

APPENDIX "B"

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ORGANISATION BRANCH
HEADQUARTERS, NO. 85 (BASE) GROUP
of (Unit or Formation)

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET	References to Appendices
	1st March 1944		With effect from 1st March, 1944 the administrative control of the B.P.S.O. and B.A.O. is transferred from Headquarters A.E.A.F. to Headquarters No. 85 (Base) Group		Org. Circular No. 9/44 ✓
	6th March 1944		The following units are transferred to Headquarters No. 85 (Base) Group with effect from 10th March 1944:-		Org. Circular No. 11/44 ✓
			No. 21 Base Defence Wing - Church Fenton		
			No. 141 Airfield H.Q. " "		
			No. 264 Sqn " "		
			No. 234 " " "		
			No. 142 Airfield H.Q. - Scorton		
			No. 604 Sqn " "		
			No. 56 " " "		
			No. 24 Base Defence Wing - Acklington		
			No. 147 Airfield H.Q. c - " "		
			No. 409 (RCAF) Sqn " "		
			No. 322 (Dutch) " " "		
			No. 148 Airfield H.Q. - Dren		
			No. 29 Sqn " "		
			No. 91 " " "		
			No. 15081 G.C.I. - 21 Base Defence Wing		
			No. 15082 " " " "		
			No. 15072 " " " "		
			No. 15073 G.C.I/COL " " "		
			No. 349 M.R.U. - " " "		
			No. 5151A M.S.U. - " " "		
			No. 309 M.S.S.U. - Church Fenton		
			The following units will be transferred to Headquarters, No. 85 (Base) Group with effect from 10th March 1944:-		
			No. 25 Base Defence Wing - Castle Camps		

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No: 85 (Base) Group.

of (Unit or Formation) Section I - Air Staff.

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
Uxbridge.	June 4		<u>Operations.</u>		
			DAY Squadron No: No: of Sorties Mission Results		
			3)		
			56)		
			486) 15 Shipping Reces. Uneventful		
			91)		
			322)		
			124) 60 Defensive Patrols. Uneventful		
	4/5	NIGHT	29)		
			488) 6 Defensive Patrols. Uneventful		
	5		<u>Operations.</u>		
			DAY Squadron No: No: of Sorties Mission Results		
			56)		
			486) 32 Shipping Reces. 3 Trawlers attacked.		
			91)		
			124) 68 Defensive Patrols. Uneventful		
			322)		
			56 4 Weather Reces. Uneventful		
	5/6	NIGHT	29)		
			409)		
			604) 44 Defensive Patrols. 409 Sqdn p/d 1 JUL 188		
			264)		
			488)		
			410)		
	6		<u>Air Staff Policy.</u>		
			The following units of No: 85 Group were phased in with the assault forces		
			on D-day:-		
			1st. echelon of No: 21 Sector Operations with No: 15082 G.C.I. into the		
			American Sector.		
			1st. echelon/		

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	June 6		<p>/American Sector.</p> <p>1st. echelon of No: 24. Sector Operations with No: 15083 G.C.I. into the British Sector. Ops. 2 (W/C J. L. Brown, M.B.E.) and Radar 1 (Sgdn. Ldr. R. F. Tohill) of this Headquarters went in with this G.C.I.</p> <p><u>Operations.</u></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>DAY</th> <th>Squadron No:</th> <th>No: of Sorties</th> <th>Mission</th> <th>Results</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td>91)</td> <td rowspan="3">60</td> <td rowspan="3">Defensive Patrols.</td> <td rowspan="3">Uneventful.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>121 }</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>322 }</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>486</td> <td>9</td> <td>Shipping Escort.</td> <td>Uneventful.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>56)</td> <td rowspan="2">8</td> <td rowspan="2">Shipping Recces.</td> <td rowspan="2">Uneventful.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>486 }</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>56</td> <td>6</td> <td>Weather Recces.</td> <td>Uneventful.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>91</td> <td>4</td> <td>Interception e/a.</td> <td>No Contact.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	DAY	Squadron No:	No: of Sorties	Mission	Results		91)	60	Defensive Patrols.	Uneventful.		121 }		322 }		486	9	Shipping Escort.	Uneventful.		56)	8	Shipping Recces.	Uneventful.		486 }		56	6	Weather Recces.	Uneventful.		91	4	Interception e/a.	No Contact.		
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	6		<p><u>Weather.</u></p> <p>Generally cloudy but some good breaks. Visibility good.</p>																																						
	7		<p><u>Air Staff Policy.</u></p> <p>Amendment List No: 2 to No: 85 Group Operations Instructions Part I, No: 14 was issued today (see Appendix 56).</p> <p>No: 15083 G.C.I. in the British Sector of the bridgehead took over control of night fighters during the night of June 6/7. No: 15082 G.C.I. sustained casualties to both vehicles and personnel during the landing and is not yet operational.</p> <p><u>Operations.</u></p> <p>DAY</p>		Appendix 74 ✓																																				

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	June 9		in on/ D. plus 1 to act in an advisory capacity to No: 83 Group on N/F control and to supervise generally the interests of No: 85 Group.		
			<u>Operations.</u>		
		DAY	Squadron No: No: of Sorties. Mission Results		
			56)		
			91)		
			3)	42	Defensive Patrols. Uneventful.
			124)		
			486)		
			3	9	Sweep - Argentan/ Caen. 3 ME.109 destroyed.
			3)		
			56)	4 8	Shipping Recces. 8 E-Boats sighted.
			56	4	Convoy Patrols. Uneventful.
			3	2	Destruction Balloons. Successful.
			106	12	Sweep
			124	12	Offensive Sweep. 3 vehicles destroyed.
		NIGHT 8/9	29)		
			264)		
			409)	20	Defensive Patrols. 29 Sqdn des: 1 Ju. 88
			488)		
			604)		
			<u>Signals.</u>		
			The Group complement of M.S.U.'s as authorised up to date is completed.		
			No: 15082 G.C.I. having lost all its communications vehicles and equipment with the exception of Type 13 G.C.I. and 2 V.H.F. receivers an attempt was made to take in by sea No: 1 Air Transportable Signals Unit in order to supply skeleton communications pending the arrival of replacement vehicles. This attempt failed owing to the length of time wasted, after the unit was loaded, in clearing the ship from Southsea.		
			<u>Weather.</u>		
			Fair at first but rain spreading from the West, with much thick cloud during the afternoon. Visibility good becoming poor.		

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