

Friday Oct 27, 1944

0345 Aleted. Briefing at 0530

0445 Scrubbed

08:00 Lt Klein on duty Lt Sibley off.

08:20 R/w changed to #30. Maj. Witt O.K's
work on main R/w today. Land ships a
Ridgewell on R/w 30.

work on station

Ridgewell on R/W 30.

08:25

Cycle relay cleared. T.O. 10:40 Base to ~~Sudbury~~
Sudbury, to Frinton on sea (cross out at
10,000' at 11:15) to $51^{\circ}10'N$ $02^{\circ}00'E$ at 20,000' at 11:40.

Remain until recalled.

09:30 Cycle relay scrubbed. Airfield inspected.
Work in progress on main R/W + hardstand
#40. Debris to be cleaned off 30 and 36 this morn-
ing. Laborers are cleaning off dispersal #24
Remainder of field as usual.

11:50 Heard an explosion and saw smoke about
5 miles S.E. of field. Notified Division,
dispatched crash crew, ambulance and M.P.'s
Ordinance & photographer dispatched later.
Raydon called us, they believe it to be two
of their ~~two~~ P-51's. Pilots Capt. Edwards
and Lt. Albertson. E

12:30. Crash crew reported back, A/c scattered over
wide area near our Wilden Beacon Site.
One body found Lt. Marvin E. Albertson.
T-2166. One parachute opened and pilot
was taken to Diddington by our ambulance.
Pilot's name Capt. Edmond B. Edwards. Both
from 353 Fighter group. Raydon notified and
they sent investigating party over. All inform-
ation given to them.

13:30 Practice formation and gunnery.
S.E. 13:35

TAXI. 13:50

T.O. 14:00

14:00 Damage to civilian property was confined
to haystack & hedges. Division notified.

16:15 Airfield inspected everything OK. R/W 30
& 18 have been swept. WIP on R/W 06/24.

16:30. Operations notified us of lecture to pilots &
Co-pilots on night flying aids. Date 28/11/44
at 09:00 to 10:00 in 367 combat room.

17:30 P-47 #865 P.O.N. Grove, 5-4 and 449
notified.

1805 On duty Lt. Paulie - Off duty Lt. Klein

1830 Cleared 9⁰⁰ for night flying. 6⁰⁰ on X-C

Route. Base Oxford. Worcester - Shrewsbury - York
Occult 17 - Boston-on-treat Base. 2⁰⁰ transition

1 X-C ^{#466} 9⁰⁰ going to Ridgewell to drop off crew to
pick up 9⁰⁰ there. From Ridgewell 9⁰⁰ 466 is going
on X-C. - 715-V is going to Ridgewell to drop off
another crew to pick up another 9⁰⁰ there. 715 returning

1830 for transition. Both G_c at Ridgewell will return here.

1835 Briefed Night flying Crews.

1910 I inspected additional lighting. Obstruction lights as follows. G_c #55 in 423rd Area by cut off marked. 423rd area marked from N end N-S to end of cut off at main R/W.

B-26 and B-17 #454 in front of ^{North end} hangar 1 marked. Bad spot on main R/W

marked. Cut off ^{loop} marked at both ends.

G_c on loop marked. Road at North end of hangar 2 marked - P-47 on Cut-off marked. Obstructions near 30 R/W marked

2115 G_c #715 reports part of outer circle out.

2130 Called div. about "flak" seen SE of field. Div. said they would call back. G_c #715 also saw "flak"

2300 Last night flying ended - ~~all~~ Both Ridgewell G_c down. Pundit recalled, Crash Crew and AFC released

2315 We are stood down.