

S.O. Book 129.

Code 28-69-0.

*From June 17/44  
Flying Control Log. to July 21/44*



SUPPLIED  
FOR THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE



June 17/44.

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|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0020 | Crash                                                                     | Ex. 12 Group. - Report of crash in V-3515 - Allerston Moor - south of R.O.C. post at Goatland. could be seen from Rockton. 61 Base informed Wombleson taking action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 0118 | 433/T                                                                     | False start. ran off end of runway and bogged.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 0130 | Japi Accident<br>433/I + 424/O<br>(Car B)<br>(A. resp.)<br>LV911<br>LW119 | Due to entry <del>0020</del> <sup>0118</sup> , change of runway necessary. Aircraft all marshalled. In manoeuvring around, the tail of 431/I was chewed up in prop of 424/O. Rear gunner badly injured. - (died of injury) 7/S. Horton D.E. R-176443. Informed H.A.D. <sup>P4L</sup> S450 - AIRI - SFCO - EQUIP. - ENG.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 0350 | Crash<br>Entry 0020                                                       | Upon arriving at Rockton, no trace of crash or fire to be seen by fire tender & ambulance. Authorities surrounding the district checked. Eventually Wombleson learned from Q3 that some Polish troops had been on manoeuvres. R.O.C.P.O. (V had previously said definitely the army were not out.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 0370 | 1664/B<br>1664/N<br>Accident.                                             | "B" landed at 0240 hrs. on way to dispersal one engine sowed and in front of hangar near watch office pilot switched engine off and ground crew took over. Several other ac manoeuvred around it to dispersal, but "N" failed to notice it and crashed into it en route to dispersal.<br><br>Category :-<br>1664/B (LL175) Proc. AC. Tail unit & turret replacement<br>Pilot - Ho. Stepps.<br>1664/N (LL174) Proc. A. Props and cowling damaged<br>Pilot Sgt. Diamond<br><br>Informed H.A.D., G.22, Capt<br>AOC - S450 - AIRI - SFCO - ENG. |



Target XI/A/43

Balloons - <sup>none</sup> Coventry - 1500' - 0130 - 0500  
Langley & Weybridge - 1500' - 0210 - 0310  
Brookworth - 1500' - 0130 - 0500  
Birmingham - 1500' - 0130 - 0500

Gardens

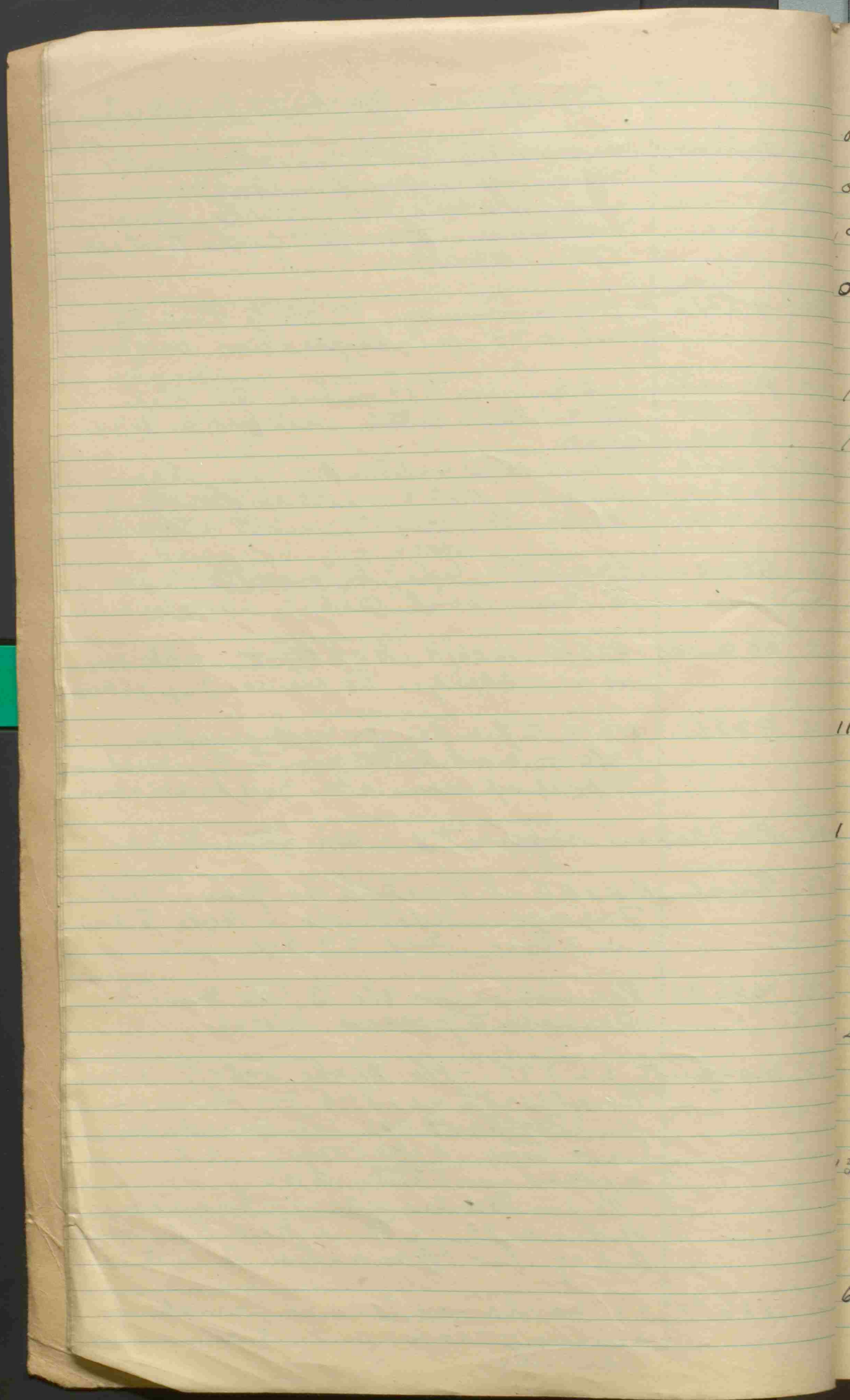
✓ Billingham - Ch. hauled - 2130 - 2300  
0230 - 0415

10 Brookworth - 500 2300 - 0230  
10 Bristol - 1500' 2300 - 0230  
10 Yeovil - 1500' }  
10 Weston super Mare - 1500' } 2330 - 0230



- 0900 Off duty F/O Spence. On duty B.T.O. Burns 170
- 0935 Balloons - Two more balloons at 15000' sweeping across Dorset a/d. Insp. 12 Exp F.C. - who have sent up two spitfires to shoot them down.
- 0950 432/S - permission to go to Preston at 1030 for modification OK'd by AIR 1.
- 1010 Proctor - S/C Wartell to take S/C Kerr to Wimbledon. - OK'd by AIR 1.
- 1010 426/M - Crew of Woodbridge may bring back a Kel. (repaired a/c) - but not a Lancaster. - OK'd by AIR 1.
- 1020 1666 CU - Crew to be taken to Marston Moor to bring back 1666/Z. - OK'd by AIR 1.
- 1210 a/c enway 425/G, 426/M, MZ 585/433, all seen at Woodbridge - no crews. Insp. 62 Boxe.
- 1420 425/- 1 a/c to Preston for modification. 1 a/c + 2 skeleton crews to Woodbridge to pick up serv. a/c. OK'd by AIR 1 & SASO.
- 1645 Balloons requested - see opposite page.
- 1655 Anson N 5359 L. Topelype 1611 from West Freugh. W/T u/s. - Hope to serv. in 2 hrs - Insp. 29 Exp.
- 1900 1666 CU - Permission for a/c to take crew to Carnaby to pick up 8/1666.
- 1935 Mosquito LH 577. - P/O Speke took off from Dorset at 1845 for Hunsdon. Pilot "beat up" the aerodrome in two directions at approximately 20'. Reported the above breach of discipline to 11 Exp. F.C. with a request that action be taken.
- 015 1666 CU a/c could not land at Carnaby - owing to cross wind. - "S" remains Carnaby.







Sunday - June 18/44

- 0001 Off duty H/O Beirne  
On duty H/O Spence H/O. Off duty H/O Spence.
- 0900 On ... B.T.O'Brien F.O.
- 0905 TO G.P.C. - all aircraft landed at base. no diversions.
- 0930 431/a/c. - F.C.L.O 12 Sep reports that one of our a/c is circling steadily ascending and descending between 200' - 1000'. At 1012 hrs. a/c went S.W. out to sea at Oban.
- 1005 420/K, 425/B - Permission to go to Preston granted.
- 1015 Croft a/c - 12 Sep F.C. - report one of Croft's a/c circling at Oban - between 200' - 1000'. At 1012 hrs. a/c went S.W. out to sea at Oban. 13 Sep - are concerned about it and request that we get a position report on our a/c. Requested Croft HF/DF to find position if possible. Early ones should be over the Irish sea.
- 1100 " " Consulted signals (6 Sep) re using MF section "K" - decided against contacting all a/c on MF.
- 1300 Lightnings - C.Y.W - Lt. Pope, C.Y.D. - Lt. took off at 1246 from Dealport for Warmingford. Lightnings shot up the aerodrome at low across runway in use for 10 min. Reported it to VIII Fighter Command for discipline.
- 440 Croft a/c - Ref. 1015 Entry - all a/c returned to base safely. Asked Croft to check and report to 6 Sep. The reason for the above behaviour.
- 1500 Bristol "Flashtight" target is on to-night from 0310 - 0335 hrs. It's not a Bullseye & 10 Sep & 93 Sep have no gun, so 6 Sep have no offers for it.
- 630 Balloons requested for Gardens - see next page.



Balloons. - Gardening

✓ Billingham - close. hauled 21.45 - 2330  
0230 - 0415  
✓ Birmingham - 1500' }  
✓ Blackheath - 500' } 2300 - 0230  
✓ Bristol (-1500' - 2315 - 0245  
✓ Weston-super-Mare }  
✓ Yeovil - 1500' 2330 - 0215

Z-3166.

Balloons - Billingham - 2330 - 0030. (2145 - 00  
0245 - 0450  
12 Norwich - 1500' - 0045 - 0130.  
✓ Harwell - 1500' - 0050 - 0130  
✓ Langley } - 1500' - 0200 - 0315  
✓ Weybridge }



1820 Ballons - Z-3166 - Requested

1820 To C.F.C. Request for 7 provisional weather diversion bases in the 923 Reps.

1830 Off duty - B.T.O'Brien F/O

1830. On Duty F/O Spence.

2200 Ops = Cancelled = Gardening at A.O.C.'s discretion.

" Colerne = Laid on a definite diversion for all Gardening. A/c. Stn informed & each individual A/c informed by S/L Jones, S.F.C.O. before take-off.

2300. XCountry = Rather dubious re. weather on return of Crofts & Thalharp

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0230. DIVERSION - All 5 A/c landed at Colerne instructed 10 Grp. to have A/c keyed up for early morn. return if weather permits.

0700. Met. Check weather re. return of 5 A/c away.

0900 off Watch H.W.A. Warwick  
On Watch B.T.O'Brien F/O.

0935-428/-5 A/c at Colerne - Instructed 10 Grp to have their return.

1012 Anson & pilot standing by at disports (AOC) for A.O.C. at 1630 hrs.

1030 61 Base - Query serviceability of Carnaby <sup>#58</sup> 4 Grp - report it serv. day & night.

1210 Anson - Only A.O.C. going in Anson at (AOC) 1630 hrs. - Insp. 61 Base.

420 ANSON - for A.O.C. to Hendon. - Informed 12 Grp M.L.O., Hendon F.C. & 61 Base Route - via Yards to Hendon. ETD - 1630.



Z-3076

Balloons -

✓ Billingham - 2300 - 0045 (2230 - 0045)  
0330 - 0510 (0210 - 0510)

✓ Chelmsford - { 1500' -  
✓ Thames Estuary } 0110 - 0200 (2330 - 0200)

✓ Langley + Weybridge 0235 - 0320

Z-3136

✓ Billingham - { 2230 - 0030  
close-hauled } 0210 - 0430

✓ Chelmsford { -1500'  
✓ Thames Estuary } 2330 - 0145  
✓ Harwich - 1500' 0130 - 0230  
✓ Norwich - 1500' 0145 - 0300



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- 1530 Proctor - Reserved for S/L Rawson - to go from Dispart to Wombledon. all day. ETD - 1000hrs 20/6/44.
- 1545 Anson - Request C. Bose to have the motors ready at Dispart for the arrival of AVM Sue Ewen at 1630.
- 1600 DIVERSION Boes - Request to C.F.C. for 13 Provisional weather boxes.
- 1645 ANSON - DG-816 - Pilot F/O MacIntosh - Passengers A.O.C., W/C MacIntosh, T.O. 1631 - ETA Hendon 1744. Inf. 12 Exp S.L.S. & Hendon F.C.
- 1700 Carnaby Decult #58 - 61 Bose & 62 Bose query position - Ewen in SD 214 - Amendment. Does the same method of approach prevail?
- 1730 DIVERSION Boes - C.F.C. cannot assign us any stations until after the late Met. conference. - Only SW Eng & NW Eng.
- 1807 Balloons requested - See opposite page.
- 1810 Diversions - Z3136 to listen out on 2ry frequency after point "R" and Z3074, after "I"
- 1830 Off duty B.T.O'Brien F/O  
On duty H. Spencer W/O.
- 2200 Balloons Requests cancelled.
2330. Night Flying Met deteriorating - X-C's recalled on M. 7. & H.F.D. 7.
2350. Wombledon C+L. At Eastmoor told to return to Base. On doing so Wombledon contacted Eastmoor direct & sent them over again. No advice given to 61, or 62 Bose or 6 Group until 62 informed us.



Tuesday, - June 20/44

|       |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0010. | Enemy Activity                    | Ex 1 V Group: - 13 Groups report a junkers 88 around Leuchars, possibly on route of some of our recalled cross countries.                                         |
| 0030  | "                                 | Warning "Enemy aircraft on track" sent to our 61 Base aircraft on Sect K M.F.D.T.                                                                                 |
| 0045  | Weather.                          | Low cloud over Fife now. Should be over Wombledon by 01.30 hrs. Base 1500 ft. In case of emergency Silloth & Millom are quite fit: 10 mi vis. N.L.C. all night.   |
| 02.05 | Discussion                        | From 1 Group: -<br>20 aircraft to be diverted by W.I. if we can give them a base. Met. suggest Linton as being quite O.K. for some time.                          |
| 02.10 | "                                 | Call signs and aircraft letters passed to 62 Base.                                                                                                                |
| 02.14 | "                                 | 1st aircraft over Linton!                                                                                                                                         |
| 02.15 | "                                 | One a/c from 4 Group "Bandbox" c to Linton.                                                                                                                       |
| 02.28 | Last X-Country from 61 Base down. |                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 03.40 | Discussion                        | Last aircraft landed - 16 at Linton, 3 at Eastmoor.                                                                                                               |
| 0900  | Off duty                          | F/O Spence. On duty B.T. O'Brien F/O                                                                                                                              |
| 0930  | 4 Grp                             | - "C"/102 - Instructed to return to Pooleston                                                                                                                     |
| 1050  | 1 Grp                             | - a/c to return to their base 62 Base inf.                                                                                                                        |
| 1450  | J/434                             | - 64 Base report m/n a/c overdue. T.O. on Radar X/C. ETA - 1735.<br>Checked with 12 Grp F.C.H.O.                                                                  |
| 1600  | J/434                             | Landed safely at 1500 hrs. - Took 1 hr to get this inf. from 64 Base - a poor show.                                                                               |
| 1635  | 429/R                             | - 63 Base base m/n a/c recalled on MF "K" - F/O Kiteley arranging to send message.                                                                                |
| 1640  | "                                 | "R" acknowledged recall on HF/DF.                                                                                                                                 |
| 1650  | Weather                           | - deteriorating in Grp. - All X/C a/c down in 62, 63 & 64 Base.<br>61 Base - 1664 have 2 on P/B & 2 on A/A. Advised them to check w/x & recall if not nearly due. |



- 1745 1-Exp - all 1-Exp a/c except 1662/M from Blyton have returned to their base.
- 1745 Night flying. - Weather uncertain for 4-5 hrs - Low stratus. Even after midnight, weather is uncertain.
- 1815 N.F. - Sup. 61 Base that no a/c to take off without S.O.C. permission.
- 1830 Off duty - B.T.O'Brien F/O.  
On duty H. Spence F/O.
- 1920 N.F. - Give 61 Base Group Met picture 800-1700 ft cloud base, 10/10ths, vis 2-4 miles all night. Controller's advice they check carefully before commencing cross-country.
- 2055 Bomb Demolishing - Informed F.C.O. 12 Group 1000 pound or would be demolished by Thorpe at 2130 hrs.
- 2055 N.F. - 61 Base going ahead with night flying, as their Met picture somewhat improved: - cloud 10/10ths, 1000' to 1500' thickness up to 1500'. Crews to be particularly briefed what to expect on return. Possibility of diversion being necessary.
- 2130 N.F. - Summary to C.F.C. Their Met feel cloud at Billith should not be lower than 1500ft. Warned them might request it as a diversion base.
- 2240 Re Marshalling of Operational Aircraft - To Station & Base Ops to be passed to D.F.C.O's.  
(1) The order of take-off for the Squadrons will be passed to the Stations by this H.Q.  
(2) Aircraft are to be marshalled in Squadrons.  
(3) The order in which these Squadrons are to be marshalled at the individual stations will be passed from this H.Q.  
(4) The marshalling to commence until this order is received.



2330. N. F. Checked 61 Base. - not happy -  
 to Contacting their stations re their  
 2350. wishes - final decision to divert  
 to - C.F.C. suggest we contact <sup>direct</sup> bases  
 0015 we wish. Chose Apr. Squiresgate  
 and Prestwick - former will re-divert  
 to Prestwick. Information passed  
 to stations; also 13 Group. F.C. & C.F.C.

Wednesday - June 21/44

0700 Ideas Board changed.

0300 A/c away Crews to stand by at 1000 hrs for  
 instructions for return to base.  
 Informed Squiresgate & 13 Group &  
 Prestwick.

0800 Information re. Diversion Passed to Central Flying Control.

0900 off duty P. Reymann Fz. On duty B.T. O'Brien

0930 a/c away - Instructed Prestwick to stand  
 by for instructions about Sunday.

1030 426/B+K - to go to Croft - permission by Air I.  
 Checked w/x at Croft via G. Exp. Met.  
 Advised G.2 Base to have a/c fly  
 below cloud.

1040 a/c away - Instructed Prestwick to have  
 a/c return - 1664 a/c to proceed  
 to Topcliffe and call on Channel  
 "D" for further instructions.

1042 Anson - Com. Fl. Drolparth is v/s at  
 Halton. AIR I cancelled his  
 request for the Anson.

Signal A <sup>79</sup> ~~78~~ - 20th June - Cypher message - changing  
 the restricted area -  
 plotted - on S.D. 300, Restriction  
 map and nav. chart.

1240 a/c at Prestwick ready to take off at 1320  
 plan to fly lines in formation.



Balloons. - Z-3072 + Z3005

Billingham - 1700 - 1830, 2100 - 2300  
Loughly & Weybridge - 1500' - 2000 - 2130

Deviation Bases - Provisional Weather

| <u>Sqn</u> | <u>No. of</u> | <u>Station</u>     | <u>Group</u> |
|------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 408        | 18            | Desborough         | 92           |
| 426        | 17            | Market Harborough  | "            |
| 420        | 18            | Grantham           | "            |
| 425        | 18            | Bitterston         | "            |
| 432        | 18            | Silverstone        | "            |
| 419        | 15            | Wing               | "            |
| 428        | 6             | "                  | "            |
| 427        | 17            | Little Harwood     | "            |
| 429        | 17            | Westcott           | "            |
| 424        | 17            | Chipping Warden    | "            |
| 433        | 17            | Worcester          | "            |
| 431        | 17            | Wotton-in-Marsh    | 91           |
| 434        | 16            | Easton Kingsbourne | 91           |



- 3.00. Forbids the formation return  
 F/1659 <sup>HALV</sup> - Ing. Prestwicks  
 LL-171 - Requires a new tail wheel. Sup  
 61 Base. - suggested that S/L  
 Chipling could take it & was  
 party to Prestwicks
- 1255 Oxford - W/C Weiser B.T.I. unable to  
 take Oxford to transport tail wheel  
 and rigger to Prestwicks, as  
 S/L Chipling is not going.
- 1255 HAL/Thalharpe - ready at Ford. Instructed  
 "H" to fly above stratus.
- 1715 61 Base - Re A.F.C. at Dalton - F/L Lewis is  
 to let his two A.F.C. proceed and S/L  
 Swann is to provide him with  
 two A.F.C. from his surplus by  
 to - Smorow Smorow. - Sup. D.F.C.O  
 at 61 Base who was to inform  
 S/L Swann & F/L Lewis.
- 1716 Balloons - Requested - see opposite  
 page.
- 1720 61 Base a/c. Away - 1664/D, 1664/L. - ready for  
 take off from Squire Gate tomorrow morning  
 1664/X - should be serv. to Smorow evening.  
 1659/N. tomorrow morning.
- 1830 C.F.C. - allocate provisional weather  
 Boxes in 91 & 92 exp.
- 1830 Off duty - B.T. O'Brien Ho.  
 On duty H. Spence Ho.
- 2030 A.S.R. Ex 16 Group. - Request offers for  
 Search tomorrow, to search for Airborne  
 boat crew had boarded and  
 was lost due to weather, also  
 to-day's American effort. Checked  
 Controllers Air I. Informed 16 Group  
 we had large effort but now and  
 could not give them an offer  
 until morning after our  
 commitments were known.



1800 429B. Engine cut on take off. Pilot had the tail up, cut his motors, braked but could not stop. Continued on past end of runway. Stbd. wheel collapsed; stbd props & rudder & wheel damaged. CAT. B.  
LV-866. Pilot F/O LASEK.  
Int. - 8450 AIR 2000. SEC. OF ENG. OF EQUIP.

1830. Div's. Provisional Weather Div's. stations laid on in 91 & 92 Gyp. met. not very sure of weather for return

2120. Ops. First A/c <sup>landed</sup> off on Z-3005.

2140. " Skipton it seems sent 12 A/c out to sea to jett. but do not know which A/c. opened up on fork 9810 & plotting same. Weather holding out OK.

2317. " All A/c down, none missing.

2330 5 Gyp. 5 Gyp's effort due back at approx. 0430 hrs. and possibly diverting to 4 Gyp. & if possible our Linton clutch could possibly take some.

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0330. " Figure they can cope with their present weather.

0800. Squires Gave them permission to let 1664. Sqds. 2 serviceable A/c return to base, 61 informed.

0900 Off duty - F/O Spence. On duty B.T.O'Brien F/O

0930 Report to F/L Smith of Grouden. - no news worth.

0930 Oxford/1657 - Permission for 2/L Spence to take radiator to Prestwick granted by AIR 2.



0945 Oxford/P-1820 - Permission for Engineer party to inspect 2 a/c at Colerne & St Eoval respectively. - Granted by Air T, saying it is a matter for Base Com. as it is their a/c.

0950 Proctor (61 Base) - S/C Wortell - Despatched walk to Com. Flight Proctor to fly locally. Has received ESO's permission. S.O.C. agrees.

1030 A.S.R. Roper - 2030 hr entry 21/6. - 428 seen off - 6 a/c. 16 exp. now do not require us.

1700 62 Base - Request permission for P/O Severard - pilot attached Linton to go on Bullseye with experienced crew. - Granted by S.O.C.

1730 Bullseye - Met are not happy about return - fear of struts. Further check later.

1830 X/1664 + 10/1659 - Should be airborne within an hour. If not off before 2030 hrs check with met. + inform Squires into + Prestwich. Inf. 61 Base

1830 Off duty - B.T.O. Bevan P/O On duty H.R. Spence No.

2315 X-C. Cross countries recalled due to weather. - To make ETA Base 0100 hrs.

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2230 1666/W. Called Dargy - answered by Croft - was given QDM to Wombaton. Had considerable trouble breaking cloud. York 9+10 lines opened to watch his progress, also looking for 1666/T. Wm. landed at 0313 hrs.



Crash.

1666/T. - Crew List.

JD-106

Pilot J 25812 No. Hsacke A.B.  
 Nav. J 35518 No. Joy, M.A.  
 B.O. J 24903 No. Garwood H.W.  
 Wop. R 96696 No. Plante J.M.C.  
 R.S. J 34863 No. Remon R.B. - OK.  
 M.H.A. J 40067 No. Septe L.A.  
 F.E. Sgt. Lucas R.W. Heulington Emerg. Hospital  
Compound Fracture Pettibone  
 F.E. Sgt. Davis.

Informed A.O.C. - A.A.S.O. ✓ Air I ✓  
 Cont. - S.F.C.O. - B.I.D. ✓  
 A.A.S. ✓ Equip. ✓ Engrg. ✓  
 P.4 ✓ C.F.A. ✓

Category E - Burned.  
 Guard - Wombledon.

call sign LVB/T.

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0225

1666/T

JD-106.

Overdue.

Over one hour overdue if route completed. Having 12, 13, 15, & 9 Groups check re crashes or landing of visitors. No joy although a false report from Squirasgate indicated "aircraft" landed there at 0312 hrs. However further check revealed this error as the one concerned was a Wellington from 92 Group. Overdue action by 61 Base.

0400

1666/T

Following to 15 Group. Air Sea Rescue. Route: - Base 1145 - Sterling 2247 - Inverness 2319 - Mull Ge 2357 - Mull Galloway 0019 - Holy Head 0041 - St. Bees Head 0111 Base 0147. Crew of 8. Request for search Thymaly for our offer.

0450

Report of Crash.

61 Base state Thymaly on to Wombledon re crash. Checked 12 Group. No knowledge. Then 61 Base advise Thymaly taking action on crash in QZ 074260 near Ingleby Greenhow. Police there informed them of it. 12 Group finally confirmed this.

0500

ditto

Thymaly have no further particulars except the Police rescued the Rear Gunner who mentioned Wombledon. Informed 13 & 15 Groups & C.F.C.

0605

ditto

Ex Thymaly. R.F.S. report 2 of crew alive & 6 dead. Stokesley Police also at scene of crash. 61 informed.

0640

ditto

Ex Stokesley Police: - At 0318 hrs. Rear Gunner of Halifax from Wombledon reported from Bank Foot Farm, Ingleby Greenhow, that aircraft had crashed about 2 miles south east of the farm on the Moor. Plane was on fire.

0710

1666/T

Crash.

Ex Thymaly & 61 Base. Above entries definitely 1666/T. No Remon OK. One other crew at Heulington Emerg. Hospital. Bodies of remaining 6 were taken to Thymaly.



Gardens.

Colborne?

Balloons.

- ~~Billingham~~ - close baled - 2130-2300  
0430-0630

Z - 3180.

- ~~Billingham~~ - close baled - 2200-2345  
0200-0400

✓ ~~Harmer~~ - 1500' - 2330 - 0030

✓ Thames Estuary - 1500' - 2300 - 0045

✓ Langley & Weybridge - 1500' - 0100 - 0200.

0800 1666/T Thorneby & Stokesley police report watches of some of crew stopped at 0105 hrs. Middleton Met them was 3/10ths alt. 3,000 ft., vis 6 miles. Observer Post S.I. saw nothing but report at sound plot on an alt at about that time. They also report heavy ground mist at that time with a cloud base of 1,000 to 1,500 ft.

15 Group A.S.R., 12 Group & 17 Group in the picture.

0900 Off duty F/O Spence, On duty B.T.C. Bevan.

1115 1664/X - Took off from Squire Gate at 1011 without permission from G. S. Squire Gate made arrangements direct with Desford. Pilot was given a forecast at Squire Gate. Landed Desford OK.

1210 64 Base Oxford 1820 - Request information. (F. Walker) - Stay extra that above a/c is 4/5 at Henley (9 hrs) & that 8/6 of Defford (10 hrs) was going to fly this Oxford to Defford. - 64 Base do not wish this.

1220 Oxford 1820 - Not at Henley, Defford, St Eval nor Colerne. Last known, he took off at 1719 for Colerne from St Eval. Where did he land?

1300 " " Did not land at Desford - 92 Groups have no information.

1500 Oxford 1820 "T" - Located at Harrington - VIII. Air Force Composite Command. Requires Engine Change. Pilot who was broke, instructed to get a travel warrant from Americans, or nearest R.A.F., or R.T.O. and return by train. In p. 64 Base F.C.



Blenheim # 7425 - from Woodhall  
 en route to Dundee - staying  
 overnight at Disbaird  
 proceeding to  
 Dundee in the morning.

1505 Oxford T-1820 - Requested 6 Div. Division  
 servicing at Straneden to  
 handle the matter. - may only  
 need a cylinder sleeve & new cylinder  
 not a new engine?

1540 64 Base - Request enquiry at A.M. re Signal  
 A 7288 5th June - Rendit 87  
 U.S. Rendit 245 to operate for it -  
 extreme distance between the two.

1550 61 Base - Query Nav. Warning A 2543, 17 June  
 no times are given for the  
 firing. - 61 Base are planning  
 K/C route near this area.

1720 Return of Ops. - met say bases good - no  
 diversion bases requested.

1800 Re 1540 Entry - Correction to A 7288 - 5th June  
 Rendit - 256 to operate for Rendit 87.  
 Inf. 64 Base.

1810 Re 1550 Entry - Nav. Warning A 2543. 17  
 June was cancelled by A 2849.  
 18 June - Inf. 61 Base.

1810 Balloons - Billingham balloons have  
 been removed for the past  
 two days - perhaps permanently.  
 D.F.C.O. } 12 by R.A.C. will not fly as  
 note } they are put into operation again.

1812 Balloons - Requested for Target Z-3180.

1830 Off duty - B.T. O'Brien F/O.  
 On duty H. Spence Hb.

2040 431/N Ex. 9 Group. Report from RCAF 2 the  
 up stood around Eire and  
 infringed I.A.Z. at Belfast etc.  
 Plotted carefully by Radar & R.O.C.  
 to make certain where he landed.  
 Craft checked Pilot who admitted  
 being off course & lost for some  
 time. Crew intending to fly this  
 route to be particularly warned  
 in future, no such infringements  
 will be permitted.



# Balloons. Z-3027 (DAY)

Thames Estuary } -1500' - 1600-1645 hrs  
 Chelmsford }  
 Langley } -1500' 1725-1810 hrs  
 Weybridge } 200'

# Z-3179 (NIGHT)

## Balloons.

Thames Estuary -1500' - 0050-0140  
 Chelmsford  
 Langley -1500' 0210-0300  
 Weybridge.

2300

Salton  
H/A.

Requested 63064 Bases to have stations light up outer circles to assist Fighters to keep their bearings.

419+428.

2 Bases to go to Easton Down for Radar equipment installation. E.D. 1000 S/R. Milner & E. Samson going along.

## Saturday - June 24/44

0900

off duty

S. Ryman F/L. On duty B.T.O'Brien F/L.

1030

Low Flying

- 12 exp. given permission for low flying at 500' over the sea.

1035

Ops Route

- cleared with M.L.O. 12 exp. mobile Harp. Chigress. Kings Lynn. Gravesend. - 10000' +.

1100

Local

Bullseye. offered to 61 Base.

1110

427, 429

- Recall from X/C. MF "K" - C/O - R.P.F. & C N.Y. - MAV, & C N.W.Z. & message "X 4" - Return to Base. Contacted Duty Sig. Officer.

1110

428/1

took off from med. at 0958 for Easton Down.

1120

Weather

good for return 0-2 S.C. - 3000-4000'. No request for diversion bases.

1215

427-429

- X/C - one "Z" yet to acknowledge message. - Contrary message on MF.

1245

Balloons

requested for Z-3027.

1511

62 Base

- Request closed on 408/M & L. on X/C over Chelms. one hour & 45' min. overdue.

1512

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F.C.L.O. 12 can not help as he has no plot of & C flying at 500ft

1515

62 Base

- & C returned to base 015.



Z-3027

non starters

- 434/E - started P.I. & S.O. failed and turned about and tried again.
- 434/O - Undercarriage collapsed; a/c slid over perimeter track into a ditch. a/c did not burn nor explode. Crew OK.
- 434/P - a/c was flying this morning and damaged leading edge of port tail plane. (W.R. Hamelling?) They tried it but the tail plane was vibrating too much.

Early Returns

- F/427 flying for X/433 - U/c would not retract
- 431/D - Hyd. failure; pipe line burst; U/c would not retract.

1715 61 Base. Request to fly non-op. below 5300 from Isle of Man to Fishguard, Shrewsbury, and Gainsborough. - Refused by SASO.

1740 Local Bullseye scrubbed for 61 Base upon request to 61 Exp. SASO. permitted X/C exercises instead as target of Newcastle will be obscured by stratus. Inf. night Ops 12 Exp & 61 Base.

1750 Balloons regulated for Z-3179.

1815 Off duty. P.T. O'Brien F/O On duty H. Spence Ho.

1905 A.S.R. Exercise S/R Seabourne advises he & some Command A.S.R. Officers wish to do an exercise off Whitley using special flash bombs, which are in stock in Disforth Station Ammunition. Wishes McSinton to line up an aircraft, pilot & crew and load with the special bombs. Informed 61 Base who later wished S/R Seabourne to call McSinton as they did not think they could cope this evening. Unable to contact S/R Seabourne at Harrogate before he left for 6 Group.

M.R.S. 12 notified & has requested the ops should go 40 miles east of Whitley to drop the special bombs.

2358 Balloons Ex 11 Group. Following are non-operational until further notice:- Langley - Weybridge - Harwick - Thamesford.

2359 Balloons Thames Estuary will be controlled at 1500 ft. from 0745 to 0845 hrs.

Sunday - June 25/44

A.S.R. Exercise S/R Seabourne contacted but thru to Dist was to let us know final decision forth re mfr but failed to inform believes exercise off for tonight

seen Ho



Missing. Day Ops - June 25/44

433/S - HX 275

Pilot - F/O Prescott - not missing

LANDED AT CHAILEY

B/A - F/O HARRIS - BADLY WOUNDED -  
131. SURREY GEN. HOSP

June 25/44

0023 419/W Overshoot (K.B. 707) Overshot, continued on past end of runway 24 (100 yds away) scraped a hut. Damaged tail plane - whipped off. Hrs Blister, etc. Crew OK. Pilot - P/O Mansfield. First attempt to land a failure. Informed. Cont., G.I.D., G.A.D., Equip. Air I.

0300 408/U (D.S. 651) 76. Kennedy Overshot, continued on past end of runway, obstructing it temporarily. Information received from 6V Base F.C. at 0235. Linton hoping OK. with return of operational APC. Early Return 408/W diverted to Eastmoor in interim - landed 0317 hrs. Informed. Cont., G.I.D., G.A.D., Equip. Air I.

0440 408/X D.S. 741. 76. Rasper Believed to have burst tire on take off. O.C. N.F. requested to land it at Carnaby. Passed "gen" to 4 Group F.C. Landed 0440. Undercarriage collapsed, APC turned around about 4 times before finally settling. Crew OK. Informed. Cont., G.I.D., G.A.D., Equip. Air I.

0530. Crew of 408/X Ex 6V Base. Crew to return by rail or first available civilian transport. Informed 4 Group F.C.O.

1100 433/S Missing LANDED CHAILEY HX-275 F/O Prescott Identified on Southampton at 0922 hrs. bearing of 114° from Southampton. ASR. 11 Group say the Channel area is getting a thorough search.

1230 ditto No other Groups APC missing and from sightings etc., indications are favourable that APC ditched in Channel. Report that 2 Spits are circling an aircraft in the vicinity.

ASR Ensign Ref. entry 1905 d. 26/6/44. This to be done tonight. ASR. Seabourne & W.R. Linton conferred. Informed 6V Base F.C.O.

1400 Off duty P/O Spence, On duty B.O. Bevan



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| 1425 | 433/5                                  | From 116p.<br>Crash landed at Chailey at 1000 hrs. approx.<br>Crew injured and in sick-bay. Advised<br>Ops 2. 63 BASE; SKIPTON; 64 Base; Int<br>D.S.O. 5450. P4.                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|      | See 1620<br>ENTRY                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 1445 | 408/x                                  | Crew to remain with a/c at Cannock                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 1500 | Ditto                                  | a/c now serviceable. After checking<br>met. gave O.K. for a/c to come home.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 1505 | 62 Base a/c<br>to Woodbridge           | Permission granted by S.O.C. (seconded by S.A.S.O.)<br>for 408 a/c to go to Woodbridge to collect.<br>Lane. 14621.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 1550 | Ditto                                  | Cancelled 408 a/c to Woodbridge.<br>Anson will go to-morrow. S.A.S.O has<br>said O.K. for the Anson.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 1555 | 61 Base:<br>(1659)                     | Ops 1. - 61p said O.K. for an a/c from 1659 to<br>go to Willshaw on a liaison visit<br>to-morrow, provided weather O.K.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 1620 | 433/5                                  | S/L Lewington 433 says a/c landed at<br>Chailey 0943. A/c ready to return to-<br>morrow, 1 member of the crew wounded.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 1700 | A.S.R. -                               | S/L Seabourne requests permission<br>to do speed exercise dropping<br>parachute flare 20 miles east<br>of Whitby 0001 - 0100 hrs to. Inpt<br>In L.O. 12 S/L from permission                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 1715 | "                                      | Info. 61 Base ZU - "C" call sign<br>WGX - MF "K".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 1820 | 419 -<br>4 Lane.<br>"V" "D"<br>"S" "P" | X/c routed over Middleborough<br>S.D.A. - 64 Base did not inform<br>us until 1800 hrs. a/c already<br>airborne & had set course<br>at 1750.<br>Informed 12 S/L In L.S. -<br>Instructed 64 Base to have<br>med. divert a/c by WT about<br>the S.D.A. Requested that<br>64 Base insert that med.<br>pass their movements in plenty<br>of time for clearance. |



Balloons - Z-303/A-

Thames Estuary - 1500' - 1215' - 1315'

- 1830 M.L. 12 - Sanctions routes for to - Marrow's ops.
- 1845 Skipton - Request a route & weather forecast for Harward to Hullavington 2200 - 2300 hrs to - night
- 1845 64 Base - Ref. 1830 entry. Med. S.S. have contacted S.P.A. posts at Middlesbrough and they are happy & want 419 & 9/c crossing clear area now.
- (1800) 62 Base - A.I.R.C. agreed to use Linton station Oxford for all day to - Marrow. Includ 7 6 exp Com. Flight Anson.  
Permission granted for 408 sqd to use Anson to take equipment and extra crew to Woodbridge to - Marrow.  
Sug. 61 & 62 Base.

Monday June 24.

- 0140 Handfull "Z" - Calling, requesting permission to land & P.F.F. Topcliffe are answering him.
- 0215 " Wellington 154 "Z" landed M.S.S. at 0200 hrs. - staying overnight  
- Engine trouble - a/c from Strineaton, sat. to Bramcote  
- Transport Command. Sug. 9 exp. F.C. 412 exp F.C.L.O.
- 0415 Darky - Aling "B" heard by Top. Dist. & Womb. Thought to be an Am. a/c.  
- Answered by Lt. Marrow in Cornwall - Sug. 12 exp.
- 0800 433/S - From Intell report - only one member of the crew B/A. F/O Harris was wounded. (Surrey Gen. Hosp.)



Magister - N3838 from Church Fenton  
landed at airport - staying overnight

Douglas DC-3 FD 943 from Shilburn  
- in. Elmer landed at Topcliffe  
& taking off again soon.  
T.O. 1959

### Balloons

Birmingham - 1500' - 2345-000  
Bristol - 1500' - 0001-0445  
Yeovil - 1500' - 0018-0430

0850 Balloons - Requested - Thomas Ebery  
- 1500' from 1215' - 1315'

1005 Balloons. Time of Control postponed indefinitely.

1000 Comm. Hk. Reserves for 4th & 7th groups for today.  
Inson

433/6. W.P. Smith unable to get any information  
from Chapley re this ap. FCRD 12 Group  
checking for us. 63 Base also checking  
re entry 1600 hrs. 25-6-44.

1540 Div. Base Provisional weather diversion  
base requested for 9 gardeners

1630 433/6. Is serviceable & waiting for weather  
improvement to return. Likely  
tomorrow.

1820 Off duty. H. Spence, On duty B.T. O'Brien F/O

1820 C.F.C. Moreton-in-Marsh - allocated  
as diversion weather base  
for 428 gardeners.

1900 Diversion Base conferred with C.F.C.  
& 91 Group.

1930 Diversion Station information passed to  
64 Base.

2015 Balloons reserved.

2245 91 Grp - a/c letters etc to 91 Grp for  
diversion to Moreton-in-Marsh.

### Tuesday June 27.

0100 91 Grp - Report that Moreton has 2000'  
although Enstone has cloud  
base of 500-600'.  
6 Grp met. are still hopeful  
of conditions improving in  
91 Grp. If not at 0230 we  
can have them diverted to  
St Eval.



Visiting Ok.

Lib. ~~FLK~~ FLK (Rt. King) from Bungay  
landed at Lapcliff at 16.45 hrs.  
Returned 18.1 hrs. for Bungay.

|       |          |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0235' | 428/a/c  | Weather diff in 91 Group. Decided to divert to Saint Eval. Called S.O.                                                                                                                                      |
| 0238  | "        | C.F.C. agree and say for us to make arrangements with 19 Group.                                                                                                                                             |
| 0243  | "        | 19 Gp confirm definite diversion. Passed them the gen.                                                                                                                                                      |
| 0250  | "        | W/T room confirms diversion signal being sent.<br>Advised 12 M.L.O. 64 Base<br>10 M.L.O. 9 FCLD 91 Group.                                                                                                   |
| 0305  | "        | 10 Gp F/control say all of <sup>their</sup> stations good, and anyone not looking too happy will be contacted on R/T and put down. Give them R/T call signs.                                                |
| 0500  | "        | Ex MLO 10 Gp. From photo it would appear 6 aircraft received the diversion. 1 landed at Colerue - 1 landed Moreton-in-Marsh.                                                                                |
|       | "        | Instructions to 10, 19 and 91 Group F.C.I.O's. Aircraft to remain until they receive the "go" signal from us.                                                                                               |
| 0525' | 428/c    | Received diversion signal in a rather awkward place & was afraid to go across to St. Eval and so made landfall in the usual manner & was 'id to Colerue.                                                    |
| 0740  | C.F.C.   | Diversion summary - 6 a/c to St Eval, 1 to Colerue, 1 to Moreton-in-Marsh.                                                                                                                                  |
| 0800  | Off      | duty - B.T.O. Beiru F/O<br>On duty H.B. Jones W/O.                                                                                                                                                          |
| 0940  | A/c away | Conferred with Met. Controller. Instructed 9, 19, 91, & 11 Groups to have a/c return as soon as possible.                                                                                                   |
| 1546  | 428/P.Y  | All but n/pn returned from St. Eval.<br>P - Electrical trouble.<br>Y - Mag. trouble.<br>Crew of Y to bring back 428/X<br>Informed Middleton who report a crew going by train now for their a/c at St. Eval. |



# Non-starters

- 428/B - 4 attempts to T.O. - slow  
leak in starboard tyre caused  
swamp.
- 428/S - Brake air line broken  
too late to take off.  
Confirmed by C.T.O.
- 434/Y - Fuel warning lights U/S.  
Confirmed by C.T.O.

425/A. NZ 683 CRASH

Pilot - R-13677 Sgt Lavoie M.J.P. - (Serious back injury)  
(YORK MILITARY HOSPITAL)

M. UNDER/AC R-189709 Sgt PICHE - BURNS on face & hand  
FIE 1592787 Sgt RAPER - CONUSIONS on  
left hand.

Other members of the crew OK.

A/C Ross - Right hand amputated above  
the wrist. - In yard  
military hospital.

Crash Tender crew

Lt AC Wolfe. - injured - in yard military hospital

Lt AC McKenzie " " " "

Lt AC Jardine " " " "

Tues. June 27/44.

1830 Off duty H. Spence. On duty 17.10.1944

1900 Ballons - G.S.S 4250. - Thames Estuary  
- 1500' - 2550 - 0015 hrs.

D.F.C.O.'s Note. Ballington & Garwood, Lowestoft  
& Norwich may be operative.  
any day - Consult B.C.O. daily

Wednesday June 28

0030 Re Boxes - met advise there is no  
need for diversion boxes.

0035 61 Base. Wombledon reports a white light  
lowering 100-200 ft off the ground  
about 2 miles west of Wombledon.  
Info. R.O.C.H.O.

0240 61 Base - Wombledon report distant  
explosions. Info. 12 Exp. F.C.

0245 61 " Shalthepe report 3 red jets N.W. of Shalthepe

0250 Red flares - Shalthepe report 3 single  
red cartridges. 15 miles east  
of Shalthepe. Info. 12 Exp. F.C.

0300 426/B. Unable to locate 426/B. -  
He was on R/T but disappeared  
checked with 12 Exp.

0310 425/A CRASH NZ-683  
Crashed on runway at Shalthepe  
- burning - bombs exploding.  
no particulars. Runway obstructed

0400 " A/C Ross suffered the loss of  
his hand and possibly his  
arm as result of the explosion.  
Taken to the hospital.  
Reported to A.O.C. & SASO.

0420 " 425/A - All crew alive - pilot  
Sgt Lavoie badly injured, and  
two others of crew injured. Three  
of fire tender party injured.

0425 426/B. - Landed at Moleworth 0305 hrs  
- Ran into thunderstorm - Crew O.K.



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| 0430  | 408/A            | - Landed at Ford at 0115. Ind.<br>Under banner Sgt Proddave.<br>wounded in arm and leg -<br>- fighter action. a/c shot<br>up.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 0500  | 425/A            | S/L Austin reported that<br>C/C. Ross had his <sup>right</sup> hand amputated<br>above the wrist.<br>S/L Austin reported that a/c<br>had not received permission<br>to land. He passed the funnel<br>in the circuit and began<br>to lose height. He turned<br>at right angles and tried<br>to land on aerodrome. In<br>landing he collided with<br>"U" uncl, which was a/s<br>and bombed up. Both a/c<br>burned and explosions<br>occurred, wounding <sup>a/c. Ross</sup><br>others. |
| 0900  | 425/A            | - Cat E - Burned.<br>425/U - Blown to pieces.<br>425/W - Hole in wing.<br>possible damage to<br>2 other a/c.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 0900  |                  | Shallhope aerodrome 0/5 obstructed T.F.N.<br>Off duty B.T. O'Brien 70.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 0950. | 470 a/c.<br>Mod. | Permission granted to fly extra crew to<br>Preston to pick up mfr. if not required today.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|       | Linton<br>Offord | OK for Wk Smith to take mfr. to <del>Cranwell</del><br>Cranwell to pick up brake parts for the<br>6 Group servicing Offord at Dalton.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 1125  | 478/E            | Ex 14 Group: S.D. & S.D. Eng. 4/5; came<br>in with burst tire (unknowingly),<br>swung on landing, crashed into<br>& through dispersal line, ending<br>up in rubbish pile, breaking a<br>wing. Informed 64 Base.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|       | 478/Y            | Ex 14 Group: Now serviceable at St. Eval<br>Check 1230 hrs for take-off permission                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |



Emergency Petrol Diversion Routes.  
Snath - 427, 429, 424.

Burn - 426, 432, 433.

Wed. - June 28/44.

- 1712 Piper  
Cub. Landed at Hinton for refueling. Received Met forecast of poor weather en route and at Carlisle, but took off notwithstanding.
- 1335 Hudson  
BN619 G/C Davis + 1 G/C left Disforth in m/n a/c E.T.A. 1443. Cleared with R.A.F. Handon and MAS 12. Movement No. 1535.
- 1330 Wellington  
KB-E  
Hixon Advised 936p. m/n a/c landed at Wombledon with P/E up. When serviceable is to take off for base after checking with this Group HQ.
- 1520 426/B. Instructed to return from Molasworth - to get good route forecast before taking off.
- 428/Y Checked Met + Controller. Instructed crew to bring back crew of 428/E with them. Suggested route - St Eval - Holyhead - Leeds - Base, below freezing level of 5,000 ft.
- Reewing  
1324. Temporarily up.
- 1745 Petrol  
Don. Base C.F.C. cannot guarantee any bases south of 53°N (from Spurn Head to S.W. Wales).
- Bull's Eye  
Mather Southern part of route no good from a Met standpoint for Bull's Eye purposes. A.D.B. change in route on request of 100 Group to assist them in their work tonight, particularly first leg out from Spitham to 91, 93, 1, 2 & 6. Groups were on it originally. 91 & 2 groups have scrubbed and remainder are working.
- 1845 Doin  
to 6 Group C.F.C. have asked for 2 or 3 stations, as possible diversion tonight. Have approx. 60 ac to look after. We are to inform C.F.C.
- 1850 Off duty 7/0 Splene. On duty B.T.O. Benin F.O.
- 1830 To C.F.C. Offer mid. Croft + Disforth for diversion from 82p.
- 2015 424 + C.F.C. agree to our using Snath + Burn as emergency Petrol bases.



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Division - Emergency Petrol  
bases - gen to stations.

Thursday June 29.

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1666/C.  
TB-217.

- At 1507 hrs 28/6 - Taxied  
into a building at Womblesdon  
- Damaged port propeller  
and nose of fuselage  
Category A (R) <sup>2 engines. P. Bomb</sup>  
Pilot - Sgt MacDonald W.H.K. <sup>at Womblesdon.</sup>

1659/D  
HR-801

At 2250 hrs landed at Dalton.  
a/c was on Radar x/country -  
S.I. engine became u/s. As the  
pilot was about to land S.O.  
engine cut. As he landed he  
was travelling too fast, swerved  
to port, ran across the road,  
through two hedges and stopped  
at the edge of the bomb dump.  
Crew are O.K. Considerable  
damage to a/c. - Special equipment  
removed and guard posted.  
Pilot - F/L Bagle.  
Category -

0055 RAF NI

- On of our a/c - 30 miles west  
of course at 5400N 0645W.  
proceeding N.W. at 15000' - over  
Eire.

0200 DIV. Base

- Met. advise. Skellingthorpe and  
Bardney. S.O.C. will make  
decision before 0250 broadcast.

0215 A27/D

- Early return - Navigational trouble  
A.P.I. u/s.; H2S u/s.; D.R. compass  
u/s. 10 miles off track using P.H.  
compass further investigation  
in the morning.

0250 DIV. Base

Message - "If require emergency  
petrol base land at Waddington."  
sent a/c on Z642.  
Waddington will direct to  
Skellingthorpe or Bardney.



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| 0300 | To 5 Exp        | C.F.C. - Arrangements for possible petrol diversions to Skellingthorpe & Bardney.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 0300 | 433/C<br>LV-839 | Landed at Woodbridge 0235 -<br>Shot up.<br>At 0245 - W/T 6 Exp picked up<br>message from 433/C to Southampton<br>"Rudder vls hit by fighter"<br>T.O.V 0200. - At 0226 hours<br>"Landing at Woodbridge 0225 hrs"                                                                                                                 |
| 0330 | 13 Exp.         | - Had a Halifax plot at 0245 hrs<br>- QB 5452 (weak of<br>- Clonoway - then plot<br>disappeared. - 2 of 6 Rose                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 0400 | To 5 Exp        | - passed call signs to F.C. - re<br>possible petrol diversion.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 0405 | 433/C<br>LV-839 | - Jettisoned 15-20 mi N.W. of<br>Chatellon sur Marne (4808N<br>0345E) - a/c in a spin - gave<br>orders to bale out.<br>M.O.A. - Sgt Palmer R.W. & Baldout<br>A/13 - F/S. Carter - over France<br>Pilot w/o me Leigh regained control<br>of a/c and returned to England with<br>the rest of the crew.<br>Shipton informed 6 Exp. |
| 0600 | Shipton         | Request permission to take Anson<br>from Duxford to pick up crew<br>of 433/C at Woodbridge.<br>S.O.C. wishes to wait for A.I.R.T.                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 0600 | a/c away        | - After landing were to refuel<br>and return.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 0740 | a/c away        | - All a/c instructed to get<br>airborne as soon as possible.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 0750 | C.F.C.          | - Diversion Summary - 12 a/c<br>landed at 9 stations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 0810 | 63 Rose         | - Re 0600 entry. A.I.R.T. grants<br>permission to take Anson                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |







Re - Average Landing Times.  
 62 Base given the request  
 for average landing times.  
 Requested 62 Base to get a  
 good honest average landing time  
 for day ops & night ops for  
 B.C. report.

|         | Total | R.T. to last down | Lat. to last down |
|---------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Skipper | 398   | 800 mins (2.01)   | 723 mins (1.87)   |
| Hamming | 417   | 876 (2.10)        | 805 (1.93)        |

1605 H27/F Permission by Controller for 421 Sq to  
 fly crew to Winkfield to pick up mfa.

1700 ditto Not going to-day - too late & weather.

1632 Proctor from Henson Landed at Dishforth & took off  
 again without reporting to  
 Watch Office.

1730 LV-92V Crew of 433k to return in mfa from  
 Woodbridge. On test brake shoes gave  
 trouble & could not take off. M. Smith  
 later reported ok again serviceable  
 but C.F.C. say it's not yet.

Off duty H. Spence No On duty  
 B.T. O'Brien F/O.

2030 Anson - On request of SASO, requested  
 Anson + good pilot from  
 Dishforth T.O. 1200 to narrow  
 for Henson. Possibility  
 May. Stevenson & Major  
 Michaelson. TO 61 Base.

2200 " 61 Base say Anson and pilot  
 will be ready at 1200 hrs - for  
 Major Stevenson.

2210 Moag MM-460 took off from Dalton at  
 2210 for Clifton. Inf. 12 hrs F.C.  
 (6 sep mech. reported no low cloud).

Friday June 30.

0815 Weather - Fog will clear and about 11.00  
 may be able to get 4/c at Woodbridge  
 & wiggle to return.

0900 Off duty H.O. O'Brien  
 On duty H. Spence No.

1100. Heston Phoenix Informal 12th F.C.R.O. the mfa was  
 at Hinton ready for Wokington. They are to  
 send a pilot for it. (later Linton to provide)

1145 Core Filt. Reserved for A.C.C. 1400 hrs 1-7-44  
 Anson



12/15

Spitfire

En route to Thornaby from Cambridge appears lost, must be shot of petrol. Hooped up Middleton & Craft to assist. Beaufigitor sent to lead him in. Plotted on table & finally lost. A.K. 1330. Learned Spit had force landed in a field near Newton Bedby. Thornaby taking action. 64 Base in picture.

1320.

Hannigan  
(H. Han)  
"Recon"

Eg. 12. - Look apparently. Stations on look-out for it. No joy.

1430

Dakota  
(Squirazette)

En route from Squirazette for Catterick. Landed Middleton 1158 hrs. 12 Group & Catterick informed. Factor by Fleming.

1440.

P. 38 from  
Chalgrove

Signalled out to Linton in error. 64 Base informed. Landed O.K.

1450

Anson  
(West Hampstead)

En route to Turnhouse. Landed at Fleming. Informed 13 Group F.C. Checking weather before continuing. 20. for Scorton 1640 hrs.

1600

Balls Egg

61 Base unhappy about Met. on return - also at target. Would need diversion base. for return.

1800.

Don. Base.  
Gardens

Requested definite weather diversion base from C.F.C. Suggested St. Eval.

Linton  
Offord

Reserved for A.O.C. & Mr. Holmes for 1400 hrs. 1-7-44. Going to Hendon. This cancels the reservation for Anson with 61 Base.

1815.

Don Base  
Gardens

C.F.C., their Met. & 19 Group not happy - low stratus at St. Eval at 6400 hrs. Suggested further north - Prestwick & vicinity.

1830

Off duty

F/O Spence, On duty B. D. Burns F/O

1850

Bullseye

Scrambled by S.O.C. as fighters do not want to operate in poor weather.



# Flashlight Targets.

61 Base - Intend putting on 2 per week  
wish to know procedure, etc.

Ex. A.D.S.B. (The Napier)

Ref. B.C./B. 26484/1/Training d./2-6-44

Contact Night Ops. of Fighter Group in  
which Flashlight is located for original  
OK. Advise Controller at Southdown  
who will broadcast it to all Groups  
for their information.

Process: - to get flashlight target  
there must be at least 10 ops involved.

London Flashlight not available  
at present

No searchlights at Newcastle.

Bristol - Major Hill, 10 Group

1640 hrs. X-C (Regular + Radar.)

Checked with M.R.O. 12 Group, who confirms  
following routes are OK.

| Regular routes |    | Radar routes. |
|----------------|----|---------------|
| RCAF 3         | 15 | 26            |
| 4              | 16 | 27            |
| 5              | 17 | 28 (Day only) |
| 6              | 18 | 30            |
| 7              | 20 | 31            |
| 8              | 22 | 32            |
| 9              | 23 | 34            |
| 10             | 24 | 35            |
| 11             |    | 36            |
| B/C 13         |    | 38            |
| 14             |    |               |
| 15             |    |               |

Following are not to be used:

| Regular | Radar |
|---------|-------|
| RCAF 7  | 13    |
|         | 21    |
|         | 29    |
|         | 33    |
|         | 37    |

Informed 61 Base 1-7-44

62, 63, 64, Base 2-7-44.

1800 D.V. Base - for Gardens. C.F.C. allocate  
Prestwice. - Aug. 13-24.

2000 C.F.C. 44R substituted for Prestwice  
so weather diversion base.  
Aug. 63 Base, Skipton 64 Base.  
Sigs. Int.

2140 Gardens cancelled - Aug 13 kept  
Ops not required.

2300 WEATHER. Hopeless in Group area. no  
flying.

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0500 C.F.C. Asked for offer of 6  
aerodromes for our  
do.

0545 B.C. Postponement of our H.  
until 1420 hrs.

0900 Off duty. H. O'Brien  
On duty. H. J. Spence H.

1010 Comm. Flight Reserved for A.R. Rawson for 1030 hrs July 3rd.  
Anson Going to Swanton Morley. Navigator  
to be provided.

1245 V.I.P. Cleared route to Hendon with M.R.O.  
A.V.M. McEwen 12 Group.

1320 Balloons. Thames Estuary will be at 300 ft.  
all day.

1350 V.I.P. Reference entry 1245. Movement  
cancelled. All concerned informed.

1410. Graves End To Southdown - safe passage  
Consider requested 1605-1634 hrs.

1430 Pyrotechnics Told 12 Group F.C. Mortars, Verags, Rockets would  
Skipton be fired off at Skipton around 1600 hrs.

1830 Off duty F/O Spence. On duty 30'Brien F/O

1841 Suez. Rain at Croft. - Seeming to  
OK. of storm persists.



1855 420/K - On 2 engines crash landed  
CRASH at Linton at 1850 on R/W 22.  
- stopped clear of R/W - a/c  
did not burn.

1902 Smoke. E-9779 - R.O.C. report 2 columns  
of smoke.  
Checked with Linton 420/K  
now burning.

1935 Diversion Box - On advice of met.  
request a definite weather box  
in 93 exp. - C.F.C. will  
check for us.

1950 420/K - A farmer reported to G2 Base.  
He met 2 of the crew helping a  
third member, who had a broken  
leg, to a farmhouse. Rest of  
the crew are O.K.  
a/c crashed 1 mile south of  
Linton aerodrome, across the  
river.

21.00 " - Flew over Linton losing height rapidly. Port inner  
feathered, port outer windmilling. - Crashed  
landed approx. 18.50 hrs. Made good crash landing.  
Aircraft caught fire but was quickly put out by  
Linton crash crew. No category yet.  
P/O Cairns (Pilot) suffering from lacerations over  
right eye - S.S.D. Linton  
Sgt. Monmouth (F.Eng.) has compound fracture left  
thigh - Maybourn Military Hospital.  
Rest of crew are O.K.  
Posh of crash - 1 mi. SE. Monmouthton  
1 1/2 mi. S.W. Linton

2230 " - Category E. -  
S. 11 Reference - Sleet 27 -  
946793. Linton is posting the  
guard, as the crash is very close  
to the boundary between 4 & 6  
exp.

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0120 4 exp - 12 exp think that Wendlass "A"  
from Brighton near departure.



1664/0  
Entry 0950. - Informed. SA.6.0. air i. control  
G.D.2. G.D.2. Equip.  
Engng. S.T.C.O.

Re. Crash of 408/C.

Enough fire tenders despatched to  
handle this crash - I hope  
61 Base were asked to take action;  
62 Base acted on their own initiative.

Informed. SA.6.0. air i. control  
G.D.2. G.D.2. Equip.  
Engng. S.T.C.O.

Requested 61 & 63 Base, that if  
they contacted him to give him  
a QDM and distance to  
Brighton

0135 4 Eng - have located their a/c. Inf  
61 & 63 Base.

0210 Thornaby Occult v/s - T.F.N.

0900 Off duty O'Brien Tp.  
On duty H. Spencer Tp.

0950 1664/0 Ex 4 Group: - Undercarriage of mpa collapsed  
on landing at Marston Moor. Crew ok.  
Details later.

1010 427/J Controller authorized flying crew to Kirkfield  
to pick up aircraft.

1500 1664/0. Ex 61 Base: - The Wiser investigated and  
has reported to G.D.2. and Air i.  
direct. No details given as to 61 Base  
F.C.O. but that there appeared to be  
poor judgment & error on the  
part of the Pilot. Cat. E.

1558. Crash Ex 12 Group. - Reported in E-9397 -  
408/C 5 miles east of Topcliffe. 61 Base informed  
DS-621 and Dalton taking action.

1628 ditto Crew at Brafferton Bombing Range also  
reported this crash to Dishforth and  
personnel from Range will direct  
Crash Tenders & ambulance to the  
scene, near ~~Topcliffe~~ Thirsk N.T.S.  
also on hand. Pilmoor Jct. (PILMOOR HALL)  
Sheet 22 - GRID 930970

1625 408/C. Ex 62 Base - Confirmed this being their a/c  
which crashed. Crew ok. Tholthorpe  
taking crash action, & supply guard.

1635 ditto Ex Craft. One of their X-C aircraft  
reported crashed Lanc at pos.  
5410N 0114W. - (408/C.

1645 ditto 62 Base state Finton Fire tender also  
dispatched.



1830 Off duty F/O Spence. On duty B.C. Burns F/O

2000 408/C. Crashed near Fulwood Hall -  
DS-621 Sheet 22 - Ref. 930 930  
Pilot was feathering one motor  
when a second engine cut.  
Crew OK.  
Calgary - E. Burned.  
Joshuelor - F/O Clotlier  
Pilot F/O Franklin.

2230 N.F. - No cross countries - 1666  
May 20 C & B's 2330 - 0330.

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NIL RETURN

0900 OFF DUTY F/O O'BRIEN B.  
On duty H.G. Spence F/O.

1700 Hurricane  
Lunchmeal/N.  
(DALTON) Sent on weather test 1054 hrs. Checked  
12 Group & learned he landed at  
Church Fenton 1700 hrs. Flying Control  
here at Group had no knowledge  
of test being undertaken.

Ex. Controller, Church Fenton. -  
Pilot of mfu states he requested  
before taking off, assistance be  
laid on for his safe landing. The  
channel of communication between  
these ofc & Church Fenton is  
crystalized with Operational  
Frequency and only by chance  
(luck) was a listening watch  
kept this morning, when the  
weather was dull and no ops on.  
Perhaps some liaison is indicated.

1300 Off duty F/O Spence. On duty B.O. Burns F/O

1320 G. Rose & Clippard Sta. Called re Halifax  
Hal. "B" Flight "F" which left Tarrant  
Rushton at 1100 hrs for Clifton.  
Now overdue.

1322 - Requested G. Rose to have  
stations look for plane &c



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FIDO - now serviceable at following aerodrome

Melbourne - 4 hrs.  
 Ludford Magna 1 "  
 Fiskerton 5 "  
 Downham Market 8 "  
 Hartford Bridge 11 "  
 St Eval 19 "  
 Woodbridge C.F.C.  
 Bradwell Bay 11 "  
 Gravelly 8 "

Fido - under construction

Ingham 1  
 Melbournham 5  
 Faversham 100  
 Manston 11

1325 62 Base - Have HF/DF contact with MCV-F. Request Cloud base and S.D.A. Linton replied that S.D.A. Eastwood serv. Sup. 12 hrs F.C. who are in touch with 4 hrs & Clifton.

1350 Hal - "2 PF" landed Linton at 1346 hrs. From Tarrant Keydon. Waiting for weather to clear before proceeding to Clifton.

1400 S/L Miller - planned to fly to Defford 426/W. - T.O. at 1500 hrs. Checked with met. - Route bad. Cloud base 600 - 800' - Trip delayed 2 or 3 hrs. Sup. W/C French at 62 Base & S/L Miller at exp.

1408 Hal - "2 PF" - T.O. 1506 from Linton for Clifton. Sup. 12 hrs who will inform Clifton.

1515 TO C.F.C. Request for the list and serviceability of "Fido" equipped aerodrome

1525 M.L.S. 12 hrs - permissible for X/C including non-H2S a/c., to pass over Manchester and Birmingham. Ops. may pass over

1545 Fido - aerodromes now serv. - from C.F.C. see opposite page.

1600 426/W - Checked with met. advise the trip to Defford be postponed for at least 2 hrs. Sup. S/L Miller & W/C French. W/C French planned to cancel the trip to night - to leave at 0900 hrs. to-morrow. S/L Miller to make arrangements with W/C French.

1605 Diversion Bases - Request to C.F.C. for definite W/X bases - 71, 82, 83



# Window Eric -

Ex. - Night Ops. 12 - Major Jackson.

Wednesday - July 5/44

Details:- Starting line 5505N 0134W } Northern  
to 5570N 0055W } line.

Southern line Whitby  
to 5440N 0010W

A/c to cross the starting line (flying south) at 1430 hrs. height 14000 feet; reduce height to be at 12,000 feet at southern line; return back to Northern line (or starting line) still reducing height to 9,000 - 10,000 ft.

Window - 1 bundle of type K and 1 bundle of type L window to be dropped simultaneously every 10 seconds after crossing the starting line to the southern line.

Informed. 61 Base, 62 Base, 63 Base & 64 Base

Officers 419 - 14/4 if no ops.  
428 - 3 L (8-H & 6-L if no ops) + H.A.S.  
431 - 12 if no ops.  
434 - 12 if no ops.  
1659 - nil  
1664 - nil  
1666 - 5 - (Bashed out)

1607 Spitfire - Appleby 71 - Took off from Lee-on-Solent at 1545 - for Lening. Day. 63 Base. Told 12 exp and W/L was not good - pilot had been informed.

1630 12 Exp. - Major Jackson - plans a W window "Eric" exercise for Wednesday afternoon - 1430 71 coast near Newcastle - Middlesbrough.

1720 Spitfire - Re 1607 entry - returning to Lee-on-Solent, weather unfit

1800 Diversion Bases - Cancelled bases requested for day target. Now requested 7 bases for night targets in 71 Group - area Pershore to Calverley.

2140 Ops - Cancelled - so cancelled request for diversion bases with C.F.C.

2200 N.E. - Bases unfit. No flying in 6 exp. Day. 12 exp. F.C.

Tuesday July 4.

0900 Off duty No. 01 Beira.  
On duty H. G. Spence No.

1000 Ballons Thames Estuary will be at 1,000 feet all day. No change in 12 Group Ballon situation.

1140 Comm. Flight. Permission by S.A.S.C. to fly at White D.F.C. No. to London tomorrow. Inform. Wing Officer, Walker. Group Sick Quarters.

1140 Disforth Offord Permission by Div 1 for Mr. Skene (Investigating Officer) to land at Marston Moor. Investigating 1664/12 accident.

1500 42/100. 20 fly crew to pick up a/c at Wilford. Previously authorized - neither crew or a/c required today.



Oxford from Weston (R-6015) at Linton  
O/S - Will remain overnight  
& until serviceable.

1845 Off duty F/O Spence On duty P/O Burns F/O

1930 Bullseye - Times amended. - F/O  
to beat position 5220N 0300E  
at 0015 hrs. Temp. 61 & 64 Bess.

2115 62 Rose - 408 Sgdr Com. wakes an emergency  
Petrol Rose.  
Checked with Met. and  
requested a base near Swarston  
in marsh.

2135 Emergency Rose - (Petrol) - Swarston in  
marsh - allocated by P.F.C.  
Temp. 62 Rose.

2255 63 Rose - Report what appears to be a  
crash - approx 9 miles NE of  
Leeming near Gaffarth.  
Checked with 12 Sgdr P.F.C.  
and Roche - who have  
no information.

2305 " Leeming crash tender & S.F.C.O  
have gone to Gaffarth.  
Holding the ambulance for  
more definite information.

2307 " Leeming report that North Allerton  
Fire Section reported that  
an a/c crashed near Gaffarth.

2345 " No evidence of a crashed a/c.  
near Gaffarth. - False alarm?

Wednesday July 5th.

0315 408/Y - Landings from Ops (Z-801) - at  
Dunsfold at 0155 - R/A.  
P/O T  
Sgt Stevens killed.

P/O BURNELL MID/UG. Sgt. HEPPELL  
Rest of crew O.K.  
A/C made normal landing  
- 1 long delay 500 lb aboard in  
#5 position. - 6 hr.  
a/c badly shot up; cannot  
be flown back home.



After crossing in over French coast they were attacked by a ZU-88 from astern. NAV. lights came on.

0415 408/Y - Re - Long Delay 500 lb. - Armament officer <sup>at Dunfold</sup> lacks experience and equipment to handle long delay bombs. Requests 6 Srs handle it.

D.F.C.O. NOTE } Linton armament ady. it will be OK until the morning. Shall have 6 Srs Arm. Off. make full arrangements in the morning. Sup. 11 Srs - who will inform Dunfold.

0430 a/c away in 91 Srs. 10 Srs instructed to return after checking with met. who forecast ground fog in a few of 6 Srs stations but others OK.

0600 Diversion Summary to C.F.C. - 6 a/c at 4 stations.

0845 408/Y - W/C Triton is dealing with the long delay bomb.

0850 Anson - From Topcliffe to Hendon - T.O. 1000. FPA 1130. Sup. Hendon.

0900 419/0 - On landing from Ops - damaged wings & hopped.

Phoenix from 62 Base - to go to Wooling on to day T.O. 0930. Pilot. Signals Officer. Oxford may go up to take run back.

Off duty H.O. Beirn.  
 On duty H.O. Spence H.O.

0910 Linton Oxford Controller authorized landing at Wooling - ton to bring back pilot ferrying Phoenix there.



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- 1830 Off duty 7/0 Speer. On duty B. 70 Binn
- 1830 433/R - SIE 4/5 - may get off from Ruffart later to night.
- 1900 Top. Oxford - W/C Wheeler & S/L these to Hendon to - maintain T.O. 1000 hrs.
- 1920 63 Rose - Request to recall 427/E & C - C/S - WCK. message NC - Return to Rose - 29 June.
- 1930 63 Rose 427/E & C schm. on HF/DF
- 1935 1666/Y - Overdue 1 hr. - on X/C radar "to" reversed. - MF section at Hull had no word of him. Asked 12 Exp F.C. to help. Requested Top. to use HF/DF & request ETA.
- 1950 1666/X - On local was sent north by R/T. during a shower - snow overdue.
- 2000 1666/Y & X - Rose reported on R/T.
- 2105 Flashlight target at Bristol - flashing 0005 0030 - Exp. 61 Rose who are participating.
- 2120 Avson - Com. 7 light - reserved for S/L (61 Rose) Rawson - Sat. 8/7/44 for trip to R. in brook. - T.O. - 0930  
DF.CO. note. } Does not require pilot narrow.
- 2145 Diversion Rose - Request to C.F.C. for 4 bases in East Angles as prev. weather bases.  
Exp. 62 Rose - re possible diversion for Eastwood, Thelthorpe and Cullen.
- 2200 C.F.C. Diversion Rose. allocated in 3 Exp "Gen" to 3 Exp on the Lanchester  
... 62 Rose, Thelth. & Eastwood



426/D. landed Leamington at 0207.

1666/W " " " " " 0136.

1666/S " " " " " 0220

missing

431/P - LK432. Pilot P/O CONNER D.  
(Shrewsbury at Nickford)

Accidents

425/H - LW391 - a/c collapsed on landing  
Pilot: F/O TODD at Chalthorpe.

425/D - LW397 - overshot on landing at  
Pilot: F/O DARGIS Little Harwood - ran  
into a hedge.

431/K - MZ657 -  
Pilot: F/O HARRISON Crashed on take off -  
burned and two bombs  
blew up.  
Crew in hospital - not  
serious.

F/O Dummille - died.  
1 of crew - has a broken arm

2250 Oxford - Top to Hendon. Airt suggests  
Leamington to "  
that S/C Newsome from Leamington  
and S/L Sheng from 1st go down  
together. Since S/L Sheng is remaining  
w/c Weiser will return.  
Suggested this to G1 & G3 Base.  
- Answer later.

2330 Diversion Base - for 431 & 434 requested  
Thursday July 6.

0045 Diversion of G1 Base a/c - arranged  
1659, 1664 to Sillat.  
1666 to Leamington.

0130 " " 1659 - diverting some of them  
a/c by RT to Drefffield

0400 Diversion of Ops a/c on 23118. given  
by signal.

0700 Diversion of Ops a/c on 23069 cancelled  
as bases are clearing.

0815 Ops a/c away in 3 groups 12 hrs & 5 hrs  
are requested to take off after  
0900.

0820 Com. unit a/c at diversion bases  
will be given instructions  
later. To be ready.

0830 C.F.C. - 91 Ops a/c landed at 11 bases  
outside Group. Inf. C.F.C.

0901 1664 a/c at Sillat. Inf. 9 hrs.  
that a/c are to be D.I'd and  
if sev. to get airborne at 1100 hrs.

0905 Oxford - S/C Newsome & S/SO  
plan to go to Hendon about  
1300 hrs. to-day. S/SO  
informed.

0940 a/c -  
1659/F.  
at Drefffield - instructed to return  
to base.



0945 1666 a/c at Aikington. Instructed  
Aikington that the D.I. holds  
until noon. Request a/c to  
be airborne by 1100 hrs.

1000 Off duty. B.T. O'Brien F/O.  
On duty H. Spence. 10.

1100 420/H. Permission to fly parts to Midcubase  
granted by Controller. Sp. Hutton (Pence)  
to go along - OK by S.A. 10.

1500 1666/p. Permission by controller to fly parts  
in Hal. to Aikington for 1666/p.

1200 Loose Ex. 433/T. pos. 5227N 0108W at 10908 hrs.  
Ballon. at 9,500 ft. 7000. 12. informed.

1830 Off duty F/O Spence. On duty B.O'Brien F/O

Friday July 7/44.

2200 Bullseye. Scrubbed all concerned  
notified.

2230. MET. Not very happy re. some  
of 61 Bases turning pts.  
on X/C's due to thunder-  
storms, especially a  
point = Dumfries - approx.  
0330.

2345. 61 Base. Instructed to contact A/c  
on X/C & from a point in  
N.E. Scotland proceed to  
Stirling, then the base  
avoiding Dumfries.

0326 " JULY 7<sup>th</sup> 1944.  
Last a/c down on X/Countries.

0430 " All circuits & bumps down.

0900. Off Duty - J/L Warrick W.A.

0925 Reviewing Picture of a/c away from base  
Shift passed to J. Smith - Gunsden Lodge.



(On duty F/O 22nd August)

1205 Hurricane G - Lunchmeal - queried 62, 61 & 63.  
 1210 ~~Refered to~~ 12 Sep & R.O.C. Last heard by Tinton at 1202.  
 1215 Dushforth R.O.C. say just landed.  
 1247 Hurricane C - landed at Dalton.  
 " J - landed at Church Fenton - Returning when weather is D.K.  
 " G - still outstanding.  
 1312 63 Base Took off from M.S.G. for Seaming at 1225.  
 Anson has not arrived. Called R.O.C. they have nothing - F/O Owen pilot. Called M.S.G. they have heard nothing of him since he took off.  
 LT 120 Corvate York to Kinross. landed at Seaming because of weather.  
 HO - 1/426  
 1320 62 Base Called regarding 1/426 unheard of.  
 1/426 Called 61 Base - he landed at Dushforth 1305.  
 informed 62 Base.  
 1325 Anson 63 Base Called - say he may be a beam approach 9/c and may still be in the area.  
 LT 120 checked with R.O.C. - they have no plots.  
 HO. Say 9 Sep had a plot that faded at 1245.  
 Checking with all bases.  
 1350 Grenader F/O Smith Called re 9/c DS 848 - Cat 9c at  
 Lodge Woodbridge. Says he won't be able to service it until tomorrow.  
 1405 63 Base Some loss of 9/c is Doncaster. He may have gone there direct. Checked with H.4 Sep.  
 LT 120  
 H.O.  
 1430 Anson LT 120 Doncaster has no news of 9/c.  
 1500 12 Sep re " No news at Scorton or Catterick.  
 1515 Anson LT 120 Instructed 63 Base to take overdue action re a man. Watchkeeper took message.  
 1519 Confirmed that there was no news and overdue action was being taken.  
 1525 Hurricane G 61 Base Confirmed that "G" landed at Base 1240.  
 1550 61 Base Allocated times requested for Bullseye 9/c.  
 1625 M.60. 9/c Fanger requested we get O.K. for operational  
 Ad's H.Q. 9/c to follow route "Retubors" - Reading - Littlehampton - Height 2000' - 17 9/c.  
 1652 Bristol Eastern request. Talk Long. Position of  
 Flashlight. Bristol Flashlight.  $51^{\circ}27'18''N - 02^{\circ}35'39''$   
 1820 Off duty F/O Montgomery. On duty R.O. Burroughs.  
 1915 Diversa Bases - allocated and assigned to Stations - Prov. W/X.



1930 Diversion request for Gardner, and  
Rullkey a/c.

2000 Div. Base - Cancelled for Gardner & B. E. & Co.

2240 Ops - No diversion necessary - Base  
are remaining fit.

2332 64 Base - mid. report a red very  
cartridge fired 2-3 miles N.  
of mid. at 2000-3000 ft at 2330  
hrs. - Checked with 12 Grp.

2359 .. 12 Grp have no information - re  
the very lights.

### SATURDAY JULY 8.

0005 408/X. Landed Workshop (23 Grp) - short  
of Petrol. - Being interrogated  
- re-fueled.  
Checked with mid. - Base  
to be fit until 0200 hrs. -  
Requested crew to prepare to  
return and to check with us  
when ready.

0041 434/K - Was on RIT and disappeared.  
Checked with 12 Grp.  
a/c at WA 0392.

0045 432/K Landed at Elvington (4 Grp)  
short of Petrol. To refuel  
and await instructions to  
return.

0130 408/X - Is refueled but not interrogated  
- Instructed to return.

0135 Diversion Summary - 1 at Workshop and  
1 at Elvington - nil missing.

425/U - Early return - unable to retract  
a/c - Retransmitted at 5412N 0046E at  
2072 hrs. - 2500' - Full load all safe.

0150 432/K Re-fueled instructed to return.



0900 429 2 crews - requiring 1 X/country to complete conversion - given permission to use ops. 4/c. for X/country this morning. (S.O.C.)  
On Duty F/O Montgomery

0935 1664 V- Sillith Serviceable ready to return. - 9 hrs will give us his take-off time. 61 Base advised.

0952 F/420 Mulderhall Serviceable - Tholthorpe have 1 crew available. will advise 62 Base whether it will be O.K. to send on 9/c after days requirements are ascertained. Permission has been given.

1046 Poundit. Linton have loaned their reserve pundit. for 7 days. This one is going 4/3. Can we obtain another for them for tonight.

1110 408 - Cat 9/2 Central F/c advised that 408 sqdn. are sending an 9/c down to Woodbridge.

1125 Permission granted for Linton to borrow Thurnaby's reserve pundit from 8th - 12th.

1146 Proctor. Ex 63 Base - Proctor 6322 - pilot 9/c. Book landed at Leeming at 1142 from Halton.

1215 1664 ✓ Sillith. Ex 9 hrs. - 1/1664 W/S. His 4/c needs repair. Dishforth are sending parts. He will probably be delayed another 24 hrs. Will not be returning today.

1300 Off duty F/O Montgomery. On duty B.O'Brien F/O

1345 63 Base - 8/2 Crabb - 4/c of 427 sqdn - has been given permission by Oert to fly Oxford to Doncaster to-day.

1345 TO 62 Base. F.C. - R.O.C. post X3 at Colkinton found a box 14" square - marked "RAF - Linton - Canteen - Instruments" - Box fell from a RAF Lorry at 13.20 hrs to-day.

1415 F.C. OPS. Air Ministry grant permission for Linton to have Thurnaby's pundit. Inf. 62 Base x Thurnaby 62 Base to arrange pick up.



63 Base -

S/L Kyles reports that 63 Base Commander thinks that 63 Base information and charts of areas for WINDOW vary from our charts at 6 Srp. - and would like any additional information.  
 Last inf. on hand at 63 Base is postagram 66/856/28/41R 29 June 44

1420 420

- Permission granted by S.O.C. for non-ops a/c & non-ops crew to fly to newmarked on window chute experiment.

1652 61 Base

- Hurricane "S" took off from Dalton at 1502 hrs to-day on air test. ETA - 1530 - No trace of him.

Sup. 12 Srp. Ficks are checking for us

1700 " "

Checked with 62, 63, 64 Base, 12 Srp. F.C., Seaton, & Church Fenton. - no trace of Hurricane. Had not worked either Ed Fenton on VHF.

1745 " "

Returned to Dalton. 1743. Had previously landed at Lindholme - 1 Srp did not inform us or Base - Poor show.

1750 Gardens

- Bases fit for return - no diversion bases requested.

1825 S/L Pattison

- o/c of 426 - wishes permission to have a 426 Hal 111 - non-ops a/c - go on X/C to Innerness to - warrow to drop him at Innerness for leave.

Cur. 1 rules - S/L Pattison must wait for word to - warrow to re-leave & trip.

Sup. 62 Base.

1830

1837 Diversion Base  
 Sanderson 9/6.

On Duty Ho. 2111. 1837. Ex 63 Base. - Skipton are wanting a diversion base - provisional for weather. Contacted Central Flying Control who O.K'd to leave as a prov. diversion base. Passed information to 63 Base.

1900

F/434  
 at Ingal.

Adviced 64 Base that F/434 was airborne for lift at 1855' - From 3 Srp.



2147 9/c showing distress R.O.C. plot giving an 9/c at 800 in neighborhood of Skipton Topcliffe Dalton Etc. Advised 61 & 63 Bases.

2153 9/c reported landed at Topcliffe.

2355 Anson L.T. 120 Checked with 63 Base. Re Anson which was missing July 7. - He landed O.K. at Nanton in the Hedges.

SUNDAY - JULY 8th - 1944.

0240 61 Base Called wanted a diversion base in immediate vicinity for 12 training 9/c. Middleton only have 1 up and they think they can cope. 6 9/c from Topcliffe and 6 9/c from Rushforth. Nanton Eastmoor Tholthorpe have closed down.

0250 64 Base Diverted 6 Topcliffe 9/c to Middleton. Diverted 6 Rushforth 9/c to Croft.

0255 64 Base Croft down to 1500 yds. Asked Middleton to take all 12 9/c if Croft could not cope. Croft are keeping 9/c overhead until Middleton are all down.

0300 63 Base Skipton are quite happy although they are down to 1600 yds. Will let us know.

0307 61 Base Confirmed that there were only 7 9/c outstanding. The other three down at Topcliffe.

0310 63 Base Called for a diversion Base for Skipton's a/c. Our Met suggested Holm - 4 Ship say Holm is stood down but Marston Moor had full flying program and were happy about Met situation. Sent out a W/T message diverting Skipton's 9/c to Marston Moor.

0328 4 Ship Said Marston closed down could we re-divert 9/c to Holm on 0345 broadcast. This is being done. Asked 4 Ship to have Marston Moor stand by to divert any 9/c on R/T that may miss broadcast.

0400 Diverted Training 9/c Following 9/c at M.S.G. - Topcliffe - R, J, K, B, F, R, Rushforth - H, D, W, Following 9/c at Topcliffe - Rushforth - A, L, M.

0410 63 Base Report Wellington on 1 engine the other on fire overhead. M.S.G. have cleared so have sent him there by R/T.

0425 64 Base Wellington landed. - Belly landing - nobody hurt, but runway obstructed. Temporarily considering M.S.G. as totally U/S. Time 0424.

0443 64 Base Wellington belonged to 84 O.T.U. from Desborough. 9/c letter C

0505 All 8 of 424 Operational Landing 9/c down O.K. at Holme

0800 64 Base Airborne now Serviceable. - Crash Removed. Provisionally Cat AC.

0820 63 Base To return if they can be airborne before aircraft 0930 hrs; otherwise to wait until 1130. Station Commander concurs.

0900 Off duty F/O Mawtrey. On duty B.T. O'Brien

0920 Pilot - Checked re V/1664 - crew there - Trying to get it serv.

0940 424 9/c at Holme - Close not airborne instructed to remain until further instruction.

0940 S/L Patterson 9/c of 426 - Ref. 1825 Entry July 8 - A.I.R.I. rules. Chat S/L Patterson cannot go on X/country to Inverness & X/country a/c cannot land there. A.I.R.I. wishes to speak to 2nd Commander before S/L Patterson goes on leave.

1015 62 Base - Request for 425 to have one 9/c land at Skipton to arrange a 7/A detail.

1015 Diversion - Informed C.F.C. we may need 8 Bases in East Anglia

1055 Diversion Bases - requested from



11/15<sup>5</sup> diversion Boxes - allocated - Inf.  
12 Sep 2 Sep. 100 Sep.  
and 6 Sep Boxes.

1230 Re X/Country q/c. - to be recalled  
to make ETA - 1330 hrs.  
- Inf 64 Rose.

1260 O/s a/c definitely diverted - 2 up  
6 x stations - 4 x s/s of div. str.  
a/c to be standing by at 1700 hrs  
for instructions re return.

|      |     |                            |
|------|-----|----------------------------|
| 1530 | Ops | all aircraft landed safely |
|------|-----|----------------------------|

1700 c/c away - Instructed to standby for  
800 pm. Take 77. Inf. 63, 63, 64, 600

1800 a/c away - Instructed 4 USBD, 11 USBD.  
11 USBD. 12, 3, 100, 4, 8, 5, 9, 1, Exp & C.F.C.  
to get airborne at 1830 or as soon  
as possible after 1830.

1845 C.F.C. - D version summary - 75  
c/c landed away at 22 stations  
- 25 returned to the group.

1900 Off duty R. T. O'Brien  
On duty F/O. S. L. M. Montgomery.

2200 ~~diverted~~ 9/c All but following 9/c have returned to their respective bases.

424-J Will be staying the night. F/LT. Smith has this  
an hand.

433 - J Needs a Std. Caster Engine Change. F/H Smith has this in hand.

427 - C Needs Post Wheel Change - Will probably return in the morning.

H34 - D Hydraulic Line Broken - Cowlings, Gill Motor & Crew Returned to Base. - F. H. Smith has this in hand.

2248 - 64 - Base see night x/c scrubbed - w/x - 2 7/c doing Bombing and 4 4/B.



64 Base - F.C.

Q/C. Mr Burnley at 64 Base has not received a copy of the report of sorties flown by each squadron during last month.

AIR staff preparing doc.

64 Base -

S/L Brown queries a letter of July 8 64/254/1/41 R.

Re. Identification of Q/C. over Contraint - 2nd par. - vague as in overcast. Checked with Air staff. Message is correct - & clarified it with S/L Brown.

Swordfish - LS-272 took off from Linton at 1242 for Sherburn.

D/434 - at Caltisall (Capt. F.H. Smith Grounding)

S.I.E. requires the drive from the gill motor to the gills.

Request that S/L Seath (croft) send the "drive" + a fitter - 10" work plus a crew.

Inf. 64 Base & S/L Seath

MONDAY - JULY 10th - 1944.

0540 61 Base  
Silverton

Report their base has packed up. Told them to divert on R/T to M.S.G.

0542 12 Grp

Report on Q/C on 3 engines wandering about in the area.

0610 61 Base  
r

Report 1666/3 on 3 engines, has got his diversion to M.S.G.

0635

all training Q/C down O.K.

0900.

off Watch 2/L Warwick - W.A.  
On " B.T. O'Brien F/O.

0940

1666 & 1659 Q/C at M.S.G. - instructed to return to bases.

0950

2/1666 at Swanton Moor (Rufforth) in O/S - 4 Grp Cleaving.

1000

Proctor requested from Co. Sgt. Com. Flight for 1200 hrs - S/L Rawson. Granted. Inf. S/L Rawson.

1100

63 Base - Granted permission by Air Staff for Skipton to take Com. Flight Benson from Driffield to North Creake with parts for 424/J.

1340

Domnie x 7417 - Clearance from M.O. - Pilot. 12 Grp from M.S.G. to Gatwick 1270H. T.O. 1400. ETA 17:25 - Route KEMPSTER, M.S.G. - York, Reading, Guildford, Gatwick - approaching from the west. Inf. 11 Grp & 64 Base.

1545

Weather at bases - definitely fix to night - no diversion bases required for Gardeners or Bullseye.

1830

off duty F/O B.O. O'Brien.  
On duty F/O & Mountjoy.

2015

Demolition 4 Grp asked whether or not we had been doing any demolition of bombs in the area. They had heard Linton had been doing some. They reported a very heavy explosion felt as far away as



2015' Elimination Checked with Linton. They had demolished a 1000 lb bomb. L.D. H. Srp. suggest that in future people in the vicinity should be warned. Nothing in this log that Elimination 6 Srp was warned at all.

TUESDAY - JULY 11th - 1944

0055' 61 Base Dalton have scrubbed their night flying. They report a breach of R/T discipline from one of Dalton's pilots.

0158' M19-12 Message received - SSQK - QH - 0151  
Ident FIX 540714 - 0006E +1 - 0152  
elude of Message - Returning to Base  
Passed to 63 Base. Used wrong C/S.  
should have used T G B. <sup>2/L</sup> Carter informed.  
REFS-ADEN ZT QK - T.O.O. 0235'

0216 Message Received S-1666 - Returning to Base ETA 0235'  
0220 64 Base X/434 landed at Seorton - Refueling Time 0020

0222 63 Base K/433 landed on 3 engines at Base.

0245' 64 Base X/434 landed at wrong aerodrome. He has returned to base.

0310 63 Base K/433 - Early Return - Had no gas and on 3 engines - jetasoned mines safe at 5357N - 0200E from 7500' at 0110 hrs. 12 Group notified.

0326 62 Base Report there has been a crash 5 miles north of York near Haxby - Haxby police don't know anything about it, nor do the N.E.S. 408/T still outstayed

0327 York R.O.C. checked with York R.O.C. - York police had reported a crash in the city

0329 41 Srp. checked with 4 Srp who hadn't heard anything. They are checking also.

0331 York R.O.C. report crash very close to Kewcliffe aerodrome or about 4 mile north of railway crossing on the York-Whigginton Road.

0335 63 Base Complained that Skipton were landing their 9C from Ops and Toplife still had 9C in their circuit and others taking off. Spoke to 61 on this as they had had plenty of warning of Skipton's E.T.R.

Had previously told 62 Base to have Eastmoor's Ambulance & tender standing by



# Crashes July 10/11 1944.

## Crew List of Y/1666 - HX 147

✓ P. F/L BEST - J11043 J.D.  
 ✓ NAV P/O CORLEY - J26334 ✓ W.A.  
 ✓ B/A P/O KOLONIC - J35077 I.P. KOLOMIC  
 ✓ WAC W/O MOORE - R124087 R.K.  
 ✓ R/G SGT SINNODS - R173465 R.F. SIMMONDS R.F.  
 ✓ MU SGT KIDNEY - R215860 M.J. KIDNEY - N.J.  
 ✓ F/E SGT BARKER - 1392337 C.E.E.  
 ✓ F/E SGT COOK -  
 ✓ NAV SGT ZARATI - V-J35036 - Pupul PAPER NAV.

AOC

SASO

AIRI ✓

SOC. ✓

EQUIP ✓

ENG ✓

CRA ✓

G.A.I.O. ✓

P4 ✓

S.F.C.O. ✓

0339

Dispatched Eastmoor's Ambulance & Engineering  
 officers M.O. to Crash near York.

0405

61 Base

Report Wombledon Y/1666 still have 1 a/c outstand-  
 ing from Bullseye. Checked with 12 Gp  
 F.C.O. regarding any additional crashes. They  
 have one reported near Grantham, and will  
 try and find something more about it.

0425

12 Gp

Report that 9/c letters on the crash near  
 Grantham are either LC or EC. We think  
 they may be EQ-408's - It was a 4 engine  
 9/c and 6 bodies have been recovered.

0432

63 Base

C.T.O at Skipton confirms that K/433 -  
 early return had no see - and 1st engine  
 throttle control was broken.

0505

12 Gp

1666 Y

CRASH

Confirmation that crashed 9/c near York was  
 Y/1666 - 2 bodies recovered. 9/c Serial no's  
 HX147 - 61 base notified.

0510

63 Base

Skipton has been sending that N/433 landed  
 my mistake at Skidforth and that he had still  
 not been allowed to take off because Topcliffe  
 had 9/c in their circuit, and he had been down  
 for approximately 40 minutes. Checked with 61  
 and they claim that they could not contact  
 him on R/T and by the time they had got  
 him ready to take off their own 9/c were  
 overhead and also Topcliffe were overhead.  
 He rolled up before he could get off.

0540

12 Gp

T/408

CRASH

Report that 9/c crashed near Grantham was  
 Linton T/408. Sgt Greive identified from Mess  
 Card. Salth & Bottesford looking after the crash.  
 George Douglas Britland identified. Malton  
 Mowbray Police gave this information. Crash is  
 near Streathern Rd & Eaton - 400 yds west  
 of Eaton near Great Northern Railway. Map  
 Reference Sheet 54 - 4805'2505'.  
 Linton advise that there were only 6 members of  
 the crew.

0740

64 Base

Sgt Eastmoor have identified 6 of the 8 bodies  
 found with pay books identification tags etc.  
 61 Base can't tell us whether or not there were 9 until  
 they have checked with the Flight Commander.

## Crew List of T/408 - LL675

P. P/O SHAW E.A.  
 NAV P/O SMITH G.L.  
 WOP SGT BUCKBROUGH R.C.  
 B/A P/O WAYCHUCK W.S.  
 M/U SGT BRITLAND G.D.  
 F/E SGT GREIVE

LANGAR

(BOTTESFORD)

IN CHARGE

OF CRASH

Multon Mowbray

- Causes of crash unknown - all crew killed.

Controller ✓

Equip. ✓

Air I ✓

SASO

AOC.

G.A.I.O. ✓

S.F.C.O. ✓

P4 ✓

CRA ✓



NOTE - W/c MILLWARD IS AIR I today  
replacing G/C FAUQUIER.

7 daylight - Bristol 2759-6025

1666 - 11910

1668 - 87

1659 - 87

CANCELLED

16000' - 45' 00" 00"

from Northampton

Oxford W6574 - took off from Linton for  
Croy at 11:04  
Pilot: W/c Mitchell.

Off duty 7/0 Mounting. On duty B.T.  
O'Brien F/O

0930 62 Base - 1666/Y - 8 bodies located.  
Sgt. 61 Base. Sgt Cook was not on detail.

0940 42 Srp - 408/T - Crashed a/c is lying  
across a railway line & main  
road. Langar handling the  
crash. Sgt. S/L Sanderton for  
W/c Sanderton to take action as  
a/c must be moved.

1015 62 Base - 408/T - needs immediate  
removal, and Langar has requested  
help. Request permission to  
send men in 408/D to Langar  
AIR I rules that Srp Eng.  
or Linton C.T.O. arrange with  
the nearest M.U.  
Sgt. 62 Base. Cannot locate W/c Smith.  
S/L Marshall - contacting AIR I  
re the action - 408 O.C. S/L HAFES  
wrote to inspect the crash.  
AIR I is making final arrangements.

1545 Base - met forecast conditions good all night.  
- no diversion boxes requested for  
ops (3 targets) or for Bullseye.

1545 434/J - wheel is changed, but S.O.E. is  
(N.CREANE) temporarily O/S. Expect to have it ready  
by 1830 hrs to night.

434/D - at Caltick has crew ready and  
a/c should be ready this evening.

1820 1 Srp - Enquire if W/c Spicer in a Tiger  
with landed at 1000 hrs.  
Sunday eve. or since then.  
Reply - No sign of him  
at 61 Base station. Sgt. 1 Srp.

1830 Off duty B.T. O'Brien F/O.  
On duty F/O Mounting.

1845 62 Base. Inquiry regarding W/c Sanderton H26 Sgdn. projected  
trip to Wellbourne tomorrow in a Halifax a/c.  
S.A.S.D. has authorized this. The W/c will probably  
be returning in 4085 days.  
0806 12/7

(X) H24



1851 62 Base Advise that none of their squadrons are debombing.

WEDNESDAY - JULY 12th. - 1944

0001 The Glorious 12th. - Oh Yeah!  
0002 61-Base Wombaton landed a Wellington Yc - that had been calling Dunky - No gen. on him yet. Told 12 Srp. They had had a report of an a/c in difficulties in the area.

0045 29070/X Ex 61 Base - m/n a/c landed as above with oil leaks in both engines. Advised 92 Group F/c who said do not let him go without permission from this H.Q.

0900 Off duty - Ho Mountjoy On duty BOBURN 70

1020 Wc Saunders A.A.I.O. requests use of the Protector at Desford  
Duf. 61 Base.

1050 61 Base - Above request O.K. - Too much delay. Informed S.O.C. about it - who is going to request daily serv. reports of 6 Srp. Com. F. light a/c. AIR I - giving instructions.

1115 425 Sgdn. Permission granted by Air 2 to take 2 waiting staff pilots on X-country flight. Duf. 62 Base.

1150 425 S.O.C. grants permission for 425 a/c + experienced pilot to drop 2 skeleton crews at Leamington during back 2 a/c.

1440 432. request permission for X/c training for 2 non-ops a/c + 2 ops crew.

1615 LOW FLYING - 64 Base report that Hal "B" being flown from Mid S. to Disforth T.O. at 1602. On second half of the circuit pilot flew across the airfield below hangar roof level. - Disforth pilot. Duf. 61 Base F.C. to take necessary action. HAL "Y" - T.O. Mid S. 6. 1615. Reported done.



428/V + N T.O. from M.S.G. for Blyton (122)  
 at 1638 & 1700 hrs. for transfer  
 1 Stp. informed.

F/O Jenson - 12 Group will pay us a Liaison visit  
 on the 26th of this month. S/L Stanley informed  
 and this chap will probably stay until the 28th.

Query raised by 64 base re non-operational flying  
 areas. Checked with M40 and he has passed the  
 following as the latest flying restricted area for non-  
 operational flying. A line joining Winchester, Exeter,  
 Penzance, Lands End.

1623 Black  
 Smoke

12 Stp F.C. report what may be  
 an a/c crashed - Z 7703 - between  
 Shipton & Leeming.  
 Checked with 63 Base.  
 Report that there is a bon-fire at  
 wells - no confirmation of a crash.

1715

62 Base - W/C Weiser B.T.I. requests permission  
 for a Lt/Col. - Intell Off. of Northern  
 Command to take a trip in a  
 Halifax at Topcliffe to-morrow.  
 A.I.R. rules that it is O.K. if he  
 has his C.O.'s permission and  
 Base Commanders permission.

1820

C.F.C. Requests to C.F.C. for 6 base  
 provisional weather in East  
 Anglia.

1830

Off duty F/O B O'Brien  
 On duty F/O J H M (country).

1917

61 Base illaforth want to know if there are any restrict-  
 ions on tonight's Bullseye re-burning of Resin  
 lights. Southdown ops 2. any normal Procedure  
 tonight

2100

61 Base Request Permission for S/L Hammett to go on  
 Bullseye - A.I.T. gave permission

2120

MKS-12. Passed Bullseye "gen" to MKS-12.

Control  
 Flying  
 Control

Have laid on the following diversion bases  
 which have been allotted to the following  
 squadrons.

METHWOLD - 427 SQDN. - 17 9/c.  
 MILDENHALL - 429 SQDN. - 17 9/c.  
 MEPAI - 431 SQDN. - 17 9/c  
 WITCHEFORD - 434 SQDN. - 16 9/c  
 TUDDENHAM. - 424 SQDN. - 16 9/c  
 NEW MARKET - 433 SQDN. - 8 9/c  
 NEW MARKET - 428 SQDN. - 8 9/c.

2145

Passed to 3 Stp. + other relevant "Gen" concerning  
 the diversion.



2221 63 Base Learning Report that a Black Widow. 9/c landed there - Short of Petrol - 9/c No. 22564 - Time 2215. Advised - 12 Dps.

2340 D/419 Had 12 Dps checking to see if they could locate him.

2359 D/419 down at Manton mous. - O.K.

THURSDAY - JULY 13TH - 1944.

0629 All our 9/c including Bullseye 9/c down O.K. several away from Base, ~~but~~ all but the above noted D/419 within the Group. We are standing by to assist 1 Group with their 9/c if they can't cope. There were no losses.

0730 Report from our Met of an 9/c in the 4 Dps. area. Apparently of 1 Dps with ailerons & tail out if he can't get down. Checked with 12 Dps who say the crew have apparently all bailed as this pilot has bailed out to sea. Checked also with 4 Dps who give the same information and say a search is being started for the crew.

0900 Off duty H/O 269 W. Country On duty B. O'Brien

1010 429/D - Landed at Dushpart of 20 Dps. Later took off and landed in poor visibility at Learning, overshot and ran through a fence before stopping. Pilot taxied back to perimeter track. #2 S perspex damaged.

Weather - 0600 obs - 63 deg. - 1/2 2000 yd. cloud at 2000  
" 0700 " " " 2000 yd " 1/2 at 2000

1105 TO 61, 62, 63, 64 Base - 6 Dps met report conditions will be slightly worse than forecast. Cloud 10 base 1000-1000' or less in rain. Vis. variable 1-2 miles or less in showers. Medium cloud fairly thick 1000-1500'. Conditions general over Eng. Sect. Dps. by 1100. - x/countries inadvisable. CxL. 7 Dps conditions permit.



Martinet MS-741 landed at Lening.  
at 1141 from Catfoss. owing  
to weather.

Oxford - "T" 1104 landed Linton from  
Kaltan at 1205.  
Pilot S/C Donaldson.

1100 Routerig - S.F.C. is preparing a letter  
laying down definite instructions  
D.F.C.O. note. regarding restricted areas which  
apply to training flights. Rest. Area  
with 4 engines. Sparrow, Wellington, W. ind. etc.  
1150 433/B. at Disforth instructed by ship to  
to return home. Shipton aerodrome  
green.

1330 315/Sydn Requested QBB on M.S.T. G. H/F D/F. Sold  
T. Command. 64 Base to do the following (!) send  
(DAKOTA) this message "ALCO im i"; if a rep  
reply was received not to send  
out in plain unless again  
requested in a priority message.

1415 " 62 Base met. have coded med. weather  
in Alco and sent it to 64 Base  
met for transmission to Dakota  
Q/C over med.  
Above Q/C is insistent upon  
getting the QBB & QFE and wishes  
to land in 10 minutes  
Instructed 64 to give him the  
message in Alco code. - If this  
fails to give him QBB & QFE  
in case of distress.

1425 " 64 Base transmitted the Alco code  
message on H/F/D/F. Dakota  
did not acknowledge.  
Later, Dakota sent the message  
in clear returning to base.

1515 433/J - Request by 62 Base to have 6 exp.  
D.F.C.O. } answer on 433 Kal. to take crew  
note } to pick up 433/J at West Ryeham.  
Arr. rules, weather not  
good, request permission to withdraw.  
Eng 62 Base.

1545 64 Base Magister took off from med. S. & R.  
at approx 1545 for Drem and  
weather permits to Abbatineas  
met at 6 exp. said had painted  
a gloomy picture - but pilot was  
confident. Despite the low cloud.  
T.O. - 1545 ETA Drem 1620; or Abbatineas.



Oxford "T" 1104 took off at 1711 for Halton  
from Linton. Capt. - S/C Donaldson. ETA - 1900

Proctor - capt. - S/C Innes took off at 1730  
from mid. S.S. for Halton. F.  
Correction - 64 Base advise proctor took off from Linton at 1814  
for Halton.

Controller - S.A.S.O. - Air F. Equipment & Engineering  
have been informed of this crash.

1600 Proctor - AIR refused permission to S/C.  
Wartell as Disports to fly to  
Proctor locally pending issue  
of new instructions regarding  
the use of 6-Grp Com. Fl. S/C.

1740 To M.H.S. Movement of Oxford from Linton  
S/C Donaldson and Proctor from  
mid. S.S. (S/C Innes) took off  
for Halton - (N 108-).  
Sgt. Halton - and requested  
transport for S/C Innes from Halton  
to B.C. H.Q.

1830 Off Duty to B.O. Reim  
On Duty to S/C Innes

2135 63 Base  
CRASH  
429/N  
LV-913  
Pilot  
W/C AVANT.  
A crash occurred at Leeming at approximately  
2125. It was N/429 LV913. W/C Avant was  
pilot. The 9/c was burnt out but has not as  
yet been categorized. W/C Avant was taken  
to Northallerton Hospital in an injured condition,  
but it is not known how serious or what  
the nature of his injuries were. W/C Engineer  
the other person in the 9/c suffer superficial  
cuts and lacerations. The 9/c was taking off on  
an A/T when the P/O engine cut just as  
the 9/c was reaching flying speed. It swung  
and headed toward some dispersed 9/c. The  
pilot pulled it into the air, over the dispersed  
9/c and crashed near the perimeter track on  
the field, where it caught fire.

2255 63 Base Skipton report seeing tracer shells - Ground  
to his on a bearing of 70° T. Checked with 12  
Group who say it is an army exercise.

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0900 off Watch 3/4 F.D. Cleland.

1000 1664/H - Permission granted by A/T  
for Liaison work by screen  
pilot to Honeybourne.

1015 419/Q Permission granted by A/T  
for Window chute demonstration  
on Lane X at new marked 6-2  
- road pilot to be provided.



Puss Smith:  
 #4-537. landed Dialsforth at 1127  
 from Doncaster  
 Pilot S/c Robinson.

1110 HUDSON - m/c 2/c landed at Dialsforth  
 at 1059 from Hendon.  
 V.I.P. - Sir Patrick Duff, Sir Jones  
 S/c McJannet.  
 S.A.S.O. has gone to Dialsforth  
 to meet the party.

1115 61 Base - D.F.C.O. 61 Base requests the No.  
 of the squadron, & station from  
 which martinets operate  
 over Filey Bay.

1500 ... ..  
 checking with 12 Sqs, Newcastle etc  
 After contacting 12 Sqs F.C., 12 Sqs  
 A.A.O., Newcastle see the Ops, and  
 Ouston F.C. confirmed that  
 Ouston - 289 sqdn - martinets  
 operate over the Tees, Tyne area  
 in ground to air firing.  
 Inf. 61 Base.

1505 crash - 61 Base fighter reports a S. exp  
 2/c crash S.E. of Womblesdon.  
 Inf 12 Sqs. who had learned  
 about - 4 Sqs taking no action  
 no details yet.  
 Definitely 4 Sqs etc

1510 431 - 16 S/c doing 1/c country formation  
 flying in sticks of 3 S/c.

1515 62 Base - 426 Sqn request permission  
 to do 425 Kk to narrow margin  
 S.C.C. grants permission subject  
 to recall if necessary.

1745 Division Bases - Prov. weather base (2)  
 requested for Bullseye and (4)  
 for 63 Base - in East Angles.  
 Met advise that no bases  
 required for 2/3/5

1815 12 Sqs F.C. - Report that drogue towing is  
 done by Central Gunnery School  
 at Catfox - on a bearing of 110°  
 from Flamborough. - then  
 turns may take them over  
 Filey Bay at times.  
 Also 291 Sqn from Kutton Gunnery  
 operate over Filey Bay  
 Inf 61 Base to inform S/c weiser



1850 Hudson - Taking off from Duxford 2015  
BW-619 ETA 2145 hrs at Hucknall.  
V.I.P. Sir Patrick Duff, Mr Jones & S/C  
McLennan.  
Inp. 12 Sep to inq. Hucknall  
& HKS 12. Sep.

1850 Flying Training - Restricted south of lines.  
(TD) 61, 62, 63. bounded by Oxfordness, Spauch  
& 64 Base. Buxingham, Winchester, Exeter,  
Land's End. - Letter from S.F.C.O.  
6 Sep being sent to-day.

1900 Diversion Base allocated for 63 Base  
& 61 Base.  
"Gen" of bases passed to stations  
confirmed the use of these 6 stations  
with 3 Sep.

2000 Proctor Proctor has been ordered by AIR I  
W/c Mullaard to be ready for 0600 hrs.  
As operations were cancelled, this will  
not be required - Duxford advised also  
61 Base.

2020 6 Sep Met. Met. Sep that Balsa may be scrubbed  
due to adverse weather conditions look  
at bases - Rain around midnight, Cloud base  
down to 1000 or lower with continuous  
rain by 0300 or before.

2025 61 Base Request information regarding diversion  
signal procedure (from Base Flying Control).  
Advised them diversion signal went out  
on Group frequency in Bomber Code. Also  
raised the point that return times of Balsa  
a/c at Topcliffe and

2028 63 Base Service 4/H33 LW 115 crashed on the Isle of  
Man. Information came to 61 who passed  
it to Skipton - there was no further information  
but "Controller" at Isle of Man said he  
would call Skipton direct.

2032 61 Base Confirm above re-crash and also advise  
that Hudson 3 W 619 - V.I.P. took off for  
Hucknall at 2022. His clearance was as far as  
Hucknall but after dropping passengers he  
was proceeding to London. 12 Sep. Informed they will  
clear him



Crew of 433-U - L.W.115' - Crashed on Isle of Man.

|                                             |            |
|---------------------------------------------|------------|
| P. - R122292 - WO1 MURIE J.M.               | AOC        |
| N - J35764 - F/O WALLACE W.M.               | SASO ✓     |
| B/A. - J35075 - F/O EVANS. J.T.             | AIRI ✓     |
| W.O.P. - R166772 - F/S. TEES BE             | SOC ✓      |
| F.E. - 1574671 - SGT WALKER G.F.W. (R.A.F.) | EQUIP ✓    |
| M.U. - R252874 - SGT MOULD R.L.             | ENG. ✓     |
| R/G - R255673 - SGT PIGEON G.W.             | CYA ✓      |
|                                             | G.A.I.O. ✓ |
|                                             | P4 ✓       |
|                                             | SFCOV      |

F/O Beery  
The above people not ticked off have  
not been notified.

Cinson - W 5060 landed Linton 1400 from  
Pocklington. - ATA Pilot.

2/00 63 Base. Say that information Skipton received from  
Ramsay was that 8 bodies had been found.  
Only 1 identified, that being a Sgt Teas.  
There was a report that a parachute or parachutes  
were seen also. This would indicate that  
there may have been more than 1 a/c involved.  
Skipton says there were only 7 in the a/c. Checked  
with 12 Group, who checked with 18 Group re-  
report of any a/c missing other than Skipton's.  
But they had nothing.

2/09 Crash  
BM - U  
433 Sqn.  
on  
RCAF  
X/country  
No 16.  
Called Ramsay via 12 & 9 Groups. They report  
that crash happened at about 1625 hrs.  
Villagers reported they had seen the a/c on  
fire and that it exploded in the air. Wreckage  
was spread over an area of 2-3 miles.  
Wreck is located on the Isle of Man 1/2 mile  
due west of Loxey. St Andrews took  
Crash action - 63 Base advised

2158 61 Base  
If Bullsage is not scrubbed before Bullsage  
a/c take off to do preliminary details, can  
we advise the following a/c of any sub-  
sequent scrub on R/T from Strensall  
Bombing Range  
a/c 1659 - J, R - R/T. Clockdross  
K - Handmade

2220 Bullsage Bullsage Scrubbed.

SATURDAY - 15 JULY - 1944

0348 All operational a/c & Training a/c down  
and accounted for O.K.

0900 Off duty Ho Mounty. On duty B.O. Beery & Co

1120 63 Base - Request information re crash  
of 433/U - Was Sgt Walker  
definitely identified.

1125 Ramsay (Isle of Man) - Sgt Walker G.F.W.  
definitely identified by letters  
in his pocket & his Canada flask.  
All Canadians identified  
a/c complete write-off.  
Inf. 63 Base.



# Flashlight Target.

Newcastle - 0030 - 0055 -  
Approach from Alnwick  
Ht - 6000 - 16000'

Ops.  
432 - 3. Hal. - cancelled  
62 Base Eastmoor advised.

## C. C. Bullseye Ops.

Ops 11 Southdown

1659 - 7 H 10H  
1664 - 7 H  
1666 - 7 H  
433 - 10 H  
424 - 6 H  
428 - 1 L  
39 + 1 = 40

1445 1666/Z - Air: grant permission for  
Wimbledon to take a crew by air  
to Rufforth to pick up 9/c.  
1520 433/J - Air: grant permission for  
2/c to take a crew to West Ragnham.  
- W/O Barton has checked  
on the serviceability. They started  
the motors this morning and two  
magneto's are up. Expect to have  
it ready to start tomorrow.  
Sgt 63 Base who cancelled the  
flight to - day.

1820 62 Base - Sgt Base will O.K. all night for Bullseye  
and operational 9/c. Diversion Base will  
not be required.

1830  
off duty 1/c O'Brien  
on duty 1/c J. M. M. M.

SUNDAY - July 16th - 1944.

0030 62 Base - Eastmoor report searchlight activity on a bearing  
of 090° T. Checked with 12 Gps who report it was  
a mobile searchlight battery scheduled to practice  
with an Anson but that the 9/c did not turn up.  
There is no way of contacting them.

0105 MLS - 12. Have a fix on an 9/c using 9/3 WOJT. This is  
an operational Call sign of 6 Gps for tomorrow. It  
came from Heston over Section K. There is no  
one with this Call sign allotted for today. It will be  
a 6 Gps spare tomorrow.

0135 This was a Call sign of 100 Gps yesterday. Probably  
one of them 9/c so asked MLS-12 to advise them.

0240 61 Base F-1659 - F/1659 - on Bullseye landed at DOWNHALL MARKET  
at 0156 - Port Out, Engine covers speeding and a  
drop in oil pressure - Sbd. Inner had one Mag  
4/5. The pilot and crew are staying the night.  
Gransden Lodge advised.

0320 Target Z-3291 419 Sqn V- on this target is the only 9/c missing  
Have checked with 12 Gps who report a plot coming  
in from over the sea off F. Elmore Head.



Craft ac 434/R. at West Raynham,  
formerly Cat A.C. now serv. and  
awaiting crew. July 64 Base

Crew List.

P - F/O JOPKIN J.S. - J24979  
W/O - W/O. MINCHEN G.H. - A45. 421661  
AG - SGT. BARNARD W.S. - 204833  
AG - SGT. KENT G.A. - 154859  
FE - SGT. SHAND H.J. - 1825385

|      |                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| 0405 | 64 Base        | 1/419 landed OK at M.S. G.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 0550 |                | all operational a/c and all Bulls-eye a/c and all training a/c are down O.K.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 0900 | Off duty       | F/O Snowday. On duty B.O'Brien F/O                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 1000 | 433/J          | at West Raynham - no serv. - and awaiting a crew. - reported by W/O Barton. July 63 Base.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 1020 | 433/J          | AIR 1 grants permission for 433 a/c to take a crew to West Raynham for 433/J. - Does not wish them to take AD C's Anson.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 1200 | Well.          | Inlay "W" - M.F. 5/6 (Honeybourne a/c) took off at 1037 hrs from Linton for Braesla via Stirling. Both Linton & 12 hrs now report that Braesla is U.S. and has no W/T or R/T facilities. Contacted 91 hrs F.C. - who propose getting the W/T call sign from Honeybourne and directing the pilot to land at Kinloss (91 hrs). 91 hrs. taking action July 62 Base & 12 hrs F.C. L.O. Landed Braesla - later to be landed at Kinloss. 1205 |
| 1205 | Oxford 64 Base | W/O Palmer granted permission to go to Granaden Lodge. (S.O.C.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 1430 | 1659/S         | Request for m/r a/c - pilot S/L Stinson to go to Dawuham market to pick up crew of 1659/F which will not be serviceable until night of July 17 or later. Tried to contact W/O Barton at Dawuham. He was leaving but F.C. at Dawuham confirmed this. AIR 1 grants permission for the above flight.                                                                                                                                       |
| 1630 | Passenger a/c. | S/L Mitchell Ops officer at 62 Base - queries - Does 66/870/1/AIR 24 June 1944 by SASO ex clude A.T.C. from flying in service a/c.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |



Passengers - no copy of m/n letter in Ops Bible.  
and no one in our staff this afternoon  
Contacted AIR I who rules that  
A.T.C. are to be allowed as passengers.

1830 Off Duty F/O @ Bairn!  
On Duty F/O 2nd Mountain.

1908 64 Base W/c Pleasance. 419 Sqdn. advises they will  
not be doing observation of spot fires due to  
Met Conditions. This will be carried out tomorrow  
night weather and ops requirements permitting.  
Controller advised.

2238 12 Exp. 2 Fives - { WCKZ Fix. 57°10'N 04°41'W - 2213  
1st Class. - Ack.  
429 Sqdn. { WCKL Fix 57°11'N 04°41'W - 2228  
1st Class - Ack.  
Inverness  
Passed to 63 Base.

2255 61 Base Inform that they are not happy about their  
Met Conditions for their Bullseye 9/c. Suggest  
that when they return to Base they contact them  
on R/T and have them continue with their  
Bombing Details or scrub them.

2300 64 Base Advise us a/c H/419 squadron burst a tire on  
take-off - Completed his 9/c detail - made a  
good attempt at landing, but is now blocking  
the main runway.

2310 63 Base Not happy about their Met and they suggest  
they recall their 9/c. Controller gave his  
permission after discussing Met situation.  
Recall signal was sent at 2330. for all 63  
Bases 9/c.

2359 61 Base Decision to recall 9/c to Base at about  
0130 hrs.  
Recall of  
9/c

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0108 63 Base Report Leeming picked up a Darky Coale  
from an 9/c "Handfull" H - He apparently  
was in no trouble, but just wanted his  
position. He did not want to land although he  
was given permission.



# Crash

Dalton Hurricane 3KE - LE-136.  
made normal landing at  
Skepton and as it turned  
off the runway starboard v/c  
collapsed.

Cat. Pilot.  
Inf. SASO - AIR I - 800 - S.F.C.O.  
EQUIP ENG. - G.A.I.O.

431/A - MZ-685 Cat AR

Pilot - F/O TUCKER

431/P - LK-432. Cat AC

(DISP

Inf -

SASO - AIR I - 800 - S.F.C.O.  
EQUIP ENG. - G.A.I.O.

Checked with W/T room who report it is an  
a/c of Bramcote's.

0109 61 Base Report hearing a Darkey call sign "Landfall"  
H for Nov. Checked with 62 Base who say  
they have no H flying at Eastmoor.

0110 DARKY Reported to Bramcote who says it is probably  
this a/c - unheard of on W/T for some time.

0900 Off duty 7/0 Incentpay On duty B.O.B. 1/0

0905 434/R - Air I grants permission for a crew  
to be flown to West Ragnham  
by a training a/c.

434/R - Landed at Croft 1245 hrs.  
0930 428/D AIR I grants permission to go  
to Dalton Down for instruction  
on modification to Lane X.

420/K - AIR I OK'd trip to Boscombe Down - weight  
1000 Occult - 58 (Carnaby - 64 Base & 61 Base  
engine of this occult is S.  
as there is no ~~code~~ key for little  
the flooded.

Signal of 7 July shows it  
serv. - operating since 15 June.

1050 Hurr - 3KE - LE-136 - made a normal  
(DALTON) landing at Skepton. As it  
turned off the runway, starboard  
v/c collapsed.

1115 CRASH - 431/A swung in late off rot.  
431/A 0935 hrs and struck 431/P in  
431/P dispersal - Both a/c Cat 20.  
or worse. Crews O.K. - Reason  
for swing not yet apparent.

1200 Re - Amendments to Secrecy Documents.  
D.F.C.O. || These should all be referred  
note || immediately to Sig Cypher  
Officer

1214.30 Proctor Dec'd up with Dishforth for  
Thos Rawson to go to Digby  
at 15.15 hrs.

1440 Occult - Checked with F.C. Ops Bushhouse  
- Occult 58 - Table II is in the  
same line as occult 58 for July Aug.



14/8 hrs

Well - HE-425 - L. Wombleson from Farnborough  
 Sgt. Sme Cormick.  
 No oil pressure in P.E.  
 Being repaired. may have to stay  
 overnight.

DAMAGED AC

1666 - JD 212 -

A.O.C. - SASO - SOC - AIRI - EQUIP - ENG - O

C.A. - GAID - (P4) - S.F.C.O.

Accult - Table II is correct in showing  
 Accult #10 in line 10 and 32 in  
 in line 8. Lt present #10  
 W.E.P. U.S. - substitute reserve  
 flashing whitish green.  
 Inf. 61, 62, 63, 64 Base.

1530 1666 - S/L Davidson. J. Wombleson wants  
 to know who instructed that a  
 message be sent to 1666 Bullseye  
 a/c to cancel their bombing detail  
 last night.

Checked and reported that S.O.C.  
 had advised 61 Base to cancel bombing  
 owing to weather. At 0130 S.O.C.  
 instructed that the cancellation  
 be sent on HP/DF.

Wombleson thinks they should  
 have been allowed to bomb as a/c  
 could be recalled quickly from  
 Preherring.

1600 Dakota - Am. General Nugent arrived at  
 Wombleson - proceeded to Preherring  
 Range. No particulars available.

1605 Crash Area - 64 Base request the newest  
 S.F.C.O. note - crash area "Jen" -

1715 Dakota - Gen Nugent - to Northolt from  
 Topcliffe. ETA - 1800.  
 Offord - FD "Z" - W/C Wesser  
 to Northolt. ETA - 2000  
 Inf 11 Rep to inform Northolt  
 Farnborough.

1745 Gardemy - met advise bases will be put  
 up - 4-6 miles for return.

1800 - Off duty F/O O'Brien  
 on duty F/O McIlroy.

2305 61 Base - Report 1666 QY-D - JD 212 - "Cat B"  
 He had made a heavy landing and it  
 was discovered and reported to Flying Control  
 this evening that he had twisted the main  
 plane. F/O McDonald Pilot - occurred at 1840 hrs  
 (over.)



crash - 1659 - FD-L - LL142.  
 A.O.C. - SASO - AIRI - S.O.C. - EQUIP. - ENG.O.  
 C of A - G.A.I.O. - (P4) - S.F.C.O.

2308 61 Base

1664 - ~~1664~~ ZU-D - DK 226 - "Lost AC"  
 Sheporth's R/c reported today that the above  
 a/c had suffered damage due to a Halifax  
 R/c opening fire on him during the Spout Attack  
 Bullseye on the night of 15/16 July. This may  
 have been reported in the Intelligence report.

2310 MRS 12

Report that one of our R/c on X/c has been  
 showing partial chabers on his IFF. Possibly  
 a fault. The only possible R/c ~~are~~ are those of  
 Tipcliffes. There are no R/c reported in difficulties.  
 This has been reported to 61 Base who will see  
 that R/c IFF sets are checked on return to base.

TUESDAY - July 18th - 1944.

0016 61 Base

Crash of  
 C4B R/c.

Report that an R/c believed to be L 1659 -  
 FD-L - LL142. Crashed on or near Skipton's  
 aerodrome - Skipton have taken crash action.  
 No further information.

0020 63 Base

Inquire whether it will be O.K. to Broadcast  
 "Return to Skipton" to 4 of their Landing R/c  
 whose E.T.P. conflicts with take-off time. We  
 have O.K. d this. Group will also broadcast the  
 same.

0025 63 Base

Say that 1659's a/c is clear of the aerodrome  
 not forming any obstruction, but within  
 Skipton's Outer Circle. He did not burn. No  
 report as to casualties or damage. Seen to be  
 coming in on the approach to land and then  
 go in.

0053 61 Base

63 Base

Confirm that the R/c that crashed was FD-L of  
 1659 - Crew are all O.K. F/O Graham the  
 instructor was the pilot. The R/c is in the  
 Swale river just n.w. of Skipton aerodrome.  
 The R/c did not burn but the back was broken  
 and it was badly smashed up. No Category  
 was placed on it. One engine is reported to  
 have cut while in the current and another  
 when R/c was on the approach.

0110 61 Base

DARKY

Advise Dalton landed a Wellington R/c that  
 had been calling darky. R/c little P - Home  
 Base Honeybourne - Pilot Sgt Adams - His W/T was  
 W/S. did not reach Newbath flashlight. - landed 0049.



DAMAGED A/c 424/T - MZ 814.  
A.O.C. - AIRI - SASO - SOC. - EQUIP. - ENG.D.  
(C of A.) - GAIO - P4 - S.F.C.O.

Wellington.  
91 Grp

Say don't let him off when he is Serviceable until we receive the O.K. from them. w/x at base likely to deteriorate if he is held up long. Advise 61 Base of this. They will check with us.

0203 61 Base Wellington.

Advise Crew of Wellington well be staying the night. 91 Group informed.

0457 63 Base

424/T - MZ 814 - F/O Cronin pilot. - Overshot runway on landing - returning from Gardening ops. - Time 0452. - Tail wheel damaged. Not forming an obstruction. - 200 yds from end of runway and off line of approach. Tentatively Cat A.C.

0458 63 Base

All training a/c down.

0900

Off duty F/O MacIntyre On duty BOBena/70

0910 Oxford 63 Base

Air. 1 gives permission for trip to Isle of Man re K23/U. F/O Betebe from 6 Grp to arrange another method.

1023

Explosion reported by 12 Grp F.C. - Location approx. 1 mile north of Wombledon. Checked with Wombledon - nothing seen or heard. Reported to 12 Grp.

1100

w/c Saunders - requests use of 6 Grp Avon - This is u/s. Then requested Topcliffe Oxford - where w/c Wheeler based Farahampton.

1100

62 Base - Request 6 copies of 6 CP/5864/1/141. Referred the matter to F/O Bartelmeu who is going to arrange it. Inf. 62 Base

1200

Well. - From Breckham Newton arrived Linton to take 6 Grp entertainers Sgt Angell, Loe Davis, Loe Loege to Breckham Newton. S/O miter said that London HQ. had arranged it. T.O. 1318 for B. Newton.



Martinet MS 747 L. 1606 at Leeming  
from Newmarket. T.O. 1645 for  
Newmarket.

- 1215 Proctor 10004 - S.O.C. requested a proctor & pilot from Dealport this afternoon to take S/C McFarlane to Kallton. Request for another proctor to stand by to take films to Kallton 1400 hrs.
- 1220 1666 a/c to Elvington to pick up an allotted a/c. - OK'd by Ops I
- 1230 Proctor ready at 1400 hrs for films to Kallton
- 1310 Oxford NM 541 A/C. Newlap landed at Topcliffe at 1300 hrs from Calfax
- 1420 425/F - Training flight to Dugby. with F/L Dupuis - OK'd by AIR I
- 1540 Proctor V-7218 took off at 1521 from Dealport for Kendon - A/C McFarlane. Eng 12 hrs.
- 1600 Proctor HM-422. Took off at 1545 for Kallton S/L Boosey - with films. Eng 12 hrs & Kallton signal to Int. B.C.H.Q.
- 1710 Oxford - NM-5041 took off at 1654 from Topcliffe for Ternhill - A/C. Newlap
- 1740 9 Grp - Request instruction re return of Shipton Oxford from S/L J. Man. (Andreas)
- 1835 To Fly W-6547 - Shipton Oxford instructed to fly under cloud from Andreas via Sealand, Ternhill, Nottingham and Bess. 63 Base imp.
- 1840 Off duty - R.T.O. Beem F/O. On duty F/O J. Man. (Andreas)
- 1900 9 Grp. Oxford W-6547 - Say pilot not happy about route and weather wants to stay the night. 63 Base informed



Missing -

431/Y - MZ 628 S/L BULL.  
431/Q - LW 572 P/O LONG STAFFE,  
425/N - LW 672 P/O TAILLON

Early Return

429/V - P.I.E. O/S.

1920 64 Base Croft is panicking about their weather - weather OK but smoke reducing vis. Land on Blackforth for 431 Sqdn & Topcliffe for 434. Provisionally if Croft can't cope.

1940 92 Sqn. 434-U. Landed at Westcott - Short of Petrol. Standing by for instructions. Suggested to Croft they have Devorton stand by if any a/c are very short of fuel.

1942 11 Sqn. 434-T. Landed at Hartford Bridge due to Petrol shortage - Standing by for instructions.

2025 431-U. Landed at Grenade Lodge - Flak damage - Hydraulic Pips shot away - Pilot's leg was nacked by flak - nothing serious. They will be returning in the morning if a/c is serviceable.

2205 64 Base Message Received by M.S.G. H/F D/F KRV M QJW - (my IFF is off.) Belmop & 9 USAAF. Informed them.

2350 63 Base S/C Shunlap landed in a Mitchell from Shunsfold. No other information.

WEDNESDAY - 19th - 1944

0024 62 Base 6432 on R/T - Gone out to get them.

0032 12 Sqn Report Church Fenton have been keeping a listening watch for 4 Hurricane a/c from Dutton. They haven't arrived so checked up and found 61 Base didn't know anything about it, but the details have been scrubbed.

0009 63 Base S/C Shunlap Report Mitchell took for Shunsfold with S/C Shunlaps. - Reported this to 11 Sqn.

0340 63 Base 424/S Skipton's 424/S has a burst tire and is overhead - also about 35 minutes petrol. Called Croft direct - and had him sent there. Also advised 64 Base.

0400 64 Base 424/S 424/S landed at Croft. OK. He didn't have a burst tire.



420/Z - LK - 802. Int. A.C. SASO AIRC  
SOC ENG EQUIP  
GAIOV SEC. P4  
Q. Q. A

420/z - LK-803.

Crew List

P. - F/O JOPLIN J.S. - J24979 Killed  
 w/op. - W/O MINCHEN G.H. - Aus. 421661 "  
 AG - SGT BARNARD W.S. - 204833 "  
 AG. - SGT KENT GA. - 154859 "  
 F/E - SGT SHAND N.J. - 18253851 "

| JULY 19/1944. |                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| 0404          | 16 Grp.<br>T/433                              | Landed at Docking at 0312 - Short of Petrol<br>But burst a tire while taxiing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 0640.         | A/c away.                                     | 425 & 430 A/c that landed at Woodbridge back at Base.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 0900          |                                               | Off duty F/O Mawattay. On duty B O'Brien F/O                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 1000          | Proctor<br>61 Base                            | S/C Wartell requests m/p & c to go to Halton to-day returning to-morrow - or to go on the "film" trip.<br>Checked - no film trip to-day - But may be needed to-morrow or early to-morrow.<br>Gunsen and other Proctor are U.S. SAs so rules S/C Wartell to go by train as only one Proctor S. |
| 1145          | Cat<br>420/Z                                  | - at Thaltorpe at the upwind end of the runway - & c on fire<br>no details yet.                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 1150          | Snake                                         | - 61 Base - Draft report column of black smoke toward Brapperton - evidently smoked Thaltorpe & c.                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 1222          | 420/Z<br>LK-803<br>CRASH<br>Pilot F/O JOPKIN. | Took off at 1130, Crashed at 1133<br>Location - 1/2 mile from Thaltorpe aerodrome behind a wood.<br>Detail - Fighter Application<br>& c spun to the ground, burst into flames and exploded. Pilot and all crew killed. Reason and details not yet available.                                  |
| 1250          | Bullseye                                      | - C. C. - Cancelled. Inf met 61 Base.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 1255          |                                               | Off duty F/O O'Brien.<br>On duty F/O O'Brien.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 1450          | F/LT Smith                                    | 426/A - 22 Cat AC. at Woodbridge - 62 informed.<br>433/T - Docking - Should be ready this afternoon<br>63 informed.<br>1659/F - Downham Market - Should be ready by 1900 hrs today. 61 Base informed.                                                                                         |



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| 1407 | 64 Base                                  | 2 Tiger Moths Took off from Croft for Carlisle<br>T 6855 & T 7810<br>Route Croft, Corbridge, Carlisle. Took off at 1335<br>F-428 Local Flying - Landing at Wombledon -<br>T.O. at 1515 - but not off yet. No reason.<br>But 61 Base informed.                                                                                    |
| 1618 | 62 Base                                  | Report Crash of an 9/c 5-6 miles East of<br>Eastmoor in the Sherff Hutton Area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 1620 |                                          | Called FCLO - 12 Gp for a plot. - an 9/c is<br>reported to be circling.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 1621 |                                          | Eastmoor report at 3 miles East of them.<br>Noticed it from a Pull of Smoke. Think it<br>might be G/432 - Time 1612. We took off at<br>1603. - 2 9/c are now circling it.                                                                                                                                                        |
| 1628 | CRASH<br>(A 12th<br>Riceall)             | Eastmoor took crash action immediately.<br>Local NFS & York NFS notified. 12 Gp give<br>plot as A 1187. Advised S.A.S.O. 800                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 1633 | 61 Base                                  | 1659 Squadron request Permission to go to<br>Downham Market to pick up 1659/F. They<br>will make it an H2S X/c training trip with a<br>Screened pilot. O. K. by S.O.C.                                                                                                                                                           |
| 1645 | 61 Base                                  | 1659 want to delay this until tomorrow morning<br>Told them OK as far as we can tell - but before<br>going get the O.K. again from 6 Gp.                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 1650 | 64 Base                                  | Request permission to let Oxford AP1820<br>- F/LT Betcher from 6 Gp to go to Isle of Man.<br>Route - Appleby - Morecambe - Jurby<br>S.A.S.O. gave permission - Action O.K.                                                                                                                                                       |
| 1707 | CRASH.<br><del>62 Base</del><br>(A 12th) | The 9/c that crashed is not ours. - J.B-844<br>Halifax 2. - From Riceall - P/O Forrest.<br>Crew OK - Engineer has broken leg taken to<br>York Military Hospital. Rest of crew at Eastmoor.<br>It was a forced landing. Feathered 2 & 3rd<br>Engines at 2000' - Crew took up crash position.<br>Eastmoor passed "gen" to Riceall. |
| 1800 | Oxford<br>NT 296                         | Took off from Wombledon for Lulsgate Bottom<br>via - Linton - Sigwell at 2000' at 1755                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 1812 | Oxford<br>AP 1820                        | Took off from M.S.G. at 1810 -<br>Jurby<br>Rising Informed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 1837 | 64 Base                                  | Advice - Oxford AP 1820 returned to Base<br>at 1837. Advised Jurby.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |



Oxford - ED 1740 L. Croft 2033

Pilot - S/L EVANS

From Hartford Bridge en route  
to Ouston - Landed to check  
the weather. Remaining overnight  
Inf. 11 Grp. + 9 Grp. (to advise Ouston)

#### ACCIDENT

1664/J - DG-348

Inf. - SASO AIR I, SOC Engr. EQUIP  
SECO. G.A.I.O.

Off duty F/O Mowat, J. On duty B.T.O'Brien F/O

1940 438/T - Instructed Mowat to get  
him airborne before 2100 hrs  
or to hold him for our approval

2030 438/T - Instructed pilot to take off  
and return - to call Dishforth  
on Darby to request permission  
to land at Base. - Landed OK.

Thursday July 20th

0230 1664/J - On circuits and landings - U/C  
PIO ELDER. collapsed - Prov. Category B.  
DG-348 - Normal landing.

0330 1659/K - FIX - 5356N 0124W to base Hull  
at 03:03 - Passed to 61 Base.  
(P/C - landed OK from Bullseye 00343)

0430 Ops & Bullseye - All a/c landed safely at base.

0900 On duty F/O Mowat, J.

1230 12 Grp - Advise a plot out over sea - Wallington  
going NW - Showing Broad IFF.

1445 64 Base - M.S.G. Request permission for Fl. Batches  
of 6 Grps to go to Isle of Man over  
Hoxham - Canby, J. AIRI gave permission  
informed only what he told us

1543 62 Base - Report they can see a large column of white  
smoke west of Sinton.  
Checked with 12 Grp. & 61 Base - Dishforth.  
Dishforth could see it but it looked like  
a brush fire or Hay stack. No other information.

1602 12 Grp. - Report that ROC saw on 9/C which landed at  
Wombles from which several parachutists  
came. Called 61 Base. They say it was D/1666  
proceeding 2 engine flying. Couldn't see feathers  
his engines. W/C told crew to bail out.  
They did and parachutes all opened. Pilot  
then landed 9/C safely.

1622 CFC - S/432 landed at Woodbridge 1616 - Port  
outer engine fractured and other damage. 62 Base  
informed.



433/D - LV-842. ON OPS.

Pilot - SGT SAUARD

Sup. SASO AIRL S.O.C. ENG EQUIP  
GAIO S.F.C.O

Warmer - (Kerry P.) landed Topeliff  
at 2300 hrs - 20 July from Thornaby  
Pilot F/L Proctor  
serv. staying overnight - owing to weather.  
Sup 12 hrs

Black Widow - Captain - 2nd Lt. Woolley  
landed Topeliff at 2304 from Seaton  
serv. staying overnight, owing to  
weather - Sup 12 hrs.

Dominie - X-7492 - F/L Hughes  
landed mid-S.S. from  
61 O.T.U. (REDNAH) en route  
Smilfield - staying overnight.

1659/G - on Bomby & Bullseye

Took off at 2146 to bomb at Shensall until  
2300 hrs and then to proceed on C.C.  
Bullseye.

61 Base sent recall at 2245 hrs.

"G" acknowledged recall message at 2353.

61 Base sent - "Request ETA."

"G" sent message at 0103 - R/T U/S ETA 0110

61 Base sent "Land at Ossington" 0125 hrs.

"G" acknowledged. above message 0144.

Landed Ossington 0256 hrs.

1820

38 Exp  
P/427

Advise that P/427 had Port Inner U/S  
& still due U/S. Crew are all O.K. and  
are being taken to Harwell for interrogation.  
Pilot has already been on to 63 Base. No  
idea on what instructions they have given  
re-return.

1827

63 Base  
P/427

Seemingly say if 91c can be made serviceable  
tomorrow they are to return - if not they will  
try and pick them up tomorrow.

1900

12 Exp

Report that 7 of a crew bailed out  
in the Wash at 1800 hrs. - Reported  
as an American &c attacked  
to 6 Exp.  
Not a 6 Exp &c - although one of  
our ops &c saw it upon return.

2050

433/D  
LV-842

Pilot SGT SAUARD

Swung on take-off for operations  
- Tentative Cat. A.C.  
Crew O.K. did not hurt.

2050

Smoke

Tholtharpe reports smoke 338°  
from them.  
Checked with 61 Base - Disports  
report nothing.

2110

A25/I

S. only return. P.O.E. U/S.

2135

431/S

Fix 5123N 0113E U class.  
report by 6 Exp Sigs.

2135

62 Base

Request a recall in 426  
U.F.F. - 14th day Code C/S L.P.G.  
planned to send it on HF "K"  
- &c do not answer HF/DF  
above &c replied on HF DF

2140

FL/O

Engleason - requests a flight on  
Proctor with films at 0520  
to-morrow from Disports to  
Halton. AIRI wished to  
all the AMO 1310 - 1943. To  
get SASO approval at 2200 hrs.

2230

Bullseye cancelled - 1659/S, N, G  
on Bomby prior to Bullseye recalled.



2240 Diversion - Craft aerodrome red, mid-c. & yellow. Arranged diversion with 62 Base - 431 x 419 to Eastmoor, 434 to Linton.

2310 Diversion - 433 SQD - given Swanton Moor, 420 Rufforth, 425, Recal

2330 1659/C - Acknowledged receipt message on HF/DF - but has not answered request for ETA.  
Trying to contact him on MF.  
Arranged for diversion home at Ossington - 700 61 Base.

Friday July 21

0150 1659/C - Acknowledged receipt of diversion to Ossington on HF/DF.

0310 1659/C - Landed Ossington 0256.

0500 Diversion Summary - to C.F.C. - 12 a/c landed outside the group.

All a/c landed safely.  
q/c away Aircraft away instructed to await instructions at 0800 hrs.

Oxford W6574 - pilot - F/L Appleton at Cars (63 Base) a/c is serviceable. awaiting better weather and OK. from G-Exp.

0800 - q/c away which are serv. are instructed to be ready for take off at 1000 hrs pending confirmation from G-Exp.

~~0900~~  
0900 Off duty F/O O'Brien  
On duty F/O Self-Mounting.

1020 OXFORD q/c FAUQUIER gave permission for Oxford to 68 Base drop an officer at Ossington and continue on to Farnborough to pick up q/c Weiser as previously arranged.

Duty Staff Officer B.O.

F.C. (OPS) A.M. BUSH HOUSE 9482