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of (Unit or Formation) 426 (R.G.A.F.) SQUADRON

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET.	References to Appendices
Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks.	1.5.45		No operations carried out by the squadron but a flying training program was laid on which kept a limited number of the crews busy.		
	2.5.45		Still no operations carried out. A ball game was arranged during the day between a Linton station team and a team of Tanks from nearby.		
	3.5.45		A full flying training program was carried out, there being 32 aircraft up throughout the day and night.		
	4.5.45		Operations were laid on for the first time in several days, but were later scrubbed. Very exciting news on the radio tonight when it was announced that German forces in the North West Europe had surrounded to Field Marshall Montgomery. Considerable celebrating tonight to welcome the news.		
	5.5.45		No incident and no flying.		
	6.5.45		No flying whatsoever for another day. Surrender negotiations apparently being completed.		
	7.5.45		No incident to report; all personnel hanging on for official word regarding future of squadron.		
	8.5.45		Officially proclaimed as VE-Day. All units on 2 day holiday to mark the end of the war in Europe.		
	9.5.45		Everyone except skeleton staff away on pass - no squadron life whatsoever.		
	10.5.45		Personnel returned to the squadron but no ops or training flights carried out.		
	11.5.45		No incident to report.		
	12.5.45		Still no ops available on future of the squadron and daily routine at a standstill.		
	13.5.45		An impressive church parade was held in No. 3 hangar with both squadrons attending.		
	14th/19th, 1945		No flying services but by way of the squadron aircraft during the week nor was there any regular daily routine for the aircrew.		
	20.5.45		Today was an "open" day for the station officially entitled a "Linton at Home". Civilians were invited into the camp to view station life and equipment. Aircraft were on display in front of Flying Control. There was roller skating in No. 3 Hangar, with tea being served during "the pause that refreshes".		

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Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks.	21.5.45		Considerable numbers of the aircrew may en pass while a decision on the squadron future is awaited.	
	22.5.45		No incident to report.	
	23.5.45		Advised today that all aircrew are to be posted to No. 63 Base W.O.F. 26th May.	
	24.5.45		Squadron headquarters has been instructed to move to R.A.F. Station Driffield, Yorkshire. Office equipment and other useful equipment being packed away for move tomorrow - ground crew of several trades are being posted from Linton and Eastmoor to squadron strength.	
	25.5.45		The squadron moved in one convey to Driffield today. M.T. has been handed over by R.G.A.F. station Linton and it will go into M.T. section at Driffield for servicing and control.	
Driffield, Yorks.	26.5.45		Squadron is now set up and a daily routine established; the former adjutant <u>W/Lt. A.J. MacKell</u> is in command of the approximately 400 groundcrew.	
	27.5.45		A great many of the airmen are being sent on leave during the present non-operational period. It appears that 425 is going to become a heavy transport squadron. Liberator aircraft and airmen are expected in shortly. The squadron is now in A-group and will remain there until transport training is completed when it will be transferred to 47 Group.	
	28.5.45		A sports program has been organized to occupy those personnel still left on camp, under the supervision of <u>W/Lt. MacKell</u> .	
	29.5.45		No incident to report.	
	30.5.45		A Canadian T.M.C.A. was opened on this station today for the use of Canadian personnel of this squadron.	
	31.5.45		Still no word on the arrival of new aircrews and Liberator aircraft. It would seem that we are presently being kept here pending decisions as to a definite future for the squadron and Driffield is serving as a holding unit.	
			<i>[Signature]</i> ( <u>D. E. MILLER</u> ) <u>WING COMMANDER</u> <u>OFFICER COMMANDING</u> <u>NO. 426 (R.G.A.F.) SQUADRON.</u>	