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B.77.	1.3.45.	17.20.	Armed sortie against enemy observation post in one building of a group to the west of WEEZE. Direct hits scored with 2 salvos and strikes with cannon on all buildings. Target building was left smoking and roof badly damaged.	
	2.3.45.	11.50.	4 a/c attacked gun positions S. of WEEZE and although the guns were not seen, the pinpoint was well plastered.	
		12.20.	Guns in the same area were the target for this attack, but owing to rain and sleet over the target, the operation was abortive.	
		16.20.	The same target as previously detailed was attacked, although no movement was seen. All rockets were in the target area and an adjacent building received a direct hit.	
	3.3.45.	11.15.	4 a/c attacked mortar positions in houses near SONSBECK. Numerous hits were obtained and two houses were set on fire.	
		13.45.	3 ops of 4 a/c under P.C.P. control carried out attacks against woods concealing a concentration of infantry and armour.	
		13.50.		
		15.45.		
		16.00.	4 a/c Winkle N. of SONSBECK.	
		17.05.	4 a/c on armed sortie against tanks near wood between SONSBECK and XANTEN.	
	4-8.3.45.		No flying.	
	9.3.45.	16.45.	4 a/c detailed to attack concentration of MET E. of GOUDA. Owing to 10/10 cloud, sortie was abortive.	
	10-12.3.45.		No flying.	
	13.3.45.	12.40.	Armed sortie against gun positions near EMERICH. Abortive due to 10/10 cloud.	
		16.25.	A further 8 a/c detailed to attack gun positions in same area, but again abortive due to weather.	
	14.3.45.	10.50.	8 a/c again attempted to attack gun positions near EMERICH, but target was not located owing to haze.	
	15.3.45.	14.50.	Medium guns and gun emplacements - the same target as yesterday's. This time, 6 direct hits were scored.	
	16-17.3.45.		No flying.	
	18.3.45.	17.40/45.	Two sections of 8 a/c attacked H.Q. South West of ZUTPHEN. R/P hits and cannon strikes scored on buildings. One building left smoking and very seriously damaged.	

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<i>W/S 10-9</i>	19.3.45	10.15.	9 a/c led by W/Cdr. Dutton attacked Battalion H.Q. S. of GBRINGHEM. 7 salvos of R/P direct hits North end of main building blazing and destroyed. A smaller building to the north of this was also destroyed.		
<i>W/S 13</i>	20.3.45	16.50.	12 a/c attacked Battalion H.Q. S. of ARNHEM. Target severely damaged.		
B.91.	21.3.45	09.15/35	Move to B.91. (KLUIS).		
		15.30.	8 a/c attacked billets and ammo dump near ZWOLLE. 3 salvos of R/P were direct hits on "T" shaped building in centre of target. Many other buildings well hit with cannon.		
	22.3.45	15.15.	4 a/c attacked barges E. of ZUTPHEE. 2 probables claimed.		
		15.30.	A further 4 a/c on same target. 1 large stationary barge received direct hit with R/P.		
	23.3.45	09.25.	2 Sections of 4 a/c attacked H.Q. at BENNEKOM. Many direct hits scored with R/P and building completely demolished, with the exception of the N.E. corner.		
		14.50.	12 a/c attacked billets in the outskirts of ARNHEM. Hits scored on large white house and several smaller houses nearby destroyed.		
	24.3.45	09.15.	Opening of the big attack designed to cross the RHINE and take part in the "one good heave" referred to by the Prime Minister, the hoped for knock-out blow, 12 a/c in 3 sections of 4 a/c attacked guns and gun emplacements E. of the RHINE. Hits scored and large flash seen during last attack.		
		11.15.	12 a/c attacked flak positions in woods near WESSEL.		
	25.3.45	16.15.	4 a/c attacked MET E. of BOCHOLT. Claims 1 destroyed and 1 damaged.		
		16.30.	4 a/c attacked billets E. of EMERICH. 2 salvos of R/P direct hits and house destroyed.		
	26.3.45	07.05.	3 a/c on armed recon. CLEVE/EMERICH/ZUTPHEE/ARNHEM. 1 stationary MET attacked but no hits observed.		
		07.15.	Armed recon by 4 a/c of scattered barge traffic on the RHINE. 2 destroyed, 6 damaged.		
		07.40.	Attack on group of 7 barges at ZWARTSLUIS. Claims 4 damaged.		
		11.45.	An abortive recon, due to weather.		
		13.30.	4 a/c attacked barges on the RHINE. Total claims 2 destroyed, 5 damaged.		
		15.35.	A further attack on barges, a group of 7 being attacked, of which 4 claimed damaged.		
		16.05.	2 a/c on photo recon.		

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	27.3.45.		No flying.														
	28.3.45.	10.30.	4 a/c detailed for armed recon but operation abortive owing to 10/10 cloud at 4,000 feet.														
	29.3.45.		No flying.														
	30.3.45.	14.25.	4 a/c attacked MET near ALMELO and claimed 4 destroyed and 1 damaged. Stationary petrol wagons started.														
		17.25.	8 a/c attacked General's H.Q. near ENSCHDEDE. Roof blown off and main building burning fiercely. Outhouse N.E. main building also left burning.														
	31.3.45.	17.10.	4 attacks by sections of 2 a/c on MET in ZWOLLE/DEVENTER/ALMELO area. Total claims :-														
		17.30.	5 MET destroyed, 4 damaged, 1 Tank damaged, 1 MET & trailer damaged, and one 2-decker bus														
		17.40.	bus destroyed.														
		18.00.															
			<p>GENERAL. The month ends in a blaze of glory, hope and anticipation. The RHINE crossings have been made and the swift advance into the heart of Germany continues. Now on the last evening of the month, the Hun is apparently pulling out of Holland and we are hitting him as hard as possible as he does so.</p>														
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