

No. 292 Squadron Weekly Bulletin. (No. 2)

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1. Having completed this Bulletin. "E" Flight's first report came in, so I am rewriting the whole thing.
2. As regards "E: Flight, I am sending on a copy of the Formation Order. I have asked H.Q. 231 Group to regularise their position, the Adj. Has written a separate letter giving posting "GEN", and I have with officially grant F/Lt. Almack powers of subordinate command as Flight Commander of "E" Flight No. 292 Squadron.
3. While I have started things from my end, I suggest that F/Lt. Almack, through O.C. R.A.F. Station, Drigh Rd. ask the local Group H.Q. to contact H.Q. No. 231 Group who are responsible for the Administrative control of this Squadron. What I have asked is that for local admin you should be controlled by your local Group H.Q., who can then deal straight through to A.C. S.E.A. when necessary, with copies to us and 231 Group. This is getting very involved, but while the major administrative control must be No. 231 Group, all the problems in your first report are, for example, much more likely to be dealt with efficiently by your local Group H.Q. One tends to forget we are 1,400 miles apart.
4. "C" Flight. We understand that one of the local "brains" has invented special goggles for searching for yellow objects in the water. May we have the "gen" and reference numbers etc. Jacking pads are at last being made and I have hopes that an aircraft may leave for Ceylon before you get this letter.
5. The local responder beacon has been tested, and the maximum range was only 57 miles. A fault was found in the beacon itself, so the next test should give the full range. For your information, it is only put on on request, and can be received in all directions.
6. The latest date for Dhubalia is perhaps August.

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