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Progress Report – Week ending 24.6.44

Upon my return to Drigh Road by air from Delhi last Sat. I discovered that Delhi had posted all 292"E" Flight personnel to Mauripur in my absence. Mauripur did not know what to do with them, and even my own crew (F/Lt. Wilson and W/O Horan) had been moved by order of Delhi.

In view of the fact that I had just left Delhi and though S/Ldr. Moira had called at Drigh Road in my absence yet neither W/Cdr. Hoche nor S/Ldr. Moira mentioned a word of all this while I was in Delhi.

As a result of all this muddle (I had W/Cdr. Hoche's written authority to form – at Drigh Road on May 8th) work had been suspended on the Sea Otters since it appeared we no longer existed at Drigh Road. Incidentally it was found that the Sea Otters had been badly damaged in transit and Drigh Road had requested Delhi for spares to which Delhi replied that no spares were available. Delhi have also since signalled that no dual sets of controls are available or even on the way from U. K.

Here follows some stuff on no general interest.

Group Captain Rutter, O. C. R.A.F. Station, Drigh Road is being magnificent, but he is a stickler for correct procedure in all things and a plain two ringer with no official status cannot expect much under the circumstances.

The C. in C. inspected us today and is staying the night.

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