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| 1-6-42 | --- | | --- | --- | --- | NO OPERATIONS. | |
| 2-6-42 | --- | | --- | --- | --- | NO OPERATIONS. | |
| 3-6-42 | 7 KITTYHAWKS. | | Offensive Sweep. | 0820 | 0955 | Bir Hacheim area. Slight A.A. 5 miles N.W. Bir Hacheim. | |
| | 3 KITTYHAWKS. | | Reconnaissance Escort. | 1510 | 1630 | Reconnaissance conducted by 40 Sqdn., S.A.A.F. over area Gazala-Chemina-S. of Tobruk-El Adem. Light A.A. encountered near Sidi Brehime. | |
| 4-6-42 | 5 KITTYHAWKS. | | Interception Patrol. | 0830 | 0950 | Bir Hacheim area. 5 ME 109 F's encountered. No positive result. | |
| | 6 KITTYHAWKS. | | Interception Patrol. | 1720 | 1840 | Bir Hacheim area. 4 CR 42's - 6 ME 109 F's or Macchi 202's encountered and engaged. 1 CR 42 was destroyed and 1 CR 42 damaged. | |
| 5-6-42 | 7 KITTYHAWKS. | | Subsidiary Escort. | 1200 | 1520 | Knightsbridge area. Operation completed without incident. | |
| | 6 KITTYHAWKS. | | Interception Patrol. | 1810 | 1915 | Knightsbridge area. A formation of 15/20 enemy aircraft consisting of ME 109 F's & Macchi 202's encountered and engaged. 4 ME 109 F's & 1 Macchi 202 were damaged. 2 Kittyhawks damaged Cat. 1. | |
| 6-6-42 | 4 KITTYHAWKS. | | BOMBER ESCORT | 1405 | 1450 | Knightsbridge area. | |
| | 4 KITTYHAWKS. | | BOMBER ESCORT | 1745 | 1855 | Knightsbridge area. Both these operations completed without incident. | |
| 7-6-42 | 10 KITTYHAWKS. | | Bomber Escort | 1040 | 1200 | 3 ME 109 F's encountered and engaged. 1 Kittyhawk damaged Cat. 1. | |
| | 10 KITTYHAWKS. | | Bomber Escort | 1840 | 1950 | Operation completed without incident. | |

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| 8-6-42 | 10 KITTYHAWKS. | | Offensive Sweep. | 0820 | 0930 | 3 ME 109 F's encountered and engaged. 1 ME 109 F destroyed. | | | | |
| | 5 KITTYHAWKS. | | Bomber Escort | 1145 | 1300 | Operation completed without incident. | | | | |
| 9-6-42 | 6 KITTYHAWKS. | | Interception Patrol. | 0810 | 0915 | Operation completed without incident. | | | | |
| | 10 KITTYHAWKS. | | Interception Patrol. | 1655 | 1855 | Sgt. Clark and his aircraft missing from this operation. | | | | |
| 10-6-42 | 6 KITTYHAWKS. | | Interception Patrol. | 1715 | 1815 | Operation completed without incident. | | | | |
| | 8 KITTYHAWKS. | | Interception Patrol. | 1915 | 1945 | Operation completed without incident. | | | | |
| 11-6-42 | 4 KITTYHAWKS. | | Tactical Reconnaissance | 0840 | 0955 | Operation completed without incident. | | | | |
| | 4 KITTYHAWKS. | | Tactical Reconnaissance | | | Operation completed without incident. | | | | |
| 12-6-42 | 10 KITTYHAWKS. | | Bomber Escort | 0855 | 0945 | 6 ME 109 F's encountered & engaged. 1 Kittyhawk destroyed. Cat. 111. and its' pilot detained in hospital. | | | | |
| | 7 KITTYHAWKS. | | Bomber Escort | 1128 | 1220 | Operation completed without incident. | | | | |
| | 8 KITTYHAWKS. | | Interception Patrol. | 1355 | 1415 | Operation completed without incident. | | | | |
| | 7 KITTYHAWKS. | | Interception Patrol. | 1430 | 1540 | Operation completed without incident. | | | | |
| | 8 KITTYHAWKS. | | Bomber Escort | 1910 | 2025 | Enemy formation of 16 ME 109F's, 10 Me. 87's and 4 Macchi 202's encountered and engaged. 1 Macchi 202 destroyed. 1 Pilot, Sgt. Wrigley, and Kittyhawk missing. 1 Kittyhawk, Cat. 111, | | | | |

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| 13-6-42 | --- | | --- | --- | --- | NO OPERATIONS. | |
| 14-6-42 | 4 KITTYHAWKS. | | Tactical | 0800 | 0700 | Area reconnoitred El Adem, W. to Acroma - Knightsbridge - El Adem - Sidi Resegh. Operation completed without incident incident. | |
| | | | Reconnaissance | | | | |
| | 6 KITTYHAWKS. | | Interception | 0800 | 0825 | Operation completed without incident. | |
| | | | Patrol. | | | | |
| | 7 KITTYHAWKS. | | Interception | 1144 | 1225 | Enemy formation of 50+ J.U.88's with escort ME 109's encountered and engaged. No positive result. | |
| | | | Patrol. | | | | |
| | 9 KITTYHAWKS. | | Bomber Escort | 1900 | 2010 | Operation completed without incident. | |
| 15-6-42 | 4 KITTYHAWKS. | | Bomber Escort & Dive Bombing | 0715 | 0820 | This was the first operation upon which the squadron carried bombs. The bombs carried in this and all ensuing operations will be as set out below unless otherwise stated. I▼ 500 lb. Demolition American type, m | |
| | | | do. | 1005 | 1105 | Operation completed without incident. | |
| | 4 KITTYHAWKS. | | do. | 1314 | 1410 | Operation completed without incident. | |
| | 5 KITTYHAWKS. | | do. | 1510 | 1600 | Operation completed without incident. | |
| | 4 KITTYHAWKS. | | do. | 1745 | 1840 | 1 ME 109F encountered and engaged with no positive result. | |
| | 4 KITTYHAWKS. | | do. | 1822 | 1940 | 2 ME 109F's encountered and engaged with no positive result. | |
| 16-6-42 | 4 KITTYHAWKS. | | do. | 0920 | 0950 | 1 ME QPOF encountered engaged with no positive result. | |
| | | | do. | 1117 | 1200 | Operation completed without incident, | |
| | 4 KITTYHAWKS. | | do. | 1230 | 1300 | Operation completed without incident. | |
| | 4 KITTYHAWKS. | | do. | 1540 | 1415 | Operation completed without incident. | CJ |

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| 16-6-42 | 4 KITTYHAWKS. | | Bomber Escort | 1540 | 1625 | 2/3 ME 109F's encountered and engaged with no positive result. | |
| | | | & Divebombing | do. | 1725 | 1805 | Operation completed without incident. |
| | | | do. | 1845 | 1940 | Operation completed without incident. | |
| 17-6-42 | 4 KITTYHAWKS. | | do. | 0935 | 1015 | 6 ME 109F's encountered and engaged with no positive result. | |
| | | | do. | 1030 | 1115 | 2 ME 109 F's encountered and engaged. 1 ME 109F destroyed. | |
| | | | Bomber Escort | 1225 | 1300 | 2/3 ME 109F's encountered and engaged with no positive result. | |
| 18-6-42 | 3 KITTYHAWKS. | | Bomber Escort | 1420 | 1520 | 5 ME 109 F's encountered and engaged, 1 ME 109F probably destroyed. | |
| | | | Bomber Escort | 1605 | 1655 | Operation completed without any incident. | |
| | | | Interception | 1830 | 2035 | 1 Kittyhawk destroyed, Cat. III. Pilot injured, P/Sgt. Bernier. Cause - Crash landing on landing ground. | |
| 18-6-42 | 9 KITTYHAWKS. | | Patrol. | 1100 | 1200 | Patrol N.E. to Sidi Azeiz back and forth over the railway. Operation completed without incident. | |
| | | | Patrol | 1100 | 1200 | Patrol N.E. to Sidi Azeiz back and forth over the railway. Operation completed without incident. | |
| | | | Dive Bombing & groundstrafing | 1215 | 1315 | Operation completed without incident. | |
| 26-6-42 | 8 KITTYHAWKS. | | Bomber Escort | 1610 | 1705 | Operation completed without incident. | |
| | | | Bomber Escort | 1815 | 1930 | 1 Kittyhawk, piloted by Sgt. Carlile missing. | |
| | | | Bomber Escort | 1835 | 1440 | Target attacked South Mersa Matruh. Formation attacked by WME 109 F's shortly after leaving L.G. 09, one of these was engaged by S/Ldr Hanbury but without positive result. A further 6 ME 109F's attacked the formation and in the ensuing engagement, | |
| 27-6-42 | 8 KITTYHAWKS. | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | 1 ME 109F was destroyed and 1 ME 109F probably destroyed by S/Ldr. Hanbury, and 1 ME 109F by Sgt. Parrot, | |
| 27-6-42 | 4 KITTYHAWKS. | | Bomber Escort | 1530 | 1650 | Operation completed without incident. | |
| 28-6-42 | 4 KITTYHAWKS. | | Reconnaissance | 0620 | 0730 | Light accurate A.A. encountered, 1 Kittyhawk, Cat.1. 2 Kittyhawks Cat.11. | |
| | 5 KITTYHAWKS. | | Offensive Sweep. | 1100 | 1210 | Operation completed without incident. | |
| 29-6-42 | 5 KITTYHAWKS. | | Interception Patrol. | | | Operation completed without incident. | |
| 30-6-42 | 5 KITTYHAWKS. | | Bomber Escort | 0830 | 0935 | Target, El Daba. Operation completed without incident. | |

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