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LUDFORD MAGNA.	1.12.43.		One Crew Bombight levelling, otherwise all quiet on the Ludford front.		
	2.12.43.		OPERATIONS :- 21 A/C operated; successfully Captained by:- 'A' F/L Marshall, F/L Austin, F/S Trotter, Sgt. Rowe, F/S Langford, F/S Corkill. 'B' F/L MacKay, F/O Rawcott, F/S Batten-Smith, F/O Adamson, F/S Laurens. 'C' W/O Caray-Poster, F/O Wallis, F/S Bruce, Sgt. Bell. Early returns :- 'A' F/O Syme, 'B' F/O Slater. 'C' Sgt. Shearer. MISFILE :- 'B' F/L Fraser-Hollins, F/S Marrell. 'C' S/L Robertson DFC.		
	3.12.43.		OPERATIONS :- 15 A/C operated; successful Captains were:- 'A' F/L Austin, F/L Rowlands, F/L Marshall, Sgt. Rowe, F/O Syme, 'B' F/O Kelly, F/L MacKay, F/O Rawcott, F/S Batten-Smith, F/O Slater. 'C' F/O Wallis, F/S Bruce, Sgt. Bell. Early returns :- 'A' F/S Trotter. 'B' F/S Laurens.		
	4.12.43.		Three Cross-countries; one Crew Air Test; one Crew Local flying.		
	5.12.43.		Three Crews Air Firing; three Night Cross-countries; one Crew (F/O Oliver) crashed - fatal. PROMOTIONS :- F/O N.H. Marsh, AUS.1720 (Pilot) re-posted on Appt. to Commissioned Rank wef 27.9.43. F/O C.R.S. Ricketta, AUS.403040 (Gunner 'E') Posted from 27 OTU wef 27.11.43.		
			PROMOTIONS :- F/O N.H. Albert, J.21787 (A/B) promoted F/O wef 18.6.43. F/O W. McClure, J.22190 (A/B) promoted F/O wef 30.6.43.		
	6.12.43.		N I L.		
	7.12.43.		Five Crews Air Test.		
	8.12.43.		PROMOTIONS :- 633255 A/F/S (Pilot) Head, P.E. promoted F/B/S wef 4.12.43. 67916 Sgt (Pilot) Laurens, J. appointed A/F/S (Mid) wef 25.10.43. 658765 Sgt (A/B) Watchorn, S.S. promoted F/B/S wef 4.12.43. 915946 F/S (W/O AG) Honey, F.G. promoted F/W/O wef 1.8.43. 1147966 Sgt (A/B) Lyall, B.G. promoted F/B/S wef 4.12.43. 1166582 Sgt (A/G) Stafford, J.P. promoted F/B/S wef 11.9.43. 1236603 Sgt (Nav) Thompson, K.G. promoted F/B/S wef 7.12.43. 1919172 Sgt (Pilot) Bodger, A.J. appointed A/F/S (Unpaid) wef 25.10.43. 1521233 A/F/S (Pilot) Zanchi, P.I. promoted F/B/S wef 4.12.43. 1322247 Sgt (Pilot) Langford, D. appointed A/F/S (Mid) wef 25.10.43. 1321963 Sgt (Nav) Cowin, A. promoted F/B/S wef 18.12.43. 1333091 Sgt (W/O AG) Cadman, A.T. promoted F/B/S wef 27.11.43. 1322353 Sgt (Pilot) Rowe, P.F. appointed A/F/S (Unpaid) wef 25.10.43. 1337430 Sgt (Pilot) Bance, D.J. appointed F/B/S wef 10.11.43. 1390857 Sgt (A/G) Bence, F.C. promoted F/B/S wef 25.11.43. 1339545 Sgt (Nav) Dwyer, P.G. promoted F/B/S wef 21.11.43. 1344907 Sgt (Pilot) Shearer, J.W. promoted F/B/S wef 2.11.43. 1384335 Sgt (W/O AG) Lamprey, F.H. promoted F/B/S wef 28.11.43. 1425915 Sgt (Pilot) Bell, D. appointed A/F/S (Mid) wef 9.10.43. 1436410 F/S (Pilot) Evans, W.L. appointed A/W/O (Mid) wef 25.10.43. 1451691 Sgt (Nav) Burton, L. promoted F/B/S wef 4.12.43. 1499239 A/F/S (Pilot) Waughman, R.B. promoted F/B/S wef 5.12.43. 1538707 Sgt (Nav) Jones, J.C. promoted F/B/S wef 4.12.43. 1533368 Sgt (Pilot) Batten-Smith, I. appointed A/F/S (Mid) wef 25.10.43. 155255 Sgt (A/B) Grey, I.F. promoted F/B/S wef 25.10.43. 1511714 A/F/S (Pilot) Corkill, J.D. appointed A/F/S (Mid) wef 7.11.43.		
			MISFILE wef 27.11.43 :- 1040284 Sgt (F/B) Mayer, S. 1066653 Sgt (A/G) Scott, R. 1315458 Sgt (W/O AG) Hebditch, R.A. 1599474 Sgt (A/B) Roberston, J. 1716019 Sgt (A/G) Harkin, K.N. 1097935 Sgt (W/O AG) Waller, H.S. 1318266 Sgt (W/O AG) Peoney, H. 1521233 F/S (Pilot) Zanchi, P. 1458314 Sgt (A/G) Lovesay, A.G. 1508403 Sgt (A/B) Rowand, W. 1523732 Sgt (F/B) Hodgson, W. 1538797 F/S (Nav) Jones, J.C. 1576649 Sgt (A/G) Timms, D. 1627763 Sgt (A/G) North, G. 1802161 Sgt (F/B) Crooks, L.A. 1822144 Sgt (A/G) McKean, A.		258 88

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SUDFORD MAGNA.	8.12.43.		<p>Missing from Air operations:- wof 3.12.43. 947321 P/S. Fox L.H. (Wop) 1034649 Sgt. English T.A. W/S. 1349610 Sgt. Ferguson J. Wop., 1628407 Sgt. Jones S.J., 1892260 Sgt. Fannell F.G. A/G. 1115791 Sgt. North E. P/S., 1154466 Sgt. Kibbey R.H. A/B., 1239793 Sgt. Braunley T.C. A/B., 1338272 P/S. Murrell L.V. Pilot., 1395154 Sgt. Webb L.W. 1531493 Sgt. Hayes R.H. Wop., 1532600 Sgt. Cockcroft J. A/G., 1818877 Sgt. Garland J.W. A., 1332130 Sgt. Witham H.W. Wop., 1816110 Sgt. Heap R. A/G. Rhod. 778109 Sgt. Mortimer G.H. P/S., 10601047 Tech/Sgt. Kelley J.J.</p> <p>Following posted from 1662 C.U.:- (wof 2.12.43) 1216360 Sgt. Hepworth H.L. 1233513 Sgt. Wooliscroft Wop., 1585679 Sgt. Kendrick A.C. A/B., 1818187 Sgt. Baldwin J. P/S.</p>		
	9.12.43		4 Crews - fighter affiliation.		
	10.12.43.		5 night cross country's. 2 crews airfiring, one crew air testing. 1 crew to Bradwell Bay and return.		
	11.12.43.		3 Crews fighter affiliation and bombing.		
			Movements. Posted from 1662 Con. Unit. A413030 P/S. Murphy J.A. (Pilot) A412792 Sgt. Wood G.H.N. A.17520 P/S. Marsh N.A. (Pilot) appointed to Commission.		
	12.12.43.		5 Crews fighter affiliation.		
	13.12.43.		1 crew night cross country. Sdr. Dilworth, and crew posted to 576 Squadron. P/L Leader & crew posted to 576 Squadron. P/L. Proedy J.R. D.S.O., (Nav) posted to 12 Sqn. P/L. Hill W.J.F. (Cnr. (a)) attached from 1667 G.U. P/L. Marshall J.F. promoted to acting rank of Squadron Leader. P/O. Croisset 152441 posted from 26.0.F.U. P/O. French A.L. 141565 posted from 1662 CU.		
	14.12.43.		1 crew air testing.		
	15.12.43.		Nothing to report.		
	16.12.43.		21 Aircraft operated. Target Berlin. Successful Captains were: 'A' Flt. S/L. Marshall. P/L. Austin, P/O. Syme, P/O. Nightingale. P/O. Todd. P/S. Rowe, P/O. McCannell. 'B' Flt. P/L. MacKay, P/O. Bennett, P/O. Slater, P/L. Langby. (Bale out over base) P/S. Sutton-Smith, P/S. Murphy. 'C' Flt. P/O. Marsh, W/O. Evans, P/L. Robertson; Missing: 'B' Flt. P/S. Head. 'C' Flt. P/L. McFarlane. Sgt. Cooper crashed on return. Early returns were: 'C' Flt. P/O. Leader, P/O. Dickenson.		
	16.12.43.		626897 W/O. Davies, H.P. (WOMG), 1337278 Sgt. Cooper, N.M. (Pilot), 1396887 Sgt. Gistance, R.C. (Nav), 1456979 Sgt. Spelman, R.W.M. (A/B), 1567374 Sgt. Watson, J.K. (AG), 1590730 Sgt. Ross, W.O. (A/G) 1809922 Sgt. Ewe, R.M. (P/S), posted from No. 1656 C.U. w.e.f. 2.12.43. 1066989 Sgt. Brown, R.S. (WOMG), 1147366 P/S. Lyall, B.G. (A/B), 1609834 Sgt. Drought, F.J. (A/G) 1604400 Sgt. Blackley, E.N. (A/G), 1605344 Sgt. Smith, C.F. (P/S), posted from No. 576 Squadron w.e.f. 9.12.43.		
			1313970 P/S. Godfrey, W. (WOMG) posted from No. 1678 C.U. wof. 3.12.43. 1336867 Sgt. Skingley, posted from No. 75 Squadron w.e.f. 1.12.43.		

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LUDFORD MAGNA.	17.12.43.		<p>Acting Rank. Appointed to the acting rank of F/Lt. w.e.f. 1.12.43. F/O. R.E. MacFarlane, D.F.M. Gen.J.16696 (Pilot).</p> <p>Appointed to the acting rank of F/Lt. w.e.f. 1.12.43. F/O. A.L. Lazenby 421466 (Pilot).</p> <p>F/O. D.C. Martin 52312 (F/E) attached to No. 4 S of T.T. w.e.f. 8.12.43. for F/E's Leader's Course.</p> <p>F/O.(A/E/L) T.R. Danby 41100 Gnr.G. promoted to F/Lt (War Subs) w.e.f. 31.10.43.</p> <p>F/O. R.E. Scholes 133569 Gnr.'S' promoted to F/O. (War Subs) w.e.f. 12.6.43.</p> <p>F/O. J.A. Turner 139695 Nav. promoted to F/O. (War Subs) w.e.f. 1.9.43.</p>		
	18.12.43.		5 Crews Lindholme to Base, 1 Crew Lissot to Base, 1 Crew Air Test.		
	19.12.43.		1 Crew Blinbrook to Base, 1 Crew Paldingworth to Base, 1 Crew Lindholme to Base, 1 Crew Waltham to Base. 1 Crew Wickinby to Base.		
	20.12.43.		16 Crews operated. Successful Captains were: "A" Flt. S/L. Marshall, F/O. McConnell, F/O. Nightingale, F/O. Todd, F/S. Rowe, F/S. Murphy, F/S. Corkill. "B" Flt. S/L. Roosevelt, F/O. Pawcett, F/O. Adamson, "C" Flt. F/Lt. Robertson, F/O. Marsh, F/O. Leader, F/O. Evans, F/S. Bell, F/O. Wallis.		
	21.12.43.		1 Crew Bombing. 1 Crew Lindholme and return.		
	22.12.43.		2 Crews Bullseye, 1 Crew Acklington and return, 2 Crews Air Tests.		
	23.12.43.		17 Crews operated. Successful Captains were: "A" Flt. F/Lt. Rowland, F/S. Langford, F/S. Corkill, "B" Flt. S/L. Roosevelt, F/O. Slater, F/O. Adamson, F/S. Murphy, F/S. Batten-Smith, F/S. Laurans, "C" Flt. F/O. Marsh, F/Lt. Leader, F/O. Evans, F/O. McConnell, F/S. Bruce. Early returns were: "A" Flt. F/O. Nightingale, "C" Flt. F/S. Vaughan.		
	24.12.43.		2 Crews Bombing, 1 Crew Fighter Affiliation.		
			<p>Casualties: Missing from Air Operations w.e.f. 17.12.43.</p> <p>1319512 Sgt. (WO. AG) Street, H., 1289040 F/S. (WO. AG) Green, W.M., 1480719 Sgt. (Nav) Wilson, B.A., 1569393 Sgt. (AG) Lintern, H.R., 1645042 Sgt. (Pilot) Welby, W., 2209092 Sgt. (AG) Betts, R., 1275769 Sgt. (AG) Jordan, R.R.S., 1394339 Sgt. (AB) Westall, P.R., 1394496 Sgt. (WO. AG) Harvey, D.B., 1455508 Sgt. (AG) Ireland, J., 1621809 Sgt. (Nav) Wilson, L.D., 1803722 Sgt. (Pilot) Clarke, J.E. Killed as a result of Air Operations on 17.12.43. 626837 W/O. (WO. AG) Davies, H.R., 1294654 Sgt. (WO. AG) Hayden, J.V., 1537278 F/S. (Pilot) Cooper, N.H., 1396887 Sgt. (Nav) Custance, R.C., 1456979 Sgt. (AB) Spelman, R.W.M., 1809922 Sgt. (Pilot) Eya, R.K.</p>		
			<p>530149 Sgt. (F/E) Hall, J. posted from Ludford Magna w.e.f. 19.11.43.</p> <p>1209999 F/S. (A/G) Quick, P.H. posted to No. 1662 C.U. w.e.f. 20.12.43.</p> <p>1563446 Sgt. (WO. AG) Lingley, N.P. attached from 102 Squadron w.e.f. 2.12.43.</p> <p>1800321 Sgt. (Pilot) Forsyth, K.E. attached to R.N.Z.A.F.H.Q. London w.e.f. 20.12.43.</p> <p>1098824 Sgt. (AB) PULLER, B.A., 1205595 Sgt. (WO. AG) Broad, J.T., 1539261 Sgt. (F/E) Rowcliffe, J., 1572931 Sgt. (AG) Archibald, K., 1624256 Sgt. (AG) Rowlands, H.E. posted to No. 156 (IFF) Sqdn. w.e.f. 15.12.43.</p>		
	25.12.43.		Nothing to report.		
	26.12.43.		Nothing to report.		
	27.12.43.		3 Crews Cross Country, 3 Crews Air Test, 6 Crews Fighter Affiliation, 1 Crew Air Firing, 1 Crew Bombing, 1 Crew to Warboys and return.		

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