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THURSDAY, 26TH AUGUST, 1943

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All quiet.

0300

Returned from briefing. Data follows:

TAKEOFF - NE/SW (24)

TIMES		CODE WORDS
STATIONS	- 0430	START ENGINES - RAPEL
TAXI	- 0440	STAND BY - WILLIAMS
TAKEOFF	- 0450	DELAYED - TOLAND
E.T.A.	-	SCRUBBED - THOMAS

SPARE A/C

OPS CALL SIGNS

368 SQ. - 142-1-

423 SQ. - 804-2-

0301

Since rendezvous of operational A/c is to be effected over field with aid of pundit, ordered it in from site. (Maj. Williams had believed that it was stationed on field). Advised 4 Wing FC.

0305

Ordered flarepath lifted in order that glims could be used for perimeter lighting.

0325

Completed arrangements for following to report to tower at times indicated: 7 MP's, 0415; 3 detachs, 0530; 2 ambulances, 0530; 2 firetenders, 0530.

0410

Finished laying inner perimeter track of white glims. Pundit stationed dead in front of the watch office, midway between it and ~~perimeter~~ runway to be used. On advice of Maj. Williams, it will be switched on when A/c start taxiing, off when the first one begins its takeoff run, on again as the last one is airborne.

TIME

NARRATIVE

0429.5

St. Louis, 1 Wing ops, advises taxi but hold takeoff.

0450

'RAPER' to Capt. Paris.

0437

St. Louis, 1 Wing ops, advises takeoff as per schedule.

0525

1 Wing FC, St. Louis, advises operation scrubbed, and recall A/c to base.

0620

All A/c down.

0621

Aerodrome RED. Ops advised.

1230

on watch. Lt. Peterson

1310

Made tactical inspection of General Brown area.

1510

R/W changed NEWSA (Club consulted)

1710

423rd operations advise no their a/c will be going on X-C tonight. Data to follow.

1820

Necessary information obtained from 423rd Sqdn, and following funds requested; 210, 152, 116, 149, 142, 263, 200, also informed Wing 7/c in detail of tentative flight plan for tonight. Pilots to attend briefing at 2015 hrs.

1830

Issued Comms "4B" our funds requested from dusk to Dawn.

2040

Briefed Pilots for tonight's X-C. Route: Base, Waddington; Lind. Lake; Wynesdale; Base. R.O.C. Bedford notified - also Swinwood.

2103

Night flying now in progress - Outer Circle lightning now functioning. Fog-funnels on.

2105

Verific explosion at about 2015 from G-halreston area, reported to be caused by a/c on fire loaded with practice bombs. Our crash crews alerted. Instructed all Bramble a/c about to become airborne, to remain clear of G-halreston area, as they report the possibility of unexploded bombs going up. MSG. Received.

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1255

All at c down, night flying ended. Tender and Ambulance released.

1355

Chalreston informs us it is no longer necessary for our crash crew parties to remain alerted. All concerned advised.