

Patrol No. 1.

Two Whirlwinds of 263 Squadron, (Sq/Ldr. Donaldson A.F.C. and Sgt. Holmes) took off from Ibsley at 1650 for Maupertus aerodrome. They crossed the English coast at 1653 ~~and the~~ at 100 feet and the French coast at 1718 at 50 feet just East of the Pointe du Brick. Coming over the aerodrome they saw 4 or 5 JU 87s in the South East corner. Sq/Ldr. Donaldson fired at the first one and hit it. He then observed some ME 109s along the Southern boundary and in the South West boundary. He fired at them and hit two or three. He then did a quick right handed turn, came back, flew down the line from West to East spraying the machines. He thinks that he hit several. He then did a left handed turn and went out North. He fired at a lorry which he saw on the coast road, and saw smoke coming from it. Sgt. Holmes following his leader in over the aerodrome also saw the JU 87s in the South East corner. He observed that the first one was smoking. He fired a 3½ seconds burst at the first three and hit them. He turned to the left down the road, and saw a heavy lorry full of soldiers. He came down to 30 feet and gave it a burst. He saw his shells entering the lorry. He then did a left handed turn and flew out North.

The two Whirlwinds landed at Ibsley at 1745.

Patrol No. 2.

Two Whirlwinds of 263 Squadron, (Yellow section, F/Lt. Hughes and Sgt. Jowitt) took off from Ibsley at 1651 ~~an~~ to look for shipping off Cherbourg. They crossed the English coast at 1654 at 100 feet. They arrived off the French coast at 1720 flying at 50 feet over the Baie de Nacqueville. There was nothing whatever to be seen on the sea. They orbited for a short time in the vicinity of Nacqueville, and Yellow 2 fired a burst at a grey building which had wireless masts in the vicinity. It was about 1 mile West of Querqueville aerodrome. They then flew out North to seawards of the aerodrome. Light Flak, probably 20 M.M. cannon, came from the aerodrome, the mole and the forts. It was fairly close, but in front. They landed at Ibsley, at 1750.