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R.A.F. Station Chivenor	1.5.45		Six uneventful Ops. patrols were flown today by F/L Reed, F/L L.W. Mansel, F/O A.H. Marr, F/O A.B. Mitchell, F/L H.L. Bouey and F/L W.H. Bowlen and crews. An air to air boxing exercise was completed today by F/L P.D. Henry & Crew. F/L W.A. Keels & Crew flew on detachment to RAF Langham and F/L H.L. Bouey did an air test. F/O E.O. Wilson C.1817 with our assistant Adjutant F/L O.C. Nelson J.21799 as second pilot, F/O F.K. Neville as Navigator, F/L L. Woolley J.22374 (Crewman Leader) and F/O H. Falconer J.00005 as V.O.'s flew to St. Angelo, N. Ireland today taking along F/L K. Croff C.2981 as a passenger. Work went on in the Squadron as usual and work started that F/L J.A. Gravel C.1551 replacing our Medical Officer W.J. Wilson C6118, is arriving Saturday. Work by the Entertainment Committee of the Squadron for the Squadron Party to be held in the Garrison Theatre, Ilfracombe, is progressing well. Tickets are being printed at the present time.	
	2.5.45		Three Ops. trips were flown from RAF Station Chivenor today by F/O Pascoe, F/O Turnbull and F/L Durham and crews and were uneventful. F/O W.C.H. Grant flew an uneventful Op. trip from RAF Langham with F/L P.T. Fengeley and crew took off on patrol from RAF Langham and during this patrol sighted and attacked with 6 D.C.M.A Machine Gun Fire, a midget type Second U/ Boat. DC's were seen to straddle and machine gun strikes observed on conning tower. Two hours later a second second was illuminated and attacked from 100 ft. with four DC's and machine gun. DC's straddled and machine gun strikes were observed on conning tower. Shortly after attacks air bubbles were seen spreading over an area 10-15 yds. Flying Training consisted of Buck-jumper exercises, J.L. hangings and Fixed Target Bombing exercises and an air test was carried out. F/L O. Olson's Crew returned from Langham and commenced their belated leave today. F/O R.B. Kewin J.10774 left for R. Depot Harrington for repatriation to Canada on medical grounds after the severe air crash he was in not so very long ago. Our newest crew that of F/O G.T. Leonard J.05097 returned from leave today and said they were happy to be back on the Squadron again. W.O. Hinds, A. H. 118053 and W.I. Watson, W.O. H. 22553 W.O.F. were at 19 Group H.Q. for interviews with the A.C.C.-ins. re their long hoped for Commissions. The schedule for the forthcoming softball league was released today and great enthusiasm was shown by all personnel, at the thought of getting back this typical Canadian sport.	
	3.5.45		Six uneventful Ops. patrols were completed today by F/L J.W. Cartier, F/O W. Middle, F/L M.S. McLean, F/L D.A. Quinlan DFC, F/O A.H. Marr and F/O J.J.M. Joubert and crews. These crews took off from RAF Station Chivenor while F/L W.A. Keels, F/O H.M. Hooper and F/O W.C.H. Grant and crews flew from RAF Station Langham completing uneventful sorties. Flying training today consisted of P.T.D. and Ground Firing exercises. F/L C.F. Sutherland C.3180 has gone on leave to Cornwall claiming he likes the quiet life. W.O. D.J. Macaulay, W/O H. and Sgt. S. May P11A, two of our NCO's from Flights, went off to spend their leave with a family in the Midlands keenly interested in music. Savvy tastes like this show evidence of a high grade of intellect among our maintenance men. Also today our Signals Leader F/L M.F. Lewis J.21059 went off to visit the countryside he was born in that of Margate. The 8th Canadian V.L. Drive has reached the amazing total of 58,500 dollars for 407 Squadron-13% of our Objective of 44,000 dollars. Congratulations have been received from both the Victory Loan Committee and RCAF Overseas Headquarters.	
	4.5.45		F/L P.D. Henry and F/L W.H. Turnbull taking off from RAF Station Chivenor flew uneventful sorties. F/L Henry developed engine trouble and had to land at Fortreath. F/L P.T. Fengeley and F/L W.A. Keels and crews flew uneventful Ops. patrols from RAF Langham.	

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	4.5.45		<p>Flying training today consisted of air to ground firing, S.E. and FEB exercises and circuits and bumps and towed target bombing trips. WOII Benedict, O.C. R.120988 WOP/AG, WOII Dickson, R. 2.179372 Pilot, WOI MacDonald, R.S. R.103381 Inv.S., WOI Botham, M.A.S. R.161562 WOP/AG and WOII Brooks, M.S. R.84838 WOP/AG are at 19 Group H.Q. today for their interviews re Commission. It is to be hoped that a good effect was made by all of them and that soon they will be supporting the thin narrow strips. The comforts that have arrived from No. 9 B. &amp; C. Kent Jollie consisted of Magazines, Cigarettes, Pipe Tobacco, Pipe Cleaners, Gillette Razor Blades, Palmolive soap, Hot Chocolate Powder, Chocolate Bars, Candy and Gum. The thoughtfulness of the people back home is very deeply appreciated by all ranks of 407 Squadron and it is regretted that No. 9 B. &amp; C. is being closed down and our fine association with them broken. Our best regards go to all of their personnel wherever they may now be.</p>	
	5.5.45		<p>All flying was cancelled today on account of adverse weather conditions. A very cold day with driving rain and high winds made every one in very low spirits today. The coal supply has finished and the offices are no longer inhibited by the usual flow of personnel who drop in for a chat and chance to warm themselves by the fire. Gunner appears to have deserted us, even in Devon. Comforts consisting of tobacco, pipe cleaners and Gillette razor blades are still being handed out in the Adjutant's Office and there seems to be no shortage of pipe smokers or shavers in the Squadron. All comforts of this nature are greatly appreciated by the personnel of 407 Squadron.</p>	
	6.5.45		<p>F/L W.H. Reed and crew flew an uneventful sortie from RAF Chivenor while F/O W.H. Grant &amp; S/L C.W. Taylor DFC &amp; Bar and crews flew uneventful patrols from RAF Langham. Flying training today consisted of a fixed target bombing exercise by F/O W.H. Grant and crew. We were honoured with the visit of the Canadian Liaison Officer from O/S H.Q. today, F/L P. Phillips O.6257 and F/O G.A. Hobbs O.57310 the Postal Liaison Officer. F/L Phillips in answer to questions said that there was no answer as yet to the question "When will we go home", nor yet to "What about the second phase? Will we be going there?". F/O W.H. Torpason J.43644 arrived yesterday for duties as WOP/AG from 3 RAF Bomber Command. The drawing of the winning tickets in the ground crew 8th Canadian Victory Loan raffle took place last night in the Station Cinema. Those winning 50 dollar bonds were, W.P. Mabley and W.S. Williamson. Those winning cash prizes were LAC McFarland and LAC Jones.</p>	
	7.5.45		<p>F/L Boue, H.L. and F/L W.H. Turnbull took off on patrols from RAF Chivenor today but were recalled early to base due to weather conditions. Flying training consisted of Fixed Target Bombing, Air to Air Landing, Circuit and Landing, and Towed Target Bombing exercises. Today proved to be a many-sided one with adventures ranging from false propaganda, "Tense had been declared" to a 100% station Commander's Parade held in No. 3 Hanger. F/L H.J. Esch J.7074 was acting O.C. of 407 for this parade due to the unavailability of our O.C. S/L E.S. Wilson O.1217. Group Captain D.W. Payne, Station Commander of RAF Chivenor addressed those assembled before him and told them he had us gathered together to give us some more information as to how the Cessation of Hostilities would affect our lives.</p>	
	8.5.45		<p>"VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY"            Uneventful Op.s sorties, flown from RAF Chivenor today by F/O J.J.L. Joubert, F/L H.S. McLean S/L H.J. Esch &amp; F/L Henry and crews. F/O Joubert returned to base due to engine failure but later took off in another aircraft while F/L McLean returned early due to u/s Radar. Uneventful patrols were flown from detachment at Langham by F/O W.H. Grant and F/L P.H. Fongelley and crews. No flying training today because of VE DAY. VE Day declared today and immediately</p>	

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RAF STATION CHIVENER	8.5.45		the remainder of the day was given over to celebration except for skeleton staffs to carry out operational commitments. From early morning till on past midnight the celebrating went on. The RC Padre, S/L F.T. Moyle C.8368 from No. 2 District H.Q., Exeter held Mass in the station Chapel at 1615 hours. The Prime Minister, The Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill addressed the House of Commons in a speech that was broadcast to the Nation, and His Majesty The King addressed his people at 2100 hours. The feeling of nearly everyone on 407 Sqn. was one of "What difference does it make to us, the subs. are still outth there and have just sunk 3 ships. Ops. are still on and we still got the Japs to lick".	<b>SECRET.</b>
	9.5.45		Ops. sorties were flown today from RAF Chivener by F/L J.A.V. Gauthier, F/L W.H. Dowson and F/L W.H. Reeds and crews, but were uneventful. Eight subs surrendered themselves during the last 24 hrs. but so far as luck as far as the Squadron is concerned. F/O H.H. Hooker and crew flew and uneventful sortie from RAF Langham. All training was cancelled today. The detachment of the Squadron at RAF Langham were brought back today and they received congratulations from 16 Group on the excellent work they carried out. The morning after the big celebrations seemed to be the one thing on everyone's mind today. To see the R. of C. Supervisor Mr. Ronnie Lallans look at his lunch and get up from the table with as nice a case of the jitters was symbolic of the state of the lot of us. Word was received today of the award of the Bar to S/L Taylor's DFC. A DFC was also awarded to S/L C.S. Myers another old time member of 407 Squadron who is at present stationed at RAF Station, Dorff. Kindest congratulations from the wing Commander, Officers and all ranks go to both these Officers on this recognition of their merit.	
	10.5.45		Two uneventful Ops. Patrols were flown today by F/L L.V. Manual and F/L J.L. White and crews while training consisted of S.S. Homings and Bombing and Circuits and Bumps. With nearly all our detached bodies from Langham returned to the fold a lot of the old, almost forgotten faces appeared in the Messes. Not the least of those whom we were happy to see back were our Popular Flight Commander S/L Can Taylor DFC & Bar, F/L W.H. Reeds, F/L O. Olson, F/L H.H. Hooker and F/O W.C.H. Grant and their crews. The groundcrew said that even with the excitement of a few prangs on the midget sub. off Holland, that their kites had made while at Langham, it sure was a treat to be back at Chivener with the old gang.	
	11.5.45		F/L Turnbull and F/L Nelson and crews flew uneventful sorties today but F/L Turnbull returned due to engine trouble and took off in another aircraft which also returned early due to compass trouble. RAF Homings was the only flying training completed today. This is the 4th Anniversary of the founding of 407 Squadron and a Squadron Party was held in the Garrison Theatre at Ilfracombe, to celebrate the momentous occasion. Group Captain and Mrs. Bayne, the Station Commander and his wife attended with many guests. Our popular C.O., C.1217 W/O K.C. Wilson addressed the gathering over a slight din caused by repeated cheers and then called all personnel who have been with the Squadron 4 years to come to the platform. Pictures were taken of this Group and other shots of the happy crowd. An RCAF Band from C/A H.Q., London, developed a good brand of music and their clarinetist brought back memories of Artie Shaw when he was at his best.	
	12.5.45		F/L L.V. Manual and crew flew the only Ops. Patrol today which proved uneventful and flying training was scrubbed today. The spell of cold windy weather with frequent showers has finally broken and the golf course at Ilfracombe was populated today by our Squadron Discip. WO Cantin, F/L Mitchell and many others.	

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RAF STATION GILVESOR	12.5.45		<p>Those unfortunate enough to have to remain on Camp looked longingly out at the bright sunshine. The softball league is developing into a very interesting race with the 2nd. Pilots on top and the WAGS running them a close second. The luckless Navigators still trail at the bottom of the league. Tennis now that our ace P/O Joe Colclough has returned from Leighton is expected to take an upturn in favor.</p>	
	13.5.45		<p>Uneventful Ops. sorties were carried out by P/O G.A. Biddle, P/O G. Olson and P/O H.J. Each and Crews. P/L Olie Olson and Crew returned to base due to U/S Altimeter but took off later in another aircraft. Flying training consisted of S.S. Homings and G.H.'s. Our Education Officer P/O J. Humphries G.12665 departed today for a leave in Ireland to see what the Irish Colleens down in the Irish Free State look like. Our last two aircrew RAF HQ's left us today for Gillotha WO J. Smith 1117790 and WO G.E. Ryan 1218531, both WAF/AIR's. They said they had a very enjoyable stay with our Squadron and that they left it with regret enroute to the less happy vision of S O.F.U., Gillotha. This leaves us with only 1 RAF Aircrew Person on our strength P/O F Leach at present on leave following completion of his first tour. We sincerely regret losing these very capable members of our aircrew.</p>	
	14.5.45		<p>P/L H.H. Turnbull and P/L B. Gainer W/O and crews took off on Op. Brine but were recalled early to base due to adverse weather conditions. Flying training was scrubbed due to weather. The attraction of the quaint little villages Combe Martin, Linton, Westward Ho., Bristford and the towns of Ilfracombe and Barnstaple seem to draw most of our chaps on their days off. Cycling is a very popular pastime and many a group of our chaps can be seen on the roads nearby on their bicycles after their work has been finished for the day. Recent additions to our tour-expired list are P/L H.L. Doney, P/L J.L. White, P/L R.D. Hargett Pilots; P/O P.C. Lansell W/O, P/O C.S. Farberg, P/L G.J. Sullivan WAF B's, P/O H.S. Deaton and P/O G.E. Huntington WAF/AIR's.</p>	
	15.5.45		<p>All Ops. were cancelled today due to weather but although a full program was not got in, flying training today consisted of Mr. VIA Homings, Bombings and G.H.'s. P/O R.A. McGrath J.91151 has decided to try a new method of going on leave. Having got hospitality near Newton Abbot in Devon he took off down the road on his motor cycle with "Blackie" his well known cocker spaniel sitting on the gas tank between his legs. SPT. S May W/O and Sgt Macaulay have returned from a leave in Essex. Gillotha Mr. Birmingham where they stayed on the rural estate of Mr. and Mrs. Goodman. Mr Goodman it appeared is in the manufacturing business and besides making fans for the new jet-propelled aircraft builds motor cycles. He had his peace time model for post war production on his estate and Spts May and Macaulay had some an enjoyable time riding the latest on the market.</p>	
	16.5.45		<p>Two uneventful Ops. Patrols were flown today by P/L H.W. Manuel and P/L G. Olson and crews. Today's training was made up of S.S. Homings, air tests and Towed Target Bombing. The Trade Test Board from RAF O/S H.Q. is here now, headed this time by P/O G.R. Prince G.25614. They have set up "shop" in the NAAFI and we are confident that, as a result of their visit, new promotions and new "A" Groups and "B" Groups for our Airman will soon be coming through. Credit is due P/O G.F. Barnham J.90777, one of our recent tour-expired WAF/AIR's, for the almost professional touch displayed in the painting of the huge Squadron Crest, which adorned the rear of the platform, behind the band at the recent Anniversary Squadron Party.</p>	

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RAP STATION CHIVENDOR.	16.5.45		Mr. Rene LeBlanc, K. of C. Supervisor, so popular when he has Coca Cola in his hut, with P/L H.P. Florence J.24066 WOP/AG also deserve credit for their united efforts as shown on the night of the Party		
	17.5.45		Two uneventful Ops. sorties were completed today by P/L W.J. Reed & P/O G.A. Middle and their crews but P/O Middle's trip was curtailed due to a recall due to weather. Another new crew from C.O. C.B.S., Elliott has arrived on the Squadron. It is captained by an ex-407 man P/O R.D. Hodges J. 29063 Pilot of London, Ontario. His crew is made up of the following members: P/O G.M. Mainman J.29595 2nd. Pilot of Prince Albert Sask., P/O H.A. Norton J.14200 NAV B of Acton Ontario, P/O H.A.S. Rawlinson J.46618 WOP/AG of Hillerville Alta., R.177945 WOLL Lewis, J.R. WOP/AG of Fort Arthur Ontario and R.110662 WOI Dawson, R., WOP/AG of St. James Manitoba. A new leave roster, incorporating the most VE Day 48 hr. leave occasioned by Air Ministry has been drawn up by S/L C.W. Taylor DFC & Bar J.6057. It has brought the usual joys and means but on the whole the prospect of an extra 48 hr. pass attached to everyone's leave has more than compensated for the changes in leave plans.		
	18.5.45		Today was another two trip effort for our Squadron P/L Gauthier and W/O Wilson and crews completing uneventful patrols although the Wing Commander was recalled early due to weather. Training today consisted of S.B. Exercises, bombing, Leigh Light Practices and V.C.I's. Another bright, warm and sunny day but work went on as usual. The widespread interest in the Second Phase of the War in the Far East amongst the members of 407 Squadron speaks well for the early filling of the RCAF's commitment in that theatre. Lists are being compiled of those volunteers showing rank, name, age and trade and the fact that these men wish to volunteer will be forwarded to C/S Hq. Thirty-six crews signified their wish to volunteer by 5 P.M. today and there seemed no that others who were busy today would be in tomorrow.		
	19.5.45		Four uneventful Ops. sorties were completed today by P/L H.S. McLean, P/L D.R. Durkin, P/L F.R. Fungalley and P/L G. Olson and crews while flying training consisted of S.B. Exercises, Bombing and Sinking. The W/Os attached to the Messes at Main Base Mess Office, Ilfracombe, held a very popular dance in their mess at the Mount Hotel tonight. Many Officers and other ranks were invited from 407 Squadron and among those present were the Assistant Adjutant and his wife P/L H.H. Nelson, and Mrs. G.C. Nelson, P/L W.R. Keele, P/L W.J. Reed, Mr. Rene LeBlanc of the K. of C. while P/S Tiborio from the flights led a strong contingent of Airmen. The Whitewide holiday has caused some restrictions in travelling but WO's Watson, PA. and Edwards, A.H. got away to London this week end to see the bright lights of the town after the VE Day celebration.		
	20.5.45		Four uneventful Ops. trips were again completed today by P/O W.C.H. Grant, P/O G.A. Middle, P/O A.H. Marr and P/L A.B. Mitchell and their crews. The only training trip today was a Radar and Leigh Light Exercise by P/O D.H. Olson. The last of our remaining senior NCO Airmen are being put through the wringer of interviews and 1020 A's preparatory to travelling to 19 Group Hq for the long awaited and dreaded interview with the A.O.C. WO K.S. MacDonald R.105581 NAV.B. and WO West, F.A. R.104499 WOP/AG are among these poor unfortunates to aspire to leave that easy going life of the Sgt's Mess as are also WO Kitchen, J.B.S. R.146139 Pilot, WO Russell, F.G. R.255518 WOP/AG, WO Cannell, H.A. R.131700 NAV.B., P/S Craig, A.S. R.151244 WOP/AG and P/S Baker, J.B. R.255597 WOP/AG.		

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RAF STATION CHIVENOR	20.5.45		All these men have consistently shown a very high sense of devotion to duty and are well deserving of this proposed step-up.		
	21.5.45		We dropped back to two Ops. trips today which were uneventful and flown by P/L J.A.V. Gauthier and P/L W.H. Reed and crews. Flying training consisted of Radar and Leigh Light Training trips. A gala Sports Day was held on the station today in which a fair number of 407 Personnel took part. LAC McBride and LAC Harris took first and third prize in the Discus Throw, respectively. LAC McBride also won the Javelin Throw, with LAC Dennison taking third place. LAC Harris came back to win the shot-put and McBride also to take second place. The Officers preferred the jumps with P/O Mainwaring winning and P/O MacLean placing second in the High Jump, and P/O MacLean also winning the Broad Jump. The members of the 407 Rig-of-war Team were LAC Harold, P/O Bury, LAC Harris, LAC McBride, LAC Hodge, LAC Gill, LAC Craig and LAC Bowley. The soccer team was composed of LAC Pelletier, Cpl. Middleworth, Cpl. Harris, LAC Barracell, LAC Anderson, and Sgt. Clark. 407 Squadron obtained 29 points out of a total possible of 75.		
	22.5.45		Two uneventful Ops. trips were flown today by P/O C. Clark and P/O P.H. Peggiboy and their crews. Flying training consisted of S.E. Homings, Fixed Target Bombing, Towed Target Bombing and a Bush-Jumper exercise. A Cocktail Party was held last evening in the Officers' Mess and a dance in the Sgts Mess with recordings supplied by the K. of C. to entertain the guests after sports day. We're afraid that those who were present yesterday have a wrong impression of how well we eat here. The lobster that looked so inviting is not meant not usually served to us poor unfortunates. VE Day may have occurred but 407 Squadron is still carrying on as if nothing had happened. Ops., flying training, courses, and new crews arriving keep us all busy. It is planned that in addition to the normal one day off per week, Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 1200 hrs. onwards shall be given to everyone.		
	23.5.45		P/O A.H. Mann flew an uneventful Ops. Patrol today while flying training consisted of S.E. Homings, Bombing, towed target bombing and circuits and bumps. The forthcoming Federal Election and the Province of Ontario Election in Canada is taking hold of all Canadian's interest on RAF Station Chivenor. P/L G.C. Malone J.24799 and P/L D.H. Jackson J.25997 travelled to 2 RCMP District H.Q. Exeter today to attend a Conference of Polling Officers with Major E. Palmer, Special Returning Officer for the United Kingdom, N. Ireland, Gibraltar and the Azores. Voting will commence Monday May 28 th and continue to Saturday June 9 th, excluding Sunday June 3rd. In the Federal Election at from Wednesday May 30 th. to Monday June 4 th. in the Ontario Election. The Polling Booth will be open three hours each day except Monday the 28 th, when it will be open all day.		
	24.5.45		Three uneventful patrols were completed by P/O K.C. Wilson, P/L W.H. Reed and P/L J.A.V. Gauthier and crews. Flying Training consisted of S.E. Homings, Air to Air Firing and Air to Sea Firing. Another motor cycle accident robbed us of a second pilot in the person of P/O J.H. French J.55195 on P/L W.H. Bowlen's Crew P/O French and P/O J.C. Branch J.92107 were riding their motor cycle between Braunton and Chivenor when they met their fate in the shape of a motor car on a narrow road. P/O French sustained a fractured left femur but is not seriously or dangerously ill. He was removed to SSJ at this afternoon flown to Church Village Hosp. Nr. St. Athons, South Wales. Due to the nature of the injury he is expected to be out of action for eight or nine months.		

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RAF STATION CHIVNON	25.5.45		F/L P.F. Fungelley and Crew flew the only Ops. Patrol today which proved uneventful. Flying Training consisted of Buck-Jumper exercise, S.S. Honings, and Firing. The many Organizations, firms, and private individuals who have so big heartedly and consistently sent cigarettes to the Demons deserve a note of thanks from every member of the Squadron. Mr. J.B. Cross, President of the Calgary Brewing and Malting Company amkr, 9 th. ave and 15 St. S. Calgary, Alta is one of our biggest contributors. The Officers' Mess, RAF Station, Sarnowide, P.E.I. have also sent along several thousands of Sweet Caps. and are still doing so. Norwegian Air Cadets have been visiting our station in the last few days. and our Officers in conjunction with officer of 14. RAF Squadron have shown them around and tried to answer all their questions.	<u>SECRET.</u>	
	26.5.45		Three uneventful Ops. trips were flown today by P/O D.H. Olson, P/L W.H. Reed and P/O G.A. Biddle and crews. Training consisted of S.S. Trips and Bombing exercises. Memories of peace time for those of us who were in the Service then and training days for the rest of us were brought back by a colour hoisting parade and march past at 0830 hrs. this morning on the parade square. Group Captain D.W. Hynes, Station Commander, took the salute as the Parade marched past by Squadron King Commander R.S. Wilson with all the spirit of the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ontario, took 147 Squadron through their paces. Credit is also due to Mr. Austin, J.C., R. 75549 who was in the glory as Squadron Leader and told us all what to say and when. Perhaps we should have remembered more of what they tried to teach us at I.T.S.		
	27.5.45		No Ops. trips were flown today but training consisted of S.S. Honings, Air to Sea Bombing and Night Circuits. Three new crews reported into us last evening, captained by our ex second pilots P/O J.W. Greaser J. 30192, P/O L.S. Inwood J. 23096 and P/O R.W. Corrigan J. 29102. In P/O Greaser's Crew are P/O J.M. Wilkes J. 29278, second pilot, P/O W. Wardley J. 30275 NAV B. P/SST AL 0166 R. 200875 WOP/AG, P/S F.C. Thompson R. 205118 WOP/AG and P/SST J.R. Forbes R. 208242 WOP/AG; P/O Inwood's Crew consists of P/O Hainstock, R.L. R. 186991 second pilot, P/L R.H. Clement J. 46417 NAV B. and WOP/AG's WO Bacon, S.A. CAN 2363, WO Hubbs, C.G. R. 195753 and P/S Egan, J. R. 225593. P/O Corrigan's Crew consist of P/O J.R. Husley J. 30190, second pilot, P/O D.F. McKee J. 45407 NAV B. and WOP/AG's WO Urwin, R. R. 196233, WO Ivingstone, D.B. R. 183074 and WO Brown, B.A. R. 183743.		
	28.5.45		Uneventful Ops. sorties were flown today by P/L O. Olson, P/L P.D. Henry and P/L J.R. Keala and crews. Flying training consisted of S.S. Honings, Bombing, QCH's and Air to Sea Firing. The Federal Election voting got off underway on RAF Chivnon today. P/L W.H. Glickman J. 27835 and P/L P.L. Fawcett J. 87170 proved willing aids in all the clerical and tabulating work. Raining rain greeted the early voters but a steady stream of eager Canadians poured into the Polling Booth. By 16:30 hours when the Booth closed about 130 had cast their vote. P/O R.C. Wilson C. 1227 is in London on his VE Day 48 hr. pass and P/L G.W. Taylor DFC & Bar J. 6857 has assumed command of 147 Squadron. News that the convoy system of protecting M/V's at sea will be abandoned after 29.5.45 was received today with the hope that Ops. would soon be cancelled.		
	29.5.45		P/O J.W. Monks and P/O J.A. Clarke and crews flew the only two Ops. patrols today which were uneventful. Flying training consisted of S.S. Honings, Towed Target Bombings, Air to Air Honings, QCH's. The sad news arrived today that our brothers in arms on 14. RAF Squadron are being disbanded. It is expected that the personnel will be dispersed but 4 crews are being left behind to ferry the A/C away. We shall miss our many Canadian friends, P/L G. Hyslopp and many others, along with the host of RAF types we have made friends with.		53

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RAF STATION CHIVERTON	29.5.45		<p>W/C K.C. Wilson C.1217 returned from London in the Anson this evening with P/L W.H. Reed as Pilot. Surely a big jump from the venerable flag. Our last RAF Officer P/O T. Leach R.7179150 is posted to No. 6 O.T. Sillith. His many friends wish him happy landings.</p>	
	30.5.45		<p>P/L G.W. Taylor DFC &amp; Bar and crew flew the only Ops. today but it was uneventful. Flying Training consisted of S.E. Hoatings, Bombings and QH's. Our Intelligence Officer P/O R.A.F. Leach R.79852 departed for London today on leave. WO Russell, W.S. R.135328, WO Churchill, H.M. R.131700, WO Kitchen, J.D.S. R.146139, WO MacDonald, R.S. R.105381, WO West, P.A. R.104499 P/S Craig, A.G. R.15124 and P/S Baker, J.B. R.255297 travelled to 19 Group this week for 1020 a interview with the A.D.C. re their hopes for Commission. P/L R.D. Maryett C.24372, Captain, P/O A.L. Morrison J.35851, 2nd. Pilot, P/L H.M. Gilchrist J.27835 NAV.S., P/O G.J. Branch J.91027 WAF/S, P/O R.D. Beaton J.90011 WAF/S and P/O G.A. Knight J.97458 WAF/S are proceeding on attachment to RAF St. Davids for ferrying duties. No complaints from anyone for that job. P/L W.R. Keele J.24285 one of our ace Entertainment Officers departed today on his leave after completing 500 hours of Operational Flying.</p>	
	31.5.45		<p>P/O A.H. Hunt completed an uneventful op. today while P/L W.H. Reed and crew took off at 120 hrs. on a tactical exercise. At 1210 a message was received from EC 512 that the aircraft was returning to base approx. 12.15 hrs. At 13.15 hrs this aircraft crashed into the sea 5 miles off shore and about 1/2 mile south of Hartland Point. The AIR launch from Appuldore and the lifeboat from Clowally left immediately for the position in spite of very miserable weather and a high sea. Wreckage was found and the bodies of J.17591 P/L H.I. Mahan, Navigator, J.35202 P/O G.D. Bown 2nd Pilot, and J.9222 P/O R.J.R. Miller WAF/S were picked up. J.20194 P/L W.H. Reed's body was found a few hours later. The bodies of J.91000 P/O J.H. Gamble and J.91151 P/O R.H. McCreath WAF/S have not yet been located. So another fine crew has paid the price. P/L Jordan has served on 107 Squadron for nearly a year. P/L Jordan was on his 2nd tour having survived a tough tour on torpedo A/C from Malta. The remainder of the crew had all been on 107 for some time. They will be sorely missed by their many talents and acquaintances. The football league is providing some very keen and interesting competition both in the aircrew and groundcrew sections. Some RAF Personnel have even been seen taking a decidedly keen interest in the game as spectators and we have hopes of convincing them that it is at least slightly different from rounders. Among those enjoying leave at present are P/O C.F. Crookes in London and P/O J.R.H. Gannon in Belfast. Our gym. H.Q. building area is now making a very fine appearance due largely to two grass plots lined with whitewashed stones and a large maple leaf of stones laid in the centre of one grass plot and bearing the initials 107 and a very showy border of "Sweet Williams" which are now in full bloom. These improvements have been effected by WO Cantin, Sqn Discip and his staff of CD's but most of the credit goes to LAC Harold, our 51 year old CD Veteran of the last war who has spent many hours of work on this project with excellent results.</p>	

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