

(c) ZP-11 Blimp Patrol Squadron; South Weymouth, Mass.

Ships available during the month were:

K-9	K-34
K-15	K-19
K-25	K-69
K-27	

Blimp Squadron ELEVEN operates from NAS South Weymouth, under Commander Task Group 02.1.3 (Commander Northern Air Group), Commander Task Group 02.1 (Commander Northern Group) and Commander Task Force 02 (Commander Eastern Sea Frontier). This BlimpRon has no subordinate units, but operates ZNP K-type airships assigned to it by Commander Fleet Airships, ATLANTIC.

Armament and equipment, so far, has varied with the different blimps. In general, they carry two free .30 cal. machine guns, one fore, and one aft, four 325 pounds depth charges set for 50 feet, MAD equipment, Radio (2 transmitters), and Radar. Fuel load usually carried is 600 gallons, the exact volume varying between 500 and 700 gallons, according to the estimated duration of each patrol. Blimps are able to operate for as long as 48 hours if necessary. (For full details on these blimps, see Chapter IV, page 5, "History of Group One Operations" which was included as Annex A (No. 7) of the December '42 War Diary.)

Because of weather conditions all flying was secured on one day, 3 August.

The blimps made a total of 161 flights which were subdivided as follows:

Escort	15
Night Escort	19
Escort & Patrol	2
Patrol	56
Photographic	1
Training	58
Rendezvous	1
Others	9

Total	161

CHAPTER III - OPERATIONS OF GROUP TASK UNITS. C. Northern Air Group.

During the month when 1508 hours were spent in the air, 1261 hours at sea, and 1091 hours on mission; some 140 vessels were escorted. A total of 59117 miles was flown; of these 50971 were flown over water.

The following ammunition was expended for training and operational purposes:

<u>.38 cal. M/G</u>	<u>.30 cal. M/G</u>	<u>.50 cal. M/G</u>
120 rds.	2570 rds.	6695
<u>MK-47 DC's</u>	<u>MK-17 DC's</u>	<u>Min. Bombs</u>
6	71	745
<u>Smoke Floats</u>	<u>Bronze Slicks</u>	<u>2 Star Cartridge</u>
236	332	14