

18. 1-44.

Flying conditions continued to be unsatisfactory which resulted all our aircraft being kept on the "deck". The serviceability was 100% and the crew state 25.

19. 1-44.

Fog covered the dome, which caused the Squadron to remain grounded. The serviceability was unchanged and the crew state unchanged.

20. 1-44.

Refer as above.

21. 1-44.

A little fog persisted in the forenoon, but the Squadron were ordered for operations a maximum effort being required. At a little before 1620 hrs the first aircraft took-off, and we could see it tearing down the run-way enveloped in a slight ground mist. Of the twenty four aircraft detailed, one was found to have a defect before take-off, and three others returned early, and three are missing, the pilots of which were Flt. Forroth, Flt. Whitehead, and Flt. I've. The target was Berlin and the largest force of heavy bombers to be used to attack this target succeeded in making a concentrated attack. The serviceability was 19 and the crew state



21 - 1.44.

There was no flying during the forenoon, owing to the Squadron having been on operations the previous night. However at 1000 hrs word was received from Main Operations that the Squadron would be required to operate during the night. The nineteen serviceable aircraft were therefore prepared for an attack on a comparatively new target, namely Magdeburg. The night's operations caused us the loss of four crews, and a pilot was killed after having been airborne for only just 15 minutes. In the latter case it appears that the aircraft developed a peculiar shuddering of the engines, and the order was given by the Captain to bail out, all the crew escaped but the pilot was unable to get away before the aircraft crashed, being killed instantly. The Captains of the missing aircraft were Lt Saunders, Sgt Bloomfield, Sgt Walker and Sgt Boyer. The serviceability was eleven, and the crew state unchanged.

22 - 1.44.

Two of our newer crews carried out flights of a total of 2.05 hrs, to enable them to study the local landmarks, and to become generally familiar with the aerodrome. This included all the activity. The serviceability was unchanged, and the crew state decreased by five.