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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
NORTHOLT.	1.11.40.		Squadron carried out two patrols. Several Me 109s were seen on each patrol, but they were too far off to be engaged. Air Commodore Rt.Hon.Winston Churchill visited the Squadron at 1730 Hrs.	
	2.11.40.		P/O. Millard reported to the Squadron for flying duties. Squadron carried out one uneventful patrol.	
	3.11.40.		Wet and very misty day. No flying.	
	4.11.40.		Visibility very poor. Two sections went off during the day, but no E/A seen.	
	5.11.40.		Squadron carried out two patrols. On the second patrol seven Me109s were sighted, but they made for France before the Squadron could engage them. P/O.Syre promoted to Acting F/Lt.	
	6.11.40.		Squadron carried out one patrol. No E/A seen. Sgt.Hammerton missing.	
	7.11.40.		Squadron carried out two uneventful patrols.	
	8.11.40.		Squadron carried out three patrols. On the first patrol Sgt.Moore fired at an He.113 without any result. P/O.Landels, who was weaving above and slightly behind the squadron was shot down by a Me.109, but only slightly bruised when he crashed landed.	
	9.11.40.		Squadron carried out several patrols by sections. Owing to bad weather Squadron was released at 1500 Hrs for the remainder of the day.	
	10.11.40.		The Squadron carried out two patrols on the Maidstone patrol line without engaging the enemy. Eleven machines went to Heath Row for the night.	
	11.11.40.		The Squadron carried out two patrols in the Groydon area and provided protection for a large convoy in the Thames Estuary. P/O Wheeler rejoined the Squadron from No 607 Sqn. Drem. and Sgt. Milnes joined us from No 32 Sqn. Aukington. H.R.H.Duke of Kent visited Northolt and spoke to Pilots at our dispersal point.	
	12-11-40.		P/O. Howitt posted away from us to No 85 Sqn. w.e.f. 15/11/40. P/O.McClintock and Sgt.Milnes were ordered to patrol Brooklands in the afternoon and were vectored to an enemy raid.	CO CO

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NORTHOLT.	12.11.40	(Contd)	P/O. McClintock opened fire on a Do.17, closing to 180 yards and used all his ammunition but did not see result as the enemy disappeared into cloud. Sgt. Milne was unable to get within firing distance.	
	15.11.40.		Sgt. Hamerton who disappeared on 8th Nov. was found killed and his machine burnt out at Seale, Kent. Weather bad. Pairs of aircraft did lone patrols in the afternoon and the Squadron did one patrol in the morning mostly up and down through thick cloud.	
	14.11.40.		Tex aircraft patrolled Biggin Hill in the afternoon with No 302 Sqdn leading. In the evening 6 of our aircraft went to Biggin Hill at dusk. P/O Millard on landing there overshot and turned on his nose. Pilot uninjured.	
	18.11.40.		F/O Miller reported for duties as Engineer Officer having been posted from No 614 Sqdn. In the afternoon Red Section 3 aircraft were told to intercept an enemy aircraft near High Wycombe but did not make contact. Five minutes later 8 of our aircraft were ordered to patrol Maidstone Patrol Line, leading No 302 Sqdn. No combats took place but Sgt. Moore's machine was shot up.	
	16.11.40.		At 1450 Hrs we patrolled Maidstone again with No 302 Sqdn. Squadron went to Heath Row in evening.	
	17.11.40.		Church parade in the morning. One patrol on the Maidstone patrol line with 11 aircraft. Landed at 1140 Hrs. in company with No 229 Sqdn. In the afternoon we patrolled Croydon with No 605 Sqdn. and six aircraft dispersed at Heath Row in the evening.	
	18.11.40.		Aircraft returned from Heathrow and as weather was too bad for flying Squadron was released for the fitting of V.H.P.	
	19.11.40.		Squadron patrolled in dirty weather in the morning with No 229 Sqdn. and were obliged to land at Northweald in poor visibility. Sgt. Milne overturned on landing as his aircraft hit a soft patch caused by a bomb crater. F/Lt. Gayner landed in a field near Northweald without damaging himself or his aircraft. Squadrons were obliged to stay overnight at Northweald. F/O Foxley-Morris reported on posting from No 3 Sqdn. for flying duties.	

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NORTHOLT.	20.11.40		Sgt. Smyth reported from No 249 Sqdn. and Sgt. Mitchell reported from No 3 Sqdn. both for flying duties. Two aircraft did dusk landings the Squadron having returned from Northweald at lunch time. P/O Miller was posted back again to his old Squadron( No 614)	
	21-11-40.		One patrol in the afternoon. P/O Millard was missing for quite awhile but later it was ascertained he had made a forced landing near Tunbridge Wells in a small field without damaging himself or his aircraft. The field is too small for the aircraft to be flown out of. P/O Edmond posted to No 242 Sqdn. Duxford.	
	22.11.40.		Eleven aircraft took off on uneventful patrol over Maidstone with No. 302 Squadron. Two aircraft practised dusk landings.	
	23.11.40.		One patrol in the afternoon. No 302 Sqdn. left Northolt for Tangmere. Several of our airmen who have recently been <sup>promoted</sup> <del>posted</del> have been posted including P/Sgt. James to join newly formed fighter Squadrons. A late evening patrol over Croydon prevented night flying practice.	
	24-11-40.		Patrolled Maidstone in the morning 11 aircraft. Croydon in the afternoon 12 aircraft. Messerschmitts and Italian aircraft were sighted but were either too far away or too high to be engaged.	
	25-11-40.		C.O. and P/Lt. Gaymer visited Hawkers for the day. Weather poor until the afternoon when one Section patrolled base. P/O McClintock & P/O Truran were killed in a Magister belonging to Station Flight on their way back to Northolt. The crash took place at Sunningdale and eyewitness accounts state that the wing dropped off whilst they were at 200 ft. An investigation is being conducted. Adj. Ferris(French) rejoined this Unit from No 249 Sqdn.	
	26-11-40.		One patrol in the morning with No 229 Sqdn. and Red Section patrolled base in the afternoon. P/O Landels returned from hospital but is on the strength of S.H.Q. Northolt. P/O Paterson has also returned after sick leave and is awaiting medical board.	
	27-11-40.		One uneventful patrol with No 229 Sqdn. in the afternoon. Two aircraft practised dusk landings.	
	28-11-40		13 Aircraft patrolled Maidstone at 0800 hrs. Adj. Lafont made a forced landing at Detling as his engine was on fire. No enemy were seen. Pilot was uninjured. Squadron did a further patrol being	

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NORTHOLT	28-11-40	(Contd)	ordered to scramble as they were in the process of being photographed by Daily Sketch. Squadron were released in the afternoon and football match with No 229 Sqdn. which we won 1 - 0. F/O A.P. Gray has been posted non-effective for operational flying and is now in charge of Station Flight, Northolt.	
	29-11-40		One operational patrol over Maidstone with 10 aircraft nothing seen.	
	30-11-40		No operational flying. F/O McClintock & P/O Truran were crashed at St. Johns. Hoking. S/Ldr. Kayll, F/Lt. Eyre, F/O Gray, F/O Stern and F/O Tennant represented the Squadron. S/Ldr. Orzechowski & Sgt. Jenkins posted to this Unit. from No 245 (Polish) Sqdn. F/O Hone returned to Northolt.	
			Total flying times for November:-	
			DAY. Operational. 511.30.	
			Non-operational. 44.00.	
			555.30	
			NIGHT. Nonoperational 2.65	
			TOTAL.... 558.25	

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