

Rednal Airfield Operational Day Book. October 1943.

1/10/43 Flying all day. Full training.

2/10/43 Flying all day. Full training. One flying accident today involving Spitfire 11A.7356 pilot 787363 Sgt. Cermak (Czech) involved in flying accident due to technical failure in mid-air.

3/10/43 Flying all day Full training. Four flying accidents today. First Spitfire Va. P7619 pilot F/Lt/Haywood (J.56234) (Canadian) had a glycol leak causing the engine to overheat. Aircraft partially burned but pilot uninjured. Second Spitfire 1.N.3058 pilot P. Armstronge (J. 25470) (Canadian) also had a glycol leak causing overheating. The pilot was uninjured, the aircraft had damage to its airframe. Third Spitfire R.7986 and 6801 pilots 829Sgt.Wroidsen (Norge) and 142826 Sgt. Mehuys (Belgian) mid-air collision in which Sgt. Wroidsen was killed and Sgt. Mehuys seriously injured. Fourth Spitfire P.7280 pilot 10601095 Sgt. Bassett (American) crashed in low flying exercise resulting in fatal injuries to the pilot.

4/10/43 Part flying during day. Poor weather.

5/10/43 Flying all day. Full training. Spitfire P.7280 pilot 794006 F/Sgt. Wodechowski (Polish) was damaged through it being landed with undercarriage retracted. Pilot uninjured.

6/10/43 No flying during day. Poor weather.

7/10/43 Flying all day. Full training. Spitfire 11A P.7976 pilot F/Lt. Kimeyer (NZ 411985) damaged in belly-landing owing to selector box failing to operate. Pilot not injured.

8/10/43 No flying during day. Poor weather.

9/10/43 No flying during day. Poor weather.

10/10/43 Flying all day. Full training.

11/10/43 Flying all day. Full training.

12/10/43 Flying all day. Full training.

13/10/43 No flying during day. Poor weather.

14/10/43 Flying all day. Full training.

15/10/43 Flying all day. Full training.

16/10/43 No flying during day. Poor weather.

17/10/43 Flying all day. Full training.

18/10/43 Flying all day. Full training.

19/10/43 No flying during day. Poor weather.

20/10/43 Flying all day. Full training. One taxiing accident today when F/O Harday (NZ) taxied Master W.8584 into petrol bower.

21/10/43 Flying all day. Full training.

22/10/43 Flying all day. Full training. One flying accident involving Spitfire 11A. P.8657 pilot P/O Brigdon (149587) which overshot the runway on landing. Pilot uninjured.

23/10/43 Flying all day. Full training.

24/10/43 Flying all day. Full training.

25/10/43 Flying all day. Full training.

26/10/43 Flying all day. Full training.

27/10/43 Flying all day. Full training.

28/10/43 Flying all day. Full training.

29/10/43 No flying during day. Poor weather.

30/10/43 No flying during day. Poor weather.

31/10/43 No flying during day. Poor weather.

CRASHES 9 2 KILLED

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1/10/43 No flying during day. Poor weather.

2/11/43 Part flying during day. Poor weather.

3/11/43 Part flying during day. Poor weather.

4/11/43 Flying all day. Full training. One accident today involving Gladiator 11 K.800441390 F/Lt. H.D.L. Flower (Brit) aircraft crashed while force landing due to fog.

5/11/43 No flying during day. Poor weather.

6/11/43 Flying all day. Full training.

7/11/43 Flying all day. Full training.

8/11/43 Flying all day. Full training.

9/11/43 Flying all day. Full training. Spitfire V.L.1061 piloted by F/O R.L.Murray (J.23038) (Canadian) forced landing due to engine failure-failure of No.2 Con Rod or big end bearings.

10/11/43 Flying all day. Full training.

11/11/43 Flying all day. Full training.

12/11/43 Part flying during day. Poor weather.

13/11/43 Flying all day. Full training.

14/11/43 Part flying during day. Poor weather.

15/11/43 Flying all day. Full training.

16/11/43 Flying all day. Full training.

17/11/43 Flying all day. Full training.

18/11/43 Flying al day. Full training.

19/11/43 Flying all day. Full training.

20/11/43 Part flying during day. Poor weather.

21/11/43 No flying today. Poor weather.

22/11/43 Flying all day. Full training. Spitfire VA.R.7022 piloted by R.139487 Sgt. Cottiringer J.R. (Canadian) overshot on landing -applied rudder and wheels collapsed -turned up on nose.

23/11/43 Flying all day. Full training.

24/11/43 Flying all day. Full training. Gladiators K.8045 and K.7927 F/Lt Kleimsyer and Lt. Bache. Mid-air collision -no fire occurred.

25/11/43 Part flying during day. Poor weather.

26/11/43 Flying all day. Full training. Spitfire I A ASt.Beznuklo Z. (794841) Polish) Engine cut -forced landing.

27/11/43 No Flying during day. Poor weather.

28/11/43 Flying all day. Full training.

29/11/43 Flying all day. Full training.

30/11/43 Flying all day. Full training.

Crashes 6                      0 Killed.

Rednal Airfield Operational Day Book. December 1943.

1/12/43 Flying all day. Full training.

2/12/43 Flying all day. Full training. One accident today involving F/Sgt. Hurinan flying Spitfire R.6976 taxied into another stationary plane -slight damage.

3/12/43 No flying during day. Poor weather.

4/12/43 Part flying during day. Poor weather.

5/12/43 No flying during day. Poor weather.

6/12/43 No flying during day. Poor weather.

7/12/43 No flying during day. Poor weather.

8/12/43 No flying during day. Poor weather

9/12/43 Part flying during day. Poor weather. One flying accident involving a Polish pilot F/O.J.Heilman-Rawioz of the Polish Air Force (P.2312) flying Spitfire P.6237 crashed on Oswestry Racecourse at 11.10 Hours and was killed.

10/12/43 No flying during day. Poor weather.

11/12/43 No flying during day. Poor weather.

12/12/43 No Flying during day. Poor weather.

13/12/43 Flying all day. Full training.

14/12/43 No Flying during day. Poor weather.

15/12/43 No flying during day. Poor weather.

16/12/43 Part flying during day. Poor weather.

17/12/43 No flying during day. Poor weather.

18/12/43 Flying all day. Full training.

19/12/43 Flying all day. Full training.

20/12/43 Flying all day. Full training.

21./12/43 Flying all day. Full training. One accident involving P/O Dowbor Musnicki of the Polish Air Force flying Spitfire K.9871 in taking off hit the railway and crashed. His injuries were not serious.

22/12/43 Flying all day. Full training.

23/12/43 Flying all day. Full training.

24/12/43 Flying all day. Full training.

25/12/43 No flying during day. Christmas Day.

26/12/43 Flying all day. Full training.

27/12/43 Flying all day. Full training.

28/12/43 Flying all day. Full training.

29/12/43 Flying all day. Full training.

30/12/43 Flying all day. Full training.

31/12/43 Flying all day. Full training.

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Crashes 3

1 Killed.