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Gatterick.	21-7-41		Number 331 Norwegian Squadron formed, as Establishment No. WAR/PO/326 dated 21-7-41, Auth. S.73033. Temporary C.O. of advance party forming nucleus of Squadron - Lt. S. Borfield (No. 2-Eng.) (Double Banking); Lt. Borfield reported to Gatterick from Wislaw accompanied by 2 Lt. A.K. Pedersen (Elect. & Wireless), 2 Lt. T. Andersen as (Elect. & Wir.), 2 Lt. Svorlie (Elect. & Wir.), 2 Lt. E.F. Jacobson (Elect. & Wir.), 2 Lt. Unneser (Fitter 1) 2 Lt. K. Torhaug (Fitter 1)	
Gatterick	25-7-41.		Lt. G. Kristianson (Accountant officer) reported from R.N.A.S.P. H.Q. for duty.	
Gatterick.	28-7-41.		Lt. J. Nardso reported from 25. Squadron, Ballyhalbert for duty as Flight Commander Lt. S. K. Birstedt reported from 43 Squadron Dren for flying duties as Flight Commander. Lt's A. Ann, J.P. Lohm, S. Som and 2 Lt's L. Lundsten, P. Hollestad, A. Pilttingrud, G. Pilttingrud, J. Mallor, A. Hviden, A.G. Hagerup, B. Hachjen, A.K. Hjorth, reported for flying duties from 52 O.T.U. .	
Gatterick.	28-7-41.		1 Hurricane marked 1 No. V. 633, delivered to Squadron.	

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Catterick	1-8-41.		S/Ldr. Cole, A.N., reported from R.A.F. Station, Cuxton, as Commanding Officer (Double Banking) with Major O. Bull who reported from 242 Squadron, Manston. F/O G.D. Dresden reported from 43 Squadron, Drem, for duty as Adjutant (Double Banking). 1 Hurricane Mark 1 aircraft No. V. 7028 delivered to the Squadron. Duty Airframe and engine test.	
Catterick	2-8-41.		Thirteen Hurricane Mark 1 A/c Numbered WW.9226, V. 6871, A.E. 963, V. 7108, V. 7160, W. 9205, W. 9206, V. 7042, V. 6930, W. 9137, P. 2992. Hurricane Mark 1. No. A.E. 963 crashed on landing and was not accepted.	
Catterick	3-8-41.		3 Hurricane Mark 1 A/c. Nos. V. 6936, T. 7750, R. 4076, delivered to the Squadron. F/Lt. R. Miller reported for flying duties from 232 Squadron, Cuxton. Airframe and engine test on all A/c.	
Catterick.	4-8-41.		2 Lt. F. Karlsen reported from R.A.F. Station, Kenley, for duty as Fitter 1.	
Catterick	5-8-41.		Airframe and Engine test on all aircraft.	
Catterick.	6-8-41.		9 hours sector reconnaissance, 1 hour formation flying, four hours cloud flying.	
Catterick.	7-8-41.		5 hours sector reconnaissance, 5 hours formation flying.	
Catterick.	8-8-41.		2 Lt. M. Ree reported from 52 O.T.U. for flying duties. 8 hours sector reconnaissance, 2 hours practice attacks.	
Catterick	9-8-41.		1 Hurricane Marked 1. aircraft No. B. 3410 delivered to Squadron. 4½ hours sector reconnaissance, 12½ hours formation cloud flying and low flying	
Catterick.	10-8-41.		3/40 R. H. Russell reported from 57 O.T.U. Harwarden, for duty as Engineer Officer (Double Banking) 2 Lt. E. Hagen reported from 242 Squadron, Manston for flying duties. 9½ hours formation cloud flying and low flying 3 hours aerobatics 1 hour cloud flying attacks, 1½ hours sector reconnaissance	

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Catterick	11-8-41.		2 Lt. E. Sand reported from H.Q. R.N.A.F. London for duties as Intelligence Officer (Double Posting) 11 hours formation and flying 1 hour airframe and engine test 1 hour sector reconnaissance 2 hours low flying practice.	
Catterick	12-8-41.		Due to aircraft having been grounded, a signal was received from H.Q. Fighter Command E. 1/21 dated 12-8-41, advising that a court of inquiry would assemble to investigate the reason for grounding. The court will assemble at R.A.F. Station Catterick, at 10.00 hours on 14-8-41. The President of the court would be S/Cdr. Buchanan from H.Q. Fighter Command. The members:- W/Obs. Booth from 10 Group, S/Ldr. Penman from 9 Group, S/Ldr. Cotton from 11 Group. 1 hour sector reconnaissance, 2 hours formation flying.	
Catterick	13-8-41.		11 hours sector reconnaissance flying.	
Catterick	14-8-41.		Court of Inquiry assembled and adjourned.	
Catterick	15-8-41.		Court of Inquiry reconvened and concluded investigation.	
Catterick	16-8-41.		Received signal from H.Q. Fighter Command Q. 602 dated 16-8-41, instructing 41 Group to re-equip 331 (H) Squadron with Hurricane Mark 2's. Aircraft, disposal instructions for Hurricanes Mark 1 to be issued later. Flying 11 hours sector reconnaissance and 14 hours formation.	
Catterick	16-8-41.		F/O. E. Miller posted to 122 Squadron. Received signal from H.Q. Fighter Command reference E. 190 dated 16/8/41 authorising movement of 402 Squadron to Catterick on 21/8/41, 2,000 lbs. Air Transport lift to be provided. Further signal received from H.Q. Fighter Command ref. Q. 673 dated 16/8/41 instructing the Squadron to transfer only the following items:- (A) Dirty Bombs, (B) Squadron Records, (C) Officers' and Pilots' kits. All other equipment including M.T. vehicles to remain behind for use of incoming Squadron. All items of equipment peculiar to Hurricanes including shelter tents and spares to be transferred to Southend for use of 402 Squadron.	
Catterick	17-8-41		A signal from H.Q. Fighter Command reference Q. 724 dated 17/8/41 addressed to R.A.F. Station Catterick, repeated to 331(H) Squadron read as follows:- When 331(H) Squadron moves they are to	

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Catterick	17-6-41	(Cont'd)	<p>took their alarms and ordered fuel tanks with them. All general equipment of 334(H) Squadron is to be transferred to North Road with the exception of starter trolleys which are to go to Castleton.</p> <p>Nine Handicaps Mark III aircraft numbers Z, 5227, B.D. 363, B.D. 745, B.D. 744, B.D. 748, Z, 5445, Z, 5277, Z, 5262, Z, 5267, were delivered to the Squadron.</p>	
Catterick	18/8/41		<p>A signal was received pending to Squadron an Intelligence Officer (Double Banking) P/O R. P. Yatman. This officer is to proceed direct to Castleton and await arrival of Squadron.</p> <p>Nine Handicaps Mark III aircraft numbers Z, 5214, Z, 5266, Z, 5268, Z, 5433, Z, 5215, Z, 5261, Z, 5232, B.D. 744, B.D. 747, delivered to Squadron.</p>	
Catterick	20-8-41		<p>Movement of Squadron from Catterick to Castleton commenced with the road party consisting of personnel with vehicles etc.</p>	
Catterick	21-8-41		<p>One hour twenty minutes across country flying. 120 hours sector reconnaissance.</p> <p>Movement of Squadron continued - Advance party consisting of 2nd Lt. Whitmore, 2nd Lt. Karlsen, 2nd Lt. Jamieson and twenty three men left Catterick at 10.00 hours by air and arrived at Castleton 12.30 hours. Squadron aircraft (eighteen in number) took off from Catterick at 11.00 hours. The officer in command was Major O'Sullivan. The Squadron flew to Dron and landed for lunch, resumed the flight at 14.00 hours; arriving at Castleton on the conclusion of the flight at 16.00 hours approx. The rail party (main party) consisting of five officers and one hundred and twenty four airmen left Catterick at 13.30 hours and arrived at Castleton on Friday 22/8/41 at 11.25 hours.</p> <p>120 hours flying from Catterick to Castleton.</p> <p>P/O G. D. Broden Alington 334(H) Squadron posted as Assistant Adjutant to R.A.F. Station, Turnhouse on 25/8/41. Proceeded on four days leave.</p>	
Catterick	22-8-41		<p>One Handicap flew from Catterick to Castleton two hours twenty minutes.</p>	

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Castletown	24-8-41		3 hours cross country flying and 6 hours sector reconnaissance.	
Castletown	25-8-41		F/O, F.S. Powell (Double Banking) Adjutant, Lieut. B.S. Thorne, 2nd Lt. R.A. Berg posted to Squadron W.C.2, 25/8/41.	
Castletown	26/8/41		4 1/2 hours formation flying, 5 hours sector reconnaissance. F/O, F.S. Powell reported for duty as Adjutant. Lieut Thorne and 2nd Lt. Berg reported for flying duties. Hurricane aircraft No. 2, 5215 forced landed at Conisby, Gaitness. Pilot 2nd Lt. G. Piltinsrud was uninjured.	
Castletown	27/8/41		6 1/2 hours R/T testing, 3 hours formation flying. Lt. G. Kristiansen reported for duty as Accountant Officer. Two Hurricane aircraft L. 5445 and L. 5266 pilots 2nd Lt. Miller and 2nd Lt. Lundsten respectively, collided in mid-air over Mboten, Gaitness. 2nd Lt. Miller abandoned his aircraft (which burst into flames on hitting the ground) and made a successful parachute landing. 2nd Lt. Lundsten brought his aircraft, without rudder, back to the aerodrome and would have landed successfully but for a Spitfire (1st Squadron) which was directly in his path for landing. Consequently 2nd Lt. Lundsten's aircraft collided with the Spitfire which was damaged. Both 2nd Lt. Miller and 2nd Lt. Lundsten escaped injury.	
Castletown	28/8/41		3 hours sector reconnaissance. A home flight formation flying, 3 hours formation attacks exercises, 4 1/2 hours formation flying. His Majesty's Secretary of State for Air arrived by air from Castletown. All aircraft were grounded on the instructions of the Commanding Officer. The reason for this action was trouble with the cooling system.	
Castletown	29/8/41		Orders were received that His Majesty's Secretary of State for Air would inspect the personnel at 17.00 hours, but due to unknown circumstances, this inspection was not carried out.	
Castletown	30/8/41		25 minutes engine test. Lt. Irvine reported for flying duties. Station Defence Exercises commenced at 20.00 hours. After a stand to, personnel were dismissed at	

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Castletown.	30/8/44	(Con't)	22.15 hours.	
Castletown	31/8/44		<p>Station Defence alarm was sounded at 08.00 hours. All personnel reported to Action Stations and remained until relieved at 07.45 hours. The personnel were engaged by the "enemy".</p> <p>S/Ldr. A.N. Cole and Major G. Bull left Castletown by air for H.Q. No. 14 Group Sqn at 14.30 hours, returning to Castletown at 1730 hours.</p> <p>All squadron aircraft again serviceable.</p> <p>7 hours enemy patrol reconnaissance, 2 hours dog-fights, 3 1/2 hours sector reconnaissance, 4 hours practice interception.</p>	

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Castletown	1/9/41	09.15	2nd. Lts' R. From, F. Torsager, H. Leifseth reported from Sutton Bridge for Flying duties. P/O R.A. Foster (Technical Engineer) reported from R.A.F. Station, Tain on attachment to Squadron to investigate trouble experienced with cooling systems of Hurricane aircraft.	
Castletown	2/9/41		2nd. Lt. K. Torhaug reported from Catterick for Engineer duties. 2nd. Lts. E. Endressen, Christie, and W. Mohr reported from Sutton Bridge for Flying duties. S/Ldr. A.N. Cole left Castletown by air for Headquarters No. 13 Group. New Hurricane Mk. IIB, Z 2916 Merlin XX, arrived from Coventry (135 Squadron, Baggington).	
Castletown	3/9/41		30 Dinghies arrived. S/Ldr. A.N. Cole returned by air. New Hurricane Mk. IIB, ED 734, Merlin XX, arrived from 135 Squadron, Baggington.	
Castletown	4/9/41		Colonel Strugstad, Lieut. Colonel Stenersen, Major Ben visited the Squadron, Major Ben probably staying a few days. New Hurricane Mk. IIB, Z 5262, Merlin XX arrived from 135 Squadron, Baggington. 2nd. Lt. Aagaard arrived for duties as Adjutant (Double Banking). Five hours Cloud Flying, Six hours Squadron Formation Flying and Aerobatics, Two hours Sector reconnaissance.	
Castletown	5/9/41		Lieut. I. Aken and 2nd. Lt. Christie left for 253 Squadron, Skeabrae on posting. 2nd. Lts. Mohr, Leifseth and Hvinden left for 17 Squadron, Elgin on posting. Postagram received from H.Q. 14 Group ref: 14G/C. 1003/2/P2 dated 3/9/41 authorising acting promotion of P/O F.S. Powell to the rank of acting flying officer, w.e.f. 25/8/41. 2 hours low flying, bad weather prevented further flying.	
Castletown	6/9/41.		Lt. Aas left for 253 Squadron Skeabrae on posting Received postagram from H.Q. 14 Group, ref: 14G/ C. 1002/38/P2 dated 4/9/41, posting Squadron Leader A.N. Cole to H.Q. 13 Group w.e.f. 15/9/41.	

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Castletown	6/9/43.	cont.	2nd Lt. G. Pittingard proceeded on 12 days leave. 2nd Lt. U. Sisking admitted to Duxford Hospital Glasgow. 7 hours high flying 20,000-25,000 Ft. attacks 5 hours Squadron formation flying 8 hours high flying 30,000 Ft. interceptions 3 hours dusk landings.	
Castletown	7/9/43.		6 hours high flying 30,000 Ft. practice attacks, evolutions, airframe and engine tests. 5 hours Squadron formation flying. 4 hours dusk and night flying.	
Castletown	8/9/43		9 hours dog fighting, sector reconnaissance and interception. 4 hours 30,000 Ft. interception attacks, airframe and engine tests	
Castletown	9/9/43.		Major Fox returned to London, proceeded to Exeter by air. Air Officer Commanding 14 Group Air Vice Marshal Henderson visited the Squadron H.Q.'s 2/O Nell Russell proceeded on 7 days leave. 12 hours Squadron formation flying. 3 hours cloud flying and navigation. 8 hours Formation evolutions. 2 hours SECTOR reconnaissance.	
CASTLETOWN	10/9/43		10 hours FIGHTS formation at 30,000 Ft. cloud flying NIGHT FLYING was cancelled owing to bad weather.	
CASTLETOWN	11/9/43		7 hours Dog fighting, 16 hours formation and cloud flying 9 hours Dusk landings and night parades.	
CASTLETOWN	12/9/43		2 hours AIR FRAME and engine tests. Flying restricted due to bad weather.	
CASTLETOWN	13/9/43		Squadron became operational by day. Signal No. Q/439 dated 13/9/43, received from H.Q. 14 Group authorising movements of 3rd (1) Sq. complete to Duxford on 18/9/43, 19/9/43. Movements order 30/43 referred.	

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Castletown	13/9/41.	cont..	Signal P 334 dated 13/9/41 received from H.Q. Fighter Command approving movements of the Squadron to Skeabæne. No flying due to bad weather.	
Castletown	14/9/41.		Postagram received from H.Q. 14 Group ref: 14G/C. 1003/2/P2 dated 12/9/41 authorising acting promotion of P/O R.P. Yatman to the rank of acting flying officer w.e.f. 21/8/41. S/Ldr. A. N. Cole proceeded by rail on posting to H.Q. 13 Group. Signal Q 229 dated 14-9-41 received from H.Q. Fighter Command authorising movements of Squadron equipment Signal S 65 dated 14/9/41. received from H.Q. 14 Group giving channel for them movement of Squadron aircraft. Lieut. F.S. Thrane proceeded on seven days leave. 8 hours cloud flying, aerobatics and formation. 4 hours night flying.	
Castletown	15/9/41.		Signal O/466 dated 14/9/41 H.Q. 14 Group cancelling movement order 34/41. Signal O/439 dated 2/9/41 refers. Movement order now 36/41 to take effect on 21/9/41. Signal O/343 dated 15/9/41 received from H.Q. Fighter Command approving movement of Squadron on 21/9/41. 5 hours cloud flying. 2 hours convoy patrol. 2 hours formation flying. 4 hours air to sea firing. 6 hours night flying.	
Castletown	16/9/41.		Letter CM/61/1/Air dated 16/9/41 received from Officer Commanding R.A.F. Station Castletown given details of the move as received by telephone from H.Q. 14 Group. Signal O/347 dated 16/9/41 received from H.Q. Fighter Command stating that no air lift will employ 331 (N) Squadron at Castletown.	

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Castletown	16/9/41	cont...	Lieut. Nordmo proceeded on 8 days leave. 6 hours cloud flying 9 hours formation flying	
Castletown	17/9/41.		Lieut. Larsen S. reported for duty as Medical Officer. 3 hours flight formation. 8 hours convoy patrol. 3 hours aerobatics. 2 hours local flying.	
Castletown	18/9/41.		P/O R.H. Russell reported for duty on cessation of leave. 2nd/Lt. G. Piltingsrud reported from leave. 12 hours cloud flying. 9 hours flight to Glasgow for spares. 5 hour flight to Inverness and return.	
Castletown	19/9/41.		5 hours convoy patrol and 4 hours flight to Glasgow for spares and return. A.A. cooperation. (1½ hrs)	
Castletown	20/9/41.		3 hours aircraft testing. Advance party consisting of 2 officers and 18 airmen moved by road and sea from Castletown to Skeabrae.	
Castletown Skeabrae	21/9/41.		3 hours Castletown-Skeabrae movement of squadron aircraft. Main party consisting of 10 Officers and 127 airmen moved by Road and Sea from Castletown to Skeabrae.	
Skeabrae	22/9/41		Squadron became fully operational Day and Night. 1½ hours scramble. 1 hour Gun location test over Scapa Flow.	
Skeabrae	23/9/41		17 hours Sector reconnaissance. 1 hours weather test. Lieut. F.S. Thrane reported for duty on cessation of leave.	
Skeabrae	24/9/41		1 hour Compass check. 1 hour Sector reconnaissance. 1½ hour Scramble. 2 hour to Castletown and return for Cine-Camera Guns. 2 hours Practice attacks, at 12,000 feet.	

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Skeabrae.	25/9/41		1 hour Sector reconnaissance. 2 hours Convoy patrol. 1 hour Scramble.	
Skeabrae.	26/9/41		No flying owing to Bad Visibility. Lieut. Nordmo J. reported for duty on cessation of leave.	
Skeabrae	27/9/41		No flying owing to bad visibility.	
Skeabrae	28/9/41		" " " "	
Skeabrae	29/9/41		1 hour Weather Tst. 11 hours Sector reconnaissance. 2nd. Lt. Haabjorn and 2nd. Lt. Hiort proceeded by Tiger Moth to Castletown to ferry Hurricane IIB back to Squadron after repairs. Hurricane Aircraft originally left Castletown on Movement of Squadron.	
SKAIBLAE	30/9/41		1 hour SCRAMBLE. 10 hours FORMATION FLYING. 9 hours CLANG FLYING. 10 hours SECTOR RECONNAISSANCE.	

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HAARCASE II B. Z 3987 (C)	2nd. Lt. Lundsten.	Convoy Patrol	15.05.	16.10.	No Incident.	15/9/41.	
ED 734 (D)	" " Piltingsrud A.	" "	"	"	" "	"	
Z 5271 (A)	" " Berg	" "	12.10.	13.25.	" "	17/9/41.	
Z 5324 (H)	" " Endressen	" "	"	"	" "	"	
Z 3517 (P)	" " From	" "	07.00	08.20	" "	"	
ED 715 (M)	" " Hagerup	" "	"	"	" "	"	
ED 718 (N)	Lieut. Birksted	" "	09.55	11.15	" "	"	
Z 5268 (Y)	2nd. Lt. Haabjorn	" "	"	"	" "	"	
Z 5261 (E)	" " Sem	" "	10.20	11.40	" "	19/9/41.	
Z 5133 (F)	" " Muller	" "	"	"	" "	"	
ED 715 (L)	" " Hagen	" "	08.30	09.40	" "	"	
ED 714 (O)	" " Piltingsrud G.	" "	"	"	" "	"	
Z 5262 (X)	" " Hiort	" "	15.20	16.35	" "	"	
ED 714 (O)	" " Hagerup	" "	"	"	" "	"	
Z 3987 (C)	" " Mollestad	Scramble	11.45	12.30	" "	22/9/41.	
ED 734 (D)	" " Muller	" "	"	"	" "	"	
Z 5261 (E)	" " Endressen	" "	14.45	15.20	" "	23/9/41.	
Z 5324 (H)	" " Piltingsrud A.	" "	"	"	" "	"	
ED 865 (B)	" " Sem	" "	15.15	16.10	" "	"	
ED 863 (K)	" " Ree	" "	"	"	" "	"	
ED 734 (D)	" " Ree	" "	11.50.	12.30.	" "	24/9/41.	
Z 5261 (E)	" " Lundsten	" "	11.50.	12.40.	" "	"	

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Skeabrae	2-10-41		1 Scramble 25 minutes, no incident. Attacks and aerobatics 4 hours. Flight formation and weather test 7½ hours.	
Skeabrae.	3-10-41		Formation flying 8 hours. A.A. defence training and attacks 6 hours.	
Skeabrae.	4-10-41.		2/Lt. Piltingsrud G. and 2/Lt. From R. proceeded on posting to 258 Squadron, 2/Lt. Mollstad P. and 2/Lt. Haabjorn E. proceeded on posting to 615 Squadron, One scramble 10 minutes, no incident. Local flying and sector reconnaissance 9 hours. Cloud flying, airfiring formation practice 12 hours.	
Skeabrae	5-10-41.		Flight formation and sector reconnaissance 16 hours.	
Skeabrae	6-10-41.		One scramble 1 hour, no incident. Attacks and sector reconnaissance 6 hours.	
Skeabrae	7-10-41.		No flying due to bad weather.	
Skeabrae	8-10-41.		Cloud flying and airfiring practice 11½ hours.	
Skeabrae	9-10-41.		Convoy escort, 1 scramble 6 hours, no incident. Cloud flying and sector reconnaissance 7 hours. Cine gun exercises. Instruction flying 4½ hours.	
Skeabrae	10-10-41.		Acting P/O Powell F.S., (double banking adjutant) proceeded on leave previous to posting to R.A.F. Station, Inverashin. Air Firing and Cine Gun exercises 10 hours.	
Skeabrae.	11-10-41.		Lt. Thrane 2/Lt. Berg 2/Lt. Endressen proceeded on leave. Three Hurricanes IIB Z.5271, BD.718, 22916, sent to 47 M.U. H.Q.F.C. instructions. 2 scrambles 2 hours, no incident. Air Firing and dog Fighting practice. Dusk flying. 22 hrs. flying	
Skeabrae	12-10-41.		1 scramble 1 hour, no incident. Formation and instrument flying, air to air Firing tests, night-patrols 21 hours.	
Skeabrae	13-10-41.		Cloud Formation flying, cine gun exercises 13 hours.	

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Skeabrae	14-10-41.		2/Lt Lundsten and 2/Lt. Sem returned from leave. 2 scrambles 2 hours, no incident. Cine gun and air firing exercises, aerobatics 10 hours.	
Skeabrae	15-10-41.		F/O Russel A.H. proceeded on posting to R.A.F. Station, Tain. A/P/O Yatman R.P., (Intelligence Officer) proceeded on leave (11 days.) Patrol (tanto) 5 hours. 1 scramble ¼ hours, no incident. Night Patrol 5½ hours. Target Towing and air firing 6 hours.	
Skeabrae	16-10-41.		Lt. Mohr W, 2/Lt. Leifseth H., 2/Lt. Hvinden A. reported for flying duties from 17 Squadron. Major O. Bull proceeded to London for duty and leave. 1 scramble 1½ hours, no incident. Cloud and instrument flying, Cine Gun and Target Towing practice 12 hours.	
Skeabrae	17-10-41.		Air to Air firing, homing test, Island reconnaissance 8 hours. Cine Gun training 2 hours.	
Skeabrae	18-10-41.		1 scramble ½ hour, no incident. Dusk landings 2 hours. Cine Gun exercises and formation flying 4½ hours.	
Skeabrae	19-10-41.		1 scramble 2 hours, no incident. Target, towing and air firing, cloud flying 7 hours.	
Skeabrae	20-10-41.		Lt. Kristiansen G. ^{proceeded on leave and duty} 2/Lt Pedersen A. proceeded on leave. Major Bull proceeded on leave and duty. 1 Hurricane IIB Z.2775 received from R.A.F. Station, Castletown. Target Towing and Cine gun exercises, 4 hours.	
Skeabrae	21-10-41.		1 scramble, 1 hour, no incident. Target Towing, air Firing and Cine Gun exercises, gun location test 27 minutes. 2 Hurricanes IIB Z.3504, Z.3760 delivered to the Squadron.	
Skeabrae	22-10-41.	c	1 scramble 1 hour, no incident. There was a practice scramble today, first section was airborne in 1 minute 20 seconds, and the 12 aircraft were all airborne in 3 minutes 10 seconds.	
Skeabrae	23-10-41.		2 scrambles 3 hours, no incident. Flight formations, gun location tests, homing test, night-landings 13 hours.	
Skeabrae	24-10-41.		2/Lt Knudsen H.B. and 2/Lt Sunde A. reported for duty. 1 Hurricane IIB Z.3684 delivered to the Squadron. 2/Lt. Jacobsen E. 2/Lt. Unhammer O. proceeded on leave. 1 scramble, no incident. Dogfighting, aerobatics, nightlandings 5 hours.	
Skeabrae	25-10-41.		1 scramble 10 minutes, no incident. Formation flying, R.T. test, dusk landings 5 hours.	

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Skeabrae	26-10-41.		2/Lt. Thorsager, 2/Lt. Piltingsrud A, 2/Lt. Ree M., proceeded on leave. A/F/O Yatman R.P. returned from leave. Formation flying 10 hours. Nightpatrols 4 hours.	
Skeabrae	27-10-41.		No Flying due to bad weather,	
Skeabare	28-10-41.		No flying due to bad weather.	
Skeabrae	29-10-41.		Formation flying 6 hours. Cloud flying and gun location test 2 hours.	
Skeabrae	30-10-41		Major O. Bull and Lieut. Kristiansen G. returned from leave. ^{and duty} Lieut Buserg reported for special duty on attachment from H.Q. R.N.A.F. London. 2 Scrambles, 4 hours. No incident. Formation flying, Dogfighting, Air Firing Practice 6 hours.	
Skeabrae	31-10-41		1 Scramble 2 1/2 hours no incident. Formation flying 7 hours. Cine gun exercises 11 hours. Night patrols 5 hours. Target Towing 2 hours. Cloud flying 3 hours.	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
1-10-41	Hurricane IIB. (L) Z.5214.	Lieut. Nordmo J.	Scramble	14-25	14-45	No incident.	
"	(D) BD.734	2/Lt. Müller J.	"	"	"	" "	
2-10-41	(L) Z.5214.	Lieut. Nordmo J.	"	09-35	10-00	" "	
"	(D) BD.734	2/Lt. Müller J.	"	"	"	" "	
4-10-41	(X) Z.5262	Lieut. Birksted K.	"	08-40	08-50	" "	
"	(Y) Z.5268	Lieut. Thrane B.	"	"	"	" "	
6-10-41	(M) Z.5324	2/Lt. Endressen P.	"	13-00	13-40	" "	
"	(A) Z.3760	2/Lt. Berg R.A.	"	"	"	" "	
9-10-41	(L) Z.5214.	Lieut. Nordmo J.	Convoy Escort	10-35	12-35	" "	
"	(F) Z.5133	2/Lt. Piltingsrud A.	" "	"	"	" "	
"	(C) Z.3684	2/Lt. Ree M.	" "	"	"	" "	
"	(D) BD.734	2/Lt. Müller J.	" "	"	"	" "	
"	(L) Z.5214.	Lieut. Nordmo J.	Scramble	17-05	17-50	" "	
"	(D) BD.734	2/Lt. Müller J.	"	"	"	" "	
11-10-41	(L) Z.5214.	Lieut. Nordmo J.	"	14-20	14-55	" "	
"	(D) BD.734	2/Lt. Müller J.	"	"	"	" "	
"	(X) Z.5262	Lieut. Birksted K.	"	13-40	14-20	" "	
"	(P) Z.3517	2/Lt. Hagerup A.	"	"	"	" "	
12-10-41	(C) Z.3684	2/Lt. Ree M.	"	11-00	11-10	" "	
"	(F) Z.5133	2/Lt. Piltingsrud A.	"	"	11-40	" "	
14-10-41	(Z) BD.874	Lieut. Maehre H.	"	17-05	17-45	" "	
"	(P) Z.3517	2/Lt. Hagerup A.	"	"	"	" "	
"	(X) Z.5262	Lieut. Birksted K.	"	01-20	01-40	" "	
15-10-41	(E) Z.3504	2/Lt. Sem S.	Patrol (Tanto)	09-20	10-30	" "	
"	(L) Z.5214.	Sgt. Greiner.	" "	"	"	" "	
"	(D) BD.734	2/Lt. Müller J.	" "	10-00	11-20	" "	
"	(G) Z.3684	Sgt. Fearnley	" "	"	"	" "	

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15-10-41	Hurricane IIB. (F) Z.5133	2/Lt. Piltingsrad A.	Scramble	15-05	15-10	No incident.	
"	(C) Z.3684	2/Lt. Ree M.	"	"	"	" "	
16-10-41	(E) Z.3504	2/Lt. Sem S.	"	08-45	09-35	" "	
"	(D) HD.734	2/Lt. Miller J.	"	"	"	" "	
18-10-41	(L) Z.5214	Lieut. Nordmo J.	"	07-25	07-45	" "	
"	(K) HD.863	2/Lt. Lundsten L.	"	"	"	" "	
19-10-41	(K) HD.863	" "	"	14-40	15-10	" "	
"	(C) Z.3684	" Ree M.	"	"	"	" "	
"	(F) Z.5133	" Piltingsrad A.	"	"	"	" "	
"	(I) Z.5214	Sgt. Fearnley F.	"	"	"	" "	
21-10-41	(M) HD.715	2/Lt. Hiort A.E.	"	13-40	14-05	" "	
"	(U) Z.2916	Sgt. Gren M.	"	"	"	" "	
22-10-41	(Y) Z.5268	Lieut. Thrane	"	12-40	13-25	" "	
"	(U) Z.2916	Sgt. Heiberg T.	"	"	"	" "	
23-10-41	(C) Z.3684	2/Lt. Ree M.	"	19-35	19-55	" "	
"	(O) HD.714	2/Lt. Leifseth	"	17-07	18-10	" "	
"	(F) Z.3517	2/Lt. Hagerup A.	"	"	"	" "	
25-10-41	(E) Z.3504	2/Lt. Sem S.	"	13-55	14-00	" "	
"	(J) Z.3222	Sgt. Greiner	"	"	"	" "	
30-10-41	(F) Z.5133	Lt. Mohr	"	08-30	09-15	" "	
"	(B) HD.865	2/Lt. Hvinden	"	08-35	"	" "	
"	(E) Z.3504	2/Lt. Berg	"	09-30	10-25	" "	
"	(J) Z.3222	Sgt. Hegland.	"	"	"	" "	
31-10-41	(X) Z.5262	2/Lt. Leifseth	"	09-10	10-25	" "	
"	(A) HD.762	2/Lt. Tandberg	"	"	"	" "	

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Skeabrae.	1-11-41		2nd. Lieut. Hvinden proceeded on leave. 2nd. Lieut Jacobsen E. and 2nd. Lieut Unhammer returned from leave. One scramble - Formation flying - Air firing and Cine Gun exercises - High flying attacks 30,000' Area patrols - 2nd. Lieut. Sem S. flew the Miles Magister from Skeabrae to Kinloss and back - Night patrols - Sgt Gran flew the Magister to Inverness. Total flying 39 hours 30 minutes.	
Skeabrae	2-11-41		Lieut. Thrane B. proceeded on leave. Cine gun exercises - Air test - 2nd. Lieut Hagen flew the Miles Magister to Inverness and back - 2nd. Lieut Hiort flew local patrol in the Tiger Moth. - Night patrols. Total flying 14 hours 30 minutes.	
Skeabrae	3-11-41		2nd. Lieut Tanberg proceeded on leave. Three scrambles - Air test - Sgt. Gran flew the Miles Magister back from Inverness - 2nd. Lieut Leifseth flew the Miles Magister to Inverness and back - Formation and Cine Gun exercises - High flying 30,000' and attacks at 30,000' Total flying 16 hours 30 minutes.	
Skeabrae	4-11-41		A signal was received today from Headquarters Fighter Command Q.878 instructing the Squadron to despatch three Hurricanes IIB to 47 M.U. Sealand and two Hurricanes IIB to 52 M.U. Cardiff. Flotsam patrol 9 hours.	
Skeabrae	5-11-41		Lieut Mohr W. proceeded on posting to 615 Squadron, Manston - Headquarters Fighter Command Signal P2/613 dated 3/11/41 refers. Flotsam patrol - weather test - Cloud flying - Total 8 hours.	
Skeabrae	6-11-41		Flotsam patrols - weather test. Total 16 hours.	

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Skeabrae	7-11-41		Four Spitfire IIA aircraft arrived from 19 Squadron Coltishall numbered P.7289 - P.7822 - P.7359 P.7366. H.Q.F.C. signal Q.186 dated 22/10/41 refers. Four Hurricane IIB aircraft were despatched as follows:- Three, numbered B.D.865 - Z.5214 - Z.3504 sent to 47 M.U. Sealand. One numbered B.D.874 sent to 52 M.U. Cardiff. H.Q.F.C. Signal Q.878 dated 4/11/41 refers.	
Skeabrae	8-11-41		Today His Royal Highness The Crown Prince of Norway honoured the Squadron with a visit. Lieut. Colonel Østgaard, Adjutant to His Royal Highness, Admiral Røiser Larsen, Officer Commanding Royal Norwegian Air Forces, and Major Motzfeldt, temporary Chief of Staff were also present. The whole Squadron paraded for his Highness, who afterwards inspected the Station. Formation flying was carried out over the aerodrome. The Royal party took lunch in the Officers' Mess. 2nd. Lieut. Ree and 2nd. Lieut Forsager returned from leave. One Spitfire IIA aircraft No. P.7786 arrived from 39 M.U. Colerne. 41 Group Signal A.843 dated 29/10/41 refers. One scramble - Cine gun exercises - Formation flying. Total 9½ hours.	
Skeabrae	9-11-41		Two scrambles - One practice scramble - 2nd. Lieut Berg flew a Tiger Moth from Skeabrae to Castle-town and back - Cloud flying. Total 12½ hours.	
Skeabrae	10-11-41		No flying due to bad weather.	
Skeabrae	11-11-41		No flying due to bad weather.	
Skeabrae	12-11-41		Weather test. ¼ hour. Lieut. Mashre H proceeded on leave.	
Skeabrae	13-11-41		No flying due to bad weather.	
Skeabrae	14-11-41		Two Spitfires IIA X.4622 and P.7963 arrived today from No. 19 Squadron.	

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Skeabrae	14-11-41		Two scrambles - One practice scramble - Formation flying - Camera gun exercises - Night Flying- 2nd. Lieut. Sem S flew the Miles Magister to Castletown and Back. Total 19 hours.	
Skeabrae	15/11/41		2nd. Lieut. Tanberg returned from leave. One Spitfire IIA aircraft P.7732 arrived today. 2nd. Lieut. Miller J flew the Miles Magister from Skeabrae to Castletown and back. Cloud flying with Hurricanes IIB and Local flying with Spitfires IIA. Total 6½ hours.	
Skeabrae	16-11-41		Four Spitfire IIA aircraft arrived today - P.7384, P.7886, P.7616, P.7745 - from No. 19 Squadron. Five Hurricane IIB aircraft were despatched to 48 and 52 M.U.s. Local flying with Spitfire aircraft - one flotsam patrol - one scramble- cloud flying - Total 27 hours.	
Skeabrae	17-11-41		Lieut. Birkested K. 2nd. Lieut. Hjort, 2nd. Lieut. Miller, 2nd. Lieut. Hagen proceeded on leave. Weather test - Cine gun exercises - Local patrol flying - Cloud flying - Total 5 hours.	
Skeabrae	18-11-41		Weather test - Formation Flying - Low approach flying - Cine gun exercises - Local patrols - 2nd. Lieut. Ree and 2nd. Lieut. Tanberg flew the Miles Magister to Castletown and back. Convoy Patrol - Total 21 hours.	
Skeabrae	19-11-41		Weather test - Cloud Flying - Convoy patrol - Local patrol - Formation and aerobic exercises - one scramble. Total 24 hours.	
Skeabrae	20-11-41		Weather test - Cloud flying and aerobic exercises - 2nd. Lieut. Endressen flew the Miles Magister to Castletown and back. Total 6½ hours.	15

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Skeabrae	21-11-41		Formation flying and local patrols. Total 3 hours.	
Skeabrae	22-11-41		Formation flying at 20,000' - Local patrol and low approach exercises - Cine gun exercises - one scramble - one convoy patrol. Total 18½ hours.	
Skeabrae	23-11-41		Drouge towing and air to air firing exercises - Gun location test - Formation flying and dog fighting - Local patrols and dusk landings. Total 27¾ hours.	
Skeabrae	24-11-41		Three Spitfire IIA aircraft P.9440, P.8729, P.7929 arrived today from 19 Squadron. H.Q.F.C. signal Q.186 dated 22/10/41 refers. Three Hurricane IIB aircraft Z.3760, Z.5133, Z.5262 were despatched today to 257 Squadron. H.Q.F.C. Signal Q.605 dated 17/11/41 refers. Hurricane IIB Z.5262 crashed in Scotland when being flown to 257 Squadron by a Ferry Pilot from No. 4 Delivery Flight, Grangemouth. The pilot was killed and the aircraft burnt out "Cat E burnt" R.A.F. Station Dyce Signal A.684 dated 24/11/41 and This Squadrons Form 765C Serial No. 11 refers.	
Skeabrae	25-11-41		2nd. Lieut Hagerup and 2nd. Lieut Karlsen proceeded on leave. No flying due to bad weather.	
Skeabrae	26-11-41		No flying due to bad weather.	
Skeabrae	27-11-41		Local patrols and landings with Spitfire aircraft - Sector reconnaissance, Formation flying and aerobatic exercises - Drouge towing with air to air firing - Dusk landings. Total 20 hours.	
Skeabrae	28-11-41		Hurricane IIB Z.5324 had a slight accident when being taxied to the dispersal point. Accident reported by Signal A.85 dated 28/11/41 and Form 765C Serial No.9. Local patrols, low approach flying and aerobatics. 2nd. Lieut. Endressen flew the Miles Magister to Castletown and back. Total 15½ hours.	

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Skeabrae	21-11-41		Formation flying and local patrols. Total 3 hours.	
Skeabrae	22-11-41		Formation flying at 20,000' - Local patrol and low approach exercises - Cine gun exercises - one scramble - one convoy patrol. Total 18½ hours.	
Skeabrae	23-11-41		Drouge towing and air to air firing exercises - Gun location test - Formation flying and dog fighting - Local patrols and dusk landings. Total 27¾ hours.	
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Skeabrae	25-11-41		2nd. Lieut Hagerup and 2nd. Lieut Karlsen proceeded on leave. No flying due to bad weather.	
Skeabrae	26-11-41		No flying due to bad weather.	
Skeabrae	27-11-41		Local patrols and landings with Spitfire aircraft - Sector reconnaissance, Formation flying and aerobatic exercises - Drouge towing with air to air firing - Dusk landings. Total 20 hours.	
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				UP	DOWN			
1-11-41	Hurricane IIB.							
	"L" Z. 5214.	Lieut. Mohr	Scramble	1255	1320	No incident.		
	"D" B.D. 734	2nd. Lt. Hvinden.	"	1255	1320	" "		
4-11-41	"C" Z. 3684.	" " Lundsten	"	1445	1510	" "		
	"D" B.D. 734.	" " Endressen	"	1445	1510	" "		
	"B" B.D. 865	Lieut. Nordmo.	"	1455	1505	" "		
	"L" Z. 5214.	2nd. Lt. Miller	"	1455	1505	" "		
	"C" Z. 3684.	Lieut. Nordmo.	"	1710	1730	" "		
	"D" B.D. 734.	2nd. Lt. Miller	"	1710	1730	" "		
5-11-41	"X" Z. 5262	Lieut. Birksted.	Convoy Patrol	0900	1035	" "		
	"Y" Z. 5268	Sgt. Gran.	" "	0900	1035	" "		
	"M" B.B. 715	2nd. Lt. Leifseth	" "	0955	1145	" "		
	"P" Z. 3517	Sgt. Wormdal	" "	0955	1145	" "		
	"T" B.D. 728	2nd. Lt. Hiort	" "	1045	1150	" "		
	"S" B.D. 762	Sgt. Gran.	" "	1045	1150	" "		
	"X" Z. 5262	Lieut. Birksted.	" "	1515	1640	" "		
	"Y" Z. 5268	2nd. Lt. Hagerup.	" "	1515	1640	" "		
	"P" Z. 3517	2nd. Lt. Leifseth.	" "	1640	1755	" "		
	"M" B.D. 715	2nd. Lt. Hiort.	" "	1640	1800	" "		
	6-11-41	"D" B.D. 734	2nd. Lt. Sem	" "	0935	1105	" "	
		"A" Z. 3760	2nd. Lt. Berg	" "	0935	1105	" "	
		"L" Z. 5214	2nd. Lt. Lundsten.	" "	1030	1200	" "	
		"B" B.D. 865	2nd. Lt. Endressen.	" "	1030	1200	" "	
"D" B.D. 734		2nd. Lt. Sem	" "	1455	1545	" "		
"A" Z. 3760		2nd. Lt. Berg	" "	1455	1545	" "		
"E" Z. 3504		2nd. Lt. Lundsten.	" "	1605	1715	" "		
"F" Z. 5133		2nd. Lt. Endressen.	" "	1605	1715	" "		

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8-11-41	"F" Z. 5133	Lieut. Nordmo.	Scramble	1555	1635	No Incident.	
	"C" Z. 3684	Sgt. Fearnley	"	1555	1635	" "	
9-11-41	"A" Z. 7360	2nd Lt. Lundsten.	"	0805	0855	" "	
	"D" B.D. 734	2nd Lt. Endressen	"	0805	0855	" "	
	"C" Z. 3684	2nd Lt. Sem	"	0820	0850	" "	
	"F" Z. 5133	2nd Lt. Berg	"	0820	0850	" "	
	"F" Z. 5133	Lieut. Nordmo	"	0825	0850	" "	
	"K" B.D. 863	2nd Lt. Miller	"	0825	0855	" "	
	"F" Z. 5133	Lieut. Nordmo	"	1150	1245	" "	
	"C" Z. 3684	Sgt. Fearnley	"	1150	1245	" "	
	"D" B.D. 734	2nd Lt. Sem	"	1155	1240	" "	
	"K" B.D. 863	2nd Lt. Endressen	"	1155	1240	" "	
14-11-41	"S" B.D. 762	2nd Lt. Hagerup	"	1205	1225	" "	
	"X" Z. 5262	Sgt. Wormdal	"	1205	1225	" "	
	"F" Z. 5133	2nd Lt. Miller	"	1615	1640	" "	
	"K" B.D. 863	Sgt. Heglund	"	1615	1645	" "	
16-11-41	"M" B.D. 715	2nd Lt. Hagerup	"	1300	1330	" "	
	"T" B.D. 728	Sgt. Wormdal.	"	1300	1330	" "	
	"N" Z. 2775	2nd Lt. Tanberg	Convoy Patrol	1320	1440	" "	
	"M" B.D. 715	Lieut. Thrane.	" "	1420	1545	" "	
	"S" B.D. 762	Sgt. Gran.	" "	1445	1605	" "	
	"D" Z. 3517	Sgt Heiberg	" "	1445	1605	" "	
	"H" Z. 5324	2nd Lt. Ree	" "	1130	1230	" "	
	"F" Z. 5133	2nd Lt. Hvinden.	" "	1130	1230	" "	
	"D" B.B. 734	2nd Lt. Lundsten.	" "	1210	1340	" "	
	"K" B.D. 863	2nd Lt. Berg	" "	1210	1340	" "	
	"H" Z. 5324	2nd Lt. Ree	" "	1340	1505	" "	
	"F" Z. 5133	2nd Lt. Sem	" "	1340	1505	" "	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
				UP	DOWN		
18-11-41	Hurricane IIB "M" B.D.715	2nd. Lt. Torsager	Convoy Patrol.	1205	1250	No Incident.	
	"N" Z.2775	2nd. Lt. Hagerup.	" "	1205	1250	" "	
19-11-41	"D" B.D. 734	2nd. Lt. Sem	" "	1225	1340	" "	
	"H" Z.5324	Sgt. Fearnley	" "	1225	1340	" "	
	"F" Z.5133	2nd. Lt. Hvinden.	" "	1325	1435	" "	
	"K" B.D. 863	2nd. Lt. Ree	" "	1325	1435	" "	
	"A" Z.7360	2nd. Lt. Berg	" "	1420	1540	" "	
	"D" B.D. 734	Sgt. Greiner.	" "	1420	1515	" "	
	"B" B.D. 865	Lieut. Nordmo.	" "	1515	1635	" "	
	"C" Z.3684	2nd. Lt. Sem.	" "	1515	1555	" "	
	"A" Z.7360	2nd. Lt. Ree	" "	1610	1740	" "	
	"D" B.D.734	Sgt. Fearnley	" "	1620	1740	" "	
20-11-41	"X" Z.5262	2nd. Lt. Torsager	Scramble.	1000	1035	" "	
	"S" B.D. 762	Sgt. Gran.	" "	1000	1035	" "	
22-11-41	"P" Z.5133	2nd. Lt. Lundsten.	Convoy Patrol	0900	1010	" "	
	"W" Z.5324	2nd. Lt. Endressen.	" "	0900	1010	" "	
	"D" B.D. 734	2nd. Lt. Sem	" "	0950	1050	" "	
	"K" B.D. 863	2nd. Lt. Berg	" "	0950	1050	" "	
	"A" Z.7360	2nd. Lt. Hvinden	Scramble	1340	1355	" "	
	"P" Z.5133	Sgt. Greiner	" "	1340	1350	" "	
	24-11-41	"D" B.D.734	2nd. Lt. Ree	" "	1435	1450	" "
"H" Z.5324 Spitfire IIA		Sgt. Fearnley	" "	1435	1450	" "	
"I"		2nd. Lt. Ree	" "	1650	1700	" "	
"J"		Sgt. Fearnley	" "	1650	1700	" "	

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	DECEMBER			
SKEABRAE.	1		Local patrol, air firing, G.L. flying. 2nd. Lt Lundsten flew to Inverness. One scramble (no incident) total of the day 14hrs. 5mins.	
	2		Circuits and bumps 50 mins. bad weather most of the day.	
	3		Local flying, attacks on GLIDER, formation flying aerobatics, 22hrs. 40mins. Night patrol 40mins. A glider was towed up to about 3,500ft. over the aerodrome, then released and manouvered for practice attacks. This was done three times in order to give this kind of practice to as many pilots as possible. Further details attached herewith in Appendix A.	
	4		Flotsam, circuits and bumps, attacks, formation flying, air firing Lysander towing drogue. 24hrs 15min. Lysander towed drogue more slowly than the pilots were used to and therefore they found at first that they were using too much deflection. (leave 2nd Lt. Leifseth flew the Magister to Castletown and back. 2nd. Lts. A. Sunde and Thorsager left for/	
	5		Formation flying, aerobatics, cine-gun attack. One scramble (no incident) Lt Nordmo flew the Maggie to Inverness. Total 10hrs. 55mins. Weather deteri	
	6 & 7		No flying owing to bad weather. Gales, low cloud and mist, driving rain.	
	8		Interception practice, cloud flying, one scramble (no incident). Total 7hrs. 20mins.	
	9 & 10		No flying owing to bad weather. Gales, and cloud 10/10ths down to 500ft. 2nd. Lt Sunde returned 14Gp.	
	11		Lt. Birksted, 2nd. Lts. Hagen, Hiorth, Tanberg, Thorsager, & Sgt/Pilot Heiberg left for duty at SUMBURGH in the Shetlands. 2nd. Lt Jacobsen went in charge of Radio and ground crew, of which there were about 20 men. Four Spitfires have gone with them, leaving us here, very short of aircraft. This was a bitterly cold day, when a Harrow arrived to transport two pilots, the ground crew, and a considerable amount of materials to Sumburgh. It made two journeys to and fro with these things before leaving this station. All planes and ground crew arrived safely.	

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	DECEMBER.			
SKEABRAE.	12		Local flying, section flying, gun-testing, cine-gun exercise. Total 5hrs.15mins. Lt. Larsen and 2nd. Lt Øverlie left for leave. Sumburgh section. No flying.	
	13		Local flying, gun-testing, low approach flying, one scramble (no incident). Total 4hrs.40mins. Sumburgh section. No flying.	
	14		Formation flying, low approach, test flight, practice scramble. Total 12hrs.20mins. Sumburgh section. No flying.	
	15		Bad weather, no flying at Skeabrae or Sumburgh.	
	16		Formation flying, low approach, one scramble (no incident). Total 2hrs.30mins. Sumburgh section. One scramble (no incident) 1hr.10mins.	
	17		Considering the time of year and weather, quite a lot of flying was done today. There was a weather test, cloud flying, aerobatics, low approach, cine-gun practice, and one scramble (no incident) Total of 15hrs.30mins. Sumburgh section. One patrol and one scramble total 2hrs.50mins. (no incident)	
	18		Two scrambles (no incidents). Gun test, low approach, navigational practice. Major Bull & 2nd. Lt Weisten flew to Sumburgh and back. Lt. Maehre & Sgt/pilot Wormdal flew to Castletown and back. Total 13hrs.10min. Sumburgh section. Patrol, total 3hrs.30mins.	
	19		Reconnaissance, formation flying, cine-gun practice, C-L practice, There was dusk flying for 3hrs. 2nd. Lt. Hvinden on the 16th flew the Maggie to Grangemouth and returned today. Total 18hrs. Sumburgh section. There were two scrambles today totalling 1hr. (no incident)	
	20		Bad weather prevented flying at Skeabrae and Sumburgh.	
	21		Local flying, and Sgt/Pilot Heglund to Castletown and back. Total 55mins. Gale warning issued 0820hrs Sumburgh section. No flying. (expected to reach here afternoon)	
	22		Bad weather no flying. 2nd. Lt. Müller left for leave and navigational course. 2nd. Lts. Ree, Berg, Sem, and Lundsten left to take over the Night State at DYCE for this moon period. This is a pity as we shall not have them with us for Christmas. Sumburgh section, had one scramble of 10mins. only (no incident)	
	23		Practice attacks total 3hrs.25mins. Lt. Larsen & 2nd. Lt Øverlie returned from leave. Sumburgh section. No flying.	

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	DECEMBER.			
SKEABRAE+	24		Local flying 10mins. only. Bad weather. Sumburgh section. No flying.	
	25		Local flying 1hr. 30mins. Sumburgh section, One patrol and one scramble (no incident) totalling 2hrs. 20mins.	
	26		Visibility was zero most of the day during a snow fall of between 3 and 4 inches, so there was no flying. The snow lay on the ground and continued to fall slightly during the night. Sumburgh section. did local flying for 1hr. 40mins.	
	27		Squadron and flight formation, cine-gun, dusk landings (1hr. 25mins.) one scramble (no incident) Sgt/Pilot Wormdal flew to Castletown. Lt. Nordmo flew Hornet Moth to Gastletown and back. Total This was a beautiful day with much sun, the ground all white with the snow. (2hrs. 10min) Sumburgh section. No flying.	
	28		Navigational flying. Night flying 25mins. Dusk landings 1hr. 40mins. 2nd. Lt. Hvinden flew Maggie to Inverness and back. Total 6hrs. 35mins. Sumburgh section. One scramble 30 mins (no incident).	
	29		Target towing air firing, camera gun practice, and low flying. Total 7hrs. 30mins. Sumburgh section One scramble (no incident) and sector patrols. Total 1 hour 30 mins.	
	30		Flotsam patrol, one scramble (no incident), air to sea firing, total 8hrs. 50mins. Sumburgh section. No flying.	
	31		Flotsam patrol, formation flying, target towing, camera gun practice. Major Bull flew to Castletown and back. Total 12hrs. 30mins. Sumburgh section. Flotsam 6hrs. 5mins. (no incident). ONE SCRAMBLE	
			General remarks and conclusions. There have been several important things that have had a big influence on the amount of flying time flown by the Squadron. The weather over the past month can be described as definitely bad, and it will be noticed that on at least half the days in the month it was non-operational. Apart from this however, three planes have been grounded for the whole of the month due to lack of spares, and it must be mentioned that one of these planes has been grounded since the 18/11. Another plane that should have been delivered here has lain at Perth U/S since the 5/12. Many spare parts take more than two months to be delivered here, and some have not even arrived that were ordered three months ago. (Test bench and weather covers) We were ten weeks without undercarriage test trestles, and received a dispensation from the daily undercarriage inspection (continued overleaf)	20

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SKEABRAE.			<p>General remarks and conclusions continued.</p> <p>from H.Q. 14 Group. This dispensation was not at all acceptable especially when one considers that the lives of the pilots are endangered by neglecting this important inspection. There is no doubt that the number of flying hours flown by the Squadron would have been much greater if we had had the use of these four planes previously mentioned as U/S.</p>	

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				UP	DOWN		
1-12-41	Spitfire IIA. P.7929	Lt. Birksted	Scramble.	14-50	15-30	No incident.	
	P.9440	Sgt. Heiberg.	"	14-50	15-30	" "	
4-12-41	P.7377	2nd.Lt. Hvinden.	Flotsam.	08-55	10-30	" "	
	X.4622	Sgt. Greiner.	"	08-55	10-30	" "	
5-12-41	P.7786	Lt. Birksted.	Scramble.	15-55	16-45	" "	
	P.7359	Sgt. Heiberg.	"	15-55	16-45	" "	
8-12-41	P.7377	2nd.Lt. Endressen	"	14-20	14-30	" "	
11-12-41	P.7929	Lt. Birksted.	Flotsam.	11-10	12-20	" "	
	P.7357	2nd.Lt. Hagen.	"	11-10	12-20	" "	
13-12-41	P.7366	2nd. Lt. Berg.	Scramble.	14-20	14-25	" "	
16-12-41	P.7929	2nd. Lt. Torsager	"	14-20	14-55	" "	
	P.7359	2nd. Lt. Hiort.	"	14-20	14-55	" "	
	P.7377	2nd. Lt. Muller	"	14-05	14-43	" "	
	P.7329	Sgt. Heglund.	"	14-05	14-43	" "	
17-12-41	P.7786	Sgt. Malm.	"	13-55	14-35	" "	
	P.7616	Sgt. Wormdal.	"	13-55	14-35	" "	
	P.7929	Lt. Birksted	"	15-05	15-40	" "	
	P.7359	Sgt. Heiberg.	"	15-05	15-40	" "	
18-12-41	P.7166	2nd. Lt. Hagerup	"	09-10	10-00	" "	
	P.7786	Lt. Stromme.	"	09-10	09-45	" "	
	P.7377	2nd. Lt. Sem.	"	10-40	11-45	" "	
	P.8729	Sgt. Heglund.	"	10-40	11-50	" "	
19-12-41	P.7359	Lt. Birksted.	"	08-55	09-15	" "	
	P.7357	Sgt. Heiberg.	"	08-55	09-15	" "	
	P.7359	Lt. Birksted	"	11-55	12-05	" "	
	P.9440	Sgt. Heiberg	"	11-55	12-05	" "	
22-12-41	P.7929	2nd. Lt. Torsager	"	15-15	15-20	" "	
	P.7357	2nd. Lt. Hiort.	"	15-15- 15	15-20	" "	

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				UP	DOWN		
25-12-41	P. 7357	2nd. Lt. Hagen.	Scramble.	14-35	15-05	No incident.	
	P. 9440	2nd. Lt. Tanberg	"	14-35	15-06	" "	
27-12-41	P. 7759	2nd. Lt. Hagerup	"	15-30	16-30	" "	
	P. 7366	Sgt. Malm.	"	15-30	16-30	" "	
28-12-41	P. 7929	2nd. Lt. Torsager	"	13-20	13-35	" "	
	P. 7359	2nd. Lt. Hiort	"	13-20	13-35	" "	
29-12-41	P. 7929	Lt. Birksted.	"	14-30	14-45	" "	
	P. 7359	2nd. Lt. Hagen.	"	14-30	14-45	" "	
30-12-41	P. 7366	Lt. Nordmo	Flotsam.	09-30	11-00	" "	
	P. 8729	Sgt. Heglund.	"	09-30	11-05	" "	
	P. 8729	2nd. Lt. Hvinden	"	11-20	11-45	" "	
	X. 4622	Sgt. Wormdal.	"	11-20	11-45	" "	
	P. 7377	2nd. Lt. Hagerup	Scramble.	11-35	13-00	" "	
	P. 7384	Sgt. Nyerrod.	"	11-35	13-05	" "	
31-12-41	P. 7366	Lt. Maehre.	Flotsam.	09-15	10-25	" "	
	P. 8729	Sgt. Fearnley.	"	09-15	10-25	" "	
	P. 7929	2nd. Lt. Torsager	"	09-45	11-00	" "	
	P. 9440	2nd. Lt. Hiort.	"	09-45	11-05	" "	
	P. 7359	Lt. Birksted	"	10-50	12-15	" "	
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Skeabrae	2.		One scramble in the morning (no incident). Lt. Birksted and Sgt. Malm returned from Sumburgh. Cine-gun practice was carried out with Maggie as target. Aerobatics and Dusk-landings practice was carried out as well. Total flying 9 hrs. and 15 mins. <u>Sumburgh:</u> Sector reconnaissance (45 mins.)	
Skeabrae	3.		During the day camera-gun practice was carried out with the Maggie as target. In the late afternoon dusk-landing practice was done. Total flying 7 hrs. 55 mins. <u>Sumburgh:</u> No flying.	
Skeabrae	4.		Flight formation practice was carried out. Total flying 2 hrs and 50 mins. The Squadron sent away the following aircraft this day:- Hurricane II B's Z. 5324 and Z. 3987 - Both to 43rd Squadron. <u>Sumburgh:-</u> Sector reconnaissance (55 mins.) 1 scramble, Lt. Nordmo and Sgt. Heglund (10 mins.)	
Skeabrae	5.		Camera-gun practice, flight formation practice were carried out bringing the total flying of the day to 14 hrs and 15 mins.	

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Skeabrae	2.		One scramble in the morning (no incident). Lt. Birksted and Sgt. Malm returned from Sumburgh Cine-gun practice was carried out with Maggie as target. Aerobatics and Dusk-landings practice was carried out as well. Total flying 9 hrs. and 15 mins. <u>Sumburgh:</u> Sector reconnaissance (45 mins.)	
Skeabrae	3.		During the day camera-gun practice was carried out with the Maggie as target. In the late afternoon dusk-landing practice was done. Total flying 7 hrs. 55 mins. <u>Sumburgh:</u> No flying.	
Skeabrae	4.		Flight formation practice was carried out. Total flying 2 hrs and 50 mins. The Squadron sent away the following aircraft this day:- Hurricane II B's Z. 5324 and Z. 3987 - Both to 43rd Squadron. <u>Sumburgh:-</u> Sector reconnaissance (65 mins.) 1 scramble, Lt. Nordmo and Sgt. Heglund (10 mins.)	
Skeabrae	5.		Camera-gun practice, flight formation practice were carried out bringing the total flying of the day to 14 hrs and 15 mins.	22

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Skeabrae	5.		<u>Sumburgh</u> : Lt. Nordmo and Sergeant Heglund scrambled (15 mins.) 2/Lt's Hagerup and Weisten flew to Skeabrae and back. 2/Lt. Hagerup scrambled (10 mins.)	
Skeabrae	6.		One scramble in the early afternoon (no incident). In the morning flight-formation practice with camera-gun. Attack by single Spitfire on formation. Total flying 8 hrs. 45 mins. <u>Sumburgh</u> : One scramble (no incident). Sgt. Heglund went to Skeabrae and back. Total flying 2 hrs. 40 mins..	
Skeabrae	7.		Major Bull left for London on duty. 2/Lt's Hagen, Hiort went on leave. 2/Lt. Hiorth will not return to Squadron as he has been posted for duty elsewhere. Ltn. Thorsager left for leave. During the day attacks were made on Spitfires by other Spitfires with camera- gun fitted. G.L. test and dusk landing practice was carried out as well. The Maggi was flown xx to Inverness and back. Total flying 14 hrs.45 mins. including 1 scramble in late afternoon (No.incident). <u>Sumburgh</u> : One scramble during the day (no incident). Sergeant Heglund and sergeant Fearnley flew to Skeabrae and back. Local flying was carried out over Shetland. Total flying 5hrs.10mins.	
Skeabrae	8.		Segeant Heglund flew the Maggy to Inverness with one passenger and back. Flight formation and camera gun practice was carried out. Dusk landing practice took place as well. Total flying 14 hrs.15 mins. <u>Sumburgh</u> : One scramble 1 hr.10 mins. (no incident). Local flying 1 hrs.5 mins.	
Skeabrae	9.		One scramble in the morning (no incident). Flight formation practice and attacks with camera guns were carried out. Local patrol and dusklanding practice. Total flying 16 hrs.40 mins. <u>Sumburgh</u> : There were some scrambles during the day, (no incident). Ltn. Nordmo and Sgt. Fearnley flew to Skeabrae and back, and later during the day flew local patrol over the Shetlands. Total flying 4 hrs. 25 mins.	

Lt Nordmo visited us & told how Hagerup had had a tellyho on Ju 88 which he saw about 3 miles away. He was unable to close with the enemy which disappeared into clouds. This can be noted as the first tellyho of the squadron. May there be many more & soon!

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Skeabrae	10.		<p>One scramble at mid-day with no incident in connection with hostile aircraft. However one of the pilots of the section up on this scramble had to make a forced landing approx one mile east of Kirkwall owing to trouble with petrol connection. Thanks to great skill and good luck the pilot saved his life although his plane was completely destroyed. This day was rather an unfortunate one - in the afternoon another pilot landed his plane with his undercarriage up. The pilot is O.K. During the day interception exercises took place, also air to air firing. Total flying 5 hrs. 45 mins. 2 Spitfires IIA, P 8729 and P. 7289 were sent from the squadron to No. 43 Group Salvage. 1 Spitfire IIA, P 8199 received from No. 5 M.U.</p> <p><u>Sumburgh:</u> 2 sections scrambled (no incident). Lt. Nordmo flew to Skeabrae and back. In addition some local patrol flying took place. Total flying 3 hrs. 50 mins.</p>	
Skeabrae	11.		<p>Camera gun attacks were carried out against single Spitfire. Air firing practice was also carried out. Pilot Officer Tidmarsh (Education Officer attached to this squadron) went on leave. Total flying 12 hrs. 50 mins.</p> <p><u>Sumburgh:</u> Lt. Nordmo and sgt Fearnley scrambled 10 mins. Sgt. Fearnley flew to Skeabrae. (35mins.) (no incident)</p>	
Skeabrae	12.		<p>One scramble in late afternoon (no incident). Air firing against target towed by Spitfire was carried out. Total flying 3 hrs. 35 mins. Flying Officer Yatman, squadron Intelligence Officer, went on leave.</p> <p><u>Sumburgh:</u> No flying.</p>	
Skeabrae	13.		<p>Weather test and air firing against target towed by Spitfire. 2/ltn. Tanberg returned in Tiger Moth from Castletown. Total flying 3 hrs. 50 mins.</p> <p><u>Sumburgh:</u> One scramble (no incident). Sgt Fearnley flew to Sumburgh. Total flying 1 hrs. 45 mins.</p>	

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Skeabrae	14.		<p>3 scrambles during the day (no incident). Night flying practice took place. Total fl. 7hrs. 30mins.</p> <p><u>Sumburgh:</u> 2 scrambles (no incident). Patrol and local flying. Total flying 3 hrs. 15 mins.</p>	
Skeabrae	15.		<p>This day there was no flying owing to bad weather. The squadron received one Spitfire IIA, P 8646, from No. 9 M.U.</p> <p><u>Sumburgh:</u> 4 scrambles (no incidents). Total flying 4 hrs.</p>	
Skeabrae.	16.		<p>There was no flying, the weather being very bad. During the day there were showers of rain and hail with cloud 8/10 to 10/10 in 2500 feet falling to 1500 feet. In addition a very strong wind was blowing. 45 Miles P.H. with gusts to 60 M.P.H.</p> <p><u>Sumburgh:</u> One scramble (no incident). Total flying 1 hrs. 30 mins.</p>	
Skeabrae.	17.		<p>Ltn. K. Jacobsen arrived, being posted from O.T.U. 2/lt. Sunde returned from temporary duty, from H.Q. F.C. The day passed with air firing practice. Total flying 6 hrs. 35 mins.</p> <p><u>Sumburgh:</u> Ltn. Nordmo flew to Skeabrae and back. Total flying 1 hrs. 50 mins.</p>	
Skeabrae	18.		<p>In the morning flight formation practice was carried out. In the afternoon, however, the weather closed in and flying had to cease. Total flying 4 hrs. 40 mins.</p> <p><u>Sumburgh:</u> No flying.</p>	
Skeabrae.	19.		<p>No flying owing to bad weather.</p> <p><u>Sumburgh:</u> One reconnaissance flight (1 hrs. 25 mins.)</p>	
Skeabrae	20.		<p>The morning was not too promising. To our surprise, however, the weather in the afternoon cleared up, and comparatively much flying was carried out. Again air to air firing was the main part in our programme. A sector patrol was flown, and sgt. Gran flew the Station Tiger</p>	

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Skeabrae	20		(cont.) Moth to Casletown and back. In the evening air firing against target, towed by Spitfire was carried out. Total flying 12 hrs. 5 mins. One Spitfire IIA P 8120 received from 123 sqdn. Lt. Barkald and 2/lt. Knudsen proceeded to No. 332 Squadron. <u>Sumburgh</u> no flying.	
Skeabrae	21.		Another bad day with no flying. A very strong wind was blowing: 40 MPH. with gusts to 65 MPH. Clouds very low. <u>Sumburgh</u> : No flying.	
Skeabrae	22.		During the day practice was carried out on flight formation, air firing against target towed by Spitfire, and local patrol was flown. Total flying 9 hrs. 40 mins. <u>Sumburgh</u> : No flying.	
Skeabrae	23		Typical day of the season: cloudy and lot of rain with wind, visibility being only 2-3 Miles. Major Bull returned from London. Lt. Kristiansen, accountant officer, and 2/lt. Arndskaas, signals officer, left on posting to 332 (N) Squadron. <u>Sumburgh</u> : No flying.	
Skeabrae.	24.		No flying owing to continuously bad weather. Pilot Officer Tidmarsh, Education Officer, returned from leave and found himself promoted to Flying Officer. Mr. Adriansen, sent by the Norwegian Government, to speak about conditions in Norway, arrived. <u>Sumburgh</u> : One scramble (no incident). Total flying 1 hours 15 mins.	

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Skeabrae.	25.		A terrible day with snowstorm. No flying. <u>Sumburgh:</u> No flying.	
Skeabrae.	26.		Very cold day, but quite good weather. Lt. Nordmo ceased to be attached to R.A.F. Station Sumburgh. Mr. Adriansen held a very good speech, showing pictures from Norway. One scramble no incident. Air firing and cine gun exercises, and flight formation. Total flying 1 7/8 hrs. 30 mins. <u>Sumburgh:</u> Lt. Nordmo flew to Skeabrae. One scramble (no incident). Total fl 1 1/2 hrs. 5 mins.	
Skeabrae.	27.		Not very good weather and therefore only one sortie was made. Total flying 20 mins. No personnel could proceed on leave owing to transport troubles. <u>Sumburgh:</u> Two scrambles (no incident). Total flying one hour.	
Skeabrae.	28.		Very good weather and no wind. Personnel could still not go on leave. One scramble (night) and one flotsam (no incident). Convoy patrol, instrument testing and dusk landings were carried out. Total flying 9 hrs. 5 mins. <u>Sumburgh:</u> One scramble (no incident). Total flying 10 mins. One minor accident occurred. An aircraft when landing tipped on its nose owing to snow conditions.	
Skeabrae.	29		Quite good weather with occasional snow fall. Major Bull, 2/ltn.'s Tanberg and Hagen posted with effect 26th. inst. left today for 332(N) Squadron, Catterick. Lt. Maehre was appointed Commanding Officer until further notice. To days flying, formation. Total fl. 4 hrs. 30 mins. <u>Sumburgh:</u> No flying.	
Skeabrae	30.		Very good weather and a lot of flying was carried out: one scramble (no incident) and air firing practices, Rhubarb practices, local flying, dusk flying, night landings and night flying. Total flying 25 hrs. Lt. Jacobsen was made day operational w.e.f. 29th. inst. <u>Sumburgh:</u> No flying.	

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Skeabrae	31.		<p>Very good weather, but very cold. Lieutenant Colonel Holst, chief of the Norwegian Medical air Staff, arrived. Flying Officer Yatman returned from leave. Sergeant Pilot Knudsen reported here from O.T.U. Air firing training, cine gun exercises, dusk landings and night landings were carried out. One scramble (no incident). Total flying 13 hrs. 20 mins.</p> <p><u>Sumburgh Section:</u> No flying.</p>	

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Skeabrae.	1942. JANUARY 14.		<p>Today came news of the formation of the next Norwegian squadron, 332(N) at Catterick. This will mean that many officers and men will leave us to help form 332, and we shall be back to a normal establishment. Of course all departments of the squadron have been preparing for this for a long time and have been gathering all kinds of information and knowledge ready to pass on for the use of 332, as soon as it formed. Major Bull will be their C.O. whilst Lt. Maehre will be the C.O. of 331. Between now and the end of the month Lt's Barkald, Thrane, Urbye, Kristiansen, and 2Lt's Knudsen, Hagen, Anundskaas, Tanberg, Sunde leave for duty at Catterick and we shall miss them. However, we hope to keep a close contact with the new squadron and so should be seeing something of each other. 2Lt Hiorth, who left here on the 7th, was posted on the 16th for a special job of flying, all wish him Good Luck in his very important work.</p> <p>This month the squadron have been doing a lot of cine-gun practice and this is proving to be instructive as well as interesting to the Pilots. We have also had 4 practice Rhubarb operations against local targets. Cine-guns have been used so that the effectiveness of the attacks can be judged. This has been very good practice in ground-strafting and navigation and the Pilots are keen. The water supply has given out, believed to be frozen pipes. All lavatories and baths are affected. Lt Birksted says, how can men and Pilots be efficient under the stress of these conditions? Everyone hopes that the new officers mess will open soon (so long promised) so that at least the living conditions will improve. For six months past there have not been enough plates, cups and saucers to go round, so that often officers are forced to eat off the table without plates, a state of affairs that no one can believe could not be rectified in a couple of days were an effort made by those concerned.</p>	
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				UP	DOWN		
1.	A - P.7377	Ltn. Maehre	Convoy Patrol	0900	1045	No incident.	
	G. P.4622	2/ltn. Hagerup	" "	0900	1045	" "	
2.	F. P.8190	Ltn. Thorsager	Scramble	1030	1045	" "	
	G. P.4622	Sgt. Malm	"	1030	1045	" "	
4.	V. P. 7359	Ltn. Nordmo	"	1430	1440	" "	
	T. P.7616	Sgt. Heglund	"	1430	1440	" "	
5.	T. P.7616	Ltn. Nordmo	"	1500	1515	" "	
	V. P.7359	Sgt. Heglund	"	1500	1515	" "	
6.	L. P.7366	Ltn. Hiorth	"	1435	1500	" "	
	Z. P.7786	Sgt. Sognnes	"	1435	1500	" "	
	T. P.7616	2/ltn. Hagerup	"	0955	1040	" "	
	V. P.7359	" Weisteen	"	0955	1040	" "	
7.	X. P.7929	Ltn. Birksted	"	1730	1825	" "	
	T. P.7616	2/ltn. Endresen	"	1030	1120	" "	
	P. P.7759	Sgt. Greiner	"	1030	1120	" "	
	V. P.7359	Ltn. Nordmo	"	1040	1130	" "	
8.	T. P.7616	" "	"	1215	1325	" "	
	P. P.7759	Sgt. Fearnley	"	1215	1325	" "	
9.	A. P.7377	Ltn. Stromme	"	1005	1050	" "	
	Z. P.7786	2/ltn. Tanberg	"	1005	1050	" "	
	M. P.9440	Ltn. Hagerup	"	1015	1025	" "	
	V. P.7759	2/ltn. Weisteen	"	1015	1025	" "	
	M. P.9440	2/ltn. Hagerup	"	1040	1135	" "	
	T. P.7616	2/ltn. Weisteen	"	1040	1130	" " { A Ju 88 was sighted about 3 miles away, but the Pilot was unable to close, the enemy eventually disappeared in clouds.	
	T. P.7616	" Endresen	"	1635	1645	" "	
	E. P.7822	Sgt. Greiner	"	1635	1645	" "	
10.	F. P.8729	2/ltn. Hvinden	"	1315	1400	Crashed outside Kirkwall, Orkneys. (see over)	27
	X P.7929	Sgt. Wormdal	"	1315	1430	No incident.	

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				UP	DOWN			
10.	V. P.7359	2/ltn. Endresen	Scramble	1140	1155	(see over) No incident. } 2Lt Hvinden had to make a forced belly landing close to Hatega aerodrome owing to engine failure. This is attributed to lack of petrol owing to a leak. The Pilot is luckily quite safe, but the plane is completely wrecked.		
	E. P.7822	Sgt. Greiner	"	1140	1200			
	V. P.7359	Ltn. Nordmo	"	1140	1505			
	T. P.7616	Sgt. Fearnley	"	1440	1505			
11.	C. P.4622	" Heiberg	Patrol N.K.	1220	1340	" "		
	J. P.7384	2/ltn. Leifseth	" "	1315	1425	" "		
	N. P.7357	Sgt. Sognnes	" "	1315	1425	" "		
	V. P.7359	Ltn. Nordmo	Scramble	1100	1110	" "		
12.	T. P.7616	Sgt. Fearnley	"	1100	1110	" "		
	Z. P.7786	" Gran	"	1610	1645	" "		
13.	M. P.9440	" Jbrstad	"	1610	1645	" "		
	P. P.7759	2/ltn. Hagerup	"	1100	1145	" "		
14.	E. P.7822	" Weistein	"	1100	1145	" "		
	Z. P.7786	" Hanberg	"	1130	1215	" "		
	A. P.7377	Sgt. Nyerrod	"	1130	1215	" "		
	X. P.7929	2/ltn. Leifseth	"	1335	1455	" "		
	N. P.7357	Ltn. Stromme	"	1335	1455	" "		
	M. P.9440	2/ltn. Leifseth	"	1505	1520	" "		
	Z. P.7786	Ltn. Strommee	"	1505	1520	" "		
	V. P.7359	" Nordmo	"	1115	1200	" "		
	E. P.7822	Sgt. Fearnley	"	1115	1200	" "		
	V. P.7359	2/ltn. Hagerup	"	1620	1635	" "		
	E. P.7822	2/ltn. Weistein	"	1620	1640	" "		
	P. P.7759	Ltn. Nordmo	Patrol Tento	0940	1045	" "		
	15.	P. P.7759	2/ltn. Hagerup	Scramble	1105	1210		" "
		V. P.7359	2/ltn. Weistein	"	1105	1210		" "
E. P.7822		Sgt. Greiner	"	1140	1150	" "		

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				UP	DOWN		
15.	P. P.7759	2/ltn. Hagerup	Scramble	1305	1330	No incident	
	E. P.7822	" Weisteen	"	1305	1330	" "	
	P. P.7759	" Hagerup	"	1345	1410	" "	
	E. P.7822	Sgt. Greiner	"	1345	1410	" "	
16.	P. P.7759	2/ltn. Endresen	"	1120	1220	" "	
	E. P.7822	Sgt. Greiner	"	1120	1200	" "	
24.	P. P.7759	Ltn. Nordmo	"	1445	1540	" "	
	E. P.7822	Sgt. Fearnley	"	1450	1510	" "	
26.	L. P.7366	Ltn. Maehre	"	0905	1005	" "	
	Z. P.7786	Sgt. Malm	"	0905	1005	" "	
	P. P.7759	2/ltn. Hagerup	"	1330	1350	" "	
	M. P.9440	" Weisteen	"	1330	1350	" "	
27.	M. P.9440	" Hagerup	"	1100	1115	" "	
	E. P.7822	" Weisteen	"	1100	1115	" "	
	E. P.7822	" "	"	1230	1245	" "	
	M. P.9440	" Hagerup	"	1230	1245	" "	
28.	T. P.7166	" Leifseth	Flotsam patrol	1305	1430	" "	
	Z. P.7786	Ltn. Jacobsen	" "	1305	1430	" "	
	K. P.8646	" Birksted	Convoy	1455	1615	" "	
	Y. P.7886	Sgt. Malm	" "	1455	1615	" "	
	H. P.8199	2/ltn. Muller	Scramble	1940	2030	" "	
	M. P.9440	Sgt. Greiner	"	0845	0855	" "	
30.	N. P.7357	" Heiberg	"	1450	1555	" "	
	X. P.7929	" Nyerrod	"	1450	1555	" "	
31.	T. P.7416	2/ltn. Leifseth	"	1140	1225	" "	
	X. P.7929	Ltn. Stromme	"	1140	1225	" "	

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Skeabrae.	February 1942.			
	1.		Snow and frost. No flying owing to bad weather. Lieutenant Maehre is promoted to acting Captain and is now the Squadron C.o. <u>Sumburgh</u> : No flying.	
	2.		Strong wind. Snow nearly all gone. Only one flight was made today, a scramble of 20 mins. Sumburgh also had a scramble of 20 mins. Nothing to report in either case. In the evening there was a squadron meeting at 8.30 p.m. when Colonel Holst, Norwegian Medical Chief, spoke to us on the war and conditions in Norway. These meetings are generally well attended by both officers and men and might almost be compared with a Scottish clem meeting far from its own shores. Here, present and future problems are discussed and memories of the homeland revived, yes certainly the Viking Spirit lives today.	
	3.		It is now snowing again with a strong wind and is very cold. There was no flying here or at Sumburgh. 2/lt. Jens Miller gave a lecture at dispersal on navigation and computation of speed. All pilots attended. Lieutenant Lynneberg arrived today to become adjutant of the Squadron. Like many other members of this Squadron he has come by way of Canada and U.S.A.	
	4.		Hard frost and snow still remains, but it is fine and clear, with sun. There was one scramble today, but nothing to report. Otherwise there was local flying, testing and instrument flying - a total of hrs.7.55. 2/lt. Miller flew to Sumburgh to join our other sections up there. <u>Sumburgh</u> : 2 scrambles (no incidents) and 2/lt. Miller's flight from Skeabrae - total 1hr.40 mins.	

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Skeabrae.	Februar. 5.		<p>Hard frost. A good deal of flying here and at Sumburgh today. There was a scramble at 0806 hrs. but nothing was seen. Because of this early scramble Lieut. Birksted has suggested to Control in Kirkwall that every morning there should be a dawn patrol of one section (2 a/c). This will give a better chance at intercepting the enemy who usually appears near these islands just at dawn. Most of the day was given to target towing and air firing a total of 9 hrs. 15 mins.</p> <p><u>Sumburgh:</u> There were 3 scrambles (nothing to report) and one test flight. Also sgt. Greiner flew to Skeabrae and back. Total flying time 3 hrs. 40 mins.</p>	
	6.		<p>Rather damp, but a fair day which enabled us to do target towing, firing practice and flight formation. Total flying hours 18 hrs. 35 mins.</p> <p>The engineers complain of the lack of spare parts for the planes, and the very long time it takes to get any.</p> <p>As a result of our suggestion to Control yesterday, we are advised that, if the weather is favourable, there will be a dawn patrol every morning until further notice. We shall do alternate days with the other squadron. It is an effort to catch the Hun by being ready and waiting for him. However, the chances of making an interception are thought by all to be rather slender owing to poor conditions. The weather is generally against us up here, rain and storm making bad visibility, and the R.D.F. has nothing like the same efficiency as it has in the south.</p> <p><u>Sumburgh:</u> Had two scrambles (no incident) total flying time 1½ hrs.</p>	
	7.		<p>Two sections took off at 0800 hrs. for dawn patrol, but unfortunately they saw nothing. Owing to poor visibility and very low clouds there was only a ten minute test flight during the rest of the day. Total for the day 5 hrs.</p> <p><u>Sumburgh</u> had no flying.</p>	

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Skeabrae.	February 8.		Mild weather. There was target towing and air firing today. Ltn. Thorsager got 14 holes in the drogue. There was one scramble but no incident. Total flying time 8 hrs. 40 mins. <u>Sumburgh</u> had two scrambles, no incident, a total of 1 hr. 5 mins.	
	9.		Still mild today. We did dawn patrol and had 1 scramble, but nothing to report. About 1200 hrs. the weather closed down and there was no more flying. Total flying time 2 hrs. <u>Sumburgh</u> had a busy day with 5 scrambles. Sgt. Fearnley took off at 0815 hrs. and later on sighted a Ju.88. He tried to close, but could not, before the Ju.88 disappeared into cloud. He had to break off owing to lack of petrol, and was really lucky to land at Peterhead, where it was found he had only 2 gallons of petrol left! Total flying time 4 hrs. 40 mins.	
	10.		Snow and frost. It was mostly instrument flying today and 1 scramble, a total of 6 hrs. 50 mins. <u>Sumburgh</u> : had one scramble of 20 mins.	
	11.		Much rain and strong wind which prevented any flying. Dr. Larsen is trying to interest everyone, especially the pilots, in physical fitness as no doubt there is far too much sitting about and consequent stagnation of mind and body. However, it is difficult to drag people from from a book and warm fire to go out into wet and damp weather for a walk. Spasmodic attempts are nevertheless made by two or three now and again to go for cross country walks and runs and bicycle rides. A certain amount of squash is also played. <u>Sumburgh</u> had three scrambles (no incidents) total flying time 1½ hrs.	
	12.		Strong wind and bad weather prevented any flying today. Sgt. Fearnley tried to leave for <u>Sumburgh</u> but had to return. Total flying time 30 mins. 2/lt.'s Sem, Berg and Lundsteen	

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Skeabrae.	February	12. contd.	<p>returned from duty at Dyce. 2/lt. Hvinden returned from leave. Sumburgh had one scramble (no incident) of 1 hr. 40 mins.</p>		
		13.	<p>Strong wind and some snow fell during the night. No flying here or at Sumburgh. Sgt. Fearnley left for Sumburgh. Total flying time 30 mins.</p>		
		14.	<p>Mild day. There was an exercise surprise attack on Twatt aerodrome, air firing, 2 scrambles and 1 night patrol. Total flying time 13 hrs. 10 mins. 2/lt. Ree returned from leave. The C.O., Captain Maehre, invited several of us to dine to meet Sqd./Ldrs. Cameron and Wetherstone from Kirkwall. It was to say farewell to Sqd./ldr. Cameron and to wish him good luck in his new appointment. He was presented with the Norwegian wing badge as a memento. <u>Sumburgh</u> had 1 scramble of 15 mins (no incident).</p>		
		15.	<p>Mild day. 4 scrambles (no incident), local flying, night and dusk patrols - total 8 hrs. 25 mins. <u>Sumburgh</u> 2 scrambles (no incident). We had a visit from some Norwegian cowboys who came from Svalbard and now work locally on Hoy Island. They were shown round part of the aerodrome and met some of the pilots. Lt. Stromme went on leave. 2/lt. Leifseth was promoted to lieutenant as from today. 801 Sqdn. leave today and 132 Sqdn. come in their place. We are sorry to lose our naval friends.</p>		
		16.	<p>A fine day with no cloud. Quite a busy day with night patrol, 3 sections on convoy patrol, dusk patrol and searchlight exercise. Totalling 14 hrs. 55 mins. Captain Maehre went on leave and Cine Camera Gun Course. 2/lt. Pedersen also went on leave. <u>Sumburgh</u>: No flying.</p>		

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Skeabrae	February.			
	17.		Fine and frosty day with a good deal of practice flying. It was a busy day here for 2/ltm. Karlson and the ground crews, who besides servicing 10 of our own aircraft, also serviced 11 aircraft of 416 Squadron who arrived today and operated without their own ground crew. It was the same at Sumburgh where our ground crew serviced 8 aircraft of 54 Squadron. There was target towing and air firing, 3 convoy patrols, 2 scrambles and a dusk patrol - totalling 17 hrs. 20 mins. 2/ltm. Unhammer returned from leave and engineering course. <u>Sumburgh</u> : had 3 scrambles and one reconnaissance flight - 2 hrs. 15 mins.	
	18.		Mild day with slight haze. Drogue towing and air firing practice totalling 5 hrs. 25 mins. <u>Sumburgh</u> : had 3 scrambles (no incident) totalling 1 hrs. 15 mins.	
	19.		Fine day with drogue towing and air firing practice and 1 scramble totalling 7 hrs. 45 mins. <u>Sumburgh</u> had 3 scrambles (no incident) totalling 1 hrs. 40 mins. The lack of spare parts and consequent grounding of aircraft for long periods is considered to be very serious. The station authorities do their best, but for some unknown reason spares do not come except after delays of from two to three months. In the event of a blitz here, it is unlikely that any spares at all could reach these isolated parts, so everyone is much concerned to think of the resultant unserviceability and impotenece. It is hoped that the peculiar position of these islands is realized by the authorities so that the situation with regard to the spare parts is alleviated in the near future.	
	20.		Fine day. Formation and local flying, night patrol and 1 scramble, 7 hrs. 45 mins. <u>Sumburgh</u> had 4 scrambles and 3 test flights totalling 4 hrs. 55 mins.	

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
Skeabrae.	Februar. 21.	1600	<p>It is much colder today and sky overcast. There was instrument flying, 2 scrambles and night patrol totalling 6 hrs. 5 mins.</p> <p><u>Sumburgh</u> had 4 scrambles and one local flight totalling 3 hrs. 35 mins.</p> <p>At 1600 hrs. Control asked all pilots and as many aircraft as possible to stand by. They have not given any reason. We now have 5 sections at readiness, (10 pilots, 10 a/c). This order stands for 48 hours and will of course stop all practice flying.</p> <p>Lieut. Birksted left for Sumburgh.</p>	
	22.		<p>Slight fall of snow during the night. There was the dawn patrol, but no other flying as all aircraft and pilots remain on readiness. Ltn. Birksted returned from Sumburgh. Total flying time 2 hrs. 5 mins.</p> <p><u>Sumburgh</u> had 3 scrambles (no incident) total 2 hrs. 55 mins.</p>	
	23.		<p>Frosty, fine day. State of readiness is continued until further notice. From 1320 hrs. to 1920 hrs. we had 5 aircraft up on convoy patrol. The convoy consisted of 1 battle cruiser, 1 cruiser, 1 aircraft carrier, and 7 destroyers so now we know the reason for our state of readiness. Later in the day a message was received from the Admiral of the Fleet thanking the squadron for its part in giving fighter escort for their ships. Total flying time 19 hrs. 5 mins.</p> <p><u>Sumburgh</u> had 1 scramble total 40 mins.</p>	
	24.		<p>Fine day with broken cloud. There was the dawn patrol and 1 scramble at 2040 hrs. The alarm went for the first time since we have been here. It was amusing to see people running in all directions to get their tin hats, revolvers and other equipment - a general stampede in fact. Sgt. Wormdal took off in record time, for a Jerry reported 18 miles to West of us, but unfortunately he could not be found. The excitement was soon over when the</p>	

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	February			
	24	contd.	all clear went at 21,11 hrs. There was a practice attack on a cruiser by two sections, the weather being almost ideal for this type of attack. Total flying for today 5 hrs.50 mins. <u>Sumburgh</u> had 2 scrambles, each of 10 mins. duration, but saw nothing.	
	25.		A fine, clear day during which there was the dawn patrol, local flying and 1 scramble totalling 15 hrs. 15 mins. Dr. Larsen went on leave. <u>Sumburgh</u> had 4 scrambles (no incident) totalling 1 hr. 35 mins.	
	26.		Overclouded, but some fair periods. There was target towing and 3 scrambles totalling 7 hrs. 15 mins. Lieut. Nordmo returned from navigational course. <u>Sumburgh</u> 4 scrambles 1hr.10 mins.	
	27.		Overclouded with rain and wind. Dawn patrol and 1 local flight totalling 2 hrs. 54 mins. <u>Sumburgh</u> no flying.	
	28.		Strong wind, rain and sleet which prevented any flying. Ltn.Strømme returned from leave. <u>Sumburgh</u> . No flying.	
			The month as a whole was given to nearly as much operational flying as practice flying due to the high state of readiness since 21st. Bad weather has also prevented much practice flying. However, it has been a more interesting month than usual. There is a burning desire for some real activity, especially after the monotonous months passed since our arrival here.	
			<i>Helge Maehre</i> Helge Maehre, Captain, Officer Commanding 334(N) Squadron, Skeabrae.	

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				UP	DOWN		
2.	Y. P.7886	Ltn. Birksted	Scramble	12.30	12.50	No incident.	
	P. P.7759	2/ltn Endresen	"	15.40	16.00	" "	
4.	L. P.7366	Ltn. Birksted	"	13.15	13.50	" "	
	O. P.7963	" Jacobsen	"	13.15	13.50	" "	
	B. P.7822	2/ltn. Endresen	"	11.45	12.05	" "	
	E. P.7822	" Weisteen	"	15.10	15.55	" "	
5.	H. P.8199	Ltn. Birksted	"	08.10	08.55	" "	
	C. X.4622	Sgt. Heiberg	"	08.10	08.55	" "	
	E. P.7822	2/ltn. Hagerup	"	13.20	14.05	" "	
	L. P.7366	Sgt. Fearnley	"	13.20	14.05	" "	
	E. P.7822	2/ltn. Hagerup	"	14.40	15.05	" "	
	E. P.7822	Sgt. Fearnley	"	15.55	16.15	" "	
6.	E. P.7822	2/ltn. Endresen	"	14.30	14.50	" "	
	L. P.7366	Sgt. Greiner	"	14.30	15.20	" "	
	E. P.7822	2/ltn. Endresen	"	17.10	17.20	" "	
	L. P.7366	Sgt. Greiner	"	17.10	17.20	" "	
7.	T. P.7616	Ltn. Birksted	Dawn Patrol	08.00	08.20	" "	
	H. P.8199	Sgt. Gran	" "	08.00	09.20	" "	
	N. P.7357	2/ltn. Leifseth	" "	08.05	09.10	" "	
	C. X.4622	Sgt. Malm	" "	08.05	09.10	" "	
8.	H. P.8199	" Sognes	Scramble	14.25	15.30	" "	
	S. P.7388	" Gran	"	14.25	15.30	" "	
	E. P.7822	2/ltn. Muller	"	08.10	08.45	" "	
	L. P.7366	" Weisteen	"	10.05	10.20	" "	
	E. P.7822	" Hagerup	"	10.05	10.20	" "	
9.	X. P.7929	Ltn. Thorsager	Dawn Patrol	08.00	08.30	" "	
	G. X.4622	Sgt. Heglund	" "	08.00	08.30	" "	

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				UP	DOWN		
9	X P.7929	Sgt. Gran.	Scramble	1010	1020	No incident.	
	N P.7357	Sgt. Sognes.	"	1010	1020	" "	
	E P.7822	Sgt. Fearnley.	"	0815	1015	A Bogey was sighted, believed to be a Ju.88, and though the Pilot tried to close by flying at Gate for five minutes, the plane disappeared in cloud. Sgt. Fearnley was obliged to break off the chase owing to lack of petrol.	
10	L P.7366	Lt. Hagerup	"	0855	0950	No incident.	
	L. P.7366	"	"	1040	1100	" "	
	Z. P.7786	2/lt. Muller	"	1045	1100	" "	
	L. P.7366	"	"	1130	1145	" "	
	Z. P.7786	2/lt. Hagerup	"	1130	1145	" "	
10.	A. P.7377	Sgt. Heiberg	"	1105	1125	" "	
	H. P.8199	" Sognes	"	1105	1125	" "	
	Z. P.7786	2/lt. Endresen	"	1240	1300	" "	
11.	L. P.7366	2/lt. Hagerup	"	1555	1625	" "	
	Z. P.7786	" Endresen	"	1600	1625	" "	
	Z. P.7786	" Hagerup	"	1635	1655	" "	
12.	Z. P.7786	"	"	1215	1305	" "	
	L. P.7366	2/lt. Weisteen	"	1215	1305	" "	
14	X. P.7929	Ltn. Birksted	"	1125	1205	" "	
	A. P.7377	" Jacobsen	"	1125	1205	" "	
	X. P.7929	2/lt. Leifseth	"	1525	1635	" "	
	A. P.7377	Sgt. Malm	"	1525	1635	" "	
	G. X.4622	" Heglund	Night Patrol	1830	1940	" "	
15	F. P.8190	2/lt. Hagerup	Scramble	1345	1400	" "	
15.	S. P.7388	" Hvinden	Night Patrol	0720	0820	" "	
	G. X.4622	" Lundsteen	" "	0720	0820	" "	

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				UP	DOWN			
15	O P.7963	Sgt.Gran.	Scramble.	1205	1235	No incident.		
	T P.7616	Sgt.Sognes.	"	1205	1235	" "		
	X P.7929	Lt.Thorsager.	"	1215	1225	" "		
	P P.7759	Sgt.Heiberg.	"	1215	1225	" "		
	A P.7377	Sgt.Malm.	"	1545	1645	" "		
	O P.7963	2Lt.Leifseth.	"	1545	1645	" "		
	X P.7929	Sgt.Heglund.	"	1605	1610	" "		
	C X.4622	2Lt.Hvinden.	Night Patrol.	1810	1815	" "Returned owing to engine trouble.		
	S P.7388	2Lt.Sem.	"	1835	1920	" "		
	L P.7366	2Lt.Hagerup.	Scramble.	1020	1035.	" "		
	F P.8190	Sgt.Fearnley.	"	1020	1040	" "		
	F P.8190	2Lt.Endresen.	"	1555	1620	" "		
	L P.7366	Sgt.Greiner.	"	1555	1620	" "		
	16	H P.8199	Lt.Birksted.	Night Patrol.	0715	0755	" "	
		S P.7388	Sgt.Gran.	" "	0715	0750	" "	
X P.7929		2L.Ree.	Scramble.	1305	1345	" "		
T P.7616		Sgt.Heglund.	"	1305	1345	" "		
P P.7759		2Lt.Hvinden.	Flotsam.	1405	1515	" "		
S P.7388		2Lt.Lundsten.	"	1405	1515	" "		
A P.7377		2Lt.Berg.	"	1545	1630	" "		
I P.7366		2Lt.Sem.	"	1545	1630	" "		
P. P.7759		2/lt.Hvinden	Patrol	1755	1835	" "		
T. P.7616		2/lt.Lundsteen	"	1755	1835	" "		
17.	Y. P.7886	2/lt.Ree	Flotsam	1430	1555	" "		
	X. P.7929	Sgt.Knudsen	"	1430	1555	" "		
	Y. P.7886	2/lt.Leifseth	"	1625	1750	" "		
	X. P.7929	Sgt. Fossum	"	1625	1750	" "		

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				UP	DOWN		
17.	H. P. 8199	Ltn. Jacobsen	Flotsam	1725	1820	No incident.	
	S. P. 7388	" Birksted	"	1725	1820	" "	
	H. P. 8199	" Jacobsen	Dusk Patrol	1850	1950	" "	
	P. P. 7759	2/ltn. Sem	Scramble	1340	1350	" "	
	O. P. 7963	" Berg	"	1340	1350	" "	
	H. P. 8199	" Hvinden	"	1355	1420	" "	
	X. P. 7929	" Lundsveen	1355 "	1355	1420	" "	
	L. P. 7366	" Weisteen	Scramble	1255	1325	" "	
	Z. P. 7786	" Muller	1255 "	1255	1325	" "	
	Z. P. 7786	" Hagerup	"	1300	1345	" "	
	Z. P. 7786	" "	"	1450	1515	" "	
18.	H. P. 8199	Ltn. Thorsager	Night patrol	0750	0905	" "	
	A. P. 7377	Sgt. Heiberg	" "	0750	0755	" "	
	L. P. 7366	Sgt. Greiner	Scramble	1345	1400	" "	
	L. P. 7366	" Fearnley	"	1440	1500	" "	
	Z. P. 7786	" Greiner	1440 "	1440	1500	" "	
	L. P. 7366	" Fearnley	"	1520	1530	" "	
	Z. P. 7786	" Greiner	"	1520	1530	" "	
19.	Z. P. 7786	2/ltn. Muller	"	1345	1415	" "	
	L. P. 7366	" Weisteen	"	1345	1415	" "	
	Z. P. 7786	" Muller	"	1545	1600	" "	
	L. P. 7366	" Weisteen	"	1710	1725	" "	
	Z. P. 7786	" Endresen	"	1715	1725	" "	
	S. P. 7388	" Berg	"	1135	1145	" "	
	G. X. 4622	Sgt. Malm	"	1135	1150	" "	
	20.	S. P. 7388	2/ltn. Reeg	Night Patrol	0650	0750	" "

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				UP	DOWN		
20.	O. P. 7963	Sgt. Sognes	Scramble	1450	1530	No Incident.	
	P. P. 7759	Ltn. Leifseth	"	1450	1530	" "	
	L. P. 7366	2/ltn. Weisteen	"	0710	0735	" "	
	L. P. 7366	" "	"	0815	0910	" "	
	L. P. 7366	" "	"	1150	1300	" "	
	Z. P. 7786	" Muller	"	1150	1300	" "	
	L. P. 7366	" Hagerup	"	1455	1515	" "	
21.	S. P. 7388	" Sem	Dawn Patrol	0730	0820	" "	
	L. P. 7366	Sgt. Fearnley	Scramble	0935	1010	" "	
	Z. P. 7786	2/ltn. Hagerup	"	1025	1100	" "	
	F. P. 8190	Sgt. Fearnley	"	1025	1100	" "	
	S. P. 7388	2/ltn. Leifseth	"	1130	1205	" "	
	O. P. 7963	Sgt. Malm	"	1130	1205	" "	
	S. P. 7388	" Gran	"	1625	1715	" "	
	X. P. 7929	" Sognes	"	1625	1715	" "	
	Z. P. 7786	2/ltn. Hagerup	"	1650	1700	" "	
	L. P. 7366	Sgt. Fearnley	"	1650	1700	" "	
	Z. P. 7786	2/ltn. Hagerup	"	1745	1810	" "	
	L. P. 7366	" Endresen	"	1745	1810	" "	
	22.	H. P. 8199	Sgt. Nyerrod	Dawn Patrol	0735	0755	" "
X. P. 7929		" Heiberg	" "	0735	0850	" "	
L. P. 7366		" Fearnley	Scramble	1040	1130	" "	
Z. P. 7786		2/ltn. Endresen	"	1040	1130	" "	
F. P. 8190		" Muller	"	1105	1115	" "	
Z. P. 7786		" Muller	"	1455	1530	" "	
L. P. 7366		" Weisteen	"	1455	1525	" "	
23.	Z. P. 7786	" Muller	"	1145	1205	" "	
	F. P. 8190	" Weisteen	"	1145	1205	" "	

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				UP	DOWN		
23.	H. P.8199	Ltn. Thorsager	Flotsam	1320	1455	No incident.) " ") " ") " ") " ") The convoy consisted of 1 battle- cruiser, 1 cruiser, 1 aircraft carrier an 7 destroyers. Later in the day a message was received from the Admiral of the Fleet thanking the squadron for its part in giving fighter escort for their ships. " ") " ") " ") " ") " ") " ") " ") " ") " ") " ") " ") " ")	
	E. P.7822	2/ltn. Hvinden	"	1320	1455		
	T. P.7616	Sgt. Sognes	"	1320	1455		
	N. P.7357	2/ltn. Lundsteen	"	1320	1450		
	F. P.7759	Sgt. Malm	"	1320	1450		
	O. P.7963	Ltn. Leifseth	"	1500	1650		
	S. P.7388	" Jacobsen	"	1500	1645		
	U. P.7366	2/ltn. Ree	"	1500	1645		
	X. P.7929	Sgt. Wormdal	"	1500	1650		
	A. P.7377	" Nyerrod	"	1500	1650		
	Y. P.7929	2/ltn. Leifseth	"	1830	1925		
	P. P.7759	Sgt. Malm	"	1830	1905		
	X. P.7929	" Wormdal	"	1830	1920		
H. P.8199	" Nyerrod	"	1830	1920			
24.	H. P.8199	2/ltn. Berg	Dawn Patrol	0645	0800	" "	
	K. P.7886	" Sem	" "	0645	0750	" "	
	Z. P.7786	" Endresen	Scramble	1505	1515	" "	
	Z. P.7786	" "	" "	1620	1630	" "	
	H. P.8199	Sgt. Wormdal	"	2040	2110	" "	
25.	X. P.7929	Ltn. Leifseth	Dawn Patrol	0725	0830	" "	
	A. P.7377	Sgt. Wormdal	" "	0725	0830	" "	
	Z. P.7786	2/ltn. Muller	Scramble	1135	1155	" "	
	Z. P.7786	" Weisteen	"	1420	1515	" "	
	Z. P.7786	" "	"	1545	1555	" "	
	X. P.7929	Sgt. Wormdal	"	1550	1645	" "	
	Y. P.7886	2/ltn. Ree	"	1550	1645	" "	
Z. P.7786	" Muller	"	1805	1815	" "		

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26.	Y. P. 7886	2/ltn. Hvinden	Scramble	1030	1110	No incident.	
	X. P. 7929	" Lundsteen	"	1030	1110	" "	
	S. P. 7388	" Ree	"	1115	1125	" "	
	H. P. 8199	Sgt. Wormdal	"	1115	1125	" "	
	T. P. 7616	2/ltn. Ree	"	1120	1245	" "	
	X. P. 7929	Sgt. Wormdal	"	1120	1245	" "	
	F. P. 8190	2/ltn. Hagerup	"	1105	1115	" "	
	Z. P. 7786	" Endresen	"	1440	1455	" "	
	Z. P. 7786	" "	"	1615	1640	" "	
	F. P. 8190	" Hagerup	"	1625	1645	" "	
27.	H. P. 8199	Ltn. Birksted	Dawn Patrol	0715	0830	" "	
	Y. P. 7886	" Jacobsen	" "	0715	0830	" "	

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Skeabrae.	1942 March.			
	1.		A fine frosty day with some cloud, but a good deal of sun. There were two scrambles, but no incident. There were dawn, dusk and night patrols as well as instrument flying and airfiring target practice a total of 18hrs.20 mins. Captain Maehre returned from Cine Camera Gun Course at Duxford. Today we hear we are to change over to Spitfire V B's (2 cannons!!) <u>Sumburgh:</u> 2 scrambles (no incident) and test flying totalling 1 hrs. 40 mins.	
	2.		Frost with very cold wind 30/35 MPH 10/10 cloud. Later on wind increased to gale, so there was very little flying. Dawn patrol and some instrument flying, a total of 4 hours. 2/ltn. Pedersen returned from leave and 2/ltn. Karlson left for leave. <u>Sumburgh:</u> Local patrol 1 hrs. 50 mins.	
	3.		Still overcast and very strong, cold wind. No flying. There was a dance to mark the opening of the new mess. In some inexplicable and miraculous fashion there were actually more ladies than men, an almost unheard of situation in these islands. There seemed to unlimited food and drink. Everyone really enjoyed themselves and full credit must be given to the mess committee for arranging things so well in these difficult times. XXXXXXXX <u>Sumburgh:</u> 1 scramble (no incident), local patrol; total 4hrs.5mins.	
	4.		Strong wind and overcast. No flying. Ltn. Birksted went on leave. <u>Sumburgh:</u> 1 scramble (no incident) and some local flying totalling 2 hrs. 50 mins.	
	5.		A little snow fell during the night. Strong gusty wind. One scramble of 25 mins. (no incident.) <u>SUMBURGH:</u> Local flying and 1 scramble totalling 1 hr. 40 mins.	

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
Skeabrae.	March.	6.	<p>The wind continues. - One wonders whether it will ever stop!</p> <p>Lieut. Jacobsen went on leave. 2/lt. Aagaard, our adjutant since the almost the beginning, left today for leave and later for other duties, probably to be a Radio Observer. We are all sorry to lose him. An adjutant's job is never too easy, and Aagaard had the added difficulties of beginning a new job with no previous experience. However, he soon overcame these difficulties and did a good job of work. We are all grateful and wish him the best of luck in the future.</p> <p><u>Sumburgh.</u> No flying.</p>	
		7.	<p>The wind has dropped and some snow has fallen.</p> <p>There were two scambles today, but no incident. Lieut. Leifseth and Sgt. Jörstad left for Sumburgh, but had to return owing to bad weather. They managed to get there later in the day, 2/lt. Sem and Sgt. Malm also going there. 2/lts. Endresen and Müller returned from Sumburgh. Total flying times 8½ hrs. - Shooting practice and rifle instructions begin today for the airmen.</p> <p><u>Sumburgh:</u> 1 scramble (no incident), sector reconnaissance, totalling 4 hrs, 15 mins.</p>	
		8.	<p>Overcast and a little snow with poor visibility.</p> <p>2/lts. Hagerup and Weisteen returned from Sumburgh. There was dawn patrol and four day patrols and 1 scramble (no incident) a total of 8 hrs. 20 mins.</p> <p>Four Svalbardmen visited us today.</p> <p>Norwegian cabinetminister Sunde is visiting us. He held a talk on "The importance of the Norwegian merchant fleet's war effort". - E/O Yatman left for leave.</p>	
		9.	<p><u>Sumburgh:</u> Some sect. recog. flying was carried out, total flying time 2 hrs. 55 mins.</p> <p>A little snow and some hail and rain - overclouded.</p> <p>From 0710 hrs. till 1955 hrs. the day was given to nothing but patrols. There are some important warships near by needing fighter cover. Total 24hrs. - 2 new Spitfires VB arrived today. Sumburgh Sector recog. flying amounting to 2 hrs.</p>	

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Skeabrae.	March 10.		Snow and wind early, clearing later. There was flight formation and many patrols starting at 0640 hrs. 25 hrs. 45 mins. <u>Sumburgh</u> : 2 scrambles (no incident), total flying time being 2 hrs.	
	11.		Still and clear day. Dawn patrol, scramble (no incident), target towing and airfiring practice, dusk patrol totalling 15 hrs. 20 mins. <u>Sumburgh</u> : Convoy patrol, 2 scrambles (no incident) and Lt. Leifseth flew to Skeabrae and back, the whole flying time: 3 hrs. 10 mins.	
	12.		Fresh wind, cold and clear day. Flight formation, dawn and dusk patrols, scramble and target towing, and firing practice, quite a busy day totalling 21 hrs. 40 mins. <u>Sumburgh</u> : Some instrument flying was carried out totalling to 1 hr. 10 mins.	
	13		Strong wind, clear and cold. Local flying, target towing and airfiring practice total 7 hrs. 50 mins. Lieut. Strømme shot down a barrage balloon that had broken loose. Sgt. Gran left to attend navigational course. 2/Lt. Karlsen returned from leave. <u>Sumburgh</u> : No flying owing to bad weather.	
	14.		Strong wind, cloudy and rain. No flying. <u>Sumburgh</u> was flying 2 scrambles (no incident). Total flying time 45 mins.	
	15.		As for 14th above. <u>Sumburgh</u> : No flying.	

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Skeabrae.	March 16.		<p>Fine, still day with sun, cloudy later.</p> <p>A busy day with cinegun practice, airfiring, G.L. test and local flying, totalling 17hrs.5 mins.</p> <p>Today was a sad one, for we lost a fine fellow, when Sgt. Wormdal ^{crashed} into the sea a few miles miles from here, near Brough Head. He was making a practice attack on a Swordfish, with Cine Gun flying at about 1200 feet. He broke off his attack by going underneath the Swordfish, apperently unable to pull out of his dive, he went straight down into the sea.</p> <p>He was a fine drawer and artist as many of his pictures testify. He had made several designs for the squadron arms and it is certain one of these is chosen. He had only friends.</p> <p><u>Sumburgh</u> : No flying.</p>	
	17.		<p>Rain and very low cloud. No flying.</p> <p><u>Sumburgh</u>: had no flying today.</p>	
	18.		<p>Rain and very low cloud. No flying.</p> <p>Lieut. Birksted returned from leave, having called in at Catterick to see 332(N) Squadron.</p> <p><u>Sumburgh</u> : No flying was carried out.</p>	
	19.		<p>Fresh wind, overcast.</p> <p>Weather test, cloud flying and dusk patrol, 6 hrs. 30 mins.</p> <p>F/O Yatman returned from leave, having visited Catterick on the way back.</p> <p><u>Sumburgh</u> : 1 scramble total 30 mins.</p>	
	20.		<p>The wind still continous, low clouds.</p> <p>One scramble (no incident). Low flying exercise, target towing and air firing, dusk patrol totalling 12 hrs. 15 mins.</p> <p><u>Sumburgh</u>: 2 scrambles (no incident) and one test flight totalling to 1 hrs. 20 mins.</p>	
	21.		<p>Low misty cloud, but cleared in the afternoon.</p> <p>Local formation flying, airfiring, weather test, dusk patrol a full day totalling 24hrs.35 mins.</p>	

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Skeabrae.	March			
	21.	(contd.)	Captain Maehre returned from duties in London. - 2 new Spitfires arrived today. <u>Sumburgh</u> : No flying.	
	22.		Bright sunshine, calm fine day. One of our busiest days, 42 hrs.40 mins. total flying time, with over 30 hrs. operational patrols (shipping protection). The rest was taken up by Army co-operation exercise. Lieut. Leifseth, 2/ltn.s. Sem and Berg, and Sgt. Boganes returning from Sumburgh.	
	23.		Overcast and dull weather. 8½ hrs. flying before 0900 hrs. with dawn patrols and 1 scramble (no incident). Later there was cloud flying, dusk patrol and 1 scramble (no incident). Total 13 hrs.	
	24.		Overcast at first but fine later. Gale warning in afternoon. Dawn patrol, gun test, instrument flying, convoy patrol and 1 scramble (no incident) - totalling 10 hrs. 50 mins.	
25.		Gale, rain and hail. No flying. Sometimes we take a map of Norway, when several of us are together. Amongst us there can be no part of the whole country that is not known - one man will know one part and another will know some other district. Then we hear of big concentrations of German warships in different parts of the coast and one fellow will say "I know just how to get into that fjord" - another will say "I know an important chemical works there and I know the mountains all round. I could get in there from either direction easily." <u>Beautiful</u> targets are picked out by each who knows his own particular part. Wishful thinking? Yes, but of the right kind, an offensive active kind with spirit! How much all of us would like to "get cracking" over there.		

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Skeabrae.	March. 26.		Lighter wind. Fine and mild. Dawn patrol, instrument flying and practice attack on H.M.S. Charybdis. G.L.test, dusk landings and patrol.. A busy day, 24hrs.5 mins.	
	27.		Fine day, blowing a bit cold. Instrument flying, G.L.test, 1 scramble (no incident), dusk and patrol - 18 hrs. 35 mins.	
	28.		Overcast with very cold wind. Dawn patrol, flotsam, instrument flying, flight formation, dusk patrol and night flying, total 26 hrs. 35 mins. Today our squadron played 132 sqdn. at football, having a good game and beating them by 4 goals to 0.	
	29.		Overcast and cold early, but sunny later with haze to 10,000 feet. Quite a lot of flying was carried out: Dawn patrol, convoy patrol, Rhubarb practices, G.L.test, flight formation and night landings total flying time being 28 hrs. 20 mins.	
	30.		Clear fine morning, but later overcast and rain. Dawn and dusk patrol and 2 scrambles (no incident) totalling to 7 hrs. F/O Tidmarsh left today for leave.	
	31.		Some wind, overcast and rainy. Dawn and dusk patrol was carried out as usual and some instrument flying. Total flying time 3 hrs. 40 mins. - 1 new Spitfire V.B. arrived today.	
			<i>Helge Machre</i> Helge Machre, Captain, Officer Commanding, 331(H) Squadron, Skeabrae.	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
				Up	Down		
1.	X. P.7929	Lieut. Leifseth	Dawn patrol	06.50	07.55	No incident.	
	S. P.7388	2/ltn. Sem	" "	06.50	07.55	" "	
	Y. P.7886	Ltn. Thorsager	Scramble	12.15	12.25	" "	
	T. P.7616	Sgt. Knudsen	"	12.15	12.25	" "	
	Y. P.7886	" Sognes	"	13.40	13.50	" "	
	T. P.7616	" Heglund	"	13.40	13.50	" "	
	X. P.7929	" "	Dusk Patrol	18.55	20.20	" "	
	H. P.8199	" Heiberg,	Night Patrol	20.10	21.00	" "	
	X. P.7929	" Malm	" "	21.00	21.30	" "	
	Z. P.7786	2/ltn. Muller	Scramble	12.20	12.45	" "	
	Z. P.7786	2/ltn. Weisteen.	"	13.40	13.50	" "	
2.	H. P.8199	Sgt. Heiberg	Dawn patrol	07.10	08.15	" "	
	Y. P.7886	" Malm	" "	07.15	08.15	" "	
	S. P.7388	2/ltn. Hagerup	Patrol	14.50	15.50	" "	
	S. P.7388	" Endresen	"	17.00	17.50	" "	
3.	F. P.8190	" Muller	Scramble	13.05	13.20	" "	
4.	V. P.7359	" Hagerup	"	15.30	16.00	" "	
5.	S. P.7388	Sgt. Gran	"	15.40	16.05	" "	
	V. P.7359	2/ltn. Weisteen	"	16.35	17.25	" "	
7.	O. P.7963	" Ree	"	11.55	12.15	" "	
	K. P.8646	Sgt. Wormdal	"	11.55	12.15	" "	
	Y. P.7886	" Fossum	"	13.40	13.50	" "	
	U. P.7366	2/ltn. Berg	"	13.40	13.50	" "	
	Y. P.7886	" "	Dusk Patrol	18.50	19.35	" "	
	S. P.7388	Sgt. Sognes	" "	18.50	19.35	" "	
	V. P.7359	2/ltn. Weisteen	Scramble	09.05	10.10	" "	
8.	S. P.7388	Ltn. Nordmo	Dawn Patrol	07.05	08.30	" "	
	A. P.7377	" Stromme	" "	07.50	08.15	" "	

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				UP	DOWN		
8.	U. P.7366	Sgt. Knudsen	Patrol	09.10	10.30	No Incident.	
	Y. P.7886	2/lt. Endresen	"	09.25	10.35	" "	
	H. P.8199	" Muller	Scramble	10.30	10.40	" "	
	O. P.7963	Sgt. Wormdal	"	10.30	10.40	" "	
	X. P.7929	Capt. Maehre	Patrol	11.25	11.50	" "	
	N. P.7357	Sgt. Nyerrod	"	11.35	11.50	" "	
	C. X.4622	" Gran	"	16.20	16.55	" "	
	J. P.7384	" Nyerrod	"	16.20	16.55	" "	
9.	H. P.8199	" Wormdal	Dawn Patrol	07.10	08.30	" "	
	Y. P.7886	2/lt. Ree	" "	07.10	08.30	" "	
	X. P.7929	Ltn. Nordmo	" "	07.35	08.00	" "	
	U. P.7366	" Stromme	" "	07.35	08.00	" "	
	E. P.7822	Sgt. Heglund	Patrol	08.00	09.20	" "	
	S. P.7388	" Fossum	"	08.00	09.20	" "	
	K. P.8646	" Gran	"	09.00	10.25	" "	
	J. P.7384	" Nyerrod	"	09.00	10.25	" "	
	T. P.7616	Ltn. Stromme	"	10.00	12.00	" "	
	P. P.7759	2/lt. Muller	"	11.00	12.00	" "	
	U. P.7366	Sgt. Heglund	"	12.40	13.50	" "	
	S. P.7388	" Fossum	"	12.40	13.50	" "	
	J. P.7384	2/lt. Hagerup.	"	14.15	15.35	" "	
	X. P.7929	Capt. Maehre	"	14.15	15.35	" "	
	P. P.7759	2/lt. Hvinden	"	16.00	17.25	" "	
	S. P.7388	Sgt. Knudsen	"	16.00	17.25	" "	
S. P.7388	2/lt. Lundsten	"	17.50	19.10	" "		
A. P.7377	Sgt. Wormdal	"	17.50	19.10	" "		
H. P.8199	2/lt. Ree	"	18.45	19.55	" "		

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				UP	DOWN		
9.	Y. K. P.7886	2/ltn Muller	Patrol	18.45	19.55	No incident.	
10.	K. P.8646	2/ltn. Ree	Search	17.35	18.45	" "	
	A. P.7377	Sgt. Wormdal	"	17.35	18.45	" "	
	S. P.7388	2/ltn Endresen	Dusk Patrol	18.55	19.15	" "	
	Y. P.7886	" Weisteen	" "	18.55	19.15	" "	
	H. P.8199	" Hagerup	" "	19.15	19.55	" "	
	P. P.7759	" Muller	" "	19.15	19.55	" "	
	S. P.7388	" Hagerup	Patrol	06.40	08.05	" "	
	A. P.7377	" Weisteen	"	06.40	07.10	" "	
	H. P.8199	" Lundsten	"	07.05	08.10	" "	
	C. X:4622	Sgt. Knudsen	"	07.05	08.10	" "	
	U. P.7366	2/ltn. Hvinden	"	08.25	09.35	" "	
	P. P.7759	Sgt. Fossum	"	08.25	09.35	" "	
	X. P.7929	Capt. Maehre	Patrol L.K.	09.10	10.30	" "	
	E. P.7822	Ltn. Nordmo	"	09.10	10.30	" "	
	K. P.8646	2/ltn. Ree	Patrol	10.00	11.10	" "	
	T. P.7616	Sgt. Wormdal	"	10.00	10.55	" "	
	V. P.7359	2/ltn. Sem	Scramble	15.10	16.10	" "	
	Z. P.7786	Sgt. Malm	"	15.10	16.10	" "	
11.	H. P.8199	" Heglund	Dawn Patrol	06.30	07.30	" "	
	X. P.7929	" Gran	" "	07.05	08.10	" "	
	S. P.7388	" Nyerrod	" "	07.05	08.10	" "	
	T. P.7616	" Heglund	Scramble	14.10	14.20	" "	
	E. P.7822	" Fossum	"	14.10	14.20	" "	
	X. P.7929	Ltn. Stromme	Dusk Patrol	19.20	20.00	" "	
	O. P.7963	Sgt. Heglund	" "	19.20	20.00	" "	
	V. P.7359	2/ltn. Berg	Scramble	07.05	08.10	" "	
	F. P.8190	" "	"	12.55	13.00	" "	
	Z. P.7786	Sgt. Sognes	"	12.45	13.00	" "	

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				Up	Down		
12.	A: P.7377	2/lt. Lundsten	Dawn Patrol	06:40	07:55	No incident.	
	Y: P.7886	" Hvinden	" "	06:40	07:55	" "	
	E: P.7822	Sgt. Gran	" "	07:05	08:15	" "	
	O: P.7963	" Nyerrod	" "	07:05	08:15	" "	
	C: X:4622	" Gran	Scramble	08:50	10:10	" "	
	P: P.7759	" Nyerrod	"	08:50	10:10	" "	
	X: P.7929	2/lt. Ree	Dusk Patrol	19:15	19:50	" "	
	S: P.7388	Sgt. Worndal	" "	19:15	19:50	" "	
14.	Z: P.7786	" Jorstad	Scramble	13:00	13:25	" "	
	H: P.8199	2/lt. Berg	"	13:00	13:20	" "	
16.	J: P.7384	" Ree	Search	11:25	11:50	" "	
	T: P.7616	Capt. Machre	"	12:40	13:55	" "	
	Y: P.7886	2/lt. Ree	"	14:35	13:05	" "	
19.	Y: P.7886	2/lt. Muller	Dusk Patrol	19:20	20:00	" "	
	O: P.7963	" Hagerup	" "	19:20	20:00	" "	
20.	U: P.7366	" Hagerup	Scramble	10:30	11:10	" "	
	Y: P.7886	Sgt. Greiner	"	10:30	11:10	" "	
	O: P.7963	" Heglund	Dusk Patrol	19:15	19:45	" "	
	N: P.7357	" Nyerrod	" "	19:15	19:45	" "	
	M: P.9440	" Sognes	Scramble	10:55	11:10	" "	
	Z: P.7786	2/lt. Berg	"	09:05	09:20	" "	
	Z: P.7786	" "	"	10:55	11:10	" "	
21.	J: P.7384	" Lundsten	Dusk Patrol	19:25	20:35	" "	
	O: P.7963	Sgt. Heiberg	" "	19:25	20:25	" "	
22.	J: P.7384	2/lt. Muller	Dawn Patrol	06:40	07:45	" "	
	N: P.7357	" Hagerup	" "	06:40	07:45	" "	
	U: P.7366	" Ree	Patrol	10:25	11:35	" "	

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				UP	DOWN		
22.	X. P.7929	Sgt. Heiberg	Patrol	10.25	11.35	No Incident.	
	X. P.8646	2/ltn. Hvinden	"	11.30	12.45	" "	
	O. P.7963	Sgt. Knudsen	"	11.30	12.45	" "	
	N. P.7357	" Heglund	"	12.15	13.40	" "	
	J. P.7384	" Fossum	"	12.15	13.40	" "	
	C. X.4622	2/ltn. Muller	"	13.20	14.50	" "	
	E. P.7822	Sgt. Greiner	"	13.20	14.50	" "	
	O. P.7963	" Malm	"	14.20	15.25	" "	
	T. P.7616	" Jorstad	"	14.20	15.25	" "	
	X. P.7929	Ltn. Birksted	"	15.15	16.25	" "	
	U. P.7366	2/ltn. Weisteen	"	15.15	16.25	" "	
	N. P.7357	" Hagerup.	"	16.15	17.25	" "	
	J. P.7384	Ltn. Stromme	"	16.15	17.25	" "	
	Y. P.7886	2/ltn. Muller	"	17.05	18.25	" "	
	E. P.7822	2/ltn. Hvinden	"	17.05	18.25	" "	
	U. P.7366	Sgt. Malm	"	18.00	19.20	" "	
	N. P.7357	" Jorstad	"	18.05	19.25	" "	
	X. P.7929	Ltn. Birksted	"	19.00	20.30	" "	
	O. P.7963	2/ltn. Weisteen	"	19.00	20.15	" "	
	23.	E. P.7822	2/ltn. Sem	Dawn Patrol	06.40	07.05	" "
K. P.8646		Sgt. Fossum	" "	06.40	07.05	" "	
J. P.7384		" Malm.	Scramble	06.50	08.10	" "	
X. P.7929		" Nyerrod	Scramble "	06.50	08.10	" "	
O. P.7963		2/ltn. Muller	Patrol	07.50	09.00	" "	
K. P.8646		" Hagerup	"	07.50	09.00	" "	
U. P.7366		Ltn. Leifseth	Dusk Patrol	19.20	20.30	" "	
Y. P.7886		" Stromme	" "	19.20	20.30	" "	
U. P.7366	Sgt. Sognes	Scramble	21.10	21.20	" "		

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23.	E. P. 7822	2/ltn. Berg	Scramble	21.10	21.25	No incident.	
24.	J. P. 7384	Ltn. Leifseth	Dawn Patrol	06.05	07.15	" "	
	U. P. 7366	2/ltn. Berg	" "	06.05	07.20	" "	
	U. P. 7366	Sgt. Jorstad	Scramble	16.15	17.30	" "	
	Y. P. 7886	" Heiberg	"	16.15	17.30	" "	
	J. P. 7384	2/ltn. Berg	Convoy Patrol	16.55	17.45	" "	
26.	E. P. 7822	Sgt. Heglund	" "	16.55	17.45	" "	
	J. P. 7384	2/ltn. Hvinden	Dawn Patrol	06.20	07.35	" "	
	X. P. 7929	Sgt. Sognes	" "	06.25	07.35	" "	
	T. P. 7616	2/ltn. Hagerup	G.L. Flying	16.45	18.00	" "	
	O. P. 7963	" Sem	Dusk patrol	19.40	20.35	" "	
27.	N. P. 7357	Sgt. Malm	" "	19.40	20.35	" "	
	N. P. 7357	Ltn. Leifseth	Scramble	10.50	11.50	" "	
	E. P. 7822	" Stromme	"	10.50	11.50	" "	
	E. P. 7822	" Birksted	Dusk Patrol	19.35	20.30	" "	
	T. P. 7616	Sgt. Malm	" "	19.35	20.35	" "	
28.	T. P. 7616	2/ltn. Muller	Dawn Patrol	05.50	06.55	" "	
	O. P. 7963	Ltn. Birksted	Flotsam	06.20	07.35	" "	
	A. P. 7377	Sgt. Fossum	"	06.20	07.35	" "	
	V. P. 7359	2/ltn. Hagerup	"	06.25	07.40	" "	
	M. P. 9440	Sg. Malm	"	06.25	07.35	" "	
	P. P. 7759	2/ltn. Sem	"	06.30	07.40	" "	
	F. P. 8190	Sgt. Nyerrod	"	06.35	07.40	" "	
	T. P. 7616	2/ltn. Hvinden	Scramble	14.00	14.05	" "	
	N. P. 7357	Sgt. Sognes	"	14.00	14.05	" "	
	Y. P. 7886	" Heglund	Dusk Patrol	19.50	20.50	" "	
	O. P. 7963	" Heiberg	" "	19.50	20.50	" "	

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29.	Y. P.7886	2/ltn. Berg	Dawn Patrol	05.55	07.15	No incident.	
	T. P.7616	" Hvinden	" "	05.55	07.05	" "	
	N. P.7357	Ltn. Leifseth	Convoy Patrol	08.00	09.20	" "	
	O. P.7963	" Stromme	" "	08.00	09.20	" "	
	N. P.7357	Sgt. Heiberg	" "	10.00	11.25	" "	
	M. P.9440	" Jorstad	" "	10.00	11.25	" "	
	H. P.8199	2/ltn. Sem	G.L. flying	16.20	17.30	" "	
	H. 8199.P	" Ree	G.L. "	18.05	19.10	" "	
30.	T. P.7616	" Sem	Dawn Patrol	05.55	07.10	" "	
	X. P.7366	" Sem	Dawn Patrol	05.55	07.10	" "	
	U. P.7366	Sgt. Malm	" "	06.00	07.15	" "	
	U. P.7366	2.Ltn Ree	Scramble	13.25	13.50	" "	
	O. P.7963	Sgt. Knudsen	"	13.25	13.50	" "	
	T. P.7616	2/ltn. Hvinden	Dusk Patrol	19.45	20.55	" "	
	U. P.7366	Sgt. Sognes	" "	19.45	20.55	" "	
	31.	O. P.7963	Ltn. Leifseth	Dawn Patrol	06.20	06.30	" "
T. P.7616		" Stromme	" "	06.20	06.30	" "	
O. P.7963		2/ltn. Sem	Dusk Patrol	19.45	21.00	" "	
U. P.7366		Sgt. Malm	" "	19.45	21.00	" "	

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Skeabrae	April 1		Slight haze early, but cleared to strong sunshine.- Still a busy day, dawn and dusk patrol, flotsam, G.L. G.C.I. A tests instr. flying, Army Co - op. Total 3 1/2 hrs.- 2/Ltn. Endresen returned from leave.- 6 pilots flew to Dyce and back, to attend Army Co-op. conference.-	
	2		Partly overclouded, cold wind freshening.- Another busy day with some flying as yesterday, but with more convoy patrols, and dusk and night landings.- Total : 30 hrs.	
	3		Fine and clear early, later overclouded, some rain and strong wind.- There was a scramble at 0510 hrs, 2 Ltn. Muller took off but saw nothing.- He was unlucky in landing when he had a puncture in one tyre so that the plane tipped its nose.- He was unhurt but the plane was slightly damaged.- There was one more scramble but no incident.- Local flying G.C.I. test and patrol.- Total : 3,50 hrs.	
	4		Rain and overcast early, but fine in afternoon.- A total of 10 hrs 25 min., made up of weather test, G.C.I. local and attacks flying.- Also searching was carried out for Ltn. Nordmo J., who lost his life whilst bathing in the sea off Brough Head.- He was overwhelmed by several large waves which came in suddenly and carried him out to sea.- Nothing could be done in any way to help by his companions who were too far off.- This is a terrible and unbelievable thing to have happen.- Ltn. Nordmo was a fearless pilot who would fly in any kind of weather.- He is sorely missed.- 331 football team played an army eleven and beat them 7 - 0.-	
	5		Overclouded, rain and storm.- No flying.-	
	6		Still overclouded and rain in morning, cleared later.- Our new Spitfire Vb, newly arrived, are being tested nearly every day.- They are well liked.- There was test flying, local instr. flight formation, camera test totalling 12 hrs. 5 min.	4

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Skeabrae	April	7	Still and fine today.- Slight rain in afternoon.- There was G.C.I. and test flying, flight formation, cloud flying, total : 14 hrs 15 min.- Ltn. Birksted went on a course.- Sgt. Graa returned from a course.-	
		8	Slight rain early but fine and clear later.- Formation flying, convoy patrols G.C.I., test flying, dusk patrol - 20 hrs. 55 min. Sgt. Malm went on leave.-	
		9	Fine and clear, still.- Who can forget the 9th ? ! What memories it brings back to all of us ! We had a squadron parade at two o'clock to remember this day.- We sang a hymn and then Padre Wright spoke a few words to us about the invasion of our country and the war.- He also remembered Sgt. Wormdal and Ltn. Nordmo whom we have lately lost.- 2/Ltn. Lundsten and Weisten returns from leave.-	
		10	Overclouded early but cleared later.- A busy day, particularly with drogue towing and airfiring.- There was also, map reading, instrument flying, patrols, dusk patrol, flight formation totalling 28 hrs. 45 min. Sgt. Haglund and Sogaa went on leave.-	
		11	Fine and sunny.- High thin cloud.- Dawn patrol, testing, airfiring and cine gun practice, 2 scrambles (no incident), and searchlight practice.- Total : 24 hrs. 50 min.- 2/Ltn. Endresen was up on a searchlight practice, but could not complete it.- He was forced to return as the light prevented him from seeing anything, but " milt " all round round him - probably due to slight haze.-	
		12	Slight haze, fresh breeze, sunny but cold.- Gale warmed later.- Weather test and Maud went back from Laverness.- Total 3 hrs. 10 min. 2/Ltn. Torhaug went on a course.-	
		13	Overclouded, strong cold wind.- No flying.- 2/Ltn. Berg went on leave.- Several Chesapeake from	

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Shanbrac	April 13		American Squadron at Hanson visited us today.- It is quite comforting to see the American colours amongst us.-	
	14		Strong wind and haze.- Cold.- Gun test, flight formation and close gun, C.O.I and C.I. flying Total : 10 hrs. 30 min.- Captain Christie arrived today on a visit to us from R.N.A.F. H.Q. Several Martlets belonging to the Americans visited us lately.-	
	15		Fine and still much haze.- Weather test, aerobatics, 2 sections scramble but saw nothing.- Flight formation and test flying.- Total : 17 1/2 hrs.- S/Lt. Hvidsten went to London on posting.- We are sorry to lose him as he kept the Squadron cheerful with his amusing ways.-	
	16		Fine and clear, still and warm, slight haze.- Dawn patrol, flight formation and squadron formation, C.O.I. practice, airfiring and drops towing practice.- 1 scramble but no incident, Close Gun practice, total 26 1/2 hrs.-	
	17		Fine warm and sunny.- Dawn and dusk patrol, airfiring, C.O.I. and C.I. practice, Close Gun practice, total 19 hrs. 25 min.- Captain Christie went north.- He has been taken round the Island visiting Briscoe Bay and Kirkwall, even bathing in what must have been ice cold water.- Tea, eggs and real butter afterwards must have saved his life !	
	18		Fine and warm, slight haze and still.- 2 scrambles, but no incident.- Dawn and dusk patrol and dusk flying.- C.O.I. and C.I. tests, outpatrol, Air to ground firing, close gun, flight formation - a busy day - 35 hrs. 10 min. -	

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Skeabrac	April 19		<p>Fine and warm.- Everybody is getting sunburnt.- These last fine days it has been warm enough to sit out and sun bathe, a contrast to what it has been up here, with such gales and cold weather.-</p> <p>There was dawn patrol, air firing and flight formation, total 20 hrs.- Captain Muehre went on a course (Rolls Royce) .-</p>	
	20		<p>Fine and sunny, slight wind.- Dawn and dusk patrol, flight formations, air firing and dropie target. 2 scrambles, no incident, except that one of them intercepted a friendly machine, a pity it was not an enemy one.- Total 24 hrs. 10 min.-</p>	
	21		<p>Sunny but some cloud, slight wind early, strong later.- Air firing, convoy patrol.- 4 scrambles but no enemy seen.- Also G.L. test, dawn and dusk patrol and very much searching.- 2/Ltn. Endresen was, today, unaccountably lost whilst on scramble to N. Orkneys, flying with Ltn. Leifseth.- They took off at 15.10 hrs and flew to 22,000/25,000 feet high above cloud.- It is not known exactly the time that he lost touch with Ltn. Leifseth, but it was approximately between 15.32 & 15.36 hrs. when his R/T and pip squeak did not respond.- Ltn. Leifseth orbited and searched for him without success, then came to base and landed 16.05 hrs. The whole area where he was likely to be was searched till darkness and again next day, but there was no sign of him.- James, as he was known to all, was a great humorist and great lover of life and therefore everyone feels there is a big gap now that he is gone.- Ltn. Jacobsen returned today from sick leave.- Sgt. Spang and Orren joined the squadron.-</p>	
	22		<p>Wind had blown hard during the night, but calmer now, some cloud but sunny.- Search was continued at first light for 2/Ltn. Endresen going on to 14.00 hrs.- Planes from Sumburgh have also been searching.- Afraid last hopes must vanish.- Ltn. Skjerve, 2/Ltn. Ree, 2/Ltn. Muller sgt. Pilot Fossum went on leave.- Sgt. Malm, Heglund, Somnes returned from leave.-</p>	
	23		<p>Sunny but cold some showers, dawn and dusk patrol, convoy patrol, 2 scrambles (no incident) Air firing, G.C. 1. exercise, total 23 hrs. 50 min. The orderly room are delighted because they</p>	

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Skeabrae	April			
	23		have a new typewriter, a rarity these days.-	
	24		Clear and sunny, not quite so cold.- Air firing took up most of the day.- There was one scramble at 0045 hrs and another at 0940 hrs, but nothing to report.- Total 25 hrs. 20 min. 2/Ltn. Unhammer went on leave.- 2/Ltn. Berg returned from leave.-	
	25		Clear and sunny but very cold again.- Air firing most of the day, one scramble (no incident) G.C.I. and G.L. flying dawn patrol, total : 15 hrs. and 15 min.-	
	26		Fine and clear, slight wind.- There was formation flying, G.C. I. and G.L. flying, patrol and night landing practice (5 hrs) total : 16 hrs. 10 min.-	
	27		Fine and clear, slight wind.- 2 scrambles, no incidents, dawn and dusk patrol and much instr. flying, total : 24 hrs. 20 min.-	
	28		Fine and clear, strong wind at times.- 1 scramble at dawn, no incident.- American flying practice, G.C.I. flying, instrument flying, total 16 hrs. 45 min. This afternoon we heard we are to be posted to North Weald in Essex.- Words can hardly describe the excitement and pleasure that this news has caused.- To be going south and back to civilization again after all these months up here.- Every one has a grin on his face and spirits are high.- People come up to one and say " I have packed already " This is very nearly time in many cases as we all more or less live from our trunks and suit cases, but of course there is a BUSTLE AND BUSINESS OF PACKING in the orderly room, at the Flights and Maintenance unit, the stores, in fact everywhere.- We have had a month of very fine weather and it really is quite pleasant to be here at this time, but the south	

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Skeabrae	April 28		draws in spite of this.- We can often all get better weather there anyway.-	
	29		Fine and sunny, slight wind, but warm.- Not much flying today, because all are being inspected and put in order for the journey south.- G.L. & G.C.I., test flying, dusk patrol- total 8 1/2 hrs.-	
	30		<p>Warm and sunny.- There was a patrol, local flying, dusk patrol, scramble (no incident), total 11 hrs 5 min. Lately Ltn. Leifaeth and the Station C.O. has been experimenting with an 18 ft long American drogue and also a 20 feet one (Lysander Drogue).- These two drogues have been towed by a Spitfire and it has been found very satisfactory.- The reason that these two drogues have been tried is because the P.P. target has been found to be too small so that it was difficult to know whether a pilot has shot well or not.- It was found that the speed of the Spitfire with 2400 r. p. m. and zero knots was 150 A S L.- It was also found that the drogue could be landed with the Spitfire without damage.- This month will be memorable because of loosing Ltn. Nordmo and 2/Ltn. Eadrese in such tragic circumstances.- It is not of course to dwell too much at this, it is life and it is war - one must look ahead to better times.-</p> <p>We have had an exceptional month of fine weather.- There has been days and days without clouds in the sky, so that a good deal of flying has been possible.-</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Henry Maehre</i> H. Maehre, Captain Officer Commanding 331 (H) Squadron, Skeabrae, Orkneys.</p>	

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				UP	DOWN		
1	M.-P. 79440	Lt. Leifseth	Dusk Patrol	19.55	20.45	No incident	
	X.-P. 7929	2/Lt. Ree	" "	19.55	20.45	" "	
	U.-P. 7625	Lt. Birksted	Dawn Patrol	06.00	07.20	" "	
2	O.-P. 7963	2/Lt. Muller	" "	06.00	07.00	" "	
	J.-P. 7384	2/Lt. Berg	" "	05.35	06.50	" "	
	A.-P. 7377	Sgt. Heglund	" "	05.35	05.50	" "	
	S.-BL. 891	" Malm	Escort	08.50	10.50	" "	
	N.-AR. 298	2/Lt. Muller	" "	08.50	10.50	" "	
	J.-P. 7384	Capt. Mashre	Patrol	09.00	09.50	" "	
	A.-P. 7377	2/Lt. Sem	" "	09.00	09.50	" "	
	M.-P. 9440	Lt. Birksted	Patrol	17.30	18.35	" "	
	S.-P. 7384	Sgt. Nyerrød	" "	17.30	18.35	" "	
	N.-AR. 298	2/Lt. Muller	Escort	17.15	18.00	" "	
3	S.-BL. 891	Sgt. Malm	" "	18.40	19.20	" "	
	Y.-P. 7886	" Heglund	Dusk Patrol	20.00	21.20	" "	
	N.-P. 7357	" Nyerrød	" "	20.00	21.20	" "	
	U.-P. 7625	2/Lt. Muller	Scramble	05.40	05.55	" "	
	Y.-P. 7929	2/Lt. Sem	Patrol	05.55	07.15	" "	
	N.-P. 7357	Sgt. Nyerrød	" "	05.55	07.15	" "	
	B.-AR. 326	Lt. Nordmo	Scramble	13.55	14.05	" "	
	V.-BL. 821	Lt. Birksted	Search	18.25	19.10	" "	
	Y.-P. 7886	Sgt. Heiberg	Dusk Patrol	19.55	20.50	" "	
	M.-P. 7357	" Nyerrød	" "	19.55	20.50	" "	
8	D.-AR. 325	2/Lt. Ree	Convoy	13.15	14.50	" "	
	Y.-P. 7886	Sgt. Kaudsen	" "	13.15	14.50	" "	
	A.-AR. 291	" Heglund	" "	13.15	14.50	" "	
	A.-P. 7377	" Greisner	" "	13.15	14.50	" "	
	V.-BL. 821	" Heiberg	Dusk Patrol	21.40	22.10	" "	
9	O.-AR. 328	" Jørstad	" "	21.40	22.15	" "	
	V.-BL. 821	2/Lt. Hagerup	Dawn Patrol	06.00	06.50	" "	
	S.-BL. 891	Sgt. Gram	" "	06.35	07.35	" "	
	X.-AR. 296	2/Lt. Muller	" "	06.35	07.35	" "	
	N.-AR. 298	2/Lt. Sem	Patrol	15.15	16.25	" "	
11	X.-AR. 296	Sgt. Nyerrød	" "	15.15	16.25	" "	
	P.-AD. 509	2/Lt. Lundsten	Search	17.35	19.05	" "	
	V.-BL. 821	Sgt. Gram	" "	17.35	19.05	" "	
	O.-AR. 328	" Heiberg	Dusk Patrol	21.15	22.15	" "	
	M.-BL. 833	" Jørstad	" "	21.15	22.15	" "	
	C.-BL. 919	Lt. Leifseth	Scramble	15.00	16.15	" "	
	B.-AR. 325	2/Lt. Evindsen	" "	16.45	16.55	" "	
	H.-AR. 341	2/Lt. Sem	" "	16.45	16.55	" "	
	O.-AR. 328	" Muller	Dawn Patrol	06.15	07.30	" "	
	M.-BL. 833	" Sem	" "	06.15	07.30	" "	
	15	N.-AR. 298	Sgt. Nyerrød	Scramble	12.00	13.20	" "
S.-BL. 891		2/Lt. Lundsten	" "	12.00	13.20	" "	
Y.-BL. 637		2/Lt. Weisteen	" "	12.05	13.10	" "	
O.-AR. 328		Sgt. Fossum	" "	12.05	13.10	" "	
16	H.-AR. 341	Lt. Leifseth	Dawn Patrol	06.35	07.55	" "	

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16	B.-AR. 326	Sgt. Jørstad	Dawn Patrol	06.35	08.00	No incident		
	C.-BL. 919	" Heiberg	Scramble	12.45	13.20	" "		
17	D.-AR. 325	2/Lt. Endresen	"	12.45	13.20	" "		
	S.-BL. 891	2/Lt. Sem	Dawn Patrol	05.55	07.10	" "		
18	N.-AR. 298	" Muller	"	05.55	07.10	" "		
	C.-BL. 919	Lt. Leifseth	Dusk Patrol	21.20	21.55	" "		
	F.-AR. 293	2/Lt. Endresen	"	21.20	21.55	" "		
	X.-AR. 296	Sgt. Gram	Scramble	13.25	14.20	" "		
	O.-AR. 328	" Nyerrød	"	13.25	14.20	" "		
	Z.-AR. 297	2/Lt. Hagerup	Patrol	16.50	18.00	" "		
	V.-BL. 821	" Muller	"	16.50	18.00	" "		
	Z.-AR. 297	" Sem	Dusk Patrol	21.15	22.30	" "		
	S.-BL. 891	Sgt. Fossum	"	21.15	22.30	" "		
	O.-AR. 328	2/Lt. Lundstem	"	21.20	22.40	" "		
	T.-AB. 794	" Weisteem	"	21.20	22.45	" "		
	A.-AR. 291	" Endresen	Convoy	12.00	13.40	" "		
	K.-AD. 355	Sgt. Greiner	"	12.00	13.40	" "		
	C.-BL. 919	Lt. Leifseth	Scramble	05.20	06.15	" "		
	F.-AR. 293	2/Lt. Endresen	"	05.20	06.15	" "		
	H.-AR. 341	Lt. Strynne	Dawn Patrol	06.25	07.25	" "		
	19	E.-BL. 681	Sgt. Greiner	"	06.25	07.25	" "	
		V.-BL. 821	2/Lt. Hagerup	"	05.55	07.10	" "	
20	S.-BL. 891	Sgt. Gram	"	05.55	07.10	" "		
	Z.-AR. 297	2/Lt. Muller	Patrol	12.10	13.25	" "		
	T.-AB. 794	" Weisteem	"	12.10	13.30	" "		
	V.-BL. 821	Sgt. Fearaley	Patrol	11.30	12.30	" "		
	N.-AR. 298	2/Lt. Weisteem	"	11.30	12.30	" "		
	X.-AR. 296	" Hagerup	"	12.05	13.15	" "		
	Y.-BL. 637	" Sem	"	12.05	13.15	" "		
	Y.-BL. 637	" Hagerup	Dusk Patrol	21.35	22.20	" "		
	O.-AR. 328	" Muller	"	21.35	22.20	" "		
	D.-AR. 325	" Ree	Dawn Patrol	06.15	07.10	" "		
	A.-AR. 291	Sgt. Kaudsen	"	06.15	07.10	" "		
	21	C.-BL. 919	Lt. Strynne	Scramble	13.05	13.40	" "	
J.-R. 7262		Sgt. Greiner	"	13.05	13.40	" "		
C.-BL. 919		Lt. Leifseth	"	15.10	16.05	" "		
A.-AR. 291		2/Lt. Endresen	"	15.10	16.05	MISSING		
K.-AD. 355		Sgt. Greiner	"	15.15	15.50	No incident		
H.-AD. 341		Lt. Strynne	"	15.15	15.50	" "		
O.-BL. 919		Sgt. Jørstad	Search	18.05	19.40	" "		
B.-AR. 326		" Heiberg	"	18.05	19.40	" "		
E.-BL. 681		2/Lt. Ree	Scramble	18.10	18.45	" "		
F.-AR. 293		Sgt. Kaudsen	"	18.10	18.45	" "		
F.-AR. 293		" Greiner	Dusk Patrol	21.25	22.45	" "		
C.-BL. 919		" Jørstad	"	21.25	22.45	" "		
V.-BL. 821		2/Lt. Lundstem	Dawn Patrol	06.05	07.15	" "		
N.-AR. 298		Sgt. Nyerrød	"	06.05	07.15	" "		
O.-AR. 328	2/Lt. Hagerup	Scramble	11.35	12.00	" "			
S.-BL. 891	" Weisteem	"	11.35	12.00	" "			

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21	S.-BL. 891	2/Lt. Weisteen	Patrol	14.30	16.05	No incident		
	V.-BL. 824	Sgt. Fearley	"	14.30	16.05	" "		
	V.-BL. 824	" Gram	Search	16.55	18.30	" "		
	O.-AR. 328	2/Lt. Muller	"	16.55	18.30	" "		
	Z.-AR. 297	" Hagerup	"	19.10	20.15	" "		
	S.-BL. 891	Sgt. Nyerrød	"	19.10	20.15	" "		
	V.-BL. 824	2/Lt. Muller	"	20.30	22.30	" "		
22	O.-AR. 328	Sgt. Fossum	"	20.30	22.30	" "		
	D.-AR. 325	2/Lt. Sem	"	11.50	13.20	" "		
	B.-AR. 326	Sgt. Heiberg	"	11.30	13.20	" "		
	K.-AD 355	" Greiner	"	12.50	14.00	" "		
	H.-AR. 341	" Kaudsen	"	12.50	14.00	" "		
23	Z.-AR. 297	2/Lt. Hagerup	Dawn Patrol	05.55	06.55	" "		
	S.-BL. 891	" Sem	"	05.55	06.55	" "		
	O.-AR. 328	" Lundsten	Convoy	07.10	08.30	" "		
	V.-BL. 824	Sgt. Fearley	"	07.10	08.30	" "		
	M.-BL. 833	Lt. Jacobsen	Patrol	10.05	11.20	" "		
	S.-BL. 891	Sgt. Malm	"	10.05	11.20	" "		
	Y.-BL. 637	2/Lt. Hagerup	Scramble	11.05	12.15	" "		
	V.-BL. 824	" Weisteen	"	11.05	12.15	" "		
	Z.-AR. 297	Sgt. Nyerrød	"	11.10	12.00	" "		
	M.-AR. 298	" Gram	"	11.10	12.00	" "		
	B.-AR. 326	Lt. Leifseth	Convoy	06.35	07.10	" "		
	E.-BL. 681	Sgt. Sogvaes	"	07.00	07.10	" "		
	E.-BL. 681	" Heiberg	Dusk Patrol	21.40	22.40	" "		
	B.-AR. 326	" Jørstad	"	21.40	22.40	" "		
	24	E.-BL. 681	" Heiberg	Scramble	00.45	01.55	" "	
		B.-AR. 326	" Jørstad	"	05.35	06.25	" "	
		F.-AR. 295	" Heiberg	Dawn Patrol	06.00	07.10	" "	
D.-AR. 325		" Kaudsen	"	06.00	07.10	" "		
H.-AR. 341		Lt. Leifseth	Scramble	09.40	10.00	" "		
J.-R. 7262		Sgt. Heglund	"	09.40	10.00	" "		
25		B.-AR. 326	2/Lt. Berg	Search	18.15	19.25	" "	
	O.-AR. 328	Sgt. Gram	Scramble	04.25	05.40	" "		
	S.-BL. 891	" Malm	Dawn Patrol	05.40	07.15	" "		
	O.-AR. 328	" Nyerrød	"	05.05	07.15	" "		
26	H.-AR. 341	Lt. Leifseth	Patrol	12.20	13.55	" "		
	E.-BL. 681	Sgt. Greiner	"	12.20	13.55	" "		
	X.-AR. 296	" Gram	Dusk Patrol	21.45	22.45	" "		
	S.-BL. 891	" Fearley	"	21.45	22.45	" "		
	27	O.-BL. 919	" Sogvaes	Patrol	11.00	12.20	" "	
D.-AR. 325		" Spang	"	11.00	12.20	" "		
C.-BL. 919		" Greiner	"	12.50	14.15	" "		
H.-AR. 341		" Heglund	"	12.50	14.15	" "		
D.-AR. 325		" Heglund	Scramble	19.45	20.15	" "		
J.-R. 7262		" Sogvaes	"	19.45	20.15	" "		
B.-AR. 326		2/Lt. Berg	Dusk Patrol	21.45	22.30	" "		
H.-AR. 341		Sgt. Kaudsen	"	21.45	22.30	" "		
V.-BL. 824		2/Lt. Weisteen	Scramble	05.25	06.25	" "		

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21	S.-BL. 891	2/Lt. Weisteen	Patrol	14.30	16.05	No incident	
	V.-BL. 821	Sgt. Fearley	"	14.30	16.05	" "	
	V.-BL. 821	" Gram	Search	16.55	18.30	" "	
	O.-AR. 328	2/Lt. Muller	"	16.55	18.30	" "	
	Z.-AR. 297	" Hagerup	"	19.10	20.15	" "	
	S.-BL. 891	Sgt. Nyerrød	"	19.10	20.15	" "	
	V.-BL. 821	2/Lt. Muller	"	20.30	22.30	" "	
	O.-AR. 328	Sgt. Possum	"	20.30	22.30	" "	
	D.-AR. 325	2/Lt. Sem	"	11.50	13.20	" "	
	B.-AR. 326	Sgt. Heiberg	"	11.30	13.20	" "	
22	K.-AD 355	" Greiner	"	12.50	14.00	" "	
	H.-AR. 341	" Kaudsen	"	12.50	14.00	" "	
	Z.-AR. 297	2/Lt. Hagerup	Dawn Patrol	05.55	06.55	" "	
	S.-BL. 891	" Sem	" "	05.55	06.55	" "	
	O.-AR. 328	" Lundsten	Convoy	07.10	08.30	" "	
	V.-BL. 821	Sgt. Fearley	"	07.10	08.30	" "	
	M.-BL. 833	Lt. Jacobsen	Patrol	10.05	11.20	" "	
	S.-BL. 891	Sgt. Malm	"	10.05	11.20	" "	
	T.-BL. 637	2/Lt. Hagerup	Scramble	11.05	12.15	" "	
	V.-BL. 821	" Weisteen	"	11.05	12.15	" "	
23	Z.-AR. 297	Sgt. Nyerrød	"	11.10	12.00	" "	
	M.-AR. 298	" Gram	"	11.10	12.00	" "	
	B.-AR. 326	Lt. Leifseth	Convoy	06.35	07.10	" "	
	E.-BL. 681	Sgt. Sognes	"	07.00	07.10	" "	
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	B.-AR. 326	" Jørstad	" "	21.40	22.40	" "	
	E.-BL. 681	" Heiberg	Scramble	00.45	01.55	" "	
	B.-AR. 326	" Jørstad	"	05.35	06.25	" "	
	F.-AR. 293	" Heiberg	Dawn Patrol	06.00	07.10	" "	
	D.-AR. 325	" Kaudsen	" "	06.00	07.10	" "	
24	H.-AR. 341	Lt. Leifseth	Scramble	09.40	10.00	" "	
	J.-R. 7262	Sgt. Heglund	"	09.40	10.00	" "	
	B.-AR. 326	2/Lt. Berg	Search	18.15	19.25	" "	
	O.-AR. 328	Sgt. Gram	Scramble	04.25	05.40	" "	
	S.-BL. 891	" Malm	Dawn Patrol	05.40	07.15	" "	
	O.-AR. 328	" Nyerrød	" "	05.05	07.15	" "	
	H.-AR. 341	Lt. Leifseth	Patrol	12.20	12.55	" "	
	E.-BL. 681	Sgt. Greiner	"	12.20	12.55	" "	
	X.-AR. 296	" Gram	Dusk Patrol	21.45	22.45	" "	
	S.-BL. 891	" Fearley	" "	21.45	22.45	" "	
25	C.-BL. 919	" Sognes	Patrol	11.00	12.20	" "	
	D.-AR. 325	" Spang	"	11.00	12.20	" "	
	C.-BL. 919	" Greiner	"	12.50	14.15	" "	
	H.-AR. 341	" Heglund	"	12.50	14.15	" "	
	D.-AR. 325	" Heglund	Scramble	19.45	20.15	" "	
	J.-R. 7262	" Sognes	"	19.45	20.15	" "	
	B.-AR. 326	2/Lt. Berg	Dusk Patrol	21.45	22.30	" "	
	H.-AR. 341	Sgt. Kaudsen	" "	21.45	22.30	" "	
	V.-BL. 821	2/Lt. Weisteen	Scramble	05.25	06.25	" "	
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Skeabrae.	May 1.		<p>Overcast early, but clear later. There was a dawn patrol and a test flight.</p> <p>2/lt. Lundsten took Lt. Lynneberg, our adjutant, down to North Weald to make arrangements for the squadrons arrival. Total flying 14 hours.</p> <p>Everyone is busy packing and all luggage has to be ready by 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.</p> <p>Captain Maehre, Lieut. Leifseth, 2/ltns. Hagerup, Berg, Weisteen, Sem and Yatman went over to Kirkwall for a farewell dinner given in honour of the Squadron. G/Capt. Grace made a speech saying many kind words about our efficiency. He wished us good luck in the south and said that they were sorry to lose us, but glad for us to go as he knew how much we wished to go south. Captain Maehre answered and thanked him and the Sector Operations for the friendly coöperation that we always had had. After dinner there were many amusing games, leading to great fun - in fact tremendous noise and laughter - all barriers of rank seemed completely gone! Captain Maehre presented the Group Captain with the Norwegian wings. A great party - home to bed at 3 o'clock. What a night.</p>	
		2.	<p>Fine sunny and warm.</p> <p>One air test flight - 30 mins. Packing continues and is almost finished.</p> <p>Some of us went to dine with the Americans at Hatston. It was very nice meeting them and most interesting to exchange views and opinions about the war with one another.</p>	
		3.	<p>Fine but cold. No flying. Everyone except pilots who fly south tomorrow,</p>	

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			<p>was up early. Six Harrows had arrived yesterday evening. They went to and fro Castletown until they had taken all the ground personnel and luggage there. From there we went by road to Thurso. Seeing Castletown once again, we could not help remembering what a God forsaken hole it was (we were there a whole month!) and how lucky we were to be leaving it behind. We left Thurso at 3 o'clock and arrived at Harlow the next afternoon at 2.30 p.m. It was a fine day when we left and many of us enjoyed the highland scenery, where there was snow on the mountain tops, - sleeping at any time seems popular.</p>	
North Weald.	4.		<p>Fine, much warmer, slight haze, We arrived at 2.30 today at Harlow station and were driven to North Weald. Most of us rather tired and dirty from the journey and stiff from having slept in peculiar positions.</p> <p>The pilots said farewell to Skeabrae and 17 took off at 0905 hrs. They set course for Inverness, which they circled in formation, then landed for refueling at Peterhead. Leaving there at 1200 hrs. they landed at Catterick 1315 hrs. Lunch was taken with 332 Squadron, the second Norwegian Fighter Squadron, now at Catterick. They left Catterick at 1600 hrs. and found it very hazy as far as Sutton Bridge where it cleared - landed North Weald at 1720 hrs. Total 72 hrs. The station people seem all out to please which makes working together easy. Everyone tired and so to bed early.</p> <p>The men and sergeants are living dispersed round the aerodrome and the officers are living in an old mansion some six miles away on top of a hill. Some of the rooms here are quite palatial and a complete contrast to what we have been used to latterly. It has two hard tennins courts and a big garden which are enjoyed in the evening after work.</p>	

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North Weald.	5.		<p>Fine and warm. Hazy. No flying.</p> <p>Everyone settling into offices and dispersal and unpacking. There are occasional shouts from various people who have lost something in the move. "Where are my boots!" "Get out of my cupboard!" "No it's not, it's mine." and so on. We go to the station intelligence office and listen to the briefing of the pilots who are making a sweep over France. The Wing Commander Flying gives us a talk on R/T procedure and tactics when going over France. We feel we are beginning to get near serious operations.</p>	
	6.		<p>Fine, slight haze, but clear in south over channel. In the afternoon at 1500 hrs. 12 aircraft took off including Wing Commander Scott Malden who led the formation, to watch operations in the channel by other squadrons. The take off looked well, all taking off together. We moved to a new dispersal hut today and so can now put up maps and get things fixed. Total 28 hrs. 10 mins.</p>	
	7.		<p>Fine and warm. There was squadron formation practice in the morning and wing formation in the afternoon. 30 hrs. 45 mins.</p>	
	8.		<p>Overcast early, but cleared in afternoon. Cold wind.</p> <p>The Squadron goes on readiness at 1300 hrs. 1 convoy patrol total 2½ hrs.</p>	
	9.		<p>Overcast and was cold. Sun later.</p> <p>Convoy patrol in morning. At 1535 hrs. 11 aircraft lead by W/Cmdr. Scott Malden took off for Fighter sweep (Rodeo) going in over Calais and coming out</p>	50

Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
			<p>over Boulogne. Much excitement of course on this occasion. Went with 121 (Eagle Squadron) and 222 Squadron. No incident, all returned safely 1645 hrs. Total 40 hrs. 25 mins.</p>	
		10.	<p>Fine but cold. Flying started with a convoy patrol in morning 0955 hrs. also a scramble at the same time. At 1120 hrs. 12 aircraft led by W/Umdr. took off for Fighter sweep (Rodeo) over France together with 121 and 222 Squadrons and 403 which was picked up at Southend. No E/A were seen, but some flak was experienced over Gravelines. Sgt. Fearnley returned early with oxygen trouble - the rest returned safely at 1235 hrs.</p> <p>In the afternoon there was one more Convoy patrol and flight formation. All pilots were released at 1700 hrs. Total flying 27 hrs. 5 mins.</p>	
		11.	<p>Overcast. Low cloud. No flying.</p> <p>All pilots were released for the rest of the day at 1035 hrs. So, of course, there was a general stampede for London!</p>	
		12.	<p>Overcast. Only one air test flight, 20 mins. total.</p>	
		13.	<p>Overcast. Low cloud, no flying.</p>	
		14.	<p>Overcast. Low cloud. 2/ltn. Sem and sgt. Malm and 2/ltn. Berg and sgt. Spang went on a locomotive and barge hunt over the low countries, between Blankenberghe and Bruges. 2/ltn. Sem and sgt. Malm blew up two locomotives and also shot at some barges which also came in for several attacks from 2/ltn. Berg and sgt. Spang. Sgt. Spang took some paint off the underside of one wing with the top of a tree, an exciting and successful tour. 2/ltn. Sem and sgt. Malm refuelled</p>	

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
North Weald.	1942 14. (ctd.)		at Manston. There were only two other flights for the rest of the day - air test and sector reconnaissance. Total 9 hrs.10 mins.	
		15.	Cold and foggy in morning. There was no flying until 1345 - a weather test, then there was sector reconnaissance and cannon testing a total of 1 hr.50 mins.	
		16.	Misty in patches early. Cleared up in afternoon. One weather test flight at 1125 hrs. In afternoon there was squadron formation and sector reconnaissance, total 17hrs. 40 mins. Weather unsuitable for any sweeps over France today.	
		17.	Fine and clear. Norways National Day of Independence. There was a squadron parade at 8 o'clock to commemorate this day. Captain Maehre first spoke a few words on the significance of this day to us all - then we sang Ja vi elsker. At 1030 hrs. 12 aircraft, including the Wing Commander, took off for Ramrod operation, escorting bombers to Boulogne Docks, with 15 other fighter squadrons, including 121 and 222 squadrons from here. The flak over Boulogne was fantastic. 2/1tn. Lundsten and sgt. Nyerrdd landed at Hawkings to refuel and 2/1tn. Berg and sgt. Heglund landed similiary at Manston, but there was much anxiety here until we knew that these four pilots were safe, as all the others had returned safely a good time before. In the afternoon 12 aircraft led by Captain Maehre, took off for a fighter sweep (Rodeo) at 1505 hrs., together with 121 and 222 squadrons. They crossed the French coast by Gravelines and came out over	51

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North Weald	17.	(ctd.)	Calais. An uneventful trip, all landed safely at 1620 hrs. Total 37 hrs.25 mins. Also cine gun practice and sector reconnaissance after lunch.	
	18.		Overcast and rain early. Cleared later. 12 aircraft took off at 1635 hrs., led by W/Comdr., for a fighter sweep (Rodeo) together with 121 and 222 squadrons, 403 joining us at Southend. After getting to within 12 miles of Dunkerque, all were recalled owing to bad weather. No incident. All landed safely at 175p hrs. Total 17 hrs.25 mins.	
	19.		Fine early. Storm clouds gathering later. There was no flying in the morning, but there was sector reconnaissance and cine gun practice at 1500 hrs. At 1945 hrs. 12 aircraft led by W/Comdr. took off for Circus No. 176, escorting 6 Hurrybombers to St.Omer, together with Hornchurch and Debden wings. On the way back over Calais we jumped some F.W. 190's. Lieut. Leifseth, 2/ltn.'s Muller and Weisteen had combats as well as the W/Comdr. Lieut. Leifseth probably destroyed one F.W.190 and 2/ltn. Weisteen damaged another, whilst 2/ltn. Muller awaits the result of the film taken. This is the first action in the squadron and so naturally there was a great deal of excitement over it. Lieut. Leifseth had great difficulty in evading E/A over Calais as he was on the way home and he had to make several attempts before he could finally cross the channel. He landed at Manston to refuel and was very late coming back in consequence (2210 hrs.). The others landed at 2105 hrs. To bed midnight, tired. Total 28 hrs. 10 mins.	
	20.		5/10 clouds. Thundery and heavy. Weather prevented any operations. Cannon and R/T test flights, total 3 hrs. 55 mins. On readiness from 1300 hrs.	

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North Weald	21.		Overcast. Convoy patrols from 0720 hrs. to 1150 hrs. Started to rain after lunch. Bad weather reported south of us. All pilots released for the rest of the day at 1445 hrs. Total 14½ hrs.	
	22.		Hazy. Low mist reported over all. No flying. All pilots released for the rest of the day from 1830 hrs. We had a party at Hill Hall this evening. Admiral Riiser-Larsen, Lieut./Colonel Motzfeldt and Major Bull came, as well as the Station Commander G/Capt. Pike and W/Cmdr. Scott Malden and several pilots from 222 ⁴⁰³ and 121 Squadrons.	
	23.		Overcast, raining. Only 1½ hrs. local flying today. All pilots released at 1600 hrs.	
	24.		Bright 3/10, windy and cold. Convoy patrols from 0510 hrs. to 1355 hrs. Airfiring and cine gun practice in the afternoon. Total 59 hrs. 25 mins.	
	25.		Overcast and cold. 11 a/c led by Wing/Cdr. Scott Malden took off with 121 and 222 for Rodeo 51.- Winco returned almost at once with instrument trouble.- Rest carried on and made landfall between Dunkerque and Ostende.- No action for our aircraft all returned safely 12,45 hours.- In the afternoon 12 a/c took off at 14,30 hours to search for two pilots of 222 Squadron that are missing from this mornings sweep.- Landed at 1600 hours, failed to find anyone.- Total: 39,35 hrs.	
	26		5/10 8/10 became 10/10 later with heavy rain.- Convoy patrols from 1305/1605 hrs. Ltn. Birksted and 2/Ltn. Gran had to land at Southend owing to bad weather.- They	

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North Weald	26		returned later at 19,20 hrs.- There was 1 section doing airfiring at Southend also. Total : 10 hrs. 50 min. -	
	27		Bright with heavy storm clouds.- Fresh wind.- At 0515 hrs. 2 sections took off to intercept e/a without success, landed at 0650 hrs.- There were convoy patrols from 0900 hrs/1330 hrs. At 14,20 hrs 12 a/c took off on Rodeo 54.- They landed at Martlesham to refuel and for briefing.- They left Martlesham at 1600 hrs going nearly to Flushing.- No action.- Returned and landed at 17,35 hrs.- Total : 45 hrs.-	
	28		Overcast, strong wind.- No flying.- All released off camp from 0955 hrs.-	
	29		Stormy, rain at times.- Some thunder.- At 1100 hrs 12 a/c took off on Rodeo led by W/C Scott Malden.- They swept over French coast to St. Omer coming out by Cap Gris Nez.- No action and nothing seen.- Landed base 1215 hrs.- At 1850 hrs. 12 a/c took off on Rodeo led by Captain H. Maehre.- They crossed French coast at Hardelot, turned south and came out by le Touquet, crossed the coast again between Boulogne and Cap Gris Nez.- No action but plenty of flak over Boulogne.- Total 29 1/2 hrs.	
	30		8/10 Heavy cloud.- Released for training flying.- Cine Gun and Air Firing.- At 11,40 hrs. Capt. Maehre, Sgt. Malm, 2/Ltn. Gran and Sgt. Fossum took off with the intention of shooting up ground targets in Belgium, but owing to the weather being too clear, they did not cross the Belgium coast, instead they looked for shipping.- No action.- Returned and landed 1315 hrs.- All released off camp at 1215 hrs. Total 12 hrs. 50 min.	
	31		Overcast and raining early.- Cleared by midday.- Patrol at 0515 hrs. to Barrow Deep.- Convoy patrol at 1305 hrs.- 12 a/c took off for Rodeo.- They refuelled at Martlesham which they left at 1515 hrs. and went to about 20 miles S.W. of Flushing a trawler /100 tons / was shot up by whole squadron and left sinking and on fire.- On the way home squadron was attacked by 2 Me 109 F(s).- All turned to meet the attack.- 2/Ltn. Sem and Sgt. Fearnley destroyed one and saw it brake in two and hit the water.- The other was damaged by Ltn. Berg and 2/Ltn. Gran.- The squadrons first e/a destroyed.- Capt. Maehre and 2/Ltn. Weisten returned from Martlesham with R/T fatigue.- Total 32hrs. 50 m.	

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1.	O. AR.328	Sgt. Gran	Patrol	0430	0545	No incident.	
	S. BL.891	" Fearnley	"	0510	0640	" "	
	V. BL.821	2/ltn.Hagerup	"	0515	0640	" "	
8.	C. BL.919	Ltn.Leifseth	Convoy Patr.	1325	1440	" "	
	H. AR.341	Sgt. Sognnes	" "	1325	1440	" "	
9.	Y. BL.637	Ltn.Jacobsen	" "	0840	1010	" "	
	X. AR.296	Sgt.Owren	" "	0840	1005	" "	
	K. AD.355	Ltn.Leifseth	" "	0940	1110	" "	
	F. AR.293	Sgt. Sognnes	" "	0940	1110	" "	
	D. AR.325	2/ltn. Ree	" "	0935	1110	" "	
	E. BL.681	Sgt. Greiner	" "	0935	1110	" "	
	H. AR.341	" Heglund	" "	1030	1210	" "	
	C. BL.919	" Knudsen	" "	1030	1210	" "	
	S. BL.891	" Malm	" "	1030	1205	" "	
	Z. AR.297	" Nyerrod	" "	1031	1205	" "	
	O. AR.328	2/ltn.Muller	" "	1130	1245	" "	
	M. BL.833	Sgt. Fossum	" "	1130	1245	" "	
	D. AR.325	" Heiberg	" "	1130	1245	" "	
	F. AR.293	" Jerstad	" "	1130	1245	" "	
	X. AR.296	" Gran	" "	1210	1340	" "	
	P. AD.509	Ltn. Jacobsen	" "	1210	1340	" "	
	H. AR.341	Sgt. Heglund	" "	1300	1425	" "	
	K. AD.355	" Knudsen	" "	1300	1425	" "	
	F. AR.293	Capt. Maehre	Rhodes	1535	1645	" "	
	C. BL.919	Ltn. Leifseth	"	1535	1645	" "	
	K. AD. 355	Sgt. Spang	"	1535	1645	" "	
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	H. AR.341	Ltn. Stromme	"	1535	1645	" "	

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9.	O. AR.328	2/ltn. Lundsten	Rodeo	1535	1645	} No incident " " " " " " " " " "	
	Z. AR. 297	Sgt. Nyerrod	"	1535	1645		
	X. AR. 296	" Gran	"	1535	1645		
	S. BL.891	" Fossum	"	1535	1645		
	M. BL.833	2/ltn Muller	"	1535	1645		
	P. AD.509	" Weisteen	"	1535	1645		
10.	O. AR.328	" Hagerup	Convey Patr.	0955	1055	} "	
	I. AR.296	Sgt. Malm	"	0955	1055		
	K. AD.355	" Heiberg	Scramble	0955	1010		
	B. AR.326	" Jerstad	"	0955	1010		
	F. AR.293	Capt. Maehre	Rodeo	1120	1235		
	D. AR.325	2/ltn. Ree	"	1120	1235		
	L. BL.903	Sgt. Knudsen	"	1120	1235		
	B. AR.326	2/ltn. Berg	"	1120	1235		
	K. AD.355	Sgt. Jorstad	"	1120	1235		
	V. BL.821	2/ltn. Hagerup	"	1120	1235		
	M. BL.833	Sgt. Fearnley	"	1120	1210		
	G. AR.328	2/ltn. Sem	"	1120	1235		
	X. AR.296	Sgt. Malm	"	1120	1235		
	P. AD.509	2/ltn Weisteen	"	1120	1235		
	Z. AR.297	Ltn. Jacobsen	"	1120	1235		
	V. BL.891	2/ltn. Muller	Convey Patrol	1345	1530		
	P. AD.509	" Weisteen	"	1345	1530		
	14.	E. BL.681	" Berg	Rmubarb	1205		
L. BL.903		Sgt. Spang	"	1205	1420		
M. BL.833		2/ltn. Sem	"	1205	1355		
S. BL.891		Sgt. Malm	"	1205	1355		

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.		
				UP	DOWN				
17.	J. R.7262	Sgt. Heiberg	Ramrod	1030	1225	11 a/c led by Wing Commander escorted 6 Boston bombers to Boulogne Docks together with 14 other Fighter Squadrons.- Flak experienced over Boulogne was fantastic.- Our Squadron not engaged.-			
	E. BL.681	Capt. Maehre	"	1030	1225				
	L. BL.903	Sgt. Spang	"	1030	1225				
	C. AR.919	" Heglund	"	1030	1230				
	B. AR.326	2/ltn. Berg	"	1030	1210				
	V. BL.821	" Hagerup	"	1030	1225				
	X. AR.296	Sgt. Fearnley	"	1030	1225				
	N. AR.298	2/ltn. Lundsten	"	1030	1210				
	M. BL.833	Sgt. Nyerrod	"	1030	1210				
	Y. BL.637	Ltn. Jacobsen	"	1030	1225				
	S. BL.891	" Birksted	"	1030	1225				
	E. BL.681	Capt. Maehre	Rodeo	1505	1620			12 a/c led by Captain Maehre took off crossing the French coast by Gravelines.- They came out over Calais.- No engagements.-	
	L. BL.903	Sgt. Jorstad	"	1505	1620				
	H. AR.341	Ltn. Stromme	"	1505	1620				
	K. AD.355	Sgt. Sognnes	"	1505	1620				
	J. R.7262	" Heglund	"	1505	1620				
	C. BL.919	" Greiner	"	1505	1620				
P. AD.509	2/ltn. Weisteen	"	1505	1620					
N. AR.298	" Muller	"	1505	1620					
S. BL.891	Ltn. Birksted	"	1505	1620					
Y. BL.637	Sgt. Owen	"	1505	1620					
M. BL.833	2/ltn. Sem	"	1505	1620					
V. BL.821	Sgt. Gran	"	1505	1620					
18.	E. BL.681	Capt. Maehre	"	1635	1750	All recalled owing to weather when 12 miles off Dunkerque.- No incidents.-			
	J. R.7262	Sgt. Heiberg	/	1635	1750				
	F. AR.293	2/ltn. Ree	"	1635	1750				
	K. AD.355	Sgt. Sognnes	"	1635	1750				
	C. BL.919	Ltn. Leifseth	"	1635	1750				

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				UP	DOWN		
18.	S. BL.891	Ltn. Jacobsen	14 Rodeo	1635	1750		
	P. AD.509	Sgt. Gran	"	1635	1750		
	V. BL.821	2/ltn. Hagerup	"	1635	1750		
	Y. BL.637	Sgt. Owren	"	1635	1750		
	M. BL.833	2/ltn. Sem	"	1635	1750		
	Z. AR.297	Sgt. Nyerrod	"	1635	1750		
19.	E. BL.681	Capt. Maehre	Circus 176	1945	2105	11 a/c led by Wing Commander escorted 6 hurry-bombers to St. Omer together with Hornchurch & Debden wings. - On the way back there were some combats with some F.W. 190(s). - Result as contained in reports attached herewith. - The squadrons first action. -	
	L. BL.903	Sgt. Jorstad	" "	1945	2105		
	K. AD.355	2/ltn. Berg	" "	1945	2105		
	H. AR.341	Ltn. Stromme	" "	1945	2105		
	C. BL.919	Ltn. Leifseth	" "	1945	2120		
	C. BL.919	" "	" "	2150	2210		
	N. AR.298	2/ltn. Muller	" "	1945	2105		
	P. AD.509	" Weisteen	" "	1945	2105		
	S. BL.891	Ltn. Birksted	" "	1945	2105		
	Z. AR.297	Sgt. Owren	" "	1945	2105		
	M. BL.833	2/ltn. Sem	" "	1945	2105		
	V. BL.821	" Hagerup	" "	1945	2105		
	21.	N. AR.298	" Muller	Convoy	0925		
P. AD.355		" Weisteen	"	0925	1110	" "	
M. BL.833		" Sem	"	1025	1205	" "	
Z. AR.297		Sgt. Mah	"	1025	1205	" "	
S. BL.891		Ltn. Birksted	"	1125	1150	" "	
Y. BL.637		Sgt. Owren	"	1125	1150	" "	
E. BL.681		Ltn. Leifseth	"	07.20	08.55	" "	
F. AR.293		Sgt. Spang	"	07.20	08.55	" "	

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				UP	DOWN		
21	C. BL.919	2/Lt. Ree	Convoy	0825	1000	No incident	
	L. BL 903	Sgt. Heiberg	"	0825	1000	" "	
24	P. AD 509	2/Lt. Hagerup	Patrol	0510	0650	" "	
	X. AR.296	Sgt. Fearnley	"	0510	0650	" "	
	O. AR 328	2/Lt. Weisteen	Convoy	0615	0745	" "	
	Z. AR.297	Sgt. Nyerrod	"	0615	0745	" "	
	N. AR 298	2/Lt. Muller	"	0615	0745	" "	
	Y. BL.637	Sgt. Sognnes	"	0615	0745	" "	
	V. BL.821	2/Lt. Hagerup	"	0735	0915	" "	
	X. AR.296	Sgt. Fearnley	"	0735	0915	" "	
	N. AR.298	2/Lt. Muller	"	0815	0950	" "	
	S. BL.891	Sgt. Sognnes	"	0815	0950	" "	
	O. AR.328	2/Lt. Weisteen	"	0815	0950	" "	
	Z. AR.297	Sgt. Nyerrod	"	0815	0950	" "	
	X. AR.296	2/Lt. Gran	"	1045	1215	" "	
	Z. AR.297	Sgt. Malm	"	1045	1215	" "	
	V. BL.821	2/Lt. Hagerup	"	1130	1310	" "	
	O. AR.328	Sgt. Fearnley	"	1130	1310	" "	
M. BL 833	Sgt. Nyerrod	"	1130	1310	" "		
P. AD.509	Sgt. Fossum	"	1130	1310	" "		
D. AR.325	Ltn. Leifseth	"	0655	0825	" "		
H. AR.341	Ltn. Stromme	"	0655	0825	" "		
F. AR.293	Sgt. Heglund	"	0655	0825	" "		
J. R.7262	" Heiberg	"	0735	0915	" "		
P. AD.509	" Fossum	"	0735	0915	" "		
A. BL.588	2/Lt. Berg	"	1000	1125	" "		
L. BL.903	Sgt. Jorstad	"	1000	1125	" "		

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				UP	DOWN			
24	H. AR.341	Ltn. Stromme	Convoy	1000	1125	No incident		
	F. AR.293	Sgt. Heglund	"	1000	1125	" "		
	D. AR.325	Ltn. Leifseth	"	1045	1215	" "		
	K. AD.355	Sgt. Heiberg	"	1045	1215	" "		
	A. BL.588	2/Lt. Berg	"	1225	1400	" "		
	L. BL.903	Sgt. Jorstad	"	1225	1400	" "		
	H. AR.341	Ltn. Stromme	"	1225	1355	" "		
	F. AR.293	Sgt. Heglund	"	1225	1355	" "		
25	B. BL.585	Capt. Maehre	Patrol	0520	0645			
	F. AR.293	Sgt. Heglund	"	0520	0645	Patrol no incident		
	L. BL.903	Ltn. Leifseth	"	0520	0645	" " "		
	D. AR.325	2/Lt. Ree	"	0520	0645	" " "		
	H. BL.681	Capt. Maehre	Rodeo	1055	1225	11 a/c led by Wing Commander (escorted) took off for Rodeo on Ostende district. - Wingco returned almost at once with instrument trouble. - Our Squadron not engaged. -		
	F. AR.293	Sgt. Spang	"	1055	1225			
	D. AR.325	2/Lt. Ree	"	1055	1225			
	H. AR.341	Sgt. Jorstad	"	1055	1225			
	L. BL.903	Ltn. Leifseth	"	1055	1225			
	J. B.7262	Sgt. Sognes	"	1055	1225			
	F. BL.637	2/Lt. Muller	"	1055	1225			
	S. BL.891	Ltn. Birksted	"	1055	1225			
	X. AR.296	2/Lt. Gran	"	1055	1225			
	M. BL.833	" Sem	"	1055	1225			
	Z. AR.297	Sgt. Fossum	"	1055	1225			
	V. BL.821	2/Lt. Hagerup	Search	1430	1600		12 a/c took off to search for 2 pilots lost on this mornings Rodeo by 222 Squadron. - Nothing to report. -	
	M. BL.833	Sgt. Fearnley	"	1430	1600			
	Y. BL.637	Lt. Jacobsen	"	1430	1600			
	Z. AR.297	Sgt. Nyerred	"	1430	1600			

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				UP	DOWN		
25	N.A.R.298	Sgt. Owren	Search	1430	1600		
	C. BL.919	Ltn. Leifseth	"	1430	1600		
	H. AR.341	Sgt. Heglund	"	1430	1600		
	E. BL.681	Capt. Mashre	"	1430	1600		
	J. R.7262	Sgt. Heiberg	"	1430	1600		
	D. AR.325	2/Ltn. Ree	"	1430	1600		
	L. BL.903	Sgt. Spang	"	1430	1600		
26	E. BL.681	2/Lt. Ree	Convoy	1530	1555	No incident	
	A.BL. 588	Sgt.KNudsen	"	1530	1555	" "	
	O. AR.328	2/Lt. Lundaten	"	1305	1425	" "	
	Y. BL.637	Ltn. Jacobsen	"	1305	1425	" "	
	M. BL.833	2/Ltn. Sem	"	1355	1510	" "	
	N. AR.298	Sgt. Malm	"	1355	1510	" "	
	V. BL.821	Ltn. Birksted	"	1440	1605	" "	
	X. AR.296	2/Lt. Gran	"	1440	1605	" "	
	V. BL.821	Ltn. Birksted	"	1905	1920	" "	
	X. AR.296	2/Lt. Gran	"	1905	1920	" "	
	27	E. BL.681	2/Lt. Ree	"	0800	0925	Convoy patrol, no incident
L. BL.903		Sgt. Knudsen	"	0800	0925	" " " "	
E. BL.681		Capt. Mashre	Convoy patrol	1200	1330	" " " "	
C. BL.919		2/Lt. Berg	" "	1200	1330	" " " "	
D. AR.325		2/Lt. Ree	Rodeo 54	1420	1450	" " " "	
H. AR. 321		Ltn. Stromme	"	1420	1450	" " " "	
C. BL.919		2/Ltn. Berg	"	1420	1450	" " " "	
K. AD.355		Sgt. Heglund	"	1420	1450	" " " "	
E. BL.681		Capt. Mashre	"	1420	1450	" " " "	
J. R.7262		Sgt. Heiberg	"	1420	1450	" " " "	
D. AR.2/Lt. Ree						" " " "	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
				UP	DOWN		
27.	D. AR.325	2/Lt. Ree	Rodeo 54	1600	1735		
	H. AR.321	Ltn. Stromme	"	1600	1735		
	C. BL.999	2/Lt. Berg	"	1600	1735	12 a/c took off for Rodeo 54.- They went near Flushing.- No action.-	
	K. AD.355	Sgt. Heglund	"	1600	1735		
	E. BL.681	Capt. Maehre	"	1600	1735		
	J. R.7262	Sgt. Heiberg	"	1600	1735		
	M. AR.298	2/Lt. Muller	"	1420	1735		
	Y. BL.637	Sgt. Fossum	"	1420	1735		
	V. BL.821	Lt. Birksted	"	1420	1735		
	Z. AR.297	Sgt. Nyerrod	"	1420	1735		
	P. AD.509	2/Ltn. Weisteen	"	1420	1640		
	O. AR.328	" Hagerup	"	1420	1640		
	Z. AR.297	2/Lt. Sem	Patrol	0515	0650		
	N. AR.298	Sgt. Malm	"	0515	0650		
	O. AR.328	2/Lt. Lundsten	"	0515	0650		
	Y. BL.637	Ltn. Jacobsen	"	0515	0650		
	V. BL.821	" Birksted	Conway	0900	1030		
	X. AR.296	2/Ltn. Gran	"	0900	1030		
	P. AD.509	" Sem	"	0955	1135		
	N. AR.298	Sgt. Malm	"	0955	1135		
	O. AR.328	2/Lt. Lundsten	"	1100	1235		
	Y. BL.637	Ltn. Jacobsen	"	1100	1235		
29.	E. BL.681	Capt. Maehre	Rodeo	1200	1215		
	D. AR.325	Sgt. Spang	"	1200	1215		
	C. BL.919	2/Lt. Berg	"	1100	1215		
	K. AD.355	Ltn. Stromme	"	1100	1215		
	Y. BL.637	Sgt. Nyerrod	"	1100	1215		27.

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				UP	DOWN		
29.	P. AD.509	Sgt. Fossum	Rodeo	1100	1215	11 a/c took off for Rodeo led by Wing Commander.- Swept over French coast to St. Omer coming out by Cap Griz Nez.- Nothing seen, no action 18.50 hrs. 12 a/c took off for Rodeo led by Wing Commander Captain Maehre.- Crossed French coast at Hardelow, turned south coming out at Le Touquet, crossing coast again by Cap Griz Nez.- No action but plenty of flak over Boulogne.-	
	V. BL.821	2/Lt. Hagerup	"	1100	1215		
	M. BL.833	Sgt. Fearnley	"	1100	1215		
	O. AR.328	Ltn. Lundsten	"	1100	1215		
	N. AR.298	Sgt. Owren	"	1100	1215		
	C. BL.919	Ltn. Leifseth	"	1850	2000		
	K. AD.355	Sgt. Sognes	"	1850	2000		
	J. R.7262	Ltn. Stromme	"	1850	2000		
	F. AR.293	Sgt. Heglund	"	1850	2000		
	E. BL.681	Capt. Maehre	"	1850	2000		
	L. BL.903	Sgt. Knudsen	"	1850	2000		
	S. BL.891	Ltn. Birksted	"	1850	2000		
	M. BL.833	Sgt. Malm	"	1850	2000		
	O. AR.328	Ltn. Lundsten	"	1850	2000		
	N. AR.298	Sgt. Owren	"	1850	2000		
	Y. BL.637	Ltn. Jacobsen	"	1850	2000		
	P. AD.509	Sgt. Fossum	"	1850	2000		
30.	L. BL.903	Capt. Maehre	Shipping Rec	1140	1315	No incident	
	M. BL.833	Sgt. Malm	" "	1140	1315		
	N. AR.298	2/Lt. Gran	" "	1140	1315		
	O. AR.328	Sgt. Fossum	" "	1140	1315		
	P. AD.509	2/Lt. Sem	Barrow Deep.	0515	0645		No incident
O. AR.328	Sgt. Malm	" "	0515	0645			
31	P. AD.509	2/Lt. Weisteen	Roadstead	1305	1345	Squadron report and Combat report attached herewith.-	
	N. AR.298	" Muller	"	1305	1345		
	S. BL.891	Ltn. Birksted	"	1305	1345		
	Z. AR.297	2/Lt. Gran	"	1305	1345		
	M. BL.833	" Sem	"	1305	1345		

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				UP	DOWN		
31.	O. AR.328	Sgt. Fearley	Roadstead	1305	1345		
	Y. BL.637	Ltn. Jacobsen	Conwoy	1445	1630	No incident	
	V. BL.821	Sgt. Fossum	"	1445	1630	" "	
	P. AD.509	2/Ltn. Weisteen	Roadstead	1515	1545		
	M. BL.833	" Muller	"	1515	1545		
	S. BL.891	Ltn. Binksted	"	1515	1545		
	Z. AR.297	2/Lt. Gran	"	1515	1545		
	M. BL.833	" Sem	"	1515	1545		
	O. AR.328	Sgt. Fearley	"	1515	1645		
	X. BL.637	Ltn. Jacobsen	Roadstead	1645	1705		
	V. BL.821	Sgt. Fossum	"	1645	1705		
	C. BL.919	Ltn. Leifseth	Barrow Deep.	0515	0645	Early morning patrol out to sea in order to	
	L. BL.903	Sgt. Sognnes	" "	0515	0645	intercept a/a which usually comes over at first	
	G. BL.919	Ltn. Leifseth	Roadstead	1305	1345	light.- No incident.-	
	K. AD.355	Sgt. Sognnes	"	1305	1345	13.05 - 13.45 12 a/o landed at Martlesham to refuel	
	H. AR.321	2/Lt. Berg	"	1305	1345		
	F. AR.293	Sgt. Greiner	"	1305	1345		
	E. BL.681	Capt. Maehre	"	1305	1345		
	J. R.7262	Sgt. Spang	"	1305	1345		
	D. AR.325	Ltn. Stromme	Conwoy	1400	1530	No incident	
	L. BL.903	Sgt. Knudsen	"	1400	1530	" "	
	C. BL.919	Ltn. Leifseth	Barrow Roadstead	1515	1645	15.15 They took off from Martlesham at 15.15 hrs.	
	K. AD.355	Sgt. Sognnes	"	1515	1645	carrying out operations according to squadron	
	H. AR.321	2/Ltn. Berg	"	1515	1645	report herewith attached.-	
	F. AR.293	Sgt. Greiner	"	1515	1645		
	E. BL.681	Capt. Maehre	"	1515	1545		
	J. R.7262	Sgt. Spang	"	1515	1645		

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North Weald	June 1			
			MONTH OF JUNE	
	1		<p>Still and fine.- Slight wisps of cloud very high.- At 10,35 hrs. 12 a/c took off for Rodeo 65.- They swept in over the French coast by Dunkerque and came out by Calais.- No action but e/a seen.- Ltns. Stromme and Ree returned early owing to overheated engine.- The rest landed safely at 11,45 hrs.- Lt. Jacobsen and Sgt. Fossum refuelled at Manston on their way back.-</p> <p>In the afternoon 12 a/c took off at 14,55 hrs. for Circus 180.- Landing at 15,25 hrs. at Martlesham.- They refuelled and took off again at 17,45 hrs flying to Flushing and followed the bombers out above and behind.- They landed safely at 1925 hrs.- Total : 52 3/4 hrs.-</p>	
	2		<p>Fine and clear, warm.-</p> <p>12 a/c took off at 0625 hrs. making a diversionary sweep for Circus 181.- They orbited Gravelines twice and left the French coast by Cap Gris Nez.-</p> <p>No action.- All landed safely at 0750 hrs.-</p> <p>At 1005 hrs. 11 a/c took off led by W/Cmndr. on Rodeo 69.- They crossed the English coast at Hastings and flew to St. Omer.- They then left the French coast near le Touquet, which they orbited to cover 222 Squadron coming out.- 403 Sqn. should also have come out, but did not.- There were many e/a seen and some</p>	

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North Weald	2		<p>engagement followed.- Sgt. Spang claims a probably destroyed F.W. 190.- Owing to shortage of petrol all except one landed at Manston and Rochester to refuel.-</p> <p>All returned safely here.- At 1640 hrs.- 12 a/c took off for Circus 182.- They made a diversionary sweep out in the North sea about 50 miles east of N. Poreland.- They then turned south and went parallel to the French coast, making spiral turns and climbing to about 29,000 ft. in mid - channel.- There was some flak over Boulogne.- A few e/a was seen in the distance.- No action.- All returned safely at 18,25 hrs.-</p> <p>All tired as hell and off to bed immediately after dinner.-</p> <p>Three new pilots : sgt./pilot Bache, sgt./pilot Cleve and sgt./pilot Bordal have been posted to the squadron and arrived today.-</p>	
	3		<p>12 a/c took off at 1200 hrs for Circus 183.- They made a diversionary sweep down the channel towards le Touquet.- When off here they turned starboard and went back just off Gris Nez.- 331 'N' Sqn. were on top at 28,000 ft. as Debden did not get above us.- No action.- All landed safely at 1315 hrs.-</p> <p>At 1600 hrs. 11 a/c took off led by W/Cmndr. with 222 Sqn. and Hornchurch wing.- They went down channel off Le Touquet as far as mouth of the Somme.- Saw e/a but did not engage.- They turned starboard and came home safely at 1715 hrs.-</p> <p>No incident.- Total : 27 hrs. 45 mins.</p>	
	4		<p>Clear and hot.- At 1345 hrs. 11 a/c led by W/Cmndr. took off for Rodeo Rendez-vous with Debden at Clacton and picked up 121 at Brandwell.- They swept in over Calais coming out by Hardelot.- No incident.- All landed safely at 1515 hrs. 11 a/c led by W/Cmndr. took off at 1911 hrs. for Circus 186.- 331 as escort cover, going with 6 Bostons to Dunkerque at 13,000 feet.- After the bombing they left the bombers,</p>	

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North Weald	June 4		turned starboard out to sea making a wide climbing circle to 20,000 ft. Came in again over Dunkerque, circled starboard inland and came out over Gravelines.- Weather : clear.- Flak : Round bombers and below them.- E/A: None seen.- All landed safely 2040 hrs.- No action.-	
	5		Fine and hot.- 12 a/c took off at 0910 hrs. with 222 Sqn. 121 Sqn did not rendez-vous.- They made a short sweep inland crossing French coast just E of Calais and came out W. of Dunkerque.- Weather : clear.- Flak : Little and inaccurate, 1 mile behind e/a : Some over Dunkerque at a higher level than us.- No action.- Sgt. Fearnley broke undercarriage on "Z" when landing all (himself unhurt).- All other landed safely at 10,20 hrs.- 11 a/c took off in the afternoon led by W/Cmdr. for Circus to escort bombers to Ostende.- Rendez-vous at Martlesham was not made so wing was ordered to land:- Later they were ordered to catch the bombers up, but it was too late to do this.- They flew some 40 mile out in the North Sea, then landed here 1610 hrs.- No incident.- Released off camp at 16,45 hrs.-	
	6		Fine and hot.- Some haze.- Squadron is released for training.- Sector reconnaissance and wing formation.- Afterwards physical training, tennis and swimming.- Total : 24 hrs. 20 mins. Released from 1700 hrs to 1200 hrs. tomorrow off camp.-	
	7		Some rain and wind early.- Fine, much cooler.- On readiness from 1300 hrs.- No flying in the morning, but cine gun practice and convoy patrol carried out by one flight (6 a/c) from Martlesham.- At 17.50 hrs. one flight (6 a/c took off for feint Rodeo.- They patrolled between Manston and Beachy Head, Nothing to report.- All landed safely at 1910 hrs. Total : 26 hrs. 5 mins.-	

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North Weald	June 8		8/10 - 4/5000 ft. Fine.- Convoy patrol 0825 hrs/ 1100 hrs.- At 12,50 hrs 12 a/c took off for Circus 191.- They flew to Gravesend and picked up 121 Sqn., then made a diversionary sweep crossing French coast at Wimbleux going to St. Omer and coming out by Mardyck.- Nothing to report.- All released off camp from 1515 hrs.- Total : 26 hrs. 55 mins.	
	9		<p>Fine and cool, 7/10 cloud. - In the morning there was convoy patrol and Cine - Gun practice.- At 14,45 hrs. 6 a/c took off to look for enemy shipping off the Belgian and Dutch coast.- They made landfall near Blnakenberghe and flew towards Walcheren Island.- An R. boat was sighted 3 miles W. off Noorderhoofd and attacked at about 1525 hrs.- M/g and cannon were used, each pilot making one short attack.- No return fire was experienced.- The ship was seen to explode and sink.- It was flying a Swastika and the old german merchant flag.- There were 50/60 small fishing boats in two groups round and to the south of the R. boat.- Some of the people on these fishing boats waved to our pilots as they flew over them.- Lt. Weisten came back early owing to R/T trouble, remainder landed safely 1610 hrs.- Total : 26 hrs. 5 min.</p> <p>Lt. Stromme is posted to 61 Sqn. at Hornchurch.- Everyone is sorry he is leaving and hope he will be back amongst us soon.- 2/Ltn. Karlsen, our engineer in charge of Maintenance leaves us today, much to our regret.- He looked after the aircraft in a most carefull and methodical way and had the advantage of having had considerable flying experience as well as being a qualified engineer.- His main interest was in keeping his aircraft serviceable and attending carefully to all small details of equipment.-</p> <p>F/O Tidmarsh our education officer left on posting to India.- He was with us for 8 months and during that time never spared himself for all he could for the Squadron.- At time he had between 60 & 70 pupils to teach English.- Then he taught French and German as well as other subjects and undertook work for the station, so his time was fully occupied.- The squadron is poorer for the loss of him and his teaching.-</p>	

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North Weald	June 10		Fine and cool and overcast at times.- Convoy patrol, aerobatics, formation flying.- Practice interception.- Our three new sergeant pilots putting in practice.- Total : 12 hrs - 40 mins.		
	11		Fine and cool, 7/10 cloud.- Dawn patrol at 0420 by 6 a/c.- Convoy patrol 0900/1125 hrs. At 1215 hrs. 12 a/c took off on a test.- They went to within 10 miles of Mardyk, then down channel to 40 miles E of Tangmere, then turned N. and landed there 1355 hrs. Left Tangmere 1520 hrs. just touching Boulogne, landing here 1650 hrs.- All released off camp 1820 hrs.- Total : 57 hrs. 55 mins.		
	12		Overcast cold and some rain.- Released for training 0820 hrs.- One R/T-test flight, 15 mins. only.-		
	13		Overcast cold.- Visit from A.T.C. who were given trips in the Maggie.-		
	14		Overcast and cold, some sun later.- 25 mins. air firing only.-		
	15		Overcast and cold.- Packing for move to Manston tomorrow.-		
	16		Low cloud, overcast and cool, some rain.- Move to Manston cancelled.- 12 a/c took off 1045 hrs for shipping recon. off Dutch coast.- Left English coast at Bradwell and flew at sea level to 3 miles S. of Flushing, then turned right and flew parallel to coast as far as Nieuport.- 1800/2000 tons ship seen against Mole at Zeebrugge and also a Flak ship at canal north.- No engagement, all landed base 1225 hrs. weather over Dutch coast : 7/10, 3,7000 ft.- Lt. Leifseth and Sgt. Heiberg returned early owing to hood trouble on Lt. Leifseth's plane.-		
	17		5/8/10 cloud.- Warm.- 12 a/c left North Weald at 1700 hrs for shipping recon. off Dutch coast with 222 Sqd. Course set at sea level to Ostende.- 222 Sqn. pulling up to 2000 ft. for top cover just near the coast.- The mission had to be abandoned owing to weather closing in.- Three coasting vessels 500/1000 tons were seen 1/2		
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North Weald	June 17		mile off shore moving down channel but were not attacked as breakaway would have been through Ostend flak.- Large vessel seen near Mole at Zeebrugge .- All landed at base 1830 hrs.-	
	18		7/10 - 10/10 cloud 4/5000 ft.- 6 a/c of "A" flight left base 1135 hrs. for shipping recon.- They went to just N.E. of Ostend and turned right and followed the coast down to about 10 miles N. of Dunkerque, being about 3 miles off shore.- A fishing fleet of 20/30 vessels was seen near Ostend.- A tanker also was seen near the quay at Ostende.- No engagement.- All landed base at 1305 hrs.-	
	19		Overcast early, cleared later.- Warm.- 12 aircraft Spitfires V.B. left North Weald at 1015 hrs. with 222 Sqn. led by W/ Cmrdr. Scott Malden.- They crossed out over the English coast by Bradwell and flew at sea level to Nieuport.- They followed the coast up nearly to Flushing, made a complete left hand turn to search for shipping.- Cottage Squadron reported ships off the coast and the Winco directed us on to them.- We attacked the two most southwesterly ships about a mile off Knocke and 222 Squadron attacked the third ship on our left.- The two ships we attacked are believed to have been an armed trawler or flak ship and one small gun boat and strong return fire was experienced from both, (perhaps pom pom from the flak ship).The gun boat was later seen to be listing heavily and the trawler to be on fire.- After this the squadron course westwards, but later turned right 180 degrees climbing and covering 222 Squadron which was coming out and being attacked by enemy aircraft.- The squadron then split up and dived on 6 F.W.190's.- A series dog fights followed resulting in a general melee.- Red 1,2,4 and Blue 1,3 and Yellow 2 claiming between them 3 F.W.190's destroyed and 4 F.W.190's damaged as covered by individual combat reports.- Lieut. Jacobsen and 2/Lieut. Muller are missing, one of them seen to be shot into the sea in flames from 200 feet.- It is not absolutely certain which of them was seen to be shot down.- Sht. Heiberg received a wound in the thigh from a ricocheted m/g bullet during his attack on the flak ship, but he was able to complete operations	

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North Weald	June 19		<p>and returned to base, making a safe landing. - 12 aircraft returned in twos and threes, landed North Weald by 1230 hrs. - There were many exciting combats today. - Lt. Birksted and Hagerup are really lucky to be back with us, as Hagerup had a P.W.190 on his tail, it had been shot down by Lt. Birksted, who himself afterwards got chased by six P.W.190's, so that he was completely boxed in by them. - Through being the most extraordinary twisting manoeuvre he finally shook them off - they clearly did not like manoeuvring so close to the sea. - It is however difficult for us to think very much about anything but the fact of the fine actions during this battle, Lt. Jacobson and 2/Lt. Taylor. - After this glorious battle the so called glories of battle pale into insignificance and there was a longer to make sense. -</p>	
	20		<p>Overcast and much rain. - Sea very rough. - Lt. Birksted and Berg returned home 0610 hrs. from convoy duty, having landed at Honiton previous night. - There were trips for A.T. Cadets in the morning in the afternoon: Total 4 hrs. 20 mins. Squadron released for sport and physical training after lunch. - Major Bull and Captain Trenstad arrived on a visit and stayed the night here. -</p>	
	21		<p>Sunny, much haze and warm. - Major Bull and Captain Trenstad visited us on dispersal and took coffee with us. - It was nice to meet our former squadron Commander again. - In the afternoon 12 a/c took off led by Winco at 1710 hrs. for ranged operations on Dunkerque. - They were clear and at 1800 hrs. and rendez-vous at at Hartlepool. - They set course for Dunkerque and climbed to 10,000 feet by the time the target was reached. - Turned left at Dunkerque and set course for home where they landed at 1830 hrs. - Home a/c soon, but were not assigned. - Heavy flock over Dunkerque. -</p>	
	22		<p>Clear and war and some haze. - 12 a/c took off at 1230 hrs. for ranged operations as yesterday. - Ranged on Dunkerque. - Rendez-voused at Hartlepool, they flew to Dunkerque</p>	61

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North Weald	June 22		with bombers.- Turned left at Dunkerque, but as 6 bombers went on to Nieuport we followed them there by turning inland again.- Left Belgian coast at Nieuport, turning left and picking up bombers bringing all back to the English coast.- No e/a seen, but heavy flak over target.- Railway line and some buildings seen to be hit by bombs.-	
	23		<p>Fine.- Low mist and haze early.- At 0505 hrs. 12 a/c took off for rodeo.- They went with 332 Sqd and rendez-voused with 121 sqn. at North Foreland.- Set course for Dunkerque and started climbing to 19,000 feet.- There was some middle over position with the Debden wing.- They turned left and followed up the coast as far as Nieuport where they turned left again and set course for home.- No e/a seen.- No flak by 331 (N) Squadron but some seen round the squadrons.- No engagements.- All landed 0635 hrs. -</p> <p>At 1445 hrs 12 a/c left for Ramrod.- They left with 332 and picked up 121 Sqn. on the way to Martlesham.- From there they turned right, set course for Dunkerque and flew at sea level for 15 mins.- They climbed to 24,000 feet over Dunkerque.- Some heavy flak was seen below.- Some e/a was seen but no engagements.- Squadrons turned left and came home 16,10 hrs.- All released off camp 1625 hrs.-</p>	
	24		Dull, overcast and cooler.- Little flying today.- Air firing and test flights.- Total : 7 hrs. 10 mins.-	
	25		Overcast early.- Cleared to fine and warm later.- There was very little flying today.- Convoy patrol from 11,45 to 14,00 and then some glider attacks and local flying.- Total : 11 hrs. 05 mins.- In the afternoon an enemy aircraft circus arrived for inspection and practice on this aerodrome.- It consisted of a Ju 88, He 111, Me 109 E and Me 110.- They are staying the night here and will have practice attacks with Spitfires tomorrow.-	
	26		Fine and clear, warm.- Some cloud later.- In the morning a Flight Sergeant from Fighter Command gave a very interesting talk on his escape from Germany.- We are released til 1700 hrs.- At 1415 hrs 12 a/c took off with Winco leading 332 Sqn.-	

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North Weald	June 26		Course set for Beachy Head, then the wing was ordered to go to the Somme. When about half way there they made a wide left hand turn and followed the French coast up to Griz Nez, when they returned to base 1845 hrs. - No engagement. - No e/a seen. -	
	27		Fair 5/10, 8/10 cloud. - Warm in the afternoon. - Squadron called to readiness at 0100 hrs. - Local flying and Cine gun practice. - Total 7 hrs. 50 mins. -	
	28		Overcast cooler. - Convoy patrol from 0455 hrs. to 1335 hrs. - Lt. Leifseth went up at 0505 hrs to escort a Stirling back. - At 14 55 hrs a/c left for shipping recco. - They flew to Blankenberghe at sea level up the coast to Flushing, then turned left following Belgian coast round to Domberg who set course for base, landing at 1645 hrs. - Flak experienced off Flushing. - No e/a seen. - Nothing further to report. -	
	29		Convoy patrol 0715 hrs/1230, Sector recco. Cine Gun practice. - At 1545 hrs. 12 a/c left for circus 195. - The squadron was target support to 6 Bostons bombing Hazebrook. - They crossed the French coast just N. of Boulogne, went to St. Omer, where the wing split up, 331 (N) going north. - Yellow section went home owing to overheating engines. - Red and Blue sections dived on about ten F.W. 190's. - Red 1 and 2 being able to get short bursts in on two, but Blue section was not able to close in. - Capt. Maehre and 2/Ltn. Gran claim 2 F.W. 190's damaged. - Capt. Maehre, Lt. Leifseth and Sergs. Jorstad and Fearnley landed at Manston to refuel. - Sgt. Fearnley received several cannon shots in his plane, one exploded behind his seat armour and damaging his selector gear so that he could not lower his wheels and flaps. - He was unhurt himself but had to make a belly landing at Manston. - All returned to base by 1755 hrs except Sgt. Fearnley who remained at Manston. - Tomorrow all pilots and planes leave for Manston for some days. -	
	30		Clear and very warm. - Road party left at 0815 hrs for Manston, after some delays	

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1	V-BL. 821	Ltn. Birksted K	Circus	1745	1925	Flew to Flushing, No incident	
	O-AR. 328	Sgt. Owren P	"	1745	1925	" " " " " "	
	M-BL. 403	Ltn. Sem S.	"	1745	1925	" " " " " "	
	Z-BL. 987	Sgt. Malm O.	"	1745	1925	" " " " " "	
	P-AD. 509	Ltn. Weisteen E.	Convoy	2105	2305	No incident	
	O-AR. 328	Sgt. Owren P	"	2105	2305	" " " " " "	
	M-BL. 403	Ltn. Sem S.	"	2200	2310	" " " " " "	
	X-AR. 296	2/Lt. Muller J.	"	2200	2310	" " " " " "	
	Y-AD. 473	Ltn. Jacobsen K.	Rodeo	1025	1130	No incident, but e/a seen.	
	P-AD. 509	Sgt. Possum E.	"	1020	1130	" " " " " "	
	N-BL. 833	Ltn. Birksted K	"	1020	1145	" " " " " "	
	Z-BL. 987	Sgt. Fearnley P	"	1020	1145	" " " " " "	
	O-AR. 328	Ltn. Lundsten L.	"	1020	1145	" " " " " "	
	V-BL. 821	" Hagerup P.	"	1020	1145	" " " " " "	
	Y-BL. 637	" Jacobsen K.	"	1150	1215	" " " " " "	
	P-AD. 509	Sgt. Possum E.	"	1150	1145	" " " " " "	
	P-AD. 509	Ltn. Weisteen E.	Circus	1455	1525	Flew to Flushing, No incident	
	Y-BL. 637	2/Lt. Muller J.	"	1455	1525	" " " " " "	
	V-BL. 821	Ltn. Birksted K	"	1455	1525	" " " " " "	
	O-AR. 328	Sgt. Owren P	"	1455	1525	" " " " " "	
	M-BL. 403	Ltn. Sem S.	"	1455	1525	" " " " " "	
	Z-BL. 987	Sgt. Malm O.	"	1455	1525	" " " " " "	
	P-AD. 509	Ltn. Weisteen E.	"	1745	1925	" " " " " "	
	Y-BL. 637	2/Lt. Muller J.	"	1745	1925	" " " " " "	
	C-BL. 919	Ltn. Leifseth L.	"	1455	1525	" " " " " "	
	K-AD. 355	Sgt. Sognes H.	"	1455	1525	" " " " " "	
	D-AR. 325	Ltn. Ree M.	"	1455	1525	" " " " " "	
	L-BL. 903	Sgt. Knudsen J.	"	1455	1525	" " " " " "	
	F-AR. 293	Ltn. Berg R.R.	"	1455	1525	" " " " " "	
	H-AR. 341	Sgt. Greiner J.	"	1455	1525	" " " " " "	
	C-BL. 919	Ltn. Leifseth H.	"	1745	1925	" " " " " "	
	K-AD. 355	Sgt. Sognes H.	"	1745	1925	" " " " " "	
	E-BL. 681	Ltn. Ree M.	"	1745	1925	" " " " " "	
	D-AR. 325	Sgt. Knudsen I.K.	"	1745	1925	" " " " " "	
	F-AR. 293	Ltn. Berg R.R.	"	1745	1925	" " " " " "	
	H-AR. 341	Sgt. Greiner J.	"	1745	1925	" " " " " "	
	C-BL. 919	Ltn. Leifseth H.	Rodeo	1020	1150	No incident, but e/a seen.	
	F-AR. 293	Sgt. Heglund S.	"	1020	1150	" " " " " "	
	D-AR. 325	Ltn. Ree M.	"	1020	1120	" " " " " "	
	K-AD. 355	Ltn. Stromme E.	"	1020	1120	" " " " " "	
E-BL. 681	Capt. Mashre H.	"	1020	1150	" " " " " "		
J-R. 7262	Sgt. Greiner J.	"	1020	1145	" " " " " "		
M-BL. 588	Ltn. Berg R.R.	Convoy patrol	2005	2145	" " " " " "		
L-BL. 903	Sgt. Greiner J.	"	2005	2145	" " " " " "		
2	V-BL. 821	Ltn. Birksted K.	Circus	0625	0750	" " " " " "	
	O-AR. 328	Sgt. Owren P	"	0625	0750	" " " " " "	
	P-AD. 509	Ltn. Weisteen E.	"	0625	0750	" " " " " "	
	X-AR. 296	2/Lt. Muller J.	"	0625	0750	" " " " " "	
	M-BL. 403	Ltn. Sem S.	"	0625	0750	" " " " " "	
Z-BL. 987	Sgt. Malm O.	"	0625	0750	" " " " " "		

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	H-AR. 341	Ltn. Stromme	"	0625	0750	" "	
	D-AR. 325	Sgt. Greiner	"	0625	0750	" "	
	E-BL. 681	" Heglund	"	0625	0750	" "	
	L-BL. 903	" Spang	"	0625	0750	" "	
	V-BL. 821	Ltn. Birksted	Rodeo	1005	1200	Rodeo 69, over France. Some engagements	
	O-AR. 328	Sgt. Owren	"	1005	1200	followed. Sgt/Pilot Spang claims a F.W. 190	
	M-BL. 403	Ltn. Weisteen	"	1005	1200	probably destroyed. Many e/a seen.	
	Y-BL. 637	Sgt. Fearnley	"	1005	1200	" " " " " "	
	X-AR. 296	2/Lt. Muller	"	1005	1200	" " " " " "	
	Z-BL. 987	Sgt. Malm	"	1005	1200	" " " " " "	
	C-BL. 919	Ltn. Leifseth	"	1005	1200	" " " " " "	
	K-AD. 355	Sgt. Sognnes	"	1005	1155	" " " " " "	
	E-BL. 681	" Heglund	"	1005	1155	" " " " " "	
	L-BL. 903	" Spang	"	1005	1155	" " " " " "	
	H-AR. 341	Ltn. Stromme	"	1005	1155	" " " " " "	
	C-BL. 919	" Leifseth	"	1205	1230	" " " " " "	
	K-AD. 355	Sgt. Sognnes	"	1335	1350	" " " " " "	
	E-BL. 681	" Heglund	"	1205	1225	" " " " " "	
	L-BL. 903	" Spang	"	1205	1225	" " " " " "	
	H-AR. 341	Ltn. Stromme	"	1205	1235	" " " " " "	
	V-BL. 821	Ltn. Birksted	"	1205	1230	" " " " " "	
	O-AR. 328	Sgt. Owren	"	1205	1230	" " " " " "	
	Y-BL. 637	Sgt. Fearnley	"	1205	1230	" " " " " "	
	X-AR. 296	2/Lt. Muller	"	1205	1230	" " " " " "	
	Z-BL. 987	Sgt. Malm	"	1205	1230	" " " " " "	
	C-BL. 919	Ltn. Leifseth	Circus	1640	1825	Circus 182 in the North Sea and parallel to	
	K-AD. 355	Sgt. Greiner	"	1640	1825	the French Coast Some flak over Boulogne. A	
	E-BL. 681	" Heglund	"	1640	1825	few e/a seen, but no action.	
	F-AR. 293	" Knudsen	"	1640	1825	" " " " " "	
	H-AR. 341	Ltn. Stromme	"	1640	1825	" " " " " "	
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O-AR. 328	Sgt. Fossum	"	1640	1825	" " " " " "		
P-AD. 509	Ltn. Weisteen	"	1640	1825	" " " " " "		
X-AR. 296	Sgt. Fearnley	"	1640	1825	" " " " " "		
Z-BL. 987	" Malm	"	1640	1825	" " " " " "		
M-BL. 403	Ltn. Ragerup	"	1640	1825	" " " " " "		
3	C-BL. 919	Ltn. Leifseth	"	1200	1215	Circus 183, No action.	
	J-R. 7262	Sgt. Sognnes	"	1200	1215	" " " " " "	
	E-BL. 681	" Heglund	"	1200	1315	" " " " " "	
	A-BL. 588	" Knudsen	"	1200	1315	" " " " " "	
	M-BL. 403	Ltn. Stromme	"	1200	1315	" " " " " "	
	F-AR. 293	Sgt. Greiner	"	1200	1215	" " " " " "	
	C-BL. 919	Ltn. Leifseth	"	1600	1715	A few e/a seen but no action.	
	J-R. 7262	Sgt. Sognnes	"	1600	1715	" " " " " "	
	A-BL. 588	Ltn. Berg	"	1600	1715	" " " " " "	
	F-AR. 293	Sgt. Spang	"	1600	1715	" " " " " "	

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5	O-AR. 328	2/Lt. Muller	Circus	1445	1610	No incident.		
	V-BL. 821	Ltn. Hagerup	"	1445	1610		"	
	M-BL. 403	" Jacobson	"	1445	1610		"	
	P-AD. 509	Sgt. Fossum	"	1445	1610		"	
	D-AR. 325	Ltn. Ree	"	1445	1610		"	
	K-AD. 355	Sgt. Spang	"	1445	1610		"	
	A-BL. 588	Ltn. Berg	"	1445	1610		"	
	L-BL. 903	Capt. Mashre	"	1445	1610		"	
	H-AR. 341	Sgt. Heglund	"	1445	1610		"	
	D-AR. 325	Ltn. Ree	Convoy patrol	1115	1245		"	
	J-R. 7262	Sgt. Spang	"	1115	1245		"	
	A-BL. 588	Ltn. Berg	"	1215	1330		"	
	K-AD. 355	Sgt. Sognnes	"	1215	1330		"	
	7	T-BN. 786	2/Lt. Muller	"	1350		1805	"
Y-BL. 637		Sgt. Owren	"	1350	1805	"		
S-BL. 891		Ltn. Birksted	"	1335	1800	"		
P-AD. 509		Sgt. Fossum	"	1335	1800	"		
V-BL. 821		Ltn. Sem	"	1335	1805	"		
X-AR. 296		Sgt. Malm	"	1335	1805	"		
B-BM. 579		Ltn. Ree	Rodeo	1750	1905	"		
K-AD. 355		Sgt. Sognnes	"	1750	1905	"		
E-BL. 681		Ltn. Berg	"	1750	1905	"		
A-BL. 588		Sgt. Heglund	"	1750	1910	"		
H-AR. 341		Ltn. Stromme	"	1750	1905	"		
L-BL. 903		Sgt. Knudsen	"	1750	1905	"		
8		B-BM. 579	Ltn. Ree	Convoy	0825	0955	"	
		E-BL. 681	Sgt. Heiberg	"	0825	0955	"	
	M-BL. 403	Ltn. Sem	"	0925	1100	"		
	X-AR. 296	Sgt. Backe	"	0925	1100	"		
	S-BL. 891	Ltn. Birksted	Circus	1250	1425	Nothing to report.		
	O-AR. 328	Sgt. Fossum	"	1250	1425		"	
	M-BL. 403	Ltn. Sem	"	1250	1430		"	
	V-BL. 821	Sgt. Malm	"	1250	1430		"	
	N-AR. 298	2/Lt. Muller	"	1250	1430		"	
	Y-BL. 637	Sgt. Owren	"	1250	1430		"	
	E-BL. 681	Capt. Mashre	"	1250	1430		"	
	K-AD. 355	Sgt. Jorstad	"	1250	1430		"	
	B-BM. 579	Ltn. Berg	"	1250	1430		"	
	J-R. 7262	Sgt. Heiberg	"	1250	1400		"	
A-BL. 588	Ltn. Weisteen	"	1250	1425	"			
F-AR. 293	Sgt. Greiner	"	1250	1425	"			
9	J-R. 7262	Sgt. Heiberg	Convoy	0750	0920		"	
	L-BL. 903	Sgt. Knudsen	"	0750	0925		"	
	C-BL. 919	Ltn. Ree	Shipping Rec	1445	1610	An R boat seen and attacked off the Belgian coast It was seen to explode and sink.		
	F-AR. 293	Sgt. Heglund	"	1445	1610		"	
	B-BM. 579	Ltn. Berg	"	1445	1610		"	
	L-BL. 903	Ltn. Weisteen	"	1445	1520		"	
	E-BL. 681	Capt. Mashre	"	1445	1610		"	
	D-AR. 325	Sgt. Spang	"	1445	1610		"	

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				UP	DOWN		
10	B-BM. 579	Ltn. Berg R.R.	Conway	1250	1420	No incident	
	F-AR. 293	Sgt. Heglund S.	"	1250	1420	"	
	C-BL. 919	Ltn. Ree M.	"	1350	1410	"	
11	J-R. 7262	Sgt. Cleve F	"	1350	1410	"	
	C-BL. 919	Ltn. Ree M.	Dawn patrol	0420	0900	"	
	H-AR. 341	Sgt. Spang H.	"	0420	0600	"	
	B-BM. 579	Ltn. Berg R.R.	"	0420	0605	"	
	F-AR. 293	Sgt. Heglund S.	"	0420	0600	"	
	K-AD. 355	Ltn. Weisteen E	"	0420	0605	"	
	J-R. 7262	Sgt. Jostad I.K.	"	0420	0605	"	
	F-AR. 293	Ltn. Weisteen E	Conway	0900	1035	"	
	H-AR. 341	Sgt. Jorstad I.K.	"	0900	1035	"	
	E-BL. 681	Capt. Maehre H.	"	1000	1125	"	
	J-R. 7262	Sgt. Heiberg T.	"	1000	1125	"	
	C-BL. 919	Ltn. Ree M.	"	1215	1355	"	
	F-AR. 293	Sgt. Spang H.	"	1215	1355	"	
	B-BM. 579	Ltn. Berg R.R.	"	1215	1355	"	
	H-AR. 341	Sgt. Cleve F	"	1215	1355	"	
	E-BL. 681	Capt. Maehre H.	"	1215	1355	"	
	L-BL. 903	Sgt. Heiberg T.	"	1215	1355	"	
	V-BL. 821	Ltn. Hagerup R.	"	0750	0940	"	
	N-AR. 298	Sgt. Fearnley R.	"	0750	0940	"	
	M-BL. 403	Ltn. Jacobsen K.	"	1215	1355	"	
	X-AR. 296	2/Ltn. Gran M.	"	1215	1355	"	
	N-AR. 298	Ltn. Hagerup R.	"	1215	1355	"	
	P-AD. 509	Sgt. Backe K.	"	1215	1355	"	
	O-AR. 328	Ltn. Lundsten A.	"	1215	1355	"	
Z-BL. 987	Sgt. Nyeerod K.	"	1215	1355	"		
M-BL. 403	Ltn. Jacobsen K.	"	1520	1650	"		
X-AR. 296	2/Lt. Gran M.	"	1520	1650	"		
N-AR. 298	Ltn. Hagerup R.	"	1520	1650	"		
P-AD. 509	Sgt. Backe K.	"	1520	1650	"		
O-AR. 328	Ltn. Lundsten A.	"	1520	1650	"		
Z-BL. 987	Sgt. Nyeerod K.	"	1520	1650	"		
E-BL. 681	Capt. Maehre H.	"	1520	1650	"		
L-BL. 903	Sgt. Heiberg T.	"	1520	1650	"		
C-BL. 919	Ltn. Ree M.	"	1520	1650	"		
F-AR. 293	Sgt. Spang H.	"	1520	1650	"		
B-BM. 579	Ltn. Berg R.R.	"	1520	1650	"		
H-AR. 341	Sgt. Cleve F	"	1520	1650	"		
16	E-BL. 681	Capt. Maehre H.	Shipping recc	1045	1225	"	
	L-BL. 903	Sgt. Jorstad I.K.	"	1045	1225	"	
	C-BL. 919	Ltn. Leifseth H.	"	1045	1055	"	
	J-R. 7262	Sgt. Heiberg T.	"	1045	1055	"	
	H-AR. 341	Sgt. Heglund S.	"	1045	1225	"	
	K-AD. 355	Sgt. Knudsen I.H.	"	1045	1225	"	
	B-BM. 579	Ltn. Berg R.R.	Convoy patrol	1315	1430	"	
	D-AR. 325	Sgt. Cleve F	"	1315	1430	"	
	F-AR. 293	Sgt. Greiner J.	"	1405	1435	"	

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				UP	DOWN		
16	J-R. 7262	Sgt. Jorstad	Convoy patrol	1405	1435	No incident	
	Y-BL. 637	Ltn. Jacobsen	Shipping fecco	1045	1225	" "	
	Z-BL. 987	Sgt. Owren	" "	1045	1225	" "	
	T-EN. 786	Ltn. Birksted	" "	1045	1225	" "	
	N-AR. 298	2/Lt. Gran	" "	1045	1225	" "	
	V-BL. 821	Ltn. Hagerup	" "	1045	1225	" "	
	S-BL. 891	Sgt. Malm	" "	1700	1830	" "	
17	P-AD. 509	Ltn. Lundsten	" "	1700	1830	" "	
	Z-BL. 987	Sgt. Nyesrod	" "	1700	1835	" "	
	V-BL. 821	Ltn. Birksted	" "	1700	1835	" "	
	X-AR. 296	2/Lt. Gran	" "	1700	1835	" "	
	M-BL. 403	Ltn. Sem	" "	1700	1835	" "	
	S-BL. 891	Sgt. Fossum	" "	1700	1830	" "	
	C-BL. 919	Ltn. Leifseth	" "	1700	1830	" "	
	B-BM. 579	Sgt. Jorstad	" "	1700	1835	" "	
	A-BL. 588	Ltn. Weisteen	" "	1700	1830	" "	
	L-BL. 903	Sgt. Knudsen	" "	1700	1830	" "	
	E-BL. 681	Capt. Mashre	" "	1700	1830	" "	
18	J-R. 7262	Sgt. Heiberg	" "	1135	1305	" "	
	B-BM. 579	Ltn. Berg	" "	1135	1305	" "	
	L-BL. 903	Sgt. Knudsen	" "	1135	1305	" "	
	H-AR. 341	Sgt. Heglund	" "	1135	1305	" "	
	J-R. 7262	Sgt. Heiberg	" "	1135	1305	" "	
	C-BL. 919	Ltn. Leifseth	" "	1135	1305	" "	
	K-AD. 355	Sgt. Sognnes	" "	1015	1155	" "	
19	E-BL. 681	Capt. Mashre	" "	1015	1155	Attacked 2 ships of Knocke, A G boat was seen to be listing listing & a trailer to be on fire. Engagements with e/a claming 3 F.W.290 destroyed and 4 F.W.190, damaged, as covered by individual combat report.	
	D-AR. 325	Sgt. Cleve	" "	1015	1155	" " " " " " " "	
	C-BL. 919	Ltn. Leifseth	" "	1015	1155	" " " " " " " "	
	K-AD. 355	Sgt. Sognnes	" "	1015	1155	" " " " " " " "	
	A-BL. 588	Ltn. Weisteen	" "	1015	1155	" " " " " " " "	
	J-R. 7262	Sgt. Heiberg	" "	1015	1155	" " " " " " " "	
	L-BL. 903	Sgt. Knudsen	" "	1015	1155	" " " " " " " "	
	H-AR. 341	Sgt. Heglund	" "	1015	1215	" " " " " " " "	
	T-EN. 786	Ltn. Birksted	" "	1015	1155	" " " " " " " "	
	X-AR. 296	2/Lt. Gran	" "	1015	1155	" " " " " " " "	
	Z-BL. 987	Ltn. Hagerup	" "	1015	1155	" " " " " " " "	
	N-AR. 298	2/Ltn. Muller	" "	1015	1155	Missing failed for return. One seen to be shot missing down in flames.	
	Y-BL. 637	Ltn. Jacobsen	" "	1605	1730	No incident	
	F-AR. 293	Capt. Mashre	Search	1605	1730	" "	
	D-AR. 325	Sgt. Heglund	" "	1605	1730	" "	
C-BL. 919	Ltn. Leifseth	" "	1605	1730	" "		
K-AD. 355	Sgt. Sognnes	" "	1605	1730	" "		
A-BL. 588	Ltn. Berg	" "	1605	1730	" "		
L-BL. 8gt. Spang	Sgt. Spang	" "	1605	1730	" "		
H-AR. 341	Sgt. Nyesrod	Convoy escort	2110	2245	" "		
D-AR. 325	Sgt. Cleve	" "	2110	2245	" "		
C-BL. 919	Ltn. Leifseth	" "	2210	2325	" "		
A-BL. 588	Ltn. Berg	" "	2210	2325	" "		

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				UP	DOWN		
19	M-BL. 403	Ltn. Sem S.	Convoy escort	1850	2020	No incident	
	S-BL. 891	Sgt. Malm O.	" "	1850	2020		
	X-AR. 296	2/Lt. Gran M.	" "	1945	2110		
	P-AD. 509	Sgt. Owren P.G.	" "	1945	2110		
	O-AR. 328	Ltn. Hagerup A.	" "	2030	2145		
21	Z-BL. 987	Sgt. Backe K.	" "	2030	2145	Close escort to 6 Boston bombers. Some e/a seen, but engagements. Heavy flak over Dunkerque.	
	K-AD. 355	Ltn. Ree M.	Convoy patrol	1300	1440		
	L-BL. 903	Sgt. Jorstad N.	" "	1300	1440		
	B-BM. 579	Ltn. Berg R.A.	" "	1350	1525		
	D-AR. 325	Sgt. Cleve F.	" "	1350	1525		
	A-BL. 588	Ltn. Weisteen T.	" "	1430	1605		
	E-BL. 681	Sgt. Spang H.G.	" "	1430	1605		
	A-BL. 588	Ltn. Weisteen T.	Scramble	2135	2250		
	L-BL. 903	Sgt. Jorstad N.	" "	2135	2250		
	K-AD. 355	Ltn. Ree M.	Ramrod	1710	1830		
	L-BL. 903	Sgt. Jorstad N.	" "	1710	1830		
	B-BM. 579	Ltn. Berg R.A.	" "	1710	1830		
	D-AR. 325	Sgt. Cleve F.	" "	1710	1830		
	F-AR. 325	Sgt. Sognnes H.	" "	1710	1835		
	S-BL. 891	Sgt. Fearnley F.	" "	1710	1835		
	M-BL. 403	Ltn. Sem S.	" "	1710	1835		
	P-AD. 509	Sgt. Backe K.	" "	1710	1835		
X-AR. 296	2/Ltn. Gran M.	" "	1710	1835			
O-AR. 328	Sgt. Owren P.G.	" "	1710	1835			
T-EN. 786	Ltn. Birksted K.	" "	1710	1835			
22	E-BL. 681	Capt. Maehre H.	Convoy	0940	1120	No incident.	
	J-R. 7262	Sgt. Cleve F.	" "	0940	1120		
	B-BM. 579	Ltn. Leifsseth H.	" "	1040	1210		
	F-AR. 293	Sgt. Sognnes H.	" "	1040	1210		
	K-AD. 355	Ltn. Ree M.	Ramrod	1230	1245		
	J-R. 7262	Sgt. Jorstad N.	" "	1230	1245		
	A-BL. 588	Ltn. Weisteen T.	" "	1225	1400		
	H-AR. 341	Ltn. Berg R.A.	" "	1225	1400		
	E-BL. 681	Capt. Maehre H.	" "	1225	1400		
	D-AR. 325	Sgt. Cleve F.	" "	1225	1400		
	X-AR. 296	2/Lt. Gran M.	" "	1225	1400		
	S-BL. 891	Sgt. Fearnley F.	" "	1225	1400		
	M-BL. 403	Ltn. Sem S.	" "	1225	1400		
	O-AR. 328	Sgt. Owren P.G.	" "	1225	1400		
	Y-BL. 821	Sgt. Nyeerod K.	" "	1225	1400		
	P-AD. 509	Sgt. Backe K.	" "	1225	1400		
	T-EN. 786	Ltn. Birksted K.	Scramble	0450	0630		
	O-AR. 328	Sgt. Owren P.G.	" "	0450	0630		
	M-BL. 403	Ltn. Sem S.	" "	0645	0735		
	P-AD. 509	Sgt. Bakke K.	" "	0645	0735		
	X-AR. 296	2/Lt. Gran M.	Convoy	0840	1020		
	Z-BL. 987	Sgt. Fearnley F.	" "	0840	1020		

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				UP	DOWN		
23	S-BL. 891	Sgt. Malm O.	Rodeo	0500	0635	No incident.	
	X-AR. 296	Sgt. Backe K.	"	0500	0635	" "	
	V-BL. 821	Ltn. Hagerup A.	"	0500	0635	" "	
	U-P. 8707	Sgt. Fearnley F.	"	0500	0635	" "	
	O-AR. 328	Ltn. Lundsten L.	"	0500	0635	" "	
	M-BL. 403	Sgt. Nyeerod K.	"	0500	0635	" "	
	S-BL. 891	Sgt. Malm O.	Ramrod	1445	1610	No incident, some e/a seen.	
	P-AD. 509	Sgt. Backe K.	"	1445	1610	" " " " "	
	V-BL. 821	Ltn. Hagerup A.	"	1445	1610	" " " " "	
	O-AR. 328	Ltn. Lundsten L.	"	1445	1610	" " " " "	
	U-P. 8707	Sgt. Fearnley F.	"	1445	1610	" " " " "	
	M-BL. 403	Sgt. Nyeerod K.	"	1445	1610	" " " " "	
	C-BL. 919	Ltn. Leifseth H.	"	1445	1610	" " " " "	
	J-R. 7262	Sgt. Spang H.G.	"	1445	1610	" " " " "	
	A-BL. 588	Ltn. Weisteen T.	"	1445	1610	" " " " "	
	H-AR. 341	Sgt. Jerstad N.	"	1445	1610	" " " " "	
	L-BL. 903	Capt. Maehre H.	"	1445	1620	" " " " "	
	F-AR. 293	Sgt. Knudsen I.	"	1445	1610	" " " " "	
	C-BL. 919	Ltn. Leifseth H.	Rodeo	0500	0635	No incident.	
	K-AD. 355	Sgt. Sognes H.	"	0500	0635	" "	
	H-AR. 341	Sgt. Heglund S.	"	0500	0635	" "	
	J-R. 7262	Sgt. Spang H.G.	"	0500	0635	" "	
	E-BL. 681	Capt. Maehre H.	"	0500	0635	" "	
B-BM. 579	Sgt. Knudsen I.	"	0500	0635	" "		
25	O-AR. 328	Ltn. Lundsten L.	Convoy	1145	1320	" "	
	Z-BL. 987	Sgt. Nyeerod K.	"	1145	1320	" "	
	M-BL. 403	Ltn. Hagerup A.	"	1245	1400	" "	
26	S-BL. 891	Sgt. Backe K.	"	1245	1400	" "	
	U-P. 8707	Ltn. Lundsten L.	Rodeo	1715	1845	" "	
	T-EN. 786	Ltn. Birksted K.	"	1715	1845	" "	
	S-BL. 891	Sgt. Malm O.	"	1715	1845	" "	
	M-BL. 403	Ltn. Sem S.	"	1715	1845	" "	
	Y-AR. 473	Ltn. Hagerup A.	"	1715	1845	" "	
	Z-BL. 987	2/Lt. Gran M.	"	1715	1845	" "	
	C-BL. 919	Ltn. Leifseth H.	"	1715	1845	" "	
	F-AR. 293	Sgt. Spang H.G.	"	1715	1845	" "	
	B-BM. 579	Ltn. Berg R.A.	"	1715	1845	" "	
	K-AD. 355	Sgt. Jerstad N.	"	1715	1845	" "	
	L-BL. 903	Capt. Maehre H.	"	1715	1845	" "	
	H-AR. 341	Sgt. Heglund S.	"	1715	1845	" "	
	B-BM. 579	Ltn. Berg R.A.	Escort to	1145	1300	" "	
	A-BL. 588	Ltn. Weisteen T.	German craft	1145	1300	" "	
	28	X-AR. 296	2/Lt. Gran M.	Convoy	0715	0855	" "
Z-BL. 987		Sgt. Nyeerod K.	"	0715	0855	" "	
M-BL. 403		Ltn. Sem S.	"	0810	0945	" "	
P-AD. 509		Sgt. Fossum E.	"	0810	0945	" "	
Z-BL. 987		Ltn. Birksted K.	"	0945	1115	" "	
V-BL. 821		Sgt. Fearnley F.	"	0945	1115	" "	

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				UP	DOWN			
23	S-BL. 891	Sgt. Malm O.	Rodeo	0500	0635	No incident.		
	X-AR. 296	Sgt. Backe K.	"	0500	0635	" "		
	V-BL. 821	Ltn. Hagerup A.	"	0500	0635	" "		
	U-P. 8707	Sgt. Fearnley F.	"	0500	0635	" "		
	O-AR. 328	Ltn. Lundsten L.	"	0500	0635	" "		
	M-BL. 403	Sgt. Nyeerod K.	"	0500	0635	" "		
	S-BL. 891	Sgt. Malm O.	Ramrod	1445	1610	No incident, some e/a seen.		
	P-AD. 509	Sgt. Backe K.	"	1445	1610	" " " " "		
	V-BL. 821	Ltn. Hagerup A.	"	1445	1610	" " " " "		
	O-AR. 328	Ltn. Lundsten L.	"	1445	1610	" " " " "		
	U-P. 8707	Sgt. Fearnley F.	"	1445	1610	" " " " "		
	M-BL. 403	Sgt. Nyeerod K.	"	1445	1610	" " " " "		
	C-BL. 919	Ltn. Leifseth H.	"	1445	1610	" " " " "		
	J-R. 7262	Sgt. Spang H.G.	"	1445	1610	" " " " "		
	A-BL. 588	Ltn. Weisteen T.	"	1445	1610	" " " " "		
	H-AR. 341	Sgt. Jorstad N.	"	1445	1610	" " " " "		
	L-BL. 903	Capt. Maehre H.	"	1445	1620	" " " " "		
	P-AR. 293	Sgt. Knudsen I.	"	1445	1610	" " " " "		
25	C-BL. 919	Ltn. Leifseth H.	Rodeo	0500	0635	No incident.		
	K-AD. 355	Sgt. Sognes H.	"	0500	0635	" "		
	H-AR. 341	Sgt. Heglund S.	"	0500	0635	" "		
	J-R. 7262	Sgt. Spang H.G.	"	0500	0635	" "		
	E-BL. 681	Capt. Maehre H.	"	0500	0635	" "		
	B-BM. 579	Sgt. Knudsen I.	"	0500	0635	" "		
	O-AR. 328	Ltn. Lundsten L.	Convoy	1145	1320	" "		
	Z-BL. 987	Sgt. Nyeerod K.	"	1145	1320	" "		
	M-BL. 403	Ltn. Hagerup A.	"	1245	1400	" "		
	S-BL. 891	Sgt. Backe K.	"	1245	1400	" "		
	26	U-P. 8707	Ltn. Lundsten L.	Rodeo	1715	1845	" "	
		T-EN. 786	Ltn. Birksted K.	"	1715	1845	" "	
		S-BL. 891	Sgt. Malm O.	"	1715	1845	" "	
		M-BL. 403	Ltn. Sem S.	"	1715	1845	" "	
		Y-AR. 473	Ltn. Hagerup A.	"	1715	1845	" "	
		Z-BL. 987	2/Lt. Gran M.	"	1715	1845	" "	
		C-BL. 919	Ltn. Leifseth H.	"	1715	1845	" "	
		F-AR. 293	Sgt. Spang H.G.	"	1715	1845	" "	
B-BM. 579		Ltn. Berg R.A.	"	1715	1845	" "		
K-AD. 355		Sgt. Jorstad N.	"	1715	1845	" "		
L-BL. 903		Capt. Maehre H.	"	1715	1845	" "		
H-AR. 341		Sgt. Heglund S.	"	1715	1845	" "		
B-BM. 579		Ltn. Berg R.A.	Escort to	1145	1300	" "		
A-BL. 588		Ltn. Weisteen T.	German craft	1145	1300	" "		
28		X-AR. 296	2/Lt. Gran M.	Convoy	0715	0855	" "	
		Z-BL. 987	Sgt. Nyeerod K.	"	0715	0855	" "	
		M-BL. 403	Ltn. Sem S.	"	0810	0945	" "	
		P-AD. 509	Sgt. Fossum E.	"	0810	0945	" "	
	Z-BL. 987	Ltn. Birksted K.	"	0945	1115	" "		
	V-BL. 821	Sgt. Fearnley F.	"	0945	1115	" "		

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				UP	DOWN					
28	S-BL. 891	Sgt. Malm O.	Convoy	1045	1230	No incident.				
	X-AR. 296	Sgt. Backe A.	"	1045	1230					
	E-BL. 681	Ltn. Weisteen T.	"	0455	0625		" "			
	L-BL. 903	Sgt. Knudsen I.	"	0455	0625		" "			
	C-BL. 919	Ltn. Leifseth H.	Bomber escort	0505	0540		" "			
	B-BM. 579	Ltn. Berg R.A.	Convoy	0545	0710		" "			
	H-AR. 341	Sgt. Heglund S.	"	0545	0710		" "			
	C-BL. 919	Ltn. Leifseth L.	"	0625	0750		" "			
	K-AD. 355	Sgt. Sognnes H.	"	0625	0750		" "			
	D-AR. 325	Ltn. Weisteen T.	"	1155	1335		" "			
	F-AR. 293	Sgt. Greiner J.	"	1155	1335		" "			
	E-BL. 681	Capt. Maehre H.	Shipping recon	1455	1645		" "			
	L-BL. 903	Sgt. Knudsen I.	"	1455	1645		" "			
	C-BL. 919	Ltn. Ree M.	"	1455	1645		" "			
	K-AD. 355	Sgt. Spang H.G.	"	1455	1645		" "			
	B-BM. 579	Ltn. Berg R.A.	"	1455	1645		" "			
	F-AR. 293	Sgt. Greiner J.	"	1455	1645		" "			
	U-P. 8707	Ltn. Hagerup A.	"	1455	1645		" "			
	X-AR. 296	Sgt. Backe A.	"	1455	1645		" "			
	S-BL. 891	Sgt. Malm O.	"	1455	1645		" "			
	P-AD. 509	Sgt. Fossum E.	"	1455	1645		" "			
	O-AR. 328	Ltn. Sem S.	"	1455	1645		" "			
	29	O-AR. 328	Ltn. Lundsten C.	Circus	1545		1720	Circus P95, escorting 6 Boston bombers to Hagebrook Cpt. Maehre and 2/Lt. Gran claim 2 F.W. 190 damaged. Sgt. Fearnley received several cannon shot, unharmed himself. Made a belly landing at Manston.		
		Z-BL. 987	Sgt. Nyeerod H.	"	1545		1715		" " " " " " " "	
		T-EN. 786	Ltn. Birksted K.	"	1545		1720		" " " " " " " "	
		P-AD. 509	Sgt. Backe A.	"	1545		1720		" " " " " " " "	
		X-AR. 296	2/Lt. Gran M.	"	1545		1725		" " " " " " " "	
		U-P. 8707	Sgt. Fearnley F.	"	1545		1715		" " " " " " " "	
C-BL. 919		Ltn. Leifseth H.	"	1545	1715	" " " " " " " "				
K-AD. 355		Sgt. Jorstad N.	"	1545	1715	" " " " " " " "				
D-AR. 325		Ltn. Ree M.	"	1545	1655	" " " " " " " "				
J-R. 7262		Sgt. Greiner J.	"	1545	1655	" " " " " " " "				
E-BL. 681		Capt. Maehre H.	"	1545	1715	" " " " " " " "				
L-BL. 903		Sgt. Knudsen I.	"	1545	1715	" " " " " " " "				
30		E-BL. 681	Capt. Maehre H.	To Manston	1030	1055	Move to Manston.			
		L-BL. 903	Sgt. Knudsen I.	"	1030	1055			" " " "	
		C-BL. 919	Ltn. Leifseth H.	"	1035	1100			" " " "	
		K-AD. 355	Sgt. Sognnes H.	"	1035	1100			" " " "	
	D-AR. 325	Ltn. Ree M.	"	1040	1105	" " " "				
	J-R. 7262	Sgt. Jorstad N.	"	1040	1105	" " " "				
	B-BM. 579	Ltn. Berg R.A.	"	1050	1115	" " " "				
	H-AR. 341	Sgt. Heglund S.	"	1050	1115	" " " "				
	A-BL. 588	Ltn. Weisteen T.	"	1055	1120	" " " "				
	F-AR. 293	Sgt. Greiner J.	"	1055	1120	" " " "				
	T-EN. 786	Ltn. Birksted K.	"	1030	1055	" " " "				
	Z-BL. 987	Sgt. Nyeerod H.	"	1030	1055	" " " "				
	V-BL. 821	Ltn. Hagerup A.	"	1035	1100	" " " "				
	E-BL. 891	Sgt. Malm O.	"	1035	1100	" " " "				
	P-AD. 509	Sgt. Owen R.G.	"	1040	1105	" " " "				

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Manston.	July.			
		1.	Overcast & low cloud. I section took off for shipping recco: but had to return owing to fog. There was a convoy patrol & two scrambles, uneventful. Shows are put on, cancelled, postponed, put on again most of the day till one gets quite mad.	
		2	Overcast early, cleared later. Very little flying today. One convoy patrol.	
		3	Overcast. Warm, but clouded most of the day. Very little flying. Sector recco: and air test. Released off camp from 1700hrs. Everyone is having a very good holiday, playing snooker, sun and sea bathing and exploring the local pubs! Sgt. Heiberg returned from leave but has been sent off again to give his thigh time to heal.	
		4	Warm. 5/10 clouds. Two air test flights and one return trip to North Weald.	
		5	Fine clear and warm. Very little flying. Released for training and sport, so most of us are on the beach.	
		6	Fine and warm. Return flight to North Weald by Capt. Maehre, otherwise no flying. We are getting quite sunburnt.	
	Manston/ North Weald.	7	Overcast and cooler. All left for North Weald. Pilots left by 1500hrs and road party by about 1550hrs. Some of us are sorry to leave the bathing, but it has been a nice change and incidentally a rest too.	
		8	Fine and warm. Some practice flying, squadron formation, cine gun, and sector recco:	
		9	Fine and warm. Clouded later. Shipping recco. by Lt. Leifseth and Lt. Berg. No incident.	
		10	Overcast and raining. Up at 4a.m. for a show which however was cancelled. No flying.	
	11	Fine and warm. 8/10 cloud. Air firing practice at Southend. Capt. Maehre and 2Lt Heglund left at 1020hrs for shipping recco: but returned at 1250hrs without incident. Sgt. Henrichsen joined the squadron today.		

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North Weald.	July.			
	I2		<p>Fine and warm.5/10.Hazy. I2 a/c took off at 1845hrs as target support for Circus operation No:198.They flew down the French coast from Le Touquet to the Somme estuary,but saw no E/A and experienced no flak.2 a/c returned early,one with engine trouble,remainder landed base at 2015hrs without incident.</p> <p>I2 a/c left base at 1535hrs for Rodeo operation.Course was set to a point 5 miles west of Le Touquet.Here they turned left and swept inland over Boulogne and came out again by Calais,but saw no E/A and experienced no flak.All landed here by 1650hrs without incident.</p>	
	I3.		<p>Fine and warm.Hazy. At 1000hrs I2 a/c took off for Roadstead operation.They flew at sea level to Nieupoit and then along the coast to Flushing where they turned left and followed Walcheren island round to Hamtede where they saw two small ships. Capt Mashre fired at long range,but results were not seen.All then were recalled by Winco.Landed base 1145hrs.No E/A seen.</p> <p>At 1408hrs I2 a/c took off for Circus operation No.199. with I2 Boston bombers to Boulogne.They were close escort to the front box of 6 Boston,one of which was seen to be hit,so it was escorted back to Manston.No E/A seen.All landed safely 1535hrs.</p>	
	I4.		Rain in night.8/10 heavy cloud.Convoy patrols from 0735hrs to 1405hrs. Released for training flying till 1700hrs,then released off camp.There was air-firing and local flying,and A.T.C. taken for trips in the Maggie.	
	I5.		<p>Fine.5/10 cloud. At 1155hrs I2 a/c left to be top cover for Rhubarb operations taking place between Le Touquet and the Somme estuary.They left the English coast at Pevensey Bay crossing the channel to Le Touquet,having climbed to 12000ft. They turned right here and followed the French coast down to the Somme estuary, then turned left,sweeping inland slightly,turning left again and leaving the French coast at Berck-sur-Mer.No E/A seen.All landed base safely 1335hrs.</p> <p>At 1750hrs II a/c took off with Winco leading,as top cover for I2I,332 & 222 Sqds: on a Roadstead to the Flushing area.Landfall was made at Nieupoit then the coast was followed up to Flushing;here they turned left and remained on top whilst a tug and a smaller vessel were attacked just north of Noorderhoofd.Turned left again and set course for home.Landed 1930hrs.No E/A seen.</p>	
	I6.		Overcast,raining.No flying except Maggie trips for A.T.C.	
	I7.		Overcast.Low broken cloud.One scramble at 0555hrs without incident.Convoy from 0830hrs to 1230hrs.Maggie trips for A.T.C.	
	I8.		Overcast,raining.No flying.	
	I5.		Sgts: Reidar Olsen, Espelid, and Sem-Olsen joined the squadron today.	

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NorthWeald	July 19.		Overcast. Slight rain. Cleared later. Broken cloud. Warm. There was a defence exercise for ground personnel. Local flying, dive bombing and Roadstead to Nieuport. At 1230hrs I2 a/c left for Debden, arriving there at 1250hrs. They left Debden at 1420hrs on Roadstead operation to Nieuport and Dunkerque. The Belgian coast was crossed at Furnes at about 1000ft; a wide turn was made to the left and then course set for home. Some flak from the shore, and a few E/A above them in cloud. Lt. Birksted and Sgt. Bache returned early owing to undercarriage trouble on Sgt. Bache's plane. Capt. Maehre, Sgts. Nyerrød and Owren landed at Manston to refuel. All landed safely by 1830hrs.	
	20.		There was one scramble, but uneventful. 9/10 cloud, clearing later. Ground defence exercise. Whole wing scrambled to take part in the exercise. The best news we have heard for a long time is that Jens Müller is reported to be a prisoner of war. Everyone is delighted about this as it was quite uncertain whether he was alive or not.	
	21.		Sunny, some small broken cloud. The squadron (I2 a/c) left at 1615hrs, crossing out over the English coast at approximately 1635hrs. Landfall was made just west of Nieuport where one complete orbit to the right made. They then opened out to a broad vic formation crossing the coast N.W. of Furnes and Blue section to the Eastern part of Dunkerque. After this each man selected various targets, as detailed in a separate report, in the area between Furnes and Dunkerque, along the canal and railway. Yellow I Lt. Leifseth was seen by Yellow 2. and Red 4. to crash nose-down in flames near the beach just East of Dunkerque. Red I. as he was leaving the coast saw a big column of smoke coming up from the outskirts of Dunkerque, which may have been Yellow I's plane burning. Some minutes after leaving the coast Red 3. Lt. Sem reported engine trouble. He was found by Yellow 4. and Red 4., who both saw him bale out, and then climbed up to give a Mayday call. They then went down and circled him for about 1/2 hour until they saw him picked up by a rescue launch. He was taken to Dover and later to Hawkinge and found to be unhurt. Red I, 4, and Blue 4. landed at Manston to refuel and then with one pilot of 332(N) Sqd: went out to search off Dunkerque as many were thought to be still missing. Telephone communication with North Weald operations was quite impossible at the time. The search was uneventful and they returned to base 1930hrs. Others had previously landed base between 1750hrs and 1840hrs.	
			It is thought a million to one chance that Henning Leifseth could survive his crash, so we shall miss very much his lively good humor. He had been A flight's	

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	21.		<p>Sunny, some small broken cloud.</p> <p>The squadron (12 a/c) left at 1615hrs, crossing out over the English coast at approximately 1635hrs. Landfall was made just west of Nieupoort where one complete orbit to the right made. They then opened out to a broad vic formation crossing the coast N.W. of Furnes and Blue section to the Eastern part of Dunkerque. After this each man selected various targets, as detailed in a separate report, in the area between Furnes and Dunkerque, along the canal and railway. Yellow 1 Lt. Leifseth was seen by Yellow 2. and Red 4. to crash nose-down in flames near the beach just East of Dunkerque. Red 1. as he was leaving the coast saw a big column of smoke coming up from the outskirts of Dunkerque, which may have been Yellow 1's plane burning. Some minutes after leaving the coast Red 3. Lt. Sem reported engine trouble. He was found by Yellow 4. and Red 4., who both saw him bale out, and then climbed up to give a Mayday call. They then went down and circled him for about 1/2 hour until they saw him picked up by a rescue launch. He was taken to Dover and later to Hawkinge and found to be unhurt. Red 1, 4; and Blue 4. landed at Manston to refuel and then with one pilot of 332(N) Sqd: went out to search off Dunkerque as many were thought to be still missing. Telephone communication with North Weald operations was quite impossible at the time. The search was uneventful and they returned to base 1930hrs. Others had previously landed base between 1750hrs and 1840hrs.</p> <p>It is thought a million to one chance that Henning Leifseth could survive his crash, so we shall miss very much his lively good humor. He had been A flight's</p>	

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North Weald	July. 21.		<p>commander since last February. Henning was a very fine pilot with a great deal of flying experience. He was always ready for a party.</p> <p>We have got a copy of a letter from Jens Müller today. He asks us to send him some of his clothes and other things. It is good to know that he is alive and well and how pleased everyone is about this! We fully expect him to try and escape and quite believe he will be back amongst us as soon as possible.</p>	
		22.	Overcast. Slight drizzle. Defence exercise and local flying. Lt. Sem was fetched in the Maggie from Hawkinge, and his sailing trip in the channel. He appears none the worse for it. Think this will be celebrated in the mess tonight. It was!	
		23.	Overcast. Cooler. There was an uneventful Shipping recco: by Lt. Birksted and Sgt. Baehre to Ostend/Flushing.	
		24.	Fine and warm. Convoy patrols from 1000hrs to 1340hrs. Capt. Maehre and Sgt. Jørstad left on Shipping recco: to Ostend/Hamstede. No incident. Sgt. Henrichsen left the (squadron today.)	
		25.	Fine and warm. 5/10 to 8/10. A good deal of practice flying today. Cinegun, dog-fighting and aerobatics. Local recco: flights.	
		26.	Fair and warm early. 10/10 cloud in afternoon. Whilst the squadron was on a practice formation flight (I2 a/c) they were used to reinforce I2I Sqd: They flew to mid-channel at sea level. I2I Sqd: was not seen nor any E/A. All returned without incident 1620hrs.	
		27.	<p>Overcast, raining heavily. Cleared later. Low cloud. Lt. Malm and Sgt. Fearnley left base at 1550hrs. on Shipping Recco: At Knock they saw a trawler in the harbour from which they experienced the most intense and accurate flak. At Noorderhoofd they saw one E. boat and 5 barges lying stationary close inshore. They returned to base 1730hrs. Weather. Clear patches in mid-channel. Drizzle and low cloud 4/500ft off the Dutch coast.</p> <p>At 1835hrs I2 A/C took off together with 332(N) and 222 Sqds: for shipping recco: off Dutch coast. This was a long trip lasting 2hrs and 5mins: but was quite un-uneventful. Cloud was very low (400ft) and there were occasional rain showers. All landed safely 2040hrs.</p>	
		28.	<p>Clear and cool early, sunny, warm with heavy clouds in afternoon.</p> <p>There was local flying and air tests in the morning.</p> <p>At 1355hrs. I2 a/c took off for Roadstead. They went to Nieupert and on up the coast to Flushing, turned left and came home, after an uneventful trip. All landed 1540hrs.</p>	
		29.	<p>Overcast, with thin layer of cloud. -</p> <p>Ltn. Heglund and Sgt./Pilot Cleve took off at 1355 hrs. for a rhubarb operation in the Bruges area. - They found plenty of good targets, including tug boats,</p>	

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North Weald	July			
	29		locomotives, aerodrome and hangars and a boatload of soldiers.- Lt. Heglund received a conncshell through port wing leading edge which nearly put an abrupt end to the operations.- Both landed safely at Base 1600 hrs.- Released off camp at 17.00 hrs.-	
	30		Weather good, Sun and warm.- The squadron took off at 1145 hrs for Circus over Abbeville (6 Bostons).- This unit acting as top cover in target support wing.- Returning from Berck aerodrome the squadron was attacked by a number of F.W. 190.- Evasive action and some combats taking place without any claims for either side.- Landed safely at Base 13.30 hrs.- Took off again at 17.35 hrs as part of another Circus, acting as diversion to St.Omer, top cover. Uneventful trip, returning Base safely at 19.20 hrs.-	
	31		Weather fine.- Take off at 14.15 hrs. for Circus operation 201.- This unit acting as top cover for target support wing.- Coming out from Berck aerodrome the lower squadrons of N.W. Wing were engaged by F.W. 190 between French Coast and Mid Channel.- One section, 2/Ltn. Heglund and Sgt. Jorstad of this unit joined the melee and both claim 1 F.W. 190 damaged.- All a/c landed safely at Base by 15.45 hrs.- Took off at 19.30 hrs. for Search patrol over Channel (Air Sea Rescue) crossing and recrossing channel between Berck and Cayeux, 4 ^{Circus} units covering territory between Berck and Cayeux.- Nothing to report and landed Base at 21.25 hrs.-	

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1	E-BL 681	Major Maehre, H	Shipping rec.	0915	0930	No incident, returned owing to fog	
	E-BL 681	"	"	0955	1045		
	C-BL 919	Ltn. Leifseth, H	Test	1835	1900		
	D-AR 325	" Ree, M	"	1835	1900		
	C-BL 919	" Leifseth, H	Convoy	2145	2300		
	K-AD 355	Sgt. Sognnes, H	"	2145	2300		
	B-BM 579	Ltn. Berg, R.A.	Scramble	2145	2300		
	H-AR 341	Sgt. Heglund, S	"	2145	2300		
	M-BL 403	Ltn. Sem, S	Shipping rec.	0915	0930		
	M-BL 403	" Sem, S	"	0955	1045		
2	X-AR 296	2/Ltn. Gran, M	"	1435	1500		
	O-AR 328	Ltn. Lundsten, L	Scramble	1835	1900		
3	X-AR 296	2/Ltn. Gran, M	"	1835	1900		
	V-BL 821	Ltn. Hagerup, A.	Convoy	0500	0650		
	Z-BL 987	Sgt. Nyerrod, K.	"	0500	0650		
	V-BL 821	Ltn. Hagerup, A.	Sector recco	0950	1000		
7	O-AR 328	Sgt. Fearnley, F.	"	0950	1000		
	M-BL 919	Ltn. Sem, S	"	1000	1105		
	S-BL 891	Sgt. Owren, G.	"	1000	1105		
9	R-BL 894	Ltn. Leifseth, H.	Convoy	1040	1220		
	P-BL 960	Sgt. Spang, H.	"	1040	1220		
11	C-BL 919	Ltn. Leifseth, H.	Sector recco.	1145	1305		
	B-BM 579	" Berg, R.A.	"	1145	1305		
12	E-BL 681	Major Maehre, H.	"	1430	1515		
	K-AD 355	Sgt. Sognnes, H.	"	1430	1515		
11	E-BL 681	Major Maehre, H.	Shipping rec.	1020	1250		
	H-AR 341	2/Ltn. Heglund, S.	"	1020	1250		
12	J- R 7262	Sgt. Heiberg, T.	Sector recco	1105	1210		
	E-BL 681	Major Maehre, H.	Rodeo	1535	1700		
12	B-BM 579	Ltn. Berg, R.A.	"	1535	1700		
	C-BL 919	" Leifseth, H.	"	1535	1700		
12	L-BL 903	Sgt. Jorstad, N.K.	"	1535	1700		
	D-AR 325	Ltn. Ree, M.	"	1535	1700		
12	A-BL 588	Sgt. Spang, H.	"	1535	1700		
	E-BL 681	Major Maehre, H.	Circus	1845	2020		
12	B-BM 579	Ltn. Berg, R.A.	"	1845	2020		
	C-BL 919	" Leifseth, H.	"	1845	2020		
12	L-BL 903	Sgt. Jorstad, N.K.	"	1845	2020		
	D-AR 325	Ltn. Ree, M.	"	1845	2020		
12	A-BL 588	Sgt. Spang, H.	"	1845	2020		
	X-AR 296	" Henriksen, V.	Sector recco.	1055	1125		
12	O-AR 328	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	Rodeo	1535	1700		
	T-EN 786	" Birksted, K.	"	1535	1700		
12	N-AR 298	Sgt. Fossum, E.	"	1535	1700		
	M-BL 919	Ltn. Sem, S.	"	1535	1700		
12	Y-AB 473	Sgt. Owren, G.	"	1535	1700		
	Z-BL 987	" Nyerrod, K.	"	1535	1700		
12	T-EN 786	Ltn. Birksted, K.	Circus	1845	1900		
	S-BL 891	Sgt. Fossum, E.	"	1845	1900		

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				UP	DOWN			
12	M-EL 403	Ltn. Sem, S.	Circus	1845	2020	No incident		
	Y-EL 637	Sgt. Owsen, G.	"	1845	2020		" "	
	O-AR 328	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	1845	2020		" "	
	Z-EL 987	Sgt. Myerred, K.	"	1845	2020		" "	
13	O-EL 919	Ltn. Leifseth, H.	Headstead	1000	1145	" "		
	K-AD 355	Sgt. Jorstad, N.K.	"	1000	1145	" "		
	B-EN 579	Ltn. Berg, R.A.	"	1000	1145	" "		
	J-AR 7262	2/Ltn. Herberg, T.	"	1000	1145	" "		
	E-EL 681	Major Nashre, H.	"	1000	1145	" "		
	A-EL 588	Sgt. Spang, H.	"	1000	1145	" "		
	E-EL 681	Major Nashre, H.	Circus	1405	1540	" "		
	F-AR 293	2/Ltn. Greiner, T.	"	1405	1540	" "		
	O-EL 919	Ltn. Leifseth, H.	"	1405	1535	" "		
	K-AD 355	Sgt. Sognes, H.	"	1405	1535	" "		
	D-AR 325	Ltn. Roe, M.	"	1405	1535	" "		
	B-EN 579	2/Ltn. Haglund, S.	"	1405	1535	" "		
	O-AR 328	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	Headstead	1000	1145	" "		
	K-EL 587	Sgt. Myerred, K.	"	1000	1145	" "		
	T-EN 786	Ltn. Birksted, K.	"	1000	1145	" "		
	S-EL 891	Sgt. Fossum, E.	"	1000	1145	" "		
V-EL 821	Ltn. Hagerup, A.	"	1000	1145	" "			
Y-EL 637	Sgt. Henriksen, Y.	"	1000	1145	" "			
Y-EL 821	Ltn. Hagerup, A.	Circus	1405	1540	" "			
X-AR 296	Sgt. Fearnley, F.	"	1405	1540	" "			
E-EL 403	Ltn. Sem, S.	"	1405	1540	" "			
O-AR 328	Sgt. Henriksen, Y.	"	1405	1540	" "			
S-EL 891	" Fossum, E.	"	1405	1535	" "			
Y-EL 637	" Owsen, G.	"	1405	1535	" "			
F-AR 296	" Fossum, E.	Scramble	1840	2015	" "			
Y-EL 637	" Owsen, G.	"	1840	2015	" "			
14	V-EL 821	Ltn. Hagerup, A.	Convoy	0735	0910	" "		
	X-AR 296	Sgt. Fearnley, F.	"	0735	0910	" "		
	E-EL 403	Ltn. Sem, S.	"	0830	1010	" "		
	O-AR 328	Sgt. Henriksen, Y.	"	0830	1010	" "		
	F-AR 293	2/Ltn. Greiner, T.	"	0930	1100	" "		
	D-AR 325	Sgt. Spang, H.	"	0930	1100	" "		
	A-EL 588	Ltn. Weisten, T.	"	1030	1205	" "		
	B-EN 579	Sgt. Jorstad, N.K.	"	1030	1205	" "		
	E-EL 681	Ltn. Leifseth, H.	"	1130	1330	" "		
	H-AR 341	Sgt. Sognes, H.	"	1130	1330	" "		
	F-AR 293	2/Ltn. Greiner, T.	"	1230	1405	" "		
	O-EL 919	Sgt. Spang, H.	"	1230	1405	" "		
15	E-AR 325	Olsen, H.R.	Headstead	1410	1510	" "		
	E-EL 681	Major Nashre, H.	"	1150	1335	" "		
	H-AR 341	2/Ltn. Haglund, S.	"	1150	1335	" "		
	O-EL 919	Ltn. Leifseth, H.	"	1150	1335	" "		
	K-AD 355	Sgt. Sognes, H.	"	1150	1335	" "		
	A-EL 588	Ltn. Berg, R.A.	"	1150	1335	" "		

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES	
				UP	DOWN			
15	D-AR 325	Sgt. Clave, F.	Roadsted	1150	1335	No incident		
	E-BL 681	Major Maehre, H.	"	1750	1930		" "	
	D-AR 325	Sgt. Cleve, F.	"	1750	1930		" "	
	A-BL 588	Ltn. Berg, R.A.	"	1750	1930		" "	
	K-AD 355	Sgt. Sognes, H.	"	1750	1930		" "	
	H-AR 341	2/Ltn. Heiberg, T.	"	1750	1930		" "	
	F-AR 293	Sgt. Olsen, R.	Sector rec.	1705	1755		" "	
	T-EN 786	Ltn. Birksted, K.	Roadsted	1150	1335		" "	
	N-AR 298	2/Ltn. Malm, O.	"	1150	1335		" "	
	M-BL 403	Ltn. Sem, S.	"	1150	1335		" "	
	Z-BL 987	Sgt. Nyerrod, K.	"	1150	1335		" "	
	V-BL 821	Ltn. Hagerup, A.	"	1150	1335		" "	
	Y-BL 637	Sgt. Fearnley, F.	"	1150	1335		" "	
	T-EN 786	Ltn. Birksted, K.	"	1750	1930		" "	
	N-AR 298	Sgt. Malm, O.	"	1750	1930		" "	
M-BL 403	Ltn. Sem, S.	"	1750	1930	" "			
X-AR 296	2/Ltn. Gran, M.	"	1750	1930	" "			
V-BL 821	Ltn. Hagerup, A.	"	1750	1930	" "			
Y-BL 637	Sgt. Fearnley, F.	"	1750	1930	" "			
F-AR 293	Sgt. Olsen, R.	Sector rec.	1705	1755	" "			
17	T-EN 786	Ltn. Birksted, K.	Convoy patrol	0930	1110	" "		
	N-AR 298	Sgt. Bache, K.	"	0930	1110	" "		
	O-AR 328	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	0930	1110	" "		
	Z-BL 987	Sgt. Henriksen, Y.	"	0930	1110	" "		
	M-BL 403	Ltn. Sem, S.	"	1030	1210	" "		
	P-AD 509	Sgt. Bordal, F.	"	1030	1210	" "		
	X-AR 296	2/Ltn. Gran, M.	"	1030	1210	" "		
	Y-BL 637	Sgt. Fearnley, F.	"	1030	1210	" "		
	L-BL 903	Ltn. Leifseth, H.	"	0555	0705	" "		
	K-AD 355	Sgt. Sognes, H.	"	0555	0705	" "		
	A-BL 588	Ltn. Ree, M.	"	0830	1010	" "		
	L-BL 903	Sgt. Jorstad, N.K.	"	0830	1010	" "		
	H-AR 341	2/Ltn. Heglund, S.	"	0830	1010	" "		
	F-AR 293	Sgt. Cleve, F.	"	0830	1010	" "		
	C-BL 919	Ltn. Leifseth, H.	"	1130	1235	" "		
	D-AR 325	Sgt. Sognes, H.	"	1130	1235	" "		
	L-BL 903	2/Ltn. Heglund, S.	"	1130	1230	" "		
	A-BL 588	" Heiberg, T.	"	1130	1230	" "		
	Z-BL 987	Sgt. Nyerrod, K.	Roadsted	1420	1600	" "		
	P-AD 509	" Fossum, E.	"	1420	1600	" "		
	X-AR 296	2/Ltn. Gran, M.	"	1420	1600	" "		
Y-BL 637	Sgt. Owen, G.	"	1420	1600	" "			
T-EN 786	Ltn. Birksted, K.	Scramble	2010	2130	" "			
O-AR 328	Sgt. Bache, K.	"	2010	2130	" "			
L-BL 903	2/Ltn. Heiberg, T.	Roadsted	1420	1555	" "			
C-BL 919	Ltn. Leifseth, H.	"	1230	1250	" "			
K-AD 355	Sgt. Clave, F.	"	1230	1250	" "			
A-BL 588	Ltn. Weisten, L.	"	1230	1250	" "			
F-AR 341	2/Ltn. Greiner, T.	"	1230	1250	" "			
E-BL 681	Major Maehre, H.	"	1230	1250	" "			

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				UP	DOWN					
19	L-BL 903	2/Lt. Heiberg, T.	Readsted	1230	1250	No incident				
	C-BL 919	Ltn. Leifsoth, H.	"	1420	1555		"			
	K-AD 355	Sgt. [unclear], F.	"	1420	1545		"			
	A-BL 588	Ltn. Feisteen, L.	"	1420	1545		"			
	F-AR 293	2/Lt. Greiner, T.	"	1420	1555		"			
	E-BL 681	Major Mæhre, H.	"	1420	1600		"			
	20	E-BL 403	Ltn. [unclear], S.	Rhinbarb	1610		-----	Hit by flak and baled out, Picked up by H.S.L.		
		Z-BL 987	Sgt. Nyerrod, K.	"	1610		1800		"	
		T-AN 766	Ltn. Birksted, K.	"	1610		1750		Various targets in the Dunkerque area hit.	
		Y-BL 637	Sgt. Searnley, E.	"	1610		1750			
V-BL 821		2/Ltn. Gran, M.	"	1610	1750					
O-AR 328		Sgt. Ouren, G.	"	1610	1750					
Z-BL 907		Sgt. Nyerrod, K.	"	1830	1945					
O-AR 320		Sgt. Ouren, G.	"	1830	1945					
C-BL 919		Ltn. Leifsoth, H.	Shipping Rec.	1140	1310					
E-BL 681		Ltn. Res, M.	"	1140	1310					
21	C-BL 919	Ltn. Leifsoth, H.	Rhinbarb	1610	-----	Was seen to crash nose down in flames near the beach just east of Dunkerque. - (Hit by flak)				
	K-AD 355	Sgt. Cleve, F.	"	1610	1750					
	A-BL 588	Ltn. Res, M.	"	1610	1750					
	H-AR 341	2/Lt. Høglund, S.	"	1610	1840					
	E-BL 601	Major Mæhre, H.	"	1610	1750		Various targets in the Dunkerque area hit.			
	F-AR 293	2/Lt. Greiner, T.	"	1610	1750					
	E-BL 601	Major Mæhre, H.	Search	1830	1945					
	23	T-AN 766	Lt. Birksted, K.	Patrol	0610		0650	No incident		
		N-AR 298	Sgt. Baabe, K.	"	0710		0650		"	
		Y-BL 637	2/Lt. Gran, M.	"	0710		0750		"	
P-AD 509		Sgt. Ouren, G.	"	0710	0750	"				
S-BL 891		2/Lt. Nalm, O.	"	0700	0845	"				
O-AR 328		Sgt. Nyerrod, K.	"	0700	0845	"				
T-AN 766		Ltn. Birksted, K.	"	0755	0925	"				
N-AR 298		Sgt. Baabe, K.	"	0755	0925	"				
Y-BL 821		2/Ltn. Gran, M.	Escort	1145	1315	"				
P-AD 509		Sgt. Ouren, G.	"	1145	1315	"				
24	T-AN 766	Ltn. Birksted, K.	Ship, recon	1325	1500					
	N-AR 298	Sgt. Baabe, K.	"	1325	1500					
	K-BL 910	Lt. [unclear], A.	Patrol	0820	0935					
	K-AD 355	Sgt. Cleve, F.	"	0820	0935					
	E-BL 7202	2/Lt. Heiberg, T.	"	0945	1120					
	L-BL 903	Sgt. Jarstad, N.K.	"	0945	1120					
	H-AR 341	2/Lt. Høglund, S.	"	1045	1225					
	F-AR 293	Sgt. Spang, H.	"	1145	1225					
	F-AR 293	2/Lt. Heiberg, T.	Control	1230	1355					
	K-AD 355	Sgt. Cleve, F.	"	1230	1355					
24	F-AR 293	2/Lt. Gran, M.	"	1000	1140					
	P-AD 509	Sgt. Fossum, E.	"	1000	1140					

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				UP	DOWN			
24	S-BL. 891	Sgt. Fossum, E.	Convoy	1055	1230	No incident		
	Y-AB. 473	Sgt. Sem Olsen, E.	"	1055	1230		" "	
	T-EN. 786	Ltn. Birksted, K.	"	1155	1340		" "	
	Z-BL. 987	Sgt. Nyerrod, K.	"	1155	1340		" "	
	A-BL. 588	Ltn. Berg, R.A.	Rhubarb	1130	1310		" "	
	H-AR. 341	2/Lt. Heglund, S.	"	1130	1310		" "	
	E-BL. 681	Major Mashre, H.	Ship. recco	1110	1250		" "	
	L-BL. 903	Sgt. Jostad, N.K.	"	1110	1250		" "	
	F-AR. 293	Sgt. Espelid, H.	Sector recco	1300	1415		" "	
	K-AD. 355	Sgt. Olsen, R.	"	1300	1405		" "	
26	V-BL. 821	Ltn. Sem, S.	Convoy	0745	0920	" "		
	Z-BL. 987	Sgt. Nyerrod, K.	"	0745	0920	" "		
	S-BL. 891	Sgt. Bache, K.	"	0835	1025	" "		
	X-AR. 296	Sgt. Sem Olsen, E.	"	0835	1025	" "		
	T-EN. 786	2/Lt. Gran, M.	"	1045	1225	" "		
	P-AD. 509	Sgt. Fossum, E.	"	1045	1225	" "		
	S-BL. 891	2/Lt. Malm, O.	Ship. recco	1505	1620	" "		
	O-AR. 328	Sgt. Sem Olsen, E.	"	1505	1620	" "		
	X-AR. 296	2/Lt. Gran, M.	"	1505	1620	" "		
	Z-BL. 987	Sgt. Owren, G.	"	1505	1620	" "		
	P-AD. 509	Sgt. Fossum, E.	"	1505	1620	" "		
	V-BL. 821	Ltn. Sem, S.	"	1505	1620	" "		
	H-AR. 341	Ltn. Berg, R.A.	Convoy	0535	0655	" "		
	K-AD. 355	Sgt. Sognnes, H.	"	0535	0655	" "		
	C-W. 3231	Capt. Hagerup, A.	"	0605	0745	" "		
	L-BL. 903	Sgt. Cleve, F.	"	0605	0745	" "		
	A-BL. 588	Ltn. Weisteen, T.	"	0650	0830	" "		
	J-R. 7262	Sgt. Olsen, R.	"	0650	0830	" "		
	H-AR. 341	Ltn. Berg, R.A.	"	0945	1130	" "		
	K-AD. 355	Sgt. Sognnes, H.	"	0945	1130	" "		
	A-BL. 588	Ltn. Weisteen, T.	"	1145	1330	" "		
	L-BL. 903	Sgt. Cleve, F.	"	1145	1330	" "		
	H-AR. 341	2/Lt. Heglund, S.	Ship. recco	1505	1620	" "		
	L-BL. 903	Sgt. Olsen, R.	"	1505	1620	" "		
	K-AD. 355	Sgt. Sognnes, H.	"	1505	1620	" "		
	A-BL. 588	Capt. Hagerup, A.	"	1505	1620	" "		
	E-BL. 681	Major Mashre, H.	"	1505	1620	" "		
	D-AR. 325	Sgt. Spang, H.	"	1505	1620	" "		
	27	Z-BL. 987	2/Lt. Malm, O.	"	1345	1725	" "	
		Y-BL. 637	Sgt. Fearnley, F.	"	1345	1725	" "	
S-BL. 891		2/Lt. Malm, O.	"	1835	2040	" "		
Z-BL. 987		Sgt. Owren, G.	"	1835	2040	" "		
T-EN. 786		Capt. Birksted, K.	"	1835	2040	" "		
Y-BL. 637		Sgt. Fearnley, F.	"	1835	2040	" "		
O-AR. 328		Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	1835	2040	" "		
P-AD. 509		Sgt. Fossum, E.	"	1835	2040	" "		
28	T-EN. 786	Capt. Birksted, K.	Roadstead	1355	1540	" "		
	P-AD. 509	Sgt. Sem Olsen, E.	"	1355	1540	" "		
	O-AR. 328	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	1355	1540	" "		

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				UP	DOWN				
28	N-AR. 298	Sgt. Bordal, F.	Roadstead	1355	1540	No incident			
	X-AR. 296	2/Lt. Malm, O.	"	1355	1540		" "		
	Y-BL. 637	Sgt. Owren, G.	"	1355	1540		" "		
	O-AR. 328	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	Scramble	1725	1840		" "		
	S-BL. 891	Sgt. Bordal, F.	"	1725	1840		" "		
	B-BM. 579	2/Lt. Greiner, T.	Roadstead	1355	1540		" "		
	A-BL. 588	Capt. Hagerup, A.	"	1355	1540		" "		
	D-AR. 325	Sgt. Cleve, F.	"	1355	1540		" "		
	K-AD. 355	Sgt. Spang, H.	"	1355	1540		" "		
	E-BL. 681	Ltn. Ree, M.	"	1355	1540		" "		
	H-AR. 341	2/Lt. Heiberg, T.	"	1355	1540		" "		
	29	O-AR. 328	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	Circus	1245		1720	" "	
		Z-BL. 987	Sgt. Nyerrod, K.	"	1245		1715	" "	
		T-EN. 786	Capt. Birksted, K.	"	1245		1720	" "	
F-AD. 509		Sgt. Bache, K.	"	1245	1720	" "			
X-AR. 296		2/Lt. Gran, M.	"	1245	1725	" "			
U-		Sgt. Fearnley, F.	"	1245	1715	" "			
S-BL. 891		2/Lt. Malm, O.	Convoy	0745	0920	" "			
Y-BL. 637		Sgt. Owren, G.	"	0745	0920	" "			
T-EN. 786		Capt. Birksted, K.	"	0845	1020	" "			
F-AD. 509		Sgt. Sem Olsen, E.	"	0845	1020	" "			
E-BL. 681		Ltn. Berg, R.A.	"	0945	1130	" "			
C-W. 3231		2/Lt. Heiberg, T.	"	0945	1130	" "			
A-BL. 588		Capt. Hagerup, A.	"	1045	1240	" "			
F-AR. 293		Sgt. Espelid, E.	"	1045	1240	" "			
L-BL. 903		2/Ltn. Greiner, T.	"	1145	1330	" "			
D-AR. 325		Sgt. Spang, H.	"	1145	1330	" "			
H-AR. 341		2/Ltn. Heglund, S.	Rhubarb	1355	1600	Bruges area, shooting at locomotives, aerodromes, hangars and a boatload of soldiers.-			
D-AR. 325		Sgt. Cleve, F.	"	1355	1600		2/Ltn. Heglund, S. received a cannonshell through port wing leading edge.- Landed safely.-		
30.		E-BL. 681	Ltn. Ree, M.	Circus	1140	1300	Some action taking place.- S-squadron attacked by number of F.W. 190's without any claims.-		
		K-AD. 355	Sgt. Sognes, H.	"	1140	1300			
	L-BL. 903	2/Ltn. Heiberg, T.	"	1140	1325				
	F-AR. 293	2/Ltn. Greiner, T.	"	1140	1410				
	B-BM. 579	Ltn. Berg, R.A.	"	1140	1325				
	J.R. 7262	Sgt. Cleve, F.	"	1140	1325				
	F-AR. 293	2/Ltn. Greiner, T.	Rhodes	1730	1915				
	B-BM. 579	Ltn. Ree, M.	"	1730	1920				
	K-AD. 355	Sgt. Sognes, H.	"	1730	1915				
	L-BL. 903	2/Ltn. Heiberg, T.	"	1730	1915				
	J.R. 7262	Sgt. Cleve, F.	"	1730	1915				
	S-BL. 891	2/Ltn. Malm, O.	Circus	1140	1315				
	P-AD. 509	Sgt. Fossum, E.	"	1140	1315				
	T-EN. 786	Capt. Birksted, K.	"	1140	1330				
	Y-BL. 637	Sgt. Fearnley, F.	"	1140	1330				
	O-AR. 328	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	1140	1305				
N-AR. 298	Sgt. Bache, K.	"	1140	1305					
T-EN. 786	Capt. Birksted, K.	Rodeo	1730	1915					
Y-BL. 637	Sgt. Fossum, E.	"	1730	1915					

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
				Up	Down		
30.	X.AR. 296	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	Rodeo	1730	1915	No incident	
	N.AR. 298	Sgt. Bache, K.	"	1730	1915		
	S.BL. 891	2/Ltn. Malm, O.	"	1730	1915		
31	V.BL. 821	Sgt. Nyerød, K.	"	1730	1915	" "	
	E-BM 579	Ltn. Ree, M.	Circus	1410	1555	" "	
	F-AR 293	Sgt. Espelid, H.	"	1410	1555	" "	
	D-AR 325	2/Ltn. Heglund, S.	"	1410	1555	Both claiming 1 F.W. damaged.	
	L-BL 903	Sgt. Jorstad, N.K.	"	1410	1555		
	B-BM 579	Ltn. Berg, R.A.	"	1410	1555	No incident	
	K-AD 355	Sgt. Sognnes, H.	"	1410	1555		
	D-AR 325	2/Ltn. Heglund, S.	Search	1940	2135	" "	
	L-BL 903	Sgt. Jorstad, N.K.	"	1940	2135	" "	
	E-BM 579	Ltn. Ree, M.	"	1940	2135	" "	
	F-AR 293	Sgt. Espelid, H.	"	1940	2135	" "	
	X-AR 296	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	Circus	1410	1550	" "	
	N-AR 298	Sgt. Bordal, F.	"	1410	1550	" "	
	S-BL 891	2/Ltn. Malm, O.	"	1410	1535	" "	
	Z-BL 987	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, H.	"	1410	1535	" "	
	X-AR 296	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	1410	1535	" "	
	V-BL 821	Sgt Nyerød, K.	"	1410	1535	" "	
Z-BL 987	" Fossum, E.	Search	1940	2135	" "		
T-EN 786	Captain Birksted, K.	"	1940	2135	" "		
N-AR 298	Sgt. Bache, K.	"	1940	2135	" "		
X-AR 296	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	1940	21,35	" "		
Y-AR 473	Sgt. Fearnley, F.	"	1940	21,35	" "		

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	August 1942			
North Weald.	I		5 a/c with Capt. Birksted left at 1105hrs and arrived at Sawbridgeworth at 1115hrs for practice flying on Mustangs. They returned to base at 1245hrs. At 1410hrs 15 a/c left for P.T. and swimming at Manston. They had tea in the sick quarters at Westgate. Returned to base at 1930hrs.	
		2	Raining and cloudy in the morning, clearing. On readiness at 1300hrs. One scramble in the afternoon but no incident.	
		3	Weather variable. there were two seq: on convoy patrol from 1250hrs to 1520hrs. 6 a/c scrambled but no incident. Lts. Sem and Lynneberg to Northolt for Gas decontamination Exhibition.	
		4	Cold windy variable. Convoy patrols from 1115hrs to 1350hrs. At 1350hrs 12 a/c took ^{off} for Fighter Roadstead. They refuelled at Manston and left there at 1500hrs. Red flight (6 a/c) flew at 1500ft. on course to Dunkerque then up the French coast to Ostend where they turned port and followed coast back to Boulogne, being about 4 miles off shore all the time. From Boulogne they crossed the channel to Folkstone maintaining 1500ft. Blue flight (6 a/c) flew at sea level behind 332(N)sqd: and I21sqd: following the same route as above keeping further out from the shore but within sight of Red flight. Some e/a followed them towards the English coast and Blue flight engaged them, Black 1 & 2 each firing two I secs: bursts at two different F.W. 190's but were unable to see any results. The e/a pulled away fast. All landed North Weald safely 1630hrs.	
		5	Cold and slightly overcast. Very little flying except for one practice formation.	
		6	Overcast and chilly. There was one convoy patrol and one scramble but no incidents. At 1015hrs. 12 a/c took off on Shipping recco: They flew on the deck and arrived just south of Ostend at 1055hrs, here they turned port and followed the coast up	

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	6.		(cont.) to Walcheren Island where they set course for base, all landing safely at 1215hrs. There were two big fishing fleets out, one by Ostend and the other by Blankenbergha. Some heavy flak experienced from land.	
	7.		Overcast, raining, bad visibility. Convoy patrols from 0840hrs to 1310hrs. No other flying.	
	8		Overcast and raining. No flying.	
	9		Warm, sunny. 5/10 cloud. There was a convoy patrol most of the day, and two scrambles but no incident. At 1045hrs I2 a/c took off for shipping recon: They picked up I2Isqd: at Southend and set course for Dunkerque. Here they turned left, following the coast up and about 2 miles off shore. Blue sec: experienced intense and accurate flak off Ostend. Winco ordered an attack on a flak ship just W. of Flushing close in shore, but it opened up with such heavy flak that they were then ordered to withdraw. Squadron then turned right and set course for home. All landed base safely at 1235hrs. No e/a seen.	
	10		Overcast, slight drizzle. Only 6hrs local flying.	
	11		Overcast. Heavy rain and wind at times. Lt. Heglund and Sgt. Cleve left at 1100hrs for Rhubarb in the Brugas area, however the weather was found to be unsuitable so followed the coast round to Flushing and then to Hook of Holland looking for shipping, but saw none. Returned to base 1315hrs. Weather clear mid-channel. There was cloud flying and airfiring the rest of the day.	
	12		Fine. 5/10. Windy and heavy rain at times. There was a practice Rhubarb by I2 a/c when various ground targets were shot up on the coastal district near Clacton and Frinton.	
	13		Fine slight wind warmer. Practice flying in the morning. It clouded over 10/10 after tea when a show was put on. I2 a/c took off at 1730hrs. for Roadstead. Landfall was made by Berck and the wing went down the coast past Dieppe, nearly to Fecamp where they orbited left towards the coast. They went in to see bandits reported. They saw some e/a about 3 miles away but did not engage them. Course then set for base. All landed safely 1920hrs.	

(332, 242 & I2I sqds: were on top all the time)

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	August.			
North Weald.	14.		Fine and warm. Today 18 pilots 14 planes, and 73 ground crew together with Lts. Lynneberg and Yatman left for Manston, taking with them enough equipment and clothes for a weeks stay. Everybody is wondering what we are in for . The aircraft arrived at Manston at 1045hrs. The road party arrived about 1330hrs.	
Manston.	15.		Fine and warm. Many hoping for a bath in the sea at Westgate but find the beach closed. Readiness at 1300hrs. At 1410hrs. 12 a/c took off for Roadstead. They flew to Flushing and then round Walcheren Island. 242 sqd: attacked a small ship just off the northern point of Walcheren whilst 33I stayed above them at 1500ft. No e/a seen, but intense flak from the shore. All landed safely at 1535hrs.	
	16.		Overcast, raining. Squadron up at 0400hrs to be on readiness at 0445hrs, with one section at standby. People sleeping and snoring in all positions ! One convoy patrol.	
	17.		Clear sunny warm. 12 a/c led by Winco took off at 1245hrs. for Rodeo. They started to climb at once and crossed the French coast between Gravelines and Dunkerque making a wide right hand turn which took them to just short of St. Omer in 13000ft. coming out again over the French coast between Gravelines and Calais. No e/a seen. Small ship about 200 tons seen just out side Calais but not engaged. All landed safely base. 1340hrs. 12 a/c led by Major Maehre took off for diversionary Circus number 204. They rendezvoused at the Naze at 1702hrs with Defiants, but 3 Fortresses did not turn up, so the wing left without them and made landfall between Dunkerque and Nieuport Here they made a wide left hand turn and came home. All landed safely 1825hrs. 11 a/c took off at 2010 hrs together with 332sqd: who flew slightly above and behind us for an anti E boat sweep off Calais. They flew at sea level to Cap Gris Nez	

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Manston.	August 17 (cont:)		<p>then turned left along the coast and approached Calais. Here they met the most intense and accurate flak, they have ever experienced, which shook their planes about. Turning out again slightly they followed the coast up to Dunkerque and then returned home, all landing safely by 2055hrs.</p> <p>This was a very busy day and the pilots are very tired as they had early morning readiness as well as three sweeps.</p>	
	18.		<p>Fine clear and warm. All up at 0400hrs for readiness. Most of us are feeling the lack of sleep. At 1300hrs we are on 30mins: and most go back to the mess at Westgate. At 1530hrs there is briefing for Roadstead to Flushing.</p> <p>12 a/w left at 1600hrs flying at sea level N. for 5mins: then E. for 15mins: then climbing to 13000ft. Just w. of Flushing sqd: turned slightly left and followed Walcheren coast round to Hamsteede. Here they turned left again and set course for base (Manston) via Frinton, losing height gradually till Manston was reached.</p> <p>All landed safely 1725hrs.</p> <p>Major Maehre was leading the wing with 331sqd: bottom, 242 on left above and 403 on right top sqd: No e/a no flak.</p> <p>After tea, first Group Captain Morris and then Wing Commander Scott Malden briefed the whole wing for operations taking place tomorrow during a commando raid on Dieppe, starting at 0450hrs on the 19th. It was stressed how important it was to keep all knowledge of this absolutely secret and no one is to be allowed off camp. There was further discussion by Major Maehre and all the pilots after dinner at Westgate, when all possibilities, eventualities and circumstances of flying were talked over.</p> <p>All to bed as soon as possible as it has been a long day and no doubt tomorrow will be longer and harder. One can feel there is a good deal of excitement in the air since we have known about tomorrow and all are in good spirits.</p>	

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
Manston	Aug. 19.		<p>Fine and clear at sunrise. All up at 0400 hrs. for the second day in succession. Today will be hard work for everyone and its importance was stressed yesterday at the briefing. Of course all realise this and are delighted to get a chance to do something worth while and hit at the enemy. There has been a certain lack of sleep here owing to early readiness, for instance the squadron had to get up at 0400 hrs. on the 16th, 18th & 19th as well as doing 3 sweeps on the 17th, the last of which did not finish until 2055 hrs. 332(N) sqd: has felt the lack of sleep too. We had an early breakfast and arrived at dispersal excited and in good spirits in anticipation of the day ahead, but soon most were sleeping in all sorts of queer positions all over the place. At 0610 hrs. 12 aircraft 331 (N) Squadron took off with Winco leading 332(N) and 242 squadrons. 331 were at 5/8000 ft. with 332 above us up to cloud base 10,000 ft. and 242 below us. The wing arrived over Dieppe anchorage at 0650 hrs. and 331 Yellow section orbitted clockwise and Red and Blue sections orbitted anticlockwise as previously planned. On being attacked by ME.'s and F.W.'s (about 20 e/a altogether) dogfights started in all directions and the squadron became split up in a general melee. From these combats Major Machre claims one F.W.190 destroyed and one F.W.190 probably destroyed. Captain Birketed claims one F.W.190 destroyed and one ME.109 probably destroyed shared with F/Sgt. Fearnley; Lt. Sem and Sgt. Owen claim between them one F.W.190 probably destroyed as the aircraft was seen in a vertical dive with smoke pouring out of it and later a plane near here was seen to crash land in flames just to the east of Dieppe. Lt. Berg and Sgt. Spang also claim a F.W.190 damaged. 2nd.Lt. Greiner (Red 2) was attacked by 2 F.W.190's and was hit by what he believed to be heavy flak in starboard wing root which flung his plane into a spin and sent splinters all over the cockpit and</p>	

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Manston	Aug. 19.		<p>At 1425 hrs. 12 a/c 331(N) Squadron led by Major Mashre took off with 332(N) Squadron on top. On the way out 5 miles off the English coast 6 F.W.190's were reported approaching head on. Blue section climbed and turned getting into a good position to attack when the aircraft were reported to be Typhoons. Owing to this Blue section got separated from the squadron and headed for the ships which were then about 15 miles off Dieppe. Banjo reported Dorniers coming from the Somme area (later proved to be F.W.190's) and so Red, Blue and Yellow sections climbed through cloud and most of them became separated in doing so. Blue section were dived on by about 20 F.W.190's and not having Red and Yellow sections with them they dived away and shook them off. Red and Yellow sections also got separated in cloud layers at 8000 ft. Afterwards several combats followed. Lieut. Ree emptied his guns into a Do.217 in an head on attack closing to beam and claims it as damaged. Sgt. Spang claims one F.W.190 destroyed and one F.W.190 damaged, having seen his destroyed hit the ground to the N.E. of Dieppe. 2/Ltn.Heglund claims one F.W.190 destroyed and he saw it falling towards the sea out of control from about 100 feet and with black and white smoke coming out of it. Ltn. Berg claims one F.W.190 shot into the sea and one F.W.190 damaged. During his last attack Ltn.Berg's plane was hit probably in the glycol system. He had to bale out as the engine stopped, but was first able to call up Red 4 who followed him and gave a Mayday for him. He was picked up very few minutes after he touched the sea by H.M. M/L 190 (Lieut.Ball R.N.V.R.) and landed at Newhaven at 1830 hrs. safe and unhurt. The rest of the Squadron landed safely at base by 1605 hrs.</p>	

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			<u>Destroyed.</u>	<u>Probably Destroyed.</u>	<u>Damaged.</u>	<u>Our Casualties.</u>	
			Sgt. Spang		1 F.W.190 Sgt. Spang	(1 Spit.V.B. written)	
			1 F.W.190		1 Do.217 Lt. Ree	(off. Lt. Berg safe)	
			2/Ltn. Heglund		1 F.W.190 " Berg		
			1 F.W.190				
			Ltn. Berg.				
			1 F.W.190				
			3.		3		
			At 1845 hrs. 331(N) Squadron 12 a/c took off with Winco leading 332(N) Sqdn. slightly above us and 242 and 403 Sqdns. below us. 331(N) Sqdn. climbed to 3000 ft. and orbited anti-clockwise over the ships which were then about 15 mls. south of Beachy Head.				
			After about 5 mins. Blue section went off to chase a Dornier which was sighted about 7 mls. to the east of the ships. Blue 3 and 4 caught up with the Dornier and were able to damage it but it flew off to the S.E. Bandits were reported coming in very low from the S.E. at frequent intervals. Nothing however, was seen and as the weather was deteriorating the squadron was ordered to return to base. They had been patrolling the ships for about 45 mins. Lt. Sem and Sgt. Fossum shared a Dornier 217 damaged between them, both saw cannon strikes on the fuselage and port engine and pieces flying off the E/a. All landed safely by 2020 hrs.				
Manston	19		<u>Enemy casualties</u>	<u>Our casualties.</u>			
			1 Do.217 damaged shared by Lt. Sem and Sgt. Fossum	NIL.			
			<u>TOTAL SCORE FOR THE DAY.</u>				
			<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Probably Destroyed.</u>	<u>Damaged.</u>	<u>Our losses.</u>	
			1 Maehre		1 Maehre	1 Spit.V.B.	
			1 Birksted		1 Berg	Port wing Cat. A.	
			1 Hagerup	1 Sem	1 Spang	1 Spit.V.B.	
			1 Sognnes	1 Owren	1 Sem		
			1 Spang	1 Fearnley	1 Weisteen		
			1 Heglund		1 Ree		
			1 Berg		1 Berg		
			1 Birksted		1 Sem and Fossum		
			1 Fearnley				
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Manselton	Aug. 19		<p>The fourth and last sortie came back at 2020 hrs. The final score for the day being 7 destroyed, 3 probables and 7 or 8 damaged (subject to amendment) and all our pilots safe, for the loss of two planes written off by Lt. Berg and 2/Lt. Greiner who had to bale out when they were hit. It has been the hell of a day with every one working at top pressure - no time for meals but there were masses of sandwiches and soft drinks and coffee - in fact one seemed to be eating most of the day. The ground crew have had a hard day and have done very well repairing the Winco's plane which had a big hole on the port side of the fuselage right in the centre of the red roundel. They made a very neat job by rivetting in a new piece of metal so that it could not be noticed. On another plane they repaired an aileron and wing doing a difficult job. However everyone enjoyed the day and got a great kick out of the fact that they were really at last taking part in something vital. "Yes, lets have some more like this tomorrow" is the general opinion.</p> <p>After dinner we heard that Lt. Berg and 2Lt. Greiner were safe and had been landed in this country, unhurt -- everyone whooping and jumping for joy at the news.</p>	

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Manston.	August. 20.		<p>Fine and warm. Cloudy. All returned to North Weald, the ground personnel leaving soon after the planes had taken off, at 1430hrs.</p> <p>12 a/c took off at 1750hrs for diversionary sweep. They rendezvoused at Beachy Hd. with 9 Defiants, then set course for Hardelot, climbing to 28000ft. The Defiants were left before crossing the French coast, but the fighters continued on, making a wide left turn towards St. Omer crossing out over the French coast by Calais.</p>	
North Weald.	21.		<p>All landed safely at North Weald 1750hrs.</p> <p>Fine. cloudy. Twice 12 a/c left to be rear support to Fortresses bombing Rotterdam but rendezvous was not made owing to the Fortresses being 10mins. late so our a/c were recalled on both occasions, without incident.</p>	
	22		<p>Showery and gusty. Only 2hrs 10mins flying today.</p> <p>Yesterday, Lt. Ree left the squadron to join an O.T.U. for twin engine conversion course. Known as Morton to most people, he was a typical wild man of the north, and generally full of good humour. We have lost ^{by} action and by posting too many fellows who were really good at keeping up the spirits of everyone.</p>	
	23		<p>Rain at times, becoming finer. There was flight formation and dogfighting.</p> <p>Lt. Torhaug leaves the squadron today and 2Lt. Undhammer becomes the squadron engineer officer.</p>	
	24.		<p>Cloudy, drizzle early becoming finer. Practically no flying today.</p>	
	25		<p>Overcast, heavy rain. No flying.</p>	
	26		<p>Overcast, heavy rain at times. Flight formation and cloud flying.</p> <p>Wing Commander Scott Malden D.F.C. and Bar leaves the wing today much to everybody's regret. We hear that he has been awarded the D.S.O. for the very fine service he has rendered to his country. He is also to receive the Norwegian Krigskors for the</p>	

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North Weald	August 26.		<p>very valuable leadership and help given so unstintingly to both Norwegian squadrons here. There is no doubt that his quiet confidence and fine leadership brought our pilots through many difficult situations, and one shudders to think how we should have done without him. He was an inspiration to all who came in contact with him.</p> <p>Capt. Birksted, who has been away on holiday since the 22nd, was promoted to the rank of Major as from the 25th, and he will take over the command of the squadron during the next few days when Major Maehre leaves us for other duties.</p> <p>Major Maehre and Major Birksted have been awarded the D.F.C. for the very fine part taken by them during the Dieppe commando raid on the 19th, and for all the painstaking work put in by them on behalf of the Squadron, we are all very pleased and proud of this. We must also say how pleased we are that Major Mohr of 332 sqd. has been similarly honoured with the D.E.C.</p>	
	27.		<p>Fine, cloudy. Very damp and hot.</p> <p>12 a/c took off at 1145 hrs. for Fighter Roadstead, with 332 and 242 Squadrons. Rendezvoused at South End with 121 Sqdn. Continued at sea level and then climbed steadily after crossing the French coast just East of Dunkerque till 331 Sqdn. were at 14,000 feet. On the way in Sgt. Espelid was hit by light flak at 2000 feet, but after smoking slightly and losing height, he then caught up with the rest of the formation. However, as they were leaving the French coast West of Gravelines Sgt. Espelid turned inland and lost height. It is not known exactly what happened to him, but it is considered possible that he made a forced landing in France. Some heavy flak was experienced over the coast on the way out. No E/A were seen.</p> <p>11 a/c landed at base at 1205 hrs.</p> <p>At 1430 hrs. all officers and men of 331 and 332 squadrons paraded in honour of a visit from Major General Hansteen, Commander in Chief of Norwegian Forces. He was accompanied by Rear Admiral Riiser-Larsen, Chief of Norwegian Air Forces, and by Lieutenant Colonel Øen, Colonel Bull and Captain Brun.</p>	

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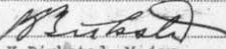
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North Weald.	27.	et'd.	<p>At 1650 hrs. 12 a/c took off with 332 and 242 sqdns. joining up with 121 sqdn. at Soutend.</p> <p>Rendezvous was made with Debden wing and 8 Fortresses at Orfordness, our wing being rear support.</p> <p>Followed in rear of Fortresses and climbing to 26,000 feet flying East, then orbiting about 18 miles off Dutch coast by Rotterdam. Escorted Fortresses back to Orfordness. No e/a were seen. All landed base at 1835 hrs.</p>	
	28.		<p>Fine, clear and warm.</p> <p>12 aircraft took off at 1135 hrs. for Diversionsary sweep in Circus 210. Rendezvous at Naze with 9 Defiants, making right hand orbit and followed the Defiants, 5 miles behind, on course to Gravelines. When Defiants started to loose height, we climbed to 22,000 feet, crossing the coast just west of Dunkerque. Here turned right and followed French coast down to Calais, turned right again and came home via Mid-channel. Landed base 1305 hrs.</p> <p>2 convoy patrols 0820 hrs. to 1105 hrs.</p>	
	29.		<p>Sultry heat, some cloud.</p> <p>At 0945 hrs, 12 a/c took off for Diversionsary sweep in Circus 211. We climbed rapidly as soon as we left base. Crossed coast just west of Dunkerque and made a wide right hand sweep south of St. Omer coming out over the Channel by Gris Nez. Here, at about 20,000 feet some F.W.190's dived on us from S.W. Red section, lead by Major Maehre, turned into the attack. Red 1 and 2, Blue 1 and 2 and Yellow 2 had combats, resulting in 4 F.W.190's damaged and one probably destroyed. Our losses NIL. Lt. Lundsten and Sgt. Bordal returned early with oxygen trouble. 2/lt. 's Malm and Nyerrod also returned early, 2/lt. Malm having trouble with his deflection sight. Rest landed safely by 1120 hrs.</p> <p>This evening the pilots and officers of 331 sqdn. gave a dinner to celebrate Major Maehre's,</p>	

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
North Weald.	29.	et'd.	Major Birksted's and Major Mohr's decoration with D.F.C. Captains Thorsager and From and Lieut.'s Mollestad and Christie, four pilots from 332 squadron, were also invited to join us - they all had been previously in 331 squadron. So far as can be remembered by the writer the party appeared almost too successful in some ways!	
	30.		5/10 cloud. Hot. Convey patrols from 1310 hrs. to 1720 hrs.	
	31.		<p>Heavy rain. Sultry heat.</p> <p>No flying except one return trip to Martlesham by Maggi. All released off camp from 1300 hrs. One cannot look back on the month without thinking of the 19th, and all that happened on that day. It must never be forgotten what a good job of work the ground crew did then as well as the pilots. Especially the armourers were hard at work all the time.</p> <p>Major Maehre leaves us tomorrow much to everyone's regret. He has been C.O. of 331 sqdn. since spring at Skeabrae, and has guided our fortunes with the greatest success. He says "I have spent the best time of my life with the squadron". We hope he will often visit us here.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">  K. Birksted, Major, Officer Commanding, 331(N) Squadron, North Weald. ----- </p>	

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				UP	DOWN		
2.	A. AR. 343	Ltn. Weisteen, T.	Scramble	1610	1630	No incident.	
	R. AD. 355	Sgt. Espelid, H.	"	1610	1630	" "	
3.	O. AR. 328	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	Conv. Patrol	1350	1520	" "	
	Z. BL. 987	Sgt. Nyerrod, K.	"	1350	1520	" "	
	L. BL. 903	2/Ltn. Heiberg, T.	"	1250	1450	" "	
	J. R. 7262	Sgt. Olsen, R.	"	1250	1450	" "	
	E. BL. 579	Ltn. Berg, R.A.	Scramble	1830	1840	" "	
	J. R. 7262	2/Ltn. Greiner, J.	"	1830	1840	" "	
	A. AR. 343	Ltn. Weisteen, T.	"	1830	1840	" "	
	K. AD. 355	Sgt. Espelid, H.	"	1830	1840	" "	
4.	D. AD. 343	Ltn. Ree, M.	"	1830	1840	" "	
	L. BL. 903	Sgt. Jorstad, N.K.	"	1830	1840	" "	
	E. BL. 681	Ltn. Ree, M.	To Manston	1350	1410	" "	
	D. AD. 373	Sgt. Spang, H.G.	"	1350	1410	" "	
	F. AR. 293	2/Ltn. Greiner, J.	"	1350	1410	" "	
	K. AD. 355	Sgt. Cleve, F.	"	1350	1410	" "	
	A. AR. 343	Ltn. Berg, R.A.	"	1350	1410	" "	
	L. BL. 903	Sgt. Jorstad, N.K.	"	1350	1410	" "	
	T. EN. 786	Capt. Birksted, K.	"	1350	1410	" "	
	G. AR. 328	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, E.	"	1350	1410	" "	
	X. AR. 296	2/Ltn. Gran, M.	"	1350	1410	" "	
	P. AD. 509	Sgt. Fossum, E.	"	1350	1410	" "	
	S. BL. 891	2/Ltn. Heiberg, T.	"	1350	1410	" "	
	Y. AD. 474	Sgt. Bache, K.	"	1350	1410	" "	
	E. BL. 681	Ltn. Ree, M.	Roadsted	1500	1620	Ostend/Boulogne. Black section fired at 2 F.W.190's without any results being observed. E/A pulled away.	
	D. AD. 373	Sgt. Spang, H.G.	"	1500	1620	"	
F. AR. 293	2/Ltn. Greiner, J.	"	1500	1620	" " " "		

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				UP	DOWN		
4.	A. AR. 343	Ltn. Berg, R.A.	Roadsted.	1500	1620	Ostend/Boulogne. Black section fired at 2 F.W.190's without any results being observed. E/A pulled away.	
	L. BL. 903	Sgt. Jorstad, N.K.	"	1500	1620		
	T. EN. 786	Capt. Birksted, K.	"	1500	1620		
	O. AR. 328	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, E.	"	1500	1620		
	X. AR. 296	2/ltn. Gran, M.	"	1500	1620		
	P. AD. 509	Sgt. Fossum, E.	"	1500	1620		
	S. BL. 891	2/ltn. Heiberg, T.	"	1500	1620		
	Y. AD. 474	Sgt. Beche, K.	"	1500	1620		
	X. AR. 296	2/ltn. Gran, M.	Conv. Patrol	1115	1310		
P. AD. 509	Sgt. Fossum, E.	" "	1115	1310	" "		
V. BL. 821	Ltn. Sem, S.	" "	1215	1350	" "		
Z. BL. 987	Sgt. Myerrod, K.	" "	1215	1350	" "		
6.	C. W. 3231	Ltn. Ree, M.	Shipp. recco.	1015	1050	" "	
	K. AD. 355	Sgt. Jorstad, N.K.	" "	1015	1050	" "	
	A. AR. 343	Ltn. Berg, R.A.	" "	1015	1215	" "	
	F. AR. 293	2/ltn. Greiner, J.	" "	1015	1215	" "	
	D. AD. 373	Major Machre, H.	" "	1015	1215	" "	
	L. BL. 903	2/ltn. Heiberg, T.	" "	1015	1215	" "	
	S. BL. 891	" Malm, O.	" "	1015	1215	" "	
	Y. AD. 474	Sgt. Fearnley, F.	" "	1015	1215	" "	
	T. EN. 786	Ltn. Sem. S.	" "	1015	1215	" "	
	N. BL. 403	Sgt. Bordal, F.	" "	1015	1215	" "	
	X. AR. 296	2/ltn. Gran, M.	" "	1015	1215	" "	
	O. AR. 328	Sgt. Myerrod, K.	" "	1015	1215	" "	
	B. BL. 579	Ltn. Ree, M.	Conv. Patrol.	1255	1410	" "	
	F. AR. 293	Sgt. Spang, H.S.	" "	1255	1410	" "	
	C. W. 3231	Ltn. Weisteen, T.	Scramble	2105	2135	" "	

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				UP	DOWN		
6.	K. AD.355	Sgt. Jorstad, N.K.	Scramble	2105	2135	No incident.	
7.	F. AR.293	2/Ltn. Heiberg, T.	Conv. Patrol	0930	1100	" "	
	D. AD. 373	Sgt. Cleve, F.	" "	0930	1100	" "	
	B. BL. 579	Ltn. Ree, M.	" "	1025	1200	" "	
	C. W. 3231	Sgt. Spang, H.G.	" "	1025	1200	" "	
	E. BL. 681	Ltn. Weisteen, T.	" "	1125	1310	" "	
	J. R. 7262	Sgt. Olsen, R.	" "	1125	1310	" "	
	S. BL. 891	2/Ltn. Malm, O.	" "	0840	1015	" "	
P. AD. 509	Sgt. Sem Olsen, E.	" "	0840	1015	" "		
9.	B. BL. 579	Ltn. Berg, R.A.	Conv. Patrol	0940	1120	" "	
	J. R. 7262	Sgt. Olsen, E.	" "	0940	1120	" "	
	E. BL. 681	Major Maehre, H.	" "	1255	1420	" "	
	Z. BL. 987	2/Ltn. Malm, O.	" "	1255	1420	" "	
	B. BL. 579	Ltn. Berg, R.A.	" "	1540	1710	" "	
	D. AD. 373	Sgt. Spang, H.G.	" "	1540	1710	" "	
	V. BL. 821	Ltn. Sem. S.	" "	1340	1520	" "	
	S. BL. 891	Sgt. Bordal, F.	" "	1340	1520	" "	
	X. AR. 296	2/Ltn. Gran, M.	" "	1430	1610	" "	
	N. BL. 403	Sgt. Fossum, E.	" "	1430	1610	" "	
	O. AR. 328	" Bache, K.	" "	1515	1650	" "	
	Y. AD. 474	" Sem-Olsen, E.	" "	1515	1650	" "	
	B. BL. 579	Ltn. Berg, R.A.	Scramble	1940	2040	" "	
	D. AD. 373	Sgt. Spang, H.G.	"	1940	2040	" "	
	T. EN. 786	Capt. Birksted, K.	"	2035	2040	" "	
N. BL. 403	Sgt. Bordal, F.	"	2035	2040	" "		
E. BL. 681	Major Maehre, H.	Shipp. recco.	1045	1235	Heavy flak prevented attack on enemy flakship. Aircraft returned safely to base.		
D. AD. 373	Sgt. Spang, H.G.	" "	1045	1235			
A. AR. 343	Ltn. Ree, M.	" "	1045	1235			

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
9.	L. BL. 903	2/ltn. Heglund, S.	Shipp. recco.	1045	1235	No incident. Heavy flak prevented attack on enemy flak ship. Aircraft returned to base.	
	P. AR. 293	" Heiberg, T.	" "	1045	1235		
	O. W. 3231	Sgt. Cleve, F.	" "	1045	1235		
	V. BL. 821	Ltn. Sem, S.	" "	1045	1235		
	R. BL. 403	Sgt. Bache, K.	" "	1045	1235		
	X. AR. 296	2/ltn. Gran, M.	" "	1045	1235		
	P. AD. 509	Sgt. Fossum, E.	" "	1045	1235		
	S. BL. 891	2/ltn. Malm, O.	" "	1045	1235		
	Y. AD. 474	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, E.	" "	1045	1235		
11.	L. BL. 903	2/ltn. Heglund, S.	" "	1100	1315	No incident.	
	D. AD. 373	Sgt. Cleve, F.	" "	1100	1315	" "	
13.	O. AR. 328	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	Roadsted	1725	1915	Berk - Dieppe - Fecamp. Some E/A seen but no engagements. All aircraft returned safely.	
	P. AD. 509	2/ltn. Malm, O.	"	1725	1915		
	T. FN. 786	Capt. Birksted, K.	"	1725	1915		
	Y. AD. 474	Sgt. Fearnley, F.	"	1725	1915		
	N. BL. 403	Ltn. Sem, S.	"	1725	1915		
	Z. BL. 987	Sgt. Owren, P.G.	"	1725	1915		
	B. BL. 579	Ltn. Ree, M.	"	1725	1915		
	D. AD. 373	Sgt. Spang, H.G.	"	1725	1915		
	A. AR. 343	Ltn. Weisteen, T.	"	1725	1915		
	K. AD. 355	Sgt. Cleve, F.	"	1725	1915		
	E. BL. 681	Maj. Maehre, H.	"	1725	1915		
	L. BL. 903	2/ltn. Heglund, S.	"	1725	1915		
	14.	E. BL. 681	Maj. Maehre, H.	Movement to Manston.	1015		1055
A. AR. 343		Ltn. Weisteen, T.	"	1015	1055	" "	
C. W. 3231		" Ree, M.	"	1015	1050	" "	
D. AD. 373		Sgt. Spang, H.G.	"	1015	1050	" "	

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				UP	DOWN		
14.	B. BL.579	Ltn. Berg, R.A.	Movement to Manston	1015	1045	No incident.	
	F. AR.293	2/ltn. Greiner, J.	"	1015	1045	" "	
	L. BL.903	" Heglund, S.	"	1015	1045	" "	
	T. EN.786	Capt. Birksted, K.	"	1015	1050	" "	
	Y. AD.474	Sgt. Owren, G.P.	"	1015	1050	" "	
	N. BL.403	Ltn. Sem, S.	"	1015	1050	" "	
	S. BL.891	2/ltn. Malm, O.	"	1015	1050	" "	
	O. AR.328	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	1015	1050	" "	
	P. AD.509	Sgt. Fossum, E.	"	1015	1050	" "	
X. AR.296	2/ltn. Gran. M.	"	1015	1045	" "		
15.	E. BL.681	Major Maehre, H.	Roadsted	1410	1535		
	A. AR.343	Ltn. Weisteen, T.	"	1410	1535		
	L. BL. 903	" Ree, M.	"	1410	1535		
	C. W.3231	2/ltn. Greiner, J.	"	1410	1535		
	B. BL.579	Ltn. Berg, R.A.	"	1410	1535		
	D. AD.373	2/ltn. Heglund, S.	"	1410	1535		
	T. EN.786	Capt. Birksted, K.	"	1410	1535		
	X. AR.296	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, E.	"	1410	1535		
	V. BL.821	Ltn. Sem. S.	"	1410	1535		
	P. AD.509	Sgt. Fossum, E.	"	1410	1535		
S. BL.891	2/ltn. Malm, O.	"	1410	1535			
O. AR.328	Sgt. Owren, G.P.	"	1410	1535			
16.	X. AR.296	2/ltn. Gran, M.	Conv. Patrol	1210	1330	No incident.	
	P. AD.509	Sgt. Fossum, E.	"	1210	1330	" "	
17.	L. BL.903	2/ltn. Jorstad, N.	Rodeo	1245	1340		
	B. BL.579	Ltn. Ree, M.	"	1245	1340		
	D. AD.373	Sgt. Spang, H.G.	"	1245	1340		
	J. R.7262	2/ltn. Greiner, J.	"	1245	1340		

Flushing - Walcheren Island. No E/A seen. Intense
flak from the shore. All aircraft landed safely.

Gravelines - Dunkerque - St. Omer - Calais.
No E/A seen. All A/C landed safely.

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				UP	DOWN		
17.	A. AR.343	2/Ltn.Heglund, S.	Rodeo	1245	1340	Gravelines - Dunkerque - St.Omer - Calais. No E/A seen. All A/C returned safely.	
	O. AR.328	Ltn.Lundsten, L.	"	1245	1340		
	N. BL.403	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, E.	"	1245	1340		
	S. BL.891	2/ltn.Malm, O.	"	1245	1340		
	X. AR.296	" Gran, M.	"	1245	1340		
	Z. BL.987	Sgt. Owren, G.P.	"	1245	1340		
	P. AD.509	" Fossum, E.	"	1245	1340		
	E. BL.681	Major Maehre, H.	Circus 204	1640	1825	Diversionary Circus No.204. Rendezvous at the Naze. Landfall between Dunkerque and Nieuport. All a/C returned safely.	
	L. BL.903	2/ltn. Jorstad, N.	"	1640	1825		
	B. BL.579	Ltn.Berg, R.A.	"	1640	1825		
	D. AD.373	Sgt. Spang, H.G.	"	1640	1825		
	A. AR.343	Ltn. Weisteen, T.	"	1640	1825		
	J. R.7262	2/ltn.Greiner, J.	"	1640	1825		
	O. AR.328	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	1640	1825		
	X. BL.987	Sgt. Owren, G.P.	"	1640	1825		
	T. EN.786	Capt.Birksted, K.	"	1640	1825		
	X. AR.296	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, E.	"	1640	1825		
N. BL.403	Ltn. Sem.S.	"	1640	1825			
P. AD.509	Sgt. Fossum, E.	"	1640	1825			
E. BL.681	Major Maehre, H.	Shipp.recco.	2010	2055	Calais - Cap Griz Nez - Dunkerque. Most intense and accurate flak ever experienced. All A/C landed safely.		
L. BL.903	2/ltn.Jorstad, N.	"	2010	2055			
D. AD.373	Ltn. Ree, M.	"	2010	2055			
J. R.7262	2/ltn. Heglund, S.	"	2010	2055			
B. BL.579	Ltn. Berg, R.A.	"	2010	2055			
A. AR.343	" Weisteen, T.	"	2010	2055			
T. EN.786	Capt.Birksted, K.	"	2010	2055			
S. BL.891	2/ltn. Malm, O.	"	2010	2055			

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17.	N. BL.403	Ltn. Sem, S.	Shipp.recco.	2010	2055	Calais - Cap Gris Nez - Dunkerque. Most intense and Accurate flak ever experienced. All A/C returned safely.		
	P. AD.509	Sgt. Fearnley, F.	"	2010	2055			
	X. AR.296	2/ltn. Gran, M.	"	2010	2055			
18.	E. BL.681	Major Maehre, H.	Rodeo	1600	1725	Flushing - Walcheren - Hamsteede No incident.		
	L. BL.903	2/ltn. Greiner, J.	"	1600	1725			
	D. AD.573	Ltn. Ree, M.	"	1600	1725			
	B. BL.579	2/ltn. Heglund, S.	"	1600	1725			
	A. AR.343	Ltn. Weisteen, T.	"	1600	1725			
	J. R.7262	Sgt. Espelid, H.	"	1600	1725			
	T. EN.786	Capt. Birksted, K.	"	1600	1725			
	P. AD.509	Sgt. Fearnley, F.	"	1600	1725			
	O. AR.328	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	1600	1725			
	Z. BL.987	Sgt. Owren, G.P.	"	1600	1725			
	X. AR.296	2/ltn. Gran, M.	"	1600	1725			
	S. BL.891	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, E.	"	1600	1725			
	E. BL.681	Major Maehre, H.	Soramble	1855	1900			No incident.
T. EN.786	2/ltn. Malm, O.	"	1855	1900	" "			
Z. BL.987	Sgt. Fossum, E.	"	1855	1900	" "			
19.	T. EN.786	Capt. Birksted, K.	Commando cover	0610	0810	Squadron were at 5-8000 feet and arrived over Dieppe anchorage at 0650 hrs. Yellow section orbited clockwise and Red and Blue sections anticlockwise as previously planned. Attacked by about 20 E/A (ME's and F.W.'s) and dogfights started. From these combats Major Maehre claims one F.W.190 destroyed and one probably destroyed. Sgt. Fearnley Capt. Birksted claims one F.W. destroyed and one ME.109 probably destroyed shared with Sgt. Fearnley. Ltn. Sem and Sgt. Owren claim one F.W. between them probably destroyed. Ltn. Berg and Sgt. Spang also claim a F.W.190 damaged.		
	P. AD.509	Sgt. Fearnley, F.	"	0610	0810			
	N. BL.403	Ltn. Sem, S.	"	0610	0810			
	Z. BL.987	Sgt. Owren, GP.	"	0610	0810			
	O. AR.328	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	0610	0800			
	X. AR.296	Sgt. Sem-Olsen E.	"	0610	0800			
	E. BL.681	Major Maehre, H.	"	0610	0810			
	L. BL.903	2/ltn. Greiner, J.	"	0610	-			Shot down by flak and bailed out. Picked up by H.M. M/L.
	D. AD.373	Ltn. Ree, M.	"	0610	0800			
A. AR.343	2/ltn. Heglund, S.	"	0610	0800				

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES	
				UP	DOWN			
19.	B. BL. 579	Ltn. Berg, R.A.	Commando cover	0610	0800			
	J. R. 7262	Sgt. Spang, H.G.	"	0600	0800			
	T. EN. 786	2/ltn. Gran, M.	"	1115	1305	12 a/c from 331 Sqn. took off at 1115 hrs. The ships were sighted about 3 miles off the French coast at 1145 hrs. and were patrolled as planned. Yellow section was attacked by a single F.W. 190 which managed to put a few m/g. bullets into Yellow 4's a/c. Yellow 4 was able to break away to the left and at the same time notifying Yellow section. Yellow 4 had turned around and was able to fire a short burst at the e/a from 60 degs. after which the e/a pulled away into cloud over Dieppe. Dornier 217's were reported flying underneath 332 Sqn. and were promptly engaged by 332 and later by 331 Sqn. Capt. Hagerup and 2/ltn. Sognes, $\frac{1}{2}$ each between them, claim one Do. 217 destroyed, the e/a being seen to hit the sea in flames. Sgt. Fearnley claims one Do. 217 probably destroyed and Ltn.'s Sem and Weisteen each claiming one Do. 217 damaged. All a/c landed safely at base.		
	P. AD. 509	Sgt. Fossum, E.	"	1115	1305			
	N. BL. 403	Ltn. Sem, S.	"	1115	1250			
	O. AR. 328	Sgt. Fearnley, F.	"	1115	1300			
	S. BL. 891	2/ltn. Malm, O.	"	1115	1300			
	Z. BL. 987	Sgt. Owren, G.P.	"	1115	1300 1130			
	E. BL. 681	Major Maehre, H.	"	1115	1305			
	D. AD. 373	Sgt. Espelid, H.	"	1115	1305			
	M. BM. 295	Capt. Hagerup, A.C.	"	1115	1250			
	P. AR. 293	2/ltn. Sognes, H.	"	1115	1255			
	A. AR. 343	Ltn. Weisteen, T.	"	1115	1250			
	J. R. 7262	2/ltn. Jorstad, N.	"	1115	1300.			
	T. EN. 786	Capt. Birksted, K.	"	1415	1600		12 a/c 331 Sqn. took off. On the way out 5 miles from English coast 6 F.W. 190's were reported. They proved later to be Typhoons. 15 miles off Dieppe Banjo reported Dorniers coming from the Somme area (later proved to be F.W. 190's.). Blue section were dived on by about 20 F.W. 190's and being separated from Red and Yellow section they dived away and shook the F.W.'s off. Ltn. Ree emptied his guns into a Do. 217 and claims it as damaged. Sgt. Spang claims one F.W. destroyed and one damaged. 2/ltn. Heglund claims one F.W. destroyed. He saw it falling towards the sea out of control from about 100 feet, black and white smoke pouring out of it. Ltn. Berg claims one F.W. shot into the sea and another damaged. During his last attack his plane was hit probably in the glycol system and he bailed out as the engine stopped. Few minutes after he had touched the sea he was picked up unhurt by a M/L. Rest of sqdn. landed safely at base.	
	S. BL. 891	2/ltn. Malm, O.	"	1415	1600			
	O. AR. 328	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	1415	1600			
	Z. BL. 987	Sgt. Owren, G.P.	"	1415	1600			
	N. BL. 403	2/ltn. Gran, M.	"	1415	1430			
	W. AR. 432	" Nyerrod, K.	"	1415	1550			
	E. BL. 681	Major Maehre, H.	"	1415	1605			
	A. AR. 343	2/ltn. Heglund, S.	"	1415	1545			
	M. BM. 295	Ltn. Ree, M.	"	1415	1540			
	P. AR. 293	Sgt. Cleve, F.	"	1415	1605			
	B. BL. 579	Ltn. Berg, R.A.	z "	1415	-	Shot down. Pilot picked up by H.M. M/L 190.		
	D. AD. 373	Sgt. Spang, H.G.	"	1415	1550			
	E. BL. 681	Major Maehre, H.	"	1845	2020			

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				UP	DOWN		
19.	D. AD.373	Sgt. Cleve, F.	Commando cover.	1845	2020	12 a/c took off at 1845 hrs. 331 sqdn. climbed to 3000 feet and orbited anticlockwise over the ships which were the about 15 miles south of Beachy Head. After about 5 mins. blue section went off to chase a Dornier which was sighted about 7 miles to the east of the ships. The Dornier was damaged but it flew off towards the S.E. The sqdn. patrolled the ships for about 45 mins. and was then ordered to return to base. Ltn. Sem and Sgt. Fossum shared a Do.217 damaged between them, both saw cannon strikes on the fuselage and port engine and pieces flying off the E/A. All a/c landed safely at base.	
	M. BM.29B	Capt. Hagerup, A.C.	"	1845	2020		
	F. AR.293	2/Lt. Sogmes, H.	"	1845	2020		
	A. AR.343	Ltn. Weisteen, T.	"	1845	2020		
	J. R.7262	2/Lt. Jorstad, N.K.	"	1845	2020		
	T. EN.786	Capt. Birksted, K.	"	1845	2020		
	Z. EL.987	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, E.	"	1845	2020		
	N. EL.403	Ltn. Sem, S.	"	1845	2000		
	P. AD.509	Sgt. Fossum, E.	"	1845	2000		
	X. AR.296	2/Lt. Gran	"	1845	2020		
	W. AR.432	2/Lt. Nyerrod, K.	"	1845	2020		
	M. BM.295	Capt. Hagerup, C.A.	Movement to Menston.	0715	0810		No incident.
	F. AR.293	2/Lt. Sogmes, H.	"	0730	0810		" "
	K. AD.355	Sgt. Cleve, F.	"	0840	0910		" "
W. AR.432	2/Lt. Nyerrod, K.	"	1145	1210	" "		
20.	E. EL.681	Major Maehre, H.	Roadsetad	1610	1750	12 a/c from 331 Sqdn. took off for diversionary sweep. Rendezvoused at Beachy Head with 9 Defiants, then set course for Hardelet climbing to 28,000 feet. The Defiants were left before crossing the French coast, but the fighters continued making a wide left turn towards St. Omer crossing out over the French coast by Calais. No incidents. All a/c landed safely at base.	
	J. R.7262	2/Lt. Jorstad, N.K.	"	1610	1750		
	W. AR.432	Ltn. Weisteen, T.	"	1610	1750		
	K. AD.355	2/Lt. Sogmes, H.	"	1610	1750		
	F. AR.293	2/Lt. Heglund, S.	"	1610	1740		
	D. AD.373	Sgt. Spang, H.	"	1610	1740		
	T. EN.786	Capt. Birksted, K.	"	1610	1750		
	P. AD.509	Sgt. Fearnley, F.	"	1610	1755		
	M. BM.295	Ltn. Sem, S.	"	1610	1725		
	S. EL.891	2/Lt. Maln, O.	"	1610	1725		
	O. AR.328	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	1610	1740		
	Z. EL.987	2/Lt. Nyerrod, K.	"	1610	1750		
	X. AR.296	2/Lt. Gran, M.	"	1610	1645		

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				UP	DOWN		
21.	A. AR.343	Ltn. Weisteen, T.	Bomber escort	1010	1025	The aircraft left to be rear support to Fortresses bombing Rotterdam but rendezvous was not made owing to the Fortresses being 10 mins. late so our a/c were recalled. Without incidents.	
	J. R.7262	Sgt. Olsen, R.	" "	1010	1025		
	E. BL.681	Major Mashre, H.	" "	1010	1025		
	D. AD.373	Sgt. Cleve, F.	" "	1010	1025		
	T. EN.786	2/Lt. Gran, M.	" "	1010	1025		
	Z. BL.987	2/Lt. Nyerrod, K.	" "	1010	1025		
	A. AR.343	Ltn. Weisteen, T.	" "	1010	1210		
	J. R.7262	Sgt. Olsen, R.	" "	1110	1210		
	C. W.3231	2/Lt. Heglund, S.	" "	1110	1210		
	W. AR.432	Sgt. Spang, H.	" "	1110	1210		
	E. BL.681	Major Mashre, H.	" "	1110	1210		
	D. AD.373	Sgt. Cleve, F.	" "	1110	1210		
	T. EN.786	2/Lt. Gran, M.	" "	1110	1210		
	Z. BL.987	2/Lt. Nyerrod, K.	" "	1110	1210		
	O. AR.328	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	" "	1110	1210		
	M. BM.295	Sgt. Bördal, F.	" "	1110	1210		
S. BL.891	2/Lt. Malm, O.	" "	1110	1210			
P. AD.509	Sgt. Fossum, E.	" "	1110	1210			
27.	E. BL.681	Major Mashre, H.	Fighter roadst.	1140	1320	Aircraft missing. Considered possible forced landed in France. Dunkerque - Gravelines. No E/A seen. Heavy flak experienced. 11 aircraft landed safely.	
	A. AR.343	Sgt. Espelid, H.	"	1140	-		
	J. R.7262	2/ltn. Sogunes, H.	"	1140	1315		
	L. BL.903	" Jorstad, N.	"	1140	1320		
	C. W.3231	Ltn. Berg, R.A.	"	1140	1310		
	D. AD.373	2/ltn. Heiberg, T.	"	1140	1310		
	Y. AD.474	Ltn. Sem, S.	"	1140	1315		
	S. BL.891	Sgt. Bache, K.	"	1140	1315		
O. AR.328	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	1140	1315			

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				Up	Down		
27.	P. AD.509	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, E.	Fighter roadst.	1140	1315		
	X. AR.296	2/lt. Gran, M.	"	1140	1310	See previous page.	
	Z. BL.987	" Nyerrod, K.	"	1140	1310		
	E. BL.681	Major Maehre, H.	Circus 207	1650	1835		
	D. AD.373	Sgt. Cleve, F.	"	1650	1840		
	F. AR.293	Ltn. Weisteen, T.	"	1650	1830	Rendezvous was made with Debden wing and 8 Fortresses at Orfordness, our wing being rear support. Followed in rear of Fortresses and climbed to 26,000 feet flying east, then orbiting about 18 miles off Dutch coast by Rotterdam. Escorted Fortresses back to Orfordness. No E/A were seen. All aircraft landed safely.	
	L. BL.903	2/lt. Sognes, H.	"	1650	1830		
	C. W.3231	Ltn. Berg, R.A.	"	1650	1840		
	J. R.7262	2/lt. Heiberg, T.	"	1650	1840		
	T. EN.786	Ltn. Sem, S.	"	1650	1840		
	S. BL.891	Sgt. Bache, K.	"	1650	1840		
	O. AR.328	Ltn. Lundsten L.	"	1650	1835		
	P. AD.509	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, E.	"	1650	1835		
	X. AR.296	2/lt. Gran, M.	"	1650	1835		
	Z. BL.987	" Nyerrod, K.	"	1650	1835		
28.	E. BL.681	Ltn. Weisteen, T.	Conv. Patrol	0920	1105	No incident.	
	D. AD.373	Sgt. Cleve, F.	"	0920	1105	" "	
	E. BL.681	Major Maehre, H.	Circus 210	1135	1310		
	L. BL.903	2/lt. Jorstad, N.	"	1135	1310		
	C. W.3231	Ltn. Weisteen, T.	"	1135	1305	Diversionsary sweep in Circus 210. Rendezvous at Naze with 9 Defiants, making right hand orbit and followed the Defiants 5 miles behind on course to Gravelines. When Defiants started to loose height, we climbed to 22,000 feet crossing the coast just west of Dunkerque. Here turned right and followed French coast down to Calais, turned right again and came home via Mid-Channel. Landed base 1305 hrs. safely.	
	J. R.7262	Sgt. Olsen, R.	"	1135	1305		
	D. AD.373	2/lt. Heglund, S.	"	1135	1310		
	F. AR.293	2/lt. Sognes, H.	"	1135	1310		
	S. BL.891	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	1135	1305		
	P. AD.509	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, E.	"	1135	1305		
	M. BM.295	Ltn. Sem, S.	"	1135	1305		
	N. BL.403	Sgt. Bache, K.	"	1135	1305		
	Y. AD.474	2/lt. Gran, M.	"	1135	1305		
	Z. BL.987	" Nyerrod, K.	"	1135	1305		

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				UP	DOWN		
28.	X. AR.296	Sgt. Bache, K.	Conv.Patrol	0820	1000	No incidents.	
	P. AD.509	" Sem-Olsen, E.	"	0820	1000	" "	
29.	T. EN.786	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	Circus 211	0945	1050	Diversionsary sweep Circus 211. We climbed rapidly as soon as we left base. Crossed coast just west of Dunkerque and made a wide right hand sweep, south of St.Omer coming out over the Channel by Griz Nez. Here at about 20,000 feet some F.W.190's dived on us from S.W. Red section, lead by Major Maehre turned into the attack. Red 1 and 2, Blue 1 and 2 and Yellow 2 had combats resulting in 4 F.W.190's damaged and one probably destroyed. Our losses NIL. Ltn.Lundsten and Sgt. Borden returned early with oxygen trouble. 2/ltns. Malm and Nyerrod also returned early with deflection sight trouble. All a/c landed safely.	
	P. AD.509	Sgt. Borden, F.	"	0945	1050		
	M. BM.295	Ltn. Sem. S.	"	0945	1120		
	N. BL.403	Sgt. Bache, K.	"	0945	1115		
	Z. BL.987	2/ltn: Nyerrod, K.	"	0945	1055		
	S. BL.891	" Malm, O.	"	0945	1055		
	C. W.3231	Ltn. Berg, R.A.	"	0945	1120		
	F. AR.293	2/ltn. Sognnes, H.	"	0945	1120		
	L. BL.903	" Heiberg, T.	"	0945	1115		
	J. R.7262	Sgt. Olsen, R.	"	0945	1115		
	E. BL.681	Major Maehre, H.	"	0945	1120		
D. AD.373	Sgt. Gieve, F.	"	0945	1120			
30.	C. W.3231	Ltn. Berg, R.A.	Conv.Patrol	1310	1445	No incident.	
	K. AD.355	2/ltn. Sognnes, H.	"	1310	1445	" "	
	E. BL.681	2/ltn: Heglund	"	1400	1535	" "	
	F. AR.293	Sgt. Olsen, R.	"	1400	1535	" "	
	S. BL.891	2/ltn: Malm, O.	"	1515	1640	" "	
	M. BM.295	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, E.	"	1515	1640	" "	
	O. AR.328	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	1545	1720	" "	
	N. BL.403	Sgt. Bache, K.	"	1545	1720	" "	

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North Weald.	Sept. 1st.		Overcast and misty, cleared later. Test flights. Sgt. Ben Olsen was fetched from Manston in the Maggie. Major Machre leaves us today to work at R.N.A.F. Headquarter. Major Birksted now takes over command of the squadron. He has been with us since the beginning and before that was in Canada helping with the training at the Flying School Little Norway, Toronto. We are all happy to welcome him as our new C.O.		
	2.		Overcast, warm, some rain. Convoy patrols. W/Comdr. Smith spoke to us and 332 Sqn. at our dispersal about about various types of training to be done during the winter.		
	3.		Sunny 5/10 - 8/10 variable. Rain. Show arranged but cancelled owing to bad weather, just as the A/C were taxiing out to take off. Some Cine gun practice was done in afternoon.		
	4.		Clear, sunny. Show arranged for 0830 hrs. cancelled. There was practice interception exercise in the afternoon. Two trips to Manston and return in the Maggie.		
	5.		Clear and sunny. Strong wind. Briefing at 0845 hrs. 12 A/C took off at 0930 hrs. lead by W/Inco (Smith). Rendezvous was made with 121 Sqn. at West Malling, climbing all the way till finally at 15,000 feet at Beachy Head. They crossed the Channel to the French Coast by Caveux, turned right and swept inland to just N.E. of St. Aubin. Here they turned left and went back over the same route leaving the French coast by Caveux. They patrolled over the coast for about 15 minutes before setting course for base. All landed safely 11.20 hrs. No E/A seen. No Flak. His Majesty The King of Norway and Their Royal Highnesses The Crown Prince and Princess of Norway honoured both squadrons with a visit today. They were accompanied by Rear Admiral Riiser Larsen, Lieut. Colonel Ostgaard, Adjutant to the Crown Prince,		

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North Weald.	Sept. 5.	cont'd	<p>Lieut. Colonel Motzfeldt, Colonel Nordlie Adjutant to His Majesty and Colonel Gen. Major Maehre, Major Birksted and Major Mohr 332 were decorated by His Majesty with the Norwegian Krigskors (Warcross). His Majesty spoke a few words to the assembly during which he thanked all for the good work they had done. Afterwards the Royal party had lunch in the officers mess and then in the afternoon they attended a sports meeting. Everyone enjoyed seeing His Majesty and The Crown Prince walked about amongst their men, stopping to talk here and there and having very many photographs taken by enthusiasts.</p>	
	6.		<p>Fine, 5/10 - 8/10 cloud. Strong wind. 12 A/C took off at 1605 hrs. for diversionary sweep in Circus 215. Major Birksted lead the wing; 332 were with us and 121 Sqn. were picked up at Orfordness together with 9 Defiants. Course was set to the Belgian coast. They climbed to 21,000 feet making landfall by Ostend where they turned right and followed along the coast to Dunkerque, but did not go inland. Here they turned right and crossed the Channel, made one large left hand orbit, and then set course for base. All landed safely 1740 hrs. E/A reported all round them. Heavy and accurate flak over Newport. Major Birksted's R/T went u/s so Capt. Berg took over.</p>	
	7.		<p>Fine, some haze early. 10 A/C took off at 0905 hrs., with Winco leading 332 Squadron for diversionary sweep. Rendezvous was made at Bradwell with 121 Sqn., and at Clacton with the Debden wing at 0930 hrs. Course was set for Ostend. They were in 22,000 feet over the Dutch coast and saw about 10 F.W.'s far below them going N.E., so they turned right and set course for base. The F.W.'s must have seen them too for they also turned inland and started to climb and come after us, which was just what was wanted, in order to let the bombers be free of interference. All landed safely 1040 hrs. Later in the day 15 A/C and 17 pilots went to Ipswich for a week air firing. The weather was fine most of the time. Each pilot was able to have about 1 air firing flights, besides other practice flying. Every other day was used for...</p>	
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Iswich	7/14.		considered to be a very good way of combining practice flying with a rest, and it was a pity that they were not able to stay 14 days instead of only 7.		
		14.	Overcast, low cloud and mist.		
North Weald.			The pilots flew back to Iswich much to our surprise here as it was thought that the bad weather would prevent them coming.		
		15.	Overcast and heavy rain early, but cleared after lunch. There was one section on convoy patrol from 1300 hrs. to 1405 hrs. and then practice wing formation from 1800 hrs. to 1905 hrs.		
		16.	Clear and fine. It is becoming much cooler in the mornings now. Capt. Berg went up at 0930 hrs. and shot down a balloon that had broken loose. It was at 13,000 feet and went down in flames near Eaversham. After that there were Army Cooperation exercises from 1500 hrs. to 1855 hrs. This chiefly consisted of low level attacks on troops between Sawbridgeworth and Stansted Abbot.		
		17.	Clear early, becoming overcast, cool breeze. Early show cancelled. Army cooperation exercise continued in similar fashion to yesterday from 0950 hrs. to 1850 hrs.		
		18.	Clear and fine. Ground mist early. At 1455 hrs. 12 A/C took off lead by Winco. Rendezvous was made with 121 Squadron at Sothend and then course was set for Ostend to look for shipping. About 3 or 4 miles off Ostend a small cargo vessel of about 5-600 tons was sighted. We attacked it first and were then ordered to attack again, however at this time 121 Squadron were ordered down to attack the ship so that our second attack become mixed up with their first attack. The ship was left on fire and in a sinking condition. Return fire was silenced after the first attack. All then set course for base and landed safely at 1630 hrs. Released off camp from 1700 hrs.		
		19.	Fine and clear, except for mist early. Army cooperation exercise. 12 A/C took off at 1055 hrs and made a low level attack on a gun post near Chigwell Lane. All had landed safely by 1205 hrs.		

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North Weald.	19.	cont.'d.	Released for sport from 1300 hrs. to 1600 hrs. then released off camp.		
	20.		Overcast, rainy. Released to 1200 hrs. There were then convoy patrols from 1300 hrs. till 1640 hrs.		
	21.		Overcast, raining, mist. Convoy patrols from 0910 hrs. till 1345 hrs.		
	22.		Broken cloud, some heavy rain. Convoy patrol from 1315 hrs. till 1620 hrs.		
	23.		Overcast, rain. Cleared later. Convoy patrols from 0605 hrs. till 1310 hrs.		
	24.		Broken cloud, variable. There was airfiring practice, acrobatics, practice homing.		
	25.		Dull, overcast, low cloud. Only one patrol and one practice interception today.		
	26.		Dull, overcast. Convoy patrols from 1110 hrs. till 1515 hrs.		
	27.		Two new Spitfires IX's arrived today. We shall change over to these IX's entirely. Clear and sunny, but very cold early. Convoy patrol from 0815 hrs. till 1325 hrs.		
	28.		Overcast, raining. No flying.		
	29.		Overcast, raining.		
	30.		12 A/C took off at 1545 hrs. for shipping recon to the Belgian coast. Course was set for Ostend. From here the coast was followed up towards Flushing, where a large left hand turn was made and xxxxx course set for base. Large fishing fleet seen off Walcheren Island. 2 A/C returned early due to R/T failure on one of them. The rest landed safely base 1705 hrs. No enemy aircraft, no flak.		
	30.		Overcast, raining.		
	30.		A quiet month with a great deal of bad weather.		

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2	C-W 343	2/Lt. Heglund, S.	Convoy	0915	1050	No incident	
	D-AD 373	Sgt. Clave	"	0915	1050	" "	
	L-AA 293	2/Lt. Jorstad, K.	"	1015	1150	" "	
	W-AR 432	" Greiner, J.	"	1015	1150	" "	
	A-AR 343	Capt. Berg, A.R.	"	1115	1255	" "	
	K-AD 355	2/Lt. Sognnes, H.	"	1115	1255	" "	
	O-AR 328	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	1215	1345	" "	
3	F-AD 509	Sgt. Fossum, E.	"	1215	1345	" "	
	N-BL 295	" Fearnsley, F.	"	1300	1410	" "	
5	O-AR 328	" Beche, K.	"	1300	1410	" "	
	S-BL 891	" Beche, K.	Ramrod	0920	1115	Rendezvous was made with 121 Squadron at West Malling,	
	N-BL 403	Major Birksted, K.	"	0920	1115	climbing all the way till finally at 15000 feet at Beachy	
	Z-BL 987	2/Lt. Myerrod, K.	"	0920	1115	Head. They crossed the Channel to the French Coast by	
	O-AR 328	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	0920	1115	Caveux, turned right and swept inland to just N.E. of	
	F-AD 509	Sgt. Owrén, P.	"	0920	1115	St. Aubin. Here they turned left and went back over the	
	E-BL 681	Capt. Berg, A.R.	"	0920	1115	same route leaving the French Coast by Caveux. The	
	D-AD 373	Sgt. Spang, H.	"	0920	1115	patrolled over the coast for about 15 minutes before setting	
	C-W 323	2/Lt. Heglund, S.	"	0920	1115	course for base. All landed safely 11.20 hrs. No E/A seen.	
	F-AR 293	" Greiner, J.	"	0920	1115	No flak.	
	L-AA 936	" Heiberg, T.	"	0920	1115	" " " " "	
	J-R 7262	Sgt. Olsen, R.	"	0920	1115	" " " " "	
	6	L-AA 936	Capt. Berg, A.R.	Scramble	1020	1130	No incident
D-AD 373		Sgt. Spang, H.	"	1020	1130	" "	
E-BL 681		Capt. Berg, A.R.	Circus 215	1605	1740	Major Birksted lead the wing. 332 Squadron were with us	
D-AD 373		Sgt. Spang, H.	"	1605	1740	and 121 Squadron were picked up at Orfordness together	
C-W 323		2/Lt. Sognnes, H.	"	1605	1740	with 9 Defiants. Course was set to the Belgian coast.	
J-R 7262		Sgt. Olsen, R.	"	1605	1740	They climbed to 21,000 feet making landfall by Ostend	
W-AR 432		2/Lt. Heiberg, T.	"	1605	1740	where they turned right and followed along the coast to	

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6	F-AR 293	2/Lt. Greiner, J.	Circus 215	1605	1740	Dunkerque, but did not go inland. Here they turned right	
	N-EL 403	Major Birksted, K.	"	1605	1740	and crossed the Channel, made one large left hand orbit.	
	Z-EL 987	2/Lt. Nyerrod, K.	"	1605	1740	and then set course for base. All landed safely 1740 hrs.	
	O-AR 328	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	1605	1740	E/A reported all round them. Heavy an accurate flak over	
	Y-AD 474	Sgt. Fearnley, P.	"	1605	1740	Nieuport. Major Birksted's R/T went w/s so Capt. Berg took over	
	S-EL 891	2/Lt. Malm, O.	"	1605	1740		
	F-AD 509	Sgt. Fossum, E.	"	1605	1740		
7	E-EL 681	Capt. Berg, A.R.	Circus 217	0905	1035	Winco leading 332 Squadron for diversionary sweep.	
	D-AD 373	Sgt. Spang, H.	"	0905	1035	Rendezvous was made with 121 Squadron at Bradwall, and	
	O-W 323	2/Lt. Heglund, S.	"	0905	1035	at Clacton with the Debden wing at 0930 hrs. Course was	
	W-AR 432	Sgt. Cleve, F.	"	0905	1045	set for Ostend. They were in 22,000 feet over the Dutch	
	F-AR 293	2/Lt. Greiner, J.	"	0905	1040	and saw about 10 F.W.'s far below them going N.E., so	
	J-R 7262	Sgt. Olsen, R.	"	0905	1040	they turned right and set course for base. The F.W.'s must	
	T-EN 786	Major Birksted, K.	"	0905	1035	have seen them too for they also turned inland and started	
	Z-EL 987	Sgt. Owsen, P.	"	0905	1035	to climb and come after us, which was just what was wanted,	
	O-AR 328	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	0905	1030	in order to let the bombers be free of interference.	
	P-AD 509	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, H.	"	0905	1035	All landed safely 1040 hrs.	
14	S-EL 891	Ltn. Weisteen, T.	Convoy	1300	1405	No incident	
	J-R 7262	Sgt. Olsen, R.	"	1300	1405	" "	
18	T-EN 786	Major Birksted, K.	Roadstead	1455	1630	Rendezvous was made with 121 Squadron at Sothend and then	
	P-AD 509	Sgt. Fossum, E.	"	1455	1630	course was set for Ostend to look for shipping. About	
	X-AR 296	2/Lt. Gran, M.	"	1455	1630	3 or 4 miles off Ostend a small cargo vessel of about	
	O-AR 328	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, H.	"	1455	1630	5-600 tons was sighted. We attacked it first and were then	
	Y-AD 474	Capt. Sem, S.	"	1455	1630	ordered to attack again, however at this time 121 Squadron	
	N-EL 403	Sgt. Beche, K.	"	1455	1630	were ordered down to attack the ship so that our second	
	J-R 7262	Sgt. Olsen, R.	"	1455	1630	attack become mixed up with their first attack. The ship	
	L-AA 936	Lt. Weisteen, T.	"	1455	1630	was left on fire and in a sinking condition.	

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				Up	Down		
18	D-AD 373	Sgt. Cleve, P.	Roadstead	1455	1630	Return fire was silenced after the first attack. All then set course for base and landed safely at 1630 hrs.	
	E-BL 681	2/Lt. Herlund, S.	"	1455	1630		
	F-AR 432	Sgt. Spang, H.	"	1455	1630		
20	S-EL 891	Capt. Sem, S.	Convoy	1300	1445	No incident	
	F-AD 474	Sgt. Fossum, E.	"	1300	1445	" "	
	N-BL 403	" Bordal, P.	"	1350	1515	" " Landed Southend.	
	T-EN 786	" Sem-Olsen, H.	"	1350	1515	" " " "	
	O-AR 328	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	1435	1555	" "	
	X-AR 296	2/Lt. Gran, M.	"	1435	1555	" "	
	21	L-AA 936	" Jorstad, N.K.	"	0910	1045	" "
G-W 323		" Sognes, H.	"	0910	1045	" "	
D-AD 373		" Heiberg, T.	"	1000	1125	" "	
H-AR 341		Sgt. Olsen, R.	"	1000	1125	" "	
E-BL 681		Capt. Berg, A.R.	"	1135	1305	" "	
F-AR 293		2/Lt. Greiner, J.	"	1135	1305	" "	
S-EL 891		Capt. Sem, S.	"	0730	0905	" "	
T-EN 786		Sgt. Sem-Olsen, H.	"	0730	0905	" "	
P-AD 509		" Fossum, E.	"	0820	1000	" "	
I-AD 474		" Bordal, P.	"	0820	1000	" "	
S-EL 891		Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	1045	1210	" "	
X-AR 296		2/Lt. Gran, M.	"	1045	1210	" "	
T-EN 786		Major Bir-kated, K.	"	1225	1345	" "	
S-EL 891		Sgt. Bordal, P.	"	1225	1345	" "	
22		F-AR 293	2/Lt. Greiner, J.	"	1315	1445	" "
	H-AR 341	Sgt. Knudsen, H.	"	1315	1445	" "	
	G-W 323	2/Lt. Heiberg, T.	"	1400	1540	" "	
	L-AA 936	" Jorstad, N.K.	"	1400	1540	" "	
	E-BL 681	Capt. Berg, A.R.	"	1450	1620	" "	

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				Up	Down		
22	D-AD 373	Sgt. Cleve, F.	Convoy Patrol	1450	1620	No incident	
	O-AR 328	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	" "	1530	1615	" "	
	N-EL 403	Sgt. Baeh, K.	" "	1530	1615	" "	
23	E-EL 681	Capt. Berg, A.B.	" "	0605	0735	" "	
	D-AD 373	Sgt. Cleve, F.	" "	0605	0735	" "	
	C-W 323	2/Lt. Heiberg, T.	" "	0650	0830	" "	
	L-AA 936	" Jorstad, N.K.	" "	0650	0830	" "	
	F-AR 293	" Greiner, J.	" "	0745	0920	" "	
	H-AR 341	Sgt. Knudsen, H.	" "	0745	0920	" "	
	C-W 323	2/Lt. Heglund, S.	" "	1120	1310	" "	
	D-AD 373	Sgt. Cleve, F.	" "	1120	1310	" "	
	Y-AD 474	2/Lt. Malm, O.	" "	0840	0955	" "	
	Z-EL 987	Sgt. Sem-Olach, H.	" "	0840	0955	" "	
	O-AR 328	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	" "	0920	1055	" "	
	N-EL 403	Sgt. Baeh, K.	" "	0920	1055	" "	
	T-EN 786	2/Lt. Nyerrod, K.	" "	1020	1155	" "	
	Y-AD 474	Sgt. Oureh, P.	" "	1020	1155	" "	
	F-AD 509	2/Lt. Malm, O.	" "	1230	1350	" "	
T-EN 786	Sgt. Bordal, F.	" "	1230	1350	" "		
25	W-AR 432	2/Lt. Heiberg, T.	" "	1225	1405	" "	
	C-W 323	" Jorstad, N.K.	" "	1225	1405	" "	
	W-AR 432	" Heiberg, T.	" "	1300	1430	" "	
	F-AR 293	Sgt. Knudsen, I.H.	" "	1300	1430	" "	
	L-AA 936	Ltn. Weisteen, T.	" "	1350	1515	" "	
	C-W 323	Sgt. Spang, H.	" "	1350	1515	" "	
27	W-AR 432	2/Lt. Heiberg, T.	" "	0815	0945	" "	
DIVE	H-AR 341	Sgt. Knudsen, H.I.	" "	0815	0945	" "	

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27	K-AD 355	2/Lt. Sognes, H.	Convoy Patrol	0915	1050	No incident	
	C-W 323	Sgt. Spang, H.	" "	0915	1050	" "	
	X-AR 296	2/Lt. Gran, M.	" "	1015	1150	" "	
	Y-AD 474	Sgt. Pearnley, F.	" "	1015	1150	" "	
	T-EN 786	Capt. Sem, S.	" "	1110	1255	" "	
	M-EM 295	Sgt. Bache, K.	" "	1110	1255	" "	
	S-EL 891	Major Birksted, K.	" "	1215	1325	" "	
	P-AD 509	2/Lt. Fossum, E.	" "	1215	1325	" "	
29	K-AD 355	" Sognes, H.	" "	1015	1110	" "	
	J-R 7262	Sgt. Sørensen, R.	" "	1015	1110	" "	
	K-AD 355	Capt. Berg, A.R.	Shipping recon	1545	1705	Shipping recon to the Belgian coast. Course was set for	
	C-W 323	2/Lt. Heglund, S.	" "	1545	1705	Ostend. From there the coast was followed up towards	
	F-AR 293	" Greiber, J.	" "	1545	1705	Flushing, where a large left hand turn was made and course	
	D-AD 373	Sgt. Spang, H.	" "	1545	1705	set for base. Large fishing fleet seen off Walcheren	
	W-AR 432	2/Lt. Heiberg, T.	" "	1545	1705	Island. 2 A/C returned early due to R/T failure on one	
	J-R 7262	Sgt. Cleve, F.	" "	1545	1705	of them. The rest landed safely base 1705 hrs. No enemy	
	T-EV 786	Major Birksted, K.	" "	1545	1705	aircraft, no flak.	
	S-EL 891	2/Lt. Malm, O.	" "	1545	1705	" " " " " "	
	K-EL 403	Capt. Sem, S.	" "	1545	1615	" " " " " "	
	O-AR 328	2/Lt. Pearnley, F.	" "	1545	1615	" " " " " "	
	P-AD 509	" Nyerrod, K.	" "	1545	1705	" " " " " "	
	X-AR 296	" Gran, M.	" "	1545	1705	" " " " " "	
	30	F-AR 293	" Heiberg, T.	Convoy	1310	1325	No incident
L-AA 936		Sgt. Sørensen, R.	" "	1310	1325	" "	
C-W 323		Capt. Berg, A.R.	Shipping	1730	1820	" "	
D-AD 373		Sgt. Cleve, F.	" "	1730	1820	" "	
K-AD 355		Ltn. Weisteen, T.	" "	1730	1820	" "	
J-R 7262		Sgt. Olsen, R.	" "	1730	1820	" "	

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	OCT:			
North Weald.	1.		Raining early, fine after lunch. Practice interceptions.	
	2.		Fine, hazy. Sgt. Olsen shot down an escaped balloon near Bradwell. 12 a/c took off 1325hrs for diversionary sweep in Circus 224. 332 sqd: were with us led by Winco. Rendezvous was made at Orfordness and course set at 1405hrs. The Belgian coast was crossed between Nieuport and Ostend. They then flew down over Dixmunde, Poperinghe, Ypres, thence to Cassel when about 15 e/a were sighted at same level and some below. Some scattered combats took place and Captain Berg was able to get in a good attack on a F.W.190 which is claimed as probably destroyed. Sgt. Cleve and Sgt. Sørensen are missing from this operation. It is believed possible that Sgt. Sørensen may yet be safe as he reported that his engine was smoking, but that he was alright himself. Nothing definite is known about Sgt. Cleve.	
Manston.			Ground crew left for Manston at 0800hrs by road and rail. At 1825hrs 13 a/c left, arriving at Manston by 1850hrs. We are all wondering whether this is to be another operation like Dieppe.	
	3.		Thick haze. Cleared by midday. Zlt. Malm and Sgt. Spang are left behind at North Weald to take turns with 332 for Station defence. 12 a/c took off 1720hrs to search for Sgt. Sørensen in the channel. They searched along the French coast from Calais to Dunkerque, then turned left and searched to	

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Manston.	3.		(cont.) North Foreland and down to Dover. They did not see anything and returned to base, landing safely at 1810hrs.	
	4.		Fog all morning, cleared after lunch. There were convoy patrols from 1630hrs to 1850hrs. Two sections were scrambled at 1750hrs, but patrolled base uneventfully, landing at 1805hrs.	
	5.		Overcast, low cloud, bad visibility. Major Birksted took off to go to North Weald, but had to return owing to bad weather. No other flying today.	
	6.		Overcast, dull. Major Birksted flew to North Weald and back. There were standing patrols between North Foreland and St. Margarets Bay from 1300hrs to 1805hrs. One section was scrambled at 1750hrs but was uneventful.	
	7.		Fog early, cleared after lunch. There was practice interception by 12 a/c. 2Lt's Bjørnstad and Engelsen joined the squadron at North Weald. There has been some practice flying on Spitfire IX by those remaining at North Weald.	
	8.		Overcast, fresh breeze. There were patrols from 1300hrs to 1900hrs. Lt. Lundsten flew one of the airmen in the Tiger Moth to North Weald. The airman had a broken arm.	
	9.		Fine, scattered high cloud, cold. Nearly 8hrs. practice and testing flights on the IX at North Weald. at 0745hrs. 12 a/c took off led by Major Birksted, together with 332, led by Winco for diversionary Circus 224. Rendezvous was made at Felixstowe with Northolt and Hornchurch wings at 15000ft and then course was set for the Belgian coast. Landfall was made at La Panne at 20000ft. They turned right and swept inland to Poperinghe, Hazebruck, Lambres and left the French coast over Gris Nez. No e/a were seen but some flak was experienced over Hazebruck. All landed safely at 0905hrs. Except for 3 pilots and some ground crew left to look after three a/c all left for North Weald, pilots taking off at 1345hrs and the rest by train at 1545hrs. There is a certain amount of feeling of disappointment and impatience that we came down here expecting to get cracking on some big operation but did not do so.	

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North Weald.	Oct:			
	IO.		Overcast, strong wind. Released off camp till dawn tomorrow, from IO30hrs.	
	II.		Fine cold, scattered cloud. I2 a/c took off at I330hrs for Rodeo, together with 332 led by Winco. Rendezvoused at Bradwell with Hornchurch and Debden wings. Course was set for the Belgian coast which was crossed at just West of Nieuport, Here they turned right, making only a shallow penetration and came out just West of Dunkerque. They were at 25000ft. Some a/a were seen but were not engaged. All landed safely at I500hrs.	
			Practice and test flights on the Spitfire IX continue.	
	I2.		Fine, cold, good deal of haze. There were convoy patrols from 08I5hrs to I345hrs. There were also formation and test flights on the Spitfire IX.	
	I3.		Fine, cold. Squadron formation and cannon tests in afternoon.	
	I4.		Overcast and hazy. Cold. The squadron is operational on the Spitfire IX from today. I section on convoy patrol only. One R/T test flight.	
	I 5.		Fine and clear. Strong wind. Occasional squally showers. I2 a/c took off at I305hrs, refuelling at Ford. IO A/c took off at I450hrs for Circus 227, being rear support to I2 Boston bombers attacking Le Havre docks. Rendezvous was made at Littlehampton with Hornchurch wing. Course was set for a point just west of Le Havre and they flew at sea level for I2 mins; then climbed rapidly to 23000ft. 332sqd: were at I7000ft. 3 miles off Le Havre they turned left and set course for the English coast. 9 a/c landed safely at base I6I5hrs. 2Lt. Heiberg landed at Biggin Hill with engine trouble, returning to base later. 2 a/c did not take off from Ford owing to R/T trouble. Capt. Sem's R/T went u/s as well. In the first place there was considerable delay in taking off from North Weald	

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North Weald.	Oct. 15.		because Operations did not give us enough notice. There was scarcely time for the Pilots to get lunch. Half an hour to bicycle to and fro the mess and eat lunch was all the time allowed them. The ground crew also did not have sufficient time to fit long range tanks, and when they had finally got them fitted, they were ordered to take them off--- a needless rush causing unnecessary delay.	
			Sgt Bache took up a Spitfire IX to 40000ft and was over 30000ft for about half an hour. He found it was a great effort to do even the slightest thing.	
			Both squadrons paraded after tea whilst Air Marshal Leigh Mallory presented the silver cross of the D.F.C. to Major Birksted, Major Mohr and Captain Meahre. All then formed up and marched past the Air Marshal who took the salute.	
			Rear Admiral Risser Larsen, Lt Colonel Motzfeldt and Lt Colonel Christie of the Royal Norwegian Air Staff were also present. In the evening all dined in the mess.	
		16.	Overcast. Formation practice. Capt. Meahre visited us & flew to Sawbridgeworth & back.	
		17.	Overcast, low cloud. I2 a/c took off, refuelling at Ford with the intention of being target support to I2 Boston bombers that were to bomb Le Havre, but the operation was cancelled at the last moment due to bad weather. They returned to base without incident.	
		18.	Variable. Local flying, tests. Convoy patrols from 1300hrs to 1630hrs. Capt. Berg and Lt. Weisteen visited Anton Hagerup who is now in Army cooperation at Sawbridgeworth.	
		19.	Fog. Cleared late in day, so very little flying.	
		20.	Fog. No flying.	
		21.	Fine and clear, cold. There have been patrols between Beachy Head and Dungeness at 15000ft all day. One scramble at 0905hrs returning at 1030hrs without incident.	

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North Weald.	OCT.			
	22.		Overcast low cloud. Some rain. One scramble at 1330hrs-1345hrs uneventful.	
	23.		Overcast, much haze, some rain. 2 sections on convoy patrol from 1055-1335hrs.	
	24.		Cloudy early, cleared in afternoon. Altitude and local flying and flight formation.	
	25.		Fine and clear, thin layers of high cloud with patches of low cloud.	
			Convoy patrols on "Result" & "Platform" from 0915hrs to 1350hrs.	
			IO a/c took off at 1430hrs for Rodeo in Circus 232. The English coast was left at Southend and they climbed slowly to 21000ft. The French coast was not crossed, but the squadron orbited off Dunkerque/calais and were then recalled by Banjo. They returned to base uneventfully at 1550hrs. No flak.	
		26.	Overcast, heavy rain, very cold. No flying.	
		27.	Broken low cloud. Damp and cold. One scramble at 0735hrs, uneventful.	
			Convoy patrols in morning, local flying in afternoon.	
		28.	Overcast with ground mist and haze. Very cold. No flying.	
		29.	Overcast, damp haze and very cold. Convoy patrol from 0735hrs to 1325hrs.	
		30.	Thick fog, visibility zero. One test flight only, of 10 mins.	
	31.	Overcast. Cold. Convoy patrols from 0845hrs to 1350hrs.		
			We were all glad to see our doctor (Lt. Larsen) come back to us after being away for about 2 months. He arrived back on the 10th, and has now been promoted to Captain. The high state of readiness (more than every second day) coupled with the bad weather has made any attempt at carrying out the flying training programme quite impossible. This is also one of the reasons why so few Rhubarbs and anti-shipping operations have been made. The pilots are all glad to hear that we can now use the Spitfire IX for low level attacks and anti-shipping, which has not been the case	
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North Weald.	October.		up to now, although we have frequently been on Roadstead readiness.	
			We were sorry to hear of Lt. Strömme being reported missing from a sweep on the 11th. He had been with this squadron for many months before joining 64 squadron.	
			 K. Birksted, Major, Officer Commanding, 331(N) Squadron, North Weald.	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
				UP	DOWN		
2	L-AA 936	Capt. Berg, A.R.	Circus 221	1325	1520	12 a/c took off 1325 hrs. for diversionary sweep in Circus 221. 332 Squadron were with us led by Winco. Rehdsvous was made at orfordness and course set at 1405 hrs. The Belgian coast was crossed between Nimuport and Ostend. They then flew down over Dixmunde, Poperinghe, Ypres, thence to Cassel when about 15 e/a were sighted at same level and some below. Some scattered combats took place and Captain Berg was able to get in a good attack on a F.W. 190 which is claimed as probably destroyed. Sgt. Cleve and Sgt. Sørensen are missing from this operation. It is believe possible that Sgt. Sørensen may yet be safe as he reported that his engine was smoking, but that he was alright himself. Nothing definite is known about Sgt. Cleve.	
	D-AD 373	Sgt. Cleve, F.	"	1325	1520		
	C-W 3231	2/Lt. Heglund, S.	"	1325	1520		
	K-AD 355	Sgt. Sørensen, R.	"	1325	----		
	F-AR 293	2/Lt. Greiner, J.	"	1325	1505		
	J-R 7262	Sgt. Olsen, R.	"	1325	1540		
	T-EN 786	Major Birksted, K.	"	1325	1510		
	N-BL 403	Sgt. Baøhe, K.	"	1325	1505		
	S-BL 891	Capt. Sem, S.	"	1325	1505		
	P-AD 509	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, E.	"	1325	1505		
	X-AR 296	2/Lt. Nyseerod, K.	"	1325	1505		
	Y-AD 474	2/Lt. Fearnley, F.	"	1325	1505		
	J-R 7262	Sgt. SEM Olsen, R.	Shot down bal- loon.	1155	1250		
L-AA 936	Capt. Berg, A.R.	To Mansøen	1825	1850	No incident		
C-W 3231	2/Lt. Heglund, S.	"	1825	1850	" "		
W-AR 432	" Heiberg, T.	"	1825	1850	" "		
F-AR 293	" Greiner, J.	"	1825	1850	" "		
W-EN 786	Major Birksted, K.	"	1825	1850	" "		
X-AR 296	2/Lt. Nyerrod, K.	"	1825	1850	" "		
N-BL 403	Sgt. Baøhe, K.	"	1825	1850	" "		
Y-AD 474	Sgt. Owen, G.P.	"	1825	1850	" "		
S-BL 891	2/Lt. Fearnley, F.	"	1825	1850	" "		
M-EM 295	Capt. Sem, S.	"	1825	1850	" "		
P-AD 509	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, E.	"	1825	1850	" "		
O-AR 328	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	1825	1850	" "		

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.	
				UP	DOWN			
3.	F-AR 293	2/Lt. Greiner, J.	Search	1720	1810	12 a/c took off 1720 hrs. to search for Sgt. Sørensen in		
	L-AA 936	" Sognes, H.	"	1720	1810	the channel. They searched along the French coast from		
	A-AR 343	Ltn. Weistech, T.	"	1720	1810	Calais to Dunkerque, then turned left and searched to North		
	J-R 7262	Sgt. Baabe, K.	"	1720	1810	Foreland and down to Dover. They did not see anything and		
	O-W 3231	2/Lt. Heglund, S.	"	1720	1810	returned to base, landing safely at 1810 hrs.		
	W-AR 432	" Heiberg, T.	"	1720	1810	" " " " " "		
	T-EM 786	Major Birksted, K.	"	1720	1810	" " " " " "		
	P-AD 509	2/Lt. Fossum, E.	"	1720	1810	" " " " " "		
	O-AR 328	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	1720	1810	" " " " " "		
	Y-AD 474	Sgt. Owren, G.P.	"	1720	1810	" " " " " "		
	S-BL 891	2/Lt. Gran, M.	"	1720	1810	" " " " " "		
	W-BL 403	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, E.	"	1720	1810	" " " " " "		
	4.	W-AR 432	2/Lt. Heiberg, T.	Convoy	1630	1805	No incident	
L-AA 936		" Jørstad, N.K.	"	1630	1805	" "		
O-AR 328		Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	1750	1850	" "		
Y-AD 474		2/Ltn. Fearnley, F.	"	1750	1850	" "		
M-EM 285		Capt. Sem, S.	Scramble	1750	1805	Two section were scrambled at 1750 hrs. but patrolled base		
W-BL 403		Sgt. Baabe, K.	"	1750	1805	uneventfully, landing safely at 1850 hrs.		
S-BL 891		2/Ltn. Nyerrod, K.	"	1750	1805	" " " " " "		
P-AD 509		Sgt. Owren, G.P.	"	1750	1805	" " " " " "		
6.		M-EM 295	Capt. Sem, S.	Patrol	1300	1430	There were standing patrols between North Foreland and	
		W-BL 403	Sgt. Baabe, K.	"	1300	1430	St. Maragarets Bay from 1300 hrs. to 1805 hrs.	
	I-AR 296	2/Lt. Gran, M.	"	1415	1540	" " " " " "		
	O-AR 328	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, E.	"	1415	1540	" " " " " "		
	S-BL 891	2/Ltn. Fossum, E.	"	1530	1700	" " " " " "		
	Y-AD 474	Sgt. Owren, E.	"	1530	1700	" " " " " "		
	W-AR 432	2/Ltn. Heiberg, T.	"	1645	1805	" " " " " "		
L-AA 936	" Jørstad, N.K.	"	1645	1805	" " " " " "			

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				UP	DOWN		
6.	A-AR 343	Ltn. Weisteen, T.	Search	1340	1420	No Incident	
	C-W 3231	2/Ltn. Sognnes, H.	"	1340	1420	" "	
	E-BL 681	Capt. Berg, A.R.	"	1340	1430	" "	
	A-AR 343	Ltn. Weisteen, T.	Scramble	1750	1825	One section was scrambled at 1750 hrs. but was uneventfully.	
7.	C-W 3231	2/Ltn. Sognnes, H.	"	1750	1825	" " " " " " " "	
	E-BL 681	Capt. Berg, A.R.	Patrol	1250	1325	No Incident.	
8.	F-AR 293	Sgt. Olsen, R.	"	1250	1325	" "	
	C-W 3231	2/Ltn. Heglund, S.	"	1300	1345	" "	
	W-AR 432	" Heiberg, T.	"	1300	1345	" "	
	E-BL 681	Capt. Berg, A.R.	"	1525	1645	" "	
	F-AR 293	2/Ltn. Greiner, J.	"	1525	1645	" "	
	L-AA 936	" Jørstad, N.K.	"	1630	1750	" "	
	J-R 7262	Sgt. Olsen, R.	"	1630	1750	" "	
	X-AR 296	2/Ltn. Gran, M.	"	1730	1850	" "	
	O-AR 328	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, E.	"	1730	1850	" "	
	M-BL 403	2/Ltn. Pearnley, F.	"	1825	1900	" "	
	S-BL 891	Sgt. Owsen, G.P.	"	1825	1900	" "	
	9.	M-BL 403	Sgt. Baache, K.	Circus 224	0745	0905	12 e/o took off at 0745 hrs. led by Major Birksted,
T-EN 786		Major Birksted, K.	"	0745	0905	together with 332, led by Winco for diversionary Circus 224.	
S-BL 891		Sgt. Owsen, G.P.	"	0745	0905	Rendezvous was made at Felixstowe with Northolt and Hornchurch	
M-EM 295		Capt. Sem, S.	"	0745	0905	wings at 15000 ft. and then course was set for The Belgian coast	
X-AR 296		2/Ltn. Fossum, E.	"	0745	0905	Landfall was made at La Panne at 20000 ft. They turned right	
E-BL 681		Capt. Berg, A.R.	"	0745	0905	and swept inland to Poperinghe, Hazebruck, Lambres and	
F-AR 293		2/Ltn. Greiner, J.	"	0745	0905	left the French coast over Gris Nez. No e/a were seen	
C-W 3231		" Heglund, S.	"	0745	0905	but some flak was experienced over Hazebruck. All landed	
W-AR 432		" Heiberg, T.	"	0745	0905	safely at 0905 hrs.	
L-AA 936		" Jørstad, N.K.	"	0745	0905	" " " " " " " "	
J-R 7262		Sgt. Olsen, R.	"	0745	0905	" " " " " " " "	

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				UP	DOWN		
9.	E-BL 681	Capt. Berg, A.R.	To North Weald	1345	1410	No Incident	
	F-AR 293	2/Ltn. Greiner, J.	"	1345	1410	" "	
	C-W 3231	" Heglund, S.	"	1345	1410	" "	
	W-AR 432	" Heilberg, T.	"	1345	1410	" "	
	L-AA 936	" Jørstad, N.K.	"	1345	1410	" "	
	J-R 7262	Sgt. Olsen, R.	"	1345	1410	" "	
	A-AR 343	Ltn. Weisteen, T.	"	1345	1410	" "	
	T-MN 786	Major Birksted, K.	"	1345	1410	" "	
	N-BL 403	Sgt. Baabe, K.	"	1345	1410	" "	
	M-EM 295	Capt. Sem, S.	"	1345	1410	" "	
	O-AR 328	2/Ltn. Fossum, E.	"	1345	1410	" "	
	I-AR 296	" Gran, M.	"	1345	1410	" "	
	S-BL 891	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, E.	"	1345	1410	" "	
	I-AR 296	2/Ltn. Gran, M.	Patrol	1105	1120	" "	
	S-BL 891	Sgt. Owrén, G.P.	"	1105	1120	" "	
11.	F-AR 293	2/Ltn. Greiner, J.	Rodeo	1330	1500	12 a/o took off at 1330 hrs. for Rodeo, together with 332	
	J-R 7262	Sgt. Olsen, R.	"	1330	1500	led by Winoo. Rendezvoused at Bradwell with Hornchurch and	
	E-BL 681	Capt. Berg, A.R.	"	1330	1500	Debden wings. Course was set for the Belgian coast which was	
	W-AR 432	2/Ltn. E. Jørstad, B.	"	1330	1500	crossed at just West of Nieuport, here they turned right,	
	C-W 3231	" Heglund, S.	"	1330	1500	making only a shallow penetration and came out just West of	
	A-AR 343	" Sognes, H.	"	1330	1500	Dunkerque. They were at 25000 ft. Some a/a were seen but	
	T-MN 786	Major Birksted, K.	"	1330	1500	were not engaged. All landed safely at 1500 hrs.	
	N-BL 403	Sgt. Baabe, K.	"	1330	1500	" " " " " "	
	M-EM 295	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	1330	1500	" " " " " "	
	I-AD 474	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, E.	"	1330	1500	" " " " " "	
	S-BL 891	2/Ltn. Malm, O.	"	1330	1500	" " " " " "	
	I-AR 296	" Engelsen, R.	"	1330	1500	" " " " " "	

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				UP	DOWN		
Oct. 12.	L-AA 936	2/Lt: Jörstad, N.K.	Convdy	0915	1050	No incident	
	J-R 7262	Sgt: Olsen, R.	"	0915	1050	" "	
	W-IR 432	2/Lt: Björnstad, B.	"	1105	1200	" "	
	A-AR 343	Sgt: Spang, H.	"	1105	1200	" "	
	A-AR 343	Lt. Weisteen, T.	"	1245	1345	" "	
	J-R 7262	Sgt. Olsen, R.	"	1245	1345	" "	
	S-BL 891	2/Lt. Nyerröd, K.	"	0815	0950	" "	
	N-BL 403	Sgt. Owren, G.P.	"	0815	0950	" "	
	N-BL 403	2/Lt. Malm, O.	"	1015	1140	" "	
	Y-AD 474	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, E.	"	1015	1140	" "	
14.	S-BL 891	2/Lt. Malm, O.	"	1305	1355	" "	
	N-BL 403	Sgt: Baache, K.	"	1305	1355	" "	
15.	A-BS 531	Lt. Weisteen, T.	To Ford	1305	1350	12 a/c took off at 1305 hrs. refuelling at Ford. 10 a/c	
	F-BS 530	Sgt. Olsen, R.	" "	1305	1350	took off at 1450 hrs. for Circus 227, Being rear support	
	H-BS 129	2/Lt: Heglund, S.	" "	1305	1350	to 12 Boston bombers attacking Le Havre docks. Rendezvous	
	D-BS 137	2/Lt. Björnstad, B.	" "	1305	1350	was made at Littlehamton with Hornchurch wing. Course was	
	G-BS 144	2/Lt: Heiberg, T.	" "	1305	1350	set for a point just West of Le Havre and they flew at	
	B-BS 468	2/Lt. Jörstad, N.K.	" "	1305	1350	sea level for 12 minutes then climbed rapidly to 23000 ft.	
	V-BS 469	Capt. Sem, S.	" "	1305	1350	332 squadron were at 17000 ft. 3 miles off Le Havre they	
	S-BS 389	2/Lt, Malm, O.	" "	1305	1350	turned left and set course for the English coast. 9 a/c	
	R-BS 467	Lt: Lundsten, L.	" "	1305	1350	landed safely at base 1615 hrs. 2/Lt. Heiberg landed at	
	N-BS 143	Sgt. Baache, K.	" "	1305	1350	Biggin Hill with engine trouble, returning to base later.	
	Z-BS 388	2/Lt: Nyerröd, K.	" "	1305	1350	2 a/c did not take off from Ford owing to R/T trouble.	
	M-BS 466	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, E.	" "	1305	1350	Capt Sem's R/T went u/s as well. In the first place there	
	A-BS 531	Lt. Weisteen, T.	Circus	1555	1620	were considerable delay in taking off from North Weald	
	F-BS 530	Sgt. Olsen, R.	"	1555	1620	because Operations did not give us enough notice. There was	
	H-BS 129	2/Lt. Heglund, S.	"	1450	1615	scarcely time for the pilots to get lunch. Half an hour	
	D-BS 157	2/Lt. Björnstad, B.	"	1450	1615	to bicycle to and fro the mess and eat lunch was all the time	

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				UP	DOWN			
15.	C-BS 144	2/Lt. Heiberg, T.	Circus 227	1450	1615	allowed them. The ground crew also did not have sufficient time to fit long range tanks, and when they had finally got them fitted, they were ordered to take them off --- a needless rush causing unnecessary delay.		
	B-BS 468	2/Lt. Jörstad, N.K.	"	1450	1615			
	V-BS 469	Capt. Sem, S.	"	1450	1615			
	S-BS 389	2/Lt. Malm, O.	"	1450	1615			
	R-BS 467	Lt. Lundsten, L.	"	1450	1615		" " " " " " " "	
	N-BS 143	Sgt. Baache, K.	"	1450	1615		" " " " " " " "	
	Z-BS 388	2/Lt. Nyerrød, K.	"	1450	1615		" " " " " " " "	
	M-BS 143	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, E.	"	1450	1615		" " " " " " " "	
	R-BS 467	2/Lt. Fearnley, F.	Convoy Patrol	0725	0805		No incident, landed at South End.	
	M-BS 466	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, E.	" "	0725	0805		" " " " " " "	
17.	B-BS 468	Capt. Berg, R.A.	Escort	1255	1650	Escort cancelled and returned from Ford.		
	F-BS 530	2/Lt. Jörstad, N.K.	"	1255	1650	" " " " " " "		
	M-BS 129	2/Lt. Sogness, H.	"	1255	1650	" " " " " " "		
	C-BS 144	Sgt. Olsen, E.	"	1255	1650	" " " " " " "		
	A-BS 531	Sgt. Spang, H.	"	1255	1650	" " " " " " "		
	D-BS 137	2/Lt. Björnstad, B.	"	1255	1650	" " " " " " "		
	T-BS 471	Major Birksted, K.	"	1255	1650	" " " " " " "		
	M-BS 466	2/Lt. Engelsen, R.	"	1255	1650	" " " " " " "		
	R-BS 467	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	1255	1650	" " " " " " "		
	I-BS 479	2/Lt. Fearnley, F.	"	1255	1650	" " " " " " "		
18.	Z-BS 388	" Nyerrod, K.	"	1255	1650	" " " " " " "		
	S-BS 389	Sgt. Owren, G.P.	"	1255	1650	" " " " " " "		
	C-BS 144	2/Lt. Heglund, S.	Convoy	1450	1630	No Incident.		
	G-BS 445	Sgt. Spang, H.	"	1450	1630	" "		
	Z-BS 388	2/Lt. Fossum, E.	"	1300	1440	" "		
	R-BS 467	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, E.	"	1300	1440	" "		
	S-BS 389	Sgt. Owren, G.P.	"	1355	1540	" "		
	M-BS 466	Sgt. Baache, K.	"	1355	1540	" "		

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				UP	DOWN			
15.	C-BS 144	2/Lt. Heiberg, T.	Circus 227	1450	1615	allowed them. The ground crew also did not have sufficient time to fit long range tanks, and when they had finally got them fitted, they were ordered to take them off -- a needless rush causing unnecessary delay.		
	B-BS 468	2/Lt. Jörstad, N.K.	"	1450	1615			
	V-BS 469	Capt: Sem, S.	"	1450	1615			
	S-BS 389	2/Lt. Malm, O.	"	1450	1615			
	R-BS 467	Lt: Lundsten, L:	"	1450	1615			
	N-BS 143	Sgt. Bache, K:	"	1450	1615			
	Z-BS 388	2/Lt: Nyerröd, K.	"	1450	1615			
	M-BS 143	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, E.	"	1450	1615			
	R-BS 467	2/Lt: Fearnley, F.	Convoy Patrol	0725	0805			No incident, landed at South End.
	M-BS 466	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, E.	" "	0725	0805			" " " " " "
17.	B-BS 468	Capt: Berg, R.A.	Escort	1255	1650	Escort cancelled and returned from Ford.		
	F-BS 530	2/Lt. Jörstad, N.K.	"	1255	1650	" " " " " "		
	H-BS 129	2/Lt. Sognes, H.	"	1255	1650	" " " " " "		
	C-BS 144	Sgt: Olsen, R.	"	1255	1650	" " " " " "		
	A-BS 531	Sgt. Spang, H.	"	1255	1650	" " " " " "		
	D-BS 137	2/Lt. Björnstad, B.	"	1255	1650	" " " " " "		
	T-BS 471	Major Birksted, K.	"	1255	1650	" " " " " "		
	M-BS 144 466	2/Lt. Engelsen, R.	"	1255	1650	" " " " " "		
	R-BS 467	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	1255	1650	" " " " " "		
	X-BS 479	2/Lt. Fearnley, F.	"	1255	1650	" " " " " "		
	Z-BS 388	" Nyerrod, K.	"	1255	1650	" " " " " "		
	S-BS 389	Sgt: Owren, G.P.	"	1255	1650	" " " " " "		
18.	C-BS 144	2/Lt. Heglund, S.	Convoy	1450	1630	No Incident.		
	G-BS 445	Sgt. Spang, H.	"	1450	1630	" "		
	Z-BS 388	2/Lt: Fossum, E.	"	1300	1440	" "		
	R-BS 467	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, E.	"	1300	1440	" "		
	S-BS 389	Sgt. Owren, G.P.	"	1355	1540	" "		
	M-BS 466	Sgt. Bache, K.	"	1355	1540	" "		

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				UP	DOWN		
21.	C-BS 144	2/Lt. Heglund, S.	Scramble	0905	1030	No Incident.	
	F-BS 530	Sgt. Olsen, R.	"	0905	1030	" "	
	G-BS 445	Ltn. Weisteen, T.	Patrol	1205	1335	There have been patrol to Beachy Head and Dungeness at 15000 ft.	
	H-BS 129	2/Lt. Sognes, H.	"	1205	1355	all day	
	F-BS 530	Capt. Berg, R.A.	"	1250	1430	" " " " " " " "	
	G-BS 445	2/Lt. Björnstad, B.	"	1250	1430	" " " " " " " "	
	E-BS 468	" Heiberg, T.	"	1435	1600	" " " " " " " "	
	G-BS 445	" Jörstad, N.K.	"	1435	1620	" " " " " " " "	
	C-BS 144	" Heglund, S.	"	1615	1745	" " " " " " " "	
	F-BS 530	Sgt. Olsen, R.	"	1615	1745	" " " " " " " "	
	R-BS 467	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	0945	1120	" " " " " " " "	
	X-BS 470	2/Lt. Fearnley, F.	"	0945	1120	" " " " " " " "	
	T-BS 471	Major Birksted, K.	"	1030	1220	" " " " " " " "	
	S-BS 389	2/Lt. Malm, O.	"	1030	1220	" " " " " " " "	
	V-BS 469	Capt. Sem, S.	"	1120	1250	" " " " " " " "	
	M-BS 466	Sgt. Baohse, K.	"	1120	1250	" " " " " " " "	
	T-BS 471	Major Birksted, K.	"	1335	1515	" " " " " " " "	
	S-BS 389	2/Lt. Malm, O.	"	1335	1515	" " " " " " " "	
	R-BS 467	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	1520	1655	" " " " " " " "	
	X-BS 470	2/Lt. Fearnley, F.	"	1520	1655	" " " " " " " "	
	M-BS 466	" Engelsen, R.	"	1655	1820	" " " " " " " "	
N-BS 143	Sgt. Baohse, K.	"	1655	1820	" " " " " " " "		
22 $\frac{1}{2}$	X-BS 470	2/Lt. Gran, M.	Scramble	1330	1345	No. incident	
	V-BS 469	Sgt. Baohse, K.	"	1330	1345	" "	
23.	A-BS 531	Lt. Weisteen, T.	Convoy	1055	1240	" "	
	G-BS 445	Sgt. Olsen, R.	"	1055	1240	" "	
	H-BS 129	2/Lt. Heiberg, T.	"	1155	1335	" "	
	D-BS 137	" Sognes, H.	"	1155	1335	" "	

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				UP	DOWN		
Oct. 25	A-BS 521	2/Lt. Heglund, S.	Convoy	1030	1220	No incident.	
	H-BS 129	" Knudsen, I.H.	"	1030	1220	" "	
	B-BS 468	" Sognes, H.	"	1135	1305	" "	
	F-BS 530	Sgt. Olsen, R.	"	1135	1305	" "	
	X-BS 470	2/Lt. Malm, O.	"	0915	1050	" "	
	N-BS 143	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, E.	"	0915	1050	" "	
	S-BS 389	2/Lt. Fearnley, F.	"	1015	1150	" "	
	M-BS 466	" Engelsen, R.	"	1015	1150	" "	
	T-BS 471	Major Birksted, K.	"	1110	1255	" "	
	Z-BS 388	2/Lt. Fossum, E.	"	1110	1255	" "	
	X-BS 470	" Gran, M.	"	1210	1350	" "	
	N-BS 143	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, E.	"	1210	1350	" "	
	B-BS 468	2/Lt. Sognes, H.	Rodeo	1430	1550	10 a/c took off at 1430 hrs. for Rodeo in Circus 232.	
	D-BS 137	Capt. Berg, R.A.	"	1430	1550	The English coast was left at Southend and they climbed	
	A-BS 531	Ltn. Weisteen, T.	"	1430	1550	slowly to 21000 ft. The French coast not crossed, but the	
	H-BS 129	2/Lt. Heiberg, T.	"	1430	1550	squadron orbited off Dunkerque/Calais and were then recalled	
	M-BS 466	Major Birksted, K.	"	1430	1550	by Benjo. They returned to base MM uneventfully at 1550 hrs.	
	S-BS 389	2/Lt. Fearnley, F.	"	1430	1550	No falk.	
R-BS 467	Capt. Sem, S.	"	1430	1550	" " " " " "		
N-BS 143	Sgt. Bache, K.	"	1430	1550	" " " " " "		
Z-BS 388	2/Lt. Fossum, E.	"	1430	1550	" " " " " "		
X-BS 470	" Engelsen, R.	"	1430	1550	" " " " " "		
27	R-BS 467	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	Scramble	0735	0925	No incident	
	N-BS 143	2/Lt. Fossum, E.	"	0735	0925	" "	
	C-BS 144	Sgt. Olsen, R.	Convoy	0845	1010	" "	
	X-BS 470	2/Lt. Myerrod, K.	"	0845	1010	" "	

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27.	V-BS 469	2/Lt. Engelsen, R.	Convoy	1040	1155	No incident	
	F-BS 530	Sgt. Spang, H.	"	1040	1155	" "	
	A-BS 531	Ltn. Weisteen, T.	"	1130	1300	" "	
	B-BS 468	2/Lt. Jørstad, N.K.	"	1130	1300	" "	
	D-BS 137	" Sognnes, H.	"	1230	1345	" "	
	H-BS 129	" Knudsen, I.H.	"	1230	1345	" "	
29.	F-BS 530	" Greiner, J.	"	0735	0915	" "	
	M-BS 466	" Knudsen, I.H.	"	0735	0915	" "	
	A-BS 531	Ltn. Weisteen, T.	"	1150	1325	" "	
	D-BS 137	2/Lt. Sognnes, H.	"	1150	1325	" "	
	R-BS 467	" Malm, O.	"	0850	1025	" "	
	M-BS 466	" Engelsen, R.	"	0850	1025	" "	
	V-BS 469	Capt. Sem, S.	"	0950	1130	" "	
	N-BS 143	Sgt. Owren, G.P.	"	0950	1130	" "	
	T-BS 471	Major Birksted, K.	"	1050	1235	" "	
	X-BS 470	2/Ltn. Gran, M.	"	1050	1235	" "	
	31.	C-BS 144	" Heglund, S.	"	0945	1120	" "
A-BS 531		" Knudsen, I.H.	"	0945	1120	" "	
K-BS 468		I. Sognnes, H.	I	1130			
B-BS 468		Capt. Berg, R. Ag	Convoy	1050	1225	No incident	
H-BS 129		Sgt. Spang, H.	"	1050	1225	" "	
F-BS 530		2/Lt. Bjørnstad, B.	"	1145	1225	" "	
K-BS 445		Sgt. Olsen, R.	"	1145	1225	" "	
X-BS 470		2/Lt. Gran, M.	"	0845	1025	" "	
S-BS 389		" Malm, O.	"	0845	1025	" "	

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Place	Date 1942.	Time	Summary of Events	<u>SECRET.</u>	References to Appendices
North Weald.	NOV:				
	1.		Overcast, heavy rain. No flying.		
	2.		Fine, some haze, cold. One section convoy patrol 1010hrs to 1040hrs. Two sections standing patrol Dungeness/North Foreland from 1200hrs to 1415hrs. The section that took off at 1200hrs was scrambled, but was uneventful. The first section that took off at 1000hrs was vectored on to e/a but failed to see them. 9 a/c took off at 1450hrs for shipping recon: Dunkerque/Flushing area but had to return owing to very poor visibility and the likelihood of the weather closing right in. Local practice flying was carried out by most before landing at 1545hrs. What a day for a fantastic number of postponements, cancellations, alterations, and contradictory orders! And apparently unnecessarily too!		
	3.		Overcast, rain. Convoy patrols from 1435hrs to 1750hrs.		
	4.		Thick fog. No flying.		
	5.		Fog, rain. No flying.		
	6.		Low cloud and mist. Damp and cold. 12 a/c led by Major Birksted took off at 1445hrs for anti shipping recon: They left the English coast at Bradwell and flew at sea level to Ostend then followed the coast up as far as Flushing, where they turned left and returned to base. Two fishing fleets were seen, one off Ostend and one off Flushing. An uneventful trip. All landed base safely at 1625hrs.		
	7.		Fog and rain. Released off camp till dawn tomorrow. Only two test flights.		
8.		Fine, slight haze. 11 a/c, led by Wince took off at 1130hrs for Circus 235. Course was set for North Foreland and they climbed steadily to 9000ft. From here they climbed to 23000ft, joining the Fortresses as they crossed the French coast by Dunkerque. Top cover was provided by 122 and 64 squadrons, ourselves being on top of them.			

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North Weald.	NOV: 8.		<p>The bombers were taken to Lille and on the way back as they were leaving the French coast 4 F.W.190's dived down through the bombers. Wince and Red 3 & 4 followed them down but could not close. Lt. Bjørnstad returned early as he could not jettison the extra petrol tank. Lt. Knudsen landed at Manston to refuel and came on after lunch. The rest landed safely by 1310hrs.</p> <p>IIa/c took off, led by Major Birksted, at 1555hrs, together with 332 sqd: for Fighter Sweep. They set course for North Foreland, then flew at sea level, making landfall just East of Dunkerque and continued to Bruges, Knocks thence to Flushing having by this time climbed to 16000ft. Wince asked for an emergency homeing to report 4 ships off Knocks and landed at Manston himself to make a report. The rest returned to base and landed safely at 1740hrs.</p> <p>Lt's Morten Ree and Kim Aagaard arrived in a night fighter Beaufighter from Middle Wallop to visit us. Both previously belonged to the squadron for a long time, now are in a night fighter squadron. Unfortunately they missed meeting many of their friends who were away on a sweep.</p>		
	9.		<p>Thick fog, so thick in fact that Sgt. Spang had to go over and look at a compass in one of the planes to find his bearings to dispersal!</p> <p>Weather cleared by lunch time but still a lot of haze about.</p> <p>II a/c took off at 1535hrs, led by Major Birksted, together with 332 Sqd: for Rodeo 109, in conjunction with Circus 236. Yellow 2 joined up with 332 as they were II aircraft. Red 2 returned on crossing the French coast as he could not jettison his tank. Flying as top sqd: they crossed the French coast at Sandgatte at 25000ft., turning left towards St. Omer and coming out at Dunkerque. Returned to Cap Gris Nez area where many e/a were seen, some engagements taking place before returning to North Foreland. 4 F.W.190's dived from above</p>		

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North Weald.	NOV: 9.		headon through 332 sqd: when off Cap Gris Nez. Yellow 3 & 4 tried to follow them down but were unable to close, though Yellow 3 fired a short burst headon at the first a/a. Yellow 2 who was flying as Blue 4 with 332 sqd: attacked a F.W.190 and was able to get in two good bursts and claims it as probably destroyed. Yellow 1 returned to base immediately after take off owing to oxygen trouble. All landed safely base, by 1720hrs.		
	10.		Ground mist, cleared to fine but, considerable haze all day. Formation flying over London at 10000ft from 1145hrs to 1330hrs. 12 a/c, led by Major Birksted, took off at 1545hrs for Fighter sweep. They flew at sea level till about half way between the English coast and Knocke, then climbed and turned to starboard and followed the coast from Nieuport towards Calais, being about 2000ft just off Gravelines. E/a were reported behind and above, so they orbited once but no a/a were seen. Red 1 & 2 had to break away before the Belgian coast was reached owing to ^{engine} trouble. Blue 1 & 2 had to break away as Blue 1 was hit in the fuselage behind the cockpit and the port wing and the engine, whilst over Dunkerque. Blue 1 was able to return and make a safe landing at base. After orbiting off Calais the rest returned to base by way of Manston, landing safely at 1705hrs.		
	11.		Fog, cleared by midday, but much haze. 12 a/c patrolled London from 1510hrs to 1645hrs.		
	12.		Thick fog all day, no flying.		
	13.		Thick fog. Released off camp 1430hrs. No flying.		
	14.		Thick fog. No flying.		

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North Weald.	NOV. 15.		Overcast, much haze. No flying.		
	16.		Overcast. Hazy. Convoy patrols from 0750hrs to 1355hrs. Capt. Fienborough of Army Cooperation Intelligence came and gave a lecture at dispersal, on cooperation between the Army and the R.A.F. I2 a/c led by Major Birksted took off at 1420hrs to go to and see Tanks at Old Sarum. They landed at Middle Wallop at 1520hrs, taking a transport from there to Old Sarum where they were shown round the tanks. They returned to base landing by 1750hrs. 2Lt. J. J. rated returned from flying Spitfire XII at Boscombe Down.		
	17.		Fine, cold. A good deal of practice flying, such as airfiring, homing etc. was arranged in the morning, but very little was carried out owing to our being brought to 15 mins. available. In the afternoon, however we were able to fly quite a lot - low flying, map reading, homing and aerobatics.		
	18.		Fine and cold, but a good deal of haze. I2 a/c, led by Winco, and together with 332sqd: took off at 1455hrs to attack Haamstede aerodrome and seaplane base on Schowen Island. They rendezvoused with I24 sqd: at Bradwell, then set course for Schowen at sea level. The weather became bad with rain cloud base almost down to the sea so that they had to turn round when just in sight of land and return to base, all landing safely at 1625hrs. An uneventful trip.		
	19.		Dull, overcast, slight rain. Capt. Fienburgh gave a lecture on army cooperation at dispersal in the morning. Two sections carried out Rhubarbs today. 2Lt. Malm and Sgt. Bache went together but finding the weather unsuitable to go inland they attacked a small ship		

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North Weald.	Nov. 19		at long range and had to break off owing to intense flak. 2Lt. Bjørnstad and Sgt. Olsen attacked, railway waggons, a lorry with soldiers in it, a signal box and a barge in the area between Dixmude and Reulers. 2Lt. Bjørnstad's plane received a 20mm. cannon shell in the air intake but he was able to get home safely.		
	20.		Overcast and hazy. There was a good deal of practice flying today. 12 a/c went to Southend for airfiring, and there was low flying and homing practice by others. We were all glad to see W/Cdr Scott-Malden amongst us for the evening after his trip to America.		
	21.		Overcast and hazy. Released off camp at 1300hrs. 6 pilots went airfiring after lunch.		
	22.		Overcast and hazy. Frost. Capt. Fienburgh gave a lecture on air support at dispersal in the morning. After lunch we all had a talk by Winco on training flying, night flying and several other questions. In the afternoon there was homing practice, aerobatics and dusk landings. The night flying had to be cancelled owing to poor visibility.		
	23.		Overcast and hazy. Frost. Airfiring practice was to have been carried out this morning but had to be cancelled owing to thick haze. Capt. Fienburgh gave a lecture on air support in the afternoon. There was no flying today.		
	24.		Overcast and considerable haze. Squadron formation in the morning. Convoy patrols from 1335hrs to 1650hrs. There were two sections scrambled at 1615hrs, but this was uneventful. There was a symphony concert in the evening at which a number of pieces by Edward Greig were played. Good show!		
	25.		Overcast. Fair wind. Some rain. There was some local and low flying after lunch.		

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North Weald.	NOV: 26.		Overcast, very cold wind. There was low flying formation, aerobatics and air-firing. In the evening the squadron had a party at the Thatched Hotel to celebrate the marriages of Capt. Lohneberg and Lt. Heiberg. It was a very pleasant change to have some ladies with us.		
	27.		Overcast, slight drizzle early. Lt's Greiner and Jørgstad returned today from a trip on a coastal ship. Sgt. Owen and Sgt. Baehs carried out a successful Rhubarb on the Reusen/Obent/Erugus canals. They set up two tugs and some barges, a wharf, some German soldiers and a factory chimney. Both they and their planes returned unscathed. There was also local flying, cloud flying, and cannon tests.		
	28.		Overcast, hazy and cold (as it is on most days!) There was a good deal of practice flying today, --- chiefly an Army cooperation exercise at Sawbridgeworth, then there was practice bombing, low flying and practice interception. Although the squadron was released off camp from 1300hrs, practice flying continued until 1615hrs, every chance of good weather and opportunities having to be taken now a days.		
	29.		Fine, scattered cloud, cold. 12 a/c, led by Major Birksted, took off at 1050hrs for shipping recon: along the Belgian and Dutch coasts towards Flushing. They flew at sea level till about 3 miles off Vlissingen, then they carried on along the coast to Walcheren Island turning to port. When about 3 miles off Walcheren they were attacked by 4 F.W. 190's from behind, so they turned sharply to port and met the e/a head on. Several engagements took place and 3 F.W. 190's were damaged. Unfortunately we lost two good fellows, Sgts. Owen and Sen Olsen, who did not return; it is believed that Sgt. Sen Olsen's plane was seen to break up in midair and then dive into the sea, and Sgt. Owen's plane may have been hit by the pieces and		

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2.	C. BS. 144	2/ltn. Heglund, S.	Convoy	1245	1415	No incident.	
	F. BS. 530	F/Sgt. Spang, H.G.	"	1245	1415	" "	
	X. BS. 470	2/ltn. Gran, M.	Patrol	1010	1040	" "	
	M. BS. 466	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, E.	"	1010	1040	" "	
	X. BS. 470	2/ltn. Gran, M.	Convoy	1200	1325	" "	
	M. BS. 466	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, E.	"	1200	1325	" "	
3.	X. BS. 470	2/ltn. Gran, M.	"	1435	1615	" "	
	Z. BS. 388	2/ltn. Nyerrod, K.	"	1435	1615	" "	
	V. BS. 469	Capt. Sem, S.	"	1525	1710	" "	
	S. BS. 389	F/Sgt. Owren, G.P.	"	1525	1715	" "	
	T. BS. 471	Major Birksted, K.	"	1620	1750	" "	
	M. BS. 466	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, E.	"	1620	1750	" "	
6.	T. BS. 471	Major Birksted, K.	Ship. recco.	1445	1625	Left English coast at Bradwell and flew at sea level to Ostend, then followed coast up to Flushing, turned left and returned to base. Uneventful trip.	
	N. BS. 143	2/ltn. Pearnley, P.	"	1445	1625		
	S. BS. 389	Capt. Sem, S.	"	1445	1625		
	M. BS. 466	2/ltn. Engelsen, R.	"	1445	1625		
	R. BS. 467	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	1445	1625		
	Z. BS. 388	2/ltn. Nyerrod, K.	"	1445	1625		
	B. BS. 468	Capt. Berg, R.A.	"	1445	1625		
	K. BS. 445	Sgt. Olsen, R.H.	"	1445	1625		
	A. BS. 531	Ltn. Weisteen, T.	"	1445	1625		
	F. BS. 530	Sgt. Spang, H.G.	"	1445	1625		
	G. BS. 144	2/ltn. Heglund, S.	"	1445	1625		
	H. BS. 129	2/ltn. Bjornstad, B.	"	1445	1625		
8.	B. BS. 468	Capt. Berg, R.A.	Circus 235	1130	1310	Details see next page.	
	H. BS. 129	2/ltn. Bjornstad, B.	"	1130	1250		
	A. BS. 531	2/ltn. Weisteen, T.	"	1130	1310		
	F. BS. 530	F/sgt. Spang, H.G.	"	1130	1310		

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8.	C. BS:144	2/lt. Heglund, S.	Cirous 235	1130	1310	Joining Fortresses 23,000 feet as crossing French coast by Dunkerque. The bombers were taken to Lille and on the way back, when leaving French coast they were attacked by 4 F.W.190's. Winco and Red.3 & 4 followed them, but were unable to close. All a/c returned safely.	
	E. BS:296	2/lt. Knudsen, I.H.	"	1130	1300		
	R. BS:467	Major Birksted, K.	"	1130	1310		
	Z. BS:388	2/lt. Fossum, E.	"	1130	1310		
	V. BS:469	Capt. Sem, S.	"	1130	1310		
	X. BS:470	2/lt. Gran, M.	"	1130	1310		
	N. BS:143	W/Cadr. Smith, D.	"	1130	1310		
	R. BS:467	Major Birksted, K.	Fighter Sweep	1555	1740	Set course for North Foreland, then flew at sea level making landfall at just east of Dunkerque. Continued to Bruges, Knocke, Flushing having by this time climbed to 16,000 feet. An uneventful trip.	
	D. BS:137	lt. Lundsten, L.	"	1555	1740		
	V. BS:469	Capt. Sem, S.	"	1555	1740		
	N. BS:143	F/Sgt. Owren, G.P.	"	1555	1740		
	X. BS:470	2/lt. Gran, M.	"	1555	1740		
	Z. BS:388	2/lt. Fearnley, F.	"	1555	1740		
	M. BS:466	2/lt. Engelsen, R.	"	1555	1740		
B. BS:468	Capt. Berg, R.A.	"	1555	1740			
H. BS:129	Sgt. Olsen, R.H.	"	1555	1740			
C. BS:144	2/lt. Heglund, S.	"	1555	1740			
F. BS:530	2/lt. Bjornstad, B.	"	1555	1740			
9.	F. BS:530	Etn. Weisteen, T.	Rodeo 109	1535	1720	Crossed French coast at Sandgatte at 25,000 feet turning towards St.Omer and coming out at Dunkerque. Returned to Cap Gris Nez area where many e/a were seen, some engagements taking place. 4 F.W.190's dived from above. Yellow 3 & 4 tried to follow but were unable to close. Though Yellow 3 fired a short burst head on at the first e/a. Yellow 2 attacked a F.W.190, was able to get in two good bursts and claims it as probably destroyed. All landed safely at base.	
	H. BS:129	2/lt. Bjornstad, B.	"	1535	1720		
	B. BS:468	Capt. Berg, R.A.	"	1535	1555		
	K. BS:445	F/sgt. Spang, H.G.	"	1535	1655		
	G. BS:144	2/lt. Heglund, S.	"	1535	1715		
	D. BS:137	" Knudsen, I.H.	"	1535	1715		
	Z. BS:388	Major Birksted, K.	"	1535	1720		

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9.	X. BS.470	2/ltn. Malm, O.	Rodeo 109	1535	1700	Details see previous page.	
	V. BS.469	Capt. Sem, S.	"	1535	1720		
	N. BS.143	F/Sgt. Owren, G.P.	"	1535	1720		
	R. BS.467	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	1535	1720		
	M. BS.466	2/ltn. Engelsen, R.	"	1535	1720		
10.	M. BS.466	Major Birksted, K.	Rodeo	1545	1700	Flew at sea level till about half way between English coast and Knocke, then climbed, turned to starboard and followed coast from Nieuport towards Calais, being at about 24,000 feet just off Gravelines. E/a were reported behind and above, so they orbitted once but no e/a were seen. Blue 1 and 2 had to break away as Blue 4 was hit in fuselage behind the cockpit and the port wing very slight damaged. All aircraft returned safely.	
	X. BS.470	2/ltn. Engelsen, R.	"	1545	1700		
	V. BS.469	Capt. Sem. S.	"	1545	1700		
	N. BS.143	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, E.	"	1545	1700		
	R. BS.467	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	1545	1700		
	Z. BS.388	2/ltn. Fearnley, F.	"	1545	1700		
	B. BS.468	Capt. Berg, R.A.	"	1545	1705		
	D. BS.137	2/ltn. Knudsen, I.H.	"	1545	1705		
	A. BS.531	Ltn. Weisteen, T.	"	1545	1705		
	H. BS.129	2/ltn. Bjornstad, B.	"	1545	1705		
	F. BS.530	Sgt. Spang, H.G.	"	1545	1705		
K. BS.445	Sgt. Olsen, R.H.	"	1545	1705			
16.	E. BS.468	Capt. Berg, R.A.	Convoy Patrol	0750	0915	No incident.	
	F. BS.530	Sgt. Spang, H.G.	"	0750	0915	" "	
	A. BS.531	Ltn. Weisteen, T.	"	0840	1000	" "	
	H. BS.129	2/ltn. Bjornstad, B.	"	0840	1000	" "	
	V. BS.469	Capt. Sem, S.	"	0915	1040	" "	
	M. BS.466	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, E.	"	0915	1040	" "	
	R. BS.467	2/ltn. Engelsen, R.	"	1000	1115	" "	
	Y. BS.272	2/ltn. Fearnley, F.	"	1000	1115	" "	
	S. BS.389	Sgt. Bache, K.	"	1045	1215	" "	

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16.	D. BS.137	Sgt. Olsen, R.H.	Convoy Patrol	1045	1215	No incident.	
	C. BS.144	2/ltn. Heglund, S.	"	1140	1210	" "	
	F. BS.530	F/sgt. Spang, H.G.	"	1225	1355	" "	
	R. BS.467	2/ltn. Engelsen, R.	"	1225	1355	" "	
	Z. BS.388	2/ltn. Nyerrod, K.	"	1140	1210	" "	
18.	K. BS.445	Sgt. Olsen, R.H.	Ship. recco.	1455	1625	Rendezvoused with 124 squadron at Bradwell, then set course for Schowen at sea level. Weather became bad, cloud base almost down to sea level so they had to return when just in sight of land. All a/c landed safely. An uneventful trip.	
	A. BS.531	Ltn. Weisteen, T.	"	1455	1625		
	L. BS.299	2/ltn. Jorstad, NK.	"	1455	1625		
	B. BS.468	Capt. Berg, R.A.	"	1455	1625		
	D. BS.137	2/ltn. Sognnes, H.	"	1455	1625		
	M. BS.466	Major Birksted, K.	"	1455	1625		
	Y. BS.272	Sgt. Bache, K.	"	1455	1625		
	V. BS.469	Capt. Sem. S.	"	1455	1625		
	S. BS.389	2/ltn. Malm, O.	"	1455	1635		
	Z. BS.388	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	1455	1625		
X. BS.470	2/ltn. Gran, M.	"	1455	1625			
19.	K. BS.445	Sgt. Olsen, R.H.	Rhubarb	1225	1425	Bad weather prevented flying inland. They attacked a small ship at long range but had to break off owing to intense flak. Railway waggons, a lorry with soldiers, a signal box and a barge were also attacked. 2/ltn. Bjornstad's plane received a 20 m.m. cannon shell in the air intake but was able to get home safely.	
	H. BS.129	2/ltn. Bjornstad, B.	"	1230	1410		
	M. BS.466	2/ltn. Malm, O.	Ship. recco	1255	1445		
	Y. BS.272	Sgt. Bache, K.	"	1255	1445		
20.	Y. BS.272	2/ltn. Gran, M.	Convoy Patrol	1335	1515	No incident.	
	S. BS.389	2/ltn. Malm, O.	"	1335	1515	" "	
	M. BS.466	2/ltn. Engelsen, R.	"	1435	1620	" "	
	N. BS.143	F/sgt. Owren, G.P.	"	1435	1620	" "	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
				UP	DOWN		
24.	T. BS.471	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	Convoy Patrol	1530	1630	No incident.	
	Z. BS.388	2/ltn. Nyerrod, K.	"	1530	1630	" "	
	Y. BS.272	2/ltn. Gran, M.	Scramble	1615	1625	" "	
	S. BS.389	2/ltn. Malm, O.	"	1615	1625	" "	
	F. BS.530	F/Sgt. Spang, G.	"	1615	1640	" "	
	K. BS.445	Sgt. Olsen, R.H.	"	1615	1640	" "	
27.	N. BS.143	F/Sgt. Owren, G.P.	Rhubarb	1130	1330	Neuzen-Ghent-Bruges Canals. Shot up two tugs and some barges, a wharf, some German soldiers and a factory chimney. Both returned safely.	
	Y. BS.272	Sgt. Bache, K.	"	1130	1330		
29.	A. BS.531	Capt. Berg, R.A.	Roadstead	1050	1235	Took off for shipping recon along the Belgian and Dutch coasts towards Flushing. They flew at sea level till about 3 miles off Nieuport, then they carried on along the coast to Walcheren Island turning to port. When about 3 miles off Walcheren they were attacked by 4 F.W.190's from behind, so they turned sharply to port and met the e/a head on. Several engagements took place and 3 F.W.190's were damaged. Unfortunately we lost two good fellows, F/sgt. Owren and Sgt. Sem-Olsen who did not return. It is believed that sgt. Sem-Olsen's plane was seen to break up in mid air and then dive into the sea, and F/Sgt. Owren's plane may have been hit by the pieces and so caused to crash into the sea, or he may have been hit by flak, but nothing was observed. 10 remaining a/c landed safely at North Weald 1235 hrs.	
	F. BS.530	2/ltn. Sognnes, H.	"	1050	1235		
	C. BS.144	2/ltn. Heglund, S.	"	1050	1235		
	L. BS.299	2/ltn. Jorstad, NK.	"	1050	1240		
	H. EN.126	2/ltn. Heiberg, T.	"	1050	1235		
	E. BS.296	Sgt. Sem-Olsen, E.	"	1050	Missing		
	T. BS.471	Major Birksted, K.	"	1050	1235		
	N. BS.143	F/Sgt. Owren, G.P.	"	1050	Missing		
	V. BS.469	Capt. Sem, S.	"	1050	1235		
	M. BS.466	Sgt. Bache, K.	"	1050	1235		
	Z. BS.388	2/ltn. Nyerrod, K.	"	1050	1235		
S. BS.389	2/ltn. Fossum, E.	"	1050	1235			
30.	A. BS.531	Ltn. Weisteen, T.	Convoy Patrol	1100	1220	No incident.	
	F. BS.530	2/ltn. Sognnes, H.	"	1100	1220	" "	
	C. BS.144	2/ltn. Heglund, S.	"	1150	1335	" "	
	H. EN.126	2/ltn. Heiberg, T.	"	1150	1335	" "	
	Z. BS.388	2/ltn. Gran, M.	"	1245	1310	" "	

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				UP	DOWN		
30.	M. BS.466	2/lt. Fossum, E.	Convoy Patrol	1245	1310	No incident.	
	S. BS.389	2/lt. Malm, O.	"	1305	1415	" "	
	R. BS.467	Sgt. Bache, K.	"	1305	1415	" "	
	T. BS.471	Major Birksted, K.	Rodeo	1430	1600	<p>Rendezvoused with 64 squadron at Bradwell Bay the wing being lead by Major Birksted. The wing was at 15,000 feet at Bradwell Bay and from here they set course and climbed to 27,000 feet crossing the French coast at Mardyck. We were bottom squadron. The wing swept inland turning right and leaving the French coast by Hardelet having lost height slightly. About 30 to 40 small balloons were encountered over the Pas de Calais. From Hardelet the wing set course for Dungeness. 2/lt. Jorstad returned early with engine trouble, the rest landed safely.</p>	
	S. BS.389	2/lt. Malm, O.	"	1430	1600		
	V. BS.469	Capt. Sem, S.	"	1430	1600		
	M. BS. 466	2/lt. Fossum, E.	"	1430	1600		
	X. BS.470	2/lt. Gran, M.	"	1430	1600		
	C. BS.388	2/lt. Nyerrod, K.	"	1430	1600		
	A. BS.531	Ltn. Weisteen, T.	"	1430	1630		
	L. BS.299	2/lt. Jorstad, HK.	"	1430	1450		
	F. BS.530	2/lt. Sognes, H.	"	1430	1630		
	K. BS.445	2/lt. Bjornstad, B.	"	1430	1630		
	C. BS.144	2/lt. Heglund, S.	"	1430	1630		
	D. BS.137	2/lt. Heiberg, T.	"	1430	1630		

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
North Weald	Dec. 1942	1.	Fine at first, gradually clouding over. Rain and low cloud by tea time. 6 aircraft went to Sawbridgeworth, carrying out Army Co-operation Exercise, returning at 13.50 hrs. Other aircraft went to the low flying area, and there was dogfighting, and cloud flying, a comparatively busy day of 23 hrs. 10 minutes.		
		2.	Fine and clear, very cold frost. There was formation flying and aerobatics in the morning. 12 aircraft, together with 124 Squadron, took off at 15.15 hrs. and made rendezvous at Bradwell Bay with 2 squadrons from Hornchurch at 15,000 feet, the wing being led by Major Birksted. From here they set course for the Belgian Coast and climbed to 21,000 feet at Nieupoort, where they made a right hand turn and followed the coast as far down as Cap Gris Nez. Here they turned right again and set course for base. The Hornchurch wing leaving us at North Foreland. A great many balloons were seen over the Channel. All landed safely at 16.30 hrs. An uneventful trip.		
		3.	Foggy, frost and very cold. There was no flying.		
		4.	Fine, hazy. 12 aircraft together with 332 and 124 Squadrons, took off at 13.30 hrs. to take part in Rodeo, the wing being led by Major Birksted. 124 Squadron took off first and 331 and 332 Squadrons made rendezvous with them at Bradwell Bay at 15,000 feet. From there they flew to the Belgian Coast and crossed the inland at Ostend at 24,000 feet. Sweeping in behind Dixmude they left the French Coast at Sandgatte, then set course for base. About six e/a were seen ten miles inland from Dixmude, climbing East, but were not engaged. All landed safely base at 14.55 hrs.		
		5.	Fog and heavy rain, no flying.		
		6.	Fine, some broken clouds, 4/10 hrs. Strong wind.		

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
North Weald.	Dec. 1942	6. (cont. 'd)	12 aircraft, 331 sqdn., took off at 11.30 hrs. together with 332 Squadron, the wing being led by Major Birksted. Climbing all the way they made rendezvous with the 2nd. box of Fortresses 5 miles East of Dunkerque at 25,000 feet. As no one was covering the front box of Fortresses, this was also done as far as possible. The bombers were escorted to Lille, then turning right they were taken back to the English coast, via Gravelines. Two e/a were seen near Ostend and two more e/a over Lille, but well below the bombers. Two F.W. 190's, after the bombing, dived from above head on, almost vertically through the wing and down inland, when Blue Section 331 turned on to them. 332 had iced up hoods for several minutes between Lille and the coast, on the way out, as they were flying in the condensation layer. This forced them to come down from their position a 1000 feet above and covering 331 Squadron which was flying at 25,000 feet abreast with and up sun of the 2nd. box of bombers. All landed safely at 13.10 hrs.		
	7.		Overcast, strong wind. There was a good deal of practice flying today, a total of 31 hrs. 50 mins., being made up of airfiring, flight formation, cloud flying, and zigzagging and spreading flying.		
	8.		Mostly overcast, slight haze. Only 40 mins. flying by P/Lt. Rose, a visitor to squadron. W/Cmdr. Jamieson (N.Z.) arrived to take over the wing.		
	9.		Fine, hazy. 11 aircraft led by Major Birksted, took off at 14.30 hrs. together with 332 Squadron for Hodeo. The wing was led by the new W/Cmdr. They left the English coast over South Foreland, climbing all the way to 25,000 feet when the French coast was crossed just south of Calais. Here they turned left and followed the coast up to just North of Dunkerque. After they turned left again and returned to base. Some formations were slightly inland. The attack was made successfully. Bombers were clear.		

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North Weald	Dec. 1942.	10.	Overcast with low cloud and haze. 1 section flew for Army Co-operation. Several pilots went to some swimming baths at Edmonton to practice dinghy drill. 4 American pilots are visiting the squadron for a few days in order to get an insight into conditions at a fighter station.		
		11.	Overcast, strong wind. There was practice interception, cloud flying, homing, aerobatics and dog fights. Winco came down and flew with capt. Sen, practicing.		
		12.	Fine, slight haze. Yesterday 5 new pilots joined the squadron. They are sgt.'s Berg-Olsen, Woxen, Koren, Gilje and Eitzen. They have started to do some practice flying, locally. 12 aircraft lead by Major Birksted, took off at 10.55 hrs. landing and refuelling at Ford. Sgt. Baehre force landed in a field near Ford owing to engine failure. He was unhurt. 11 aircraft left Ford at 12.40 hrs. for rendezvous with Biggin Hill and Kenley wings at Beachy Head, but they did not contact them. They started climbing from 1000 feet at Beachy Head towards the French Coast at Dieppe. Red 4 and Yellow 3 returned from midchannel with engine trouble and Blue 3 and Yellow 4 followed them back. Red 1 had to return owing to R/T failure from a point about 15 miles East of Le Treport. Blue 4 accompanied him. Yellow 1 and 2 and Red 3 carried out the whole route going over Dieppe at 20,000 feet continuing inland as far as St. Baens. Here they turned right and left the French coast just west of Dieppe, then turned left and swept inland again finally leaving the French Coast by St. Valery-en-Caux. Two landed at Stanston as they were short of fuel, one returning direct to base. 2/ltm. Malm (full report attached) reports that his No. 1, Capt. Sen, had trouble with his supercharger, and that a little later he himself suffered from lack of oxygen so that they both decided to		

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
North Weald	Dec. 1942. 12. (cont. 'a)		<p>leave and head for home. They went towards the Dorne Estuary, diving in line abreast 200 yds. apart, sun right behind, 300 miles on the clock. Just before they got to the French Coast at 17.000 feet 2/lt. Malm saw a P.W. 190 on Capt. Sem's tail and he warned him on the R/T and turned right towards it, but it was too late. Capt. Sem was already smoking badly. 2/lt. Malm heard Capt. Sem say something on the R/T but could not understand it. He thinks it must have been a warning as he was then hit in the engine, cockpit and rudders. 2/lt. Malm had a lucky escape and made his way to the English coast, baled out with difficulty, and was picked up by a fishing smack. The last he saw of Capt. Sem was when he broke sharply up to the left, smoking pretty badly. Capt. Sem gave a Mayday call and ops. say they got a good fix on him 25 miles West of Cayeux. Air/sea rescue was carried out by a flight of Spitfires from Tangmere and by a squadron from Biggin Hill, nothing, however, was seen. It was reported that rescue launches and planes belonging to the Germans were seen leaving the French coast in this vicinity, so it is possible that Capt. Sem was picked up by them.</p> <p>We are all extremely anxious about Sem.</p> <p>We have had all available aircraft made ready to help search and at first light tomorrow morning will no doubt continue to sweep the channel.</p>		
		13.	<p>Overcast, strong wind.</p> <p>Most of us were up early today, so as to get the search continued as soon as possible. The wind has blown strongly from the south all night, a special watch has been kept on it by Air/sea rescue at Dover who have given us an approximate area in the Channel in which they think Sem is likely to be if he has not already been picked up by the Germans. The weather was unsuitable at first, but as soon as it cleared 10 a/c took off at 0940 hrs. They flew in line abreast, 6 aircraft on deck with 4 aircraft above as top cover, from Beach Head towards the French coast at Le Treport. Then just</p>		

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North Weald.	Dec. 1942.				
	13.	(cont.'d)	off shore here they turned left and continued parallel to the coast. About 6 miles S.W. of Le Touquet they found two dinghies, one with 4 men in it and the other with 3 in it. Major Birksted at once went to Hawkinge and reported the find, whilst 5 aircraft remained circling the two dinghies. Permission to effect the rescue could not be obtained from 11 Group as they thought the weather too bad. However, there was a Whalrus pilot at Hawkinge who was willing to try it and Major Birksted offered to go with him as escort and they could have taken off immediately, but were not allowed to do so. The loss of Ben is felt very keenly by us all.		
	14.		Fine, Fair wind. 12 aircraft, led by Winco, took off at 14.45 hrs. for Rodeo. 4 aircraft returned early due to two aircraft having low oil pressure. The rest climbed all the way, flew to France going in over Calais, sweeping round inland as far as Ypres, then turning left they left the Belgian Coast at Ostend. They were between 24,000 and 26,000 feet. No e/a, no flek. Uneventful. All landed safely 16.05 hrs.		
	15.		Bad weather. No flying.		
	16.		Variable, occasional rain. Convoy patrols all day, and practice flying.		
	17.		Overcast, occasional rain. Major Birksted went on leave. 2/lt. Heglund and 2/lt. Gran returned from leave. There was low flying, also local recco by the new sergeants pilots, but the weather was not good. Capt. Berg and 2/lt. Spang carried out a reserve tank test, the result of which will be known tomorrow.		

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
North Weald.	Des. 1942	18.	<p>Thick fog. We had an anti invasion exercise at 0800 hrs., when we manned our defence posts.</p> <p>Yesterday Capt. Berg tested a reserve tank. He flew with 2,300 revs. at plus 2 boost and it was 42 minutes before the red light came on. He experienced no difficulty in switching over to main tanks.</p> <p>We have had some trouble with reserve tanks lately, air lock stoppages and loss of petrol from the vent pipe.</p> <p>No flying.</p>		
		19.	Very thick haze, low cloud. No flying. Dance in the officers' mess in the evening.		
		20.	Fine early. Night scattered cloud, then deteriorating with much haze. 3 trips for A.T.C. in the afternoon. No other flying.		
		21.	Overcast. Local flying and circuits and bumps by the new sergeants.		
		22.	Overcast, low mist. 2 convoy patrols and one scramble, uneventful.		
		23.	Thick fog. No flying. Christmas letters and parcels begin to arrive.		
		24.	Heavy mist. No flying. Christmas eve party. 331 and 332 together. The last of the squavit drunk, so that we absolutely must be back in Norway for next Christmas.		

Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
North Weald.	Dec. 1942.	31.	<p>Fine and sunny. About an inch of snow fell during the night.</p> <p>Some of the more honest or perhaps foolish of us were up at 0400 hrs. and 0600 hrs. clearing the snow from in front of the planes. The wise ones stayed in bed and slept peacefully. bad show!</p> <p>10 aircraft took off, led by Major Birksted, together with 332 for Rodeo sweep. They left at 13.35 hrs. One returned early as, having taken off late, he could not catch up with the rest. As so often happens there was hardly enough time to fit reserve tanks, which means an unholy rush -- planes ready too late, tanks not tested -- then pilots having to turn back.</p> <p>They rendezvoused with the Biggin Hill wing over Manston, climbing all the way crossing the French coast by Gravelines, then turned right going over St. Omer they came out from France over Cap. Gris-Nez. Captain Berg returned from the French coast as his R/T went wrong, and Major Birksted landed at Manston on the way back having some trouble with the petrol valve. All landed safely at 14.50 hrs. Uneventful. There were convoy patrols from 10.40 hrs. to 12.15 hrs. There was a New Years Eve dance attended by very many at the station, with plenty of good wishes, good fun, and good spirits! (Both kinds!)</p> <p>As the Old Year goes out we remember the busy times and the battles we have had, -- they are fresh in our memory, but still fresh in our memory and ever to remain so are those good fellows we have lost. Some we know will not return, we have hope that others may be alive. Jens Muller and Espelid we know to be prisoners of war. We believe that the New Year will require more of us than ever, it is bound to do so, but these memories are part of our inspiration -- there are also many other things and wishes that inspire us to go on.</p>	<p>SECRET.</p>
			<p><i>[Signature]</i> Major, Officer Commanding, 332 Squadron,</p>	

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				UP	DOWN		
Dec. 2nd	K-BS 445	F/Sgt. Spang, G.M.	Rodeo	1515	1630	12 a/c, together with 124 Sqn. rendezvoused at Hornchurch	
	A-BS 531	Ltn. Weisten, T.	"	1515	1630	with 2 sqdns. at 15000 feet. They set course for the	
	D-BS 137	2/Ltn. Sognes, H.	"	1515	1630	Belgian Coast and climbed to 21000 feet at Nieupoort.	
	H-EM 126	2/Ltn. Heiberg, T.	"	1515	1630	A great many balloons were seen over the channel.	
	L-BS 299	2/Ltn. Knudsen, E.	"	1515	1630	All landed safely at 1630 hours. An uneventful trip.	
	C-BS 144	2/Ltn. Heglund, S.	"	1515	1630	" " " " " " " "	
	T-BS 471	Major Birksted, K.	"	1515	1630	" " " " " " " "	
	S-BS 389	2/Ltn. Malm, O.	"	1515	1630	" " " " " " " "	
	V-BS 469	Capt. Sem, S.	"	1515	1630	" " " " " " " "	
	M-BS 466	Sgt. Bache, K.	"	1515	1630	" " " " " " " "	
4.	X-BS 470	2/Ltn. Gran, M.	"	1515	1630	" " " " " " " "	
	Y-BS 272	2/Ltn. Fossum, E.	"	1515	1630	" " " " " " " "	
	A-BS 531	Ltn. Weisten, T.	"	1330	1455	12 a/c together with 332 Sqn. and 124 Sqn. took off at	
	L-BS 299	2/Ltn. Jorstad, N.	"	1330	1455	1330 hours to take part in Rodeo. The wing being led by	
	F-BS 530	2/Ltn. Heglund, S.	"	1330	1455	Major Birksted. 124 Sqn took off first and 331 & 332	
	H-EM 126	2/Ltn. Knudsen, E.	"	1330	1455	made rendezvous with them at Bradwell Bay at 15000 feet.	
	D-BS 137	2/Ltn. Sognes, H.	"	1330	1455	From here they flew to Belgian Coast and crossed inland at	
	K-BS 445	Sgt. Olsen, R.	"	1330	1455	Ostend at 24000 feet. Sweeping in behind Dixmunde they	
	T-BS 471	Major Birksted, K.	"	1330	1455	left the French Coast at Sandgate, then set course for base	
	R-BS 467	2/Ltn. Nyerrod, K.	"	1330	1455	6 e/a were seen 10 miles inland from Dixmunde, climbing	
6.	V-BS 469	Capt. Sem, S.	"	1330	1455	east, but were not engaged. All landed safely at 1455 hours.	
	M-BS 466	2/Ltn. Greiner, J.	"	1330	1455	" " " " " " " "	
	X-BS 470	2/Ltn. Gran, M.	"	1330	1455	" " " " " " " "	
	Y-BS 272	2/Ltn. Fossum, E.	"	1330	1455	" " " " " " " "	
	A-BS 531	Ltn. Weisten, T.	Circus	1125	1305	12 a/c from 331 Sqn. together with 332 Sqn. escorted	
	C-BS 144	2/Ltn. Heglund, S.	"	1125	1310	Flying Fortresses over France. 2 e/a were seen near Ostend	
	L-BS 299	2/Ltn. Jorstad, K.	"	1125	1310	and 2 more e/a over Lille, but well below the bombers.	
	D-BS 137	F/Sgt. Spang, G.	"	1125	1310	2 Focke Wolfe 190's, after the bombing, dived from above	

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				UP	DOWN		
6.	H-BN 126	2/Lt. Heiberg, T.	Circus	1125	1310	headon almost vertically through the wing and down inland, when Blue section 331 turned headon to them. All landed safely at 1310 hours.	
	K-BB 145	" Björnstad, B.	"	1125	1310		
	T-BB 471	Major Birksted, K.	"	1125	1310		
	X-BB 470	2/Lt. Gran, M.	"	1125	1310		
	V-BB 524	Capt. Sem, S.	"	1125	1310		
	M-BB 466	2/Lt. Fossum, E.	"	1125	1310		
	R-BB 467	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	1125	1310		
	S-BB 389	2/Lt. Nyerrod, K.	"	1125	1310		
	X-BB 470	" Gran, M.	Convoy	1510	1555		No incident.
	M-BB 466	" Fossum, E.	"	1510	1555		" "
9.	P-BB 468	Capt. Berg, R.A.	Rodeo	1430	1600	11 a/c led by Major Birksted took off together with 332 Sqdn. for Rodeo. The wing was led by the new Wing Commander. They left the English coast over South Foreland, climbing all the way to 29000 feet. The French coast was crossed just south of Calais. Some sections were slightly inland. No flak no ships. Uneventful. All landed safely 1600 hours.	
	A-BB 531	F/Sgt. Spang, G.H.	"	1430	1600		
	L-BB 299	2/Lt. Sognes, H.	"	1430	1600		
	H-BN 126	" Björnstad, B.	"	1430	1600		
	C-BB 144	" Knudsen, I.	"	1430	1550		
	T-BB 471	Major Birksted, K.	"	1430	1550		
	S-BB 389	2/Lt. Nyerrod, K.	"	1430	1550		
	V-BB 469	Capt. Sem, S.	"	1430	1550		
	Y-BB 272	Sgt. Bache, K.	"	1430	1550		
	R-BB 467	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	1430	1550		
M-BB 466	2/Lt. Engelsen, R.	"	1430	1550			
12.	B-BB 468	Capt. Berg, R.A.	Bomber escort.	1055	1330	12 a/c led by Major Birksted took off at 1055 hrs. landing and refuelling at Ford. Sgt. Bache forced landed in a field near Ford owing to engine trouble. He was unhurt. 11 a/c took off from Ford at 1240 hours to rendezvous with Biggin Hill and Kenley wings at Beachy Head, but they did not contact them. Red 4 and Yellow 3 returned owing to engine	
	K-BB 145	Sgt. Olsen, R.	" "	1055	1335		
	H-BN 126	2/Ltn. Björnstad, B.	" "	1055	1255		
	C-BB 144	2/Ltn. Jorstad, Y.	" "	1055	1250		
	A-BB 531	Ltn. Weisten, O.	" "	1055	1330		
	M-BB 466	F/Sgt. Spang, G.	" "	1130	1235		

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES	
				UP	DOWN			
Dec. 12.	T-BS 471	Major Birksted, K.	Bomber Escort.	1120	1330	trouble. Blue 3 and Yellow 4 followed them back. Red 1 had		
	Y-BS 272	Sgt. Bache, K.	" "	1055	1120	to return owing to R/T failure. Blue 1 accompanied him.		
	V-BS 469	Capt. Sem, S.	" "	1055	Missing	Yellow 1 and 2 and Red 3 carried out the whole route.		
	S-BS 389	2/Ltn Malm, O.	" "	1055	Bailed out	" " " " " " " "		
	R-BS 467	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	" "	1055	1230	" " " " " " " "		
	Z-BS 388	2/Ltn Engelsen, R.	" "	1055	1305	" " " " " " " "		
13.	B-BS 468	Capt. Berg, R.A.	Search	0940	1155	No Incident.		
	A-BS 531	Ltn. Weisteen, T.	"	0940	1155	" "		
	F-BS 530	2/Lt. Jørstad, N.K.	"	0940	1155	" "		
	H-EN 126	" Knudsen, I.	"	0940	1155	" "		
	D-BS 137	" Sognes, H.	"	0940	1155	" "		
	T-BS 471	Major Birksted, K.	"	0940	1210	" "		
	Z-BS 388	2/Lt. Nyerrod, K.	"	0940	1210	" "		
	R-BS 467	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	0940	1210	" "		
	M-BS 466	2/Lt. Fossum, E.	"	0940	1210	" "		
	14.	C-BS 144	" Knudsen, I.H.	Rodeo	1445	1605	12 a/c led by Winco took off at 1445 hrs. for Rodeo.	
		R-BS 467	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	1445	1605	4 a/c returned early due to two a/c having low oil pressure.	
O-ER 982		2/Lt. Greiner, J.	"	1445	1530	The rest climbing all the way, flew to France going in		
Z-BS 388		" Nyerrod, K.	"	1445	1605	over Calais, sweeping round inland as far as Ypres, then		
M-BS 466		" Engelsen, R.	"	1445	1530	turning left that left the Belgian coast at Ostend. They were		
B-BS 468		Capt. Berg, R.A.	"	1445	1605	between 24000 and 26000 feet. No e/a. No flak. Unventful.		
D-BS 137		2/Lt. Sognes, H.	"	1445	1530	All landed safely at 1605 hours.		
A-BS 531		Ltn. Weisteen, T.	"	1445	1530	" " " " " " " "		
K-BS 445		Sgt. Olsen, R.H.	"	1445	1605	" " " " " " " "		
F-BS 530		F/Sgt. Sapng, G.H.	"	1445	1605	" " " " " " " "		
H-EN 126		2/Lt. Bjørnstad, B.	"	1445	1605	" " " " " " " "		

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				Up	Down		
16.	R-BS 467	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	Convoy	0945	1115	No Incident.	
	O-ER 982	2/Lt. Greiner, J.	"	0945	1000	" " (Engine trouble).	
	M-BS 466	" Engelsen, R.	"	0955	1115	" "	
	Z-BS 388	" Nyerrod, K.	"	1040	1220	" "	
	L-BS 299	Sgt. Bache, K.	"	1040	1220	" "	
	R-BS 467	Ltn. Lundsten, L.	"	1145	1325	" "	
	T-BS 471	2/Lt. Fossum, E.	"	1145	1325	" "	
	C-BS 144	Capt. Berg, R.A.	"	1245	1420	" "	
	H-MN 126	2/Lt. Bjørnstad, E.	"	1245	1420	" "	
	K-BS 445	" Sognes, H.	"	1345	1520	" "	
	F-BS 530	F/Sgt. Spang, G.H.	"	1345	1520	" "	
	A-BS 531	Ltn. Weisteen, T.	"	1445	1600	" "	
	H-MN 126	2/Lt. Knudsen, I.H.	"	1445	1600	" "	
	C-BS 144	Capt. Berg, R.A.	"	1530	1645	" "	
	22.	K-BS 445	2/Lt. Bjørnstad, E.	"	1530	1645	" "
C-BS 144		" Bjørnstad, E.	"	1555	1710	" "	
F-BS 530		Sgt. Olsen, R.H.	"	1555	1710	" "	
T-BS 471		2/Lt. Greiner, J.	"	1500	1630	" "	
L-BS 299		Sgt. Eitzen, F.	"	1500	1630	" "	
R-BS 467		Ltn. Lundsten, L.	Scramble	1530	1640	" "	
X-BS 470		2/Lt. Gran, M.	"	1530	1640	" "	
27.	R-BS 467	Capt. Lundsten, L.	Convoy	1345	1420	" "	
	Z-BS 388	2/Lt. Nyerrod, K.	"	1345	1420	" "	
29.	X-BS 470	" Gran, M.	"	0925	1100	" "	
	R-BS 467	" Fossum, E.	"	0945	1100	" "	
	V-ER 594	" Nyerrod, K.	"	1025	1200	" "	
	M-BS 466	" Engelsen, R.	"	1025	1200	" "	

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				UP	DOWN			
29.	T-BS 471	Major Birksted, K.	Convoy	1125	1300	No Incident.		
	Z-BS 388	2/Lt. Greiner, J.	"	1125	1300	" "		
	L-BS 299	" Bjørnstad, B.	"	1225	1355	" "		
	F-BS 530	F/Sgt. Spang, G.H.	"	1225	1355	" "		
	C-BS 144	2/Lt. Heglund, S.	"	1320	1505	" "		
	K-BS 445	" Sognnes, H.	"	1320	1505	" "		
30.	F-BS 468	Capt. Berg, R.A.	Rodeo	1515	1635	12 a/c took off 1515 hours. They left the English coast		
	L-BS 299	Sgt. Berg-Olsen, J.	"	1515	1615	at Bradwall. Crossed the French coast by Mardyck at		
	C-BS 144	2/Lt. Heglund, S.	"	1515	1635	26000 feet. All landed safely at 1635 hrs. No flek.		
	F-BS 530	" Knudsen, I.H.	"	1515	1615	No e/c. Uneventful.		
	A-BS 531	" Sognnes, H.	"	1515	1635	" " " " " " " "		
	H-BS 126	" Bjørnstad, B.	"	1515	1635	" " " " " " " "		
	T-BS 471	Major Birksted, K.	"	1515	1635	" " " " " " " "		
	V-BR 594	Sgt. Koren, G.H.	"	1515	1635	" " " " " " " "		
	R-BS 467	Capt. Lundsten, L.	"	1515	1635	" " " " " " " "		
	X-BS 470	Sgt. Eitzen, F.	"	1515	1635	" " " " " " " "		
	Z-BS 388	2/Lt. Nyerrod, K.	"	1515	1635	" " " " " " " "		
	M-BS 466	" Engelsen, R.	"	1515	1635	" " " " " " " "		
	31.	A-BS 531	" Heglund, S.	Convoy	1040	1205	No Incident.	
		F-BS 530	" Knudsen, I.H.	"	1040	1205	" "	
B-BS 468		" Jørstad, H.K.	"	1135	1215	" "		
K-BS 445		Sgt. Berg-Olsen, J.	"	1135	1215	" "		
B-BS 468		Capt. Berg, R.A.	Rodeo	1335	1430	10 e/c took off led by Major Birksted together with		
K-BS 445		Sgt. Berg-Olsen, J.	"	1335	1430	332 Squadron. They left at 1335 hrs. They rendezvoused		
A-BS 531		2/Lt. Heglund, S.	"	1335	1450	with Biggen Hill wing over Manston. Crossed the French		
F-BS 530		F/Sgt. Spang, G.H.	"	1335	1450	coast by Gravelines. All landed safely at base.		
D-BS 127		2/Lt. Sognnes, H.	"	1335	1450	Uneventful.		
L-BS 299		" Jørstad, H.K.	"	1335	1450	" " " " " " " "		

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