

K.A.F. Form 540

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R.A.F. STATION CHEVENER	1.7.44		Weather very wet. No Ops. tonight		
" " " " "	2.7.44		still raining. Ops. again scrubbed. Lt. Colonel Kent of the GPO visited the Sqn today		
	3.7.44		Weather somewhat improved. Three crews on Ops. all returning safely		
	4.7.44		Dull & Cool. Only 1 crew on Ops. returning safely		
	5.7.44		Weather fair. Three crews on Ops. tonight all returning safely. P/L D.J. Arnold made his first trip with the Squadron. Two Squadron Officers from HQAF O/S H.D.P. visited the Station today and were entertained in the evening at the Station Commander's residence. Five Officers from the Squadron were guests		
	6.7.44		Dry and Very windy. ^{Four} Five crews on Ops. Returned safely. The fifth, HEA12 (F/O J. Allen) crashed, killing the air gunner. (See below)		
	7.7.44		Bright during morning with showers in afternoon. P/L Allen made a second landing when returning from Ops. at 0915 hrs. just north of the airport. He had entered the circuit just prior to the accident. Exact cause of which has not been established. Warrant Officer Telford, A.D. who was riding in the turret was very badly injured and died soon after the crash. Telford belonged to P/O Smith's crew and was filling in for one of Allens' WOP/AG's P/O Keaton, H.C. was taken to Hospital but not badly injured. He will be out in a few days. The rest of the crew escaped injury. The R.C.A.F. Band from O/S Hdqts. arrived on the station this afternoon and put on a concert in No. 2 dining Hall in the early evening and their orchestra played at an all Ranks dance in the evening. They were very much enjoyed by all. Four crew on Ops., returning safely.		
	8.7.44		Dry and windy. Six crews on Ops., all returning safely. P/O J.D. Schultz returned from Exeter due to bad weather		
	9.7.44		Cloudy with occasional showers. Arrangements were made for Warrant Officer Telford's funeral tomorrow. He is to be buried in the Imperial War Graves Cemetery on the hill overlooking the aerodrome. Four crews on Ops. today, returning safely		
	10.7.44		Cloudy with showers. Funeral for Warrant Officer Telford today at 1500 hrs. well attended. six crews on Ops. tonight, returned safely. P/L D. Arnold's A/O received a direct hit by Flak and Arnold was slightly injured having received a piece of shrapnel in his leg. He was taken to the hospital on return.		
	11.7.44		Weather slightly improved. Five crews on Ops. tonight returning safely.		
	12.7.44		Another wet day. One crew on Ops. returning safely. Two new crews reported from 6 OCU today. P/O W. Turnbull & P/O C. Clack. Capt. Court of Inquiry assembling on P/O Allen's crash today		
	13.7.44		Dull and some rain. Ops. eventually scrubbed due to heavy weather. P/O Mac arrived on the station from Coastal Command to visit the Squadron. S/L Booth of R.C.A.F. O/S Hdqts. is visiting the Station for three or four days.		
	14.7.44		Weather unsettled. Five crew on Ops. returning safely. Two were diverted on return		
	15.7.44		Rain again today. Two crews on Ops. returning safely.		

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RAF STATION CHIVINOR	16.7.44		Weather still very heavy. All Ops. scrubbed.	
	17.7.44		Weather very hot with strong winds. One crew on Ops. returning safely. Aircraft leave has been resumed several crews going away tomorrow.	
	18.7.44		Very warm and sultry. Two crews on Ops returned safely.	
	19.7.44		Very warm day and somewhat better flying weather. Three crews on Ops. tonight returned safely. Posting received for F/L B Carson to Canada following his completion of tour of Ops.	
	20.7.44		Cold and windy. Two crews on Ops. tonight returned safely. W/C R.A. Ashman made a hurried trip to HQ re Squadron matter.	
	21.7.44		Cool and cloudy but no rain. W/C Ashman returned from London today. Six crews on Ops returning safely.	
	22.7.44		Warm & Sunny. Six crews on Ops. tonight returning safely.	
	23.7.44		Very hot & sultry. Three crews on Ops. returning safely.	
	24.7.44		Another hot day. Six crews on Ops. returning safely.	
	25.7.44		Cool & cloudy with occasional rain. Two crews on Ops. returning safely.	
	26.7.44		Warm & Windy. All Pilots given an A/G handling test this morning in the form of an written exam. Posting received today for 11 tour expiring Aircraft to 6 OCU Billoth included in the list were the following Capt F/O D.H. Rollins, F/O G.C. Campbell, F/O A.G. Short and F/O J. Allen. Three crews on Ops. today, returning safely.	
	27.7.44		Cool & Cloudy Four crews on Ops., returning safely.	
	28.7.44		Cloudy with some rain. Five crews on Ops., returning safely.	
	29.7.44		Warm & Bright. Five crew on Ops today, returning safely.	
	30.7.44		Very hot today. W/C Linderman from 19 Group visited the Squadron this morning. Two crews on Ops., returning safely.	
	31.7.44		Weather continues fine. F/O V.L. Bell and H.L. Shaw returned from Haverford West following their conversion to Captains course. Bell takes over F/L May's crew and now take F/O Rollin's crew. Five crews on Ops. returning safely.	
			<u>TOTAL OPERATIONAL SORTIES. - 98</u>	
			<u>TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS. - 870:49</u>	
			<u>TOTAL NON-OPERATIONAL HOURS. - 212</u>	
			<u>A/G STAFF - AIRCRAFT ON STATION CHECKED 15 WELLINGTON MK. XIV's USED BY 11th SQUADRON</u>	
			<u>SQUADRON HEALTH - Health of the Squadron continues to be quite good.</u>	

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R.A.F. STATION GIVEAWAY			<u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH AS AT 2359 HOURS 31.7.44</u>						
			<u>R.C.A.F.</u>	<u>R.A.F.</u>	<u>R.A.A.F.</u>	<u>USAAF.</u>	<u>WAAF.</u>		
			<u>Officers</u>						
			Pilots	66			1		
			Navigators	27	1	2			
			WOP/AG's	48	7	1			
			<u>Airmen</u>						
			Pilots	6					
			Navigators	3					
			WOP/AG's	38	6				
			<u>Groundcrew</u>						
			Officers	8	1				
			Airmen	126	6		19		
			<i>A. L. Williams</i> (A. L. Williams) Wing Commander, Officer Commanding, No. 407 Squadron, RCAF.						

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