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Flying Control Log

May 13th 1944
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June 16th (incl.)

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13 May 44 — 16 June 44

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Gardens.

L.7.B - Selsey Bill bearing 355°T from 00.20 - 01.20 hrs ✓

Balloons - Yeovil - 1500ft - 23.10 - 02.30 hrs. ✓

Langley, Weybridge, Portsmouth } 1500ft - 23.10 - 01.30 hrs ✓

Billingham C/H - { 21.00 - 22.30 hrs ✓
01.20 - 04.30 "

ZB886

L7.B. Flixstowe - 285°T from 0115 - 0215 hrs. ✓

Balloons. Harwich - 1500ft 01.00 - 02.30 hrs. ✓

Billingham - C/H 21.50 - 23.20 hrs. ✓
02.00 - 03.30 "

GS 5609 B.

L7B. Flamborough Head - 270°T from 0205 - 0305 hrs. ✓

For all targets:

Billingham Balloons: Close-hauled { 21.00 - 23.20 ✓
01.20 - 04.30.

Anson DG 814:- Landed Middleton from Moreton in Marsh en route Kinloss. Needs new propellor which is being sent ~~down~~ from Moreton. Staying overnight

Beaufighters JL846 - JM327. From Catfoss - staying overnight at Croft.

Saturday. May 13th 1944

09.00	Off duty. On duty.	F L Spence F/O F.D. Cleland F/L.
10.00	N/426	is u/s at Woodbridge. Instructed K/426 and N/431 to call there on way back from Mildenhall and Juddenham and each bring back half the crew of N/426. (Back by 15.00 hrs.)
14.45		Air Sea Rescue.
	Aircraft engaged. Call Signs	3 Halis from 424 Squadron WCF 63, 64, 65.
	Search Area.	5514N 0028E - 5526N 0028E - 5514N 0112E - 5526N 0112E.
	Starting Point	SW Corner, parallel track, west to east, creeping north at ¼ mi. vis.
	Convoys etc.	No information available.
	ASR Craft.	Will be at bases - operational readiness.
	Other ASR a/c	None in this area.
	Wind Force.	020° - 20 at 2000'.
	Sea Condition	Slight. Vis. 10 miles.
	Narrative.	A number of pyrotechnics & flashing lights were seen on sea by number of aircraft last night. A search was organized and sent out this morning at 07.00 hrs. but mist conditions made it only about 20% effective.
*	SFCO Note	If any results notify S/L Seabourne.
15.30	A/Comm. Hislop	landed at Topcliffe from Morpeth at 15.12 hrs. Informed Air I. SASO.
16.00	A. S. Rescue.	Inf. AVM, SASO, AIR I, Controller, MET, SIGS.
17.50	All ops. scrubbed by Bomber Command.	
17.58	L.F.B. Balloons	cancelled.
18.30	Off duty. On duty	F D Cleland F/L. B.T. O'Beirn F/O

2110	X/C C & B	61 Base & Eastmoor Cancelled. at Topcliffe, Wombleton & Eastmoor
2200	Sea Search Report.	424/E - F/L Loudoun - No dinghy seen. Sighted floating object presumed to be a mine - pos'n 55 22½ N. 0101E at 1940 hrs. Ht 100' - vis 5 miles. Sea calm - not much cloud - mist patches 500' + General route out and back Clear. - 16 Grp. ruf.
2210	Hurry - BV - 160	PA - "W" G/C Bowling landed Topcliffe 2156 from Grantham. Stopping overnight - before proceeding Annan.

SUNDAY MAY 14th 1944

0800	HURRY - BV - 160	- G/C Bowling left Topcliffe 0646 for Annan.
0800	Off duty On duty	F/O. O'Beirn. F. Lt Spence F/O.
1000	a/c Cat. D.T.C.O's to note.	Immediately it is learned that an a/c away from base is Cat. A.C. Engineering Officer is to be informed & given serial number.
1124	Movement W/C Wiser	To take 61 Base Offord to Farnborough. On a 2-day course. O.K.'d by Air I providing the Base Commander's permission is given. Passed to Farnborough Flying Control
1220	L.F.B. #15 #16	Howe on 375°T from 0330-0430 hrs. Selsey Bill on 355°T from 0020-0120 hrs.
	Balloons.	Billingham - Close hauled 2115-2250 hrs. and 0130-0430 "
	Langley Weybridge Southampton Portsmouth	~~Clear~~. Control at 1500ft. from 2310 to 0430 hrs.
		Yeovil - 1500ft. Control 2310 to 0230 hrs.

Diversion Bases. – Emergency.

Sqn.	Mark	Div. Station
424	14	Westcott
433	14	
408	14	Wing
426	12	
428	10	~~Middle Wallop~~ changed to Boscombe Down.

N. S. BOUNDARY LINE
BETWEEN N. 11 & 12 GROUPS:
MORETON IN MARSH
LYNEHAM.
ZEAL.
FROM ZEAL DUE SOUTH.

Ident. -
RRK/A 50° 21' N 00° 47' W 2nds S'Hampton Ident.
T. O. O. 0142.

1539	Emergency Don. Bases	Allotted by C.F.C. and allocated as on opposite page.
1600	Bomb. Exercise "Snape"	Being ~~operated~~ this evening by Leeming & Skipton Squadrons. 61 Base aircraft not bombing but may use cameras.
1730	Emerg Don. Bass.	Ex C.F.C.:- Middle Wallop will not be serviceable. Suggest Boscombe Down. Passed to M.S.G.
1730	Bomb. Exercise 'Snape'	Ref. entry 1600 hrs. General notification to M.C.O. Individual movements to be passed in regular manner. 12 Group will clear with local authorities
1830	Off duty F/L Spence No.	
1830	On Duty -	F/L Smith D.J. Tasman:
2310	—	Bombing operations cancelled by H.Q.B.C.
	L.F.B.'s	Cancelled with F.C.L.O. 11.
	Barrage	Effective until 0200 hrs.
	Diversion Bases	Cancelled with F.C. 92.
2335	Boscombe Down.	Provisional Diversion Particulars passed.
2345	B.D.S. !	From Croft, 11006 tons, Base 62 and 4 Group ref. not having been informed of the "F.F." demonstrations on Snape Range by Leeming Skipton and Base 61. — "Heel, Admiral!" Surely included in summary of N/F to Stations
		MONDAY, MAY 15TH.
0001	Sunset Bd.	Corrected.
0900	off On	duty — F/L Smith D.J. Tasman: B.D.O. Berth F/O

GARDENS - SILVERTHORNE - 433 SQDN.

✓ H.F.B. - Flamboro Head - 280° T - 0405 - 0505

Z - 334

✓ H.F.B. Selsey Bill - 350° T - 0115 - 0215

✓ Ballasno 1500' | Langley & Weybridge. - 2200 - 0230
| Portsmouth & Southampton. 0045 - 0230

Emergency Diversion Bases. Z - 334

427 SQDN - Silverstone
429 " - Westcott
424 " - Wing
433 " - "

MONDAY MAY 15/44.

0915	434/D	which loaded Woodbridge on X/C with low brake pressure instructed to return as soon as possible. F/L. Smith rep. 434/D - Returned to Croft.
0920	Martinet	- Permission granted to 6/Base to ply Martinet from Dalton to Leconfield. to pick up spare parts.
1020	Bombing (SNAPE)	- Re 1730 Entry 14/May. Learning report that Civil Defences, Army and N.F.S. were not informed of the bombing. Consulted M.L.O 12 Grp. He reports that they notified the Regional Commissioner Nottingham who should have notified the local authorities
1035	1659	- Wish to take a screen crew to Coltishall to pick up a/c allotted to 1659. - O.K'd by air I
1035	H.2.S. Routes	- Revised Routes will come into effect 0001 hrs 20th May. 6 GP/S.864/1/NAV. 13th May 1944. - See 2316
1300	L.F.B. & Balloons	land on - see opp. page.
1400	DIV.'N	Bases allotted - Emergency only. - Stations given (Ref. Gen..
1545	X/C.	Dishforth on Route 17 to-night proposed to fly the overland return portion at 3 000' below Cloud. O.K. for 12 Grp. M.L.O
1830.	- Off Watch F/O O'Brien. On duty H.R. Spence F/O.	
2045	L.F.B. + Balloons	For Bombing Target all times 2 hrs later.
2115	ditto	Request for Balloons + L.F.B. for 2334 cancelled.
2115	Emerg. Don. Bases	Stood down.

Belly Landing. - 1659 a/c - BB 248
Crew OK.
Informed: - A.A.C. - S.A.S.O. - Controller
G.A.D. - G.I.D. - Equipt.
Engrg.

2055.	Belly Landing 1659 (BB 248)	a/c circled for some time, trying to get its undercarriage down. Although the "horn" was blaring, it was eventually thought possible that the wheels might actually be fully down (with a short causing the horn to operate), or sufficiently far down so that on touchdown it might lock fully. It was finally decided to land the aircraft on the runway. The undercarriage collapsed and a/c skidded along the runway on its belly. Crew O.K. Time 1730 hrs. a/c Cat. A.C. Pilot - Flt. R. Wilson (J 25378) Exercise - Fighter Affil. Preliminary crash report completed for G.C.I.
2250	N.F.	Summary to C.F.C. & Stations (Bases.)

16 MAY - 1944

0200	Ident Board	changed.
0350	Crash.	From 4 Gp - Halifax a/c crashed at Helmsley Bombing Range. Advice received from Marston Moor who contacted Wombleton, from where a crash tender was dispatched plus ambulance & M.O.
0355	"	Same information from 61 B.A.S.E.
	"	12 Group F.C.L.O. nor York 9 or 10 can give any gen on this crash.
0440	Op a/c	All a/c returned from Gardening
0511	N/F a/c 419/B on a/c #17 Bomb (Snaps)	All a/c down except 419/B. Had already contacted 12 Gp who say no crashes except for reported one at Helmsley. 9 Gp. F.C.L.O. say 2 Crashes - (1) a Wellington (2) a fading plot in VJ 47 + lights in the Hills at 0236 Other fighter groups T.A.F.C. say NIL. Bombing Ranges at both SNAPE & HELMSLEY had closed down & no one answered the phone. NIL RESULTS FROM STRENSALL.

419/B - Lancaster X - KB701

Position of CRASH. Nr. Potter House
near Helmsley (Sheet #22-072119)

Crew of 7 all dead - A/c Burnt out.

Crash & guarding action taken by RCAF Wombleton.

STORY -

2238 - Took off on a {X-C #17 / Bombing} exercise at Snape.
0313 - Acknowledged a weather message from M. St. G. H/F D/F.
0340 - 4 Cps & 61 Base - say an a/c crashed nr. Helmsley
0700 - a/c identified as 419/B.

CREW MEMBERS.

TRADE	RANK	NAME	NUMBER	
MU	SGT.	F.A. MILNE	R199345	These bodies at RCAF Wombleton.
A/B	Lt.	E.N. FORDHAM	0886275	
R/G	SGT.	N.F. ALSOP	R143477	
		~~W.C. ANDRICH~~	~~R152304~~	MIS-IDENTIFIED.
NAV	SGT.	E.M. PARSONS	R113035	
CAPT	P/O	J.G. McMASTER	J.19923	
WAG	F/S.	H.G. GRICE		
FE	SGT.	G.T. JONES		

Advise

- A.O.C
- S.A.S.O.
- AIR I
- GTI
- GEqO.
- GEO
- Controller
- G.A.I
- [illegible]

Tuesday.

0600	419/B.	M.S.I.G F/c say 419/B acknowledged a weather ~~msg~~ message ~~fix~~ at 0313. - no bearing was Taken. Why not lay on that a snap bearing be Taken on every a/c calling Base O/F?
0600	Crash	{PHONE - HELMSLEY 87 Helmsley Police} N.F.S, 61 Base 4 Gp F.C. a.o. R.O.C. still have no gen on crash.
0700	Crash Advised 12 Gp F/c	now identified as 419/B. (see facing page)
0900	off duty	W/C Spence F/o.
0900		On Duty - F/L Jim Stevenson:
1830		On duty B.T. O'Brien F/O
1845	X/C	- Wombleton plan X/C - 10 a/c. and Eastmoor 2 a/c on X/C. Checked with Met. - Cloud base 15-00' - tops 15 000' - danger of icing. - freezing level 2000' Requested 61 Base to check carefully with Met.
2000	62 Base	- Flying exercise cancelled.
2030	X/C	- Eastmoor cancelled X/C exercise.
2150	X/C -	61 Base cancelled X/C exercises C+B's - Topcliffe until 0001 hrs. and Dishforth until 0300 hrs
2330	V.I.P.	Premier Wm. L. Mackenzie King visited the Operations Room. He was accompanied by A/M. Breadner, G/C Dunlop, and party. After introduction to the Operations staff, the Premier and his party were shown about the Ops Room. A VM MacEwen and S.A.S.O. explained the workings of Operations to the visitors.

Crash
1666/13. – (DT 551)

Informed A.O.C. ✓ S.A.S.O. ✓
Air I ✓ Controller ✓
G.A.I. ✓ G.T.I. ✓
Engr. ✓ Equpt. ✓
S.F.C.O. ✓

Crash 1664 A. Hal I EB200. Pilot: F/O Streight.

Pin-point: Sheet 21 – 875901 About 1 mi E of Dishforth.
Time: Approx 01.55 hrs.

Aircraft was in circuit with one engine feathered on return from X-Country. Another engine suddenly cut and pilot decided to crash land. Landed in field but struck a hedge. Did not catch on fire. Aircraft is Cat E.

F/E Sgt Smith Killed.
NAV F/O Potts Injured (SSQ Dishforth)
MUG Sgt. Hamilton Badly injured (N.A. Hosp.)

All other crew members uninjured.

Informed:

Controller ✓
AOC ✓ SFCO ✓ P4. ✓
AIR I ✓ SASO ✓
GAI ✓ GTI ✓
ENG ✓ EQUIP ✓

WED. MAY 17 1944.

0900	Off duty B.T-O'Beirn F/O On duty H.L.Spence F/O.	
0945	433/W. Manston	Permission granted to fly crew to pick up m/x aircraft if weather OK.
1135	1666/B. Crash. (DT-551)	Time:- 1121 - Crew OK. Made a normal approach but ground looped on touching down. Port under carriage collapsed; caught fire but was extinguished quickly. Runway 10 (long one) in use. Cross wind. Wind N.E. by E. 15 miles gusting to 25. Pilot - F/O Stewart Instructor - F/O Heron. Detail:- Circuits & landings. Preliminary Crash Report sent to G.A.2. A/c Cat E.
1155	408 Sqn Army Personnel Flying.	Permission granted for 2 army personnel to go on details with 408 Sqn ak - Bombing Fighter Affie., air-air firing - at discretion of Station Commander, if individuals have O.K. from their own unit.
18.30	Off duty. On duty	H L Spence F/O J D Cleland F/O
		Thursday. May 18th 1944
01.55	Crash	See opposite page.
04.10	Stirling T.	From Swinderby - landed at Linton - Hydraulics u/s. Swinderby informed.
05.00	B/1659	Landed Yarnston at 01.33 with P.I.E. trouble. F/L Smith at Yarnsden informed.
09.00	Off duty	J D Cleland F/O On duty B.T-O'Beirn F/O
0945	Thunderstorm	warning. expected in all districts of England and Wales to-day. Requested F.C.O's at all stations to check carefully with Met. before authorizing flights.
1000	N.F.	S.O.C. requests SQDNs. to have their N.F. programme submitted to Group by 1430.

Wellington left Topcliffe 11-30 hrs for Wellesbourne.

Stinson Reliant - FK-873 on way from Melton Mowbray to Dornno landed Mid-Sh-h. owing to weather. Stay-y overnight.

Barracuda - MD-628 on way from Sherburn to Newcastle landed Mid. - Expects to return to Sherburn. 1800 hrs - Staying overnight

Proposed Route 433 X/C. S/L Patterson

	Skipton S/C	
:54	5150N 0050W.	10,000'
1:33	5242N 0130E	13,000'
2:37	5226N 0300W.	15,000'
3:22	Snape - B.R. Base	15,000'

8,000' - Bombay - 1 Stick of 28.

433	- 18	HAL. H_2S.	SCRUBBED
432	- 10	HAL.	"
429	- 8	"	"
1659	- 5	"	"
1666	- 6	"	"
1664	- 5 52	"	"

52.

Halifax. Immune "H" landed Topcliffe with a passenger for Middleton - Toos off again for Blyton. 0615

Wellington - TD/W from Ossington landed Croft. 0612/14. - Ragged at the end of runway.

Oxford - T1501 - W/C Leach landed Croft 1801 from St Eval on way to Prestwick - Staying overnight -

Auster MF-935 - Mr Edwards (Ministry Air production) from Rearsby on way to Arbroath landed Croft - Staying overnight.

Expediter - (ATA) FT-979 Capt Ellis. from White Waltham on route to Downe Bristle. Staying overnight

Thursday May 18th 1944.

1015	1659/B.	Landed Gamston (93 drgs) from X/C.
	D.F.C.O.	P.I.E. O/S. Engineer is checking and will inform us later C.T.L. wants crew to remain until a/c is S.
1200	433/ X/C	S/L Patterson requests F. AFF. for X/C to-night. - 18 a/c. Contacted Night Ops 12 Grp. - major Holmes. will arrange if W/X fit. - Inf. S/L Patterson.
1250	ACCIDENT MART. "V" (DALTON)	- Martinet V/MS-869 taxied into a van and damaged portwing. Category "A" Inf. - S.O.C. SASO AIR I Eng.O G.A.I.O. 422. Equipt.
1430	"Q" Site	- 61 Base report that a representative of Col. Currie visited Baldby "Q" site and requested that they do not operate on Saturday & Sunday 20th & 21. F.C. ok
1645	12 Grp	- a/c, Oxford seems to be lost near Sandleton Inf. Mid. to keep a look out.
1650	Oxford	- AB-710 on way from Kenton to Sutfield landed Middleton a/1640 - owing to weather. Staying overnight
1655	Typhoon	- MN229 - on way from Kenton to Sutfield landed Dalton owing to weather.
1710	X/C -	Skipton, Eastmoor and Con. units scrubbed X/C owing to weather. Inf. 12 Grp. M.O. & night Ops.
1710	Leeming D.F.C.O. note:	a/c - LK-755 - W/C Smith wants D.F.C.O to request that F/L Smith at Harsden check to-morrow to see if LK-755 (Cat A.C) at Honeybourne is serviceable. - Information to be passed to W/C Smith 6 Grp.
1800	N.F.	No X/C is - C & B's only at Wombleton 2230 - 0430

Barracuda MD 629 left Med. S. A. at 2000 hrs
for Lossiemouth.

10.30 Bullseye C95.

Route: Base - ~~Shelford~~ - Folkestone - Henley on Thames - ~~Bristol (Flashlight Target 00.30-00.55 hrs)~~ - Milford Haven - Fishguard - ~~York~~ - ~~Grimsby~~ - Base. (AMENDED 13.00 hrs)

Heights: Hals. 17000 ft. Lancs 20000 ft.

Notes
No starter beacon.
Interception anywhere on route.
Crews to listen out for diversion or cancellation.

13.00 Route: Base - Leicester - Basingstoke - Bristol - Gt. Driffield - Base.
Zero hour:- 23.40-00.05 hrs

	Hals	Lancs
1659 -	~~5~~ 4	
1664	3	
1666	7	
431	5	
434	9	
419		8
428	4	
420	2	
425	2	
424	4	
	41	8.

For Bullseye
Billingham Balloons close-hauled 21.15-22.30 hrs, 0015-0145 hrs

For 1/J/197
Orfordness L.7.B 275°T - 02.00-03.00 hrs.
Harwich Balloons - 1500 ft. from 01.00-02.50 hrs.

For 10 J/81
~~Selsey~~ Bill ~~Worthing~~ L.7.B. 330°T - 01.50-02.50 hrs.
Langley Weybridge 1500 ft - 00.20-02.50 "

For Limpets & Trefoil
Landfall Beacon - Flamborough Head - 270°T - 0110-0210 hrs.

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1830		Off duty F/L. O'Beirn. On duty H.B. Spence F/L.
		May 19/44.
0200		Ident Board changed.
0900		Off duty H.B. Spence F/L.
09.00	On duty.	F.D. Clelland F/L. S.B.A.
11.30	Diversion Bases.	Asked C.F.C. for 8 provisional weather bases tonight for 165 Hals + Lancs.
17.30	Bullseye.	Cancelled by Air I. - Weather reasons. ASGB + stations informed.
17.45	Leeming Beam	4/s tonight. All stations informed + Controller.
18.25	Diversion Bases	408 Sq. to Boscombe Down 23 Gp. 424 " + 426 Sq. " Moreton in Marsh 91 " 425 " " Westcott 92 " 420 " " Wing " " 433 " " Wyton 8 " 432 " " Woolfox Lodge 3 427 " " Newmarket 3 " 429 " " Fiddenham 3 Gp.
18.30	L.F.B. Balloons	Flamborough Head - cancelled (Trefoils + Limpets I.) Billingham - cancelled (Bullseye.)
1830		Off duty F/L CLELAND. On duty B.T. O'Beirn F/O
2000	S.B.A.	Manston + Carnaby - 61 Base wish the frequency + stud of these two - 61 Base Signals - Lawrie this information. Reply. Carnaby S.B.A. - Freq. 34.4. Stud 6. No information on Manston.
2100	Expediter missing	F.T. 979 (Beechcraft) left Croft at 1705 for Dunsfold - Brestle. Dennis Brestle, + 12 Erp - F.C.A.O Lane No trace of him. Route - Croft Hexham, New Biggin, Berwick-on-Tweed East Linton, Dunsfold. E.T.A. - 1820. Movement N/1019.

No Non. Starters.

Early Returns

420/R. - S.O.E U/S. - no Revs. S.I.E - overheated and oil pressure low.
O.K'd by C.T.O.

2130	Proctor ✓	- F/c Donaldson landed Luton from Kadena. - staying overnight. Informed F.C. Kadena.
2320	Diversion	- Callsigns & letters passed to Groups 4, 3, 9C, 8, 92.
2350	"	3 Grp. report that Woodfox Lodge has unserviceable to 3000 yd.

Saturday May 20th

0005	C.F.C.	- Considering Bury St Edmunds instead of Woodfox Lodge.
0015	C.F.C.	Roobed again as Woodfox Lodge unfit. After much natter Foulsham chosen for 432 sqdn if Diversion necessary. C.F.C. tried to allot Mendlesham but as this station is not on Bomber Code and not on navigator's flimsies are requested another station - and Foulsham was allotted.
0130	424 a/c	- Decided to let Gardeners return to Base.
0210	DIVERSION (By AIR 1)	- 427 to Newmarket, 429 to Tuddenham, 433 to Wyton. Informed 6 Grp stations and diversion bases.
0210	Cloud Marker Beacon - at Boroughbridge land on - 0245 - 0345 - 4 Grp Ops unf. Base 62 unf.	
0245	433/E	Leming report him on DF asking if there is any message. Requested Leming to send him. BZOE (Land at Wyton).
0250	61 Base	Request Topcliffe & Dishforth to light up at 0300 hrs until further advised 61 Base a/c if necessary.

SAT. MAY 20th

0315	P/OTS.	- Few flats on our Board. Contacted R.O.C.H.O. and queried lack of flats. He said that they had been telling to us as requested. - Flats improved after that.
0400	Cloud Marker Beacon doused.	
0410	62 Base a/c - all landed - None missing	
0450	Ops - all a/c returned safely.	
0500	427 & 429 a/c all serv. at Newmarket and Tuddenham.	
0525	Diversion Summary passed to C.F.C.	
0640	MET	- Checked weather in regard to a/c landed away. Cloud base 500'-1000' in base - and poor vis. - drizzle. - Cannot give O.K. to return until weather improves in late morning.
0850	Diversion reported to F/L Smith at Tranmden	
0900		Off duty F/O O'Beirn On duty H.G. Spence F/O.
0930	Proctor LZ-801	a.t.a. pilot (Flt. Capt. Haymen) taxied into flight crew bus damaging 18" of wing tip. Can glue it up. OK. Pilot finger trouble. Informed Air H.Q.C. + Controller.
1115	LK-755 Leeming	Ref. entry 181710B. - a/c only requires wheel + tire. Van left Tranmden with them this morning. When put on a/c should be serviceable + only requires M.U. check. W/C Smiths office informed.
1148	L.F.B. #1	At Tiley - elev. 070° - bearing 250°T from 0400 to 0500 hrs.
1145	a/c away	Stood down until 1400 hrs. Met still not good. To be checked again about 1245-1300 hrs.

1900 Crash. 1659 C.U/Z - LK 684.

While on Circuits and landings made a heavy landing on the starboard wheel. Undercarriage collapsed. All crew OK but aircraft is Cat E.

Inf. Controller ✓ G.Eq.O. ✓

G.A.I. ✓ G.Eng O. ✓

G.T.I. ✓ S F C. O ✓

Wind - dead down R/W 03.

Sat. - May. 20/44

1130 –	Darky 61 Base Skipton Leeming.	All heard Seaborne "C" calling. (faintly) Emg report another station replied giving course of 246° to ~~Mally~~ Milfield at 1135 hrs. No such call sign. Nearest "Seabrook" is Sunburgh aircraft. 12 Group F.C.P.O. in picture but have no plots.
1200	Expediter missing	Ref. entry 192100B. - landed at Boulmer.
1340	a/c away.	3 Grp + 8 Grp. F.C. informed these a/c may take off at 1400 hrs. 92 Grp. F.C. requested to route 425/H via Peterborough All a/c to return below cloud. 429/H. at Peplow (93 Gp.) not to return until we give O.K. later this afternoon. 63 Base informed. also 61 Base.
1415	LK-755	Ref. entries 181710B + 201115B. Information required by W/C Smith is, - what was wrong with the aircraft and what work had been done by the M.U. W/O. Barton is checking + will advise.
18-30	Off duty. On duty	H.L. Spence F/O F.D. Cleland F/L.
20.00	A/c Away.	Information re 1659 B + 429 C passed to F/L Smith
22.40	Cloud Marker	Beacon - ordered on from 03.45 - 04.45 hrs.
00.01		Sunday May 21 1944.
02.25	Weather.	Skipton reporting 1/10 cloud at 800 ft.
03.00	"	61 Base not happy about weather.
03.30	"	Our met. still confident about bases, Told Skipton Silloth + Drem cast. iron – Acklington good and M.S.L. probably 1800 ft Q BB + good vis.
04.00	"	Skipton to use Dishforth for stacking aircraft if cloud base low. No need to divert.
04.54	Last Oper.	aircraft down.
05.14	Last a/c	down in Group.

Sunday. May 21st 1944

06.00	A.S.R.	Ex 16 Group: 5245N 0203E 5256N 0239E 5313N 0225E 5300N 0147E Direction: ~~NW=SE~~ SW to NE creeping NW NE. Parallel track ¼ mi. vis. Time: 09.00 C/S: WCF 62, 63, 64. T W D. * On convoy area. Check Convoys first. A/S R surface craft: Operational readiness at Yarmouth.
		III Group searching area also - C/S: WCF 58-59 Area of their search: 5239N 0240E 5246N 0152E 5256N 0155E 5249N 0243E
		W/Force & Dir: 020° - 12 knots. Sea conditions: Moderate.
		Passed to 62 Base.
08.00	"	Passed to Croft - Offer of 3 a/c from 431 Sq. T. D. W.
09.00	Off duty.	F/L Cleland a/c on duty B.T.O. Beccles/O
1000	165 S/H	~~Instructed~~ to get W/T & R/T repaired and return to-day.
1000	Sea Search - 16 Grp -	All gen passed to Croft - No Contacts en route.
1125	429/A.	Permission granted by Air for S/L Anderson to fly Skeleton Crew to Woodbridge to pick up. 429/A and also on Liaison at Lenton.
1200	Ballons - Billingham - C/h. -	~~2200 - 2315~~ 2130 - 2315 ~~0230 - 0400~~ 0200 - 0330
1200	Pendit -	Predannack - SD 264. posn incorrect - Stn I. eng. - who will send us correction. Then Med. S.S. to be informed.

1205	Parachute	- Croft F.C. report that Kurnorth police saw a parachute descending at 1200 hrs - No body on it. Sup. 12 Grp F.C.O. who checked with R.O.C.H.Q. - No gen. Request that Kurnorth police make further check.
1205	1659/H	- Ready to leave Tilstock for Topcliffe - via Peterhead x Topcliffe beam - at 1200'. T.O. 1255
1355	Sea Search	- FCLO 12 Grp reports that 2 Sqdn 43's search a/c are about 60 miles ~~North~~ of the search area. No message received from them Reckoned position is 5340'N 01°20E. from 1400 - 1440. - This just north of homeward route.
1620	Proctor	- LK-801 left Dishforth at 1615 for Wrakton. - Route via doncaster Nottingham. Oxford, Salisbury.
1645	SEA Search	- Nothing seen in the search area. 2 convoy of 20-30 ships at 5340 - 0100 E at 1445 hrs. Visibility variable - not less than ½ mile, and better in the south.
1650	Balloons	- Billingham - times amended. 2130 - 2315 and 0200 - 0330 hrs.
1700	Greater	Circle Landing Scheme - Practice at Thalthorpe - 2300 - 2315 - after a Start X/C.
1830	Off duty	No O'Beirn - On duty No Space.
1945	Sea Search Met Report.	Drawing line NW TO SE. - On the N.E side solid cloud down to 200ft. vis 200 to 400 yds. rain falling. Remainder of area - cloud base 600ft. vis 2-4 miles occasionally broke to 7/10's (thin layer) Wind at 300ft. 20 miles 350° Sea surface some swell, no breakers, but enough wind to throw spray from tops of waves Reported to 16 Group F.C.

Sunday. May 21st 1944.

2105	F/L. Pyle (F.C.O.)	Authority by Air I for m/s to fly with S/L Beale this pm. on X-C + Gnat Circuit + landing practice.
2115		Ex. Croft:- Police at Hurworth report finding an oblong plywood aircraft ammunition carrier. Description:- Painted grey, numbered "2" with letters (H.L.R. 8) and wording "Single end of link to bottom". Found near Croft village. Police concerned there may have been ammunition in the carrier when it was precipitated from the aircraft.
2335	Night Flying	Passed summary to C. F.C. and stations.

Monday - May 22/44

0200		Ident Board changed.
0319		All Op. ac landed.
0430	A.S.R. Search	16 Group request 8 aircraft. Informed them we could supply for 1100 hr take-off, but could not know from which squadrons until after morning conference. They're to ring back.
0700	A.S.R. Search	Details of search from 16 Grp F.C.
09.00	Off duty. On duty	H.L. Spence F/O F.D. Cleland F/O.
10.30	A.S.R.	All information passed to Croft. 9 aircraft from 434 Sq.
10.30	Permission	granted by Air I for 426 Sq. to take an aircraft to Preston - also for 425 Sq. to take one there for modifications.
11.00	Attention ASRO.	Only 4 Lindholme dinghies on the whole station at Croft. Is this their quota?
13.30	For	Landfall Beacons + Balloon arrangements on 244A, Sprat + Gardens see overleaf:-

Gardens

Balloons. Billingham c/H 22.30 – 23.30 ✓
02.45 – 04.15

{Langley / Weybridge 1500ft. 00.15 – 02.15 ✓

{Portsmouth / Southampton 1500ft 00.30 – 02.00 ✓

Yeovil. 1500ft 00.30 – 01.00 ✓
02.20 – 02.50 ✓

L7B. Selsey Bill. 355°T from 01.15 – 02.15 ✓

Z 444A

Balloons: {Langley / Weybridge / Portsmouth / Southampton 1500ft. ~~2345~~ 04.00 – ~~03.45~~ hrs ✓
0045 – 0500 ✓

L.7.B. Selsey Bill 355°T from ~~0230 – 0330~~ hrs. ✓
0320 – 0420 ✓

Sprat

Balloons. Billingham c/H 21.15 – 23.00, 02.30 – 04.45 ✓

L.7.B. Flamborough Head 280°T from 02.30 – 03.30 ✓

Monday. May 22nd 1944.

13.32 A.S.R All 9 aircraft of 434 Squadron off.

1800 Off duty. F/L Cleland On duty P.T. O'Beirne F/O

1820 Sea Search Report. - AREA I - 15 Fishing trawlers
at 53 45 N 00 50 E at 1630 hrs.
Height 500'. Sea. Calm - Vis
Cloud at first - later 10/10 - 2000'.
Area II - Nothing sighted in the area
Convoy of 15 ships at 54 00 N
00 12 E at 1358 hrs - 300 ft.
Cloud at 7000' 2/10 - Vis 5 mls.
Sea - Calm.
Area III - Search completed; Nothing
seen in the area. - Convoy of
27 ships. - Two pieces of a
floating dock sighted from
1500' at posn 54 35 N, 00 35 W.
Time - 1700 hrs. - Vis 10 mls.
Cloud 4/10 - 2000' - Sea Calm.
Passed to 16 Grp. F.S.

1830 Ballons & L.F.B. - Times changed for Z 444A.

1930 H2S - X/C at 61 Base serviced
D.F.C.O according to BC/30716/11/AIR/OPS.
of 21st May 1944. and also.
6G/S54/1/AIR of 22nd May 1944.
- Reference Appendix "B" S.D.
158(2). -
No flying over S.D.A is T.F.N.

Ditto. - F/L Rowe advised 61 Base
to arrange R.C.A.F. X/C routes
to replace H2S Routes.

2107 Fire - near Linton reported by 12 Grp.
- Linton burning rags on
airfield.

2125 Hal - SE/U - Circled Thalthorpe with U/C.
partly down - headed north.
Warned 61 + 63 Bases and
Croft.
Crofts A/C - landed safely.

Non Starter.

408/Z - Swung on take-off.; damaged u/c.
no spare a/c. . C.T.O. would
not let it take off. Had no spare.

Early Returns.

408/Y - Severe icing. C.T.O
408/K - P.O.E + P.I.E overheating. - due to icing
✓ 426/F - P.I.E U/S. O.K'd by C.T.O.
✓ 426/N - Hydraulics U/S. " " C.T.O.
424 X - Too late for target - as he took off at 0038.

Missing a/c. - passed to W/C Guest.

419/E - KB-717 CAPT - P/O CEG. PATTERSON
408/A - DS-759 CAPT - F/O SHERRILL T.R.
408/H - LL-723 " - W/CDR JACOBS D.S. D.F.C.
432/X - MZ-506 " F/O MATTHEWS.
425/Y - LK-801 " P/O LAPORTE E.F.

Accident - Deskpark.

DH-J - at 0220 - while being marshalled
to collided with DH/F standing
on dispersal
Damage - "F" - port elevator damaged
"J" - flare chute and lead
to trailing aerial damaged.

Inf. - SASO, S.F.C.O. ✓
AIRI EQUIP. ✓
G.A.I.O. ✓ ENG. ✓
G.T.I. ✓ S.O.C. ✓

Accident

432/E - While taxiing out for take off.
the starboard wing struck an engine
standing on dispersal - Clipped off
starboard navigation light.

Inf. SASO G.T.I. ✓ ENG. ✓
AIRI S.F.C.O. ✓ EQUIP. ✓
G.A.I.O ✓ S.O.C. ✓

HW-785 20/5/44	Carnaby - Serv. except Belly Landing area	
	Manston - " " " " "	
		Two channels of white lighting in conjunction with one green channel.
2355	Ground	Balloons - 16 Grp report that Ground balloons will be at 6500' at 0001 hrs. Our E/C to be at 8000'
2359	Balloons - on South coast going up to 6500' -	
		Tuesday May 23rd 1944.
0020	Crash -	Leming and Skipton report a crash west of Skipton. F.C.L.O. 12 Group give position Z-7903 - due west of Kirkbymoorside Skipton requested to take Crash action.
0030	"	Several flashes seen and explosions heard by Skipton Leming and Topcliffe.
0035	"	R.O.C.L.O. give the position as Z-7701. Say that R.O.C. notified N.F.S. at Thirsk.
0057	"	Loud explosion heard even as far as 6 Grp. Cannot get exact position of Crash. Sergeant at Snape had previously reported the Crash, but after the explosion we could not contact him.
0110	Balloons on South Coast now close-hauled.	
0150	Crash: "Snape"	Information from Leming. Aircraft R. of 429 Sqdn: Position 150 feet south of Snape bombing Range: Fire tender was combating fire when the aircraft blew up killing one member of the fire party and injuring a medical officer and the fire officer who were immediately rushed off to hospital. One member of the aircraft crew

Crash.

429/R - LV-989.
Posn - 150' south of Snape Bombing Range.

Crew -

Capt.	F/O	Brown	A.F.	J-25827
NAV.	F/O	HUNTER	W.G.	J-25758
B/A.	Sgt.	LEITCH	J.W	R-186879
F/E	SGT	VOSE	P	2210136
W/OP.	F/O	SWORDY	J.E.	J 24061 - Baled out.
MU/G	SGT	MORRIS	L.E	R.106875
R/G	F/O	SCOTT	W.E	J 29485

CRASH TENDER CREW. (Leeming)
LAC SMITH - seriously injured by explosion - in North Allerton Hospital.
M.O. - Dr Hutchison - slightly injured by explosion - N. A. Hosp
Fire Officer - F/O Hall - slightly injured by explosion.

Guard - Leeming

TUESDAY MAY 23.

		F/O Swardy baled out and is O.K. No news of the rest of the crew or the cause of the crash as yet.
0200	Gee -	N.E Chain unserviceable U/S at approx - 0045 no show S.
0210	Bedale	police - report that the crash was in North Allerton police area - Phone N. Allerton 180.
0235	429/R.	- Leeming report that Lac Smith of Leeming crash tender who was reported killed is still alive - in North Allerton Hospital. Other members of crash tender are O.K. Leeming fire Queen & medical officers. (Dr Hutchison) are in N. Allerton hospital but not serious. Leemings crash tender is written off by the explosion.
0330	FIX - 420/H -	from Southampton - 5005N 0115E 3rd class at 0320 hrs. - prepared emergency, did not ack.
0430	429/R	- F/O Swardy is now reported to be badly shaken up. He was listening to Group frequency, when a/c seemed to shudder and pilot told crew to abandon a/c.
0430	408/X	- landed Woodbridge 0248. - W/op. slightly wounded. - damage to tail plane and fuselage.
0435	420/H	landed Ford 0351. Collided with another a/c. Starboard gun and mid-upper turret damaged. M/U/G - Slight injury - perspex in his eye.
0445	426/S.	landed Ford at 0425 - M/Un/C. Sgt Murphy has head and leg injuries - not serious. a/c badly shot up.

1666/X (JB 969) - Ditching
Ho. G.L. Heron. - Pilot (J 76817)

Informed:-

A.O.C. ✓	air I ✓
S.A.S.O.	Controller ✓
G.a.I. ✓	G.I.I. ✓
Engr. ✓	Equipt. ✓
S.F.C.O. ✓	

PILOT:	F/o G.L. Heron - J 276817
NAV:	P/o N.C. Christie - J 29335
B/A:	P/o J.L Balmer - J 28969
WOP:	Sgt. J.F Beetham - R 183519
AG.	" J.R. Archibald - R 223627
M.U	" — Pecks - R 221129
F/E	" — Kenwright - 2205643.

0745	a/c away	- Reported to C.F.C.
0900		Off duty F/o O'Beirn On duty F/L Spence F/o.
1045	1659/B	Permission by Air I to fly skeleton crew to pick up m/s at Ganston.
1100	Com Flt. Anson	Attached to Leeming. Arranged with them & 62 Base for its use by S/L Stanley & F/L Justason. Pilot being furnished by 62 Base. E.T.O. - 1130 hrs
	Com Flt. Offord	Reserved for W/C Palmer for 1200 hrs. Going to Grausden Lodge for remainder of day.
1125	419/M.	S/L Bales granted permission to take m/s & crew to Ashton Down to gather complete "gen". on conversion figures
1230	1666 - X (JB 969) Ditching	Crashed in the sea off Whitby - ¼ mile beyond the low water mark. A/c burned for half an hour and then sank. Crew (7) picked up by cutter and will be at Whitby coast guard station by approx 1430 hours. Cause - eng. caught fire. Incident first reported by a Martinet aircraft in the area. The story confirmed = 12 Gp. F.C. & C.O. District Officer Coast Guard Whitby. Phone ext. 107 or 285
1240		Told 61 Base - crew O.K. and Told them to send transport to pick up crew.
1300	426 - a/c landed.	Air I says O.K. for an aircraft to go ~~to~~ ~~last~~ for a crew which was shot up and ~~laid~~ at Ford last night. Told 62 Base.
1300	Balloon "gen" in B FORM	Billingham - close. Lauded 2220 - 2345 " " " 0215 - 0400 Yeovil - 500' 0015 - 0115 Langley Weybridge 1500' 0001 - 0230 Portsmouth Southampton
		L/B at Selsey on 355° T from 0115 To 0215 hrs.

This gen cleared with responsible FIGHTER GROUPS { BLO FCLO.

Local Bullseye - Form B. T-80

Starting point. (Beacon) Norwich - 2330
Route. Base, Norwich York, Newcastle (Flashlight target), Middlesborough, Peterborough and Base.
Height - 17000'.
7 fighters and searchlights along the route.

Squadron	Halifax.	
1659 CU	5	CANCELLED
1666 CU	6	

Target - 11/J/172

Balloons - Billingham - c/h. - 2230 - 0030
0315 - 0515
0600
Langley, Weybridge, Portsmouth ± 1500' } 0010 - 0330

L.F. Beacon - Worthing #15 - 330°T 0230 - 0330

Target Elmer.

Balloons - Billingham c/h. 2230 - 0030
0410 - 0600
Harwich - 1500' } - 0130 - 0245
0300 - 0430

L.F. Beacon - Orfordness. - 310°T.
0150 - 0250 0340-0400
0320 - 0420

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Tuesday May 23rd 1944.

1800 | Croft. Fighter Aff. | To assist fighters affiliating with Croft a/c (from 1300 hrs to 0030 hrs.) Leeming + Linton have been requested to have their Pundits flashing + outer circles lit for that time. also Middletons.

1830 | On duty:- F.D.Cleland F/L. Off duty:- H.L. Spence F/O

22.00 | 1666 x - | Crew list passed to Flying Control, 16 Groups.

Wednesday May 24th 1944.

0900 | Off duty. F.D. Cleland F/L. On duty B.T.O'Brien F/O

0945 | Fire | - 62 Base report black smoke - 338°M 6 miles from Tealthorpe.

1130 | Bullseye. | No B.C. Bullseye - Local Bullseye. (12 Sqn) - arranged by Night Ops 2/L Hyams. Inf. 61 & 62 Base. Sigs. met.

1220 | 420/4 | - Permission granted for m/u a/c to accompany 420/A to Preston for modification + bring back extra crew.

1220 | 408/ | A/R refused permission to take Ops a/c to Gransden to pick up wireless monica. If equipment needed to Night send an Oxford or non-Ops a/c. If no needed to Night have equipment sent by train.

1230 | 420 | - Permission for Lac Hodkinson F.C.O/T to fly on training flight.

1440 | Local | Bullseye - scrubbed - cloud in northern area. - Inf. 61, 62 Bases and night Ops 12. Sqn. met. + Sys.

0400 | D.F.C.O.'s | The watch roster remains unchanged for F/LT's F/O's Spence and O'Brien are to continue with the watch they are on (day or night) until the first stand-down, when they will exchange watches

1530 | Balloons + L.F. Beacons - arranged

Emergency Bases.

408 & 419 - Shipdham
424 & 433 - Wendling
427 & 429 - Little Snoring
431 & 434 - Ford.
428 & 426 - Odiham

Missing from Ops.

419/A W.O.I Robinson D.M. ~~(AO~~ (KB706)
429/L W.O.II Michell J.L. (HX352)
429/K F/L. Rawlinson J. (LW137)
429/N W.O.II Fernandez M.A. (LW124)
424/S P/O. F.W. Dolter (LW157)

1600	SD 264	- Query from 63 Base - re HW-515 11th May 1944. - When does table III become effective?: At what hour on may 25th. Reply - confirmed by A.M. - Table III. - Wef. - at DUSK - 25/may/44 Sup. 61, 63 Bases.
1800	Emergency Bases allocated by C.F.C. Gen passed to Stations.	
1805	FIX 1664/H.	- LVB/H - 1664 - 4956N 0624W. 1st at 1757 hrs. - Acb. - passed 61 Base.
1830	Off duty B.T.O Bern F/o In duty A. Fg Spence F/o.	
1930	Balloons	Billingham close hauled also from 0230 to 0315 hrs.
~~2300~~	A.S.R. Search	Ex 16 Group:- Request for 3 aircraft from us.
~~0001~~ 0200	ditto	Passed Search "gen" to Middleton 428 Squadron have offered a/c. (E.T.O. 0700 hrs.)
		Thursday - May 25/44
0200		Ident Board changed.
0500	a/c away	- Summary to C.F.C.
0505	431/L	Permission requested to fly crew and parts to Beaulieu for a/c aircraft.
0900	431/L	Ref. entry 0505 hrs. request cancelled.
1120 1240	A.S.R Search	Recalled at instance F/C 16 Group who "messed up" message (Sed to return to base "at cutfoss) 6 Group Signals Contacted Pelham to send correct message, which was then sent to all but our a/c. Again contacted 16 Group to straighten it out. Finally our a/c returned to M.A.S.S. in spite of the confusion. "Headwork"

Rosemary

L.F. Beacon. Flamborough Head - 295°T
0330 - 0430 hrs.
Balloons - Billingham c/h - 2300 - 0100 hrs.
0330 - 0530.

C Hub
Balloons.
Billingham - c/h - 2130 - 2320
0330 - 0545
Thames Estuary } 1500'
Chelmsford } - 0215 - 0400
Norwich } 1500' - 2320 - 0020
12 Sqn. } Norwich 0245 - 0430
Yarmouth
Lowestoft
L.F. Beacon
Bradwell Bay - 330°T = 0245 - 0345
Southwold 295°T = 0250 = 0350

Anson - G1 - from Manby landed Skipton
1636 W.T. U/S. - En route W/Plaw
Took off at 1606 for W-y-bourn.
a/c from Tr. F.S. Ramsey.

1300		Off duty F/O Spence. On duty P.T. O'Beirn F/O
1320		~~Sea~~ Search. - Report - Nothing seen in area - - a few ships sighted N our coast. Sea - Calm, not very choppy. Vis - 2-3 miles. Cloud 9, 4000 - 5000' - Sun could be seen through it, - breaking towards the south. Inf. 16 Hrs.
1430		Diversion Boards - 9 - requested in East Anglia.
1500	429/A-	(AL-A-) - took off from Woodbridge at 1400 hrs for Leeming but returned as undercarriage would not retract and top hatch blew off. Inf. Leeming. - Took off again & landed Leeming
1845		Diversion bases - passed to Stations - Emergency only.
2130	Ops.	scrubbed. Cancelled balloons & L.F. Beacons.
2145		Off duty - P.T. O'Beirn F/O.
2150	Re-call.	61 Base re. unfit weather will contact A/C on W/T to return.
2230	"	61 Base sent recall on Stn. HF/DF & Hull.
2300	"	All X/C A/C ack. recall except H of 1664.
		May 26th 1944
0130	"	All A/C from 61 Base down safely. All aerodromes in Grp. "Red".
0230.	M.L.O.12.	Notified re. all cessation of flying in Group.
0830		On duty H.F. Spence F/O.
0945	432/R	OK to fly crew to Ashbourne to pick up m/c if weather is O.K.

Signal - AF.289 26 MAY 1944 - Halifax LV941
Completed. Aircrew required immediately.
Serviced By 6 Group Diversion party.
- W/O Barton. - Woodbridge.

429 - LK - 75'5" Serv. at Honeybourne.

Crash. 1666/B. HR-834 at 1031 hrs 26/5/44
Pilot - R-112271 W/O Poirier P.N.
Position - Wombleton - beyond R/W - 23.
Exercise - A/A Firing & Practice Bombing
Category - E Burned.
Crew: alive.
W/C Wesser 61 B.T.I reports that accident was unavoidable and that the pilot is to be commended on his good handling of a/c.

Inj. - A.O.C. - " SECO - "
SASO " ENG.O "
AIRT " EQUIP O "
SOC " G.A.I.O. "
G.T.I. "

S.O.E. out on take off

1200	L.F.B. "16.	Selsey Bill. exposed 340° T from 0120 - 0220 hrs.
	Balloons	at Langley, Weybridge, Portsmouth and Southampton will be controlled at 1500 ft. from 0001 to 0230 hrs.
	LK 755 Leeming	Permission by air I to fly crew to Honeybourne to pick up. m/s.
1240.	Servicing Q-6.	Ex. Middleton - Civilian aircraft "GAFIW" landed from Castle Bromwich. Pilot Mr. Hancock, of Ministry of Aircraft Production.
1610	Emergency Base.	C.F.C. confirms FORD will be standing by to receive other a/c in case of emergency. Passed to Skipton.
1737	"	Ford standing by, but a provisional weather diversion arranged with CFC - Dransdew Lodge. Passed to Skipton
1750		From F/L FORBES - WATKINS - POCKLINGTON - via 4 Gp. BRITISH BODY WASHED UP AT WITHERSEA. OBSERVER TYPE PARACHUTE - No 17995 or No 49995 Passed to Stations - 62 Base, 64 Base, and Skipton say not one of ours. Advise 4 Gp when you get the final story.

May 27th.

0830	On duty	B.T - O'Beirne F/O Off duty Flt Cleland.
1015		Re 1750 entry of parachute - Does not belong to 64, 63, 62, or 61 Base
1036	Crash. 1666/B.	- QY/B. HR-834. on A/A firing and practice bombing - Pranged on take off on R/W 23 - Crew alive. a/c burned fiercely.
1125	Oxford	a/c Whitley from 4 Grp. left Luton at 1120 for Driffield - Enq 4 Grp.
1130	Route	Ops. - (1) Oxford out at Bridport & return (2) Reading Littlehampton & return OK'd by W.O. 12 Grp.

Avenger - F.N. 784 Sub. Lieut Mour landed Shipton (1200 hrs) from Domiciliate. Unarmed Snakes (2 Grey and Dombreatte (1 & Grey)
T.O. for Ringway later.

GARDENS.

Balloons - Billingham Ch. - 2300 - 0030
0330 - 0500
" Yeovil - 1500' 0010 - 0160
0200 - 0300
" Langley & Weybridge - 0010 - 0050.
1500' 0120 - 0222.
" L.F. Bideon - Flamborough 295°T 0320 - 0420.

Balloons - Billingham - Ch. - 2300 - 0040
0330 - 0500
" Harwich 1500' - 0050 - 0140; 0240 - 0340
" Thames Estuary } 1500' - 2350 - 0140
" Chelmsford } - 2350 - 0140

L.F. Bideon
" Bradwell Bay - 330°T - 0050 - 0155
" Southwold 295°T 0245 - 0345
" Orfordness 305°T 0245 - 0345

DIVERSION BASES (EMERGENCY)
MAIN TARGETS.
408 & 426 SQDNS - Shipdham
420 & 425 " - Burnaby
427 & 429 " - Seething
424 & 433. " - Woodbridge
432 & 419 " - "
431 & 434 " - Old Buckenham

GARDENS. - HYACINTH & SCALLOPS.
433 SQD - Colerne & Ford.

427 LK-755 Serv. at Honeybourne. Aboard 63 Base.
Norseman - 3 5316 l. Linton 1700 from Coxhill returning immediately.

1210	Darby	- Dalton answered a Darby - Bridal "W" - gave him QDM to Warton. Inf. F.C.H.Q. 12 Grp.
1315	W/T Message	to 91 Grp - for Wellesbourne Mountford T R A O - position - 5408N 6748W ? at 1213 T R A T - " 5410N 0050W. at 1226 - Inf. 91 Grp.
	X/C Routes D.F.C.O's Note.	a/c on X/C training flights are not to be routed south of a diagonal line Cromer (Norfolk coast) to Bridport. 6G/S4/1/41R 26/5/44
1515	433/L.	Permission granted by Air T for trip with crew to pass up a/c at Woodbridge.
1600	Intruder	- 61 Base report an a/c. (appeared like a Ju/~~88~~ 87 or Dornier 217.) flying near Tangmere. Inf. R.O.C.H.Q. - 12 Grp.
1605	"	Black Widow a/c. - new twin boom a/c with radial engines and American markings flying from Scarton. This is evidently the one seen by 61 Base.
1610	Balloons and C.F.C.	L.F. Barrons requested. Requested emergency bases.
1830	Emergency Diversion Bases.	Received from C.F.C. and allotted as on opposite page. Stations informed.
		Off duty F/O. O'Beirn On duty F.B. Spence F/O.
2000	Billingham Balloons.	Now to be close hauled from 2200 hrs to 0500 hrs. Croft informed.
2320	Night Flying	Summary to C.F.C.

Sunday - May 28/44

0030	Weather Diversion	Met. confirmed diversion bases laid on were were out of the question; also risk of ground fog in south part of 6 Group.

0100	Weather Diversion	Skipton concerned about ground fog which is appearing & disappearing.
0145	ditto	Skipton still worried. Leeming O.K. and ready to handle Skipton's
0200		Ident Board changed.
0215		Met say 62 Base really only doubtful bases in 6Gp. Checked with 12Gp and Controller, Newcastle who say:- Acklington can handle 12-15 Charter Hall " " 20-25 Ouston 12-13 Winfield (emergency) 10-12 Scorton 20. C.F.C advised of above after having obtained Chipping Warden, Westcott, Oakley, Edgehill. 6Gp say 6Gp div. to Shipdham O.K. (viz- better than 4 mis at Shipdham) Bases in 90 Gps. scarce as 4Gp & 100Gp already have laid on provisional weather diversions in this area. In view of this following diversions prepared.
0250		sent on Group Freq. at 0250. 408- Shipdham 420- Chipping Warden 425- Westcott 426- Oakley 432- on R/T to Acklington and 63 Base & Skipton aircraft to land at base and in case of any trouble proceed to Croft who were cast-iron. Everyone happy about this arrangement.
0320	SKIPTON	m/n a/d u/s. Diverted 2 433 a/c to M.SIG. This was a ground haze which came in and blanketed the 'drome.
0338	LEEMING	Above has happened to Leeming. Got 12 & 13 Gp. to lay on and advised C.F.C. of the following diversion. 424 a/c - ACKLINGTON 429 a/c - OUSTON 427 a/c - CHARTER HALL 62 Base a/c - CROFT.

Missing from X-C.
1659/R. (LL286)

Crew List:-

Pilot	Plo	Bradley.	J.R -	J-85652.
Nav.	Sgt.	Sapa.	T.F.	R-182724
WOp.	F/S.	Blair	W	R-119545
RGs.	Sgt.	Stevens	F.C.	R-207875
B.A.	Plo.	Eggenderin	R.P.	J-29369
F.E.	Sgt.	Pickering.	D.A	1198988
M.U.G.	Sgt.	Nelson	G.H	R-213165
F.E(Extra)	Sgt.	Neulands.	J.	1823350

0340	DIVERSION	Diversion "gen" passed to Croft & Controller Newcastle, who gave us the following A/T S/s Acklington - ROVUK Ouston - PUPPET Charter Hall - CIVSTREET Passed S/s to Leeming & Skipton F/c. Former called back to say these are incorrect. D.S.O. couldn't help so we used what we had, Leeming F/c also said Controller had not informed the Stations concerned. Newcastle deny's this.
0340	DIVERSION	C.F.C. says Shipdham now U/S. and they have made arrangements to divert To Brunting Thorpe. Good old 92.
0405	BLOCKED RUNWAY EASTMOOR	Ex 62 Base - Eastmoor has a pranged a/c on runway in use. Gave them Scorton with a viz of 7 miles. Newcastle happy. Thought Newcastle should be chewed off for effort - entry ~~0315~~ 0340 hrs. In view of their good show I humbly bowed & said "Thank you."
0436	432/a/c	Eventually landed at Eastmoor.
0400 0700	1659/R Overdue	Overdue action taken by 61 Base. a/c not heard from following take off. No joy from 9 or 13 Groups. Later 9 Group advised Sealand had given a/c a 2nd class fix at 2317 hrs. pos. 5235N 0134W. Search of Irish sea area being instituted by 9 Group. 61 Base also to layon some cross countries along the route. Liaison to be with ~~B~~ 15 Group.
0830	Op duty	F/O Spence On duty B-T-O Benn F/O
0930	a/c away	Requested all of 99 a/c who landed away at 20 stations to return there.
0935	1659/R	- Checked the fix shown by entry at 0400 - - RAFNI. had no word Sealand any ~~x~~ ~~x~~ correct as given. Duty. 61 Base, S/L Seabourne W/C Mulfield.

Oxford - T/1343 left Skipton 1225
for Lendholme. Rej. Lendholme
a/c & g/c. aboard.

1200/28th May - From Station "Z"
Leeds Police Report - Rec'd by Station Z
at 0138/28 -
g/c crashed in field 3 miles N.W. of
Lendholme airfield near Doncaster -
machine completely smashed and
burned out. Br. Kal. at 0250 to-day?
Crew of 7 all killed - g/c No BB.264

Gardens.

420/0 - landed at Edgehill - ran out of
petrol - ran off L.H. end of R/W. Crew
returned with F/420.

1030	Sea Search	- organised. for search of 165 S/R over Irish Sea. 15 Sqn - 2 Warwicks + others on x/c. on northern part 19 Sqn - 2 Warwicks + " " x/c. 61 Base. - 2 Hal. on Route 17 Reversed.
1035	Sea Search	- Re 0300 hr report from 429/S - A/C ahead down - crew baled out 5149 N, 0146 E 16 Sqn base had 2 Anson a/c for 2½ hrs. and boats also searching the area.
1200	Search	1659/R - Top. a/c delayed - owing to Air Ministry report of a crash at Lindholme - of Hal. BB-264. - Evidently not 1659 a/c - LL 286
1230	Ops. Route	- 12 Sqn - O/C to found at Bridport and Little Hampton 8000'+.
1210	Sea Sighting	- 9 Sqn. - report that an a/c. sighted a dinghy south of Isle of Man with a number of bodies in it. Sea Search a/c directed to the spot while just a/c staged + circled. - 61 Base holding their a/c until further word - heard Off duty H.C. Bain - On duty F.R. Spence
1345	Ballons	Control at 1500 ft. as follows:- Langley, Wallingford } 2359 hrs to 0150 hrs. Yoxall - 0005 - 0040 + 0730 - 0810 hrs
1400	Comm. Flt. Anson	Authority by S.A.S.O. to take parts to Croughton + Barford St. John in a/c.
1430.	Permission M.A.G.	Requested to fly Hal. to Waddington for H.2S installation + pick up specialist H2S crew to instal new Mark 10 in rear cockpit of their a/c. No. Crew to come by regular transport.
	4 TO Hal.	Request to fly Hal. to Bruntingthorpe and Chipping Warden to deliver parts. No. By transport.

1659/P. Accident (LL 288)

Informed A.O.C. Sale, Air C., Controller
S.T.O., G.I.I., G.A.I.

Report - that 420/U (call sign S.C.X.U)
was calling Chipping Warden at
0 3.30/28/5/44.
Checked - Chipping Warden did not
receive the above call.
Report - that a/c seen on flames near
Chipping Warden at 0320/28/5/44
- 92 Grp had an a/c burned
at Silverstone - evidently this
was the one seen.

	Permission 432 Sqn.	W.C. McKay requests permission to take 2 ground crew on retraction test.
	Comm. Flt. Anson	Reserved for W/C White, S.L. Andrews, F/L Holmes, etc for 1500 hrs, 29-5-44. To go to Reudan. Also to 6 x Base to furnish pilot.
	DECO's	Instructions have been received from O.C. Unit, with reference to P.T., that, the following regulations will apply to this section, as regards attendance :- (1) Officers on night watch are not expected to be present as watch doesn't finish until 09.00 hrs (2) Officers commencing watch at 0900 hrs must attend that days P.T. parade (3) Officers on a day-off are excused P.T if off the camps for one day. (24 hrs)
1500	Weather Diversion	Middle Wallop advised by C.F.C. 433 Sqn.
1405	Take-off Accident 1659/P	Swung to port on take off; undercarriage collapsed. Port Wing + undercarriage on the deck. 300 yds off runway. Cat AC or E. Pilot F/S Hen. Crew ok.
1530	Sea Search 1659/R.	False report as to dinghy + bodies. Liberator making sighting report only wooden crate at Pos 5356N 0452W. Anson doing square search in area. Lincoln searched area + found the wooden crate. W/C Newsome 1664 Sqn doing low level (200-500 Ft.) search to Mull of Kintyre - 10 miles south Edinburgh - Topcliffe. 1659 a/c doing 2000 flight over remainder of land route + to Welsh coast.
1830	TO C.F.C.	Off duty F. B. Spens. On duty B.T. O'Beirne F/O Diversion Summary passed. 108 a/c landed away of 23 Stations.

165 E/R - Sea Search.

May 28 - 5 Warwicks and 1 Anson searched - nil results
Pinnace found and picked up the body of F/S Blair at 2208 hrs and took it to West Freugh.
Fortress went out and dropped flares and boats continued search.
Wrigtown sent out Anson at 0455 to search all the sea area
54 45 N 05 00 W. 54 35 N 04 40 W.
54 35 N 05 00 W. 54 43 N 04 30 W.
Height - 400' ± mile vis.

10 Ansons from Bishops Court to search area.
54 50 N 05 10 W 54 30 N 04 30 W
54 30 N 05 10 W. 54 43 N 04 30 W.

Tidal drift E to NE. into the bay.
Search starting 5 miles south of position where body was found.

Passed to 61 Base.

1900	Sea Search	- Irish sea - Nothing further sighted 1 e/c 1659 and 1 e/c 1664 searched over land but saw nothing.
2210	1659/R. S-Search.	G Grp - Report - re 1659/R. - Body of F/S Blair - R 119574 spotted by an e/c 3000 yds off shore - near Mull of Galloway. - Body picked up by boat - Search proceeding in the area. Inf 61 Sqn. SASO S.O.S. S/L Seaborne.

MONDAY MAY 29th.

0100	433	- on Local Ops - Met advise that Skipton will be fit for them. - For those returning from Jelly just should get them down in Irons - possibly Mid. I. F. - Inf. Skipton Mid. S. F - & 11 Grp.
0145	1659/R	- 15 Grp. that M.O. says that F/S Blairs body had been in the sea about 24 hrs. - Had been spotted and picked up by boat. 2208 & 38 Fortress has continued the search dropping flares and boats are in the area. 15 Grp requested to continue search in the morning.
0200	Intruders	- Opened lines for plotting - One hostile about the mouth of the Humber. and one following the Coast North of Humber.
0311	Air Raid Warning Purple	- One intruder heading between Middleton and Leeming. Fighter followed him out to sea
0322	All Clear	- Fighters continued pursuit - One shot down enemy e/c.
0400	Ops	e/c landed O.K. at base (Skipton).
0900		Off duty F/O. O'Brien - On duty F/L Spence

11.30. A/C belongs to Scorton. Scorton taking action.

Monday. May 29th 1944.

1120.	LK-755	Permission given Leeming to fly crew to Honeybourne to pick up m/s.
	Permissions to Fly. (Army personnel)	Ruling by S.A.S.O. – Provided their Unit's permission has been secured and the Base Commander is agreeable, there's no objection by us at 6 Group, for station aircraft to take them along on ordinary training details.
1130.	Crash. Nr. Swinithwaite	Ex Leeming:- Report of a crash from Leyburn police. N.F.S. ^ fire tender despatched. Map – ref. Sheet 21 – pos. 311096. While it appears to be 4 Group area, in view of hills and proximity informed Catterick. also put Newcastle Controller in possession of the facts.
	Con Flt. Opford	Reserved for S/L Rawson. 1330 hrs. remainder of day – within Group.
1210.	R.T.B's.	*2 at Flamborough Head. exposed on 300°T from 0145 – 0245 hrs. At Orfordness – exposed on 300°T from 0120 to 0220 hrs.
	Balloons.	– Billingham close hauled from 2230 – 2350 hrs. and 0100 – 0330 hrs. Harwich will be controlled at 1500 ft from 0015 to 0200 hrs.
1300	Off Duty	F/L Spence H.
1400	Permission to Fly.	Air I O.K's flight by a 426 a/c to Binford St. John & take a crew for 426/A.
1520	REPORTED CRASH.	From 61 Base – Crash near Helperby (Observer Corp. post Y2) Checked with R.O.C.L.O. & 12 F.C.L.O who say No CRASH. Told 61 Base.
1735	1695 B.D.U. N/F.	Request all outer circles on 2345-0030 Passed to 62, 63 and 64 Bases.

A.I. D.F.C.O.'s NOTE. Ref signal HW 7/29 MAY

W.E.F 1ST JUNE. F.C.(Ops) LOCATED AT STATION Z WILL MOVE TO AIR MINISTRY "BUSH HOUSE", THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE IN THE FUNCTION OF THE DEPT. ALL SIGNALS TO BE ADDRESSED TO AIR MINISTRY KINGSWAY - TELEPHONE EXTENSIONS 9482 & 9483. G.P.O. TEMPLE BAR - 5411.

Gardens.
Balloon
Yeovil — 1500' 0010 - 0045
0210 - 0245
Langley Weybridge 1500' 0020 - 0315
Billingham C/h. 2210 - 0030
0245 - 0500.

4/J/189.
Balloons.
Billingham - C/h. 2210 - 0030
0245 - 0500
Langley & Weybridge 1500' 0020 - 0315
Landfall Beach Hastings - 305° T.
0205 - 0305

D.F.C.O.'s

The map showing D G A's in South of England which are to be avoided by both training and operational aircraft is on the second map mount under the clock and should be consulted when any route is doubtful as regards Gun Defended Areas.

Stanley S/Ldr.

Z-731 L.F. Redeon - Worthy - 330° T 0115 - 0215
Balloons. Billingham C/h. 2100 - 2230 0215 - 0400
Langley Weybridge 1500' 2300 - 0001
Portsmouth 0115 - 0240.

Monday May 29th 1944 — READ Route 13

1725	433/X	Landed Aldermaston with hydraulic trouble. He was advised by Skipton F/c to remain until 6 Gp Servicing Flight contacted him. I have been unable to see F/L Smith or W/O Barton. (F/L Smith informed)
2030	433/X	- Could not locate F/L Smith. Have instructed crew to remain overnight. - Shall get F/L Smith to check it in the morning.
2030	X/C	Scrubbed by all bases. SASO had previously asked to be informed before take off.

TUESDAY MAY 30th.

00.01	Off duty. On duty.	F/O O'Beirn. F/L Clelland F/L.
02.00	Weather.	M.S.G. should be OK for Gardeners. 2300 yds. vis and NLC. Croft standing by - 3 mi. vis.
02.00	A.S.R.	3 a/c of 428 Sq. detailed for search tomorrow morning. Weather at sea very doubtful. Chance of 10/10ths sea fog.
09.00	Off duty. On duty	F/L Clelland F/L. F.A. Hammick F/O.
0935.	D.F.C.O's	Please note opposite page.
1100.	C.F.C.	offer for 8-9 aerodromes within 91-92 Groups for possible weather diversion stations for tonights A/c.
1245		Off duty F/O Warwick. On duty F.O'Beirn F/O
1430	Balloons and L/T. Beacons arranged.	
1604	Cessna (Oxhide "A")	37784 landed croft en route to Ouston from Heaton. Vis was 1500 yds at croft and worse about Newcastle. ROC were unable to get plots - compared it with Hal. near Thalthorpe.
1800	Div. Rades -	Request for Weather diversion for 2 a/c on Gardens. Other ops scrubbed

Following a/c landed due to weather: staying overnight.

Argus 35347	30-5	Tholthorpe	- Warton.
Offord DF 415	30-5	Topcliffe	- Lindholme.
Proctor HM 315	30-5	Skipton	- White Waltham.
Cessna 37784	30-5	Croft.	- Hendon

1815	Div B	Haze - for 428. Emergency weather - Market Harborough : passed ger to 64.
1825	Darky	- Mid report that Croft answering a darky Curley "D" - 12 Sqn Lane No plot. - Landed Scatter.
1830	Off duty - B.T O'Brien On duty - H.C.Spence. F/O.	
2030.	L.F.Bs. + Balloons.	Requests for m/n. on 4/J/189 and Z-431 now cancelled.
2230	Balloons.	Request for control + close haul of Balloons for Gardening aircraft cancelled.
	Weather Dow. Base.	Cancelled Market Harborough with 92 Group.
	N. F.	No night flying in Group.

Wednesday - May 31/44.

~~Morning Affair.~~

0200	Ident Board changed.	
1045	420/U+T 420/K+B.	Permission to fly crew in 420/U to Bruntingthorpe to pick up 420/T. Also. 420K with extra crew to Preston to pick up 420/B.
1000	Wellington VV070 Wolfesboro.	A/c which landed at Wombleton yesterday. 91 Group request he be sent on following Cross country: Malton - Filey - 5408N 0200E - Wells - Hitchin (5157N 0015W) Lincoln - Priors Hardwick (Bombing Range) Base. To be given route forecast and briefed particularly of thunder storms. 6 Group met concerned about thunderstorms in Midlands west of 00°30' W and south of Liverpool to Wash. 91 Group say OK for a/c to take off, as other of their's are doing the route. Pilot to be instructed to avoid the thunder-storms.

D.I.C.O's. to note
Flying Restriction HW. 43. May 30.

W.E.F. 0001 hrs. 1st June TFN All non-operational flying by night is prohibited south of a line joining Ramsgate, Croydon, Winchester Exeter and Lands End - except.

(a) Flights to & from stations located south of this line are permitted solely for purpose of entering or leaving area by shortest practical route having regard to regulations contained in SD 158(V) below 3,500 ft. or below cloud whichever is lower.

(b) Training flights for special exercises in connection with impending operations are permitted provided clearance is obtained in advance from the appropriate Air Defence Group Movement Liaison Section.

(c) Flights by Fighter aircraft under close R.D. Control by Ground Stations.

All aircrews to be warned.

1030.	Command Bulls Exp.	C-46 tonight. Details passed to 61 Base. Operational squadrons not requested to participate - Controller stating they could not have any spare aircraft for it. Gen. passed to station - 61 Base.
1130.	Darky Egress H.	Ex Croft. - Requested weather, stating he was on a heading of 340°. Was loud & clear at 1130 but then faded. No report from other stations in Group.
	Com. Flt. Anson DJ 618.	Left Hendon for Linton at 1044 hrs. Informed W/C McCarthy.
1220	NBL/O. Message	Ex Topcliffe for 22 O.22. Wellesbourne prefixed Important. Pos. 5433N 0155W T.O.O. 1158 received 1215 hrs: Informed 9 Group.
1147	Fortress at Topcliffe.	From Ternwood (Cranfield) landed after firing 2 white verys. Was lost. Will continue to Prestwick this afternoon. Informed 12 Group who wished a check made.
1255	NBH/O Message.	Ex Topcliffe for 22 O.22. Wellesbourne Pos. 5422N 0142W T.O.O. 1230. rec. 1247 hrs. Informed 9 Group.
1200	Com. Flt. Proctor	Reserved for S/L. Rawson for 1230 hrs. - To Wombleton, rest of day
1550	L.F.B.	Orfordness - 300° T from 0045-0145 hrs. Dungeness - 295° T " 0030-0130 "
	Balloons.	Billingham close hauled 2115 - 0001 hrs. 0130 - 0545 " Harwich - 1500' control 2345 - 0130 hrs. Yoevil - 1500' control 0100 - 0245 " Langley, Weybridge, Portsmouth - 1500' control 2315 - 0130 hrs.
1655	Crash	Ex 12 Group: Crash in Z (7345) 7549 at Midridge Lane on L.N.E.R line (Nr. Shildon) (Thunderbolt or) 4-eng. a/c (or both) Middleton to take action.

5001/E/15

Ballards - Bullenham - 2100 - 2300
0025 - 0230

" ✓ London, Thames Estuary } 1500ft
Canterbury, Chelmsford } 2315 - 0015
Dover
Harwich - 1500' 2359 - 0045

✓ L.F. Beacon
Orfordness - 305°T 2355 - 0059
0130

9/K/3.
✓ Ballards - Yeovil ad 1500' - 2310 - 0001
0030 - 0130

Diversion Rates. Emergency.

408 } Wimp.
426 }
424 & 433 - Wisbech
420 & 425 - Silverstone
427 & 429 - Honeybourne.
432
419 & 428 } Woodbridge.
431 & 434

1745	Crash. (1654 C.U.)	Ref. entry 1655. - 12 Group have arranged for ~~Harcastle~~ Northern Command to take care of guard for first 48 hrs. Also state aircraft is UG/A. - 1654 5 Grp - Wigsley. Crash is 2 miles west of ~~Shilton~~ and all crew dead. Rumour by villagers that they saw one person bale out. This may have been tail unit which was reported as being some considerable distance away.
1800	Command Bulls Eye.	All Groups have cancelled their offers to participate. Ours also withdrawn.
1800	O/C duty F/O Spence	On duty B.T. O'Brien F/L
2000	Balloons & L.F. Beacons	times amended.
2045	Diversion - Emergency Stations passed to Stns	
2145	Crash	- UG/A - no 1654 C.U. a/c - from Wigsley - to 5 Grp. - Lincoln
2235	1654/A	Reported details to 5 Grp F.C. Regret the delay as we were busy.
2250	434/Z	Croft - a/c crashing Croft - cannot get wheels up - S.O.C. instructed Croft to tell pilot to go out to sea and furnish details.
2310	C.F.C.	- requested us to arrange with Flornaby - to direct "Granny V" (Lane) - Flornaby agree.
2330	428/P	- Returning with dead leg trouble. - Cannot land him at Woodbridge - weather duff. - Requested 61 Base to land Dakota lay a crash strip.
2335	428/P	- U/C only ½ way down. - Sending him to Dakota.

CRASHES

426/C - Swung on landing from dpss.
LK-880 and hit bomb dump. Crew OK.
Category A C or E
P/o Taylor WJ

425/P - Pranged on the runway on
LW-375 landing at base; blocked the
runway. Crew O.K.
Category - B. ?
F/L Rance.

428/P - Could not get wheels completely
JN-963. down - belly landed at Dalton
Crew O.K. ~~Cat A.C~~ - or Cat B.
P/o Gouthreau

434/G. - Landed at Woodbridge. Amid thunder storm
(LW 389) Vis. was low. L.O.E. was feathered. Landed
downwind (25 MI. NE) in heavy rain.
Was swept to stbd. off flare path
and hit a clump of trees.

June 1st

0020	1 Grp	- Diversion of 12 a/c - on x/c diverted to Dreux/Marx.
0112	428/P	- Belly landed OK. at Dallon no one hurt.
0115	425/P	- pranged at O/S on landing at base - blocked the main R/W.
0220	Diversion	428/G.B, Q.T.U.X - send message to "land at 1st Enal" LW FY.
0320	4 Grp	- Request promotional bases in 6 Grp. - Leaning. Med. Evaluation & Hab. assigned if required.
0420	N.F.	Ceased - 4 Grp, 1 Grp & 5 Grp do not require us longer. Closed down the stations:
0510	Croft	- Power supply U/S for 2nd time to-night. Med. taking Medaby watch.
0540	Diversion Summary (To C.F.C)	- 8 a/c used bases assigned 4, used & other bases and 1/6 returned to home base. 4 a/c from 5 Grp (Training) and 6 a/c .. 1 Grp landed in 6 Grp.
0550	Crash - 1654 C.U.	1654/A - Med. to the nearest R.A.F. station to Sheldon and instructed to continue forwarding the a/c. Seven bodies are at Middleton awaiting instructions from 5 Grp.
0710	Re a/c away	- Contacted 92 Grp, 8 Grp, 5 Grp and C.F.C. to get our a/c ready to take off between 0800 & 0900 hrs. after getting our OK.
0715	62 Base	- Linton & Holthorpe party U/S - hopped & pranged a/c.
0830		Off duty F/O. O'Beirn On duty F/L Spence F/O.

Gardens.

Balloons.
Billingham - close hauled 2200 - 2330 hrs.
0145 - 0345 "
Harwich - Controlled at 1500 ft. - 2330 - 0200 hrs.

L.7.B.
Orfordness - on 305° T - 0045 - 0145.

Target 9/K/3.
Billingham Balloons - close hauled - 2245 - 0030 hrs.
0330 - 0515 hrs.
Yeovil - controlled at 1500 ft. - 0115 - ~~0200~~ to ~~0236~~ - 0320 "

L.7.B.
Bridport - on 045° T - 0230 to 0330 hrs.

Target. 4/J/100.
Balloons.
Langley + Wythridge - controlled at 1500 ft.
from ~~2330~~ 2300 hrs to ~~2350~~ 2329 hrs.
Billingham - close hauled - 2120 - 2250 hrs + 0125 - 0245 hrs.
L.7.B.
Orfordness 305° T from 0020 - 0120 hrs.

1320	44/F	Ex 5 Group. OK'd return to base.
1245	1657/WTC.	Ex 1 Group. A/C to stand by at 1400 hrs for T.O. but await final OK.
1320.	4C away.	Ex 6 Group Met. - Still fcst conditions en route ropey for return to bases. Belt of rain & low cloud from Liverpool to Ipswich; cloud in Lincolnshire 1000 ft. & lower, similar at St Eval; Irish Sea area also bad.
	Balloons. L.F.B's.	See opposite page.
1415	207/H+J.	5 Group OK'd return to base. Pilot to be given route forecast & if necessary could be routed out over sea and in on eastern lattice line. In any event not over low ground. 62+64 Bns informed.
1430	1656/MUL 1667/W.	Ex 1 Group: OK for return - all to go to Sandtoft as Lindholme U/S.
1415	1662/D	Ex 1 Group: OK. for return.
1530	4/0 away	Controller checked MET and could see no possibility of these aircraft returning this afternoon.
1655	431/P.	Checked Met & Controller. OK'd return.
1710	431/T	OK'd return.
1720	478/O	If standing by, to return to base, bringing crew of 434/G. If not ready, to take off check further with Ops before taking off.
1800	434/T 408/H 476/E	OK'd return. 1830. - 434/T - not tonight - weather.
1810	478/G B Q X T	Return OK'd. Fly at approx 8000 ft. (X & Q - Not Serv. - others Ret.
1825	Balloons & L.F.B.	Requests to cover 9/K/3 & 4/J/100 cancelled.

Mustang V 5 M. from Middle Wallop, landed 18
Middleton.
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1850 Off duty - F/O Spence. On duty B.T. O'Beirne F/O

2045 Anson - Permission granted for Lenton to take crew down to Snaith to pick up 426/F at Westcott.

June 2 1944

0020 Cloud Smoker Beaufort - Swift advice as to cloud - 2 000' - lowering to 1 500' or less. - Laid on for 6 Bde & Ops. Duty Chief Fighter, 12 Sqn & 4 Sqn.

0240 Diversion - 4 Sqn request provisional bases as the cloud lowers suddenly - Offered Dishforth & Topcliffe.

0300 C.F.C. - Diversion summary passed to CFC. 10 a/c returned to base - one to Wittering.

0400 4 Sqn - No diversion to us.

0820 1656/M Instructed to return to Sandtoft (1-3½)

0820 Oxford - Mid - S.C. request permission to take repair party for Q/428 & X/428 at Sx Eval. (OK'd - Air I)

0900 Off duty B.T-O'Beirne F/O
On duty H.J. Spence F/O.

0910 425/F Air I authorized flight to Preston with skeleton crew to pick up refn. Provided a/c to be used is not required on ops tonight.

0930 432 Sqn. MZ590 & 677 To be flown to Preston for modification. Will not interfere with today's offer - either a/c or crews. OK'd by Air I, - good crews to be used as civilian airfield is small.

1220. Swordfish LF 777 Force Landed Landed in field to west of Leeming airfield. Anticipated by F.C. Leeming & tender & ambulance dispatched. No harm to either a/c or Pilot. A.D.C. Pilot from Sherburn en route to Donnibristle. Sherburn informed by Leeming.

Gardening

Balloons:

Harwich - 1500 ft. control 0030 - 0240 hrs.

Portsmouth, Southampton, Langley, Weybridge } 1500 ft. control 0001 - 0300 hrs.

Portsmouth, Southampton, Langley, Weybridge } 1500 ft. control 2300 - 0300 hrs.

Billingham - close hauled ~~2200~~ 2200 - 0001 hrs and 0300 - 0450 hrs.

Landfall Beacons.

Worthing - bearing 340°T - 0145 - 0245 hrs.
Orfordness - " 305°T - 0135 - 0235 hrs.
Flamborough - " 270°T - 0115 - 0315 hrs.

H/J/140:

Balloons.
Langley, Weybridge } 1500 ft. Control 2300 - 0300 hrs.

Landfall Beacon.
Hastings - bearing 295°T - 0017 - 0117 hrs.

Diversion - Emergency Bases.

433 Sqdn - Tangmere
428 + 432 - Dishforth
408 + 426 - Market Harborough
420 + 425 - Bruntingthorpe

1200	Low Flying 8 Gr a/c. TL-C	Shot up Diskforth 5 times at zero feet. between 1130 & 1150 hrs. Air I informed. Also 8 Group F/C. who are to investigate & advise.
1275	427/J	Permission by S.A.S.O. to fly crew to Winfield to pick up n/s.
	LV-988 Skipton	W/C Smith to check re status quo of n/s aircraft at Marston & advise.
1330	L.F.B. Balloons.	Arranged as on opposite page.
1620	Emergency Don. Boss.	Requested 3 in 9 & Gr. & 1 in East Anglia.
1830	Off duty - F/O Spence	On duty B.T. O'Beirne F/O.
1900	Diversion stations allocated & forwarded.	
2225	RAFNI	- Report a/c B B 808 - decreasing - Concerned about Ballage a/c - Checked with Met. Tops 4500'
2300	61 Base	F/L at Dalton - Request for outer circle lights whilst Erp. from 2330 - 0030 - Arranged.
2330	Smoke & flames	between Swaddleton and Thornaby - by Swd. Enq. Roch O.
2340	Parachute	- F.C.L.O - 12 Erp. - report a parachute or parachutes near Stockton-on-Tees. - Enq. Swd.

June 3rd.

0110	Beaufighter	- 2/12 Erp. a/c in Circuit - - A Beaufighter being directed by searchlight to Thornaby. 6 Erp stations req.
0450	TO CFC.	- all 94 Ops a/c landed at homebase.
0900	Off duty	- B.T. O'Beirne F/O

Balloons.

Langley, Weybridge } Controlled at 1500 ft. — from 2315 hrs. to 0230 "

Dover. - Controlled at 2000 ft. — from 2359 to 0100 hrs. X
Harwich - Controlled at 1500 ft. — " 0030 to 0145 "

Billingham - close hauled — from 2130 to 2300 hrs and 0115 to 0415 " X

Landfall Beacons

Orfordness - bearing 305° T - from 0040 to 0140 hrs
Rye. (*14) - " 245° T - " 0100 to 0200 " X
Little Hampton - " 340° T - " 0045 to 0145 "
Flamboro (*2) - " 270° T - " 0140 to 0240 "

Promulgated Weather Bcns.

419 - West Raynham. 100 Grp
431 - Foulsham " "
434 - Downham Market 8 "
427 - Wyton 8 "
429 - Bourn 8 "
424 - Cledbrugh 8 "
408 - Mildenhall 3 "
426 - Tuddenham 3 "
420 - Waterbeach 3 "
425 - Newmarket 3 "
Definite W/X 428 - ~~Watchyard~~ 3 " Waterbeach
~~424~~ 433 - Little Snoring 100 "
Diversion.

} Ops Scrubbed.

Sat. June 3/44

0900		On duty H.F. Spence F/O.
1300	Balloons L.F.B.	Arranged as on opposite page.
1400	Well. "N" 105 O.T.U.	Landed at Croft. from Bramcote - reason W/T., Intercom + Eng. U/S. Bramcote ~~and~~ informed by Croft direct.
1405	V.I.P.	A.O.C. landed at Dishforth in a Hudson from Hendon. No prior notice of the movement was received by F.C. here at 6 Group or 61 Base.
1600	Emerg. Weather Don. Bases.	Preliminary warning passed to C.F.C. for 6 Bases in East Anglia (Orfordness to Wash) and 6 in 9 V Group area (West of London). Met do not desire at moment to commit themselves to any cast iron safe areas.
1522.	1666/F O.C. Collapse. (W-1235)	Ex 61 Base:- Pilot: P/O. Howe (pupil on 1st solo.) No instructor in aircraft. Normal approach but a very bumpy landing, as a result of which the undercarriage collapsed. Runway 05 in use. Met: S.W. Wind 13 M.P.H. Cl. 9/10 Stra. Base 2000' vis. 15 miles. Crew O.K. Informed:- A.O.C. S.A.S.O.[v] Air I[v] Cont.[v] G.D.[v] G.D.[v] Equip.[v] Engrg.[v] Crash report to G.D.
1800 to	Don. Bases.	Received from C.F.C. - ~~West Raynham~~, and allotted as on opposite page
1830		Off duty F/O Spence, On duty B.O. Bell F/O
1900		Diversion Gen passed to stations. - pro-rata local weather base.
2000	D.F.C.O's note.	Black Widow - 62 Base F.C. report that this type A/C approached within 500 yds of Lentons members

0500.

Mid. St. Geo. re. overdue Action Signal A-7136 re Auster MZ-~~818~~ 181. A/c had been at M.S.G. since June ~~2nd~~ 3rd. no signal action had been taken by M.S.G. to ~~to~~ its parent Station Hangmere or Pt. of destination Milfield = Air Ministry phoned & information passed, instructed M.S.G. to taken immediate signal action to Milfield rpt'd Tangmere.

recently, and that aircrew were alarmed by these "intruder like" approaches.
Contacted F.C. & O. 12 Grp. who is to check and ask for a discontinuance of these tactics.
Scarton F.C. reply that some of their pilots were testing their radar equipment and became too eager and approached our a/c. Controllers are issuing instructions for these approaches to cease.

2200 Diversion - Definite 433 to Little Snoring 428 to Waterbeach. - Jenpassed.

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0050 Diversion - Signal - sent on Group Ops. Wave. to 433 & 419.

0053 Mid. - Darkey - heard by Mid & Croft - "I am crashing" - Dup. ROCHO. -

0057 Darkey - 64 Base & 62 Base lit up. 12 Grp believe Mid Darkey due to ship distance. Mosquito over London headed south.

0150 4 Grp - May wish to divert to us, our stations safety.

0270 A0966 - 3 June - Special Routeing areas S/E South Coast. Telephonic copy sent to all the stations.

0230 Diversion Summary to C.F.C. - 15 Q 433 to Little Snoring 100 Grp. - 10 Q 428 to Waterbeach.

0400. " 4 Grp. re. closing down as they have copied with own A/C O.K.

0700. Div. A/C Checked with Met. re. return of A/C aways & not happy. Will check at 10th hrs. 100 Grp & 3 Grp informed.

R/433 - Serv. 1800 hrs. 4/June - Requires crew.

I/433 - U/S - Crew remaining at L. Snaring.

JUNE 4-1944:

0900		Off duty F/O O'Beirn On duty F/L Spence F/O.
1140	O/c away	3 Grp. told to route 428 a/c via Spalding, York, North Allerton Base, and 105 Grp to route 433 a/c via Spalding, York & Base. This covers low ground because of loco cloud (down to 1,000 ft + less in places). Crews to fly below cloud or not more than 6-7000 ft (Freezing level 8,000 ft.) Conferred with Met. Controllers instructions. Skipton & M. St. G. informed.
1245	L.F.B.	At Orfordness - on 305°T from 0030 - 0130 hrs. 0300 - 0400 L
	Balloons.	Harwich - 1500' Control - from 0030 to 0130 hrs. 0300 - 0400 L Canterbury - 1500' " Thames Est. - 1500' " - from 2345 to 0045 hrs. 0215 0315 L Dover - 2000' " 0015 0145 L Billingham - close hauled " from 2145 to 2315 hrs. " 0115 " 0315 0345 " 0545 L
	a/c away	Told 100 Grp. to have 433/I + E check with us further before taking off.
1515	D.F.C.O's. N.B.	Ref. new column "Operations" in "Night Flying Training Report". These figures are to be computed here at Group by D.F.C.O. (or clerk)
1830	Off duty	F/O Spence. On duty B.O'Beirn F/O
2230	Balloons & L.F. Beacon	times amended. No diversion boxes laid on.
2330	Lossiemouth	request ~~possible~~ diversion base at Middleton. Sup. C.F.C.

Monday June 5th

0015	13 Grp	- Diversion of 24 Wellingtons from Lossiemouth. Offered Topcliffe & Dishforth.
0145	13 Grp	- "A" from Lossiemouth landed Topcliffe at 0130. - No definite diversion to 61 Base.

0820		Duncan Summary to C.F.C. - all 6 of 6 Grp landed at base. A/22070. Lossiemouth landed Topcliffe.
0900		Off duty ~~H.F.Sp~~ Flt. O'Beirn On duty H.F.Spence Flt.
0945	433/R	Permission requested to fly skeleton crew to Little Snoring to pick up m/u. Crews concerned not in morning offer. Ruling by Air Traffic Controller:- "If a/c to be used could be used on ops. tonight movement is not sanctioned. - Skipton informed. Final decision Crew of 433/I to bring back 433/R.
1040.	426/R. Mod.	Permission refused to fly a/c to Preston for modification + to pick up 426/L today. (Controller & Base failed to inform the Squadron + a/c took off without O.K.)
1245.	Ops. Clearance	Gun Defended areas. Route cleared with A.A.L.O. 9 Group; A.A.L.O., F.C.L.O., and M.L.O. 10 Group; and A.A.L.O. 11 Group Latter request times for firing restriction.
	Com. Flight Anson	Reserved for 433 Sqn. Skipton to take crew to Little Snoring to pick up m/u a/c. Crew not one already detailed for ops. tonight.
1600	Balloons	Billingham. - Close hauled - 2130 - 2300 hrs. ✓ Thames Est. - 1500' Control - 0100 - 0800 " ✓ 2745 - 0010 hrs. 0730 - 0330 " ✓ Port Talbot, Barry, Cardiff, Swansea, Newport, Bristol, Weston-S-M. — 1500 ft. Control — from 0115 hrs. to 0600 hrs. ✓
	L.F.B.	Sidmouth (Special) will be on a bearing of 345°T from 0115 to 0215 hrs and " 0430 to 0545 " ✓
1720	L.F.B.	Ex 10 Group: Beacon at Sidmouth not available

Emergency Diversion Boxes.

419 & 428 – Calerne – 10 Grp.
431 & 434 – Lyneham – 44 Grp. Trans. Com.
427 & 429 – ~~Harnton~~ Salenee – 25 Grp
424 & 433 – Peraloro 44 Grp. – Trans. Com.
408 & 426, 432 – Honeybourne – 91 Grp.
420 & 425 – Long Marston 91 Grp.

1915	Emerg. Don. Bases	Ex. C.7.C. - All the Stations in south of 10 Group will be standing by but none definitely allotted. 5 or 4 (1 for each of our Bases) will be given us later.
1820	Off duty F/O Spence. On duty R.O'Brien F/O.	
1915	Emergency Diversion Base allocated.	
2000	Routing - of 6 Grp Ops to A.A.L.O. 11 Grp; A.A.L.O 10 Gp. M.L.O. & A.A.L.O. 12 Grp.; A.A.L.O; 9 Grp.	
2015	Diversion Sen to Stations.	
2020	X/C - Routes must stay north of 54 00 N to - night - Kegds 65 00 - Ruling by S.A.S.O. Enq. 6/Base.	
2225	Routes - 12 Grp. will not accept Bombers nor Fighter Affiliation. Only X/C & C.&B permitted. No X/C over the North Sea. Enq. 6/Base	
2350	Diversion Sen: passed - to Emergency Base.	

Tuesday. June 6. 1944

0043	Re Diversion 9/Gp.	9/Gp called to say could we relieve congestion in their group by accepting two other stations. Made following agreement: 420 by R/T from Long Marston - Enstone 432 By R/T from Honeybourne - Moreton Mad with provision that any emergency aircraft should land at first station.
0137	Crash	- R.C.L.O. 12 Grp & 62 Base report a crash 1 mile east of Thalthorpe
0140	"	Position E - 9785. - Linton taking crash action as. Thalthorpe spare tender no e/s.
0220	"	62 Base report that Fallerton police and Easingwold police have no news of a crash. R.O.C.H.O. 12 Grp no more "gen"

Ref. entry 1305.

Ex: Bircham Newton. at 0300 hours Kings Lynn Police reported a crash. Only meager details available. Story:- a/c was on fire and exploded in the air before crashing and pieces scattered considerable distance. Some on Bircham Newton's bombing range where crash occurred. 7 bodies found.

0300	Re crash	- Reports not confirmed. Linton crash party can find nothing and R O C H O can only confirm flash or flashes in the sky. Instructed Linton tender to return to base.
0300	Sandras D.F.C.O's note	C.F.C. - Bomber Command permit use of Sandras on 6 Group during U.S. Bullseye owing to and northerly location. Informed all stations.
0730	Diversion Summary	- One a/c landed at Manston Valence (25 Sqn), and 2 a/c at Honeybourne 9/Sqn - 226 landed at base - one swerving. - passed to C.F.C.
0900	Off duty On duty	Flt. O'Beirn. F/L Spence.
0910	Flying Restriction	Ex. M.E.C. 12 Group. - A/c are not to fly in area to the south of 53°00 N. east of 0°00 W, nor to cross the east coast south of Flamborough Head. Passed to stations.
1115	ditto	Ruling by S.A.S.O. - Training aircraft are not to fly south of 53°00' N by day or night. Informed 61 Base &
	Topcliffe D/F.	Ex. C.S.O. Topcliffe H/F/D/F now closed down on Bomber Command's order. 1666 Sqn. will use Middleton 1664 " " Linton 1659 " " Leeming. 61 Base asked to provide these H/F/D/Fs with the Basic QFE's and variations every day.
13.00	Permission	granted by SASO for 433 Sqn. to take crew down to Little Snoring to pick up R/433. Informed 61 Base that they could use the Anson if required.
13.00	L/429	Left Honeybourne for Leeming.
1305	476/0 (Ops.)	Ex. C.T.C. + Birchaw Newton. a/c crashed at Birchaw Newton, 10 bombs exploded; all crew killed. 62 Base informed.

Emergency Diversion Bases:

419, 428, 424 — Calerne - 10 Sqn.
408, 426, 432 - Honeybourne - 91 Sqn.
420, 425 433 - Long Marston - 91 Sqn.
431 434 - Lyneham 44 Sqn TC.
427, 429 - Moreton Valence - 25 Sqn

Definite Weather Diversion at 0120 hrs 7 June.

419 — Calerne 10 Sqn.
428 - Westcott - 92 Sqn.
408 - Honeybourne - 91 Sqn.
426 - Oakley 92 Sqn.
432 - Wing 92 Sqn.
420 - Wellesbourne 91 Sqn.
425 - Turweston 92 Sqn.

Provisional Weather Diversion Bases.

431 - Lyneham - 10 Sqn.
434 - Little Rollwood - 92 Sqn.
427 - Moreton Valence - 25 Sqn. (10 Sqn)
429 - Cranfield.
424 - Long Marston 91 Sqn.
433 - Weston Zoyland -

Early Returns:

431/O - { SBA U/S. W/T Packt
Gee U/S.

433/S - P.O.E. U/S Mag cut compensated by C.T.O.

G/426. - Abandon of a/c.

S.O.S. sent when over occupied territory. When over target 500lb Bomb dropped thru hisswing. On return to English Coast, Pilot ordered crew to bale out and headed a/c out to sea before jumping himself. 5 of crew are at R.A.F. Hope Cove (only slightly injured) Exeter state the remaining 2 are also accounted for and OK. a/c crashed ½ mile out to sea. Gave W/T. C/S. "PNR"

1730.	Diversion Bases	Requested Emergency bases from C.F.C.
1815	Balloons	Yeovil - 7500 ft. Control - 2315 to 0340 hrs. Bristol / Weston } - 7500 ft. Control - 2300 to 0400 hrs Billingham - close hauled - 2050 - 2400 hrs. 0205 - 0600 "
1830	Off Duty F/O Spence. On duty B.T.O Bennett/o	
1900	Diversion bases assigned - Ger passed to stations. Requested Marston Valance to take bearer of 100 octane standing by	
1930	A-7558 - 6 June - Amendment to SD 214 - Correction 2nd line - Read of 6th June to dawn 7th June - by phone from AIR MINISTRY - passed to 61, 62, 63, 64 R.	
1930	Route - Ops - Cleared with 12 Grp M.H.O. & 10 Grp A.A.L.O.	
2220	Red flares - Hallcarpe saw a double red flare in direction of Eastmoor - ROCH - No reply - Probably Eastmoor A.F.C. signal.	
2310	Diversion Base - Request 8 more Diversion bases. - C-in-C. will try but cannot promise one base per squadron.	
2345	Call signs passed to 10 Grp & 9 Grp.	
	Wednesday June 7th 1944	
0105	DIVERSION - S.O.C. in consultation with Sect & Air I decided to divert all a/c. - Imp. Stations.	
0120	Diversion signal sent to 408, 426, 420, 425, 432, 419, 428. Imp. above stations.	
0120	" "	S.O.C. decided not to divert. 427, 429, 431, 434, 424 or 433.

8/9 June
Landed away - 97 a/c at 16 stations.

S.T.C.O.

N.B. - Item 1700 hrs. - Seems like a "buck-passing" job on the part of Wellesbourne without asking our wishes.

0230	9/c away	- Instructed 10 Sqn. 91 Grp & 92 Grp to instruct our a/c on R/T to proceed to base, as bases now fit. Only 428 Sqdn a/c were to land away at Westcott.
0400	426/C (LW-377)	- Crew baled out at Kope Cove (near Torquay) - a/c crashed into sea ½ mile off shore.
0500	9/c away	- Informed 91, 92, 10 Grp. for all a/c away to return immediately.
0800	92 Group	- Slow departure of 9/c re-instructed them to get 9/c off from Westcott, Ordly Mr.
0805	C-in-C-	B.C. - Orders all a/c away to return to base at once. Send urgent request to 91 & 92 Groups!
0900		Off duty Flt O'Beirn On duty Flt Lt Spence Flt.
1020.	426 a/c at Woodbridge	Permission granted tofly Hal to Woodbridge to pick up an a/c there; also necessary ground crew for D.D.
1200	S/L McNeil	Request to use Com. Flt. a/c to fly to R.A.F Hospital Scunthorpe refused. To use transport.
1500	Emerg Div. Base	Requested St. Eval as base for our Gardeners this evening in case of emergency.
1756.	Crash in Marston Moor	426/L reported a/c burning on ground at pos. 5358N 0113W. R.O.C.L.O. 12 Group advises crash in hand. Marston Moor a/c. 62 Base informed.
1600	Emerg. Div. Base	Ex C.F.C. St. Eval OK for emergency purposes.
1700	U/475	Took off from Honeybourne to pick up crew of 420/s at Wellesbourne. Could not get his U.C. locked and was sent on to his base Tholthorpe. 62 informed. (W/C McCarthy)

Well B - 20 OTU. - from Elgin (Sqt. of Rosaemouth landed Mud - S. S. owing to weather. Slaying one night. - Sund. inporating thro bar.

Well "N" - landed Crop 0027 from Castle Donnington (93 Sqn) Carburetor O/S - Slaying one night

- OB/N -

5330 - 6-24.

1830	L.F.B. #2.	At Flamboro Hd will be exposed on a bearing of 280°T from 0310 hrs to 0410 hrs; and from 0420 hrs to 0520 hrs. ✓
	Balloons	Billingham - close hauled - from 2200 to 0040 hrs. and from 0315 to 0600 hrs.
		✓ Thames Estuary - 1500 ft. Control from 0001 to 0140 hrs. from 0310 to 0410 hrs.
		✓ Chelmsford - 1500 ft. Control. from 0310 to 0420 hrs
		✓ Canterbury - 1500 ft. control from 0150 hrs to 0230 hrs.
		✓ Harwich - 1500 ft. control from 0200 hrs to 0300 hrs.
		On duty.
1870	Off duty - F/O Spence, B.T.O Bevan F/S.	
	A/426	- A/C Weaeath - Tire clamped - Ready for marning of June 8. - Crew beach.
2350	Intruders	- M.O 12 Grp report 3 Lib/aters chas down near Bury St Edmunds. Message sent to our a/c on Target 4802E/12 - "Enemy a/c on track" on 2350 hrs. Grp broadcast - Test to be repeated again at 0020 if necessary.

Thursday June 8th:

0001	Bullseye -	Message in Bomber Code to all a/c. on H.F "A" and on Ch. H.F/D.F - at 2330 - "Check winds. less than forecast
0020	Intruder -	Warning for 4802E/12 & 24/c/31 a/c.
0055	L.F. Beacon #2 -	Is blacked out - cannot be supplied.

426/U. -

Landed Bradwell Bay. at 0222 hrs
8th June - Flak damage.
Four of crew are O.K.
Three of crew baled out over France.

Early Returns -

432/R - S.O.E. U/S confirmed by C.T.O.

1666/A - LV-279 HAL II

CREW - ALL KILLED.
Pilot - P/O GILL A.T.
NAV. P/O HAWKINS W.B. J.35828.
B/A Sgt ASTLES W.W. R-169396
W/Op F/Sgt BANNER W.J R-127993
R/G. P/O WARNS R.F. J-39032.
M/UG. P/O Wilson T.H J-39036.
F/ENG Sgt RYAN

Crashed at Gelling East near Wrotham

Thursday. June 8th 1944

0100	Hostiles	have disappeared. Three Liberators believed shot down.
02.00	61 Base.	Report from some of their aircraft re icing between 7-13000 ft over bases. They suggest bringing bullseye aircraft back on last leg from Warwick to base at 5000 ft. Our met. agree this is advisable. Message sent out by us on MF/DF at 02.30 "Fly at 5000 last leg."
0300	Diversion.	Mid have vis 3 000 yds. Cloud base 350'. - Suggested diversion to Shipton - Shipton perimeter track partly blocked do not wish diversion of Mid. a/c. Requested Drakpark to stand by for 419 a/c.
T.O.		
0330	419	- Mid. vis 3 miles C cloud base 1000 - a/c will try to land at Mid. and if conditions not fit, they will go to Drakpark.
0345	429	- Diverted by RT to Drakpark
	427	- " " " " to Eastmoor
0355	433	" by RT to Topcliffe
0400	Crash	- Reported by ROCKO & Wombleton.
0530	O/ps.	All a/c landed in 6 Groups, except 5 missing a/c; 429/V crashed at R.A.F. Benson; 426/V landed Brodwell Bay with flak damage. 4 Groups, on our request Red Fired Burn, Recal and maroon Moor for our late a/c.
0540	Crash 1666/A	- Crashed at 0358 hrs near Gilling East and Stonegrave (A-139/9.) - Cloud base 800-2000 vis. 2 miles. - B/A identified
0550	429/V	- Crashed at R.A.F. Benson. Three of crew baled out over France when a/c damaged by flak. Pilot S/L Anderson seriously injured in back. F/Eng. flew the a/c as far

408/Q - 62 Base report that at 0346 hrs. Linton gave an aircraft using 408 Sqn a/c call sign (or similar) in position for entry in the circuit but did not get an acknowledgment. Their listening contend they heard a reply, however. No other contact was made.

	429/U crash.	as Chalgrove. - Hampstead Norris directed a/c to Woodbridge, but crew did not understand the message and continued to circle. Chalgrove. Finally Hampstead ordered the crew to bale out. Three of crew left the uncontrolled pilot and on a status line and then baled out themselves. Sgt Steer, Sgt Mangoune and Sgt Ritchie landed OK.
		Chalgrove Station Commander sent out Tiger Cubs who spotted S/L Anderson, and directed an ambulance to him. M.O. reports that S/L Anderson died of his wounds either before landing or shortly after landing, although his parachute had opened and he had made a normal landing.
		11 Grp. F.C. thinks that Chalgrove Stn C.O. should be commended for their prompt & efficient finding of the pilot.
		a bomb reported to 63 Base no details came in.
0630	a/c	away within the Group instructed to return to bases.
0640	426/U	- Four of crew baled out over France - Remainder of crew landed a/c safely at Bradwell Bay despite flak damage to a/c.
0700	420	- Request by S/L McCarthy to pick up a a/c at Woodbridge.
0930	Off	duty - B.T.C Berry F/O On duty H.P. Spence F/O.
1100	426/U	At Bradwell Bay. Crew (3) to be picked up by 422 Sqn a/c going to Woodbridge also following equipment. Camera Equipt, Gee Monica x 4 Crystals. F.C.C.O. 11 to inform Bradwell Bay

Take-off accident - 420/R. (MZ569)
Pilot - Flo Javitz.
Informed a.o.c. air I s.a.s.o.
Controller G.A.D. G.I.D.
Equipt Engrg

Note A.S.O. + Air I not available to inform.

	432 a/c Woodbridge	Permission refused by Air i for a/c to also go to Bradwell Bay to pick up crew (3) & equipment from 426/U, but ordered to go to Woodbridge. Later the S.A.S.O. authorized the landing at Bradwell Bay.
	426/A.	Permission granted for 426/L to take crew to Watton to pick up 426/A; also to continue to Hopecove to pick up 4 of crew of 426/G who baled out night of 6-7/6/44. Route O.K'd by 12 Group.
	424 a/c (LV 988)	Serviceable at Marston. Permission granted to fly crew down to pick it up Route cleared by M.E.O. 11. Skipton informed.
1400	M. St/G. Offord	Permission granted to fly to Prestwick for Lanc parts urgently required.
1345	1654/W (Handmade R/T a/c)	Sent to Carnaby - no brake pressure. Landed O.K. should be able to return this P.M. C.S.U. trouble. P.O.E.
1440	Gardeners Emerg. Don. Base.	Requested St Eval from C.F.C. for emergency. No good from Met standpoint. Will give us another after Met conference.
1530.	S/L Hemet	Permission by S.A.S.O. for sqn. to fly.
1530.	1664 a/c. Low flying	Permission by S.A.S.O. to fly at 500 ft. from Skipton to Topcliffe villages. Army personnel in a/c to study the effectiveness of camouflage
1511	420/R accident	On circuits & landings. Tire burst on take off, got about 20 ft in air, came down, bounced, lost control, starboard undercarriage collapsed. (Prop. damaged.) Believed to be write-off. Crew O.K. Obstructing runway 24. Prelim. report to G.A.D.
1630	420/D	by S.A.S.O. authorised to go to Preston for modification; crew to return in other a/c.

1645.	S/S Homing Cl. Mkr Beacon L.F.B#r.	Ex Church Fenton S.L.A.O. Limited homing available north of Humber; no cloud-marker beacon; No. L.F.B#r possible. 27.N.
1745	Balloons	Yeovil - 1500 ft. Control 0020 - 0050 hrs. 0245 - 0330 hrs. Bristol / Weston } 500 ft. " 0001 - 0055 hrs. " 0250 - 0350 " Brockworth - 500 ft. " 2345 - 0030 hrs " 0245 - 0350 " Billingham - Close hauled - 2120 - 2330 hrs. 0330 - 0630 "
1810	Ops. route.	Cleared passage over Coventry 2355 - 0005 hrs. & 0330 - 0340 hrs with A.A.L.O. 9 Group.
1815	Gardening Mc Dow.	Requested definite Base for 428 a/c. from C.F.C. Suggested Pershore. Will advise.
1830	Off Duty 7/o Spence	On duty P.T. O'Beirne F/o.
1900	Diversion station	Granted by C.F.C. allotted to station and sea passed to station on Loxbeare.
1905	Whitley "KNZ" "P"	"P" en route Kenloss to Honeybourne diverted by 9/Grp to Topcliffe (L. - 2005). Staying overnight owing to weather.
1955	Broadcast to D.F.C.O at all stations.	To contact D.S.O and get latest gen on met reports, passing of weather & QFE's in emergency. Postagram being sent to stations by D.S.O to-night.
2310	Recall TO "KXU" a/c H.S.T.Y.I.	428 - S-a/c on Beeche - W/X at Pershore not fit for return. Recall being sent on Group ops. freq. - Duf. Mud.

Provisional Weather Diversions.

To 6 Grp

@ Croft - 15 SQD - 10 LANCS. (3 Grp)
" - 622 SQD - 10 LANCS. 3 "

MID. S.G - 514 SQD - 10 LANCS 3 "

EASTMOOR - 75 SQD - 20 LANCS. 3 "

WOMBLETON - 218 SQD - 8 STERLINGS. 3 "

DishforTH - 20 (8 PFF).
" "

Weather Diversion Bases. - allocated

433 & 424 - Hutton Cranswick - 12 Grp.
427 & 429 - Valley - 9 Grp - (Middleton
408 & 426 - Nutts Corner RAFNI.
432 " - Dishforth
420 & 425 - Kinnarden - 9 Grp.

2310 | 3 Grp x 8 | Grp - C.F.C. asks Opers for a possible diversion to us 0300-0500 hrs.
SASO x SOC consulted. Opers Mud - 15. Croft - 20 Wonb. 20 Dust - 20. Coat - 10 -- possibly 20 more to Topclyffe after 0500 hrs.

2315 | Flares | - Yellow flares - 10 miles N.E. of Thaltharpe reported by Thaltharpe & Shipton. White flare dropped near Rosbeff "Q" etc.
R.O.C.H.O. say flares are in use as glider practice in progress in Eastmoor direction.

Friday June 9

Gardiner

0005 | 428 | E, & C. returned to base - Instructed on R/T to lose patrol on Intruder Evasion Route -
Serious error - Recall was sent to "K X U", a/c H, S.T.Y.I., and that to "P S S" - a/c E, & C. Evidently an error by mid Signals

0006 | " | D.S.O. 6 Grp. & D.F.C.O of Mud. say that "K X U" is correct call sign. Requested further check.

0010 | " | Recall to a/c of both call signs "K X U" & "P S S" Crew to be shot out on 0020 hr Grp. broadcast.

0100 | 3 Grp - | Provisional diversion from 3 Grp. - see opposite page.

0210 | 3 Grp - | Coping - will not divert to us. - Weather improving.

0300 | 6 Grp - | us. at Kemmy 3-4000 gels. Cloud base - 800'. Shipton almost the same. Have been constantly checking with met. for possible diversion base.

0400 | | New diversion based on 6 Grp opposite page. Depends weather divisions

Crash.

426/J LW - 5-88.

0411 hrs -
position - at Newton Village near Luton
a/c seen to catch fire. Hit
houses, but no civilians
injured.

Pilot P/O Craig N.L. - alive
M/AG: Sgt Neill - R.C. "
A/A P/O Holenchuk - W - dead.
NAV. W/Op Southran A - "
WAR. WO1 Parker R.C. "
F/E Sgt Howard F.H. "
A/G Sgt Hughes J.P. "
2nd Pilot P/O Parker D.R. "

Inq — AOC. ✓ SFCO ✓.
SASO ✓ EQUIP ✓.
AIR I ✓ ENG ✓
SOC ✓ P4 ✓
C of A. ✓

0405 Diversions - Weather closing in - 6 Grp all red - 4 Grp - have only 3 green stations to land 100 a/c, 12 Grp can only 5 per us Kutton Cranswick, and 2 Grp Kawarden.

0430 Vis. and cloud base improving at Mud. - As W/C Turnbull would not divert his a/c to Valley they were now sent to Mud.
~~Shipton~~ - Capsd, Dishforth and Dalton helped out.
408 & 426 diverted to Watts Corner N.1. - Good show.

0430 Crash 426/J - Crashed in bad weather at Newton village near Linton. Pilot, and M/G. alive Six other members of Crew killed. Linton Sect crash party. R.O.C.H.Q. 12 Grp had no plots.

0600 All a/c landed safely at bases except above crash.

0615 a/c Within 6 Grp away from bases instructed to return home where bases were fit - Leeming. Mud. Dishforth

0800 429/L - Taxied downwind 0411 hrs, at Leeming, ran off runway into river bank - a/c collapsed. Cat A.C.

0800 425/K - Collected an outer circle cable, which wrapped around two engines, landed at Dishforth

0800 a/c away - All a/c outside 6 Grp would be unable to return before 1300 hrs as met cannot promise definite improvement.

Halifax KN/G at Mud. from Elvington to remain per instructions, about 1100 hrs.

Provisional Weather
Diversion Bases.

		cc	Station
428 Sqn.	-	10.	~~Wyton~~ Gaydon.
433 "	-	4	~~Wellesbourne~~ Wyton.
424 "	-	10	Wellesbourne
408 "	-	10	Little Horwood
426 "	-	10	Wing.
432 "	-	10	Chipping Warden
420 "	-	10	Oakley
425 "	-	10	Westcott
431 "	-	13	Silverstone
434 "	-	13	Turweston
419 "	-	14	Enstone

0900	Off duty - B.T. O'Beirne F/O.	
0900	C.F.C. - 60 a/c diverted to 16 stations	
	On duty H.J. Spence. F/O.	
1100	A/c away	In Rafui to take off at 1300 hrs. At West Freugh + Cark to take off as soon as possible. Remainder to take off at 1300 hrs or as soon as possible All to fly high to avoid hills + high ground but below 9000 ft (freezing level) To get Met forecast. Informed West Freugh + Rafui. F.C.P. 0.9 also informing Cark + Wrexham (Pershore (direct lines) as well as Valley + Haverdon. Stations + C.F.C. informed.
1715	Emergy Procs. Weather Diversion Bases.	Requested 1 base in East Anglia and 9 in Eastern Wales, Pershore area.
	Balloons.	Billingham - close hauled - from 2020 hrs to 2310 hrs + from 0230 hrs. to 0515 hrs.
		Thames Est. / Chelmsford. } 1500 ft. Control - 0015 hrs. to 0330 hrs.
		Yeovil - 1500 ft. Control / Brockworth - 500 ft. " } - 0140 hrs to 0255 hrs.
		Thames Est. - 1500 ft. Control - 2230 hrs to 2330 hrs.
1905	Prov. Weather Diversion Base	For Jellyfish Gardeners - ~~418~~ 433 Sqn - Wyton. - Ex ~~Hilton~~. C.F.C.
1945	Ditto	Received from C.F.C. and allotted Bases as on opposite page. Passed to Stations.
2230	Off duty F/O Spence. On duty B.T. O'Beirne F/O	
2300	Emergency Diversion Bases given and recall signs.	
2359	Weather looks favourable for return Ops.	

Crash - 1659/V DK-235

0125 hrs - ab Topcliffe aerodrome.
Exercise - Circuits and landings.
Position - Runway -
Weather - Fit.
Category - E - Burned out.
1st Pilot - P/O McNeill.
Instructor F/O Goddard - Crew - O.K.
2nd Pilot F/O Morris.

Insp.	A.O.C. ✓	S.O.C. ✓	ENG. O. ✓
	SASO ✓	S.F.C. O ✓	G.A.2 ✓
	AIR I ✓	EQUIP. ✓	G.2.2 ✓

Saturday June 10

0125	1659/V Crash (Incorrect See 0302 entry)	- Crashed on Topcliffe aerodrome. Starboard inner and starboard outer engines and main plane caught fire in the air and the pilot landed it on the runway. Crew escaped OK.
K 0210	TO 91 & 92 Grps	- Stood down - a/c returning to base.
0300	408/E	On X/C -. ETA - 0132 - Not accounted for. 12 Grp & 9 Grp - have no trace of him. Informed 62 Base.
0302	1659/V	- Ref. entry 0125 hrs. - Correction a/c was not on fire in the air. It made a normal approach swung to starboard on landing and Port outer caught fire when the undercarriage collapsed. Aircraft burned - Cat E. Obstructing R/ 21/03 and 27/09. Aircraft burned Category E.
0340	408/E	- Landed at base. 13 Grp helped by Gunnery as a plot on his position 30 minutes earlier.
0420	a/c away	- 420/E at Oakley. S. & ready to leave at 05.30 hrs. 425/H - Engine trouble.
0450	Ops	- all a/c down safely - No non-starters nor early returns. Nil missing.
0450	a/c away	- To C.F.C. - 2 a/c landed at diversion bases.
0500.	92 Grp.	re. E/420 - at Oakley OK for him to return.
0535	"	E/420 airborne for base 62 Base informed.
0600	"	H/425 at Westcott airborne for base - 62 informed.
0700	"	H/425 landed at Base.

Deputy Patrol Diversion Base

428 - Reeds. - 5' } - Colerne.
Artichokes 5 }

Emergency Diversion Bases.

428 - Sultana II - 2 - Colerne.

419 + 432 - Pershore.
431 + 434 - Silverstone
427 + 429 - Wing.
424 + 433 - Westcott. - 92 Sqn.
420 + 425 - Enstone (Sat. of Moretonmeers

Target - 24/C/3 June 10/11 ots 2020 hrs

Balloons -
- Billingham - close-hauled - 2120 - 2250
0320 - 0500
- Thames Estuary - 1500' 2320 - 0020
- Cornwall - 1500' 0220 - 0320
- Brockworth - 1500' 0230 - 0330

JUNE 10th. 1944.

0900		Off duty F/O O'Beirn On duty H.J.Spence. F/O.
0940	434/S.	At Woodbridge. Croft sending a/c on acceptance test. will also take crew down. OK'd. by air T
1045	1664 a/c P.D.+R.	Weather deteriorating. 61 Base requested diversion station for mpn. 4 Group offered Driffield - accepted.
1055	ditto	Panic over - landed at base - 4 Gr. informed.
1545	420/S.	Permission by Controller for crew to be flown to Wellesbourne to pick up m/c. Warned 61 Base that the station was using 1050 yd runway, with good wind.
1610	Balloons.	For Gardeners - Billingham close hauled from 2045 hrs to 2300 hrs and from 0400 hrs to 0600 hrs.
1620	Petrol Don. Base	Warned C.F.C. Petrol Diversion base required for Gardeners somewhere between Lands End + Pershore.
1635	ditto	Colerne offered by Central Flying Control for defended diversion base - Breeze & Artichoke
1745	Emerg. Bases.	Requested 5 Stations from C.F.C. in 91, 92 + 10 Groups area.
1750.	Balloons.	Bristol, Weston, Brockworth } Control at 500 ft. from 0400 to 0500 hrs. Cleared with A.A.R.P. 12 Balls. going to Colerne might infringe Bristol + Weston Defended areas at approx. 0425 and requested safe passage.
1830	Emerg Don. Bases	Received from C.F.C. + allotted as on opposite page.
1830	Off duty F/O Spence. On duty B.T. O'Beirn F/O	
1945	Diversion sig passed to 6 Gp stations	

408/E - Belly landed Luton.

Inf.- SASO ✓. SOC ✓ EQUIPT. ✓
AOC . SFCO ✓
AIRL ✓ ENG. O ✓
G.A.D ✓

2020	Balloons requested – see previous page.	
2035	428/	– Depute petrol diversion for Beeches and Artrekake – Colerne Emergency diversion for Sultana II – Colerne. Asked M.O. D.F.C.O to check unit watchkeeper.
2115	DIVERSION – to Colerne – Call signs reported to 10 Grp.	
2230	408/E CRASH DS-656.	– Belly landed at Linton. Detailed for X-country and practice bombing, "E" blew a tire on take off. Pilot dropped his bombs at Strensall and belly landed on the grass on the port side of R/W 22. A/c stopped 180 ft clear of R/W. S.I. engine caught fire, and the crash party had the fire out by 2237. Crew O.K. Pilot – W/O Harlow.
2232	428/G BLEW TIRE ON TAKE-off	– on "Garden" detail, blew a starboard tire on take-off. A/c almost nosed in so mld F.C. believe pilot no aware of it although he maintained R/T silence. Continued on detail.
2232	419/E.	– Swung on take off, headed south gaining height slowly Asked 63 Base & 61 Base to keep a watch – No further report.
2255	165 G/R	– Type unknown reported on a/c heading eastward from them with smoke pouring from it. ROC 20 gave the plot as B-57 in Z 80. – Pilot feathered the engine and smoke decreased. – Landed safely on 3 engines at 2309.
2300	428/R.	SASO and S.O.C. in touch with

2300	428/G.	Squadron Commander of 428. - Decided to have 428/G. land with his wheels down. Requested Colerne to warn "G" on R/T that his starboard tire is flat and that G/S request the pilot to land with wheels down.
2359	Off duty - B. T. O'Beirne F/O.	

Sunday June 11

0001	On duty H.R. Spence F/O.	
0045	~~H64/H~~ 1664/H	Landed at Lillcott - Receiver U/S. Instructed to return to base continuing from point 6 on his route. - 0145 hrs. Landed. 0555 hrs.
0647	428/G.	On arrival over Colerne (about 0520 hrs.) m/s came up on R/T and instead of landing, decided to continue on to base. Much concern about his endurance. Finally made a splendid landing on one wheel, holding starboard wheel above runway and then settling easily.
0700	a/c away	Summary to C. F. C.
0955	437/H. Jett.	OK from M.R.O. to jettison 2 Long delays at pos. 5410N - 0130E. 6V Base informed.
1600	1664 Sqn Liaison	Request to fly a/c to Honeybourne for liaison visit. Return same day. 12-6-44 Okd by Air I.
1445	425/L.	Request to fly skeleton crew to Long Marston to pick up m/s. OK'd by Controller.
1610	Balloons.	Billingham close-hauled 2100 - 2300 hrs. 0330 - 0630 "
		Bristol - Weston - Brockworth - } 500 ft. Control 0345 hrs to 0530 "
1610	Defended Area. Bristol & Weston	Cleared with A.A.R.O. 10 passage of 2 a/c at 0410 and 2 a/c at 0450 hrs.

CRASH - 428/0. - JN 953 — 12 JUNE 1944

TRADE	NUMBER	RANK	-NAME-	-REMARKS.-
PILOT.		F/O	MARTIN,	SHOCKED - YORK MILITARY HOSPIT
NAV.		F/O	SAVAGE,	O.K.
B.A.		F/O	BLAKELY,	O.K.
F/ENGINEER		SGT.	CRANE,	O.K.
W A/C		W/O	BOURDAGES,	O.K.
M/U GUNNER		SGT	Mc DOUGALL,	O.K.
R/GUNNER		SGT	MORGAN,	O.K.

POSITION - STRENSALL BOMBING RANGE.

Informed. A.O.C.✓ S.A.S.O.✓ air I✓
Cont✓ Eng.✓ Equipt.✓
G2D.✓ G.A.D.✓

1620.	Petrol Diversion	For Gardeners on Artichokes + Beeches. arranged for Colerne. M.H.G. informed.
1616.	101 Sqn Lanc	Landed Leiston from Ludford Magna + returned.
1750.	Eastmoor attached Aircrew	Permission by S.A.S.O. The aircrew attached to Eastmoor from Bournemouth may accompany crews on X-country tonight.
	H3x/Vc Mod.	Permission by S.A.S.O. for n/a a/c to be taken to Preston for modification. — crew to return in H3x/c
1830	Off duty - F/O Spence, on duty B.T.O'Beirn F/O	
2145	Diversion gen - 4 a/c	

Monday June 12th

0001	Off duty B.T. O'Beirn F/O	
0033	Glow in Sky	Dalton via 61 Base reports glow in the sky 30 miles E.S.E of Dalton. 12 F.C.L.O. confirms a crash in Thrusall area.
0035	6 Base on Crash	Eastmoor - Tender - Ambulance + N.F.S. to crash Awaiting developements. Told 12 Gp. 4 Gp F/c & 61 Base.
0105	" 428/0	Eastmoor confirm - Crashed aircraft was 428/0. F/O Savage, a crew member; who said other crew members had baled out. Eastmoor has sent transport. To collect crew members. Told 61 Base to confirm Eastmoor had police looking for crew members.
0650	Emergency circuit in V.01	From 12 F.C.L.O. A/c doing emergency circuits in V01 + flashing downward ident. lights. Warned 61 Base. Opened up 9. R.O.C.L.O. line Asked Wombleton for pyrotechnic display.
0215	=ditto=	Above flap cancelled by 12 Gp F.C.L.O. Advised 61 Base.
0900		Dr

0221	428/0 → Crew.	Wingco says let the crew get some sleep and come home in the a.m. "Bringing equipment and parachutes with 'em." (0225) Pilot went down with crash & badly shocked, but was able to advise rescuers that his crew had bailed out.
0325	1666/S	Landed Carnaby 0325. One engine U/S. No lights. Crew O.K. staying overnight. Told G/BASE.
0330	1659/O.	Landed at Errol. S & P.E. I. low oil pressure.
0345	1666/S	Landed at Carnaby. - P.D.E. U/S.
0900		On duty H.F. Spence Flt.
	428/M.	Permission requested to fly crew to Woodbridge to pick up 426/M.
0950	1666/Y	Serviceable at Woodhall Spa. Air I authorized flying crew down to pick it up.
1030	426/M	Serviceable at Woodbridge. Authorization given with proviso that neither crews nor a/c are included in today's offer.
1045	425/T	Permission by air I to fly u/s to Preston for modification. Crew to return in 425/W.
1130	437/F	Serviceable at Wing. Authorization by air I to fly crew down provided neither a/c & crews required to-day & Informed.

Balloons For Gardeners.

Billingham - close hauled. - 2100 - 2230 hrs. 2359
0445 - 0630 "
0203

Bristol
Weston
Brakworth } 7500 ft. control - 0350 - 0515 hrs.

Cleared with a.a.L.O. 10 Group that 2 a/c at 0343 & 2 at 0423 hrs would be near or might infringe Defended areas Weston Super Mare and Bristol.

Emergency Diversion Bases. 6/C/96 + 5/C/24

Sqn.	No. a/c.	Station	Group.
419	16	Woodbridge	C.F.C.
408	16	Foulsham	100
426	15		
420	15	Little Snoring	100
425	15		
432	15	Woodbridge	C.F.C.
431	15	West Raynham	100
434	15		
427	15	Wyton	8
429	15		
424	15	Docking	16
433	15		

Petrol Diversion Base. - Definite. - Gardeners.

419 4 Colerne 10

Balloons - 6/C/96 + 5/C/24

✓ Billingham - close - lauled. 2100 - 2355 G. hrs
- 0200 - 0500 "

✓ Chelmsford - Thames Estuary - 15000' 0030 - 0110 hrs
2315 - 2355 "

✓ Norwich - - 15000' - 0110 - 0150
0220 - 0300

✓ Harwich - 15000' - 0150 - 0200.

1300	Pet. Divn for Gardeners.	Checked Met. & received Colerne from C.F.C.
1537	D/C 3.	Landed at Skipton F/O Jones. Taking off shortly for Aldermaston.
1715	Emergency Don. Bases.	Requested 6 Emergency bases from C.F.C. in north part of East Anglia.
1730	ditto	Received from C.F.C. and allotted as on opposite page.
1830	Off duty F/O Spence, On duty B.T.O Bevan F/O	
1900	Balloons requested for two Swan targets.	
2155	426/M	- Going to "Q" site to jettison. Could not release hrs. a/c. dropped normal bombs on "Linton" Q site
2215	426/M	- Request from 62 here to drop the 2 long delay bombs on "Q" site or within 5 mile of the coast. (2x500 L.D)
2220	..	M.L.O 12 Grp gives permission to jettison the long delay bombs. 5 mile from shore off Flamborough. provided the pilot is certain that the sea is clear of shipping. If possible the pilot is to go 30 miles out to sea off Flamborough.
2250	Bomb Disposal Squad - Snaith - 6 Grp	requested them to dispose of the bombs. Location - "Q" site. - Sheet 27 Ref - 032819 - Acorn Farm - 4 miles east of Linton. 1 x 500 G.P. fuzed .T.D. .025 #30 tail pistol Speed - 145 - 150 m.p.h. H. 500' (Appx) dropped safe. buried 8' deep about 600' from the shelter.
2300	Colerne - 10 Grp - not happy about wealth	for return of our gardeners.

Non-Starters -

424/X - Too late for T.O.

Early Returns

426/M - U/C - U/S - Compunmedby C.T.O.

420/F - C S U, S I E. U/S - over revving. Oil'd Ctl

424/H - R.O.E. U/S. - Broken Throttle Control Rod. JETT. over sea

434/E - R.O.E - Sleeve Seizure. - Reduction gear casing was loose - - Engine change. - C.T.O

2345 Mech. advise Wellesbourne re diversion base for our gardeners (4)

Tuesday June 13.

0050 C.F.C. 491 Grp - Requested on operational diversion base of Colerne unfit.

0130 426/M - Ref. 2220 hr entry June 12th. Jettisoned 2 bombs (long delay - 6-30 hrs. at position 5418N 0147E. at 2258 hrs. from 2000' - - Dup 12 Grp M.L.O.

434/E - Jettisoned all hrs bombs including 2 long delay bombs at 5418N 0014W. - a/c was loosing height. Jettisoned load. Dup 12 Grp M.L.O.

420/F Jettisoned hrs bombs safe at 0003 hrs - position 5418N 0040E from 6000' - Dup 12 Grp M.L.O.

0200 1695/Q - Hurricane LF-564 - during C & Bs at Dalton, over-taxied into a hedge, smashed a prop. Pilot - F/S GAUKROGER

0230 Diversion of 428 Sqdn gardeners to Wellesbourne Mountford & Colerne weather unfit

0300 224/H - Jettison at 5348N 0057E at 0120.

0640 a/c - airy - instructed to remain if not already airborne. - Weather deteriorating en route.

1006 427/E - Stab up - ab wood hedge - Cat. A.C. Asked C.F.C. to have the crew return by train. Dup 63 Base.

1100 62 Base S.F.C.O. - reports that 426/M dropped only 10 bombs on Linton "Q" site, not 14. Informed Bomb Disposal Squad Snaith - who are proceeding with the work this morning.

Tuesday. June 13th 1944

1135	Explosions reported by 12 Sqn F.C. near Leeming.	Leeming demolished one bomb behind the bomb dump. Sqn. 12 Sqn F.C.
0100	Off duty. B.T.O'Brien F/O	
1445	426/M Bombs	D.F.C.O sixty-two base now says 8 bombs dropped on Q-site - remainder with Long Delays in the sea.
	Local Bull's eye to 62 Base.	Information re 12 Grp Local Bull's Eye passed to 62 Base. Base - North Walsham - Peterboro - York - Hemboro Head - Peterboro - Base. Time at North Walsham 2345 hrs. Height 16-18000 feet.
	X-Country	Unapproved cross-country passed to Skipton for checking on S.O. 300. Time approx. 3 hrs. To be cleared later.
	Permission to fly a/c	Station Commander, Dishforth, given permission to fly Group Communication Flight a/c for 1½ hr. in Local Flying Area, by S.A.S.O.
1535	K/428	Left Wellesbourne 1535: Took M.S.O.G. F/c.
1600	Army Officers Flying	62 Base query re - Army Officers Flying. At the discretion Stn. C.O. provided "known types" have their unit commander's approval.
1615	2 Army Off. + 1 F/Lt.	Given permission to fly on a X-country with 431 Sqdn. as Station C.O. affirmed they have their Unit Commander's approval.
1630		Suggested that we get from Air I or S.A.S.O. - A ruling, on paper re. the A.F.U Pilots (Bournemouth) flying on training details - x/c's & Bull's eyes. To date it is this. (a) at Squadrons they are to fly only with more experienced crews. (b) at H.C.U.'s only with screened captains.
1830	Off duty. F/L R.A.R. Wyman On duty F/L G.S. Cleland F/L	

Bullseye - Command Bullseye - C - 98.
Exercise Catseye

Ref. -
A.D.G.B./F/29412/Ops 3B.
4th June 1944.

Tuesday June 14th 1944.

1720 From Leeming. - Preliminary warning only.
T.I. demonstration at Snape. between 0105 & 0110.
/ At least 4 Squadrons taking part.
Advised 4 Gp;
61 Base ✓
62 Base ✓
1730. 64 Base - Croft.

1800 2o 12 Gp F/C - The Two Hurricanes, which landed at Wombleton are being refuelled and then going on to Grangemouth.

18.30 Off duty. S/L Wyman F/L
On duty. F/L Clelland F/L

20.00 Information for Base 62. No P61's on tonights Bullseye.

21.00 Billingham Balloons close-hauled from 22.30 - 02.30 hrs.

20.00 Details of Leeming's T.I. demonstration at Snape tonight passed to FCO, MCO, ROCO 12 Gp., 4 Gp. and Stations.

21.00 Contacted Scorton Air Operations and passed on complaint from 64 Base that P61's were interfering with operational take-offs at Midd. & Croft last night.

Wednesday - June 14/44

03:37 1659/S Landed at Port Ellen. Stooged around the area for an hour or so and was homed to P.E. on showing distress. Reason given - bad weather. Staying overnight.

08.45 Anson received from 61 Base for AOC + 3 others Friday afternoon at 14.30 hrs to go to Hendon. Pilot required. Return on Sat..

0900 Off duty F/L Clelland, On duty F/L O'Beirne

0930 R/434 - of West Raynham - Cat. A.C. hole in rear. - Duty S/L Heath via Croft D.F.C.O. - Crew returned yesterday to return by rail.

1120 Requested return of S/1659 from Port Ellen. Gave a suggested route to avoid the hills. Enq. 15 Sep.

1230 Command Bullseye C-98 - Request for offers to 61 Base and 64 Base

Emergency Bases.

408 and 426 - CHEDBURGH
420 .. 425 - WRATTING COMMON
419 .. 428 - NEWMARKET
427 .. 429 - FOULSHAM.
424 .. 433 - LITTLE SNORING
431 .. 434 - WYTON
432 - WEST RAYNHAM.

1500	Form B-	T83 dispatched. 1659 wished to withdraw their Opp of 4 a/c but Air I requested that their a/c participate
1730	Emergency Bases allocated by C.F.C. + passed to Stations 1900 hrs.	
1830.		Off duty F/O. O'Beirn. On duty F.B. Spence F/O.
2100	Balloons	Billingham close hauled 2142 - 2300; 0030 - 0600 hrs. ✓ Harwich + Norwich - 1500 ft. Control 2330 to 0315 hrs. ✓ Thames Est. + Chelmsford - 1500 ft. control 0240 to 0430 hrs. ✓
2225	S/L Hamer	Permission granted by Air I for S/L Hamer to fly in an a/c (as passenger) doing Circuits + Landings. Instructor will be in aircraft.
		Thursday - June 15/44.
0055 0039	1659/J	Landed at Carnaby - no brake pressure. Staying over night - 0300 hrs. - Serviceable.
0147	Darky Damsel/W 10/O.T.U. WHITLEY	Heard by Dalton, Topcliffe + Middleton. Acknowledged L.F.E. from M.S.G. Landed there 0157 hrs. Informed 91 Group. Port Engine U/S. Staying overnight. - (From Abingdon).
0315	431/S Landing Accident.	Stbd undercarriage collapsed. Aircraft swung off runway. R/W. 27/09 + 33/15 unserviceable. Hydraulics U/S. Informed: - Cat A.C. Air I " A.O.C. " S.A.S.O. " Gd. I. / Equipt " Engrg. "
0900	Off duty - F/O - Spence, On duty B.T. O'Beirn F/O	
0930	62 Base -	Request permission for 432/S to be flown to Preston for modifications - Crew to bring back 432/V now S. AIR I grants permission for non-op. crew.

VISITORS

Wellington - OP-357. l. Desborough. 1435-hrs from Halfpenny Green. - a/c from Honeybourne Evasion unit.

Oxford - V3602 l. Dalton at 1315-hrs. from Snowden Lodge, for re-fueling en route Lerwick. - W/O Barton.

Oxford - GAEMR. l. Desborough at 1436 from Feltwell.

Oxford - LX-513 l. Linton from Tatenhill.

Anson DG-786 l. Linton .. Ouston 1523

Balloons

12 Billingham - Close hauled - 1940 - 2145
" " 2359 - 0130
12 Norwich - 15 00' 2300 - 0115
" Chelmsford - 15 00' 2150 - 2345
" Thames Estuary - 15 00' 2200 - 2345
" Harwich - 15 00' 2300 - 0115

Diversion Bases - Provisional Weather.

Sqn.	Nose.	Base.	Group.	Base.
419	13 L	Bury St Edmunds.	3 RDU.S.	Bury St. Edmunds.
428	6 L	" " "	"	" " "
431	13 H	Horham	"	Horham
434	13 H	Mendlesham	"	Mendlesham
427	13 H	Knettishall	2 DU.S	Knettishall
429	13 H	Old Buckenham	"	Old Buckenham
424	13 H	Wendling	"	Wendling
433	13 H	Bungay	"	Bungay
408	13 L	Attlebridge	3 rd U.S	Attlebridge
426	13 H	Deopham Green		Deopham Green
430	13 H	Sydenham		Sydenham
425	13 H	Snetterton Heath		Snetterton Heath
432	13 H	Great Ashfield		Great Ashfield

1020	(Phone - Whitby 545)		Now. warning A-752. 14/6/44 Firing will take place on Flyingdales Range on June 15 and 16 from 2300 hrs to 0300 hrs. POSITION - 9 miles south of Whitby - A.F.V. Range - Inf. 63 Base.
1210	426/M Bombs.		62 Base report only 8 bombs dropped on "Q" acte. Inf. Bomb Disposal Squad South who have proceeded for 8 bombs. - Drawery Off (Low party.
1230	62 Base (Outfit prod.)		Intell. - Ref - Sq. A/748/13 June - Query - period commence 1530B. - Hour been 1530Z (G.M.T.) previously & now changed to 1530B.?
1500	TO C.F.C.		Request for 13 provisional weather boxes in East Anglia. Suggested Woodbridge and Marston for emergency if a/c are shot up.
1520	R/62 Base (Output period)		- Oyster a check with Cypher and B. Command. - Period commences 1530 B. Inf. 62 Base Intell.
1800			Balloons - requested from B.L.O 11 & 12 Grp. - see opposite page.
1820-1945	Diversion Bases		Received 10 Bases from C.F.C. Requested 2 more. Received them; Had to change a couple due to serviceability on checking U.S. B.D's. Considerable "ado" compiling all necessary information & getting it passed to stations. Allotted as on opposite page.
2130.	Met. Div'n.		Weather deteriorating and likelihood of diversion more imminent. Complete gen passed to 2nd & 3rd U.S. B.D's. Definite decision to be made 2230 hrs.
2230	ditto		Met picture improved. - S.A.S.O. & Controller decided safe to come home. 2nd & 3rd U.S. B.D's. & C.F.C. informed.

Norwich 425/Q - LW 715 - F/O Kurb.

2320	Met.	Cloud Base lowering - Middleton + Croft Yellow, Leeming Base 1000 ft. Checked with Met + Controller + 4 Group for possible assistance if as, & when required Carnaby, Lissett Catfoss will be lit up on return of our ac.
		Friday - June 16/44.
0030	Ops.	All stations coping + satisfied.
0130	4 Gr Dion.	Warning from 4 Group they might require some help. Stations standing by.
0230	ditto	4 Group coping - Stations stood down.
0245	A/c away.	Summary to C.T.C.
0730	"	Checked Met. + Told 2nd U.S.B.D. to have 429/D + 433/D return as soon as possible.
0900	Off duty F/O Spence, On duty P.O. Bennett F/O	
0915	432/H	Requested that W/T a/c be instructed to return up sun.
0920	Anson to	Hendon. Checked forecast weather for F/L Holmes and party to Hendon from Driffield. Requested a good pilot, + W.O. + Navigator if possible.
1130	1664/R Accident Pilot. H Kelley	- EB-158 - On check dual, circuits and landings. - On first landing the rudder straps jammed between rudder bar and fuselage - a/c ran into engine stand - sheared off port outer prop, and damaged the flaps. Capt. "A" R Sqn. 3 A.S. of A.I.R. S.O.C. S.F.C. of ENG. EQUIP.
1150	Crash LL-550 CLINTON	- new a/c for Thalthorpe was ours was for Thalthorpe from Linton. did not get airborne - Crashed off the runway between the Hangar dumps and the aerodrome. Pilot reported a mag. drop on S.I.

		but it cleared up during run-up. Pilot could not get over 85 m.p.h on the clock. Category - Provisional Cat. "B" EQUIP - Inf. SASO AIRT SO.C. SFCO. ENG.
1620	TO C.F.C. D.F.C.O. NOTE	Request for 6 emergency bases C.F.C. reply that Woodbridge will allow for any number of emergencies. They argue that once our weather forecast for return is got, they cannot give us additional emergency bases, as it interferes with other groups. Took the matter up with S.F.C.O who discussed it with S.A.S.O.
	SASO's	Ruling - 6 Sqn will not request emergency bases but will use Woodbridge, Carnaby and Manston. (However provisional weather bases or petrol bases are to be requested when necessary).
1630	61 Base	- Request full details of aerodromes north of 54 00N - in order to give more gen about diversion bases and their facilities - passed the matter on to S/L Stanley.
		A/C SAMPSON
1700	64 Base (OXFORD)	- Request permission for W/C Dunphy Engineer to be flown to Aston Down (9 Sqn) (20 MU) to-morrow morning. Offby air T. M.A.S. informed.
1701	61 Base	F.C. - Request that HF be increased in time - in order to send weather information to a/c if conditions deteriorate. Took the matter up with the Controller and D.S.O. D.S.O. ruled that H.F. is being used for Ops. - further that if the weather deteriorates they can send the information on HF DF. (Emergency,
1740	DIVERSION	- PROV. weather bases for 61 Base Bullseye a/c allocated. see opposite page.

X1/A/97-

Balloons-

1830 Balloons-requested from B.H.Q. for Target X1/A/97

Off duty H/o. O'Beirne
On duty H/S Spence. H/o.

Ic-Helmsford - 1500' - 0220 - 0310
Thames Estuary
Langley & Weybridge - 1500' - 0350 - 0450

2075 Balloons Requested for H.Q. 1517.

Billingham - close hauled. -
2215-2345 & 0300 - 0415 hrs.

2100 Rascoff Q Site Ex 61 Base - U.S. 77 H. - Decarbonizing Engine

Met. At 1900 hrs. Met forecasted for 0100 - 0300 hrs, a change in wind to N.E, and Strato Cumulus cloud, main base 1500 ft with 3-4/10ths patches down to 800 - 1200 ft. Later, (approx. 2000 hrs.) reported some clearing up viz. main cloud base 2000 ft. with patches at 1200 - 1500 anticipated at that time. In both cases greater improvement was to be expected after 0300 hrs.

1666/Z.

Later reports & investigations revealed, that at approx 10,000 ft. ac encountered icing, dove to 6,000 ft. & 5 of the crew baled out. Pilot regained control and landed at Marston Moor at 2355 hrs., with 2 other crew members. - All OK.
F.C.P.O. 12 in the picture at all times.

2320. 1666/Z (QY-Z) Pilot Plt. Labelle

Checked 61 Base on runaway of crew baling out over Harrogate. They knew nothing at the base but learned later that the crew of the n/a had baled out, and 5 of them were at village of Plompton near Harrogate. They were Navigator, Mid-Upper, Rear Gunner & 2 Flt Engineers. They called this to Wombleton direct stating all the crew had jumped clear.
Previously ROCPO 12 had reported a Halifax in VE 6070 and in VE 7251 going south east. It had circled for some time as though lost but showed no distress. Informed 61 Base, thinking it might be their late starter or Bulls Eye who was cutting over to Holmes Ix Sea to pick up the route at Great Ormes Head, and would send if they had any contact with that aircraft.
No joy.
(see Opposite page)

2350 Fire Mr. Helmsley. (Burk Farm) 61 Base - Report fire seen shortly after an ac was heard, either by police at Helmsley or Helmsley Bombing Range. F.C.P.O. 12 & R.O.C.P.O. about 1 mile North of the range also. 7 Gp informed. Latter confirmed fire seen near Helmsley R.O.C.P.O. 12 later confirmed there was a fire in that area (moor fire) which was being attended to by the local civil authorities No action required by Wombleton

Odstone Bombing Range pos. 51°32'15"N 01°39'00"W.
Snape " " " 52°16'N 01°30'W - 1 MILE
oth SNAPE VILLAGE
1½ M. W by S. of LEEMING
POINT

ST Tividale Island 52°48'20"N 04°27'36"W
(H2S. Bombing daylight only)

Bradbury Bombing Range pos. 54°37'25"N 01°31'28" W.

Cat A - Repaired by dpdu in 5-days
Ac - By Contractor or MU on site
B - Dismantled & rebuilt as factory
E - Reduced to spares
E1 - Salvage.
E2 - Burned out