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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
St Eval.	11/6/41		A strike of 2 aircraft on enemy shipping and 12 sorties were flown.	
	2/6/41		4 sorties were flown.	
			P.O. Alsop A.G. arrived on posting from Sicelth.	
	3/6/41		A strike of 8 aircraft on docks at St Nazaire - 1 convoy escort & 4 sorties were flown.	
	4/6/41		4 sorties were flown.	
	6/6/41		A strike of 2 aircraft on enemy shipping - 2 escorts for convoy & 2 sorties were flown.	
	7/6/41		2 sorties were flown.	
	8/6/41		5 sorties and 1 convoy escort were carried out.	
	9/6/41		3 sorties and 1 convoy escort were carried out.	
			F/O's Cundy and Bannister, P/O Walton left on posting to ^{NUTTS} Knab Corner.	
	10/6/41		1 sortie and 1 convoy escort were carried out.	
			P/O Springman arrived on posting from Andover.	
	11/6/41		A strike of 5 aircraft on St Nazaire docks and a search by 1 aircraft for lifeboats were carried out. A/c PZ 11 crashed on Bodmin Moor. P/O Mohamedon Sgt Taylor Robert killed.	
	12/6/41		2 sorties were flown.	
	13/6/41		A strike of 6 aircraft on enemy workshops at Brest and 4 sorties were flown.	
	14/6/41		A strike of 3 aircraft on aerodrome at Lanweer and 1 sortie were flown.	
			F/W Lilly returned from attachment to Andover.	
15/6/41		A strike of 1 aircraft on Lanweer aerodrome and 2 sorties were carried out.		
16/6/41		1 sortie flown.		
		S/Lt Saunders returned from attachment to Andover.		
17/6/41		2 sorties were flown.		

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St. Louis	17/6/41		P.O. Kieckhefer posted to Plymouth	
	18/6/41		A strike of 4 aircraft on enemy destroyers - 3 sorties & 1 convoy escort were carried out.	
	19/6/41		2 sorties were flown Flt Lt Jones returned after attachment to Andover. P/Os McIntosh and Fell arrived on posting from Andover.	
	20/6/41		3 sorties - 2 convoy escorts & 2 air line escort were flown.	
	21/6/41		3 sorties - 1 convoy escort and 2 floatplane escorts were carried out	
	22/6/41		A strike of 3 aircraft on enemy shipping - 2 convoy escorts - 2 air line escorts and 1 sortie were flown.	
	23/6/41		A strike of 5 aircraft on enemy shipping - 2 convoy escort - 2 sorties and 2 aircraft on search for aircraft "F" were flown. A/c "S" on convoy escort duties failed to return to base - Crew P/O Baller Sgts. Carie and Kitcher. P/O Robinson arrived on posting from Andover.	
	24/6/41		A/c "F" on bush patrol failed to return to base - Crew P/O Dawson Sgts. Dawson & Mc Carhall 2 sorties were flown.	
	25/6/41		P/O Harvey arrived on posting from Andover. 5 sorties were flown	
	26/6/41		P/O Potter arrived on posting from Andover. P/O Waties arrived on posting from Andover. 9 sorties were flown. A request by 1 aircraft for dinghy was carried out Aircraft "O" crew P/O Herrick, Sgt Gabagan, Sgt Wells failed to return from C Patrol --- "Y" crew P/O G. Reynolds, P/O Troup, Sgt Mayer --- "L" crew P/O Frank, Sgt Whitley, Sgt Hopper failed to return from Bush Patrol.	
	27/6/41		8 sorties were flown	
	29/6/41		5 sorties were flown	
	20/6/41		1 sortie was flown P/O Hood proceeded on attachment to Kamble	