

Wed. 5-JAN-1943

0530

attended briefing. Data follows: A/W = NE/SW W/V = WNW/5-10

	<u>com.</u>	<u>main</u>		<u>O.C.S.</u>
Sta.	0650	0720	Start Eng - Donehead	423-WXF
Tapi.	0700	0730	stand by - Jug Head	367-JGJ
T.O.	0715	0743	Delayed - K Nock Head	368-MSZ
E.T.A.	1334	1403	SCRUBBED - FAT Head	369-RQH

- 0600 necessary calls made for Group Take-Off.
- 0746 Benific explosion ^{at 7:42} noted. Immediate steps taken to investigate.
- 0930 On air 767-Y, 367th Sqdn. Pilot Elliot - crashed + burned near bomb dump, Sharnbrook, Ambulances + fire crews dispatched to scene. - Three members of crew of "M.P." also posted.
- 0800 On duty - Lt. Steek
- 0814 Ops advises that our a/c 767 crashed at Sharnbrook - one known alive - division notified
- 0817 M.P. posted to scene of crash
- 0821 Belveston and Moleworth contacted in regard to taking care of other crash seen NNE of this field. Details taken care of by them
- 0823 Podington asks us to take their operational a/c Color "G" here - a/c now circling Lt. Staughton who are unable to land him - consulted our met, 1st Division, Lt. Staughton - 1500 yds but ground haze - standing by for further instructions
- 0835 First division says a/c Color "G" will be sent to us for landing - all arrangements made
- 0855 handed a/c Color "G" - all concerned notified
M.P. posted on a/c TFW.

0158 1st Division advises that an ambulance reported crashed near Sharnbrook. Other call says scene of crash #2 near post office at Catworth

0900 Another ambulance despatched to Sharnbrook

0915 Yellow passed to ops.

0920 Checked with Moleworth & Belveston in regard to despatching ambulances & crash tenders to Catworth - all under control

0930 Our engineering checking Podington a/c - contacting Podington for further instructions.

1110 Green passed to ops.

1230 on duty Capt. Waley
 made necessary calls for clothes & ambulances
 MGS & other crash tenders to be here at 133

- 1245 R.A.F. B Disp. Waterbeach informs us that they are sending a crew here to disposal of bombs on 767-Y. (Tel. Waterbeach 301)
- 1255 wind SSW-12 mph. Viz 2200 yds.
- 1300 yellow to ops
- 1315 Make routine inspection of ambulance.
- 1345 wind SSW-12 mph.
- 1605 Issued Cams "AS" to pundit crew.
- 1645 wing F/C advises OK 716-G to return to paddington
- 1720 flare path laid NE-SW. Met consulted.
- 1800 On duty Lt. Keck.
- 1825 All afc down - flying finished for day - A.C.F., Ambulance, Tender
- 2000 Inspected perimeter and lighting - all in order.