

159 Squadron

(Note: This is the only page of the Form 540 for May 1944 in the records at Kew.)

Place	Date	Summary of Events
Digri	6.5.44.	F/Lt. J.L.S. Fry assumed the duties of 159 Squadron adjutant vice F/Lt. J.R.E. Fullerton D.F.M. w.e.f. 6.5.44.
	10.5.44.	F/O. K.P. Alcorn assumed the duties of Parachute Officer vice F/Lt. R.L.H. McDougall.
	14.5.44.	A Court of Enquiry, composed as follows, assembled at Digri to enquire into the circumstances attending the accident between B. & A. Railway Train and Ford 3 ton vehicle No.23/5627 on 15.4.44. at Dhublia, and the subsequent death of 534111 Cpl. Swinburne and 1146272 L.A.C. Haworth F. President: S/Ldr. J.M. Hillier. Members: F/O. M.A. Sanders; W/O. R.C. Atkinson. Evidence was taken on oath. The findings of the Court have not yet been confirmed.
	14.5.44.	It was decided that a Salvage and Anti-Waste Economy Committee constituted as under should meet each quarter at times and place to be detailed later. Chairman: F/Lt. J.L.S. Fry (Adjt.), Members: F/O. Burchmore (Eng. Officer), P/O. Leaver (Messing), W/O. Keeling (Salvage), W/O. Atkinson (M.T.), Sgt. Richards (Photo), F/Sgt. Smith. ("B" Flight), F/Sgt. Jugg ("A" Flight). After each meeting a brief report will be drawn up by the Salvage Officer and handed to the Adjutant for onward transmission to H.Q. 231 Group.
	12.5.44.	The second hill party comprising 3 S.N.C.O's and 39 airmen proceeded to No.4 Hill Depot. F/Lt. D.I.C. Boissier was Officer i/c Party.
	20.5.44	The first hill party returned to Digri from No.4 Hill Depot (Departed Chakrata 16.4.44). The general impression was that Chakrata was this year much more efficiently organised although the rail journey, particularly returning was still a cause of some complaint.
	20.5.44.	F/Lt. R.L.H. McDougall assumed the duties of officer Commanding "A" Flight vice F/Lt. M.B. Murphy w.e.f. 20.5.44. F/O. D. Bruce was appointed Officer i/c Airmen's Mess vice P/O. W. Leaver, posted.
	27.5.44.	F/Lt. J.H. Watson assumed the duties of Squadron Navigation Officer vice F/L. G. Lodge.
	30.5.44.	F/O. Portch assumed the duties of Squadron Adjutant vice F/Lt. J.L.S. Fry (on course).
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		Wing Commander Commanding
		No.159 Squadron, R.A.F.