

Thursday Oct. 19, 1944

0500 Briefing. R/W 24 for T.O.

SE - 8743 Off 29.42

TAXI - 0758 Spares 368-575-658 Pff ✓

T.O. 0808 369-185 ✓

LTO. 0830 423-963 ✓

ETA. 1455

0510 Weather ship 019-E/T PJX-T cloud three
1 B.D. Base-⁰⁶²⁰ MH Farm 14,000 - 5130'N - 0190W -
Wokenham - Watford 15,000 - Splasher #7 16,000 -
Clacton - 17,000 - Base. Sequence B V I T A

0638 Weather ship airborne.

0645 Calls made for 0730

0715 Yellow to S-3 & 1 B.D.

0720 Two hour delay of Flores feed
New times

SE 0943 YY

TAXY 0958 RY

T.O. 1008 GG

LTO 1030

0730 On duty Lt. Carlick - Off Lt. Sibley

0745 Inspected airfield. - Work in 423rd and
construction taking place in front of north
end of hangar #1 -

1008 First Gc to start to take off 099- 423rd S
was caught by cross wind and ran off
across the grass. Gc was instructed to taxi
to R/W 30 - Red (single) was fired to hold second
Gc. Instructions passed to 369th W to
taxi down main R/W to far perimeter turn
left to 30 R/W. 423rd instructed to move all
their remaining Gc to north end of 7/5 R/W.
and clear mechanics stuff off.

1031 Lead ship took off on R/W 30.

1050 423rd instructed to clear all remaining stuff
off of 30 R/W - Practice mission to
Take off on 30 R/W

1055 MAJ. WITT instructs we are not to take off on an R/W
which has a cross wind exceeding 15 m. P.H.

DUTY
14 CO. NOTE

LOG NOTES THAT WERE UNABLE TO BE LOGGED EARLIER.

0900 Briefed Practice mission - Route as follows.
T.O. 1155 24% - Base Mt. Farm. $51^{\circ}40'N$ $01^{\circ}30'W$
Lewendon - $51^{\circ}20'N$ - $01^{\circ}40'W$ Farnborough
Maidenhead, Oxford - (Follows Route 3 times)
Back to base -

SE-1130 - Taxi 1145 - T.O. 1155 E.T.A. 1630

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0910 Cleared Cycle Relay T.O. 1100 hrs. - to Funtown
on sea - 10000 ft. 1145 hrs. to 51°15N - 0300 E
until recalled W/T. PJXL

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1300 Informed 423rd Eng. they must clear
R/W 30 before return of our G.

1400 Inspected Airdrome

1640 Gc 124 W - 369th SqD. landed with #1
smoking badly and had a flat tire. Gc
ran off runway and bogged down.
124 last ops. Gc to land.

1705 R/W changed to 24 to land Gc from
practice mission. Wind WNW-13

1757 Last practice mission Gc down.

1800 R/W changed to 30

1800 Off duty Lt. Carlile - (for 7 days thank goodness)
Lt. Klein on duty.

18:30 Inspected airdrome. R/W 06/24 and 12/30
O.K. Planes are parked on R/W 18/36 the
entire length, except for the middle
section. Cut offs both U/S Perimeter U/S
in 423rd area. Workers are next to perimeter
in front of Hanger #1 and in dispersal 24-26
Bombs on perimeter in bomb dump area.

19:00 Explosion heard N.E. of field. Several people
on field report same direction. Contacted Little
Staughton who said it was to NW of them
Kimbolton reported it was between them
and Thurleigh. Crash crew dispatched to
search area between Keysoe & Pertenhall.
Ambulance also dispatched at 19:20 & 25
Gravelly notified us that explosion might
be one of their Mosquitos. Division was
notified.

19:30 Crash crew, ambulance & ACP dismissed.

20:15 Ambulance reported back from search & said they met an RAF man on the road who said a bomb was set off at Little Staughton

20:25 Little Staughton informs us that a farm building, near the Crown Pub in the village of Little Staughton, had its roof blown off. They believe it was a mosquito

belonging to Bourne. It possibly was an A/c
exploding in the air. They (L.S.) despatched a
search party.

20:45 Division notified. Stand-by till 22:30

21:25 Air Ministry called to request our Pundit
until dawn. Molesworth is U/S. Crew called
& on way.

21:45 Explosion was caused by a mosquito crashing
at L 5483. Plane completely demolished and
crew killed. Little Staughton is taking care
of details. Division & ops & 40th notified.

23:20 Stand down.

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