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E.C.A.F. Officers: - Aircrew 18 Ground Crew & AIRCR: - Aircrew 147 Ground Crew 179

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TOTALS " " 18 " " " " 152 " " 286 DISHFORTH Weather - Cloudy becoming fair, fog in the morning, good in afternoon, Wind S. File 5-10
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Teitraft either for Air Test or Ni-Th.

Three of these aircraft were cancelled.

They were detailed for Night Flying, only one proceeded.

"B" FLORI:

4 aircraft were detailed For Following duties: 2 for practice of circuits and a for might are sent as and 2 for Ni-Th. Also there were 2 sircraft detailed for might Gross-country for practice of night circuits and lendings.

Meather: Gloudy visibility, moderate misty about dawn, becoming good, wind light veriable mainly Wly.

"" HOUTH: I aircraft was detailed for a Gross-country and was cancelled, and sucther one for EAA practice and b.C.O.

"" Light, a largraft was detailed for either Air Test or Ni-Th. - 2 were cancelled.

Weather - Cloudy becoming fine. Visibility good becoming moderate at night, Wind light, 2-10-42 Weather - Cloudy becoming fine. Visibility good becoming moderate at night. Wind light, variable becoming S.F.Y. 5-10 m.p.h.
""" FIGHT' 6 aircraft detailed for N.F.T. and bere cancelled.
"" FIGHT: 7 aircraft detailed for N.F.T. and D.G.O.
OMER. TIONS (NIGHT): 7 aircraft required and all cancelled. 3-10-42 Weather - Fine becoming cloudy with fog in morning. Visibility moderate becoming poor, then improving to moderate. Wind light variable becoming S.Wly 5-10 m.ph. then falling light again.

"AF VIGET: 7 aircraft detailed for N.F.T. and D.C.C. but 2 were cancelled.

"P MIGHT: 6 aircraft detailed as follows: 1 cm a Gross Country, 5 cm a N.F.T., 4 were capped tools (MIGHT). 4-10-42 OPERATIONS (NIGHT) :-- 8 eiroraft required and all cancelled. Weather - Cloudy with light rain in morning becoming fair. Visibility moderate becoming good. Wing S. W'ly becoming W'ly 10-15 map.h. gusty.

**ALLIGHT: 9 siperaft detailed for N.F.T. and S.D.C.O.

**BF MAIGHT: 7 aircraft detailed for N.F.T. only 5 D.C.O. 5-10-42 Pen

Place	Date	Time		Sur	amary of Events		SECRET.	References to Appendices
			NUMBER RANK	NAME	TRADE	OP. HOURS	TRIPS.	
DISHFORTH.	5-10-42.		R. 90547 Sgt.	O'Driscoll, M.F. Sandiford, J.B.	Pilot. Navigator.	6.00	1	3 . 2 . 1 _
			R.83908 Sgt. R.93192 Sgt R.88084 Sgt.	Howells, V.G. Armstrong, J.M.	W.OP/.A.G Air Bomber.	6.00 6.00	<u> </u>	
		r	R.82329 F/Sgt.	Challis, A.C.	Air Gumer.	6.00	1 ,	
	6-10-42		Weather - Fair to	Cloudy. Visibility g	ood becoming moder	ate. Wind light	variable becoming	
			S.E'ly 5 m.p.h.	ament amongoded on a	N. F. F.			
			"B" FLIGHT: 4 air	craft proceeded on a	N. F. T.			120200-008
			OPERATIONS (NIGHT)	: 8 aircraft requir	ed and all D.C.O.			A-9 to A-16 in
	7-10-42-		Wind S.E. 'ly -S'ly OPERATIONS: (NIGHT	rith fog in early mor 5-10 m.p.h. All fly): 5 aircraft requir	ad and all cancell	eð.		
	8-10-42.		becoming good. Wi	ecoming fair, rain i nd S.W'ly becoming W wors't detailed for N	1y 10-15 m.p.n.	usty.		
			"B" FLIGHT: 5 air	craft detailed for N	F.T. = 4 D.C.O. 2	aircraft were	on practice of nigh	t
			OPERATIONS (NIGHT)	: 6 aircraft requir	ed and all cancell	ed.	i	
	9-10-42.		good. Wind W'ly 10	coming cloudy with co 0-15 m.p.h., backing ADriscoll and his cr	S.W'ly 15-20 m.p.r	len Reser wit	h Full Military Hono	urs.
			Due to weather con	nditions, representat	ives of this Square	Savedron	e back. Mreaths wor	
				craft detailed and peraft detailed and c				t.
	The state of		OPERATIONS (NIGHT)	: No aircraft requi	red.			
	10-10-42		Weather - Fair to	cloudy, rain in very	early morning, sl	nowery in eveni	ng. Visibility good	•
			"A" FLIGHT: 8 air	y 25-30 m.p.h. Gusty- coraft were detailed reuits and Landings. ross-country, 1 aircr	as follows: Lair			t
	The second		"B" FLIGHT: 4 airc	graft detailed for Cr	oss-Country and D	C.O.	1	
	11-10-42		CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY AND TH	: No aircraft requir Fine. Visibility goo	2 182 A C W. W. E.	-10 m.p.h. beco	ming light, variable	
			"A" FLIGHT: 5 Air	roraft detailed as for reiring and D.G.O There were also 2 air	llows: 2 aircraft	detailed for	local routine flying	
er .			"B" FLIGHT: 6 air	rcraft detailed as fo	llows: l aircraft	for a Cross-co	untry. 2 aircraft N.F.T. and 2 of thes	DCO.
			were cancelled. N	Macht Wynu: 2 sircz	art detailed for	night oross-c	Ourora (purra eae)	Ind

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events SECRET.	References to Appendices
OT SHFORTH.	12-10-42		Weather - Fair to cloudy with light rain in the evening. Visibility good, becoming misty in morning improving to good. Wind S.E S. 5-10 m.p.h. veering N.Wly light. "A" M.JOHT: No flying.	
i de la			"B" FLIGHT: 1 aircraft proceeded on an Air Test.	
A			OPERATIONS (NIGHT): No aircraft required.	
	13-10-42		Weather - Fair to cloudy. Visibility good becoming moderate. Wind light variable but W'ly 5-10 m.p.h. in afternoon. "A" FIGHT: 8 aircraft detailed for N.F.T. and 7 aircraft D.C.O. "B" MIGHT: 5 aircraft detailed for N.F.T. and 4 aircraft D.C.O.	
			OFFICE (NICHT) 9 aircraft required and 8 aircraft took off. All Gene back,	-17 to A-24 i
	16-10-42		Weather - Cloudy with short period of rain in early morning. Visibility moderate. Wind S.E'ly 5 m.p.h. becoming S.S.WS.W. 15-20 m.p.h. Gusty. **2" M.C.DET: 2 sirovarft detailed and then all Thyring cancelled.	
			"B" FLIGHT: 2 aircraft were airborne, one for an Air Test and another one coming back	
			OPERATIONS (NIGHT): No aircraft required.	
	15-10-42		Weather - Cloudy with fair period in evening. Visibility moderate becoming good. Wind S.W 15-25 m.p.h. Gusty all day. "A" M.18HF: 5 sirversft datalled as follows: 3 siroraft for N.F.T. and 2 siroraft for	
			practice of circuits and landings. One aircraft was cancelled.	
			oircuits and landings. All D.C.O. OFFIRETIONS (MIGHT): 8 aircraft required all D.O.O. and all came bake.	A-25 to A-32
	16-10-42		Weather - Cloude with slight Grissle in evening. Visibility goods Wind S.WW. 15-20 mepshs. Gusty, moderating 10-15 mepsh. "A" FIGHT: A sircraft detailed for a Cross-country and 3 of these gircraft were caucalled. "B" MIGHT: 3 aircraft detailed for a Cross-country and all D.C.O.	,
			Night flying cancelled. OPERATIONS (NIGHT): No aircraft required.	
	17-10-42		Weather - Cloudy with slight rain in evening. Visibility good. Wind S.S.WW. 10-15 m.p.h. Gusty in afternoon.	
			"A" WIGHT: 1 aircraft detailed and proceeded on air test. "B" WIGHT: 1 aircraft was on local Routine Plying. OPPLETIONS (MIGHT): no aircraft required.	
	18-10-42		Weather: Cloudy with intermittent slight rain or drissle. Visibility good. Wind "'ly light backing S.W.'ly at night.	
			"A" FIGHT: 3 siroraft detailed for a Cross-country. All D.C.O. "B" FIGHT: 2 siroraft detailed one for test or aircraft and the other one for navigation exercises, 18-0.0.	
		20/100	Night Flying:- 4 aircraft were on practice of circuits and landings.	
			OPERATIONS (NIGHT): No aircraft required.	
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19-10-42 20-10-42	0 0 0	Weather - mainly cloudy. Visibility moderate during hours of darkness but excellent during layling. Surface wind light and variable. A FLIGHT: A sirvesft detailed for a cross-country and D.C.O. BY TAIGHT: 5 sirvesft detailed for a cross-country and D.C.O. FREATHORSEN, MIGHEL No. sirvesft required. Weather - mainly cloudy with rain from dusk till midnight. Visibility moderate at first with fog at dawn becoming moderate later. Wind light S.E. ly at first veering W ly 5-10 mps with fog at dawn becoming moderate later. Wind light S.E. ly at first veering W ly 5-10 mps with fog at dawn becoming moderate later. Wind light S.E. ly at first veering W ly 5-10 mps with fog at dawn becoming moderate later. Wind light S.E. ly at first veering W ly 5-10 mps with fog at dawn becoming moderate later. Wind light S.E. ly at first veering W ly 5-10 mps with first lateral to the first lateral to fix the size of the first lateral to fix the size of the first lateral to fix the size of the first lateral to fix the fixed lateral to fix	7
	#	THE FLIGHT: 5 sireraft detailed for a Cross-country and MOON DEPARTMENT. No. aircraft required. Meather - mainly cloudy with rain from dunk till midnight. Visibility moderate at first weather - mainly cloudy with rain from dunk till midnight. It is true to the first wind light S.E. ly at first veering w'ly 5-10 mpa with Tog at dawn becoming moderate later. Wind light S.E. ly at first veering w'ly 5-10 mpa with Tog at dawn because the first weather than the first week the first week the first way of the first week the first way of the first way	7
	18 11 17 17	rith Fog at dawn becoming moderate later. William 12gre 14	•
21-10-1/2		DEPARTONS (NIGHT) - NO SIFCISIO - NO SIFCISI	
	8	Weather - Fine at first, becoming fair with rain, late in afternoon, cloudy later. Visibility, good at first becking slowly to S.E. dusk, good at first becking slowly to S.E. dusk, good at first becking slowly to S.E. dusk	/
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22-10-42	3	Weather - Rain at first becoming cloudy later. Visibility very good after cessation of Fals Wind Saw ly 5-10 mapshs.	•
		PRETICES (NAT): 5 aircraft detailed for Green country and accelled.	
23-10-42	- 1	very good. Wind mainly 5.W 19 3-10 m.p.n. 1 and all cancelled.	
		OPERATIONS (FIRST DAYLIGHT OPERATIONS OF 425 SQIN.: 5 aircraft required for DAYLIGHT	-33 to A-37
21-10-42		Weather - mainly fair with occasional showers. Visibility very good. Wind Southerly at IN becoming S. Wily 10-15 m.p.h. Which had to land at Haham Wolds when returning from Wellington III, B.J., 956 (*1) which had to land at Haham Wolds when returning from yeaterday's operations creamed near Hunsley House, High Hunsley, 6 miles S.W. of Beverley, yesterday's operations creamed near Hunsley House, High Hunsley, 6 miles S.W. of Beverley, yesterday's operations creamed near Hunsley House, High Hunsley, 6 miles S.W. of Beverley,	BT.
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		"A" FLIGHT: 4 aircraft were on N.F.T. "B" MIGHT: 3 aircraft were on N.F.T. "CHARLES OF A AIRCRAFT AREA OF AIRCRAFT AIRCR	
25-10-42	Fig. 500 Sept. 100 Sept. 1	The second secon	st
		becoming moderate later. Wind manager 10 m.p.h.	IM
	25-10-42	21-10-42, # 22-10-42 23-10-42 24-10-42	good at first becoming moderate after dusk. S-10 Map.in. *A" **JOHT: 1 aircraft for N.F.T. **OFERATIONS (NIGHT): 7 aircraft required and all cancelled. OFERATIONS (NIGHT): 7 aircraft required and all cancelled. **OFERATIONS (NIGHT): 7 aircraft required and all cancelled. **Wind S.W.T.Y.** - 10. Map.in. **Wind S.W.T.Y.Y.Y.** - 10. Map.in. **Wind S.W.T.Y.** - 10. Map.in. **Weather - mainly fair with coosaicnal showers. Visibility very good. Wind Southerly at fix becoming S.W.Y.Y.Y.Y.Y.** - 10. Map.in. **Weather - mainly fair with coosaicnal showers. Visibility very good. Wind Southerly at fix becoming S.W.Y.Y.Y.Y.Y.** - 10. Map.in. **Weather - mainly fair with coosaicnal showers. Visibility very good. Wind Southerly at fix becoming S.W.Y.Y.Y.Y.Y.** - 10. Map.in. **Weather - mainly fair with coosaicnal showers. Visibility very good. Wind Southerly at fix becoming S.W.Y.Y.Y.Y.Y.** - 10. Map.in. **Weather - mainly fair with coosaicnal showers. Visibility very good. Wind Southerly at fix becoming S.W.Y.Y.Y.Y.Y.** - 10. Map.in. **Weather - mainly fair with coosaicnal showers. Visibility very good. Wind Southerly at fix becoming S.W.Y.Y.Y.Y.Y.** - 10. Map.in. **Weather - mainly fair with coosaicnal showers. Visibility very good. Wind Southerly at fix becoming S.W.Y.Y.Y.Y.Y.** - 10. Map.in. **Weather - mainly fair with coosaicnal showers. Visibility very good. Wind Southerly at fix becoming S.W.Y.Y.Y.Y.** - 10. Map.in. *

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DISH-ORTH.	25-10-42		OPERATIONS (NIGHT):	raft detailed for N.F.T. and 4 aircraft D.C.O. 7 aircraft required and cancelled.		
	26-10-42		"A" FLIGHT: No flyi "B" FLIGHT: 5 aircr OPERATIONS (DAY): 3	aircraft required and cancelled.	•	
	27-10-42		Visibility moderate Burial of F/Sgt. Bau Dishforth, Yorks. "A" FIGHT: 2 siron "B" FMG:T: 7 siron	Loudy becoming fine after dusk. Wind S'ly back becoming poor at times. Here and crew with Full Military Honours at 11, arti detailed for N.P.T. and D.C.O. art detailed for N.P.T. and 6 aircraft D.C.O. 9 aircraft required and cancelled.	15 hours, R.A.F. Cemetery,	
	29-10-42		"A" FLIGHT: No Flyi "B" FLIGHT: No Flyi "P" FLIGHT: No Flyi OPERATIONS: (NIGHT): 1	No sireraft required.		
	30-10-42		"A" FLIGHT: 1 aircr "B" FLIGHT: no flyi OPERATIONS: (DAY):	3 aircraft required and cancelled.		
	31-10-42		HAH BITCHEL Laiper	oudy with light rain at first. Wind N.W.'1y 5- reft detailed for local flying and D.C.O. raft detailed for a Cross-country and one was	cancelled	the second
				5 sircraft required and D.C.O. 70 G.H. Rainville awarded the Distinguished F		A-38 to A-40 i
			London Gazette and 4	Group Routine Orders 278-80, dated 5-10-42.	Community of the second	
			17-9-2 WSgt. 16-9-12 Sgt. De Auth: A	Boudreau, A.R.J.G. appointed to a Corrission Library of the Letter Library 12/2/2/2/2/2/2/2/2/2/2/2/2/2/2/2/2/2/2/	m as a Pilot Officer w.e.f. dated 13-10-42. ot Officer w.e.f. 4-8-4210-42. ilot Officer w.w.f. 16-8-42.	
			PROMOTIONS: NIL.			Im

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			CONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRACTOR O	
1116			POSTIKS: A FALL Scidel, Ca5269 A min. Officer posted to this unit from No.3 P.B.C.	
SHFORTH.			7/P/O. G.S. Cartwright, Posted to this unit from No.23 0.T. W. west. 7-10-42,	
			m/p/Q. G.S. Cartwright, Posted to this unit of the dated 28-9-42. Auth: H.Q. 91 Group Postagram 91C/1706/26/23/P.4 dated 28-9-42. Auth: H.Q. 91 Group Postagram 91C/1706/26/23/P.4 dated 28-9-42.	
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			Auth: H.Q. No. 3 Group Signal P. 100 Mos. 108 Squadron weeks 3-10-42	
			Auth: H.O. No.4 Group Signal P.925 dated 23-9-42. Auth: H.O. No.4 Group Signal P.925 dated 23-9-42. 4/P/O Grid. Rednetlle, Darkin, Posted from this unit to Redne. P. Overseas Headque	rus.
			Weef. 14-10-42. Auth: A.M. Signal P.1776 dated 20-10-42.	
			weef, 14-10-2. Auth: Ask. Signat -1/76 decreases -1/76 decreas	
			P.R.C. w.e. P. 16-10-42, Auth: A.M. D.P. 2-A dated 16-10-42 and was reposited as all P. 188 dated 26-10-42.	(P
			P.R.C. w.e. 16-10-42, Auth: H.Q.B.C. Signal P.483 dated 26-10-42.	
·			/ CHANGES IN COMMAND: No Change.	a terror statistic
		1 8	/ ADMINISTRATION: No Change.	
			/ ATRORAPT ON CHARGE: 19 Wellington Mark III.	
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		10	BALTI According to the report by Flight Lieutenant H. Payette M.O. in Charge, the gener health of this Squadron for the past month has been satisfactory. Common colds and health of this Squadron for the past month has been satisfactory. One sirorew (pilot) was	
			toneillitis were the most prevented to the total acceptive vision enurisis).	
			constilitia were the most prevelent causes of nospitalization which is called the referred to specialist for recategorisation (conjunctivitia, defective vision, enurisis). The ground crem were referred to Redded Board for repatriation (Asthma & Rhumstiam).	
			Two ground crew were relefted to see any 2012	
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			P. C. A. F.: Officers: - Aircrew: 23 Ground Grew: 2 Aircrew: 13 " "	94
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		1	OPERATIONAL, NON-OPERATIONAL & TRAINING FIXING TIDES FOR MONTH ENDING 31st OCTOBER, 1942.	
			Operational Flying Hours: DAY: 38-55 NIGHT: 100-10	
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