

R.A.F. Form 540

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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of (Unit or Formation) NO. 18 SQUADRON.

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5.11.43

The Squadron was given a talk by Group Captain Roulston, D.S.O., D.F.C., Officer Commanding 232 Wing.
The armed recon area was changed to roads leading N. of ROME and 5 D.B. 7's and 1 A. 20.C. were up 1800 - 1830. Down 2050 - 2215. Area covered 1905 - 2015 the latter aircraft observing a good deal of movement along the road to ROME from the N. 24 x 500 M.C. Inst. were dropped from 60000 ft. between 1920 and 2001 on following targets :- Cross roads at A.7317 causing series of sparks followed by a cloud of smoke, lights on road at A.7836, lights on road, at A.7528, cross roads at B.0402 causing green flash followed by green glow. X Lights at F.7790. 10 M.T. moving S. at F.7694, lights on road at G.7026. Observations :- Large oval of lights just E. of FROSINONE 1903 bombs falling in the VATICAN CITY AREA 2007. Weather 8/10ths cloud, 5-10000 ft. on route 4/10ths at 7000 ft. and patches at 4000 ft. in target area. Visibility far. Hazy in valleys.

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The observation of bombs falling in the VATICAN CITY, linked up with the German radio allegation that the British had bombed the VATICAN CITY, excited much interest and crews were called upon to attend an enquiry at Wing H.Q. by the Officer Commanding. They re-described their recon to make it apparent that they were not responsible for the bombing.
6 aircraft were briefed to attack shipping and harbour installations at ANCONA but were cancelled owing to bad weather.

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(7472) Wt. 24228/1650. 180M. 8/40. P.I. 51-7751.

FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1943

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
				UP	DOWN		
5th/6th NIGHT	Besten 'Z' EZ 263	P/O P.J. Jordan, P/O E.O. Am recce reads Browne, Sgt J.T.A. Harris, N. of P/O E. Penner.	ROME	1800	2100	Bombed cross-roads at A. 7317, 1920, 7500 ft. causing series of sparks and cloud of smoke.	
"	Besten 'Q' 33202	P/O G.D. Ulrich, /O E.J. Cole, Sgt H.A. Olsen, Sgt W.J. Lyon.	"	1805	2050	2 x 500 on lights on roads at A. 7836, 1935 8000 ft. 2 x 500 on lights at A. 7528, 1937, 8000 ft.	
"	Besten 'V' W. 8295	Sgt A. Gillinder, Sgt W. Mastergen, Sgt J.A. Wilson, P/O E.J. Cooper.	"	1820	2105	Bombed cross-roads at B. 0402, 1930, 8000 ft causing green flash followed by green glow	
"	Besten 'B' Z. 2214	P/O J.W. Borden, P/S T.V. Parker, P/S H. Reynolds, Sgt A. Taaffe	"	1815	2150	Bombed lights at F. 7790, 1930, 6000 ft.	
"	Besten 'J' Z. 2188	W/O W.M. Anderson, P/S A. Bell, P/S T.C. Davison, Sgt F.W. Maywood.	"	1830	2215	Bombed 10 M.T. moving S. at F. 7694, 2000 9000 ft.	
"	Besten 'D' W. 8349	Sgt N.W. Dannatt, Sgt D.W. Smith, Sgt G. Agar, Sgt A.J. Dickenson.	"	1830	2110	Bombed lights on roads at G. 7026, 2000, 9000 ft.	

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FOGGIA I.L.G.	5.11.43		ROULSTON Today the O/C 232 Wing, G/CPT. ~~RAUSTON~~ gave a talk to all personnel of 18 and 114 Squadrons. He asked for suggestions for the future, to enable him to continue the smooth running of these two Squadrons. It was suggested that sleeping accommodation was found in town for aircrew personnel. Tonight there were two targets for our aircraft. On the first, 3 aircraft took off on armed run of roads north of Rome; one returned early with engine trouble. On the second target 6 aircraft took off to do an armed run of roads north of the 8th Army front. Light flak was encountered at several points. The bombs were dropped in the PESCARA area.		
	6.11.43		News was received that the VATICAN was bombed last night and enquiries were made as to the time our sole aircraft in this area bombed. It was found that our aircraft was NOT responsible. Operations were ordered for tonight but cancelled owing to weather conditions.		

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Abbreviations P = Pilot. N = Navigator.

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5-6 Nov.	B.III AL 708	F/O KNIGHT G.R.	P			Armed Recce. Roads N. of ROME. One A/c returned early with bombs owing to unfavourable weather, which however broke over Target area, the second A/c bombing position ref A 9000 & lights S of VELLETRI, LF from 3 guns on road W of TERRACINA. encountered.	
	B.III. Z 2229	F/S Barker H.A. " Howarth A. Sgt. Mc Culcheon P. F/O G. DABARICH F/S P.R. HUMPHRY-BAKER F/S JOHNSTON, J. Sgt. SLACK, T.A.	N WOP/AG AG P N WOP/AG AG	1842	2010		
				1849	2219		