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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
NORTHOLT		16.25	a patrol was carried out, but no contact resulted, the aircraft returning to Base at	
		17.10		
		30.9.40	At	
		09.00	the Squadron took off <del>over</del> on a patrol over BIGGIN HILL, in company with No. 1 Canadian Squadron, encountering a formation of some 50 ME.109's: these attacked the Squadron in small groups, and succeeded in breaking up the formation. P/O ROBshaw crash landed at WEST ASH with a bullet wound in the leg, but returned to his Unit. P/Lt. STANSFELD was hit by cannon shell and his machine caught fire: he baled out over EDENBRIDGE, also with a bullet wound in the leg. Pilot Officer DU VIVIER's aircraft was considerably damaged by machine gun fire, but he brought it back safely and landed at NORTHOLT. Sgt. OMMANNEY also returned to Base, with a bullet wound in the foot. Pilot Officer RAVENHILL's machine was set on fire and it is believed he must have been mortally wounded, as his machine crashed at IGHTHAM.	
			At	
		11.15	a further patrol was carried out, but no contact was made, all aircraft returning to Base at	
		12.30	A third patrol, in conjunction with No. 1 and No. 303 Squadrons commenced at	
		13.15	the instructions being changed from a Base patrol to a patrol over the THAMES ESTUARY. A large formation of about 100 ME.109's were seen some 10,000 ft. above, and another formation of 20 Dordier 215's were encountered near FOLKESTONE. The Squadron continued its patrol, but Pilot Officer ORTMANS, with the Polish Squadron, broke away to attack the DO.215's who were on their way to FRANCE. He made an attack on a ME.109 which was chasing a Spitfire and caused this to dive steeply with smoke pouring from the engine. He then made two astern attacks on a DO.215 and saw the aircraft in flames going down, towards the sea in a steep dive. His oil tank was hit and he returned towards the coast and force landed on the beach: four enemy aircraft were seen to crash into the sea by coast-guards.	
			A further patrol was carried out at	
		16.20	during which Sgt. HODSON was injured and force landed in Kent, suffering from an injury to the nose.	

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Aircraft Type and No.	Crew.	Duty.	Time Up.	Time Down.	Details of Sortie or Flight.	References.
P.3224.	P/O BARY.	Pilot.				
V.7534.	P/O BRIGHT.	Pilot.				
P.4112.	P/O WAY.	Pilot.	16.35	17.25	Patrol.	
P.3037.	S/Ldr. BANHAM.	Pilot.				
P.3716.	P/O ORTMANS.	Pilot.				
V.7534.	P/O WAY.	Pilot.	17.55	18.10	Interception over Base.	
R.4112.	P/O BRIGHT.	Pilot.				
N.2647.	Sgt. HODSON.	Pilot.	18.10	18.55	Patrol - landed at HEATHROW.	
V.7411.	P/O RAVENHILL.	Pilot.				
					<u>30.9.40.</u>	
P.3475.	Sgt. JOHNS.	Pilot.		10.25		
P.3422.	P/O DU VIVIER.	Pilot.		10.10		
P.3212.	S/Ldr. BANHAM.	Pilot.		10.10		
P.3710.	P/O ORTMANS.	Pilot.	09.00	10.10	Patrol.	
P.3037.	Sgt. MITCHELL.	Pilot.		10.25		
V.7534.	P/O BRIGHT.	Pilot.		09.15		
P.3224.	P/O BARY.	Pilot.		10.10		
R.4112.	Sgt. BARROW.	Pilot.		10.10		
P.3227.	P/O ROBshaw.	Pilot.	09.00	10.00	Patrol - descended by parachute - crashed at West Malling.	
N.2647.	Sgt. OMBANNEY.	Pilot.	09.00	10.00	Patrol - crashed at Ightham.	
P.2815.	P/O RAVENHILL.	Pilot.	09.00	-	Patrol - killed.	
N.2652.	P/Lt. STANSFELD.	Pilot.	09.00	10.00	Patrol - parachute descent - machine crashed.	
P.3212.	S/Ldr. BANHAM.	Pilot.				
V.7534.	P/O BARY.	Pilot.	11.00	12.30	Patrol. X	
R.4112.	P/O ORTMANS.	Pilot.				
P.3037.	P/O WAY.	Pilot.				
P.2901.	P/O VERITY.	Pilot.	09.35	09.50	Interception over Base.	
V.6704.	P/O DEWAR.	Pilot.				