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References Summary of Events Appendices Time Date Place 1942. LG.09. OPERATIONS. May 1st. EGYPT. Nothing to report. OPERATIONS - SHIPPING AT BENGHAZI. May 2nd. On the night 2/3rd May, twelve aircraft were detailed fo r operations, the primary target being shipping in the harbour at BENGHAZI. No.231 Wing's Form B.19 dated 1st May 1942 refers. (Appendix C1) All the aircraft took off as ordered. Two machines however, captains P/O. Burrough and F/Sgt. Wickens, were forced to abandon their task owing to engine and electrical trouble respectively. P/O. Burrough jettisoned his bombs before returning to base, but F/Sgt. Wickens returned with his load. The remaining ten aircraft located and attacked the primary target; the weather conditions were good, although it was slightly hazy over the target area itself. P/O. Allan and W/O. Ellison bombed the Central Mole, the latter observing the bursts of his bombs, but P/O. Allan was prevented from observing any results owing to the dazzle of the searchlights after bombing. Sgt. Raffill and Sgt. Pont attacked three ships lying inside the harbour, but owing to searchlight and flak opposition, no results were observed. P/O. Mains Smith also carried out an attack against the same objective, and claimed a hit or a near miss on one ship. Sgt. Temple made two runs over the target, and then attacked a medium sized ship in the harbour; a cloud of smoke around this ship attracted his attention before bombing, and as a result of his attack, the bombs were believed to have straddled their objective. Sgt. Flumstoad attacked the area of the Outer Mole, and although the bursts were observed, no further effects were seen. S/Ldr. Macfarlane, P/O. Birminghem and Sgt. Mott attacked shipping and harbour installations, but no effective results were seen.

The opposition was very heavy indeed, the heavy flak being particularly intense and accurate. There was a maximum of twenty four searchlights in operation, and these were very effective.

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EGYPT.	May 3r	d	OPERATIONS.	
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			hards were followed to have compilled that replaced to . It is misely related to the of the	
	May 4t	h.	OPERATIONS - SHIPPING AT BENGHAZI.	
			Twelve aircraft were originally detailed for operations, but this order was later amended, and	
			only six aircraft were called upon to operate against shipping in BENGHAZI Harbour.	
	1		En route to the target, however, one machine, captain Sgt. Plumstead, developed engine trouble,	
		Description (Co.)	and was forced to abandon its task. The aircraft returned with its bombs. P/O. Allan's aircraft	***********
			was very slow, and the captain, fearing that if he attacked the primary target, he would not be	
	-	ļ	able to cross the bomb line before daylight, decided to attack the secondary target at MARTUBA	
	ļ		NO.2. He dropped his bombs in one stick across the landing ground, but apart from the bursts, no	
	-		results were seen. Sgt. Hency reached the vicinity of the target area, but although he searched	
			for well over an hour, he failed to locate the precise target, due to dense low cloud and poor	
			visibility: he returned to base with his bombs. The remaining three aircraft located and attacked	
			BENGHAZI. P/Lt. Halliwell and P/O. Dudley attacked shipping in the harbour, but no effective	GT)
			results were observed. P/O. Watts attacked the base of the Central Mole, but only one bursts was	
			observed.	
	C		At MARTURA, P/O. Allan encountered very little opposition, and this was inaccurate. From	
Nimmer grantium.			BENGHAZI, moderately intense but very accurate heavy flak was reported, coming mainly from the	
			bases of the Outer, Cathedral and Guiliana Moles. The searchlights in operation were effective.	
			The weather for the operation was not good, Frequent violent thunderstorms were encountered en	
76*68*	707	1	route to the target, while over the target area itself, haze and low cloud made observation very	12.1
			difficult.	
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W WWW Looks	May 5	h.	OPERATIONS.	
		1	Nothing to report.	

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	May 7t	h.	OPERATIONS.	
			Nothing to report.	
	May 8t	h.	OPERATIONS - SHIPPING IN BENGHAZI HARBOUR.	
			a the sight s/oth May, twelve aircraft were ordered to attack shipping in BERGHALI HALDOWS	
			20 1 20 00 between 1025 hours and 1952 hours, and flew direct to their target. Inree	
			The aircraft left left between the target area; F/Lt. Hayward and Sgt. Temple and Sgt. Heney aircraft, however, did not reach the target area; F/Lt. Hayward and Sgt. Temple and Sgt. Heney aircraft, the port oil temperature gauge were all forced to abandon their task. On Sgt. Heney's aircraft, the port oil temperature gauge	
			were all forced to abandon their task. On Set. energy all that the gauge was out of	
			broke, and the aircraft returned, as it could not be ascertained whether the gauge was out of broke, and the aircraft returned, as it could not be ascertained whether the gauge was out of order, or whether there was something wrong with the engine. Sgt. Temple experienced engine order, or whether there was something wrong with the engine.	
			order, or whether there was something wrong wrong wrong trouble, and the petrol gauges of F/Lt. Hayward's machine seemed to be registering incorrectly.	
	1	ļ	trouble, and the petrol gauges of 7/10. It. The remaining nine aircraft reached the target area, and carried out attacks as ordered. There	
			have over the target area, and many captains failed to identify any	
			Do Salt both attacked the base of the Central Mole: the bursts	
			but there were no further results. P/O. Downer and Sgt. Plumstead identified the union	
			wracks, HARRY, GEORGE and JOHNNY: they carried out attacks at heights of 11,000 feet and 12,000	
			feet, P/O. Downer observing the bursts of two of his bombs, but owing to the dazzle of	•
			feet, P/O. Downer observing the bursts of two of his tours, but the search sear	ŀ
			dropped faires over the harbour in an attempt to identify shipping: this was not successful, dropped faires over the harbour in an attempt to identify shipping: this was not successful, dropped faires over the harbour in an attempt to identify shipping: this was not successful, dropped faires over the harbour in an attempt to identify shipping: this was not successful, dropped faires over the harbour in an attempt to identify shipping: this was not successful, dropped faires over the harbour in an attempt to identify shipping: this was not successful,	
Muse .	Chara		however. P/O. Salmon saw fires burning between the dropped his bombs in one stick across these, bursts only being observed. Sgt. Bewley attacked the	

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LG.09. EGYPT.	1942. May 8	th.	OPERATIONS. (continued).	S. to P. S. Brook
	9		base of the Guiliana Mole, but without effective result. S/Idr. Macfarlane and P/O. Watts attacked	
			the Outer and Central Moles; as a result of the former's attack, three white explosions were seen	
			in the area up to ten minutes after hombing, which were followed by fires in the town area; P/O.	
			Watts did not observe any effective results. Sgt. Raffill attacked the Cathedral Mole, but without result.	
			The opposition encountered consisted mainly of heavy A.A., this being intense and accurate, and	
			being fired mainly from the base of the Guiliana Mole. One aircraft, captain Sgt. Raffill, had	
			about four square yards of fabric blasted off the starboard wing as a result of this accurate	
			barrage. There were the usual number of searchlights in operation.	
			The weather for the operation was fair, the darkness and the haze over the target area making	
			observation very difficult.	
	May 9	th.	OPERATIONS - SHIPPING IN BENCHAZI HARBOUR.	
	MPA L		On the night 9/10th May, four aircraft were detailed for operations, the primary target being shipping in BENCHAZI Harbour.	
			The aircraft took off between 2000 hours and 2014 hours, and flew direct to their target. It was	
	L 1-1	-	very dark and misty, and P/O. Pilley crossed the coast North of the target, and cruised for an	
			hour, during which time his aircraft must have been over the target, without same being seen.	
			After that time, as the outer petrol tank was not feeding properly, the bombs were dropped near	
	-		ZEIANA. This was seen later, as the BENCHAZI defences opened up at another aircraft. A fire was	
	213		caused which was visible over fifteen minutes later. Sgt. Pout dropped numerous flares over the	
Place	(35 to	2005	harbour in an attempt to identify shipping, but it was to no avail. Instead, he attacked the dock	50
			installations, but no effective results were seen. When F/Lt. Halliwell approached the target area.	
e year been	reg:		he saw flares being dropped over the harbour by another aircraft. These flares attracted intense	
	Shr (gres ri		flak and searchlights, and from these searchlights, he was able to identify the Cuter Mole and one	

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EGYPT.	May 9th		OFERATIONS. (continued).	
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		of the wrecks (GEORGE). He dropped his bombs in one stick aiming at GEORGE, but the results were	
			the prince to violent evasive action having to be taken.	
			On making centern P/O. Scard, failed to return from this operation. The crew was: - P/O. Journal	
		V8	6 m 3 m P/O Smith Set. Scott. Sgt. Douthwaite and Sgt. Woodbridge.	
			There was intense A.A. fired from the BENGHAZI defences, although very little of it was lited	
	-		There was a maximum of twelve searchlights in operation.	
			the aircraft of this squadron. There was a maximum variety of the target area making observation very The weather for the operation was only fair, haze over the target area making observation very	
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			difficult.	
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			TOTAL OF THE WEST C.	***************************************
			TRAINING. S/Ldr. Macfarlane and F/Lt. Halliwell carried out circuits and landings in the Lysander.	
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1-100 M	May 10	th.	OPERATIONS.	
			Nothing to report.	
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		1,	THE DESIGNATION OF THE PENCHATT HARBOUR.	
	May 11	ith.	the Sanadron were detailed for operations on the night 11/12th May the primary	
			target was shipping at BENGHAZI. No.251 Wing's Form B.21 dated 10th May 1942 refers (Appendix C2)	
			target was shipping at BENGHAZI. No.251 wing's Form D.21 dated running losting the	
			at the terret area but some machines found difficulty	<u></u>
	1 24 3	-	and the haze. Set. Heney attacked the outer will	2.5
			and white both dropped their bombs in one stick across the solution	***************************************
	10005	1 1 1 2	observed but no further results seen. Through the haze, Sgt. Immstead India	
Place			Guiliana Mole, and he delivered his attack against this objective; his bombs were seen to burst	
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LG.09. EGYPT.	1942. May 1	ith.	OPERATIONS. (continued).	, , br
			around Guiliana Point. Sgt. Temple experienced difficulty in locating the precise target, so he	
*			dropped his bombs in one stick, aiming at a battery South of BENCHAZI; the bursts were seen in the	
			area, but no further results observed. F/Lt. Hayward and P/O. Salmon attacked the area of BERKA	
	J42 ()	g.	Barracks, the former starting a fire which was still visible twenty minutes later, while the latter	:
			caused yellowish fires in which explosions occurred some ten minutes later. The remaining five	
			aircraft bombed what was believed to be BERKA Satellite, causing white and yellow fires.	
		2	At BENGHAZI, the A.A. opposition was not as intense as usual, and the captains of aircraft who	
			attacked BERKA reported very little opposition.	
			The weather for the operation was on the whole fairly good, although the darkness of the night,	
			coupled with the haze over the target area, made the task of locating the exact target fairly	
			fifficult,	
	May 1	2th.	OPERATIONS.	
			Nothing to report.	
	May 1	5th.	OPERATIONS.	·
			Nothing to report.	
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O	May 1	4th.	OPERATIONS.	
***************************************			Nothing to report.	
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			Sgt. Heney gave dual instruction to P/O. Scott in aircraft Z.9017.	
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and the state of t			Twelve aircraft were detailed for operations on the night 15/16th MAY, the target again being	
		***************************************	shipping at BENGHAZI. No.251 Wing's Form B.24 dated 15th May 1942 refers. (Appendix C5).	
			All the aircraft took off from LG.09 as ordered. Sgt. Pont experienced engine trouble en route to the target, and was unable to get his aircraft to climb over 7,000 feet; he endeavoured to find	
			the target, and was unable to get his arread to creat over 1,000 the secondary target at MARTURA, but low cloud and poor visibility in this area made it impossible.	
			so he returned to base with his bombs. Both P/O. Pilley and Sgt. Temple encountered adverse	
			weather conditions, and were both forced to abandon their task, jettisoning their bombs; however,	
			before returning to base. P/O. Birmingham attacked lights in the MARTUBA area, owing to inability	
			to gain height to attack the primary target: after bombing, the lights were extinguished and the	
			bomb bursts observed, but no further results were seen. Another aircraft, captain Sgt. Plumstead,	
			met a cold front, as forecasted, on the cutward journey, and although he made ten attempts, he	
			failed to penetrate it, and was forced to abandon his task, returning to base with his bombs.	
		•	The remaining seven aircraft reached BENGHAZI; all the bombs on Sgt. Bewley's aircraft hung up	······································
			on his run up over the target, and these had to be finally jettisoned "safe" later. Sgt. Heney	
			attacked the base of the Outer Mole, and P/O. Salt bombed the base of the Guiliana Mole, the	
			latter starting a white fire. F/Lt. Halliwell, P/O. Watts and P/O. Allan attacked the bases of	
			the Central and Cathedral Moles, the latter causing white, and later red fires at the base of the	
			Cathedral Mole. P/O. Allan dropped his incendiaries at BENINA, causing a deep red fire. P/O.	
			Mains Smith bombed the harbour off the Cathedral Mole, but only the bomb bursts were observed.	حدم
*	1000		The opposition was both intense and accurate, particularly the heavy flak, and three aircraft	<u> </u>
			suffered damage from shrapnel and blast.	
1474			The weather en route to the target was not good, but those who reached BENGHAZI found it good,	
			apart from a slight haze over the target itself.	

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LG.09. EGYPT.	1942. May 15	ith.	TRAINING. TO ACT ON THE CONTROL OF T	(C)
			P/O. Scott and crew carried out circuits and landings in aircraft Z.8990.	
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			HONOURS AND AWARDS.	
			It was announced that DISTINGUISHED FLYING MEDALS had been awarded to Sergeants Tweedie and James,	
	-		for their courage and devotion to duty during their period of service with the Squadron.	
	May 16	th.	OPERATIONS.	
			Nothing to report.	
	<u> </u>	ļ	ACCIDENT TO WELLINGTON AIRCRAFT Z.9022 ON THE GROUND.	
			At approximately 1500 hours, a Wellington of this Squadron caught fire, and was completely	
			destroyed. Personnel of the instrument section were charging the oxygen system at the time, and	
			the cause of the fire was due to the flexible tube from the main supply to the oxygen cylinders	
			bursting while this operation was in progress. Fortunately, no one was seriously hurt. A Court of	····
			Inquiry has been convened to investigate the accident.	
-	May 17	th.	OPERATIONS.	
			Nothing to report.	
	34-28		TRAINING.	
			Sgt. Britton and crew carried out circuits and landings in aircraft Z.9055.	
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	May 18	h.	OPERATIONS.	
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FYPT.	May. 1	9th.	OPERATIONS - DISPERSED AIRCRAFT AT HERAKLION.	
		Y. 1151. H. 1151.	Eleven aircraft were ordered to attack dispersed aircraft on HERAKLION Aspedrome on the night	
			19/20th May 1942. No.205 Group Form B.98 dated 19th May 1942 refers. (Appendix C4).	
-			Only ten aircraft operated, however, as one machine, captain Sgt. Temple, became unserviceable	
			for operations just prior to take off, owing to the failure of the intercomm. About an hour after	
			leaving base, Sgt. Plumstead experienced engine trouble, and was forced to abandon his task, first	
			jettisoning his bombs, and then setting course for base. The remaining eight aircraft reached	
		horounues aons	CRETE, but owing to 9/10 to 10/10th cloud over the whole of CRETE, not one was able to locate any	
			target whatsoever, although a long but fruitless search was made. Seven aircraft jettisoned their	
			bombs in the sea South of CRETE, and returned to base. No news was heard of P/O. Salt's aircraft	
			after take off: the crew was: - P/O. Salt, P/O. Flitton, P/O. Hayworth, Sgt. Winters, Sgt. Hood	
			and Sgt. Samuel.	
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	May. 20	th.	OPERATIONS.	
			Nothing to report.	
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	May. 21	st.	OPERATIONS - DISPERSED AIRCRAFT ON MARTUBA NO.1.	
			Twelve aircraft were ordered for operations on the night 21/22nd. May; the task was to attack and	
			destroy dispersed aircraft on MARTUBA NC.1 Landing Ground, No. 205 Group Form B. 101 dated 21st.	
			May 1942 refers. (Appendix C5)	
54.	556A*-5	184.	The aircraft left LG.09 between 1940 and 2010 hours, and flew direct to their target. The weather	
ALIAN TO THE TOTAL THE TOTAL TO THE TOTAL TOTAL TO THE TO			was very good, and all the aircraft located and attacked the primary target. Sgt. Heney was first	=
IFCG.	Date	33154	over the target, and dropped four flares; as a result, the cross roads North of MARTUBA NO.1.	••
			were clearly identified. He attacked the North West side of the landing ground; the bomb bursts	

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LG-09-			OPERATIONS. (continued).	*****
LG.09. EGYPT.	May.	21st.	does not fire was started by incendiaries, which later developed into a 1-6	
			- A Hallimold dropped his bombs in three sticks East of the landing 5	
			square fire F/Lt. narrawer dropped 120 ten to twenty aircraft were seen to be dispersed; the bursts were observed in the target area: P/O.	
			ten to twenty aircraft were seen to be underston, which is the result Set. Mott and Set. Plumstead bombed	
	01.	10.	Watts attacked the same area without effective result. Sgt. Mott and Sgt. Plumstead bombed Watts attacked the same area without effective result. Sgt. Mott and Sgt. Plumstead bombed simultaneously the North East end of the landing ground; as a result of Sgt. Mott's attack, the	
			simultaneously the North East end of the landing ground, as a local planetand come his bombs burst.	
			bomb bursts were seen, and the incendiaries were burning well; Sgt. Plumstead saw his bombs burst,	
COMMUNICATION OF THE PARTY OF T		128	and the other half a minute later. Ineye word	***************************************
		1	the enough and debris going high into the air. Alter the day	
			2 22 died eway. P/O. Pilley made an east to west run; car	
			t are somes the northern end of the falleting growth	
			silves emissions giving off black smoke. P/O. Filley made	
		-	Sympton explosions and fires being caused. The remaining 120	
			against the same area, further explosions derived against the dispersal areas, causing numerous fires and explosions, some of carried out attacks against the dispersal areas, causing numerous fires and explosions, some of	
			carried out attacks against the unopoles.	
			which could be still seen burning when the aircraft left the target area. which could be still seen burning when the aircraft left the target area.	
			which could be still seen surning when do so the seen only moderately heavy anti aircraft fire, The opposition encountered was not intense, there being only moderately heavy anti aircraft fire, The opposition encountered was not intense, there being only moderately heavy anti aircraft fire,	-
			Only one searchlight was reported to be in operation	
			The weather for the operation was very good indeed, and apart from a very sign growth	
			the target itself, visibility was excellent.	
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83353*	V 5	99-3	OPERATIONS.	
201 * 600	May	. 22nd.	Nothing to report.	
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Mass	Date		OPERATIONS - DISPERSED AIRCRAFT ON MARTUBA NO.5.	
	May	. 23rd.	to the Mary fifteen aircraft of the Squadron made actuals again	Life himmin
H RALF FOLE			on the night 23/24th may, 1176601 are one on the night 23/24th may, 1176601 are many aircraft. No.231 Wing Form B.29 ground at MARTUBA NO.5, where the enemy was believed to have many aircraft. No.231 Wing Form B.29	
E Form 540		No. 10	ground at MARTUBA NO.5, where the enemy was boldered dated 23rd. May 1942 refers. (Appendix C6).	75

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		342	The weather was quite good, and all the aircraft were able to locate and identify the target. The	
			illumination of the target was carried out by flare dropping Albacores, and this illumination	
			was reported to have been very effectively done. The machines carried out their attacks against	
	100		the dispersal areas, and as a result, one very large and several medium and small fires were	
			started. Sgt. Medwin claimed a hit on an aircraft, the outline of which he saw in the flash of	
			the explosion he caused after he had made his attack, and P/O. Dudley claimed a direct hit on a	
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	-		The opposition was only moderate, there being no heavy flak at all, while the light guns were not	
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			The was a very successful operation.	
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	May.	4th.	OPERATIONS.	
			Nothing to report.	
			Without relation of these. There were nexts light have in the contract to receipt	
	May.	25th.	OPERATIONS - DISPERSED AIRCRAFT AT MARTUBA NO.1. 200 bl	
			Fourteen aircraft were detailed for operations, the task being to attack and destroy enemy	
			aircraft on the No. 1 danding ground at MARTUBA. No. 231 Wing Form B.31 dated 25th May 1942 refers.	
			(Appendix 67). A reflective results, on the return filth	
			The weather for the operation was good, and all the aircraft located and attacked the primary	
ROXEL*	-	.espi•	target. Attacks were made against the dispersal areas with excellent results, and W/O. Ellison	-
10.00			allighted two direct hits on large aircraft, one of which just disintegrated, while the second	- 3
Place	-510	Tank.	caused a large red fire. W/Cdr. Graham also claimed to have hit and destroyed a moving aircraft	
			in the South West dispersal area. Numerous fires were started in the areas attacked, and the	

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LG.09.	1			Appendice
EGYPT.	May	7. 25th.	OPERATIONS. (continued).	100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100
			operation was quite a successful one. Flare dropping Albacore aircraft once again illuminated	
			the target with very effective results. On the return journey, Sgt. Britton carried out machine	
			gun attacks from 1,000 feet against motor transport on the DERNA - BOMBA and BOMBA - TOBRUK roads,	
			but no results were seen.	·······
***************************************	1000	1809*	The opposition was a 14412 many interest to	
			The opposition was a little more intense than on the previous occasion, the heavy guns being	
			garde accurate at times. There were some light guns in action, these being row in	
	362.*	100	not particularly accurate.	
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			TRAINING.	
			Sgt. Henev gave dual instruction to D/o D.)	
			Sgt. Heney gave dual instruction to P/O. Baker and Sgt. Gordon in aircraft Z.9017.	
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			Nothing to report.	
22.	May. 2		OPERATIONS - DISPERSED AIRCRAFT, EL THIMI.	
·te		ELS.	On the night 27/28th May, fourteen siroraft were detailed for operations, the task being to	
			destroy dispersed aircraft on EL TMIMI landing ground.	
986	nere*	Time	Seven aircraft took off between 2150 hours and 2210 hours, and flew direct to the target. The	
			eighth aircraft, captain P/O Burnard took and riew direct to the target. The	
VIE LEGG			eighth aircraft, captain P/O. Burrough, took off as ordered, and upon attaining an air speed of about sixty m.p.h. the port tyre of the residue bursting and upon attaining an air speed of	CIET COLLEGE
100	en l'alle	# = =	about sixty m.p.h. the port tyre of the machine burst, and the aircraft developed a violent swing to port. Before the captain was able to place the captain	anning the same
orn 540			to port. Before the captain was able to shut the throttles, the nose of the aircraft began to skid	

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EGYPT•	May.	27th.	the mechine was at right angles to the Hare paul, and	,
			and the starboard engine burst into Flames. The second P	
			opened the pilot's escape hatch, and as soon as the machine came to a halt, the crew abandoned	
		-	the aircraft. None of the crew were injured. All further flying was cancelled. The aircraft which had taken off prior to the accident all located and bombed the primary target.	
	-		the terreet, and bombed in one stick, aiming atmits at the horar	
			Two or three fires resulted, followed by explosions .	
			on arrival over the target, saw these fires, and dropped his bombs across them: as a result, on arrival over the target, saw these fires, and dropped his bombs across them: as a result, another fire was started. S/Idr. Macfarlane, P/O. Scott and Sgt. Britton also attacked the North another fire was started.	
			but apart from the bursts, no further results and	
			pilley and Sgt. Raffill attacked dispersal points at the North and South 1000	
			The opposition encountered was not intense, the A.A. fire coming mainly from the East of the	
			target. A few searchlights were operating ineffectively. The weather for the operation was good, and visibility was excellent.	
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			circuits and landings were carried out by P/O. Allan and crew in aircraft Z.9017.	
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10.09.		*	or IG-09 during the period the accident of the -quarter	
Life A	53.5		place. Flares were dropped over the landing ground, but no bombing attack resulted.	
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LG.09.	1942.		the second of the property of the contraction of the second of the Westernam and State Sta	
EGYPT.	May. 2	8th.	OPERATIONS - DISPERSED AIRCRAFT, MARTUBA NO.5.	
			On the night 28/29th May, the six aircraft which failed to take off the previous night operated	
			against MARTUBA NO.5 landing ground.	
			Five aircraft located and bombed the primary target at MARTURA. P/O. Downer claimed a direct hit	
			on an aircraft, and other captains reported fires in the target area. After bombing, P/O. Baker,	
			the captain of the remaining aircraft, was not certain of the exact locality of the area he	
			attacked, on account of heavy ground haze; except that it was West of BOMBA and South of MARTURA.	
			It was believed that MECHILI was attacked, but only the bursts were observed; dispersed aircraft	
			were seen on this landing ground which was attacked.	
			The opposition mainly consisted of heavy A.A., coming from the South West and North East of the	
			landing ground. It was, however, ineffettive, and no aircraft sustained any damage.	
			The weather for the operation was only fair, there being much ground haze, both en route and over	
			the target area itself.	
			comer of Hours of Economic and the contract of	
			ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY.	
			Enemy aircraft were active over the DHABA area during the early hours of the morning, but no	
			attack was made against LG.09.	
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	May. 2	oth.	OPERATIONS - DISPERSED AIRCRAFT ON EL THIMI LANDING GROUND.	
			On the night 29/30th May, twelve aircraft were detailed to attack dispersed aircraft on EL TMIMI	
	100	Lep*	landing ground. No.231 Wing Form B.36 dated 29th May 1942 refers. (Appendix C.8).	
10 00	3500	15	All the aircraft took off as ordered, and flew direct to the target. The weather was quite good,	
7, acc		1900	and all located and attacked the primary target. On approaching the target, W/O. Ellison saw	
			fires burning in the target area over thirty miles away: he bombed in one stick across the North	
K RAS Park			East corner of the landing ground, and a small red fire was started, Sgt. Raffill, Sgt. Bewley,	
metaloni (ne mio c	F12 4500 III		P/O. Downer and Sgt. Medwin also attacked the same area. As a result of the attacks carried out	
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LG.09.	1942		OPERATIONS. (continued).	
EGYPT •	May.	29th.	OPERATIONS. (continued).	
			by Sgt. Raffill and Sgt. Bewley, the bomb bursts were seen, but no further results observed: OP/O.	
			Downer started two large red fires, and Sgt. Medwin two orange fires. P/O. Scott, on arrival over	
		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	a discount he dropped his bombs in one stick across these, but apart	
			from the bursts, no other results were seen. F/Lt. Hayward attacked the Southern end of the	
			from the bursts, no other results were seen. F/Lt. Hayward attacked the Southern sin of the	
		7111 1000 00000000000000000000000000000	landing ground but no particular effects were noted. P/O. Eddley made 1001 land or	
			and bombed the same area; only the bursts were observed. He later came down low, and shot up	
			and bombed the same area; only store seen. Sgt. Britton and Sgt. Mott carried out attacks tents in the target area, but no results were seen. Sgt. Britton and Sgt. Mott carried out attacks	
			tents in the target area, but no results were seen. Sgt. Blood and the target area, but no results were seen.	
			against the North West and Northern dispersal points of the landing ground, Sgt. Britton starting	
***************************************			fair sized evenue fire. No effective results were seen of attacks carried out by S/Ldr.	
		ļ	8 1817 S1260 Grangs 1270 s.	
			Macfarlane and P/O. Pilley.	
		1	Medium heavy, and slight light flak was encountered, this coming mainly from the North Eastern	
			end of the landing ground. A maximum of six searchlights were reported to be in operation, but	
			these were ineffective. Illumination of the target was again carried out by flare dropping	
			· 0.000 orac has less	
			Albacores.	
	ADADA STORE		The weather for the operation was good, and apart from a slight ground haze over the target.	
	1997.5	182	itself, visibility was excellent.	
			ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY.	
			Enemy aircraft were again active over the DHABA area, and although a few flares were dropped over	1
MALLE .	78/A* 2	AFF.	IG.09, no attack resulted.	
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			OPERATIONS.	
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		4	Nothing to report.	

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LG.09.	1942		DISPERSAL OF AIRCRAFT.	
GYPT.	May. 3	UGIL.	DISPERSAL OF AIRCRAFT. As a result of increased enemy air activity over the DHABA area, it was decided to disperse the or	
			Squadron's aircraft to LG.60 after sundown.	
			OPERATIONS - DISPERSED AIRCRAFT ON DERNA EL CHREIBA LANDING GROUND.	
	May. 5	Sist.	tions on the night 31st May/1st. Units, see	
		-	Eleven aircraft were ordered for operations on the 1231 Wing Form B.38 dated 31st May 1942 dispersed aircraft on DERNA el CHREIBA landing ground. No.231 Wing Form B.38 dated 31st May 1942	
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		ļ	refers. (Appendix C9). The aircraft took off as ordered, but shortly after leaving IG.09, P/O. Pilley's machine The aircraft took off as ordered, but shortly after leaving IG.09, P/O. Pilley's machine	
			The aircraft took off as ordered, but shortly atter ross and the bombs were developed engine trouble, and the captain was forced to abandon his task. The bombs were developed engine trouble, and the captain was forced to abandon his task. The bombs were	
			developed engine trouble, and the captain was forced to appear captains P/O. Salmon and P/O.	
			developed engine trouble, and the deposition of the machines, captains P/O. Salmon and P/O. jettisoned, and the aircraft returned to base. Two other machines, captains P/O. Salmon and P/O.	
			n/o Salmon ettacked martuda not	
			two smell orange fires with much smoke, water	
			MAIN, starting one large and four small yellow fires. Sgt. mout a description of the	
			MAIN, starting one large and root to the trouble when passing over MARTUBA NO.1., and the captain, fearing a complete failure of the trouble when passing over MARTUBA NO.1., and the captain, fearing a complete failure of the trouble when passing over MARTUBA NO.1., and the captain, fearing a complete failure of the trouble when passing over MARTUBA NO.1., and the captain, fearing a complete failure of the trouble when passing over MARTUBA NO.1., and the captain, fearing a complete failure of the trouble when passing over MARTUBA NO.1., and the captain, fearing a complete failure of the trouble when passing over MARTUBA NO.1., and the captain, fearing a complete failure of the trouble when passing over MARTUBA NO.1., and the captain, fearing a complete failure of the trouble when passing over MARTUBA NO.1., and the captain, fearing a complete failure of the trouble when passing over MARTUBA NO.1., and the captain, fearing a complete failure of the trouble when passing over MARTUBA NO.1., and the captain, fearing a complete failure of the trouble when passing over MARTUBA NO.1., and the captain, fearing a complete failure of the trouble when passing over MARTUBA NO.1., and the captain, fearing a complete failure of the trouble when passing over MARTUBA NO.1., and the captain, fearing a complete failure of the trouble when passing over MARTUBA NO.1., and the captain is the captain of the trouble when passing over MARTUBA NO.1., and the captain is the captain of the capt	
			starboard engine, released his bombs in one stick over this objectives of	
		1200000	The remaining seven aircraft all located and attacked pends of the leading ground; as a result,	
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			to be be in one stick, aiming near the road; the butter	
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70*08*			a the leading ground, causing four medium sized orange 11765 mages	
			ster et arted, with explosions and pyrocourse	
Flace	Date		and the same and intense, there being only slight newy and	
			but no sircraft suffered any damage.	
Name of the last o			was fairly accurate at times, but to the operation was good, although there was some ground haze over the operation was good, although there was some ground haze over the operation was good, although there was some ground haze over the operation was good, although there was some ground haze over the operation was good, although there was some ground haze over the operation was good, although there was some ground haze over the operation was good, although there was some ground haze over the operation was good, although there was some ground haze over the operation was good, although the	
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	May.		ALLOTMENT OF AIRCRAFT.		
			Three aircraft :- DV.650. HF.830. and DV.669 were received by the Squ	undron during the month of	Marini American
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			EXTRACTS FROM PERSONNEL OCCURRENCE REPORTS (AIRMEN).	Company of the Company	***************************************
			926875 F/Sgt. Humphrey, 1154681 F/Sgt. Brazier, 967893 Sgt. Lundie, 93	38234 Sgt. Fillingham.	
			1053781 Sgt. Clay, 910544 Sgt. Kelly, 993817 Sgt. Smith, 1111519 Sgt.		
			North Lewis, 936025 F/Sgt. Buxton,751336 F/Sgt. Napier, 1277710 Sgt. S		/
			238 Wing w.e.f. 26.4.42.	(Appendix PI)	
			1169041 F/Sgt. Ibbott, 997622 F/Sgt. Lomas, 968022 F/Sgt. Hall, 101480		
			Bolshaw, 1166470 F/Sgt. Walker, 748234 Sgt. Overall, 953747 Sgt. Longo		
			953003 Sgt. Lumbers, 949897 Sgt. Hawkins, 904452 Sgt. Adams, 1377477 S		
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			A404411 Sgt. 0 Hagan, A407098 Sgt. Carroll attached to HQ.238 Wing W.e		***** *********************************
			R56161 F/Sgt. Morrison, R.77063 F/Sgt. Marcotts, R.69149 Sgt. Giffin a		***************************************
			W.9.f. 26.4.42. 55	(Appendix F2).	***************************************
			R.54174 F/Sgt. Kozlowski, reference POR No.59, amend effective date of		***************************************
Millio Millioni Comming			"1.3.42".	(Appendix F2).	*
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	2000		1001596 ACZ Sacks remastered wor/ Ac and promoted T/ Sgt. W. 8.1 . 4.2.42.	(Thirding Lele	
	2000	1 1111	983341 Sgt. Leitch, 917146 Sgt. Hyatt, previously reported missing on r	200	5

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	1942. May.		EXTRACTS FROM PERSONNEL OCCURRENCE REPORTS. (AIRMEN). continued.		
			1375189 Sgt. Scott, 1184744 Sgt. Douthwaite, 1163063 Sgt. Woodbr	idge missing from operations on	
			night of 9/10.5.42.	(Appendix F2).	********
			900058 Sgt. Clarke attached to No.2 M.E.T.S. w.e.f.8.5.42.	(Appendix F3).	
			NZ.591880 Sgt. Hawken promoted Temp. F/Sgt. w.s.f. 1.9.42.	(Appendix F3)	*****
			926873 F/Sgt. Humphrey, 1154681 F/Sgt. Brazier, 938234 Sgt. Fill		
			Sgt. Kelly, 997817 Sgt. Smith, 1111519 Sgt. McCmish, 929468 Sgt.	North Lewis proceeded to RAF	
			Transit Camp Almaza on attachment w.e.f. 6.5.42.	(Appendix F3).	
			1169041 F/Sgt. Ibbott, 921347 Sgt. Palmer, 936025 Sgt. Buxtoh, 7	51336 F/Sgt. Napier, 1377710 Sgt.	
			Stilwell, 997622 F/Sgt. Lomas proceeded to RAF Transit Camp Alma		
<i></i>			1 1/2 + 2+ 2+ 2 2 2 2 2 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1	(Appendix F3).	
			967893 Sgt. Lundie, 1062141 Sgt. Walker, 1166470 F/Sgt. Monk, 74 Hall, 1377477 Sgt. Blanche, 953747 Sgt. Longden, 999583 Sgt. Lep	8234 Sgt. Overall, 968022 F/Sgt.	
			Sgt. Hawkins, 650307 Sgt. Fowler, 904452 Sgt. Adams, 1014800 F/S	gt. Dowd, 968044 F/Sgt. Bolshaw	
			proceeded to RAF Transit Camp Almaza on attachment w.e.f. 8.5.42		
	-		A404411 Sgt. O'Hagan proceeded to RAF Transit Camp Almaza on att).
			A402052 Sgt. Fuller, A391328 Sgt. James, A407098 Sgt. Carroll pr	oceeded to RAF Transit Camp,	
	-		Almaza on attachment w.e.f. 7.5.42.	(Appendix F4).	
			A402074 Sgt. Fletcher proceeded to RAF Transit Camp Almaza on at	tachment w.e.f. 8.5.42. (Appendix F5).
			R.69149 Sgt. Giffin, R.56161 F/Sgt. Morrison, R.77063 F/Sgt. Mer	cotte proceeded to RAF Transit	
*		165.	Camp Almaza on attachment w.e.f. 6.5.42.	(Appendix F5).	
	3860		1061396 AC2. Jacks, amend POR No.65, effective date to read "12.	12.41." (Appendix F5).	
1,1808		1185	1079226 Sgt. Thomas posted to RAF Transit Camp Almaza w.e.f. 17.	5.42. (Appendix F6).	
			754265 F/Sgt. Alcock attached to RAF Kabrit w.e.f. 23.5.42. (on	cessation of attachment to No.287	
EVE BEE			Squadron.) No.14 Squadra .	(Appendix F6).	. 3
	and form of		776013 Sgt. Tweedie awarded the D.F.M. W.e.f. 15.5.42.	(Appendix F6).	

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	194 May.	2.	EXTRACTS FROM PERSONNEL OCCURRENCE REPORTS (AIRMEN). continued.	. 54.5.42. (Appendix 114) (Appendix 115).	
			1383065 Sgt. Samuel missing from operations on night 19/20.5.42.	(Appendix F6).	
			R.65225 Sgt. Winters, R.78179 Sgt. Hood missing from operations on night	19/20.5.42. (Appendix F6)	•
			928665 F/Sgt. Hinton, 1377642 F/Sgt. Friend proceeded to R.A.F. Station H		
			25.5.42.	(Appendix F7).	
			James NZ391328 Sgt. Friend awarded the D.F.M. w.e.f. 15.5.42.	(Appendix F7).	T.*
			· Carrier Control	r.o.f. T.o.48. (Appendit	18)*
			EXTRACTS FROM PERSONNEL OCCURRENCE REPORTS (OFFICERS).	(Appendin Fls).	
			NZ .405761 P/O. Holdaway, NZ .405239 P/O. De Clifford posted from HQ .205 Gr	oup w.e.f. 21.4.42.	
			The same of the sa	(Appendix F7).)•
***************************************			NZ .405281 P/O. Kauter posted from HQ .205 Group w.e.f. 22 .4.42.	(Appendix F7).	
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			77941 F/O. Kirkman posted to HQ.RAF.ME w.e.f. 20.4.42.	(Appendix F8).	
		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	P/O. Bull, P/O. Papworth attached from No.38 Squadron w.s.f. 27.4.42.	(Appendix F8).)*	
			86539 F/Lt. Tennant attached to HQ.RAF.ME w.e.f. 22.3.42.	(Appendix F8).	
			J.6379 P/O. Avent, J.6378 P/O. Flitton, J.7019 P/O. Hayworth, J.7025 P/O.	Gregory posted from	
			HQ.205 Group w.e.f. 22.4.42.	(Appendix F8).) *	
			77941 F/O. Kirkman, amend POR No.24, effective date to read "20.4.42".	(Appendix F9). \	
			42786 A/S/tdr. Benbow posted to No.2 M.E.T.S. W.e.f. 15.4.42.	(Appendix F9).	***************************************
			43535 F/O. Nesbitt, 117453 P/O. Vallance attached to HQ.238 Wing w.e.f. 2	6.4.42. (Appendix F9).	
	252		45646 F/O. Butcher, 82745 P/O. Kydd attached to HQ.238 Wing w.e.f. 27.4.4		
	1		A/S/Ldr. Tomkins promoted Temp. Squadron Leader w.e.f. 1.3.42.	(Appendix F9).	
Fire			J.5337 P/O. Warriner, J.4765 P/O. La Brish, J.3499 F/O. Spencler attached		(S)
			27 -4-42 -	(Appendix F9).	

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.3.42 (Appendix F10).	A/W/Cdr. Graham posted to No.37 Squadron w.e.f. 19.3.42.			
an operational flight on night of 9/10.5.42	103045 P/O. Scard, 103044 P/O. Taylor proceeded on an operation			
(Appendix F10).	and failed to return. Form Law House, or occurs one a			
w.e.f. 4.2.42. (Appendix F10).	J.3761 P/O. Jones promoted to Temp. Flying Officer w.e.f. 4.2.4			
w.e.f. 25.2.42. (Appendix F10).	J.4711 P/O. Smith promoted to Temp. Flying Officer w.e.f. 25.2.			
9/10.5.42. ((Appendix F11).	J.4711 F/O. Smith missing from operations on night 9/10,5.42.			
f. 22.1.42. (Appendix F11).	86539 A/F/Lt. Tennant posted to No.70 Squadron w.e.f. 22.1.42.			
	77874 F/Lt. Foott ceased to be attached w.e.f. 25,4.42.			
	43535 F/O. Nesbitt, 117453 P/O. Vallance proceeded to RAF Trans			
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lmaza on attachment w.e.f. 7.5.42. (Appendix F12).	45646 F/O. Butcher proceeded to RAF Transit Camp Almaza on attac			
za on attachment w.e.f. 8.5.42. (Appendix F12).	82745 P/O. Kydd proceeded to RAF Transit Camp Almaza on attachme			
5.42. (Appendix F12).	63876 P/O. Archer attached to HQ.RAF.ME w.e.f. 15.5.42.			
Almaza on attachment w.e.f. 7.5.42. (Appendix F12).	J.4763 P/O. La Brish proceeded to RAF Transit Camp Almaza on at:			
ed to RAF Transit Camp Almaza on attachment w.e.f.	J.3499 F/O. Spencler, J.5337 P/O. Warriner proceeded to RAF Trans			
(Appendix Fl3).	9.5.42.			
ing authority. (Appendix F13).	72159 W/Cdr. Graham, reference POR No.27, add posting authority.			***************************************
v.e.f. 15.5.42. (Appendix F13).	108120 P/O. Wolstenholme posted from HQ.205 Group w.e.f. 15.5.42			
	103779 P/O. Higgenbotham posted from HQ 205 Group W.s.f. 22.5.42			
t on attachment w.e.f. 24.5.42. (Appendix F14).	39910 S/Idr. Tomicins proceeded to RAF Station Kabrit on attachme		- 12×	
.5.42. (Appendix F14).	A.3154 P/O. Lucas posted to HQ.205 Group w.e.f. 25.5.42.	#8*	781	
ed to War Substantive Rank of Flying Officer	J.4525 A/F/O. Maguire, J.4763 P/O. La Brish promoted to War Subs		ENTE	The
(Appendix F14).	w.e.f. 16.3.42.			
Hayworth missing from operations on night of	J.6285 P/O. Salt, J.6387 P/O. Flitton, J.7019 P/O. Hayworth miss			EAE Dob
(Appendix F14).	19/20.5.42.	ES == 14	Sylf- (1440 11)	
	J.6285 P/O. Salt, J.6387 P/O. Flitton, J.7019 P/O			

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