

March 1944 Form 540

292 Squadron, Ratmalana

Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
	Ratmalana March, 1944		
		1st.	2 aircraft unserviceable
		2nd.	1 aircraft unserviceable.
		4th.	Air Tests – one to Vavuniya of 3.10 hrs duration and 1 of 30 mins.
		5th.	2 local flights totalling 65 minutes.
		6th.	2 aircraft serviceable.
			Air test duration 35 mins.
		7th.	P/O. R. D. Fraser, J19125, GD(WAG), 1132159 F/S. Dixon, Pilot and 633142, W/O. D. H. Wilson, FmE/Ag, proceeded to 292 ASR Squadron detachment at China Bay.
		9th.	2 Flights – 1 to China Bay and return and 1 on Air & W/T Test.
		10th.	P/O. F. O? Platt, GD/WAG, 161005 returned to Unit from S.S.Q.
		11th.	Airborne dropping test carried out in conjunction with A.S.R. launches. Air Test of duration 45 mins.
		12th.	Local Flying – 55 mins; Air test 1 hour.
		13th.	W/t Test – 1hour 5 mins.
		16th.	F/O. Bird en route to Coimbatore force landed on Lake Teruparank – undrim?? due to lack of petrol. Arrived Madura – 3.25 hours.
		17th.	Fight continued from Madura to Coimbatore – a/c test at Madura. Total flying time for day 1.55 hours.
		18th.	Aircraft commenced return journey from Coimbatore. Arrived Madura after flight of 1.35 hours duration.
		19th.	aircraft returned to Ratmalana from Madura – 2.40 hour flying.
		20th.	Air Test and Local Flight carried out.
		23rd.	1 flight – local cloud flying – duration 35 minutes.
		24th.	1 aircrew to Coimbatore to collect Walrus aircraft.
		26th.	Aircrew returned with new Walrus No. 807, via Madura – duration 4.25 hours.
		27th.	Air Test 35 Mins. 633142, W/O. d. H. Wilson returned from 292 Sqdn. China Bay, F/O. D. L. K?ewitt, GD(G) 160651, proceeded to 292 A.S.R. Sqdn. detachment at China Bay.
		20th	2 aircraft serviceable; 1 aircraft on Major Inspection. Air Test 50 minutes.
		31st.	Dispersal point moved to North side of Airfield. 906317 W/O. (A.G) Samles??, L. admitted to hospital. Local Flying – 30 Mins.
			General
			Number of flight – 28. Total hours flown 30.30
			Strength of Detachment at Ratmalana on 31.3.45:- Officers 9; S.N.C.Os. 4. O.Rs Nil (groundcrew on posted strength of R.A.F. Station, Ratamalana)
			Officer Commanding
			No. 292 ASR Sqdn. Detachment
			RAF. Station, Ratmalana.