

## 65 (East India) Squadron

### Fighter Command records state at Fairlop

18 May to 31 May 1943

### ORB's state

From Perranporth

18 May to 31 May 1943

To Selsey, Sussex



### Aircraft

**Spitfire Vb & Vc** – though not otherwise distinguished. (Some details difficult to read)

AA915, AB274, AB274, AB279, AB848, AD198, AD237, AD571, AR230, AR320, BL725, BL735, BL830, BM425, BM535, BM583, BM652, EE600, EE626, EE641, EE684, EP178, EP346, EP362, EP516, EP558, HM535, KE626, KE641, KP346, KP558, P8561, W3432, W3631, W3638, W3932, W8864,

### Pilots

Aubertin,	Cpt (sic)	Long, JA	P/O
Bird-Wilson	W/C	Minton, D	Sgt
Butler, J	P/O	Moores, D	Sub/Lt
Clarke, J	F/Sgt	Mutter, N	Sgt
Evans, J	Sgt	Osborne-Young	F/Lt
Fahy, J	F/Sgt]	Peet, W	Sgt
Fame, E	F/Sgt	Pittock, I	Sgt
Gillham, K	F/Sgt	Shirreff, AG	F/O
Gourlay,	Sgt	Smith, DI	P/O
Grey, JE	F/Lt	Standrin, A	Sgt
Griffiths, SB	F/O	Stillwell,	F/O
Heap, JR	F/O	Storrar, JE	S/Ldr D.F.C.
Hearne, P	P/O	Sutherland, RL	F/O
Henry, JR	F/O	Taylor, P	Sgt
Jones,	Sgt	Walker, F	Sgt
Kitchen, PC	F/Lt	Waterman, PF	P/O
Lamont, D	Sgt	Wright, MJ	F/O
Littler, JM	S/Ldr		

### Notes

**18 May 1943.** Mobile detachment leaves. All pilots proceed by air to Fairlop. Ground personnel proceed by rail. Detachment takes up new quarters under canvas.

**19 May.** Squadron mobile detachment established at Fairlop under No 121 Airfield. Sector reconnaissance's carried out to find Balloon and Gun sites. No. 19 Squadron aircraft taken over.

**20 to 22 May.** Squadron carried out low level cross country flights.

**24 May.** No flying – bad weather – heavy rain and bad visibility.

**25 May.** Escort to Mitchell's (North American B25 Bomber) to Abbeville led by F/Lt J.E.I. Grey. S/Ldr J.E. Storrar D.F.C. withdrew with RT and Oxygen failure.



**North American B25**

(Ace Pilots – public domain photograph)

**26 May.** F/O R.L. Sutherland and F/O P.F. Waterman inspected tanks at No. 12 Corps.

**27 May.** Squadron vacated dispersal at Fairlop and occupied Marquee on Airfield.

**28 May.** 12 aircraft led by S/Ldr J.E. Storrar D.F.C., as escort to Ventura's raiding Benzol Plant at Zeebrugge. F/Lt Grey returned with lost hood. S/Ldr J.E. Storrar D.F.C., on 48 hour pass F/Lt Grey in command of squadron.



**Lockheed Ventura**

(Air Force Historical Research Agency, USA)

**29 May.** 12 aircraft led by F/Lt Grey proceeded to Tangmere for briefing. 11 aircraft proceeded as escort to Ventura's bombing Abbeville aerodrome.

30 May. 11 aircraft left for Tangmere – recalled owing to bad weather and returned to base. Squadron packing ready for move to new location at Selsey, Sussex.

**31 May.** Squadron moved to Selsey, Sussex. Road party proceeded with baggage.