

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

of (Unit or Formation) **No. 419 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.**

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
MIDDLETON SE. GEORGE	1ST APRIL 1945		Operational stand-down. Weather at Base was windy and showy. No flying training and very little ground training. The Station Chapel had a capacity attendance for Easter Sunday Service, large numbers of aircrew attending.		
	2ND APRIL 1945		Battle Order prepared at 1330 hours and scrubbed at 1500 hours. Warning received at 1930 hours of a probable daylight the following morning. Ground and flying training carried out. The 8th Victory Loan officially opened to-day - Slogan - "Invest in the Best". Section Heads attended a conference in Victory Loan H.Q. during the afternoon.		
	3rd APRIL 1945		Battle order was prepared in the morning but scrubbed. This happened again in the afternoon when a Battle Order was prepared at 1400 hours and scrubbed at 1500 hours. The weather was fine but training held up due to probable ops. Limited amount of flying training carried out.		
	4TH APRIL 1945		Battle order prepared just after Mid-night but was scrubbed at 02.30 hrs. Another Battle order prepared at 1100 hours. Fourteen aircraft took off at 1825 hours and attacked the LORNA oil plant at HEMMINGSG. Target was covered with 9/10ths to 10/10ths cloud and bombing was done on sky markers from 17,000 ft to 19,000 feet. Route and tactics good but the general impression was that FFF were late in dropping sky markers. Results of the attack will not prove to be too good. Pilots reported considerable amount of icing. Ground and Flying Training limited due to Operations.		A.421 to A.434 E.32
	5TH APRIL 1945		Operational stand-down. Weather at Base was wet in the morning but cleared in the afternoon. A Station Parade was held at 1045 hours for the A.O.C. in Chief, R.C.A.F. Overseas, at which he presented 428 Squadron with their official crest. Flying and Ground Training was carried out in the afternoon.		
	6TH APRIL 1945		Operational stand-down. Weather cold but wet at Base. Ground and Flying Training carried out.		
	7TH APRIL 1945		Battle order was prepared at 1100 hours. At 1640 hours, during briefing, operations were scrubbed. Weather at Base was very good and a considerable amount of Flying Training was carried out.		

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	8TH APRIL 1945		Fifteen aircraft attacked WINGING, taking off at 1900 hours. Aircraft were bombed on sky markers on Master Bomber instructions from 17,000 to 19,000 feet. Bombing was considered concentrated and this should prove to be a good attack. Aircraft were directed to KING on return from bombing. J.17280 P/O. GRAM H.S. in K.B. 752 "Y" failed to return from this trip. It was his 3rd trip on his second tour. It was learned later that his aircraft, on the way to the target developed trouble in two motors and could not hold sufficient altitude. The whole crew baled out over occupied Germany and were all back in the U.S. safely within three days. There were two encounters with enemy aircraft.		A-435 to A-449 E-33
	9TH APRIL 1945		Operational stand-down day. A glorious spring day, clear and very warm. Aircraft returned from diversion at KING at 1530 hours. W/C Ferguson was not able to return with "W" Willie because of engine trouble developed on landing at King. Flying and ground training was pushed to limit. Battle order for 16 aircraft and spare was made out at 1600 hours.		B-13 - B-14
	10TH APRIL 1945		Sixteen aircraft took off at 1300 hours and attacked LEIPZIG. The weather over the target was good and visibility excellent. Bombing was done visually on T.I.'s from 17,000 to 19,500 feet. Bombing was concentrated and results from this should prove excellent. W/C Ferguson returned from King in "W" Willie at 1600 hours. Flying and ground training was carried out.		A-450 to A-465 E-33
	11TH APRIL 1945		Operational stand-down. 10/10ths cloud and poor visibility at base. Very little flying or ground training.		
	12TH APRIL 1945		Operational stand-down. A good nice and sunny day. Weather bright and warm. Good amount of flying and ground training. Victory Loan Drive held in H.A.F.B.I. for all ranks.		
	13TH APRIL 1945		Battle order prepared at 1100 hours for 1900 hour take off. Take-off postponed to 2000 hours when 17 aircraft took off and attacked KING. As the target was covered by 10/10ths cloud. Bombing was made on glow of T.I.'s which could be seen clearly through the thin cloud layer. Bombing heights varied from 15,800 to 17,000 feet. Master Bomber instructions heard clearly. If the T.I.'s were laid on accurately this should prove to be a successful attack. Aircraft were directed to WINDHOLM. R.181602 P/O MACIANN G.O. in K.B. 856 "W" failed to return from this trip. It was his 4th sortie. Ground and flying training carried out.		A-466 to A-482 E-33

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MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	14TH APRIL 1945		Operational stand-down. Aircraft returned to Base from Wymeswold at 1230 hours.		
			Weather at Base bright and warm. Flying and ground training laid on in the afternoon.		
	15TH APRIL 1945		Battle order prepared at 1100 hours for 16 crews but was scrubbed at 1630 hours.		
			Another glorious warm spring day. 'A' flight gave 36 A.T.C. boys a flip in the Oxford during the afternoon and all went home happy. Not a great deal of training today due to operational requirements.		
	16TH APRIL 1945		Battle order prepared at 1110 hours for 16 aircraft and a spare. Take-off postponed from 1730 to 2300 hours. Sixteen aircraft took off and attacked SCHMIDT. No cloud over target and except for smoke visibility was good. The target was well marked and ground markers were bombed, as per Master Bombers instructions, from 10,200 to 12,000 feet. Bombing was very good and concentrated on the markers. This should prove to be a very good attack. No ground or flying training due to operational requirements.		A-485 to A-498 E.36
	17TH APRIL 1945		Stand By until 1730 when operations reported an operational Stand-down. A good make and send day. A small amount of flying and ground training was laid on.		
	18TH APRIL 1945		Operational Stand-down. Weather at Base bright and warm. To-day the Squadron Commander W/O Ferguson, personally started an extensive Victory Loan Drive to sell Bonds. A programme was laid on and all crews are to be interviewed personally by the Wing Commander. Lancaster X KH 592 'M' (MALCOLM MIKE) was received today in 'A' flight. This is the 300th Canadian built Lancaster and it is understood it was given to the R.C.A.F. as a gift from Victory Aircraft Ltd. Flying and ground training pushed to the limit.		
	19TH APRIL 1945		Operational Stand-down. Crews were interviewed all day by the Squadron Commander with a view to increasing the sale of Victory Bonds. All kinds of flying and ground training.		
	20TH APRIL 1945		Operational Stand-down. Crews continue to be interviewed by the Wing Commander and a large number of Bonds are being sold. All types of flying exercises and ground training laid on.		
	21ST APRIL 1945		Operational by. 8th Victory Loan closed today. The Wing Commander finished interviewing crews today and total amount of Bonds sold were \$66,450.00 (quota was \$40,000) A battle order was prepared at 2000 hours for an early morning take-off. Flying and ground training carried out.		

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MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	22ND APRIL 1945		Aircraft scheduled to take off at 0630 hours, postponed to 1400 hours and finally put back to 1550. Fifteen aircraft attacked HEBURN. 8/10ths to 10/10ths cloud obscured the aiming point although sections of the city were seen clearly. No bombing instructions were heard from the Master Bomber and the target was not identified by markers, therefore no bombs were dropped. Small amount of scattered heavy flak seen in target area. Aircraft returned via the jettison area where partial load was jettisoned. One aircraft KB 732 "X". Pilot J. 3884 J E/O HUGHES, R.J. landed at HORSHAM ST. BLITH, took on more fuel and returned to Base. This was KB 999 "M" (MALCOLM MIKE) Maiden Flight and was flown by S/L J.W. HARRIS and S/L FRENCH, No. 6 Group P.R.O. was a passenger. This trip was also the first solo effort for four of our new crews. E/O. S.G. Wallay, E/O D.W. Laubman, E/L J.L. Short and E/O S.H. Miller.		A-499 to A-513 E-37
	23RD APRIL 1945		Operational Stand By. Weather at Base cool and clear. All types of flying exercises carried out and considerable amount of ground training. A bit of excitement occurred at 1715 hours, E/L E.C. Peters just landed after a training flight and was jacking up to No. 1 Hangar in KB. 752 "J" when the undercarriage collapsed and did considerable damage to the undercarriage. An investigation is being carried out. A battle order prepared at 1830 hours for an early morning take-off.		
	24TH APRIL 1945		Take-off postponed from 0430 to 1305 hours and finally scrubbed. Flying and Ground Training laid on.		
	25TH APRIL 1945		Rush Battle order prepared at 1000 hours for take-off at 1330 hours. Take-off put back to 1430 hours. Fifteen aircraft took off and attacked the Coastal defences at WANGEROOGE in the Frisians. Aircraft bombed from 10,800 to 11,400 feet on upwind edge of smoke as instructed by the Master Bomber. The bombs appeared well concentrated and the attack should prove to be good. No fighters were encountered and very little flak was thrown up. The Air Officer Commanding No. 6 Group, A/W/M McIlwain witnessed the take-off. K.B. 999 "M" (MALCOLM MIKE) flown by S/L D. B. Hunter was on its second operation and S/L L.C. Powell, 6 Group P.R.O. was again a passenger. Visibility at Base was very bad both for take-off and the landing after the operation due to a thick smoke haze. K.B. 804 "K"		A-514 to A-528 E-38

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MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	25TH APRIL 1945		Flown by F/O B.C. Walley, landed at Croft due to the bad visibility. Training flights had to be cancelled due to operational requirements. Battle order prepared at 1900 hours for next morning take-off.		
	26TH APRIL 1945		Take-off scheduled for 1315 hours but the operation was scrubbed at 1230 hours. No flying training carried out due to operational requirements and also poor visibility in the afternoon. Battle order prepared at 1900 hours for take-off at 1215 next day.		
	27TH APRIL 1945		Battle order scrubbed at 1015 hours. A considerable number of Bombing details were laid on at 1130 but were cancelled at 1400 hour due to bad weather. F/O. Walley returned from Croft in K.B. 884 "K". A reception was held in the Officers Mess at 2000 hours for Mr. Vincent Massey, The Canadian High Commissioner and Mrs. Massey.		
	28TH APRIL 1945		Operational stand-down. Weather at Base cloudy and cool. Very little flying or ground training carried out.		
	29TH APRIL 1945		Operational Stand-down. The weather was cold and wet at Base. No flying training.		
	30TH APRIL 1945		Operational Stand-down. Weather very chilly and a light snow fall in the early morning. Fifteen aircraft airborne by 1130 hours on all types of flying exercises. Ground training lectures were also held.		
	30TH APRIL 1945		(a) CASUALTIES		
			R051689 F/S MACLAREN CO F Reported Missing 13.4.45.		
			J41386 F/O WINGCOTT, D.W. N Lancaster I A/C KB.866 "M"		
			J42269 WO LOFT, G.R. AB Target: KIE		
			R118238 WO1 HENDERSON, W. WO		
			R257629 SGT LIVINGSTONE, G.A. SE		
			R261584 F/S WIGHTMAN, E.R. US		
			R223362 SGT JONES, C.J. SE		

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MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	30TH APRIL 1945		(b) POSTINGS IN				
			J21323	F/O	WELLEY, R.O.	P	Posted from No.76 Base w.o.f. 6th/45
			R25134	SGT	MORRISAN, G.L.	N	
			J42752	F/O	BORLAND, J.	AB	
			J426021	F/O	FORD, R.F.	WO	
			R210609	F/S	SINCLAIR, H.M.	FE	
			R256210	SGT	PM, A.H.W.	UG	
			R56026b	SGT	BARIBAULT, R.	RG	
			J95118	F/O	LAIRMAN, D.W.	P	Posted from No. 76 Base w.o.f. 7th/45.
			J43021	F/O	FOOMES, G.L.	N	
			J42087	F/O	MCLAREN, D.J.	AB	
			R186829	F/S	OWEN, T.H.	WO	
			R210755	F/S	ADAMS, G.F.	FE	
			R287189	SGT	WIDERS, W.K.	UG	
			R287510	SGT	BAGOT, R.J.	RG	
			G27863	PL	SHORT, J.E.	P	Posted from No.76 Base w.o.f. 9th/45.
			J23471	F/O	HARLITT, H.S.	N	
			J42693	F/O	MARSHALL, J.F.	AB	
			R169580	F/S	VOLKES, J.	WO	
			J49264	F/O	SULLIVAN, R.C.	FE	
			R274286	SGT	SAVILE, R.E.	UG	
			R274847	SGT	WHITE, F.S.	RG	
			R164401	WO	MCINTYRE, R.E.	AG	Posted from No.415 Squadron w.o.f. 6th/45.
			J90663	F/O	BATR, W.W.	WO	Posted from No.64 Base, w.o.f. 7th/45.

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MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	30TH APRIL 1945		(b) FORMER IN (COMM'D)		
			R269594 SGT HORRIL, G.E.	A/C	Posted from No. 64 Base w.o.f. 31.3.45
			R276855 P/B FLETCH, G.E.	A/C	Posted from No. 434 Squadron w.o.f. 9.4.45
			R273668 P/B BRACKLEY, P.C.	A/C	Posted from No. 431 Squadron w.o.f. 9.4.45
			R113330 P/S JACOBS, G.D.	A/S	Posted from No. 78 Base w.o.f. 13.4.45
			J11741 P/O ADAMS, D.S.	P	Posted from No. 76 Base w.o.f. 13.4.45
			J12665 P/O CHRISTIE, J.H.	N	
			J14133 P/O SCHILL, G.G.	N/S	
			R216228 SGT JONES, G.L.	WO	
			R17650 P/O KENNEDY, W.W.	P/S	
			R292615 SGT BARKER, F.	UC	
			R202571 P/S LEVANSBUR, L.	NS	
			J10873 P/O COLLIS, D.G.	P	Posted from No. 76 Base w.o.f. 13.4.45
			J23476 P/L CROOK, H.C.	N	
			R103257 WO1 HENNE, S.B.	AB	
			R193898 P/B IRE, J.J.	WO	
			R20595 SGT DOWNIE, R.	FE	
			R206097 SGT MOON, T.H.	UC	
			J16190 P/O GROVE, R.W.	NS	
			(c) FORMER IN (COMM'D)		

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MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	30TH APRIL 1945		(b) POSTINGS IN (CONT'D)				
			R19936	WO2	FERGUSON, R.M.	P	Posted from No.75 Base w.e.f. 21.4.45
			R214433	SOF	MOONSHAK, R.J.	N	
			744532	F/O	KHIGHT, R.	AB	
			R215469	F/S	SCOTT, J.A.	WO	
			1604398	F/S	JONES, K.W.	FE	
			R205261	SOF	MCCANNAN, A.C.	UC	
			R207227	SOF	IRVING, E.A.	RG	
			R61998	SOF	KIRKMAN, G.F.	FE	Posted from No.426 Squadron w.e.f. 28.4.45.
	30TH APRIL 1945		(c) POSTINGS OUT				
	30TH APRIL 1945		J25474	FO	GILFILLAN, F.D.	F	Posted to HQAF 'R' Depot wef 9.4.45 (Repatriation)
			J26673	FL	CHESN, F.W.	F	
			J19142	FO	PUPPER, A.W.	N	
			J16101	FL	TUCKER, E.J.	WO	
			R64991	WO2	ADAM, M.	WO	
			J93667	FO	GOOD, C.B.	AG	
			R219718	FE	HAMILTON, F.R.	AG	
			R209967	WO2	GARTSIDE, G.L.	AG	
			J85757	FO	STONE, D.W.	AG	
			J17046	FO	ROBERTS, W.M.	AG	
			R272213	SOF	MOHRAN, F.E.	AG	Posted to HQAF 'R' Depot wef 9.4.45 (MEO A.945/44)
MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	30TH APRIL 1945		R165128	WO2	HARRIS, J.F.	AB	Posted to 1666 C.U. wef 11.4.45 (Instructor)
			J28501	FL	THOMPSON, F.G.	N	Posted to Dalton wef 11.4.45 (Instructor)
			512673	FE	LOCKIE, W.D.	FE	Posted to 6 A/U School Dalton wef 11.4.45 (Instructor)

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			(a) POSTINGS OUT (CONT'D)		
MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	30TH APRIL 1945	190946	P/O DARLINGTON, E.	FE	Posted to No. 62 Base w.e.f. 11.4.45 (Instructor)
		186994	Sgt DERRIS, F.	FE	Posted to No. 27 Squadron w.e.f. 12.4.45 (Instructor)
		126725	PO THOMSON, V.G.	AB	Posted to No. 128 Squadron w.e.f. 11.4.45 (Bombing Leader)
		272913	P/S FARMY, A.D.	AS	Posted to 64 Base w.e.f. 30.3.45 (N.E. Sick)
		367285	P/O CHANDONER, J.M.	AS	Posted to No. 64 Base w.e.f. 27.3.45 (N.E. Sick)
		116136	P/L MURPHY, M.W.	F	Posted to No. 64 Base w.e.f. 16.3.45 (N.E. Sick)
		214289	WO WHITE, P.F.	WO	Posted to RCAF "R" Depot w.e.f. 19.4.45 (MSD A.945/44)
		277165	WO COONEY, E.J.	AS	
		39757	FL ARMSTRONG, W.R.	F	Posted to RCAF "R" Depot w.e.f. 19.4.45 (Repatriation)
		222571	FL FISHER, A.R.	F	
		212949	WO RUBY, L.F.	AB	
		386508	PO HUGHSON, M.R.	WO	
		226384	FE HARRIS, P.A.	AS	
		304003	Sgt LORRY, E.	FE	Posted to ACAD w.e.f. 16.4.45 (Instructor)
		385569	PO SAUNDERS, B.V.	AB	Posted to 64 Base w.e.f. 22.3.45 (N.E. Sick)
		2167563	FE LIGHTFOOT, V.V.	FE	
		316761	FL COLLARD, H.V.	F	Posted to No. 62 Base w.e.f. 20.4.45 (Instructor)

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MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	30th APRIL 1945		(e) POSTINGS OUT (CONT'D)			
			J19114	FO MILLAR, A.	WO	Posted to 24 O.F.U. w.e.f. 24.4.45 (Instructor)
			J36605	FO RAMSPERGER, J.J.	AB	Posted RCAF 'R' Depot w.e.f. 25.4.45 (Repatriation)
			E197638	WO MCLAREN, D.S.	AB	
			E258096	WO HENYON, N.	AC	
			E197133	WO2 MAHER, G.J.	AC	
			E188530	F/S COVILLE, H.L.	AC	
			J9175	PL CAVE, H.H.M.	P	Posted to RCAF 'R' Depot w.e.f. 27.4.45 (Repatriation)
			J90260	F/O SHEPP, G.L.	WO	
			0870	ML MCHURCHIE, G.R.	P	Posted to 432 Squadron w.e.f. 25.4.45 (Operations)
			J42706	FO GILLINPIE, T.B.	H	
			J44605	FO BROWN, G.S.	AB	
			E261586	Sgt SLACK, T.G.	WO	
			E268231	Sgt WILLIAMSON, W.F.	YE	
			E278865	F/S MACDONALD, J.	UC	
			E290478	F/S JONES, W.D.	BC	
			J17917	F/O ANDERSON, E.A.	WO	Posted to 431 Squadron w.e.f. 21.4.45 (Sigs. Leader)
			(f) PROMOTIONS			
			J8530	F/O NICHOLS, R.A.	P	Promoted A/F/L w.e.f. 8.3.45
			J39681	F/O HETALLAGE, G.F.	P	Promoted to A/F/L w.e.f. 8.3.45
			J27682	F/O WINDHOUSE, G.J.	P	Promoted to A/F/L w.e.f. 19.3.45
			J38059	F/O LAMBROUGHTON, D.B.R.	P	Promoted to A/F/L w.e.f. 19.3.45

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			R261870 F/S STEVENSON, D.	AG J93882	17.2.45.
			R200729 WO2 McDOWALL, W.F.	AG J94223	16.3.45.
			(c) HONOURS AND AWARDS.		
			The award of the Distinguished Flying Cross (Immediate) was made to:		
			185454 F/O F.W.J. WILFANT.	AG	
			185451 F/O M.A. GERRARD.	AG	
			J35120 F/O A.P. MCKILLIP.	AB	
			The award of the Distinguished Flying Cross (Non-Immediate) was made to:		
			R109177 WO1 MCGILLIM, K.F.	AG	
			J28501 F/L P.C. THOMPSON.	N	
			J90094 F/O G.C. HUFF.	AG	
			G88231 F/O L. ROBINSON.	WO	
			J89512 F/O E.C. HILL.	AG	
			J89229 F/O D.R. GIBSON.	AG	
			(g) CHANGES IN COMMAND: - NIL		
			(h) CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION: - NIL		
			(i) AIRCRAFT ON CHARGE (TYPE AND NUMBER)		
			Lancaster I 23		
			(j) OPERATIONAL AND NON-OPERATIONAL FLYING TIMES.		
				DAY	NIGHT
			Lancaster Non-Operational	443.44	67.43
			Lancaster Operational	207.22	554.38

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MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	30TH APRIL 1945		(k) NUMBER OF SORTIES - OPERATIONAL - 10W				
			(l) MONTHLY AND CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF BOMBS DROPPED AND MINES LAYED				
			TON = 2240 lbs.				
			H.E.	INCENDIARIES			
			Bombs dropped during the month of April, 1945. 612.06	NIL			
			Bombs dropped from 1.1.45 to 31.3.45: 1100.21	492.53			
			Cumulative total since 1st January, 1945: 1712.27	492.53			
			1500 lb Mines	1000 lb Mines			
			Mines layed from 1st January 1945 to 30th April: NIL	NIL			
			(Number not Tons)				
			(m) NUMBER OF COMBATS WITH ENEMY AIRCRAFT				
			There were two combats with enemy aircraft during the month, and the following are claimed:				
			Destroyed: NONE				
			Damaged: NONE				
			No damage claimed: Two (See Appendix B.13 and B.14)				
			(n) The strength of No.419 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron as at 30th April, 1945, was as follows:				
			R.C.A.F.	R.C.A.F.	R.A.F.	R.A.F.	
			OFFICERS	AIRMEN	OFFICERS	AIRMEN	
			ATCROW:	135	117	6	14
			GROUNDCREW:	1	-	-	-

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<u>WIMBORNE ST. GEORGE</u>	<u>30th APRIL 1945</u>		<p>(c) <u>SHORT SUMMARY OF THE MONTH'S ACTIVITIES BY WING COMMANDER M.E. FERGUSON.</u></p> <p>April as a whole proved to be a quieter month than March. The first two weeks were noted for exceptionally fine spring weather but the latter half of the month turned out very coldly and cloudy with even slight snow falls on the 29th and 30th. During the month 108 operational sorties were flown and 7 targets were attacked. Two crews were lost, F/O H.R. Gram and F/S G.C. MacLaren but, fortunately, F/O Gram and crew returned safely to the U.K. Two crews were screened on April 2nd, F/L H.H.M. Cave and F/L H. Collard when the reduced screening policy came into effect. During April, 9 new crews reported for duty, F/L B. Wickham, F/O Haight, F/O S.H. Miller, F/O B. Walley, F/O D. Lushman, F/L J. Short, F/O D. Adams, F/O D. Collins, and WO2 R.M. Peterson.</p> <p>Due to the number of new crews reporting in, Flying and Ground training was pushed to the limit whenever possible. Six Intelligence lectures were held at 0900 hours daily in the Intelligence Library, and due to the rapid developments on the Western Front considerable interest was shown by all personnel.</p> <p>As the month wore on it was becoming apparent to all that with the successful crossing of the Rhine and the speed of the Allies advance that Germany's days were numbered and that we would soon be running short of targets. Many varied guesses were being made as to the date of "V" Day. Stand-down days were being used to great benefit from a sports angle. Softball and Volley Ball inter-section competitions were played and were enjoyed thoroughly.</p> <p>The Night Victory Loan campaign was a notable event of the month. Between April 18th and April 21st W/O Ferguson and F/L Tulk planned and personally conducted an extensive campaign to sell the maximum amount of Victory Bonds. All crews were interviewed and given a "Sales Talk" on purchasing Bonds. Their efforts were amply rewarded as at the end of the Campaign a total of \$6,150.00 was reached compared to a quota of \$4,000.00, placing the Squadron in second position in the Group. The crew purchasing the largest amount of Bonds is as follows: F/L M.R. Robertson \$1000.00, S/L F.H.M. Leith \$1500.00, F/O M.D. Shyba \$1100.00, F/L M. Webster \$500.00, F/L J. Baker \$250.00, F/O A. Bohring</p>		

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MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	30TH APRIL 1945	(e) (cont'd)	<p>SECRET.</p> <p>\$500.00, a total of \$150.00. A great deal of credit is due W/O Ferguson and P/L Tulk for their efforts in this campaign.</p> <p>On April the 9th our Squadron Disciplinarian was again changed. Sgt. Young was posted to Station H.Q. for employment with the Committee of Adjustment and was replaced by P/S Cassidy.</p> <p><i>(Signature)</i> (N.E. Ferguson) Wing Commander, Commanding No. 419 (B.C.A.F.) Squadron, No. 64 (R.C.A.F.) Base, Middleton St. George, Durham.</p>	

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