

**Selected pages from the  
Logbook of 'Pop' Furlong  
No. 275, 277, 278 Air Sea Rescue Squadrons,  
RAF Valley, Hawkinge, Thorney Island, Beccles**

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UNIT	DATES		UNIT
	FROM	TO	
UXBRIDGE	31/10/39	6/11/39	
3 I.T.W. HASTINGS	7/11/39	6/1/40	
30 E.F.T.S. (LINK) BURNASTON	7/1/40	8/2/40	
3 I.T.W. HASTINGS (P.S.)	9/2/40	23/6/40	
3 I.T.W. TORQUAY "	24/6/40	5/10/40	
C.L.E. RINGWAY	6/10/40	31/12/40	
NEWMARKET DETACHMENT	21/11/40	6/12/40	
1 G.T.S. THAME	1/1/41	31/7/42	
1 G.T.S. CROUGHTON	1/8/42	18/10/42	
4 G.T.S. KIDLINGTON	19/10/42	2/3/43	
275 SQDN. VALLEY	3/3/43	1/2/44	
277 " HAWKINGE	2/2/44	16/2/45	
278 " THORNEY IS.	17/2/45	22/2/45	
278 " BECCLES	23/2/45	25/7/45	

LINK

GLIDERS

A.S.R.

'Pop' Furlong had an interesting career during the war. This document shows just a few pages from his logbook whilst flying with three Air Sea Rescue squadrons.

There is a file showing some logbook pages of his time flying with No1 Glider Training School on the Links page.

YEAR		AIRCRAFT		PILOT, OR 1ST PILOT	2ND PILOT, PUPIL OR PASSENGER	DUTY (INCLUDING RESULTS AND REMARKS)
1943		Type	No.			
MONTH	DATE					
						TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD
MARCH	4	LYSANDER	V9737	SGT. BLANN	SELF	SECTOR RECCO & CIRCUITS
"	4	"	"	SELF (SPRINGBOOK 2nd. FEATRAY 318)	—	CIRCUITS
"	5	"	V9738	"	SGT. CORDINGLEY	SECTOR RECCO.
"	6	"	V9737	"	- SPERRIN	DINGHY DROPPING
"	8	MASTER II	DM215	"	F/SGT MCGILLIVRAY	VALLEY - ANDREAS
"	8	"	"	"	"	ANDREAS - VALLEY
"	9	LYSANDER	9749	"	"	SECTOR RECCO
"	10	"	"	"	SGT. SPERRIN	PRACTICE HOMING
"	11	"	"	"	P/O GREGORY	AIR/SEA FIRING & W/T EXERCISE
"	11	WALRUS	R6590	F/O CAMERON	SELF	FAMILIARISATION ON TYPE
"	12	LYSANDER	9738	SELF	F/S MCALEESE D.F.M.	W/T WITH BOATS
"	13	"	"	"	F/O MILLS	SECTOR RECCO
"	13	ANSON	EG540	F/LT. CALVERT	SELF	FAMILIARISATION ON TYPE
"	14	"	"	"	"	"
"	15	LYSANDER	9737	SELF	F/S MCALEESE	PRACTICE RESCUE WITH BOATS
"	18	ANSON	EG539	F/LT. SEABORNE, D.F.C.	SELF	SECTOR RECCO.
"	19	"	540	SELF	{ P/O FREELAND F/SGT MCALEESE	"
"	22	LYSANDER	R9006	"	CPL. LIGHT	TARGET TOWING
"	26	ANSON	539	"	{ F/LT. CLARKE P/O HODGES	VALLEY - ANDREAS
"	27	"	"	"	AND 3 OTHERS	ANDREAS - WOODVALE
"	27	"	"	"	2 SGT. STIMSON	WOODVALE - VALLEY
"	27	LYSANDER	9749	"	F/S CORDINGLEY	SEARCH
"	28	ANSON	539	"	SGT. BLAKEY	INST'N. VALLEY - ANDREAS
"	28	"	"	"	{ " AND 4 " PASSENGERS	" ANDREAS - VALLEY

GRAND TOTAL [Cols. (1) to (10)]

6.53 Hrs. 25 Mins.  
(INCLUDING MOTORLESS AIRCRAFT 208 HRS. 20 MINS.)

TOTALS CARRIED FORWARD

YEAR	AIRCRAFT		PILOT, OR 1ST PILOT	2ND PILOT, PUPIL OR PASSENGER	DUTY (INCLUDING RESULTS AND REMARKS)	
	Type	No.				
MONTH	DATE				TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD	
JUNE	10	WALRUS	8562	SELF	F/LT. V.D. HONERT	FAMILIARISATION: INST'M
	13	LYSANDER	9738	"	—	STARTED FOR WOODVALE: GIVE UP: MACHINE ROPEX
	13	MASTER	215	"	—	AIR TEST
	14	WALRUS	8562	"	P/O McALEESE	VALLEY - EGLINTON
	14	ANSON	492	F/LT. SEABORNE	SELF	EGLINTON - SYDENHAM
	14	"	"	"	"	SYDENHAM - VALLEY
	15	DEFIANT I	M3423	SELF	SGT. SKINNER	AIR TEST
	16	ANSON	492	"	" BROWN	FAMILIARISATION: INST'M
	17	WALRUS	2207	"	F/O GREGORY	SEARCH: LAMBETH
	21	ANSON	539	"	{ F/LT. V.D. HONERT S/L REEVES	VALLEY - SHOBDEN - VALLEY
	23	LYSANDER	9738	"	F/O MILLS	AIR TEST
	25	ANSON	540	"	F/LT. V.D. HONERT	AIR/SEA FIRING:
	26	"	F(539)	"	SGT. WILDER	CIRCUITS
	26	WALRUS	V(2746)	"	F/SGT. McLELLAN	AIR TEST
	30	ANSON	PV-F	"	{ SGT WILDER F/O OFF EMERSON P/O TAYLOR	VALLEY - WOODVALE - VALLEY

Summary for JUNE 1943  
 Unit..... 275 Sqn ..... Aircraft  
 Date..... 30-6-43 ..... Types  
 Signature..... *[Signature]*

- 1 ANSON
- 2 WALRUS
- 3 LYSANDER
- 4 DEFIANT
- 5 MASTER

*[Handwritten signature]*

YEAR	AIRCRAFT		PILOT, OR 1ST PILOT	2ND PILOT, PUPIL OR PASSENGER	DUTY (INCLUDING RESULTS AND REMARKS)
	Type	No.			
MONTH	DATE		TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD		
1943					
JULY	1	ANSON	J(A912)	SELF	F/Sgt McLELLAN ACs POWELL, HAMLET & WEBSTER SECTOR RECD.
	4	"	F	Sgt. SKINNER	SELF VALLEY, ANDREAS, SQUIRES GATE, VALLEY
	5	"	"	F/Lt. V.D. HOMERT	F/Sgt. MURRAY, L. SELF ZZ
	6	"	E	F/Lt. SEABORNE	SELF P/O McALEESE VALLEY-ANDREAS-EGLINTON-VALLEY
	8	"	J	SELF	P/O McALEESE ZZ
	11	LYSANDER	C(9749)	"	F/O IRVINE RECD.
	15	ANSON	J	"	F/O MILLS F/O GREGORY D.F.C. SEARCH
	15	WALRUS	V(2746)	F/Lt. SEABORNE	SELF F/O GREGORY SEARCH
	16	ANSON	E	SELF	AC TRATT " THORBURN PRACTICE SEARCH (PLOTTED) V.H.F.
	17	"	F	"	F/O GREGORY CPL. JONES AC COPE R/T & W/T TEST
	18	LYSANDER	C	"	F/O GREGORY PLOTTED PRACTICE SEARCH (CONTACTOR)
	21	WALRUS	V	"	F/S MURRAY L. SEARCH
	21	ANSON	F	F/Lt. SEABORNE	SELF F/O IRVINE Sgt. BARNSHAW TESTING FLAME FLOAT
	22	WALRUS	Z(2207)	SELF	Sgt. WILDER INST'N
	24	ANSON	F	"	Sgt. WILDER P/O McALEESE SEARCH
	25	WALRUS	V	"	F/O GREGORY "
	27	"	V	"	F/O CHAPPELL INST'N
	27	"	Z	"	"
	29	ANSON	J	"	P/O PHILLIPS "
	30	WALRUS	V	"	F/O CHAPPELL F/Lt. GALLINGALL V.H.F. TEST WITH BOATS

GRAND TOTAL FOR JULY  
29.00 HRS.

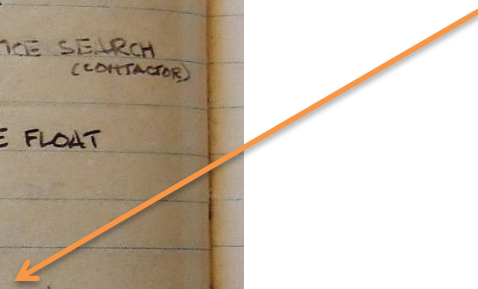
Summary for JULY 1943  
Unit 275 Sqn. Aircraft  
Date 31-7-43 Types  
Signature [Signature] F/Lt.

1. ANSON
2. WALRUS
3. LYSANDER
- 4.

GRAND TOTAL [Cols. (1) to (10)]  
747 Hrs. 15 Mins.

DUAL 3.05 206.15  
TOTALS CARRIED FORWARD

This entry relates to a search for a missing Sea Otter in Cardigan Bay.  
See next two pages.



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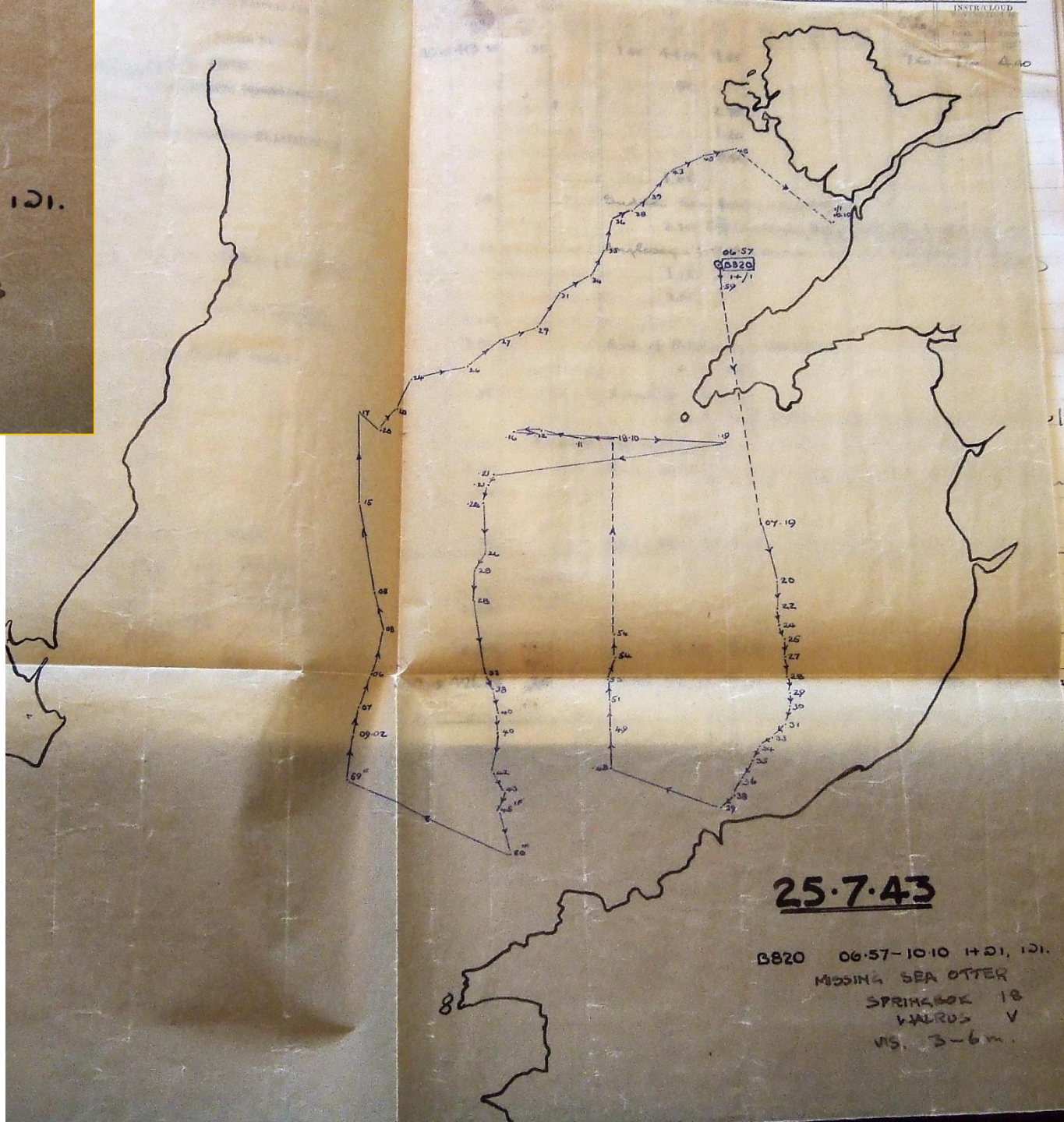
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MISSING SEA OTTER

SPRINGBOX 18

WALRUS V

VIS. 3-6m.



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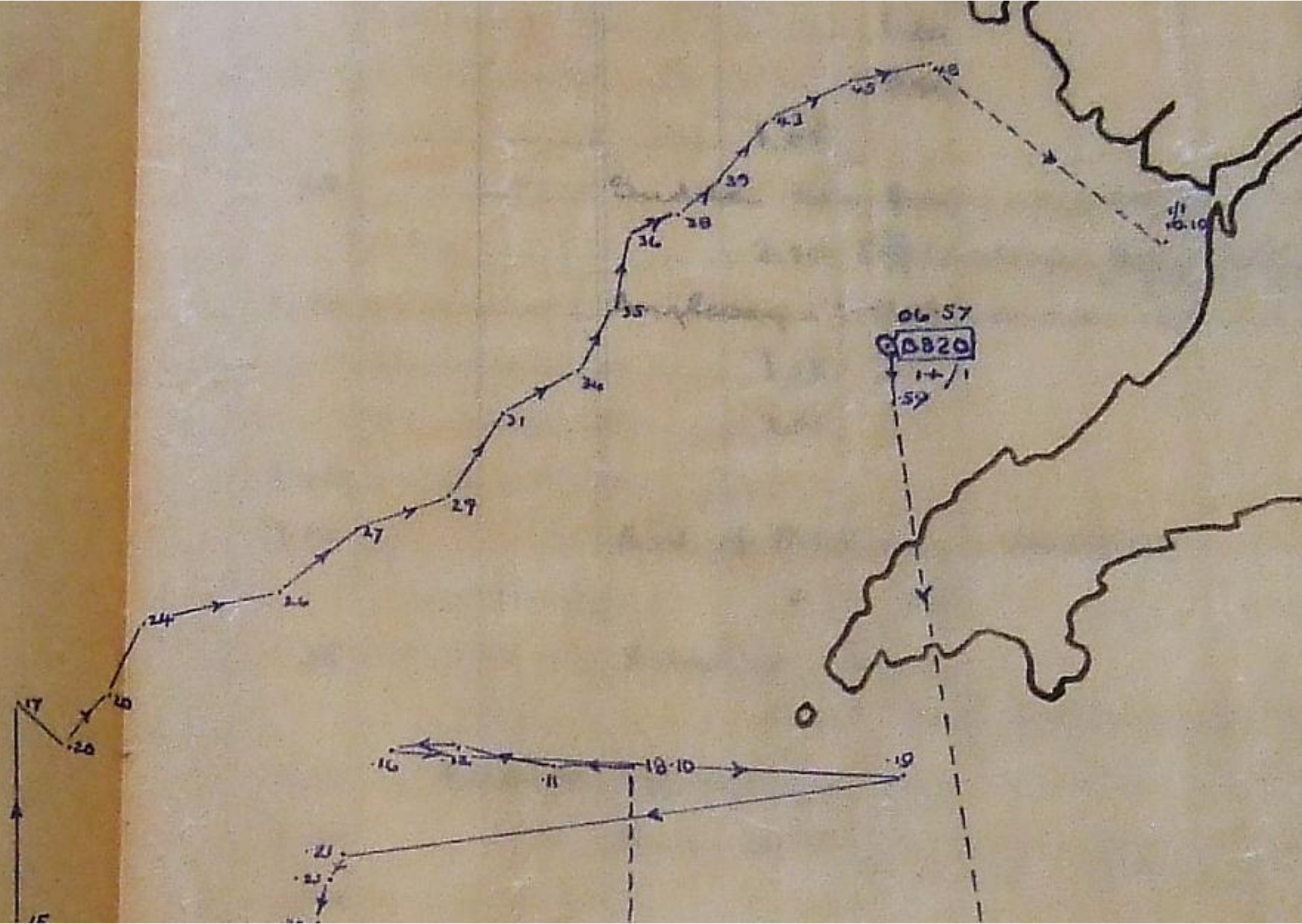
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MISSING SEA OTTER

SPRINGBOX 18

WALRUS V

VIS. 3-6m.



YEAR 1944	AIRCRAFT		PILOT, OR 1ST PILOT	2ND PILOT, PUPIL OR PASSENGER	DUTY (INCLUDING RESULTS AND REMARKS)
	Type	No.			
					TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD
FEB.	6	WALRUS Y9563 (A)	S/LT. MANDER	SELF P/S BUTLER SGT. SMITH	CHANNEL RECCO.
"	13	SPITFIRE II 8509 (M)	SELF	---	P/F
"	14	" IV 8324 (Z)	"	---	AIR TEST
"	15	WALRUS BA-A	S/L WALLENS	SELF	V.H.F. TEST
"	21	SPITFIRE M	SELF (DENCOT 43)	---	MID-CHANNEL PATROL
"	22	" Z	"	---	RELIEVING WHITE SECTION <small>STANDEN</small>
"	23	" V 522 (E)	"	---	MID-CHANNEL PATROL <small>WIPPER</small>
"	23	" Z	"	---	V.H.F. TEST
"	24	" Z	"	---	SPOTTING N. FORELAND
"	24	" Z	"	---	SEARCH
"	25	" Z	"	---	SPOTTING DUNCNESS <small>WIP</small>
"	25	" II 7359 (M)	"	---	SEARCH 180 <small>STANDEN 25 m.</small>
"	28	" II 7490 (L)	"	---	SPOTTING <small>WIP</small>
"	29	TIGER 575	"	LAC. McKECHNIE	AIR SICKNESS TEST

SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 1944  
 UNIT : 277 SQDN.  
 DATE : 1-3-44  
 SIGNATURE: *[Signature]*

*[Signature]*  
 W/C  
 OC. 8 FLT. 277 SQDN.

GRAND TOTAL FOR

135 M.F. adms 15: V.H.F. u/s: 2 picked up by HSLs: 1 dead 1 died. (Mandera) ②

Dumped  
 sent to 210 ~~358~~ 358 m.: found M.K. orbiting oil & 2 dinghies: Walrus got 1 (died) and was towed back to Down by M.S.Ls., who got 2: 14 ft sea  
 Flare path landing down 3 ft ③

GRAND TOTAL [Cols: (1) to ( )]  
 837 Hrs. 00 Mins.

TOTALS CARRIED FORWARD



YEAR	AIRCRAFT		PILOT, OR 1ST PILOT	2ND PILOT, PUPIL OR PASSENGER	DUTY (INCLUDING RESULTS AND REMARKS)
	MONTH / DATE	Type			
1944					TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD
APRIL	2	SPITFIRE	2315(T)	SELF	SEARCH
MAR	10	"	H	"	SEARCH
"	11	"	Y	"	HAWKINGE - GRAVESEND
"	11	"	849(C)	"	GRAVESEND - HAWKINGE
"	12	"	C	"	MID CHANNEL RECO
"	12	"	O	"	SEARCH
"	20	"	H	"	SEARCH
"	20	"	"	"	SEARCH
"	20	"	"	"	SEARCH
"	21	"	"	"	SEARCH
"	21	"	T	"	SEARCH
"	22	"	Y	"	SEARCH
"	24	"	199(X)	"	MID-CHANNEL
"	25	"	T	"	SEARCH (No 1.)
"	26	"	T	"	MID-CHANNEL "
"	27	"	X	"	SEARCH
"	28	"	M	"	SEARCH
"	29	"	C	"	SEARCH
"	30	"	O	"	AIR TEST
"	30	"	"	"	SEARCH

360 Grounded to be picked up by boat: we found two but boat lost line } ①  
 10-15 m. } Found empty dinghy  
 } Cockpit door blew off.  
 } 2 dead, 2 injured (1 dead)  
 175 Dunge 25m: Oil patch & 5 ~~sticks~~ picked up by boat ④ ⊗  
 Found stranded Torpedo  
 180 Dunge 10m " wreckage  
 1925  
 Ribbon search N. Farnham - Dunes out to 15 m E  
 Retd. as No. 1 had engine trouble & put down at Mearsh.

SUMMARY FOR APRIL 1944  
 UNIT : 277 SQDN  
 DATE : 1-5-44  
 SIGNATURE : *[Signature]*  
 GRAND TOTAL FOR APRIL 1944 :- 24.35 HRS.  
 GRAND TOTAL [Cols. (1) to (10)]  
 874 Hrs. 00 Mins. TOTALS CARRIED FORWARD

YEAR	AIRCRAFT		PILOT, OR 1ST PILOT	2ND PILOT, PUPIL OR PASSENGER			
	1944	Type					
MONTH	DATE						
JUNE	29	SPITFIRE	U	SELF	—	○ SEARCH (No 1)	
	29	"	"	"	—	○ " " 2 P-PLANE PATROL	FRED
	29	"	F	"	—	○ PATROL (No 2)	SULLY
SUMMARY FOR JUNE 1944						SPITFIRE	
UNIT :						OXFORD	
DATE :						AUSTER	
SIGNATURE :							

*W/C*

w/c OC B FLT  
277 SQDN.

GRAND TOTAL FOR JUNE 1944 :- 19 HRS. 55 MINS.

JULY	2	SPITFIRE	H	SELF	—	SEARCH (No 1)	
	3	"	U	"	—	○ " "	MOORE
	4	"	"	"	—	○ " "	"
	5	"	J	"	—	○ " "	"
	6	"	Y	"	—	○ " (No 1)	BARNES
	6	"	"	"	—	○ " "	ROLLO
	8	"	U	"	—	○ " (No 1)	BARNES
	8	"	"	"	—	○ PATROL	ROLLO
	9	"	H	"	—	○ SEARCH	"
	9	OXFORD	3742	"	F/O HAYES.	CIRCUITS	
	11	SPITFIRE	U	"	—	○ SEARCH	"
	13	"	J	"	—	○ " "	
	15	OXFORD	3742	"			

{ F/O WEDGER  
" HAYES  
" SHOOT  
CPL. MALLON

HAWKINGE - THORNEY B. - CULMHEAD

GRAND TOTAL [Cols. (1) to (10)]  
959 Hrs. 59 Mins.

GLIDING 208.20  
TOTALS CARRIED FORWARD

1.15  
.65  
1.05  
17.15

8 m S.E. Dunge  
2 m S. 1st section

Doodle-bugs: came back with bugs in engine

: my R/T packed up  
10 m W of Le Touquet :  
230 Dunge ADM No 2 had engine trouble  
5-10 m N of Fécamp  
Cockpit cover insecure  
2-10 W of Balangu  
270 Dunge 5m.: found oil patch & 1 dead body: 200 H.S.L. ①  
visually: 1st and 2nd.  
Dunge - Hastings  
Berde - Same  
.30  
195 Base 18 mins  
200 Dunge 65 m.  
1.50

"C" FLIGHT 278 SQUADRON. BECCLES

NOMINAL ROLL OF No 278 SQUADRON.

AIRCRAF.

S/LDR. BOWRING, R.H.  
(SQUADRON COMMANDER)

"A" FLIGHT.

Pilots.

S/AF. ALANSON.  
P/LT. MILLER.  
DE. MCGENT. (INVR)  
MR. LANGDON. (INVR)  
P/O. BASKETT.  
W/O. CROSS.  
P/S. BRULINE.

"B" FLIGHT.

Pilots.

S/LDR. WILLIAMS.  
P/LT. LIND.  
P/O. BRISCOLE.  
P/LT. ADAMSON.  
W/O. COLEMAN.  
W/O. LADDER.  
P/O. CORBIN.

"C" FLIGHT.

Pilots.

P/LT. FURLONG.  
P/LT. CALVERT.  
P/O. WILDER.  
W/O. EGGLE.  
W/O. FISHER.  
W/O. WEDDELL.

P/LT. GREGORY. W/O/A.  
P/O. MURRAY. W/O/A.  
P/O. DENNEN. W/O/A.  
P/O. PUCKVILL. NAV/B.  
P/O. WILBYGHER. NAV/W.  
P/O. RICHARDSON. NAV/B.  
P/O. DE VIL. NAV/B.  
P/O. MIRA. W/O/A.  
W/O. LAWRENCE. W/O/A.  
W/O. THOMAS. A.G.  
W/O. SMYLL. NAV/B.  
P/S. HARRY. W/O/A.  
W/O. COLE W/O/A

P/LT. QUITZOW. W/O/A.  
P/LT. LEWIS. NAV/W.  
P/LT. PROBERT. A.G.  
P/O. GREGORY. W/O/A.  
P/O. KENNEDY. W/O/A.  
P/O. HUGLES. NAV/B.  
P/O. HOGG. A.G.  
P/O. HOGS. W/O/A.  
W/O. BRILLER. A.G.  
W/O. ROSE. A.G.  
W/O. MCLAREN. NAV.  
P/S. SMITH. W/O/A.  
P/S. FOX. W/O/A.  
SPT. CARTWRIGHT W/O/A.  
P/O. WEBB. NAV.

~~P/LT. BECKLEN. A.G.~~  
~~P/LT. GREEN. W/O/A.~~  
~~P/O. CORDINGLEY. A.G.~~  
~~P/O. NELD. W/O/A.~~  
~~P/O. JONES. NAV/B.~~  
~~P/O. SCOTT. NAV/B.~~  
~~W/O. COLE. W/O/A.~~  
~~W/O. FANCEPT. NAV/B.~~  
~~W/O. HARVEY. A.G.~~  
~~W/O. RHODES. A.G.~~  
P/S. MORGAN. W/O/A.  
P/S. MCKENZIE. W/O/A.  
SPT. MULLINS. W/O/A.  
L/A. ATKINS. T.L/AG.  
L/A. WESTBROOK. T.L/AG.  
P/S. MILLS. NAV/B.  
P/S. STREET. NAV/B.

SINGLE  
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Incl. in  
o (10) 1

PILO  
(13)



C FLIGHT 278 SQDN., BECCLES JUNE 1945

(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
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