

In addition to its routine dawn and dusk patrols this Squadron went out on thirteen escort missions and four special searches. Inclement weather prevented flights on six days: February 1, 11, 12, 15, 23, and 27. No report of ammunition expended is available.

d) Blimp Squadron 11, South Weymouth, Mass.

Ships available during the month were:

K-9	K-33	
K-10	K-42	
K-11	K-69	
K-14	G-7	Made available to Utron Detachment
K-15		29 February.
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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.)

This squadron is under the operational control of the Commander Northern Air Group. For all matters pertaining to administration, personnel, training, logistics, etc., ZP-11 Squadron's (Blimpron 11's) next higher in echelon of command is Fairshipwingone of Fairshipslant, which, in turn, operates under Cinclant.

The blimps were more active during February than during the previous month of January even though there were eight days when all operations were cancelled because of the weather: February 1, 6, 11, 12, 15, 18, 23, and 27.

In all the blimps made a total of 120 flights. These were sub-divided into day and night patrol, escort, experimental, training, test, photographic, and search mission. During the month when 1028 hours were spent in the air, 701 hours at sea, and 679 hours on mission, some 104 vessels were escorted. A total of 33,397 miles was flown; of these 27,488 were flown over water.

CHAPTER III - OPERATIONS OF GROUP TASK UNITS. (Continued)

Ammunition Expended in Training and for Operational Purposes:

<u>.50 cal.</u>	<u>.38 cal.</u>	<u>.30 cal.</u>	<u>Depth Charges</u>
1475 rds.	6 rds.	160 rds.	42
<u>Bronze Slicks</u>	<u>Miniature Bombs</u>	<u>Smoke Floats</u>	
157	89	132	
<u>Float Lights</u>	<u>Two-Star Cartridge</u>		
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