

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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No. 407 SQUADRON, R.C.A.F.

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R.A.F. Station, Chiverton	1.4.45		<p>We are off to a bad start this month as all flying was scrubbed today due to bad weather. Today is Easter Sunday and special Protestant and C. of E. Services were held this morning. Our Sqn Padre W/S/L W. McLean C.2916, held the Protestant service in No. 2 Hangar at 0930 hrs assisted by W/S J. McLean Senior Protestant Padre from No. 2 R.C.A.F. District H.I. Suter. W/O L.C. Wilson, C.1217, the Sqn C.O. read the lesson like a veteran chaplain while W/O J.M. Taylor W/O J.6857, and W/L G.T. Sutherland C.3180 the Sqn Adjutant stood nearby watching closely the unusual strain might prove to much for him. The Station Band provided the music for some inspired hymn singing by approximately 300 of all ranks. The Padre was so pleased and inspired by the splendid turnout that he delivered his best sermon since joining the Sqn about a year ago. The setting was a very appropriate one for a very fine Easter Service with many aircraft nearby and work-benches and tool boxes forming the pulpit and seating accommodation. Floodlights illuminated the scene and the Sgt Photographic Int section took pictures during the service and W/L G. Colchester C.35052, R.C.A.F. War-Artist made several sketches. All in all it was an event long to be remembered by all those present. The C. of E. Service was held in the Station Chapel by W/L Crossland R.C. Padre from No. 2 R.C.A.F. District H.I. Suter assisted by Rev. Father T. O'Leary R.C. Priest from Barnstable. This service was well attended by about 200 of all ranks including W/O J.M. Suter the Station Commander and 407 one and only W/L H. Esch. The C. of E. Service was held in the Station Chapel by the Station R.A.F. Padre W/L B.A. Bate and was well attended. Today was also April's Fool Day and our fun loving types has their laughs at the expense of less wry individuals. Among those scoring high in the April Fool joke game was our notable wing Co. W/O J.M. Stutchley C.35643, Pilot, and W/O H.C. Weston, J.2626, W/O/SG left today for a 2 weeks leave course.</p>	<p>SECRET.</p>
	2.4.45		<p>Operational sorties were flown today by W/O J.M. Grant, W/O H. Esch, W/O H.C. Hargett and W/O H.C. Wilson and crew. W/L Esch and crew completed a spot of convoy escort for a change. Air-tests were carried out by W/O H.C. McLean, W/O H.H. Hooker and W/L J.L. White and crew. Flying training today consisted of S.E. Practice, F.T.B., and W/O A.B. Mitchell was checked out at night for circuits and bumps by W/L K. Croff. W/O J.M. Taylor W/O flew W/O H.C. McLean to St David's where he picked up a new aircraft for us and returned in the afternoon. Another ops crew consists of W/O A.H. Marr J.29352 Captain and Pilot of Toronto, Ont, W/O H.J. Bloudest J.29122, 2 pilot from Quebec, Que, W/O G.R. Rice C.45471 Nav.B. of Monseigneur Island, Ont, and three W/O/SG's W/O J.A.L. Ringvall J.46173 from Halifax, N.S., W/O H.B. Quife J.45226 from Winnipeg, Man., and Sgt J.G. Warrman R.250130 from Toronto, Ont. This crew recently from No. 6 O.T.U. Silloth. Overhaul mail and parcels are very plentiful and some real old parties have been held in the billets at night with plenty of good things to eat. This extra food came in very handy to all ranks as the meals in this station for some unknown reason leaves much to be desired although there has been some improvement lately.</p>	
	3.4.45		<p>Another ops crew recently arrived from No. 6 O.T.U. Silloth consists of W/O J.J.H. Joubert J.22108 from Montreal, Captain and Pilot, W/O D. Farrugia J.29591 2nd pilot from Edmonton, Alta, W/O D.S. McLeod J.45142 Nav.B. from Vancouver, B.C. and three W/O/SG's, W/O J.F. Whitlock J.33167, from Raymore, Sask., W/O H. West, P.A. R.104499 from Middleton Area Ins, H.S., and W/O R.24400 from Toronto, Ont. W/O H.H. Esch and W/O J.M. Taylor W/O left today for a five week Bombing Leaders course at EAAS at R.A.F. Station, Monby. We are now enjoying very nice spring weather and the baseball enthusiasts are indulging in their favourite pastime, while many others are cycling along the picturesque roads and winding lanes of this North Devon county. Seven sorties were flown today and W/L H.L. Esch was sent off at 0930 hrs. Daylight patrols were flown by W/L's G. Olson and J.L. White and W/O H. Hooker and crew.</p>	

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			<p>P/L H.S. McLean, P/O W.G.H. Grant and P/L W.H. Turnbull and crews completed patrols later in the evening. All were uneventful. Flying training consisted of S.S. Practice, P.T.B. and P/O Biddle made a circuit of 19 Group diversion areas. P/O G. A. Biddle flew P/O W.G. Keele and P/L J.A.V. Gauthier to St Davids to bring back two new aircraft. Training was out short due to too many aircraft on ops leaving only two for training.</p>	
	4.4.45		<p>Ops sorties were completed today by S/L G.W. Taylor DFC, P/L P.R. Pengelley, P/O J.A.V. Gauthier, P/L L.H. Manual and P/L R.D. Harvett and crews, but were uneventful. Flying training today consisted of P/O Mitchell and P/O Biddle completing Air to Air Homing exercises in the afternoon and P/O A.H. Kerr who was on duty-crew carried out an air test later on. P/O G. A. Biddle and P/O G. A. Biddle were also doing circuits for a night check but owing to poor breaks and heavy rain after two circuits the detail was scrubbed. Uncrowed aircrew on strength at present second pilots P/O S.H. Howard, J.29150 and P/O S.D. Martins, J.26653 both on flight in Ceylon and P/O M. Coaling J.29533; Navigators W/O I Channel, D.L. S.131700 and P/L R.H. Smith AFC, J.8522 both on 143 type Ceylon and P/O J. Post J.3222 now on course and P/O J. Post J.3222 grounded for medical reasons; WOP/AG: P/O J. Polly J.12377, P/O H.W. Bowles J.19018 and P/O J. Linnerford, J. 12078 the last two also being on 443 types, P/O V.L. MacKenzie J.17933, P/O P.H. Bamforth, J.87650, P/O H.H. Martin J.85325, P/O J. Davis J.8775 and P/O R.H. Herring J.40774. Increasing numbers of Sqdn personnel of all ranks are availing themselves of the wonderful opportunities offered by the Hospitality Bureau to spend their leave in some of the finest homes in this part of England.</p>	
	5.4.45		<p>Only one ops sortie was flown today. P/L H.S. Keele took off at 0550 hrs and completed an uneventful sortie. Other ops sorties were scrubbed due to bad weather. Flying training consisted of S.S. Homing and P.T.B. and P/O Olson later flew to Talberry to pick up a few bomb carriers. Recent tour expired aircrew on strength awaiting posting to instructional or other post duties are: P/O G. A. Biddle J.2981, and P/L W.B. Gull J.20569; Navigators, P/O A.W. Finerton J.19111, P/O G.H. Harris J.87356 and WOP/AG: P/O S.A. Hughes J.89342, P/L D.W. Smart J.23618, P/O H.H. Stander J.23647, P/O V.L. Cowell J.88036, P/L J.D. Byrne J.21074 and P/O L.J. Cooper J.94283. Crews going on leave after duty today are those captained by S/L G.W. Taylor DFC, P/O L.H. Manual and P/L H.S. McLean. Station sports are thriving these days and Sqdn types are playing softball, soccer, field hockey, cricket etc. The warm sunshine is bringing out the leaves and the flowers and the countryside is a picture of idyllic loveliness.</p>	
	6.4.45		<p>Our Sqdn Headquarters at present consists of W/O K.C. Wilson C.1217 Officer Commanding, P/L G.F. Sutherland C.3180 Adjutant, S/L G.W. Taylor DFC J.6857, Flight Commander i/c Ops with P/L K. Graft J.2981 and P/O W. Bowles J.28154 as his first and second assistants, S/L H.J. Esch J.7074 Flight Commander i/c Flying Training with P/L H.R. Douy J.13356 as his assistant, P/L H.B. Goodman J.8513 Nav. Leader and P/L J.B. Campbell J.14663 Assistant Nav. Leader, P/L P.G. Hollidge J.22083 Radar Leader, P/L H.L. Palmer J.17304 Bombing Leader and P/O J.C. Sullivan J.15771 Assistant Bombing Leader, P/L H.F. Lewis J.24059 Signals Leader and P/O R.B. Alton J.16056 Assistant Signals Leader, P/O L.H. Woolley J.23574 Gunnery Leader and P/O W.G. Farrott J.26791 and P/O T. Leach RAF.179160 as Assistant Gunnery Leaders and P/L H.S. Dawson J.12857 as qualified assistants. One uneventful ops sortie was carried out today by P/O H. Douy and crew. All other ops sorties scrubbed due to bad weather. Flying training today consisted of S.S. Practice, Consumption tests by P/O Olson, air to air homing exercise, blind bombing, air to ground firing and 19 Group Diversion Drone flight.</p>	267

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	10.4.45		<p>The same aircraft tried to hone on him a second time but after putting on his Nav lights the other aircraft turned away (Muzzum!) all that ocean and some little room to spare. Flying training consisted of S.S. Practices and crew drills (S.S.). Other details were scrubbed unaccount of U/S aircraft and weather. The staff of the Sign Discip office consists of W/O Cantin, J. R. 75509 of McCreary, Man. Cpl R. Lanthier R. 96052 of Hull, Que, LAC R. Brown R. 60583 of Toronto, Ont, LAC R. Descoiteaux R. 194285 of Montreal, Que, LAC S. Harold R. 105342 of Toronto, Ont who is 53 years of age and a veteran of the last war and his Mother lives in Wick, Scotland, other G.D.'s on strength at present are, LAC Westgarth R. 103719 of Toronto, Ont, employed in stores, LAC W.D. Stokes R. 262420 of Toronto, Ont employed as Orderly Room Steward, LAC Chester Samoszewski R. 148287 of Montreal, Que employed in M.S. Section as Fitter, LAC L. McGuiry R. 277522 of Toronto, Ont employed at flights as U/T Maint/Asst. and W. George R. 271921 of Dartmouth, N.S. employed in M.S. Section as driver at present following a period of hospitalisation.</p>	
	11.4.45		<p>Only two ops sorties flown today by F/L D. Olson and S/O A.D. Mitchell and crew and both were uneventful. Flying training consisted today of S.S. Practices, P.T.D.'s and T.S.D.'s and rounds of 19 Group Diversion Drones. One consumption test and one air-test was flown today. The Sign Orderly Room staff consists of Sgt R.W. Nicoll Clerk Admin (9) of Noth Bay, Ont, LAC J.L. Leatherdale of Ridgeway, Ont, LAC J.F. Fisher R. 173405 of Hanson, Alta, and S.O. Stewart R. 60049 of Calgary, Alta. Other clerks are Cpl T. Doyle R. 136375 Clerk Pay Sects from Toronto, Ont and LAC R.A. Campbell R. 171474 Clerk Equip Accts from Ottawa, Ont. There is plentiful entertainment on this Station, the Cinema offers three picture a week and the R.C.A.F. Auxiliary Services provides a free picture once a week in the Officers and Sgts Messes and in the N.A.A.F.I. There are dances every week and also plenty of outdoor games.</p>	
	12.4.45		<p>Uneventful Op. Sorties today were flown by F/L Dr. Duffin, S/L W.L. Reed and F/L RD Maryett and crew. Flying training consisted of air to air boxings and S.S. practices. Arm Squadron Compass Adjusters are Sgt. L.W. Hillis CAN R. 223270 of Toronto Ontario and Sgt. R.R. Clark RAF 1574080 of Aberdeen Scotland and who is at present attached to 407 from the station St. Eval. Maintenance Assistants on strength at present are LAC JF Callagher CAN R. 195399 of Montreal Quebec, LAC L.A. McGuiry CAN R. 277522 of Toronto Ontario and LAC S. Samoszewski, CAN R. 148287 of Montreal Quebec. The last two being AM/ED w/t Maintenance Assistants. The continuing nice weather of the last few weeks has provided plenty of opportunity for outdoor sports and several splendid softball games have been played between teams from the various sections. We intend to pick a Squadron team soon and play games with nearby Units.</p>	
	13.4.45		<p>One Ops. trip was flown today by F/L Gauthier & Crew being uneventful. S.S. Practice, consumption test, and circuit of 19 Group Diversion Drones, QM & BBS and towed target boxing details were carried out. Base, morning fog and high winds have been the chief reasons for some of our flying being scrubbed the last few days. The Squadron Medical Section is staffed by F/L WJ Wilson CAN 06118 Medical Officer of Toronto Ontario, Cpl. S. McLaughlin CAN R. 86342 of Winnipeg Manitoba and LAC R.J.P. Brodeur CAN R. 185422 of Granby P.Q. Canadian Dental Corps presently attached to 407 are Capt. H.W. Reeves Dental Officer of Paris Ont., Sgt. P.O. Rice R. 134226 of Regina Sask., Sgt. C.D. Morris R. 84979 of Vancouver B.C., Pte. Kays, N.C. F. 82311 of Charlottetown, P.S.I. Squadron strength includes the following WAAF's employed as Waitresses LACW Artbery, P.S. RAF 2066451 of Combe Raleigh Honston, Devon, LACW Blake, D.K. RAF 2016539 of West Wellow Nr. Romsey, Hants, LACW Coy, M. RAF. 422686 of Newport, S. Wales, LACW Thursty, H. RAF. 2079969 of Richmond, Yorks., LACW Welford, H.A. RAF. 2055321 of Gouthland, Yorks., and ACWI Scippon, H.J. RAF. 2035491 of Bealhorpe Fakenham, Norfolk.</p>	

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RAF Station Chiverton	14.4.45		<p>F/L P.D. Henry and crew took off on the only Op. sortie carried out and was recalled to base due to bad weather. All training was scrubbed today when news of a Squadron detachment move came through. P/O W Taylor RFC was in charge of the party that left. P/O P. Olson and P/O H.H. Hooker and crews were detached. The party is on detachment to Langham for an indefinite period and are probably going to have a go at the A. and H. Boats. Sgt. Day, S.J. is in charge of the ground personnel and these were flown down in a other aircraft. Our Photographic Section consist of Cpl. Johnson, L.F. CAN.11556 of Chatham N.B., LAC McBride, R.B. CAN R.100976 of Toronto, Ont., LAC Wolfe, R. CAN R.215215 of Winnipeg, Man., and LAC Vertice, S. CAN R.166160 of Winnipeg Manitoba. Wireless Mechs on strength are Sgt. Lundy, P.D. CAN.2145691 of Leamington Ont., LAC Bailey, C.A. CAN R.133419 of Biggar Sask., LAC Bowen, J.F. CAN R.252569 of Vancouver B.C., LAC Eddy, A.R. CAN R.214717 of Brampton, Ont., LAC Blodick, J.K. CAN R.224570 of Windsor, Ontario and LAC Tiley, R. CAN R.251824 of Toronto Ontario. Squadron Cooks on strength at present include LACW Andrews, A.F. RAF.147610 of Camberwell, London, LACW Belcher, H. RAF.2028330 of East Acton, London, LACW Dufford, H.J. RAF.2022501 of Sutton, Surrey, LACW Barnes, H.M. RAF.192109 of Grayswood Kent, LACW Stephenson, C.A. RAF.295828 of Richmond, Yorks., LACW Bannor, H.L. RAF.2037580 of Percymain Dr. Shield, Northumberland, LACW Thompson, H. RAF. 433911 of Knaresboro, Yorks.</p>	<p><u>SECRET.</u></p>
	15.4.45		<p>Uneventful Ops. patrols carried out by P/O W.H. Reed, P/O J.W. Gauthier and P/O W Taylor RFC & Crews. 6 Target bombing exercises were carried out. Our Squadron Padre P/O W. McLean is on leave at present in Ireland. P/O McLeelland from No. 2 Dist. HQ Exeter conducted the usual Sunday services in No. 2 Hangar. Another commission was received today this time for P/O Cooper, S.J. R.137091 as P/O J.24219. He is now on leave following completion of his first Ops. tour. Instrument Mechs. on Squadron strength are Cpl. W.D.L. Mantleworth, CAN R.192832 of Vancouver, B.C., one of the best ball players on the Squadron, LAC Dorer, R.T. CAN R.214582 of Dundas Ontario, LAC Black, C.A. CAN R.222535 of Moon Lake, Alta., LAC Barrall, R.J. CAN R.166209 of Le Pas Man., LAC Dennison, D.K. CAN R.217583 of Fort Fairfield, Maine USA, LAC Mallaly, J.M. CAN R.223874 of Horton, Kings County, N.S., LAC Pollock, A.R. CAN R.157732 of Vancouver, B.C. LAC Westup, W.B. CAN R.304530 of Vancouver, B.C. LAC Dinsmore, H.E. CAN R.201401 of Riverside, Ont., LAC Dorer and LAC Mallaly are at present on detachment to RAF Langham.</p>	
	16.4.45		<p>Uneventful sorties were carried out by P/O H.J. Bach, P/O B. Quinlan RFC and P/O H.H. Hooker and crews. One air to sea firing exercise was carried out. A thick sea fog scrubbed all other training. Squadron A.E.M.'s at present include, Sgt. Russell, R.S. CAN R.51766 of Ottawa Ont., Sgt. Thomas, J.E. CAN R.54591 of Northfield B'ham., Cpl. Jaster, W. CAN R.61853 of Regina, Sask., Cpl. McKenzie, D.W. CAN R.61845 of St Appelle, Sask., Cpl. Mabley, H.C.B. CAN R.67056 of Kelwood, Man., Cpl. Wilson, D.G. CAN R.59937 of Winnipeg, Man., Cpl. Jones, G.E.J. CAN R.61363 of Odette Sask., Cpl. Walker, O.T. CAN R.89109 of Orillia Ont., LAC Bockak, A.S. CAN R.167633 of Hodgeville, Sask., LAC Babin, J.A.C.R. CAN R.177244 of Lewis, P.E.I., LAC Desaulieu, J.M. CAN R.189907 of Montreal Que., LAC Gallinger, E.A. CAN R.191116 of Fort Arthur, Man, LAC Hale, S.H. CAN R.187651 of Windsor, Ont., LAC Hart, H.M. CAN R.108821 of Peterborough, Ont., LAC Hope, K.D. CAN R.111380 of Billingsbridge Ont., Cpl. Jaster, Cpl. Jones and LAC Hale are at present on detachment to RAF Station Langham</p>	

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R.A.F. STATION CHIVONOR	17.4.45		<p style="text-align: center;">SECRET.</p> <p>Five uneventful Operational Patrols were carried out by P/L J.L. White and P/O Olson & Crews. Towed target bombing, Q&H's and B&B exercises were carried out. In addition to the A.F.M.'s listed yesterday, Squadron strength includes. LAC MacMartin, C.J. CAN R. 86027 of Gimli Manitoba, LAC McCready, D.R. CAN R. 115562 of Penobscot, Kings County N.B., LAC Martin, W.D. CAN R. 110987 of Winnipeg Manitoba, LAC Parrier, H. CAN R. 139899 of Montreal Quebec, LAC Stuart, L.R. CAN R. 166719 of New Westminster, B.C., LAC Sinclair, J.W. CAN R. 184432 of Timmins Ont., LAC Vincent, U.S. CAN R. 123429 of Long Branch Ontario, LAC Gill, G. CAN R. 108714 of Port Huron, Ont., LAC Rowley, H.G. CAN R. 109462 of Crossfield, Alta., LAC Copeland, A.A. CAN R. 147043 of Emerson Manitoba, LAC Deagle, H.C. CAN R. 152614 of Otonago Alta., LAC Douglas, R.V. CAN R. 174491 of St. John's, N.S., LAC Delanger, W. CAN R. 104600 of St. John's Quebec. LAC V.D. Martin is at present on detachment to RAF Station Langham.</p>	
	18.4.45		<p>Six uneventful patrols from Chivonor were flown today by P/L P.D. Henry, P/L L.A. Manuel, P/O P.L. Fawcett, P/L W.J. Reed, P/L J.W. Cantidier and P/O W.D. Dunham and crews. P/O H. Hooker on A/U Patrol from RAF Station Langham had two contacts both proved uneventful. P/O O Olson on A/U Patrol from RAF Station Langham sighted and attacked a Liber Class U/Boat with 50's and later on attacked a U-Boat Class U/Boat with machine gun fire. Fixed target bombing, circuits and bumps, towed target bombing, S.I. Practice, Q&H's and B&B details were carried out. A.F.M.'s on Squadron strength at present include P/O Gibson, P.L. CAN R. 6587 of Stettler Alta., who wears an Air Gunner's Wing, SGT Janz, J.J. CAN R. 55775 of Winnipeg Manitoba, SGT. May, S.J. CAN R. 54558 of Brantford Ont., Cpl. Bracey, H.M. CAN R. 61834 of Verdun Sask., SGT. Collier, R. CAN R. 60025 of Calgary, Alta., Cpl. Shesnoy, C.S. CAN R. 70358 of Galt, Ontario, Cpl. Pranta, R.R. CAN R. 70637 of Vancouver B.C., Cpl. Kress, H. CAN R. 70444 of Hamilton Ontario, Cpl. Gibson, J.H. CAN R. 65690 of Toronto Ont., Cpl. Smith, H.D. CAN R. 71297 of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Cpl. Weir, W.R. CAN R. 70306 of Winnipeg, Manitoba, LAC Hall, G.D. CAN R. 193198 of Burlington, Ontario, LAC Craig, A.D. CAN R. 239175 of Toronto Ontario, LAC Campbell, F.H. CAN R. 189101 of Ocean Falls, B.C., LAC Hackett, P.A. CAN R. 200610 of Wallenstein, Ont., LAC Kniss, A.C. CAN R. 131673 of Calgary, Alta.,</p>	
	19.4.45		<p>Six uneventful patrols were flown today from RAF Station Chivonor by P/L H.J. Leach, P/O G.A. Peadar, P/L J.L. Rowan, P/L H.S. McLean, P/L S. Quinlan MCO, and P/L J.L. White and crews. Two uneventful patrols from RAF Station Langham were flown by P/L G.H. Taylor MCO and P/O H.H. Hooker & Crews. A conversion training to Captain of P/L H.G. Robinson is continuing. S.I. Practice, and bombing on paper bags were carried out. P/L H.H. Laidlaw has arrived here on temporary duty to check out P/L H.G. Robinson and P/O J.A. Clark who have been converted to Captains on the Squadron. In addition to the A.F.M.'s mentioned yesterday on Squadron strength are LAC Lakodak, P.A. CAN R. 112980 of Waskatenau Alta., LAC Lancaster, H. CAN R. 175601 of Vancouver, B.C., LAC MacIntyre, C.S. CAN R. 198367 of St. Catharines Ont., LAC Pelletier, H.B. CAN R. 215277 of Hollyburn P.O., B.C., LAC Stots, H.B. CAN R. 202679 of Irvine, Alta., LAC Wilson, G.R. CAN R. 200605 of St. Catherine's Ont., LAC Van Patter, R.L. CAN R. 153369 of Ryburn, Ont., LAC Barnes, S.D. CAN R. 76782 of Edmonton, Alta., Sgt. May, Cpl. Smith and LAC Pelletier are at present detached to RAF Station Langham while LAC Barnes has been detached to Haverfordwest for some months. P/L J.C. Butler J. 22088 WCO/M is on leave in London and Bournemouth at present following completion of his first Operational Tour, recently.</p>	

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R.A.F. Station Chivener	20.4.45		<p>Only one Ops. trip was flown today from RAF Station Chivener this being completed by F/O W.R. Grant & Crew. S/L G.W. Taylor DFC & Crew completed an uneventful Ops. sortie from RAF Station Langham while F/L G. Olson & Crew sighted two Diber Class U/boats and attacked immediately with front and tail guns and a few minutes later attacked second time and dropped 6 DC's. Later another contact was made and a surfaced Diber Class U/boat was sighted and attacked with A.D.C.'s. Training today consisted of S.E. Practice, B.B.S. QM's Air to Ground Firing. Our Squadron Armament Section consisted of SFC. Dofgao, C.J. CAN R.90552 of North Bay, Ont., now awaiting repatriation, LAC Whiskin, S.C. CAN R.91770 of Vancouver, B.C., LAC Atkinson, S.C. CAN R.89676 of Niagara Falls, Ont., LAC Deminger, C.A. CAN R.135091 of Hitchcock Ont., LAC Pools, S.C. CAN R.24997 of Collingwood Ont., LAC Smith, C. CAN R.214972 of Hamilton, Ont., LAC Taylor, L.S.J. CAN R.138832 of Dorchester N.D., LAC Worthington, R.S. CAN R.150419 of Perkasie, Pa., Cpl. Polcy, S.C. CAN R.187509 of London, Ontario, LAC Bain, S.R. CAN R.241792 of Grimsby Ont., LAC Beach, S.R. CAN R.27047 of Leaside, Sask., LAC MacAuley, J.B. CAN R.191292 of Duncartha, Manitoba, LAC Wildman, W.C. CAN R.209324 of Peterborough Ont., Cpl. Campbell, R.M. CAN R.68428 of London, Ontario, Cpl. Lyland, S.D. CAN R.100977 of Port Francis Ont., Cpl. Watt, C.R. CAN R.75878 of Montreal P.Q., LAC Cooper, S.M. CAN R.117125 of Temiskaming, P.Q., LAC Penton, J.M. CAN R.105011 of Toronto Ontario,</p>	<p><u>SECRET.</u></p>
	21.4.45		<p>Five uneventful Ops. sorties were flown from RAF Chivener today by F/L W.R. Koolo, F/L H.L. Rossy, F/L P.E. Fongelley, F/L S.C. Quinn, F/O G. while one uneventful sortie carried out by H.H. Hooker & Crew from RAF Langham. Flying Training consisted of S.E. Bombs and Bombing, Air to Sea Firing, QM and S/L Laidlaw continued training of F/L H.C. Robinson and F/O J.A. Clark. The Squadron Electrical Section is staffed by CEM. Bastian, R.F. CAN R.92269 of Vancouver, B.C., Cpl. Thompson, B.A. CAN R.69443 of Timmins Ont., now awaiting repatriation with his wife the former LACB Bastian on London strength, LAC Carver, L.W. CAN R.161061 of Vancouver, B.C., LAC Polcy, H.J.P. CAN R.180606 of Ottawa, Ont., LAC Gardner, S. CAN R.180904 of Hull Quebec, LAC Macdonald, S.C. CAN R.196742 of Out Knife, Sask., LAC Hurre, R.J. CAN R.196772 of Kincitine, Sask., LAC Pittall, R.O. CAN R.197448 of North Bruce Ontario, LAC Turner, C.S. CAN R.109334 of Toronto Ontario, LAC Underwood, F.J. CAN R.161260 of Markham, Ontario, LAC Campbell, S.D. CAN R.119934 of Medicine Hat Alta. F/L W.J. Wilson CAN 06118 is in London today on Temporary Duty at O/S H.Q. for interview. It looks as if we may be losing our efficient and popular H.O.</p>	
	22.4.45		<p>Ops sorties flown today from RAF Station Chivener were flown by F/L W.M. Bowden, S/L HJ Bach, F/O ... Mitchell, F/O ... Nelson and F/O Crews. Flying training consisted of towed target bombing, S.E. Bombs, Leigh Light bombing on radar buoy. F/O J.A. Clark was checked out solo today. S/L W. McClean our Squadron Padre is still on leave in Ireland but S/L McLelland from No. 2 Dist. R.S. Easter again conduct usual services in No. 2 Hangar. Our Squadron H.F. Section consists of LAC Hoquid, P.S. CAN R 82766 of Smithfield, Ont., CEM. (W) Hartley, H.R. RAF 205136 of Liversedge Yorks., LAC's Burton, S. RAF 2146609 of Wembley, Surrey, Broom, D.S. RAF 2039244 of Billingham Co. Durham, Deigan, C.M. RAF 2062055 of Leigh-on-Sea Essex, Hallas, C.M. RAF 2051999 of Ruffordfield, Yorks, Kisty, K. RAF 2013666 of Oxford Eng., McPherson, L.A. RAF 2080448 of Washington Eng. Paget, B.A. RAF 2030374 of Peterborough Lancs., Tyler, S.A. RAF 2130354 of Victoria London and AGWI Carter, RAF, 456925 of Ruffordfield, Yorks.</p>	<p>264</p> <p>88</p>

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RAF Station Chiverton	25.4.45		<p>Four uneventful patrols were flown today from RAF Chiverton by P/L F.D. Henry, P/L L.W. Chamel, P/L J.L. White and P/O F.L. Pascott & Crews. Two uneventful patrols were flown today from RAF Langham by P/L O. Olson and P/L C.W. Taylor DFC & B & Crews. P/O Bill Grant and P/L P.T. Fangelley and crews were detached to RAF Langham to operate from there. Flying training completed today was as follows, Duck Jumper Exercise, and S/L Inidlaw flew a check circuit with P/L Robinson and P/O J.A. Clark. To aid the quantity of latest returns in the 3th. Canadian Victory Loan Campaign, a raffle is being held on the Station for all Canadian groundcrew and another for Canadian aircrew. P/L O.C. Nelson has organized it and is selling tickets at 2/6, 200 tickets being set out for each raffle. Two fifty dollar bonds plus the odd pound are being offered as prizes on each drawing which will be held in the station cinema when all tickets are sold. Early returns are promising and it is hoped that pay day for the airmen will provide an added impetus towards the sale of tickets. W/O C.T. Bryan RAF 131814, P/O Air, another of our popular RAF aircrew finished off his ops tour and departed today for a well earned leave at his home in Surrey. These RAF boys on the squadron have been making the best-liked chaps in the RAF. P/O W.A. East of 131812 D.F.C. left today on medical grounds for the long trip back home. Everybody wishes him God-speed and a safe journey. P/L R.F. Crossland C.12125 our District R.O. Padre, whose visit to the squadron in the past have been greatly appreciated by all, is being replaced by P/L R.D. Doyle C.8868. P/L Crossland expects to go abroad, possibly the far east and his many friends on the squadron wish him a good posting and a quick return to Canada. The A or C held a movie in the Officers' Mess last evening titled "Let's go steady" with Skinny Eddie's orchestra. While this particular feature was not received with rounds of applause, the preceding short subjects, one of a trip up the B.C. coast and another of a parade on a ship provided an enjoyable method of passing away an evening. Two uneventful ops sorties were flown today from RAF Chiverton by P/L J.L. White and P/L D.R. Dunham and crews, and two uneventful ops sorties were flown from RAF Langham by P/L P.T. Fangelley and P/O H.H. Booker and crews. Flying training today consists of Air to Air Firing, T.T. Bombing exercises, P/L Robinson and P/O Clark flew local flying today including circuits and bumps.</p> <p>Two uneventful ops sorties were flown from RAF Chiverton today by P/O K.D. Wilson and P/L H.C. McLean and crews. An uneventful ops sortie from R.A.F. Langham was carried out by P/L C.W. Taylor DFC & B, & crew while P/O W.A. Grant flying a sortie from Langham sighted second type midget U/boat, but unable to make attack. Later a third type midget U/boat was illuminated and an attack was made across its track with 6 D.C.'s from 50 feet. Results were unobserved but no radar contact could be obtained after the attack. Flying training today consisted of Duck Jumper exercise, S.L. Homings and fighter affiliation, whilst G-Apple was air tested by P/L F.D. Henry. News that our popular Squadron No. 714 P/O Wilson D.F.C. 118 of Toronto Ont. would be leaving us shortly was received by all ranks as another loss of a popular, ever cheerful and competent member of the old gang. "Doc" will really be missed. New flying jackets, a blue granville cloth lined with fur were received today to be tested by the Demons. Firts reports from S/L H.J. Esch rated them as the last word in flying equipment for the crews of the Wellington, as gadgets and knobs protrude all over the cockpit of it and the less bulky Grenville jacket will be a great boon to all. W/O Chamel, H.M. CW R.131700 RAF B. returned from his tour course from Kinsey today and reports meeting chaps from Iceland to the Azores attending it and that he learned a lot.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SECRET.</p>

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R.A.F. Station, Chivenor.	26.4.45		<p>Uneventful ops. sorties were flown from RAF Chivenor today by P/L P.B. Henry, P/L L.W. Mansel, P/O P.L. Fawcett and P/O A.B. Mitchell & Crews, while P/O J. Olson flew an uneventful patrol from RAF Langham. P/O H.H. Hooker & Crew flew an ops. patrol from RAF Langham and during this sortie a German type midget U/boat was illuminated 200 yards to port. P/O J. Olson manoeuvred into position for attack but on searching with Leigh Light nothing was sighted and no radar contact could be obtained. The U/boat apparently submerged. P/O A.H. Laidlaw was flown to Prestwick by P/O H.H. Hooker this afternoon. P/O Laidlaw is returning to Canada with his wife. He has been of great assistance during the short time he was able to be here. P/O Laidlaw is a former Flight Commander here and was very happy to have his back and P/O Robinson and P/O Clark appreciate his efforts on their behalf and his expert instruction. Flying training to-day consisted of a Buck Jumper exercise, Fixed Target Bombing, P/O Practice and air to sea firing. Yesterday our Flying Adjutant, P/O G.B. Switzerland, started out for Coastal Command Headquarters by air in company with P/O P.B. Gill, Pilot, in the station Commander's plane. However, fate overtook them near Reading, Berkshire, in the shape of gremlins who caused the engine to suddenly quit. Under the expert hand of P/O Gill, a perfect forced landing was made in a small field and the Adjutant went on to London by train. Today P/O H.H. Hooker is off to Prestwick with P/O Gordon Rev. B and P/O G.B. Switzerland the Adjutant on board to pick up some Squadron comforts from No. 9 B. & C. School, Mont Joli, Quebec. Word was received today from the Ministry that P/O Clark, P.F., ex-prisoner of war and former member of 407 Squadron has arrived in the U.K. and has recovered from his ordeal.</p>		
	27.4.45		<p>Five uneventful ops. sorties were completed today by P/O J.J.M. Joubert, P/O C.A. Middle, P/O H.H. Hooker, P/O D.B. Mathias and P/O J. Olson & Crews. Flying training consisted of practice Q.C.B.'s in local area, Buck Jumper exercise, Fixed target bombing, and P/O J. Olson flew on a familiarisation tour of the area diversion a/c. Our Flight Commander P/O training P/O H.H. Hooker J. 7074, went on leave to-day and left his work in the capable hands of P/O P.L. Bouay J. 13356. P/O Bouay is finding it a job in itself and in doing full justice to his crew and operational flying, which he is still carrying on, is finding his day very full. P/O L.W. Mansel J. 11053 has also been giving the Flight Commanders a hand by deputising for them while they have been flying. Both these officers have displayed a quick understanding of the work required by Flight Commanders. P/O D.H. Laman, G. 2674, visited the Station today calling in on 407, where he has friends old and new who look forward to his visits.</p>		
	30.4.45.		<p>Uneventful ops. sorties were flown today by W/O K.C. Millan, P/L W.H. Turnbull, P/L W.H. Rowden and crew, whilst flying training consisted of P/O training, air to ground firing and two fixed target bombing exercises. The crews of P/L W.H. Turnbull, P/L W.H. Rowden, P/O J.A.V. Gunther and several of the tour-expired crews, including P/O J.V. Gling, returned from leave today with stories of hunting and fishing and golf in the country and other stories of life in the big cities. Postings have arrived for P/L J.D. Byrne J. 21074 W/O/W, P/O G.W. Harris, J. 8736 Rev. B, and P/O L.J.M. Cooper J. 91218 O/P/A to go to Tangmere. They will be flying with their old skipper and are very happy about it. P/L K. Croft G2981 one of our Deputy Flight Commanders is posted to the Flying Instructors school, St. Angelo, Ireland on Wellingtons still. As this officer is one of the most experienced pilots on the squadron, having around 2500 hours, it is expected he will pass his course with flying colours.</p>		<p>66</p>

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	30.4.45		<p>P/L B.A. Cairns DFC & Crew flew the only operational sortie to-day, which proved uneventful. This was partially due to the very cold weather with misty showers and low freezing. Flying training today consisted of Mk. VI bombing, G.S.H.'s and VLA hangings, which ended another month of successful flying. Ops and training commitments have been fulfilled. Surely this is a record - two months in a row. The U.S. Navy are joining us here with semi-rigid dirigibles. It will be interesting to see work of this type being done, as most of us have very little acquaintance with lighter-than-air craft. One crew fell today on our base and a lot of fellows appeared in the Irvine jackets while the ground crew toiled manfully on between the little blizzards. All credit is due to these un-sung heroes who are just as valuable as the aircrew themselves. No Captain or other aircrew member belittles their unceasing devotion.</p> <p><u>PERSONNEL STRENGTH AS AT 2359 HOURS 30.4.45</u></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th><u>R.O.C.</u></th> <th><u>RAF</u></th> <th><u>RES</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><u>OFFICERS</u></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pilots</td> <td>57</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Navigation</td> <td>30</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>WOP/AG's</td> <td>75</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>AIRMAN</u></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pilots</td> <td>2</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Navigation</td> <td>2</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>WOP/AG's</td> <td>30</td> <td>2</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>GROUND CREW</u></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Officers</td> <td>10</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Airmen</td> <td>110</td> <td>1</td> <td>23</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>TOTAL OPERATIONAL SORTIES 1062/76 <u>RAF OPERATIONAL HOURS 072:15</u></p> <p>TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - 1062:10 <u>AIRCRAFT STAFF</u> - aircraft on Station change - 10 Wellington Mk. XIV used by this Squadron.</p>		<u>R.O.C.</u>	<u>RAF</u>	<u>RES</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>				Pilots	57			Navigation	30			WOP/AG's	75	1		<u>AIRMAN</u>				Pilots	2			Navigation	2			WOP/AG's	30	2		<u>GROUND CREW</u>				Officers	10			Airmen	110	1	23	
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