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OT. MASSINGHAM	1.9.44.		Fine, with high wind. Six aircraft operated on low level ground straffing operations over Northern Holland, with trains as principal objectives. S/L. E.H. THORN, DFC, DFM, claimed one train Cat B.		
	2.9.44.		Heavy rain until 10.00 hours when sun broke through. All flying cancelled 17.00 hours owing to deteriorating weather resulting in a very stormy night with heavy rain.		
	3.9.44.		Sunny, high wind and cold. W/Cdr. N.B.R. BROMLEY, OBE, returned from leave.		
	4.9.44.		Weather deteriorated. No operations.		
	4.9.44.		Rain the whole day. No flying.		
	5.9.44.		High wind with a fair amount of sun. Training flying only, consisting of Haystack exercises.		
	6.9.44.		Fine, high wind. 6 operational sorties took off before midnight. The Commanding Officer, W/Cdr. N.B.R. BROMLEY, OBE, with his navigator P/L. P.V. TRUSCOTT did not return. (Aircraft PE.230).		
	7.9.44.		Search by all available Squadron aircraft in very bad weather conditions revealed nothing. A very bad day in all respects; rain and low cloud added to the general gloom. Undoubtedly W/Cdr. N.B.R. BROMLEY is exceptionally popular with the whole Squadron. The award of the D.F.C. to W/Cdr. BROMLEY and his navigator P/L. P.V. TRUSCOTT was notified this afternoon.		
	8.9.44.		Rain all the morning. Training flying in the afternoon. No operations. Six aircraft carried out night training flying.		
	9.9.44.		Cold wind and showers. Training flying only.		
	10.9.44.		Sunny and fresh. W/O. E.G. FARR and his navigator P/S. G. KERSHAW completed their Freshmen sortie at night.		
	11.9.44.		Fine and windy. The morning was occupied by a M.I.9 lecture at WEST RAYNHAM for the aircrew. Six operational sorties which took off before midnight in support of a Bomber attack on DARMSTADT were all completed, including P/L. J.S. FIFIELD in Mosquito MT.121, who returned on one engine and crash-landed.		
	12.9.44.		Again fine and sunny. Nine operational sorties in support of Bomber attacks on FRANKFURT and STUTTGART took off before midnight and returned uneventfully.		

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	13.9.44.		Sunny and warmer. Five operational sorties in support of a Bomber attack on KARLSRUHE included F/O. P.A.J. DILS freshly crewed with F/O. P.A. DISNEY as his navigator on their Freshman sortie.		
	14.9.44.		Thick mist in the morning, clearing by midday. N.F.T.s were carried out in the afternoon in anticipation of operations which were eventually cancelled.		
	15.9.44.		Fine and warm. The news received today that F/L. G.E. MORGAN (R.C.A.F.) who was missing from operations on 21.4.44. has arrived back in England. Ten sorties took off before midnight in support of Bomber attack on KIEL. F/O. F.C. BAILLEY with his navigator F/O. J.O. MURPHY returned early with low oil pressure.		
	16.9.44.		Again fine. Three sorties took off before midnight on patrol over Holland and Germany.		
	17.9.44.		Three more sorties completed the night's work. F/L. C.G. ENDERSEY returned early with engine trouble.		
			Weather sunny and fine, becoming cloudy later in morning. The Squadron played cricket against Castle Rising in the afternoon. Seven uneventful sorties in support of Bomber attacks on BREMEN were all completed.		
	18.9.44.		W/Odr. T.A. HEATH, A.F.C. arrived from Headquarters 100 Group to command the Squadron; also F/L. T.R. CARPENTER, late of 239 Squadron, who will be his Navigator.		
			Fine and sunny all day. Four very early patrols took off between 18.15 and 19.00 hours to support an attack by Lancasters on BREMERHAVEN. All were completed and quite uneventful. Routes etc. came through so late that briefing had to be unduly hurried.		
	19.9.44.		Rather dull, with varying fog. The Squadron Badge has just been received with the gracious approval of His Majesty. The Badge itself: "In front of a hurt, a hunting horn in bend" with the motto "Hunt and Destroy" which adequately symbolises the particular work of the Squadron. Operations were cancelled at 17.00 hours owing to poor weather prospects.		
	20.9.44.		Fog, all day. Squadron stood down at 12.00 hours. Aircrew had liberty run to Norwich.		
	21.9.44.		Again very foggy, with slight clearance in afternoon. W/Odr. T.A. HEATH, A.F.C. gave a very interesting lecture to all aircrew at 14.00 hours on 'Planning of Operations at 100 Group'. No operations as weather deteriorated during the evening.		

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	22.9.44.		Another foggy day, with a little flying in the afternoon. Operations which only called for four aircraft were cancelled when aircraft were about to take off. A very interesting lecture was given to the aircrew by S/L. JEFFERSON, D.F.C. (Group Navigation Officer) on Navigation and Pathfinder Tactics.		
	23.9.44.		Sunny, with rather a cold wind. An air to air firing programme carried out in the morning. Eleven aircraft took off in support of heavy bomber attack on various RUMR targets. Apart from some flak, no enemy aircraft opposition was encountered. Many of the officers not on duty went to WEST RAYNHAM for their party. A very good evening with all 100 Group stations well represented.		
	24.9.44.		Very windy: rain and low cloud persisting all day. No flying.		
	25.9.44.		Sunny morning, clouding over in afternoon. Operations and training cancelled owing to further deterioration in weather.		
	26.9.44.		Fine, with a high wind. N.F. Ts both morning and afternoon. Eight sorties completed patrols supporting P.P.P. attacks on FRANKFURT and KARLSRUHE. All returned without incident. Two Haystack exercises were also completed.		
	27.9.44.		One patrol took off in early morning in Mosquito 178, fitted with special R/T equipment, in conjunction with the raid on KARLSRUHE: no positive result was obtained. A windy but sunny morning. No operations, but a full training programme carried out, including Haystacks and low level cross country.		
	28.9.44.		Windy and sunny. N.F. Ts morning and afternoon. Seven aircraft participated in 100 Group night raid with high level intruder patrols over Holland. F/O. L.S. LINDSAYNE, D.F.C. with F/O. M.W. MIMMS damaged a train, cat B. F/L. D.C. DUNN, D.F.C. with F/O. W.J. LOGAN also damaged two trains, both cat B.		
	29.9.44.		Cloudy and windy. Squadron stood down. S/L. R.G. WOODMAN, D.F.C. and F/L. P.W. KEMMIS, DFC, attended a Squadron Commanders' Conference at Headquarters 100 Group, W/Cdr. T.A. HEATH, A.F.C. being away for the day on duty at H.Q., A.D.G.B. and London. The first Officers' Mess party in the evening at GREAT MASSINGHAM was a great success.		

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	30.9.44.		Fine and slightly warmer. N.P.Ts in the afternoon. Two low level intruder patrols were completed in poor weather conditions, one over Holland and the other over Denmark. Both were without result. Practice flying was also carried out, consisting of Low Level cross countries and "Lancastil".		
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1.9.44.	Mosquito VI. PT. 146	F/O. G.V. HART P/S. G. SCOTT	Intruder	22.35	01.10	To intrude on railway system in Holland, on east of ZUIDER ZEE. No activity.	

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