

Duty Control Officers Log

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	10 Jan 1945	
0840	On watch A.F.Goetze Lt A.C	
0850	- M/K 1st a/c off	#44-8373/N8-K first aircraft to take-off.
0852	- N/X crashed on t/o - left r/w about mid way - ran over edge of r/w at end - hit a Truck and killed driver	# 44-8476/30-X t/o=take-off r/w=runway
0847	A/G ran off perimeter between 23 & 29 r/w	#43-38669/N7-G. 23&29=230'&290' = compass direction in degrees the runways faced
0915	M/Z ran off perimeter - tied up all 600 - 601 a/c in back of him	#43-38805/N8-Z. perimeter=wide surfaced area from a/c dispersals to runway
0925	M/F stuck in dispersal area - T/O naturally held up.	#42-102507/N8-F. dispersal=usually 4 areas where a/c were parked around the base
0950	T/O resumed over crashed a/c - OK'd by Col Hunter. E/H off at 0950	Col Hunter=398th Bomb Group Commander - #42-97387/K8-H.
	M/Z last a/c off at 1107	#43-38805/N8-Z.
1120	OK for Capt. Coomes to sand r/w and plough other short r/w's	
1145	A/P overhead Eng.out - O.K. by Gr. Ops. To land him	#42-97317/N7-P Gr.Ops=398th Group Operations
1150	E/H overhead - Eng out - will land	#42-97387/K8-H. Eng out=engine failure
1152	Some damn fool tr. driver stuck on r/w - have to clear truck first	tr.=truck
1200	r/w - clear	
1145	Gave tel.report to Div.on crash Told our a/c away from base to remain until we call them on phone	Div=1st Air Division HQ's at Brampton Grange
1203	A/P down safely	#42-97317/N7-P
1205	E/H down safely	#42-97387/K8-H
1210	E.T.R 1530	ETR=Estimated time of return of 398th Bomb Group's aircraft
1235	Off watch-A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	Lt.A.C=Lieutenant Air Corps
	On watch-Lt Arlotto	
1403	A/C landed #3 feathered.	#43-38086/N7-C. #3 engine stopped with propellers turned to give minimum air-drag
1404	N/W returned from Ridgewell	# not certain
1410	Weather phoned to DF - ZK AF SJ WV HD	DF=High frequency radio station at Bassingbourn
1418	M/W returned from Great Dunmow	#44-6157/N8-W
1510	1st opr.a/c landed. Last down - 1624	opr.a/c=operational aircraft=those a/c returning from today's mission
	A/N 6573 ANDREWS - OUTSTANDING	#44-6573/N7-N
1626	4 a/c Returned from WOODBRIDGE	
	A/A - A/K - N/V - N/J -	#43-38970/N7-A.#43-37982/N7-K.#44-8363/30-V.#43-37509/30-J
	A/M staying at WOODBRIDGE	#43-38697/N7-M
	A/F Returned from Chipping Ongar	#43-38864/N7-F
1735	E/Q Returned from Manston	#44-8398/K8-Q PFF GH = pathfinder a/c radar equipped
1830	Off Watch-Lt Arlotto	
	On Watch-A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
1915	Stand by until 2300 (Gp.Ops)	
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	11 Jan 1945	
0030	W/X a/c to T/O	W/X=weather observation aircraft sent up in advance of mission
0045	Stood Down (rang OP Dorp Gr Ops)	
0105	W/X a/c T/O at 0300	
0135	W/X a/c scrubbed (Payne Gr.Ops)	scrubbed=cancelled
0700	Drome yellow	colour code for Weather State of 131 - white/green/yellow/red = clear/medium/bad/very bad visibility
0800	Off Watch-A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	Inspect r/w's - should be about all done.	
	On watch-Lt.Arlotto	
0900	Inspected aerodrome - men working on r/w	
1230	Off Watch-Lt.Arlotto	
1230	On Watch-H. Alpern Lt.A.C.	
1435	LECTURES NR1+2 TOMORROW 1100-1200 1600-1700 2 CREWS	
1610	Lt Grinter + crew will remain at Bovingdon over night unless called back.	
1623	Stand - by until 2230 (Sgt.Wilhelm Gp:ops)	
Note	Snow removal detail still working Capt.Coomes will enlarge detail if we are alerted. Working on r/w 05 now.	
1615	Off Watch-H.Alpern Lt.A.C	
	On Watch-Lt.Arlotto	
2250	Stood Down - Lt.Payne grp.ops	
2300	no W/X ship Sgt.Darozio - weather	
	12 Jan 1945	
0100	Men continuing - snow removal	
0815	Off Watch-Lt.Arlotto	
	On Watch-H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
1100 - 1200	Lectured 4 pilots NR1-W.H.Stull Maj.A.C.	
1215	Off Watch-H.Alpern Lt.A.C	
	On Watch-A.F.Goetze.	
1315	Capt.Scott Gr Ops - we are sending 2 a/c back to Molesworth & one to Kimbolton this p.m.	
1515	A/c from Bovingdon 266 & M/P from Woodbridge back	#42-97266/K8-G. #42-97249/N8-P
1520	2 a/c from Molesworth & 1 from Kimb. are off	
1521	Lecture No.3 Tomorrow at 0900	
1530	Gave 1Hr.Lecture 2 new crews N1&2	
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	12 Jan 1945	
1700	N/K last a/c down	#44-8031/30-K
	E/B will R.O.N at Kimbolton - by O.of Col.D	R.O.N=remain overnight
1730	Have men plough 600 & 601 area to get rid of slush	
1800	Off Watch-Lt.A.F.Goetze	
	STAND BY UNTIL 2300 hrs.	
1800	On Watch-W.H.Stull Maj.A.C.	
	Inspected airdrome - condition of runways OK - track bad in B C & D and end of r/w 23 - two ploughs to finish track tonight - will check with tower - whs	
2318	Alerted for tomorrow (Gp Ops)	
	13 Jan 1945	
2330-0030	W/X a/c will t/o about 0430 - filed route with 1BD (7203 N/Z Pilot Dean) Col. Simeral ops	
0400	Gp Ops times.Briefing - 0615.Stns - 0810.Eng - 0840.Taxi - 0850.T/O - 0910.	Stns 0810=time crews must be in the aircraft
0425	Col.Simeral says OK for W/X a/c to t/o	
0449	W/X a/c off (N/Z)	#43-37874/30-Z
0615	Briefed 36 ship mission - t/o 05 - normal interval - 2 lead a/c taking off from Kimbolton - join over Debden - bomb load 6 1000 pounders - Gas maximum - Runways and perimeters good	
	QFE - 2996 - ETR 1555	QFE=barometric air pressure in millibars
0700	Airdrome Red (1.BD)	
0630	AIR RAID RED FROM HERTFORD AT 0630. WHITE AT 0655	High alert(Red) - All clear(White) - Possibility(Yellow)
0732	W/X ship landed ok (reports QBE about 900' variable)	QBE=cloud-base in mean height above (usually) sea-level
0800	Airdrome Yellow (1BD & Ops)	
0800	Off Watch-W.H.Stull Maj.A.C.	
	On Watch-A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
0910	N/B 1st a/c off - using low vis.t/o procedure	#43-37889/30-B
	E/Z last off at 1000 - 2 G-H a/c from Ki. Airborne at Ki. - 36 a/c up	#43-38627/K8-Z. G-H a/c=Gee radio navigation beacon equipped a/c Ki=Kimbolton - Airbase 29 miles from Nuthampstead
1105	1st Div - N/C & A/Q who landed at Abbeville on Continent - both crews safe - notified Grp. Ops	#43-39098/30-C.#?
1215	Off Watch-A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch-Lt Arlotto	
1300	Inspected airdrome. R/w's & Perimeter track OK	
1400	Diversion Sta. being set up for return -	
1430	Our ships to be diverted to Bassingbourn Col-Daily - original Div.Sta.Greenham Common but Col Daily wants them to go to Bassingbourn	
1445	Capt McDaniel - Wing says Lyneham will be used if they can't get in Bassingbourn	
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	13 Jan 1945	
1500	M/V Given QDM to Bass	#43-38993/N8-V. QDM=Diversion instruction to land at Bassingbourn
1515	N/J ditto	#43-37509/30-J
1530	E/L ditto	#42-102506/K8-L
1533	M/X - Sponholtz Returning From France Given QDM to Bass - Bass wants A/C to Circle NUT. Till they have formation down Wilco - Has 2 hrs Endurance	#43-38564/N8-X - NUT=Nuthampstead - Wilco=will cooperate/instruction received and will be complied with
Note	Pfc Ricardo is not to have a pass for 2 weeks by order of Maj.Braddock	Pfc=Private first class. Maj.Braddock=Commander of 325th Station Complement Squadron
1612	509 N/J Lt.Magness landed Steeple Morden	#43-37509/30-J. Steeple Morden=Fighter base close to Bassingbourn & 9 miles from Nuthampstead
	Lt Mag. Has Flak wound in arm - in General Hos 163 - rest of crew OK	Flak=German anti-aircraft shell fragment Hos=Hospital
	Condition of a/c not known	
1615	N/T QDM to Bass	#43-38708/30-T
	M/M being sent to Woodbridge to land	#42-102418/N8-M. Woodbridge=RAF Bomber base approx 60 miles from Sta 131
	N/C Lt Marchbank returned from France landed Chipping Ongar	#43-39098/30-C - Chipping Ongar=US Bomber base 23 miles from Sta 131
1645	Lt Magness called at Steeple Morden. It was his radio operator that was wounded - Steeple Morden will furnish transportation.	
1650	Checked with Chipping Ongar - N/C still in France - Lt Marchbanks and crew were ferried back by ATC - landed at Chipping Ongar	#43-39098/30-C - ATC=Air Transport Command
1725	Chipping Ongar - called. They will furnish transportation for Lt.Marchbanks & crew	
1738	Stand By till 2300 - Capt Lofton Grp Ops	
1800	Called Woodbridge - M/M - Delancey landed there 1740 - they will check on crew	#42-102418/N8-M.
1805	Div advises that N/W Lt Curtis	#43-37874/30-W
	landed B-60. crew O.K Forced landing Engine trouble	B-60=Designation code of Continental airfield in Allied hands
1820	Tempsford called said they will provide transportation for crew of A/T	#44-38631/N7-T
1830	29 a/c landed Bassingbourn	
	3 a/c at Steeple Morden - M/K - E/J - M/J.	#44-8373/N8-K.#43-38794/K8-J.#43-38126/N8-J
	1 a/c at Tempsford A/T	#43-38631/N7-T
	1 a/c at Woodbridge M/M	#42-102418/N8-M.
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	13 Jan 1945	
	1 a/c at B-60 - N/W 874	#43-37874/30-W
	1 a/c outstanding E/C	#42-102543/K8-C
1845	Off Watch-Lt Arlotto	
	On Watch-Lt Goetze Lt.A.C.	
1900	Bass.Lt Tharell called - gunner of 2418M found by Dunstable police - Cheddington hospital on way to take care of him - Div will inform 92 Gr. To call off search	#42-102418/N8-M
2100	Gunner of 2418 Herbert Guild in Cheddington with broken arm (miraculous)	
2300	Stood Down (Gr.Ops.Lt Scubo)	
	14 Jan 1945	
0030	WX ship stood down	
0045	E/C 2593 - down at A92 - crew safe	#42-102593/K8-C. A92=Designation code of Continental airfield in Allied hands
0700	Drome is Red	
0800	Off Watch-Lt Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch-Lt Arlotto	
0900	Inspected aerodrome ok	
1245	Off Watch-Lt.Arlotto	
1245	On Watch-W.H.Stull Maj.A.C	
Note	All new a/c arriving will be noted in this log - also color of airdrome to be entered first thing in a.m and any changes in color during day and who was advised - whs.	
Note	Perimeter track between runway 35 and 05 will be closed (paving 6 in overlay) starting at 0800 15 Jan. Brief all crews accordingly every day for landing and marshalling. - whs	
1600	Lt Porritt and crew arrived in C-47 from Brussels - belongs to 410 Sqdn Bury St Edmunds - will send trans. For him	
1600	Airdrome yellow (1BD&Ops)	
1738	Tiger Moth landed RON (parked in "A" hangar)	
1830	Off Watch-W.H.Stull Maj.A.C.	
	On Watch-Lt Arlotto	
1812	Stand By till 2230. Sgt Bobbet Grp Ops	
	15 Jan 1945	
0001	WX to take off 0400 Route submitted	
0112	We are alerted. Grp Ops	
0345	Briefing 0500 - Sta.0640.- Eng.0710 - Taxi 0725 - T/O 0740 - Regl* - Sta.0650 Eng.0720 - Taxi 0735 - T/O 0750	*Regl= 'regular' group t/off times after lead ships are all airborne. lead & deputy lead a/c would brief earlier & t/off & fly to assembly points first.
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	15 Jan 1945	
0500	Briefed. 37 a/c mission - r/w 05	
	Controlled take off - caution on Taxi	
	QFE 29.96 E.T.R	
	Col.Daily says we might have a controlled Taxi. We will use complete taxi track for T/O - Briefed crews that on return taxi track from 35 to 05 closed.	
0545	Lt.Best Div weather Ok'ed scrub of WX ship - vis only 100 yds.	
0600	Aerodrome Red to 1st Div and Grp Ops.	
0700	Lat T/O time 0910 - MAG 140' - Lt Powell	
	Grp Nav.	
0725	Mission delayed - Col Daily - fired YY's	Tower fired 2 yellow flares to waiting a/c to signify delayed take-off
0842	Mission scrubbed - Col Daily - all notified	
0845	Off Watch-Lt Arlotto	
0845	On Watch-W.H.Stull Maj.AC.	
1200	Airdrome still red - check weather before clearing afternoon flights	
1240	Off Watch-W.H.Stull Maj.AC.	
	On Watch-A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
1300	Local flying this p.m.	
1400	Cleared a/c to Burtonwood & Tangmere a/c to Burtonwood 0721 I will R.O.N	
1740	All our a/c down. E/V 8652 back from Tangmere	#43-38652/K8-V
1800	Off Watch-A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch-H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
1930	We are alerted (Lt Steele)	
2315	WX ship stood down	
	16 Jan 1945	
0320	Briefing at 0500 Only 1 briefing	
0500	Attended Briefing - 37 crews - r/w 23 - direct cross winds from the right at 8 m.p.h. Scrub Rockets	
	Delay Y.Y Q.F.E.29.39 - E.T.R 1621 "A" or 1535 "B" - 45 Sec T.O on Green Light Only. Area between R/W 05 & 35 U/S. If plan "B" is used Subtract 15 min from All Times. Sta 0650 - Eng 0720 - Taxi 0735 - T.O 0750	Tower (mobile ATC vehicle placed near take-off end of runway) to control each aircraft take-off by flashing a green light for go
0600	A/F Red (Div & Ops) R/w 23 to 1st Div	
0710	Mission scrubbed - Rockets fired (Maj.Markley)	
0845	Off Watch-H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
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	16 Jan 1945	
0845	On Watch-A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	Drome Red	
1215	Off Watch-A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C	
	On Watch-Lt.Arlotto	
0300	Inspected airdrome - Engs working on Taxi Track from 35 to 05 - Electrician working on Flare Path 05 - 23 - Cable being laid along 05 for Hi Lighting	
1800	Off Watch-Lt.Arlotto	
	On Watch-A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	Stand By until 2200	
2300	WX a/c tonight	
2330	We are alerted	
2345	WX a/c t/o at 0430 - Gave route to 1st Div	
	17 Jan 1945	
0100	Stand by for Intruder Broadcast	Possibility of enemy aircraft attack
0105	All Clear	
0415	WX a/c off - all concerned notified	
0700	Briefed 38 ship mission r/w 23 - told of area on per. Blocked off. - Sta 0805 - Eng 0805 - Taxi 0850 - T/O 0905 - E.T.R.1547 Q.F.E 2913	per.=airfield perimeter track - ETR = estimated time of return (from mission)
0734	WX ship down	
0820	Off Watch-A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C	
	On Watch-Lt.Arlotto	
0905	38 opr a/c off on mission. Last off 0933	
1030	Changed r/w to 29 - Weather Forecasts winds 19 to 20 m.p.h at NW	
Note	4 men to recv final flying control lecture at 0900 hrs tomorrow	
1230	Off Watch-Lt.Arlotto	
	On Watch-H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
1230	N/P Early Return	#42-97249/30-P
1400	Sent following WX thru Bass HF/DF. IF-IO-LE-ND-VT - also coll c/s VOR C	Sent 131 weather report to all a/c via Bassingbourn HF - Bass send in morse to 398th a/c
1553	37 ships return from mission - last down at 1629 - no trouble at all	
Note	2 Flying Control Lectures tomorrow for 5 new crews - in lead team briefing room. 0900 - 1000 1330 - 1430	
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	17 Jan 1945	
1658	New a/c 9098 arrived from Stanstead, Park in Area "A"	#43-39098/30-C
1715	3 more new a/c from Stanstead - all in "A" area. 6834 - 8562 - 8500	#44-6834/N7-H.#43-38562/N7-V(N7-L 3rd Feb 45).#44-8500/K8-F
1715	N/L 190 Return from Alconbury	#42-107190/30-L back from 2SAD (Strategic Air Depot) Alconbury
1745	Off Watch-H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch-Lt Arlotto	
1830	Changed r/w to 23 - Weather - Sgt.De Carion forecasts winds WSW - light then increasing in speed from SW in morning	
2400	No news yet	
	18 Jan 1945	
0015	WX ship stood down - weather - Sgt.De Carion	
0030	We are alerted - Capt.Lotson - grp.ops	
0245	Bass.called said they were sending a GH ship to us in a few minutes - First we had heard of it.	Bass=Bassingbourn GH=Radar equipped B-17G
0314	GH Ship - 175N - Pilot Van Opdorf - landed - Put in 'A' area (Capt.Scott) guard put on ship. All notified	GH a/c were secret, thus always kept under guard.
0340	Lead Briefing 0500 - Sta 0725 - Eng 0755 - Taxi 0810 - T/O 0825 - Reg Briefing 0545 - Sta 0735 - Eng 0805 - Taxi 0820 - T/O 0835	
0420	Mission scrubbed - Capt Arlin Grp Ops	
0815	Off Watch - Lt Arlotto	
	On Watch - H Alpern Lt. A.C.	
0850	Gale warning 35-45 m.p.h. from the S.W - between 1400 and 1800 - All notified	
0900	Lecture #1 to 5 crews. 1 hr. Maj.Stull	
0945	Lecture #4 to 2 men. 1 hr. Lt.Alpern	
1200	A/F Red (Div + Ops)	
1230	Off Watch - H Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch - A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
1330	Ridgewell Taxi ship down	
1355	B-24 calling Darky landed	
1430	Lecture to 10 men (Maj.Stull) #2	
Note	Lectures tomorrow at 0900 & 1600 #3 & #4	
1630	B-24 off for home	
1800	2 of our a/c in from Bass	Bass=Bassingbourn, base for 91st Bombardment Group(H) + 1st CBW HQ's
	1 local Slo Time going up.	Slo Time - B-17G slowly circling area of base in order to bed new engine/s in
1815	Off Watch - A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
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	18 Jan 1945	
	Stand By until 2230	
1815	On Watch - H. Alpern Lt.A.C.	
1927	All local flying down	
2230	Stood Down (Lt. Hall - Gp Ops)	
2355	WX ship scrubbed.	
2359	All quiet	
	19 Jan 1945	
0500	Bomb Dump C.Q. reported fire in Bomb Dump - Fire Truck sent - all under control M.P. Hut on fire	C.Q = Charge of Quarters - M.P. = 1142nd Military Police (Aviation) Detachment
0700	A/F Red (ops & 1st div) - shit house roof has been blown off	
0815	Off Watch - H Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch - A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
0930	Men working on 05 R/W	
1110	Local flying X-C this p.m.	X-C = Cross Country practice flying
1210	Off Watch - A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch - Lt Arlotto	
1300	Lots of flying. Local and X-C	
1748	All flying down	
1800	Stand By until 2200 Lt Payne - Grp.Ops.	
1815	Off Watch - Lt Arlotto	
	On Watch - Lt A F Goetze Lt.A.C.	
1920	We are alerted	
2000	2 G/H a/c expected from Kimbolton	G/H= Secret RADAR equipped aircraft - kept under close guard
2245	Both G/H a/c down - parked in "A" Area	
2300	WX a/c stood down (Sgt.Nick of WX)	
	20 Jan 1945	
0220	Briefing at 0415	
0630	Briefed 36 ship mission r/w 23 - warned to be careful taxiing. Sta.0645 - Eng.0715 - Taxi 0730 - T/O.0750. - other times 15 min. later	These times are for lead aircraft - regular take-off 15 minutes later.
	E.T.R. 1521 - Q.F.E. 28.92	ETR = estimated time of return (from mission)
0750	M/T 1st ship off	#44-8483/N8-T - RADAR equipped PFF (Pathfinder) aircraft
0815	Off Watch - A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch - Lt Arlotto	
0922	Last opr. a/c airborne	opr. = operational
0936	A/C returned to base - #1 Eng out	#43-38086/N7-C #1 Eng out = #1 engine stopped and propellers feathered for minimum drag
1003	A/U returned to base - dented stabiliser	#44-8630/N7-U Stabiliser = horizontal rear stabilisers and elevators, below vertical fin and rudder.
1014	E/L returned to base - #1 engine smoking bad	#42-102506/K8-L
1016	M/P returned to base - oxyg leak.	#42-97249/N8-P oxyg = oxygen leak
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	20 Jan 1945	
1215	Possible diversion from Polebrook - 1st Div	Polebrook = home of the 351st Bombardment Group (H) - 38 miles from Sta.131
1245	Off Watch - Lt Arlotto On Watch - H. Alpern Lt.A.C.	
1306	Polebrook landing their own a/c.	
1307	Burtonwood closed to all a/c today	Burtonwood = Major Air Depot at Burtonwood, Lancashire County in the north of England
1315	Combat wing notified us of an early return a/c can be plainly heard on V.H.F all equipment called for. (Lt. Hutchinson)	V.H.F = Very high frequency radio system Fire and Ambulance trucks put on standby
1320	Gave Bass HF/DF following WX - FQ - BO - CP - JJ - ZF - RN - SG. Also coll c/s. G T D C	Coded weather for Nuthampstead Station sent via morse from Bassingbourn HF/DF
1422	31 ships returned from mission last down 1533 - 1 landed at Kimbolton at 1513 (one of the 31 N/Q landed at Woodbridge - hydraulics out) 2 still outstanding N/B-7889 - E/K-7150	#43-38121/30-Q #43-37889/30-B #42-107150/K8-K
1340	Possible diversion - 1BD will advise if needed w.h.s	
1555	Airdrome yellow (red) Snow flurries (1BD & Ops)	Colour Codes used for weather state of airfield
1700	Attempted to divert 2 a/c to Harrington (Div advised Har. OK) M/U & N/K - E/L landed here. Advised of severe icing and bad weather. Direct Q.D.M to Har 315' 47 Miles - from Debden 312' - 56 miles - c/s Pipecraft	#42-97975/N8-U #44-8031/30-K - #42-102506/K8-L - Q.D.M = diversion instruction & direction to Harrington - c/s = callsign of Harrington airfield for this day
1745	M/U landed at Molesworth	#42-97975/N8-U PFF PFF=Pathfinder equipped aircraft carrying Radar
1752	N/K landed at Ridgewell	#44-8031/30-K
1845	Off Watch - H Alpern Lt.A.C. On Watch - Lt Arlotto	
1840	We are alerted - Lt Baldwin - Grp Ops. - men working on snow removal	
	21 Jan 1945	
0010	WX ship route from Weather - T/O 0415	
0100	140 extra men put to work	
0255	Lt Baldwin - Tower - Briefing 0415 - Stn.0620 - 0630 - Eng.0650 - 0700 - Taxi 0700 - 0710 - T/O 0720 - 0730	Times are given in Lead/Regular order
0330	Met - Lt. says forecast winds NW - 20m - Col Simeral says let WX a/c take off r/w23	
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	21 Jan 1945	
0345	WX Ship scrubbed - Col Simeral	
0415	Briefed 38 a/c mission r/w 29 - told pilots to taxi with caution - perimeter track is slippery - all a/c "F" area must be across 11 r/w by 0715. YY if delayed. Rocket if scrubbed - having an awful time trying to keep sand on r/w Wind blows it right off.	
0620	Last T/O 0915 - Mag 139' - ETR 1540 Lt.Powell - Grp Ops	Mag 139' - magnetic compass heading in degrees
0726	1st Opr a/c off. 38 a/c off Last 0920	
0930	Off Watch Lt.Arlotto	
	On Watch H Alpern Lt.A.C.	
1005	E/H early return - #1 prop runaway	#42-97387/K8-H
1017	N/H early return - #2 feathered	#43-38064/30-H
1031	A/G early return - various trouble	#43-38864/N7-G
1035	Had the Electrician out to check lights on the Flare Patch and Sodiums. Will return at 1300 to replace u/s lights on 29 - 23	u/s = unservicable
1045	Checked r/w's and peri-track more work is needed - quite a bit of snow still on them. Practically all sand is blown off or covered once again. Plows should go over all the field once more - no work done on r/w 35 at all.	
1140	A/H early return - oxygen system out.	#44-6834/N7-H
1230	Off Watch H Alpern Lt.A.C	
1230	On Watch W.H.Stull Maj.A.C.	
1300	Diverted E/G - M/F - and A/V to Molesworth to land unload and return to base. Whs.	#42-97266/K8-G #42-102507/N8-F #43-38562/N7-V
1345	3 a/c landed at Molesworth OK	
1410	Sent WX to HF/DF SX RO TC NZ	
1508	30 a/c landed base - last down 1556 - N/T 8708 missing - 3 returning from Molesworth	#43-38708/30-T
1629	M/F landed from Molesworth	#42-102507/N8-F
1638	A/V landed from Molesworth	#43-38562/N7-V
1808	N/T landed from A-70 (via Sudbury)	#43-38708/30-T
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	21 Jan 1945	
1808	All a/c returned OK	
1808	Men working on 35 and 29	
1820	Off Watch W.H.Stull Maj.A.C.	
	On Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
1835	Standby until 2200 (Capt Wierney)	
1945	Checked A/F - r/w's in good condition peri-track also OK - having all lights swept off then relieving the men until definite mission time or sanding and last minute adjustments	
2345	Truck never arrived at Molesworth - crew being put up over night	Molesworth = Airbase 35 miles from Nuthampstead
2359	WX ship stood down - (Sgt Jensen)	
	22 Jan 1945	
0030	We are alerted - 24 ships (Capt Wierney)	
0240	Lead briefing 0450 Regular 0550	
0450	Attended lead briefing	
0550	Attended regular briefing - briefed 26 crews - r/w 24 if wind holds up - r/w 05 if it does not - advised to taxi with caution - scrub rockets - delay YY	
	Lead Sta-0730 - Eng-0805 - Taxi-0810 - T.O-0840 - Reg. Sta-0740 - Eng-0815 - Taxi-0830 - T.O-0850 - Q.F.E 29.56 E.T.R 1446	
0700	Checked r/w 29 & 05 - both in excellent condition - Peri-track OK. Also might be slippery	
0735	Half-hour delay (Col Daily) Fired YY flares and sent the jeep around to advise	
0745	Alerted snow removal to stand by - we are having snow flurries at present	
0830	r/w 05 to be used - wind W - 9 T.O now 0910	
0845	Off Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch Lt.Arlotto	
0850	Another half-hour delay - Capt Smith Grp Ops	
0855	Lead t/o 0940 - Lt Powell Grp Ops	
	Reg t/o 0950	
	Zero hour - 1200 - last t/o 1123	
0940	1st Opr a/c off.	
1012	T/o held up - Col Hunter - Weather	
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	22 Jan 1945	
1037	T/o resumed	
1105	Last opr a/c off	
	New E.T.R - 1606 - Lt Powell -	
1200	Airdrome yellow to 1st Div and Grp Ops	
1226	New a/c from Burtonwood 885 put in 'A' area - all notified	#44-6885/K8-M
1245	Off Watch Lt Arlotto	
	On Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
1300	New E.T.R - 1546 (Capt Scott)	
1300	A/F green (Div and Ops)	
1330	Checked r/w - 05/23 in fairly good shape - sanding areas where necessary - 29/11 needs plowing - 35/17 also needs plowing - both will have to be sanded also.	
1425	Sent Bass. Following WX RU-DJ-XH-KO-HV-JO-IB	
1533	25 a/c from mission landed here - last down M/T 1559 - tail wheel has been shot off. We landed him on r/w 29 so as to keep the main r/w clear - rest of formation used 05. A/F landed at Woodbridge - pilot wounded. Awaiting further details.	#44-8483/N8-T - #43-38864/N7-F
1705	E/G returned from Molesworth	#42-97266/K8-G
1705	Sent A/G to Woodbridge to pick up Pinner & crew.	#43-38669/N7-G
1805	Standby until 2230	
1815	Off Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
2200	Div called - diversion of 5 a/c from Cheddington - been on ops - 4 B-24's & 1 B-17	Cheddington - AAF Stn 113 - Home of 405th BS (NL)(Night leaflet) and 36th BS(RCM)(Radio Counter Measures) highly secret outfits carrying out night leaflet raids and provision of RCM screens for 8th AF daylight raids.
2215	1 Div - will only receive 3 a/c - B-24's call signs - Foxtail C,I,R	
2330	All 3 B-24's down - all mess & sleeping arrangements made - Div notified.	
	Div says no Interrogation here	Because of secrecy crews from 405th/36th BS's could only be interrogated at their home base at Cheddington
2355	We are alerted	
	23 Jan 1945	
2400	WX a/c tonight	
0100	1st Div - diversion of 1 B-17 from Cheddington - Foxtail 'D'	
0132	Foxtail 'D' down OK	
0140	Grp Ops says 2 GH a/c to come in next hour	
0300	GH ships remain at Bass. Crews return by truck.	
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	23 Jan 1945	
0605	WX a/c down - very bad vis - snowing - ran off r/w to the right - regained r/w	
0730	Col Daily - delay of 20 min.	
	Laid Goosenecks on perimeter leading on to 05 r/w	Goosenecks = Flare device like a watering can with a long angled spout, filled with paraffin and lit at perimeter edges
0845	Off Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch Lt.Arlotto	
0812	1st Opr a/c off. 22 off from here and 2 from Bass. Last off 0932	
1120	WX called to DF - YV-XB-IC-VK-FH	
1230	Off Watch Lt Arlotto	
	On Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
1245	23 ships from mission landed here - one landed at Bass - D/A outstanding with Col. Hunter - both wings suffered direct hits - fire in cockpit - M/J also out standing but stands a good chance.	This was the tragic loss of the 398th BG Group Commander - Col Frank P Hunter
Note	Instead of Goosenecks use Glim Lamps when marking the perimeter	Glim Lamps - Enclosed Hurricane style glass lamps - Lit with a wick sitting in a reservoir of paraffin
Note	Number of Col. Hunters a/c 44-48224 - Dimple "A"	Incorrect serial - serial was #44-8224 and was a B-17G from 324BS/91BG Bassingbourn
1640 - Note	Lt Johnson Div called - we will be diversion field for B-24's taking off from Cheddington - Div is to be informed of any changes in our weather.	
1645	Standby until 2230 (Capt. M Laughlin)	
1630	8664 new a/c arrived from Ridgewell	Incorrect serial - serial was #44-8644/K8-N
1825	Off Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch Lt Arlotto	
2000	Aerodrome Red to 1st Div and Grp Ops.	
2255	WX ship stood down - Sgt. Redway	
2307	Stood Down (Capt. Moore Grp Ops)	
	24 Jan 1945	
0700	Aerodrome Red to 1st Div and Grp Ops.	
0800	Off Watch Lt Arlotto	
	On Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
1230	Off Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
1745	Off Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
1930	We are alerted (Lt Hicks Grp Ops)	
2245	Stood Down (Lt Hicks Grp Ops) WX ship also	
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	25 Jan 1945	
0600	A/F Red (Div + Ops)	
0815	Off Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
0900	Men working on 05 R/W - will break a 3 inch strip across r/w about midway	
1215	Off Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch Lt.Arlotto Lt.A.C.	
1640	Standby until 2230 Grp Ops	
1800	Off Watch Lt Arlotto Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch A.F Goetze Lt.A.C.	
2331	WX ship stood down	
2342	Gr.stood down (Gr Ops)	
	26 Jan 1945	
0700	Drome Red (Div & Gr Ops notified)	
0815	Off Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch Lt. Arlotto	
1215	Off Watch Lt. Arlotto	
	On Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
1300	A/F yellow (Div & Ops)	
1645	Stand by until 2230	
1800	Off Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch Lt. Arlotto	
1900	Aerodrome Red to 1st Div and Grp Ops.	
2400	No news	
	27 Jan 1945	
0006	We are alerted - Capt Griffin Grp Ops	
0215	WX a/c scrubbed - Sgt. Wells WX	
0240	Times - Grp Ops	
	Lead briefing-0500 - Sta-0725 - Eng-0755 - Taxi-0810 - t/o-0825 - Regular briefing-0545 - Sta-0730 - Eng-0800 - Taxi-0815 - t/o-0835	
0415	Capt Held WX - forecasts winds 60 to 80 at 8 mph	winds 60 to 80= 60' to 80' degrees - compass bearing
0600	Aerodrome Red to 1st Div and Grp Ops.	Aerodrome Red = Virtual nil visibility
0625	Mission scrubbed - Col Daily	
0815	Off Watch Lt. Arlotto	
	On Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
1215	Off Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
1500	Will have some local flying	
1530	1 a/c going to Bradwell	
1600	6 a/c airborne	
1715	5 a/c down - vis. Very poor	
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	27 Jan 1945	
1720	Off Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
1825	We are alerted (Capt Selby Grp Ops)	
2350	WX ship to t/o at 0500 - Route given	
	to Div	
2359	All quiet	
	28 Jan 1945	
0105	Lead briefing - 0500 Regular - 0545	
0430	Met. Forecasts wind 350' - 20-25 mph	
0500	Attended lead briefing	
0545	Attended regular briefing - 38 crews. r/w35 - scrub rockets - delay YY - Q.F.E 29.56 - E.T.R 1447 - Also briefed on r/w 05 in the event of wind change. Advised to taxi with caution particularly on the peri-track.	Delay YY = firing of 2 yellow flares
	Lead - Sta-0735 - Eng-0805 Taxi-0820 - t/o-0835 - Regular - Sta-0745 - Eng-0815 - Taxi-0830 - t/o-0845 - warned not to cross r/w in use without contacting tower if they are late in taxiing	
0513	WX ship off OK on r/w 35	
Note	r/w 35 sanded completely - 05 being sanded as far as time permits. May be able to complete 3/4 of it.	
0600	A/F green (Div and Ops)	
0745	A/F red (Div and Ops) Snow !! And plenty of it	
0815	Announced r/w 05 for t/o - (Maj. Petersen)	
0820	Off Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
0820	On Watch W.H.Stull Maj.A.C.	
0825	Mission a/c taxiing out to 05 delaying t/o to let a/c across r/w - 0850 - 38 a/c off on mission - lots of spares used. - whs	Spares=additional B-17's airborne with full fuel & bomb-loads ready to takeover from aborting aircraft
1006	M/G 2592 Hicks - landed early with oil line trouble	#42-102592/N8-G
1029	M/X landed early (#3 supercharger out)	#43-38564/N8-X
1020	M/G nosed up at end of runway, tore #2 and 3 eng. Out - Pilot made no report to control of accident. Learned of accident thru Gp Ops who had report from Sqdn.-whs	#42-102592/N8-G - To 2 SAD as salvage on 29/1/45 following this landing accident
1100	Airdrome yellow (1AD & Ops)	
1210	Off Watch W.H.Stull Maj.A.C.	
	On Watch Lt.Arlotto	
1315	Weather called in to D.F. as follows - HH-NL-OM-PV-MO-WC-JL-LZ-	
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	28 Jan 1945	
1320	Capt.Latson - Grp Ops clears 2 a/c for Model mission #17 - 1 for local	
1420	1st Opr a/c landed	
1520	Last opr a/c landed	
	N/N 596 Lt Constanzo - sent to Woodbridge - landed 1545 - crew OK - we will send a/c to pick up crew	#42-102596/30-N
1442	M/B - swerved off r/w after making normal landing - report made up	#42-102487/N8-B
1700	Aerodrome green to 1st Div & Grp Ops	
1820	We are alerted - Lt Baldwin - Grp Ops.	
1830	Off Watch Lt. Arlotto	
	On Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
1900	Honington sending our a/c back (Grp Ops notified)	Honington - Airbase 38 miles from Nuthampstead
1950	Honington says a/c unable to t/o - Capt. Scott says for crew to R.O.N - t/o in morning	RON=remain overnight
2000	1 Div called - possible diversion of 16 Halifaxes tonight between 0100 & 0300 hrs. from Linton-on-Ouse - 426 Sqn - r/t call signs - Nearside - w/t M.A.C. - We will turn on all lights at 0100	
2300	1 Div called - told them our long r/w will not be cleared for possibly another 5 hours. Will definitely not be cleared in 2 hours (Sub-depot) - diversion is definite but Johnson wishes to call 6 Group to see if they wish to land them on 1400 yd r/w.	
	Told Div we are agreeable to taking diversion and short r/w's in good shape.	
2325	1 Div - will not have diversion - 6 Group does not wish to use 1400 yd r/w - requested to have all lights on - possibility of some a/c coming over. Div to call later letting us know if we are to land what comes or divert them.	
	29 Jan 1945	
0150	M/L off - Slo time	#43-38853/N8-L Slo Time - A slow flight around the local area to bed in engines after work on any of them
0326	M/X off - Slo time	#43-38564/N8-X
0340	All a/c down	
0630	Briefed 38 ship mission - r/w 05 - warned of icy conditions. Lead and Low Sqn taxi 10 mins early so they can clear live r/w. If late they will hold on r/w 29 until given permission to cross	
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	29 Jan 1945	
0630	Sta-0650 - Eng-0720 - Taxi-0735 - t/o-0750 - E.T.R - Q.F.E - 29.99	
0753	E/Q - 1st a/c off	#44-8398/K8-Q - PFF/GH RADAR equipped lead aircraft
0820	Off Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C. On Watch Lt.Arlotto	
0830	Last t/o 0915 - Lt. Payne Grp Ops.	
0845	Last a/c off - 38 a/c -	
0920	E.T.R 1435 - Lt. Payne Grp Ops	
1115	A/J - flying spare returned	#43-37825/N7-J - Fully fuelled and bomb loaded a/c available to cover any aborts
1245	Off Watch Lt. Arlotto On Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
1310	Lt. Smith acknowledged r/w 23 and then landed 05	
1315	Sent following WX - AG-UU-RH-UD-IJ	
Note	T.F.N Mr Adams (147 or 148) will be notified 1 hour before taxi time so auxiliary lighting system can be warmed up and standing by for light failure - very essential.	TFN = 'till further notice.
1345	A/K-7982 - landed 1353 (1342)	#43-37982/N7-K
1414	35 a/c returned from mission - last down 1446 - N/P Magness - outstanding	#43-38661/30-P
Note	2 F/C lectures tomorrow at 0900 and 1330 in Lead Team briefing room.	
1612	9137 - new a/c arrived from Burtonwood - all notified - Parked in 'A' area	#43-39137/N8-H
1650	Stand-by until 2230	
1830	Off Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C. On Watch Lt. Arlotto	
1832	P-51 landed from Fowlmere - will remain overnight - no arrangements made	Fowlmere= Famous Fighter Base 14 miles from Nuthampstead
1930	Sgt. Franks WX forecasts - heavy snow tonight. Contacted Capt Coomes - 2045 and advised him of possibility of runway removal action tonight.	
2233	WX ship stood down. Sgt Darazio	
2240	Stood down - Capt Arlin Grp Ops	
	30 Jan 1945	
0020	WX forecasts gales - winds 39-45 mph from South - notified Grp Eng. - Sgt. Cronk	
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	30 Jan 1945	
0530	Snow removal in progress	
0815	Off Watch Lt. Arlotto	
	On Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
0900	Gave 1 hour lecture to 6 men on F/C #1	F/C = Flying Control
1015	Checked r/w 23 - coming along OK - very icy underneath the snow	
1230	Off Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
1400	Gave lecture No.2 to 3 crews	
1600	F/C Lectures tomorrow #3 at 0900 - #4 at 1600 in Tower	
1630	Local flying - Slo Times (Maj. Berry - Beam at Bass)	
1700	Stand-by until 2300	
1745	Told Bass to tell our ships to come home	
	WX closing in	
1823	A/H down (1000 yd.vis.)	#44-6834/N7-H
1830	A/B no radio contact for entire flight - Bass called trying to land over flare now	#43-38591/N7-B
1835	Off Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
1850	A/B landed at Bass.	#43-38591/N7-B
2305	We are alerted (Lt. Van Opdorp)	
2345	Alerted for WX ship - gave route to Div. t/o at 0415	
2359	All Quiet	
	31 Jan 1945	
0210	Lead briefing 0345 - Regular 0430	
0300	WX ship t/o time advanced to 0300.	
0311	WX ship off - Foggy as Hell !	
0345	Attended Lead Briefing	
0430	Attended Regular Briefing - 37 crews - r/w 23 - Rockets-scrub - YY-delay - Q.F.E 29.27 - controlled t/o move on green only - hold on red	
	Lead - Sta-0615 - Eng-0645 - Taxi-0700 - t/o-0715 - Regl - Sta-0625 - Eng-0655 - Taxi-0710 - t/o-0725	
0535	WX ship overhead - Div asked for diversion station - Bass given - (after deliberation)	
0600	A/F red (Div & Ops)	
0606	WX ship sent to Bass	
0615	Mission scrubbed (Capt.Scott) - Fired Rockets.	
0630	N/Z landed at Bass (lost for a while)	#42-107203/30-Z
0800	Off Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
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	31 Jan 1945	
0900-1030	Gave Lecture #3 to 3 crews - W.H.Stull Maj.A.C.	
1200	Off Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch W.H.Stull Maj.A.C.	
1600-1700	Gave Lecture #4 to 3 crews - W.H.Stull Maj.A.C.	
1645	Stand by until 2330 (Grp Ops)	
1815	Off Watch W.H.Stull Maj.A.C.	
	On Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
2330	WX ship stood down	
2357	Alerted.	
	End of entries for Jan 1945	
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	1 Feb 1945	
0345	Briefing at 0445	
0630	Briefed 38 ship mission r/w23 - controlled t/o. Sta-0630 - Eng-0700 - Taxi-0715 - t/o-0730. E.T.R 1500H Last t/o 0930 (Lt. Powell) Q.F.E - 28.98	
0730	M/U 1st a/c off.	#42-97975/N8-U PFF PFF=Pathfinder equipped aircraft
0732	Caravan called - thought they observed crash SW of field. - called DIV & R.O.C - R.O.C places it near Buntingford - not sure whether a/c or V2 - dispatched crash truck M.P & Ambul.	R.O.C = Royal Observer Corps (British observers who were too old for active service, but manned special observation posts throughout the British Isles - mainly in England)
0752	E/B blew tire on r/w11 - routed a/c around perimeter	#44-8274/K8-B
0753	R.O.C places explosion at L7743	
0820	E/P got engine fixed	#43-38664/K8-P
0825	Gave E/B the lead spare 044X (Col Ensign)	#44-8044/N7-X
0835	E/P off	
0840	Off Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch Lt Arlotto	
0845	044 X called - they have no guns.	
0930	A/X last opr a/c off	#44-8044/N7-X
1035	M/P returned early #3 feathered	feathered=engine stopped and propellers turned
1113	M/W returned early #3 feathered	to produce minimum drag (wind resistance)
1115	E/H returned early #2 feathered	
1129	M/F returned early #2 feathered	
1135	Lt. Hoffman 1st Div informed us that N/J 7509 Lt Koenig crash landed at Hollesley approx. 3 or 4 miles from Woodbridge - Crew OK. With exception of waist gunner who might have broken arm	#43-37509/30-J
1157	N/Z 7203 returned from Bassingbourn	#42-107203/30-Z
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	1 Feb 1945	
1205	UHF/DF called said they were in contact with Ridgewell. Cobley R - wanted to know if it was OK to drop their bombs in area 'A' - Lt. Wagner - Ridgewell FC said OK.	
1245	Off Watch Lt Arlotto	
	On Watch H Alpern Lt.A.C	
1250	Cleared 1 ship to Burtonwood to pick up 3 new a/c. Routed direct because they are flying at 4000' - advised to beware of hilly country in that area.	
1315	Sent Bass following WX - HU-AW-VZ-TG-SL-BU	
1340	N/K. Early return - oxygen leak	#44-8031/30-K
1454	32 a/c returned from mission. Last down N/Q -1600 - with the right tire practically off the rim. Landed on r/w29 - did a very good job - all OK - radio went out while trying to bring 'Q' in so last message was transmitted from an a/c in 'A' area.	#43-38121/30-Q
	Caused a little confusion but all worked out OK	
1700	3 new a/c arrived from Burtonwood - all parked in 'A' area - 6843/P-601 - 6821/Y-601 & 8699/J-600. All parties notified	#44-6843/30-P - #44-6821/30-Y - #44-8699/N8-J
1715	Stand By until 2230	
1835	All flying down	
1845	Off Watch H. Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch Lt Arlotto	
	2 Feb 1945	
0100	Alerted (Gp Ops)	
0107	Cleared WX Flight (t/o 0400 ETR 0700)	
0300	Briefing 0500	
0404	N/Z WX ship airborne	42-107203/30-Z
0415	Capt.Held WX - forecasts wind - 200' to 220' at 20mph - we will use r/w23	
0500	Briefed 38 ship mission. r/w23 - YY for delay. Rocket for scrub. QFE 28.98 ETR - 2 planes A or B - will be notified from Tower. Times the same for both. Bomb load 6-500lbs GP's - full gas load	
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	2 Feb 1945	
0600	Aerodrome Green to 1st Div and Grp Ops	
0705	WX ship landed	
0730	1st Div. Standing by for diversion 6 B-24 - opr.	
0820	Off Watch Lt Arlotto	
0829	Checked with 1 Divn on diversion - not due back until 1000 will advise us if needed - whs	
0830	On Watch H Alpern Lt.A.C	
0932	1st a/c diverted from Cheddington landed here. Only received 5 - last down 1059 - all parked in 'A' area - 1 returned to base and landed. They are to return as soon as possible.	Cheddington - AAF Stn 113 - Home of 405th BS (NL)(Night leaflet) and 36th BS(RCM)(Radio Counter Measures) highly secret outfits carrying out night leaflet raids and provision of RCM screens for 8th AF daylight raids.
1215	Off Watch H. Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
1305	1st Div says to get Ched. Crews ready to return	
1330	Ched. a/c to return at once (1st Div)	Ched. = Cheddington
1331	O.K by Prestwick for N/I to come	
1355	All 5 B-24's airborne for Ched.	
1415	25 ships to fly X-C locally	
1625	6 ship prac.mission off - return after dark	
1715	601Sq flying tonight 2 X-C. 2 transition. Pilots in tower at 1900	
1730	3 a/c should be returning from Burtonwood tonight.	
1820	Off Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch H Alpern Lt.A.C	
1900	Lt. Magness returned from Continent in 3rd Div a/c 117 'O' - parked in 'A' and Div will notify Rattlesden to pick up their a/c - everyone notified of the return - Lt Hoffman at Div will take care of particulars.	
2000	We are alerted - (Maj Miller Gp Ops)	
2027	Loads of night flying	
2045	Practice Intruder broadcast	
Note	Lt.Greene & 2 other crews remaining overnight at Burtonwood.	
2053	Broadcast broken down	
2200	WX ship stood down	
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	2 Feb 1945	
2359	All Quiet	
	3 Feb 1945	
0000	All night flying down - 41 landings made by the various a/c - Col.Ensign's permission to shoot touch and go landings.	
0015	Both briefing at 0400 (Lt.Stallings)	
0400	Attended briefing - 38 crews - r/w23 or r/w29 if wind speed increases. t/o to be controlled by caravan - 45 sec. interval - go on green only. Stand by on red	
	Q.F.E 29.42 - E.T.R 1550 - Lead Sta-0600 - Eng-0620 - Taxi-0630 - t/o-0650 - Reg. - Sta-0600 - Eng-0630 - Taxi-0640 - t/o-0700	
0605	Gave following message to Swordfish 'A' lead and deputy - from base to control point #2 add 40' to wind direction - no change in velocity (Lt. Finch - Gp Navigation)	
0600	A/F green (Div and Ops)	
0623	E/Q - E/M - M/U acknowledge receipt of Lt Finch's message - 0630 M/Z.	#44-8398/K8-Q - #44-6885/K8-M - #42-97975/N8-U - #43-38805/N8-Z
0625	Announced use of r/w23 to all a/c.	
Note	In the event of change of ships during a mission Radar must be notified. This pertains to operational work only. Notification must be as soon as possible - Col.Daily.	
0650	38 a/c off on mission. Last off 0724	
0820	Off Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
1029	A/V aborted - #4 engine out	#43-38562/N7-V
1230	Off Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch Lt.Arlotto	
1235	2 new a/c landed from Burtonwood - 146 - 771 - placed in area 'A' all notified.	#43-39146/N7-N - #44-8771/30-B
1247	M/X Lt.Sponholtz returned early - supercharger out.	#43-38564/N8-X
1325	WX called to DF as follows - WH-PR-TA-JQ	
1448	1st opr a/c landed - last down at 1535 - A/M Powell & E/H McCormick outstanding. M/V Grinter landed Woodbridge - crew OK. Ship not flyable.	#43-38697/N7-M - #42-97387/K8-H - #43-38993/N8-V
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	3 Feb 1945	
1735 - Note	603 Eng said a/c 562/V changed to L - new a/c 9146 will be N.	#43-38562/N7-L - #43-39146/N7-N
1807	Stand By till 2230 Capt Estee - Grp ops	
1830	Off Watch Lt. Arlotto	
	On Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
1915	All our a/c down (field yellow)	
2246	Stood down	
	4 Feb 1945	
0010	WX ship t/o 0530	
0430	WX ship scrubbed	
0700	Drome yellow	
0800	Off Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
1442	Capt. Hogman off to Turnhouse	
1715	E/Q ran off peri-track. Had necessary equipment pull him out	#44-8398/K8-Q
Note	Lots of flying all afternoon - quite a bit anticipated for tonight.	
1812	M/V returned from Woodbridge	#43-38993/N8-V
1825	Off Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch Lt.Arlotto	
	Lots of night flying	
1845	Standby until 2300 Grp Ops	
2330	We are alerted - Capt. Beckstrom Grp Ops	
	5 Feb 1945	
0006	No WX ship tonight - Sgt.Doroizio	
0023	M/H 9137 Lt.Ferguson crashed off end of r/w23 on landing - r/w in use 23 - crash crews & ambulance sent to scene - crew OK all notified.	#43-39137/N8-H
Note	Grp Ops warned by Control Officer that pilot was new - but they OK'd him anyway (Lt Payne)	
0340	Briefing 0500 - Lead Sta-0635 - Eng-0705 - Taxi-0715 - t/o-0735 - Reg. Sta-0645 - Eng 0715 - Taxi-0725 - t/o-0745 Capt.Beckstrom - Grp Ops	
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	5 Feb 1945	
0400	Inspected r/w	
0415	Lt.Abram-weather forecasts wind for t/o SW - 15 to 18mph. We will use r/w23	
0509	Briefed 38 a/c on r/w23 - taxi track from 05 to 35 still u.s. YY if delayed - rocket for scrub. Q.F.E 2944 ETR Last t/o 0835. Low vis t/o - Bombs 5-500 GP-s	
0605	30 min delay - Grp Ops - sent jeep around to areas. Airdrome red to 1st Div & Grp Ops.	
0700	Airdrome yellow to 1st Div and Grp Ops	
0725	t/o stepped up 15 mins. - last t/o now 0900. Maj.Peterson	
0735	Mission scrubbed - Grp Ops - Maj.Peterson	
0815	Off Watch Lt. Arlotto	
	On Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
0930	Electricians working on r/w 29-23 intersection	
0942	Loud explosions heard - checking with Div for info.	
0948	V2 landed - position unknown - Div (M73)	
1000	A/F green (Div and Ops)	
1028	E/Y 8553 returned from Bassingbourn	#44-8553/K8-Y
1210	Lt.Johnson Div.notifies us that we are standby for possible R.A.F diversion of 25 a/c.Notified Combat & Officers mess.	
1230	Off Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
1300	Briefed 12 ship practice mission r/w23 - told pilots about finding r/w if landing after dark	
1530	Changed to r/w29	
1645	Standby 2230	
1815	Prac.formation & all other flights down	
1820	Local x/c night flying tonight - crews told of lighting and it's operation	
1850	Off Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
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	5 Feb 1945	
1850	On Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
1920	R.A.F diversion stood down (Lt.Johnson)	
2245	All night down OK	
2330	We are alerted (Grp Ops)	
2359	All Quiet	
	6 Feb 1945	
0005	Alerted for WX ship.	
0120	WX ship to t/o 0330 - N/Z - Lt.Cucco - pilot	#42-107203/30-Z
0200	Route and times on WX ship given to Division	
0315	Briefing at 0415	
0350	WX ship off	
0415	Attended briefing - 38 crews - r/w23 - low visibility or early morning t/o - 45 sec. intervals - scrubbed-rockets - Delay-YY Q.F.E 29.56 - E.T.R 1726 - 2 Plans A&B will be notified as soon as possible.	
	Lead - Sta-0620 - Eng-0650 - Taxi-0715 - t/o-0725 - Reg - Sta-0630 - Eng-0700 - Taxi-0720 - t/o-0735	
0600	Plan 'A' to be used (Lt.Paine Grp Ops)	
0600	A/F green (Div and Ops) Mr Adams notified to have stand-by set operating.	
0633	Last time of t/o 0855 (Lt Powell Gp.Nav)	
0645	Col.Daily requested following message be delivered to Lead & Deputy Lead - "Immediately after target let down to 18,000' or lower if necessary to avoid WX and save gas.Winds expected to be stronger on return than originally expected"	
0750	A/c crashed 10 miles NE of Cambridge out of our area - Waterbeach handling	
0725	38 a/c off on mission. Last off 0815	
0819	A/B returned - gas leak between #3&4 engines - thinks it can be repaired - 603rd Eng. Notified	#43-38951/N7-B
0820	Men will be painting on r/w17	
0825	Off Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
0845	A/B off second time (landed to fix gas leak)	#43-38951/N7-B
0947	A/C aborted (#3 feathered)	#43-38086/N7-C
1000	Local flying	
1220	Off Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
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	6 Feb 1945	
1220	On Watch W.H.Stull Maj.A.C.	
1300	Airdrome red (1AD & Ops) 1AD F/C advises weather to be bad all over with cloud bases 300-400 ft and vis.low as 1000yds - arranging with Debden and Stansted to take our a/c - all stations in East Anglia will be lit up for 1AD a/c.	
	Getting magnesiums and obst.lights ready - whs (vis.500yds - ceiling 280ft)	
1510	R5XX called for WX - told him to land at Bass via HF/DF	
1525	Col Smith 1CBW says lead and low land at Bass. High at Ridgewell - message from N/F W300 Height 17,000 airspeed 100 55 petrol low - whs. 35 a/c landed all over England (1 in France)(see list for locations)	
1755	Pinetree advises N/C crash landed 12 miles SE Monf, France, crew OK, awaiting transportation.	#43-39098/30-C
Note	Call all fields tomorrow when weather is OK for return except where crews have returned by truck - check with Grp Ops for that information - whs	
1825	Off Watch W.H.Stull Maj.A.C.	
1825	Stand by until 2300 (Gp.Ops)	
	On Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
2000	All a/c are accounted for	
2200	N/C that crash landed in France - a/c a complete washout - crew OK. at B53 (1st Div)	#43-39098/30-C
	7 Feb 1945	
0015	Stood down (Grp Ops)	
0045	WX ship t/o at 0300	
0327	WX ship off	
0600	Drome yellow (1BD & Grp Ops)	
0700	WX ship down	
0800	Off Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch W.H.Stull Maj.A.C.	
0900	Airdrome red (1AD & Ops)	
0900	1 Divn OK's return of our a/c after 1100 today. Am notifying other bases - whs.	
1000	5 new a/c will arrive today from Burtonwood- whs. #'s 9159, 9213,9180,6933,8654	#43-39159K8-C - #43-39213/30-C - #43-39180/N8-G - #44-6933/N8-H #44-8654/N7-M
1100	Airdrome green (1AD & Ops)	
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	7 Feb 1945	
1230	16 a/c returned from yesterdays ops.	
1230	Off Watch W.H.Stull Maj.A.C.	
	On Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
Note	Lots of local flying going on - most a/c back from yesterdays ops	
1415	A/N ran off peri track at end of r/w05 - 602 engineering sent clee track to remove same - r/w now clear - peri - also.	#43-39146/N7-N
1520	Buntingford police called - located body of pilot of a/c that crashed at Mentley - (near Standon) about 5 Miles south of us - dispatched ambulance to pick up body - notified Lt.Johnson at Div.	
Note	All a/c back from yesterdays ops with the following exception: A/A - Wrattig Common-to be turned over to 8th Ser.Comnd.-stuck in the mud. N/F - Hardwick - eng out - repairable. N/A - Bass eng out repairable	#43-38970/N7-A - #43-38620/30-F - #43-38658/30-A
1612	5 new a/c arrived from Burtonwood, last down 1655 - all parked in 'A' area. 9180 - 6933 - 9213 - 9159 - 8654	#43-39159K8-C - #43-39213/30-C - #43-39180/N8-G - #44-6933/N8-H - #44-8654/N7-M
1633	9213 - Capt.Anderson - knocked down fence at beginning of r/w29 - notifying Clerk of the Works to repair it.	#43-39213/30-C
1635	3 a/c from 601st to go on night x/c	
1650	Capt.Cavanaugh called in following info on crash - located 2 Mi.outside of Puckeridge on the Mentley Farm. Plane crashed at 1500 on Feb 6th. In heavy rain and fog - Gamekeeper discovered crash and body at 1330 today.	
	Reporting it to the Police immediately. Body picked up - Identified by dog-tags Lt.Thomas O.Kessler - 0 - 830579 - a/c P-51 - 776 (3 numbers found on wreckage) Body was thrown clear of a/c - gave Div (Lt.Johnson) all above info.	
1830	Off Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch Lt.Arlotto	
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	7 Feb 1945	
1900	Briefed 6 ship crews on lighting for nite flying & procedure - made out flimsies for cross countries	
1910	We are alerted Lt.Hall Grp Ops	
1940	Lt.Laudrum called from Hardwick, cannot get his a/c back - has magneto trouble - informed Grp Ops - Maj.Peterson said to send Lt Marius over to Hardwick to pick up Laudrum - Marius ready to t/o advised - wilco.	
	Called Hardwick - Flying Control they said OK to let a/c come over.	
2115	We are stood down - Lt.Hall Grp Ops.	
2330	Identified pilot correct name Kessler O.Thomas - 0 - 830579 - 505 Fighter Sq. - 339th Fighter Gp - 66th Fighter Wing - all notified - (Lt.Alpern)	
2352	All a/c down	
	8 Feb 1945	
0008	WX ship stood down. Sgt Redway.	
0320	Practice mission briefing 0545 - Sta-0645 - Eng-0715 - Taxi-0725 - t/o-0745	
0545	Attended briefing - r/w23 - 36a/c. Low Sqdn carrying practice bombs, they will leave formations on last leg and proceed to Brest of Sands to drop bombs. Rest of formation to return direct to base - ETR-1052	
0615	Called 1st Div - Sgt Waters - will call us about 0830 on clearance of Brest of Sands - Low Sqdn will call us on DF and we will inform them whether OK or not. Will bomb visual - 8000 or below clouds. Height of formation flying 5000	
0600	Airdrome green to 1st Div & Grp Ops	
0744	1st practice mission a/c airborne - 32 a/c off.	
0830	Off Watch Lt.Arlotto	
	On Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
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	8 Feb 1945	
0840	Ops wanted low Sq. to go to Brest Sands and drop practice bombs at 1030-1100 - bombing for 1 hour, Called 94th Bomb Gp for permission - their ships were airborne for the range to bomb visually only - told us we should use our own judgement.	
	Called Col.Daily - awaiting his call back	
0850	Lt.Johnson Div - told us to recall formation - all ops recalled - contacted formation, on their way back	
0900	A/F red (Div & Ops)	
0925	10 a/c return from practice mission - last down 0955 - balance diverted to Bassingbourn. WX at base really Piss poor	
1045	20 a/c at Bass - 1 - Fowlmere and 1 at Little Walden - with 2 blown tires. This takes care of all of them.	
1110 - Note	Arranged with Station Chemical to have 2 Decon trucks here at 1300 - Post Utilities will furnish 4 men - 2 for each truck - same time to blow out each electrical unit on the peri-track. This should remove all dirt collected in each unit.	
1200	Off Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
1415	Gave lecture on Nite Flying to entire 603 Sq.	
1500	Lecture tomorrow at The Arrow Club - 1630-1730 - 7 new crews - #1	
1515	Expect WX to break at 2000 - will have ships return then.	
1730	Alerted (Capt.Scott)	
1735	Probably be 2200-2230 hrs when a/c return.	
1800	Off Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
2100	Briefed 19 crews on returning to base from Bass.	
2220	1st a/c returned from Bass - 19 in all - last down 2318. M/B stayed at Bass - no trouble with a/c - no crew to fly it.	#42-102487/N8-B
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	8 Feb 1945	
2320	Alerted for WX ship - given route and altitude - t/o at 0400 - E.T.R 0730.	
2325	Gave Capt.Sears Div. all dope on WX ship flown by Capt.Bishop - 203/Z	
2359	All quiet	
	9 Feb 1945	
0230	Briefed WX crew	
0410	WX ship off (all notified)	
0415	Lead briefing - 0535 - Regular 0615	
0535	Attended Lead & Regular briefing - 38 ship r/w23 - cross wind from the right - 20-25 miles per hour - 250'-270' - scrub-rockets - delay-YY - QFE 29.36 - ETR 1532 - Last T.O-1030 - 1/2 min interval T.O	
	Lead - Sta-0800 - Eng-0840 - Taxi-0855 - t/o-0910 - Reg - Sta-0810 - Eng-0850 - Taxi-0905 - t/o-0920	
0712	WX ship landed	
0700	A/F green - Div & Ops	
0825	Off Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
0910	E/Q 1st a/c off - A/H last off at 0952 - 2 changes - 38 a/c off	#44-8398/K8-Q - #44-6834/N7-H
1230	Off Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch Lt.Arlotto	
1400	WX to DF as follows - LA-UU-BQ-IG-ME	
1544	1st Opr. a/c landed - 37 a/c down - last down 1625 - E/T 8836 Lamiell - outstanding	#43-38836/K8-T
1712	3 new a/c landed from Burtonwood - put in 'A' area	
Note	S-2 says that information they received at interrogation was Lamiell called Leader at about 1215 saying he had to leave formation and return to base - wasn't seen after that	
Note	Lecture tomorrow 9 to 10 - 9 crews - Lecture #2 at Tower	
1830	Off Watch Lt.Arlotto	
	On Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	Gave Lecture #1 to 7 new crews	
1840	Alerted (Gr.Ops)	
2150	WX ship stood down	
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	10 Feb 1945	
0700	Drome green (1BD & Ops)	
0705	Gave Col.Simeral winds - agreed on r/w23 - told him of obstr. Sta-0850 - Eng-0920 - Taxi-0930 - t/o-0950 - ETR-1707 - Q.F.E	Q.F.E not recorded in Log
0800	Off Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch Lt.Arlotto	
0935	Mission scrubbed - Capt.McLoughlin Grp Ops.	
1200	Practice mission scheduled for 1330 - cleared thro Div.	
1230	Off Watch Lt.Arlotto	
	On Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
1315	9 Crews came to Tower for lecture - too busy to give it.	
1410	36 ship Pracice mission off. We had absolutely no information concerning the mission - line up we received inaccurate - nobody knew anything about anything. 1st ship off at 1410 - presume 36 ships will fly - last off 1443 - total a/c - 31	
1600	Received message from A/M requesting permission to bomb at Dalsey Sands at 25,000' - Div would not OK it so sent following message - NO! - XZ-DF-VD-GJ	#44-8654/N7-M
1445	Lectured 9 crews #3 and misc (1445-1600) - W.H.Stull	
1738	We are alerted (Capt.McLaughlin Gp.Ops)	
1741	31 a/c back from practice mission - last down 1810	
Note	601st sending 3 ships nite flying model mission #4 - t/o-2000 or 2030 - Pilots and Nav will be at Tower for briefing.	
1800	A/F yellow (Div & Ops)	
1830	Off Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch Lt.Arlotto	
2015	3 crews briefed on nite flying and given flimsies for X.C model mission #4	
2215	Maj.Voss WX forecasts gales between 0500 & 0800 tomorrow - wind SSE - 40-45 mph	
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	10 Feb 1945	
2220	Called Grp Ops - on gale warning - also - 600 Eng-Sgt.Cartwright - 601-Cpl.Hatchel - 602-Sgt.Sebastian - 603-Cpl.Young	
	11 Feb 1945	
0021	All flying down. Capt.Holman called, said Pundits & Occults were a great help to them, they spotted about a half a dozen and they helped to navigate.	
0238	Briefing 0415 - Sta-0525 - Eng-0555 - Taxi-0610 - t/o-0625. Capt Held forecasts winds 250' to 270' at 12mph.	
0240	Phone winds to Col.Daily - agreed on r/w23 - advised that taxi-track between 05 & 35 still under construction.	
0300	Inspected r/w - OK. WX ship pilot Capt.Holstend given flimsy on Occults and Pundits - Route - Base - Bristol - Base - alt.20,000' - ETD 0330 - ETR 0750 - briefed on lights.	ETD=Estimated time of departure - ETR=Estimated time of return
0400	Capt.Held says to expect light frosts on a/c - Grp Eng. - Grp Ops. - & all Sqn.Eng. notified	
0530	Lt.Wiaco Grp Ops - Mission scrubbed - Rockets fired	
0600	A/F green - Div & Ops	
0611	WX ship landed	
0830	Off Watch Lt.Arlotto	
	On Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
0830	Lots of local flying - WX piss poor.	
1100	Landed 9 ships here diverted balance to Bassingbourn - Maj.Miller in tower with me - piss poor WX - about 4 ships nearly cracked up.	
Note	A-26 emergency landing - from Wharton going to Continent - sent pilot back by train - crew being sent to repair the a/c.	A 478th Sub-depot engineer repaired the A-26 and this was then used by Lt.Col Ensign for checking the Groups a/c formations during exercises and when forming up on operational missions.
1215	Bass.has 16 of our 18 ships - M/U & N/P still outstanding	#42-97975/N8-U - #44-6843/30-P
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	11 Feb 1945	
1230	Off Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch W.H.Stull Maj.A.C.	
1235	N/P landed Bass.	#44-6843/30-P
1245	M/U landed Bourn (Ops did not notify us)	#42-97975/N8-U
1300	Airdrome red (1AD & Ops)	
1410	Until further notice - make copy of all Tannoy announcements made, together with number of times repeated and hours involved. Do not try to refuse requests for announcements, but merely record them and send all copies to Col.Berryhill each morning.	
note	(It can be taken down when clearance report goes down.whs)	
1500	Lectured 36 crewmen #3 (1hr 15min) Lt.Alpern.	
1530	CO Barkway called stating a/c had just rammed into Tower, taking Tower away, no other details as yet. Dispatched crash crews, ambulance etc. Checked with surrounding airfields - Debden only one with P-51's out - will advise.	
note	Capt Scott proceeding to scene,will call back - whs.	
1605	Following from Capt.Kelly P-51 413982 Red Tail - checked Debden who acknowledged as being their a/c - Pilot Lt.Savage - weather 10/10 300 vis.1000yds wind ESE 9mph. Our guards on scene of crash until relieved by Debden whs. (pilots body is here)	
1618	Capt.Kelly advises full name of pilot Lt.Morton R.Savage	
1700	Standby until 2200 (Gp Ops)	
1730	Lecture tomorrow morning #4 - 1030-1130 Aero Club	
1800	Off Watch W.H.Stull Maj.A.C.	
	On Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
2255	Stood Down - (Capt.McLaughlin)	
2300	WX ship stood down.	
2359	All quiet	
	12 Feb 1945	
0700	A/F red (Div & Ops)	
0815	Off Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch W.H.Stull Maj.A.C.	
0940	1 AD F/C advises 8836 E/T Lamiell MIA 9 Feb.1945 entire crew OK - a/c condition unknown (Gp Ops)	#43-38836/K8-T
1215	Off Watch W.H.Stull Maj.A.C.	
	On Watch Lt.Arlotto Lt.A.C.	
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	12 Feb 1945	
1433	1st a/c back from Bass. - 17 landed. Last back - 1525	
Note	Col.Simeral wants to send an a/c to Ireland - Belfast - Wed or Thurs. He will give us time about 2-3 hours before t/o and we can make up route.	
Note	Route & times coast out & coast in to be called in to 1st Div. 1st Div will give us best field at that time 2 hours before t/o.	
1830	Off Watch Lt.Arlotto	
	On Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
1902	Alerted (Gr.Ops)	
2305	N/L off for some nite flying	#42-107190/30-L
2330	WX ship stood down	
	13 Feb 1945	
0001	Nite flying over	
0400	Gave Ops r/w23 as t/o r/w - told of obstructions. Sta-0555 - Eng-0625 - Taxi-0640 - t/o-0655	
0707	T/o delayed 10 min (Capt.Scott)	
0714	Mission scrubbed (Capt.McLaughlin) fired a series of rockets.	
0800	Off Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch Lt.Arlotto Lt.A.C.	
0900	Aerodrome Red to 1st Div and Grp Ops.	
0910	Col.Daily - Grp Ops - OK's 2 a/c to fly beam at Bass.	
0925	Col Daily cleared 1 a/c XC - 2 for Darsley Sands. Burtonwood OK's a/c to come up at 1300	
1115	Grp Ops.Lt.Payne - OK's N/P to do local inst. Flying	#44-6843/30-P
1120	There will be a 36 a/c practice mission this afternoon.	
1230	Off Watch Lt.Arlotto	
	On Watch W.H.Stull Maj.A.C.	
1300	Airdrome yellow	
1500	Airdrome Green	
1520	43 a/c airborne on practice missions.	
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	13 Feb 1945	
1806	Practice mission all down (36 a/c 36 minutes)	
1820	Off Watch W.H.Stull Maj.A.C.	
	On Watch Lt.Arlotto Lt.A.C.	
	(We were alerted 1730 - Grp Ops)	
1145	WX t/o about 0500 - Sgt.Redway WX	
	14 Feb 1945	
1230	601 to send 2 a/c practice mission at 0300 - Grp Ops - Capt.McLaughlin OK.	
1245	Lt.Pettin Grp Ops - times - Briefing-0430 - Lead - Sta-0550 - Eng-0620 - Taxi-0635 - t/o-0650 - Reg - Sta-0600 - Eng-0630 - Taxi-0645 - t/o-0700	
0300	Briefed 2 crews on lights and gave them flimsies on Pundits and Occults for XC	
0330	Capt.Held - forecasts winds 270'-280' at 15mph. Capt.Scott we will use 23	
0515	Lt.Pettin Grp Ops - 'B' plan in force - PFF's	
0516	WX ship off	
0600	Aerodrome green to 1st Div & Grp Ops	
0610	Delayed 1 hour - Lt.Pettin Grp Ops.	
0750	1st a/c off on mission - 38 a/c off - last 0829	
0830	Off Watch Lt.Arlotto	
	On Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
0835	E.T.R 1719 - L.T.O 0915 - Lt.Paine	
0930	M/F off perimeter track - past end of r/w05 - deep in the mud - Eng.notified	#42-102507/N8-F
1100	M/F cleared off perimeter track	#42-102507/N8-F
1134	Maj.Berry down to pick up A/A	#43-38970/N7-A
1227	A/A landed from Wratting Common	#43-38970/N7-A
1230	Off Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
1330	Cleared P-51 thru cont.Clear for trip to A98	
1500	Sent WX to Bass. D/F	
1535	1st Div - mess from A/N - low on gas landing in Brussels	#43-39146/N7-N
1610	2 mess.from Div - 600Z & 600V - petrol low landing at B53	#43-38805/N8-Z - #43-38993/N8-V
1612	2 mess.from Div - 603G and 601B - petrol low landing at B53	#43-38669/N7-G - #44-8771/30-B
1615	Nite flying X-C at 1800 - Pundits prepared	
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	14 Feb 1945	
1630	M/U petrol low - landing at B53 (1st Div)	#42-97975/N8-U
1632	E/G petrol low - landing at B53 (1st Div) - Message - Swordfish Able lead - taking formation over Manston - will drop a/c low on gas there	#42-97266/K8-G
1640	Div. A/L landing B53 - petrol low	#43-38562/N7-L
1641	Div E/V & E/Z landing B53 - petrol low	#43-38652/K8-V - #43-38627/K8-Z
Note	Div says all stations alerted to accept our a/c - we can fly them home without consulting Div. up to 2400 hours	
1655	E/P landing at B53 - petrol low - 1st Div A/H landing at B53 - petrol low - 1st Div	#43-38664/K8-P - #44-6834/N7-H
1737	M/L 1st a/c to land - 1746.5 N/F last a/c to land - 12 a/c returned to base - leaves 14 a/c outstanding. N/A ran out of gas on perimeter track.	#43-38853/N8-L - #43-38620/30-F - #43-38658/30-A
1820	A/T landed at A-93 R.O.N (from Grove)	#43-38631/N7-T
1821	N/Q down at Bradwell Bay (Gr Ops)	#43-38121/30-Q
1830	12 a/c now outstanding	
1845	Off Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
1905	We are alerted (Lt.Marias Gp Ops)	
2216	A/C returned	#43-38086/N7-C
2228	A/L returned	#43-38562/N7-L
2250	M/U returned - (flat tail wheel)	#42-97975/N8-U
2259	M/Z returned	#43-38805/N8-Z
2300	WX ship stood down	
2359	All quiet	
	15 Feb 1945	
0245	Told Capt.Scott the r/w in use would be 23	
0306	Briefing-0445 - Sta-0615 - Eng-0645 - Taxi 0700 - t/o-0720 - Lead t/o-0715	
0620	A/F green (Div & ops)	
0650	Called Mr Adams to turn on Hi-Lite	
0700	A/F red (Div & ops)	
0715	Delayed t/o indefinitely - Col.Daily	
0715	Hi-Lite on	
0755	Advised a/c to start engines for t/o - Col.Daily	
0820	Advised all a/c to stand-by - Col.Daily wants to inspect conditions - Fog.....	
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	15 Feb 1945	
0820	Fog seems to be heavier	
0830	Off Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	1st a/c A/X off at 0803.5 - last off E/N at 0820 - 8 a/c held up because of bad vis.by Col.Daily	#44-8044/N7-X - #44-8644/K8-N
0845	Scrubbed remaining 8 a/c (Col.Daily)	
1045	E.T.R 1617 (Lt.Payne)	
1210	Off Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch Lt.Arlotto	
1400	Col.Smith - if we have any trouble landing our a/c we can send them to Bass. or Ridgewell.	
1425	WX sent to D/F - LO-PU-ST-TE-AC	
1505	New WX to D/F - LO-TB-LL-AC	
1553	1st Opr a/c landed - 16 down - last 1611	
1620	Aerodrome Red to 1st Div and Grp Ops.	
1705	E/B - N/B back from Continent sent to Ridgewell to land - E/Z back from Continent,contacted by D/F given instructions to go to Ridgewell - M/T on XC - diverted to Ridgewell	#44-8274/K8-B - #44-8771/30-B - #43-38627/K8-Z - #44-8483/N8-T
Note	Had one opr.a/c landed here from Glatton - crew interrogated - billets arranged - a/c 8606 - Lt.Gilbert	Glatton=Airbase 36 miles from Nuthampstead
1713	E/Z landed Ridgewell	#43-38627/K8-Z
1717	E/B landed Ridgewell	#44-8274/K8-B
1726	N/B landed Ridgewell	#44-8771/30-B
1727	M/T landed Ridgewell - (non opr)	#44-8483/N8-T
1820	Off Watch Lt.Arlotto	
	On Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
2200	WX a/c stood down	
2201	We are alerted	
	16 Feb 1945	
0020	Briefing at 0900	
0200	Briefing moved back one hr.now 0800	
0730	Sta-0915 - Eng-0945 - Taxi-1000 - t/o-1015 - E.T.R-1633 - Q.F.E- r/w23 being used - wind 10 from 200' - 30 ship formation	
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	16 Feb 1945	
0800	Off Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch Lt.Arlotto	
1015	1st opr a/c airborne - 30 a/c on mission - last off 1059 - vis at start of t/o 300 to 500 yards. Col Ensign said t/o High Lighting on full showed up very good.	
1148	A/T 8631 - returned from Continent, landed at Bass.	#43-38631/N7-T
1230	Off Watch Lt.Arlotto	
	On Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
1335	8606 returned to Glatton	
Note	As of today Col.Briggs will be Gp. Ops. Officer - Callsign at 1st C.W changed from Fig Leaf to Caddy	
1500	Sent following WX to Bass - CJ-EM-QL-IZ-HC-CV.	
1515	Flying Control lecture #1 in Aero Club at 1630 Tomorrow (Lt.Pierce)	
1638	After many decisions we finally landed Lead & High Squadron at Base - Low Squadron sent to Bass. 19 a/c landed here - 11 a/c at Bass. Last down here - 1732.	
	Also received 7 ships from Continent - M/V - E/P - E/V - E/G - A/N - A/H - A/G - A/T return from Bass - A/S also returned from Bass.	#43-38993/N8-V - #43-38664/K8-P - #43-38652/K8-V - #42-97266/K8-G - #43-39146/N7-N - #44-6834/N7-H - #43-38669/N7-G - #43-38631/N7-T - 44-8214/N7-S
1745	All 11 a/c down at Bass - last down 1802	
1830	Off Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch Lt.Arlotto	
2330	Stand down - Lt.Payne - Grp.Ops.	
2345	WX ship to t/o 0330	
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0100	We will have 9 opr.a/c to fly with Ridgewell Capt.Bishop Grp Ops.	Ridgewell=Airbase 20 miles from Nuthampstead, home of the 381st Bomb Group (H) part of 1st Combat Wing/1st Air Division
0112	1st Div advises to have WX with plenty gas as there will be a question where he will be able to land - Lt.Payne advised - he will take care of it.	
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	17 Feb 1945	
0350	Briefing 0600 - Taxi-0815 - T/O-0830	
0453	WX ship off	
0520	Capt.Held forecasts winds 170' - 200' at 14mph. For t/o we will use r/w23.	
0710	WX ship overhead, ceiling 300 feet - Col Briggs said to send it to Ridgewell.	
0720	Capt.Bishop Grp Ops. Plan 'A' in effect	
0830	1st Opr.a/c off. Last off 0836 - 9 a/c	
0845	1st Div. Wx want our WX a/c to stay up another hour - stand by on U.H.F "B" - Wilco.	
0830	Off Watch R.J.Arlotto 1st Lt.	
	On Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
0945	E.T.R 1714	
1025	E.T.R changed to 1540 - Plan 'B' now in effect	
1100	Mission recalled - after a Doz.tries they are finally being sent Bassingbourn I hope - will be fed there. Attempting to bring same back at about 1500 today - I'll believe it when I see it.	
1100	WX ship down at Bass.	
1200	Off Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.AC.	
1323	All our 9 Opr.a/c down at Bass.OK	
1330	Call Col.Briggs adv. him WX O.K to have a/c return from Bass. Now - he gave O.K.	
1340	M/Z 1st a/c back from Bass.	#43-38805/N8-M
1350	603 to fly their ships back from Bass.	
1445	All 9 oper.returned from Bass.	
1730	2 ships back from Ridgewell - 6 ships back from Bass - 1 ship back from Alcon (573 was dropped now reassn) - 3 ships back from Cont.(brought crew members from Bass & Molesworth)	#44-6573/N7-K
1750	All a/c down	
1800	Off Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
2315	We are alerted (Col.Briggs)	
2335	WX ship stood down	
2359	All quiet	
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0340	Briefing 0500	
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	18 Feb 1945	
0400	Made up individual taxi plan	
0500	Attended briefing - 36 crews - too much confusion in giving out taxi plan to individuals - last minute rush too great. R/w23. Q.F.E 29.83 - E.T.R 1413 - Sta-0635 - Eng-0705 - Taxi-0715 - t/o-0735	
0600	A/F red (Div & ops)	
0700	Mission scrubbed (Maj.Petersen) - fired rockets and sent jeeps around	
0825	Off Watch H Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.AC.	
1630-1730	17 Feb Lecture #1 20 P & CP W H Stull Maj.	
0900-1000	18 Feb Lecture #2 40 (P CP & Nav) W H Stull Maj.	
Note	Lecture tomorrow #3 1315-1415 Aero Club	
1200	WX OK from 1300 to 1630 - xpected to close down after that.	
	Off Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch R.J.Arlotto 1st Lt.	
1300	Yellow to 1st Div & Grp Ops - Lots of flying - 6573 to be A/K - 603 Eng.	#44-6573/N7-K
1500	Airdrome Green - to 1st Div & Grp Ops - WX Capt.Held expects WX to hold up till 2000.	
1840	We are alerted - Capt.Weems Grp Ops.	
1850	Off Watch Lt.Arlotto ALERTED	
	On Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
1930	Had a Prac.Mission scheduled, WX advised vis.on return 500 yds - Col.Briggs says to have them fly local.	
2106	3 ships flying	
2145	A/L went off perimeter - stuck - Eng.called	#43-38562/N7-L
2330	All a/c down	
2345	WX ship t/o 0700	
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0730	Briefing at 0815 - Sta-1000 - Eng-1010 - Taxi-1020 - t/o-1040 - E.T.R 1638 - Q.F.E r/w23.	Q.F.E not recorded in Log
0714	WX ship off	
Note	Col. Briggs - take completed T forms to briefing 10-15 min.earlier than briefing and give to Squadron oper.Officers. They will pass out T forms	T forms = taxi forms
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	19 Feb 1945	
0815	Off Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch Lt.Arlotto	
0930	WX ship landed	
0950	Col.Ensign - called for oxygen mask - delivered to him.	
1010	R/T test on both studs	both studs=both frequencies
1040	1st Opr a/c off	
1044	E/M had taxi accident - ran into a truck	#44-6885/K8-M
1108	Last opr a/c off. 37 a/c off	
1100	Aerodrome Red to 1st Div and Grp Ops.	
Note	#4 Flying Control lecture - 1030 tomorrow at Aero Club - Lt.Pierce	
1230	Off Watch Lt.Arlotto	
	On Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
1300	Turned down practice mission because of WX - anticipated vis.& ceiling on return - 800yds - 800'	
1430	Sent following WX - PD-YY-HH-HQ-XZ-UB-HH	
1435	Col.Briggs wants Lead Sqd.to land here if possible -Low & High to stand off positions for further instructions - Lead will peel off 3 at a time ! Capt.Sheriff at C.W notified so that they can tell our a/c on V.H.F	
1315-1430	Lectured 40 (P CP N & B) #3 (1hr 15Min) W.H.Stull	(P CP N & B) = Pilots, Co-pilots, Navigators & Bombardiers
1630	Diverted our a/c - Lead and High to Bassingbourn and Low to Ridgewell	
1650	Bass. D/P gave us following message - 603rd "C" - making forced landing at Manager - both inboard eng. Feathered - petrol low - crew OK - all notified.	#43-38086/N7-C
1830	All our a/c accounted for - 23 operational and 2 Continental at Bass. - 12 operational and 1 Continental at Ridgewell - E/V landed at Wattisham.	#43-38652/K8-V
1835	Off Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch R.J.Arlotto 1st Lt.	
1953	We are alerted - Lt.Hall Grp.Ops.	
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	19 Feb 1945	
2314	WX a/c stood down	
	20 Feb 1945	
0225	Times - Breakfast-0300 - Brief-0400 - Sta-0715 - Eng-0730 - Taxi-0745 - t/o-0800	
0240	Lt.Voss WX - forecasts winds - SW 8 to 10 for t/o - we will use r/w23. Lt.Payne Grp Ops.says due to just having a few ships taking off from here, we won't have to make out any taxi plans this morning.	
0600	Lt.Hare Grp Ops. All times 20 min earlier - Plan 'B' - aerodrome Red to 1st Div & Grp.Ops.	
0620	Col.Briggs - says t/o will be 0800 - I notified Capt.Scott at Bass & Lt.Payne at Ridgewell.	
0800	1st Opr a/c off - 7 off - last off 0810	
Note	Inspection this afternoon at 1300 - Tech Inspection Office.	
0830	Off Watch Lt.Arlotto 1st.Lt.A.C On Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
0945	All a/c except M/X off on mission - total of 36 off.	#43-38564/N8-X
1000	A/F green (Div & ops) Lots of local flying.	
1030-1130	Lectured 20 men F.C #4 (1hr) H.Alpern	
1240	Off Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C. On Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
1430	E/B early return	
1433 - Note S.O.P Col.Briggs	In future any abortions will not be allowed to land until Gr.Ops is called - The policy will be unless an emergency they will circle field until formation lands. Grp.Ops will decide	This seems to be the start of an attempt at making the Groups statistics look better in terms of early returns (abortions)
1453	Sent WX to Bass.HF/DF	
1605	N/Y 1st a/c to land - 1644 N/V last to land. 2 a/c outstanding A/T & A/H. Changed time of early return to 1610 - by order Col.Briggs.	#44-6821/30-Y - #44-8363/30-V - #43-38631/N7-T #44-6834/N7-H. Note alteration of early return times.
1700	Lots of Night flying	
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	20 Feb 1945	
1830	Off Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
1900	We are alerted (Lt.Smith Gp.Ops)	
2018	E/H off peri-track at beginning of 05 - had clec tracks pull him out - stopped all a/c from landing until he was definitely cleared.	#43-38775/K8-H
2345	All local night flying down - 2 GH's to go up for slow timing later on.	GH's=Radar equipped Pathfinder aircraft (P.F.F)
2345	WX ship t/o at 0230 - long route probably 4 hours	
2359	All Quiet	
	21 Feb 1945	
0005	Div given all info on WX.ship	
0231	WX ship off - all notified	
0246	Last GH ship down	
0250	Briefing at 0430	
0430	Taxi slips about 5 min.late didn't get them from operations until 0410. r/w23 - (Capt Held winds at 240-260-6mi) Scrub-rockets Delay-YY - Q.F.E-30.20 - E.T.R-1540 - Sta 0635 - Eng-0645 - Taxi-0655 - t/o-0705	
0600	Plan "B" in effect	
0600	A/F Green (Div & Ops)	
0705	37 ships off on mission - last off 0757 - E/F ran off r/w close to caravan - balance of a/c took off by passing around him.	#44-8500/K8-F
0800	M/W overhead - wishes spare a/c - bomb bay doors inoperative - landing gear u/s. Giving him M/Z as spare	#44-6157/N8-W - #43-38805/N8-Z
0810	Off Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
0830	M/Z for M/W off	#43-38805/N8-Z
1000	Local flying - perimeter blocked r/w17 to r/w11.	
1215	Off Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch Lt.Arlotto Lt.A.C.	
1245	E/G returning early - #1 feathered has jettisoned the bombs. Col. Briggs said to land him.	#42-97266/K8-G
1248	E/G landed	#42-97266/K8-G
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	21 Feb 1945	
1340	WX sent in - HN-YV-DR-SY	
Note	New SOP Abortions (early returns to you). When a/c comes over field if all four fans are running let a/c circle until Gp Ops advises disposition and advice about landing time	See comment on 20th February 1945
Note	If one prop feathered but not in trouble also check with Ops before landing. Get an OK for calling landing times in - ask for a/c troubles when he calls so Gp Ops will know about it when making decision. Whs.	See comment on 20th February 1945
1521	1st opr a/c landed - all back - last 1615	
1745	We are alerted - Capt.Scott Grp Ops	
Note	On landing, N/B blew tire on r/w23-1543 changed r/w to 29 - N/B off r/w at 1710, changed r/w back to 23.	#44-8771/30-B
1830	Off Watch Lt.Arlotto	
	On Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
1900	Contacted Div.on film in Spitfire - asked them to call Benson and have them pick it up.	Possibly a Photo reconnaissance Spitfire landed with film on board. Benson=Airbase (RAF) approx.85 miles from Nuthampstead
1940	Div.called - Benson decided to leave film here overnight - Pilot to be standing by Tower at 0800.	
1945	Night flying - 2 X-C	
2340	All A/C down	
2355	WX ship stood down	
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0140	N/V off - Slo Time Wx outlook - to call in if fog increases.	#44-8363/30-V
0325	Called N/V down - O.K	
0630	R/w 23 for t/o. ETR 1542 - Sta-0730 - Eng-0740 - Taxi-0750 - t/o-0800	
0800	T/o is now 0815 (Col.Briggs)	
0815	Off Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch R.J.Arlotto 1st Lt.	
0817	1st Opr a/c off. 37 ships off. Last 0910	
0930	Airdrome still Red - Capt.Scott cleared - 2 x/c.	
0955	ETR - 1600 Capt.Scott - Grp Ops	
Note	Early returns - Call Col. Briggs, Col.Simeral, or Col.Ensign at Ops, Office, or Quarters, not the Duty Officer.	See comment on 20th February 1945
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	22 Feb 1945	
1230	Off Watch Lt.Arlotto	
	On Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
1300	A/F green - (Div & Ops)	
1400	Sent following WX - FD-HM-DS-KJ	
1508	390 returned from Alconbury	
1552	36 a/c returned from mission last down 1659 - High Sq got lost trying to find the field - accounting for long time needed to land a/c - M/M 9128 outstanding - Vis.2 miles	#43-39128/N8-M
1753	Stand by until 2330 (Grp Ops)	
1830	Off Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch Lt.Arlotto	
1905	Night flying XC & local.	
2310	All Night flying down	
2327	We are alerted - Grp Ops	
2347	WX ship tonight - t/o 0430	
	23 Feb 1945	
0230	Flimsey given WX Pilot - Shaffer J.T - briefed on lights	
0250	Times - Lt.Letz - Briefing-0445 - Sta-0630 - Eng-0640 - Taxi-0655 - t/o-0710	
0415	WX ship airborne - Grp Ops called said T Sheets now ready	T Sheets = Taxi sheets
0430	Capt.Held - wind 230' - 13-15 mph - we will use 23 - vis 1 Mi. - ETR 1731 - QFE 29.82	
0432	Map of aerodrome not mimiographed T sheets so taxi plans were not made out.	
0600	Aerodrome Yellow to 1st Div & Grp Ops	
0710	1st Opr a/c off - 37 Off - last 0808	
Note	Col Briggs - S.O.P on return - Lead Sqdn will come over field for instructions - Low & High at Standby till informed to come in.	S.O.P = Standard Operational Procedure
0815	Off Watch Lt.Arlotto	
	On Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
0830	WX ship refused to land at Base - Vis-1500 yds - ceiling 300' - had Hi-Lite etc.on pilot remained over Fowlmere	
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	23 Feb 1945	
0830	Calling for instructions from there - landed at Bass - under poor conditions.	
0900	A/F red (Div & ops)	
0930	All local flying scrubbed today until further notice by Gp Ops.	
0935	E.T.R 1646	
0947	E/L off for Burtonwood	#42-102506/K8-L
1140	Fowlmere called on crashed P-51 homing to their base heading 295' - search parties dispatched - all notified - standing by.	
1220	Fowlmere called - a/c D-7-N crash landed outside of Debden 3/4 miles off Hempstead Road - Pilot OK.	
1240	Off Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
1345 - Note	Lecture to 3 new crews at 1630 hours in the Aero Club	
1430	Diversion Airdrome is Langar - 335' - 73 Mi.	
1500	Div.refuses to clear any a/c to P.F.F or G.H ranges - told Gr.Ops - they checked Div. and said to scrub the flights.	
1515	WX to Bass D/F MJTCALVQFMTY - Bass D/F received message from 600 Z "Landing Brussels"	#43-38805/N8-Z
1536	Message Bass.D/F. - A/G gas low landing 33 Ttrond	#43-38669/N7-G
1600	Will divert to Langar (Div.Not.) Col.Briggs. VHF also telling a/c	
1615	Some of our a/c coming over field - landing what we can	
1730	17 of our a/c down at base - 15 of our a/c down at other bases - 5 a/c still unaccounted for.	
1745	Col.Briggs - have all a/c return to base at once.	
1830	Col.Briggs says to hold a/c until 2000 - then if WX permits bring them home. A/V at Langar will R.O.N	#43-38706/N7-V
1845	Off Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
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	23 Feb 1945	
1900	Div.notified us that Merritt landed at B-61 - a/c damaged. Should return tomorrow - 8 of crew OK - Lt.Bonner injured.	
1910	Maj.Petersen called - crews state that Wormeldurf E/L landed at Nancy.	#42-102506/K8-L
1945	Col.Briggs OK's return of all a/c that can fly - putting in calls to all fields involved.	
1950	Sent truck to Woodbridge to pick up Capt.Hosman and crew - a/c u/s - no possible place to be put up - Col.Simeral OK.	
1955	Andrewsfield releasing N/Y - E/A has no radio - will take off when WX clear in the day time.	#44-6821/30-Y - #43-38754/K8-A
2000	Little Snoring will release M/F & A/H as soon as they contact pilots.	#42-102507/N8-F - #44-6834/N7-H
2005	Sudbury releasing M/X - A/T immediately.	#43-38564/N8-X - #43-38631/N7-T
2007	Raydon's WX closed - will not allow E/F to return.	#44-8500/K8-F
2010	Castle Camps - WX not so good - may clear at 2200 - will call us and let us know.	
2040	F/N landed B-60 minor flak damage, will return tomorrow - no news of crew	F/N?=possibly E/N #44-8644/K8-N
2100	A/F Green (Div.&Ops)	
2100	M/X landed OK from Sudbury.	see 2005 entry
2102	Andrewsfield notified us of departure of N/Y - at the same time we found out that M/P did not land there - checking Div.& Andrewsfield - Div.has no dope !	see 1955 entry. #42-97249/N8-P
2119	M/F landed OK from Little Snoring.	see 2000 entry
2135	N/Y landed OK from Andrewsfield.	see 1955 entry
2143	A/H landed OK from Little Snoring.	see 2000 entry
2205	A/T landed OK from Sudbury.	see 2005 entry
2217	Stood Down (Lt.Van Opdorp - Gp.Ops)	
2219	E/Z landed OK from Bass.	#43-38627/K8-Z
2325	WX ship stood down.	
2330	Standing by for possible diversion of 24 B-24's from Harrington. Lucky Me !	
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	23 Feb 1945	
2340	No Diversion !!! (Hoffman - Div.)	
2359	All quiet	
	24 Feb 1945	
0015	Ops notified us Lt.WomelDurf. E/L - landed at Luneville - severe battle damage a/c u/s Radio Operator badly wounded.	#42-102506/K8-L
0310	Practice mission - briefing 0600	
0600	A/F yellow (Div & Ops)	
0600	Using r/w 23 for practice mission. Sta-0730 - Eng-0800 - Taxi-0810 - t/o-0830. Lead 10 min.earlier.	
0830	Off Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
0843	Prac.mission off - 2 a/c scrubbed by Eng.	
0845	Message from T.C.C - B17 506 Lt.Womeldurf crash landed at Y2 23 Feb - damage flat tire - #2 out - numerous flak holes - S/Sgt Moon seriously injured - crew coming home on 1st available a/c.	#42-102506/K8-L
1030	8754 E/A at Andrewsfield needs put-put - told Gr.Ops they sending truck over.	#43-38754/K8-A
1225	Off Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch R.J.Arlotto 1st Lt.	
1305	Practice mission down, last down 1339. M/F blew tire on landing - changed r/w to 29	#42-102507/N8-F
1430	M/F off 05 - changed r/w back to 23.	see 1305 entry
1630	1.5 hour <u>Lecture</u> No 1 & 2 - 6 Pilots - Maj.Stull	
Note	Truck No.W-530646 - Driver Cpl.John A.Ellis 35609971 - 603rd Sqdn - Drove truck - up r/w in use. Information turned over to Provost Marshall for action.	
1520	811 returned from Alconbury - put in "A" area.	#43-38811/K8-R
1658	E/N 8644 returned from B-60	#44-8644/K8-N
1755	Off Watch R.J.Arlotto 1st Lt.	
	On Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
1830	5 X-C tonight - no prior notice again. 3 a/c flying locally.	
1901	Night flying commences at Mudhampstead	
1920	We are alerted	
2315	Night flying over	
2320	WX ship - t/o 0300	
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	25 Feb 1945	
0322	WX ship off	
0415	Slo time Job off	
0500	r/w 23 for t/o - usual taxi procedure - Sta-0535 - Eng-0605 - Taxi-0630 - t/o-0635 - E.T.R Q.F.E	
0635	N/B 1st a/c off	#44-8771/30-B
0730	3 a/c not off - have mech. trouble	
0728	A/A landed with #4 eng.feathered. A/P ran off hardstand.	#43-38970/N7-A - #42-97317/N7-P
0735	Lewis taking the one spare ship 476X P.F.F but will not t/o until 0810 (Capt.Scott)	#44-8476/K8-X
0740	Change last t/o time to 0845 (Capt.Scott)	
0741	WX Ship down	
0803	A/P off	see 0728 entry
0810	Off Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C. On Watch Lt.Arlotto	
0832	A/A airborne - all 36 a/c off.	see 0728 entry
1225	Off Watch Lt.R.J.Arlotto On Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
1320	Bass gave us following message received at 1310 - proceeding to France - petrol low - 2 engines out - M/B-2487 - Sheffer.	#42-102487/N8-B
1345	From Bass - E/R-8811 - Bowen - landing at A-90 - no wounded - engine.	#43-38811/K8-R
1440	From Bass - M/L-8853 - Forced landed - B-53	#43-38853/N8-L
1445	From Bass - M/J-8699 - Landing B-53	#44-8699/N8-J
1455	From Bass - A/H-6384 - Forced landing From Bass - M/U-7975 - Continent - Brussels From Bass - Z? - Landing B-53. 602 only Sq.flying "Z"	#44-6834/N7-H - #42-97975/N8-U - #43-38627/K8-Z
1500	Sent following WX - HK-PV-PC-FR-IB-SZ-QR	
1535	A/A early return.	#43-38970/N7-A
1557	New a/c 9227 landed from Stansted. Parked in "A" area all notified.	#43-39227/30-S
1606	26 a/c returned from mission last down 1641. - M/G nosed over on r/w - a/c nose slightly damaged. No one injured - 3 a/c still unaccounted for - M/P - N/Y - A/V - 7 listed above are believed on the Continent.	#43-39180/N8-G - #42-97249/N8-P - #44-6821/30-Y - #43-38706/N7-V
1730	A/H landed.	#44-6834/N7-H
1740	M/U landed.	#42-97975/N8-U
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	25 Feb 1945	
1755	M/L landed	#43-38853/N8-L
Note	8126 returned from Alconbury. A/c is assigned to 600 Sqd.	#43-38126/N8-J
1809	M/P landed.	#42-97249/N8-P
1838	E/Z landed.	#43-38627/K8-Z
1845	Off Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch R.J.Arlotto 1st Lt.	
1915	A/V 8706 Marchner. Returned from Continent brought back Bowen & crew.	#43-38706/N7-V
1917	Grove had msg.from 487 - must be our 487B - Sheffer - msg.was - landed A-62 - crew OK - a/c slightly damaged - will remain till a/c repaired.	#42-102487/N8-B
1945	602 Sqdn wants to send up 2 a/c XC - cloud base 1000' - lower on route. Col.Briggs said OK for local only.	
1947	Stand By till 2300. Grp Ops	
2000	Cloud base 10/700' - some may be lower. Sgt Radway - talked to Col.Rooney - he said cancel his 2 a/c.	
2010	Castle Camps called - MJ-8699 - Hicks landed there - I talked to Hicks - he said he landed at B-53 - and only got 300 gals of Gas - he was low on gas when he put down at Castle Camps. Cap't Scott said to bring him back.	#44-8699/N8-J
2130	Capt.Moore said Lt.Christenson will slow time A/J 1 hr - local - Col.Briggs Ok'ed flight. Also OK'ed M/J to come back from Castle Camps - Capt.Moore says Lt.Christenson is checked out on night flying.	#43-37825/N7-J - #44-8699/N8-J
2315	WX ship alerted	
2330	Stand Down - Grp.Ops. Lt.Johnston.	
2340	M/J returned from Castle Camps	#44-8699/N8-J
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0010	WX ship to t/o 0430 - approx.ETR 0730	
0100	Practice Mission - Briefing-0700 - Eng-0745 - Taxi-0800 - t/o-0815 - ETR-1130.	
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	26 Feb 1945	
0430	WX Ship airborne.	
0830	Off Watch Lt.Arlotto	
	On Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
0815	1st a/c of practice mission off - last off 0842 - total 12 a/c.	
0920	WX ship landed - lots of practice flying.	
1030	Wharton Ferry Operations gave Maj.Berry permission to test hop A-26 and to return it to Wharton if he so desired.	
Note	12 ship practice formation this afternoon - same a/c - same route - new pilots - briefing at 1300 - t/o-1400.	
1159	1st a/c of practice formation attempted to land - E/C-9159 - Pilot Lt.Heathcote, crashed mid-way on r/w23 - landing was poor - a/c bounced 3 times & then crashed on the right hand side of r/w - off the r/w.	#43-39159/K8-C
1159	WX - Vis.4 mi - wind WSW 27 - r/w23 in use - formation notified of strong cross wind from the right. All notified.	
1205	Changed to r/w29 - balance of a/c landed - last down 1224.	
1250	Off Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
Note	Prac.Miss.11 a/c this p.m	
1430	Lecture No 3 to 40 Pilots Maj.Stull	
1700	Lecture No 4 at 1030 Feb.27	
1830	Prac.Miss.down	
1835	9 a/c so far for night flying	
1835	Off Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
1900	A/F yellow (Div & Ops)	
1915	N/A blew tire on r/w05 blocking same. Called Col.Briggs to cancel night-flying. He was to call me back - night flying to continue - no shooting of landings.	#43-38658/30-A
1945	We are alerted.	
2335	Last of XC Night flying down. 8620 N/F to fly XC #9 twice to get 5 hrs slow time on a/c - T.O as soon as possible.	#43-38620/30-F
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	26 Feb 1945	
2340	WX ship stood-down.	
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0047	N/F off on mission - Capt.Scott says he is to remain airborne until 0600.	#43-38620/30-F
0110	Briefing at 0700 - Sta-0830 - Eng-0900 - Taxi-0915 - t/o-0930	
0125	N/M - one trip around the pattern - checking out the a/c - down	#43-39224/30-M
0600	N/F landed - caused a lot of trouble and forgot all about security on radio.	#43-38620/30-F
0700	34 a/c to take off - r/w23 - Scrub-Rockets - delay-YY - Taxi-0915 - t/o-0930 - Q.F.E-30.02 - E.T.R-1820	
0820	Off Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
0930	1st a/c off A/M - last off A/X at 1009.	#44-8654/N7-M -# 44-8044/N7-X
1000	Local and X-C flying	
1230	Off Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch Lt.Arlotto 1st.Lt.	
1400	Changed r/w to 29 (wind W-17)	
1545	A-J early return - No.1 feathered - all notified - times called in - Col.Briggs.	#43-37825/N7-J
1610	WX called in - FK-YL-MP-KG.	
1612	4 new a/c landed - put in "A" area - all notified.	
Note	Perimeter track 05-35 will be open for taxi early a.m 28 Feb - brief pilots that no shoulders on track and no taxi lights. All taxi with caution - whs.	
Note	Col.Briggs will check runway for mission landing - will use peri.track 05-35 if necessary - no local nite flying sqdns will x/c only - use 29 if wind OK - whs.	
Note	Paving perimeter track 23 to 29 starts 28 Feb 1945.	
1748	1st Opr.a/c down - all down - last down 1821.	
	Off Watch Lt.Arlotto	
	On Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
2000	Lights on 23 - first 500 yds in bad shape - AAI out - what the hell happened to them.	
2300	WX ship t/o 0500	
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0100	Local flying down - Briefing at 0845	
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	28 Feb 1945	
0500	WX ship off	
0730	Sta-1005 - Eng-1035 - Taxi-1050 - t/o-1105 - E.T.R-1805 - Q.F.E-	
0745	X-C flying	
0756	WX ship down	
0815	Off Watch A.F.Goetze Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch R.J.Arlotto 1st Lt.	
0845	Handed out taxi plans at briefing - Q.F.E-E.T.R-1805	
0900	Airdrome green - to 1st Div & Grp Ops.	
1015	E/G called in said #4 eng out - had 602 Eng.check it - can not fly it - changed to N/M.	#42-97266/K8-G - #43-39224/30-M
Note	Disregard note on closing of taxi track from 23 to 29 - that section will continue to be in use until further notice.	
0930	Lectured 6 Pilots #4 W.H.Stull.	
1105	1st Opr a/c off - 37 Off - last 1130	
1225	Off Watch R.J.Arlotto 1st Lt.	
	On Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
Note	Main r/w to be repaired Thursday nite - will be ready for ops on Friday morning.	
1605	Sent following WX BJ-LX-SU-FO-BD	
1654	A/J early return - #1 feathered	#43-37825/N7-J
1710	M/B overhead - circling	#42-102487/N8-B ?
1804	36 a/c landed from mission - last down 1900. A/K last to land hydraulics out - good job - all accounted for.	#44-6573/N7-K
1900	Off Watch H.Alpern Lt.A.C.	
	On Watch Lt.Arlotto	
1855	We are alerted. Grp Ops - Lt.Swift	
1955	New a/c 084 from Burtonwood in "A".	Perhaps 184? - #43-39184/30-U
2255	WX ship stood down. Wheeler WX.	
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0230	Times - Capt.Scott. Briefing-0730 - Sta-0850 - Eng-0920 - Taxi-0935 - t/o-0950	
0258	All nite flying down	
0600	Capt.Held forecasts wind 250-270 at 21-25 mph. Use 23 - Capt.Scott.	
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