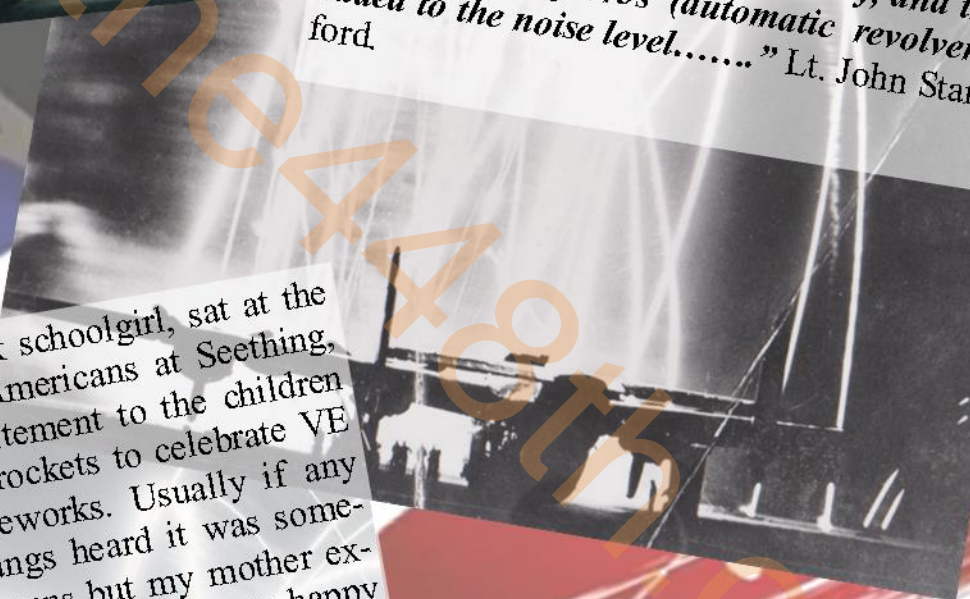


"On May 7, we were advised that "the war is over", and our celebrations began! I do believe it was the evening (night) of May 7, that many of the personnel gathered out at the "hard stands" (the airplane dispersal spots) and the runway, and the firing of signal flares (in the many colors we used for mission signalling), as well as firing of the 45 pistol issue, took place. The celebration came to a "quick" end when one of the personnel got a 45 slug through his hand!" - Paul Homan



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"Flares and fireworks lit up the sky, and the sharp report of .45s (automatic revolvers) added to the noise level....." Lt. John Stanford.



Pat Everson, a 12-year-old Norfolk schoolgirl, sat at the bedroom window crying as the Americans at Seething, who had brought colour and excitement to the children around the base, fired flares and rockets to celebrate VE Day. "I could not remember fireworks. Usually if any light were seen in the sky or bangs heard it was something to do with searchlights or guns but my mother explained that the war was over and that they were so happy to be going home."



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