

Rednal Airfield. Operational Day Book. April 1942.

15/4/42 Airfield Opened.

16/4/42 Flying No Training.

17/4/42 Flying all day. Full training.

18/4/42 Flying all day. Full training.

19/4/42 Flying all day. Full training.

20/4/42 Flying all day. Full training.

21/4/42 Flying all day. Full training.

22/4/42 No Flying poor weather.

23/4/42 Part Flying during day.

24/4/42 Flying all day. Full training.

25/4/42 Flying all day. Full training.

26/4/42 Flying all day. Full training.

27/4/42 Flying all day. Full training.

28/4/42 Flying all day. Full training.

29/4/42 Part Flying during day.

30/4/42 Flying all day. Full training.

Crashes 0

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1/5/42 Flying all day. Full training. Plane overshoot landing.

2/5/42 Part Flying during day.

3/5/42 Flying all day. Full training.

4/5/42 Flying all day. Full training. Plane crashed dive Sgt. Wright and P.O. Pensa killed.

5/5/42 Flying all day. Full training.

6/5/42 Flying all day. Full training.

7/5/42 Flying all day. Full training.

8/5/42 Flying all day. Full training. Funeral of late P.O. Pensa at Oswestry.

9/5/42 Flying all day. Full training. Fire appliance arrived on site.

10/5/42 Flying all day. Full training.

11/5/42 No flying today poor weather.

12/5/42 No flying today poor weather.

13/5/42 Part flying during day. Pupil pilot overshoot on landing. Llanbedr has been allotted to us for a firing range.

14/5/42 Part flying during day.

15/5/42 Flying all day. Full training. Pupil pilot force landing.

16/5/42 Flying all day. Full training.

17/5/42 Flying all day. Full training. Plane landed wheels up.

18/5/42 No flying poor weather.

19/5/42 Part flying during day. Airfield granted £2 per acre for planting six acres.

20/5/42 Flying all day. Full training. Pupil overshot runway also another two incidents no injuries.

21/5/42 Part flying poor weather.

22/5/42 Flying all day. Full training. Pupil pilot made heavy landing. Arrangements made by G.W.R. for a train each evening at 18.30 and return 22.30 to Shrewsbury stopping at Rednal Station. Rednal Station is on the Birkenhead-Paddington line.

23/5/42 Flying all day.

24/5/42 Flying all day.

25/5/42 No Flying poor weather.

26/5/42 Flying all day.

27/5/42 Flying all day.

28/5/42 Part Flying Film crew arrived from H.M.O. Studio Abbey Wood London. Recording for Air Ministry of Transport Information Film.

29/5/42 Flying all day.

30/5/42 Flying all day. Pupil pilot taxied a spitfire too fast downhill and failed to stop on seeing another aircraft in front.

31/5/42 Flying all day.

Crashes during month 10

Killed 2.

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1/6/42 Part flying poor weather.

2/6/42 Flying all day.

3/6/42 Flying all day. One forced landing another pupil pilot landed with undercarriage retracted. No injuries.

4/6/42 Flying all day. Pupil pilot taxied into tractor.

5/6/42 Flying all day.

6/6/42 Flying all day.

7/6/42 Flying all day. Two incidents tyre burst on both spitfires.

8/6/42 Part flying poor weather.

9/6/42 Part flying poor weather Two incidents one tyre burst the other pressure side of pilot's head on spitfire caused unserviceability of A.S.I. plane landed and overshot runway.

10/6/42 Flying all day.

11/6/42 Flying all day.

12/6/42 Part flying poor weather.

13/6/42 Part flying poor weather.

14/6/42 Flying all day. Four incidents today. Pupil pilot Sgt. G.D. Mager killed. Two pupil pilots with taxing accidents. One pupil pilot landed with Port undercarriage fully locked.

15/6/42 No flying today.

16/6/42 Flying all day. One spitfire crash owing to engine failure. Pilot Sgt. E.D. Featherstone seriously injured.

17/6/42 Flying all day.

18/6/42 Part flying poor weather.

19/6/42 Part flying poor weather.

20/6/42 Flying all day. Pilots passing out full pass at Montford Bridge.

21/6/42 Flying all day. Spitfire taxied into a stationary aircraft.

22/6/42 Part flying poor weather.

23/6/42 Flying all day.

24/6/42 Flying all day.

25/6/42 No flying today.

26/6/42 Part flying. Four incidents today. Three spitfires flying in formation collided with No.3.F/lt. Manak abandoned his aircraft and made a safe descent. Other aircraft returned to base extensively damaged. Another aircraft made a belly landing due to engine failure. Fourth incident involved a spitfire which overshot the runway.

27/6/42 Flying all day. One aircraft bounced on a cross wind turning it off the runway.

28/6/42 Flying all day. Pilot on coming into land levelling out too high causing aircraft to stall.

29/6/42 Flying all day. Pupil pilot overshot the runway. Another incident failure of starboard flap to operate resulting in aircraft coming to rest wheels up at the side of runway.

30/6/42 Flying all day. Pupil pilot made heavy landing causing aircraft to swing and tip on nose.

Accidents/Crashes. 20.