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## OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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of (Unit or Formation) No. 1 Squadron, Tangmere.

Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
Tangmere	1941 September		<p><u>GENERAL REMARKS.</u></p> <p>Since arrival at Tangmere the Squadron has done little operational flying, but has been engaged on intensive training to fulfil the rôle of a NIGHT FLYING Unit.</p> <p>Pilots have had to accustom themselves to their new 4 cannon Hurricanes with which they were equipped in lieu of the m.g. machines which they had at Redhill.</p> <p>Among other things, night practice included co-operation with ground searchlights, formation and turbinlite Havocs.</p> <p>On all nights, unless the weather is unfavourable, practice takes place from dusk until dawn.</p> <p>In the nature of things pilots prefer operational activity. They realise however, lack of this is unavoidable, since the Luftwaffe fight shy of giving them the opportunities they long for.</p>	
	1st		Two convoy patrols carried out in the channel.	
	2nd		Nothing of importance.	
	3rd		Co-operation with tanks which were successfully tracked down. 788032 Sgt. Pilot (Czech) <sup>SKACH, A.</sup> posted from No. 1 Squadron to No. 310 Squadron, Dyce.	
	4th		Intensive training. P/O H. CONNOLLY, P/O F. HALL, 517691 F/Sgt. S. W. MERRYWEATHER <del>S/Lt</del> 591310 SGT. A. C. SMITH, 1377177 Sgt. E. S. G. SWEETING, NZ402535 Sgt. G. H. CORBET, and NZ404404 Sgt. D. P. PERRIN arrived	

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Tangmere	1941 September 4th (Cont.)		on No. 52 O.T.U., Aston Down on posting wef 3.9.41.	
	5th		Weather unfavourable	
	6th		Weather unfavourable	
	7th		Intensive training.	
	8th		Intensive training especially co-operation with Havocs.	
	9th		Co-operation with tanks; attacking and so forth.	
	10th		Cannon tests.	
	11th		Intensive night flying practice.	
	12th		Havoc co-operation by night.	
	13th		Sgt. A.C. SMITH (501310) failed to return from night flying practice and was reported missing.	
	14th		Havoc co-operation by night.	
	15th		Intensive training and cannon tests.	
	16th		787585 Sgt. Pilot STICKA (Czech) posted from No. 1 Squadron to 512 Squadron, Ayr wef 13.9.41.	
	17th		Intensive training.	
	18th		Intensive training, chiefly 22 approaches.	
	19th		62392 P/O. J.W. Norman, Intelligence Officer, posted from No. 1 Squadron, R.A.F. Station, Kenley, wef 15.9.41.	
	20th		63906 P/O G.B. FLICK posted from R.A.F. Station Tangmere, to No. 1 Squadron for intelligence duties wef 15.9.41.	
	21st		Training on Havoc co-operation.	
	22nd		Searchlight co-operation.	
	23rd		Lysander on A.S.R. duties escorted, neighbourhood of Friston.	
	24th		Intensive training and cannon tests.	
	25th		LORD HALIFAX, His Majesty's Ambassador to Washington, accompanied	

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of (Unit or Formation) No. 1 Squadron, Tangmere.

Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
Tangmere	1941 September 19th	(Cont.)	by the A.O.C, Fighter Command. (Air Marshal Sholto-Douglas) spent about an hour in the Dispersal Hut. They appeared to be keenly interested in all they saw, particularly the Turbinlite side of the work.	
	20th		Convoy patrol in the Channel. The following signal P.300 dated 20/9 was received from H.Q., No. 11 Group:- "The King on the recommendation the AOC-IN-C has been graciously pleased to award a Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross to F/O (A/E/L) C.F.GRAY (41844) No. 1 Squadron. Please convey AOC'S congratulations."	
	21st to 30th		Nothing of importance. Intensive training: especially Z.Z. approaches, and cannon tests.	
	22nd		F/O KOPECKY, (Czech) 87620 posted from No. 1 Squadron to 111 Squadron, North Weald. 787428 F/Sgt. SODEK, J. posted from No. 1 Squadron to 310-312 (Czech) Squadron, Dyce. Ayr.	
	23rd		787541 F/Sgt. PRIHODA, J. posted from No. 1 Squadron to (Czech) 111 Squadron, North Weald.	
	25th		787578 Sgt. DYGRYN, J. posted from No. 1 Squadron to 310 (Czech) Squadron, Dyce.	
	28th		F/Lt. C.F.GRAY (41844) posted from No. 1 Squadron to 403 Squadron, Debden. P/O J.D.FLETCHER (61460) posted to No. 1 Squadron from No. 3 Squadron, Hunsdon.	

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