

0007

SUNDAY - 15 - August - 1943

0047

All a/c down - night flying ended. ~~Send~~ Ambulance used.

0805

Green to ops.

0810

ops. advises of briefing for 0830 hrs

0850

attended briefing - Data follows:

RIW = NE / SW

TIME

NARRATIVE

Stations - 0940; Taxi - 0959, T.O. - 1000.

0930 Ops. arrives above mission scrubbed..

0935 A.I.R. and Clearance log of 14-8-43, dispatched.

1200 ops. arrives 1430 briefing.

1240 On watch, Lt. Courad.

1330 Seven A/c of 369 Sq., had been cleared for 1400 takeoff to 5315N 0100 E, when Wing FCO, Lt. Overby, advised that this position could not be used for gunnery missions. Checked back log to find date that permission given for use of this point for gunnery. Lt. Overby checking Wing documents.

1335. Read Lt. Overby entry in log for 1055 hrs, Wed, 23rd June, which definitely quoted Wing FC as giving this as gunnery range. Overby said it was true, but this permission now lifted. We have never been advised of same.

1340 A/c cleared to range 68A.

1515 Returned from 1430 operational briefing, having given taxi instructions for takeoff NE-SW, predicted wind being W-SW/10. Data follows:

TIMES	CODE WORDS	OPS CALL SIGNS
ST'NS - 1700	START - 'BANANA'	423 - 1PX
TAXI - 1710	STANDBY - 'PEACH'	367 - KMB
T'OFF - 1720	DELAYED - 'ORANGE'	368 - RIJ
ETA - 2130	SCRUBBED - 'CRABAPPLE'	

SPARE A/C

SQ - A/C - CALL SIGN - DISP.
423-557 - SIGMOID R - TARGET

367-120 - COMPACT R - 15

368-741 - PILFER D - 31

423 841 - SIGMOID R - CHEVRON

1530

Completed arrangements for 7 MP's to report to tower at 1645, and for extra ambulance, firetender, and three cletracs to report at 1700.

TIME

NARRATIVE

1630

Requested, thru 1 Wing FC, following pundits from 2200-0300 hrs for our site flying planes:

12, Craufield, RT; 97, Upper Heyford, AX; 28, Clipping Warden, LM; ²⁶³1 WYMESWOLD, UA; 116, Waddington, FS; Collesmore, 120, OL; 2, Feltwell, IW; 211, Tempsford, DW.

1640

Requested 369 Sq. ops to send site X-C pilots and navigators to watch office at 2000 hrs for briefing.

1645

Runway inspected for operational takeoff.

1659

Group ops advises timing and takeoff to go on schedule.

1700

'Banana' to Maj. Alada.

1830

Ascertained from Chelveston FC that their pundit, flashing BY, would be on from dusk till dawn.

1835

1st Wing FC advises that all requested pundits, except 120 and 211, which are U/S, ~~would be~~ will be on from 2200-0300 hrs.

2000

Briefed pilots and navigators of 369 Sq. on X-country 'beacon bash' route as follows: Base, Upper Heyford (occult), Braucote (occult), Waddington (occult), Collesmore (occult), Mildenhall (occult), Base.

2010

Ordered flarepath laid NE-SW.

2045

Advised 1 Wing FC of night flying program, and cleared cross country A/C.

2115

Requested Twinwood to keep their Sandra light on from 2200 TFN. Granted.

2215

Night flying Commences.