Copenhagen where he had been left after the last rehearsal. The Sports day was cancelled and the Squadron was released in the afternoon.		
	28.6.45		It rained in the morning and there was no flying. In the afternoon F/L Muff led a Squadron formation but the weather was very bad and flying difficult. Much excitement was caused by the receipt of various postings for the Squadron. They are as follows: F/L McCarthy, Smith, F/O Leach and F/O Bob Gray Pacific volunteers; F/L Villiers and F/O Gregory - occupation of Europe; and F/L Jimmy Kerr and F/O Hughes for repatriation to Canada.		
	29.6.45		There was some local flying in the morning although the weather was showery. In the afternoon it cleared up somewhat but the aircraft are being saved for the Copenhagen show on Sunday and only seven sorties were made.		
	30.6.45		The weather remained very bad and the dress rehearsal for Sunday was cancelled. In the afternoon the pilots saw a film on the Invasion.		
			HEALTH - The general health of personnel for the month was very good.		
			STRENGTH - Typhoons 1B - 18. Aircrew: 19 officers, 1 airman. Groundcrew: 2 officers, 3 airmen. FLYING TIMES - Nil operational. 320:30 hrs non-operational.		
			MOVEMENTS - J23882 F/L J.G. Penfield and J12036 F/L G.H. Cockburn from 245 Sqn. eff. 28.5.45; J28743 F/O D.E. Martyn from 439 Sqn. eff. 9.6.45. Postings Out: J20591 F/L L.A. Roach eff. 18.5.45 and J18368 F/O H.K. O'Brien eff. 16.6.45 to B.P.C., J5833 F/L P. Blasky to 438 Sqn. eff. 1.6.45. J11885 F/O R.M. Gray, J36421 F/O D.M. Leach, J11325 F/L W.J. McCarthy, J12261 F/L E.R. Smith, J45240 F/O R.C. Gregory, J37106 F/L J.H. Villiers to 401 Sqn. wef 22.6.45. J68306 F/O N.M. Hughes, J16073 F/L H.J.F. Kerr to 403 Sqn. eff. 30.6.45. HONOURS AND AWARDS: J20841 F/L H.J. Hardy and J20430 F/L J.G.E. Savard, who have now been posted away from the Squadron on completion of a tour, have been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.		

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B.166, Flensburg, Germany	1.7.45		The Copenhagen show was once again postponed due to bad weather in the morning. However, during the afternoon 438 Squadron was scrambled and sent up to take part in an abbreviated display up there; so it appears that all our rehearsals have been for nothing.		
	2.7.45		The weather was very bad all day but five sorties were flown in the afternoon.		
	3.7.45		At noon a special table was prepared in the Mess, complete with champagne, as a farewell gesture for the pilots who are leaving us today, namely, F/L McCarthy, F/L Smith, F/O Leach and F/O Bob Gray - Pacific volunteers; F/L Villiers and F/O Gregory - Army of Occupation; F/L Jimmy Kerr and F/O Neil Hughes - repatriation. In the afternoon our "erks" arrived back from the U.K. after a stay of nine weeks.		
	4.7.45		With the Flight Commander of "B" Flight leaving yesterday, we congratulate F/L "Cro" Taylor on taking over the flight. After lectures in the morning we managed to get eight sorties flown. In the afternoon the Squadron attended a sports meet. S/L Coffey flew to Copenhagen to represent the Squadron at a banquet given by the council of that city.		
	5.7.45		S/L Coffey returned from Copenhagen in time to lead ten aircraft to Eindhoven to spend the night so as to do an airshow over Brussels tomorrow. In the evening we had dinner in the Officers Club, which was arranged by F/L Jimmy Penfield, who flew down in the Auster earlier in the day.		
	6.7.45		The air show over Brussels was cancelled in the afternoon due to bad weather and unfortunately (?) the Squadron could not return to Base.		
	7.7.45		The weather in the Eindhoven area was clamped all day so consequently -- another night in the Officers Club. The pilots left back at base flew six sorties.		
	8.7.45		The Squadron returned from Eindhoven with the exception of F/L "Holly" Hollingsworth and F/O Bob Dean who couldn't return because of engine trouble and F/L "Cro" Taylor who landed wheels up at Nordholz (an American drome). "Cro" Taylor arrived at base in the evening by a Yank-piloted Harvard.		

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B.166, Flensburg, Germany	9.7.45		Two sections of four did "Cab Rank" in the morning. There were eight sorties flown in the afternoon. F/L Hollingsworth returned from Eindhoven.	
	10.7.45		Four aircraft did "Cab Rank" in the morning and two aircraft did a co-op exercise with G.C.C. There were ten sorties flown in the afternoon.	
	11.7.45		This morning we saw a film on "The Battle of Britain". Three sorties were flown before lunch. In the afternoon the pilots attended a sports meet.	
	12.7.45		The Squadron was on readiness today from 0419 hours to 1000 hours. F/O McMillan and F/O Dean went to Hamburg to the "Cirous" and spent the night at 126 Wing. F/O Gunnarson visited 121 Wing at Schleswig.	
	13.7.45		In the morning the pilots lost a game of volley-ball to the "erks". Four sorties were flown in the afternoon. F/O Wilson, F/L Cockburn and F/O Martyn went to the "Yacht Club" to take part in an elimination for Saturday's race. The wind was nil so the sailing was called off and they contented themselves by swimming in the Flensburg fiord. F/O McMillan and F/O Dean returned from Hamburg. F/O Gunnarson returned from Schleswig.	
	14.7.45		In the morning we had a lecture by one of the A.L.C.'s on "Non-Fraternisation and World Commerce". S/L Coffey led the Squadron on a "panay" formation. The Squadron was released in the afternoon. Some of the pilots went swimming.	
	15.7.45		The Squadron was released today. Some of the boys went swimming and sun-bathing while some went yachting.	
	16.7.45		In the morning the pilots saw a film which dealt with the Russian Army from the time of their retreat until their great stand and subsequent advances to victory. At noon a special table was prepared in the Mess in honour of the pilots who are posted. F/O Wilson and F/L French from our Squadron will go to the Pacific. We flew fourteen sorties today in the sweltering heat.	
	17.7.45		Three sections of four aircraft did "Cab Rank" in the morning. In the afternoon S/L Coffey led two aircraft on a tail chase.	
	18.7.45		Eight aircraft led by F/L Taylor did Squadron formation and six other aircraft carried out other types of flying. The Squadron was released in the afternoon.	

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B.166, Flensburg, Germany	19.7.45		In the morning there were only nine short sorties flown due to shortage of maintenance. The pilots were released in the afternoon.		
	20.7.45		In the morning there were four A & E tests flown. F/O Ted Smith returned from Enschede with twelve movie films. The pilots were released in the afternoon.		
	21.7.45		In the morning we played volley-ball against 438 Squadron and won two games out of three. There were nine aircraft flown on air tests. There was a release in the afternoon and the pilots went sailing or swimming. F/L 'Pres' Pearson and F/O Ed. Flanagan left for England en route to Canada on repatriation.		
	22.7.45		The Squadron was released and spent the day in the sun accomplishing a tan.		
	23.7.45		F/L Jake Muff left on repatriation to Canada. In the afternoon eight aircraft took off, led by S/L Coffey and intercepted and had a dog fight with Tempests.		
	24.7.45		The Squadron went down to the rifle range in the morning and shot the Bren gun. Six aircraft got airborne on air tests. F/L Don French and F/O 'Tiny' Wilson left for the U.K. en route to Canada for a month's leave before going to the Pacific.		
	25.7.45		Eight aircraft were airborne in the morning on air tests. Organized sports were carried out in the afternoon.		
	26.7.45		In the morning there was a lecture by the Squadron M.O., F/L Reg. Dume, on Typhus. Seven aircraft were flown on air tests. The Squadron was released in the afternoon.		
	27.7.45		Six aircraft were flown on A & E Tests. The Squadron was released in the afternoon.		
	28.7.45		Nine aircraft were flown on aerobatics and cloud flying. Again the Squadron was released in the afternoon.		
	29.7.45		The Squadron was released for the day.		
	30.7.45		Four sorties were flown on cloud flying. S/L Bob Coffey received a severe head injury when he lost control of his jeep on the road between Flensburg and the airfield. It was just after a heavy rain and the paved road was very slippery.		

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B.166, Flensburg, Germany.	31.7.45		<p>Nine aircraft flew on miscellaneous flying in the morning. In the afternoon we flew seven sorties on practice dive-bombing.</p> <p>SUMMARY</p> <p>HEALTH - The general health of the Squadron personnel for the month was very good.</p> <p>STRENGTH - Aircraft - Typhoons 1b - 18</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Personnel:</th><th>AIRCREW</th><th>GROUND CREW</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Officers</td><td>14</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr> <td>Airmen</td><td>1</td><td>3</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>FIXING TIMES - OPERATIONAL - Nil</p> <p>NON-OPERATIONAL - 195:25 hours</p> <p>PROMOTIONS - J11035 P/O D.A. French to T/F.L. eff. 1.10.44</p> <p>J43855 P/O G.R. Dean to T/E.O. eff. 7.10.44</p> <p>POSTINGS - J92895 P/O (A/F.L.) W.C.J. Clifford to B.P.C. eff. 31.5.45</p> <p>J11035 P/L D.A. French and J43839 P/O R.H. Wilson to B.P.C. eff. 16.7.45</p> <p>J16608 P/L J. Muff, J22451 P/L R.P. Pearson and J89136 P/O E.T. Flanagan to 421 Squadron eff. 22.7.45.</p> <p>O13197 P/L R.F. Dunne to HQAF Overseas Headquarters eff. 23.7.45</p> <p>CASUALTIES - J10256 P/L (A/S.L.) R.E. Coffey, DFC was severely injured in an auto accident on 30 July, 1945.</p> <p>HONOURS AND AWARDS - Nil.</p> <p><i>A.E. Monson</i> (A.E. Monson) S/L, Officer Commanding, 440 Squadron.</p>	Personnel:	AIRCREW	GROUND CREW	Officers	14	1	Airmen	1	3	
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B.166, Flensburg, Germany	1.8.45		Cross countries were flown in the morning along with formation and aerobatics. We had very bad news that S/L Coffey, DFC passed away at 11:30 hours from the head injury he had received two days ago. The Squadron was released in the afternoon with the idea that they were to go swimming or at least make themselves scarce. F/L Hollingsworth returned in the evening from England with a new aircraft.	
	2.8.45		In the morning a film on "The Battle of China" was shown which proved to be very interesting. F/O Gunnarson and F/O Keon went on a trip of co-op. with 4 M.R.C.P. Six other aircraft spent time performing aerobatics. Two new pilots arrived here late in the afternoon from Dunsfold, J44187 F/O R.M. McGrindle and J41865 F/O C.S. McTavish.	
	3.8.45		A funeral service was held in front of Headquarters for S/L Coffey. Afterwards the procession moved to the town of Graastien in Denmark. He was laid to rest in the family plot of Paludie-Miller. Six of the pilots were pall-bearers. Six others, including F/L West were in the supporting party. It was nicely laid out with flowers strewn along the road. Seven lovely wreaths were laid on the grave. A Danish minister and our padre both gave a short service after which we all saluted with feeling as we felt the loss of our late boss quite a great deal. A dinner was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nissen, where the chief mourners, pall bearers and supporters attended. After it was over we left and came straight back to our Station. Bob Dean returned in the evening after ten days leave in Paris.	
	4.8.45		The day was spent in flying fourteen sorties. Our two new pilots went out on sector reccees. One flight formation and usual aerobatics and cross-countries were the order of the day. J22010 S/L "Cody" A.E. Monson, DFC, our new "Boss" arrived in the evening.	
	5.8.45		Sunday on readiness with four pilots on four hour shifts starting at first light. The last shift was spent in the Mess. At 30 minutes readiness. We were not scrambled. G/C Nesbitt came back from Lubeck with one of our aircraft. F/L Waller returned from leave in Paris where he had had a good time.	
	6.8.45		Today was a Bank holiday so we were released all day. The pilots spent time	

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B.166, Flensburg, Germany	6.8.45		sailing and other odds and ends to keep themselves amused. F/O Smith left for Paris today for a spot of leave.		
	7.8.45		Three air tests were flown in the morning. In the afternoon two formations of four aircraft went on a "cab rank", which turned out quite well. F/L Hollingsworth went to B.150 near Celle for a film and returned. F/O Gunnarson left for Copenhagen on leave. He is trying to get into Sweden as he has relatives living there. We hope he makes it.		
	8.8.45		Sixteen sorties were flown in the morning of practice low level and dive-bombing. F/O Keon had the best score of eight yards average in low level bombing. Four aircraft went out in section bombing, dropping two bombs at one time. Unfortunately only the leader's bombs could be plotted, but the bombing looked quite good from the air. In the afternoon organised sports were held along with swimming.		
	9.8.45		Weather was duff in the morning so a film was shown called "Nine Men". A story about a group of men in the desert, quite interesting. Weather remained poor so there was no flying.		
	10.8.45		W/C Grant gave us a lecture on dive-bombing and general flying. Weather still remained poor with steady rain and small showers all day long. We were given the day off - no flying.		
	11.8.45		Two formations of four aircraft each flew in the morning. F/O Martyn flew to B.150 to pick up some film and returned. In the afternoon three of the pilots took the afternoon off and went down to Hamburg to spend the night and next day visiting old friends. The usual cloud flying was flown in the afternoon.		
	12.8.45		The Squadron was released all day. The pilots swam, read and wrote letters to keep themselves busy. WO2 Bob Gurd returned in the evening from Paris where he had spent his leave.		
	13.8.45		A Squadron show of eight aircraft led by S/L Monson went out on an armed recon. They returned after reporting considerable traffic. Five other aircraft were flown in aerobatics and A & E Tests. Five aircraft flew in the afternoon on		

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B.166, Flensburg, Germany	13.8.45		various things giving us twenty hours a day which is required of us.		
	14.8.45		In the morning we all gathered in the lecture room as Air Marshal G.O. Johnson, Chief of R.C.A.F. Overseas, gave us some "gen" about how soon we would be going home and the general situation. The rest of the morning and the afternoon the weather was duff and no flying was carried out.		
	15.8.45		In the morning we again gathered in the lecture room as Air Chief Marshal Sir Sholto Douglas interviewed the pilots and looked the place over. This took almost all the morning. In the afternoon sports were carried out. No flying was done. Some pilots went to a thanksgiving service for the victory over Japan, held at the Wing Chapel.		
	16.8.45		This was VJ Day. No flying at all. A few of the pilots got passes and went into Denmark. Nothing of interest to report otherwise.		
	17.8.45		Another VJ Holiday. Some of the fellows came back from Denmark reporting a good time. F/L Hollingsworth, F/O Keon and F/O Dunn went on leave to Paris.		
	18.8.45		On readiness from first light till last light. We worked in shifts of four pilots. Weather was still duff so we were on 30 minutes in the Mess. F/O Gunnarson returned from leave in Copenhagen. We've just had information that we are leaving for England on Wednesday the 22nd. Everyone is very happy about the situation. Wires have been sent recalling the fellows on leave.		
	19.8.45		Today is Sunday and the Squadron was released all day. Nothing of interest happened.		
	20.8.45		Sixteen sorties were flown this morning on A & E tests of approximately 30 minutes each. It is now definitely known that the Squadron is disbanding on 26.8.45.		
	21.8.45		Two A & E tests were carried out. In the evening the Squadron personnel had a last get-together before breaking up. The party was held in a very well decorated room in the N.A.A.F.I. building in Flensburg and we were entertained by a troupe of dancers, musicians, a cartoonist and a magician. There was plenty of good Danish beer, schnapps and punch for everyone (too much for some) and the Danish pastries served were delicious. The guiding genius behind the party was F/L "Ora" Taylor, who did a		

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B-166, Flensburg, Germany	26.8.45		<p>goes a great deal of credit for the winning of the war. The present members of the Squadron are heading back to civilian life but they will never forget the friends they have made or the experiences they have had.</p> <p><u>SUMMARY</u></p> <p><u>HEALTH</u>: The general health of the Squadron for the month was very good.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH</u> - Nil</p> <p><u>FLYING TIME</u> - Non-operational - 97:35 hours.</p> <p><u>PROMOTIONS</u> - Nil</p> <p>* <u>MOVEMENTS</u> - Squadron disbanded eff. 26.8.45</p> <p><u>CASUALTIES</u> - J10256 S/L R.E. Coffey, DFC, Officer Commanding, died on 1.8.45 as a result of injuries received in an auto accident two days previously.</p> <p><u>HONOURS AND AWARDS</u> - NIL</p> <p>* J44187 F/O R.M. McGrindle and J441865 F/O G.S. McTavish arrived from 83 G.S.U. on 2.8.45. J22010 S/L A.E. "Cody" Monson, DFC succeeded S/L Coffey, DFC (deceased) as Officer Commanding the Squadron, arriving from 83 G.S.U. on 4.8.45.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <i>P.O. MacDonell</i> P.O. MacDonell) F/L. for Officer Commanding, 440 Squadron. </p> <p>The following are attached as Appendices:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Squadron Scrap Book 2. Five Squadron Authorization Books 		