

FRIDAY, 9TH JULY, 1943

TIME

NARRATIVE

0001

Watch opened. All quiet.

0705

Aerodrome GREEN. Ops advised.

0730

Wind SW/10 and forecast by met to remain from SW throughout morning. Since workmen are proceeding with tarmacking of NE-SW runway at NE end, asked 306 Group Operations to advise all Squadron operations to arrange flying schedules so that landings of all A/c can be effected within the same half hour. Takeoffs can be made from a point on the runway beyond the workmen and will not be affected, while workmen can be cleared from runway with minimum of inconvenience if all landings can be effected within one short period.

0735

Advised 1 Wing FC to clear us heavy A/c to us TFN because of above condition.

0920

A/c 120, cleared for local altitude test to 15,000 feet. After takeoff, 1 Wing Ops advised that A/c may go only to 12,000 feet locally.

0923

Sent to ICH-Y (120), QFM 12,000, on W/T. A/c out of R/T touch.

1025

ROC Bedford advises captive balloon broken loose from Cardington going easterly at 4,000 feet.

1027

Attempted to contact folder X on R/T to warn him and his formation of above.

1030

Sent following message, in clear, on W/T to 5ML-X (Compact X): CAPTIVE BALLOON BROKEN LOOSE FROM BEDFORD, 4,000 FEET, GOING EASTERLY.

1032

Advised 1 Wing FC of loose balloon.

1037

Compact X, taking off, warned by R/T of balloon. Message acknowledged.

1042

Folder X and formation passed over aerodrome. Warned them on R/T of loose balloon. Message acknowledged.

1045

FC Chelveston made routine phone call, so warned them of loose balloon.

1115

Ops. informs briefing at 1600 hrs.  
(shaw site)

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1155	Off watch, Lt. Conrad. On watch, Capt. Hartwell.
1245	On Watch, W.W.P.
1330	YELLOW to ops.
1340	Made Routine check of General Drome area, all in order.
1410	RED to ops. (Low cloud - continuous precipitation)
1435	No flying anticipated for this P.M. - Under Ambulance Rules
1635	Attended briefing: DATA Follows: Temperature W/D - N/NW - /S. R/W - SE - NW. Stations - 0840; TAXI - 0850; TD - 0900; E.T.A. BASE - 1230. Route = Leicester, Oxford, Great Malvern.
1725	GREEN to ops.
1900	Made routine check of General Drome area - instructed workers to remove a tax cart from top end of NE-SW R/W. <u>W.W.P.</u>
2230	Instructed flare pack laid NE/SW.
2350	Routine check of General Drome Area - all in order.
2400	Watch continued - all quiet