

S.O. Book 129.

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Flying Control Log

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Friday, July 21st 1944

- 1110 G-1689 To stand by to await Oxford which will drop instructor at Ossington to check Vc.
- 1115 warwick Airborne for Thornaby from Skipton at
Thornaby 1024 - Passed to G.V. for direct transmission to Thornaby.
- 1125 Y-420 At Caranwell instructed to return as soon as possible to check weather carefully.
- 1133 OXFORD From Halton landed at Tholthorpe at 1121.
T-1104 Taking off from Tholthorpe at 1130 for Swindley thence to Halton. Brought a visit my WAAF officer.
- 1147 SOS. M.S.G. picked up following message
BPOB - that is all very faint no bearing - passed to 12. Can't find out who it belongs to.
- 1207 SOS. Following message received by M.S.G. H/F D/F.
SOS-BEN BX8 BEN NC 090 H 6000
P 5230N 0230W 0900
Bearing 088°T at 1201½
Passed to 12 Gps. & W/T.
- 1214 SOS. Following message received by M.S.G. H/F D/F.
SOS-BEN BX8 BEN NC 090 2KSD1
~~5230N~~ 520 (3) 0230W 1605
Bearing 088°T at 1210
Passed to 12 Gps. & W/T.
W/T cannot break message down, nor find out who it belongs to. Position indicates Vc over land, but bearing indicates it is over North sea. Suggested to 12 Gps. that Posn given might be last known position at 0900 hrs. Bearing indicates he might be down in the sea as it doesn't change. M.S.G. have transmitted to Vc but received no acknowledgment. 12 Gps are getting 16 Group cracking. Bearings were 1st class.
- 1313 SOS. 12 Gps advise that 16 Gps have sent an Vc from Thornaby on a COT from M.S.G. of 088°T as for east as 0400°E.
- 1340 Wellington at Skipton going to Gargton - Birmingham
HF 719 Derby, Shrewsbury, Gargton - advised to keep clear of these towns. Also check W/T before going. Let it be known we don't like the route.

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- 1346 P/427 Keesels an Engine Change. Crew instructed to return to Base by rail. From 63.
- 1430 Wellington HF 719. Route Changed to Base - Newark Station. Took off at Signalled out.
- MW 362 Enroute from Cattuck to Andover landed Hurricane at Seaming with gun panel 4/5. Cattuck was advised by 63. when this is Serviceable and will be signalled by Seaming on to Andover.
- 1457 Crashed Sterling. Wiggly called Topcliffe regarding Crashed Sterling at Piss. S 325 N - 0 138 W (near Sheffield) - Topcliffe is connected with Northern Rescue Service - Topcliffe want to know what action they should take with regard to searching for lost crew. - 1 of which had passed information regarding position of a/c. Contacted S Group who said Wiggly should not have done this and no action by Topcliffe was required as search of crew was well in hand.
- 1730 W-6547 F/L Appleton from Skipton down at Carl, told not to return to base tonight Call us in the morning. He says O.K.
- 1835 W-6547 Carl advise us that a/c is airborne at 1828 without our permission. Asked them to have the R. O. C plot him.
- 1845 Off Duty F/Ls 228 & 229. On Duty F/L W.A. Warwick.
- 1900 Met. Re-61 Base & 420 Sqd. X countries met. rather worried about conditions on apprt. E.T.R. 0400 & 0100 respectively put matter in the hands of Controller of Sanderton.
- 2015 61 Base - Scrubbed night X countries.
2045. 62 Base Thelthorpe doing bombing ex. at Stunsall Bombing range until 2315.
- 2330 " all a/c in Group down

D.F.C.O

F.C.L.O 12 Gp. phoned re. the placing of small searchlights at practically every R.O.C post in this area. he suggested that in case of emergency re. lost A/c to be homed, that we suggest 2 aerodromes, well placed in location etc. I suggested Topcliffe & Eastmoor, if any Duty officer feels that this is not a suitable suggestion, please suggested places below. (too many suggested etc) J.A.H.

PROCTOR - HM-422.

PILOT - S/L BOOSEY

At 20.00 hrs 18/7/44, upon return from Kelton saving off runway - tipped up nose and damaged the propeller.

Category A.R.

(6 Gp Com. Flight)

Friday July 21/1944.

2345 63 Base. Re. A.O.C.'s car to be at Leeming by 0945 hrs. on Saturday 22nd July re. Lord Swinton M.H. advised.

Saturday July 22nd/44.

0200. all quiet.

0900. off Watch J.A.H. Harwick.
On Watch G.O. Muntz.

0920 63 Base advise that Lord Swinton will not arrive at Leeming until possibly tomorrow morning. A.O.C. advised of the above - after next Conference etc. was completed. Sir I also advised when message first received. Unfortunately A.O.C.'s car had left for Leeming prior to 0900 hrs.

1127 4 Gp Report that an G/C - Halifax III G.U.N- flew over 4 Gp H.Q. at a height of 400' at 1118 hrs. W/c Warner took his letters. We have no Squadron letters G.U. Dushforth with G/C letters ZU have no Halifax III.

1135 ANSON NK710 Sir Ambrose. this G/C arrived at Dushforth to take dental office. injured several nights ago down to Ockham. (25 m. SW of London). Intends to leave about 1300 hrs. 61 Base don't think it's good enough and want to delay ETD till 1400 hrs. Our Met say it should improve by 1400 hrs and agree with 61 Base. Route for flight Base - Peterboro - Ockham. Further check on weather made at 1230 and Controller agrees to let him go at 1400 hrs.

1215 Proctor Damage to Dushforth's proctor discovered. this was not reported to 6 Gp. Check made and it was not reported to 61 Base. 61 Base are getting all possible 'eyes' for us. Apparently damage occurred on 18th.

1310 6 Gp met. Anson NK710 Say weather hasn't developed the way they had anticipated and that cloud base was down to 600 feet in places. SOC scrubbed all thoughts of making flight until 1800 hrs.

F.C.O. - Please Note.

On H2S Cross Country Route #28 the Route is as follows
Base - Blyth - Conquest I etc.
Blyth is within an I.A.Z. - 12 Group request that
this be changed. With permission of S.O.C. we have
changed it to read Base - Herham - Conquest I etc.

Check 23/7/44 for Ant.

Saturday July 22nd 1944

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| 1447 | 61 Base | Complaining of a Mesquite shooting up watch-tower at 500 feet. We haven't got his letters checked with 12 Grp. - They have nothing. |
| 1537 | 12 Grp. | Report a Column of Black smoke about 4 miles S.W. from Skipton. in E 7799. Plot from R.O.C. Called Skipton asked them if they could see anything, they couldn't. Called Snipe Bombling Range. They couldn't see anything either. 12 Grp had nothing. |
| 1605 | 61 Base
Oxford | Request Clearance for 61 Base Oxford to go to Ossington tomorrow morning - 5/4. Stinson doing Liaison work. AI gave his permission T.O. about 1030. |
| 1637 | 61 Base
Oxford
from Full
Sutton. | Report on Oxford. landed at Dalton at 1515. He brought a Navigator who wished to pick up some of his kit left there. 9/c P-8978 - Took off at 1647 for Full Sutton. |
| 1647 | 61 Base
DARKY | Report - Topcliffe - Dalton - Skipton heard a Darky call from Powder Cream A-Abbs at 1645. - Sounded like an American and signal was not very strong. Checked with 12 Grp - R.O.C. had a Dakota plotted in E 96 in no apparent difficulty - but that was the only plot in the area. Asked 12 Grp to watch this plot. Called 4 Grp - they had had no report of a Darky Call or any 2/c in difficulty. |
| 1730 | 64 Base | Report yesterday that ^{same} H28/E on Radar X/c on approved route serial 204526 at 10000 and at position 54 35N - 0437W was fired at by Navy ack-bursting below at 8000. Checked with 12 Grp who checked with 13. This is an artillery zone. As I want this to be checked again tomorrow to see what is being done. 9/c was on track and on time time of incident 1822. |
| 1805 | 124 13
Grp | Report that 2 Halifax 9/c Crossed coast out this afternoon at St. Abbs Head. Proceeded out to sea to about 100 miles east of Peter Head turned and came in at Peter Head. They were tracked across country and landed at Dishforth. |

Crew List Z/426: NP 700.

Pilot: P/O McIntyre H.B J86652
 Nav: P/O Mahler L.H J35749
 WOP: W/O Stone T.A R129668
 A/B: W/O St. Pierre A.L R158073
 F/E: Sgt. Rhodes F. 1680670 *
 M/U: Sgt. Fairty H.C. R201301
 R/G: Sgt. Foster R.M. R147033

* Broken ankle - All the rest OK.

Inf. Acc. SASO AIR 1, SOC, ENG. EQUIP
 G.A.L.O

Sgt Rhodes in R.A.F Hospital Hereford.

Saturday July 22nd 1944.

Checked with 61 Base who were taking it up with Shobdon.

1810 62 Base Report that they have a report that Z/426-
 2/426 had crashed in South Wales. Shobdon
 was looking after it. Pilot reports he saw
 5/county & other parachutes than his own. 5 members
 of crew have been located - one with
 RCAF No 24. a leg injury. Location VO 9090. 5.6 miles
 from Shobdon airfield.

2200 " Report from Pilot that the Port outer engine
 caught on fire - due to the prop overspeeding
 Unable to feather and the prop broke off
 and, in doing so, broke the port inner prop.
 The Port inner engine then also caught on
 fire. Fire baled out at 5000 ft and
 the Pilot & Flight Engineer followed. He crashed
 & burned.
 All the crew are at Shobdon and are OK
 with exception of F/E who broke his ankle.

2200 24 Balloons B.L.O. says he believes this is now located
 Centre. at Redhill, Surrey - Passed to 64 Base.

Sunday July 23. 1944.

0900 Off duty B.T.O'Brien P/O.
 On duty P/O McIntyre
 Lord Swinton: 63 Base report that Lord
 Swinton may arrive at Lening
 today. Request a car at 1000 hrs.

0930 ANSON Air I gave permission for Anson to
 NK 710 go to Colham this morning. 61 Base.
 Air Ambulance advised. Desford are handling the notification
 to Harrogate hospital.

1050 Bullseye Advised 61 Base of Combined Command Bullseye

1055 LIAISON Sir Ashley Cooper visited the operations room.
 VISIT

1205 2/426 Instructed all well members of this crew
 Crew to return to base by rail - Sgt. Rhodes F. - the
 injured member of the crew is in Hereford. (R.A.F)
 Hospital - Casualty signal being sent to
 Harrogate Air Ministry by Shobdon & Engineer
 is completing form 1921 re - with off of 4/c.
 This information passed to 62 Base.

1247

408/K DS-705 (Lane) -
Pilot P/O SNIDER

A.O.C. SASO AIRI SOC ENG. EQUIP. G.A.I.D.

1405	61 Base STC in HCU a/c.	Permission given for ATC to fly in Disforth's 9/c this afternoon - An instructor will be aboard in each case.
1309	O/H 26 Sgtm.	Reported overdue - No report of crash - He was on a bombing detail at Shensall then to go Air to Air Firing - Checked with 61 Base who give following report. He was on R/T at Dalton at 1230. A Martinet was sent out but failed to pick him up. so returned to base - refueled and went out again at 1328 when he presumably completed the detail, but at 1330 he was on R/T again at Dalton, asking for another detail. He is now out to sea on that detail.
1435	MITCHELL FR 297 62 Base	^{ALTON} ORPEN from Hartford Bridge landed at Tinton at 1410. He will be returning at 1530. F/LT ORPEN
1505	K/H 08 CRASH	On Dalton Aerodrome on Runy 36. Told to land on 30 and he landed on 36. Dalton were in the process of changing Runways. A/c still burning no further sign re-crew etc.
1645	Oxford 62 Base	Air I gave permission for 62 Base Oxford to take F/LT King to Woburn for Court of Inquiry
1700	Spitfire EAM	From Dingley landed at Tiverton at 1650. S/c McNaught was pilot - 12 Group advised. (To 1900 hrs found by 12 Grp ..
1703	CRASH K/H 08	Crew all O.K. - A/c ran off end of Runway on landing, turned over - and burst into flames P/O Snider was pilot and Crew are all O.K.
1845	MITCHELL FR 297	62 Base reports MITCHELL Pilot F/LT ALTON pilot & passengers F/LT Orpen reported overdue at Base - Hartford Bridge. Pilot reported he had been routed both ways. Checked with 12 Group who had no report of any crashes other than one north of Thornaby believed to be a training accident 2 FA. 1830. Took off at 1606. (A message from Base)
1845	Off	duty P/O Macentoy. On duty B.O. Bennett
1900	K/H 08	Landed at - one 3, D.K. X being delivered to Dalton. Category E - Burned.

CRASH

408/S - DS-692 - P/O Brown - J.A. J. 19703

INFORMED. SASO - AOC AIRI SOC.
ENG. EQUIP SFCO GAIO

2100 F/H King - Re 62 Rose request for 62 Rose
protector or 6 Eng Anson to take
F/H King to Wankhays. Airt. rule
no - He can take the train.

2300 62 Rose - Lane 408/S. Had difficulty in
take off. - believe one engine
cut. Cannot gain height -
CRASH (2305 HRS.) - headed toward marston
moor at tree top height.
Eng. 4 Eng. to inform marston
moor - also w/ 12 Eng. and
asked for one R.O.C. plots and
opened air board.

2311 12 Eng Lane - believed our 408/S crashed
at marston moor.
408/S. 4 Eng. confirm this. No details
yet.

2320 AIRI Informed A.O.C. of the above crash.

2335 408/S - Crew all OK. - e/c landed
(4 Eng report) on a v/s runway about
the middle of the aerodrome and
burned fiercely.
Eng 4 Eng. of the bomb load
18 x 500 - 2 of them 72 hr delay.
also w/ 12 Eng.

2340 " S/c Annis reported to 62 Rose
that the leading edge of the
starboard wing between the
inner engine and the fuselage
folded up on take off.

2350 Flare - 2 small & one large explosion
reported by 6 Eng palmer, 62 Rose
& 61 Rose, 12 Eng. - explosion
of Lane 408/S.

Monday July 24.

0020 408/S - crew staying overnight.

0125 434/C Landed at Exeter. - S.E. v/s.

C. RASIT

1666/U - JD-372.
 PILOT - SGT. MOFFATT H.D. R-186738 - Killed.
 NAV - P/O LEWTHWAITE G.A. J-37164 "
 A/B - SGT. DUTNER D.F. R-179976 "
 W/OP - SGT. GREEN F.S. R-160985 "
 R/G - SGT. LUDLOW J.M. R-209960 "
 M.U. SGT. REYNOLD A.C. R-203113 "
 F.F. SGT. LIVINGSTONE

INformed. A.O.C. ✓ SASO ✓ AIR J. S.O.C. ✓
 ENG. ✓ EQUIP ✓ P4 ✓ G.A.I.O. ✓ C.O.F. ✓
 S.F.C.O. ✓

July 24

0325 SOS a/c approached Lamboro from the sea. Inf. 62 Base. - Later declared no longer SOS.
 0400 Crash - 62 Base at 40988' - near Sheriff Hutton. 12 Exp. report crash A1793. Instructed 62 Base to send Eastmoor crash tender. dispatched via Sheriff Hutton to Leachleton near the position A1793 confirmed by 12 Exp.
 0430 1666/U - Hurricane Q, reported that his detail 1666/U caught fire and exploded in the air. may be the crash noted above.
 0500 424/H - Landed at Ovington with 2 long delays. - If these bombs were fused pilot is to jettison them 20 miles off 7 Lamboro before returning to base.
 0500 a/c Away - Instructed the interrogated repelled and sent back to base.
 0645 1666/U - Eastmoor crash tender returned to base. They reported all the crew dead and W. Sableton was in charge of the crash.
 0700 Location 1/2 mile east of Conyesthorpe Village. Discussion summary passed to C.F.C. - 8 a/c at 7 stations.
 0730 1666/U - Pilot of Hurricane Q - F/S GAUKROGER on fighter affiliation with 1666/U reported. - Five minutes after contact about 0400 hrs at 7000 ft the Halifax did a violent cork-screw. After straightening out "Q" saw starboard o.e. on fire. He tried to warn the pilot of 1666/U but made no R/T contact. Caught fire very quickly and spun to earth; no one seen to bale out.
 0840 1666/U - Smalton V.F.S. - report that all 7 bodies found. - at least three identified - W. Sableton now in charge of the matter.

Re Buller's

12 Sep. that Black Widow &c

July 24.

0900 Off duty F/O O'Brien
On duty F/O McQuinn

1000 61 Base Request a Blanket Cover for next 5 weeks
on permission for Wombleson to fly ATC boys
- 35 per day - ~~present~~ in training 9/c -
Carrying an instructor pilot and full crew.
3 ATC per 9/c - only in fit weather and only
day flying. Referred this to S.A.S.O. who is
going to confer with the S/C McQuinn of Wombleson.

1005 12 Sep Report 2 men picked up at sea - presumably
both alive - off the Humber in North sea.
Sgt AG - B.N. Graves 1896264 & W. Good -
Newman 169375. Checked with P. who says
these men do not belong to 6 Group. Advised 12.

1110 62 Base From Halton - landed at Tinton at 1105
Proceeding to Melksham this afternoon.
S/C Watson was pilot. Returned at 1430.

1348 12 Sep. Report Column of smoke in E 8399 1 mile
SW of Skipton. Called Skipton and had fire
department check. It turned out to be a Haystack
12 Sep informed.

1410 63 Base Inquire whether or not it will be O.K. for them
to send an 9/c to Hampstead Norris to pick
up crew of 9427 4/s at this station. Controller
gave his permission with the reservation that
crew of 9/c going down should be careful to
look the airfield over carefully before attempting
to land as it has very short runways. If
not satisfied they should proceed to Harwell,
drop the extra crew there and continue on
training x/c.

1318 W/O Burton advises C/434 at Exeter needs S.I.F. Change
Crew are to return home by rail. S.O.C. refuses
permission for an 9/c to pick them up while
along a training x/c. Crew instructed to
return to Base by rail.

1850 Off duty F/O McQuinn. On duty B.O'Brien F/O

1910 Petrol Diversions Base - Request for Langwell
or equivalent for 408 Laves.
TO C.F.C.

Definite Diversion Base

408 - WASHAM - Tilerp.

Emergency Bases if required.

Hartford Bridge
 Sparrow Island
 Langmere
 Tard
 Odham.

MISSING

420/U - MZ-713
 Pilot - F/O TRICKETT D.

419/T - KB 719
 Pilot F/S PHILLIPS J.A.

ACCIDENT

428/V - KB-740 CAT-EX
 Landed Woodbridge
 Pilot P/O CORBET C.H.
 Collided with another d/c.
 Rear Gunner SGT SANDULAK J. R-208892
 Baled out over enemy territory.

1664/J - LK-694 HALV
 Pilot F/O HUCHALA. CAT E(Pro)

Int. - AOC SASO AIRL SOC.
 ENG. EQUIP.

AOC SASO AIRL SOC ENG EQUIP P4 GA10
 C/A SFCO

1945 Petrol - Diversion Base allocated and
 given passed to 62 Base & 64 Base.

2015 To 2 Exp - Gen re 408 petrol diversion given
 to 2 Exp. for Lasham including
 the call signs, etc.

Tuesday July 25

0100 420/U - S.O.S. - 4950N 0184E Jet 0043
 (FIX) passed to 62 Base. Inf 10 Exp
 and 10 Exp. (Overland near Dieppe).

Marston Moor - Re damage by 408/5 -
 no damage to buildings and
 no casualties. Left a big
 crater 25 yds off the main runway
 Aerodrome put U/S until 1000h
 - now OK. One piece of bomb
 went through an aircraft - no
 damage of any consequence - a
 few panes of glass broken in
 Doebwith village. Inf. 62 Base.

0230 From 11 Exp - A Broad I.F.F. north of Jax
 position - WR 8200 at 0057 hrs.
 faded. 11 Exp reported it
 to A.S.R. 11 Exp. Inf. 62 Base
 this A/C was possibly 420/U
 whose position first on giving
 S.O.S. priority was over land.
 A.S.R. 11 Exp. are putting on
 a search when weather fit
 around the Tanguet area
 & will notify us if any
 news of such. Inf. 62 Base

0700 Diversion Summary - passed to CFC.

0700 1664/J - On return from Bullseye on
 3 engines, landed at 0406 hrs.
 swung at right angles to the
 runway and bounced once
 to starboard and headed
 for the Great North Road. and
 then reversed to Runway 16.
 and undercarriage collapsed
 crew OK.

428/V	- Landed Woodbridge at 0326.
KB-740	Collided with another aircraft
PILOT	at 2359 hrs. Rear gunner.
P/O CORRET.	Sgt Sandulab beelied out
	over enemy territory. The
	other aircraft possibly crashed
	at time of collision 40-50
	miles from targets and
	was seen going down in flames.
	(possibly 419/T - missing &c)
	428/V - Category E.I.
	Off Duty P/O D. Beem. & On Duty F/O D. Mouton
0900	Reported SOS message etc re this &c to
1010	S/L Seaborne.
	MISSING.
0915	62 Base
	Navigator of 408 Sqdn. injured before take-off
	on Bullseye last night - had a cut requiring
	two stitches in his head. Nothing serious.
0935	64 Base
	W/C McLeish wants to send an &c of 428
	428 Sqdn. on a training flight to Woodbridge to
	pick up the crew of V/428 Sqdn. AIRI would
	not give his permission. 64 Base will
	contact Woodbridge re having crew return by
	rail.
0940	61 Base
	S/L Stinson wants to go to Cassington in 61
	Base Oxford. As a Liaison. AIRI
	gave his permission
	E.T.D 1100 hrs. ETA. 1145.
0945	62 Base
	all of 408 &c that landed away are now back at
	base.
1015	11 Srp.
W/420	Called 11 Srp re ASR search for 420/u.
MISSING	They have searched the area W/R 8200 and
	found nothing. S/L Seaborne advised.
1030	ANSON
EG 184	This anson landed at Linton for refueling. He is
	proceeding to Prestwick via Carlisle. Checked
	with that. This will be O.K.
	T.O. 1045 ETA 1215.
1032	62 Base
	415 have one flight that becomes operational
	tomorrow 26/7/44
	408 - offer 11 for duty.
	All other 62 Base Squadrons - 426, 432, 420, 425
	can offer 15 for duty. Operations Officer informed.

1033 63 Base 4/433 at Shetforth having an Engine Change

1037 10 Ship Re 11/420 MISSING Checked with 10 Ship. They have taken no action as plots were in 11 Ship area. Suggested we might get in touch with ASR officer on the beach head. who controls A-SR. fixed positions in the Channel. Informed S/L Seaborne who coaxed 11 Ship to carry out another search this afternoon. They will let us know if they see anything.

1050 4 Ship S/L Thompson & F/O Jefferson are going to pay us a Division visit today. F/LT Cleland informed.

1150 61 Base DARKY Report a Dunlop Call - presumably an American Y/C using Call sign - CLAPTRAP - FLASHBACK - ALLSHACK or FLAPJACK. - Y-yoke. - Reported this to 63 Base who had heard him and were trying to work him. Saw to 62 Base. Reported to 12. and 4 Ship. 4 Ship had heard him earlier on - 12 Ship are trying to get a plot.

1225 64 Base report that a Cassia Cassie with an American pilot is down at Croft - From Boringdon - more "gen" later. Appeared to be lost. Reported to 12 Ship, 61, 62, 63, Bases.

~~1230~~ ~~64 Base~~ ~~DARKY~~ AT 1255 Croft Reported that the Y/C they had landed was not calling Darky, his Y/C letters were H-322102. None Base Boringdon destination Turnhouse - Boringdon & Turnhouse advised. Croft is refuelling him. His R/T C/S was Longfellow. 12 Ship have been unable to get any more "gen" on the DARKY - although 4 Ship have landed a DARKY Call with Y/C letter H.

1245 11 Ship Re 11/420 MISSING They are starting search again. Report of a dinghy at Posn 50 30 1/2 N - 0108E & wreckage at 5030-0058E. These are almost on Track for the Y/C, but do not fit in with the fix as previously given. 11 Ship say there are a great many Y/C over most of the Channel area today and area should be well covered.

1250 SFC Re 2/425 Advise that this Y/C will probably need an Engine Change. F/LT Smith or W/O Burton have inspected it and a signal has been sent by him presumably to Ship engineering officer or Station Engineering officer stating repairs needed. 62 Base advised.

CRASH

433/I - LV-911

Pilot - P/O WRIGHT W.H.

Inf. AOC SASO AIRI SOC.
ENG. EQUIP 2.F.C.O. G.A.I.O.

Proctor "N" HM-364 W/c Wally.
Landed Wombledon 1415-2 from
Turnhouse 24/7.
Took off 1935, 25/7 to Northolt
ETA - 2045.

1403 63 Base Landed at Seemingly last night - O.V. given
HAL M.H.T for him to return to Smith. T.O. -1403.

1435. F/LT SMITH. Called Re 4/433 at Woodbridge formerly a Cal AC.
now repaired. The crew of 2/428 Tholthorpe
is flying this 9/c and they are also bringing
the crew of 4/428 that Crash landed at Woodbridge
last night. The 9/c will go to M.S.G. first and
then to Skipton. 62 Base advised and asked
to organize transport from Tholthorpe for their
crew. 64 Base also advised and 63 base.

1535' DIVERSION BASES. Called Central Flying Control for definite diversion
bases, as many on the coast as possible.
Emphasized these must be used and will
be used as this will be extreme range for
our 9/c.

1725 4/433 went U/S will probably return tomorrow
morning. 64, 63, 62, advised.

1840 Diversion Bases. Allocation passed
to the stations.

2015 6 Exp Smeb. do not like the diversion
bases offered east of Deleghigh
Request a new group of bases.

2000 C.F.C. Offer. Thorney Island, Kestford
Bridge, Larkham & Dinsfold -
We do not like Dinsfold.

2120 Crash - Skipton have 9/c crash on
433/I take off 2112hrs. no details. 63
LV-911 Base request a crash tender.
P/O WRIGHT 61 Base are sending one from
Topcliffe.

2150 12 Exp - Request as to get a Norseman
Bluestream 342 - to land and
check weather before proceeding.
Inf. 63 & 61 Base.

2210 Norseman - Bluestream 344 - Pilot
and Lieut Chaps landed Wedford
at 2207 from Warton. Staying
overnight. Inf. 12 Exp.

423/J - MZ-316

Pilot - P/O EGLI H.D. - ✓
NAV - F/O SUNSTROM in BAYLUX Hosp. - OK.
A/B - F/O CAMPBELL H.A. - BACK INJURY.
WOP/AG. SGT FOY T.S.
MU/R. F/SGT ROTYK. M.W. R177905
R/G. SGT REGIMBAL DE
F/ENG. SGT BRIERS G.R. LR-1894468.

2300 Diversions Boxes. Renewed - and letters
x ^{coll signs} ~~signs~~ etc sent to the various
Exps. 11, 92, 8, x 38.

2310 433/I - Swung on take off - port wing
crash. seemed to catch fire as he
came to rest about 50 yds
from the Bomb dump. 2120 hrs.
His bombs exploded and
damaged 2 crash tenders
but no casualties.
Category burned

Wednesday July 26.

O 308 Diversed signal sent
420 - Land at Boern.
425 - " " Warboys
419 - 27 Feb. low land at Polbrooks
428 - " " " " Bassingbourne

0420	..	Boss - Signal repeated.
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0400-0700 - Numerous messages & fixs
from aircraft. - See
message sheet.

0725 427/5 - T.A.F. report that the a/c crashed
6 miles S.W. of Baguex
Pilot - P/O Egli found -- but
no particulars as to how or where.
2x11 hrs - 427/5 - Navigator
F/O Squadron and 2 others
are O.K. - slight bruises and
in Baguex hospital.

0730 2/c away - All instructed to be
repelled and to return to
base.

0900 Off duty F/o @ Beerin.
On duty F/o 2nd Mountain Coy.

1015 2 Sep 420/x - landed at landing strips 136
in Normandy - Took for Almsfold will refund
and return to Base.

- 1330 61 Base - Have permission for this Hurricane to go to Warrington for a major inspection Hurricane
- 1400 Off duty - F/O Incentyag - On duty B.T. - O.D. seen F/16.
- 1430 64 Rose - Request permission for 3/1 Blackburn to fly in 434/X - on S.P.A. tests. S.A.S.O. says his duty requires it. No permission required from 64.
- 1500 427/J - From Gerry Intelligence - Word received from Bognor :- navigator, F/E, R/C. and M/V.C. are O.K. and plan to return to base via an Anson a/c. Bomber Aimer F/O Campbell has been injured and is in a hospital in France. Captain F/O E.C.H. is O.K. - but his location is vague. No news of A.O.P. - but he is thought to be safe. 427/J bombed the D at 0153 hrs - was hit by flak at 0155 and hydraulics and O/C damaged. Ran out of petrol over Bognor and baled out. Evj. 62 Base. Intell advisory S.A.S.O. & A.O.C.
- 1530 Weather - met do not advise x/c flights this afternoon. Feery at 1000 feet. risk of thundery showers. Wained 64, 61, 63 Base. Re. flashlight target at Bristol - expect 1/2 cloud. and bases: - poor in smoke and fog. 0330 hrs and later.
- 1800 Anson - from Bognor landed with H.P. crew of 427/J.
- 1830 4/429 and 426/J returning to base tonight remainder to return overnight

62 Base - July 25
Received a postogram / 66/S4. 2/AIR
which is an amendment to
RC/S31408/3/AIR/FC. Dated July 2/1844
62 Base - Claim key have not
received the B.C. letter.
checked. - 66/S42/AIR/16 July and
a letter attached to RC/S31408/3/
air/FC. -
Subject. Emergency Airfield.
Inf. 62 Base.

Reference 9/c away: ^{1100 hrs} 27-7-44
From - F/S Warwaley - Craven Lodge

From - F/S Warmley - Gravesden Lodge

426/R - Longmere - Requires P.O.E. Change.

420/V. - Beaulieu - S. - Fire changed by branch
62 Beaulieu at 10.45 - Day

432 Sgdn. given permission by air
I to take an a/c to Ford
plus 2 crews to - Enlowan,
if weather permits.

1870 Off duty B.T.C. Becken T/O

✓ 1930 Central FC. Advise Crew of 2/428 are returning to base by rail - 62 base advised.
64 Base have no information re the Crew of 1/428.

2002 61 Base This 9/6 landed at Shelton at 19.5 S. - an.
LANCASTER 9/6 from Wickesby - No 1 Group. No further
PA-A. information yet.

2010	1 Hrs	Enquired if that we had their a/c, she had sent a W/T message "making a forced landing"
2020	6 1/2 Hrs	advise that a/c was struck by lightning and electrical equipment and instruments went for buston. 1 Hrs advised. a/c to be made serviceable and to return to base W/X permitting as soon as possible.

0900 - Off duty Ho innocent y. On duty B.O. Bennett

0920 425 40 to French - permission granted
to take Pitters & parts - But
(AIR I) must get approval from C Sup
when weather clears about 5000

1000	4/9/2	- Request permission for flight to Ringway - Reaction - Eng. Lane are fitted with rivets, but Car. Lane. are fitted with screws. - Ringway is believed to be the only place where these screws can be fitted in the fuselage. - If, & C. cannot be repaired at Ringway it will not be fit for operation.
1013	4/8/2	

1012 A18/Z
SASO X412 front permeable.
for change - 6 x 1/2 inch sheet w/p.

1100	424/0	at Tharney Island. - at Tharney Is will be ready within 24 hrs. - crew have returned by rail.
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1300 Top Oxford - Our I fronts permission for

432/D - T.O. - 1432 for Ford
with skeleton crew for 432/C
Returned to base 1700.

Wellington - LP-496 landed Linton
from Topolope. - Liaison unit

Hurricane -
W/C Fleming landed from Cranwell at
Leeming at 1540.

1700 Oxford (Topolope) Pilot (W/C Weiser) to fly a
north Alerton doctor to
Castle Kennedy. The doctor
will perform an emergency
operation at Sligo and
return this afternoon.

433/C. Air I grants permission for
a trip to Woodbridge with
a crew for 433/C.
T.O. - 1445

1700 a/c at Silverstone, Turweston and
Lampeter & Beaulieu which
are sent - are instructed to
get a fuel forecast and
return to base.

1720 F/L Bletcher at Andover - 2nd of 3rd
is awaiting transport home.
Inf. Air I

1600 Local Bullseye - not favoured by
61 Exp, met on 61 Base met.
61 Base are withdrawing their
offer. Inf 12 Exp night ops.

1600 Eric Exercise to - marrow afternoon
have information to 61 Base.

1610 63 Base Oxford - Air I grants permission for
a skeleton crew to Karwell
for 424/I.

1700 431/F - F/L Smith of Lonsden - reports
crops to supply a Port for
people to put in plus variety
of hydraulic connections and
Hyd. fluid.

420/I Requires a new P.I. engine starter
Smith of Lonsden will provide
starter and get it ready to night
or to - marrow.

1700 433/C. - Former car AC in Woodbridge
requires inspection by "Bristol
Engineers" - before being brought back.
433/I with additional crew. made useless
exp.

D.F.C.O.
Please Note

1830		Off shift F/O Q Burn On Duty. Floodlighting.
1840	E/92 Grp 432 - G " - E.	These a/c landed at Oakley. They were on the way back from Ford. E/432 had hydraulics up. It will be O.K. to take-off and return by 2100 hrs. After that check with us.
1900	E/92.	G/432 airborne at 1845 for base landed at Oakley at 1730. E/432 should be S by 2000 hrs. 62 Base advised.
1918	E/92.	F/427 - Took off for training from Turweston at 1910 63 Base advised (Landed at Base)
Note	4 Grp Bombing	4 Grp will be using Helmsley Bomb Range. Time 02.10 - 139c involved. - 3 Red T.I.s. at 1000 hrs. - advised 61 Base
2001	E/ Narwell	J/424 airborne for Skipton at 1925 63 Base advised. (Landed at base)
2030	OXFORD 61 Base	Called 9 Grp re Topcliffe Oxford. Asked them if this 9/c had taken off on Return from Coastal Kennedy. Met it will be O.K. for him to return, if he is not already on his way.
2040	Met tonight F/O X/c	Checked with Met re - 61 Base X/c training tonight E.T.P 0050 approx. Met says it will be O.K.
2050	Oxford. 61 Base.	9 Grp advise that this Oxford was airborne from Coastal Kennedy for Topcliffe at 2005 (Landed at Base)
2110	E/92 Grp. E/432	E/432 cannot take-off from Oakley before 2130.
2130	Oxford 61 Base.	S.A.S.O. - Requests 61 Base's Oxford be at Linton at 1330 hrs tomorrow, Ready to take-off by 1400 hrs, to pick up A/c Ross and take him to Prestwick and return immediately. 61 Base advised.
2200	E/432	Checked with 92 Grp. They have found an air lock in Hydraulic system and he is not ready to take-off yet. He will get permission from 6 Grp before he takes off.

HURRICANE - No. LF385-G Pilot - F/S LONG.

415/U -

S.O.E. came on take off. Pilot knew he was going to stop to stop, so tried to get airborne. Lifted his wheels and tried a belly landing clear of the R/W in order to let the other a/c off.

CRASH

415/U

MZ-686

Pilot - P/O

WILLIS

DR

Inf. - 400, 5450 AIR IV SOC
ENG. EQUIP G.A.I.O. ✓

Re - the bombs - 16 X 500 - 2-6 hr long delay and 14 TO 0.025 of which 10 are found.
0130/29 - Bomb Disposal Squad finally informed. Proceeded to head Eastmoor by 0500 hrs.
Eastmoor - have blocked the road, posted a guard and a farmer has vacated his home until the bombs are disposed of.

2231 924hrs.

Says E/432 airborne for East Moor at 2222. He will be coming back with his wheels down. 62 Base advised also w/c Smith who was in ops room at the time. Landed at Base 2322.

2325 61 BASE
DALTON

Report one of Shiltos Hurricanes coming in to land had a flat tire.

2355 HURRICANE

A/c No LF385-G. - Pilot F/S. Long Aus. 419859. Port tire was flat on landing. Port Undercarriage and Port main Plane damaged. C.A.T. A/c. He had been on a weather flight and had done a F/A exercise. Pilot is O.K.

FRIDAY. JULY 28/1944

0900

Off duty 7/0 Mavutog On duty B.T.O'Brien P/O

0930

Off duty - W/c Saunders requests that F/L Becher be informed to be off duty between 1500-1700 hrs to play. He picked up by an

1300

Off duty 7/0 O'Brien On duty 7/0 Spence

1730

C.F.C. - Request for 8 prov. weather bands.

1830

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

2000

Ops - Met forecast our boxes as O.K. for return since TOT is earlier.

2030

C.F.C. - Cancelled request for boxes. 2209 hrs.

2227

415/U - Crashed on take off. Clear of runway; did not burn. CRASH - no details of crew or reason for crash. Other a/c taking off on time.

2240

415/U - landed 150 yds off the end of the runway and burned. One member of the crew lost a

Missing a/c

408 - A, C, M, P.
 426 - P, U
 420 - N
 425 - K.S.
 415 - G
 432 - B.
 427 - Y
 424 - E
 433 - W
 428 - K
 431 - A, B, H, J.R.
 434 - Z, X.

All missing a/c passed to W/C Guest - Equipment Officer + Crashed a/c
 P4 notified of all casualties, G.T.I., A.I.R.I., ENG., S.O.C., S430
 C of A.

slight cut over his eye; the
 remainder of crew are O.K.
 Inf. 12 Sep. --- A.I.R. I. S.O.C.

2300 Base - met foreman northern base
 OK for return. 62 Base may get
 yellow. Inf C.F.C. that we may
 need - 4-6 bases

Saturday July 28.

0130 Boies - Request for 1 or 2 bases north of
 6 Exp. - Insh. recommend
 Charter Hall, Oulton etc.

0200 Boies - C.F.C. 412 Exp offer Beblington
 - 15 a/c - Oulton 10 a/c.
 Charter Hall also open.
 In emergency can use Syerston,
 W. of Harpe and Wiggally - 5 Exp.

0200 62 Base - Offered Dispartk for
 Eastmoor, and Womblesdon
 for Ickthorpe. 61 Base inf.

0315 Linton - vis decreasing. - Eastmoor
 improving. - Linton to use
 Dispartk if necessary.

0405 408/K Landed at Woodbridge ⁰³⁵⁷ - no
 DS-730 brake pressure. - Questioned 62 Base
 Pilot - W. McLEOD. why not briefed for Carnaby. ^{P.I.E. S.O.C.}
 420/E - Fix from Hull
 5354N 0152E 3rd - 0330 reb.
 message P.F. U/S - 0330. Inf. 62 Base.
 (Landed base. at 0427).

0410 Base - remaining fit - Ickthorpe 3 miles.
 12 Sep & 61 Base stood down

0530 Division Summary to C.F.C. - 3 a/c
 landed away at 3 stations.

0530 429/D Landed at Charter Hall at 0405
 HX-339. navigator seriously injured - in
 Peel Hospital. Pilot and MUG.
 P/O STEWART. slightly injured and in S.S.Q.
 Charter Hall. Aircraft is badly

shot up. - Oilerens and one two -
Pilot - wounded in the shoulder
made a good landing. a/c totally
U/S.

0520 408/K - at Woodbridge. Pl. x 20 U/S - a
DS-730. Cannon shell in bomb bay.
Pilot and P/EVA slightly injured.

0530 415/U - Landed Shipton at 0423 hrs.
- short of petrol. Both starboard
engines kept cutting all
the way from the target.
See x W/T U/S.
Crew instructed to remain
at Shipton & bring a/c back
when serviceable

0540 433/J - Came in on emergency landing
at Shipton, all engines cutting,
MZ-289 short of petrol. As he landed
Pilot F/O DEVINE two engines cut, a/c ground
- looped and collided with
433/N, which was in dispersal
without a crew.
Crew of 433/J - O.K.
Calepore - 433/J - Cat AC
433/N - .. E.I.

0600 431/U - Landed at Strubby. Aircraft
NA-550 badly shot up; rear turret
Pilot F/O Holden shot to pieces, holes shot
in the wings, bomb doors will
not close.
Category -
Crew - Pilot, W.O.P. & P/E. O.K.
Nav. B/A, MU/A G - baled out
and are O.K. - all up at SSQ Strubby
Rear Gunner - badly wounded
taken to R.A.F. - R. weelby.

0900 off duty F/O ~~St~~ O'Brien
on duty F/O McMountjoy

1115 62 Base Eastmoor aerodrome. 4/3 T.F.N. - Unexploded
bombs - they will advise us when the aerodrome
EASTMOOR. is S.

Ed. H. Gustason

Careful check made of flying training times resulting in following totals for 64 Base.

419	Sqn.	281:40	hrs	(Group total shown 268:38)
428	"	481:35	"	" 443:55
431	"	377:04	"	" 333:28
434	"	321:57	"	" 331:53

Explanatory letter & tabulation from July 1 to July 26 (incl.) being forwarded by 64 Base. - S/R Gaudetou informed.

From Weather Bases.

420 - 15	Little Harwood
426 - 5	" "
428 - 15	Wing
426 - 5	" "
424 - 15	Silverstone
433 - 15	Market Harborough
427 - 15	Bruntingthorpe
429 - 15	Bitterwell

1130	62 Base	Report that last night several of their a/c reported a searchlight exposed at Flamboro Head, parallel to the sea and shining out to sea on the track of a/c returning. Pilots report that a/c could be seen silhouetted against it. Checked with 15 Base.
1424	F/H34 FORD	F/Lt. Smith informs us that this a/c is definitely serviceable and is ready to be collected.
1500	SKIPTON	Require 1/2 hr notice before any a/c can take-off or land. - Due to work on Rugs. - all Rugs till 1800 hrs.
2		Croft advised that in view of the weather situation, it would not be advisable to send a crew by air to pick up F/H34. Therefore Controller suggests they send down a crew by rail today.
1556	MET. WARNING	Local thunderstorms expected this afternoon & evening over England & Wales.
1815	LOCKHEED AE 628	S/c Keddie landed at Seemung at 1813. Presumably staying the night.
1830		Off duty Hb Mountjoy On duty Hb Spence Hb.
2140	Harvard "20" (RH) (284591)	Look off from M. St. B. at 2120 for Turnhouse Pilot Major Kemps. Informed M.H. 12 Knp. who state this a/c is U.S. (Cessna C-78 previously advised by 12 Knp not to take off.) Both a/c from Kingscliffe, or are same one.
2220	ditto	"Outing 20" called Darky. Heard by M.H. B. Randed at Croft 2225 hrs.

Sunday - July 30/44.

0100	Div'n Bases	Provisional Weather bases received from C.F.C. and allotted as follows - see opposite page. - passed to Stations 0130 hrs.
	D.F.C. Dis to note	Authorization by S.A.S. for Wombledon a/c to take up G. 2.C. personnel during week July 30 to Aug. 6 (incl.) (daylight - with instructors)

Sunday - July 30/44

425/2		Serviceable at Woodbridge (ex. 62) Authorization by S.A.S.C. to fly. skelton crew down to pick up mfn.
0450	Div'm Bases.	Met in 92 Group not so favorable. Most of our own bases Red for take off.
0500	"	Checked C.F.C. who state weather bases given will be unfair at 0600 hrs but should be fir by 0700 or slightly thereafter. 6 Group Met suggest some other bases be laid on in case 92 Group cannot cope.
0530	"	Requested C.F.C. to let us know what other stations might be able to assist. Suggested (by 6 Group) several stations in 3 & 8 Groups. C.F.C. still feel 92 Group will be OK but agreed to check for other bases.
0615	"	92 Group quite satisfied to take the diversion. Gen. passed. S.A.S.C. Ruling is that if bases in 6 Group are 800-1000 ft. cloud base with bags of visibility aircraft are to be brought home. Decision to be made by 0700 hrs for 0820 & 0850 broadcasts.
0810	"	S.O.C. requested diversion to 22 Exp
0900	Off duty 7/0 Spence, On duty B.T.O. Burn F/O.	92 Exp advised w/k had not cleared - re-diverting on R/T to 22 Exp
0920	"	W/K in 6 Exp clearing. Releasing all a/c to 6 Exp attn by Exp w/T & R/T. Dy. 62463
1005	427/D	Loaded at Mildenhall at 0822. - 3 exp. - 13 x 500 lb. bombs - 1000 - 1000 - 1000 to have been de-bombed and repaired for return.
1010	Proctor	- 6 Exp. Request for mfn a/c for 1315 hrs - for S/A Rawson - for trip to Womblesdon. - 61 Base OK.

420/G - NA-528 Crashed at White Waltham

Crew:

Pilot. F/L KALLE RA. DEC. J-1988/
A/B. F/S HALIBURTON W. R-170822
NAU. P/O MAGSON L.T. J-87446
Killed. W/O P. F/S CUSACK. C. 551450
MUAG F/S HARVEY FU R201568.
AG SGT. METCALFE DH R19794
F/E SGT BURTON G.D. 2206883
MID/UNDER SGT WALLACE R.W. R217726.

Inf - AOC. SASO. AIRI SOC. ENG. EQUIP.
PA C/E. G.HIO. D.E.O.

Bristol Flashlight.

2345 - 0010 hrs.

91 2rp. - 17000 ft.
6 " - 16000.

Route - Swindon, Bristol, Cardiff,
Swansea.

W/C Fleming HV-366 Hurricane landed
Linton 1205 hrs - proceeding N. S. 4.

Hudson (AE-628) S/C Keeble 7:00 at 1200 hrs
from Lening for Greater Swallow (44)

Mosquito - PZ-313 landed Chalkbury
at 1302 from Little Snoring.

Mosquito H.K. 285 landed Oxalpark at
1552 from Coltrichall.

Oxford PH-124 landed Skipton 1805
from Grenader.

1015 424/D - Landed Leppard at 0950 - Sun.
Instructed to return to base.

1020 61 Rose - request Bristol Flashlight
tonight

1025 92 Group - say they are poor for landings
in foggy weather as they are
fairly light. Consider they were
a bad choice. Evidently C.F.C.
would not allow other bases
for our operational returns.

1130 420/G - Crash landed at White Waltham
at 0920 hrs. Aircraft ran
across the tce, overshot and
crashed into railway line.
It burned but the crew were
taken out in time. It had bombs
aboard, and these blew up, blocking
the railway.
P/O Gunner has died and
the other 7 are in hospital at
TAPLOW. - broken arms & legs. - details later
The railway runs E-W on north
side of the airfield.

1600 Request to C.F.C. for diversion boxes (4)
- 92-93 2rp and one
box for C.V. etc from Bristol
flashlight

1630 429/A - Landed at Littlefield this morning
- 93 hrs definitely reported
it as an engine change. - Now
proves that C.S.O. was 4/5 but
crew had returned meanwhile.

1700 429/D at Charter Hall, Cat B. -
all crew, except navigator
who is ill in hospital, are
instructed to return by train.

1730 424/R - at Littlefield is S. - Instructed
to return.

433/U - at Littlefield - bad hyd lead in the
wing. will be a day at two

42

seriously
injured
Killed
OK
8/2/00
10/1/00
SAT 12/11
OK M

Dr

Br

9/

w/c

He

Dr

Dr

Q

1830 B.F.C.

Request for definite diversion
base - for 16.66 & if necessary
16.64. - area Middle Wall
Bore down.
S.O.S. has ruled they can
do this, as met have said
hoses in 92-93 are good
up to at least 0200 hr.

Off duty - B.T.O. Bever T/O
On duty F/O 20/11/00

WELLINGTON
BJ-644

63 Base report this Wellington landed at Teesing.
He brought a 5/1 to hospital from Teesing and
is returning immediately to Osington. Landed
at 1830. T.O. for Osington at 2020.

1910
~~1910~~ DIVERSION
BASE

Secured Hartford Bridge as an "iron band" diver-
sion base for 61 Base 2/c. (Purposal WX).

1930

W/c Weiser says this would not make a long enough
x/c route. Wants to have 9/c brought back to base
and if it is not possible to land them, divert them on
R/T. Says Hartford Bridge would then be too far.
Suggests some place in 93 Group.

1935

We secured Castle Houghton from C.F.C. as best
place so far as weather, but 93 Group met can
not promise even that after 0200 hrs. Passed this
to 61 Base who say they will have their 9/c
down by 0200. Informed 93 Group and C.F.C.

2035 61 Base

Hurricane from Dalton going out to sea 50 miles
east of Whitby for a weather check. T.O. 2100 hrs.
T.O. 2057.

2110 12 Grp

Say the movement has been passed to them as
going out to sea at Seaton Sluick which is an
142 and therefore banned.
Checked with 61 who had given the route at first as
out at Whitby then on suggestion of their met
had changed the route to NE truly without get-
ting approval or checking the route.
12 Grp say they will try and warn the guns as
9/c has already taken off.

~~2315~~
2315 61 Base

W/c Weiser asks us to try and get Osington as
diversion base, as Castle Houghton is not in
Bomber Code. Secured it and 61 are sending
diversion signal.

F/AT SMITH. - Will give a recap of Serviceability and progress in work on a/c away from base.

MONDAY - JULY 31st - 1944

0230	DIVERTED AC.	All training A/c down. O.K. Seven at Ossington. Standing by ready to return by 0900-1000 hrs today weather permitting. M.C. don't think it will be possible to have them back before 1100 hrs.
0800	OSSINGTON	V/1666 on landing at Ossington last nite, landed with hydraulic trouble & swung off the runway. crew A/c. & have not stated the cat. of the A/c.
0835	SKIPTON.	W.I.P. will require 1hr. notice to land A/c, should have work completed by 1200 noon.
0900	Off duty	No Mountain.
	On duty	H.R. Spence No.
1000	Nombleton Offord	Flight to Ossington S/R Mc Bowman and servicing assistant authorized by S.A. S.O.
	Liaison Visit	Permission for Mr. Carraw (OC) to go to Holmes on Spalding Moor in Harrogate this p.m. S.A. S.O. says ok. subject to ok from Base Commander.
1100	410/G Crew	Ex. Sick Bay - White Waltham:- H/s Cusack (W.O.P.) is the person killed - not Sgt. Metcalfe. H/s Harvey & Sgt. Wallace are O.K. H/s Halibarton & H/s Wagon have fracture of femur. H/s Kalle and Sgt. Burton progressing satisfactorily. Sgt. Metcalfe unconscious on admittance. 62 Base informed. Also Controller.
1120.	428/M. Ranc.	To fly to Ashton Down this p.m. for inspection special job of Mr. Powells. Controller says O.K.
	Hal. at Elvington	Allotted to Nombleton. Skeleton crew to be instructors. Wish to fly down in Hal. O.K. by S.A. S.O.
1425	Don. bases Provis. Weather	Requested 3 bases for 46 Rancs. from C.F.C. To let us know after Met. Conference.

Reported by F/L Smith

426/R. - Tangmere - S.
420/F - " " - S.

425/B. - Tangmere - should be ready in 2 days.
420/T - BEAUFORT - " " " " " "

433/C - Sero - Woodbridge.

1500	429/A + H	Now serviceable. Skeleton crews to be flown to Fitchfield & Hurveston this P.M. OK'd by Controller.
1530	Mc Pavee	Accommodation arranged at Ashton Down for 5 Officers (4 Senior) + 4 Sgts. overnight.
1520	HVO/F	Now serviceable at Tangmere. Permission granted by Controller to fly crew down to pick it up.
1555	Pro. Weather Down Bases	Requested 8 more diversion bases for 100 Hals from C.F.C.
1600	Com. Flt. Proctor	Reserved for. Mc Smith to go to Ashton Down, 0900 hrs. 1-8-44. Pilot arranged for.
1745	Down Bases Weather	C.F.C. could not give us any definite bases for after 0300 hrs.
1810	426/R.	Permission by Controller to fly crew to Tangmere to pick up. r/f. Both are on training details.
1830	Off duty	H.R. Spence No. On duty B.T.O'Brien
1910	Re Bases	Sense T.O. is now earlier our Supt. believe we can. Cope in 6 hrs.
2100	Div. Base	C.F.C. allocate Kermell as Prov. W/X base for our 4 tenders. - 92, 91 Sgts will be prepared for emergencies.
2200	Oxford.	W-6574 - S/C Newson requests clearance from Learning books ETR Hendon 1130 hrs. July 1st. Hendon & 12 Sgts M.H.S. - will not give clearance now. - must be done with both early to - down
2300	X/C country	9/c. S.C.C. on SAS a's review recalls all X/c 9/c to be down by 0001 hrs. Snp 62, 61, 62, 64 Bases

H4L - WZ-363 landed Lening at 1955
 from -
 possibly allocated to Lening
 Inf. EQUIP ENCL.

missing

429/C - LV950
 Pilot - WO2 IRISH. Inf. w/c given ✓

Early Returns

420/C at 2326 at post
 5407N 0140E 015300H

Reason - Hyd. U/S. could not retract
 undercarriage Comp. by C.T.O.

420/S - at 2324 at post 5407N 0130E 011000H

Reason - could not get above 6000
 at 2000 rev + 6 bar
 speed - 155 - 160 mph.
 Tried to gain alt - went to get
 - a/c responded - climbed
 to 10000. - fly ok.
 wouldn't respond at first very
 rough.

2310 63 Rose - One really 433/I, E.M.P.R.V. by
 H.F.D.F.

2315 61 Rose - TO 1664/K.A.H. W.O.Z.M. - Return
 to Base - ETA 0001.

426/R. - Remaining at Targwere. "R"
 took off at 2113, but returned
 to Targwere at 2118. - weather bad.

2330 Clunas - Bombing Range - controlled by
 Lossiemouth - not informed
 by 61 Rose - Wask Wde advised
 of bombing. - Inf. 61 Rose.

2330 420/C. - Early return - going to get down.

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August 1st

0025 Gardeners. Diverted to Karwell. -

0115 " Diversed helds. to Karwell.

0150 426/A, F, J.M.W - diverted to Skipton.

0200 Challenge - 232/C Skipton.

0215 420/U - "D" stated u/s sent to crop
 425/N - not at. Koryan " " "

0225 162/C sent to crop and mid S-S from
 63 Rose.

0225 4 exp - Sending us a/c from 5 exp, 1 exp.
 and 4 exp. 10-15 in all.
 Offered dispatch. 62 Rose
 informed. Have Dalton and
 Topelife ready if needed.

0430 All aircraft down in 6 exp.
 4 Gardeners. 433 Sgon at Karwell.
 92/C of other groups landed at
 3 of 6 exp stations.

0515 C.F.C. - Diversion Summary reported.

0750 63 Rose X/C - planned for take off 0930 - return
 1230 - advised to wait. 2 or 3 hours
 Rose - 10, 1200 - was 2 miles

H Serviceability of a/c diverted under the Group

- F/426 - Hyd. - used emergency landing procedure
- X/420 - Oil leak, low oil pressure.
- N/425 - artificial horizon u/s.
- I/425 - sev.

0800 Oxford (63 Base) S/C Newcom - Weather poor at base and at Hendon. Advise 63 base to have him wait.

0850 W/C Smith - proceed to Aston Slough. Day. Bad weather not good until 1100 hrs or later.

0900 Off duty F/O O'Brien
On duty F/O Sidman

1030 12 Grp. Major Jackson says Local Bulseye in the Tyne Tees Area - dropping windows and firing white phosphorus - scheduled for tonight is off until Saturday due to weather. They will check with us on Saturday re this.

1125 38 Grp. SKIPTON
DIVERTED Call them. They Report all a/c are serviceable and will wait for the O.K. to return from us.

1210 63 Base N/425 W/O Ryan reports that when diverted to M.S.G. he had artificial horizon u/s and was in their circuit when lights went out. Called on R/T but got no answer. Gave answer and he saw their lights. Observed Teemeng's lights and proceeded there. Takes action view of M.S.G. Reported to 64 Base who will look into it.

1220 Oxford. T.O. time for Hendon 1300 ETA. Hendon. 1430 W- 6574 Hendon say this is O.K. M.H.O. 12 Grp. say OK also - going direct. 63 Base advised. Permission to make this flight was granted by S.O.C.

1225 DIVERTED A/C. Wickenby ask us to have their a/c standing by for T.O. at 1330 hrs. 61 Base & 63 Base informed.

1347 COMMUNICATIONS FLIGHT OXFORD 61 Base asked to lay on Communications flight Oxford to go to Halton - to be ready at first light - to take photographs to Halton.

1555 S.O.C. 61 Base. Permission given for Tholthorpe to send 1 or 2 crews by air to Tangmere to pick up 2 a/c - B/425 & F/420 - now serviceable - providing it is a training flight - weather permitting. Otherwise send crews by train.

431/L - Pilot P.O. Skeaff.
 Damage: - U.C. wiped off. - broken back.
 ML 853. other damage Cat E.
 Crew O.K.

Informed Controller ✓ SASO ✓
 G.A. I.O. ✓ AIRI ✓
 Equipt. & ENG ✓ GTI ✓

1700 62 Base Request permission for R/426 to return to base. Controller gave his permission.
 R/426 Asked Group to see he was routed clear of all high ground, and that he checks with weather.

DIVERTED Checked with met who gave weather enroute on A/C at little improved. Cloud base 1000 to 1500 with HARWELL. Cloud at 800 on hills. Bases will be O.K. Controller gave his permission for them to return. Harwell informed.

1720 4 Gyps 7/1002 Gave permission for this a/c at Eastmoor to return to base.

1735 PROCTOR. Controller O.K'd change to Proctor. It will be standing by ready to take off at first Comm. daylight together with pilot & navigator. Flight.

1830. Off duty P.O. Mountjoy.
 On duty P.O. Spence.

2100 475/N. Ex. 64 Base. Possible explanation of Ref. Middleton not being lit up & failing to hear when called.
 1210 hrs. "Told to prepare for some a/c being diverted, by S.A. I.O. at 0215 hrs. In part due to interference of balloon squakers permission was given not to listen out on 6440 Kcs. Possibly 475/N came up before Middleton were able to switch over from Channel D to 6440 Kcs." Informed 62 Base.

431/L Throttles jammed on touch down. Kicked left rudder, slowing off runway, could not get stopped and crossed over perimeter track. Damage to aircraft not yet assessed. - Cat E.

2200 A/C. Ex 12 :- Some a/c approaching up North Sea off course & crossing in at Hambois. Want to know why? Have requested 62 Base to check & let us know.

1100. H.Krp. Ex 6 Group Met. - Query by 4 Group for possible diversion. Believe Fleming, Skipton + Desborough may hold

1150. Met. Informed 61 Base low stratus at 1000 ft. T would be down to 500' within next 30-45 minutes.

Liaison Visit
S.F.C.O. to note.
Ex. Quiston - H.K. Tennant, Flying Control, desires to visit Middleton and Croft for purpose of acquainting himself with conditions of a heavy bomber operational station. Feels it would be to advantage in case of diversion to them. This occasioned by several instances of diversions earlier in year. Had in mind visit on Thursday or Friday this week. Told him it should be OK and didn't require further clearance. Advised H.K. Justason, who was agreeable subject to S.F.C.O.'s OK. but suggested first of next week as a better time. Possibly you may wish to confirm this with H.K. Tennant.

Wednesday - Aug. 2/44

0010 429/D. C.T.O. at Charter Hall has not yet signalled category of mfx.
D.F.C.O. Note. Please check him up.

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

1030 423/Kel + 2 extra crews to go to Litchfield & Woodhedge for V/423 and C/423 respectively. S.O.C. Give permission to 2 ops crew & a/c. when w/x is fed.

1055 Huer. PG-523 - Took off at 1050 from Linton for Melbourne. Sup. 4 exp. & 2 S/S. Weather not good at Melbourne. He may have to return.

Re - 429/D. at Charter Hall. - Cat B.
 Checked with Charter Hall, who
 had signalled it. (S.T.I.) have
 a copy of the signal.
 Inf. 62 Rose F.C. to inform C.T.O.

Re - Routing to Hendon. (Heston, HALTON, NORTH)

D.F.C.O. } 12 Sep. M.I.S. say they do not require
 NOTE. } routing to Hendon. but that
 Hendon must be advised and
 willing to accept the aircraft

1105 Helmer - based over Linton.
 PG-523. Landed Linton 1110. Inf 4 Sep 12 Sep.
 Instructed 62 Rose to instruct the
 pilot get approval before T.O.

1120 420/G- Re crash of July 20 at White Wallham.
 from 62 Rose Inf. F.C.
 WOP F/S - SUBACK. C. 552450 - KILLED
 A/B. F/S HALIBURTON. R-170829. Slightly
 injured.
 P/C. SGT METCALFE. DH. R-192794
 Inf. P4. C.840.

1135 Proctor - P-6248 - (2 F/A.) Took off from
 Linton at 1123 for Millbourne
 without permission. - Seemed
 to slip off without any control
 by Linton. - Bad show by Linton F.C.
 4 Sep & 12 Sep annoyed
 as the weather so bad.
 Landed Millbourne 1150 - OK.

1155 A/c Constantine - left Halton at 1100 hrs for
 Linton. Inf. 62 Rose F.C. SA20.
 S.O.C., Linton F.C.

1155 12 Sep - Request whereabouts of a Dominie
 who had circled or landed
 Linton.
 62 Rose report no Dominie
 in their base.
 61 Rose. Dominie X-7375 w/c V4UX.
 landed from northals -
 a Seaton a/c. owing to w/x
 proceeding to northals later
 to-day. Landed Seaton at 1145.
 Inf. 12 Sep. 61 Rose. Inf. Seaton.

1255 A/c Constantine landed Linton at approx 1250
 - remaining there until the
 (462 Rose) weather clears - Inf. SA20.

1310 Weather. Conditions in 6 Sep & inland
 will improve. At 1500 hrs expect
 7-10 at 1000' - 1500' - vis. 3-6 miles.
 Advise X/C. a/c to be down by 2200 hrs.

1315 Woodbridge. C.F.C. say their weather is OK.
 Can send a/c with crew for X33/C. Inf 630.

7archild - 314419 - Pilot - Capt. Cohen
landed Leenwip 1809 2/2 from
Albany - Returning
to - Swallow. 3/8/44.

S.F.C.O. - Wants July Average Landing Times
from 62 & 64 Base stations
Imp. 62 & 64 Base.

Report - Total number of a/c and average time -

- (1) Time up on R/T to Loss Laundry (amended figure)
- (2) " " " R/T " " " - Throwing
out waste time
- (7) Average time - 1st down to loss down..

Received. Eastmoor's Report.

1520 Litchfield - Cloud base 500' - 1000' broken
cloud. - Inf-63 Rose - Requested
that the 433 9/c go to Woodbridge
first - drop one crew there and
proceed to Litchfield - if
favorable, land and if
not return home.

1630	420/F	Instructed 11-819 to have sm/n &c return to base. ETA before 2100hrs.
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1630 Hurricane "Iron drink" "R" going on weather test
(Dalton) off Cambridgeport lead to $0130^{\circ}E$.
in L. S. 12 hrs imp. also Chured
7 enton.

1658 Proctor - a/c Constantine left Denton
LZ-586 at 1430. Denton F.C. had
this information by telephone
but a/c has not arrived.

1658 JP-166 Took off from Leemay at 1643 for
Kunlao. - Had stopped at Leemay
en route from Yab to Kunlao.

1700	Proctor LZ-586	- a/c Constantine landed at Linton at 16.57. Dog-Linton. Dog SASO.
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1730	Weather	- met advise x/country a/c to land not later than 2359 hrs. Zup. 61, 62, 63, 64 Below F.C. re above.
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1830	off. Shety F/O O'Beirn on Shety F/O 2nd Country.
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1935 11 Sep
F/420

advise that pilot says he has a Magilflo
of 15'0 on Port Inner Engine. Does this
make kite u/s? Told him to check with
the engineering officer at Taremere. If he says
o.k then return to base. Otherwise stay
until a/c is fixed.

20570 12 Sep. Report an AC around Linton Skipton Topcliffe
area - a Halifax with 1 wheel down. Called 61,62
63 bases. He landed at Skipton. It was
W/433.

CRASH OF - HAL. III - NAS 81 425/0
 CREW: PILOT - F/LT. STARK, CD - J885641
 NAV - P/O PITKIN, E.F. - J86181
 WOP - P/O DAVIES P.P. - J87366
 A/B - F/Sgt. PIGEON J.C. - R1535052
 R/G - F/Sgt. CODE J.E. - R1537143
 M/u - SGT SNIDER L. - R192720
 F/E - SGT WATERS M.H. - R70189.

AOC, SASO, ENG. SOC. AIR I. SECO. EQUIP, P₄ C of A. GA. I.D.
 622 5700

2105	Proctor.	9/c Constantine left for Sheffield at 2050 advised 4 Grp.
2110	CRASH. 51-12 Grp. 425/0	An 9/c of 425 Sqn. Crashed between Worksop & Furbeck. near Hobstock Change. at A 0805. 2 bodies identified - 9/c Burnt out. Sgt. MK Waters Sgt L. Snider - Flying NNW at 4000' turned suddenly S and spun in. Checked with 62 Base. He was on a 9/c. It must have been 4/425' as he was 1 hour overdue - 12 Grp are checking further.
	93 Grp.	Confirm above - Worksop took Crash action. Crash occurred at 1855' - There was a report from a villager that 9/c was on fire in the air. The R.O.C. did not confirm this. - All Crew killed - Wreckage strewn over a large area and burnt.
2350	62 Base	Sgt Tholthorpe will be demolishing 2X500 lb bombs. 61, 63 bases, 12 Grp and 4 Grp advised.
0900		Off duty Ho Mountjoy On duty A. Spencer.
1510	1664/V	Permission for crew to be flown to Ossington to pick up. OK by Controller.
1625	Offord for A.O.C.	No offord in Communication Flight. 67 Base checking Rinton if theirs available for Sunday. (4 passengers.)
1630	H20/F	C.T.O.'s office at Tangmere say mag drop has developed in 2 motors now. Mr. Smith's office informed.
1650	67 Base Rinton Offord (for A.O.C.)	Rinton's Offord reserved for A.O.C. & passengers for Aug 6th (Sunday) at 1430-1500 hrs. Pilot & standby Navigator to be ready also. Going to Prestwick - may stay overnight.
1710	Nickling Paris	Query from 67 Base as to pts or trips counted for nickling Paris in Nov. 1943. Have some crews who took part when at Baydon. 91 Group say these trips were not counted as operational. Informed.

Re-Movements - M L S 12 GRP.

Press - (1) All movements north of
a line - Edinburgh - Glasgow
route is overland even in
the green area -

(2) All movements over the Irish
Sea - north of Mull of Gallows
and south of Strumble Head
(Aberporth)

(3) Bombing or Air Firing - if
not covered by day Bomber
coverage.

(4) Movements over the North Sea
north Sea, or crossing the
Coast out, north of Berwick.

F/420 - TANGMERE - S - TOOK FOR BASE - RETURNED TO TANGMERE WITH
HYDRAULICS 4/3 & ENGINES RUNNING WARM.

E/427 - WOODBRIDGE - S - NEEDED A CREW AND A PIECE OF
ENGINE COWLING.

Z/425 - WOODBRIDGE - 4/3 - BURNT OUT FEATHERING MOTOR AFTER
ENGINE CHANGE. -

F/431 - WING - S - CREW THERE - SHOULD BE RETURNING
M.S.G.'s Offer was to take Hyd. Fluo's today but flight was cancelled.

T/420 - BEAULIEU. -

C/434 - EXETER. - HAD A S.I.E CHANGE - MAY NEW NEW OIL TANK
PARTY FROM CROFT WORKING ON IT. N.C.O 1/6 PARTY WILL
CALL 6 GRP WHEN 4/6 is S.

B/424 - WELFORD -

2370

Ops -

261 a/c - returned safely Drake
- a record. - only 2 early returns.
All Night F. flying finished.
Stations turning yellow - status
Dug. 12 Grp & C.F.C.

August 4th.

0745

Press -

For take off at 1000 hrs with forecast
800 to 1000' - vis 3 miles plus.
For return - 4-7 at 1000-2000'
lowest vis - 2000 yds with
possible smoke haze; most of
the stations will be better than
this.

0800

431/F

at Wray - Requested 92 Group to
have him airborne as soon
as weather permits. - perhaps
about midday - 92 Group
will give us take off time and
will consider our weather as
fit unless we contact them.

0910

431/F

Requested 64 Base to have 431
Squadron Commander - take up
the matter with the pilot on return.

Off duty. B.T.O. Beer T/O.
On duty F/Lt J. J. J.

1015

A/c 4/3

Checked with F/Lt Smith Re 9/c unmovable
away from base and away from base.

1130

DALTON
HURRICANE

Permission granted for F/Lt Crewe - OC day
F/A - to go to Wittering and return this afternoon
on a Liaison visit.

1400

64 Base

Very visibility a M.S.G. down to 1 mile in
smoke. Targeted Wombledon & Shishforth. - 419
to Shishforth 428 at Wombledon. 61 Base advised
and O.K. this. Provisionally. Left say they can
cope O.K.

1410

412 Grp
433/5

433/5 - passed two F/Lts on this 9/c

1415

Shishforth message from 433/5

1417

Cancel Shishforth message - Bailing out. - Ex 11 & 12 Grps
asked them to plot the 9/c if possible.

CRASH - A/c NO HX275 433/S.

ASHFORD, KENT

J 28667 F/O Simpson R.H. Capt.

J 35750 F/O Woodhouse R. nav.

R130038 W/O Benoit J.P. WEP.

J 35761 F/O Dandy C.M. a/B.

1855215 Sgt Purdie W. F/E.

R200588 Sgt Budd R.E. m/n.

R182018 Sgt Brown O.M. a/B.

ROC, 8020 Eng, 80C, an, 8000, Equip, (P), (Cof),
80.40, 871

1430

DIVERSION

419 9/c diverted to Slushforth by W/T. - 428
one going to try 4 Copar

1445

428 9/c diverted to Wombledon by W/T.

1506

CRASH

11 Ship Report Halifax Crashed near ASHFORD.
in Kent County - 6 Parachutes seen by R.O.C.

3/433

1520

464.

Report 419/X on X/c an early return with a
duff engine - weather stuff so sent him to
Dalton.

1530

DIVERTED

Croft Can't cope. instructed them to send
remaining 9/c to Dalton, as previously arranged.

AK
CROFT.

Following 9/c sent.

431-D, S, T.

434-W, Q, S, N, E, J, P.

1540

Permission given for 2/1666 to go to
ossington with crew to pick up 1/1666.
The 9/c did not go as yet (1845).

1550

61 Base

Dalton reports black smoke to south.
Checked with 63 & 62 base & 12 Ship.
Turned out to be 4 Ship aerodrome burning
incendiaries.

1557

CRASH.

11 Ship advise P/O DANDY in County Hospital at
Canterbury & F/O Woodhouse picked up O.K.
Dandy bailed out when too low. Others not accounted for.
Time of crash 1440 approx.

5/433

1605

62 Base Say Pilot F/O Simpson phoned from
Lympe - He says all crew got out O.K.

1705

64 Base

Weather has cleared will we have all Serviceable
9/c return to base. Contacted 61 Base and
told them to have all Serviceable 9/c with
crews ready to take off as soon as possible.
they must have 2 hrs flying endurance
before they take off.

Permission given for W/426 with extra
crew to go to Woodbridge to pick up
A/426 a former Cat AC.

1825

62 Base

Halifax LL362 - From BLYTON LANDED at
Linton at 1810 - 1 member of crew sick.
1 Ship informed.

0915 hrs 5 Aug.

From - 6 exp. Seameny Grounds.

434/C - Peter. S.I.E. C. Rave - has
engine trouble and low
oil pressure.
men working on it.

431/F - W. R. - Requires Hyd fluid -
Seamed instructed to send it
no other information.

Non-starters

424/D - Hyd. Leak - Sealed it off. but then
was an air leak. Bomb door
would not close and O/C.
would not retract.

424/V - may drop.

Early Returns

420/L - Carnaby - Hyd. O/S.

408/I - " - one wheel would not
retract.

438/V - wouldn't climb, excessive
petrol consumption.
will have to be air lifted.

424/O - Oil leak.
S.O.F. - front cover gasket
broken. C.T.O.

7 lamings - Lord Seamount landed
Seameny at 1157. From Radder.
O/C went to 4 exp in the
afternoon without Lord Seamount.

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2135 - 11 Group - re disposition of crew
of 433/5 that crashed on today's
operation on 2.3257.

P/O Simpson & Woodhouse - R.A.F. - Lympne.

Sgt. Brown.

Sgt. Budd.

Sgt. Purdy.

P/O Binnett.

P/O Dandy - Canterbury Hosp.
phoned to 63 Stn. ops. (to relay
to 63 Base ops.)

2245 All trying down in Group.

AUG 5, 1944.

0200 Very quiet.

0800 Off duty. 7/L. Warwick. On duty
B.T. - 10.12 even P/O

1000 62. 63. 64 Base instructed that
Wombledon may be used by ops a/c
if in difficulty after take off.

1025 1666/B. - S.A.S. grants permission
for P/L. Bond to go to Koney house
on liaison work - dropping
hydraulic fluid at Cassy on.

1025 Oxford - W/C Wesser has permission
of S.O.C. to go to Abingdon with
a crew to pick up 40 C's on son.

1125 426/A - Took off without permission.
as we had instructed C.F.C.
to hold him until we informed
them that our base was fit.
Ing. 62 Base. Requested that the
squadron Commander check the pilot.

1150 420/L. Landed Carnaby - Hyd. O/S. at 1143.
Ing. 62 Base. Jettison Posn. 1615N 0022E
(Early return) - Next to return at 1200 hrs.

1220 433/U 63 Base given permission by S.A.S. to
go to Lympne or Newchurch to
pick up crew of 433/5. who baled out
4/8.

1430 - Report by F/L Smith.

425/Z - Woodbridge S. & awaiting a crew.
Can a crew from Poeklington
fly it to Tholthorpe & the
latter provide transport to
Poeklington.
SASO agrees. also 62 Base EC.

1845hrs C.F.C. - now report this a/c
as U/S for a day or two.
A & B are having Poeklington on
a/c return by train.

CRASH

433/H MZ-828.

Pilot - F/O Harrison J.R.

Crash at Skipton Village.

Equipmt "822."

moving

~~433/Y~~ L. Linton

415/V L. Boscombe Down.

LL-594.

425/U - NA-581 - S/L PHILBIN G.B. (26)

Equipmt "822" C9A" P4"

Aug 5.

1250 433/L. Fly from Southampton 5053N0048W
I do 1240

433/V From Southampton - message.
Returning to Base

1500 64 Base - Laid on Womblesdon for Croft
and Dispart

1550 Croft - 431/G, 45 to Womblesdon
431/K .. Dispart

1700 Croft weather improving. 2/c at
Dispart and Womblesdon
may return to base.

1715 C.F.C. Request for Colerne as diversion
base for 4 gardeners.
Colerne is crowded
will try & get another.

1730 425/Z now serv. - ex Woodbridge but
without a crew. F/L Smith
suggests that Poeklington crew
fly it to Tholthorpe & the
latter provide transport to
Poeklington.
SASO agrees, also 62 Base.
Contacted & exp. who will reply.

1745 Oxford - for AOC - to be ready with
6 Base pilot & navigator at 1430 hrs
on Sunday. Ldg 6. at Dispart
for trip to Prestwich
NOTE Arranged OK with 61 Base.

Oxford - F/L Holmes requests another
Oxford - pilot & navigator
to go to Hendon to be ready
to leave Hendon at 0900 hrs
to - arrive Sunday Aug 6,
to bring Lt. Col. RAINVILLE
to Tholthorpe.

Request to 61 & 62 Base.
Pilot is to go to Flying Control
at Hendon to meet Lt. Col. Chrg.
Flying Control Tholthorpe is to
advise the adjutant of 425
Squadron when the Col. arrives.
Col. Rainville is to return to
Hendon Sunday eve. nearly midnight.

AUG-5

433/H - MZ-828

CAT-E. Burned.

Crew

Pilot - F/O Harrison JR. 21448 - Killed. (200)
 NAV. - F/O KINDER JF - North Alton Hosp.
 - Not seriously injured
 WOP. F/O DUTRESNE. LF. - N. Alton Hosp. - S/PAT.
 A/B. F/O WIDENOSA ET. - V. " " - Seriously
 A/G. P/O GODFREY NS - " " " - S/PAT.
 F/E. SGT WHITBREAD DH. - N. " " - Dangerously
 M/U. F/S BOURNS R. " " " - Slightly injured

CIVILIANS

1 - 5-yr-old Boy - Killed.
 1 - Woman - seriously injured.
 1 - " - dangerously " "

Inf. 8 F50, AIR, SOC, ENG EQUIP
 C 7A, P4, G4, 10, G.T.1, SEC.

0930/ Aug. 7/44.

F/E. - SGT WHITBREAD - DIED. - There were 3
 civilian casualties - One infant killed and two women
 seriously injured.

1900 Div. Base. Lymington. Definite weather
 base for 4 a/c of 424
 passed gen to 63 Base.

1915 433/H - Crashed in Spleton Village
 Crash. at 1535 hrs.
 MZ-828 made normal approach on
 3 engines, turned and crashed.
 - Pilot killed, and rest of
 crew injured. See opposite page.

2025 61 Base - Continuing a search for pilot
 and Oxford a/c gen to - right.
 On duty F/O J. H. H. H.

2048 61 Base Have their Ops with Pilot & Navigator ready
 1-3833 to take off for Hendon. Checked with Hendon
 F/O BAWDWIN (Hendon) and find that they close airfield at 2200 hrs.
 as they are not allowed to use airfield lighting
 Sent 9/c to Northolt - arranged his accommodation
 for the night and left instructions for him to
 proceed to Hendon to be there by 0900 hrs.
 tomorrow morning.

2130 Checked with bases re-training 9/c and their
 ETA's. in view of weather.
 64 Base, 63 Base, 61 Base all down.
 62 Base have 3 9/c of 420 Sqdn out on 9/c.
 ETA. 2320. This time was near cloud line
 for bases to begin according to met forecast.
 Discovered these 9/c were 1 hr to 1 1/2 hrs late
 in taking off. This had not been reported and
 made their ETA about 0100 hrs. Reported this
 to met who spoke to 62 Base & Tholthorpe.
 Met. Poor Conditions were known by OC
 night flying at Tholthorpe but Pilot 9/c go.
 Not being available at the moment 62 Base
 sent a recall signal and Controller OK'd
 this.

2336 DARKY Wellington Reported by 61 Base say Tholthorpe is working
 him. Turned out to be Wellington from
 Bramcote - F/O Luciani - Had W/T a/c.
 Pilot contacted Bramcote who suggested he
 finish his detail as 9/c was otherwise
 serviceable. To 2334.

Re - points for target. Fort de Neufpe.
night of Aug 3/4

63 Base { request
62 ... (for Eastman) { this - 0930
points - 3-2. Inf 62 & 63 Base.

SUNDAY AUG 6.

0900 Off duty. F/O Inaugury. On duty
B.T.O. Beer & Co

0930 433/H
Cross
- Yesterday - S.O.E. was cut, and
the pilot was making a tight
right hand circuit with
wheels up. He was near the
led-in lights when the wing
dropped and he spun in and
crashed. R/C was completely
broken up and burned.
Damaged 2 houses, broke
telephone wires and a tree.

0955 Oxford at Weston for Lt-Col RAINVILLE.
V-3533. Informed Kendon F.C. that
F/O B.H. DWIN the Oxford was at Weston.
Requested F.C. Kendon to
contact pilot of Oxford at Weston.
Lt-Col. RAINVILLE was at Kendon
F.C. at the time. Inf. 61 & 62 Base.

1115 Proctor - W/C. Friesen, Disforth.
61 Base to be flown - Inf. 61
to H.Q. London this afternoon
S.A.S.O. grants permission.
Inf. 61 Base

1140 433/L - c/c v/s at Church Broughton -
cws. Re-crew. S.A.S.O. grants permission
for 424/4 at Lynham to drop
in to Church Broughton to
bring back crew of 433/L.
Inf. Lynham. - to land 2 c/c
at home by 1230 hrs. Inf. 62 Base.

1150 420/0 - Former Capt c/c as Edgell given S.
62 Base granted permission for
420/0 - S/L Kruger to take
crew to Edgell. for 420/0.
Inf. 62 Base.

1210 Oxford (Topcliffe) with a pilot and
nav. will be ready at
Disforth at 1730 hrs for
A.O.C. to go to Preaton
Inf. P.A. to A.O.C. + 61 Base.

1210 X/C county - 61 Base planning for X/C. 1445
1445 to 2000. Bomby 2100

Re-Key - to "Gen" Room, No 23.

A.O.C. wanted to show a visitor about but the door was locked. Clerk had left the key in the girls rest room.

A.O.C. requests that we keep a duplicate of the key in Ops room for ready use.

Gen Room clerk instructed to leave the key with S.P. at main door.

1320	64 Base	- Have 3 X/C - with ETR 1650 - Request a prov. w/x base. - Offered Leeming. Above X/C cancelled at 1700 hrs.
1345	Oxford 61 Base	- Request Oxford V-3533, Pilot F/O Baldwin + Snow to be prepared to take Lt. Col. Rainville to Hendon to night or tomorrow.
1405	Oxford	- V-3533 (61 Base) with Lt. Col. Rainville arrived Thelthorpe at 1400 hrs. Insp. F/L Holmes & 61 Base.
1415	415/K 431/F	- on Sturgate serv. & ready to leave soon. Based - Colmar. - Left wing at 1842 for Croft.
1500	425/A	- S.O.C. grants permission for w/x 2/C to take crew to W. Solihull for 2/425
	Proctor (Dish to 54)	^{HA-422} (V-7218) took off at 1400 hrs for Hendon ETR 1515 Pilot: F/L Smith passenger - W/C F. Reesner. Insp. Hendon.
	DECO. note	Hendon - inserts upon notice of a/c prior to their take-off that they can cancel it if they cannot cope. - Also they have no night flying equipment.
	Oxford	- V-3533 + Pilot - now at Didsbury preparing for trip to Hendon with Lt. Col. Rainville, from Thelthorpe
1600	Oxford	(Topcliffe) see entry 1210 hrs. The passengers are Capt. Spence (Civil Service) and Mr. Crawford (Pensions) Due to arrive at Didsbury at 1830 hrs. Passed to 61 Base.
1130	1659/N EV-275 CAT-A(R)	Pilot: F/O Cottle - was doing circuits and landings at Topcliffe - tail wheel collapsed. Insp. SA60 SOC FPA. SA60 CAT 10.6.T.

R

170 Oxford - (61 Base) remaining at Prestwich overnight.

Oxford - V-3533 remaining at Dufport (61 Base) to night, as Lt. Col. Canniff is remaining at Thelthorpe.

Monday August 7.

0001 Ident Board changed.

0120 N.F. - Ceased in 6 hrs.

0900 423/H - F/E - Sgt Whitbread - died ^{aug 6} from his injuries sustained in crash at Skipton on 5 Aug. Inf. P4 C9A.

Off Duty - R. T. O'Brien F/O.
On Duty F/O. J. Montgomery.

1045 61 Base Oxford - F/Lt Jones requests Oxford to be standing by by 1300 hrs ready to take off for Hendon. Met advise T.O. time should be at 1400 hrs. F/Lt Jones advised. 61 Base advised. They have Pilot & Nav. standing by.

1200 61 Base Confirmed T.O. time for Oxford as 1400 hrs. 6 hrs Met quite happy about weather at that time at base & Hendon, also enroute. Passed following message to 61 Base.

NOTE "All training, etc in all Groups must be down before midnight. - They will pass this to their Squadrons & stations

1310 B/424. F/Lt Smith says B/424 Squadron now Serviceable at Welford - 63 Base advised.

1318 Hendon J-3533 Hendon gave their permission for this Oxford to land at Hendon.

1330 Diversion Bases Contacted Central Flying Control Re diversion Bases. Asked for Bases as far north as possible with good Met Conditions from 0030 to 0130 hrs. Central F/C gave us the following stations in 73 Gp. Funningly, Worksop, Tickfield, Church Broughton, Wymecroft, Castle Donington, Nison, Seighford, Ossington, Gamston, Peplow, Tilstock. advised Met.

R-

1345 6 Dp Met. Day they have Consulted 93 Dp. ^{about} diversion bases. 93 Dp Met & Bar Met do not think that the following bases will hold up after midnight. Fenningly, Worktop, Stymeswold Assington. Gornston, and Castle Bromington not later than 0100 hrs. This leaves 6 bases.

1355 Diversion Base Contacted 93 Dp with a view to determining whether or not they could land 200 G/c at 6 aerodromes. 93 Dp were not happy, but said in a pinch they thought they could cope but could not promise a great deal from servicing point of view.

1420 Diversion Base Contacted Central F/c and asked for some more aerodromes - Also asked for St. David's diversion base for Dorelmeing G/c. C/F/c say it will be out by Return time of G/c at 0200 hrs. Suggested Lehevor. Our Met say it will be O.K. and Central said that would be O.K. too.

1440 62 Base OXFORD C-604 Want permission for this G/c to land at Hendon tomorrow morning. Route Base Lincoln Hendon - This has been approved by SASO.

1500 63 Base OXFORD V-3604 Want permission for this G/c to go to Welford this afternoon. T.O. 1600 hrs. Route Base - Goolle-Welford E.T.A. 1730. To pick up B/424. S.O.C gave his permission.

1545 12 Dp 1464/U Crash in Sea. DG 363. Report G/c G/c WBL-F F/X 5424N 0026W Class 2. T.O.O. 1523 (1664/F) Message - Halifax Ditched Posn. 5420N 0028W T.O.O. 1510 Priority P. 12 Dp say this G/c was seen to ditch in Robin Hood Bay by R.O.C. Also by above Halifax. 2 Halifax's in Martinet now circling spot. also a warwick diverted to spot and a fishing vessel F/x Macintosh (F/A pilot) in fighter at 1500 hrs reports he approached from the East and called "Air Firing" G/c formation on my port. Halifax turns steeply to Stbd. Went into a spiral dive and spun in. W/O Harrison in Martinet reports he circled spot - very little wreckage left and a partly inflated dinghy. Fishing vessel reports he picked up 1 body (unidentified) from among small amount of

1630

1715

Proc. Weather Diversion

Sqn	No. of	Station	
433	6 Hal.	Colerne (Definite)	10/11
408	6 "	Tilstock	93 "
420	20 "	"	"
433	11 "	Peplow	"
427	21 "	"	"
431	15 "	Seighford	"
434	17 "	"	"
424	16 "	Church Broughton	"
426	16 "	"	"
429	21 "	Litchfield	"
425	19 "	Kipon	"
415	19 "	Harwarden	N.W. Jitter
432	19 "	High Erceall	"
419	15 Lines	Hymerswald	93/4
418	15 "	Castle Donington	"
408	10 "	Hymerswald & Castle Don.	"

Crash in Sea.

1664/U - DG-363.

Crew List.

Capt. Ho. Green R.A. - J25905
 Nav. Ho. MacLish A.S. - J14575 - identified by Bliss.
 R.A. Ho. Gorman H.E. - J36878 -
 H. Op. Sgt. Ellis J.W. - R196611
 Engr. " Morgan C. - R16725
 M.W.G. " Southwick H.R. - R186297
 A.S. " Clarke H.E. - R205305

All crew lost.

Informed A.O.C. ✓ S.A.S. ✓ Air T. ✓ Controller ✓
 S.S. ✓ S.A.S. ✓ Engr. ✓ Equip. ✓
 P.H. ✓ C. of A.V. ✓

2305 hrs. - Darky heard by Dalton St. taken N calling but could not make contact

wreckage left. Body taken to Scarborough Morgue.

61 Base when message was first reported say that this may be a Shapforth 9/c but as all these are not due back at base until 1715 they will not be able to check.

1845 61 Base Say the 9/c was DH-U - 1664 U - will pass as Time of Crash - Crew lost - 9/c No.

1850 1666-J Sent following messages.

24 12 Sep ① Fix 54 34 N - 0440 W - Class I Hull 1846
 ENGINE 4/5 - Returning To Base

② C 095° H 18000 A/S 205° 1835

③ Fix 54 26 N 0421 W - Class I Hull 1858

④ At 1855 92 Group intercepted SOS from this 9/c

⑤ Cancel distress 1904

Advised 61 Base of above. Had Station Flying Control standing by to land 9/c on 3 Engines. Landed OK.

1830 Off duty P.O. 284 Mountain.
 On duty H.P. Spence. H.P.

1930 Proc. allocation & "gen" passed to Weather Stations, and to 10493 Groups.
 Dir. Passes

Training To be all down or in circuit by 000 hrs.
 of.

2200 M.H.S. 64 Base report 34 on H.R.S. X-C due back at Midnight. Request us bear in mind diversion base if their state unfit.
 6 Group Met feel they will be OK but in any event can put them down within group

2359 Dons. Warned 61 Base to be tied up for return of Op. etc if required - Dishforth Dalton - Wombledon.

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0025 Dons. Following Sqs. Diverted as laid on.
 408 Lines, 427, 433, 420, 432. Remainder returning home. Stations informed by S.A.S.C.

Overshoots at Eastmoor

415/H. LW 680 - Cat. B. Pilot Fk. Baines
 415/R NA 517 - Cat. B. P/O Kingrich
 408/X NP 713 - Cat. E. P/O Jones
 Crews O.K.

Take off accident at Croft

434/E LK 799 (Cat. E) Swerved and crashed into
 (U.C. collapsed - Pilot Sgt. Hart, J. R 174490)
 434/J LW 176 (Cat. B) Bomb doors damaged
 Pilot.
 Crews O.K.

Take off accident Middleton

428/A KB 751 - Turned wrong direction
 on clearing runway, topped three
 barriers taking off FV 5 Blister.
 Cat (Pro.) A Pilot P/O Hawthorn R.
 Crews O.K.

Missing - Middleton

419/F - KB 755.
 Pilot P/O Walker, B.D.

A.O.S. ✓ S.A.S.O. ✓ Air I. ✓ Controller ✓ S.I.T. ✓ I.A.I. ✓
 Eng. ✓ Equip. ✓ P. ✓ G. ✓

Tuesday - Aug. 8/44

0120	Gardener's Diversion	Definitely diverted - Skipton + 10 Group informed.
0130	Re Diversions	C.F.C. in the picture.
N.B.	Servicing Parties	Arranged by H.C. Smith - To consist of Sr. N.C.O. if - 6 fitters, 4 Riggers, 1 electrician. Aircress Bus, per party. Party from Repairs also service at Linton Tilstock Leeming Peplow High Ercall. Croft Salford Skipton Church Broughton Thatcham Litchfield Hixon Middleton Wymerwood Castle Downington Eastmoor Hawarden All parties report to Flying Control. To take with them: - Small spares, spark plugs, Hydraulic lines & fluid one spare tire & brake assembly. To leave immediately after take off. Passed to Groups concerned. Later instructed party at Hawarden to go to Tilstock
0400	A/C away	Groups concerned instructed to have serviceable A/C stand by at 1000 hrs. for return. off duty F/O Spence. on duty F/O 2nd mounting
0900		
0950	DIVERTED A/C	All diverted A/C have been instructed to return to base. Met has given its O.K. A/C to take off as soon as possible.
1000	A/C ON FIRE SKIPTON	6.3 Base advise there is an A/C at Skipton in its dispersal on fire. Topcliffe is assisting in putting fire out.
1005	93 Grp.	Say two A/C at Peplow have complete Bomb loads, and 1 A/C has a hang up that has been made safe. Instructed 93 that it was O.K. for A/C with bomb loads to take off and return but the hang-up should be removed.
1010	DIVERTED A/C	All bases instructed to stand-by for the return of their A/C.

432/S - MZ-895 - Fire

A.O.C. - SASO - AIRI - S.O.C. - G.T.I. - G.A.I. - ENG. - EQUIP
C of A.

1666/2 - HR 855. Cat. E1
Pilot. P/O Osborne

A.O.C. - SASO - AIRI - S.O.C. - G.T.I. - G.A.I. - ENG.
EQUIP. - ~~SMITH~~ - C of A

420/K - Cat E.
Pilot -

On return from operations landed with full bomb load at Tangmere. Landing was heavy. Slicing off runway and put put his W/C through main plane.

A.O.C. - SASO - AIRI - S.O.C. - G.T.I. - G.A.I. - ENG.
EQUIP

10 25 73 Ship
Workshop.

Have a Wellington at Workshop 13K 149 - U R/T Order. Pilot - P/O Wood. Bringing 9/4 Friesen who has an appointment at 6 Ship. 9/c wants to land at Tanton. O.K. by Tanton. Passed to 62 Base.

10 45 A/c on
Fire
SKIPTON

63 Base advise 9/c still burning. It was being refuelled. Bowser and 9/c both caught fire. Both a complete write off. Two and possibly three killed, presumably ground crew. There is reported to have been a gasoline explosion (1500 hrs) Two men killed, both ground crew.

11 45 OXFORD
AS 741

61 Base want permission for 2/c Verner to go to Ossington, Thence to Honeybourne. T.O. 1200 hrs. Informed Ossington and asked them to let Honeybourne know when he took off for them.

12 58 OXFORD
T-1104

64 Base say this Oxford landed at M.S.G. at 1236. Apparently T.O. from Tanton for Melbourne. Reported to 4 Ship.

15 15 61 BASE
CRASH.
2/1666

2/1666 Squadron swung on Take-off - wiped out his undercarriage. No other information as yet. He was going on an A/A firing detail. Time 1500 hrs. - all crew. O.K.

15 30 F/LT
SMITH
Hansden
Lodge

L/433 - Repair Crew should arrive today for Engine Change.
Q/433 - Cat. AC.
K/420 - Cat E. This 9/c made a heavy landing at Tangmere with a full bomb load - Slicing off runway and put his undercarriage through the main plane. Crew OK and returning with crew of J/425 who landed at Ford.

18 00 DIVERSION
BASE

Request for Diversion Base. Contacted Central Flying Control and asked for Langdon. Satellite to Melbourne. Met say this base should be O.K. till at least 0400 hrs.

19 45

D.S.O. informed of Prov. Weather Diversion Base. To go out on D.O.F.

18 10

Diversion stations passed to 63 Base and Skipton (424 Sqdn. Gardeners) W/X Prov.

Missing 9/c.

H/429 - LW 132 -

Not found P. - F/L HALL D.B. - J5492
 Injured NAV. - F/S HARROD R.V. - R165497 - SERIOUSLY INJURED
 Dead - A/B - F/O HACKMAN T.A. - J27118
 " - F/E - P/O GLASS H. - C-87159
 " - WOP - F/S MURRAY D. - R94474
 Not found. MUG - F/S PHILLIPS WS - R192357
 Dead. - R/G - P/O SYME L.B. - J87672

~~Z/426 - NP737~~

~~P. - P/O SIMMONS SA - J86680
 NAV. - F/O LAWSON G.H. - J24695 Landed at FORD.
 WAG - WOI THISTLE LB - R162804
 A/B - F/S MOUNTAIN WB - R129928
 F/E - EGT COOPER JF - 1811783
 MUG. - F/O JONES EC - 169913
 R/G. F/S KOGUCKI3 - R83885~~

A.O.C. SASO SOC GAI GTI EQUIP. C/A
 ENG. AIR IV

2100 DIVERSON Information Re Provisional Weather Diverison
 Bores In Hagdon passed to 91 Group.

1947 MARAUDER Landed at Eastmoor - F/LT Rol - Came from
 131636 Turnhouse. Landed at 1935. Took off 1946
 for Greater Hummow. He dropped a passenger.

1955 Oxford 61 Base advise this 9/c arrived from M.S.G.
 P-1820 for the communication flight at Slaskforth.

2120 WELLINGTON Landed at Eastmoor - F/O Patterson - Came
 HZ 653 from Ducking. - No reason given other
 than it was not any trouble with the 9/c
 Landed at 2032 and Took off for Burcham Newton
 at 2110.

2150 Oxford 9 Exp say this Oxford left Seemingly for
 ED-182. Wolverhampton and hasn't arrived
 Checked with 63 Base. This 9/c landed at
 Seemingly at 1530 from Leuchars. He wanted
 refueling and he wasn't sure of his location.
 He took off for Wolverhampton at 1605.
 Seemingly signalled him out. 9 Group informed
 pilot was Capt. Braithwaite - maybe ATA or
 a yank.

2323 420/5 62 base report this 9/c came upon R/T over
 his home base and said he was proceeding to
 Carnaby as his Brakes were W/S - Informed
 4 Exp J. Landed at Carnaby 2345. O.K.
 62 Base Informed.

2350 62 Base Say Holthorpe have had a couple of priority
 Petrol launches think there may be
 more. Landed on Slaskforth for this. O.K.
 with 61 Base.

WEDNESDAY - AUG 9 - 1944.

0013 91 Exp Landed at Honeybourne. Shot up. Crew O.K.
 J/431 Trun down 2258 - About 100 Flak holes
 64 Base informed.

0115 2 9/c missing. From sighting reports
 H/429 was seen to be heading back to
 English Coast on Fire. 9/c exploded several
 parachutes seen. 4 Bodies picked up.

Crash

1666/J - HR 780.

Crew OK.

(Pos. 281538Y)

Wb Harris. (Capt.)

Informed.

a.c.c.✓

S.A.S.O.✓

Air I✓

G.A.I.✓

H.I.I.✓

Controller✓

Engg.

Equip✓

S.F.O.

0300

DARKY
WELLINGTON

on 1 seriously injured. - F/Sgt Harrold. P.V.

Landed at Slushforth - W/r. Slownfall Y -
9/c of # 11 O.T.U. Westcott. Had accumulated
ators on fire. F/Sgt Pamblyn & Crew O.K.
Disforth passed all information to his
base. Crew & 9/c will be staying over-
night.

0815

OXFORD
AS-741

61 Base request permission for Oxford to
go to Hendon to take W/c Weiser there.
Rte Topcliffe, Slough, Newark, Hendon
T.O. 1000 hrs. E.T.A. 1130. Hendon say it
will be OK to land there. W/c Weiser is
going on leave back to U.S.A. must be in
London at R.C.A.F. H.Q. this afternoon.

0830

Off duty
On duty

Wb. Mountjoy
H. Spence Wb.

1000

431/D
434/C

Cat a.c. at Honeybourne. Skeleton crew
to en train to Exeter to pick up 434/C,
dropping down at Honeybourne
to pick up remainder of 431/D crew.
Cleared with 64 Base & 41 Group. Also
to bring 4 Ground crew back.

1100

433+
429.

2 crews require C+R. Controller OK'd.
use of operations etc for an hour or so.

0930.

61 Base.
etc

5 a/c desire to make. C+R detail at
64 Base. latter say OK for 3 of them
at Finton. Cannot handle other 2.

1130.

Comm.
Flight

Proctor reserved for Mr. Rawson for
1415 hrs. Going to Wombledon.
Later - cancelled, not available.

1245.

Crash

1666/J

(H.P. 780)

Ex 12 Group. Crash in Z8139. North
of M.S.S. on Darlington Stockton Rd.
Middleton had already taken action.
ak. called up on Darky, entered
circuit on 3 engines, appeared
to be OK, then suddenly nosed down
and crashed on main highway (Darlington
Stockton Rd.) about 1/2 mile east of
Sadberge. Crash tender, Ambulance, M.O. and
C.O. despatched. Crew shaken but OK. Pilot
being detained overnight at S.D.2. Middleton
ak did not burn. Cat. E. Time approx 1330 hrs

Re - 426/2 - at Ford - Linton send
P.O. and a propeller early
to day. Inf. u/c Limes.

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1100. A.V.M. Movement. Ex W.C. Smith: Inform H.R. Holmes when Proctor takes off from Wombleson to Disforth. Requested 61 Base to inform res. (later) Took off 1321 & landed 1341. A.O.C.'s car left Wombleson for Disforth immediately aircraft took off. Informed H.R. Holmes.
1300. Lord. Movement. Wombleson report request received to Hereward have an ac pick up up at Barnaby(?) Trying to check up origin of request. Nobody here at group or 61 Base have any knowledge of this. Later develop- ment - place should have been Thornaby, but in any event Lord Hereward was proceeding by M.2 car to Wombleson. (Why aren't we given some advance notice of these movements?)
1550. Photo for B.C. Com. Night Proctor to be lined up for first light take off (0500-0530 hrs) to transport photos to B.C. 61 Base Flying Control has this in hand.
1600. 1666/5 Crew Requested 61 Base to advise what transportation arrangements Wombleson were making to get crew home.
- 1830 Off duty - Ho Spence. On duty B.T.O. Beemut.
- 1930 Met - Forecast bases
- 2150 63 Base - Report an explosion - 0520 from Leeming. R.O.C. report that it is army manoeuvres at Newton-le-Willow.
- 2200 Snake Bomber Range - not operating to night. After checking with 61 Base, 63 Base & Snake, it appears that Snake B.R. called 61 Base between 1830-1900 hrs to say that 61 Base & Leeming cancelled bombing. Hence no crew at Snake to night. - No reference in this log. - Every- one who gave permission for Snake to be down?

non starters

433/D - insufficient petrol with power jet open.
 433/G C.T.O. wishes to check this more thoroughly to-morrow.

missing.

427/Y - MZ 363.
 Pilot - F/L WYSE (44 TRIPS)

Inf. SASO AIR I SOC GA100 GTI.
 ENG. EQUIP P4 C.74. ST.CO.

ACCIDENT

425/N - MZ-674. (MANSTON) CAT AC.
 Pilot - WO2 - RYAN. Crew OK.

Inf - SASO AIR I; SOC GA100 GTI
 ENG. EQUIP.

2200 427/R. From Southampton - message "Airmen hit sick at 5012N 0112E at 2115 hrs." - in plain language. Ident - 5017N 0054E U. at 2123 hrs. 11 Gp. are arranging A.S. Rescue - It is probable that the crew of 427/R are O.K. and that the message is a sighting only.

2230 424/Q - 63 Base sent m/p r/c to "Caruaby" - "Without break pressure" Inf 4 Gp. (Loaded 2255. OK)

2300 415+432 - Cannot report accurate take off time because A.S.O.C. would not let the A.F.C. use an aldis lamp to spot the aircraft letters on take off. Inf. S.O.C., AIR I.

2350 61 Base report - a red fire north of Disforth. R.O.C. say it is very likely of army manoeuvres.

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0030 427/Y - Missing from Z-3326. This is probably the r/c reported by G/427. A sighting report by 429/A indicates that an r/c was hit by flak both port engines caught fire, and 5 parachutes seen to open. S/C Newson reported that 427/G saw 7 men baled out about 10 miles north of Dieppe and that the port wing broke away and damaged one of the parachutes.

0115 425/N. Landed Manston at 0028 hrs. Pilot had 5 feathers S.I.E. soon after take off. When near Dunbar S.O.E. began to seize, so pilot unfeathered S.I.E. & feathered S.O.E. Before landing at Manston CAT. AC.

4 Group - I.F. Demonstration at Helmsley 11/8/44.

4 a/c dropping -
 2x 250 lbs. Green J.F.s 0258 hrs.
 2x 250 lbs. Red J.F.s 0259 hrs.
 Will burst at 3000 ft. If target not be seen
 will burst at 10000 ft.
 Main force dropping 27x10 lb. flash bombs.
 13 a/c in main force.
 Broadcast to station at 1935 hrs.

D.F.C.O's to Note:-

Mock Attack on Consoy by 1695 Sqn (Dalton) Hurricane.
 (Grid References are to Ordnance Survey Map
 Sheet 26)

1. Hurricane will attack Motor Consoy between
 T Junction 68874 and X-Road 65785 at
 1000 hrs. 14-8-44.
2. Vehicles will have red shots laid on
 top to aid recognition.
3. Attack will be made on working party
 at bridge 606801 at 1400 hrs.

Above arranged between Assault School, Ripon
 and Dalton. OK'd by S.O.C 9-8-44.

Carried 12 Sqn. on CO, at 1245 hrs. 10/8/44.
 Also Stations.

Thursday Aug 10.

0115	425/N.	S.O.E. blew up, blowing off S.O. prop and damaging S.I. prop. Pilot landed the a/c and crew are OK. Did not reach target a/c is Cat A.C. - requires 2 star E.A.C.
0635	Oxford (Duckworth)	look off at 0635 with photographs for Dalton.
0845	11 Sqn A.S.R.	- no success in search for 427/Y - vis. poor - low cloud. but search will be continued.
0900	Off duty	W. O'Brien On duty H. Spence W.
1000	Syngre Range.	Ref. entry 2200 hrs. 63 base only closed up range during their take-off. Complete close down a misunderstanding.
0954	Fortress B-11-9205	Landed at Rinton. ^{Controller} Informed Prestwick & requested instructions, as man on Board. Some confusion at Prestwick trying to contact responsible authority. Meantime guard placed at airfield. Finally gave up Prestwick end and contacted D.F.C. 44 Group (Controller) who got through to A.D. J. H. Prestwick (W. Wilson). Following instructions received and passed to 61 Base: ① A/c to return to Prestwick when weather OK. Prestwick will advise us or Rinton when OK. ② Sp. Leigh is to call W. Knowles of Mail Can. Sqn Prestwick.
1100	Bristol Reslight.	Requested by 61 Base from 0200 to 0215 hrs. at 16000 ft. approaching from Swindon Peak. Arranged with 10 Group & Controller at S.D. informal. 1664-11, 1659-4, 1666-1. S.D.s co-operate. Time changed to 0115 to 0145 hrs.
1130	Rinton Oxford.	McPawell flying Mr. Ewan to Hendon for conference at Handby Paige. F.O. 1400 - 1500 hrs. Hendon say they already had movement direct from Rinton and W. Self would be pilot.

1659/ EB-275. Cat. Proo. Cat. A.C.
 Pilot - Mr. E. J. Sherlock. 315489 No instructor
 2nd Pilot - Mr. A. A. Sherlock. 315488
 Informant: A.C.C. S.A.S.O. Air I. G.A.S.
 G.I. Controller Equipt
 Engg. S.F.C.O.

1400	4VS/N Crew	Shalthorpe wish to layon X-C, to land at Langmere to pick up 4VS/N crew. OK'd by Controller.
	Local Bulls Eye.	Gen passed to 62, 63, 64 Base or stations by Ops. 61 Base by 7C.
1500	Rinton Offd	Now 4/6. 61 Base arrangements to take S.P. Ewan to Hendon, Pilot returning to day.
1800	Met.	6 Group Met for return. - vis. 4-8 miles Cloud State Cu., North part of 6 Group 1500ft base South part 1,000 to 1500ft.
1815	Com. Flight. Proton.	Arranged with 61 Base to have Proctor at Rinton 1330 hrs, 11-8-44, to pick up photographs to be taken to Hendon. RCA. F.O.B. H. 2 will have representa- tive there at Control Tower to receive them. The pilot is then to bring S.P. Ewan back to Rinton, if he is ready to come back.
1830.	D'On Base. Petrol.	62 Base queried if Petrol Bases were being laid on. Checked Controller who stated the ops should be OK, but if desired lanes may be given more petrol if there was time. Informed 62 Base.
2100.	ditto	Reference entry 1830. Checked again with Controller S.A.S.O. Result ticked up. Disfort to handle any emergency landings for 62 Base.
	63 Base Offd	OK by S.A.S.O. to fly representative to Cranwell to take part in funeral.
		Friday - Aug. 11/44
0140	1659/ EB-275. Accident.	Ex 61 Base: - Tail wheel collapsed on landing. C. & L. detail. Aerodrome Vlt. Crew OK. Capt. Mr. Sherlock. Time 2343 hrs. 2nd Pilot Mr. Sherlock A.A. Normal landing. Cause believed to be structural failure Provisional Cat A.C. No instructor.

415/B - at Exeter - 10 Eng. report that
it needs an engine.
P/O Barton checking on it.
Then we shall know what instructions
to give the crew.

Friday - Aug. 11/44

Off duty. Ho Spence, on duty B.T.O. Bennett

1015 Oxford - A.D. 132 left Skipton for
Cranfield at 10.05 hrs.

1040. Fighter - G. Rose report that Falsgrave
(Crash) N.R. Police report that fighter
into } a/c went into the sea off
sea } the coast near Highbury Wyke
north of Scarborough - 0945 hrs.
and ref - 491165.
12 Eng. F.C. believe it
to be a "Tempest" - and
reference 5317. Rescue
launch has been sent out.
Chances success of rescue is
doubtful.
G. Rose had 1 Martinet off
at 0945 and another at 1010 hrs.
so it is not likely that a/c.
Eng. G. Rose.

1115 " Contacted Falsgrave Police -
no more details. Estimated
a/c crashed into the sea about
3 miles off the coast. Rescue
launch dispatched.

1130 Oxford - T.104 - W/C Sutton from A.D.B.C.
loaded Dispart at 1426 hrs.
took off at 1820 for Melbourn.
on 10-8-44. - G.F.C. was shown
up and when he is returning
to Halton. Eng. 4 Eng. F.C. & C.F.C.

1205 415/B. at Exeter. - requires P.O.E. change.
- instructed 10 Eng. to have the crew
return by rail. Eng. 62 Base.

1301 Fighter - Falsgrave police report to
(Sea) Wombledon. That an oil patch
is the only thing seen. 12 Eng.
are investigating what appears
to be a dump.

1458 Oxford Look off from Linton for Hendon. Hendon informed.

Accident 1664/M - (LL 283)

Intoxicated airman drove crew bus
into this apr Red lights had been
placed around it. Cat "A"

Airman R 10747 Loe Johnson S.F.

Inf. A.O.C. S.G. SO Air Ist Cont.
Engt. Engg. B.2.2. B.A.2.
S.F.C.O.

Note Regarding Lord Trenchard.

Likes to talk to crew informally - No Parades - Does
not stand in Ceremony. Hopes to see A.O.C.

This information together with arrival & departure times
was passed to F/O Jones. at 1340 hrs 11/8/44.

Friday August 11th 1944

15.00 B/415

At Euter needs P/O engine change. Asked for
Base to send down new power plant and
working party.

15.30 N/425

At Manston with S. Outer + S. Inner 4/s.
Formerly Cat AC. F/L Smith wants Thollhorpe
to send down two engines & two props. Manston
will do all the repairs. Passed for Base.

16.00 NZJ "D"

91 group have Wellington overdue now who
has been briefed to call 61, 62, 63, 64 Bases on
H/87 using M/N call-sign. Queried Bases -
no word from him. Told 91 group.

17.10 Bulls-eye

scrubbed in view of weather. Cloud over
most of route and fighter bases mainly unfit.

18.30

On duty F/O J. Mountjoy.

SATURDAY AUGUST 12th 1944.

00.45

61 BASE
A/C LL-283
DAMAGED.
1664/M.

Report that this 9/c at Dushforth was damaged.
A drunken airman stole a crew bus and
ran into the A/c. It is Cat A. There were
red lights placed around it. Time 0018.

05.12.

OVERDUE
A/C 1664

Called 61 Base re K/1664. ETD 2230
Took off 2149 - ETR 0410 - No word heard from
him as yet. Checked with 61 Base re
early take-offs at Dushforth. Reply was 61 B 9/c
were going to interfere with take-off of X/c 9/c
so started them away early so they could all 9/c
on time. Called 12 Gps to see if there was
any report of prangs. There was none.

08.22

61 Base

Advise K/1664 landed OK at Dushforth.
12 Gps advised.

05.40

LORD
TRENCHARD

Advised 64 Base of this signal giving
arrival and departure times

08.30

off watch H/O Mountjoy.
On duty H/O Spence H/O

09.30.

1659/N.

H/O Armstrong on New Liaison visit
to Ossington. OK'd by Air I

Special Bulls Eye - 12 Group (Maj. Jackson)

Starting Point: 5307N 0000.

Route - Base: 5307N 0000 - Whitby -
5500N 0055W - 5500N 0155W -
Halifax - Nottingham - Base

1st. a/c at 5307N 0000 at 2300 hrs. remainder
at 30 second intervals.

Windows - Type K to be dropped 1 bale for
10 seconds between Whitby & 5500N 0055W.

Height - 14,000 feet.

Target - Newcastle. After pos. 5500N 0055W
a/c to desc from 16,000 ft. to 8,000 ft.
at 5500N 0155W. When over Newcastle
a/c are to fire white cartridges.

a/c of 1 Group will also take part,
flying at 18,000 ft. Over Newcastle
they will fire Green cartridges.
1 Group a/c will not desc between
positions 5500N 0055W to 5500N 0155W.

Inform 12 Group (Night Ops.) Line at
Whitby and run over Newcastle
in advance.

1400 - Ex 12 Group - Above cancelled
in view of Combined Command Rule Ex.
Wish to try it tomorrow.

2 12 Grp.

There will be Searchlights over Number Area.

Moquitos & Black Widows will be operating over the
Number area and to the North of it. - 61 Base informed

13/8/44.

Sat. Aug 12/44.

- | | | |
|-------|--|--|
| 1115 | Com. Flight
McCreighton
(Richmond 4383
2nd Lt.) | 61 Base to have Offord at Hendon
by ready to pick up 5/c Creighton
and 1 other passengers by 1500 hrs.
On 1st V 3533 7/c space. T.O. 1700 - E.T.A. 1330 - 2500'
Hendon 1710 hrs. 1st. Simple 2" |
| 1135 | Crash
Mr. Sholtorpe
(Stirling) | Ex 12 Group - crash 7 miles north of
Sholtorpe. 62 Base informed. Sholtorpe
to take action. |
| 1140- | V.D.P.
Mosehart.
(4.0.0.)

N.B.
S.F.C. | Request from 64 Base as to type of a/c
and take off of a.c.s. for Middleton.
This is first intimation we (F.C.)
had of movement here at Group.
Same applied at 61 Base F.C. also
Dishforth F.C. Proctor tapped out
and took off. No previous advice
given Flying Control as to move-
ment or passengers.
(Why aren't Flying Control put
in the picture from source??!!)
61 Base F.C. checking looseress between
Communication Flight & Dishforth Flying
Control to prevent recurrence.
Explained to 64 Base T.O. 1112. |
| 1210. | Crash
1665/P. | Ref. entry 1135 hrs. Ex 62 Base -
Crash. 1 1/2 miles from Sholtorpe bearing
of 13V, on main railroad near Orme.
Aircraft buried. Holding up traffic.
M.U. at Shipton informed. Railway
Company are moving it. 2 of crew
killed, 2 seriously injured.
Informed Dilstock who are checking
number in crew, names etc. |
| 1300. | (NY) | |
| 1630. | Com. Flt.
Offord.
V-3533 | Ref. entry 1115 hrs. Took off from Hendon
1525 hrs. Should arrive approx 1705 hrs.
Informed H.C. Holmes |
| 1530. | P.G.G./W. | Ex 12 Group confusion in message
from this a/c as to position at
which dinghy sighted.
"1530 hrs. - Dinghy sighted. 5100N 0055W
Southampton" confused with 5011N 0044W
Search is being made and 12 Group
wish correct "gen" as soon as aircraft
lands. 62 Base asked to arrange. |

Anson - from Milne - U/S. 2.28
Leaving 1616.

Whitney Shaght - took off from Leamington
at 1913 hrs to go to Cranfield
and then to Kenilworth.

Hudson - T9312 from Burn landed
2131 hrs at Topcliffe. T.O. 1816/17409.
for Burn.

Early Returns -

4701/E/28.

432/0 - S.I.E. U/S cont. CTO.

Non starter

4701/E/28. 433/I. made false start. P.I.E.
oiled up. No to taxied about
for another take off he developed
tyre creep. Engineer cancelled it.

Com High
Aug 14
Oxford.

Phone 61

To take up to Burton Wood to pick up
Mr. Corbin at 1400 hrs on Monday.
Burton Wood is in 9th U.S. air force
and prior clearance should be
secured for landing. Mr. Corbin
will be at Warrington. Pilot, on
landing at Burton Wood's to
call Mr. Smith at Warrington
2001, Extension 2, advising him
he is there to pick up Mr. Corbin.

AT 2000 hrs

1530.

Lord.

Trenchard.

V.D.I.

Request to 61 Base for clearance.
Took off in Lockheed from Middleton
1530 hrs for Durham.
Informed 12 Group.

1530.

PKQ/M.

410 hrs.

Mc McKenna.

Ex 12 Group. Message.
"Navigator killed. Returning to
base. Will need ambulance." (1st Lt)
To 1435 TOR 1509. (6 km 1509).
Informed 6 Base & 11 Group.
Rearing taken - 103 from Exton.

1600

Leamington

Oxford.

OK by air for 8/10 Newcome to
take off to Exton. Also landing
at Abbotshill. Tomorrow AM.

V.D.P.

A.O.C.

Movement.

On Ref entry 1140. On return primary
information from 64 Base F.C. was
that A.O.C. had taken off for Linton.
Then it developed that he returned
to Desford.

1830

Off duty

- 7/10 Spence. On duty 7.10 C.B. 7.10

1830

A.O.C.

Re unit

8

8/10 Creighton

Enquiries re 8/10 Creighton has
arrived yet. at Desford.
For 8/10 arrived Desford.
checked with 61, 62, 63, 64 base.
also 12 Grp & Kenilworth.

1915

V-3533

7/10

Creighton

Oxford landed at Croft at 1656
and took off again at 1910 for
Desford. Landed at 1928.
Inf. A.O.C. - Requested Desford
to provide transport to 6 Base as
previous transport sent from
6 Base had been recalled
3 F.C. at 64 Base to check why Croft
did not report this earlier.

Early Returns:

427/C - P.O.E. - IGNITION U/S - (C.T.O.)
 424/S. P.I.E. U/S - Oil from exhaust
 landed on Temp. C.T.O.
 428/I - R/G. Violently sick.
 419/Z - S.O.E. & INTERCOM U/S.

Non Starters

424/J. - S.I.E. U/S - only 2500 RPM. 7th.
 boss with fuel (C.T.O.)
 424/U - High oil temps on all engines.
 423/E - Spare - Oil poured from sides
 of P.I.E. - due to broken
 seal in carburetor (C.T.O.)
 428/S - Could not be bombed up in time.
 419/B, T, Y, U.
 Early return 429/G(H) - Too late to reach target.

419/R. - KB-772 Pilot - W/O Weston.
 TAXI ACCIDENT - DAMAGE TO AIRSCREW
 CAT.

Inf. SASO AIR I SOC. ENG. EQUIP
 GA10 G.T.I. S.F.C.O.

Kurru - from Halme on Spalding Moor
 landed Desford 0208
 Composed u/s staying overnight
 Inf. - 4 exp.

Wellington - NT/T F/S Peterwald from
 Bruntingthorpe landed Topcliffe
 at 0208. Port Engine U/S. Inf. 92 exp.

Accident

432/A - NP-720 Landed at 0325 - Burst a
 (Crew 415) tyre and blocked runway.
 S/L WILMOT Other 415 x 432 exp. being
 diverted to Luton. Cat. B.

Inf. SASO, SOC. AIR I ENG. EQUIP
 GA10 G.T.I. S.F.C.O.

2100 428/V - Got off on Bullseye - Tried to
 recall him but failed.
 2115 1664/Z - Took off at 2108 disappeared below
 the trees toward Ripon.
 Checked with 12 exp. - no report
 1659.4/c - Took off with bomb doors open.
 S.O.C. instructed 61 Base not
 to warn him by W/T.

2120 Mocking Bird - Inf. 12 exp. in L.O. to warn
 Regional Com. for civil defence.

SUNDAY AUGUST 13th 1944.

0510 Oxford. 63 Base. Ref. 1600 entry. Abbotsinch
 a naval airfield - all grass.
 - OK for an Oxford. - 2/c to get
 green from H.E.C. - Renfrew could
 aerodrome nearby. Inf 63 Base.

0100 Non-starters - 419/M - Ran off the taxi track -
 bogged and blocked the runway.
 S.F.C.O. NOTE. "B" & "U" blocked by "M"
 Y 419 - Could not be bombed up in time
 S/428 -

0100 419/R During the afternoon "R" was
 taxiing along near the south
 end of main runway, struck
 a bulldozer working on the
 edge of the taxi track. Airscrew
 damaged the top of the bulldozer
 and the driver received
 head injury.

0325 432/A (Crew 415) - Burst a tyre on landing
 and blocked the runway.
 Category B. - 5 remaining Eastwood
 2/c diverted to Luton.

0500 N.F. Closed - 54/c missing off target shaft
 - 16 2/c on Bullseye returned safely.
 0500 DIVERSION. Only 24/c out of 265 landed away
 from Rose.
 F.C.F.C.

0900 Off duty - B.T. O'Brien F.W.

MISSING - NIGHT 12/13 AUG.

429/E - MZ-825 - F/O DEPELW 27 Sorties
 427/N - LV-821 F/L CRONYN 32 "
 424/A - LV-951 F/O CAMPBELL G.D.H.
 434/Q - LW-175 F/O MCINTYRE 14 "
 428/Z KB-758 F/O MCGREGOR 14 "

Eng. - SASO AIRL EQUIP C.B.A. P.A. 300
 ENG.

Note:

64 Base advise that their Bombing Range at Bradbury will be closed from the 15-18th of August inclusive (4 days). Request permission for any bombing details to use Strinsall (62 Base). This will be arranged by 64 Base Bombing Leader with Group Bombing Leader. Bradbury u/s by day only.

Master WD 980 - W/C Smith piloted. landed Leeming at 1840. from Calverton. Took off at 2005 for Donibristle after refueling.

Anson LV-270. landed Croft 2015 from West Freugh - Eng. trouble.

Beaufighter HQ/A left Leeming at 2120 hrs 13th Aug for Winkley. Pilot F/O Donovan.

0900 On duty F/O McIntyre.

1020 Ex 12 Grp. Major Jackson wishes us to participate in Bullseye - all information the same as yesterday. 61 Base informed.

1030 Ex 92 Grp. Brufferton will be burning incendiary bombs during the next week, probably on each day and only during daytime. 12 Grp. 62 Base, 63 Base. Leamers.

1050 63 Base OXFORD. 1/2 Hyles reports he will be going flying with 2/c Hanson this afternoon. S.O.C. say O.K. T.O. 1300. Albotinch 1410. Refuel T.O. 1440 EVANTON 1540. - Albotinch. tie'd up on refueling.

1055 61 Base OXFORD. Permission given for W/C Wesser to go to Prestwick in this a/c. Movements have route.

1145 BULLSEYE. Gen passed to 62, 63, 64 bases. Asked them to make an offer of Non-operational a/c.

1400 433/L. Permission granted for 433 squadron to send on a/c to Calverton Broughton with an Extra Crew to pick up L/433.

1545 ANSON. Landed at Leeming 1508 - Came from Castle Bromwich. T.O. 1515.

1830 Off duty - F/O McIntyre. On duty R.T. O'Brien.

1930 Weather - Met forecast bases will be fit for Local Bullseye return at 0400 hrs.

2145 433/L - Crew was taken down to Calverton Broughton during the afternoon. Some trouble. 93 Grp checking tree there on.

2210 433/L - Went to take off. P.I.E. developed trouble - staying overnight. Inf 63 Base.

MONDAY AUG 14, 1944

0115 Ex 12 Grp. Crash occurred at V 2825 N.F.S. despatched. Search plane from WYTON

Accidents

1666/J - DT-584

Pilot - P/O Egan Prov. Cat E

Inf - SASO AIRI SOC. ENR. EQUIP.

G.A.I.O. G.T.I. S.F.C.O.

1659/H. LH-171

Pilot - F/O LOCKE

Inf - SASO, AIRI SOC. ENR. EQUIP.

G.A.I.O. G.T.I. S.F.C.O.

MONDAY AUGUST 14/44.

CROOK. by R.D.F. station. Request for
(Mosquito) air ambulance from Wombledon.
KB-269 Believed to be a twin engine a/c.
(WYTON) Crash near Egton village.
61 Base requesting Wombledon
to send ambulance

0210 Mosquito - from Wyton - Pilot - F/O Timpton
Ex - 61 Base now - Wathin.
(Whithy) Navigator - located and is OK.
police) - believes the pilot is OK.
N.F.S. and an ambulance is
standing by.
Two men from Danby Beacon
are providing the guard.
Wombledon are not sending
their ambulance

0215 1666/J - Ground looped on landing
DT-584 1/c and blocked the runway.
P/O EGAN. 61 Base diverting their a/c within
the base. Prov. Cat E. (On runway)
1659/H - Early return from Rullage.
LH-171 at 2249 hrs. - P.O.E. U/S.
P/O T. The undercarriage came down
F/O LOCKE - then began to retract - came
down again but did not lock
- hence a/c practically made
a belly landing. - Blocked the
runway. - Category E.

0330 Mosquito "U" Pilot - F/O Timpton suffering
(Crash) from shock. - in narrow
KB-269. Hotel Military Hospital, Whithy
a/c completely burned out.
(Wombledon, the nearest
aerodrome may have to provide
the guard to - marrow).

0700 On duty F/O M. Montgomerie.

Mosquito "U" 12 hrs. enquiring about this crash. Report
that cannot provide guard for more than 24 hours.
Wombledon says it is not within their crash boundary.
but they are the nearest aerodrome. 61 Base Engineer
to let us know when the M.W. will be able to
remove the wreck. Arrangements to be made
to guard wreck when this information is available.

1100. 61 Base Request for Bristol Flashlight 2345-0015'
BRISTOL at 1500 - Route Swanton to Bristol to Coast
FLASHLIGHT. thence due North to Menai Bridge.
Contacted 10 Grp who say Flashlight is looked
already between 2245 & 2310 hrs. Approach from
Northampton. This information passed to 61 Base.

1115 61 Base Permission for this Oxford. to go to Burtonwood
OXFORD and land obtained. E.T.A. 1100. Checked with 61
V-3533. Base to see that they have complete instructions.
1/2 Knight arranged with Sheshforth Station adjutant
to have transport tie'd up to bring this Passenger
to 6 Group. R/T 75 "Clockchess".
T.O. 1520.

1204 433/L Returned to base from Church Broughton - He
had still got his full bomb load on and was
overweight for landing so was sent out to
jettison.

1215 MOSQUITO 61 Base say that local Police have located an
u-CRASH. Engine & Prop located 1 1/2 miles North East of wreck
Map Ref. 281261 sheet 16. If enquiries are made
at Oliver & Wellburn's store in Leyton they will
give the required directions - 61 Base have
been asked to find out when the Engineering Officer
at Wombledon is going to make his required report
to 60 M U at York.

1230 61 Base advised that they will take part in Bristol Flashlight
BRISTOL exercise. Advised 10 Grp we will be particip-
FLASHLIGHT ating with about 30 Grp at 1600 - 10 suggest we
fly route from Bristol to Fishguard as we will
get considerable searchlight activity over the
Cardiff & Newport I.A.2 areas and enroute to
Fishguard. - 91 & 92 Groups are also
participating - Advised 61 Base.

1252 62 Base Report cloud of Black Smoke NW of Thulthorpe
in direction of Brofferton. Informed 12 Group who
will check with R.O.S. before we take any action.
(See note Re burning of Secondary Towers at Brofferton)

1310 434/C. 64 Base advise 434 C/truck was - was airborne
before he should have been - Bounced hard and
damaged his undercarriage - now circling base
with one wheel down. (Alt'd).
Stood Cannaby by. 4/C remained over base

Early Returns

L/420 - jetissomg Position - 5413N - 0111E to 12 Sep 4 Int. ^{Time 1906}
S.I.E 4/3 - C.T. O'd

R/420 - jetissomg Base. 5407N 0200E. to 12 Sep 4 Int
P.O.E 4/3 Throttle linkage - C.T. O'd

and then 9c with other 91c. Contacted 12 Group
ROCKO. had attempted to have him plotted to see
if he went out to jetissom or proceeded to target.
Apparently continued on the Target.

1330 E 4 Sep There will be a Special Exercise at Helmsley
Special tonight which will involve dropping of Bd &
Exercise. Green T.D.s at 0155 hrs.
L/420 Message from L/420 "Returning to Base S.I.E 4/3
Combs dropped", ^{Time 1906}
jetissomg Position 5413N - 0111E. L/420. To 12 Sep.
L/420 landed at 1448 R/420 at 1511

1537 E 4 Sep This Special Exercise has been
Special cancelled for tonight. They will let us
Exercise know when it is laid on again.

1539 G1 Base Report a Spitfire J2-3 on 91c of 57 O.T.U.
Eschott shot up Shephard aerobombs in a dangerous
manner at about 1500 hrs. Report turned in
to H.W. Fells.

1628 OXFORD Landed at Linton from Tulsegate Bottom.
B6604 Staying overnight.

1650 4 Sep. Report 4434 landed at Carnaby at 1645. With 2
emphasize that he made a wiggled landing 1 wheel
being 45° out of True. Passed to G4 Base.

1655 E 6 Sep Intercepted a message to Leeming HF/DIF.
Signals. from V/429 - Asked for an Ambulance. - Navigator
wounded. Checked with G3 Base.

1710 G1 BASE No further info on this crash. Except.
MOSQUITO Wombledon are taking over guard on crash at
CRASH 1800 hrs today. 60 MU not collecting wreckage
today. whereabouts of Watkins the Nav. not known
He is not at Wombledon

1830 Off duty. F/O Montague. On duty B.O. Bena F/O

1905 Hurricane - AIR I grants permission for
(Walton S/L Sue Carthy to send a
Hurricane to Collieries
to Smarow - 0930 - 1030
Film Unit (A.M.) - in picture
of simulated landings & take off

Starling

Accident on Take off

434/C - NA-497

Pilot - F/L BOYLE

Starboard u/c - damaged - fixed at
an angle of 45°.

Informed. A.O.C. S.A.S.O. Air E
Cont. H.2.2. G.A.2
Engrg. Engrg. S.F.C.O.

2000 434/C - 2 early return. was on
(Carnaby) abandoned. Jettisoned rope
NA-497. at 5404N 0047E
F/L BOYLE Starboard wheel retracted and
fixed at angle of 45 deg.

2015 Re new H23 Routes which were to be expected
Aug 7. - 12 Sep. S. S. S. - done
D.F.C.O. not yet received copies from M.L.O.
three 6 Sep. movements are to
pass to M.L.S. 12 Sep. T.F.N.
(1) T.O. (2) S/C. time (3) Coast parallel
& time (4) ETR.

2125 434/C - Craft sending transport for
the crew. Already informed.

Tuesday August 15

0005 Window - 10 Sep. M.L.S. report that 2 a/c
on X/essence - are dropping window.
Inquired from 61 Base - who
said the crews were not briefed
for window.

0035 X/C - met adverse possibility of low
stratus in our group. Suggest
recall of 408/P -
Inf 62 Base to recall a low a/c
61 Base - who are having
their a/c cancel bombing
exercise and return to base.

0115 408/P - 62 Base report that 'P' acknowledged
recall.

0125 Diversion - 1659/C. landed Thallhase 0108
1659/R, P. S. diverted to Linton.
Disputed coping at present.

0115 Night Flying all 6 group aircraft landed.

0400 Ex 12 Group Query if our a/c all accounted for as
a crash report.

0840 Ex 5 Group Query as to Skipton's weather at 0230 hrs.
600-800ft. cloud. vis. 10-20 miles. Say the
a crash near.

State of 9/c Away From Base

426-Z - FORD - Should be ready by 17/8/44.
 415-B - EXETER - F/LT. Smith will visit at today.
 425-M - MANSTON - Should be ready by 20/8/44.
 434-C - CARNABY - Cat AC damaged and carriage.

Early Return & Non Starters

434/M - Non Starter - Oil leak in S.O.E. - C.T.O'd.
 419/R - Early Return - P.I.E W/S - FEATHERED. - C.T.O'd.
 433/K - Non Starter - Flat Oleo Leg - Could not be repaired in time - C.T.O'd.
 433/G - Early Return - S.O.E W/S - FEATHERED. - C.T.O'd.
 Log shaft on S.O.E. Broken
 425/W - Early Return - P.I.E cut at English Coast. C.T.O'd.
 Thrust shaft Broken
 432/Y - Early Return - Now trouble with D.P. Compass.
 Not C.T.O'd. Later C.T.O'd when
 Transmission Spring in D.P. Compass was broken.

0845 Crash

Ref. entries 0400 + 0840. 12 Group advise crash in E 3990 about 50 miles west of ~~the~~ Topcliffe, in the Moors. 1 body found. Crash action was taken by an M.V. in the vicinity and we were not requested to act.

0900

On Duty F/O J.H. Cunningham.

1035

64 Base
419/R.

R. report R/419 Squadron landed - not R/T & no W/T contact made. Apparently landed O.K. with full Bomb load. No further information yet.

1050

B RISTOL
FLASHLIGHT

Passed information regarding Bristol Flashlight target to 61 Base.

Target Time - 2330 - 2335

91 Group are participating - Portion of their route will be - Abington - Portland - Bristol - Fishguard. Heights so far allotted, 10000 - 11000 - 17000.

Information also passed to 62, 63 & 64 Bases.

1125

61 Base

Offering 7 9/c - 1659; 10 9/c 1664; 10 9/c 1666; doing part of following route. Abington - Portland - Bristol - Cardiff (Zeele) - Base. Confirmed route later. 10 Grp advised. 16000

1130

Oxford.
B 9604

Took off for Tulgate Bottom from Linton. Route Passed to 12 Grp.

1135

RAPIDE.
N 450

Landed at Linton - 9/c Turner - Hughes to see W/C Smith. Informed 9/c Dawson who says W/C Smith already on his way to Linton.

1220

62 Base
K/408

Advice on phone call (very indistinct) from Norham regarding K/408. Will we contact them and see what the call was about.

1223

63 Base

G/433 - overhead at Skipton. on Early Return.

1225

K/408

Contacted Norham who say they have not landed any RAF 9/c today, but they were calling Linton regarding an 9/c of 408. Again that landed at Norham last night. They had all the information they require. Advised 62 Base.

9/c Missing - Crew List.

428/A - KB749.

PILOT. - W/O JAKEMAN APA. - R157995
NAV. - P/O HETHERINGTON L. - 179430
A/BOM. - F/O BROWN D.W. - J28937
F/E - SGT WRIGHT S.W. - 1894352
WAG - W/O CLEAVER S.B. - R20404
MUG. - F/S REVELL P.C. - R208111
R/G. - F/S WHYTE E. - R217083.

A.O.C. S.A.S.D. S.O.C. S.F.C.D. C.O.A. ENG. G.T.I. GAI
P4 AIRI EQUIPT.

1250 Darby - Disforth gave QDM - 230° - 98m.
to a/c "M" for Whitley (Telstar)
Overheard by Thalharp - 9/c unheeded.

1350 1659/P - Hydraulic trouble. Linton will
inform us when it is ready to
return.
1659/C - At Thalharp - no crew.

1530 COMMUNICAT IONS. FLIGHT OXFORD A.O.C requests 61 Base Oxford (DISFORTH)
1 pilot to take Sgt. Rainville from Disforth.
To be ready at Disforth at 1900 hrs.
this evening. Advise 61 Base. T.O. 1904.

1615 61 Base BRISTOL FLASHLIGHT Asked us to confirm with 10 Gps that the
Bristol Flashlight will be on regardless of
whether 91 Group scrub or not. 10 Gps confirm
that it will be on regardless of whether 91
Group scrub or not.

1620 MOSQUITO NS 538 Landed at Linton at 1148. Left Linton at 1608
for Swindon.

1632 62 Base OXFORD. Took off from Thalharp for Lening at 1630.
Blue Back at Thalharp at 1800. 63 Base
advised.
MILES From Montrose stopped at Linton for refueling
MASTER proceeding to Hendon.

1635 COMMUNIC ATIONS FLIGHT OXFORD Permission granted by Hendon for this 9/c
to land at Hendon. Warned 61 Base
that he must be on time as Hendon
have no lighting, also to have pilot report
to City Flight when he lands.

1820 WELLINGTON LN701-H. An 9/c of 14 O.T.U. Market Harborough.
Landed at Disforth at 1543 with R/T &
w/T failure. Pilot was F/Sgt Williams.
Trouble was fixed but 9/c developed an oil
leak in Port Engine - this may involve an
engine change - 92 Group informed the
9/c will be staying overnight.

1810 BRISTOL FLASHLIGHT Men passed to 61 Base re - Flashlight
exercises.

2115 Off water F/O Smeaton, On water

2120 10 Exp - Re Bristol floodlight - 10 Exp
report that navy does not want
a/c to go over Portland.
must change our route.
Inf 61 Base. - Their a/c
now airborne.

- Advised 61 Base to send on H/H/DI
message to a/c in 104 day Bomber
Code. Regarding Portland proceed
to Blanford (5052N 0211W) T.O.T. Sound.
(10 Exp. to inform navy should a/c cross Portland)
2230 Diversion - Prov. Weather Base for 6
Ex C.F.C. Gardeners 429 sqn.
Wyneswell - Checked with met.
- 61s - 2000 - 4000 yds - up
to 0430 hrs.

2350 Diversion "gen" passed to 93 Group.

2355 64 Base - Tells Gen Ops report green
flares on Z. 93 at 2346 hrs.
Rocha says it is Bradhury Range.
Inf 64 Base.

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0125 1664/J - 9 Exp report that Inf a/c lost
- over carb. given QPM &
distance to base - Has 2 hrs
endurance. Inf 61 Base.

0250 Gardeners - met believe mid. S.C. will
be put up. Learning closes on.
so decided to bring 429 a/c home.
Inf 63, 64 Base.

0300 X/C - a/c All x/c a/c landed base.
419 - 1 a/c 428 1 a/c on Local
Rules etc. - Message sent to HQ 12 Exp.

0500 Gardeners - all returned to Base. - 47.
93 Exp. 12 Exp.

Off Duty F/O A. Bourn

D.F.C.O PLEASE NOTE. - GET PERMISSION FOR →
OXFORD TO LAND AT HENDON - TOMORROW AT
NOON, 14 AUG 1944.

On duty P/O W. M. (unclear)

10/15 DISHEFORTH S.A.S.O. has given permission for A/C Wate
OXFORD. G1 Base to be flown down to Hendon tomorrow
out on Communications flight Oxford.
T.O. about 1600 hrs. E.T.A. Hendon about
1730. Gc will be returning immediately.
Ak Mark will be contacting us possibly on Saturday
to arrange for Oxford to pick him up on Sunday
at Hendon. G1 Base informed.

1026' 1695'-F/A Permission given to Dalton to send a fighter
UNIT DALTON to ~~Clatter~~ Clattercocks this morning to assist in film-
ing of 3 Hurricanes taking off in formation.
W/C Miles gave permission. Passed to 61 Base.

1050 ANSON This Anson landed at Disforth this morning at
AJ 332 about 400 hrs from Jurbly. Wishes to return to
Jurbly via Fleetwood at 1130. At 5000' ETA Jurbly
1200 hrs. No luck in contacting Jurbly. Passed out inform-
ation re conditions at Jurbly. Small amounts of low strates and
portal conditions at about 1400 hrs. Told Disforth to Signal him out.

1110 Ex ADGB. No Bullseye Tonight.

1112	ANSON	Visiting Anson at the Lighthouse T.O. at 1130 for
	DJ244	Sleep. - P% more pilot.

1150 WELLINGTON Landed at 1105, T.O. 1150 return
24. O.Tu. to Hoofbourne ETA - 1250.

1230	BORACUDA	Landled at 1227 at Dalton - Refueling - Proceeding.
	BV-910	to Acklington

1405' BULLS EYE Passed action sheet "gen" to G.I. Base.
Asked them to make suggested route points
between Base & Croner - They suggest Melton
Mowbray.

1410 LIBERATOR Landed at Skipton at 1233 from Little Bridge
64XX Returning to Little Bridge via York - Westwick
- Little Bridge. TO. 1430 ETA. 1600.

1615 DIVERSION S. O. C. asked for best diversion Base area
BASES for diversion of all 9K tonight. Consulted Mat.
who gave following area. South of Little Snoring.
to Bealow. West of Watton to Polebrook.
asked CFC for a minimum of 8 acres

Diversion Bases - Emergency weather

Sqn	No. of	Station	Group
408	9H	Chelburgh	2
429	10H	"	3
427	15H	Whitting Common	3
424	12H	Newmarket	3
415	15H	Nest Ragnham	100
432	14H	Oulton	100
420	15H	Bourn	8
425	14H	Wigton	8
426	15H	Bassingboorne	1st U.S.
431	11H	Ridgewell	1st U.S.
434	14H	Shepherd's Grove	3
419	12L	Burg St. Edmunds	3rd U.S.
428	15L	Thorpe Abbots	3rd U.S.
433	12H	Horham	3rd U.S.
429	5H	"	3rd U.S.

preferably U.S.A. - large enough to take
Hampshire & Lancashire
C.F.C. have no bases for us as yet. Tie
up in all lines due to Met Conference.
C.F.C. advise that 8 Gps have asked for
Prov. Diversion Bases themselves and want to
know if we are still happy about this area.
Consulted Met who say at Met Conference 6 Gpms
suggested diversions to East Anglia and there
were no protests. Also 100 Gpms are still happy
about this area. Informed Central Flying
Control we still would like diversion Bases -
Preferably American ones - for our major effort
and that our restrictions on the area might
be

1730
1800

DIVERSION
C.F.C.

1830

Off duty No. Mountjoy
On duty H.B. Spence No.

1830

Div.
Emerg.
Weather

Stations offered by C.F.C. - allotted
as on opposite page - Gen. passed
to stations. Met. believe we shall
cope on early Ops; some doubt
for later one.

1930

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0030

Diversion

Keyed up 61 Base + M. St. A. to be
ready to assist on return of early
ops if required. Requested some
bases from C.F.C. on West coast
in case weather goes duff when
we're landing etc.

to
0045

0120

Div.

Decided that would hold etc on
early operation should be brought
home.

0015

Bulls Eye

Due to uncertainty of Met. Controller
recalled Bulls Eye etc to have them
out of the way for return of ops etc.
Message sent on Section K and
Station H.F.D.F.

0120

Div.

9 Group, offer Harwarden. High Erkel
12 Group offer Acklington Scorton +
Oulton. Advise them not require

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Following files:

429/O. 5417N 0226E. ack.
5401N 0135E class 2. ack.
5409N 0128E " 2. ack.
428/L Emergency 5426N 0026E Class 2. at 0115 hrs.
434/S. S.O.S. 5428N 0043E Class 3. at 0243 hrs.
5427N 0046E Class 3. at 0245 hrs.

Report by F/H. Smith

415/B - Exeter - should be ready 8-day
425/N - Mowton - Ready soon - call
F/H Sme Callum at Mowton.
426/Z - Ford - soon.

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0400	Divin	Met holding. Decision to bring M. St. G. etc home to base. Informal 2nd W/S. B.D.
0014.	429/O.	Cancelled Emergency.
0145	428/L	Cancelled Emergency.
0212.	434/S. S.O.S.	Emergency bearing 065° Hull - 027° Weston. A. 170° Kt. 2000 pos. 5428N 0018E. - 0238 top. Fix 5428N 0043E 3rd class. - 0242. Contacted 12 Group F.C.O. on above priorities.
0245	Crash.	Ex 12 Group F.C.O. Report from RO CLO of Crash at or near Croft. Checked Middleton who says Croft hauling, also reported red glow North east of Middleton which later was confirmed as a fire only. Informal 12 Group.
0300	434/S. S.O.S.	On request of 12 Group had M. St. George endeavour to contact up on H.F.D.F. as indications were that ac was in sea at last position heard of it & wished confirmation it was not airborne still.
0330	ditto	No joy on H.F.D.F. 12 Group arranging search by 16 Group.
0330.	Crash North of Harlow.	424/G, 424/W and at least one other ac report what appeared to be a crash at pos. 5407N 0010W at 0210 hrs. explosion on impact. appeared to be in hies just on coast. Informal 16 Group. Also 12 Group pat 0500 hrs. Police searching.
0225	420/N.	Landed at Canaby. Reported collision with another ac at pos. 5357N. 0245E. Persper smashed & injured Pilot. He is in S.S.D. and should be able to return tomorrow.

Missing

H28/Q (K751) F/o W. Cairgreive J25437.
 H20/L (M2687) P/o G. Pritchard J86684 Co. P/o R. H. Davies J87194
 H31/Y (M2371) F/o T. H. Doble J17647
 H34/S (LK796) P/o J. Wagnam J35750 — Sea Search.
 H33/D (M2899) F/o A. Ward J85M.
 H33/L (M2863) F/L J. C. Valk J21433
 H33/P (M2808) F/o J. A. H. Morgan J25000

EQUIP. -

Proctor - BX-216 landed Linton
 from Nenden. en route to

Ventura - JP-862. Landed Linton
 at 1245 from Pershore owing
 to weather. Linton inf. Pershore.

Oxford (Lening) - took off at 1545
 to South Cerney.

431/Q - (KST/Q) - MLS. 12 from Pulham.
 message.
 GPOM YEYF UVXF GPUV YEXF
 OMGP XFUL YNYW YUEM YEHX. →
 ULUV YUHY SMOV LD 1215.

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0600.	Crash at Croft.	Report of crash by R.O.C. turned out to be incendiaries going off. No damage.
0900	Off duty - F/o Speers. On duty B. O'Brien F/o	
1015	med. (Croft: Oxford) - A in I from transmission for med to borrow Croft. Oxford to take part to 20 SW. near & over the	
1040	Com Fl. Oxford. (by 1015 in entry 16409. V-7535. P1820.	A/c Wate & St. Creighton to Nenden. T.O. at 1400 hrs. - Weather - 5. 8. 2. 3000. w 5 m t.
1105	Hurricane "E" from Northolt makes to return take off at 1105 from Duxford. Pilot - F/L Austin. Inf. Duxford.	
1105	16 Exp - A.S.R.	Report that KST-"G" sent message WBA - Am over dinghy. Position 5313N 0034E (message found, may be 5413N) Checked with S.S.O. & until 64 Rose - may be 431/Q using our non-ops c/s. Inf 16 Exp.
1150.	16 Exp - A.S.R.	Message KST-Q WBA - 5413N 0034E (dinghy fitted) WBC - 1FF (switched on) 16 group sending out one g/c immediately Inf S.O.C. & A.S.R.O.
1230	12 MLS (A.S.R.)	From Pulham. 431/Q - Send message. "Cannot contact H.S.L. Lindholme dinghy 6. Inf AIR. S.O.C. 64204 TORV-12/15. (2-15N)
1300	408/R. 420/N	At Carnaby. - both Cat. A.C. crews require transport from Carnaby. - Pilot of 420/N can travel. 62 Rose to arrange transport & to let us know time of arrival so we can inform Carnaby - as crews are at Lisseth.

Report from S/L Bentley - Intelligence Officer at Croft
 431/Q - F/L McLeod.
 Detailed for Sea Search in Area 5415'N - 0000
 5435'N - 0045'E

After completing 1st leg of 1st sweep, observed green, red & green vessels, seen to our port at position 5413'N 0038'E at 1025 hrs. Height 400 feet. Sea calm - dropped a smoke float between 1028 & 1028.5 hours. At 1028 Lindholme dinghy and supplies were dropped, downwind from a height of 120 feet. The equipment landed 25-50 yds from the dinghy with crew in it. At 1039 hours we set course from dinghy to make rendez-vous with the H.S.L. Arrived at rendez-vous position at 1058 hrs. The H.S.L. was not there. Instituted a square of search - unsuccessful - at 1112 hrs. returned to Lindholme dinghy - arrived there at 1131. At 1230 instructed other 2/c to stand-by. At 1259 set course from dinghy to H.S.L. Gave H.S.L. direction to dinghy. At 1328 we returned to dinghy. At 1349 notified dinghy that H.S.L. was on the way by radio. Maintained contact with H.S.L. and dinghy until 1545 hours when H.S.L. arrived at dinghy. Rescue successfully carried out. Left H.S.L. and dinghy at 1555 hours. Landed at Base at 1622. Night Camera in 2/c and several exposures made.

Ex 12 Group.

Received a signal from H.S.L. - "Picked up 7 men - 2 slightly injured" - will be in Grimsby at 2000 hrs. Bomber suggested they stay in Grimsby tonight. Rescue effected at 13-17-25-26 miles - 25 to 26 miles east Flamboro - Position 5414'N - 0039'E

434/B - F/L Browning - Detailed for Sea Search over area 5415'N 0000 to 5435'N 0045'E
 At first run out at 1023 hrs. at position 5412'N 0038'E at height of 500 feet we sighted a dinghy with crew of 7 aboard. Very Cartridges were fired to attract other 2/c. Then dropped smoke and flame floats; also aluminium sea markers. Smoke floats did not work. 431/Q was seen to drop a Lindholme dinghy and supplies. The crew made contact at 1106 hours. The Lindholme dinghy believed to be only partly inflated. Crew used own dinghy, but were seen

13.40 Message From Q/431 via Pulham:
 A.S.R. From: KST/Q - GQ UL YN YU - T.O. 13.25 T.O.R 13.28.
 : 431/Q - Located H.S.L. -

1440 Oxford - Pilot F/L Chad - passengers S/C Waite & S/C Creighton took off at 1440 for Kendon. ETR 1600. Eng Hamilton

1450 Hurr. (Dalton) - Airt gives permission for S/L McQuitty at Dalton to fly to RAF Seampton on Seamount west to 1691 Ball's Bluff (Seaton is 5 miles north of Lincoln). Eng G. Rose.

1507 408/R - A.I.R. 5 grants permission for W/L McDermott (crew) to fly to Canaby for crew. 420/N suggested that he also bring base crew of 420/N. Eng & Dep to inform the crews.

1558 message - KST/Q - MUSM, YNGP, DHSM, A.S.R. HXUV, LUUJ. (via Pulham) Resumed O.K. returning to Base

1700 A.S.R. Intell Report of 434/U 434/B.
 1725 A.S.R. " 431/Q.

1730 1284 Report W/L/S - 434/S - crew of 7 picked up in H.S.L. - 2 of whom slightly injured - Should arrive Grimsby by 2000 hrs. - Bomber expect them to remain at Grimsby. Eng. A.O.C. 8450. A.I.R. 800. A.S.R.O. 64 Base inf.

1740 Met. - Beale should be fit for return

1750 434 - Mocking Bird ex - at Helmsby.

1830 On duty F/L Mountjoy.

1918 Passed times of A.S.R. 9/c to 16 Group.

1930 MOCKING BIRD EX advised 41 base & 62 base & 63 base of Mocking bird exercise to be carried out by 4 Expt at Helmsby.

to take supplies. At 1220 hours the Coastal Command Hudson marked dinghy ~~with~~ with smoke floats at 1229 - he dropped a Lindholme dinghy ~~with smoke floats~~ upwind. Did not make contact. At 1430 hours W.O.P. contacted Hudson a/c with Aldis lamp asking for orders & received "Return home taking over". At 5417 N 0000 at 1439 hours - 100 feet - passed over 6 ships thought to have been stationary. Query "We were on the job 4:08 hours but no sign of A.S.P. launches - why so long?"

434/V - P/O Denmark - Detailed for Sea Search over area 5415 N 0000 to 5435 0045 E

after completing outward leg of 1st sweep, sighted dinghy with 7 occupants, at posn. 5413 N 0035 E at 1026 - 300 feet - Sea Calm. Circled dinghy dropping smoke floats, immediately east and west of dinghy. Observed leaders (431/Q) go up to approx 300 feet to send message ~~to~~ He circled for some time then headed SSE. (prior to sending message 431/Q dropped a Lindholme dinghy at approx 1032 hrs downwind and to port. Occupants of dinghy made contact with Lindholme dinghy and the crew are of the opinion that the ditched crew used Lindholme dinghy. We continued to circle dinghy dropping occasional aluminum sea markers. At 1220 Coastal Command Hudson appeared and dropped Lindholme dinghy to starboard of crew and wife. Also dropped smoke floats then flew shoreward. Returned in a short time continuing to drop smoke floats. He received signal from Hudson at 1433 hours. "Return home - taking over"

at 5420 N 0010 W at 1445 hrs 200 ft passed over 6 good sized ships heading north - no contact - This crew wonders why over 4 hours were necessary for launch to be sent out.

Chinas. B.R. - 5728 N 0350 W.
controlled by Lorne mouth