August 24, 1944 – Thursday.

0300 Ops. Breakfast

0400 Attended Briefing – data follows.

SE 0630 P/W 24 for T.O. Wind to be
Taxy 0644 SSW 10-15 per Met.
T.O. 0654 Q.F.F. 29.93.
L.T.O. 0820 Ground Spares
E.T.A. 1518 368 – 155 – J – 42
369 – 198 – D – 31 (lead)
423 – 967 – B – 10

0500 Made necessary calls for ops. T.O. all to be stationed by 0630

0550 Caravan to be moved to position by cut-off in case of bad Vis. T.O.

0555 Green To div.

0615 Cleared Cycle Relay through 1st Div. – data as follows
T.O. 0745 – cc out Great Yarmouth – 0825 hrs.
at 10,000 ft. going out to 55°03' N – 03°00' E
Pilot Elgin A/T WOHL – A/T RATING "2" – P/O #061

0735 A/c 658 May. Chalfant called in requesting an emergency landing. He said he had feathered #3 engine and Both he & Co-pilot were almost blind. A/c made one pass at field and missed, A/c went around and was talked into a landing. A/c told to turn off P/W at second intersection and stop. Crash Crew & Ambulance standing by at

point. Smoke Bomb had gone off in ship. Ordnance Office had been notified. Cycle Relay ship held up until it was verified that it was in no danger of exploding.

0750/55 7 immure called about 4 men bailing out. They were picked up by this medics 2 O.K. and 2 shaken up. Div. & Sqn. notified. To be sent to pick up 4 crew members.

0810 Explosion heard could not do anything because we were tied up with Dive Bomber

0830 Div. notified of explosion - smoke noticed between us & Kimbolton Each crew to investigate

0930 R/w changed to 18 Yds S. radium lights put up on that R/w

1200 On duty Lt-Sibley & Lt Klein.

14:45 R/w changed ~~to~~ R/w 24

16:00 Formation landed.

15:45 368-D landed at Lavenham 2 engines out, crew O.K.

16:30 R/w changed to 18.

16:45 Red to division.

1730 P-47 phoned to us from Bofted returned to Bofted & will not come here.

18:40 Change R/w to 36

18:45 Yellow from Met. & to division

20:35 Alerted.

20:45 Red to ops & Division.

2055 Podington contacted us on R/T informing us that they are isolated, have no communication other R/T on our station frequency. Passed following messages:

#1 "Have teletype give us a call". This was done.

#2. Inform combat wing hqs that we (Pod) are sending over a courier. Combat wing notified.

Podington is standing by on 5555. We are to give them a call every fifteen minutes.

21:00 Fired 2 mortar shells & 2 rockets to aid ship

2250 Following message passed to Podington
Under heading "C" 10 item 62
Under heading "X" # 1 maximum.
2350 Podington landed lost A/C, division notified