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Sunday - August 29/43 (cont'd)

0900	On duty	S.Rumyman F/L.
0915	a/c at Ford and Tangmere	Checked with Stations re. aircraft at m/n stations and Met. who say things seem O.K. for a morning take-off.
1030	"	6 Gp. Met. say weather deteriorating, if off by 11 20 O.K. Otherwise hold them. Advised Stns & 11 Gp F/C. Rushing them up for an early take-off.
1118	Provisional Diversion	To C.F.C. requested Pershore as emergency diversion base for 6 Gardening Wellingtons. They will confirm. O.K.'d Pundit - Dyffords QDM-011° dis- 5½ mls.
1135	434/L.	Now at Silverstone (92 Gp.) with a cut tire. Told E.O. Linton who will contact Silverstone.
1213	419, 427 428 a/c	Checking with 11 F.C. & Met.- final decision send them home. 428/D landed back. Why aren't we told these things? Told Ford to send back both 427 crews. K/434 at Base. not advised
1230	Balloons	Yeovil & Plymouth Balloons at 1500' and 6500' - Dusk to Dawn. On B' Tow
1340	Landfall Beacon V.3284	This landfall beacon will be exposed on 045° from 2345 - 0045 hrs.
1930	Off duty	S.R. Wyman F/Lt. On duty el. H. Hillier F/Lt.
1840	Cancelled	Pershore, L.F. Beacon, and balloons.
1920	Oxford K/DF471	Took off ~~from~~ Leeming at 13.21 for Ford but has not been heard from since. 12 Gp. F.620 and 11 Gp. F.620 informed. Overdue action taken by Ford. K06 9 are trying to trace his plots.

2030 Overdue Oxford — R.O.C. do not keep records of Oxfords in some groups so find it impossible to trace Oxford on way to Hond. They report an unconfirmed crash in th 20 land R.A.F. 9 Gp. are going to report any facts they can get re this crash.

Monday August 30. 1943

0100 Ident. Bd. changed

0900 Off duty — D. & H. Hiller F/Lt. on duty P. Munro F/O.

0930 Overdue Oxford — 9 Fighter Gp. are trying to get information for us on reported crash in Q.Z. 20.

1005 Overdue Oxford. — Warning advice route of Oxford. K. Base - York - Bedford - Reading - Lord. Sgt. Henry (Pilot) + three maintenance men. Advised R.O.C. 9.

1215. — Permission granted by Air 1. for 408 Sq. to send Lanc. to East Wretham with crew to pick up Halifax.

1220 — Passed route & limits for Oxford going to Banff: Limits - Stirling - Montrose - Banff.

1245 Balloons. — Arranged with B.L.O. 12 Gp. to have balloons at following heights & times. Billingham. Close hauled. 23.30 - 0100

Norwich, Gt. Yarmouth, Lowestoft. } 1500' 0330 - 0600 23.59 - 0430

1440. Oxford. DF 471. — Fighter Command. 9 Gp. report. Oxford DF 471 crashed at. Three Counties Stone, Dent, Yorks. a/c burnt - 4 killed. Time of crash 1500 on Aug. 29th.

1415. — New route passed to Limits for. Oxford going to Banff. as follows. Limits - Selkirk - N. Berwick - Earls Ferry - Montrose - Banff. Advised R.L.S 12.

1500 — Permission granted by Air 1. to take Halifax of 434 Sqd. to Middle Wallop with spare parts & crew to pick up Hal. E of 434 Sqd.

1530. — Flight of Hal. T of 434 Sqd. to Middle Wallop. - cancelled.

1600. — Passed following fix to Rapcliffe. JS7. L 5220 N - 0505 W 1st class. at. 1540 acknowledged from. Hull.

1830. — Advised F.C.L.O. 13 Gp. Anson. 9753 Flt. Harding en route from Wyton to Montrose landed at. Limbo with engine trouble. Please advise F.C.L.O. if a/c wishes to take off. Off duty P. Munro F/O.

1830 on duty — S. Rweyman F/Lt.

S.F.C.O if sufficiently important	X-C's	Due to unserviceability of a/c and a lag in the passing of x-c routes from Station Navigation Officers to Station F/C's, aircraft are taking off on training flights without proper clearance for flight being obtained.
2354	Army Manoeuvres.	From R.O.C. 9 - Army manoeuvres in our area - Red-Yellow and Green Verey's. Told the inquisitive Stations - all those in Group.
2358	Taxying accident 434	Squadron a/c marshalled 4 on one side - 5 on other. In the former row 4 ran up on the back of 3. Reason (Pilot) - "The brakes didn't hold when I revved up."

31st August 1943 - Tuesday.

0025	Crashes in York R.O. Area	From R.O.C. (9) - 2 aircraft crashed (collided) in H24 nr Goole. 1 " exploded in mid-air H55 (myth) 1 " " " " " Holme.
0130	Possible Diversion	From C.F.C. - "Have you 2 aerodromes for 5 Group in case of an emergency. Yes! met picture cast iron. Offered 1 station in Topcliffe; one in Linton. Consulted D.F.C.O's & Controller who said O.K.
0445	432/Z	Landed Hardwick - short of Petrol. Returning as soon as refuelled
0480 / 0430	U/428 ↓	This a/c "stooged" between Leeming, Middleton and Croft. Finally landed Scorton.
0510	Possible Diversion	F/C 5 Gp. we do not require your bases now. Told C.F.C.
0500	Group Diversion	432/L crashed on Landing. Diverted a/c to Topcliffe
0640	434/O	a/c shot up with "flak" yesterday. F/Lt. Eng lightly wounded. Told W/C Harris via F/C Tholthorpe

0900	off duty	S/Leader F/L. On duty A.H. Miller F/Lt.
0949	Lockheed V.I.P.	Took off from Topcliffe at 0946 for Henden ETA 11.46. Passed to 12 Gp. Topcliffe phoning him out.
1010	Movements 12 Gp.	Air firing Robin Hd. Bay 10.30-18.00 Hal. Lancs. & Well. Bombing Stenssall 11.00-17.30 " " "
1030	Permission	granted by Air I for Oxford to take skeleton crew down to East Wretham to pick up one of 408's a/c
1110	Permission	granted by Air I for a/c of 431 to take crew to 434 a/c now serviceable at Middle Wallop and one at Coltishall.
1200	QDM 211°	passed to a/c XQ 9/T at 11.42 by Topcliffe H/F D/F Callsign belongs to Eltham; passed to 1 Gp. F/C. It is the operational callsign for today of 103 Spdn. but 1 Gp. say Eltham has nothing flying today.
1220	Diversions	Requested diversion bases for 45 Hal. & 10 Lancs. (provisional petrol) around Harwell area. Our met. say this will be okay for return tonight.
13.55	Special L/F Beacon	will be exposed from 02.15-03.15 true bearing 310°
1345	Com. Flight	Oxford requisitioned for F/L Harris to go down to East Wretham (see 10.20 above)
1400	Balloons	Requested Newhaven, Shoreham, Sheffield, Langley & Weybridge at reduced height from 0215-0415
1430	Balloons	Newhaven, Weybridge, Shoreham, Langley, and London will be at 1500 ft 0215-0415 Sheffield will be at 500 ft. from 0215-dawn.

1500 Diversions (Note SFCO) 6FC now inform us that 4 Sqn. went through direct to 91 Group and got all the best stations for diversion bases without going through 6FC. As a result only mediocre stations were available to us. 6FC apologized profusely. After much discussion the diversions were allotted as follows:

419/16 Upper Heyford
428/14 Hartford Bridge
427/12 Alconbury
434/8 Westcott
426/12 Silverstone

Stations informed. Met. are quite happy about these diversion bases.

1600 Diversions (Note SFCO) Phoned 92 Sqn. re diversions & find that 4 Sqn. have already booked Upper Heyford for 22 of their a/c unknown to 6 Fg. At this late time we now have to find another aerodrome.

1615 Diversions Informed SASO of above entries and he tore a strip off 6FG.

1620 Diversion Arranged with 6FG for Fairmer (92 Sqn.) to replace Upper Heyford. Okay with Met. Station informed.

1700 Balloon Billingham will be grounded from 19:30-2100 and from 0315-0515.

Aug 19th 1830 Diversion Bases. Met unhappy of probable conditions on ETA at allocated Diversion Bases.
C.F.C. advised - who also favouring as anglicable Sumburgh Edmunds, Bradwell Bay, West Malling, Hunsdon, Hardwick.

Diversion Bases Relocation of Sqns to new Diversion Bases as follows:

			Condition
#419 Sqn	-	Sumburgh Edmunds.	128° 5¼ miles
#428 "	-	Bradwell Bay	005° 5 miles
#427 "	-	West Malling	288° 2½ miles
#426 "	-	Hardwick.	137° 4¾ miles
#434 "	-	Hunsdon.	168° 5½ miles

Stations advised of rearrangement in Provisional Diversion

1830 On duty - Sgt Mason F/L.

1915 C.F.C. advised by F/L Miller of Squadron allotment with HQS to the new Provisional Petrol Bases.

1925 F/L Miller off duty.

1935 2000 and 2015 Particulars concerning Provisional Petrol Diversions passed to F.C. 2nd and 4th A.S.Ws and to F.C. & C. 11 Group.

2025 M.L.S. 11 Gp. advised that because of reallocation of Provisional Diversion bases some of the aircraft according to T Form, after rainfall Beachy Hd. - may proceed upcoast East instead of West (track) of London in order to take advantage of shortest route to Diversion Bases. - Names of these Diversion Bases passed.

2030. F.C. 92. advised that their bases would not be required because of adverse weather expected there on ETA. Hoad Saxon with Thanks.

2205	X. Raids	sirraid message Surplee. Stations advised.
	Early Returns	Numbers of aircraft of 6.4 and 5 Groups returning — H.Q. 12 concerned. Uncertain as to X. Raids.
2218	X. Raids	Now all Friendly a/c Stations advised.
2225	Scorton C.F.C.	Acting on advice from S050 and Controllers 6. — arranged with C.F.C and F.C.L.O. 11 for provisional use of Scorton to relieve landing congestion on E.T.B. because of anticipated adverse weather conditions, and shortage of petrol.
2330	4 Group Early Returns.	S/L Paterson phoned — greatly disturbed with 22 early returns and more expected. No of Early returns high for 5 and 6 Groups as well. Further queries on early returns from H.Q. 12 & C.F.C.
2359	No 2. 45 B.W.	Put F.C. No 2 45 B.W. into picture ref. 426 Early returns F.C.L.O. 11 informed of early returns from squadrons detailed to use provisional bases in "Jaump.

Wednesday. Sept. 1st 1943.

0100	Ident	Ld Corrected.
0145/0155	1664 A/c	Overdue by an hour. Weather. 10/10 - 2000 - 3000'. Slight rain. R.O.C. plots on bearings near Hitchin and one near Middleton. Searchlights requested from Middleton.
0215	Diversion 427 Sqn	Decision by Sec I in consultation with net, Leeming and 427 Squadron, to divert 427 Sqdn definitely to West Malling. Diversion signals on Gramophone & Pip & Squeak sent out at 0220 - 0230.
0220	Ref Def Div.	F.C.L.O. 11. advised diversion to West Malling definite. Remainder still provisional.
0245	Ref Diversion	C.F.C., No 2 and No 4 Wings informed on diversion.
0400	C/1419	8760 Eng. 4's. Passed to F.C. Middleton R.O.C. informed.
0420	419/Hal.	R.O.C. plot Halifax at 14000 ft in 285 degrees NW into Sunderland area. Cloud base 3000'. Middleton F.C. and F.C.L.O 12 advised. Latter requested to render any necessary aid.
0435	419/Hal	see 0400 entry - R.O.C. plot a/c flying south at 3000 - circling in 281

	Kelifax	Plot 2.81. passed to F.C.L.O. 12 and F.C. Leeming (nearest which it is)
0448	B/419.	Group Freqy - "Petrol Low - Engine trouble - Proceeding to Middleton" T.O.O. 0432 - F.C. Middleton advised.
0448	G/419	overhead NBG - 3 Engines.
0510	No 2 USAAF.	One a/c landed Horsewick. Horsewick Stood down with Thanks.
0515	No 4 USAAF.	One a/c landed Bury St Edmund. Bury Stood down with Thanks.
0520	MAYDAY.	F.C.L.O. 12. reported a/c calling "Mayday" near Middleton and asking for Sandra. - Middleton F.C. informed at once.
0528	" -	NBG. F/c report crew of Mayday a/c Intercom on trans mit. Heard them say ~~they~~ they could see Sandras
0532	B/419	Sandras landed Middleton
0600	Diversion	Of the 10 a/c of 427 sqn diverted definitely to West Malling 9 landed there safely - one missing.
0600	—	All 6 Gp a/c away from base instructed to await instruction to take off on return - based on weather conditions.
0900	Off Duty.	Sgt Dawson F/L

0900	on duty	S Rwyman F/L.
	a/c at	"
0920	West Malling	419 and 427 a/c at m/n a/d told to take off at about 1000 hrs. Consulted ~~station~~ & Met re. This matter done. and told Leeming Ops about
0940	Bombing & Air Firing	To "M.S. 12 - Bombing (Robin Hood Bay) Air timing. Hab. Lances. (Attrimet) Wello. 1000 - 1600 hrs.
1040 ↘	Liberator	12 Gp. Lib in 4 and 6 Gp area. Get him down if possible all Bases warned. Contact with R.O.C, 4 Gp & stations could give no helpful "Gen". Not landed in 6 Gp.
1112 ↘	x-c Croft	Checked with F/C at m/n station. Told them to see Sqdn Commander re. weather before sending a/c on x/c. He had taken off and then they checked. Told them to query and call back. How do they get along with Met anyhow?
1125	Group Diversion	S/L Kyles Linton - Any place for 2 a/c - Met say Linton. a/c finally landed O.K at Base. Held R/426 at Hartford Bridge. 4 Gp. ready to help out.
1210	x-c Croft	Sqdn Comm. took out Group contention and recalled a/c on W.T. Making plans for Middleton to take him, otherwise will go to Leeming.
1228	405/ a/c	Landed Linton.
1238	Liberator	Landed Feltwell
1305	Diversions	Group "bad". consulted met. who say 3 Gp. only cast iron stations in British Isles. But may get a/c down at 1 and 5 Gp stations. Told S/L Swann Topcliffe & F/C Croft that Feltwell was the best station according to Met. Checking with 3 Gp F/C to confirm.
	3 Gp.	OK by them.

1340	1657 a/c	HC diverted to Tetlwell. Passed "gen" to 3Gp & C.F.C.
		A landed at Base.
	1664/a/c.	Landed at croft.
1630	1657/C	Landed Tetlwell 1449. Told Base Topcliffe.
18.30	Off duty	S/Leading Woman F/L. On duty sl. H. Ekellen F/Lt.

Thursday September 2, 1943

0100	Ident. Bd.	changed.
0900	Off duty	sl. H. Ekellen F/Lt.
	On duty	V. Mussen 2/0.
0950	427 a/c.	Arranged to have 427 a/c. return from W. Malling.
1000.	MLS 12.	Passed to MLS 12. Bombing. - Air firing - Local 1st. Lent. by Wd. Lancs. Sqdn. between. 0930 - 2000
1035.	Bulls. Eye.	Topcliffe Base advise. 1659 have 8 a/c for. Command Bulls. Eye.
1050.	Bulls Eye.	Ex. Linton - Eastmoor have no a/c for. Bulls. Eye.
1051.	1659/C.	Ex. Topcliffe - 1659/C landed from Tetwell at. 1045.
1105.	Bulls. Eye.	Ex. Linton - 431 Syd. have no a/c. for. Bulls. Eye.
1115.		Passed route to Linton for Oxford going to Coltishall. Linton - Spalding - Coltishall.
1135.	Division	Central H/C. advise Rushon O.K. for. provisional petrol division base for. 12 Wellingtons.
1136.	426/S.	Linton advise 426/S landed back from. Bury. St. Edmunds at 1116.
1200.	426/R.	Linton. advise. 426/R. landed back from. Hartford. Bridge at 1159.
1210.	Leuming S.B.A.	Leuming report. S.B.A. Serviceable.
1240.	427/S 427/N	Leuming advise. 427/S landed from. W. Malling at 1230. 427/N landed. from. W. Malling at. 1232.
1300.	Balloons and Landfall Beacon.	Balloons at Manchester - Crew and Bristol Channel area will be at 500 ft. except in the case of hostile, between the hrs. of 1900 - 2100 and 2330 - 0200. Plymouth will be at 6500 ft. and Yeovil at 1500 ft. at the same times, except in case of hostiles. Landfall beacon No. 2 will be on from 23.00 - 2359 on bearing of 280° T.
1535.		S/L. Harris of 408 Sqd. requested permission for 2/o Schaefer (R.C.A.F. Historical Soc.) to participate in training flights. Permission granted by A.O.C.

1550		Passed to Skipton information re Pershore - Rundit Q.D.M. 011° 5½ miles Runways + Sandra lights.
1650.		Billingham, Hull + Humber balloons at. 1500 ft. except between 23.45 - 0045 when Billingham will be close hauled. Passed to middleton.
1715.		Arranged with F.C.L.O. 12 Gp. to have Landfall beacon no. 2 on from: 22.30 - 2359. Passed to stations.
1750.		Priority call from. F.C.L.O. 9 Gp. re Lancaster. Coond coast at Rhyl flying at 3000' on three engines showing broad I.F.F. Last position 8 miles S.E. of Preston flying N.E. over Pennines. Apparently not 6 Gp. a/c.
1830		Off duty - R. Nurse 2/o.
1830		on duty - S/Ldr Wyman F/L.
1830/1840	1679/V	Lanc "stooging" around Linton - Eastmoor - An object dropped from the a/c according to 12 Gp. Contacted Linton + Eastmoor F/C, was n/n a/c now on R/T. Bomb doors opened
1915	Pundits	AS4 requests for Pundits 1, 91, 115 and 140 passed to stations. Time - Dusk - to Dawn.
1931	Balloons	Billingham Close - Lowed 2000 - 2100 hrs. Told Balloon Office 12 Gp. O.K by Line. In meantime M.Sta. contacted site.

1950	Diversion	Passed "gen" to 91 Gp F/C re. 432 Sqdn.
2118	Lanc/1679 DS635	Crashed on aerodrome - Flames - Crew believed to be O.K. Told S.A.S.O. + Controller GTI2. This a/c was under the captainacy of F/L Mc Neil was doing visual landing. One motor cut + a/c could not get off again. One engine c/s, came in to land, overshot, and landed in field. a/c burnt out.
	Spelled W1240	

Friday - 3 September 1943

0100	Ident Board	Checked.
0130	Pershore	Stood down with thanks via 91 Gp.
	Ops.	all a/c returned.
0250	Pundits	Cancelled by a.s.4 told stations.
0254	C/1659 W1240	Last Bulls eye a/c at Group - u/c collapsed. Crew O.K
0332	190 T.U/a/c	Landed at Leeming after circling Topcliffe and Skipton. Lossiemouth a/c was advised
	432/4B	Landed at Morton-in-Marsh and Pudamack respectively.
0900	off duty	S/Ldr Wyman F/L. On duty sd. A/Cadet Fuller F/Lt.
1000	Movements to 4Hs	air firing Robin Hd. Hol. Lanes, + Dell. 1000 - 18.30 Bombing Stumsall .. .. - 1000 - 18.00
1000 to 1030	Crashes	1679 + 1659 crashes reported to air 1, GTI, Eng. and Equip. Officers.
1100	Lossiemouth Wellington	Took off from Leeming without being routed by Group. 12 + 13 Gp enquired why we had not notified them of movement. Leeming say they thought a/c did not need routeing.

1130	Comm. Flight	Permission given by air= for 434 to use Catfoss & Dishforth to take down 2 ground crew & equip. for 434 a/c at Coltishall.
1300	Topcliffe VIP	Lockheed Hudson LA628 will be taking off from Topcliffe for Hendon at 13.15. Route: Lindholme Syerston, Hendon. ETA. 14.30. MLS informed.
1340	Topcliffe VIP Bullseye	took off at 13.30. MLS informed. Command 648 (Stage 3) Route: Base, Spalding, Dougles, Alscott, Porthcawl, Newark, base. IR targets will be at Dougles, Alscott & Newark. Spalding, (starting point) will be marked by 3 searchlights intersecting at 18000 ft. Time at Spalding 21.15 Height 16000 feet. Some night fighters mostly around Alscott and South Wales. Also a few searchlights mostly at beginning of route and in South Wales. There will be about 70 a/c from all groups. Above gen. passed to 1664, 408 and 429 Sqdns.
1500	77 HS #2	at 265° True from 0400-0500
1430	Diversion (weather)	Met. say weather in Group will be good enough till dawn - no diversion bases required.
1530	Balloons	Sheffield at 500 ft all night Shoreham & Newhaven at 1500 ft 2100-2145 & 2230-2359 Langley & Weybridge at 1500 ft 2045-2130 & 2230-0030 Stations informed.
1545	Diversion	Provisional patrol diversion laid on for 426 Sqdn.
		will be Lisset. Pundit: QDM 110° 3 miles (Cliffe to Pundit)
1645	Anson	from West Freugh landed at Leeming - couldn't contact his base by W/T. Will be taking off for West Freugh about 1700 hrs. West Freugh informed by phone.
1800	432/B	will be returning tomorrow first thing from Predannack. Told them to check weather first.
1800	Diversions	From C.F.C: how many a/c can we take tonight in our Group? After consulting Controller we gave them following: Middleton, Croft, Leeming, Skipton, Dalton, Linton, Eastmoor, Tholthorpe
1830	On Duty -	Sig. J. H. Tuson: F/L.
1900	Ref Diversions	Following offer passed to and approved by C.F.C. Middleton 20. a/c. Croft 20. a/c. Leeming 20. a/c. Topcliffe 20. a/c. Lintons 15. a/c 20 Engs. " Eastmoor 15. a/c 20 Engs. " Total 110 a/c 120 Engs. "
1905	Pundits	Ab's request for 115, 414, and 91 passed to Stations c. - added 155 at 1955 hrs

2115	Provnl Diversion	Ex C.F.C. - following 6 Group Sqns allocated to 5 Group. 15. Middleton - 20 a/c Croft - 20 a/c Leeming - 20 a/c Topcliffe - 20 a/c.
2200	Left Train Divns	Ex. 5 Group. F.C. Nothing definite as yet - still studying weather problem Not worried over Petrol.
2215	6 Gp Met.	Northern bases expected to be ok up to 0600 hrs. when at least 50% of all 6 Gp bases will likely to have mist. Not happy over reception of provisional Allocation. - Controller advised -
0001		Saturday Sept 4th 1943.
0120	Ref. Provnl Divns	Ex. F.C. 1 Gp. - C.F.C. advised them they might use Linton and Eastmoor as provisional bases for 20 a/c each. 6 Group not happy over Eastmoor but unable to guarantee Linton beyond 0500 hrs. - F.C. 1 advised
0245	Diversion Definite	Ex F.C. 5. Definite Diversion 19 Sqn, 12 Lancs to Middleton 9 Sqn, 13 " " Leeming.
0300/0330	Ref Def Divns.	- Ex F.C. 1 Gp. Division semi ~~definite~~ definite - for 19 Lancs of 12 Sqn. to Linton and Eastmoor. - Ex F.C. 5 additional Definite Divisions from 57 Sqdn. 13 Lancs to Topcliffe 619 " 10 " " Croft. - Ok by 6 Gp not providing arrival in this area is before 0445 - 0500., as no particular base remains guaranteed free from mist after 0500 hrs. - Ok by 5 & 6 Gp Controllers
0400	-	5 Group Lancs already in 6 Group area. 1 Group Lancs to be taken to their Base (Hickenby)
0530		38 Lancs 5 Gp landed at Stns in 6 Gp. - Ex pressed of 5 Gp thanks expressed to all Concerned.
0630	RCC Lancs	RCC plot Lanc flying in wide circle Linton area. Linton advised.
0635		Lanc now near Topcliffe - F.C. Topcliffe & Leeming advised. - Rudston informed.
0640		Lanc passed over Leeming at 3000 ft flying North.
0645/0650		Lanc North of Croft at 4000' - passed to F.C. & C. '2.

0830	Lep S/49	Ex M.L.O. 12. This a/c ditched last night off Tynemouth. All ~~of~~ crew were rescued being) Later three of the crew died. - M.L.O. 12 advising 5 Group.
0835	Return of 5 Gp a/c.	Ex 5 Gp. "OK for anyone to return by 0900 hours". F.C. Stations advised.
0855	9 Sqn	8 a/c a/b for base. — passed to F.C. 5.
0900	off duty	Smith F/L.
0900	on duty	S Rwyman F/L.
0935	Bombing Air Firing	Halifax, Lancaster and Wellington a/c will be Bombing Stenigot and Air Firing Robin Hood Bay 1000 to 2000 hrs. Normal Height.
1150	E/434	Air I refuses permission to 434/E to go to Lockington to pick-up radiators after an A/E detail. Told Linton.
1350	L 3B #2	on a bearing of 280° from 2345 to 0045 hours. Confirmed with Ops. 12 Gp.
1521	NOTE	On MONDAY A.M. HAVE S.D. 300 changed. New one in Ops Room safe.
1539	T. Mah	Air I refuses permission for a Sergeant Palmer at 1664 C.U. to take the m/n a/c to Wellesbourne-Mountford to collect personal equipment.

1600	Prov. Weather Diversion Base	From C.F.C. OK for Swanton Morley. 9 Webs. 0015-0045.
1615	Swanton ÷ Morley	T. Drem - Contact - S.B.A. - H.F. D/F. Sundit QDM 305° dis. 3. F/C 2 to be advised. Passed to Skipton F/C.
1720	Diversion 1 Bomber Group	3 U.S. Bomber wing want to send 4 Marauders to M.St.G. between 1900 and 2000 hrs. Story is - these a/c have been on an A.S.R. job and not being used to night landings want to get down somewhere. O.K. by Middleton + Controller + Air I.
1740	Cockpit	a/c did not take off; because A.S.R. search not required. Told Middleton and Controller + Air I.
1806	Sundits	A.S.4's requests for Sundits 1, 91, 115 and 140 passed to stations concerned.
1830	off duty	S Rwyman F/L. W.A. Miller F/Lt. on duty.
20.55	QDM 7LR/N	on a/c from Swinnigley given but a/c could not answer challenge, saying he had wrong card. Passed to 93 Gp. who say they have N/7LR flying.
21.45	Diversion	Met. say base will have good weather on return with good vis. and wind gusty at 15-20 mph. On controller's instructions Swanton Morley stood down with thanks.

Sunday September 5, 1943

0030	Lights on sea	U/432 - 5414N 0234E 20.14 hrs. 2500 ft. white lights believed from sea level flashing dots
0100	Ident. Bcn.	changed.

0050	Lights on sea	W/432 - 5408N 0050E 19.46 2000 ft. flashing reddish lights on sea bed about 5 miles off starboard beam. Also 5419N 0319E 20.22 2000 ft. White lights flashing irregularly on sea bed about 8 miles off port bow. K/432 - 5416N 0255E 2019 hrs. 2500 ft. Appeared to be a flame float about 1 mile off starboard beam.
0100	"	Lights a sea passed to F.C. 12 Gp.
0105	"	V/432 - ~~5251~~ 5352N 0080E - 2325 hrs - 2000'. Seen on starboard beam, white light flashing irregularly and up to eleven white lights surrounding it. Passed to 12 Gp
0900	Off duty	A.H. Miller F/Lt.
0900	On duty	D. Musson 2/O.
0930	WLS 12.	Passed to WLS 12 Air Sea Firing (Whitby) Bombing (Strensall) and local ht. tests. Halo. Wells. and. Lanes.
1045.	Diversion Bases.	Requested. diversion bases from. Central Flying Control.
1230	Diversion Bases.	Received diversion bases. from. Central Flying Control. Harwell - Middle Wallop - Boscombe Down - Colerne.
1435.	Diversion Bases.	Passed. information re diversion bases to stations.
1440.	Diversion Bases.	Confirmed diversion bases. with Central Flying Control. as follows.

Definite
Harwell - 16 a/c. of 428 Sqd.
M. Wallop - 14 a/c of 419 Sqd
Boscombe D. - 12 a/c of 427 Sqd.
Colerne - 10 a/c. of 434 5 a/c of 426.
Provisional ~~9 a/c~~.
Colerne. - 9 a/c. of 432 Sqd.

1455.	Diversion Bases.	On advice of Air I., diversion bases now become provisional instead of definite. Advised - Central Flying Control.
1600.	Balloons.	Arranged to have balloons flying at following hts. and times Billing ham at. 500 ft. 1830 - 1930 0200 - 0400 ~~0310~~ - ~~0510~~ Langley + Weybridge } at 1500 ft. 1930 - 0500 Yeovil at 1500 ft 22.40 - 0040 Bristol Channel Area } at 500 ft. 2015 - 2115 Except in the case of enemy activity. Landmark Beacon No. 18 on from. 2330 - 0030 on bearing 045° T.
1800.		Amended note re balloons. Bristol - Whitchurch + Weston will be controlled + fly at 500 ft. between 2359 + 0100 and between 0200 + 0300 Special landfall beacon at Beachy Hd. will be vertical to 10000 ft between 2100 - 2200 and on a bearing 350° T. between. 0100 - 0200. Passed to stations.

1830		Flying contact 4 Gp. advise report reached them from Ruffforth via Idlesby Police that a Lancaster crashed at Rudland Moor at 1500 hrs. Position is 1½ miles west of how Hill Farndale. Sheet 22 135150. 8 Crew all killed.
		Linton have one line outstanding which took off at 1457 for Cambridge. This movement was not passed to Group although a route (Base - Peterboro - Cambridge: Peterboro - Base) was authorised. Idlesby Police cannot give us a/c number but will let us know further particulars. This a/c now one from Ruffforth on Leave is O.K.
1830	off duty	R Mussn Flo - on duty S Weyman Fl.
1950	Rebrush	Topcliffe told to take action re crash. entry 1830 hrs.
2025	Rebrush	S/L Swann called to say he had sent all fire-tenders out to crash. Had previously told Watch-keeper to collect Bodies. entry 1950. Army on Guard.
2000	n/F	passed MLS 12. Roc 8 c/s to 3 Stns.
2010/5	Diversion	Passed "Cea" to ~~stations~~ Groups concerned.
2155	Pundits	Stations notified Pundits required by A54. Dusk to Dawn.

2325 FOR G.F.C.O.	Taxi Accident 419/A 428/O	Due to extensive work on perimeter track. the a/c at M.St.G. have been forced to marshal on one of the runways, which cuts the longone. This necessitates the a/c being marshalled in 2 lines. In this incident in night the a/c 428/O scraped the wing tip of 419/A when the 428 line was moving up for take-off. Says F/L Tame - "Finger trouble."
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0225	427/X SHT 461	On HF DF Abingdon - "Petrol low". Being Homed and will land. Told Station.
0215	Re crash	S/L Swann says - All bodies collected. Due to road conditions unable to bring them in. 2 Mem + Ambulance waiting until first light when "bods" will be brought to Topcliffe.
0230	Re. 0225	A/c of 467 Sqdn. not 427. Told Leeming
0445	Anson 52	m/x a/c landed Leeming. W/T U/S. Petrol low. Told 7 Group F/C who will advise Junky. The a/c's base.
0500	Aircraft on Ops.	3 a/c missing from Operations.
0900	off duty - S Weyman Fl/L.	On duty A.N. Willis Fl/Lt
0905	Movements MLS - E207	Hal. Well & Lancs. airfiring Robin Hd. 0930 - 1830 " - " bombing Strensall 1000 - 1800
1035	434/W Market Harb. (92 Sqn. RCO)	Crew want to know if they can return to base - a/c has coolant leak. asked base Linton to refer to Sqdn. who say okay but crew must watch temp. of eng. & come back on 3 engines if necessary.

1055	diversions CFC	On instructions from air I, requested the following airfields as definite diversion bases for 48 Hal. and 5 Lancs: Dunsfold, Tangmere, Ford & Hartford Bridge. They will phone back later. Met. say okay.
1145	diversions	From CFC: the following diversion a/d's allotted to us: Tangmere 16/419 Dunsfold 14/428 West Malling 10/421 Ford 8/434 & 5/426 all okay by Met.
1250	air to air firing	12 Gp. Controller refused permission for 431 a/c to do air to air firing over base. Told base Linton.
1515	Balloons & L.H. Beacon	all 11 Gp. balloons will fly at 1500 ft. from 19.30-05.30 SOR. except Down which will be at 2500 ft. Special landfall beacon will be exposed from Selsey Bill from 0250-035 bearing of true north.
1500	434/W	Permission given by SASO for 434/V to go down to Market Harborough with spare parts & ground crew to repair coolant leak.
1650	Billingham	balloons will be grounded from 18.40 till 20.00.
1830	Off duty	S.H. Miller F/Lt.
1830	On duty	~~Lowe~~ Jackson F/L.
2015	F.C.L.O. 11.	Informed F.C.L.O. 11. that 48 Hal and 5 Lancs airborne on Confirmed with F.C.L.O. 11 that diversion of these aircraft to Tangmere, Ford Dunsfold and West Malling is definite. F.C.L.O. 11 already happily in the picture
2145	Enemy Intruder Warning	Ex. Southdown - German Intruder activity expected on large scale over this country tonight particularly at time of return of our Bomber aircraft. It was suggested by S/Ldr that a broadcast be sent to operational aircraft in flight, approx one hour before S.T.B., warning them of Intruders and advising Nav Lights be doused.
2150		Stations and a/c concerned advised of Intruder message.
2215	Aid to others	S.A.S.O. advised that Flying Control Stations, be ~~advised~~ warned to be prepared to render immediate aid to any a/c sent this way to avoid Enemy action.
2225	G/434	M.L.S. 12. advised that G/434 was sent to Jettison. Should be crossing coast at Flamborough

2345 Let - Recall X-Countries

Base Linton and Croft advised by R/T one to recall their Cross Countries in order to avoid any Intruders on E.T.S.

2330 / 2345 Bom Bases.

Ex C.F.C. - A feeler - desirous of substituting Dishforth bases for their inland S.A.S.O. discussed case with C.F.C. warning that if change were necessary we were to have Bomber bases possible in Southern area 91 Gp - and that names of such bases must be carried on our flimsies.

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0025 Provnl Substitute Bases. (in Event of Heavy E.A. on South Coast)

Ex C.F.C. Provisional Substitution offer as follows Harwell, Stanton Harcourt Westcott, Kelvedon - Boscombe Down and Hurn.

- S.A.S.O and H.Q. consider that should C.F.C and No 11 Group in their discretion consider redisposition necessary they may do so as follows: 419 Sqn to Harwell.

428 Sqn Boscombe Down
427 " Westcott.
426 and 434 Sqns - Wing[s]

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0049 / 0050 Subst'n Dom. Provisional particulars passed to FC. 91, 92 + FCLO 10

*0035 E/427. Emergency Fix and message (Stating Port Engine u/s and landing at West Malling) passed to F.C.L.O. 11.

0100 E/427 Ex F.C.L.O. 11. E/427 landed safely at West Malling. - Leeming advised.

0115 Enemy Activity Ex S'Dn Int → 6 Sp Dnt - Intruders already over Kent and East Anglia area.

0137 FCLO 11 Advised of early returns

0200 R/427 Early return - 1st clears fix position passed to F.C.L.O. 11 (a/c may land W. Malling) - Leeming informed.

0235 Left W/Malling Ex. F.C.L.O. 11. Weather at West Malling fogging up - Bomber Stream crossing French coast and making land fall Eng. Coast further East than laid on because of heavier West winds. - F.C.L.O. 11 suggests remaining 6/427

		be diverted to Manston whose weather is ok. (11.8 6CP nett). Discussion with Controller 6. F.C.L.O. 11 and C.F.C. Manston decided upon.
07.50		Leuming advised.
03.20	Enemy Activity	First Hostile plot on boards. — N.B. Jerry "petered out" in this area.
04.29	R/428	Emergency Bearing of 148° Southampton passed to F.C.L.O. 11. Assistance requested.
04.30/05.03	R/428.	The emergency bearing of 148° passed to F.C.L.O. 11, tied up with the plot an aircraft wandering uncertainly just off the French Coast. Since the aircraft was apparently lost, it was suggested a fighter be sent to lead him in. At 04.33 R/428 obtained an acknowledged 1st class fix on Southampton which was passed at once to F.C.L.O. 11, and was found to tie up with the plot of the wandering aircraft and identified him as S.O.S. R/428. A fighter was despatched at once to lead him in.
R/428.		The aircraft continues to obtain a number of 1st class fixes all of which were acknowledged by the A/C and passed at once to the F.C.L.O. 11, who was making every effort to direct the aircraft to FORO. At 04.41 R/428 sent Ditching D.S.T.O.I from 7000 ft. — but due to the prompt aid rendered by the F.C.L.O. the aircraft was able to maintain a direct track to the Eng. Coast and landed safely at FORO. — 0456. — All concerned were kept informed. — Appreciation expressed to F.C.L.O. 11
0600.	Return of A/C away.	Ex Duty forecaster 6 — O.K. for any 6 Sp A/C away to return directly. F.C.L.O. 11. informed. (427 about to take off from Manston)
0700		Ex. Manston. 427/A. airborn for Leuming at 0656. Leuming advised.
0730		Ex. Manston. 427/D airborn for Leuming at. 0733. Leuming advised.

0840.		Advised Central 2.C. Following division 'drome knew used last night. Langmere 15 a/c. Lord. 8 a/c. Manston 5 a/c. West Malling 3 a/c. Dunsfold 10 a/c.
	41 a/c landed away	
0900		off duty L.A. JUSTAKSON F/L: on duty - S.Weyman F/L
N.B. D.F.C.O's		- Saccaon Liaison officers of W/Os 9, 10, 11 and 12 Groups have confirmed by phone S.A.S.O. 6's request that Saccaon Information in answer to required Lights and times reach this H.Q by 1600 hours: thus ensuring this information be on hand in time for Briefings.
	Air Firing	Hab. Lancs. Bomb. Stirling. AIF Wittey. 0930-1900
	Bombing	Normal Hr. Ref: E 233. - MLS 12 Gp.
1115	Oxford to Grandsden	S.A.S.O. (W.C. Weir) gives permission for F/L Cook in an Oxford to Grandsden Lodge.
1135	Evacuation of Oxford	Permission to use Oxford for a pilot to be chosen by Base Commander Linton D. morrow. Linton-to complete. Told Linton Base (DWK)
1325	408/F DS.732.	Crashed at 1300 hrs. Crash action taken by Linton. Told Controller; 4 Gp. F/C; Posn YE 9980 - S/E of aerodrome. Also Air I - GTI. 2 - Equip officer. P4 - Eng. Off. Air I to tell S.A.S.O. a/c caught fire - R/G. Sgt. Ogston killed - remainder O.K.

N.B. D.F.C.O's		Note and fill in form in back of this Log book at the end of the NIGHT WATCH. Not clear but you know what I mean.
1540	TRANSMITTER on R/T.	a/c heard on Tholthorpe R/T - Pancaked at 1528? Pilot's name Jock. R/T on transmit - Discussion included W/T frequencies new R/T set; bomb. sight and weather. Contacted stations re. above & notified Sig Security Officer. Also 4 Group F/C.
1610.	Bomb on Evening Q	Ops. Evening report an a/c will drop a bomb from at 4500' at 1645 hrs this p.m. Told R.O.C. York.
	Re entry 1540	M. U. G. Evening says - "Our a/c not guilty."
1830	On	S.R. Wyman
1830	Off duty	~~A.H. Miller~~ F/Lt. On duty A.H. Willis F/Lt
		Wednesday Sept. 8. 1943
0100	Odent 13d.	changed
0410	X-countries	all back to Brott.
0340	93 Group	enquired about a missing a/c - have either Middleton or Topcliffe heard anything on their D/F. Middleton reported that they had a 7 Q/H up on D/F after midnight but this was not 93 Gps. a/c. Topcliffe report nothing.
0900	Off duty	A.H. Willis F/Lt.
0900	On duty	R. Munson F/O.
0930		Permission granted by S.A.S.O. for W/C Swetman to go to Pretwich in Lancs. and for W/C Clayton &

take Air/M. Edwards to Hendon.
2.C.Z.O. 11 Advised re Hendon.

1130. Requested 4 prov. weather division bases in N part of East Anglia.

1230 Central Flying Control have allotted as prov. division bases. Coltishall - Docking - Swanton Morley. ~~Honington~~ Shipdam.

1240. 427/R landed from W. Malling at. 1148.

1300. Langley Weybridge Balloons. Arranged with 11 GP. Langley & Weybridge balloons will fly at 1500 ft. from. 1930 - 2359 Landfall Beacon at. Beachy Hd. will be on a bearing of. 310°T. from. 2230 - 2330. Passed to Skipton.

Beachy Hd. R.T.B.

On duty P/O. Spence.

1435 Upwborough L.T.B. #2. Requested of 7.C.F.O.12 - R.T.B.2 at 280°T from 0345 - 0445 hrs.

1430 Billingham Balloons. Billingham Balloons - B.R.O.12 advise will be close hauled. 2100 - 2215 hrs + 0400 - 0600 hrs.

1500 Hopwick Balloons. Overriding Control 2230 to 0100 hrs requested & confirmed by B.F.C.O. #11

1500. R.T.B. Clacton on Sea. Special Beacon on 328°T from 2300 - 2359. Requested of + confirmed by 7.C.F.O. #11.

1500. R.T.B. #2. 7.C.F.O.12 - confirmed entry 1435 hrs

1500. Beachy Hd. R.T.B. Cancelled request for Beacon at Beachy Head as per entry 1300. - balloons retained.

1615. Weather Div. Bases. Stations advised of provisional diversion bases in case of poor weather as follows.

419		Swanton Morley
428	Middleton	- Shipdam
427	Leeming	- Docking
426	Linton	- Coltishall
434	Holthorpe	- "

1730. Div. for Other Bases. Offered C.F.C. to take care of Lancs. from No 5 Gp. up to 20 a/c per station at Middleton Leeming + Topcliffe in case diversion was necessary, because of cancellation of our own main operations.

1745 " C.F.C. advise diversion bases not required.

1750. ~~Lambert~~ A/M ~~EDWARDS~~ ~~HENDON~~ Oxford. Advised R.O.C. + F.C.P.O. 12 Gp. of departure from Topcliffe at 1726 hrs for Heston via Doncaster, + Oakham; to arrive at 1900 hrs.

On duty Wyman F/L

1925 Passing Gen passed to MLS 12 Gp. R.O.C York 9 and 10., 4 main stns in Group.

1940 N/F

1900. Pundits A.S.H requested Pundits 155, 115, 1, 149, 91 Dusk to dawn. Stations informed.

1915 A/M Lambert Landed Heston 1912. Told R.O.C + P/O Spence,

2015 L.F.B. #2 Cancelled with 12 Gp.

2240	434/A.	Returning from x-c landed overshot owing collapsed.
2245	Bombing Stenssall	Much ground mist Stenssall Bombing Range 428/0 and 1664 a/c are not to try + Bomb if target is obscured. Advised by M.St.G. to tell them BAR when they called for Bombing permission. Done.

4th September 1943. THURSDAY

0112	Ops	all a/c returned.
0200		Checked Ident Board.
0230	1 Gp & 4 Gp diversions	m/n groups put out feelers for small arrangements but after 1½ hrs. managed to put their x-c aircraft down in their own groups.
0900	off duty	S/Wrygman J/E — On duty S.O.T. Willett F/Sgt.
1025 to 1040	Halifax	R.O.B report Hal. plotted between Croft & Middleton (round dots) all stations "red". Contacted Middleton who say they had "Esell B" on R/T. They were expecting Hal. from Bramley. Told Middleton to send him to Ouston or Acklington if they can't land him (weather at Middleton 300 yds. vis.) 8 Gp. F/C say it is Bramley's a/c and it took off from Dunsfold vis. 6 hrs did not contact Middleton or us before taking off.
1100	diversions (provisional)	Arranged with 6 F 6 for following diversion bases for 52 of our a/c after consultation with met: Wunston – 428/15 West Malling – 419/15 Bradwell – 427/10 Tangmere – 434/7 & 426/5
1110	Halifax	(see 10.25 above) landed at Middleton in 500 yds. vis. after circling for about half an hour. Has now taken off again for Bramley.
1115	Movement E65	Air firing Robin Hd. Bay 5 miles off Scarboro 11.45 - 18.30 Bombing Stenssall 12.30 - 18.00.
1215	408 a/c to Baginton	Permission given to this a/c to land at Baginton by SASO. Taking test pilot down & doing check on way down. Test pilot knows aerodrome. Contacted Baginton who say okay – 1 runway 1¼ miles long, Lancasters use it all the time. Movement passed to 12 Grp.
1445	Balloons	Yarmouth & Lowestoft and all 11 Grp. barrages will be controlled at 1500 ft from 2300 hrs till 0630 hrs. except Dover which will be at 2500 ft. all SOR.
	LZ/B #2	will be at 280° True 0440-0540.
	" Beechy	" " " 025° - 0350-0450
		Passed to Stations.
1640	diversion	Met. now say Tangmere are expecting rain tonight. Controller instructs that another a/c should be obtained to replace it. 6 F 6 give us Lakenheath. Met. agree. Gen. passed to Linton.
1700	Route changed. LZ/B Beacon	Cancelled LZ/B Beacon #2 & LZ/B Beacon at Beechy Special LZ/B at ~~Beechy~~ Orfordness will be at bearing of 305° T from 04.30 - 05.30.
1730	diversions (definite)	Weather at bases will not be good so stations have been instructed that a/c will definitely go to diversion aerodromes unless they receive a signal to return to base. Diversion Groups informed.

1830	On duty Plt Spence. - Off. Plt. Miller.	
1845	Pundits	#1, 91, 115, & 140 - Dusk to dawn - A.S.-4. Stations advised.
1900.	American Fortresses M.S.G.	C.F.C. advised several Fortresses would be in the vicinity of our Group between 1600 & 1800 hrs on 10-9-43. and request was made that M.S.G. be on the watch for them to render assistance if required. Passed to M.S.G.
1935	408 a/c from Bagington	12 Gr. passed from 9 Gr. - 408/s left Bagington 1900 hrs. to return to base. (Arrived at B. 1305 hrs) Landed at 1940
2115.	Dio. Bases. Bellocco. R.F.B.	Advised all concerned not required.
2200	3 Gr. a/c. Message. M.S.G.	F.C.O. requested message - ~~07R~~ "99 R N (return to base" be passed to their a/c - 07R (L) on M.S.G. frequency. Advised M.S.G.
2207	Do.	3 Gr. advise message passed on their own frequency. Informed M.S.G.
2255.	Croft. Prang.	1664/B. pranged on aerodrome 30 yds from S.E. N.W. R/W clear of flare path. Crew O.K. Engine cut out on take-off; a/c made low circuit but could not get back in position to land on R/w.

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0020	Pundits	A.S.4 request cancelled.
0100		Ident. Board changed.
0805	Movement	Arranged with M.R.S. 12 for Bombing at Stenssall & Air-Sea Firing at R.N.B & Whitby for Hals. Wells & Lanes. from 0400 to 1800 hrs. Reference E-8.
0900	off duty	L.A. Justafson F/Lt. on duty H. Wyman F/Lt
	N.B. D.F.C.O's	In future Convoy Signals will be passed to N.C.O i/c Intruder Board, who will pass to the Stations.
	1018	12 Gp. M.L.O. - Approves Special Route for Linton a/c told Base Linton.
1230	Rfg. Duty 1900	C.F.C. say Fortress show cancelled. Told M. Stn.
1550	FAIRY FULMAR	THORNABY - YORK - LANDED LINTON - TOLD 12 F.C. also YORK.
1830	Off Duty	L.R. Wyman F/Lt. On duty A.H. Miller F/Lt.

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0100		Ident. Bd changed.
0920	Off duty On duty	A.H. Miller F/Lt. H.L. Spence, Plt.
1830	off duty-	H.L. Spence P/o. on duty L.R. Wyman F/L
1923	Pundits	AS4 request for Pundit 1, 91, 115, 140 Dusk-Dawn. Passed to Stations.

1910	427/W	Cypher message received by Ops. Room. m/n a/c leaving Gibraltar 2130. E.T.A.- Leeming 0630hrs 12/9/43. Contacted 6 Gp Met, Leeming S/C and 4 4 Gp. No guaranteed bases in British Isles. Advised that he stay. 4 4 Gp F/C he will without doubt.

— SUNDAY - 12 SEPT. 1943 —

0100	Ident Board	Corrected.
0900	Off duty	~~4 4 4~~ S/L. Wyman F/Lt. On duty A. N. Miller F/Lt.
	DFCO's Note	New 12 Gp. Boundries: coast south of Southwold, to Buckingham, to Derby, to QZ 45, to QT 55, to QU 51. The northern part of the old 13 Gp. is now part of 14 Gp.
1100	Convoys	10 hr. positions passed to Stations by Teller.
1330	Movements E 208	Hal. Lancs. & Well. air firing Kaber Hd. - 1400 - 1800 " " " bombing Stirmall 1400 - 1800
1600 to 1620	Weather	Met. are not happy about x-countries of 1659 and 1664 over west coast and up over land from Strumble. Weather between here & Strumble is cloud at 500 ft. and thunder showers. Base conditions will be cloud base 1000 - 1500 ft. vis. 2000 - 3000 yds. at worst. No point in recalling 1659 as they are nearly to Strumble. Croft expecting 2 a/c back within half an hour. Middleton has now gone red & Croft may deteriorate so advised them to send a/c to Topcliffe on advice by Met.
1630	Weather	Met. now say none of our bases will be very good on ETA of 1659 x-countries at 18.15 due to unexpected deterioration in weather. However there should be two or three stations that can land them. Silloth will have good weather conditions at that time in case of possible diversions. Advised Base control, Topcliffe of above. They say flight commanders seem quite happy about it.
1640	Croft 9/c	have all been sent messages to return and land at Topcliffe. Topcliffe gives particulars. Topcliffe have sent messages to their a/c to return to base without bombing at Stirmall.
1630	4 0 5/R	Landed Croft 16.07. Was heading for Middleton but couldn't land due to weather. One engine fell out at position 5518 N 0139 W (accurate within a mile) & Gp. informed.
1720	x-countries	Topcliffe weather still workable and have some a/c on R/T. They now tell us they have 4 a/c out on local
1745	x-countries	Linton standing by to receive any overflow from Topcliffe - weather not as good but workable. Topcliffe sending up mortars & rockets. Pilots of a/c on board show them to be finding it very difficult to determine their positions. Topcliffe's D/F giving dozens of QDM's and could not send out recall messages due to congestion at first. Leeming gave (E/1659) QGH's to two a/c. One a/c couldn't hear Leeming's beam & was given directions by TR 9. a/c could not receive on W/T. a/c landed eventually at Leeming. E/1659 broke cloud on Leeming's beam and was sent to Topcliffe where it landed. E/1664 was given QGH at Leeming, broke cloud

was sent down to Topcliffe where it eventually landed. One a/c of 1659 was sent to Linton to break cloud but landed direct at Linton 9 9/12 F6/40 both were requested to watch for 1664's 5 x-countries coming in over west coast. Another a/c stooged up towards Middlesborough. 12 Gp were contacted who said balloons were on ground. a/c then went out to sea about 40 miles. 12 Gp. said they could not send a fighter, but as all their bases were down to 500 ft cloud base. This a/c finally turned towards coast, headed for Topcliffe & eventually landed there. At 1900 G/1659 came up on Topcliffe's W/T "45 min. petrol left." Bearing 165°. 5 min. later a/c came up on Leeming's W/T "Petrol low" & eventually landed Leeming after having been given a QGH. The last a/c up, H/1664 came up on Middleton's D/F and given QDM of 091° and told to go to Topcliffe. a/c went to Croft and finally made a very poor landing in bad conditions. Croft could not contact him on R/T.

All a/c finally down at 19:30. In all there were 21 a/c of our Group a/c when the weather suddenly closed in. Topcliffe & Leeming both put up a good show.

1820. P.T.T. #405 Sqn. R- Passed following message to P.T.T. Flying Control for transmission to Engr. 405 Sqn; from Asst. Engr. Officer:-
"Stbd. Inner Engine of 405/R dropped out in flight over Newcastle. We are trying to locate the Engine. Suggest that if possible 405 Sqn Engr.

come up to see the a/c. Repair will be new power plant required plus certain accessories. We have requested A.I.B's and are making further examinations of the power plant to determine whether or not additional spares will be required. Will you let us know when men, etc., will be available.

1830 Off duty F/L D. H. Miller.
On duty F/O H.R. Spence.

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0200 Ident. Bd. CHECKED.

0900 OFF DUTY P/O Spence ON DUTY- S.Rwyman F/L

1045 BARRAGE BALLOON FROM BASE TO PCLIFFE - BARRAGE BALLOON AT THIRLBY (SHEET 22- 975045) N/W THIRSK - THIRSK POLICE WILL CONDUCT A PARTY THERE. TOLD B.L.O. 12 Gp. THIRSK 2222

1309 OXFORD Left Middleton 1309 for Little Rissington. G/C Kelly. Duration of flight - 1 3/4 hrs. S.C.L.O. 12 say he will be plotted all the way down. Returned 1346. Told Little Rissington F/C. 9 12 Gp. F/C.

1400 A/R SIREN TESTED.

1830 Off duty S.Rwyman F/L On duty F/O H. Miller F/O.

1930 Oxford V3530 landed at Eastmoor from Melbourne with 3 air ministry officials aboard. Came up from Hendon intending to go to Elvington. Will take off for Elvington in morning. Elvington informed.

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0100	Ident Bd.	changed.
0900	Off duty On duty	W. H. Gilmer F/Lt. H. R. Spence P/O.
0930.	Air-Sea Bombing	Arranged with M.R.S.12. for. air to Sea Firing at R.H.B. & Kilnsby, & Bombing at Strensall, for Wells. Halo & Lancs 1000 hrs. to 1800 hrs. Ref. E230.
0930.	427/W. West Malling Boscombe Down	On advice from Leeming instructed A/c at ~~West Malling~~ Boscombe Down that Crews of 427/W. were to return to Leeming - before 1200 hrs.
	427/E West Malling	West Malling advise a/c cannot return this a.m. - conditions unfavourable for take off. Will contact Leeming later.
1100	Orfod V3530.	a/c with 3. Air Ministry officials left. Eastmoor 1053 for Clevington. Advised M.R.S.12.
1105.	A.V.M. Chevins Linton - M.S.G.	Advised M.S.G. a/c took off. 1105. Should arrive there 1200 hrs.
	M.S.G. a/c at Topcliffe.	Topcliffe advise these a/c have all taken off. (1004-10 whrs) for returns to M.S.G. Latter informed by Topcliffe.
1145.	427/W.	He at Boscombe Down advise 427/W. left at 1115. Leeming informed 1150 hrs.
1145.	A.V.M. Movement.	Arrived M.S.G. at 1130 hrs.
1210.	427/E	Advised West Malling not to permit a/c to take off until instructed by Leeming.
1215	A.V.M. C in C.	Informed Linton A.V.M. would arrive from M.S.G. to meet the C in C there at 1530.
1450.	do.	Linton also the A.V.M. arrived from M.S.G.
1500.	428/B. EB-207. 427/W. L.K.637 437/W DK.250	Returned from Dunsfold to M.S.G. Cont., Equip. & Engr. Officers informed. Returned from Boscombe Down to Leeming Returned from Market Harborough. all concerned advised.
1800.	Hel. from Ringway.	Informed Linton new a/c for Holthorpe, which previously landed at Marston Moor had now landed at Topcliffe & due to weather would stay there over night. on duty - H Rheyn aw F/L
2000	Pundits	ASA request for Pundits 1, 91, 115 and 140 to the Stations
2005	Night Flying	Passed to Bases & Controlling Stations + MKS 12 Cp & ROC.
2145	"	Everything scrubbed - above advised.

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0548	427/W	Fix - 49°44'N-0705W-D at 0443 hrs. Passed by OAC F/c who "is very busy." Forwarded D Leeming crewmen their DIF. Plotted on wall map. This fix was acknowledged 1st time
0900	Off duty	S.R. Wyman F/Lt. On duty A.N. Wheller F/Lt
0900	427/W	12 Kpr. & 10 Kpr. 76 HQ advised re this a/c and fix, also OAC. 10 Kpr. say they had several KDF plots at the time of his fix in same area and all came inland. a/c was routed to cross coast at Hartland Pt. Leeming informed.
1010	427/W	landed at Downham Market 0807. Downham informed Leeming F/c direct who neglected to inform us. SASO, Air I, 10 & 12 Kpr. & OAC informed 12 Kpr. have begun to organise deep-sea search
1012	Movements ETI MLS	air firing Lobin Hd. 1030-1800 Hal & Lancs. Bombing Stmsall 1030-1700
0945	Weather	Met. say weather good for x-countries over west coast till at least 1600 hrs. and down south okay all day.
	Gale Warning	in Northern Ireland & west Scotland
1115	427/W 12 Kpr.	12 Kpr. controller says that a great deal of trouble had been caused to organize a deep sea search for this a/c and is wondering why they had not been notified. 10 Kpr and complaining that they weren't notified.
1130	Diversions	Met. think we should have provisional weather diversions for all our a/c tonight. Contacted 6FG who say it is too early to allot weather diversion stations. They will probably not be able to give us anything till about 1600 hrs.
1125	427/W	landed at Leeming 11.10. Eng. & Equip. Officers informed. Also Air I.
1225	Crash Skillington 1664/D (#EB198)	ROC report Halifax crashed in A0385 ½ miles from Skillington (NE of Eastmoor) 2 crew believed to have baled out at A1379 and 4 crew baled out at A1581. Linton & Eastmoor have both sent out crash tenders. (This a/c now proves to be 1664/D) a/c burnt Pilot did not bale out & is believed to have been killed.
1230	Crash Rufforth 1659/Q	1659/Q crashed near Rufforth. 2 believed to have baled out and ~~one~~ one of these thought to have been killed, remainder okay. Rufforth taking crash action. This gen from ROC. Plot of crash: A002682 SASO, Air I, GTI, Controller, Eng. & Equip. officers informed
1335	L.F.B.	at Silver Hill will be exposed bearing of tens. north 0130-0230 hrs.
1430	Diversions	6FG can give 5 a/d's for provisional weather diversions, ~~etc~~ which were allotted as follows: 419/14 - Dunsfold 428/16 - West Malling 429/8 - Hartford 427/13 - Bradwell 434/12 - Manston. Met. say okay.
1500	Balloons	Southampton & Portsmouth, Langley & Weybridge, Shoreham & Newhaven, Thames Estuary and Canterbury controlled at 1500 ft 0130-0300 hrs. SOR. ~~that~~ Harwich & Dover will probably be at 4500 ft. from dusk till dawn.
	Diversions	Besides the provisional weather diversions, 11 Group have laid on the following aerodromes for aircraft in distress: Tangmere, Ford, Beaulieu & Honesley South Stations informed.

1700	Billingham	Balloons will be grounded from 2030-2200 and from 0230-0430.
1830	Oxford	Permission given by S.A.S.O for a/c blayton to take Communication flight to Hendon to get a medical inspection. Told Linton okay but they must get permission from Hendon to land first.
1805	Explosions	Deep explosions reported by Topcliffe & Linton in SW direction. ROC and 7640 12 Sqn. have no information as to what they are. ROC making further enquiries.
1830	Off duty On duty.	A. H. Mills F/Lt. H. R. Spence P/O.
2100	Darky Topcliffe R.T.C.S. Cat Class "C"	Topcliffe reported Darky call. a/c asked whereabouts & queried re balloons. Checked with 4 11 O TO Westcott (92 Gp.) who stated none of their a/c should be using this call sign tonight and they did not believe it was theirs, as none should be north of Goole, and our offer to send a/c balloon information en route to Westcott not acted upon by them. Heading of a/c from Topcliffe at 2102 was 330°. Westcott have no a/c "C" flying.
2215	427/W. Leeming	a/c instructed by Leeming R/T to Jettison A/S bombs crossing coast at Filey Bay approx 2230 hrs. Advised M.R.S. 12.
2253	427/L	Message from a/c to Leeming: Returning to base Jettisoned Bombs Engine U/S awaiting instructions E.T.A. 2250. Leeming instructed a/c to return to base.

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0125	L/427	Latest QDM 312° Leeming passed to R.O.C. 9. Y/c on 3 engines - request for plots. - none.
0225	M.S.G. Divers. Topcliffe	Requested Topcliffe to stand-by in case M.S.G require some assistance for overflow.
0300	H34/W.	On request of Mc Kavis instructed Pilot to return to base at dawn. (Through F.C.P.O 11 Gp.) Group Met. feel conditions should be O.K.
0450	Div. to Topcliffe	Advised Topcliffe to close down as assistance not required.
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0100		Ident. Board changed.
0550	427/M.	Ex 12 Group. a/c with Marking ZL-M crashed near Market Drayton. Confirmed with Leeming it belonged to 427 Sqn.
0600	427/M	Contacted Market Drayton & was advised that all the crew were killed. Guard placed on aircraft. Leeming informed.
0610	427/M.	M.C.O. 12 Group confirmed all crew killed & Northolt were taking all necessary action. Leeming instructed to Contact Northolt for further information. Advised Southdown of the situation.
0745	427/M.	F.C.P.O. 11 advise this crash was at West Drayton, not Market Drayton. Crashed actually at Harmondsworth.

THURSDAY SEPT 16

17 0900. On Watch E.F. Dutton F/Lt

1100 Diversion Will be advised by met after 1600 hr conference.
18 Prov. Petrol boxes needed as follows (3 Bases).
419 - 11 a/c
428 - 12 a/c
429, 427, 434 - 22 a/c.

18. 1400 Balloon Arranged for Sheffield at 500' dusk to dawn and for Billingham 1915- ~~2330 0000 and~~ 2000 and 0330 - 0500. BLO at 12 Gr unable to grant balloon close hauled for whole period 1915 - 0500 and they will be at 1500 except for periods specified regardless of danger of early returns perhaps with W/T u/s.
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1415 LFB #16 Granted by 11 Gr 0230 - 0330 (ETA cont) 0250
21.

1430 Balloons 2 Hampton, P'Smouth, Shoreham, Newhaven, [redacted], Langley, Weybridge at 500' dusk to dawn

1615 Diversion CFC unable yet to give us answer on request for any 8 Gr airfields - We have Polebrook, Molesworth & Chelveston battoned up

1640 Div. CFC allot Polebrook (419) Basingbourn (427 & 434) Thurleigh (429) Molesworth (428) Stations informed of runways and Pundits - Polebrook 093 - R/T Lullpen
Molesworth 256 " Earthquake
Thurleigh 316 " Bramble
Basingbourn 102. " Monkey.
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1830 Forcelanding Dalton's Magister (Polish pilot) force landed at — at 1630, broke undercart. Dalton has control.
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1830 Off duty E.F. Dutton F/Lt.

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1830 On duty D.H. Miller F/Lt.

1900 Diversion for early returns. Weather all over Groups for take-off is very poor - cloud base under 1000 ft generally with vis. at best 2 miles, rain at most stations all yellow or red. ~~Duff~~ Met. gave no hyperton as closest east-coast diversion for early returns. Croft best in Groups with 2000 ft cloud base and 2200 yds. vis. Told all stations concerned but not to divert without referring to Groups except in emergency.

2000 Fulmar Fulmar signalled in to Linton on way to Orew, having taken off from Christchurch at 1820 due at Linton now. Weather at Linton "red". On advise from Met. told them to send him to Acklington which will be okay or to Croft if okay when a/c comes up on R/T. Linton are phoning to Christchurch for information re R/T & D/F.

2100 Fulmar has landed at Breighton who are signalling Orew.

2125 Darby Middleton have heard Darby call from a "Pilchard Q" saying he was on 3 eng. & short of petrol. Middleton's weather "red". They have lost contact with him at present but will land him if possible. Several plots on board so cannot determine which is a/c in distress.

2128 Darby Topcliffe heard same Darby as above but quite faint. They are standing by to land him or will send him to Leeming (better weather)

2130 Diversion Controller instructs that all early returns whether on R/T or W/T are to be sent to laid on diversion

		aerodromes. Stations concerned informed.
2145	Darky	12 Gp. say Scottan has heard above Darky a short while ago and have all lights on & are shooting rockets up. Leeming are doing the same. H.L.O. 12 Gp. is trying to plot this a/c.
2135	Bellingham Balloons.	Requested 12 Gp. to keep Bellingham ~~close~~ grounded till midnight due to early returns & low cloud base.
2150	429/B	Sent message "See o/s". Instructed Leeming to send him to Thurleigh. a/c acknowledged this at about 2200 hrs.
2200	Diversions	Informed 1st Div Wing 429/B was diverted to them and rest of our a/c would definitely be diverted to them.
23.25	427/P	Southampton got a bearing on this a/c. Air I instructs that we send message "Land at Bassingbourne" on HOF and Leeming H/F, not to ack. on HOF.
23.56	427/P	has landed at Bassingbourne 23.22

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0130	Diversion	Controller has decided to divert all a/c to pre-arranged diversion bases after consulting Met. Stations informed. Message to be sent on HOF and Stations H/F D/F's.
0145	419/F	Sent priority message "Returning to base, bad weather" Wint. fix right on track. 11 Gp. asked to watch him.
0245	Thurleigh's pundit	Pilots of 429 who have landed at Thurleigh say they were given wrong characteristics of Thurleigh's pundit at briefing (were given VB I TL R instead of VJ) Controller says no action should be taken. (Pilots were using R/T c.s. "Greenage" instead of "Monkey")
0310	419/K	Message received by Southampton "Landing Tangmere, petrol low". Informed 11 Gp. & H.L.O.
0350	419/F 419/K	landed Poletrook 0259 " Tangmere 0336.
0530	a/c Returning to base	1st Wing 11 Gp. 12 Gp. & 5 Gp. informed that none of our a/c are to return till we give permission. Met. say a/c will definitely not be able to come back before noon and told them we would phone them at about 1200 hrs. & give them the picture of the weather. Our Stations informed of these instructions.
0540	Call Signs & pundit	1st Wing say crews of 427 Squdn who landed at Bassingbourne were given wrong R/T call signs for Bassingbourne and wrong co-ordinates & characteristics of pundit (Pilots of 427 were using "Greenage" instead of "Monkey")
0900		Off duty W/C Miller. D.H. On duty W/C Spence D.H.
0940	Movements	Arranged with M.E.B. 12 for Bombing at Stradsall and Air-Sea & Air-Air Firing at R.A.F.B & Whitby for Lancs. Wells & Hales from 1000 to 1800 hrs.
1150	Petrol Weather Diversion Provisional	C.F.C. have laid on Harwell as Provisional Petrol Weather Diversion Base for 432 Sqn's & Wellingtons
1200	429 a/c	Leeming checked re. met. Group Met. feel conditions should be fairly favourable later in afternoon. Leeming to contact Thurleigh to have a/c ready to take off at 1500

1205	L.F.B. 4/8	Arranged with F.C.L.O. 10 Group for L.F.B. 4/8 on 045°T from 2345 - 0045 hrs.
	NOTE	This Beacon now located at Torquay
1200	Balloons	Balloons this evening will be as follows, under Operational Control Crew, Manchester, Cardiff } Not above 500 ft. Dusk to Dawn Yeovil - Not above 1500 ft. 0001 - 0130.
1450.	419 a/c. Thurleigh.	Leeming requested their a/c be held till further notice but on contacting Thurleigh 5 of 7 had already taken off and another in motion. Group Met advised weather would improve and in conference with Controller it was decided to permit them to continue.
1500	Diversion	419 a/c diverted to Linton in view of conditions closing in at Leeming.
	429/O. 429/E+K 429/B.C.N.	Arrived at Linton - Cat B. - Crew OK. Landed at Eastmoor " " Leeming.
1630.	1659 a/c X-C. (4)	In conference with Met. & F. C. & Controller arranged for possible diversion to Sycamore of Topcliffe's 6 a/c if weather not good. Met now full weather should be fairly good at their home base.
NOTE 0950.	429/N	W/C Patterson took off from Thurleigh for Leeming. Due to weather he returned to Thurleigh. (Leeming advised by Thurleigh at 11 30 of his return)

1700.	1659 a/c X-C.	Ref. item 1630 - in conference with Met & Controller & Topcliffe decided to use Silloth rather than Sycamore.
1710.	R/T message "216 to 557"	Eastmoor intercepted R/T. message from Leaving Tongham "216 calling 557" as follows: "Proceeding to bale out". Other stations in 6 Group did not receive this. Passed it to Ops Linton as a matter of information.
1755.	429 A/c. THURLEIGH.	In checking with Leeming it is revealed that at noon it was arranged with Thurleigh that 429/N (W.C. Patterson) would take off at approx 1300 hrs, the remainder to hold themselves ready to take off at 1500 hrs if the weather was fit. The following a/c took off prior to 1500 hrs - hence without instructions. "N.K.O.B. E.C".
1805	1659 A/C X-C.	Advised C.F.C. that Sycamore would not be required by 1659 Sqn aircraft.
1835	Com. Offord	Linton advised that W/C. Clayton landed at Sandtoft due to weather & will stay there overnight.
		Off duty P/O H.F. Spence. On Duty - E.F. Dutton 7/24
1905	Pundits	Passed AS4 request for 115, 1, 140, 91, dusk - dawn.
1915	Diversion	Passed 432 Sq details to 91 Gr to forward to Harwell.

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1930	Perc. Q6	4 Gr want to know if this a/c has landed with us. Took off from York 1815. Called Linton who says a/c landed 1900. Told 4 Gr and 12 Gr.
2115		SASO authorizes W/C Harris to fly Linton-Bassingbourn in Halifax tomorrow Saturday Sept. 18th.
0900	Off duty	F/L Sutton A/A. On duty A.A. Officer A/A.
0910	a/c away from base	Checked with Met. re route and our base. They say a/c will have to fly over 2000 ft. as there will be very low cloud en route. Middleton may encounter smoke troubles after 1300 hrs. but rest of stations will be okay with a few showers. Told 1st Wing (who enquired from us) after consulting stations to send all a/c back but if any going to Middleton cannot get there by 1300 hrs. to get fresh permission from us before allowing them to return. Gave the above gen. to 11 Gp. & 12 Gp.
1030	419/E	at Polebrook has coolant leak. Pilot wants further instructions. Middleton say crew is to remain with a/c unless it cannot be repaired by tomorrow.
0930	Movements M&S	Hal. & Lancs. air firing Robin Hd. 1030-1730 " " bombing Stenigot 1000-1730
1100	Diversion	Arranged with CFE for Harwell as a provisional petrol diversion for 8 Well. a/c 432 Sqn.
1200	L/F/B #18	will be exposed on bearing of 048°T from 2330-0030 hrs.
1230	432 Sqdn	all now at Eastmoor except W which is U/S.
1315	Balloons	From 9 Gp: Manchester 500 ft dusk to dawn Crewe " " " (will let us know if balloons go up) From 10 Gp: Yeovil - controlled at 1500 ft 2330-0030 Cardiff - 500 ft. dusk till 0200 From 12 Gp: Sheffield - 500 ft dusk till 0200
1330	Reports on F/L procedure	Middleton F/L, Leeming F/L and Linton have requested to send in detailed report on the flying control procedure at Thurleigh, Bassingbourn, Polebrook & Molesworth under the following headings: (a) R/T procedure (b) Marshalling & landing procedure (c) Dispersal procedure (d) General criticism. F/L 1st U.S. Wing and C.F.E. have requested this information.
1400	Oxford	S.A.S.O. gave permission for W/C Fleming to go down to Polebrook in Oxford to see about 419/E.
1455	419/E	Polebrook advised a/c left for M.U.T. at 1845 hrs. Advised Station. Landed 1948.
2010.	Sgn. Mech from Redhill.	Landed at Topcliffe from Redhill. Was proceeding to Castleton, but is now staying overnight at Topcliffe. Topcliffe has signalled him in to Redhill & Castleton.
2030	Pundits	AS4 requested Pundits 1, 91, 115 & 140 Dusk to dawn stations informed.

2220	S.O.S.	Ascertained from Plotting Table S.O.S. of a Bomber a/c over the Sea. Contacted 12 Group & received positions showing a track towards Eastmoor. Confirmed this through R.O.C. and passed information to Linton (Base) for action. Also arranged that Topcliffe be ready to lend assistance. Landed at Eastmoor 2234 hrs.
2230	Darky	Linton advised receiving call from a/c with letter B (R/T c's unintelligible). Landing facilities made available but no further contact was possible; and aircraft disappeared out of their range.

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0100	Ident	Board changed.
0125	92 O.T.U. V. & S.	Linton advise V. landed at Eastmoor. 0115 "S" has been in R/T contact and was given permission to land but V. has not done so. 4 Group advised of V's landing.
0155	"	Instructed Linton to ROM Pencock "S" to Leeming. Latter requested to light up. R.O.C. informed.
0200	"	4 Gp advise Pencock 'S' landed at Pocklington at 0152. Linton & Leeming informed.
	S.O.S. a/c. H32/L.	Linton (Base) advise I.F.F. of this a/c appears O.K. but further check to be made for short circuit. Did not intentionally show broad I.F.F.

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0900		Off duty W.R. Spence F/O.
0900		On duty E.T. Dutton
0930	429/0	Accident 17/9 passed to Eng. NCO. and Equip offr.
1105	V/92 OTU	92 Gr say release this a/c if weather okay. Told Eastmoor who say a/c taking off at 1300 hrs. Told 92 Group this.
1413	no MO at Skipton.	Skipton called to ask what they should do about landing a/c as they have no M/O. SFCO says apply to Leeming. Called Ship who say Leemings MO off the station but they will ask Topcliffe to stand by for call. Told SFCO this and got okay for a Linton a/c to land at Skipton.
1430	W/C Patterson	Air I gives permission for W/C Patterson (429) to take Hal to Thurleigh. Told W/C Patterson who now wants to know max. number of extra people he can take. Trip postponed until tomorrow. Unable locate Air I immediately.
1500	O.E/428	Gave permission for these a/c to leave Molesworth for MSG. after consulting met.
	W/C Patterson	Air I says max of 14 in a Hal. Told W/C Patterson.
1605	BID-H	WT room receives message from BID-H "have you any message for me". Phoned MSG whose call sign it is and they say they have nothing in air. Checked whole groups & finally located a/c from Croft, who have nothing for him.
1630	VID-X Q R/T c/s PINCOT	Assigned MSG to 92 Gr as diversion base for two Wellingtons on x country after consulting met & station. This is a definite diversion. Traded gen between MSG & 92 Gr. ETA 0130

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1730	Pundits.	Passed AS4 request for Pundits 115, 155, 140, 91, 1. to station concerned
1740	VID-X	92 Gr say only this a/c now detailed (see item 1630) MSG told
1745	KL. (?)	4 Gr ask if any of our lanes carry m/m sqdn letters. No
	NOTE DFCO	W/C Dr Clayton want permission from SASO first thing in morning to take Oxford to Hendon & pick up A/C Dr. McEwan. He has already reserved a/c with Comm flight.
1830	Off duty	E. F. Hutton F/L. On duty A. X. Wallis F/L.
1930	X-countries	and night flying passed to Rob & all Group stations
2015	diversions 92 Gp.	"Lightning B" from Bruntingthorpe will be definitely diverted to Middleton, ETA 0100. 92 Gp is expecting a very thick ground fog. Middleton informed. R/T call sign TK9.
2040	Balloons	On Middleton's request. 12 Gp. gave control on Billingham balloons 2200-0200 hrs. Balloons will be close hauled during that time.
2115	diversion 6 FG	6 FG say they may have to divert up to 14 a/c, operational & OTU a/c to us tomorrow morning in the early hours. Met. say there is not much to choose between the stations as far as weather is concerned. 6 FG asked for Middleton & Croft - said okay. Warned both stations.
2310	X-countries	Both Linton & Tholthorpe claim their X-countries are having difficulty in landing due to vis. closing in. Met. obs. given 5 minutes ago say vis. at both places over 4 miles. Gave them Topcliffe as a diversion station after consulting them.
2325	diversion 4 Gp.	Marston Moor have sent Hal. "Porkpie V" up to Leeming without consulting us. Their vis. has closed in. Informed Leeming.
2339	X-countries	Linton & Tholthorpe have landed all their a/c. Topcliffe stood down.
2350	diversion 4 Gp.	"Porkpie V" landed at Leeming 23.47. 4 Gp. informed.
2355	diversion	6 & 6 say as regards diversion to Middleton & Croft there may be 14 special a/c from Tempsford, and will arrive anywhere from midnight till dawn. They say Middleton could handle them all and Croft can stand down. Both stations informed.

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0055	92 Group	"Lightning B" landed Croft 00.45. 92 Gp. informed.
0130	92 Group	"Lightning X" from Bruntingthorpe landed at Middleton 01.33. 92 Gp. informed.
0145	diversion	Met. say southern stations are beginning to get smoky; Middleton & Croft will not definitely hold out after 0400 hrs. as they may get cloud & rain after that. Informed 6 FG who say they think they can get a/c down at Tempsford or Tangmere but would like us to stand by in case of emergency. Informed Middleton of above.
0800		Nothing more has been heard of above diversion of the 14 a/c.

0900	Off duty On duty	W.H. Hillier F/Lt. H.R. Spence Flt.
0845	Movements	Arranged with MCS12 for air sea + air-air firing at R.A.F. Whittby and Bombing at Strensall for Halo. Lewis + Wells from 1000 - 1800 hrs. - Ref. E-11.
0910.	Comm. Oxford	Air I authorized flight of W/C Clayton in Offord to Hendon to pick up a/c W/C Ewan. Linton informed.
1030.	W/C Patterson	Air I authorized crew of 4 per a/c would be in order to fly Hal. back from Thurleigh. Leeming informed.
1045	42 Gr. Bruntingthorpe a/c	Advised Croft not to permit Hightime B to take off until further advice. 42 Gr and Met to inform us when O.K.
1055	Met.	Met state fairly strong winds 25 - 35 m.p.h. which may cross some runways in Group eg. Skipton now shown yellow on result. For information.
	Petrol Diversion (Provisional)	In conference with Met Controller arranged with C.T.C. for provisional Petrol Diversion Base at Harwell.
1030	L 7B #18	Arranged with #10 Gr. for L 7B #18 at Tuesday on 045T from 2215 - 2315 hrs.
	Balloons.	Arranged for over-riding control of 10 Gr. Balloons, which will be at:- Yeovil - 1500 ft. Bristol - 500 ft. } 1900 - 0100 hrs.

1115.	427/S.	1 a/c U.S. Wing abroise a/c took off for base 1115 hrs. Leeming informed.
1145	42 Gr. a/c of M.S.G. + Croft.	On Instructions from 42 Gr. Bruntingthorpe a/c are to return at once. Croft + M.S.G. informed.
1155	42 Gr. a/c.	Hightime "X" T.O. 1150 - 42 Gr. informed.
1215	"	" "B" T.O. 1325 Hrs - 42 Gr. informed.
1215	Croft Czech Tender	Spare tender a/c. Hope to secure one from M.S.G. if required.
1220.	408/ to Feltwell.	Air I confirmed authorization of flight by F/O Russell + S/L Coule from Linton to Feltwell in 408/a/c.
1245	D-Oxford. M.S.G.	Air I authorized flight of S/L Suggett + crew to Molesworth to pick up one of M.S.G. a/c.
1410	"	S.A.S.O. ORB substitution of Halifax in place of Oxford in connection with entry 1245. M.S.G. informed.
1430	Comm. Oxford.	W/C Clayton flight to Hendon cancelled. a/c going to Feltwell Dalton.
1430	408/a/c to Feltwell	Reference entry 1220. Flight cancelled for today.
1500	429/P. Flight to Thurleigh.	Flight cancelled for today due to winds Refers to entry 1030
1655	428/E+K.	1 a/c U.S. Wing abroise 428/E left Molesworth 1631 + K. at 1624 for base. M.S.G. informed.

16[1]v Low Flying Lanc.	Flying Control Middleton report low flying Lancaster and request identification of the aircraft. — R.O.C. York 9 & 10 report first plot on low flying Lancaster picked up at 16.15. They report that the aircraft came in off the sea then proceeded to fly at approx 100' in following area T-8931 - T9531 — The aircraft then climbed to 1000 feet - and proceeded a direct course to Elsham Wolds where it landed at 1705 hours.	
1750. Spitfire M. Dalton - (P. 7917) →	Croft advise that the m/n aircraft, on Fighter Affil. exercise, swerved on take-off and broke a prop. Duty Controller advised - S.A.S.O., Air I., Engr + Equip. Officers not able to be contacted.	
Provisional Patrol Diversion	92 Gr. F.C.O. asked if we desired, in case a/c diverted at Harwell, that they be refuelled and sent to their home base at once; interrogation to be effected at home base. Advised 92 Gr., after consulting Controller (air I), that a/c should be re-fuelled promptly on landing and crew to stand by for return to base, authorization for return to be secured from this Group before any a/c take off. Interrogation to be made in regular manner.	
1830	Off watch H.G. Spence, P/O On watch - E.T. Dutton Flt.	
1845	Night Flying	Passed to York 9 & 10 and all parent stations
1955	Pundits	155, 115, 140, 91, 1, ASH - Passed to stations
2330		Amended ident Board
2400	V/432	Told 91 Gr m/n a/c may refuel and come home if practical as weather here is no cloud, vis unlimited.
2445		Asked ROC York to ask post near Thol if anything unusual on ACP's report of a "white flash". They say nothing unusual
		TUESDAY - SEPT. 21, 1943
0130		All X countries and aps a/c down. V/432 is refueling and returning to ~~Elsham~~. Eastmoor
0900		Off watch E.T. Dutton - On duty A.H. Wellesley Flt
0915	Movements F.230	Hal. & ~~Elsham~~ Lanes: airfiring Whitley 1000 - 1800 " - bombing Stirling 1000 - 1730
1020	Tiger Moth	Arranged for Tiger Moth with Comm. Flights for a/c Hodgson. Also asked Res. Engineer to have runway at Woodhall cleared for him to land about 11.30 hrs.
1030	Spitfire Prang (see 17.50 above)	Informed Eng. & Equip. officers & Air I. Nobody seems very interested.

1040	Diversion	Harwell laid on as provisional Retrat diversion for 12 a/c of 432 tonight. Okay by Met.
1150	Crash 408 a/c (DS719)	S/L Palmer received signal that 408 a/c hit overhead were just north of Wittering 3 miles east of Stamford Neither F/L Groups nor F/L Linton have heard anything about this crash. Ascertained from GTI & Eng. officer that this a/c has been attached to Wittering for the last 4 or 5 weeks on special training. All crew okay. Controller, Air I, SASO, Eng & Equip. Offrs informed. Also Linton. a/c is Lat. AC. Wittering apologised for not having let us know immediately by phone.
1215	Balloons – Zeppelin will be at 1500 ft. from 1945-2030 & 2300-0030. 2713 F 18 – at bearing 045° T 22.30 - 2330	
	DFCO's Note	Newhaven & Shoreham Barrattal balloons ceased to be operative from Sept. 16, 1943
	DFCO's Note	All of 428 & 427 are now at Skipton and Leeming is officially U/S for the next few weeks. B76 informed by phone.
1745	Operations	cancelled. Balloons & 2713 F 18 cancelled. 91 Grp. informed
1830	Off duty	W.A. Stiller F/Lt.
	On duty	H.J. Spence, F/O.
2000	434/A. Comm. Offord.	S.A.S.O. authorised taking crew in the orford to pick up 434/A a/c at Bassingborne 22-9-43. Linton informed.
	Sunsits	A.S.-4 requested " 1, 115, 91, 140, 155 duck to dawn. Stations informed.

2020	1679/W. Eastmoor. DS648 0946	Linton report m/u. a/c at Eastmoor blew a tire on take off, its undercarriage gave way and it ground looped. Crew are O.K. Runway u/s for several hours – now serviceable. a/c # DS-648. - Lancaster.
	432/D Eastmoor HF456 1410	Linton report m/u a/c at Eastmoor overshot on landing and crashed into hedge at end of runway. Crew are O.K. a/c # HF 456 - Hellington. S.A.S.O. informed.
	NOTE D.F.C.O.	Reference entry 2020. Advice of these crashes not received in time to inform all those concerned. Please do the necessary. S.A.S.O. controlled informed but not Air I, B.D., Equip & Engr. Officers.
2110	Bulls-Eye 1664/E&L	Mpn a/c took off approx 50 mins. late. Crews instructed (to) by Croft to follow course laid on to Newbury, then to cut across to Redhill and join the flight when it is due there. Informed M.E.O. 12 Group who approved.
2210	Bulls Eye	F.C.L.O. 11 Group requested recall of 6 Gr. a/c from Bulls Eye exercise. Duty Signals Officer arranging. Croft advised.
2215	ditto	Linton & Topcliffe informed.
2220	F.C.L.O. 11.	Advised delay of 5 mins. in getting through to us on original priority call and 12 mins on this one. Requested we check reason with 12 Group who stated the G.P.O. were working on their lines

		and the switchboard went dead. Could get no further details of the cause. Advised F.C.L.O. 11.
		WEDNESDAY - SEPT. 22ND 1923
0100		Ident Board changed.
0230	Dumfries a/c M.P.N.Q+S (S.I.C.) Linton	Advised M.R.S.12 Group that Linton had given following to M/n. aircraft:- M. QDM 156 - 0046 hrs. P. " 138 - 0129 " N " 146 - 0138 " Q QDY 317 - 0218 " Note:- No contact with "S".
0240	ditto a/c A	ditto A QDM 165 - 0237 hrs.
0900		Off duty W.L. Spence P/O. On Watch E.T. Dutton
0940	P/429	Taking off from Leeming for Thurleigh at 1000.
0945	P/429.	Per 0940 entry, Air I says take Oxford. Told Leeming
0955	Accidents 1679/W and 432/D	Per 2200 hrs yesterday. Notified STI, Saso, and Equip offrs. Eng offrs not available. Linton Base says these accidents both were reported to someone at Group by 1400 hrs, but have no entry in their log to signify it.
1020	P/429	Airborne for Thurleigh after getting SASO permission
1050	Tiger Moth	York 9 asked about this a/c from Drem, bound Catterick. Informed Linton and found it landed there 1040, was refuelling and going on to Catterick. Told York

0930

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1130	Diversion	CFC grant Swanton Morley as prov. petrol div. for 16 Wellingtons 4/32 after conferring with Met.
1135	Tiger Moth	Left Linton for Catterick 1115
1215	Comm Flight	Reserved Tiger Moth for W/C Hodson, 1415 for trip to Leeming & Skipton.
1410	Diversion	Air I says no petrol div. necessary. Cancelled request for Swanton Morley.
1415	Balloons.	Asked BLO for Hull & Humber Balloons 1800 to 0100 hrs. Billingham 1800 to 0100 hrs close hauled
	LFB	LFB not laid on yet until target decided on. ETA's at coast are No 1. 0019 No 2. 0030
1430	LFB	Air I says no LFB needed.
1445	Balloons	Hull & Humber 1900 to 0230 1500' Billingham 1800 to 0200 close hauled Above granted by BLO 12 Group.
1700	Balloons	Double checked Billingham with BLO 12, 1800-0200.
1810	Pundits	ASH went 115, 1, 140, 91 - Passed to stations
1830	Off duty	E.T. Dutton F/Lt. On duty A.N. Wells F/Lt.
1915	432/S prang.	Engines cut on take-off and a/c could not pull up in time, went through hedge & into field. Crew okay. Tail sticking up so night flying cancelled but G/C says it will be safe to land ops. on return. U/C of this aircraft collapsed.

2210	Inter Station Diversion	Shipton's mains have gone U/S & consequently the drem has packed up. They may possibly get it working by the time ops. A/c return. Controller said to have Topcliffe Stand by to receive all the a/c of 427 & 429. All information passed to Topcliffe.
2230	Hostiles & Balloons	reported off Hull. Hull & Humber balloons going up to 6500 ft. all Stations informed.
2235	Shipton	drem temporarily okay. Topcliffe told to Stand by in case it goes U/S again.
2335	Hostiles	have all gone home & Hull & Humber balloons are at 1500 ft. except one which is stuck at 6500 ft. all Stations informed.

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0002	432/F	Group H/F watch heard this a/c send SOS but Hull was working another a/c at the time & did not hear him. Asked Hull to call him.
0012	432/B	Sent message "CHIP 291M 9000 199 5355N 0130E" Priority "O" Ident. fix 5401N 0053E 3rd 0007. Passed to 12 Gp FB20 & 4 Gp. to have Lisett keat/ozo etc lit up.
0033	432/F	landed Lisett 00.27
0035	432/P	Sent following message "Course 282 Height 12000 Mts (air speed) 140 position 5400N 0242E" (100 0032) Fix obtained on a/c by Hull 5355N 0310E 3rd Acknowledged. Priority "O". TOD. 0033. 12 & 4 Gps. A/c informed & standing by.
0040	Hostiles	plotted near Hull off coast. Hull & Humber now at 1500 ft. Passed to Stations.
0051	432/P SOS	SOS fix passed at 0047 - 5405N 0115E 1st Not acknowledged. 12 Gp. informed
0057	432/P SOS	Another SOS fix passed at 0049 - 5407N 0115E 1st Not acknowledged. 12 Gp FB20 informed.
0110	432/P	From FB20 12 Gp.: this a/c's plots have faded almost completely. A/c has screwed down on Hull and believed to be about to ditch. Are trying to get more accurate plots and will get some launches out & maybe fighters out immediately.
0132	51/C Guardh.	from Guardh handed Middleton 0131. 4 Gp. informed.
0200	Hostiles	all gone. Hull & Humber at 1500 ft. Stations informed.
0215	432/P A/S Resume	From FB20 12 Gp.: 3 fighters now out, one of which is exciting flashing lights. Two boats on way out & will arrive about 0600 hrs.
0220	432/P	Last position obtained by 12 Gp: 5406N 0052E at 0053 hrs. Can we send out some a/c for air Sea Search? Controller said we could send out 4 Wellingtons.
0240	Wellington U/60 TO. Silloth	landed at Shipton while on X-country due to W/T failure & low cloud base over Kennies. Staying over night. Silloth informed. (HZ-251)

0240	Wellington HB152	from Sillath landed Middleton at 0852 Emergency contact base by W/T. Sillath informed
0200 0300	Wellington	11 Sqn. say they picked up a friendly plot 20 miles NW of Le Havre which went west never making a landfall over England. They sent a fighter up to lead him in. Fighter apparently got fairly close & said it looked like a Wellington, tried to lead it in but it wouldn't follow, continuing west instead. 10 Sqn. say plot faded near Septiles, northern France. Hull & Skempton were both calling him (using 432's call sign) continuously but no joy.
0300	Results	all a/c back except 428/H & K, 434/G and 426/P & G.
0410	a/s Rescue	From 16 Group: ~~Area~~ Area: 5357N 0010E 5357N 0100E 5420N 0010E 5420N 0100E Call sign: 8RP-57, 58, 59, 60 A/S Rescue W/T Our a/c are to be on Sect. I, Kilhan 385 kc. from 5 min & 35 min past the hour for 5 min. Rest of time on 500 kc. Search They are to carry out a parallel track search east to west working south to north ½ mile apart. Area to be split in half, two flying abreast in each half. When dinghy is sighted - a/c to climb to 2-3000 ft, get a good fix on Sect. I. 385 kc. then to go onto 500 kc. and try to contact launches (also on 500 kcs.) One a/c is to circle dinghy at all times, others to search for launches. W/T call sign of launches is MHB 11, MHB 14, MHB 32. all this passed to Linton. Met say the sooner a/c can take off the better. Weather will definitely be good till 1000 hrs. but possibly not after. Base good all morning.
0900	Off duty On duty	A. N. Miller F/Lt. H. R. Spence Fl.
	A/S Rescue	4 a/c of 432 Sqn Airborne. FCRO 16 Gr. informed
0940	Movements	Arranged with MRS 12 - air firing at RAB + Whitby, Bombing at Strensall for Hals. Lancs + Wells 1000 - 1800 hrs. (Ref E-40)
0950	A/S Rescue	Informed FCRO 16 Gr. that 432 a/c returned from search (0858) as dinghy blew off shortly after take off. He advised that 432 a/c had sighted dinghy at pos. 5410N 010E.
1010	ditto	A. M. R. O. informed at S/D. Also Controller + Linton.
1050	ditto.	16 Gr. advise no further contact with 432 a/c nor was this message to continue to circle acknowledged. Requested Linton endeavour to contact him.
1110.	Wellington 0/600 TO	FCRO 9 Group ok'd immediate return of a/c aircraft to Silloth - low cloud base on Squiresgate + Silloth but should be ok. Requested Leaming to pass to Skipton. a/c should be at home before mid-afternoon.

1115	A/S search	M.L.O. 12 Gr. states launches on the way out. Crew of 5 seen in dinghy - about 30 miles east of Flamborough Advised A.M.L.O. S/D + Controller, S.A.S.O., Air.
1135	ditto	16 Group advise no further word received from 431/L, Nor launch which was in the vicinity of dinghy at 0920 hrs. 54.10N 010E
1140.	431/Lancaster at Catfoss Rinton	Rinton (Eastmoor) requested instructions be passed to M/s stations that these a/c return to base if serviceable, if not
1155	431/F 431/B	Rinton advise a/c took off 1150 + 1210 Catfoss advise a/c will take off in 30 mins Rinton informed.
1200	A/S Search	16 Gr. advised having a fix on 431/L at pos. 54.25N 004.5E at 1150. Navy believe he has been towing launches.
1220.	"	16 Gr state crew of 3 picked up + boat on its way in to Humber. 431/L returning to base. Rinton, Controller + A.M.L.O. S/D informed.
1235	"	16 Gr advise definitely the crew of 3 picked up are from 431/P. Search d/o continues as balance of crew understood to have gone down with Aircraft. Rinton, A.M.L.O. S/D + controller informed.
1330	Emerg. Dis. Bases	In consultation with Met. Controller + C.H.S. following Emergency Diversion Bases were allotted: 434 Sqn. Hartford Bridge - 427 Sqn. Dunsfold 419 " Tangmere - 428 " Ford 429, 426 " Harwell.
1445	L.F.B. 4/16.	Selsey Bill beacon on 010° from 0001 - 0130 hrs. Confirmed by 7 C.L.O. 11 Gr.
	Balloons.	B.L.O. 11 Gr. advises Balloons as follows:- Langley, Wyfordby, Portsmouth, Southampton } 0001 - ~~05~~ 0130 hrs. at 1500 ft. (all 11 Gr. Balloons at 1500' 1900 - 0300 hrs.)
	Balloons	Billingham will be close-hauled 1850 - 2000 + 0130 - 0300 hrs. Arranged with B.L.O. 12 Gr.
1530	Balloons. + L.F.B.	Information passed to Stations.
1700	A/S Search 431/P. Crew.	12 Gr. advise boat just entering mouth of Humber and will dock at Immingham. Crew appear OK but will likely be confined to Sick Quarters for 24 hrs. Rinton + Controller informed.
1720	Billingham Balloons.	Arrang'd with B.L.O. 12 to close haul 1830 - 2000 + 0130 - 0330 hrs. instead of as originally arrang'd. Middleton informed.
1740.	Wellington U/6 O.T.U.	Rinton advised u/n aircraft en route to home base at Silloth from Skipton-on-Swale crashed + burned near Skipton at 1310 hrs. Skipton N.F.S. attended crash + police informed. Bodies are at Skipton mortuary. Marston Moor

		is handling; No 4 Group having taken all necessary action. This confirmed by F.C.O. 4 Group. Air I and controller informed.
1830	Off duty	A.B. Spence R/O. On watch E&W.
1850	~~1340~~ AVM Emory	Topcliffe says Mosquito landed from Swanton Morley at 1830 with AVM Emory a passenger. Left for Leeming in car immediately. Leeming Ops told
1900	Pundits	Passed AM request for Pundits 155, 115, 1, 91, 140 to stas.
1930	night flying	Groups & York Brost on night flying.
2030/50	Diversion	Passed appropriate info to 11 and 91 Gr.
0910	Hostiles	Some plotted inland from Hull. Informed MSG, Topcliff Linton Leeming to pass to FC and WT that Hull, Middleton and Sheffield balloons now shining.
2100	Diversion	4 Group worried about smoke, want emergency facilities in our Group. After calling MSG, Croft & Topcliffe have evolved following plan: Dalton to stand by for Linton and Tholthorpe; Croft to stand by for 10 a/c of 4 group. Dalton also to stand by for 4 group if Linton able to cope themselves. Everybody informed and 4 group will keep us advised.

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0100		Ident Board changed
0350	Missing A/C	12 Group report crash at A 5500 north of Hull

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		but no Hal plots on table. Group short of 4 a/c from MSG
0900		Off Watch E&W
0915 E38	Movements MAS-E38	Hal. & Lancs. & Well bombing Utterwell 1000-1700 — -- — air firing Robin Hd 1000-1800
0940	Permission	given by SHQ for 426 a/c to go down to Thorney Island to pick up crew of 426 a/c that crashed there this morning.
0945	a/c away	Middleton, Leeming & Tholthorpe say it is okay for their a/c that landed away from base to return immediately. Are Met. say okay. 11 Gp. & 9 Gp. were then asked to send our a/c back as soon as possible.
1030	426 a/c (crash) DS714	Informed equip. & eng. officer this a/c crashed on landing at Thorney Island at 0130. Believed to be a write off.
1030	Crash north of Hull	(see 0350 above) Contacted 6 Gp. 12 Gp. who say this was a Halifax from Linton (Met A5597)
1135	Sillock Wellington	This a/c will be taking off from Middleton shortly for Sillock. Our Met. & Sillock say okay. Cloud will be down over Pennines so a/c will fly 4-5000 ft & break cloud near Sillock. Cloud base at Sillock is about 2000 ft. Pilot is experienced.
1200	diversion	4 Gp. having trouble with weather & request us to take some of their a/c if they can't get them down at their own base. After consulting

		met, we gave them Linton, Eastmoor and Topcliffe
1210	Diversion	4 Kyp. may be sending 3 Hal. from Lockington to Linton. Linton given call signs.
1227	Diversion	From 4 Kyp: "Parkpie B" has been sent to Linton from Marston. Linton informed.
1315	Diversion	"Parkpie B" landed at Linton 1305. 4 Kyp. informed.
1345	Bombing	a/c at Middleton is testing some height apparatus, and will be going to a height of 20000 ft. with full load of bombs. They want permission for bombs to jettison out to sea. Referred to Controller who said they must go 40 miles out to sea. 12 Kyp. informed.
1400	4 Kyp.	would like to use one of our aerodromes for 3 a/c of Marston Moor's to do B & L's on. Controller said okay and Middleton agreed. Kyp passed to Middleton.
1510	4 Kyp.	Can they use another of our a/d's for 3 Hal. from Marston to do B & L's? Okay by Controller and Linton but not till 1600 hrs. Informed 4 Kyp and passed gen. to Linton.
D.F.C.'s.		When notifying crashes to AIR STAFF PERSONNEL G.I. and Engineer Officer should be included. D.W. Kinsley S/Ldr.
1830	Off duty On duty	M.H. Milly S/Ldr. H.B. Spence P/O.
2015	Fundits	AS4 requests Fundits 91, 140, 1154 155 Dusk-Dawn Stations informed.
2015	Night Flying	Passed to Stations + R.O.C.
2200	Balloons.	12 Group state one balloon broke loose in Sheffield area at 2145. Travelling east-south east. No height or other details available.

SATURDAY - SEPT. 25, 1943.

0100		Ident Board changed.
0900	Off duty On Watch	H.B. Spence, P/O. E + D
0955 to 1000	Comm Ox.	Air one phones reserving Oxford for AOC and self at 1100 hrs. At same time operations officer on other phone giving permission for S/L Hughes + W/Cdr Smith of Linton to use it at 1000 hrs. Phoned Comm flt and had S/L Hughes stopped just as he was about to get into kite. He very annoyed as he had to go to Thorney Island to pick up parts. Phoned Air I and he suggested S/L Hughes take Lane on a training flight to Thorney I. Told S/L Hughes. Suggestion - many senior officers seem to make a practice of reserving Comm flight a/c first, then phoning Group just before they are ready to take off and demanding permission immediately. Suggest all reservations of Comm flight a/c should be made by Group alone, as group alone has whole picture of who wants what and when.
1230	LFB 2. Balloons	LFB from 2320/2420. Hull & Humber, ~~Middlesbrough 1230~~ 1340 - 0230. Billingham Balloons. 1740 - 0100 Arranged with MLO and BLO.
1240	Comm Oxford	AOC landed at Linton on Ouse.

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1245	Comm Ox	W/Cdr Weir & A/Cdr Hemon have Oxford reserved for 1200 hrs 26/9/43.
1404	Comm Ox	Left M.S.D. for Eastmoor with AOC and Air I. Told Eastmoor.
1500	Comm Ox	Left T&M for Linton. Unable Tell Linton as line engaged (Landed Linton 15.15)
1505	426/R.	12 Group say Lanc ETA 1100 Linton has not arrived Thorney Island. (Landed Thorney Island 1723)
1600	Comm Procto	Reserved for W/Cdr Ferris & F/Lt Thompson to go to Bristol, 0830 on 26/9/43.
1710	Ops LFB & Balloons.	TOT changed from 2125 to 0230. Therefore changed LFB hrs. 2 to 0440/0540 Hull & Humber Balloons 2200 to dawn (0630) Billingham Balloons 2200 to dawn (in two shifts 2200-0100 and 0430-0730). Close hauled.
1830		Off duty F/Lt Dutton F/Lt. On duty S.A. Wells F/Lt
1900	Tholthorpe	6 Bullings a/c have taken off but seventh, 431/E has bogged, preventing the other 3 taking off. No damage done to 431/E.
2020	Operations	cancelled. Request for Hull & Humber & Billingham balloons & LFB #2 cancelled.
2100	Tholthorpe	434 Sqdn a/c on Bullings were told to fly to Whitby and return to base at 0114 to save interfering with operations taking off from Tholthorpe. Linton intends to send a message to them to land at base on original ETA on H/E D/F.

2135	Topcliffe	H/F D/F received following message: To 6RVR from R&R/Q - Our position is 5351N 0109W T.O.O. 2057. Received 2125. Passed to 92 Sqn.

Sunday September 26, 1943

0200	Ident Bd	changed
0900	Off duty On duty	A.H. Wells F/Lt. H.G. Spence, A/o.
	Movement	Arranged with M.R.S. 12 Group - air firing at R.A.F.B. & Wheelby; Bombing at Strensall; from 1000 - 1800 hrs. for Wells. Hals. & Lancs.
1245.	Movement a/c Skemon	took off from Linton in Offord for Grensden Rdqr. T.C.R.O. 12 Gr. informed. also T.C.O. 8 Group.
	L.F.B. #2.	Arranged with Ops. 12 Gr. for L.F.B. #2, on 280° from 0200 - 0330 hrs.
1500	Balloons Billingham	Arranged with B.R.O. 12 Gr. for close hauling of Billingham balloons. 2100 - 2230 hrs. 0200 - 0400 hrs. M.P.G. informed.
1525.	Transport. Linton to Rec. to/s H.Q.	Arranged with Linton Transport Section: car for G.C.'s. Campbell & Clento at for 1630 hrs.; also permission to land from Flying Control.
1700	Operations	Cancelled request for L.F.B. #2, Balloons & Emerg Let. Dis Bees.

1810	Comm. Dig. Watch	Received with Riston for W/C Hodgson 1000 hrs. 27-9-43. Required all day. Flying to M.S.G.
1830	Off duty	H.F. Spence, P/O On Watch E.F. Dutton.
1850	Pundits	155, 115, 91, 1, 140 passed to stations.
2100	Corbs	F/Lt Stacey requests corbs be passed at 0830 hereafter to enable pilots on early movements to be briefed. (SOE informed)
0015		Ident Bed changed.
0310	Crash	York 9 report crash nr. Bowbridge giving reference E 8789. Phoned Topcliffe to organize crash tender & ambulance from Dishford or Dalton. Phoned Boroughbridge police who say crash is near Dishford airfield. Phoned Boroughbridge NFS who pinpoint crash somwhere just east of Dishford. They have Thirsk NFS on way. Phoned Topcliffe new position. They will send ambulance from Dishford and Dalton and fire tender from Topcliffe as Dishford is u/s. Topcliffe say Dishford can see fire so Topcliffe base will despatch equipment from Topcliffe or Dalton whichever is quickest regarding roads and will arrange guard. 12 Group say a/c is a Wellington.
0330	Crash	Phoned Bowbridge NFS who say Thirsk fire dept was contacted a minute after crash by one of Boroughbridge firemen who heard crash.
0400	Crash	Phoned Thirsk F.D. who say two engines left for crash at 0325. They will call us if they get any report.
0405	Crash	12 Group still trying to find identity of a/c.

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0430	Crash	12 Gr say a/c believed to be XLW of Lossie, which is overdue on a trip to Bovle.
0500	Crash	Topcliffe reports they have received information that a/c is in reference Sheet 26, 871901, and conflicting evidence that a/c caught fire before crashing and at time of impact. It is a total wreck and searchers unable to identify anything
0700	Crash	13 Gr say Lossie's Wellingtons have returned but Kinloss is minus a Whitley.
0740	Crash	Report from Topcliffe. Identity disk found, Sgt Fowler, 1893913; Receiver Type 1001/5 Serial 18450, 2 steel airscrews
0745	Crash 853/D.	Phoned Kinloss. They report a/c overdue with Sgt Fowler in crew. Others are P/O Wallace, Sgt Cammies, Sgt Rogers, Sgt Robinson, Sgt Dickson. Told Topcliffe. Also Sgt. Hughes.
0900		Off Watch E.F. Dutton On duty J.A.H. Gillett F/Lt.
0914	Movements E 28	Hal. Well. 9 Lancs. air firing Whitley 1000-1800 — — — bombing Stirnsall 1030-1700
1100	Crash LA853/D	Details of crew passed to Topcliffe for casualty signal to be sent by Topcliffe: Pilot: Sgt. T.W. Cammies 1339016 Nav: " E.R. Rogers 1338400 ✓ B.A. P/O A.W. Wallace can't 241455 ✓ W.O.P. Sgt. W.F. Robinson 1577597 ✓ AG Sgt. R.C. Fowler 1893913 ✓ AG Sgt. H. Dickson 1824449 ✓ Sgt. G.A. Hughes 1382175 ✓ a/c is a mk. V Whitley F LA835/D - Kinloss

1330	Diversions	Due to sudden change in weather forecast for tonight, Met. say we may have 1500 ft or lower cloud base, slight rain & vis. 1-3 miles & suggest we lay on diversions in East Anglia. Requested prov. ~~patrol~~ weather diversion bases for 74 Nel. & Lances. & 9 Wells., suggesting East Anglia. They say they will come back later.
1340	Authorization	Air T authorized W/C Smetsman to fly down to Manby in 426 W/c to get gen. on ~~xxxx~~ bombing co-ordinates for GH exercises. (Runways at Manby 1400 & 1250 - told Linton)
1415	SASO	airborne for Linton from Swansden Lodge at 1417. Linton informed.
1430	Lt Hall RNZAF	will be on from 00.20 till 0120 bearing of 280°
1535	SASO	landed from Swansden at Linton 15.32.
1540	Billingham	balloons will be grounded from 18.45-2100 and 23.59-02.30.
1600	6 Ansons	Lossiemouth wants ~~permission~~ permission for 6 Ansons on way from Lossie to Llandwrod to land at Middleton en route due to weather. ETD Lossie 1600, ETA Middleton 18.30. Said no, send them to Croft (Middleton's ops. a/c due to take off at 18.55)
1605	6 Ansons	Lossie has informed the Ansons to land at Croft instead. Croft informed & gen. passed to them.
1620	6 Ansons	Lossie now say all but one Anson got off without being told to go to Croft instead of Middleton. Told 13 Grp. FB to to send message by W/T and he said he would try. Middleton will divert them by R/T if necessary.
1710	6 Ansons	13 Grp. has not be able to contact them so Middleton will have to divert them by R/T
1630	Diversions	6 + 6 allot the following prov. weather diversions Bossingham - 16/419 Pundit 102° 4½ Molesworth - 15/428 256° 4 Polebrook - 14/427 093° 4¾ Thurleigh - 15/429 316° 4½ Ridgewell - 14/434 (Stradishall 192° 12 Chelveston - 9/433 140° 4½ Polebrook have no Hasi lighting but say they can come okay by leading a/c with jeeps or something. Met. say above diversions will be okay.
1730	4 Groups	Can we let Marston Moor use one of our a/d's for c & l's tonight. Air T said okay on a non-operational a/d.
1810	6 Ansons	From 13 Grp: 3 of these a/c have landed at Montrose. Croft informed.
1735	Permission	given by Air T for 426 W/c to land at Newmarket while on 6 Run to Barkway to drops off 3 Bomber Command GH experts. ETD from Linton 0900 28/9/43
1830	—	Off duty. (D.H. MILLER F/L)

1830	On Duty.	Sqn. Ldr. Hagion, F/L and F/O Spence. Controller: S/Ldr Hapkin.
1845	C+L 4 Group	In answer to 4 Group query advised F.C.4 that Linton are agreeable to receiving 2. Halifaxes from Marston Moor until 2300 hours when weather conditions are expected to deteriorate.
1850	Weather query with Croft Ref. 4 Countries	Discussed deteorating weather picture with F/c Croft - strongly suggesting that assurances be made that Sqns Cmdrs be thoroughly in the pictures, because due to expected conditions a/c should be back at base by 2130 hours. - Croft quite happy.
1855	C+L 4 Group.	Ex. F.C.4. - Linton not required for C+L. Base Linton informed.
1900 / 1910	6 Ansons Cassie Smith Wardrop	Pictures to F.C.L.O. 13 and F.C. 91. - Of these Ansons which were to land at Middleton - (but unable to do so because of conflict on E.T.B. wire operational ETD 3 land at Montrose / 2 " " Croft 1 " " Lenchars.
1915	Pundits	A.S.y's request for bundits H°s 1, 115, 140, and 91 passed to resp. Stns Ops & F.C.
1950	H/428	To F.C.L.O. 12 - H/428 No I.F.F.
1954	Halifax in Sea.	Ex R.O.C. 10 and F.C.L.O. 12 Halifax plunged into the Sea between Flamborough and Hornsea. - Life boats already reaching the area. The aircraft was not identified. - Controller Informed.
2000 / 2100	Idents Early Returns	- Fix Positions - Idents and Messages passed to Stations.
2120.	Diversion	Provisional Diversion now Definite because of weather deterioration - Stations - C.F.C (W/c Harmer) and 1st U.S.A. Wing informed.
2130	Early Returns	Weather dropping. Discussed probable diversion of Early Returns a/c with LINTON - Skipton - MIDDLETON - Each a/c N.F. quite happy!
2150	"	Stations flapping for Fit base to which to divert Early Returns.
2200	C.F.C	C.F.C. suggest Elvington Wolds

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2205	Fishers Words.	F.C. 1 Gp. willing to cope for an hour only. Station advised.
2210.	Enquiries.	Because Fix Positions on Early Returns show them to be near the Coast and possibly in 6 Group area before able to be reached on Group Broadcast the Ops Cmdrs decided to bring the a/c home and redirect on R/T if necessary.
2220	Recall 166 Sqdn.	Craft sent out Recall Signal to 166 Sqdn a/c.
2240	W/428	Returning Early. To M.L.O. 12 Reminder that this Jc Landing Is Nil (Landed Middleton 2307)
2250	Diversion	To FCLO's 11 and 12 - Diversion Definite. Aft shaped for making Landfall near Lowestoft - proceeding direct to Allocated Stns in 1st USA Wing.
2300	Sund. C.	Learning Sundials W/T. " Checked that Tapcliffe was flashing Ok.
2302	"	Learning Sundials now flashing Ok.

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0005	AS R.	Request for 10-12 a/c in morning. - unable to cope because full complement away from base.
0009	CRASH.	R.O.C. Post Halifax crashed in flames near Linton. FINAL POSITION DETAILS. - RED HOUSE SCHOOL Cockhill - Map Ref: 990754 - Crash tenders from Marston - Ruppon Th and Linton. Final Sqn on this Crash reported by Linton at ~~2300~~ 0230 hours. - as follows. Aircraft thought to be an Halifax. in bits and pieces - widely scattered. - Few serial Nos as follows. D.S.B/VA 12219. (Bomb Release) D.M.B/VA/17. D.W.C/F/4688/11. D.M.B/VA/PI 683. Carburetor - Type 754/99. Practice bombs on Board. - All this Sqn was passed to F.C. Croft., who were unable to identify their long overdue S/1664 from these meagre facts. 10 bodies were evident at the Crash. It was thought crew might have baled out. Hearsay Police searching

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0010 Pundit to Leeming ~~Unserviceable~~
Serviceable
BBA were not informed
because the pundit
was made temporarily
serviceable before the
face could be put through

0030 L/419 QDY. MSG. 202. :
Cl. Base MSG. - 1000 ft - patches
at 500' vis 2-4 mi - Rain
Request diversion base
because 30 mi/hr x wind
prevented use of Cotact
Strip. - Advised Linton
obit better. - able to use
Contact Strip.
Linton standing by

0053 L/419 L/419. landed Tarnaby

0100 J/419 Diverted on R/T from MSG.
to Linton. - o.k. by aerodrome
cerned. a/c - 1 tour endur
ance.

0105 J/419 on R/T Skipton. Weather
bad. - Attempting Landing.

0110 F/434 Learned for the first
that Sealand (who were
Listening in on M/F Sa. K.)
heard F/434 send S.O.S. on
Bearing 082° at 0014 hours
= Track ~~Requested~~ Sealand
because none others of
M/F K heard the transmission
— Information passed to FCLO 12

0400

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0116 J/419 Landed Skipton under very
duff weather conditions

0135 J/419 Landed Linton. poor vis.

0230 O/428. Crashed at Ludford Magna.
in 1 Group. Crew who
baled out are reported
to be ok. The Pilot who
belly-landed the a/c because
of undercart failure —
also ok.
All concerned informed

0340 U/428 Crashed at Framlingham.
in 3rd USA. Dvn.
FACTS:
1. Appeared to do normal Approach.
2. Attempted to do Overshoot
3. CRASHED.
4. 3 of CREW Killed.
3 " " Injured.
1 " " a/c.
5. The Killed are:
Sgt Lucas 1388785
Sgt Murcer R181017
Sgt Whitley 1547703
The Injured are:
Sgt Smith - back 1586966 injured.
Sgt Wilson - broken leg 1289464
P/O Roughton - broken arms. 151333
The uninjured is —
Sgt Wainwright 943031
All concerned informed

0430	S/1664	Still outstanding from X. country. Croft ATC unable to identify crashed a/c near Marston as S/1664. – Overdue Signal sent by Croft to A.M.
0500	Ref. Return of Y/c away.	– To Stations (6 Groups) and To F.C. of all Groups Concerned – MET. REPORT. "Improvement at Bases expected at 0500 hours with passage of Cold front when conditions will become 4-8/10th Sc 2000ft - occasional rain vis 6-17 mi. Rain Cold front will not have cleared the Diversion Bases until after 0800 hours. Therefore a rain Base with 10/10 Clouds 1000 feet vis 1-2 mi with squally veering winds aloft to be expected if A/c took off before 0800hrs." Aircraft are therefore NOT to take off before 0800 hours – and after 0800 hours NOT without permission from the respective Station and Sqn Cmdrs through the Groups concerned.
0500	———	All Groups thanked for their assistance tonight.
0530	A/c away	Summary to C.F.C.
0900	Off Duty	– Sqn Ldr Tyson : F/c
1115	Crash 0009 Entry	4 Group say this a/c is a Lanc "F". Sq letters. IR or LR. A kit bag found near crash contained a battle dress with 1250 made out to Sgt AW Mullen R154030. 4 Group say letter indicate it is a/c from 1669 Con. unit, one Group. Croft say no Sgt Mullen in a/c. 4 Group will contact 1, and let us know. S
1145	Diversion	Up to now no station has told Groups what orders have been issued to their away a/c though some have contacted the diversion stations direct. Phoned all bases and parent stations to please put us in the picture. They all say they will call back.
1148	Diversion	Middleton reports their a/c have been told to stand by for further orders.
1205	Diversion	W/Cdr Turnbull has ordered H27 to come home from Polebrook
1210	Diversion	S/Ldr Shann (MSS) doesn't think weather warrants their a/c coming up today at all.
1211	A.M. Edwards.	Linton calls that A/Cdr McEwan has informed Base ops that A.M. Edwards left Hendon 1100, stopping "somewhere" en route and coming on to Linton. Don't know when he is arriving. Tried to phone AOC but he left by car at 10.30 don't know where. Told Controller and Air I who doesn't know either.

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NOTE: At 1045 1st U.S wing F.C. phoned to say that their stations were calling in and saying that the various pilots had been receiving instructions to return - also that their instructions had been passed to some station F.C. They complained that they had no information from us in this regard. In consultation with Met. the controller decided to tell 1 Wing to hold a/c until after midday. At 1120 W/Cdr Trumbull of 427 called, telling us we had no authority to countermand his orders. Up to that time Group here had no knowledge of what orders had been passed to any a/c. We then phoned each Base & parent station for this information and told each one that Group must be put in the picture. At 1130 on receiving this information from MSG we called 1 Wing and told them to send up A/C of 427 and 429 at Polebrook and Thurleigh and to tell Bassingbourne, Molesworth, Ridgwell and Chelveston to await orders from their stations and to act accordingly without referring the orders to 6 Group. By 1200 hrs we had learned that MSG a/c at Bassingbourne and Molesworth, and ~~1337~~ 432 a/c of Eastmoor had been told to stand by. No report from Tholthorpe's 434.

1240	G/429 Crashed at Thurleigh	This a/c has one (port) wing smashed, both port engines crippled. Crash occured when u/c gave way on port side & hit ground looped, putting R/W out of service until this morning. Told Leeming.
1245	J/429	Left Polebrook for Skipton. Leeming told.
1250	Diversion	Base Linton says E.in. has told a/c at Chelveston to stand by awaiting release from Group. Reminded E.in. that executive control passed to them after 0800 hrs, and to let us know what instructions are passed later.
1255	O/428	Crashed Ludford Magna. Phoned 1 Group re conducting of whereabouts of baled out crew. They will call us back.
1257	A/M Edwards.	11 Group say A.M. Edwards left Headcorn (nr W. Malling) at 1250 hrs in Wellington. Told Linton Base to tell everybody concerned.
1310	Diversion	All Eastmoor a/c at Chelveston told by EM to come up about 1400 hrs.
1325		On request Topcliffe, asked York 9 if Whitley which crashed near Dishforth at 0310 Sept 27 seemed to catch fire in mid air or before it hit ground. Also were there any plots of Beaufighters at the time or any sound of firing
1327	Diversion	1 Gr pass airborne times of 427/E, J, Y, P, V, W, Z, C. O has engine shot up & burst tire. S is taxiing out. Told Leeming.
1335	Diversion	1 Gr say 428 Sq have been wanting to get home. Called MSG who say tell them to wait. Told First Wing.
1340		434 Sqdn want their a/c to come home. Told 1 Group to tell Ridgwell
1345	Crash	York 9 will send report on Whitley Sunday night crash to Base Ops Topcliffe. They say their observer did NOT see a/c on fire before it hit ground, and no reports of Beams or firing.
1400	Diversion	MSG have instructed their a/c to come home

1417	Crash II	Topcliffe gets report from Thirsk police of a/c crashed at Kepwick in a disused quarry Ref. Sheet 22 968/117. Lanc. 6 dead. Obtained guard from Hurtl Allerton subdivision (Air Formation Signals, Thirsk 2261). Topcliffe have sent ambulance & C.T. and Thirsk NFS are attending. Told Linton who say no Lancs should be in that area.
151●	A.M. Edwards	16 Gp say Wellington going to Eastmoor. Told Linton to get E.M on toes.
1520		Checked back to 16 Group & discovered a/c mentioned is not A.M. Edwards.
1655	Crash II	Topcliffe now say a/c is 1417 Entry has been identified as missing 3/1664. Explanation seems to be that a/c crashed last night without anyone seeing it. Thirsk police got a report at 1417 today and phoned information in to Topcliffe in such a way that Topcliffe understood it just happened. Notified Croft (who already knew) Linton and 12 Group. Told Controller, ~~####~~ SASO, Equip officer. Unable find CTI. Eng officer.
		On order SASO phoned Thirsk police to find out full details of finding of a/c etc. They say a lieut of RE, out on manoeuvres, found a/c ¼ mile E of Limetree House, near Kepwick. Two of crew were conscious & one said crash occurred at midnight 27/9/43. Topcliffe ambulance picked up injured crew. Police say five dead and a/c a total wreck spread over ½ mile.
2100	Crash II	Address of lieut. who first discovered crash: 2nd Lieut. Ewens, 556 Field Coy. R.E., Lucknow House, Ripon. Thirsk police give position of crash as sheet 22/975118.

2140	Bullseye	1659 Sqdn. are not happy about the weather and are going to recall their Bullseye a/c from London at 23.15.
2220	428/O	Ref. entry 12.55 1 Kp. say all crew okay with only minor injuries and are scattered around country side – will endeavor to find out where they are. (Passed this gen. to Middleton at 2300 hrs.)
2245	Recall	Met. advise weather prospects are going to be worse than previously expected. Controller decided to recall all Bullseye a/c after conferring with stations. Message to be sent on M/F at 2300 & 23.30, 2359 and 0030; on H/F D/F's at 23.15, 23.45 & 00.15. HCHO 12 Kp & Ops. Stanmore informed
2340	A/1664	asked for fix at 23.35 and Hull was working another a/c and told A/1664 to stand by. When Hull called again they got no reply.

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0015	431/E	From 1 Kp: Binbrook picked up the following message from 431/E addressed to Linton "H/F D/F: "Returning to base, eng. u/s, position 5205N 0055W ETA 23.55." Passed to Linton.
0025	1659/F	ground looped on landing, a/c written off, crew okay.
0050	A/1664	landed at Croft 0047
0035	431/N	Returning from Bullseye, got turn 4 to land, fly at 1500 ft. a/c then went over to Linton, called Linton on R/T & requested to land. Linton landed him. Using wrong R/T Call sign. Taxied through red light and bogged on perimeter track. No apparent damage.

0245	1659/D	got a QDM on Topcliffe of 357° at 0203. After wandering all over 4 Gp., finally landed at Holme on Spalding, saying he was short of petrol. Topcliffe informed.
0900	Off duty On duty	D.H. Miller F/L. H.L. Spence F/O.
0920	Leeming Otford	S.A.S.O. authorised trip to Thurleigh & Polebrook. Station informed.
0935	Air Firing & Bombing	Arranged with W.E.S.I.V for air firing at R.A.F. & Whitby and Bombing at Strensall from 1000 - 1800 hrs. - Ref - E-25
0940	1659/F	Informed G.D.I., Equip & Engr Officers & S.A.S.O. informed. Aer I away.
1035	A.M. Edwards Linton Kendon. V.I.P.	Advised W.E.O.12 Group. Mellington L 4340 left at 1035 for Kendon. with A.M. Edwards & 5 passengers. Kendon informed by Linton. Pilot F/O Ettman. T.C.R.O.I.V advised also
1000	Comme.	Linton stated F/R Newe (O.C 426/A Flt.) & F/L.
1100	Otford Linton	Mc Millan (Bomb. Leader) desired to get to Grausden (Graustown) to secure ign. on electrical modifications & that we were aware of the proposed trip. Desired to take off in 10-15 mins. S.A.S.O. knew nothing of trip nor did S/L Fernside. A/c had already taken off before further information could be secured. W/C Smith, Linton Base Engrg Officer authorised flight & passed to Comme. Flight. Advised S.A.S.O. 1130 hrs.
1200	426/L. (DS-714)	T.C.R.O. II Gr. advises this a/c appears to be waiting to be broken up for repairs. One wheel collapsed, tail unit broken off and port wing collapsed. (Cat. A.C.) Advised Linton Ops. & Group Equip. Officer.
1230.	1659/F	Topcliffe state this a/c Cat. A.C.
1300.	4 Gr. a/c.	Ex 4 - May require to land 3 Kal. Linton standing by.
1320.	ditto	Ex 4 - a/c concerned landed OK in own Group Linton informed.
1345	M.A.S. Otford	M.A.S. advised OK for Otford to return from Molesworth. Group Met. say cloud 2,000 ft at worst with moderate viz. Advised Molesworth who say a/c also going to Milfenhall before returning to M.A.S. Informed M.A.S.
1430	L.F.B. #2.	Arranged with T.C.R.O. 12 Group for L.F.B. #2 on 280°T from 2230 - 2330 & 0030 - 0130.
	Balloons Billingham	Arranged with R.C.O. 12 Group for close haul of Billingham Balloons from 1730 - 1830 & 2330 - 0700.
	Met.	Cold front to come down from north but should not affect 6 Gr. until 0700 - 0400 hrs, cloud base 2000 ft. possibility of some rain about 0300 hrs.
1525	Balloons	Times revised as follows: 1730 - 1900 hrs. and 2300 - 0230 hrs.

1710.	5 Group Diversion to Croft.	In consultation with Controller + Met + Croft agreed to handle possible diversion of 5 Group ~~Diversion of this~~ Gardeners (16). Advised C.F.C + M.S.S.
1730	ditto.	Following stations feel they may be able to cope with emergency diversion of 5 Group a/c as indicated:- Croft. - 20. M.S.H. - 15 ✓ Linton - 15. ✓ Eastmoor - 15 ✓ also possibility of 10 a/c Topcliffe if sufficient notice given to enable our own a/c from Skipton to divert to Topcliffe thus eliminating possibility of confusion because of the 2 adjacent circuits being used at the same time. This information passed to C.F.C. C.F.C advised that a/c mentioned in entry 1710 would be returning at around 0400 hrs. We gave C.F.C. following Met picture:- 0300-0500 - cold front moving south, cloud below 1500 ft., rain, + poor vis due to smoke, making southern stations poor; at 0500 in northern part of group cloud will likely be 1000 - 1500 ft. 8-10/10s with chance of rain." C.F.C felt that a/c mentioned in entry 1710 could be re-diverted by signal later if necessary. Croft advised of Met picture + requested to watch weather
		situation. C.F.C. requested to advise us particulars of Squadrons if, as, and when diversion becomes necessary.
1750.	Leeming Oxford	Leeming state this a/c is staying overnight at Thurleigh and will return tomorrow.
1830	Pundits	AS4 request 1, 91, 115, 140 + 155 Pundits dusk to dawn.
1845	Darby I	Four group say Lissett received Darby from "Granite Y" asking priority landing
1846	Explosion	ROC say an explosion NE of Flam. Head.
1847		Phoned Lissett + they have landed 10/Y. Asked them to find out immediately if he jettisoned. They will do so and let us know.
1850	Explosion	Called 12 Gr re explosion. They are unable to give any additional information as too many a/c on board to recognize possible fading plots.
1855	Diversion	Controller in conference with Met requires that CFC be asked to provide another diversion base for gardeners of 5 Gr., due Croft at 0300-0445 as weather likely to be difficult at that time. Told C.F.C. who said they would get on to 5 Gr.
1905	Explosion	Jacked up 4 and 12 Gr re: did 10/Y jettison. They haven't heard yet.
1915	Explosion	Called 4 Gr again and got rough about above question. They haven't heard yet

1920	Diversion	5 Group called with more information about three Gardeners diverted to Croft. CFE haven't called them yet. They say provisional diversion is "likely."
1922	Diversion	Croft called re diversion. How do we expect them to take 36 a/c if all come?
1932	Explosion	4 Group say Y/100 jettisoned 12 miles E of Bridlington & bombs did not explode. Called 12 Gr. who say there are now a great many a/c over this area. Controller suggests we wait for a possible sighting report from one of those in case explosion was a crashed a/c
1940	Explosion	Asked 4 gr to find out if crew of 10/Y saw anything unusual at 1845, as explosion was reported at about same time as he was in that area. They will report to us.
1945	Explosion	Called Lisset intell. who say crew have been interrogated & they say they saw nothing & bombs did not explode & they saw nothing out of the way. Told 12 Gr.
1955	Explosion	Call ROC for further details. It was about 3 miles E of Flamborough Hd. A78-79 to A88-89. ROC think it was 10/4 as they were keeping a plot on him and his position and explosion coincided. Controller decides our information does not warrant an immediate search.
2025	Diversion	CFC again. They say they are unable at present to find any place better suited for the 0330 a/c than Croft. They ask us to wait until midnite when we will have a clearer weather picture. Told all stations the position.

2120	U.B/57	These a/c now over Scampton may have to be diverted to Eastmoor. 5 Gr will let us know if they are. Told Eastmoor. C/S SoTright.
2215	Diversion	57 Sqdn diverted to Croft, SoTright ACDFHL QOOTZY - 27 officers & 62 NCOs. Told Croft. Called MSG after 5 Gr. tell us a/c have been told to go to MSG first. Sq/Ldr Shone gives details & believes that MSG & Croft can handle these 12 a/c between them & also take the 14 a/c coming later.
2240		Linton reports white flash to SE. Called ROC who say Verey lights have been reported but no plots over there.
	NOTE	Croft was laid on for 14 a/c of 5 gr. definite diversion for 0300-0400. Together with other airfields in Group it also was laid on for 20 a/c for emergency diversion as per entry 1730. We called 5 Groups and asked them if they had any emergencies, to leave Croft until last. In spite of this request, the first sq. diverted was sent to Croft. Controller called 5 Groups F.C. and protested, but was told BTX had already been sent before we were consulted. Suggest some protest might be made to CFC.

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0100		Talent Bd changed.
0105	Ops.	Op a/c down - 3 missing from Groups and one of 57 Sq diverted to Ln S.D.
0215	Diversion	First a/c of 5 Gr gardeners on plotting table.
	Diversion	13 of 5 Gr a/c landed Croft. One sent message "ditching" to 5 Group blower.

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0900		Off Watch & Fd On duty H. H. Heller F/Lt.
0910	5 Grp. a/c	asked 5 Grp. if we could send their a/c back to them yet. They said no, their weather was not suitable and to wait for further instructions from them. Informed Middleton and Croft.
1010	5 Grp. a/c	5 Grp. say it is okay for V/49 Sgdn. to return although Fishertan is now yellow. They said they were quite happy about it. Informed Croft.
1030	Permission	granted by SASO for 434 Sgdn. to take comm. Oxford down to Ridgewell with crew to pick up 434/V.
1030 ~ 11.15	5 Grp. a/c	have given permission for following a/c to return to base: 57/A, F, Q, O, T; 49/V; and 9/Z and H. Croft & Middleton informed.
1205	5 Grp.	want us to stop all of 57 Sgdn a/c and to send 207/P & O. Croft & Middleton informed. The only 57 Sgdn. a/c that took off was 57/A which took off at 11.18. 5 Groups informed.
1220 ~57	Movements MLS-E57	Hal. Well & Lancs. bombing Stirmall 1300-1830 " " " " arriving Whitby 1300-1830
1225	x-country 431/9 a/c	Linton passed x-country going up to Mull of Galloway & Mull of Kintyre, then to Inverness. Met. say weather in that area is: cloud below 1000 ft. extending up to 8000 ft. Suggested to Tholthorpe they fly about 8000 ft. They said they would fly at 10000 ft. MLS informed. Informed Met. who say this is too high.
1250	LFB II z	will be exposed from 0140-0240 hrs bearing 230° T
1230	diversion	Met. say at present they do not think we will need diversion bases tonight but will let us know for sure later.
1300	Operations	cancelled - LFB II z cancelled
1230 ~ 1300	x-country 431 a/c	Told F/L Tholthorpe to tell a/c which had not taken off to fly between 5000 & 9000 ft as freezing level is around 8 or 9000 ft. Met. say they will be okay at that height.
1430	x-country Croft	When ETA of these x-countries was passed to us, we warned them of the weather at base on return (cloud over the Hambleton hills, - almost dark at that time) Croft had been warned earlier on of the weather. Told them a/c should be back by 1930 as per Met. 6 Grp. but flight commander said he wanted one due back at 2030 to go anyway.
1435	91 Grp.	enquired if Topcliffe had landed one of their Wellingtons from Wellesbourne returning from a sea-search and if so had they anything to report. Topcliffe said they had landed Wellington HS640 from Wellesbourne at 13.55 and it had nothing to report as far as they knew. Permission obtained from 91 Grp. for it to take off immediately.
1503	x-country Linton	Linton are recalling 408/O, E, G and 426/F & E from detail at Stormy Down due to weather.

1500	4 Group night flying	Can they use one of our a/c's for C & D's for 2 of Reccall's a/c and also to land one of their x-countries from Reccall. Controller said okay.
1510	Occult 29	The selected site for this occult was not in sig. A4547 July 17/43. Enquired from A54 by phone who said it is on Site A and that this should have been in the signal. Stations informed.
1630	4 Group night flying	Middleton say they can take 2 a/c from Reccall to do C & D's and Met. give following conditions: cloud base 1500 ft. patches at 1000 ft. vis. 4 miles. 4 tenths. informed.
1700	5 Kgp. a/c	During the day permission was received for 57 Sqdn, 207 Sqdn, 44 Sqdn, 49 Sqdn., 9 Sqdn. and 50 Sqdn. to return to their bases from Croft & Middleton. All got back except the following who are as far as is known serviceable: ~~467 Sqdn a/c~~ Botterford - 467/X, R ~~Fickerton~~ - 49/V Syerston - 61/H, Z 106/Y, H } Croft. East Kirby - 57/L at Middleton 2 engines u/s
1700	4 Group night flying	Reccall say they have no serviceable a/c and are scrubbing their night flying at Middleton - Middleton informed.

Note DFCO's		The following call signs will be used w.e.f. 0100 hrs. Oct. 1st. 1659 - Barred a/c - W/T - NGQ R/T - "Gimcrack" "(away) Patchdark" Plain a/c - W/T - UNG R/T - "Freighead" "(away) Ratcliffe" 1666 - W/T - TLO R/T - "Poppy" 1691 - R/T - "Bowlan" ASDU (Fighter affil. Unit) - R/T - "Hexadd (Hexad)" Topcliffe F/c - "Goodfriend" Topcliffe H/F D/F - BX3
1120	crash	Bone Linton report having heard of a crash 5-6 miles ~~SW~~ W by S of Linton. Asked R.O.C about it who have heard nothing but are making enquiries. Linton flying control say they saw an a/c in flames go into the deck.
1130	crash	Linton H.60 says he & two others saw an object with smoke coming out of it go towards the ground and disappear behind the trees. R.O.C. after enquiring from all the posts, have seen nothing. They say that the only a/c in that area landed safely. Neither Kirkbarth flying control, Boroughbridge police nor Melmerby police have seen anything of this "crash" so in view of lack of information no action could be taken.
1820	x-countries	All of Tholthorpe's x-countries back okay.
1830	Off duty On duty	A. H. Gillies F/Lt. K. L. Spencer Sgt.

1930.	Movements	All 6 Gp aircraft accounted for.	1011	H/106	left Croft 1009. X/467 - 1043
				H/61	1015
	Crash.	No further information received of entries 1710 & 1730. All 6 Group a/c accounted for.		R/467	1029 Told 5 Gp F/C.
				Z/61	1031
			1050	Prov. Pat Diversions	4 stations required in S or S.E. England for Prov. Pat. Diversions - Told. C.F.C. also consulted 6 Gp. met. who say wait for midday conference.
	S.P.02274(16) (Nav. Int. Div.)	Copy No. 4941 received from Signals. Table of Lettard Co-Ordinates - (16th Edition)			
	Rendits	A.S.H request #1, 91, 140 & 115 Dusk to dawn. Stations informed 1740 hrs.	1113	Landfall Beacon	Dungeness on a brg of 345° from hrs tot hrs.
			1151		The above beacon not required due to change in route. Cancelled with 11 Gp F/C.
2335	Rendits	#1, 91, 115 & 140 cancelled by A.S.H. Stations informed.	1225	Landfall Beacon	at Beachy Head on a bearing of 030° from 0020 to 0120 hours.
		FRIDAY - OCT. 1, 1943.	1300	Balloons	2500' Dover, 1500' Chelmsford, 1500' Canterbury and 1500' Thames Estuary. Overriding Control Times 1915 - 2145 — 0015 0130
0100	Ident Board changed.		1315	Landfall Beacon #2	Flamboro Head 280° - 2300 to 2359 hrs. Elevation 070°.
0810	Movement	Arranged with M.R.S.12 - Air firing at R.A.F. Whitby & Bombing at Strensall for Hals. Rance & Wells. 1000 hrs - 1800 hrs. - Ref. E10.	1335	Operations	Cancelled for 6 Gp except Jordening.
			1400	Cancellation	Entries 1225 and 1300 hours cancelled.
0900	Off watch H.B. Spence P/O.		1445	"	entry 1400 cancelled & 1225 & 1300 back in force.
0900	on watch S. Chapman F/Lt.		1515	Balloons. BEACONS.	PASSED to Leeming & Middleton & Linton
0905	CROFT 5 Gp a/c	Called 5 Group, re. Battesford and Syerston a/c at Croft. O.K. for them to return. Told Croft F/C.	1615	Balloons Beacons	Cancelled with 11 and 12 Gps. all six Group operations cancelled.
0920	1832 T B.A.F. OXFORD	Landed Leeming 0832 hrs. from Ricall.			
0925	AIF Bombing	see note: 0810 hrs.			

Y/106 - 1057 ✓
X/467 - 1043

1637	PARA TROOPERS	On the morning of October 24, 1943 - 12 Whitleys of 38 Wing will land at RAF St George and take on 120 para troopers & then take off again. Air I, Controller, G/C Ross have details. Passed to Group by F/L Shand.
1719	G/C McNAB.	Hurricane 658 with m/n pilot landed Eastmoor. Told Digby F/C.
1831	G/C McNab	Took off from Eastmoor for Digby at 18.21 in Hurricane KZ658. Informed Digby by phone.
1830	Off duty	S.R. Wyman F/Lt.
1830	On duty	W.H. Weller F/Lt.

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0100	Ident Bd.	changed.
0900	Off duty	W.H. Weller F/Lt.
	On duty	W.R. Spence Plt.
	Movement	Arranged with M.R.S.12 for air firing at R.A.F. Whitby + Bombing at Strensall for Lines Hals + Wells from 1000 hrs - 1800 hrs. (E-208)
1215 ~~1500~~	R.F.B. #2.	Laid on at 280° (70° elevation) from 2245 - 2345 hrs + 0045 - 0145 hrs. through 12 Gr. Ops.
1445	R.F.B. #2.	Times now revised to 2245 - 2345 + 0030 - 0130 - 0230 hrs.
1445	Training Exercise "Density"	Laid on Density Exercise for 7 Halifaxes from 1659/~~Topcliffe~~. Details submitted to 12 Gr. Ops. + aa + SL. Liaison Officer Kenton (Newcastle) Sector. Base 0001 - Whitby (out) 0009 - Selburn (in) 0017 - T.O.T. 0020-0025 and 0035-0045 - Base 0053 - Target No. 1.
1540.	Density Exercise	Reference entry 1445 - One aircraft from 1664/Croft also taking part. Details of T.O.T. etc given to Station + 12 Gr. Ops + aa + SL. Liaison Officer informed.
1515	Crashed	M.S.G. reported crash S.E. of Westgate.
1545	Westgate.	Military authorities guarding a/c all crew of Wellington killed. Position 1" sheet 10 - 4157. Report originated from Militia - Mr. Wood, tel. Stanhope 287. F.C.L.O. 12 Gr. stated that Auston were taking all the necessary action. M.S.G. informed.
1545	Pundits	A.S. + requests Pundits 1, 115, 91, + 140 dusk to dawn. Stations informed. 1655 hrs
1720	R.F.B. #2	Revised times - 2245 to 2345 + 0030 to 0330 arranged thru Ops. 12 Group.
1810.	Night Flying	Passed to R.O.C. + Stations.
1830.	Off duty	W.R. Spence, P/O.
2127	York 10	Mann Clutter Lines - Advised Controller. Some Lostifes in York 10 - Stations told Plot. Investigate system.

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0105		Checked Ident Board.

0133	434/K	This a/c idented on Section K at 0133; obtained a fix (5433N-0315E-①) at 0136 and in the same transmission sent following information Course 253T; Height 4500; Speed 170. At 0200, instituted Emergency procedure. The aircraft was later identified as a plot on our intruder board and Searchlight & Aerodrome lighting section was taken with 4 Group. 0245 - Cancelled Emergency p/c Aircraft later crossed the coast at Bridlington and landed at Base. 0305.
0210	434/U	This a/c obtained a brg. of 024 and not until 0237 was a fix (3rd class) 5754N-0145E obtained. ~~Previous to~~ This an attempt was made to get the aircraft on M/F on Section A without results. At 0238 hrs. a/c instituted emergency procedure. At 0300, a/c sent following message a posn. + course, T.A.S. Period. Previous to this it was decided to divert the a/c to Pitchead (message sent on M/F in P/L even though not on diversion schedule). Contacted 13 Gp and advised them of our intentions, which was a good thing because a Beaufighter had been sent out to shot down "the hostile". All good things come to an end and the a/c landed at 0333 Pitchead.
	Ops.	All aircraft returned (early or otherwise) from Ops.
0900	off duty	S.R.Wyman F/O.
	On duty	~~H.F.~~ Spence F/O.
0910	Movement	Arranged with M.R.S.1 Gr. for air Firing at K.H.B. + Whitley and Bombing at Stranraal for Lancs. Hals. + Wells. from 1000 to 1800 hrs. Ref. E210
1100	Emergency Diversion	In consultation with Met. + Controller requested emergency petrol and weather diversion bases. Suggested Dunsfold, Hartford Bridge, Harwell and north, six in all. Met believe conditions on return should be better than originally thought. Some rain expected in East Anglia area on return. C.F.C. to advise.
1220	L.F.B. Beachy Head.	Special Beacon at Beachy Head requested of F.C.H.Q. 11 Group on 310° from ~~0330~~ 2330 - 0030 hrs. (D.K.)
	Balloons.	Arranged with B.H.Q's. 11 + 12 Groups for over-riding control of balloons, which will be at following heights, for times noted:- Langley, Weybridge } - 1500 ft. 2345 - 0100 hrs. Derby, Sheffield } - 500 ft. 0001 - 0200 hrs. Billingham - Close hauled 1745 - 1900 hrs and 0030 - 0300 hrs.
1300.	Mosquito DD607 Dyce.	Linton state Mosquito DD/607 from Dyce, (F/O Dukes) "S." "Slumber 104" landed Holthorpe 1705 hrs. Will be taking off for return at 1300 hrs, via Drem (1330 hrs) + Dyce (1350 hrs.) Have requested that Drem home him on Channel 'D'. Passed request to F.C.H.Q 12 Group + movement to M.H.Q. 12 Gr.
1425	4/32/U. Chelveston	Air I authorized flight to transport extra crew to Chelveston in order to bring back 432/V.

1600	Emerg. Petrol & Weather Diversion Bases.	In consultation with Met the following bases have been laid on as provisional diversion bases:- Langmere - 419 Ford - 428 Middle Wallop - 427 Boscombe Down - 429 Dunsfold - 431 & 434 Passed to Stations 1630 hrs.
	Billingham Balloons	Revised times:- 1815 - 1945 and 0030 to 0300 hrs. - arranged with R.C.O. 12. M.S.S. informed.
1550.	Density Exercise night 2-3/10/43	a.a. & s.l. Liaison Officer explained that they were ready but that for some reason (as yet not determined) the R.O.C. from whom they had arranged co-operation in plotting failed to function. A further & more detailed explanation is to be forthcoming for our information. (X Sutton Sector telephone Newcastle 26111 army "B" Board at Grt. 15)
1735.	L.F.B.at Barley Head.	F.C.L.O. 11 Group has just advised that this Beacon will be on 360°T instead of 310°T. - Stations informed.
1830		Off duty F.R.Spence F/O.
18.30		On duty. F.D.Cleland F/-
18.45		A54 request Pundits #115, 1, 140, 91 from Dusk to Dawn
22.15		W/427 overhead at Skipton - reports 2 dead and one injured on board. Undercarriage shot up, also tail assembly damaged. Ex Skipton: Can we arrange diversion to Dalton as

		he may possibly prang on landing. We suggested Topcliffe instead & arranged same through Base there.
22.25		Informed by Skipton they intend to land him there instead as his U/C is down & locked.
22.40		W/427 landed OK at Skipton. Dead: P/O Logueson G.T (W&PAG) P/O Findlay J.G (Rear Gunner) Injured: Sgt. Cardy. W.H. (Flight Engineer)
	X/429	Bearing 070° (Bircham Newton) II class at 00.08 Fix 54.48N, 0315E (") II " " 00.26 Position passed to FCLO at 12 Group. Bearing Fix 54°54'N, 07°53'E (Bircham Newton) II class at 00:38 acknowledged. FCLO at 12 Group informed of position and aid requested.
	Sheffield Balloons	Balloon Officer at 12 Grp. informs us it is necessary to raise Sheffield balloons to 6500 ft. This information passed to FCLO 12 and also asked if any of our aircraft go near balloons to either close haul them or illuminate them.
0100	X/429	Priority Fix position 54°27'N 06°38'E 3rd Ack plus Bearing 078°T. - passed to F.C.L.O. 12 who suggested that the Whitby light be put in operation at full power. — Controller informed Agreed - when a/c's position shown to be within visual range

0105	X/429	Ex. M.L.S.12. Message from X/429. "S/C. 260°. A.Speed 170 mph Height 7400'". Controller b. FCLO12 and Leeming informed of all foregoing particulars
0110	A/c flashing lights	Ex FCLO12: Aircraft near Graft flashing lights. — Passed at once to F.C. Middleton.
0120	X/429	Fix: 54°14'N 05°48'E 3rd 0106 each. Passed to FCLO 12. Station and Controller informed
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0135	X/429	Ex the aircraft on Hull Ht 5600', S/C 238° AS 170 mph
0152	Crash.	Crash at Riseston Airfield not obstructed - Particulars later Controller advised
0140	FCLO10	Apologies to FCLO 10 for failure to stand down Foscombe and M. Wallop graciously received. No inconvenience as pilots showed a/c to pass through ok. D.O FCLO 11.
0155	Sheffield Balloons	Now flown at 500 ft.

0200	Unknown Middleton aircraft.	R.S.C. report one Middleton aircraft left circuit and now circling Skipton.
0210	"	Skipton say it is not Middleton's
	Z419	2 Injured. Attacked by intruder near Lincoln. Crashed - aircraft complete write-off.
0207	X429	Fix Bull I class 5258N 0154E Ident. Message: Negative emergency - OK - Heading for base.
0226	X429	Landed at Coltishall. Slight flak damage. Crew OK.
0900		Off duty F.D. Cleland F/L On duty H.L. Spence. P/O.
	429/Y	Leeming request this a/c return from Tholthorpe to-day, weather permitting. Linton informed for transmission to Tholthorpe.
0940.	429/X	Leeming state Pilot of this a/c, which landed at Coltishall, is injured & request permission to fly a Halifax to Coltishall for purpose of transporting another Pilot to fly 429/X back to base. - this providing there is a "standdown" today & weather permits. Air I authorised taking pilot in the Oxford - not in Halifax.
0945 1000	Met.	Weather in Group upto 1400 hrs. - 10/10 Sc cloud, base 1000' (patches below) continuous slight rain or drizzle. Recommend best time for return of a/c away around 1500 - 2000 hrs. Informed Leeming and Tholthorpe (via Linton). Also to Leeming

		following met re Waterbeach, Coltishall + West Malling: Present Cloudy 8-10/10's. base 1500-2000 ft. good viz 6-10 miles. Around 1500-2000 hrs weather at these places will be similar to present weather in 6 Group
1025	429/Y	W/C Pattison requested a/c be returned to base immediately. Instructions passed to Linton for transmission to Tholthorpe.
1040.	427/P 427/L	On instructions from Leeming requested of F.C.L.O's. 11 Gr. + 12 Gr. that a/c at West Malling + Waterbeach (respectively) return to their base at once - E.T.A. to be before 1200 hrs. If a/c unserviceable we are to be informed.
1150.	427/L	Leeming advise this a/c temporarily U/S + that Waterbeach will advise this Group when "S", at which time we are to check. Met for return conditions. Same information received from FCLO. 12 Group at 1108 hrs. also from FCO. 3 Group at 1115 hrs. C.S.U. U/S. O.C. R.A.F.G.A. U/S. S.I.R. U/S.
1120	427/P	F.C.L.O. 11 Gr. advises Pilot of this a/c requires a Navigator for its return. (regular Navigator wounded and in hospital), also that one engine of a/c is "rocky" and is being worked on. Hope to have it ready by noon or early afternoon.

1120	429/Y	Linton advise a/c took off from Tholthorpe 1115 hrs. for Skipton. Leeming informed. - Landed Skipton 1177 hrs.
1145	L.F.B. No 2.	Arranged through 12 Group Ops. to be laid on at 280° from 0420 - 0520 hrs.
1215	F.C. Taite C/O Wellesbourne.	W/C. Officer expected to land at Linton at 1000 hrs. 5-10-43. W/C Bradshaw is to be informed immediately he lands at Linton. Transportation to H.Q. here has been arranged. Linton Base F.C. have been asked to advise us immediately S.C. Taite arrives.
	NOTE D.F.C.O	
1315	427/P.	Leeming state latest information from West Malling is that crew are returning by train, although no instructions were issued by the station to do so. Latter unable to contact the Captain, but believe there is some electrical trouble with the engine.
1330.	Leeming Oxford 1500 429/X	Air I authorized S/L. Chipling to fly F.O. Barker (P.T.N.) F.O. Bowden to Coltishall to bring back 429/X. Leeming informed.
1320.	Provisions Evening Petrol Diversion	In consultation with Controller + Met have requested from C.F.C. five emergency Petrol Diversion bases - suggesting Upper Heyford, Abingdon, Wellesbourne, Honeybourne, Moreton-in-Marsh, Westcott, Wing.

1325	R.F.B. Beachy Hd.	Requested F.C.C.O. 11 Group to lay on Special Beacon at Beachy Head on bearing 310° from 2315 to 0015 hrs.
1400	Balloons	Confirmed with B.C.O's 11 & 12 Groups that balloons would be as follows, with control thereon:- Langley, Weybridge } 1500 ft. - 1845 - 2030 hrs. 2200 - 0030 " Derby, Sheffield } - 500 ft. - Dusk - 0300 "
1400.	Movement	Arranged with M.L.S.15 for Air Firing at Whitby & R.N.B. and Bombing at Stranraal for Gnrs. Hals. & Wells. from 1400 - 1800 hrs. (Ref. E-75.)
1445	R.F.B. Beachy Hd.	Bearing of this Special R.F.B. will now be 360° instead of 310°T.
1520.	R.F.B. & Balloons.	Information passed to Stations.
1430.	Prov. Petrol Diversion	C.F.C. have allotted us following: Wing, Westcott Harwell, Chipping Warden, Pershore.
1530	Ditto	In view of provisional aspect, Controller has decided only 3 bases are required. Selection and allotment is as indicated below H19+428 - Wing H27+429 - Westcott H31+434 - Harwell. "Ben" passed to Stations.

1640.	Billingham Balloons.	Arranged for close Tracking from 1700 - 1830 hrs. & 0030 - ~~0300~~ 0230 hrs. - through B.C.O. 12 Group.
	Prov. Petrol Diversion Harwell.	Group Met. are not happy regarding conditions at Harwell on return - 10/10ths cloud, base 1,000 ft., with continuous slight rain. They fel a base farther north would be better. In view of petrol shortage, & provisional nature of diversion, Controller considers to let Harwell stand.
1745.	V.I.P. AVM. Johnson from Sherburn	Landed at Topcliffe. 1749 hrs.
1820	R.F.B.2.	Cancelled with 12 Gr. Ops.
1830	Off duty ~~W/C~~ Spence P/O. On duty W/C Miller 7/1st.	
1930	Diversion	91 Sqn. say that if weather at Harwell is not very good on return of our a/c (see note above) they will redivert them to Pershore, Baydon or ~~Shiff~~ Moreton-in-Marsh where the weather is expected to be better.
2050	Crash E/1679 (Taxying Accident) 2	E/1679 crashed while on circuits & landings at Eastmoor just off the aerodrome. Apparently aircraft while taxying along perimeter went through the hedge & into ditch. Two props. broken, other damage as yet unknown. Will give us rest of details in the morning. Controller & A.C.I. informed.

2055 Weather — From Met: The cold front that has just passed through 6 Gp. is now stationary and may back up causing poor conditions at bases — (possibly 1000 ft cloud base, with some rain, 1 miles vis). Requested them to advise us of a better area for our diversions

2140 Bullseye — cancelled on account of weather at bases on return.

2141 Diversion — On instructions from Controller, advised 91 Gp. to have Harwell divert any of our emergency aircraft to Pershore (weather there: cloud base 1500 ft. slight rain) Told them of possibility of using Pershore for a definite diversion base for some of our aircraft.

2150 X-countries — On Air I's instructions 1679's two x-countries ETD 2300 ETA 0345 were cancelled due to weather at base on return.

2150 Diversion — Told 92 Gp. that we may require them for a definite diversion due to weather at our bases. Asked them if they could find us two other a/d's in addition to Wing and Westcott for our 46 aircraft originally laid on to these two stations as a petrol diversion. 92 Gp. pointed out that their weather is pretty duff also, with Wing with only a 1000 ft. cloud base.

2210 Weather Diversion — On Controller's instructions, the following arrangements were made to cope with our a/c if weather conditions permit them to return to base:
Croft & Scorton to aid Middleton
Dalton to aid Skipton
Linton to aid Tholthorpe
Eastmoor to stand by for emergencies

2210 92 Group — Re weather they say they can offer us no additional aerodromes as they are expecting a low cloud base. Wing at present has a cloud base of 800-1000 but they say if any of our a/c come up at Wing in emergency they can handle them somewhere in their group.

2300 Weather — From Met: latest forecast shows bases will not be as bad as expected and a/c should be able to get back without any difficulty. Conditions expected are: cloud base 1500-2000 ft. good vis., very slight rain possible. Controller instructs no new diversion bases be laid on.

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0020 92 Gp. 428/S & 429/S — Their weather is very bad and they are working 428/S and 429/S on Westcott's & Wing's etc. D/F. 429/S says on Westcott's R/T that he only has 15 min petrol left. Bruntingthorpe, the nearest fit station is 20 min. flying time away. They are lighting all aerodromes in vicinity. (429/S landed at Silverstone at 0030)
428/S sent message on Wing's D/F - "short of petrol, where can I land?" a/c was sent to Bruntingthorpe at 0025 (ack. diversion)
(428/S landed at Little Straughton at 0040)

0027 429/F — From 12 Gp: this a/c sent following message on South: "I require flarepath, petrol low, eng. o/s, will call again". No fix on this a/c was obtained. Told 11 & 10 Gp FCHO and requested he have all a/c's on coast ready to receive this a/c. Told South. to hold him & contact us when he calls again.

0035 434/W — Received fix from Pulham at 0019 "4930 N0028W 3rd ach." putting him west of le Havre off

French coast. Informed 11 & 10 Gp. H.L.O's. 11 Gp. H.L.O says he has plot of a/c near Cherbourg going north believed to be hostile, but possibly friendly.

0040 Diversion to all 6 Gp. a/c — Controller instructed following message to be sent on G.O.F. "Negative Wing Westcott, you may land at Tangmere Ford" (This to be sent out at 0050, 0120, 0150 & 0220)

0052 429/F — Acknowledged fix from Southampton at 0052 "5112 N 0025 E and putting him over Kent. 11 Gp. informed, and Controller instructed that the following message be sent out immediately "Land at Tangmere" which was ack. by a/c at 0100) — passed to 11 Fd. H.Q.

0048 434/W — From 12 Gp. - a/c sending message & SOS - too weak to fix.

0049 434/W — Pulham told this a/c to send call signs. a/c was weak & bearings were:
Pulham 210 3rd
Tangmere 205 3rd

0054 434/W — a/c still unreadable, too weak ~~Beeston~~ for a fix but bearing on Pulham 206° 3rd.

0058 ~ 0200 434/W — a/c bearing 211° from Pulham & 207° 3rd from Tangmere. The latter bearing was passed to the a/c but it did not ack. & nothing further was heard of him despite repeated calls. 11 Gp. informed who say this ties up with a plot which faded in Z 5404 1 mile off French coast. Not possible for Air Sea Rescue but they may send out international broadcast in the morning. They will let us know of action taken.

0055 Tholthorpe — lights u/s and will land a/c at Linton

0150 Tholthorpe — lights now okay - will land remainder of their a/c.

0202 crash 429/F — From Leeming: this a/c crashed at Heathfield, Sussex (north of Friston a/d) Mid-gunner phoned

0300 ~ at 0117 Leeming.

From 11 Gp: Fl/Lt. Rudong, F/O Messenger, Sgt. Byers, P/O Craig, Fl/Sgt. Patton — All okay and on way to West Malling.

P/O Fitzgerald, Sgt. Holdsworth, Fl/Lt. Thompson — 1 dead in a/c (not identified), 2 still missing

0330 429/F — 11 Gp H.L.O, after making inquiries found out the following: an a/c "F" (no callsign) called Friston at 00.20 & said he must land. Friston put on all lights (glim flare path & flood light, no dem) The got a visual on a/c & said it was definitely a Halifax. At 0032 a/c said something about "going away" and 11 Gp. search lighted it to West Malling who stood by with lights on. 429/F crashed at 01.17, according to H.O.6, just north of Friston.

0400 ~ 0430 a/c away — Met. say our weather will not be suitable to bring a/c away back to base till 11 o'clock. Instructed 10, 11, 91, 92, 5, 3 Sqns. & 1 ANB Sqn. to have our a/c stand by for take off about 1000 hrs. but not to take off till checking weather with us. All our stations informed of these instructions.

Results — 5 missing, one (434/W) of which was heard from.

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0800	434/W	International broadcast was sent by 10 Gp. for this a/c at 05.30
0900	Off duty	W.N. Keller F/L.
09.00	On duty	F.D. Tilland F/Lt.
10.45	Smoke S. of Topcliffe	9 Group report heavy black smoke south of Topcliffe. Passed to Topcliffe. Bonfire on Dishforth Aerodrome.
10.45	434/W	International Broadcast was acknowledged by Germans at 05.30 hrs.
11.15	431/D	Permission from F/C. Linton Base (F/O Young) for this a/c to return to base from Middle Wallop. Passed to 10 Gp.
12.00	429/K	Port outer engine H/S. New engine needed. Crew told to return by rail –
12.15	Aircraft Serviceability –	Linton Base informed of serviceability of their aircraft which have landed away from base.
	Diversions tonight	
12.45	427 Aircraft	W/C Turnbull orders all 427 a/c back by 15.00 hrs. Airborne from other aerodromes by 14.30 hrs. otherwise to stay where they are.
13.00	"	This information passed to 92 Group.
14.10	429 aircraft. 428/N	All serviceable told to return. P/429 told to return base as soon as possible
14.58	Landfall Beeton	Beachy Head (El. 070°) Bearing 360°T from 22.15-23.35.
15.05	Langley Weybridge	Balloons. 1500 ft from 20.00 – 01.00
15.06	Billingham	Closed until 17.30 to 19.30 hrs & 23.30 – 01.30 hrs.

15.15	Division Base.	Petrol division base for Wellingtons 432 is Ford. Arranged with Central F/C.
15.00	Comm. Flight.	Ordered either Oxford or Proctor for S/L Jacobs Thursday.
15.35	K/427.	At Bruntingthorpe – Mag. drop in one engine. May be ready at 17.00 hrs. Contacted W/C Turnbull who sets deadline for ETA base 18.30. 92 Group informed.
16.10	Division Base.	Air T. cancels Ford as division base for 432. C.F.C. suggest Wyton for 432 – Intruder conceded 7 Wellingtons 432 to Oakington and 7 Wellingtons 432 to Upton.
16.15	"	All necessary personnel provisional Div Bases passed to Middleton-Leeming and Linton.
16.40	—	All ops in Command Cancelled because of weather at Bases on return.
Balloons		– Cancelled with respective B.O.'s.
L.F.F.		– Landfall Beacon Beachy Head Cancelled with H.Q.
Div Bases.		– Cancelled with thanks to C.F.C.
17.45	J 429	At Mkt. Harborough (92). Ready to leave 07.30 hrs.
	P 429	" Downham Mkt (3) " " " "
	Q 427	" Westcott (92) " " " 08.30 hrs.
		W/C Pattison will call at 07.30 hrs. tomorrow morning. Will Duty FCO have a weather report ready?
17.34	K/427	Left Bruntingthorpe for Base

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18.30	Off duty On duty	F.D. Eveland A/C H.R. Spence, P/O.
1840	Night Flying - Passed to Stations & R.O.C.	
1845	Sundits	A.S.4 requests #1, 91, 115, 140, & 155 from dusk to dawn. Passed to Stations.
	427/K	Landed at base.
2055 1100	429/F	Reference entry 0102 - 0300 - Intelligence West Malling state all 8 of crew accounted for. Summary:- 3 on way back, 3 in hospital and 2 killed. F/L. Lentony in hospital, suspected fracture of ankle turned out to be small bone in foot. P/O Fitzgerald ~~P/O Fitzgerald~~ in hospital, under observation for kidney trouble. ~~P/O Fitzgerald~~ P/O Craig in hospital with bruises to head and knees. All 3 resting well & easy. Ops. 3 Southdown & Leeming Ops informed.
2235	Movement	Air I authorized Tholthorpe's Halifax on planned + country to land at Harwell to drop off some parts for 434/M. Tholthorpe informed.

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0045	Sundits	A.S.4 request cancelled. Stations informed.
0100	Ident Board changed.	
0715	429/J+P 427/Q Reference Entry 1745 hrs	Group Met states cold front coming in from west bringing rain with it. Gale blowing at present time this is general throughout England En route and at take off points low cloud, about 1,000 ft. and smoke drizzle. Recommends waiting until middle or late afternoon when cold front should be through. Suggests checking Met again early afternoon.
0815	ditto	Passed entry 0715 to W/C Pattison who requested 429 a/c not to take off until further advice is received from him. Advised F.C.O. of Groups 3 & 92 for transmission of instructions to Market Harborough & Downham Market. Also passed Met information to F.C. Leeming for W/C Turnbull.
0820	ditto	W/C Pattison countermanded previous instructions. Now wishes a/c to take off immediately & to get back to base by 1000 hrs, to route up vale of York. Similar instructions received from W/C Turnbull for Q/427. This passed to F.C.O.s. 92 & 3 Groups for transmission to Stations.
0900	Off watch H.R. Spence P/O. On duty D.H. Clelland F/O.	

0930	429/Q Westcott	92 Gp. advise that this a/c has P.E trouble and will not be ready till at least 1000 hrs. The front is due at Leeming about noon. 429 Sqdn. comm. says he is to return by 1000 hrs. but not after ~~with~~ with out further instruction Same applies to 429/J. Passed to 92 Gp.
0950 1000	429/J & P	On instructions from w/c Patterson, informed 92 Gp that 429/J who had not yet taken off from Market Harborough that he is to await further instructions. 3 Gp 460 given same instructions at 1000 hrs. and they managed to stop him taking off.
1015	AVM Johnson	Permission given by air I for AVM Johnson to go down to Northolt in 1659 Halifax. Met. say okay. Informed Northolt.
10.40	429/J & P	w/c Patterson says he will leave getting these two a/c back to base to us. He wants them back as soon as possible and says that a 1000 ft cloud base and 2 mile vis. is okay for weather at base to bring them back to.
1045	AVM Johnson	Met. now say they do not like condition at Northolt (1000 ft. cloud base, vis 4000 yds and slight rain) They don't think it will improve very quickly and suggest trip be scrubbed. Topcliffe informed.
11.10	a/c away	~~info~~ Met. say front is now past us and conditions are reasonably certain for return of these a/c although they will have to fly through the front. Told 92 & 3 Gp.
		to send them back immediately after getting permission from w/c Turnbull and gave them the following routes: 429/Q - Westcott - Peterborough - Base 429/P - Downham - Lincoln; Base 429/J - Market Harborough - Newark - Base Warned them of low cloud & to avoid high ground
1120	AVM Johnson Hdq	has decided to go down to Northolt despite weather. Warned Northolt to watch for him.
1125	429/Q	Still u/s; they will let us know when it's okay.
1135	AVM Johnson	took off for Northolt at 11.32; passed to H2S
1200	429/P	Pilot cannot be located. w/c Patterson informed
0350	L.F.B. Beachy Hd. Balloons	Special L.F.B at Beachy Head will be exposed at a bearing of 360° True from 2320-0130 hrs. Sheffield Balloons - at 500 ft 00.30-0400 Langley & Weybridge at 1500 ft 2330-0200 Harwich at 1500 ft. 1930-2045 We have over-riding control on these.
1400	429/J	landed at Finningley. w/c Patterson is going to instruct him to come back immediately.
1435	427/Q	is now serviceable. Referred to Leeming for instructions. w/c Turnbull says he is to come back immediately. Warned him weather was not good en route but he said it was good enough. Passed w/c Turnbull's instructions to 92 Gp.
1530	427/Q	airborne from Westcott at 15.25

1545	Communication ~~Radio~~ Flight	Arranged for Proctor for S/L Jacobs tomorrow at 0900 hrs. Form sent to Comm. Flight.
1650	427/Q and 429/J	have both landed back at Skipton.
1700	429/P	W/C Patterson wants this A/C to take off immediately despite the fact he will have to fly through front with cloud 1000ft & below and rain. Base conditions good vis. with cloud base 1200-1800 ft. Informed 3 Sqn. of above.
1640	Operations	cancelled. Lt Beacon at Beachy Hd. & request for close tanking of balloons cancelled.
1745	S/L Jacobs	will be going down to Eastchurch at 0900 hrs. in the Proctor, route: Linton, Spaldwick, Caxbridge, West Malling, Eastchurch ETA 1030. Permission obtained from Eastchurch.
1800	Bullseye	scrubbed on account of weather.
1825	427/L	at Waterbeach is ready & will be coming back first thing in the morning. Leeming informed.
18.30	Off duty	W.A. Miller F/Lt.
18.30	On duty	J.D. Eliland F/L.
	P/429.	Weather at Downham Market = 8. 10/10 - 800' - rain - viz moderate - Permission granted by W/C Pattison for A/C to wait a couple of hours for clearing conditions - but definitely to return tonight - by hours of darkness - O.K. - 3 Group F/C advised.

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19.00	Restricted Areas.	MK012 — W.E.F. Oct 7th TFN clearance will be withheld for Non-operational flying by night in the Sea Areas formed by the coast at following points. Area I Bransaster Bay. WB 7500 WB 4290 Flamborough Head Area II Scarborough RW 2004 RQ 4020 Acklington.
19.15	"	Passed to all stations
18.56	Aircraft Showing Broad S.F.F. D/1659.	MK09 reports aircraft showing intermittent Broad S.F.F. approximately over Lt. Ormes Head - going east towards Rylle hugging coastline. Believed to be D/1659 - QDM 088 at 20.25 QDM 110 - 2026 hrs.
20.30	Pendits	A54 request #1, 91, 115, 140 deck to dawn. Passed to Topcliffe, Linton, Leeming.
21.15	D/1659.	Overhead at Topcliffe Landed 21.15
21.56	P/429	W/C Pattison wants this A/C to return from Downham Market immediately - To fly at 4000 ft - not to fly below until position ascertained in Vale of York. Can home on Leeming's beam - Passed to 3 Gp - F/C
2245	P/429.	S/L F.C. 3 Group. P/429 to be a/b in approx 5 minutes - Passed to Ops Leeming for W/C Pattison.
2307	P/429	S/L F.C. 3. P/429 a/b from Downham Market at 2303. Passed to F.C. Ops Leeming.

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23.25	Pundits	AS4 cancel #1, 115, 91 & 140.
0001		Thursday Oct 7th '43. – remainder of night quiet.
0805.		W.A.A.F. and S.D.N.T.C. – advise for S/L Jacobs that Program at Eastchurch will be carried out as detailed
	0800	S/L Jacobs informed
	0805	Base Linton informed who advise that Proctor will be ready.
0900	—	Off Duty – [signature] W/T
		On duty W.T. Spence. P/O.
0920.		Arranged with M.L.S. 12 Gp for air firing at R.A.F. Whitby and bombing at Strensall for Hals. Wells & Ramsey. from 1000 hrs - 1800 hrs. – Ref. E-45.
1005	428/O 428/C 428/I	M.S.G. advise instructions have been issued for m/p aircraft to return from ~~base~~ Little Snoring, Tempsford & Mildenhall.
1030	Bulls Eye	Night Ops (1X) Maj. Eaton Smith – National 39 Admin. promoting Bulls Eye for this evening. Route planned St. Neots – Newcastle – Middlesboro – Goole – Cambridge – Norwich – Sheffield – Bases. Groups 1, 4, & 5 may also participate. Requested offers from Con Units.
1120	434/M	Informed Harewell Tholthorpe sending parts & mechs. to repair this a/c. T.O. 1130 ETA 1745 hrs.
1115	428/I	M.S.G. report this a/c returned to base.
1155	477/L Waterbank	On instructions of Leeming F/C requested 3 Gp F/C to have this a/c return to base a/voice.
1155	Bulls Eye	12 Gp Night Ops. report change in route as follows:-
~~1110~~		
1300		St. Neots – Goole (IR) – Middlesboro – Newcastle – Liverpool – Manchester Peterboro (IR) – Norwich – Sheffield – Bases. Starting Beacon St. Neots. Turning Beacon at Norwich (3 at 18,000')
		Offers 1 Hal. 1664 Croft. 1 Lanc 1679 Eastmoor.
		N.O.F.F. – (Mos. & Beaus) Fighter interception all the way. Searchlighting except in areas North Yorkshire to Middlesboro, and Newcastle Liverpool & Manchester until about 10 miles east of Nottingham. – Provisional starting time St. Neots ~~730 745~~ 1930 – 1945 hrs at 15,000 ft.
		Groups. 1, 3, 4, 6, 92, & 93 participating.
		Passed above details to M.S.G. & 62 base Ops.
1300	L.F.B. #2. Beachy Hd	Arranged with 12 Gr. Ops. for L.F.B. #2 on 280° from 2345 to 0045 hrs; Also through F.C.L.O. 11 Group for Special Beacon at

		Beachy Head on 316° from 0200 - 0300 hrs.
1300	Balloons	Arranged for control of balloons, as noted below, with Balloon Liaison Officers of 11 + 12 Groups respectively: Langley, Weybridge } 1500 ft. 0700 - 0330 hrs. Sheffield, Derby } 500 ft. 0230 - 0400 hrs.
1530	Bulls Eye	Eastmoor have cancelled their offer of 1 a/c. Night Ops 12 informed.
1730	Comm. a/c Proctor	S/L Jacobs should arrive at Linton at 1900 hrs. (T.O. at 1700 from Manston) Linton informed.
1500.	Firing Exercise Beachy Head	M.R.O. 12 state exercise of firing vessels near Beachy Head from 0300 to 0500 - 8th/14th Oct. In view of time of return of our operational a/c they have requested it be discontinued on the 8th.
1810.	Pundits	A.S.4 request 1, 91, 115, 140 Duxford dawn - passed to stations.
1810	R.T.B. No 2	Time changed to 0230 - 0330 hrs. Linton (6 x Buc) informed.
1935	Pundit 155	requested by A.S.H. Duxford to dawn. M.S.D. informed.
1945 1830.	Night Flying Officer's watch	Passed to R.O.C. + Stations. A. B. Spence Plt.

Com. Units.

1659	Topcliffe — Hal.
1664	Croft. — Hal.
1679	Eastmoor — Lancs.
408	Kirton — Lancs.
431	Holmpton — Hal.
429	Leeming — Hal.

GP. Sqd.

419 } 428 }	Middleton — Hal.
427	Leeming — Hal.
432	Skipton — Well.
426	Kirton — Lancs.
434	Holmpton — Hal.

– DIVERSIONS –

DATE	SQDN'S CONC'N'D	TYPE – NO AIRCRAFT HAL	LANC	WEL	GROUPS	NO. STNS	NO. A/C	TYPE of DIVERSION	REMARKS
SEPT. 2.	432	–	–	12	91	1	–	PROV. PETROL	A/C AT BASE
SEPT. 5	419- 426 427 428- 432 434	52	6	12	10 91	4	3	" PET+ WEATHER	
SEPT. 3	426	–	5	–	4	1	–	" PETROL WEATHER	A/C AT BASE
SEPT. 6	419- 426 427- 428 434	48	5	–	11	4	41	DEFINITE PETROL	REMAINDER MISSING OR AT OTHER STN'S
SEPT. 16	419- 428 427- 429 434	56	–	–	1 4 Wings	8	54	DEFINITE WEATHER	1 Landed Base 4 " DIV. BASES other than Laid on

LANDINGS

DATE	No. of AC	GROUPS	NO. STNS	REMARKS
2-9-43	2	10 91	2	OTHER A/C AT BASE
5-9-43	4	10 92	3	
6-9-43	3	11	2	
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