

THURSDAY 4 JANUARY 1945

- 08:00 Lt Klein on duty.
- 09:00 Inspected airfield. WIP along main and end of 30 (Both ends) surfaces are icy. There will be a practice formation & gunnery. Briefing 09:30
- 10:00 Briefed 24 crews for T.O. on R/W 36. Ch R/W's to 36 Division notified.
- S.E. 11:05 ETR is 16:15 or 16:30
- TAXI 11:20 Cleared through division.
- T.O. 11:30
- 10:00 to 12:00 Lectured 14 P & CP on FC. procedures.
- 13:00 Inspected airfield. Same as morning. Haven R/W cleaned by flare path.
- 14:30 SCS 51 is now serviceable.
- 15:00 One pundit is now serviceable.
- 15:47 A-20 #409-J landed on R/W 36 with wheels up. Tower attempted to stop landing by red flares & red aldis & R/T. Radio in A/c had gone U/s. Plane made 3 tries but went around on Red flares. Pilot discovered trouble but could not lower wheels so came in and landed on belly. Fire truck & ambulance were dispatched while A/c was on final approach, still in air. Wind WNW - 20 mph. Vis. 2 to 3 miles. Very few clouds in sky, no precipitation.

- 16:00 R/W changed to 30 division notified.
- 17:00 Night flying per Capt Nickelhoff.
- 18:35 368th night flying scrubbed per Capt DeVack.
- 18:35 Lt Klein off. Lt Saworth on.
- 18:50 Capt Nickelhoff scrubbed night flying.
- 20:00 Little Staughton asked us to turn gear lights on to help a Moggie in trouble (Engine)
- 24:00 Alerted - No times yet.
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- 00:03 ops called re: "GH" ships coming from Limbolton - no times yet.
- B-17 #8155 Saircut "Z" E.T.D. 0130

0200 Breakfast 0530 Briefing 0630
 0630 Attending briefing 39 a/c and crews.
 0740 Briefed Data.

SE - 0902 0908 0914
 TX - 0917 0923 0929
 TO - 0927 0933 0939

L.T.O.: 1020
 QFF - 29.85
 ETA - 1545

Wx a/c Bloater Wx seq. B.A.V.I.T.
 305 Gr.

367	076	367	—
368	368	368	—
369	373	369	—
423	711	423	—

0745 at approximately 0200 hrs I passed the information to ops that 412 was in hangar four. This a/c showed in the hangar on all boards — Sgt Randolph put 412 on the board in ops showing it to be in the hangar. Maj Witt made an issue of it just after briefing — He would give me time to explain.

0800 On duty Lt. Carile off Lt. Haworth

0830 Inspected 30 x 36 for T.O.

0835 Checked wind with Met. (Sgt. Simpkins) and found wind to be WNW 12 for T.O. Called Maj. Witt and informed him. T.O. R/W changed to 30 SE-NW
 Pedington ca 05 Chelveston on 06

0958 711 D last 100% airborne

1010 Inspected midcom. WIP NW end 30 R/W
 R/W 30 dry in spots. W.I.P. Resp 39
 R/W in use 30 wind WNW 14

1150 423rd J #418 returned early #3 engine windm

14:30 R/w changed to 36 for transition on end of 30. Division notified.

14:40 Night flying tonight 1 trans and 1 SX-C each squadron.

14:45 E.T.A. 368-5 15:45 Ops calls me for 15:30

16:27 All ops A/c landed.

18:30 Off duty Lt Klein. On Lt. Casile

19:05 Checked vis. with Maj. Wright. Vis gradually to decrease until 200 then possibility of fog. Called Capt. Nicheles for further instructions. We are to allow only transition tonight (8 landings per sq) Met to keep us informed of visibility.

19:20 Inspected airfield. Obstructions on Right Perimeter & RW lights O.K.

19:30 Palma S. made attempt to land with use of tower. Palma made another approach landed. Tower instructed to remain on the ground until RT was fixed. No acknowledgment of any kind.

20:05 Above was Podington a/c that landed 1811. Called Podington. They O.K'd return.

20:35 32317 - landed 1937 - returned to disp. No lights

6195 - landed 2025 returned to disp. No radio.

515-0 - Still shooting landings

20:40 Standby until 22:30

21:25 Night flying ends Div. notified.

21:28 515-0 Struck by Hangar #3. 70' Contact for Cle-trace. Lights placed by a/c

23:30 We are alerted

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00:30 Airborne Red. passed div. & ops.

01:03 Group arrives we will be receiving a from Mollsworth time unknown.

01:05 1/2 checked vis. which seemed to be dropping rapidly. Met observation for 01:00 vis: 500 yds. W10 = WSW 8

Called group and informed them of above.

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wouldn't

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and
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30 R/W

windmill