

SATURDAY 18 DECEMBER 1943

0715 YELLOW TO OPS. MET CONSULTED

0830 RED TO OPS.

on duty Lt. Peterman

0845 ops. advise us of briefing for 0900 hrs. R/N = NE/SW.

0930 attended briefing for Practice mission. Pertinent details passed to 1st Dir. etc.

0945 Capt. Smith of Wing Utilities informs us that in the future all forms of request or changes for building or construction work involving US Eng. Personnel be routed thru our Stations Utilities - and not the Clerk of Works.

1055 Practice mission scrubbed by Group ops. All concerned informed.

1230 on duty Lt. Steck.

1433 yellow to ops

1715 Red to ops

1730 Crash crew, A.F.C. released for night.

Flarepath laid on NW 24 - NE - SW.

1735 on duty - Lt. Peterman

1825 60 mph SSW - W. gale warning from Dir

Sgt. Weild advises that he will inform all SQs and advise us when this has been done.

1920 Sgt Weild. advise that all sqs notified of wind

1924 A/C RASHER "B" on Darkie. Attempts made to raise A/C. All contact lost. all available lighting facilities in use. notified 1st Dir. who say they will keep us posted as to progress of aircraft, we are to stand by.

2020 all lights off. No sound or sight of A/C RASHER "B".

2022 make routine inspection of General Dome Area.

2053 1st Division informs us that Darkie aircraft picked up and presumably landed at Dighy - lights out unless notified to the contrary - "crash" report to be assumed as rumour.