

on end of 30. Division notified.

1460 Night flying tonight 1 trans and 1 SX-C from each squadron.

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

16:27 All ops A/c landed.

18:30 Off duty Lt Klein. On Lt Casile

1905 Checked vis. with Maj. Wright. Vis. (1500 yds.)

gradually to decrease until 200 then possibility of fog. Called Capt. Niblehoff for further instructions. We are to allow only transition tonight (8 landings per sq) but to keep us informed of visibility.

1920 Inspected airfield. Obstructions on Disp. 39 Perimeter & RW lights O.K.

1950 Palma S. made attempt to land without use of tower. Palma made another approach landed. Tower instructed to remain on frequency until RT was fixed. No acknowledgment from ~~sq~~ of any kind.

~~1955~~ Above was Padington a/c that landed 181 X. Called Padington. They O.K'd return.

2035 323 M - landed 1937 - returned to disp. No lights  
619 S - landed 2025 returned to disp. Had radio in air  
515-0 - Still shooting landings

2040 Standby until 2130

2125 Night flying ends Div. notified.

2128 515-0 Struck by Hangar #3. To contacted for Cle-trees. Lights placed by a/c

2330 We are alerted

6, JANUARY 1945 - SATURDAY

0030 Airborne Red. passed div. & ops.

0105 Group arrives we will be receiving a GH A from Malesworth time unknown.

0105 1/2 Checked vis. which seemed to be dropping rapidly. Met observation for 0100 hrs  
vis: 500 yds. W10 = WSW 8

Called group and informed them of above.

1020 Called Malesworth in re: GH A and informed them not to send it before checking weather with us. Will do.

- 0145 Checked vis. with Met. who now make it approx. match 300 yds. Group informed of this - and also that Males to take up <sup>until</sup> ~~the~~ trucks.
- 0210 Checked with Met - vis. 150-200 yds. w. 6 M P.M. - Called group + Capt. Nickluff advises crew to go to Males with the trucks. - (Thank God!)
- 0215 Group advises briefing for 0430 hrs.
- 0530 Briefed 39 crews Data follows:
- |   |              |          |         |
|---|--------------|----------|---------|
| R/W - 24                                    | WV - WSW - 8 | SPARE AK |         |
| SE - 0655                                   | 0701         | 0707     | GR. 618 |
| Tau - 0710                                  | 0716         | 0722     | 367-443 |
| T.O. - 0725                                 | 0731         | 0737     | 302     |
| ETA - 1352                                  |              |          | 368     |
| Last rise for T.O. - 0850.                  |              |          | 369-547 |
| Briefed GFF - 29.96                         |              |          | 423     |
| Weather sequence - I B V T A                |              |          |         |
| Lead - Lt Col Chalfant - Y-8495 GA (427-30) |              |          |         |
| High - Capt. Horvath - S-8359 PFF (423)     |              |          |         |
| Low - Lt Underwood - Y-8203 P22 (368)       |              |          |         |
- 0814 Maj. Nutings will fly P47 - Balma L - as SCOP  
Take off about 0845. Request W/L later on  
ON VIFF in the event weather deteriorates
- 08:15 Lt Klein on duty Lt Carlile + Capt Peterson
- 08:45 367-547 off, ~~re~~ replacing 423-598.
- 09:00 Yellow to division ops.
- 10:00 Inspected airdrome. R/W's serviceable. W at NW end of 30. One high light smashed yesterday. Perimeter OK.
- 11:34 368<sup>th</sup> 155-J. landed OK.
- 12:15 Ops calls made for 13:45 Sgt. Mary will be working on highlights at SW end of 13:00 to 14:00
- 1230 Lt Klein off duty Lt Saworth on duty
- 1230 Magnesium flares loaded in ~~car~~ trailer and put at the caravan. R/W 24 Sgt Margu checked highlights. R/W Sodums put on 21 A.A. 1. are on P4. Ordered 10 Rockets and 1 Rifle launched mortar shells Y.S. G.P.

- approx 300 yds. Group informed of this and also that Males. to hold at camp <sup>until</sup> 150-200 yds. 4
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| Tau - 0710                                 | 0716         | 0722    | 367-443 |
| T.O. - 0725                                | 0731         | 0737    | 302     |
| ETA - 1352                                 |              |         | 368-    |
| Last time for T.O. - 0850.                 |              |         | 369-54  |
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- 1240 Sup. ops called scheduled local flying  
SIT etc. 9c to be above overcast until  
formation is landed

1300 Have Airbase General inspection - thorough  
inspected R/W 24 - removed all litter. The  
R/W need sweeping especially since the tire situation  
is so critical

1300 ETA 367-U- 1350 hrs. ops. informed

1315 YELLOW to Division and ops. vis improved

1330 RKKY sent by W/T E.T.A. 14:00

14:45 Lt Johnson says we may possibly have a  
3<sup>rd</sup> division diversion.

1455 Last ops. 9c down.

1538 Called I B Div re: Proctor WZ 601 T/O  
15:40 for Biggleswade

1545 Still standing by for III B. Div re call from  
I B. Div

1600 Called I.B. Div about deterioration of viz. 2 a/c  
just landed - bags of trouble.

1645 9c <sup>B-17G</sup> 2980M landed at 1554 ops 9c belonging  
to <sup>38.D.</sup> ~~Laanham~~. Pilot is Charles F. Hagemeyer  
Flight Officer. Bombed primary PFF  
aircraft O.K. Crew O.K. 487<sup>th</sup> Sq. 836 Sqd.  
Passed information to I.B.D. Crew sent  
to interrogation. Billets arranged for thru office  
in Mess building, E.M. in W.A.A.F. site B  
9c is dispersed on South end 7/5 RW.

1730 Night Flying scrubbed. Viz. 4c

NOTE MAJ WITT informs us high Squadron  
will be called in from stand off airbase  
first repeat first

18:30 Lt Klein on duty Lt. Carlile off.

19:30 Inspected airbase.

22:20 alerted 39 A/c. R/W 24

Sunday 7 January 1945

01:30 Breakfast 04:45 Briefing 05:45

06:15 Briefed 39 crews for T.O. on R/W 24

S.E. land 08:01 high 08:07 low 08:13

TAXI 08:16 08:22 08:28

T.O. 08:26 08:32 08:38

L.T.O. 09:35 Spare A/c 367-840-1

ETR. 14:40 368-466-6

QFF 30.05 367-197-1