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Elsham Wolds.	June	- 1943.	P O S T I N G S (Cont).	<b>SECRET.</b>
	21st.		F/O. F.L. WALLACE and P/O. R.K. AULT posted from No. 1662 Conversion Unit for flying duties.	
	21st.		P/O. P.J. COFFEY, P/O. J.A.B. COOPER and P/O. A.D. KEMP reposted to No. 103 Squadron on appointment to commissioned rank - 11-5-43, 4-5-43 and 17-2-43 respectively.	
	23rd.		F/O. D.A. WEBB posted from No. 101 Squadron for flying duties.	
	23rd.		P/O. P.J. COFFEY posted to No. 1667 Conversion Unit.	
	26th.		P/O. T.S. WARDLE, P/O. D.P. OLIVER, D.F.M. and P/O. A.B. STOKER reposted to No. 103 Squadron on appointment to commissioned rank - 4-5-43, 11-4-43 and 16-2-43 respectively.	
	26th.		F/O. S.W. FEGELAR posted to No. 30 O.T.U.	
	23rd.		F/O. F. GRIFFITHS, P/O. W.H. WOOD and P/O.D.M. GRANT posted to War Casualties N/E Accounts Depot, Uzbridge - n/e missing.	
	26th.		P/O. C.E.L. GRANT, P/O. C.B. REYNOLDS and P/O. D. TOWERS posted to War Casualties N/E Accounts Depot, Uzbridge - n/e missing.	
	29th.		F/O. H.C. BAYLIS posted to No. 82 O.T.U.	
	26th.		P/O. A.H. LANGILLE and P/O. J.H. ADDISON posted to War Casualties N/E Accounts Depot, Uzbridge - n/e missing.	
			<i>VA. State</i>	
			Wing Commander, Commanding, No. 103 Squadron, R.A.F., ELSHAM WOLDS, BARNEBY, Lincs.	

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	4th.		P/O. F. T. ROFFS and P/O. N. OLSBERG posted from No. 1662 Conversion Unit for flying duties.	
	7th.		P/O. W.H. LANE posted to No. 82 O.T.U. for flying duties.	
	8th.		P/O. D.J. O'CONNOR posted to No. 35 Squadron for Electrical Engineer duties.	
	8th.		P/O. R.H. TAYLOR posted from No. 35 Squadron for Electrical Engineer duties.	
	9th.		P/O. E.C. BATTEN posted to No. 1667 Conversion Unit.	
	9th.		P/O. (A/E/L) W.R. CRICH posted to No. 1667 Conversion Unit.	
	10th.		P/O. A.P. MOPARLANE posted from No. 4 O.T.U. for Engineer duties.	
	10th.		P/O. S.H. YATES posted from No. 1656 Conversion Unit for flying duties.	
	11th.		P/O. E.R. FREEMAN posted to No. 27 O.T.U.	
	11th.		P/O. K.I. DEXTER and P/O. J.C. MAXWELL posted from No. 1662 Conversion Unit for flying duties.	
	12th.		P/O. W.J.H. HAYDON posted to War Casualties N/E Accounts Depot, Uxbridge - n/e missing.	
	13th.		P/O. G.D. KING and P/O. R. HEININGWAY posted to War Casualties N/E Accounts Depot, Uxbridge - n/e missing.	
	13th.		P/O. (A/E/L) posted to War Casualties N/E Accounts Depot, Uxbridge - n/e missing.	
	14th.		P/O. S.H. YATES posted to War Casualties N/E Accounts Depot, Uxbridge - n/e missing.	
	14th.		P/O. L.P. OLDHAM and P/O. R.K. LAMB posted from No. 1656 Conversion Unit for flying duties.	
	14th.		P/L. G.R. CARPENTER posted from No. 1662 Conversion Unit for flying duties.	
	15th.		P/L. A.M. BROWN and P/O. H.F. LEWIS posted to War Casualties N/E Accounts Depot, Uxbridge - n/e missing.	
	17th.		P/O. G.C. TERRELL, P/O. G.P. ST. JAMES and P/O. K.L. DEXTER posted to War Casualties N/E Accounts Depot, Uxbridge - n/e missing.	
	17th.		P/L. A.E. SEURR, P/O. A.H. LANGILLE and P/O. J. ADDISON posted from No. 1662 Conversion Unit for flying duties.	
	17th.		P/O. E. GRIFFITHS, P/O. W.H. WOOD, P/O. D.M. GRANT, P/O. G.E.H. GRANT, P/O. G.B. REYNOLDS and P/O. D. TOWNES posted from No. 1662 Conversion Unit for flying duties.	
	18th.		P/O. C.J. FLUMMER, P/O. D.P. OLIVER, D.F.M. and P/O. (A/E/L) K.G. BUCKERS posted to No. 1667 Conversion Unit.	
	18th.		P/O. J.O. SHONE posted from No. 1662 Conversion Unit for flying duties.	
	18th.		P/O. T.R. DAVIES reported to No. 103 Squadron on appointment to commissioned rank - 16-12-43.	

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similar flights.

There was a lecture to Captains, Navigators, Bomb Aimers and any other interested members on the plotting and interpretation of photographs in relation to fire trails etc.

Another film was shown on Air-Gunnery.

Specialist officers in addition carried out their usual sectional training.

Wing Commander SLAVER lectured the crews on several occasions.

ELSHAM WOLDS.

JUNE - 1943.

GENERAL.

The Squadron operated on nine nights this month, making 211 sorties, of which 21 abandoned their missions and returned early because of various faults arising.

This is the record number of sorties ever made from this Squadron, the last best being in April with 177 sorties.

Our losses, unfortunately, were 2 aircraft, which was a blow after our last month of no losses.

The month continued what the Press now calls the "Battle of the Rhur" and apparently with terrific success.

Although there were several combats, only one was conclusive, and a Ju. 88 is as a result claimed as a "probable".

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			<u>GEISENKIRCHEN (Cont).</u>	
			Bombing heights were between 19,000 and 21,000 ft.	
			Four aircraft returned early and two, Captained by F/O. LANGILLE and F/S. EGAN failed to return. They and their crews have been posted to War Casualties N/E Accounts Depot, Uxbridge - n/e missing.	
			All other aircraft returned to base.	
<u>COLOGNE.</u>	28-6-43	22.47	<u>C O L O G N E.</u>	APPENDIX 'A' 155.
	to	to	Twenty-one aircraft were detailed to attack this target.	APPENDIX 'C' 169.
	29-6-43	04.28	The P.F.F. were late in starting their sky and ground marking, but later attackers reported good results.	
			There was one very short combat.	
			One aircraft returned early and two failed to take off. All others returned to base.	
			The bombing heights were 18,500 to 23,000 ft.	
			Stood down.	
	3-6-43.			
<u>ELSHAM WOLDS.</u>	<u>JUNE - 1943.</u>		<u>T R A I N I N G.</u>	
			The following main training took place during the month, the bombing practices being Mk. XIV. Bombsight exercises:-	
			15 Pre-operations cross country flights for new crews.	
			10 Bombing details.	
			23 Air firing details.	
			6 Beam Approach details.	
			16 Aircraft took part in Formation Flying.	
			16 Aircraft took part in Fighter Affiliation exercises.	
			3 Aircraft took part in Fighter Affiliation exercises.	

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	20-6-43		Stood down. A bright sunny day.	
<u>KREFELD.</u>	21-6-43	23.00	KREFELD.	APPENDIX 'A' 152.
	to		Twenty-five aircraft were detailed for this attack, which was a great success, and the defences died away as the raid progressed.	APPENDIX 'C' 165.
	22-6-43	04.18	All aircraft took off, bombed the primary and returned to base. The bombing heights were between 18,000 and 22,000 ft.	
<u>MULHEIM.</u>	22-6-43	22.54	MULHEIM.	APPENDIX 'A' 153.
	to		Twenty-three aircraft were detailed for this attack, which was again a great success and most crews reported seeing the smouldering remains of Krefeld.	APPENDIX 'C' 166.
	23-6-43	04.07	The bombing heights were between 18,500 and 22,000 ft. Two aircraft returned early and one failed to take off because of unserviceability. F/L SFURR and crew failed to return and have therefore been posted to War Casualties N/E Accounts Depot. Uxbridge - n/e missing. All others returned to base.	
	23-6-43		Crews resting. A bright sunny day.	
<u>WUPPERTAL.</u>	24-6-43	22.44	WUPPERTAL.	APPENDIX 'A' 154.
	to		Twenty-two aircraft were detailed for this attack, which was again an outstanding success and, with the exception of one aircraft which failed to take off, all reached the target and returned to base. The bombing heights were between 19,000 and 22,000 ft.	APPENDIX 'C' 167.
<u>GELSENKIRCHEN.</u>	25-6-43	22.42	GELSENKIRCHEN.	APPENDIX 'A' 155.
	to		Twenty-four aircraft were detailed for this attack. There was 10/10ths. clouds with tops up to 23,000 ft. over the target and at first the P.F.F. sky marking was late and scattered, but later crews report the glow of fires in the clouds and two big explosions.	APPENDIX 'C' 166.
	26-6-43	04.18		

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			<u>SECRET.</u>	
			<u>OBERHAUSEN. (Cont).</u>	
			The bombing heights were between 21,000 and 24,600 ft.	
			SCT. HARDMAN claimed a Ju. 88. as a "probable".	
			Four aircraft returned early and P/Lt. BROWN and SGT. WHITEHEAD and their crews failed to return. They have been posted to War Casualties N/E Accounts Depot, Uxbridge - n/c missing.	
			All other aircraft returned to base.	
	15-6-43		Crews resting. Three Bullseyes Flight, prepared but cancelled at Final Briefing. Heavy rain and thunder.	
<u>COLOGNE.</u>	16-6-43	22.10	<u>COLOGNE.</u>	<u>APPENDIX 'A' 151.</u>
	to	to	Twenty-two aircraft were detailed to attack this target, with a mixed load.	<u>APPENDIX 'C' 164.</u>
	17-6-43	04.000	The P.F.F. used the sky and ground marking, because of 8/10ths. thunder cloud, and therefore results were not observed satisfactorily.	
			The bombing heights were between 21,000 and 25,800 ft.	
			Three aircraft returned early.	
			P/O. DEXTER and SGT. WINCHESTER and their crews failed to return and have been posted to War Casualties N/E Accounts Depot, Uxbridge - n/c missing.	
			All other aircraft returned to base.	
	17-6-43		Stood down. Training flying took place.	
	18-6-43		Stood down. A little flying took place in the morning, although very low cloud conditions prevailed, but in the afternoon continuous rain fell, so crews were lectured on "Icing" by the Meteorological Officer in the Squadron Lecture Room.	
	19-6-43		Stood down. Low strata-cumulus cloud prevailed. with base at 4 500 ft. 2 000 ft.	

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<u>DUSSELDORF.</u>	11-6-43	22.51	<p><u>D U S S E L D O R F.</u></p> <p>Twenty-eight aircraft, of which twenty-seven took off, were detailed to attack this target which, after a somewhat bad start because of the P.F.F. being late, was well blitzed. Bad icing in cloud up to 24,000 ft. was encountered.</p> <p>The bombing heights were between 18,500 and 23,500 ft.</p> <p>One aircraft failed to take off and four returned early through various failures.</p> <p>SGT. SCHOLLES and crew failed to return and have been posted to War Casualties N/E Accounts Depot, Usbridge, n/e missing.</p> <p>All others returned to base, except P/S. MOORE who landed at BINBROOK.</p>	APPENDIX 'A' 148. APPENDIX 'C' 161.
	to	to		
	12-6-43	04.49		
<u>BOCHUM.</u>	12-6-43	22.21	<p><u>B O C H U M.</u></p> <p>Twenty-five aircraft were detailed to attack this target, carrying a mixed load. There was about 7/10ths. cloud over the target and brilliant moonlight, which helped night fighters considerably, but only SGT. DAVIDSON was engaged in combat and that ceased when the Mid-upper Gunner fired 100 rounds, frightening the fighter away.</p> <p>The attack appears to have been most successful.</p> <p>The bombing heights were between 21,000 and 24,000 ft.</p> <p>Three aircraft returned early, one failed to take off and P/O. KING and crew on their last trip to complete the tour failed to return and have been posted to War Casualties N/E Accounts Depot, Usbridge - n/e missing.</p> <p>All other aircraft returned to base.</p>	APPENDIX 'A' 149. APPENDIX 'C' 162.
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	13-6-43	04.37		
<u>OBERHAUSEN.</u>	13-6-43	22.05	<p><u>O B E R H A U S E N.</u></p> <p>Twenty-seven aircraft were detailed to attack this target with a mixed load, and in spite of the use of sky-marking by the P.F.F., appears to have been a great success, the glow of fires in the cloud being seen as far as the Coast.</p>	APPENDIX 'A' 150. APPENDIX 'C' 163.
	to	to		
	15-6-43	04.28		

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			<u>JUNE 1943.</u>	<u>SECRET.</u>
	1-6-43		Prepared for operations, but these were cancelled during the day.	
	2-6-43		Prepared for operations, but these were cancelled again at 15.00 hours owing to the weather conditions.	
	3-6-43		Preparations for operations were cancelled at 14.00 hours, again due to the weather, which is very thundery.	
	4-6-43		Preparations made for operations were cancelled.	
	5-6-43		Preparations made for operations were cancelled.	
	6-6-43		Preparations made for operations were cancelled. Heavy rain showers, alternating with sunny breaks.	
	7-6-43		Prepared for operations. Cancelled an hour before take-off. Weather cloudy, with showers.	
	8-6-43		Three crews on Gardening - cancelled. Weather cloudy, clearing in evening.	
	9-6-43		Prepared 29 operations. Aircraft "E" (F/S. EGAN) crashed during take-off on N.F.T. No casualties. Aircraft burned out. Weather warm, slightly cloudy. Weather closed in and operations were cancelled 50 minutes before take-off.	
	10-6-43		Weather cloudy. No operations.	