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Place.	Date.	Time.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices
DYCE.	1.1.41.		<p><u>Weather.</u> Sky variable throughout day with frequent showers of snow especially in early morning. <u>Visibility</u> 12/20 miles but falling rapidly to 2000/4000 yards in snow showers, 100 yards in heavier showers. <u>Cloud</u> variable 3/10 - 7/10 at 2500 feet but 10/10 in showers. <u>Wind</u> N.N.W. 10/15 m.p.h.</p> <p>No operational flying owing to weather conditions.</p> <p>565666 SGT. C.F. ROSE, D.F.M. & 527111 SGT. F.D. MOTTRAM mentioned in despatches by the Air Officer Commanding (G.R.O. 15.1.41).</p>	
	2.1.41.		<p><u>Weather.</u> Fine early morning becoming cloudy with a period of almost continuous snow lifting till about 1030 hours. Fair to fine rest of day, but fog at 1800 hours and severe frost in evening. <u>Visibility</u> mainly 2/4 miles but 1000 yards in snow in morning and 500 yards for a time in fog in evening. <u>Cloud</u> 9/10 - 10/10 at 1000/3000 feet in morning decreasing in afternoon to 3/10 - 5/10 at 4000 feet becoming nil later. <u>Wind</u> light and variable, less than 5 m.p.h.</p> <p>One sortie of two A/C. provided protective cover to one Convoy.</p> <p>One BLENHEIM flew to ARBROATH and returned same day.</p> <p>One A/C. on local flying test.</p>	

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DYCE.	3.1.41.		<p><u>Weather.</u> Fine throughout day with slight mist in morning and severe frost.</p> <p><u>Visibility.</u> 2/4 miles early improving to 30 miles during day falling to 6/10 miles in evening. <u>Cloud</u> small amounts above 2000 feet but some high cloud. <u>Wind</u> calm early morning, becoming S.W. - W.S.W. 10 m.p.h. during rest of day.</p> <p>No operational flying.</p> <p>Two crews carried out local flying training.</p>	
	4.1.41.		<p><u>Weather.</u> Fine to fair with keen frost all day and slight mist early. <u>Visibility</u> 4 miles early; 10/12 miles during day; 8 miles at night. <u>Cloud</u> small amounts of low cloud till mid-day then no low for rest of period; some high cloud remaining during afternoon; cloudless at night; cloud height during forenoon 2500/3500 feet. <u>Wind</u> S.W.'ly 10 m.p.h. early backing to S.S.W. - S. and rising to 30/5 m.p.h. during evening and night; moderating late night to 10 m.p.h. from S. - gusty during afternoon.</p> <p>One sortie of two A/C. on Protective Patrol DYCE - FLAMBOROUGH HEAD in morning.</p> <p>One sortie of two A/C. left to provide Close Fighter Escort to one convoy in evening. One of these A/C. had to return to base after half an hour owing to engine trouble.</p> <p>Two A/C. carried out Co-operation with A.A. Guns.</p> <p>One A/C. on local flying test.</p>	
	5.1.41.		<p><u>Weather.</u> Fine and practically cloudless throughout whole period, with keen frost.</p> <p><u>Visibility</u> 8 miles, gradually deteriorating to 3000 yards forenoon and afternoon; about 3 miles at night. <u>Cloud</u> traces of high cloud at times; no low cloud at any time. <u>Wind</u> between S.S.E. and S.S.W. 10/15 m.p.h. gusty at times, early morning.</p>	

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gusty at times, early morning.

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DYCE.			Two A/C were ordered to provide Protective Cover to one Convoy in morning but shortly after crossing coast received instructions to return to base. One A/C co-operated with A.A. Defences.	
	6.1.41.		<u>Weather.</u> Cloudy with occasional rain and drizzle, cloud 7 - 10/10 at 2000-3000 feet falling to 600-1000 feet in rain. <u>Visibility</u> 10-15 miles falling to 2-4000 yards later in day in rain and drizzle. <u>Wind</u> S. to S.W. moderate to fresh. One sortie of two A/C provided protective Close Cover to one Convoy in afternoon and one A/C provided Close Cover to another convoy. Six A/C of "B" Flight proceeded to SUMBURGH - 1st Air Party of Squadron move.	
	7.1.41		<u>Weather.</u> Cloudy with drizzle in early morning becoming fair and fine later. Cloud 8-9/10 at 800-1000 feet in morning breaking to 1-3/10ths later. <u>Visibility</u> 2000 yards in morning improving later to 6-12 miles. <u>Wind</u> S.W. Light to Moderate veering to N. later. No operational flying. One A/C on Air Tests. Main party of 254 Squadron with P/O. ^B EAL in charge left ABERDEEN by sea for SUMBURGH.	
SUMBURGH	8.1.41.		<u>Weather.</u> Fair, variable cloud 3 to 4000 feet. <u>Visibility</u> 6-12 miles. <u>Wind</u> N. to N.N.E. Light.	

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Place.	Date.	Time.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
			<p>One sortie of one A/C to search area MUCKLE FLUCCA and identify and secure safety of M.V.</p> <p>One sortie of one A/C to search area N.E. of ORKNEYS to identify and secure safety of M.V.</p> <p>One A/C on local Air Test.</p> <p>One A/C on R.D.F. Test.</p> <p>Three A/C of "B" Flight and eight A/C of "A" Flight arrived at SUMBURGH from DYCE (2nd Air Party).</p> <p>Main party of 254 Squadron arrived at SUMBURGH.</p>	
SUMBURGH.	9.1.41.		<p><u>Weather.</u> Mainly cloudy with occasional rain in afternoon. <u>Cloud</u> 6-10/10 at 1500 to 2500 feet. <u>Visibility</u> 6-12 miles. <u>Wind</u> W. to N.W. Light.</p> <p>One sortie of two Aircraft on Shipping Recco SANDO/STADLANDET (NORTH STAB) and one sortie of two A/C on Shipping Recco BERGEN/SANDO (SOUTH STAB). A/C R. & P. (SGT. C.F. ROSE & SGT. A. JACQUES) on SOUTH STAB Machine Gunned a M.V. of 800 tons. No damage seen.</p> <p>One A/C on R.D.F. test.</p>	
	10.1.41		<p><u>Weather.</u> Fair with occasional showers, variable cloud. <u>Visibility</u> 6-12 miles. <u>Wind</u> N.W. Moderate.</p> <p>No Operational Flying.</p> <p>3 A/C co-operated with A.A. Defences.</p> <p>1 A/C flew to DYCE.</p>	
	11.1.41		<p><u>Weather.</u> Cloudy 8-10/10 at 1500-3000 feet. <u>Visibility</u> 4-12 miles. <u>Wind</u> N. light.</p> <p>No operational flying.</p> <p>Two A/C flew to SKAYBRAE and returned same day.</p>	

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No operational flying.

Two A/C flew to SKAYBRAE and returned same day.

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SUMBURGH.	12.1.41.		<p><u>Weather.</u> Cloudy with frequent showers. <u>Cloud</u> 6-10/10. 900-2000 feet.</p> <p><u>Visibility</u> 6-12 miles. <u>Wind</u> N.W. Light</p> <p>One sortie of two A/C on Shipping Recco SANDO → STADLANDET. (NORTH STAB.) and one sortie of two A/C on Shipping Recco BERGEN - SANDO (SOUTH STAB). A/C B & J (P/O. K. ILLINGWORTH, D.F.C. & P/O. G.D. SISE) Machine Gunned and bombed M.V. of 4000 tons Blue Black smoke seen coming from stern. M.V. did not return fire. B. & J/254 were then attacked by two M.E.109's and took evasive action in cloud and returned to base. One A/C ordered to search for E/A. believed shot down in sea off SHETLANDS by HURRICANES of No. 3 SQUADRON. No trace seen of E/A. or crew. Three A/C carried out local Air Tests. One A/C from DYCE.</p>	
	13.1.41		<p><u>Weather.</u> Cloudy with rain in forenoon. <u>Cloud</u> 6-10/10 at 900 to 2000 feet.</p> <p><u>Visibility</u> 12 miles and 4 miles in rain. <u>Wind</u> W. veering to N.N.E. Light to Moderate.</p> <p>No operational flying.</p>	
	14.1.41.		<p><u>Weather.</u> Cloudy with periods of snow. <u>Cloud</u> 7-10/10 at 300-900 feet. <u>Visibility</u> 8 to 12 miles falling to 1000 to 2000 yards in snow. <u>Wind</u> N. to N.E. Light to Moderate.</p> <p>No Operational Flying.</p> <p>One A/C on Wather Test.</p> <p>One A/C on Local Air Tests.</p>	

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SUMNURGH.	15.1.41.		<p><u>Weather.</u> Fair with occasional snow showers, variable cloud 1000 to 2000 feet.</p> <p>Severe frost. <u>Visibility</u> 10 to 20 miles. <u>Wind</u> N. to N.E. Moderate to fresh.</p> <p>No operational flying.</p> <p>One A/C on Local Air Test.</p>	
	16.1.41.		<p><u>Weather.</u> Cloudy with periods of snow. <u>Cloud</u> 8-10/10 at 800-1500 feet falling to 400 feet in snow. <u>Visibility</u> 6 - 10 miles falling to 1 to 3000 yards in snow. <u>Wind</u> N. Moderate to fresh and squally.</p> <p>No operational flying.</p>	
	17.1.41.		<p><u>Weather.</u> Cloudy, frequent snow showers, severe frost. <u>Cloud</u> 6-10/10ths 900 to 1500 feet. <u>Visibility</u> 6 - 12 miles falling to 2000 yards in snow.</p> <p><u>Wind</u> N. light to Moderate, Squally.</p> <p>No operational flying.</p>	
	18.1.41.		<p><u>Weather.</u> Cloudy and frequent snow showers, severe frost. <u>Cloud</u> mainly 8-10/10 at 800-1200 feet falling to 100-300 feet in snow. <u>Visibility</u> 4 - 8 miles falling to 2-4000 yards in snow. <u>Wind</u> N. to N.E. strong and squally.</p> <p>No operational flying.</p>	
	19.1.41.		<p><u>Weather.</u> Mainly fair, cloud variable at 2-4000 feet. <u>Visibility</u> 15 to 20 miles</p> <p><u>Wind</u> E. to S.E. light to Moderate.</p> <p>4 A/C to WICK and return on same day.</p> <p>2 A/C on local Flying Tests.</p> <p>4 new ELENHEIM VI received by Squadron. These A/C were not operationally equipped.</p>	

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SUMBURGH.	20.1.41.		<p><u>Weather.</u> Mainly fair with occasional snow showers, variable cloud at 1500 to 2500 feet. <u>Visibility</u> 12 to 20 miles. <u>Wind</u> N.W. to N. Light.</p> <p>One A/C. on shipping Recco STADLANDET - TRONDHJEM (TROST).</p> <p>Two A/C. on Shipping Recco SANDO - STADLANDET and two A/C. on shipping Recco BERGEN - SANDO. Nothing seen by any of these A/C.</p> <p>4 crews carried out W/T. training.</p> <p>1 A/C on R.D.F. Test.</p> <p>P/O. K.I. MACKENZIE (G.D.) (42140) promoted to Flying Officer w.e.f. 6.11.40.</p> <p>P/O. K. ILLINGWORTH (G.D.) (41708) promoted to Flying Officer w.e.f. 6.12.40.</p>	
	21.1.41.		<p><u>Weather.</u> Mainly cloudy with frequent snow showers. cloud 7 to 10/10ths at 1200 to 2000 feet. <u>Visibility</u> 10 to 20 miles. <u>Wind</u> E. to S.E. Light increasing to gale force in evening.</p> <p>One sortie of 2 A/C on shipping Recco BERGEN - SANDO (SOUTH STAB).</p> <p>One sortie of 2 A/C on shipping Recco SANDO - STADLANDET (NORTH STAB).</p> <p>Nothing seen.</p> <p>5 crews carried out W/T. training.</p>	
	22.1.41.		<p><u>Weather.</u> Cloudy with sleet in evening. <u>Cloud</u> 10/10 at 800 to 1800 feet. <u>Visibility</u> 6 to 12 miles. <u>Wind</u> Easterly Squally Gale force.</p> <p>No operational flying.</p>	
	23.1.41.		<p><u>Weather.</u> Cloudy with snow showers in early morning. <u>Cloud</u> 10/10ths to 1500 to 2500 feet. <u>Visibility</u> 10 - 20 miles. <u>Wind</u> N.E. to E. strong & squally.</p>	

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SUMBURGH			<p>One sortie of 2 A/C on Shipping Recco SANDO - STADLANDET (N. STAB).</p> <p>A/C S. & R. (P/O. H.M.P. ASHEY & SGT. L. LARKIN) when returning from N. STAB sighted and attacked an H.E.111. E/A chased for 35 miles eastward and rear gunner believed hit. Our A/C returned to base undamaged.</p> <p>One sortie of 2 A/C on Shipping Recco BERGEN - SANDO (S. STAB). Pilots of both A/C sighted M.E.109's over NORGE COAST dived to 1000 feet and returned to base.</p> <p>1 A/C to HATSTON, WICK and return same day.</p> <p>1 A/C on Drogue towing test</p>	
	24.1.41.		<p><u>Weather.</u> Overcast with continuous rain and sleet cloud mainly 10/10ths at 400-1000 feet. <u>Visibility</u> 2 to 6 miles. <u>Wind</u> N.E. to E. moderate to fresh.</p> <p>One A/C on shipping Recco SANDO - STADLANDET (N. STAB).</p> <p>One A/C on Shipping Recco BERGEN @ SANDO (S. STAB).</p> <p>Three sorties of two A/C provided Fighter Escort for two Naval Forces awaiting 5 NORWEGIAN M.V.'s.</p> <p>A/C 'B' & 'A' (P/O. K. ILLINGWORTH D.F.C. AND P/O. G.D. SISE) whilst on patrol sighted and attacked one H.E.111, two M.E.110's which were shadowing convoy and one H.E.115 returning from patrol. H.E.111 believed damaged by A/C B/254 and A/C A/254 scored direct hits behind cockpit of one M.E.110. Both our A/C landed safely at DYCE. A/C 'A' was slightly damaged in Pilot's Windscreen, rear gunner's turret and bomb aiming panel.</p> <p>A signal was received from the A.O.C. 18 Group congratulating all Squadrons engaged in this operation.</p> <p>One A/C on Air Test.</p>	
	25.1.41.		<p><u>Weather.</u> Mainly cloudy with occasional snow showers. <u>Cloud</u> 6 - 10/10ths at 900 - 1800 feet. <u>Visibility</u> 10 - 15 miles, 4000 yards in snow. <u>Wind</u> E. to S.E. Moderate.</p>	

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One A/C on Air Test.

Weather. Mainly cloudy with occasional snow showers. Cloud 6 - 10/10ths at 900 - 1800 feet. Visibility 10 - 15 miles, 4000 yards in snow. Wind E. to S.E. Moderate.

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			No operational flying. 2 A/C to DYCE (M & W). 2 A/C from WICK (C & F). 2 A/C from DYCE (A & B). SGT. F.D. MOTTRAM attached to No. 2 C.O.T.U. CATFOSS as instructed.	
SUMBURGH.	26.1.41		<u>Weather.</u> Mainly cloudy. <u>Cloud</u> 7 - 10/10 at 2500 - 3000 feet. <u>Visibility</u> 12 - 20 miles. <u>Wind</u> E. to S.E. Moderate. One sortie of 2 A/C on Shipping Recco BERGEN - SANDO (S. STAB). One sortie of 2 A/C on Shipping Recco SANDO - STADLANDET (N. STAB). One A/C on Shipping Recco STADLANDET - TRONDHJEM (TROST). A/C 'P' & 'J/254 (SGT. G.D. MACE & SGT. R. STRINGER) machine gunned and bombed 2000 ton M.V. No results seen owing to bad visibility. 3 crews on W/T training. One A/C left for DYCE but landed LOSSIEMOUTH and proceeded later in evening.	
	27.1.41		<u>Weather.</u> Fair with occasional snow showers becoming overcast in afternoon. <u>Cloud</u> variable 1200 to 2000 feet increasing 9 to 10/10 in afternoon. <u>Visibility</u> 12 to 20 miles. <u>Wind</u> S.E. to S. Fresh to Strong. One A/C on Shipping Recco STADLANDET - TRONDHJEM (TROST) Nothing seen.	
	28.1.41		<u>Weather.</u> Cloudy 7 to 10/10ths at 1600 to 2200 feet. <u>Visibility</u> 12 miles. <u>Wind</u> S.S.E. Strong and Squally.	

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			<p>One A/C on Shipping Recco BERGEN - SANDO (S. STAB).</p> <p>One A/C on Shipping Recco SANDO - STADLANDET (N. STAB).</p> <p>One A/C on Shipping Recco STADLANDET - TRONDHJEM (TROST).</p> <p>One crew carried out training exercise No. 1.</p> <p>One A/C co-operated with A.A. Defences.</p>	
SUMBURGH.	29.1.41		<p><u>Weather.</u> Overcast with continuous sleet. <u>Cloud</u> 10/10 at 1000 to 1500 feet.</p> <p><u>Visibility</u> 4 to 6 miles. <u>Wind</u> S.S.E. Strong and squally.</p> <p>No operational flying owing to weather.</p> <p>P/O. S.T. BEAL (G.D.) 41654 promoted to Flying Officer w.e.f. 6.11.40.</p>	
	30.1.41		<p><u>Weather.</u> Dull. <u>Cloud</u> 10/10 at 1000 to 2000 feet. <u>Visibility</u> 6 to 12 miles.</p> <p><u>Wind</u> South, Strong & squally.</p> <p>One A/C on Shipping Recco of TRONDHJEM HARBOUR.</p> <p>One A/C on Shipping Recco of STAVANGER HARBOUR.</p> <p>Patrols not completed owing to weather conditions and nothing seen.</p> <p>P/O. R.E. SELLERS, V.R. (84480) Squadron Intelligence Officer promoted to Acting Flying Officer w.e.f. 1.1.41.</p> <p>Chief Cypher Officer, No. 18 Group (Mr. Balfour-Kinnear) visited unit and inspected Secret and Confidential Publications.</p>	
	31.1.41		<p><u>Weather.</u> Overcast with periods of rain and hail. <u>Cloud</u> 10/10 at 900 to 1400 feet</p> <p><u>Visibility</u> 4 to 6 miles. <u>Wind</u> South, Fresh & squally.</p> <p>One A/C on Shipping Recco BERGEN - SANDO (S. STAB).</p> <p>One A/C on Shipping Recco SANDO - STADLANDET (N. STAB).</p> <p>Two sorties of two A/C as Fighter Escort to St. ROGNAYALD but failed to locate ship.</p> <p>Four A/C carried out training Exercise No. 1.</p>	

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