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of (Unit or Formation)...Station Headquarters, Cranwell...

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Place.	Date.	Time.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
CRANWELL.	1.1.39.		On 1st. January, 1939 the Staff at Station Headquarters consisted of the following:- <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <p>Commanding Officer.</p> <p>Squadron Leader Administrative.</p> <p>Station Adjutant.</p> <p>Assistant Adjutant.</p> <p>Senior Equipment Officer.</p> <p>Senior Accountant Officer.</p> <p>Medical Officer.</p> <p>Senior Chaplain (C. of E.).</p> </div> <div> <p>-,</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> </div> <div> <p>Group Captain J.H. Simpson.</p> <p>Squadron Leader J. Mutch.</p> <p>Flight Lieutenant J.H. Harris (R.A.F.O. Class C.C.).</p> <p>Lieutenant-Colonel E.C. Mockler. (I.A. retd.). p.s.c.</p> <p>Group Captain B.W.M. Williams.</p> <p>Wing Commander G.N. Simon.</p> <p>Group Captain A.E. Panter M.R.C.S.</p> <p>Group Captain J.A. Jagoe. M.A.</p> </div> </div>	
	2.2.39.		Air Commodore D. Harries AFC., assumed Command of Station Headquarters vice Group Captain J.H. Simpson.	C.F. 7/39.
	6.2.39.		Squadron Leader J. Mutch posted to Headquarters, No. 21 (Training) Group (Supernumerary) ¹ / ₂ Wing Commander E.J. Grout took over the duties of Senior Accountant Officer vice Wing Commander G.N. Simon. Squadron Leader A.H. Allan took over the duties of Senior Equipment Officer vice Group Captain B.W.M. Williams.	C.F. 9/39. C.F. 8/39. C.F. 8/39.
	16.2.39. to 23.2.39.		Air Officer Commanding No. 21 (Training) Group Annual Inspection of Station. Squadron Leader W.J.H. Linley took over the duties of Squadron Leader Administrative vice Squadron Leader J. Mutch.	C.F. 12/39.
	8.3.39.		Group Captain R.A.G. Elliott took over the duties of Medical Officer vice Group Captain A.E. Panter posted Overseas.	C.F. 11/39.
	27.3.39.		Sir Kingsley Wood, Under Secretary of State for Air visited Cranwell.	
	1.4.39.		Recruits Training Wing formed at Cranwell. Squadron Leader M. Wiblin took over the duties of Wing Commander Administrative, and was promoted to the rank of Wing Commander w.e.f. 1.4.39.	C.F. 13/39.
	24.4.39.		Squadron Leader A.H. Allan promoted to the rank of Wing Commander w.e.f. 1.4.39. Squadron Leader R.A.B. Stone attached to Recruits Training Wing from 24.3.39. to 24.4.39. to Command (Temporarily). Squadron Leader R.S. Darbyshire attached to Recruits Training Wing (Temporarily) to Command, vice Squadron Leader R.A.B. Stone.	C.F. 13/39. C.F. 14/39. C.F. 15/39.
	14.5.39.		Reverend L. Wright granted a Permanent Commission w.e.f. 14.5.39.	C.F. 19/39.
	15.5.39.		Flight Lieutenant J.H. Harris promoted to the rank of Squadron Leader (Administrative).	

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Dr. E. M. C.
Group Captain,
Commanding,
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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
Cranwell.	2/4/41		Visit of Wing Officer A. S. Pritchard to discuss W.A.A.F. establishment and accommodation problems.	
Barkston Relief Landing Ground.	7/4/41	2343 hrs	An unidentified enemy aircraft attacked an Oxford aircraft coming into land with Machine Gun fire. The enemy aircraft followed down to about 50 feet and was fired on by the Flare Path gunner with American Twin Lewis and by the Twin Lewis of the Mobile Vehicle. The enemy aircraft broke off the attack, the Oxford being undamaged. At 2350 hours an unidentified aircraft again flew over the landing ground and all the Ground Defence guns opened fire: results not known.	
Cranwell.	8/4/41		Visit of Dr. Hambrook of the United States Education Department, to see training methods at Cranwell. Entertained to dinner and Musical Evening at Royal Air Force College (F.T.S.) Mess.	
Barkston R.L.G.	9/4/41		At 0050 hours, an unidentified enemy aircraft, flying from West to East, dropped one H.E. Incendiary Bomb on the flare path. The bomb exploded and burned for 3 minutes. A.C.2. O'Donovan who was standing some 50 yards from the point of explosion, was injured and died in hospital soon after.	
Cranwell.	11/4/41		A performance of "The Crucifixion" by John Stainer was given in the Station Church by the Cranwell Philharmonic Society and the Sleaford Choral Society, supported by the Royal Air Force College Band under the direction of Flying Officer A. E. Sims, M.B.E., L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M. This performance was specially orchestrated by Flying Officer A. E. Sims.	
Cranwell	12/4/41		Station Gas Practice held at 0930 hours - noticeable improvement in the general carrying out of this order.	
Cranwell	12/4/41		On advice from Royal Air Force Station, Digby that low flying enemy aircraft was in vicinity, the "Attack Alarm" was sounded at 1340 hours. "All Clear" 1406 hours.	
Cranwell.	15/4/41		The Inspector General of Aerodrome Defences, Major General C. F. Liardet, C.B., D.S.O. inspected the Defence System at Cranwell, Barkston and Fulbeck.	
Cranwell.	17/4/41		Visit of Brigadier H. A. R. Aubrey, O.B.E., M.C. in connection with Station Defence.	

Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events
Cranwell.	23/4/41	1200 hrs	Enemy aircraft flew over the aerodrome at approximately 3000 feet and was engaged by Royal Artillery posts 9 and 15 and Royal Air Force posts Nos. 8, 8a, 7, 7a, also the Armadillo at Southways. Four posts identified the enemy aircraft as a Heinkel. Very cloudy at time and aircraft only visible for a few seconds at intervals. Enemy aircraft fired a burst of machine gun fire as it passed away ^{flew off} in a S.E. direction.
Cranwell.	24/4/41		Visit of Air Officer Administrative, Headquarters, Technical Training Command, Air Vice-Marshal R. G. Parry, C.B., D.S.O. to discuss accommodation and training problems at Cranwell, arising from the probable moving of the Equipment Training School and No. 2 Central Flying School.
Cranwell.	24/4/41 25/4/41		A 24 hour Anti-Gas Exercise was held, commencing with "Gas Alert" at 1630 hours on 24th April. There were "Gas Alarms" at 0820 hours on 25th and at 1400 hours on 25th. "All Clear" at 1630 hours on 25th. Exercise carried out satisfactorily.
Fulbeck.	30/4/41		One unidentified enemy aircraft attacked Fulbeck Relief Landing Ground at 0115 hours, dropping incendiaries and 9 H.E. bombs some 75 yards from the flare path, but although nine craters 20 feet in diameter and 10 feet in depth were formed, nobody on the landing ground heard any explosions. No guns opened fire and there were no casualties.

GENERAL.

During April the following Home Office Warnings were received:- Yellow 82. Purple 35.
Red. 34. Personnel proceeded to shelters twice.

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Commanding R. A. F. Station,
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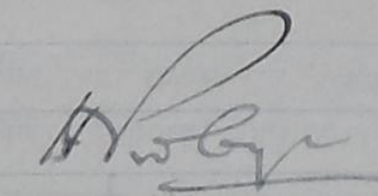
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Cranwell.	1.4.42.		Colonel Storrie D.S.O., and Wing Commander F.J. Sherman, Headquarters, Technical Training command visited Station reference Defence.	
Cranwell.	2.4.42.		Group Captain R. Reay Jones and Wing Commander E.G. Bunce-Phillips, Headquarters, No.27 (T) Group visited the Station.	
Cranwell.	5.4.42.		No.14 "Enemy Aircraft Flight" visited Cranwell. A JU88 Heinkel 111 and a Messerschmitt 110 were inspected by Air Crew personnel of 3 (C) O.T.U., No.1. Signals School, and College S.F.T.S. The aircraft gave a flying and dive-bombing display on 6/4/42 and left Cranwell 7/4/42.	
Cranwell.	7.4.42.		Flight Lieutenant W.G. Randall, Headquarters, Technical Training Command, visited the Station to formulate the proposed new establishment for Station Headquarters, Radio School, and Signals School.	
Cranwell.	16.4.42.		Station Gas Exercise - There was a marked improvement in the wearing of Gas Clothing and respirators, consequently the number of "casualties" passed through the Decontamination Centres were few. The Decontamination Centres worked efficiently and the exercise was satisfactory.	
Cranwell.	22.4.42.		A demonstration of the Northover projector was given, the Smith's Gun, Grenade Throwers, and other Station Defence Armament, were also exhibited and demonstrated to personnel.	
Cranwell.	23.4.42.		Group Captain R. Reay Jones, and Wing Commander Bunce-Phillips, Headquarters No.27 (T) Group, visited No.1. Signals School, Cranwell.	

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Cranwell.	24.4.42		Sir Ronald Storrs, K.C.M.G., visited Station and gave interesting lecture on "The Near East" to personnel.	
Cranwell.	28.4.42		2806 (Defence) Squadron, R.A.F. Regiment, left the Station on transfer to R.A.F. Station, Biggin Hill. The Squadron marched out of the Station headed by the Station Band, and the Station Commander took the salute en route.	
Cranwell.	30.4.42		Air Commodore J.H. Simpson, A.O.C. No.26 (Signals) Group, visited Station. <u>GENERAL.</u> During April, one Home Office "RED" and five "PURPLE" warnings were received. Personnel were not ordered to shelters.	



Air Commodore,

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
			APRIL - 1942.	
CRANWELL.	4.4.42.		F/LT.E.O.JEWESBURY.(Med.) Neuro-psychologist returned to R.A.F.Hospital,Rauceby on cessation of attachment to R.A.F.Station,Cranwell.F/Lt.Jewesbury was attached to Cranwell for 1 week to gain experience in viewing the problems of his speciality from a station point of view with special reference to flying problems of an N.Y.D."N" nature.He was accommodated in the R.A.F. College Mess,	
			F/O.C.O.RIBEIRO. (Med.) Ceased to be attached to R.A.F.Station,Cranwell from No.11.R.C.Skegness (attached to assist in Station medical duties in connection with a large number of special medical examinations for fitness for overseas.)	
CRANWELL.	9.4.42.		F/LT.F.E.FLETCHER.(Med.) Posted to R.A.F.Station,Cranwell., from No.1.R.A.F.Depot for medical duties at Cranwell on ceasing to be non-effective sick.	
CRANWELL.	16.4.42.		Station Manning exercise for Station Defence Active and Passive.All 1st aid posts manned and both decontamination centres for wounded.Dental personnel and R.A.F.College band also mobilised as additional first aid help. 15 " contaminated wounded casualties " were detailed from staff and convalescent patients and passed through cleansing and first aid rooms.No special comments.	
			F/LT.J.P.AGATE.(Q) Med.Detached from H.Q.27 Group to attend a Court of Inquiry into loss of Cocaine Hydrochloride gr 151.As a witness F/O.W.D.RICHARDSON (Q) Med; of R.A.F.Hospital,Rauceby was a member of the Court and attended each day.	
CRANWELL.	17.4.42.		F/O.T.LYLE.(Med.) Posted to R.A.F.Station,Cranwell., from M.T.E & D.Harrogate.	
CRANWELL.	20.4.42.		0152 hrs.S.S.Q.informed that an operational aircraft had crashed at N.Rauceby village, but that R.A.F.Hospital,Rauceby had dispatched M.O and ambulance to crash,2 killed.Bodies later transferred to Cranwell mortuary as in the mean-time it was ascertained that the aircraft was from No.3 (C) O.T.U.Cranwell.The road to the site of crash was impassable owing to wreckage and difficulty in reaching the site would have been experienced if Rauceby Hospital had not sent ambulance to the crash,2 Cottages were also burnt out but there was no civilian casualties.	
CRANWELL.	21.4.42.		W/CDR.A.D.KELLY.Med.(R.C.A.F.) Visited R.A.F.Station,Cranwell, from H.Q.T.T.C.On a tour of inspection of all R.A.F.Stations in U.K., to compare British and Canadian methods from the medical aspect	
			Court of inquiry into loss of 151 grains of Cocaine Hydrochloride completed.F/LT.J.P.AGATE returned to H.Q. 27 Group.	
CRANWELL.	25.4.42.		One case obs: C.S.M., reported in night and transferred to R.A.F.Hospital,Rauceby.Diagnosis confirmed next day.All appropriate action taken and no further cases occurred.	

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CRANWELL.	26.4.42.		<p>F/LT.A.L.BASHAM. discharged from R.A.F.Hospital,Rauceby., yesterday.Arising out of the findings of the Court of Inquiry,F/LT.A.L.BASHAM was placed in arrest and a Summary of Evidence was taken. A court martial was subsequently applied for.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>St. John's w/ 370.</i></p>	

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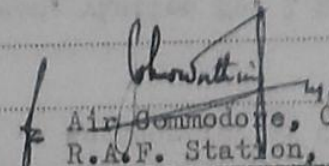
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CRANWELL	1st April 1943.		A Parade to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Royal Air Force was held on the East Camp Parade Ground, under the command of Group Captain G.P. Chamberlain. Units on the Station each provided a squadron, the voluntary Bands of the W.A.A.F. Section and No. 1 Radio School, were in attendance. The Station Commander, Air Commodore H.M. Probyn, C.B.E., D.S.O., took the salute. A point of interest is that only four persons on the Station had served continuously since the foundation of the Royal Air Force, viz. Air Vice-Marshal R.P. Willock, C.B., Air Commodore H.M. Probyn, C.B.E., D.S.O., Squadron Leader Osmond and Flight Lieutenant Hands.	
	2.4.43.		Squadron Leader E.I. Irving and Squadron Leader J. Korndorffer of College S.F.T.S. were awarded the Air Force Cross.	
	3.4.43.		Squadron Leader Fleming, Canadian Liaison Officer, visited No. 1 Radio School to discuss the various matters in connection with Canadian Officers and airmen.	
	7.4.43.		Strong winds gusting up to 80 miles per hour.	
	9.4.43.		First holiday course of A.T.C. Cadets, 75 in number, arrived for 1 week's training, and were accommodated at No. 1 Radio School.	
	10.4.43.		Lord Sherwood, Under Secretary of State for Air, accompanied by Lord Wimborne, inspected the Air Operating Section at No. 1 Radio School, lunched at the Officers' Mess, and was shown round the College, where tea was provided.	
	13.4.43.		Mrs. Beatrice King, Chairman of Women's Anglo-Soviet Committee, lectured to personnel of the College S.F.T.S. in the College, and to a large number of the remainder of the personnel in the Radio Block, No. 1 Radio School.	
			Air Vice-Marshal R.P. Willock, C.B., Air Officer Commanding No. 21 Group, inspected College S.F.T.S.	
	19.4.43.		Wing Commander E.R. Long, Officer Commanding No. 8 Radio School, posted to Air Ministry, Kingsway.	
	22.4.43.		Lord Trent, Regional Commissioner for Defence, visited this Station.	

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	22.4.43.		Squadron Officer Swift, Directorate of Education, Air Ministry, visited the Station in connection with W.A.A.F. General Service Training.	
	26.4.43.		An Anglo-Polish Concert was held in the Cinema, and was an outstanding success. Wing Officer Turner, No. 27 Group, visited No. 1 Radio School, accompanied by Squadron Leader Elve (CTTB) to enquire into the grievances which had come to light amongst the W.A.A.F. Trainees ex Balloon Operators, who had been put under training as R.T.O's, when their trade of Balloon Operators became obsolete.	
	27.4.43.		Air Commodore Chamier, C.B., C.M.G., O.B.E., D.S.F., visited the Station to inspect the passing out of the second contingent of A.T.C. Cadets.	
			<u>GENERAL.</u> No Home Office Air Raid Warnings were received during the month of April.	
			 Air Commodore, Commanding, R.A.F. Station, CRANWELL.	

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CRANWELL	1.4.43		S/Ldr. Anderson concluded visit and returned to T.T.C.	
CRANWELL	2.4.43		Sister Russell posted to R.A.F. Station Whitley Bay. No relief posted. Gas Exercise in West Camp 14.00 - 16.00 hours. All arrangements for dealing with casualties worked according to plan.	
CRANWELL	3.4.43		Senior Sister Miss Rogers reported for duty from R.A.F. Hospital, Iceland	
CRANWELL	5.4.43		Senior Sister Miss G.S. Taylor left on posting to R.A.F. Station Hospital, Wilmslow. Fatal aircraft accident (Oxford) North Aerodrome 13.45 hours. Sole occupant (552998 Cpl. Coward S. R.A.F. College S.F.T.S.) instantly killed.	
CRANWELL	11.4.43		W/Cmdr. O.M. Fraser S.M.O. left for Gas Course at R.A.F. Gas School, Rollestone, Wilts.	
CRANWELL	12.4.43		An outbreak of suspected food poisoning occurred this evening involving approximately 250 personnel of East Camp. Fifty cases were detained in S.S.Q. 1433457 L.A.C. Hughes R.A.F. College S.F.T.S. involved in Flying accident at Cranwell. - body removed to Mortuary.	
CRANWELL.	13.4.43		Specimens of faeces and samples of the suspected food sent for analysis. Majority of the affected personnel discharged. Court of Enquiry sitting to investigate causation and responsibility. Trade Test Board held on Nursing Orderlies. Fatal flying accident at Ewerby, nr. Sleaford. 120799 F/O Grove P.H. transferred to and died at R.A.F. Hospital, Rauceby. 132725 P/O Wade K. 126880 P/O Lane L. and 1313583 Sgt. Newman killed instantaneously. 1001194 Sgt. Clegg S. transferred to R.A.F. Hospital Rauceby - on D.I. list.	

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CRANWELL	14.4.43		Remaining cases of food poisoning discharged. Fatal flying accident at Cranwell. Body removed to Mortuary S.S.Q. - 1320723 L.A.C. Cozens, College S.F.T.S.	
CRANWELL	15.4.43		W/Comdr. D.I. Rear S.M.O. 27 (T) Group visited this station and inspected Station Sick Quarters, College S.F.T.S. and cookhouses in East and West Camp.	
CRANWELL	18.4.43		W/Comdr. O.M. Fraser returned from Gas Course. F/Lt. Cooper left on 7 days annual leave.	
CRANWELL	20.4.43		Orthoptist team arrived for night vision testing.	
CRANWELL	22.4.43		Sister Madgwick P.M.R.A.F.N.S. arrived for duty at S.S.Q. Orthoptist team XXXXXX returned to London.	
CRANWELL	23.4.43		F/O Shepherd (WMO) left on 7 days compassionate leave.	
CRANWELL	26.4.43		S/Ldr. Sutton left on 7 days annual leave.	
CRANWELL	27.4.43		F/Lt. Cooper returned from leave.	
CRANWELL	28.4.43		Miss Blair R.R.C. Matron in Chief PMRAFNS visited S.S.Q. and made inspection.	
Signed <i>D.M. Frater</i> W/Comdr. Senior Medical Officer.				

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CRANWELL	APRIL		<p>Compiling Officer :- Wing Commander E.K. Cormody (Senior Administrative Officer).</p> <p><u>I - OPERATION.</u></p> <p>(a) <u>Weather.</u></p> <p>1,2,3,4,5,6,7, } 16,18. } Fog at various periods of the day and night.</p> <p>2,3,4,5,6,7, } 9,13,14,15,16, } 17,19,20,21. } Rain and drizzle at various periods.</p> <p>No snow or sleet during month. Winds light to moderate throughout month.</p> <p>(b) The flying hours of the Station for the month were:-</p> <p>No. 1 Radio School 3187.50</p> <p>No. 17 S.F.T.S. Day 5481.85</p> <p>" " Night 464.05.</p> <p>9134.20</p> <p><u>II - ADMINISTRATION.</u></p> <p>18th (a) R.A.F. Station Wellingore taken over as satellite for use by No. 17 S.F.T.S.</p> <p>25/27th (b) Wing Commander S.B.S. Smith, Senior Medical Officer, Headquarters, No. 27 (T) Group, and staff, visited the Station.</p> <p>28th (c) Brigadier-General H.L. Clark, 52nd Troop Carrier Wing, U.S.A.A.F. visited the Station.</p> <p>29th (d) An excellent dance was given for the Station Officers' Mess, to which our American Allies from five adjacent Stations were invited. Those who accepted had a very enjoyable time.</p> <p>The ceremony of Retreat was given by the Bagpipe Band of the Apprentices of No. 1 Radio School /over...</p>	

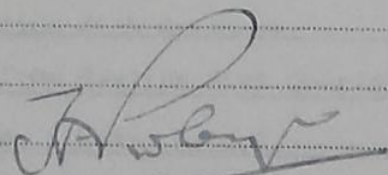
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			and was much appreciated by our guests.	
	30th		(e) A nine-hole golf course was opened for the use of personnel of all ranks at Cranwell. The course was designed and laid out by Col. S.V. Hotchkin, M.C., of Woodhall Spa. A small club house has been erected and made available for the use of personnel, and a large number of golf clubs have been provided through the generosity of donors, via the agency of "The Times" newspaper. Provided it is possible to maintain the course, and continue to improve it, it should make a very good course in two years time.	
			<u>III - PERSONNEL.</u>	
			(a) Strength at the end of the month:	
			(i) <u>Station Headquarters.</u>	
			Officers:- R.A.F. 64	
			W.A.A.F. 13	
			W.M.O. 3	
			PIRAFNS 5	
			85	
			W.Os. & Senior N.C.Os. RAF 100	
			" " " " WAAF 24	
			Other Ranks RAF 576	
			" " WAAF 475	
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			<u>Total strength of Station.</u>	
			<u>Officers.</u>	
			R.A.F. W.A.A.F.	
			508 58 666	
			<u>Other Ranks.</u>	
			R.A.F. W.A.A.F.	
			5660 1701 7561	
			Civilians 453	
			Total .. 8614	

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Cranwell	April		IV - GENERAL.	
	6th		All leave stopped with certain exceptions - viz., for Operation Aircrew, and on extreme compassionate grounds.	
			 Air Commodore, Commanding, R.A.F. Station, Cranwell, Lincs.	

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Cranwell.	1/4/44.		S/Ldr. J.D. Gunnis returned to Technical Training Command having successfully completed arrangements for Hospital Catering.		
"	1/4/44.		F/Lt. J.S. Weightman, (WMO) admitted to Station Sick Quarters.		
"	5/4/44.		F/Lt. G.H.B. Roberts attached to No. 6 Radio School.		
"	5/4/44.		S/Ldr. G.D. Elphick proceeded on Course of Tropical Medicine at Halton.		
"	6/4/44.		Sister E. Thomas - (P.M.R.A.F.N.S.) admitted to Station Sick Quarters.		
"	7/4/44.		F/Lt. J.S. Weightman, (WMO) discharged from Station Sick Quarters.		
"	13/4/44.		Sister E. Thomas - (P.M.R.A.F.N.S.) discharged from Station Sick Quarters.		
"	14/4/44.		F/Lt. G.H.B. Roberts ceased to be attached to No. 6 Radio School.		
"	15/4/44.		Sister C.E. Parsons (6017) - (P.M.R.A.F.N.S.) admitted to S.S.Q.		
"	18/4/44.		Sister M.K. Cryer (P.M.R.A.F.N.S.) proceeded on posting to R.A.F. Hospital Northallerston.		
"	18/4/44.		Sister S.M. Haywood (6184) - (P.M.R.A.F.N.S.) posted from P.M. R.A.F. Hospital Halton w.e.f. 18/4.		
"	20/4/44.		S/Ldr. G.D. Elphick returned from Course on Tropical Medicine at Halton.		
"	20/4/44.		Sister S. Eavis (6149) - (P.M.R.A.F.N.S.) posted from R.A.F. Hospital Wroughton, w.e.f. 20/4.		
"	24/4/44.		Sister C. Parsons (6017) - (P.M.R.A.F.N.S.) discharged from Station Sick Quarters.		
"	27/4/44.		Sister C.E. Parsons (6017) (P.M.R.A.F.N.S.) proceeded on posting to R.A.F. Hospital, Wroughton, w.e.f. 20/4.		

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CRANWELL	1945 April		Compiling Officer:- Wing Commander E.K. Cormody (Station Administrative Officer).		
			<u>I - OPERATIONS.</u>		
			(a) <u>Weather.</u>		
	1,2,3,4,5,8,12,				
	21,22,23,27		Cloudy with rain, becoming fair.		
	7,9,10		Thick, becoming fair, ground frost.		
	6,14,15,25		Fine, becoming cloudy with rain.		
	28,29,30		Cloudy with snow showers and rain.		
	11,14		Cloudy with rain, poor visibility.		
	24		Fine, becoming fair, excellent visibility.		
	20		Fine, becoming cloudy with thunderstorms.		
	26		Cloudy, thick fog. Rain after 2300 hours.		
	25		Fair, becoming cloudy.		
			Winds moderate, to gusty throughout the month.		
			(b) The flying hours of the station for the month were:-		
			No. 1 Radio School 1484.20		
			SEQ Communication Flight 165.20		
			No. 17 S.F.T.S. day 4245.25		
			night 614.40		
			6509.45		
			<u>II - ADMINISTRATION.</u>		
	8/10th		A French delegation, composed of General de Brigade de Vitrolles, Lt.-Col. Sourquet, Captain des Ignards, Wing Commander de Laszlo, accompanied by Air Commodore P.R.T.J.M.I.C. Chamberlayne, visited the Station, and carried out a tour of inspection of No. 1 Radio School and No. 17 S.F.T.S.		
	9th		The Station Commander, Air Commodore W.E.G. Bryant, M.B.E., proceeded to R.A.F. Station, Rolleston, to give a series of lectures on the Far East.		

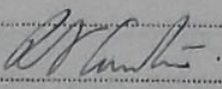
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	12th		Group Officer E.B. Richdale, Technical Training Command, and Wing Officer P.A. Bayliss, Headquarters, No. 27 Group, visited the Station.		
	8th		Air Commodore S.H. Hardy, C.B.E., A.D.C., Commandant, No. 1 O.A.T.S., died in Rauceby Hospital.		
	13th		A funeral service for the late Air Commodore Hardy was held in the Station Church, followed by cremation in Nottingham.		
	14th		Major General C.T. Beckett, Commanding 3rd A.A. Brigade, paid a visit to the Station.		
	23rd		The Advance Party of No. 17 S.F.T.S. moved to Spitalgate. Group Captain T.H. Evans, O.B.E., Senior Accountant Officer, arrived at Cranwell on posting.		
	26th		Wing Commander War, Regional Welfare Officer, and Wing Commander Patterson, Air Ministry Welfare Officer, visited the Station.		
	30th		No. 17 S.F.T.S. Main Party moved to Spitalgate.		
			<u>III - PERSONNEL.</u>		
			(i) <u>Station Headquarters.</u>		
			Officers:		
			R.A.F.	57	
			W.A.A.F.	14	
			W.M.O.	3	
			W.D.O.	1	
			PMRAFNS	5	
				80	
			W.Os. & S.N.C.Os.	R.A.F.	101
				W.A.A.F.	23
			Other ranks	R.A.F.	413
				W.A.A.F.	497
			Civilians		182
					1218

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<u>CRANWELL</u>	<u>1945</u> <u>April</u>				
			(ii) <u>Total Strength of Station.</u>		
			<u>Officers.</u>		
			<u>R.A.F.</u> <u>W.A.A.F.</u> <u>U.S.A.A.F.</u> <u>TOTAL.</u>		
			598 33 1 632		
			<u>Other ranks.</u>		
			<u>R.A.F.</u> <u>W.A.A.F.</u> <u>U.S.A.A.F.</u>		
			4012 1291 6 5309		
			<u>Civilians.</u> <u>335</u>		
			<u>5644.</u>		
			<u>IV - GENERAL.</u>		
	<u>2/5th</u>		Station Entertainments presented the Gilbert & Sullivan Comic Opera "The Mikado" both dates inclusive.		
	<u>6th</u>		The NAAFI Social Club at Sleaford was opened.		
	<u>16th/19th</u>		The Cranwell Little Theatre Company produced "Men of Good Name," written by F/Lt. W.J. Wade and Corporal Sands, L.		
	<u>24th/25th</u>		Station Headquarters Unit personnel produced a revue "The Show Goes On" in West Camp Institute.		
			<i>W. S. S. M. G. A. L.</i> Air Commodore, Commanding, R.A.F. Station, Cranwell, Lincs.		

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Granwell.	10.4.45		F/Lt. D.R. Levinson (64851) arrived from R.A.F. Stn. Locking for temporary duty.	
"	16.4.45		F/Lt. W.J.O. Page (81600) reposted to R.A.F. Hospital, Rauceby on cessation of attachment to This Station.	
"	20.4.45		F/Lt. D.R. Levinson (64851) returned to R.A.F. Stn. Locking on cessation of duty.	
"	27.4.45		(S/Ldr. N. Jackson.) Attached to Moral Leadership Course at Balfour Service Club, London.	
"	24.4.45		F/Lt. E. Rosenberg (115508) arrived at this Station on posting from C.M.E. (No. 5 A.C.M.B.)	
"	27.4.45		F/O. J.S. Deans, (8248) posted from M.T.E. & D. Halton.	


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CRANWELL.	APRIL.				
	1		Full day unfit for flying on account of bad weather.		
	3/4		Half day unfit for flying on account of bad weather.		
	5		No. 5 Short S.F.T.S. comprising 2 Can. and 19 R.A.F. Officers and 5 R.A.F. airmen completed course and proceeded on leave pending posting.		
	6		No. 6 Short S.F.T.S. (17 R.A.F. and 1 Can. Officer and 8 R.A.F. airmen) arrived for flying training.		
	6 } 8 } 9 }		Half days unfit for flying on account of bad weather.		
	10		Parade held for the presentation of wings to successful pupils of No. 50 Course due to complete on 12th April. Air Vice-Marshal H.V. Champion de Crespigny C.B., M.C., D.F.C., Air Officer Commanding No. 21 Group made the presentation and took the salute at a march past. Relatives and friends of the pupils were invited to attend and several accepted. Tea for the pupils and their guests was arranged under the auspices of N.A.A.F.I. in the pupils' mess.		
	11		And airmen N.C.O.'s.		
	12		General Service Training Course for officers was inaugurated at the Unit, and No. 1 Course commenced training. Attached as Appendix 3 is a copy of the Syllabus.		
			No. 50 Course completed training and 4 R.A.F. 1 Turk 1 French 1 Aus 1 N.Z. and 1 Norwegian Officers and 1 French 2 Belgian 1 Egyptian, 1 Dutch and 39 R.A.F. airmen proceeded on leave pending posting.		
			No. 52 Course comprising 55 Turkish Officers and 1 French and 7 R.A.F. airmen arrived for flying training.		
			DIVISIONAL SCHEME programme arranged for the morning.		
	14		Instructions given by the Station Commander in letter SHQ/S/458 dated 13th April 1944, that North Airfield had to be vacated by No. 17 S.F.T.S. Flights which were to move to the South Aerodrome.		
			Station Anti-Gas Exercise held, purpose being to test Gas Sentries and communications.		
			Battle Headquarters was manned.		
	16/17		Half day unfit for flying on account of bad weather.		
	19		Instructions received from No. 21 Group that owing to a deficiency of 5% in Technical and Allied trades within 21 Group the flying hour task was to be reduced by 5% for the month of April. (Letter reference 21G/S2/30/Air dated 17th April, 1944).		
			Information given in 21 Group letter 21G/S2/30/Air dated 17th April 1944, that ex B.F.T.S. instructors proceeding to operations will not in future undergo a Short S.F.T.S. course at this Unit but will be fed straight to (P)A.F.U. The 60 Refresher places at this Unit will thus be required for pure Refresher Training.		
	22		"H" Flight, Beam and Nav. Flights moved from the North to the South Airfield.		

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Cranwell	1.4.42.		Whitley "H" on Exercise N.3. Wellington "M" on Exercise N.1, both aircraft returned before completing exercise owing to bad weather conditions. S/Ldr. Dunn posted from this Unit to No. 6 C.T.U. Weather: Cloudy with occasional showers in morning becoming fine, heavy rain commencing at 1200 hrs. Visibility 4 - 6 miles improving to 8 - 12 miles. Wind 15 - 20 mph increasing to over 30 mph.	Appendices C & D.
	2.4.42.		am. Two Ansons carried out Exercise D.R.1. Two Ansons on Exercise P.2. pm. One Anson on Exercise P.3. Four Ansons on Exercise D.R.3. Wellington "G" carried out Western Approaches Exercise reported sighting of a large convoy N.W. of Isle of Mann. F/Lt. Appleby - Brown ceased attachment to R.A.F. Squires Gate and returned this Unit. Weather: Fine to fair throughout the day. Cloud 6/10 at 2500 - 3000'. Vis. 2 - 4 miles.	Appendices D & E F & G J.
	3.4.42.		Two Wellingtons carried out Night cross-country exercise P.2. F/Lt. Brock posted this Unit from 502 Sqn. S/Ldr. Russell posted from this Unit to 502 Sqn. Weather: Cloudy with intermittent rain during morning. No low cloud. Vis. 8 - 12 miles.	Appendix E.
	4.4.42.		F/O Judd admitted to R.A.F. Hospital Rauceby. S/Ldr. Ruda takes over command of Headquarters Maintenance Wing vice W/Cdr. Burns D.F.C. posted. Weather: Fair becoming cloudy with occasional showers. Low cloud at 1000 - 1500'. Vis. moderate to good. Wind 15 - 20 m.p.h.	
	5.4.42.		Three Whitleys on Western Approaches Exercise. Four Ansons on Exercise D.R.3. F/Lt. Hodgekinson admitted to R.A.F. Hospital Halton. Weather: Fair to cloudy with thunder showers. Cloud: Variable amounts of low and medium cloud at first rising to 2 - 3000' by noon. Vis. Moderate to good. Wind 15 - 20 mph.	Appendix J & G.
	6.4.42.		Wellington "K" over the North Sea for Depth Charge dropping. Weather: Fine to fair at first becoming cloudy. Visibility 15 - 20 mph. Wind 15 - 20 m.p.h.	
	7.4.42.		Two Wellingtons and one Whitley carried out Western Approaches Exercise. Five Anson aircraft on exercise D.R.4. Wellington "S" to Harwell returning 8/4. Whitley "Z" on Affiliation Exercise at Digby. W/Cdr. Cooper in Whitley "V" to Longtown and then 17 Group returning 8/4. Three pupil Pilots attached to F.T.F. No. 15. C.T.U.	Appendix J. H.

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Cranwell.	7.4.42.		Due to thunderstorms and very low cloud Wellington "K" landed at Silloth, Anson "L" at North Coates and Whitley "W" at Catterick, unfortunately the Pilot of the latter misjudged his approach and the aircraft overshot the landing field and crashed into a hedge smashing the undercarriage, no casualties were sustained. Weather: Fine with scattered showers. No low cloud. Visibility 6 - 12 miles. Wind 15 - 20 m.p.h.	
	8.4.42.		Three Wellingtons carried out Western Approaches Exercise. P/O. Crosby T(e)-posted from this Unit to No. 217 Squadron. Weather: Fine becoming partly cloudy but soon dispersing. Visibility 4 - 6 miles. Wind 15 - 20 m.p.h.	Appendix J
	9.4.42.		Wellingtons "K" and "G" carried out Western Approaches Exercise. Weather: Fine at first but continuous rain commencing at dawn but ceasing by noon. Visibility 16 - 18 mls. Wind 10 - 15 mph.	Appendix J
	10.4.42.		Wellington "K" airborne 12.17. on Western Approaches Exercise, owing to bad visibility, the aircraft flying on instruments when returning crossed the coast and landed at Silloth 12.28 hrs. Weather: Mainly fine during day. Vis. 6 - 12 miles. Cloud 2 - 2500'. Wind 5 mph.	
	11.4.42.		W/Cdr. Cooper to Wick in Whitley "P". Wellington "O" (Captain - P/O Smith) engaged on local night flying overshot the landing field and crashed nose-first into an adjoining ploughed field damaging the front fuselage and tail body. This accident was due to the failure of the Flap Hydraulic System and the aircraft landed therefore at an excessive speed. No casualties were sustained. Weather: Fine with cloudy period in the afternoon. Cloud nil at first increasing to 9/10 at 3000' in afternoon. Visibility 6 - 12 miles. Wind 5 - 10 mph.	
	12.4.42.		Church Parade held today, P/Lt. Prance & P/O. Barron with 25% personnel attended. Weather: Fair or fine. Visibility moderate becoming good. Wind 5 - 10 mph. No low cloud.	
	13.4.42.		Whitley "W" on Exercise Western Approaches landed at Limavady to refuel. On return the aircraft was compelled to land at Waddington as the Flare path at Cranwell was unlit. S/Ldr. Foster ceased attachment to R.A.F. Upavon and returned this Unit. Weather: Fair or cloudy. No low cloud. Visibility moderate or good poor after dusk. Wind 10 mph.	
	14.4.42.		W/Cdr. Corry D.F.C. posted from this Unit to H.Q. No. 16 Group. No. 8 Course "passed out" today with the exception of three Wellington crews (18 pupils) the others, 8 Pilots, 7 Observers, 16 W/Os. AGs. posted to various Squadrons. Weather: Fine. Visibility poor at first soon becoming moderate. Wind 20 - 25 mph. Cloud nil.	
	15.4.42.		No. 10 Course commenced today and was comprised of 17 Pilots - 12 Observers - 37 W/Os. AGs. Weather: Fine. Cloud - nil. visibility good, becoming excellent. Wind 20 - 25 m.p.h.	

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Cranwell.	16.4.42.		S/Ldr. Johnson visited the Unit on D.C.M. Duty. Station Defence and Gas Exercise held today and the whole organisation was thoroughly tested. Weather: Fine, Cloud nil, Visibility good becoming excellent. Wind 5 - 10 mph.	
	17.4.42.		A pyrotechnics Demonstration was held this afternoon and was attended by pupils of No. 9. course and also one or two curious spectators who drifted along to see the sights. Weather: Fine, Cloud nil at first increasing slightly later. Visibility 4 - 8 miles. Wind 10 - 15 mph.	
	18.4.42.		Weather: Fine becoming cloudy. Visibility 4 - 8 miles. Cloud small amounts Sc at 2 - 2500'.	
	19.4.42.		P/O. FRY. O.C. Photo Section posted from this Unit to No. 7 O.T.U. Weather: Fine at first fog during early hours but clearing by dawn. Cloud nil at first increasing and becoming 9 - 10 tenths at 1500 - 2000' and dispersing afternoon. Vis. 6 - 8 miles. Wind 10 - 15 mph.	
	20.4.42.		Wellington "J" Captain P/O. Rath and W/O. AC Sgt. Meigel whilst engaged on night flying exercises crashed into high ground E/W. of the aerodrome near Rauceby Vicarage, and caught fire, totally destroying the aircraft and killing both members of the crew. Weather: Fine but slight rain during the morning. Cloud nil at first but 9 - 10 tenths Sc. at 4500' to 5000'. Visibility 6 - 8 miles. Wind 10 - 15 mph.	
	21.4.42.		A new method of maintaining aircraft serviceability has been inaugurated by W/Cdr. Cooper. Various tradesmen have each been allocated to one aircraft and are responsible for its serviceability till dusk, and on a whole every effort is being made to increase yet further, the day and night flying hours, so that pupils may leave this Unit with a greater total of O.T.U. flying hours to their credit. Weather: Cloudy with fine period during afternoon. Visibility 6 - 12 miles. Cloud 10/10 at 2000'. Wind 10 - 15. m.p.h.	
	22.4.42.		One Wellington and four Whitleys on Exercise D.R.5, an exercise of approximately 5 hours. Weather: Cloudy with local mist. Cloud 10/10 Sc. at 2000' rising to 5000'. Visibility 6 - 12 mls. Wind 10 - 15 m.p.h.	Appendix I.
	23.4.42.		Wellington "K" (Captain P/O. Smith) carried out Western Approaches Exercise, airborne 22.30. hours. Weather: Foggy at first becoming cloudy with slight drizzle. Visibility fair to good. Cloud nil at first becoming 10/10 Sc. at 3000'. Wind calm becoming 10 - 15 mph.	Appendix J.

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Granwall	24.4.42.		Wellington "D" F/Lt. A-Brown carried out Western Approaches Exercise Airborne 22.30.hrs. F/Lt. Harding & P/O. Frame posted from this Unit to No.15. C.T.U. Harwell. Weather: Cloudy with some slight showers during the morning. Visibility excellent. Cloud 9/10 Sc. at 2000'. Wind 15 - 20 m.p.h.	
	25.4.42.		Five Ansons on Exercise "P.2." Three Wellingtons on N.1. Wellington "S" on Exercise D.R.5. F/O. Carmichael detached from this Unit to R.A.F. Upaven for C.F.3. Course. Weather: Fair becoming fine. Visibility good becoming excellent. Small amounts low cloud. Wind 15-20mph.	Appendix E.B.I.
	26.4.42.		Excellent flying weather today and the following aircraft were dispatched on Exercises. Two Wellingtons and two Whitleys on Exercise N.1. Three Whitley on Exercise N.2. Six Ansons on Exercise P.2. Four Ansons on Exercise D.R.3. Wellingtons "N" & "H" carried out Western Approaches Exercise, airborne 22.00.hrs. Whitley "L" airborne 22.10.hrs on Exercise D.R.4. Weather: Fair to fine. Visibility over six miles. Wind 10 - 15 mph. Cloud small amounts 800'.	Appendix B.F.A. Appendix B. G. Appendix J. Appendix H.
	27.4.42.		Three Whitleys on Exercise N.3. One Wellington on Exercise N.1. Wellington "H" airborne 22.25.hrs on Western Approaches Exercise landed at Silloth on return for refuelling 06.55. airborne again 09.31. landed at base 11.40.hrs. Weather: Fine. Visibility over six miles. Cloud Mainly nil. Wind 20 - 25 mph.	Appendix C & D
	28.4.42.		Four Ansons on Exercise D.R.1. Anson "L" on Exercise P.2. Wellington "X" and Whitley "N" on Exercise N.3. Whitley "N" crossed the coast in and landed at Acklington 16.35.hrs with "Magneto trouble" returning to base 19.09.hrs. Three Ansons and two Ansons on Exercises D.R.3. & D.R.1. respectively. Night Flying - three Whitleys on D.R.4. Whitley "S" on Ex. N.2. Whitley "L" on Ex. N.3. Weather: Fair to fine. Visibility over six miles. Cloud variable amounts high cloud. Wind 20 - 25 mph.	Appendix D.E. " C " C & D " H.A.G.
	29.4.42.		Four Whitleys on Ex. N.3. One Whitley on Ex. N.2. Three Whitleys on Ex. D.R.4. Weather: Fair to fine. Visibility over six miles. Wind 20 - 30 m.p.h. Cloud large amounts High.	Appendix C.A.H
	30.4.42.		One Wellington Crew No.7. Course awaiting posting instructions. Two Wellington Crews No.8. Course also awaiting posting instructions. These Crews are carrying out additional training. Roll of Senior Flying Instructors. S/LDR. Foster O.C. "A" Flight..... F/Lt. Appleby. Brown O.C. "B" Flight..... G/Lt. Crawford. O.C. "D" Flight.... S/Ldr. Keppel O.C. "C" Flight. Roll of Senior Ground Instructors and Staff: C.O. W/Cdr. Cooper.... O.C.I. S/Ldr. Hawkins.... Navigation Officer S/Ldr. Gordon.... Practical Ground Training Instructor S/Ldr. Baldwin.... O.C. Maintenance Wing S/Ldr. Rudd.... Adjutant F/Lt. Dempster.... O.C. Signals Section F/Lt. Prance.... Radio Officer F/Lt. Purdy.... Intelligence Officer F/Lt. Davies.... O.C. Servicing Sqdn. F/Lt. Carter.... Controller F/Lt. Richards.... Gunnery Officer F/Lt. West.... Ammunition Officer F/Lt. Lomax....	

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Cranwell.	30.4.42.		<p>TOTAL FLYING HOURS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1942.</p> <p><u>ANSON</u> <u>DAY</u> <u>WELLINGTON</u> <u>DAY</u> <u>NIGHT</u> <u>WHITLEY</u> <u>DAY</u> <u>NIGHT</u> <u>LYSANDERS</u> <u>DAY</u></p> <p>546 hrs. 317 hrs. 163 hrs. 429 hrs. 225 hrs. 56 hrs.</p> <p>Weather: Fine. Visibility over six miles. Wind 10 - 15 mph. Cloud variable small amounts.</p> <p><i>T. Blooper.</i> Wing Commander, Commanding, No.3.(C).O.T.U. Cranwell.</p>	

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Cranwell	1st. April 1943		To celebrate the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Royal Air Force there was a stand down from work for all personnel except those engaged on essential duties. There was no flying. S/L. Bain assumed command of No. 3 (C) O.T.U. w.e.f. 31st March 1943 vice W/C. Foster absent on leave. P/O. Baynton W.L., P/O H.B. Kelly and P/O. Riley posted from No.1 P.D.C. for Instructor Duties. Weather:- Mainly fair with slight drizzle early. Visibility:- Moderate or good. Wind:- Westerly fresh to strong with gale gusts. Cloud:- 7 - 10/10 at 1,500 - 3,000 ft.	
Cranwell	2nd. April 1943		During daylight there were four O.F.E. 2s and one O.F.E.1, and also nine exercises including Bombing, BABS and D.T.C. in Wellington and Whitley aircraft. At night Whitley P did O.F.E.3. Three aircraft were on Dual instruction. Two Wellingtons went to Cromer Knoll for Leigh Light homing but returned with exercise uncompleted. Weather:- Cloudy, becoming fine after dusk. Visibility:- Moderate to good Wind:- WNW, light to moderate. Cloud:- Much cloud at 4,000 ft, decreasing to little or none after dusk.	'B', 'A', 'C'
Cranwell	3rd. April 1943		Operational exercises in daylight were four O.F.E.1s and one O.F.E.4. There were also nine exercises such as Bombing, D.T.C. and Fighter Affiliation. Whitley J went to Gatwick and returned Anson U went to Squires Gate. At night there were three O.F.E.1s and two Dual and Solo S/L. Ashley proceeded to HQ. 17 Group for a conference and returned 5/4/43. F/O. L. Chatterley posted from 17 Group for Signals Duties. Weather:- Fair, cloudy in morning and afternoon, fine after dusk. Visibility:- Moderate. Wind:- Light W-NW changing to light SSE. Cloud:- Much cloud at 3,000 ft, little or none after dusk.	'A', 'D', 'A'
Cranwell	4th. April 1943		The senior course did one O.F.E.1 and seven O.F.E.2s, and the junior course did four O.F.E.7s. There were twelve exercises such as Bombing, L.L. practice, BABS etc. At night three O.F.E.1s were done. Three pilots were practising Dual and Solo, and one Leigh Light. Weather:- Fine early and late, cloudy during the day. Visibility:- Moderate. Cloud:- Much cloud at 4,000 ft. Wind:- Calm, becoming Westerly, light and gentle breeze.	'A', 'B', 'G', 'A'
Cranwell	5th. April 1943		A total of seventeen operational flying exercises were flown as follows:- One O.F.E.1, three O.F.E.2s and six O.F.E.4s in Wellingtons and Whitleys, four O.F.E.7s in Ansons, and at night one O.F.E.1, one O.F.E.3 and one O.F.E.4. There were four seven local exercises during the day and four Leigh Light exercises at night. Aircraft Crashes:- Whitley E, captain Sgt Wright, when returning from O.F.E.4, struck a tree and crashed near the East end of the Flare path. The aircraft was badly damaged; there were only minor injuries to the crew. Weather:- Fine early becoming fair to cloudy. Visibility:- Moderate or good. Wind:- WSW, light, becoming strong WNW. Cloud:- Small amounts in morning, variable amounts at 3,000ft. after midday.	'A', 'B', 'D', 'G', 'A', 'B', 'D'

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Cranwell	6th April 1943		Operational Flying Exercises were as follows:- One O.F.E.1, one O.F.E.2 and three O.F.E.4s in Wellingtons (Two of the latter returned early owing to bad weather) Five O.F.E.7s in Ansons. At night the navigational exercises were cancelled because of weather and there was only local flying. Weather - Fine becoming cloudy with slight showers. Visibility - moderate to good. Wind - Northwesterly strong, gale force 1700-1800. Cloud:- Sc at 3,000 ft.	'A', 'B', 'D', 'G'
Cranwell	7th April 1943		Flying was cancelled because of the gale and a wet weather programme was arranged. Night navigational trips planned for the night were cancelled by continuation of the gale. Weather:- Cloudy at first becoming fair then fine, rain and hail showers. Visibility:- Moderate to good, reduced by dust shortly after noon. Wind:- WNW'ly, gusty and of a gale force reaching 45 m.p.h in afternoon. Several gusts over 60 m.p.h. with maximum gust to 81 m.p.h. Cloud:- Large amounts Sc at 2,000 ft.	
Cranwell	8th April 1943		No flying until afternoon, aircraft being inspected for damage after the gale. One O.F.E. 1 and one O.F.E.4 in Whitleys. Five aircraft used in dual flying. One Wellington proceeded to St. Eval. At night seven operational exercises, six O.F.E.1s and one O.F.E.3, were flown with reversed tracks to take advantage of the wind and because of expected bad weather. P/O. A.H. Smith posted from Cosford. Weather:- Fair to cloudy. Visibility:- Moderate to good. Wind:- N'ly. Cloud:- Sc at 3,000ft.	'A', 'D', 'A', 'C'
Cranwell	9th April 1943		Two Ansons were on O.F.E.6 and three on O.F.E.7. Eleven Wellingtons and Whitleys were on Bombing, D.T.C. etc. At night there were seven operational exercises, four O.F.E.3s and three O.F.E.1s and one Wellington was on Dual and Solo. Weather:- Cloudy becoming fine by mid night. Visibility:- Moderate with much smoke haze. Wind:- WNW'ly. 10-15 m.p.h. Cloud:- Large amounts Sc 3,00 ft dispersing after dark.	'B', 'C', 'C', 'A'
Cranwell	10th April 1943		Two Wellingtons were on O.F.E.4, one Anson on O.F.E.6, two Ansons on O.F.E.7, one Anson on O.F.E.8 and one Anson on O.F.E.9. Five Wellingtons on Dual flying. At night there were again seven operational exercises, one Whitley on O.F.E.1, two Wellingtons on O.F.E.3 and four on O.F.E.4. One of the latter returned early with W/T Failure. Weather:- Cloudy. Visibility:- Moderate becoming good. Wind:- Westerly 10/20 m.p.h. Cloud:- Mainly 10/10 Sc. at 3,000 ft.	'D', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'I', 'A', 'C', 'D'
Cranwell	11th April 1943		Operational exercises in daylight were as follows:- One Whitley on O.F.E.2 and five Ansons on O.F.E.s 6-7-8-9. Fifteen Bombing, Air firing and other air training exercises were carried out. The briefing for night flying was held in the lecture room, enabling the crews to sit down while being briefed instead of crowding round the operations room tables. There were five operational exercises at night, one O.F.E.1 and four O.F.E.3s. Wellington V2, captain Sgt Lees, returning from O.F.E.3 crash landed at 0130/12th, 150 yards South of the Chance Light on the flarepath. There were no casualties, but damage to the aircraft included undercarriage buried and one airscrew torn off. F/Lt. J.F. Davis D.F.C. posted from No 3 School of G.R. for Navigation Duties. P/Lt. Bennett and P/O. A.G.E. Hudd posted to No 3 S. of G.R. P/O. L.H. Cox detached to Thornaby on Controllers Course. Weather:- Mainly cloudy. Visibility:- Moderate, becoming very good. Wind:- SW - 15/20 m.p.h. Cloud:- Broken cloud with large amounts at levels above 10,000 ft.	'B', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'I', 'A', 'C'

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Cranwell	12th April 1943		<p>There were five operational exercises by the junior course in Ansons, two on O.F.E.6, one on O.F.E.8 and two on O.F.E.9. One Whitley completed O.F.E.4. Thirteen aircraft were on local exercises. Wellington U2 crashed when returning from Air Firing and Bombing. (See aircraft crashes) Whitley Y returning at dusk from Air Firing landed at Woodhall.</p> <p>Night Flying:- Two Wellingtons on O.F.E.1 and a Whitley on O.F.E.3 were recalled to base before the exercises were completed because of weather.</p> <p>Aircraft Crash:- At 1720 hrs. Well U2, Captain F/O. Grove, whilst flying on one engine, crashed in a field at Ewerby and hit a tree. The aircraft caught fire and was burnt out. Casualties were 120779 F/O. Grove, died in hospital next day; 132725 P/O. Wade, Killed; 126880 P/O. Lane, Killed; 135583 Sgt. Newman, killed; seriously injured were 1201822 Sgt Newman and the two Instructors W/O. Anderson and Sgt. Clegg.</p> <p>F/Lt. Dobson and F/O. P. Gay ceased to be detached to No. 60 B.A. Course.</p> <p>Weather:- Cloudy, haze and slight rain after dusk. Visibility:- Moderate becoming poor.</p> <p>Wind:- WSW, moderate. Cloud:- Variable Sc. 3,500 ft with large amounts of medium cloud.</p>	'P', 'H', 'I', 'D', 'A', 'C'.
Cranwell	13th April 1943		<p>Fifteen details such as L.L. practice, Bombing, Instrument flying etc were carried out in Wellingtons and Whitleys. At night there were five operational exercises, one O.F.E.1, one O.F.E.3 and three O.F.E.4s. One Wellington was on Leigh Light and one on C & Ls.</p> <p>Due to a concentrated effort early this month most of the senior course have completed their operational flying exercises and those crews picked for Searchlight Wellingtons are going ahead with Leigh Light training.</p> <p>Weather:- Cloudy becoming fair. Visibility:- Moderate, becoming good. Wind:- SouthWesterly 10mph.</p> <p>Cloud:- Variable.</p>	'A', 'C', 'D'.
Cranwell	14th April 1943		<p>Ansons flew as follows - two on O.F.E.6, two on O.F.E.8 and one on O.F.E.9, the latter was not completed because the W/T was unserviceable. Other exercises were three L.L., three bombing, two W/T Shad and three dual and solo in Wellingtons and Whitleys.</p> <p>At night there was one O.F.E.3 and 4 Leigh Light exercises.</p> <p>W/Cdr. Foster returned from leave and resumed command of the Unit. S/Ldr. Appleby- Brown posted to No.1 T.T.U.</p> <p>Weather:- Cloudy with slight rain in morning. Visibility:- Moderate or good. Wind:- SW-W, gentle to moderate breeze. Cloud:- Variable, small amounts of low, much medium and high.</p>	'P', 'H', 'I'.
Cranwell	15th April 1943		<p>There was one O.F.E.1 in a Wellington, 12 Fighter Affiliation exercises and eleven other exercises in Wellingtons and Whitleys. One Wellington went to Tumbery and returned. At night there two O.F.E.1s and three Leigh Light exercises.</p> <p>F/O. A.J. Wood posted from No.1 P.D.C for Flying Instructor Duties.</p> <p>Weather:- Mainly fair or fine. Visibility:- Moderate or good. Wind:- SW, gentle breeze.</p> <p>Cloud:- Little or no low cloud, variable medium and high.</p>	'A'.

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Cranwell	16th April 1943		<p>There was one O.F.E.3 in a Wellington; three Ansons were on O.F.E.7 and one on O.F.E.6. One Anson went to Detling as an exercise and another to St. Eval, taking a crew to bring back a Whitley. Fifteen other exercises including Bombing, Dual, Fighter Affiliation etc. were carried out. At night a Whitley on O.F.E.4 returned early with engine trouble. There were three details of L.L. exercises.</p> <p>S/L. W.P. Bain proceeded to 16 Group having been posted there with effect from 5th. April 1943. F/O. D.J. Knights D.F.C. posted from this Unit to 5 P.D.C. (pending posting overseas). F/O. W.J. Oliver posted from No.1 P.D.C. for WOP/AG Instructor Duties.</p> <p>Weather:- Fine Visibility:- Moderate. Low Cloud:- Little or none. Wind:- NW'ly gentle.</p>	'C', 'G', 'P'.
Cranwell	17th April 1943		<p>Three Ansons were on O.F.E.6 and three on O.F.E.8. There were fifteen Wellingtons and one Whitley on exercises such as Air Firing etc. At night one Whitley was on O.F.E.1, and five other aircraft local flying on dual and Leigh Light.</p> <p>Weather:- Fine becoming cloudy in afternoon. Visibility:- Moderate or good. Cloud:- Little or no low cloud, much medium and high in afternoon. Wind:- W'ly, moderate or fresh.</p>	'P', 'H', 'A'.
Cranwell	18th April 1943		<p>Two Ansons were on O.F.E.6, two on O.F.E.8 and two on O.F.E.9. There were nineteen local exercises by Wellingtons. At night there was 1 O.F.E.4 and seven Wellingtons local flying. P/O K.M. Towle posted to this Unit from No. 1 (C) O.T.U.</p> <p>Weather:- Cloudy. Visibility:- Good. Cloud:- Much cloud at 3-4,000 ft, otherwise mainly medium and high. Wind:- WSW, gentle to fresh.</p>	'P', 'H', 'I', 'D'.
Cranwell	19th April 1943		<p>Three Ansons were on O.F.E.6, one on O.F.E.7 and two on O.F.E.8. There were nine local exercises. Five aircraft took pupils to Bircham Newton to inspect Air Sea Rescue Boat. At night there were two O.F.E.4s, and seven details of local flying, including Leigh Light.</p> <p>Weather:- Cloudy with rain or drizzle in morning, becoming fine after dusk. Visibility:- Moderate in rain otherwise good. Wind:- Westerly. Cloud:- Broken cloud, becoming little or none after dusk.</p>	'P', 'G', 'H', 'D'.
Cranwell	20th April 1943		<p>One Wellington on O.F.E.4, two Ansons on O.F.E.6, one Anson on O.F.E.8 and two on O.F.E.9. There were thirteen local exercises mainly W/T Shadowing. Three Wellingtons were local flying at night.</p> <p>F/O D.W. Munro posted to No 306 F.T.U. F/O K.C. Hollinson posted to No 53 Squadron. F/Lt. C. Carmichael posted to No.1 T.F.U.</p> <p>Weather:- Mainly fine. Visibility:- Moderate till dawn then good. Wind:- Westerly gentle. Cloud:- Little or no low cloud, small amounts of high cloud.</p>	'P', 'H', 'I', 'D'.
Cranwell	21st April 1943		<p>One Anson on O.F.E.9, two Ansons on O.F.E.6, and two Ansons on O.F.E.8. During the day nine Wellingtons did local flying. At night one aircraft started on O.F.E.3 but was recalled because of weather, three Wellingtons on Dual flying.</p> <p>F/O A Comfort posted from 179 Squadron w.e.f. 14/3/43 as Flying Instructor.</p> <p>Weather:- Fine becoming cloudy after midday with rain towards midnight, visibility generally good but moderate around dawn and in rain. Wind:- Light S to SW'ly until dawn becoming E'ly moderate to fresh. Cloud was nil at first becoming 10/10 above 10,000ft during afternoon, and 10/10 to 3000 ft towards midnight.</p>	'P', 'H', 'I'.

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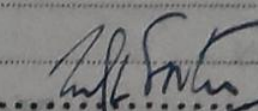
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Cranwell	22nd April 1943		Six Wellingtons on local flying during the day. By night six Wellingtons did Dual and Solo. F/L Dobson posted to E.C.F.S. Weather:- Cloudy with much rain but fair intervals, becoming fine but hazy during evening. Visibility was poor at dawn with fog but becoming moderate later. Wind - S.S.E. 5/10 mph becoming W.S.W. in late afternoon. Wind strength increasing to 15/20 mph during day. Cloud was 10/10 at 2500 ft becoming 10/10 surface to 1000 ft during morning and 600/2000 ft during afternoon. High cloud above 20000 ft during evening.	
Cranwell	23rd April 1943		The only flying during the day was a Wellington on Leigh-Light. By night one Wellington did a Leigh-Light, and four Wellingtons did Dual and Solo. Weather:- Fine but hazy until dawn becoming cloudy with periods of rain until 1700 hours. Fair to to fine during evening. Visibility was moderate becoming poor about dawn and at times in rain. Good during late afternoon and evening. Wind was S.W. becoming S'ly 10/20 mph. Cloud nil at first becoming 10/10 at 1000/2000 ft after dawn and falling to 400/600ft at times in heavier rain. Cloud becoming small amounts during evening.	
Cranwell	24th April 1943		One Anson did O.F.E. 6, two Ansons did O.F.E. 8, and two Ansons did O.F.E. 9., also one Anson on a transit flight to Wick. By night four Wellingtons were up on Dual and Solo. F/O Pope posted to 172 squadron, and F/O Ward posted to 612 squadron. Weather:- Cloudy with continuous rain until 0625 hours, then becoming fair to cloudy. Visibility was moderate in rain becoming very good. Wind - S. S.W. 15-25 mph becoming W. N.W. ily during the day. Cloud 10/10 at 1500-2500 ft in rain. During day 4-6/10 Cu. at 2500 ft.. After dusk no low cloud.	'F' 'H' 'I'
Cranwell	25th April 1943		Easter Sunday and no flying owing to it being a stand down from work. Weather:- Cloudy with intermittent rain or drizzle until dawn. Fair to cloudy through day with shower at 2200 hours, becoming fine towards midnight. Visibility moderate in precipitation but very good otherwise. Wind S.S.W. to W.S.W. 20/30 mph becoming 35/45 mph. Cloud 8/10 to 10/10 at 2000/3000 ft falling to 1500 ft in shower, becoming small amounts towards midnight.	
Cranwell	26th April 1943		One Anson did O.F.E. 6. Two Ansons on O.F.E. 8, and two Ansons on O.F.E. 9. The Anson which went to Wick on the 24th returned to this unit. Night Flying:- One Whitley on O.F.E. 3, and one Wellington on O.F.E. 1 and Leigh-Light. Four Wellingtons were up on Dual and Solo. Weather:- Fine becoming cloudy with intermittent rain followed by showers. Visibility good or very good. Wind S.W. ily becoming W.N.W. ily during the day. 30/40 mph becoming 15/25 mph during evening. Cloud was nil at first becoming 5/10 to 9/10 Cu and Sc at 2000/3000 ft.	'F' 'H' 'I' 'A' 'C'
Cranwell	27th April 1943		One Anson did O.F.E. 7, two Ansons did O.F.E. 6, and three Ansons did O.F.E. 9. One Anson proceeded to Haverford West with W/C Foster. One Wellington went to Cheltenham and return. One Whitley on local flying. Night Flying:- One Whitley on O.F.E. 4, and three Wellingtons on Dual and Solo. P/O Yarwood posted to No 9 (C) O.T.U..	'F' 'G' 'I' 'D'

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Cranwell	27th April 1943 (continued)		<p>Flights reorganised as follows:- "A" Flight (Wellington Conversion Flight) - S/L Brock. "B" Flight (Wellington Operational Flight) - S/L Hodgkinson. "C" Flight (Anson Training Flight) P/L L.A. Mackay. "D" Flight (Wellington Operational Flight) - S/L Gearing Thomas.</p> <p>Weather:- Cloudy with slight haze during the forenoon. Cloudy during afternoon with slight shower at 1600 hours and thunderstorm with hail at 1800 hours. Mainly fine during evening but slight shower about midnight. Visibility moderate or good. Wind westerly 20/30 mph. Cloud 10/10 during forenoon above 10,000 ft with small amounts Sc at 4000 ft. During afternoon mainly 10/10 Cu at 1500/2500 ft falling to 300 ft in thunderstorm. Small amounts 2500 ft late evening.</p>																					
Cranwell	28th April 1943		<p>One Anson in transit to Crosby. Three Wellingtons did local flying.. At Night one Wellington was airborne on OFE 3 but returned early with engine trouble. Three Wellingtons on local flying. No 20 course ended and 22 course arrived.</p> <p>Weather:- Variable sky with slight showers early. Visibility moderate or good. Variable amounts of Cu cloud at 2-4,000 ft. N. NW. wind, gentle to moderate becoming light after dusk.</p>	"C"																				
Cranwell	29th April 1943		<p>No 21 course commenced flying as crews in Wellingtons and flew on 19 exercises (There are no Whitley crews). Night flying cancelled because of weather.</p> <p>Weather:- Fair becoming cloudy with slight precipitation in evening. Visibility poor to moderate. W'ly wind backing SW and falling light. Small amounts of Cu cloud during morning. 8-10/10 Sc and Ns during afternoon and evening. Cloud base 2-3000ft.</p>																					
Cranwell	30th April 1943		<p>Only three D.T.C. exercises and three aircraft on local flying.</p> <p>Weather:- Cloudy with intermittent slight rain. Fog 0300-0430. Visibility poor becoming moderate. Light S'ly wind becoming moderate NW'ly. Cloud 10/10 Sc and Ps base 1-200 ft falling to 800 ft in precipitation.</p>																					
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Appendix "A"			O.F.E. 1 486 N. Miles 4.25 hours. Base - 53.25N. 00.27W. - 53.16N. 01.18E. - make good a track of 030°T. returning to Flamborough Head in two hours - 54.13N. 01.00W. - Base.	
Appendix "B"			O.F.E. 2 486 N. Miles 4.25 Hours. Base - 53.25N. 00.27W. - Cromer Knoll (53.16N. 01.18E.) - 54.00N. 02.10E. a creeping line ahead search is to be made using visibility 3 miles. The mean line of advance = 035°T. The depth of the search is to be 15 N. miles on either side of the mean line of advance. Four legs i.e. 30 miles are to be completed. Thence set course for 54.12. 01.00W. - Base.	
Appendix "C"			O.F.E. 3 517 N. Miles 4.42 Hours. Base - 53.25N. 00.17W. - Cromer Knoll (53.16N. 01.18E.) - 55.40N. 01.30E. - 55.40N. 02.30E. - 54.12N. 01.00W. - Base.	
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Appendix "E"			O.F.E. 5 797 N. Miles 7.14 Hours. Base - 53.25N. 00.27W. - Cromer Knoll (53.16N. 01.18E.) - 58.00N. 00.30E. - 58.10N. 00.25W. - Cromer Knoll - 53.25N. 00.27W. - Base.	
Appendix "F"			O.F.E. 6 233 N. Miles 2.30 Hours. Base - Salisbury - Cambridge - Base.	
Appendix "G"			O.F.E. 7 314 N. Miles 3.00 Hours. Base - 53.25N. 00.27W. - 53.16N. 01.18E. - 53.50N. 01.23E. - 53.42N. 02.20E. - 53.00N. 01.43E. - 53.25N. 00.27W. - Base.	
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Appendix "J"			O.F.E. 10 313 N. Miles 3.00 Hours. Base - 53.25N. 00.27W. - 53.20N. 00.30E. - approx seven alterations of course to take place from here. The eighth course when requested by the pilot is to be set for Flamborough Head (54.13N. 01.00 W.) - 54.13N. 00.50W. - Base.	