

0730 May Kennedy O.M.'s holding workmen at top  
of 24 RW until 9<sup>00</sup> off  
0800 off duty Lt. Carlin - on Lt. Blair  
0815 Made airway inspection - main 9th & perimeter  
track clear and serviceable. High lightning  
tested - all OK.

1000 1000 ops. 4M off  
1230 ON DUTY - LT. BASS OFF - LT. BLAIR  
1235 INSPECTED AIRFIELD - FREE FROM OBSTRUCTIONS  
except WIP on RW 24 on the right  
of RW half way between cut-off & beginning  
1820 ETA - 1850

1830 Off duty Lt. Bass - on Lt. Blair  
1970 A/C 474 V 368<sup>kt</sup> pilot John landed on RW  
24 with low hydraulic pressure. Pilot  
touched approx. one-third distance down  
RW. Having no brake stop ran off right  
side of RW continuing across perimeter track  
leaving A/C 287 displaced #36. Damage  
to both ships resulted. No personnel  
injured. All concerned notified and sent  
to scene.

Wind at time w. w. - 268 mph.

Pilot called in suggesting hydraulic  
pressure low (possibly out) and would be  
lost ship to land. If necessary emergency  
system would be used.

2030 Made airway inspection - main 9th and  
perimeter track clear - serviceable. On right  
side of RW 24 between perimeter & cut-off there  
is new laid concrete. Obstructions will be  
marked with glow lamps.

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0000 Inspected RW 24 to check as to disposition  
of obstructions - lights. Only 2 glow lamps  
working near 415. More glow lamps placed  
around abot.

0042 323 "1" Mike landed - got stuck on perimeter  
track leading into cherron. 6 trucks called.

0100 323 out OK - obstruction lamps placed around  
hole.

0115 We are alerted. No times or formation ready yet

0615 Briefed 39 ops. A/C 710 RW 24 wind NW 5 mph  
1000 High Low

SE 0858 0904 0910 1770. 1025

Top 0913 0919 0925 E. T. H. 1855

To 0923 0929 0935 1st Down. CHALLENGER

0750 Made windward inspection - remain clear and permitted hood clear of all obstructions. Adolb warned if new loged concrete on right side of main str. at considerable joint.

0800 Off duty Lt. Blaise on H. Ops.

0800 ON DUTY - LT. BASS OFF. LT. BLAISE.

0805 Inspected Airfield. Free of obstruction.

1205 RW changed to 06 (WIND - NNE 2)

1240 OFF DUTY H. BASS ON DUTY - CAPT. FERRARO

1300 Made routine inspection of gas. deck area. v. 2100

1305 Consulted met. in re. weather (wind vel + dir etc). Forecast good vis. Expect wind to shift to east quadrant to NE. Vel 8-10

1332 At this time and on the day - April 18<sup>th</sup>, during the eventful year of 1943 our beloved Colonel, James S. Sutton departed from this Station for better lands - home of the good old U.S.A. The A/C leaving the atoll, (C. 4000 lbs Sixty-four) circled field once and took off to the blue thru a valley (hazy) of green greens and yellow yellows.

1430 RW changed to 24.

1515 RW changed back to 06.

1730 Night flying tonight. 1 A/C pr. Sgdn. + C's + local. A-MESS will be open until 2400 hrs. for all crew members (including C's) will eat there. A-MESS would like to know if any of the above A/C fail to take off as they would then count on less personnel to feed.

1732 C. 64 + Col. Sutton landed back here at base (How about that! !!??!?)

0615 Group stops for 15 min at 1400 High Low  
 SE 0858 0904 0910 1750. 1025  
 1041 0913 0919 0925 E. Feb. 1945  
 7/6 0923 0929 0935 LET DOWN. EXHAUSTION

0750 Check windmills - inspection - main Mill and perimeter back clear of all obstruction. Allot material if new loged concrete on right side of main Mill at connecting point.

0800 ON DUTY - LT. BASS OFF AT BLAISE

0805 Inspected Airfield. Free of obstruction.

1205 RW changed to 06 (WIND - NNE 7)

1240 OFF DUTY LT. BASS ON DUTY - CAPT. PERKINS

1300 made routine inspection of gen. depot area. v. 2103

1315 Consulted met. in re. weather (wind vel + dir etc). Forecast good vis. Expect wind to shift to east quadrant to NE. Vel. 8-10.

1332 At this time and on the day - April 18<sup>th</sup>, during the eventful year of 1945 our beloved Colonel, James S. Sutton departed from this station for better lands - home by the good old U.S.A.

The A/C leaving the Colonel, (C. Darkie DeSiply - four), circled field once and took off to the blue thru a valley (hazy) of green-greens and yellow yellows.

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1730 Night flying tonight. 1 A/C for Sqdn. + 2's + local. A-MESS will be open until 2400 hrs. for all crew members (including co) will eat there. A-MESS would like to know if any of the above A/C fail to take off as they would then want on less personnel to feed.

1732 C. 64 + Col. Sutton loaded back here at base (How about that! !!??!?)

1740 Group ops. capt. Nichelhoff informs us of a new S.O.P. From now on there will be an officer of the field grade on, on

15c  
 direction  
 right  
 giving

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The R/T for all operational take-offs + landings  
 Copy of S.O.P. and Schedule to be sent up  
 to tower.

1805 Lt. Ross, Bombardier of #K 153- "G" George reports  
 While making run on a course, he pulled the "Start" <sup>switch</sup>  
 instead of "Selector" switch, and all 20  
 practice bombs landed in a field - coordinates  
 5213N - 0026W. #K dropped to 500 feet and  
 wheel holes made in ground say <sup>no</sup> <sup>injured</sup> personnel  
 or property damage resulted, but that at  
 least 8 of the bombs did not explode. Above  
 coordinates were about 3/4 to a mile from  
 Podington's bottom of 23 R/W. This happened  
 at 1526. At this time, Pod. was notified  
 and <sup>our</sup> Group ops. Group Bombardier, and  
 ordnance - plus division were notified.  
 Podington sent out a search party but was  
 unsuccessful in locating bombs.

1815 ON DUTY - LT. BASS OFF - CAPT. PETERMAN  
 1835 INSPECTED AIRFIELD - FREE FROM OBSTRUCTION  
 1835 DIV. CALLED RE: BOMBS DROPPED BY 153 "G." SAID  
 OUR ORD. SHOULD LOOK FOR BOMBS. ORD.  
 INFORMED.

2235 LAST NIGHT FLYING A/C DOWN.

19 APRIL '45 (THURS.)

0130 Podington - Stood down CHEVESTON - 06

0315 ATTENDED BRIEFING -

	head	hi	lo
S. E.	0551	0557	0603
TAXI	0606	0612	0618
T. O.	0621	0627	0633
H. T. T. O. -	0740	ZERO HR.	08:00
Ref. ANT.	29000	WX CODE - BATIV	
E. T. A.	14:42		

0530 INSPECTED AIRFIELD - FREE FROM OBSTRUCTIONS.  
 LIGHTING CHECKED O.K.

0745 LAST MISSION A/C OFF.

0711 NUIAR "M" RETURNED. IS TAKING ~~THE~~ 913 "P"

0737 913 "P" OFF.