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Kombat 2.	June 1942.		<p>The bombing continued nightly until 4th but slacked off in intensity. On 6th and 7th "A" and "B" parties moved to Belcena Pat. The Squadron operated from here and on 14th "B" party was ordered to move to 46 L.G. and arrived there on the 15th. On 18th the aircraft arrived at L.G. 46 with the news that the enemy had got into Kombat the previous night and that the rest of the Squadron were coming back. They did not arrive however that day. The next day 19th "B" party were ordered to move to 115 L.G. for leave and to train pilots. "A" party arrived and both "A" and "B" parties reached 115 L.G. on 20th. The whole Squadron with the exception of Maintenance flight went on leave for seven days. Owing to the enemy breaking through again, personnel were recalled on 25th and were sent back to L.G. 86 from where they operated against the enemy.</p>	

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of Unit or formation) NO. 260 SQUADRON, R.A.F., M.E.

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GAMBUT NO. 2.	5.6.42.		The night bombing continued for several days from dusk until dawn and personnel slept most night in their slit trenches as the HUN still came low enough to strafe the camp. 87313 FLIGHT LIEUTENANT J.K. CRAIG MEDICAL BRANCH was posted to No. 107 M.U. with effect 14th. June 1942. 87978 FLIGHT LIEUTENANT S.A. MEDICAL BRANCH was posted from No. 107 M.U. with effect 12th. June 1942. The Authority for both postings being Headquarters, Royal Air Force, Middle East postagram S.51/Med. dated 5th. June 1942.	
	6.6.42.		The 'A' Party moved to the BEE EL BEHEIRA LANDING GROUND as the enemy forces were gradually advancing toward GASR EL ARID.	
BEE EL BEHEIRA.	7.6.42.		The 'B' Party joined the Advance Party and camp was set up but everyone had to be ready to move at short notice.	
	8.6.42.		66087 PILOT OFFICER L.E. HANDS A. & S.D. INTELLIGENCE was posted from Rear Headquarters, Western Desert with effect 6th. June 1942. Authority Rear Headquarters, Western Desert postagram 8020/10/P2. dated 8th. June 1942	
	9.6.42.		FLIGHT LIEUTENANT B.E. CHRISTMAS GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH was posted to M.E.T.S. for INSTRUCTOR DUTIES with effect 14th. May 1942. Authority Headquarters, Royal Air Force, Middle East postagram S.45266/1A/11/P2B. dated 9th. June 1942.	
	13.6.42.		J.15320 PILOT OFFICER H. HALE GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH was posted to HEADQUARTERS, ROYAL AIR FORCE, MIDDLE EAST with effect 9th. June 1942. Authority Rear Headquarters, Western Desert postagram 8025/1/P2. dated 13th. June 1942.	
	14.6.42.		After spending a week at this LANDING GROUND the 'B'	57 50

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LANDING GROUND 76.	18.6.42.		<p>Party were ordered to LANDING GROUND 76. By this time the weather was very hot indeed and was the cause of many dry throats as the convoy travelled through the sandy wastes.</p> <p>778342 PILOT OFFICER R.A. HARDY GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH was posted from the Transit Camp Western Desert with effect this date. Authority Rear Headquarters, Western Desert postagram HQWD/8025/1/P2, dated 18th. June 1942.</p>	
	19.6.42.		<p>On this date the aircraft arrived here and it was then learned that the enemy was now occupying GAMBUT LANDING GROUND.</p> <p>The Party moved to the Base Camp situated at LANDING GROUND 115 where it was joined later by the rest of the Squadron. It was then decided to send the Squadron on leave with the exception of the Maintenance. However, news was received that the enemy was moving fast toward MERSA MATRUH and all personnel were recalled on the 25th. of this month. The whole Squadron received orders to move to LANDING GROUND 65 immediately.</p>	
	24.6.42.		<p>NZ.412002 FLYING OFFICER G. FALLOWS GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH was posted from Transit Camp Western Desert with effect 20th. June 1942. Authority Rear Headquarters, Western Desert postagram 8025/1/P2, dated 24th. June 1942.</p>	

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