

Summary of Offensive Operations, No. 263 Squadron, Whirlibombers.
Warmwell 7th September 1942 - 29th November 1943, with
Detachments to Predannack, Bolt Head and Manston.

170 Offensive Operations	734 Offensive sorties
112 x 500 lb bombs	436 x 250 lb bombs

Total:- 155,000 lbs of bombs. Approximately 73 tons 12 cwt.

Casualties inflicted on the Enemy

63 Ships Attacked.

Category	(i) Sunk 13
	(ii) Very Seriously Damaged 12
	(iii) Damaged 18
	(iv) Believed Damaged 20.

Enemy aircraft in Air Combat.

1 H.E. 111 Destroyed by S/Ldr E.R. Baker D.F.C. And Bar.
2 F.W. 190s Damage by F/Lt J.P. Coyne D.F.C. R.C.A.F.
1 F.W. 190 Damaged by F/O A. Lee-White D.F.C.

Aerodromes Dive-bombed, 9 Operations

Cherbourg/Maupertus	6 times
Brest / Guipavas	3 times

Cherbourg Docks Dive-Bombed 4 Operations

Enemy Gun Positions Dive-bombed 3 Operations

Railway Targets

20 Locomotives or trucks damaged or Destroyed.
 34 Railway Tracks believed disintegrated.
 Morlaix and Pouthou Viaducts and the Vire Bridge South of Isigny seriously damaged.

Industrial Targets

St Lo Transformer Station seriously damaged
 Hendeville Industries damaged.

Harbour Installation at Ouistreham and Diellette damaged in 3 Operations

Honours and Awards

Distinguished Service Order.

S/Ldr G.B. Warnes D.F.C.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

S/Ldr E.R. Baker D.F.C.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

S/Ldr G.B. Warnes

F/Lt J.P. Coyne R.C.A.F.

F/Lt J.W.E. Holmes

F/O A. Lee-White

F/O P. Harvey

F/Lt J.E. McClure

P/O M.T. Cotton R.A.A.F.

F/Lt H.J. Blackshaw

Distinguished Flying Medal.

F/O D.M. King

F/Sgt K.C. Ridley

P/O J.I. Simpson

Mentioned in Dispatches.

F/Sgt R.A. Hollamby

F/Sgt H.O.S. Watts

Official Squadron Score of Enemy Aircraft (Including Norway Expedition)

35 enemy aircraft destroyed, 21 enemy aircraft Probably destroyed or Damaged.

Unofficial Score (Including 23 e/a damaged or destroyed on ground and 5 e/a damaged in Norway Expeditions, not counted in "unconfirmed" category

90 Enemy aircraft Destroyed, Probably destroyed, and Damaged.