

On 4 July a PBM searched for a sub in the area bounded by 67W, 69W, 41-20N and 42-50N. All results were negative.

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

Ships available during the month were:

K-9
K-14 Crashed 2 July. Transferred to NAS, Lakehurst
for reconstruction 13 July.
K-15
K-25
K-27 Received from NAS, Lakehurst 7 July.
K-34
K-19 Received from NAS, Weeksville, 9 July.
K-69

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.)

Weather conditions were such that it was not necessary to cancel the flights on any day.

The blimps made a total of 130 flights, the recapitulation of which is as follows:

Escort	16
Night escort	4
Escort & patrol	2
Patrol	34
Photographic	1

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Experimental	3
Training	61
Ferry	2
Rendezvous	1
Others	6
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Total	130

During the month when 990 hours were spent in the air, 683 hours at sea, and 567 hours on mission; some 73 vessels were escorted. A total of 38615 miles was flown; of these 29142 miles were flown over water.

The following ammunition was expended for training and operational purposes:

<u>.50 cal. M/G</u>	<u>Smoke Floats</u>	<u>Bronze Slicks</u>	<u>MK-23 Miniature Bombs</u>
5077 rds.	241	239	399
<u>MK-17 Depth Charges</u>	<u>MK-47 Depth Charges</u>	<u>.38 cal.</u>	<u>2 Star Cartridges</u>
56	6	48 rds.	17
<u>MK-73 Miniature Bombs</u>	<u>MK-16 Water Bombs</u>	<u>.30 cal. M/G</u>	
4	4	240 rds.	