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BIFERNO.	1.9.44.		No operational flying was laid on for today and so the Squadron taking advantage of this break, authorised training flying in the form of formation practice. P/O. Wallace, F/O. Horwill and F/Sgt. Mullens took off for one hour at 1015, and they were followed at 1130 by W/O. Pryce, F/Sgt. Berg and F/Sgt. McMurchy. Air tests constituted the only other form of flying by 39 Squadron today. Congratulations are due to F/O. H.V. Webb upon his appointment as Squadron Navigation Officer.	
BIFERNO.	2.9.44.		Formation flying practice was continued this morning. Pilots taking part were F/O. Settle, F/O. Harris, F/Sgt. Kyrke-Smith (take off 0730) and F/O. Derby, F/O. Wren and F/O. Horwill (take off 0900). F/L. Browne returned from NAPLES where he had been enjoying a spot of sick leave. Four crews were on a shipping standby throughout the morning. At 1230 they set course led by F/L. Pitman, to attack 100 railway trucks in a siding at SUMTA. 24 Hits out of a possible 32 were scored with 60 lb. R.Ps, cannon was also used. Smoke up to 200' was seen when our aircraft left the target. Intense accurate 20 m.m. flak was aimed at the aircraft by a large number of single guns, resulting in the top 1/4 of the fin and rudder of one aircraft ("F" - F/Sgt. Cooper) being blown away and damage to the cannon bay and hydraulic tank of another ("N" - F/L. Pitman). F/L. Pitman's navigator, F/Sgt. Mitchell, sealed the hole in their hydraulic tank with rubber and paper. All of our aircraft returned safely.	
BIFERNO.	3.9.44.		4 Beaufighters carried out a shipping rover patrol from POLA to SALVORE POINT during the morning. Weather conditions were not favourable and no shipping was sighted. No flying was possible in the afternoon owing to an exceptionally strong wind which developed during the morning.	
BIFERNO.	4.9.44.		Flying was out of the question altogether today, the strength of the wind which developed yesterday making landings and take offs extremely dangerous. Crews spent a large part of their time rescuing tents which were threatening to become airborne at a moments notice. However the wind abated in the evening allowing a cricket match (Officers v N.C.O's) to be played with a fair amount of comfort. Officers 79. N.C.O's 54.	
BIFERNO.	5.9.44.		4 Beaufighters set out at 0830 this morning to attack pontoon bridge in positions 4513N. 1633E and 4524N. 1632E. Their leader (F/O. Derby) was forced to return before the Yugoslav coast was reached, owing to engine trouble. The other 3 aircraft (P/O. Wallace now leading) carried on, but could not find any target. Weather conditions in the target area were bad, a very thick haze in the valleys making visibility in some places almost nil. Aircraft "G" now being unfit for operational flying was today returned to the M.U. at BRINDISI.	
BIFERNO.	6.9.44.		At 0755 this morning 4 Beaufighters led by P/O. Lyon set course to attack a pontoon bridge near DOBRILJIN (Yugoslavia). The pontoon bridge was not seen but a bridge near the same position was attacked. 14 Hits with 60 lb. R.Ps were scored and the bridge is claimed to have been destroyed. Later in the morning 2 Beaufighters piloted by the C.O. and F/L. Payne set course to carry out a train intruder patrol S.E. of SISAK. 2 Loc's were destroyed and 70 trucks and box cars were damaged by cannon fire. The C.O's navigator (W/O. Gravelius) was injured in the right shoulder when his aircraft was hit in four places by small arms fire. During the morning F/O. Horwill carried out R.P. practice attacks on the BIFERNO range.	G.5. G.6.

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BIFERNO.	7.9.44.		At 0700 hours this morning P/O. Wallace and P/O. Horwill set course to attack a pontoon bridge in almost the same position as yesterday's bridge bursting target. These two aircraft attacked a girder railway bridge in position 4513N. 1629E and scored 10 hits with 60 lb R.P.s. On their way out from the target 1 loco and 60 trucks were attacked, the loco was destroyed and at least 12 trucks were damaged. In the early afternoon P/L. Pitman led 4 Beaufighters on an intruder patrol in the SALONIKA area. One loco was destroyed and many trucks were damaged or destroyed. At one point on their patrol the aircraft came upon a train consisting of 2 armoured loc's with flak trucks in the centre and at each end, as this was obviously an enemy decoy no attack was made (the loc's were making clouds of steam to attract attention) On leaving this train the Beaufighters found themselves in the circuit of GORGONI aerodrome - the enemy flying control fired a "Red". In the evening 4 Beaufighters set out to attack landing barges in position 4313N. 1639E. Their leader (P/O. Derby) took off 10 minutes late owing to engine trouble and arrived at the target 2 minutes later than the other 3 aircraft. All aircraft claim R.P. hits in the target area. P/O. Derby got no flak, but the other aircraft were fired at by a terrific concentration of light guns and P/Sgt. Kyrke-Smith was hit in both engines and when last heard was trying to make V.I.S. V.I.S. control heard nothing of him and he is now missing and it is presumed that he attempted a ditching somewhere. Dusk was already approaching and the other aircraft made excellent night landings.	G.7.
BIFERNO.	8.9.44.		Two crews (P/O. Lyon and P/O. Wren) set out at dawn to fly on A.S.R. search for P/Sgt. Kyrke-Smith and his navigator. An area enclosed by positions 4220N 1510E - 4330N 1510E - 4330N 1600E and 4220N 1600E was thoroughly combed without incident. Spitfires from V.I.S. carried out a search between the islands, also without result. In the late afternoon 6 of our aircraft together with two Beaufighters from 46 S.A.A.F. Squadron and 4 Mustangs of 213 Squadron set course to attack the Italian mammoth liner "REX" in CAPODISTRIA harbour. This beautiful target had just been moved from TRIESTE and no effort was to be spared to "get it" while it was more or less in the open. P/L. Pitman and P/Sgt. Mitchell his navigator, who led the strike did an excellent job when they led the formation up valleys and through rain storms on the ISTRIAN PENINSULAR, and finally shot over a hill right above the target, a wonderful approach. All Beaufighters claim R.P. hits each and the target when we left, was listing to port and burning heavily from stern to stern. There were consequently great celebrations in the Messes tonight. We welcome to our ranks today, P/O. Whitehead, a pilot, posted to us as his old squadron (108) has disbanded. No further news of P/Sgt. Kyrke-Smith.	G.8.
BIFERNO.	9.9.44.		Two Beaufighters set course at 0630 to intrude upon the road between AGRINION and ARTA. Two road bridges were attacked with R.P.s and one is claimed to be damaged. On this patrol 1 armoured car and 3 M.T. vehicles were destroyed while 5 armoured cars and 9 M.T. vehicles were damaged. Accurate small arms fire was encountered in many places and both aircraft were hit. They landed at BRINDISI to refuel before returning to BASE. Two more Beaufighters which had been standing by at BRINDISI set course at 1150 to repeat the above patrol and on this trip one road bridge was damaged and one M.T. truck destroyed. Several wrecked trucks were seen on the road as a result of the attacks of the other two Beaufighters. PARANITHIA aerodrome was seen to be completely deserted. The Squadron said goodbye to S/Ldr. Charles and P/L. Browne. They are now tour expired and are ordered to report to Headquarters, Balkan Air Force at BARI. We were very sorry to see them go but wish them all the best for the future. A message from V.I.S. tonight brought us the good news that P/Sgt. Kyrke-Smith was picked up by Partisan shipping and landed at V.I.S. - nothing was said however about his navigator, P/Sgt. Campbell.	G.9. G.10.

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BIFERNO.	10.9.44.		Taking off at 0900 6 Beaufighters led by F/L. Pitman set course to fly a shipping rover patrol along the ISTRIAN coast. One hospital ship was the only vessel sighted and this, obviously could not be attacked. Congratulations to the following on their promotions. F/L. Marshall to Acting Squadron Leader and F/L. Payne to Acting Squadron Leader to fill Flight Commanders' posts. F/O. Settle to Acting Flight Lieutenant to fill Deputy Flight Commanders' post, and F/O. Webb to Acting Flight Lieutenant to fill Squadron Navigation Officers' post. F/L. Payne flew to VIS this morning to bring back F/Sgt. Kyrke-Smith. We learn that he made a successful ditching South of BRAC Island and was later picked up by Partisan shipping. His navigator F/Sgt. Campbell was injured and Kyrke-Smith made several unsuccessful attempts to release him from the cockpit and Campbell was pulled down as the aircraft sank immediately. Campbell was, in terms of service, one of the oldest navigators on the Squadron and this was undoubtedly a very sad loss to us all.	
BIFERNO.	11.9.44.		A formation of 3, and another formation of 5 Beaufighters took off at about 0930 to attack two positions in Jugoslavia where heavy coastal guns were known to be situated. The formation of 3, led by F/O. Elliott, attacked gun positions at 4335N. 1555E, and most of the rockets (60 lb. heads) scored hits in the gun pits causing an enormous explosion and consequent clouds of grey and black smoke. The second formation, 5 aircraft led by F/L. Pitman, attacked gun pits in position 4411N. 1510E. The guns themselves could not be distinguished but all aircraft unloaded their R.P.s into the target area. Local flying today consisted of one air test only.	G.11. G.12.
BIFERNO.	12.9.44.		4 Beaufighters, led by P/O. Lyon, set course after lunch today, to carry out a shipping rover patrol among the large islands off the Greek coast. A Siebel ferry was sighted off shore, but immediately ran into a small inlet in position 3830N. 2040E, where it was attacked by our aircraft and 4 anti-flak Beaufighters of 19 S.A.A.F. Squadron. The S.A.A.F. aircraft silenced most of the flak, losing one of their aircraft during the attack - our aircraft fired their rockets and left the ferry in a smoking condition. Our aircraft "P" was hit by flak in the starboard main plane and the pilot (F/Sgt. Mullen) found it necessary to crash land at GROTTAGLIE. P/O. Lyon landed at GROTTAGLIE also and brought the crew back to base. W/Otr. Inniss today flew to BARI to visit Headquarters, Balkan Air Force. He took G/Capt. McDonald (O.C. 283 Wing) as a passenger.	
BIFERNO.	13.9.44.		Two aircraft carried out an armed recon along a piece of railway line (4403N. 1612E to 4422N. 1608E) this morning. No rolling stock was found so they attacked a road and rail crossing with their R.P.s causing damage. On their way out the aircraft attacked again a gun position that constituted the first of yesterday's targets. F/O. Elliott who was also on yesterday's attack stated that the camouflage had been considerably improved, he started a fresh fire however. The other aircraft (P/O. Wallace-pilot) sustained slight damage from flying debris. Local flying consisted again of only one air test.	G.13.

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BIFERNO.	14.9.44.		P/O. Lyon led two Beaufighters on an intruder patrol from DENIS to BIIAC early this morning. A railway bridge and a road were damaged as no transport of any sort was sighted. Many signs of previous Partisan activities were noticed, these taking the form of stone barricades on roads, burnt out trucks on railway lines, and damage to the railway lines themselves. Slightly later in the morning S/Ldr. Payne led 4 aircraft against a railway line near BROD. One train was seen, but as this was empty provided with flak trucks no attack was made. The railway line was duly attacked and 12 hits were scored. During this last attack P/O. Orme (flying as Navigator to S/Ldr. Payne) was badly wounded by a rifle bullet and died later in the day as a result of loss of blood. P/O. "Charlie" Orme was very well liked on the Squadron although he had only been with us one month, and it was with very deep regret that we heard of his death today. The following 3 new crews were posted to the Squadron today. They come from 19 S.A.A.F. Squadron and have already flown on many operational sorties with that unit. W/O. Standen and F/Sgt. Chippendale, W/O. O'Neill and F/Sgt. Long and F/Sgt. Symons and F/Sgt. Barton.	G.14. G.15.
BIFERNO.	15.9.44.		No operational flying was undertaken today. Weather conditions were not good, although local flying practice was possible and air tests were flown.	
BIFERNO.	16.9.44.		4 Aircraft, led by F/L. Pitman, attacked barracks and oil storage tanks at KNIN at 1130 this morning. Smoke resulted from the attacks on buildings, but no storage tanks could be seen and the rockets reserved for this target were fired into the target area with no obvious results. In the afternoon F/O. Derby ferried 4 Spitfire pilots to BRINDISI and was unfortunate in damaging a wing tip while taxiing. This was repaired at BRINDISI however and he flew the aircraft back in the evening in formation with F/O. Harris who had been sent to bring him back. These two pilots collected some operational photographs for 254 Wing from BARI on their return journey.	G.16.
BIFERNO.	17.9.44.		8 Beaufighters, led by F/O. Derby, attacked barracks at VALJEVO this afternoon. 4 Beaufighters of 19 Squadron, S.A.A.F. also took part and two of them were responsible for anti-flak duties. On their way out crews noticed a large number of houses burning in a valley near VISEGRAD, obvious signs of enemy activity. The target itself was damaged and burning at the Western end when the aircraft left, but maximum results were not possible as the anti-flak element led the formation to the target rather slowly, and the speed of 245 knots necessary for accurate firing of R.P.s could not be attained. Light machine gun fire was observed in the target area but no damage was sustained by our aircraft. One of 19 S.A.A.F.s aircraft flew into the ground in the target area, the cause of this crash was unknown. F/L. Settle gave R.P. firing demonstration to W/O. Standen and F/Sgt. Symons in the afternoon. W/O. Standen and F/O. Clifford afterwards carried out R.P. exercises on the BIFERNO RIVER range.	G.17
BIFERNO.	18.9.44.		F/O. Derby led a formation of 6 aircraft on an attack against the railway line between BROD and NOVI GRADISKA this morning. The appended excellent photograph shows that R.P.s found their marks on the railway tracks and it is claimed that considerable damage resulted. One loco with 6 box cars was sighted during the break away, and the loco was damaged beyond repair by cannon fire, and strikes were seen on all 6 box cars. Crews who took part in the attack upon the Italian mammoth liner "REX" on the 8th of this month found themselves confronted by a movitone camera today. Shots were taken of a briefing - starring the C.O. (W/Gdr. A.R. Dniss) and also of the trip to the aircraft in a ghari, and the unloading thereof - starring 3 of the crews who took part in the now famous attack.	G.18.

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BIFERNO.	18.9.44.	(Contd.)	The Squadron was delighted to hear today the following awards had been conferred upon two pilots who had left us (tour expired) during July :- F/O. Cox. D.F.C. - Bar to D.F.C. W/O. Paterson. - D.F.C. The following message was received from the I.O. of 283 Wing this morning:- Message from Partisans - The Partisans wish to extend their congratulations on the attack on the barrack blocks on 17.9.44., and deeply regret the loss of one aircraft. They are afraid there is no hope for the crews safety. F/O. Clifford and W/O. Standen continued their R.P. practice attacks today.	
BIFERNO.	19.9.44.		W/O. Standen carried out local flying practice this morning. The Squadron was stood down from operational flying for the whole of the day.	
BIFERNO.	20.9.44.		F/L. Settle led a strike force of six aircraft against coastal guns at NOVI this morning. Two of the gun pits and the ammunition store are claimed as probably destroyed and one other gun pit was damaged. No opposition of any sort was encountered. In the afternoon two of our aircraft set out to take photographs of damage to M.T. caused by an attack of 253 Squadron (Spitfires) in the area around AMYNIAION. About 50 burning vehicles were seen and duly photographed and our aircraft accounted for 1 tank and 2 troop trucks before leaving the area.	
BIFERNO.	21.9.44.		F/L. Pitman set course with a formation of four Beaufighters to blow up the railway line behind the town of DUBROVNIK this morning. Rain and a very low cloud base over the enemy coast prevented these aircraft from carrying out the operation and they returned early to base. Air tests on aircraft "I", "O", and "P" constituted the only local flying today.	
BIFERNO.	22.9.44.		F/L. Settle set course with a formation of 6 Beaufighters on the afternoon to carry out the operation that was planned for yesterday but could not be carried out owing to bad weather. Better luck was with the formation today and our aircraft destroyed a railway junction and 12 box cars - a siding and several more trucks and box cars were damaged. Our aircraft "X" (W/O. Standen) was hit in the port engine by a 20 m.m. shell, but returned safely to base. P/O. Wallace flew to BARI in the morning with the intention of obtaining some films for the Squadrons cine-projector. Unfortunately no films were available.	
BIFERNO.	23.9.44.		A shipping standby was in force during the morning and at lunch time the standby was suddenly cancelled and all available aircraft were ordered to proceed to GROTTAGLIE immediately for an indefinite period. Within a very short space of time 11 aircraft were on their way. "R" - W/O. Inniss. F/O. Cross. (I.O.) "I" - F/L. Pitman. F/S. Mitchell. "A" - F/O. Elliott. F/S. Whitehouse. "T" - F/O. Harris. F/O. Mettam. "J" - F/S. Berg. F/S. Kirk. "O" - F/S. Smith. F/S. Jones. "B" - S/L. Payne. F/S. Potts. "P" - F/O. Derby. F/O. Manners. "S" - F/O. Clifford. F/O. Williams. "F" - F/O. P/O. Wallace. F/O. Andrews. "K" - W/O. O'Neil. F/S. Long. These aircraft were recalled by V.H.F. when they had nearly reached their destination and no reason for this sudden panic is known.	

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BIFERNO.	24.9.44.		4 Beaufighters (led by P/O. Lyon) carried out a shipping rover patrol among the islands South of FIUME this afternoon - no sightings were made. 1 Air test comprised the only local flying undertaken for the day.	
BIFERNO.	25.9.44.		8 Beaufighters, led by S/Ldr. Payne, attacked coastal guns at CAPE AY, AIKATERINI, CORFU, at mid-day today. One very large explosion was seen but an accurate estimate of damage could not be made as the target was obscured by smoke which rose to a height of 1000 ft. The Squadron today welcomes two new members. F/Lt. Gibbins, an Engineering Officer, posted from 14 Squadron and F/Sgt. Hubbard, a navigator, posted from 272 Squadron.	
BIFERNO.	26.9.44.		No operational flying was undertaken today. F/Lt. "Benny" Bennett left the Squadron today on a home posting. He has been a very popular member of the Squadron for no little time and we are sorry to see him go, but at the same time wish him all the best for the future. "Benny" was flown to GROTTAGLIE in the morning by F/Sgt. Cooper. F/Sgt. Kyrke-Smith, W/O. Cuthbertson and W/O. Nuttall also left the Squadron today on posting to No. 3. B.P.D., having finished their operational tour. F/O's Derby and Manners went on leave to SORRENTO leave camp.	
BIFERNO.	27.9.44.		F/O. Elliott led 4 Beaufighters on an armed shipping recce amongst the islands South of FIUME this morning - nothing was seen and the patrol was carried out without incident. Later in the day S/Ldr. Payne set course with a strike force of 4 Beaufighters to attack a railway station at SUNJA - bad weather with cloud right down to the deck forced S/Ldr. Payne to abandon the operation. R.P. practice attacks were carried out by F/Sgt. Symons. S/Ldr. Marshall returned today from 10 days leave in ROME and SORRENTO.	
BIFERNO.	28.9.44.		Rain and general bad weather conditions stopped flying completely for today.	
BIFERNO.	29.9.44.		A new crew is welcomed to the Squadron today - P/O. Silcox and W/O. Saville, they come to us from a Communication squadron. R.P. practice attacks were carried out by F/O. Clifford and F/Sgt. Symons this morning. A cloud burst, which occurred at dusk, caused great havoc in the camp. Hail, rain and a terrific wind wrecked about 12 tents, including S.S.Q., Stores, the telephone exchange, the Orderly Room and many others. Personnel who found themselves with no place to sleep were accommodated at Wing S.Q. for the night.	
BIFERNO.	30.9.44.		Rain continued today, but in the fine intervals personnel could be seen cleaning up the mess caused by last night's storm. Officers without tents are tonight sleeping in the showers, the Mess, the Operations Room, the ambulance and the boiler house. Flying today was completely out of the question.	

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			<u>OPERATIONAL COMMENT.</u> Bad weather towards the end of the month has been a definite setback. However 122 sorties were flown by 39 Squadron during September and the wide variety of targets attacked is obvious from the following list giving the number of sorties flown against each type of operation. <u>Type of Operation.</u> <table> <tbody> <tr> <td>Attacks against railway tracks, locomotives and railway trucks.</td> <td>28 sorties.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shipping rover patrols in Eastern Adriatic.</td> <td>22 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Attacks against coastal guns and their ammunition stores.</td> <td>22 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Attacks against German occupied barrack blocks.</td> <td>12 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Attacks against road and rail bridges.</td> <td>8 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Strike against mammoth liner "Rex".</td> <td>6 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Strike against landing barges.</td> <td>4 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Attacks against M.T. vehicles.</td> <td>4 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Photographic reconnaissance patrols.</td> <td>2 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Air Sea rescue patrols.</td> <td>2 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sorties abandoned owing to bad weather conditions.</td> <td>12 "</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> We have concentrated upon strikes against enemy rail communications during the month, but attacks upon barrack blocks and coastal guns take a close second place. Of the 22 anti-shipping sorties flown, only 4 aircraft were able to find a target, and this (a Siebel Ferry) quickly fled for the shelter of nearby cliffs before our aircraft managed to set it on fire, showing that enemy shipping in the Adriatic is now practically non-existent, or at least does not dare to venture into the open sea during daylight. 3 Strike forces were unable to reach their targets and in each case bad weather conditions were responsible - these targets were, however, attacked at later dates. September 8th was a red letter day for "39" when they took a leading part in the attacks upon the ex-Italian liner "Rex" (See Form 540 - 8th Sept). The Squadron lost two navigators during the month. F/Sgt. Campbell, who was badly wounded and could not be released when his aircraft sank after ditching (7.9.44) and P/O. Orme, who was badly wounded in the leg by a rifle bullet (14.9.44) and died later through loss of blood. Immediately after F/Sgt. Campbell's death we heard that he had been awarded the C.G.M., and his pilot, F/Sgt. Kyrke-Smith the D.F.M. Several new crews and one new navigator without a pilot have joined us, and the end of the month finds the Squadron once again completely equipped with aircraft and crews.	Attacks against railway tracks, locomotives and railway trucks.	28 sorties.	Shipping rover patrols in Eastern Adriatic.	22 "	Attacks against coastal guns and their ammunition stores.	22 "	Attacks against German occupied barrack blocks.	12 "	Attacks against road and rail bridges.	8 "	Strike against mammoth liner "Rex".	6 "	Strike against landing barges.	4 "	Attacks against M.T. vehicles.	4 "	Photographic reconnaissance patrols.	2 "	Air Sea rescue patrols.	2 "	Sorties abandoned owing to bad weather conditions.	12 "	
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			F/L. W. Bennett. - Posted to No. 14 Squadron.		
			S/L. I.D. Charles. - Posted to No. 3 B.P.D.		
			F/O. J.P.J. Browne. - Posted to No. 3 B.P.D.		
			P/O. D.E. Whitehead. - Posted from No. 108 Squadron.		
			F/O. W.R. Wren. - Posted from No. 1 B.P.D.		
			F/L. I.D.H. Gibbins. - Posted from No. 14 Squadron.		
			F/O. W.P. Clifford. - Posted from No. 1 B.P.D. on rejoining Squadron ex "Missing".		
			F/O. S. Williams. - Posted from No. 1 B.P.D. on rejoining Squadron ex "Missing".		
			<u>PROMOTIONS.</u>		
			F/L. T.B. Marshall. - Appointed Acting Squadron Leader.		
			F/L. P.A.S. Payne. - Appointed Acting Squadron Leader.		
			F/O. H.V. Webb. - Appointed Acting Flight Lieutenant.		
			F/O. A.A. Settle. - Appointed Acting Flight Lieutenant.		
			<u>CASUALTIES.</u>		
			P/O. C.T. Orme. - Killed in Action 14.9.44.		
			F/S. Campbell. S.S. - Missing Believed Killed 7.9.44.		
			<u>DECORATIONS.</u>		
			S/L. T.B. Marshall. - Awarded Air Efficiency Award.		
			F/O. N.D. Cox. D.F.C. - Awarded Bar to D.F.C.		
			W/O. W.K. Paterson. - Awarded D.F.C.		
			F/S. Kyrke-Smith. V.J. - Awarded D.F.M.		
			F/S. Campbell. S.S. - Awarded C.C.M.		
			<u>AMMUNITION EXPENDED.</u>		
			<u>Operational.</u>		
			- 575 x 60 lbs. H.E. Rockets.		
			- 88 x 25 lbs. A.P. Rockets.		
			- 9980 Rounds 20 m.m.		
			<u>Non-Operational.</u>		
			- 13 x 25 lbs. A.P. Rockets on Training.		
			- 64 Practice Rockets on Training.		
			- 1320 Rounds 20 m.m. on Tests and Training.		
			<u>OPERATIONAL AND NON-OPERATIONAL FLYING TIMES AND SORTIES.</u>		
			<u>Operational.</u>		
			- 122 Sorties. 337 Hours - 05 Mins.		
			<u>Non-Operational.</u>		
			- 105 Sorties. 81 Hours.		

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