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1/1/47	2 Kittyhawk III	P/O Thomas E.J. SGT. Hollinshead E.M.	Interception Scramble	09.05	09.20	Two enemy aircraft were reported approaching base but these were not observed and our aircraft returned to base without incident.	OPREP 228	
	2 Kittyhawk III	P/S Barber E.D. P/S Stewart W.F.	Dropping message container on Tamat I.G.	08.05	08.00	Our two aircraft proceeded to Tamat I.G. and dropped container and returned to base without incident.		
	8 Kittyhawk III	P/O Kent R.S. P/O Finlay D.V.	Training	10.55	11.40	Formation flying		
	4 Kittyhawk III	Sgt Colley J.C. P/O Thornhill J.F.R. P/S Arkie A.M. P/S Nichol H.R.	Headiness	FROM 07.15	TO 12.00			
2/1/47	11 Kittyhawk III	S/L Harbury C.V. P/O Kelly I.V. P/O Perkins H.P. P/O Edwards J.H. Sgt. Tuck G.D. P/O Fallois G. P/O Kent R.S. P/S Thomas E.F. P/S Barber E.H. P/S Stewart W.F. P/S Arkie A.M.	Offensive Sweep over Churgis I.G.	10.25	12.15 10.40	Our aircraft proceeded out at ground level on a course of 240° and commenced to climb in square (R)X 86. When over Gheddahia at 2/3000' intense accurate light and heavy AAA was encountered. When over Churgis our top cover engaged 3 Me. 109s. Meanwhile 10° Me. 109s took off and a general dogfight started. S/L dr. Harbury attacked one of the enemy aircraft at 2000'. It exploded and crashed at (R)S 2227. This incident was witnessed by P/S Thomas and P/O Perkins. P/O Edwards attacked another 109, and later a further 109. The latter enemy aircraft crashed at (R)S 2550. P/O Perkins fired at a 109 at 1/2000' and at a range of 50 yards and saw strikes on airscrew and engine. P/O Perkins claimed this as a damaged. P/O Fallois also fired but made no claim. Single engine aircraft were not dispersed on the N. side of the I.G. A burnt out D.C.5 was noted 5 miles S.E. of Desert L.G. On the return journey S/L Harbury and P/O Perkins shot up a German water bowser and some troops slightly N.W. of Churgis I.G. From this operation P/S Arkie failed to return. Another aircraft (Sgt. Tuck) was shot up, Cat. II, and made a force landing at (R)S 7800. Sgt. Tuck returned to his unit after being picked up by the army. Visibility was good, 7/10 - 10/10 cloud at 10/15000'	OPREP 229	

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2/1/47	1 Kittyhawk III	P/O Barber W.D.	Communication	10.45	12.55	Communication flying between Alen el Ghel I.C. No. 2 and Belandah I.C. No. 1	OPREP 202
4/1/47	4 Kittyhawk III	P/O Fellows G. P/O Flury L.V. P/O England D.W. Sgt Carver P.A.	Readiness	08.00	12.00	Readiness for local defence.	
	8 Kittyhawk III	Sgt Colley J.G. Sgt Stubble W.L. P/O Sheppard I.J. Sgt Williams W.D. P/O Thomas B.P. P/O Nichol W.P. P/O Barber W.D. Sgt Hollinshead W.P.	Readiness	08.00	11.55	Readiness for local defence.	
	1 Kittyhawk III	P/O Green D.O.	Communication	12.25	12.45	Communication flying from Alen el Ghel No. 2 to Karble Arch and return.	OPREP 201.
8/1/47	8 Kittyhawk III	P/O Edwards J.P. P/O Harvey L.G. P/O Flury L.V.	Shadow Firing	09.55	11.00		
	9 Kittyhawk III	Sgt Carver P.A. Sgt Stubble W.L.	Shadow Firing	10.00	10.45		
	1 Kittyhawk III	P/O Fellows G.	Local flying	10.45	11.00		
	1 Kittyhawk III	P/O Edwards J.P.	Air Test	11.50	11.45		
	8 Kittyhawk III	P/O Fellows G. P/O Thomas B.P. P/O Stewart W.R. P/O Kent B.S. P/O Barber W.D. P/O Becking L.S.	Kittybombling and ground strafing demonstration	15.10	15.35	Bombing and ground strafing demonstration for Film Unit. Bombs carried 4 x 11 1/2 lb. practice smoke bombs.	
	2 Kittyhawk III	P/O England D.W.	Communication	15.20 07.45	15.35 08.10	Communication flying to meet I.C. Aircraft returned the following day, 2/1/47.	OPREP 202

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1/1/45	8 Fiftysacks III	P/S. Thomas B.H. Sgt. Brown H.S. P/S. Parlee W.H.	Shadow firing	10.45	11.40		
	do.	P/S. Collier J.S. Sgt. Curran H.	do.	11.55	11.55		
11	do.	S/A. Harbury C.V. Sgt. Brown H.S. P/A. Edwards J.H. P/O. England D.W. P/S. Barber W.H. P/S. Colley J.C. P/S. Harvey L.S. P/S. Stewart W.E. P/O. Thornhill J.H.R. P/S. Thomas B.H. Sgt. Hollinhead W.M.	Readiness	14.30	16.00	Demonstration for Cinema Unit. The C.O. dropped five live 500lb. bombs.	
	do.	P/O. Callows G. P/O. Thornhill J.H.R. P/S. Stewart W.E. Sgt. Brown H.S. P/S. Thomas B.H. P/O. Perkins H.	Readiness	FROM 16.55	TO 17.40	readiness for local defence.	
7/1/45	6 Fiftysacks III	P/A. Edwards J.H. P/O. Kent R.S. P/O. England D.W. P/S. Parlee W.H. P/S. Thomas B.H. Sgt. Williams H.S.	Readiness	07.50	08.30 and 08.15	Readiness for local defence.	
	do.	P/S. Stewart W.E. P/S. Harvey L.S. P/S. Barber W.H. P/O. Thornhill J.H.R. P/S. Colley J.C. P/S. Nichol J.R.	do.	08.50	08.15	Do. do.	
	do.	S/A. Harbury C.V. P/O. Flury J.V.	Shadow firing	08.50	10.15		
	do.	Sgt. Hollinhead W.M. Sgt. Stauble W.E.	do.	09.55	10.55	Crash-landed on No. 1 I.L.C.	

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7/1/48	2 Kittyhawks III	F/O Harvey I.S. P/O Nichol H.H.	Shadow firing	09.30	-	Crash-landed 50 miles S. of L.	
		P/O Barber W.D. Sgt. Carver P.A.	do.	10.00	10.50		
	do.	S/L Harbury D.V. P/O Flury L.V.	Local flying	10.55	12.05	Searching for P/O Harvey	
	do.	F/O Fellows S. P/O Colley J.S. P/O Thomas E.H. Sgt. Carver P.A. P/O Thornhill J.H.R. Sgt. Hollinhead K.H.	Readiness	From 11.00	To 12.00	Readiness for local defence.	
	do.	F/O Fellows S. P/O Perkins H.	Shadow firing	13.35	14.15		
	do.	P/L Edwards J.P. P/O Dent R.S.	do.	14.30	15.15		
	do.	P/O Barber W.D. P/O Thomas D.H.	do.	14.40	15.25		
	do.	P/O Stewart F.P. Sgt. Cook G.D.	do.	14.40	15.20		
8/1/48	2 Kittyhawks III	P/O Flury L.V. Sgt. Carver P.A.	Local flying	09.00	10.30		
		P/O Thomas E.H. P/O Nichol H.H. P/O England D.W. Sgt. Brown R.S. P/O Thornhill J.H.R. P/O Parlee W.H.	Readiness	09.45	10.30		
	do.	P/L Edwards J.P. P/O Parlee W.H. P/O England D.W. Sgt. Brown R.S. P/O Thomas E.H. P/O Nichol H.H.	do.	10.30	12.00		
	do.	S/L Harbury D.V.	Local flying	12.00	12.55		
	do.	S/L Harbury D.V.	Local flying	12.00	12.55		

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8/1/45	6 Kittyhawks III	P/O. Fallows G. P/O. Perkins H. P/O. Stewart F.F. P/O. Hart H.S. P/O. Thornhill J.H.R. Sgt. Stubble T.S.	Interception Scramble	14.11	15.30	On Readiness from 13.00 to 14.11. Scrambled on a vector of 290 deg. to Beirut; climbed to 16,000ft. and when in vicinity of new coast Y. 2045 ordered to increase angle; climbed to 25,000ft. and were given several vectors which brought them over Gheddahia L.O. 6 bandits were reported but not seen No A.A. Visibility good no cloud.	OPREP, etc
	6 do.	S/L. Harbury D.V. P/O. Collier J.C. P/O. Thomas H.S. Sgt. Hollinhead T.C. P/O. Edwards J.F. P/O. Mury I.W.	do.	17.05	18.15	Scrambled to east bank "A" patrolled same area at 18,000ft. without incident. 4 A.A. reported but not seen.	
	1 do.	P/O. Nichol H.H.	Air Test	16.55	17.05		
	1 do.	P/O. England D.F.	do. flying	14.50	15.25		
9/1/45	10 Kittyhawks III	S/L. Harbury D.V. P/O. Hart H.S. P/O. Barber W.D. P/O. Nichol H.H. P/O. Fallows G. P/O. Perkins H. P/O. England D.V. Sgt. Williams H.S. P/O. Stewart F.F. P/O. Thornhill J.H.R.	Bomber Escort	09.15	09.55	Top cover to 18 aircraft 8 Squadron and 12 of 450 Squadron bombing detailed target of 1600 N.T. at (R)X 2080. Our aircraft climbed to 15000'/18000'. When in square (R)X 96 the leader of the top cover gave a turnabout and lost the remainder of the formation. 2 aircraft continued to patrol N. and S. for 50 miles due S. of Beirut. The remaining 4 aircraft of the top cover also patrolled over the forward area and then returned to base. Meanwhile the bottom 4 aircraft, led by S/L. Harbury, having made a turnabout, caught up the main formation, and proceeded with them to the target area. Bombs were released on 20/80 N.T. some 10 miles S.W. of the detailed target area, at approx. (R)X 1047. No enemy aircraft or A.A. was encountered and all our aircraft returned to base without incident. Visibility was good, no cloud.	OPREP 536
	1 Kittyhawk III	P/O. Thornhill J.H.R.	Air Test	11.00	11.35		
	1 Kittyhawk III	P/O. Barber W.D.	Air Test	11.25	11.55		
	1 do.	P/O. England D.F.	do.	13.25	13.55		
	1 do.	P/O. Fallows G.	do.	13.55	14.05		

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27/1/45	10 Kittyhawk III.	G/A. Harbury G.V. F/O. Burton F/Sgt. Colley J.C. Sgt. Carver P.A. Sgt. Brown H.G. F/A. Parlee H.J. F/A. Edwards J.F. Sgt. Hollinshead F.H. F/O. Stewart F.F. P/O. Flagg I.V. F/O. Thomas E.H. F/O. Harvey I.S.	Fighter-bombing	17.00	19.10	Bombing U.T. at X.7070. Approach was made at 500ft. to forward L.G. and then gained height to 6000ft. Our A/C then proceeded to target area and dived to 3000ft. releasing bombs from F. to V. on 300° widely dispersed U.T. at X.7070. One direct hit was obtained on a truck and one near miss but U.T. was too well dispersed for bombing. Severe pilots straffed when diving and one U.T. was set alight. No F/O were observed but a little smoke was experienced from the target. Visibility fairly good no cloud.	ORREP.1028.
10/1/45	6 Kittyhawk III	F/O. Fallovs G. Sgt. Potts R. Sgt. Gurno E. Sgt. Carver P.A. Sgt. Stauble W.H. Sgt. Gundy N.F.	Squadron Training	10.30	11.30		
	6 do.	F/A. Edwards J.F. Sgt. Hollinshead F.H. F/O. Harber W.D. Sgt. Brown H.G. F/O. Thomas E.H. F/O. Nichol N.H.	Readiness	18.00	17.45	Readiness for local defence.	
	1 do.	S.A. Gerton	Local flying	09.57	11.00		
11/1/45	1 Kittyhawk III	F/O. Harvey I.S.	Air firing	09.50	09.55		
	1 do.	Sgt. Gurno E.	Air test	09.50	09.40		
	6 do.	F/A. Edwards J.F. Sgt. Potts R. F/O. Barter W.D. Sgt. Stauble W.H. F/O. Thomas E.H. Sgt. Gundy N.F.	Squadron Training	10.00	10.30		
	1 do.	F/O. Stewart F.F.	Local flying	10.10	10.50		

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11/1/45	6 Kittyhawk III	P/O Edwards J.F. Sgt. Colley J.C. P/O Stewart W.F. P/O Harvey I.S. P/O Thomas B.F. P/O Kent R.S.	Communication	15.25	15.55	Communication flying from Alex el Chel No. 2 to Muzriat.	OPREP 276	
	6 Kittyhawk III	P/O Fellows G. P/O Perkins M.F. P/O Barber W.D. Sgt. Brown R.S. P/O Thornhill J.H.R. P/O Nichol H.R.	Communication	15.50	16.06	do.	do.	
	4 Kittyhawk III	P/O England D.W. P/O Parlee H.F. Sgt. Cook G.D. Sgt. Hollinshead P.D.	Communication	15.45	16.15	do.	do.	
ALL FUTURE OPERATIONS CONDUCTED FROM HAMRAIRT I.C. UNTIL FUTURE NOTICE								
12/1/45	12 Kittyhawk III	P/O Fallows G. P/O Perkins M.F. Sgt. Colley J.C. Sgt. Hollinshead P.D. P/O Thornhill J.H.R. Sgt. Stables W.B. P/O Stewart W.F. Sgt. Brown R.S. P/O England D.W. P/O Harvey I.S. P/O Barber W.D. P/O Kent R.S.	Interception Haramble	08.10	09.10	Our aircraft gained height over base and then received a vector to Tamet, where two aircraft were chased which proved to be friendly. The formation then headed N.W. to approx. (N)S 6000. At this point they chased one of two enemy aircraft, which was probably a Ju88, but failed to overtake it. They then returned to Tamet where dogfights were reported but not observed. However two 109s were seen and chased but without success. A.A. was noted over Tamet and dust which may have been from either 8 aircraft taking off or 8 bomb bursts. Visibility was fair but with ground mist, no cloud.	OPREP 276	
	12 Kittyhawk III	S/O Harbury G.V. P/O Perkins M.F. P/O Stewart W.F. P/O Parlee H.F. P/O England D.W. Sgt. Curran H.F.J. P/O Fellows G. P/O Piny I.V. P/O Thornhill J.H.R. P/O Nichol H.R. P/O Barber W.D. Sgt. Potts H.J.	Top cover to offensive sweep of Churgis and TAUORPA I.C.s	14.40	15.20	Top cover to 12 aircraft of 260 Squadron. Formation proceeded out at ground level until approaching Buzrat. Here our aircraft climbed to 14000' heading N. along the coast and turning inland slightly N. of TAUORPA. Formation passed over TAUORPA but I.C. was not seen, then continued N. along the coast and observed 20/30 N.W. N. of Churgis, direction N. Nothing was seen on Churgis I.C. Some heavy A.A. was encountered from (N) 14000' when 15 miles W. of base I.C. and at 11000' A.A. was noted and almost immediately afterwards our aircraft were turned by 4 Me.109s. In the ensuing combat Fallows, Barber and		

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						Nichol all fired but made no claim. The aircraft piloted by P/O Thornhill was shot up Cat. II but he himself was uninjured. Visibility hazy with dust, no cloud.	
13/3/47	12 Kittyhawk III	S/A Hanbury C.F. P/O Burton F.F. Sgt. Colley J.C. Sgt. Williams R.S. P/O Barber W.D. P/O Harvey I.S. P/O Edwards J.F. Sgt. Brown R.S. P/O Sheppard I.J. P/O Parlee W.H. P/O Thomas B.H. P/O Kent R.S.	Offensive Sweep and Straffe of Tauroga I.G.	07.50	09.30	Our aircraft approached Tauroga I.G. at ground level but when in the immediate area climbed to 3000'. The I.G. was not seen owing to haze up to 3000'. They continued on a track over Georgia I.G. from which heavy A.A. was experienced. Aircraft were seen at various points, probably aircraft of 8 Squadron, but no contact was established. Visibility poor, haze to 3000', no cloud.	OPREP 543
	12 Kittyhawk III	P/O Edwards J.F. Sgt. Carver F.A. P/O England R.W. P/O Parlee W.H. Sgt. Brown R.S. Sgt. Hollinhead F.H. P/O Sheppard I.J. P/O Kent R.S. P/O Thomas B.H. Sgt. Williams R.S. Sgt. Colley J.C. P/O Harvey I.S.	Readiness and Standby	FROM 11.05	TO 15.45	At readiness and standby for local defence.	
14/3/47	12 Kittyhawk III	S/A Hanbury C.F. Sgt. Carver F.A. Sgt. Cook F.D. Sgt. Brown R.S. P/O Thornhill J.H.R. P/O Flury L.V. P/O Holloway G. P/O Perkins H.S. P/O Stewart W.F. Sgt. Hollinhead F.H. P/O Barber W.D. P/O Nichol H.H.	Offensive Sweep and Straffe over Tauroga I.G.	07.35	09.10	Our aircraft crossed the coast 10 miles East of Tauroga and proceeded N.N.E. at 3000'. When about 20 miles due E. of Georgia height was gained and our aircraft returned to base at 4000'. No A.A. or enemy aircraft were encountered. Operation was not completed owing to the fact that the compass in the leaders aircraft was a/s. Visibility was good.	OPREP 541
	1 Kittyhawk III	P/O Edwards J.F.	Communication	10.30	11.15	Communication flying from Namriet I.G. to China I.G. and return.	

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18/4/45	10 Kittyhawk III	P/O. Harbury S.V. P/O. Kent S.V. S/O. Shepherd J.F. Sgt. Duffin H.D. Sgt. Colley J.C. Sgt. Shuttle W.D. P/O. Fallois G. P/O. Harvey I.S. P/O. England R.W. P/O. Swales W.H. P/O. Thomas B.H. Sgt. Williams R.D.	With top cover to Bostons.	11.30 11.30 11.30 11.30 11.30 11.30 11.30 11.30 11.30 11.30 11.30 11.30	12.05 12.05 12.05 12.05 11.55 11.55 12.05 12.05 12.05 12.00 12.00 12.05	Our aircraft detailed as active top cover to 18 Bostons, escorted by 12 aircraft of 3 Squadron and 12 of 450 Squadron with 12 of 180 Squadron as top cover, bombing Northern I.G. at Sir Duffin. 4 aircraft returned early from this operation with various trouble and in two cases the No. 2s also returned. Our aircraft proceeded out and gained height to 16/17000' crossing the coast at (H) 5640. At this point 2 No. 109s made two undetermined attacks and then made off. Formation then headed for target. Bombs were released across the I.G. Aircraft were noted taking off by dust. No. 1 was observed all around the I.G. An engagement ensued after the bombing with approx. 12 No. 109s. P/O. England engaged one enemy aircraft, following it to ground level. He fired all his ammunition without result and then returned to base with his No. 2. P/O. Harbury and P/O. Kent attacked another 109; P/O. Fallois and P/O. Harvey also engaged a 109 which followed them almost to the base I.G. In spite of all these engagements no claims were made. On the return on the following observations were made: 1 No. 109 diving on its back towards the sea at (H) 5747; a Baltimore burning near lake at (H) 0680 1 1/2 miles inland and 1 mile W. of a crashed C.H. 43; over the I.G. at Sir Duffin a Kittyhawk spinning down; on the outward trip black smoke coming from the sea at approx. (H) 7010. Visibility was good, 2/10 cloud at 20000'.	UPREP 141
10 Kittyhawk III		P/O. Edwards J.F. P/O. Flay J.V. P/O. Barber W.D. Sgt. Brown R.D. P/O. Cooper J.V.R. Sgt. Cook H.D. P/O. Stewart W.F. Sgt. Collinghead F.H. Sgt. Colley J.C. P/O. Nichol R.H. P/O. Thomas B.H. Sgt. Williams R.D.	Top cover to 12 Baltimore and 6 Bostons	12.35 12.35	12.35 12.35	Formation was detailed to bomb N.E. of Ghendria but was recalled.	

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14/1/47	1 Kittyhawk III	Sgt. Gundy R.N.C.	Air Test	17.00	17.25		0275P 041
	1 Kittyhawk III	Sgt. Potts R.N.C.	Communication	18.00	17.00	Communication flying from home airfield to Baladsh I.O. No. 1 and return.	
15/1/47	11 Kittyhawk III	P/O. Williams J.P. Sgt. Gundy R.N.C. Sgt. Potts R.N.C. Sgt. Potts R.N.C. P/O. England R.N.C. P/O. Potts R.N.C. P/O. Potts R.N.C. P/O. Potts R.N.C. P/O. Potts R.N.C. P/O. Potts R.N.C. P/O. Potts R.N.C.	Armed Recon.	08.00	09.00	Each of our aircraft was carrying 6 x 50lb bombs. 800 Squadron was leading this operation and 12/10 Spitfires provided cover. Our aircraft left base at 8.00 and at 8.1000 ft. Recon. was completed over the following areas where the following observations were made: At 8.1500 ft. 22 shells bursting; a fire with green and black smoke at 8.1500 and 8.1500 ft. flashes presumed from white phosphorus from oddities; nothing observed or reported was noted in the red direction and no target work; nothing could be seen; large numbers of trees and huts were noted on both sides of the road at Vadi. Observed by this aircraft to be our forces. No enemy aircraft were encountered, but some heavy smoke reported was experienced from 8.1500 ft.	0275P 040
	1 Kittyhawk III	Sgt. Gundy R.N.C.	Air Test	10.05	11.20		
	1 Kittyhawk III	P/O. Finny I.O.	Communication	11.00	15.10	Communication flying to Baladsh and return.	
	12 Kittyhawk III	P/O. Hanbury R.N.C. Sgt. Gundy R.N.C. P/O. Perkins R.N.C. Sgt. Colley J.O. Sgt. Stubbie J.P. P/O. Ballons P/O. Michel R.N.C. P/O. Potts R.N.C. Sgt. Hollinshead R.N.C. P/O. Potts R.N.C. Sgt. Potts R.N.C. P/O. Potts R.N.C.	Kittybombling	14.30	15.05	Formation detailed to bomb 500 ft. reported at 14.45. Spitfires to provide cover. Formation returned with bombs since they were unable to locate the target area.	

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UNIT: 100 MOUNTAIN BOMBERS, 100 B.F. SQUADRON

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15/1/45	12 Kittyhawk III	S/A. Barnby G.V. Sgt. Currie R.F.F. P/O. Burton R.F.F. P/O. Perkins R.F.F. Sgt. Doherty J.C. Sgt. Stebble W.B. P/O. Fellows G. P/O. Nichol R.F.F. P/O. Stewart W.F.F. Sgt. McIlleshed F.S. P/O. Herbert V.D. Sgt. Brown R.F.F.	Fifty bombing	15.55	17.05	Each aircraft carrying 6 x 40lb. bombs, to bomb target of 100 I.T. located on track running N.E. from (N) 8 4512. Our aircraft proceeded out, approaching the target area at 10000', dropping to 6000', when 2 miles S. of Waterloo formation turned S.E. and bombed about 20 stationary I.T., and also F.E.I.F. type tents at (N) 8 4520. Bombs were released from 6000' and all bombs fell well among target area. Some heavy A.A. was experienced from the target area; some gun flashes were also seen and some dug in tracks. On the stretch of main road in squares (N) 25 and 24 about 200/300 N.E. were noted, direction N. Dust was observed on each side of the main road in these squares indicative of moving U.I. No enemy aircraft were seen although 5 were reported. 12 Spitfires were operating over the area. Visibility was fair, 2/10 cloud at 15/6000'.	C/REP 242
16/1/45	12 Kittyhawk III	S/A. Barnby G.V. P/O. Harvey R.F.F. P/O. Kent R.F.F. P/O. Elvey I.V. P/O. Stewart R.F.F. Sgt. Dundy R.F.F. P/O. Edwards J.D. Sgt. Gwynn R.F.F. P/O. England R.F.F. Sgt. McIlleshed V.F.F. P/O. Thomas R.F.F. Sgt. Williams R.F.F.	Armed Recon.	07.55	09.55	8 aircraft carrying 6 x 40lb. bombs. Formation detailed to recon. Sadaka area with 12 aircraft of 250 Squadron leading and 2 squadrons of Spitfires as top cover. Target of opportunity. Formation approached the area at 8000' diving to release bombs on about 50 I.T. located on track at (N) 8 6022. Bombs were released from 6500' and all fell in the target area, several on the track itself, but specific results were not observed. Considerable heavy A.A. was encountered from the target area. Ground observations were 1- in the wadi at (N) 8 7020 - 6020 considerable stationary I.T. approx. 200/400 N.E. on track moving N.W. No enemy aircraft were encountered although 5 were reported near Ghargha. Visibility was fair, no cloud.	C/REP 242
	12 Kittyhawk III	P/O. Burton R.F.F. Sgt. Currie R.F.F. P/O. Thornhill J.H.R. Sgt. Hotta R.F.F. Sgt. Doherty J.C. P/O. Fellows W.B. P/O. Perkins R.F.F. P/O. Herbert R.F.F. Sgt. Tuck G.D. Sgt. Brown R.F.F.	Armed Recon.	11.40	13.00	10 aircraft carrying 6 x 40lb. bombs. Formation as in previous operation. Area detailed for recon. N.W. of Sadaka. Target of opportunity. Formation proceeded out to area at 6000' and when actually over recon. area height was 4000'. Patrol was maintained of area around square (N) 21. Some gun flashes were noted in square (N) 27 but there was no sign of the enemy. Neither A.A. or enemy aircraft were encountered.	122

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						Small columns of N.F. N. and S. of track near Onedehia and small columns were observed moving N.W. at various points toward the bomb line, but these were our forces. All aircraft returned with bombs since no target presented itself. Visibility was fair, no cloud.	
	1 Kittyhawk III	P/O. Perina N.P.	Local Flying	19.30	19.00		
	1 Kittyhawk III	P/O. Johns G.E.	Local Flying	19.48	18.38		
	1 Kittyhawk III	P/O. Johns G.E.	Local Flying	19.05	18.55		
	1 Kittyhawk III	P/O. Sheppard I.J.	Air Test	19.30	18.50		
17/1/44	8 Kittyhawk III	P/O. Harbury G.V. P/O. Whorhill J.P.R. P/O. Sheppard I.J.	Communication	11.38	17.30	Communication from Harriet to Santa Rosa I.	COMM CAA
	1 Kittyhawk III	Sgt. Cook G.D.	Communication	11.38	14.30	Communication flying to Marble Arch and return.	
	11 Kittyhawk III	P/O. Edwards J.V. P/O. Harvey I.F. P/O. Barber G.D. Sgt. Brown G.D. P/O. Kent B.B. Sgt. Hollingshead P/O. Ballous G. Sgt. Cook G.D. P/O. Plury I.V. P/O. Thomas B.F. P/O. Miles F.L.	Kittybombing	16.45	16.00	Formation detailed to land at (UNKNOWN), Santa Rosa I. after operation. 8 aircraft each carrying 2 x 40lb bombs. Detailed target was any enemy N.F. W.W. of Santa Rosa I. Formation approached target area at 10000', passing over many columns of our forces to the head of which were N.F./W.W. The head of these columns was approx. 1 mile S.W. of Santa Rosa I. A suitable target was located approx. 4/10 miles N.W. of Santa Rosa I. All bombs fell well in the target area, which comprised part of an enemy column stretching 20/30 miles along the track S.W. & a smaller column was heading E. from Santa Rosa I. No enemy aircraft were encountered but there was some light A.A. from the target area. Visibility was good, in cloud.	
	8 Kittyhawk III	P/O. Barber G.D. P/O. Perkins H.F. P/O. Ballous G.	Communication	18.30	18.40	These aircraft left Harriet to Santa Rosa I. but this they failed to do, and therefore returned to Harriet base.	

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18/1/42	10 Kittyhawk III	S/A. Farbury G.V. Sgt. Hollinshead P.M. P/O. Thomas R.N. P/O. Barber W.B. P/O. Northall J.A.R. Sgt. Brown R.S. P/O. Fallows G. Sgt. Williams H.F. P/O. Barber E.D. P/O. Nichol W.H. P/O. Sheppard L.J. P/O. Harvey I.S.	Kittybombers	07.50	08.06	Dive bombing TARIKA 2 Squadron top cover 150 Squadron leading. Approach was made along N. to N. track at 3000'. When a few miles S. of Tarkana 6 He.119's and 11 Stukas were observed due S. flying at 300' above our formation our A/c. turned to attack jettisoning their bombs but the He.119's fled. Top cover engaged and one A/c. was seen to go down the pilot being out. Two bombs hit the track and two <del>vehicles</del> were started. Strafing for 4 miles N. along the track from Tarkana was a solid mass of H.V. estimated at at least 1500 vehicles. No A.A. was encountered, visibility 4500 heavy; no clouds.	OPREP 265.
	11 do.	S/A. Farbury G.V. P/O. Perry L.V. P/O. Barber W.B. P/O. Hunt R.S. P/O. Harvey I.S. P/O. Edwards J.F. Sgt. Hollinshead P.M. P/O. Sheppard L.J. Sgt. Tuck G.D. P/O. Thomas R.N. P/O. Parley E.H.	do.	11.15	12.04	Dive bombing Tarkana near TARKANA, 200 Squadron medium cover 2 Squadron top cover. Approach was made at 3000' and our A/c. dived to 1500' releasing their bombs from N. to S. on 2/200 stationary H.V. all bombs fell well among them. After bombing our A/c. made two strafing runs across the target with excellent results. As a result of the bombing and strafing 2 or 3 vehicles were blown up, 10 or 11 damaged, 1 petrol bowser on fire and many enemy personnel.	
	10 do.	P/O. Edwards J.F. P/O. Perkins H.V. to Kitty P/O. England D.W. Bombers Sgt. Tuck G.D. P/O. Colley G.O. Sgt. Currie H. P/O. Fallows G. Sgt. Brown R.S. P/O. Stewart W.F.	Top cover	14.50	15.00	Top cover to 200 Squadron and 150 Squadron bombing H.V. at TARKANA. Our A/c. flying at 12/16000' bombing was good along track N. of Tarkana. No H.V. were encountered and there was no A.A. A huge column of black smoke was observed in the direction of Uastei sanito. Visibility fairly good; no clouds.	
	9 do.	S/A. Farbury G.V. Sgt. Hollinshead P.M. P/O. Hunt R.S. Sgt. Currie H. P/O. Sheppard L.J. P/O. Finlay H.V. P/O. Perkins H.V. P/O. Harvey I.S. P/O. Parley E.H.	do.	16.50	18.00	Top cover (8 carrying bombs) to 200 Squadron and 2 Squadron bombing H.V. 10 min. N. of TARKANA. Approach was made at 12/17000' bombs were released at 1.0017 10/15 min. N. of Tarkana. Bombing was good and included two direct hits on the road and one on a farmhouse by 200 or 2 Squadron. After bombing our A/c. turned S. and observed 2 He.119's these made no attempt to attack and after trying to get into the sun disappeared. Visibility fair; dust haze over main road.	123

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10/1/45	1 Kittyhawk III	W.A. Johns C.O.	Air firing	18.55	19.20		
16/1/45	10 Kittyhawk III	S/A. Harbrey C.V. Sgt. Tuck G.D. P/O. Colley J.C. Sgt. Hollinshead G.D. Sgt. Brown H.D. Sgt. Williams H.D. P/O. Parlee W.D. Sgt. Quirk H. P/O. Thomas G. P/O. Keeble W.D. P/O. Stewart W.D. P/O. Stibel H.D.	Kittybombing	18.17	18.40	Bombing road 1/2 to 1 mile S. of TAPRU. 7 Sqdn. leading, then 10/200 then 5/400 and 5/250 on top. Air A/O. Flew at 2/10000' and bombed 1000 M.T. well dispersed and stationary at 1.4016. Bombs were released from 2000' well in target area. Intense smoke was encountered from the target but no P.A. were encountered. Target area was a defended position with slit trenches runs etc. runs etc. No movement on road N. of TAPRU and only a few seen on the road to the west. Sgt. Tuck broke away with smoke pouring from his machine. He force-landed at 1.35 and later returned to his unit. Visibility good; 5/10 at 1.40 at 7000.	OPREP. 244.
1 do.	do.	P/O. Johns H.D.	Communication	do.	do.	To Parricet and return.	
17 do.	do.	S/A. Harbrey C.V. Sgt. Hollinshead G.D. P/O. England D.C. P/O. Parlee W.D. P/O. Kerr H.D. Sgt. Brown H.D. P/O. Edwards G.D. Sgt. Williams H.D. P/O. Barber W.D. P/O. Nichol H.D. P/O. Chesser G.D. P/O. Parlee W.D. P/O. Bellows G. P/O. Stewart H.D. P/O. Johns G.D. P/O. Thomas H.D. P/O. Colley J.C.	do.	16.20	16.50	FROM GEMADA L.O. TO BIR BUDA L.O.  NOTE:- ALL FUTURE OPERATIONS UNDERWAY FROM BIR BUDA UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.	
20/1/45	10 Kittyhawk III	P/O. Parson Sgt. Hollinshead G.D. P/O. England D.C. P/O. Parlee W.D. P/O. Kerr H.D. Sgt. Brown H.D. S/A. Harbrey C.V. Sgt. Williams H.D. P/O. Barber W.D.	Kittybombing	08.00	08.15	Bombing road between Taphua and Castel Benito 11/200 leading, 10/400 and 10/700 on top all bombed up with 2 squadrons of Spitfires as extra top cover. One A/O. at 10000' dived to 5/2000' releasing bombs on road at 1.7826 W. of Taphua target was 100 M.T. in clusters moving W. rapidly down gorge. Accurate results were not observed but bombs appeared to fall on or near the road. The enemy appeared to be trying to hold the high ground and fairly	OPREP. 247.

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S/L Harbury G.V.  
Sgt. Williams R.S.  
S/O Barber V.D.

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20/1/45		S/L Nichol E.H. P/O Sheppard L.J. P/O Perkins H.P.				Intense Breda was experienced. P/O Nichol's aircraft was hit by A.A. and damaged (Cat. I). Visibility was good: 7/10 cloud at 4000'.	
20/1/45	1P Kittyhawk III	P/O Osmond J.B. Sgt. Cook E.D. P/O Sheppard H.J. P/O Johns G.R. P/O Colley J.O. P/O Nichol E.H. P/O Palfrey G. P/O Perkins H.P. P/O Stewart G. P/O Taylor G.P. P/O Thomas E.L. Sgt. Williams R.S.	Fighter sweep and dive-bombing	12.40	14.15	18/250 Squadron, 18/450 Squadron and 18/3 Squadron with bombs, 18/250 Squadron providing top cover. The sweep was carried out at an average height of 10000'. Our aircraft passed over Garis than over Agia and Castel Benito. These places all appeared deserted. A large fire was noted at Elanhi and two large fires to the west of Tripoli. The formation continued along the coast until N. of Castel Verde, then turning south. The Squadron bombed Castel Verde or slightly south but the results were unobserved by our aircraft owing to cloud. A certain amount of Breda and heavy A.A. was directed at the lower formations. Our aircraft returned without incident. Little or no movement was observed on the roads. Four enemy aircraft, reported taking off at Tripoli, were neither encountered or observed. Visibility was poor owing to 18/10 cloud at 10000'.	OPREP R47
21/1/45	1P Kittyhawk III	P/O Burton E.P. P/O Johns G.R. P/O Thornhill J.H.R. Sgt. Cook E.D. P/O England H.H. Sgt. Curro E.P.J. P/O Stewart G. Sgt. Hollinshead E.H. P/O Barber V.D. P/O Flury L.V. P/O Thomas E.L. P/O Harvey I.S.	Kittybomber and strafing	08.40	10.15	Formation to attack target of opportunity on the Garis-el-Old road. 18/250 Squadron as top cover. Each of our aircraft carrying 6 x 50lb. bombs and long range tank. Our aircraft proceeded to the detailed area at 6000' dropping to 5000'. Little movement was noted on the road N. of Tripoli. P/O Burton and two of our aircraft released their bombs on the aerodrome at Castel Benito. Bombs were released from 5000' resulting in one direct hit on an aircraft. About 15 aircraft were noted on the south side of the aerodrome & three were either damaged or possibly dummies. A little Breda was experienced from this target. 8 aircraft were noted near Castel Benito but these were probably ours. Formation then flew West Tripoli; 3 columns of smoke were seen on the S. outskirts, 1 fire by the quay, 1 ship burning and another untouched. Near Sidi Bilal L.O. (not seen) our formation jumped 4 MC.209s, flying at about 1500' direction East. P/O Stewart destroyed 1 of these enemy aircraft; 5 of our aircraft and P/O Burton also engaged but no other claims were made. It should be noted that our aircraft were considerably hampered by long range tanks. On the return run 5 fires were noted West of Tripoli; some bomb bursts noticed in (S) 78, from attack by 2 Me.109s	OPREP R48

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						heading south. A Kittyhawk was seen belly-landed at (H) 0000 or 0004. Castel Perito landing field was being ploughed and no area in the immediate vicinity appeared suitable for the construction of another I.L. I.L. at Casa Gerabali appeared serviceable. Visibility was good, 10/10 cloud at 7/5000'.	
02/1/47	18 Kittyhawk III	W.A. Benbury C.V. Sgt. Williams R.S. P/O Perkins W.P. Sgt. Coffey J.O. Sgt. Potts R.J. P/O. Fellows G. P/O. Michel R.S. P/O. Shrover I.J. P/O. Kent W.S. P/O. Myland R.W. Sgt. Brown R.S. Sgt. Garver P.A.	Kittybombling and strafing	18.05	18.30	Bombing and strafing the main road from Tripoli to Lebia. Our aircraft attacked I.L. at Castel Perito instead of the detailed target area. Approach was made at 8000', but recognition over-shot the target so turned south and released bombs from 7000'. Results of bombing not observed. Formation then made a turnabout and successfully strafed the I.L. knocking out two of the three tractor ploughs which were engaged in ploughing up the runways. Other strafing targets were two gun posts and one truck and several aircraft on the ground, but these had probably been damaged in previous bombing attacks. Intense light A.A. was experienced from Castel Perito from the Udi hills, (H) L 8020 and heavy A.A. from Sianchi.	
	11 Kittyhawk III	W.A. Edwards J.L. P/O. Kent W.S. P/O. Payne W.E. P/O. Johns W.B. P/O. Stewart W.P. Sgt. Stubble V.B. Sgt. Cook G.D. P/O. Barber W.S. P/O. Flury I.V. P/O. Thomas H.E. Sgt. Garver P.A.	Kittybombling and strafing	18.15	18.40	Detailed target was aerodrome at Castel Perito. Approach was made at 8000', dropping to 6000'. Strafing was carried out from 5000' H.E. against the third tractor plough which was effectively destroyed. It was observed that the two ploughs attacked in the previous operation were still stationary; two of three gunposts in the S.E. corner were also attacked without observed results. Some heavy A.A. was experienced from the N. side of the I.L. and also from 2 miles E. and 4 miles W. Visibility was good; no cloud over target area.	
	1 Kittyhawk III	Sgt. Hollinshead R.M.	Communication	60 minutes		To Gairs.	
	1 Kittyhawk III	P/O. Bayley L.S.	Air Test	18.05	18.25		

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20/1/45	4 Pittyboat III	S/A. Herby G.V. P/O. Fallow G. P/O. Stewart H.E. P/O. Thomas R.H.	Free-lance Pittytobbing and strafing	06.00	09.25	<p>These aircraft took off in moonlight, heading N.W. and crossing the coast slightly W. of Tripoli, where 3 large fires and many small ones were observed burning. Formation continued W. along the coast about 10 miles out to sea at 2000', then on to the E. coast of Sicily Island where a 4/5000 ton ship was noted either towing or being followed by a smaller one of approx. 1000 tons. Then W. across the Gulf of Gabes, making landfall about 10 miles N.W. of Gabes, 100 S. and down the road. At Ouled a car with headlights full on was seen; it appeared to be crossing a bridge; there was also a fire close by. 20 bombs were released. The headlights were extinguished. One bomb fell approx. 10 yards from the road but specific results were not observed. During this incident our aircraft was at 2000'. Our aircraft continued S.E. and crossed the I. S. at Gabes where 3 He. III and 1 Ju. 88 were observed from a height of 100'. Here considerable A.A. was experienced, mainly Breda and M. 20. When out to sea re-crossing the coast about 10 miles S. of Gabes, 2 He. III near the road was strafed but owing to the poor light specific results were not observed; continued S. inside the hills for about 40 miles passing over a village near which a truck was pulling a large gun, probably an 88mm. Formation went down to strafe and found their position over an aerodrome which was assumed to be either Fum. Intine or Maden in South, probably the latter. On this I.S. were 400 aircraft including Ju. 88, He. III and some single engine fighters. One He. III, which was almost certainly put out of action for a considerable while. Here intense A.A. was experienced from about 8000 ft. Breda, M. 20 fire etc.; continued S. and on to the road N. of Bida (Ginda) strafed a water pump, (a square brick building on the side of the road) which someone was attempting to fire. Bombs were seen prior to strafing; continued keeping inside the hills and when N. of Garin observed our arm./cars and M. 20. When returned to base I.S. there did not appear to be a great deal of movement on the roads crossed, but the poor light made accurate observation difficult.</p>	OPREP 240

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28/1/45	10 Kittyhawk III	F/A. Edwards J.F. P/O. Perkins W.F. P/O. Barber W.D. Sgt. Potts R.J. P/O. Sheppard I.A. P/O. Flury I.V. P/O. England D.W. P/O. Harvey I.G. P/O. Thornhill J.H.R. P/O. Kent R.G.	Kittybombers and strafing	11.25	11.30	<p>Formation detailed to attack submarine and ships in Tuzra harbour, the village and any other targets presenting itself. 18/250 Squadron leading, Spitfires providing top cover.</p> <p>Formation crossed the coast 10 miles N. of Tripoli and headed E. at 17000', keeping 10 miles OHTS sea, to the target area. Bombs were released from 1600' from N. to S. across the harbour. About 18 bombs fell across the quay and one appeared to hit a ship of approx. 4/6000 tons lying alongside. A second ship, (Hospital, Red Cross), of some 1600 tons was also in the harbour, and some barges and fishing boats. After bombing strafing was carried out and individual pilots made the following strikes:- P/O. Sheppard - 4 barges, P/O. Perkins - A.A. on the road, Sgt. Potts - an A.A. post among the trees, P/O. Barber - a wharf, P/O. England - 1 H.A., P/O. Kent - a house with flag, P/O. Flury - barges or fishing boats. Both light and heavy A.A. from the target area and from several points along the coast including Sabratha and from a ship of approx. 4/6000' pointing E. at (4/11 3000). This A.A. was mainly British. One of our aircraft was hit and damaged Sgt. I. (P/O. Kent). On the outward run a large explosion was observed S.E. of Tripoli at (R) 0600. Visibility was good, no clouds.</p>	OPREP 200
	8 Kittyhawk III	F/A. Edwards J.F. Sgt. Fick G.D. P/O. England D.W. P/O. Harvey I.G. P/O. Sheppard I.A. Sgt. Garver P.A.	Kittybombers and strafing	16.16	17.16	<p>Formation detailed to attack Tuzra harbour. 18/250 Squadron leading, Spitfires providing top cover.</p> <p>Formation approached quays at 2600' keeping 8 miles out to sea. Accurate heavy A.A. was experienced from Sabratha. Two of our aircraft were damaged Sgt. I. bombs were released on ships and harbour, one stick making a near miss on a 1800 ton ship leaving the harbour, direction N.E. There were 5 or 6 100 ton ships in the harbour and a hospital ship of approx. 1800 tons. After bombing strafing was carried out and individual pilots made the following strikes:- F/A. Edwards - jetty, a car, and a house in the main road, Sgt. Fick - an A.A. post among trees, P/O. England - railway tracks and 6 enemy personnel, P/O. Harvey - railway station, track, dumps on the jetty, Sgt. Garver - ships and houses. In the course of strafing P/O. England observed about 40 trucks in all at the station and a gun post</p>	jetty

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08/1/42						on a tower to W. of harbour near the railway station.	
	1 Kittyhawk III	P/O. Thornhill J.H.	R. Air Test	08.35	09.10		
	1 Kittyhawk III	P/O. Thornhill J.H.	R. Air Test	17.40	18.10		
	1 Kittyhawk III	Sgt. Hollinhead	Communication	100 mins.		To R.A.F. and return with new aircraft. R.A.F. at Tinet.	
05/1/42	10 Kittyhawks III	P/O. Edwards J.H. Sgt. York G.D. P/O. England D.W. P/O. Nichol H.R. P/O. ... Sgt. Cundy R.F. P/O. Sheppard H.W. P/O. Harvey L.S. P/O. Thornhill J.H. Sgt. Owen J.H. P/O. Colley J.C. Sgt. Williams H.S.	Kittybombing and straffing.	11.45 10.10	11.45	Formation detailed to attack M.T. on the road 12 miles East of Kurra. 10/20 Squadron as top cover. Formation approached overland at 3000' to the target which comprised 20/40 M.T. in the S. bank of the road 2 miles E. of Sabraha. (Q)P 7552. Bombing was good and well timed. The M.T. and on the road, trucks were released from 1000' in line abreast formation. After bombing formation made a turnabout over the sea then came down to ground level and straffed with good results; the following pilots noted their individual strikes: P/O. Sheppard - 1 tender, (wireless type) and 5 personnel, Sgt. Cundy - 1 5-ton M.T. badly damaged, P/O. England - 5 M.T. badly damaged and 5 personnel, an explosion was noted in an ammo. truck hauling a gun, Sgt. York - 1 5-ton M.T. badly damaged, P/O. Nichol - 5 M.T. damaged, Sgt. Cundy - 1 M.T. badly damaged, P/O. Harvey 1 5-ton M.T. badly damaged and another damaged, P/O. Colley 2 5-ton M.T. badly damaged, Sgt. Williams - 1 small M.T. badly damaged, P/O. Thornhill - a general strike in the road, a fire with black smoke was noted after straffing light A.A. was experienced from Sabraha and W. fire from the target area. Both light and heavy A.A. from points (Q)P 6040 (alt. 6020, visibility good, no cloud.	(Q)P 7552
	1 Kittyhawk III	Sgt. Brown H.S.	Communication	120 mins.		To Tinet and return with new aircraft.	

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06/1/48	18 Kittyhawk III	S/A. Hanbury C.V. P/A. Edwards J.F. P/O. Fallows G. P/O. Sheppard J. P/O. Thornhill J.H.R. P/O. Barber E.D. P/O. Thomas E.H. P/A. Stewart H.F. P/A. Perkins H.F. P/O. Colley J.C. Sgt. Brown E.S. P/A. Harvey L.S. P/O. Nichol H.R. Sgt. Hollinshead E.H. P/O. Kent E.S.	Communication	11.10	12.10	Communication flying from Bir Dufan to Castel Ledito.  ALL FUTURE OPERATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM CASTEL LEDITO UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE	
	11 Kittyhawk III	P/O. Fallows G. P/A. Perkins H.F. Sgt. Brown E.S. Sgt. Struble L.S. P/A. Barber E.D. P/O. Nichol H.R. P/O. Stewart H.F. P/O. Thornhill J.H.R. Sgt. Hollinshead E.H. P/O. Thomas E.H. P/A. Harvey L.S.	Kittybombers and strafing	18.15	1900	Formation detailed to attack L.S. at Ben Lyden. 18 <sup>th</sup> Squadron top cover to 12/200-12/450-12/460. Formation approached at 10000' and released bombs from N.W. to S.E. from 1000'. No aircraft were seen on the L.S. only tanks, which were strafed, also a gun pit. On the return run our aircraft strafed 3 or 4 times causing the following damage to enemy units:- 1 house and 2 B.A. on fire, 10 B.A. damaged, 1 Diesel bus damaged. Heavy A.A. was exploded from (S) W 2000 and fairly intense heavy and Broda A.A. from Ben Lyden L.S. A Kittyhawk was observed with white smoke coming from it 6 miles W. of Ben Lyden, direction S.E. height 1000'. A B.A. was seen flying W. at 1000' but our aircraft were unable to make contact, but 4 or 5 other Kittyhawks were noted firing at it. Visibility was good, 5/10 cloud at 18000'	
06/1/48	8 Kittyhawk VIII	P/O. Sheppard J. Sgt. Brown E.S. P/O. Colley J.C. Sgt. Curro H.W.J. P/O. Kent E.S. Sgt. Williams E.S.	Readiness	09.40 09.45	08.45 10.00	Readiness for local defense.	
	8 Kittyhawk III	P/A. Edwards J.F. P/O. Perkins H.F. P/O. Thomas E.H. Sgt. Hollinshead E.H. P/O. Barber E.D. P/A. Harvey L.S.	Readiness	08.45	10.25	On duty.	

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7/1/45	10 Kittyhawk III	Sgt. [illegible] P.O. Sgt. [illegible] P.O. Sgt. [illegible] P.O. Sgt. [illegible] P.O. Sgt. [illegible] P.O. Sgt. [illegible] P.O. Sgt. [illegible] P.O. Sgt. [illegible] P.O. Sgt. [illegible] P.O. Sgt. [illegible] P.O. Sgt. [illegible] P.O. Sgt. [illegible] P.O.	City Bombing	12.10	16.10	Formation detailed to attack Y.J. at Hamelin East. IP/400 above IS/400 Hamelin, above 280 IP/400 Hamelin and IS/400 providing top cover. Formation approached the target area at 7000' diving to 2000' to release bombs on the Y.J. About 50 aircraft were noted on the West side of the Y.J. (One aircraft comprised 40, 10, 10, and 10). The dispersal of the aircraft was not noted. IP/400 was shot up on Hamelin. One aircraft was seen from the target area. The aircraft were scattered and although it was reported on the target that one aircraft struck the wood in the East of the Y.J. during the night. A small bomb and 1000 lbs. were reported. One aircraft was reported from the target. 2 on 2 small ships were seen in the harbour at Hamelin and a ship of some 2/400 tons was seen and 100 lbs. outside. Visibility was bad, about 5,000'.	UNREP CAT
7/3/45	4 Kittyhawk III	Sgt. [illegible] P.O. Sgt. [illegible] P.O. Sgt. [illegible] P.O. Sgt. [illegible] P.O.	Roundness	11.45	14.00	Roundness near Hamelin	
7/3/45	6 Kittyhawk II	Sgt. [illegible] P.O. Sgt. [illegible] P.O. Sgt. [illegible] P.O. Sgt. [illegible] P.O. Sgt. [illegible] P.O.	Communication	14.00	16.30	Flight over Hamelin	
7/3/45	1 Kittyhawk	Sgt. [illegible] P.O.	Air Test	10.30	10.45		

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27/1/43	4 Kittyhawks III	F/S., Stewart W.E. Sgt. Carver F.A. F/O., Kent R.S. Sgt. Hollingshead S.H.	Readiness	11.30	13.30	Readiness for local defense.	
	6 do.	F/L. Edwards J.F. Sgt. Brown R.S. F/S. Thomas B.H. Sgt. Stauble W.S. F/O. Thornhill J.H.R. F/S. Michel N.R.H.	do.	16.30	18.15	Do. do.	
	1 Kittyhawk II	F/S. Michel N.R.H.	Communications				
	1 do.	Sgt. Stauble W.S.	do.	2 hours		From Elex el Chel.	
	1 do. III	Sgt. Brown R.S.	Air test	2 hours		Do.	
	1 do.	Sgt. McParland J.	Communications	2 hours		Do.	
	1 do.	F/S. Colley J.C.	do.	08.30 - 09.25 50 mins		From Bir Dafan.	
				1.0 mins		Do.	
28/1/43	4 Kittyhawks III	F/L. Fallows G. F/O. Thornhill J.H.R. W/O. Barber W.D. Sgt. Curran H.J.F.	Armed Recce	11.15	12.35	Armed weather Recce along road to Zarsis. Formation flew at 3000ft. 10/10 cloud at 3/8000ft made observation impossible. 3 ships of about 6000 tons were observed line astern direction East observed in Sq. K.11 about 10 miles off coast. On return journey intense accurate heavy A.A. experienced from Zarsis. One 4000 ton ship observed in Zarsis harbour and 3 or 4 small ones. Aircraft returned with bombs.	OLHEP 255.
	4 do. II	F/L. Edwards J.F. F/O. Perkins M.F. F/O. Sheppard L.J. Sgt. Tuck G.D.	do.			This formation also carried out the same recce and reported bad flying conditions. Nothing was observed of importance. Bombs were dropped on a black house at Zarsis without observed results. No A.A. and no enemy aircraft.	
	1 do.	F/S. Colley J.C.	Air test	16.20	16.55		
	1 do.	Sgt. McParland J.	do.	16.20	16.45		

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29/1/45	6 Kittyhawk II	F/S. Stewart W.E. Sgt. Hollinshead E.H. F/O. Kent R.S. F/S. Nichol N.R.H. F/S. Thomas B.H. Sgt. Curme H.J.F.	Readiness	07.40	08.10	Readiness for local defense.	
				09.00	10.00		
		do.	W/O. Barber W.D. Sgt. Brown H.S. F/O. Perkins M.F. F/S. Parlee W.H. F/S. Colley J.C. F/S. Harvey L.S.	Do.	08.10		
2 do.	F/L. Fallows G. F/S. Thomas B.H.	Recco.	15.45	16.1	Recco investigating state of L.G.s at F.0626 and F.1341. Approach was made at 3000ft. The L.G. at F.0626 was not located and is probably non-existent. A large triangular L.G. was located at F.1728. The L.G. at F.1341 was on the small side and appeared to have a rough surface. While orbiting the L.G. about 2 explosions were seen near road junction at El Ustia (F.1530) our aircraft investigated but no enemy aircraft seen.	OPREP 258	
31/1/45	Kittyhawk II	F/L. Edwards J.F. F/L. Usher L.	Air firing	10.55	11.00	Readiness for local defense.	
	6 do. III	F/O. Sheppard L.J. Sgt. Carver F.A. Sgt. Tuck G.D. F/S. Harvey L.S. F/O. Thornhill J.H.R. Sgt. Stauble W.S.	Readiness				
	12 Kittyhawk II & III	F/L. Edwards J.F. Sgt. Carver F.A. F/O. Sheppard L.J. F/S. Harvey L.S. F/O. Thornhill J.H.R. Sgt. Stauble W.S. F/S. Stewart W.E. Sgt. Hollinshead E.H. F/O. Perkins M.F. F/S. Nichol N.R.H. F/S. Thomas B.H. Sgt. Curme H.J.F.	Top cover	14.00	16.00	Top cover to 118 Squadron bombing and strafing shipping off Zaris. Our aircraft proceeded towards the target area at 1,000ft. 20 miles out to sea. Landfall was made at Zaris and the fighter bombers bombed 4 ships outside the harbour, the results were not observed. No A.A. was encountered. Our aircraft returned without incident. Visibility good no cloud.	OPREP 258

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