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of (Unit or Formation) 78 SQUADRON BRIGHTON.

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Place	1944 Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
BRIGHTON	APRIL 1st		(1 OPERATIONS) No Operations or Standby.	
	2nd		No Operations or Standby.	
	3rd		No Operations or Standby.	
	4th		No Operations or Standby.	
	5th		No Operations or Standby.	
	6th		7 Aircraft Detailed for Operations - Later Cancelled.	
	7th		14 Aircraft Detailed for Operations - Later Cancelled.	
	8th		No Operations or Standby.	
	9th		18. Aircraft detailed for Operations, Target LILLE. 16 Aircraft reached and attacked the target which was identified by Red T.I.S. markers. Large explosions were reported, also large circle of Yellow flame reported in Eastern portion of Target area. Considered a very concentrated attack. 2 aircraft returned early 1 had Starboard Inner Engine U/S. another returned owing to Pilots Escape hatch blowing open just after take off.	A. 344, 345
	10th		18. Aircraft Detailed for Operations, Target TERGNIER. 17 aircraft reached and attacked the target, which was identified by Green and Red T.I.S. Visibility was marred by ground haze, there was no cloud over the target area. One Aircraft is reported missing from this attack no word having been received since take off.	A. 345, 346, 347
	11th		No Operations or Standby.	
	12th		No Operations or Standby.	
	13th		No Operations or Standby.	
	14th		23 Aircraft Detailed for Operations - Later Cancelled.	
	15th		No Operations or Standby.	
	16th		No Operations or Standby.	
	17th		8 Aircraft Detailed for Operations - Later Cancelled.	
	18th		19. Aircraft detailed for Operations, Target TERGNIER. All aircraft reached and attacked the Target, at an average height of 15,000 feet. which was identified by Red and Green T.I.S. markers. Many bomb bursts were seen in the target area which was considered an effective attack. All aircraft returned safely to this country.	A. 347, 348, 349
	19th		No Operations or Standby.	

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	20th	✓	20 Aircraft detailed for operations, Target OTTIGNIES, All aircraft reached and attacked the target which was identified by Red and Green T.I.s, and bombed from average height of 14,000 feet. Crew reported a good concentration of bombing, the railway lines were clearly seen visually in the light of flares. Considered a very effective raid and concentrated attack. All Aircraft returned safely to this country.		A-349, 350, 351
	21st		No Operations or Standby.		
	22nd		21 Aircraft Detailed for Operation, Target DUSSELDORF. 18, aircraft reached and attacked the target, from an average height of 20,000 feet. Target easily identified by Red and Green T.I.S. markers. Crews reported large explosions and smoke up to 10,000 feet. 1 aircraft returned early Navigator being sick, and another also abandoned sortie due to failure of Port Outer Engine. 1 aircraft did not take off Starboard Inner U/S.		A-351, 352, 353
	23rd		No Operations or Standby.		
	24th		22 Aircraft detailed for Operations, Target KARLSRUHE, 19 aircraft reached and attacked, which was identified by Red and Green T.I.s. markers, Fire lights varying from 17,500 feet to 20,000 feet. Large concentration of fires was reported. One aircraft returned early owing to excessive vibration of tail turret. Two aircraft are reported as missing from this attack.		A-353, 354, 355
	25th		18 Aircraft Detailed for Operations -Later Cancelled.		
	26th	✓	22 Aircraft Detailed for Operations target VILLENEUVE ST GEORGES. 21 aircraft reached and attacked the target which was identified by Red spot flares. Bombs were dropped from varying heights between 8,000 feet and 11,500 feet. Large fires and explosions were reported. One aircraft is reported as missing from this attack.		A-355, 356, 357
	27th	✓	20 Aircraft Detailed for Operations, Target MONTZEN. 19 aircraft reached and attacked the target, which was identified by Green White T.I.s, also visually. Most aircraft attacked from 14,000 feet. Good concentration of bombs burst was reported. Considered a very effective attack. One aircraft returned early owing to cutting of Port Inner Engine. Two aircraft were attacked by fighters in or around target area. The Navigator and Bombardier baled out of one aircraft, but the captain returned safely with remaining members of the crew.		A-357, 358, 359
	28th		No Operations or Standby.		
	29th		17 Aircraft Detailed for Operations -Later Cancelled.		
	30th	✓	18 Aircraft Detailed for Operations Target ACHERES. 16, aircraft reached and attacked the target from 13,000 feet. Target identified by Red spot fires and as instructed by Master Bomber, Heavy explosions were reported and the attack was considered concentrated and effective. 2 aircraft did not take off, One had A.I.U/S. and the other failure to Intercomm.		A-359, 360, 361
			<p><i>Chamberland</i></p> <p>Wing Commander Commanding, No 78 Squadron Brighton.</p>		

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			(id) ADMINISTRATION ETC		

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			(ii) ADMINISTRATION. ETC.		
			FLYING HOURS for the month of APRIL 1944.		
			Operational flying hours Day : NIL. Operational flying hours Night :		
			Non-Operational flying hours Day: 24.7 Non-Operational flying hours Night. 1,150 hours		
			PROMOTIONS.		
			Wing Commander. G.K. Lawrence appointed to the Acting Rank of Group Captain on Posting to Headquarters Bomber Command.		
			Squadron Leader A. Markland Appointed to the Acting Rank of Wing Commander to command No. 78 Squadron.		
			A/Lt. J. Hurley Appointed to the Acting rank of Squadron Leader to command 'C' Flight.		
			Flying Officer G.J. Parsons appointed to the acting rank of Flight Lieutenant - Captain of Aircraft.		
			P/O L. L. Broadhurst Appointed to the Acting rank of Flight Lieutenant Captain of aircraft.		
			P/O. V. Murray Appointed to the acting rank of Flight Lieutenant Captain of aircraft.		
			P/O. D. Clayton Promoted to the War Substantive rank of Flying Officer.		
			P/O E. Burgess Promoted to the War Substantive rank of Flying Officer.		
			P/O. R. Sanders Appointed to the Acting Rank of Flight Lieutenant - Captain of aircraft.		
			(iv) HOURS AND AWARDS		
			DECORATIONS.		
			Acting Flight Lieutenant F. Taylor - Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross (Immediate)		

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			(iii) PERSONNEL		
			Postings - Aicrews.		
			PILOTS.		
			IN.		
			OUT.		
			Name. Posted from Date Name Posted to Date.		
			F/O.M.W. Bentson, 41 Base. 14/4/44.	F/O.J.D. Crawford, Eastchurch. 1/4/44.	
			F/O.Winn, F.A.R. 41 Base. 22/4/44.	F/L.J.R. Bowen, 1663. 8/4/44.	
			F/O.V. Bernard, 41 Base. 24/4/44.	F/O.J. McCartney, Missing. 25/4/44.	
			F/O.L.J. Alderman, 41 Base. 25/4/44.	F/O.T.H. Speller, Missing. 25/4/44.	
			F/O.H.C. Irwin, 41 Base. 26/4/44.	F/S. Wilkinson, J.H. Missing. 27/4/44.	
			F/O.J.F. Wyllie, 61 Base. 26/4/44.	F/S. Tait, L. Missing. 14/4/44.	
			F/O.W. Rodney, 61 Base. 26/4/44.	F/S. Robinson, F. 635 Sqdn. 16/4/44.	
			F/O.A. McLeish, 1652. 26/4/44.	Sgt. Hood, C.C. Killed. 23/4/44.	
			F/O.C.M. Howes, 1666. 28/4/44.		
			F/O.E.W. Andrew, 1666. 28/4/44.		
			F/O.J.A. Cole, 41 Base. 30/4/44.		
			F/S. Pritchard, D. 41 Base. 22/4/44.		
			F/S. Collett, W. 41 Base. 24/4/44.		
			Sgt. Wheatley, J. 1652. 26/4/44.		
			F/S. Long, K.L. 41 Base. 30/4/44.		
			F/S. Gulevich, P. 41 Base. 30/4/44.		
			Navigators.		
			Name Posted from Date Name Posted to Date.		
			F/O.E. Lownds, 41 Base. 22/4/44.	F/O. Warnock, A.C. 1663. 8/4/44.	
			F/O.H.A. Fuhr, 41 Base. 26/4/44.	F/O.A.A. Bell, Missing. 27/4/44.	
			F/O.P.A. Wood, 41 Base. 25/4/44.	F/O. Kadwell, H.J. Missing. 25/4/44.	
			F/O. Leydon, J.P. 41 Base. 24/4/44.	F/S. Woodward, J.S. Missing. 28/4/44.	
			F/O.J.S. Ritchie, 61 Base. 26/4/44.	F/S. Hawkins, V.H. Missing. 11/4/44.	
			F/O.E.E. Freeman, 1666. 28/4/44.	F/S. Brown, N. Missing. 25/4/44.	
			F/O.J. McElroy, 1666. 28/4/44.	F/S. Parker, H. 635 Sqdn. 16/4/44.	
			F/O.L. Gold, 41 Base. 30/4/44.	Sgt. Watt, J. Killed. 23/4/44.	
			F/O. Chiverton, T. 41 Base. 30/4/44.	W/O. Clough, B.T. 515 Sqdn. 1/4/44.	
			F/O.A.A. Eldridge, 41 Base. 30/4/44.		
			F/S. Higgins, G. 41 Base. 14/4/44.		
			F/S. Wood, G. 41 Base. 22/4/44.		
			F/S. Trevenen, H. 41 Base. 24/4/44.		
			W/O. Graham, D.R. 64 Base. 26/4/44.		
			F/S. Aylieff, 1652. 26/4/44.		
			F/S. Phillips, M. 1652. 26/4/44.		

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			<u>Bombardiers.</u>		
			<u>IN.</u>		
			<u>Out.</u>		
			<u>Name.</u> <u>Posted from.</u> <u>Date.</u>		
			<u>Name</u> <u>Posted to</u> <u>Date.</u>		
			F/O. J. W. Erricker, 41 Base, 14/4/44.		
			F/O. H. C. Paul, 41 Base, 22/4/44.		
			F/O. A. J. Card, 41 Base, 21/4/44.		
			F/O. C. J. Larouche, 42 Base, 25/4/44.		
			F/O. C. K. Lancaster, 61 Base, 26/4/44.		
			F/O. Grimble, H.F. 61 Base, 26/4/44.		
			F/O. Robson, R., 1652, 26/4/44.		
			F/O. G. W. McCartney, 1666, 28/4/44.		
			F/O. Parker, C.H., 1666, 22/4/44.		
			Sgt. Kelly, C., 41 Base, 22/4/44.		
			Sgt. Fisher, C., 41 Base, 26/4/44.		
			Sgt. Sharratt, W., 41 Base, 26/4/44.		
			F/S. Hollingsworth, 1652, 26/4/44.		
			Sgt. Gribben, C.H., 41 Base, 30/4/44.		
			Sgt. Bell, D.R., 41 Base, 30/4/44.		
			Sgt. Sharp, M., 41 Base, 30/4/44.		
			<u>WIRELESS OPERATORS.</u>		
			P/O. G. E. Herod, 41 Base, 21/4/44.		
			P/O. E. Shepstone, 41 Base, 26/4/44.		
			F/O. I. C. Blair, 41 Base, 25/4/44.		
			Sgt. Buchanan, I., 1658, 11/4/44.		
			Sgt. Walden, M., 41 Base, 22/4/44.		
			Sgt. Seager, G., 41 Base, 22/4/44.		
			F/S. Skinner, B., 41 Base, 21/4/44.		
			Sgt. Davies, D.J., 61 Base, 26/4/44.		
			W/O. Faryolden, J., 61 Base, 26/4/44.		
			Sgt. Rayner, T., 1652, 26/4/44.		
			F/S. Long, W., 61 Base, 28/4/44.		
			Sgt. Alsop, H., 61 Base, 28/4/44.		
			F/S. Brown, L., 1652, 26/4/44.		
			Sgt. Harris, E.H., 41 Base, 30/4/44.		
			Sgt. Browne, L.C., 41 Base, 30/4/44.		
			Sgt. Toll, J., 41 Base, 30/4/44.		
			H/O. White, G.W., 10, O.T.U., 8/4/44.		
			Sgt. Wheaton, F., 10, Sqn., 3/5/44.		
			F/S. Sampson, R.F., Missing, 27/4/44.		
			Sgt. Elder, C.F., 21 O.T.U., 1/4/44.		
			Sgt. Keenan, W.M., Missing, 11/4/44.		
			Sgt. Waltham, J., Missing, 25/4/44.		
			Sgt. Scoopes, D., 635, Sqn., 16/4/44.		
			Sgt. Shaiman, L., Killed, 23/4/44.		
			W/O. Crowther, J., 515 Sqn., 1/5/44.		
			Sgt. Nicholls, R.F., Missing, 25/4/44.		

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			<u>Flight Engineers. IN.</u>		<u>OUT.</u>			
			<u>Name</u>	<u>Posted from</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Posted to</u>	<u>Date.</u>
			Sgt. Yaxley, R.	41 Base.	14/4/44.	F/O. F.A. Hough, Holme.		1/4/44.
			Sgt. Baxter, D.G.	41 Base.	20/4/44.	F/O. A.B. McMillan, 20. O.T.U.		8/4/44.
			Sgt. Moss, K.	41 Base.	20/4/44.	Sgt. Fell, J.C.	Missing.	27/4/44.
			Sgt. Davies, D.	41 Base.	22/4/44.	Sgt. Smith, W.N.	Missing.	11/4/44.
			Sgt. Bingham, W.	41 Base.	22/4/44.	Sgt. Gray, J.	515. Sqn.	1/4/44.
			Sgt. Martindale, C.	41 Base.	24/4/44.	Sgt. Gibbs, H.	Missing.	25/4/44.
			Sgt. Edmundson, F.W.	41 Base.	24/4/44.	Sgt. Fuch, F.	635 Sqn.	16/4/44.
			Sgt. Gill, A.	41 Base.	26/4/44.	Sgt. Allan, H.B.	Killed.	23/4/44.
			Sgt. Marr, Rott, D.	41 Base.	41 Base.	Sgt. Haywood, A.C.	Missing.	25/4/44.
			Sgt. Duncan, W.	61 Base.	26/4/44.			
			Sgt. Pritchard, E.J.	61 Base.	26/4/44.			
			Sgt. Kemp, H.	1652.	26/4/44.			
			Sgt. McEwan, R.	1652.	26/4/44.			
			Sgt. Price, G.	61 Base.	28/4/44.			
			Sgt. Cracknell, A.	61 Base.	28/4/44.			
			Sgt. Balmforth, D.	41 Base.	30/4/44.			
			Sgt. Dew, F.B.	41 Base.	30/4/44.			
			Sgt. Cheeseman, K.L.	41 Base.	30/4/44.			
			<u>AIR - GUNNERS. IN.</u>		<u>OUT.</u>			
			F/O. G.L. Wilkinson, 41 Base.	25/4/44.	F/O. W.K. Raby, Missing.			27/4/44.
			F/O. Glenn, J.A. 1666.	28/4/44.	F/O. W.C. Rogers, 1663.			18/4/44.
			F/O. B.T. Rogers, 1666.	28/4/44.	F/O. Torpe, E. 22. O.T.U.			29/4/44.
			F/O. T. Bridgman, 1666.	28/4/44.	F/O. Andrew, J. 1658.			8/4/44.
			Sgt. Butler, G. Holme.	6/4/44.	F/O. Paul, S. 54. Sqn.			1/4/44.
			Sgt. Baron, W. Holme.	6/4/44.	Sgt. Riley, T.O. 10. O.T.U.			29/4/44.
			Sgt. Bruckley, Holme.	6/4/44.	Sgt. Duff, J.H. 29. Crp.			28/4/44.
			Sgt. Scott, J. 41 Base.	14/4/44.	Sgt. Stump, C. Holme.			21/4/44.
			Sgt. Gilchrist, R. 41 Base.	14/4/44.	Sgt. Dymont, L.P. Missing.			27/4/44.
			Sgt. Hickey, E. 41 Base.	22/4/44.	Sgt. Rudd, R.R. Missing.			14/4/44.
			Sgt. Wiggins, A. 41 Base.	22/4/44.	Sgt. Skeat, J.A. Missing.			25/4/44.
			Sgt. Fensythe, W. 41 Base.	22/4/44.	Sgt. Stuart, R. 635 Sqn.			16/4/44.
			Sgt. Hinshelwood, D. 41 Base.	22/4/44.	Sgt. Shaw, C. 635 Sqn.			16/4/44.
			F/S. Tapper, L. 41 Base.	24/4/44.	Sgt. Bourque, T. Missing.			25/4/44.
			F/S. Creek, G. 41 Base.	24/4/44.	F/S. Creer, G. Missing.			25/4/44.
			Sgt. Gale, S.R. 41 Base.	24/4/44.	Sgt. Line, A.R. Missing.			25/4/44.
			Sgt. Nicholson, L. 41 Base.	24/4/44.	Sgt. Graham, R. Missing.			14/4/44.
			Sgt. Brown, W. 41 Base.	26/4/44.				
			Sgt. Owen, T. 41 Base.	26/4/44.				
			Sgt. Paterson, 41 Base.	26/4/44.				
			Sgt. Couper, M.W. 61 Base.	26/4/44.				
			Sgt. Byers, D.J. 61 Base.	26/4/44.				
			Sgt. Coates, W.L. 61 Base.	26/4/44.				
			Sgt. Hoddin, B. 61 Base.	26/4/44.				

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			<u>Air - Gunners.</u> (Contd) <u>IN.</u>	<u>OUT.</u>
			<u>Name.</u> <u>Posted from</u> <u>Date</u> <u>Name</u> <u>Posted to</u> <u>Date.</u>	
			Sgt. Hookeridge, A. 1652. 26/4/44.	
			Sgt. Smith, A. 1652. 26/4/44.	
			Sgt. Hamilton, H. 61 Base. 28/4/44.	
			F/S. Landquist, A. 1652. 26/4/44.	
			F/S. Adams, H. 1652. 26/4/44.	
			Sgt. Tattler, H. 61 Base. 30/4/44.	
			Sgt. Newman, T. 61 Base. 30/4/44.	
			Sgt. Law, J. 61 Base. 30/4/44.	
			Sgt. Hughes, D. 61 Base. 30/4/44.	
			Sgt. Hadwin, R.D. 41 Base. 30/4/44.	
			Sgt. Ogley, H. 41 Base. 30/4/44.	

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