

Sunday October 17, 1944

0330 Briefing

S.E. 0603

TAXI. 0618

T.O. 0628

L.T.O. 0720

E.T.A. 1220

Crews briefed on "S. Lata" poles at both ends of the R/W.

Spans: 367-611

369-198

368-429

423-153-099 PFF

0445 Weather ship 407- MOREPORK "P" closed three

1 B.D. - Base - Mount Farm 13,000 - 51°30'N - 0110'W

Wokingham - Watford 15,000 - Splasher #9 19,000 -

Clacton 18,000 - Base. Code VABIT

0445 Weather ship airborne

0445 Inspected R/W & flare paths - All serviceable.

0500 Cals made for T.O. Personnel instructed to be available at 0555.

0540 Relay ship, closed three 1 B.D.

T.O. 0755 - Finton on Sea 10,000, 0810 - 51°20'N -

02°30'E - 20,000' 0825 until recalled.

0550 Weather ship report - 10 - 07 - 05 - 00 - 06.

0555 - Flare path has no Aldis Lamps in working order. At least three of these lamps should be available in working order at all times in the tower for these pre - Clacton take offs.

0600 New SOP. Duty Officers Attention

The serman of the watch when he takes over shift and the A/C P when he takes over shift shall check with each other as to the A/C that is outstanding. This information should be brought to the attention of all concerned.

0650 Last ops A/C airborne

0759 Relay ship T.O.

0735 Briefed 16 crews on topic & T.O on R/W 24 for 1 B.D. Practice mission - It has been shared by division.

S.E. 0834 ✓

TAXI 0849 ✓

T.O. 0859 ✓

ETR 14:00 or 14:30

08:00 Lt Klein on duty Lt Libbey off.

09:30 Inspected airdrome. Engineers working on cutoff close to R/W 06/24. I warned them to watch for A/c and move back when A/c are landing. Engineers are also working on Perimeter close to N end of N/S runway. R/W 30 has A/c parked on it. Perimeter overlay has dirt on it.

10:50 Eta 369 "0" 12:20

13:25 Last ops + local A/c landed O.K.

14:15 Division OK's clearance of 2 B-26's to France, via corridor #2

14:20 Rtd to division + ops.

NOTE

Lt. Birnie will be available at Sharnbrook, through Capt. Davies office. He is in charge of loading bombs on B-26's from France.

In the future, any A/c arriving from France will be interrogated by S-2 immediately.

Clearances for these A/c (B-26's) will be phoned to Grove, giving all info including E.T.D. + E.T.R. If Grove has no contact with the continent, forget about it.

16:45 Inspected airdrome. Everything as before.

17:55 On duty Lt. Calile Off Lt. Klein

19:05 Pundit crew checked in by phone.

19:30 Inspected airfield lighting. Crew O.K.

Perimeter O.K. except for parts that have been removed for construction of perimeter.

Second of perimeter blocked off where B-26's are parked. E. on NW-SW R/W marked

9c on loop blocked off - lights placed at each end of 423' area. Cut off blocked off.

Lights placed at entrance of hangar #1 where construction taking place. No 9c dispersed outside of hangar.

Standby until 2230