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## OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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...605 Squadron.

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Place.	Date.	Time.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices
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NICK.	1.5.4	0.	Weather milder and dull, no operations. Grave news of the withdrawal of the B.E.W.F	
			From LERBOSS which fighter Units are covering when convoys come within range. NARVICK	
			tokes bor aithurambould be a para sanion chart arrandome t, dermany rather a trans-	
TICK.	2.5.4	0.	Arrangements completed with H.Q.F.C. for Maintainance Party to operate GRANGEMOUTH,	
			Quite impossible to do major inspections at this station with present facilities	DEBE.
	100 total		available. Weather much improved, glorious sunshine.	
WICK.	3,5,4	0.	Weather perfect, Cloudless sky. Nothing to report.	
WICK.	4.5.4	0.	Weather perfect. Cloudless sky. Nothing to report.	1000
WICK.	5.5.4	0.	Weather fair in morning, turned to heavy rain at night. Nothing to report.	
WICK.	6.5.4	0.	Nothing to report. Wind westerly. Weather fair.	
WICK.	7,554	0.	Weather dull and raining. Nothing to report.	
WICK.	8.5.4	0	Meather improved and warm. Nothing to report.	
WICK.	9.5.4	v.	P/o. Edge and F/o. Austin, Red 2 and F/o. Hope Red3 whilst carrying out exercises of	er
			Dunet Head were ordered by the Controller to investigate suspicious aircraft approach	ing
		130	serodrome from N.W. Red 2 first sighted it approaching serodrome and on investigation	m.
	-	-	identified it as Dornier 17. Red 1 on sighting machine, approached within 50 yards	
	HOUSE V		to ensure the sircraft to be enemy., on being fired upon, opened a stern attack as	
		399	sireraft entered cloud, broke away to be followed by Hed 2. Firing 800 rounds both	
	8.		sircraft were covered with oil from damaged chemy sircraft. Red 1 made second attack	
		1	whilst Red 2 went below cloud on anticipation of a decaent. Red 1 notified Red 2 that	
	C. C. C. C.		the enemy was out of action. Pollowing his second attack in cloud expending 2,000 r	ounds.
and the	aco.eo	CODHE	One sirman descended by parachute - sircraft crashed and burst into flames thrown up	
	-		to a height of about 150 ft. High speed launch rescued a German W.O. who had died thr	ough
	Term-	Time	strengulation. No. 43 Squadron shot down similar machine approximately same time 12.	00 hrs,

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Place.	Date. Time.	Summary of Events.
WICK.	9.5.40. Conto	about 10 miles N.E. of our sircreft.  The long awaited invasion of Holland and Belgium by Germany commenced at 05,00 hrs.
		combined with bombing of French towns, Brussels and Antwerp. Presumably the R.A.F. will commence bombing of German towns. Weather cold and gusty wind. Nothing to report. All Officers and Airmen recalled from leave.
WICK.	11.5.40.	Weather fair and gusty. The appointment of Winston Churchill as Prine Winister will be
	3.915	New Squadron states 5 flights at readiness for an hour before dawn, and also same applies for an hour after sunset. A great strain on Pidots and personnel as a nightsirest will
	8.8.40.	now consist of a little over 4 hra with the short hours of darkness.
WICK.	12,5,40.	It will be interesting to note that the reaction and effect to the country of the
	A STATE OF THE STA	appointment of Anthony Eden and Archibald Sinclair as Ministers for War and Air
		respectively. Coalition Government will strengthen the hands of all concerned and
es-	4.2.4	beneficial results should be shown. An air - raid warning at 12.15 hrs. Nothing materialized
DIE.	2,5,45.	Weather cold and dull.
WICK.	13.5.40.	Weather warmer, heavy clouds and rain about 15.00 hrs. 111 Squadron ordered to NORTHOLT immediately, the last eigereft had gone by 17.00 hrs. Quick work. Nothing else to report.
WICK.	14.5.40.	Weather dull and Damp. Nothing to upset Squadron taking over Dispersal Point utilised
		by 111 Squadron. Should be a more satisfactory arrangement. Germany making a tremendous
		push in Belgium and Holland. The develo pments of the next few days will doubtless
	******	indicate the duration of the war, which will be extensive and at great cost to this Country.
WICK.	15.5.40.	Capitulation of Holland and the eve of first major battle of the war east of
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Place.	Date.	Time.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
			Brussels. Weather improved, sunshine most of the Day. Rumour during the Afternoon	
WICK.	16.5.40.		that a Heinkel 111 crossed serodrome. Not confirmed at time of entry.  Weather fine, cold wind, At 14.00 hours instructions were received from 15 Group for four Filots to stand by for posting to France. Selected : B/O. Hillocat, A.A.F.  B/O. Hawken, B/O. Carter. and Sgt, Lewis. R.A.F. Left by Amen sirerait, at 16.45.	hrs
ed mon-			for Dice, reporting Kings Cross for instructions 07.80, has tomorrow. Similar instructions to 43 Samadron. In other respects, nothing to report.	
WICK.	17.5.40	0.	Weather warm and fine. Nothing to report.	
WICK.	18.5.40		Weather perfect and warm. Nothing to report. Hight flying practise.	
WICK.	20.5.40	0.	Weather perfect and warm. Nothing to report. Might flying practise.	
WICK .	22.5.4	0.	12.30. hrd. Squadron to move immediately to Hawkings. First machine away by 15.00 in the state of the state o	IFS.
WENT TO S	2,5,40.		72.20 "offer of strateft Left at Od. to, her to residence with the posite pointres.	
HATTINGS.	22,5,40	0.	Squadron called to readiness at 04.50. Patrolled Calais, Boulogne, and 20 miles aweep in land. Oil tenker burning off Boulogne. Landed at 08.3 0. hrs.No enemy sircraft seen. Second Patrol, 11.15. hrs., 5 miles S.E. to 5 miles S.W. of Arras, during which Red section were attacked by 6 Messerschmitt 109, resulting in the loss of F/O. Austin and Sgt. Moffatt, although a crash was not witnessed. Yellow section attacked 5 Heinkel 111's during which F/O. Gurrant 's aircraft was shot through the oil system., forced landed and burnt his aircraft, returning to his Unit 24hrs. later with a broken nose. F/O. Wright intercepted 2 Heinkel 111's,	
	Dinne 1	-	glycol was seen to stream from the engine - since nothing has been heard or seen	



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1 53	-		of this Officer. Enemy Aircraft accounted for, 4 Heinkels 111, 3 conclusive,	
		178	1 inconclusive. At 11.30, 8 sircraft of t his Unit and 3 sircraft 79, forming	
HAWKINGE.		8.19	composite Squadren, escorting two Squadrens Blenheims bombing Arras area, on	
			completion to patrol Abberviell, Doulens, Arras. During Patrol heavy A.A. and Flak fire was encoutered. F/it. Leeson did not return to Hawkings, and it is feared	
			that his aircraft was badly damaged by this fire.	
HAWKINGE.	23.5.4	0.	Two patrols. 6 sircraft left at 04.50. hrs to rondezvous with composite Squadron	
			253/220 to patrol Courtrai, Tournai- Lille. No. enemy sircraft activity on return	1
			journey.  Investigated two large fires on banks of the denal 4 miles North of Ghent. All!	
HAWKINGE.	24.5.	10.	siroraft returned 6 siroraft formed composite Squadron with 255/229 to carry out	
	10.5	-	high offensive patrol to destroy enemy fighters. Beat Le Touquet, St. Cmer, Calsis,	
	1000	10. 0	09.00 hrs -10.00 hrs. Patrol 12.000 - 16.000 ft. Abbavalle - Bethune, Hayebrook,	
			Dunkirk - Ostend returning to Hawkinge 10.45. hrs. No enemy sircraft sighted - burs	te
	THE R	1	of A.A. and heavy Flak fire, all sircraft returned safely,	
HAWKINGE.	25.5.	40.	6 arcraft took edf at 05.54. hrs to rondezvous over Hawkinge with 11 sirgraft 17	
HA HAZINGE			Squedron forming composite flight Squedron6 605/17. Escorting & Blenheims reconnsis	ence
	17.98		at Gravelines later to proceed on patrol Menin - Tournai - Courtrai for I hour	
			betweening Hawkings, After covering Blenheims for 20 minutes, composite Squadron	The state of
	No.		natrolled "A" Flight at 15,000 ft., "B" Flight at 8,000 ft so as to clear reconnal	sance
		120	leaving "A" Flight in the sun. No enemy sircreft encountered except by Wellow 3. P/O. Muirhead who saw two Henschel 126 at 10,000 ft. attacked and shot one down	
			definitely. Squadron recontacted Blanheims near Fravelines, no enemy sireraft about	1
	100	1000	returned Hawkings 07.25 hrs. Heavy A.A. Pire at 06.30. after leaving Fravelines	T BENDE
	9000	100	bursting 13/15,000 ft Fire thought to be British or French, because it gave ou	NA COL
		1	black and white puffs. A composite Squadron of 605/17/79 of which 6 aircraft from	his

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Place.	Date. Time.	Summary of Eventa,	References to Appendices
HAWKINGE.	25.5.40. 00	ontd. Unit, 12 from 17, and 3 from 79, left Hawkinge 11.10. hours, covering Bombers	
		over Calsis, then to patrol Courtrei - Hezebrook - Dunkirk for 1 hour, - patrol not	
		carried because Squadron met formations of Junkers 87's between Bast of Calais and	
		Orayelines which were attacked - a dog faght ensued and also met a further formation	
		of Junkers 87's as they were proceeding to dive bomb shipping off Gravelines. Two	
		Junkers 87 were shot down out of the first encounter by P/C. Edge and F/C. Muirhead	
		both conclusive, one inconclusive by P/O. Cooper-Slipper. Of the second formation	
		encounter one by P/O. Muirhead, conclusive, and two inconclusive by F/O. Danielson	
		and F/O. Edge respectively. All six sircraft returned to base at 11.40. Result 3	
		conclusive and 5 inconclusive - weather warm, visibility moderate.	
HAWKINGE.	26.5.40.	Approximately 00.01. hrs. the Raid slarm, heavy A.A. fire from the direction of	
		Dover. An aircraft caught in the beams of searchlights was destroyed. Personnel	
		bailing out and seen in the searchlights were suspected of being parachute troops. A	
		warning was given and necessary action taken for the preservation of the camp. The	
		all clear signal was not given until 02.30 hrs. A composite Squadron of 32/242/605	. HERE
		of which there were 9 sircreft from the Unit, made a rendevous with 18 Blenheims over	
		Bay at 07.00 hrs. Pighters prviding escort for Bombers, raiding near Henin - Escort	
		satisfactoraly completed, no sircraft sighted, returned to base 08.25. hrs. Heavy	
		A.A. fire encoutered to 8,000 ft. from south and south-west Courtrai and light Flak	
		in layers between 3/4,000 ft. around Wevelghem seradrome 3.W. Courtrai. At 13.10	
	2 444	composite Squadron of 32/605 - 9 sircraft from this Unit rendevous over seredrome	
		went on patrol, Calais - Dunkirk to give protection to troops, cruiser and Swordfish	
		potters at Calais and ammunition at Dunkirk - at the latter the harbour was burning	
-		fiercely, smoke rising up to 4,000 ft. A formation of 4 or 5 Junkers 88 encoutered	ariante de

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HAWKINGE.	26.5.	40.	over Dunkirk shout to dive bomb the harbour, they made good use of the smoke and	
	-		cloud - the latter at 5,000 ft one was shot down in the sea 5 miles N.E. Dunkirk	
			by Red 2 P/02 Cooper- Slipper, conclusive Remainder of Squadron attacked after	
	S 5.4		Junkers 88 - R. 3. firing 290 rounds into one, being hit in the fuselage and smith	
			large cloud of black smoke Red 1. put two bursts of 5 & 3 seconds respectively in his sirereft killing the resr gunner. Eight sirereft 605 returned base at 14.50. P/O	0
			I. J. Muirhead missing. A hurricane was seen to go into two turns of a spin at 6,000 miles north of Dunkirk over the sea. It is considered that P/O. Mairhead's machine	t.,
1			ess brought down by A.A. fire, possibly friendly, as write and black paffs were noted sausities: one enemy and P/O. Muirhead. Weather fair 10/10 cloud most of the day with	
		-	ecesional rain and drizzle.	
HANKINGE.	27.5.4	0.	Weather perfect. Late 00. Wing Commander Lord Willoughby de Broke visited the Squadr Everybody glad to see him again. A composite Squadren 605/17 left base at 08.27 hrs. to escort 12 Blankeims proceeding raid Courtral ares - on completion of escort to	
			estrol area Roullers - Courtrel - Asmetler - The Blenblams for reasons best known to	- SERTON
			rilots set a peculiar course, Vectoring frequently - in consequence the machines spling into two lots of 5 & 4 respectively, the remainder travelling singly, resulting in ineffective protection from fighters. 2 machines and a section of 5 from the Unit	
			escorted the two sections of Blenhiems into target. On return the bombers were so split up that escorting was impossible, excepting for one section of three which	
		P	he Squadron escorted back to the Coast, just east of Dunkirk Proceeding towards atrol area the Squadron encountered six Dornier 17 5 miles S.E. of Dunkirk, which are engaged until ammunition was expended. Four aircraft returned to base 10.15.	
1010	press	0.00	/O. Forbes missing and last seen near POPPERINGE prior to engaging Dornier 17.	
			Enemy casualty indefinite. Eight sircraft 605 and 6 sircraft 17 Squadron left Hawking 14.40. to patrol Furnes - St. Omer. Composite Squadron crossing coast east of Dunkir	



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Place.	Date.	Time.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices
HAWKINGE.	27.5	40.	Contd. 17 leading this unit covering and turned towards St. Omer encountering	
			immediately 6 Dornier 17 S. E. DUNKIRK, heading DUNKIRK. Yellow 1 (F/O. Danielson)	
			followed by Yellow 4 attacked 3 Dornier 17 and Red 1 (S/IDR. Perry.) followed by Red Section attacked other 3 Dorniers. During encounter Yellow 4 saw 1 Dornier shot down by Leader 17 Squadron. After encounter, ammunition mainly expended and on	
			breakaway encountered (605) 15 Messerschmitt's 109 five miles S.W. Dunkirk which	
			they evaded in clouds and on emerging, formed 2 formations of 5 & 7 Messerschmitt's 109's which were likewise evaded in clouds. Six of 606 returned to base 15.55.	
			S/Idr. Perry, F/O. Denielson missing - Pilots consider losses entirely due to small	
			numbers of our formations as compared to the enemy and in consequence loss of protection.	
HAW KINGE.	28.5.4	10.	Signal received at 05.00 hours posting the Unit to DREM for Squadron to reform. An advance party of 50 left by, air at 17.00 hours. Main Party in a special train at	
			20.00 hours arriving next morning. No. 254 releiving this Unit at AHWKINGE. Air	
			Party left at 15.00 hours lended at SHAWBURY unable proceed further as 100 octains fuel unavailable.	
HAWKINGE.	29.5.4	0.	Rear Party at HAWKINGE. Aircraft grounded at SHAWBURY due to bad weather. P/O. Passes sick at SHAWBURY, a possibility of his illness being serious. Rear Party left HAWKINGE 18.00 hours. P/O'S Humphries and Dini and Sgt. Rells posted from 607.	y
DREM.	30.5.	40.	Aircraft arrived during the forenoon, consisting of 7 Pilots. P/O. Passey left at SHAWBURY. Sgt. Ralls made a forced landing near SELKIRK siroraft turned on its ba	ok,
			Pilot bedly burned and shaken.	
DREW.	31.5.	40.	P/O. Dini when taking off an aircraft from HAWKINGE for reasons at present unknown endeavoured to force land.Aircraft when a few feat above road turned on its back	





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HAN KINGE.	28.5.	40.	Signal received at 05.00 hours posting the Unit to DNIM for Squadron to refers. An advance party of 50 left by, air at 17.00 hours. Main Party in a special train at 20.00 hours arriving next morning. No. 254 releaving this Dnit at ANNINES. Air	
	700	1/4	Party left at 15.00 hours landed at SHAWBURY unable proceed further as 100 octains fuel unavailable.	
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DREM.	31.5.4	o. cor	d. and dived into road. Pilot instantly killed, the few remaining pilots in the	Unit
			scattered all over the Country collecting aircraft.	
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