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			locate the target. During the bombing dive F/O C.D. Leaning and square in the radiator, and baled out a nimuteon so late	r. Rad 3. was hit f	air
			just behind our own lines. The aircraft landed in the midd.	le of a farm ward.	
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			the squadron. S/I. Matthew returned from Tanguene via Timus	ston.	
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	ļ		TURNHOUT, which the enemy was using as a mustering point for against the Polish troops there. The other three squadrons	swept the area with	
	-		cannon and machine gun fire, and our boys went in with bombs	s, as the opposition	
			on the target area, which included some dense wested gross of	ee shown on our	

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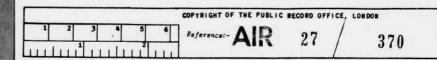
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Page No References SECRET. Place Time Summary of Events Appendices Eleven direct hits were scored and subsequently a congratulatory message was received from 7 Oct. the Army thanking the squadron for its co-operation. Unfortunately our squadron arrived over base with very little fuel and the circuit was very crowded, which meant that we had to land on a runway at LILLE VANDERVILLE, about 20 miles away. There being no servicing facilities there, a servicing party was sent from base but it did not ar ive until dark. The pilots returned to base by M.T. Early this morning the squadron fetched the aircraft from Lille Vanderville, wasther was 8 Oct. not too good. During the afternoon two airtests were carried out, No operations came through during the day, squadron was on 60 minutes except for a short period when this was reduced to 30 minutes, the wing was released early at 17.00 hours. 9. Oct. The weather was very poor, a show laid on in the afternoon in support of the Canadian Army at Breskens was cancelled for some unknown reason. 10.0ct To-days flying consisted of two air tests by F/L. W.J. Cleverly and Lt. E.D. Thompson, SAAF 11. Oct. The only operation carried out was against some field guns in the Bergen Op Zoom area, combing results were very good and the squadron also strafed the target. 3/Idr I, G, S, Matthew D.F.C led the squadron, there was slight flakin the area, and LT. G.D. Silva SAAF sec landed at kille Vandervalle owing to shortage of fuel, returning later in the day. Three air tests were also flown this day. 12. Oct. The twelth was a busy day, three shows were carried out and the Commanding Officer 3/1dr. I.G.S. Matthew D.F.C. led on all three occasions. The first operation was against a heavy our site in the Breskens area, hits were observed in the target area which was a number of gun pits interconnected with trenches and dug-outs, really a target for heavier bombers, the flak was intense but no one was hit. The C.C. had to return owing to u/s R.T., and Flat. V. J. McParlane DEM took over the lead. The second show was against more heavy guns in the Bergen Op Com area, hits were observed and the area was heavily strafed. The last was again ilrosted against heavy guns, this time in the Cilleriou, north of Antwerp, the Anny was to have laid red smoke on the target and obeying the instruction 'No smoke no bombs', we brought back our eggs, there was not enough fuel or time to attack alternative tar et ZUID BURELAND. mear WAICHEREN. F/C R. J. Hetherington RNTAF returned from BRUSSELS and W/O Leigh, B.G. from ARTUNS, where each had been directed by control owing to very heavy weather nmar base, when returning from the early morning show. One air test was carried out by F/O A. Harman Two shows were carried out during the day, the first led by the Wing CommanderFlying, W/Cdr R.H. Harries D.S.C., D.F.C. against a heavy A.A. battery near Breskens, S/Idr I.G.S. Matthew D.F.C.fle as the Yellow section leader. The second operation was to SCHOONDYKE 13th 0 near Breskens, against buildings issed as strong points. F/Lt. V.J. McFarlane D.F.M. led the squadron which went off in sections of three at 15 minute intervals, both shows gave excellent results. F/Lt. A.W. Bower flow to Lympne and back and one air test was carried out The only show to day was bombing and straining an energy gun sixts near Borgen Op four, the 14.0ct commanding officer led the suadron, and results were fair although the target was difficult to locate. Two air tests were also flown during the day.

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	15.0ct	The squadron operated in sections of two against the Breskens areawhere houses used as strong points were attacked with 15 second delay bombs and cannonand machine cur fire, the	
		strong points were attacked with 19 section down and the series were very good but unfortunately the	
		weather clamped right down and 10 aircraft landed at COURTRAI, the last section F/L. G.L.	
		Starkey (ECAF) and F/O J. Linzel (Dutch) did not take off.	
		Late	
	16.0ct	The ten sircraft from Courtrai returned at lunch time. In the/afternoon two sections of	
	10.000	land the Broskens area for	
		can flashes with alternative targets to bomb and strafe in case no flashes were seen. Set	
		McNee, J. was hit whilst in the area but he managed to force land near HRUGES.	
	17.0ct	The squadron as airborne in three separate sections during the morning, sections taking	
	4.000	bee at 15 minute intervals, the duty was to patrol, bomb and strafe the Breskens area again	
		arms HT. was discovered and destroyed. Before lunch-time three sections were against rooms	
		at 15 winte intervals as before over the same area. F/L. V.J. McFarlane, DFM, (RAAF)	v
		found a Corner H. C. and dumn (supposedly) which when attacked blew up with some considerable	
		victories the afternoon two more sections were airborne over the Breskens area, one	
		of these sections had to return early due to bad weather which cancelled any further flying	
		There were three sir tests flow during the day.	
	18.0ct	Three sections were airborne over the Breskens area earl, after hunch. Bad weather had	
	19.000	stormed flying in the morning and closing in caused the last section off (yellow) to land	
,		let intwer before proceeding to base. 5/L. I.G.S. Matthew flow twice as No. 2 to W/Cdr R.H.	
		Harries, L.F.C. D.S.O. who went bombing Dunkirk. Two sir tests were flown to-day.	
	19.0ct-	Three sections were sirborne over the Breshone area early in the agaming to search for gun	
	27.00	Plashes then bomb and strafe. Little activity now to be seen, some/L.T. was besten up.	
		met after hysaltagt a firther three sections were but he ever the area on the same duty.	
		In the evening a further patrol by three sections showed better results, Red section found,	
		bombed and strafed a cun position and an armo, dump. Yellow section also found a gun	
		position which was attacked. More flak was seen than has been seen for lays in this area.	
		F/L. W.J. Cleverly flew to Lympne to-day.	
	20.0ct.	Flying was limited by bad weather to one air test. Sgt Faraborough left on posting to 84	44 10 144 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10
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	21.0ct.	During the afternoon the squadron was airborne with bombs to attack a 'defended position'	
		just south of ASSCHAN near Bergen on Zoom, six bombs fell.in the target area, four wore near	
		misses and two were brought back. Cloud was los over the terretty there was a fear enount of	
		flak, 7/L. E.A. Smith (MCAF) was hit in the wing and crashed on landing. Two airtests today	
	22.0ct.	Bad weather prevented any flying.	
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	23.0ct.	Bad weather prevented any flying.	
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	25.0ct.	No flying again the weather being bad on each day.	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
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