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FRIDAY - 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1943

0800

Yellow to ops.

0920

A.I.R. made & dispatched.

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Tie-line "Juniper" now serviceable

1040

ops. advised of briefing for 1200 hrs.

1245

attended above briefing. Data follows:

R/W = SW-NE

W/V = NNE/8-10

Composite

Stations	1430
Tapi	1440
T.O.	1450
E.T.A. Base	2054

Main Body

Stations	1450
tapi	1500
T.O.	1510
E.T.A. Base	

code words

start Engines - ORCHIDS

stand by - msg - ROSES

Mission delayed - TULIPS

scrubbed - SEAWEED.

1250

On watch, Al Courad. Off watch, WW Peterman.

1255

AOW reported that he had heard, on R/T, Molesworth working A/c which was having difficulty breaking cloud, and believed it might be our Oxford, 6588, which had taken off for Basingbourn at 0951, and was to have cleared from there for Molesworth. Check revealed A/c had departed for Molesworth at 1059. Check with Molesworth revealed that A/c had landed there and de-

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NARRATIVE

parted for Little Staughton at 1202. Check with Little Staughton revealed A/C to be there.

1325 Called for 6 MP's to report at watch office at 1415.

1415 Captain Coors advises Group takeoff delayed TFN.

1417 Captain Coors advises mission delayed 30 minutes.

1430 Following message given to FOLDER 'X' (Capt. Vinnege):  
TULIPS +30. Acknowledged. Operation advised.

1450 Following message given to Maj. Raper, TULIPS +30  
not acknowledged, but no engines started. Ops advised,  
and informed us that Maj. Raper aware of delay.

1500 Captain Vinnege told 'TULIPS INDEFINITE'. (Operation  
still has no definite word).

1510 Ops advises that Vinnege will takeoff at 1520,  
Group at 1540, and that only 6 A/C will be going:  
369 X, B, K (426, 824, 993) and 367 P, X, G (306, 554  
and 766).

1545 Pandemonium ceases to reign.

2100 Ordered flarepath laid SW-NE.