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No. 103 SQUADRON, ELSHAM WOLDS.  
of (Unit or Formation)

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			SEPTEMBER - 1943.	
	1-9-43		Stood down.	
	2-9-43		Stood down. Two crews on night bombing carried out a special R/T. test.	
<u>BERLIN.</u>	3-9-43		<u>B E R L I N.</u>	APPENDIX 'A' 180.
	to		Twenty-three aircraft and crews were detailed for this raid, which was highly successful.	APPENDIX 'C' 193.
	4-9-43		One aircraft was attacked by night fighters. The flak was in barrage form. Bombing heights were between 19,000 and 23,000 ft. Three aircraft returned early and one failed to take-off. All others returned to Base.	
	4-9-43		Stood down. Some bombing details were carried out.	
<u>MANNHEIM.</u>	5-9-43		<u>M A N N H E I M.</u>	APPENDIX 'A' 181.
	to		Twenty-two aircraft were detailed for this attack, which appears to have been successful.	APPENDIX 'C' 194.
	6-9-43		All bombed between 19,500 and 22,000 ft, but W/O. GANT and F/S. NELSON failed to return and have been posted to War Casualties Non-effective Accounts Depot, Uxbridge, non-effective missing. All others landed at Base, except F/L. HOPES, who landed at BINBROOK.	
<u>MUNICH.</u>	6-9-43		<u>M U N I C H.</u>	APPENDIX 'A' 182.
	to		Nineteen aircraft were detailed to attack this target, which was covered with 4-5/10ths cloud. The raid appears to have been quite a success and all aircraft returned to Base, F/S. BASSETT returning early.	APPENDIX 'C' 195.
	7-9-43			

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	8-9-43		Prepared for operations, which were cancelled at about 18.00 hours because of the possibility of fog on return.	
	9-9-43		Preparations for operations were again made, but were cancelled about half an hour before take-off. The appearance of low stratus being the cause.	
	10-9-43		Stood down - low cloud and rain.	
	11-9-43		Stood down. Similar weather conditions preventing flying. Air Gunners were lectured on Turrets and Wireless Operators were lectured by the Signals Leader.	
	12-9-43		Stood down, with again the same weather conditions prevailing. Wireless Operators challenged the Air Gunners to a soccer match - drawing 3 all.	
	13-9-43		Stood down. There was a soccer match between the Flight Engineers and the Bomb Aimers.	
	14-9-43		Stood down. The Wing Commander, Adjutant, Section Leaders and all the ground staff were engaged in a Station Defense Exercise.	
	15-9-43		Stood down. Various flying training, mostly air-firing, took place. Preparation was made for two cross-country flights, which were scrubbed. A very hazy day, with high stratus keeping out the sunshine.	
	16-9-43		The Squadron was addressed in the Gymnasium by Air Chief Marshal Sir ANTHUR T. HARRIS, K.C.B., O.B.E., A.F.C. He had a few things to say to the crews, his main statement being that "Bombing is winning the war, you are the fellows that are doing it", but he devoted most of the time to answering questions of an operational nature.	

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 ELSHAM WOLDS.

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
	17-9-43		<p>Stood down. A very hazy sunless day. Some air-firing took place. Preparations for seven aircraft on a Bullseye Exercise were made, but these were cancelled just before take-off. A cross-country flight which took off earlier in daylight was diverted to Lånholm, owing to a very low cloud base, which the aerodrome sandra light could not peirce.</p>	
	18-9-43		<p>Stood down. Some air-firing took place. Two pre-operations cross-country flights took place, but one returned early.</p>	
	19-9-43		<p>Stood down. One aircraft took part in a Bullseye Exercise at night. Training flying in special navigation aids took place.</p>	
	20-9-43		<p>Stood down. A sunny day with a high wind blowing. Training flying in the special navigational aids took place. "C" Flight in toto was posted to No. 166 SQUADRON at KIRKINGTON airfield (Elsham Wolds satellite) to form the nucleus of the Squadron in its change-over to Lancaster aircraft from Wellington III &amp; X.</p> <p>/s/ L. PAPP is the flight commander.</p>	
	21-9-43		<p>Stood down. A bright sunny but cold day.</p>	
HANOVER.	22-9-43		<p>HANNOVER.</p>	APPENDIX 'A' 183.
	to		<p>Fifteen aircraft were detailed for this raid after a long lull due to the bad weather and moon period. Fighters were again intense. The bombing heights were between 19,000 and 20,000 ft.</p>	APPENDIX 'C' 196.
	23-9-43		<p>All returned to Base, F/O. GURCHILL returning early.</p>	

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APPENDIX 'A' 184.  
APPENDIX 'C' 197.

MANNHEIM.

Fifteen aircraft were detailed for this attack, which was again very successful. P/O. FLOYD was attacked by a fighter, which killed his Rear Gunner and wounded his Mid-upper and Wireless Operator. Two others of our aircraft fired at enemy aircraft. The bombing heights were between 19,000 and 21,000 ft. One aircraft returned early and P/L. FINLAY and crew failed to return. All others returned to Base.

24-9-43  
Stood down.

25-9-43  
Prepared for operations, but these were cancelled at briefing.

26-9-43  
Prepared for operations, but these were again cancelled, this time after final briefing. Take-off time had been put back.

APPENDIX 'A' 185.  
APPENDIX 'C' 198.

HANNOVER.

27-9-43  
Eighteen aircraft were detailed to attack this target, with fair success. Bombing heights were between 19,000 and 22,000 ft.

28-9-43  
Sgt. FROST's Bomb-Aimer damaged a Ju. 88, which crossed the bows of his aircraft. Three aircraft returned early and S/L. KENNARD and crew failed to return. All others returned to Base, except three who landed at KIRKINTON and one at BASSETT.

28-9-43  
Stood down. Three aircraft prepared for a Bullseye Exercise, but these were cancelled just before take-off owing to intruder activity.

APPENDIX 'A' 186.  
APPENDIX 'C' 199.

BOCHUM.

29-9-43  
Twelve aircraft were detailed for this attack, which appears to have been a most successful raid. Bombing heights were between 19,000 and 21,000 ft.

30-9-43  
All returned to Base after a successful trip.



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ELSHAM WOLDS.	SEPT. 1943.		POSTINGS - OFFICERS.	
	1-9-43		F/O. R.W. DURRANT posted from R.A.F. Base, Binbrook.	
	"		F/O. (A/F/L) C.W. HUCKINGHAM posted to R.A.F. Station, Ludford Magna.	
	"		F/O. D.W. PHILIP, F/O. H.W. SHINN, F/O. S.G. HOLMAN posted from No. 1656 Conversion Unit.	
	4-9-43		F/O. G.G. BANKS posted from 1656 Conversion Unit.	
	5-9-43		F/O. G. ALKEN posted to No. 82 O.T.U.	
	"		F/O. J.D. KIIPATRICK, F/O. E.E. PIPER posted to No. 27 O.T.U.	
	"		F/O. F.I.A. BIEBER posted to No. 81 O.T.U.	
	"		F/O. E.R. FOSTER posted to No. 83 O.T.U.	
	8-9-43		F/O. L. HULFREY posted to No. 82 O.T.U.	
	11-9-43		F/O. A. HARRISON posted from No. 1481 B.C. G. Flight.	
	"		F/Lt. (A/S/L) J.H. KENNARD, D.F.C., F/O. T.C. LATHAM posted from No. 1656 Conversion Unit.	
	"		F/O. R.N. PAULYNER posted from R.A.F. Base, Lindholme.	
	12-9-43		F/O. D.J. MONTGOMERY posted to No. 28 O.T.U.	
	"		F/Lt. J.F. MARSHALL, F/O. E.J. DENSLY posted to No. 101 Squadron.	
	13-9-43		F/O. I. KILWINGTON, F/O. F.C.W. HALEY posted to No. 156 Squadron.	
	"		F/O. A. MUGGERIDGE, posted to No. 156 Squadron.	
	14-9-43		F/O. J.A. DAY, F/O. J.E. BROWN posted to No. 156 Squadron.	
	"		F/O. H.D. CHURCHILL, F/O. P.V. JONES, F/O. D.M. ALTYHEAD, F/O. J.D. POSTER posted from No. 1667 Conversion Unit.	
	"		F/O. S.A. MOREY posted from No. 460 Squadron.	
	18-9-43		F/O. (A/F/L) F.V.P. VAN KOLLEHEIM posted to Headquarters, Bomber Command.	
	21-9-43		F/O. ATKINSON, R., F/O. H. ELLIS, F/O. F.E. CLADON, F/O. R.E. AULT. F/O. V.G. DEACON,	
	"		F/O. H.G. COOK posted to No. 166 Squadron.	
	"		F/O. R.K. ICKEOD posted to No. 82 O.T.U.	
	22-9-43		F/O. L.D. GROOME reposted to Squadron on appointment to commissioned rank.	
	"		F/O. T. TRILSBECK posted from No. 82 O.T.U.	
	21-9-43		F/Lt. J.E.R. RAWSTONE posted to No. 1668 Conversion Unit.	

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Place	Date	Time	Appointments
<u>ELSHAM WOLDS.</u>	SEPT. 24 <sup>3</sup>		POSTINGS - OFFICERS - Cont.
	24-9-43		F/O. T. TRISBECK posted to No. 156 Squadron.
	25-9-43		F/O. F.H.W. UNWIN posted to No. 5 P.D.C.
	26-9-43		P/O. R.F. Thomson posted from No. 1656 Conversion Unit.
	27-9-43		P/O. H.L. REES posted from No. 1667 Conversion Unit.
	28-9-43		P/O. J.H. RICHARDS posted from No. 1667 Conversion Unit.
	29-9-43		P/O. E.N. HOOKE, P/O. J.R. BOWEN posted from No. 1656 Conversion Unit.
	21-9-43		P/L. (A/S/L) B. PAPP, P/O. (A/F/L) G.N. HAMMOND posted to No. 166 Squadron.
			<i>V.A. Slater</i>
			WING COMMANDER, COMMANDING,
			NO. 103 SQUADRON, R.A.F.,
			<u>ELSHAM WOLDS, BARNETBY, LINDS.</u>

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MILSHAM WOLDS.

SEPT. 1943.

G E N E R A L.

Operations were carried out on seven nights this month, 124 sorties being detailed, of which nine returned early through mechanical failures. Four failed to return, and two failed to take off.

A very bad patch of weather added on to the moon period, caused a stretch of operational inactivity.

A most interesting address which, after a short introduction, was on a question and answer basis, was given by Air Chief Marshal Sir ARTHUR T. HARRIS, K.C.B., O.B.E., A.F.C. on the 18th. September, 1943.

"C" flight broke away from the Squadron on the 20th. September, 1943, to form the nucleus of No. 166 Squadron, at this Station's satellite, KILINGTON, on its re-equipping with Lancaster aircraft.