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of (Unit or Formation) 201 SQUADRON, R.A.F.

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<p><u>NOVEMBER, 1943.</u></p> <p>Commanding Officer: S/Cdr. R. E. C. Van der Kiste, D. S. O. Flight Commander: S/Ldr. N. L. Smith. Officer i/c Training: S/Ldr. W. H. Flint. Adjutant: F/Lt. E. Norris.</p> <p>Squadron Offices and Quarters at R.A.F. Station, Castle Archdale.</p> <p>Aircraft - All Sunderlands.</p> <p>N. DD. 828. III. O. DD. 860. III. P. W. 6005. III. Q. W. 666. III. R. DD. 835. III. S. W. 6014. III. T. BJ. 137. III. U. BK. 579. III. V. DP. 185. III. W. W. 4036. III. X. W. 6055. II. Y. BK. 590. III. Z. DD. 829. III.</p>					
	1.11.43.		Aircraft P. A/S Patrol, Moorings. F/Lt. Wood, P/O. Alexander, P/O. Jay. Aircraft R. Fighter Affiliation. F/Lt. Stack, P/O. Evans, P/Sgt. Langley. Aircraft W. Naval Co-op. F/Lt. Bent, P/O. Hanna, P/O. Weskett.		
	4.11.43.		Aircraft Y. Air Sea Rescue. F/Lt. Bent, P/O. Hanna, P/O. Wiles.		
	5.11.43.		Aircraft O. Air Test. S/Ldr. Ruth, P/O. Easton, P/O. Willert.		
	6.11.43.		Aircraft O. Local Flying Training. S/Ldr. Ruth, P/O. Easton, P/O. Willert. Aircraft S. Air Test. F/Sgt. Smith, P/Sgt. Gardner, P/Sgt. O'Connor. Aircraft Z. Air Test. F/Lt. Walters, P/O. Barnes, P/Sgt. Scarle. Aircraft P. Moorings. F/Lt. Wood, P/O. Alexander, P/O. Jay.		
	7.11.43.		Aircraft S. Air Firing Practice. F/Sgt. Smith, P/Sgt. Gardner, Sgt. Halliday. Aircraft R. Air Test. F/Sgt. Langley, P/Sgt. Currel, Sgt. Zita. Aircraft T. Transit to Sullow Voe. F/Lt. Poole, P/O. White, P/O. Davies. Aircraft Z. do. do. F/Lt. Walters, P/O. Barnes, P/Sgt. Scarle. Aircraft S. Local Flying. P/O. Holt, P/Sgt. Smith, Sgt. Wise. Aircraft X. Bombing Practice. P/O. Longland, P/O. Roberts, P/O. Philips.		
	8.11.43.		Aircraft X. Periscope Bombing. P/O. Longland, P/O. Roberts, P/O. Philips. Aircraft S. Air Test. F/Sgt. Smith, P/Sgt. Gardner, Sgt. Halliday. Aircraft T. Moorings. F/Lt. Poole, P/O. White, P/O. Brown.		
	9.11.43.		Aircraft X. Air to Air Firing. P/O. Longland, P/O. Roberts, P/O. Philips. Aircraft Y. Babs & Local Flying. F/Lt. Bent, P/O. Smith, P/O. Wiles.		

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	9.11.43		Aircraft B. Bebs & Local Bombing. F/Sgt. Langley, F/Sgt. Smith, Sgt. Zita. Aircraft U. A/S Patrol. Moorings. F/Lt. Stack, F/Lt. Wood, F/Lt. King. Aircraft Z. A/S Patrol. Moorings. F/Lt. Walters, F/O. Barnes, Sgt. Vickers. Aircraft Q. A/S Patrol. Moorings. F/O. Wilson, F/O. Regensburger, F/O. Garrard.		
	10.11.43		Aircraft E. Local Flying Practice. F/O. Van der Kiste, C/Capt. Costello, Sgt. Harris. Aircraft O. A/S Patrol. Moorings. S/Ldr. Rath, F/Lt. Willant, F/O. Easton. Aircraft U. Training. Radio Range. F/Sgt. Langley, Sgt. Zita, Sgt. Harris. Aircraft X. Low Level Bombing Practice. F/O. Longland, F/O. Roberts, F/O. Philips.		
	11.11.43		Aircraft S. Radio Range & Local Bombing. F/Sgt. Smith, F/Sgt. Halliday, Sgt. Wright. Aircraft T. Convoy Escort. F/Lt. Poole, F/O. White, F/O. Davis. Aircraft E. Training. Radio Range. F/Lt. Walters, F/O. Barnes, Lt. Ferguson. Aircraft O. Practice. D/G Dropping. S/Ldr. Rath, F/O. Mallett, F/O. Easton. Aircraft V. A/S Patrol. Moorings. F/O. Baveystock, F/O. Harrison. Aircraft Y. A/S Patrol Moorings. F/Lt. Bent, F/O. Smith, F/O. Wiles.		
	12.11.43		Aircraft U. Air Test. F/Sgt. Langley, F/Sgt. Currell, Sgt. Harris. Aircraft S. Circuits & Bumps. F/Lt. Walters, F/O. Alexander, F/O. King.		
	13.11.43		Aircraft X. Transit Lough Neagh. F/O. Longland, F/O. Roberts, F/O. Philips. Aircraft X. Air Sea Rescue Work. F/Lt. Wood, F/O. Davies, F/Lt. Avery.		
	14.11.43		Aircraft X. Air Sea Rescue. F/O. Longland, F/O. Hunt.		
	15.11.43		Aircraft U. A/S Patrol. F/Sgt. Langley, F/Sgt. Currell. Aircraft S. Air Sea Rescue. F/Sgt. Smith, F/Sgt. Gardner. Aircraft W. Local Training. F/Lt. Dolphin, F/O. Fernside, F/Lt. Ferguson. Aircraft Y. Transit Pembroke Dock - C.A. F/Lt. Bent, F/O. Smith. Aircraft V. do. do. F/O. Baveystock, F/O. Holt, F/O. Harrison. Aircraft Z. Local Q.G.H. F/O. Longland, F/O. Griffiths.		
	16.11.43		Aircraft Q. Air Test. F/O. Wilson, Sgt. Sanders.		
	17.11.43		Aircraft T. A/S Patrol. Moorings. F/O. Davies, F/Lt. Poole, F/O. Brown. Aircraft X. Compass Swing & Bebs. F/O. Longland, F/O. Fernside, F/O. Griffiths. Aircraft Y. A/S Patrol. Moorings. F/Lt. Bent, F/O. Smith, Sgt. Symons. Aircraft V. Low Level Flying. F/O. Baveystock, F/O. Holt, F/O. Harrison.		
	18.11.43		Aircraft W. Training. Landings. This aircraft crashed on the flarepath at 21.55 hours when practising night landings. Aircraft bank. F/Lt. Dolphin (Capt.), Sgt. Green and Sgt. Parry were killed. Aircraft T. Air Test & Training. F/Lt. Poole, F/O. Harrison, F/O. Brown.		
	19.11.43		Aircraft N. Air Test. F/O. Mold, F/Lt. Veahan, F/Sgt. Nicholson. Aircraft Z. Air Test. S/Ldr. Rath, F/O. Griffiths.		
	20.11.43		Aircraft V. Air Test & Compass Swing. F/Sgt. Langley, F/Sgt. Currell. Aircraft T. do. do. F/Lt. Bent, F/O. Davies, F/O. Brown.		
	21.11.43		Aircraft E. Local Flying. F/Lt. Wood, F/O. Griffiths. Aircraft N. Transit. F/O. Mold, F/Sgt. Nicholson.		

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19.11.43.	Aircraft P. Air Test & Training. P/Lt. Poole, P/O. Harrison, P/O. Brown. Aircraft N. Air Test. P/O. Mold, P/Lt. Vechan, P/Sgt. Nicholson. Aircraft Z. Air Test. S/Ldr. Ruth, P/O. Griffith.
20.11.43.	Aircraft V. Air Test & Compass Swing. P/Sgt. Langley, P/Sgt. Currell. Aircraft T. do. do. P/Lt. Bent, P/O. Davies, P/O. Brown.
21.11.43.	Aircraft P. Local Flying. P/Lt. Wood, P/O. Arrighi. Aircraft N. Transit. P/O. Mold, P/Sgt. Nicholson.

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	22.11.43.		Aircraft N. Transit. P/O. Mold, P/Lt. Vechan, Sgt. Hughes. Aircraft Q. Bombing Practice. P/O. Wilson, P/Sgt. Langley. Aircraft Q. Air Test & Rebs. P/O. Wilson, P/O. Crump, Sgt. Sanders.		
	24.11.43.		Aircraft O. Local Training. S/Ldr. Ruth, P/O. Easton, P/O. Davies. Aircraft X. Bombing Practice. P/O. Weskett, P/O. Bridgen, P/O. Paterson. Aircraft Q. do. P/O. Wilson, Sgt. Sanders. Aircraft Q. Q.C.H. Practice. S/Ldr. Ruth, P/O. Easton, P/O. Davies.		
	25.11.43.		Aircraft N. Air Test. P/O. Mold, Sgt. Partridge.		
	26.11.43.		Aircraft X. Local Night Flying. P/O. Macoun, Sgt. Hudson.		
	28.11.43.		Aircraft Q. Local Training. P/O. Mold, Lt. Ferguson, Sgt. Downs. Aircraft R. Air Test. P/O. Roberts, P/O. Arrighi, Sgt. Hobson.		
	18.11.43.		Aircraft Q. A/S Patrol. P/O. Wilson, Sgt. Sanders. Aircraft P. do. P/Lt. Wood, Sgt. Graham.		
	21.11.43.		Aircraft O. Convoy Escort. S/Ldr. Ruth, P/O. Davies (COMBAT see 541) Aircraft V. do. P/O. Bayestock. Diverted to Gibraltar.		
	25.11.43.		Aircraft S. do. P/O. Smith, P/Sgt. Gardner. Aircraft U. do. P/Sgt. Langley, P/Sgt. Currell.		
	18-30.		Bad weather over the Atlantic had seriously curtailed the number of sorties flown; on many occasions patrols and escort duty flights laid on had to be cancelled.		
	28.11.43. 29.11.43.		Aircraft T. Parallel Track Sweep Patrol. W/E. Van der Kiste, P/Lt. Poole, P/O. White. Aircraft O. A/S Patrol. S/Ldr. Ruth, P/O. Davies.		
	30.11.43.		Aircraft Y. Practice Bombing. P/Lt. Stack, P/O. McGready. Aircraft R. Compass Swing. P/O. Arrighi, P/Lt. Poole.		
	EXTRACTS FROM E.O.R.'s.				
	Serial No. 52.	8.11.43.	1.11.43. P/O. H. J. Biddle posted to 524 Squadron w.e.f. date stated. 1.11.43. P/O. I. L. Dunn posted to 190 Squadron w.e.f. date stated. 13.10.43. P/O. D. Grant. posted to 204 Squadron w.e.f. date stated. 13.10.43. P/Lt. W. J. Lingard posted to No. 5 P.D.G. w.e.f. date stated. 2.11.43. P/O. E. C. Arrighi posted from No. 7 P.R.C. w.e.f. date stated. 5.11.43. P/Lt. A. F. Pegan posted from No. 4 (C) O.T.U. w.e.f. date stated. 5.11.43. P/O. A. H. Mold posted from No. 4 (C) O.T.U. w.e.f. date stated. 14.11.43. P/Lt. D. G. T. Hayes posted to Central Gunnery School w.e.f. date stated. 28.8.43. P/O. J. A. Macoun posted to 201 Squadron on commissioning w.e.f. date stated. 9.9.43. P/O. R. H. Graham do. do. do.		
				<i>R. S. Van der Kiste</i> Wing Commander, Commanding, 201 Squadron, R.A.F.	191

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