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0725

SUN. 25-July-1943

ops. advises of briefing at 0830.

TIME

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0945

attended briefing. Data follows:

RIW- NE/SW; W/O = 5/2-4

Start Engines - 1245

O.C.S.

Taxi

- 1255

423 = 1ML

368 = RIW

Take-off

- 1305

369 = 1PX

CODE WORDS

Start Engines - Colonel

E.T.A. - 1911

Stand by msg. - Major

Mission Delayed - Captain

Scrubbed - Lieutenant

Abandoned - Private

0950

A.I.R. made and dispatched.

1120

Mission delayed 30 minutes

Start Engines - 1315

Taxi

- 1325

E.T.A. 1941

T.O.

- 1335

1230

M.P.'s reported and informed as to their posts.

1235

On watch, Lt. Courad.

1310

Maj. Williams gives okay for taxiing on schedule.

1830

At 1730 Flying Control Lempford notified us that three Thunderbolts which had taken off from Koxhill for Cherleigh had become lost and landed at Lempford, then taken off for us at 1722. At 1800 they still had not appeared, so called Lempford, who said they actually had taken off at 1622.

ROC Bedford had plotted them into Watford Center, and checked with Watford, who reported them near Aylesbury going south.

Notified Flying Control 1st Wing who advised that
I contact Lophill. Lophill unable to contact A/c on
VHF.

Roc Bedford then reported that Watford believed A/c
had landed at Hatton. Hatton, when contacted, had

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not seen A/c, but suggested I contact Bovingdon. While trying to do so, Cheddington Control phoned to report A/c had landed there, still lost, and would not be coming to their help.

Wing FC notified.

Above action consumed time from 1800 till 1830.

2045

Ordered flarepath laid NE-SW.

2239

Night flying commences. First Wing Flying Control notified, and Lewinwood requested to illuminate vertical spotlight.
