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OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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of (Unit or Formation) No.419 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
MILDETHALL	2/1/42		The Squadron received its first aircraft. <i>W. Martin</i>	
	3/1/42		The Squadron received its second aircraft.	
	4/1/42		The two first aircraft arrived on the ground.	
	5/1/42		The Squadron received its fifth aircraft.	
	9/1/42		The Squadron received its eighth aircraft.	
	11/1/42		Two aircraft took part in an attack on HERTF and returned having successfully accomplished their task.	
	15/1/42		Two aircraft took part in an attack on HAWKING. Wing Commander J. FULFORD and his crew returned having successfully accomplished their task. The other crew, Pilot Officer COTTLE, Captain, Sgt. POWELL, Second Pilot, Sgt. COX, Navigator, Sgt. FURZE, S/O, Pilot Officer LUCAS, S/O, A.G., and Sgt. LUCAS, A.G., CRASHED IN THE SEA. The only survivors being Sgt. LUCAS and Sgt. COX, who suffered minor bruises.	
	17/1/42		Operations cancelled on account of weather conditions.	
	18/1/42		Two further aircraft were received, bringing the total holding to date to nine aircraft.	
	21/1/42		Three aircraft took part in an attack on ROULOGNE. All returned.	
	23/1/42		Squadron Leader REED, R.A.F., reported for duty and was placed in command of 'B' Flight. 'A' Flight under Squadron Leader TURNER (OBE) R.A.F., being divided accordingly.	
	26/1/42		Operations cancelled on account of weather conditions.	
	27/1/42		Operations cancelled on account of weather conditions.	
	28/1/42		Four aircraft set out to attack ROULOGNE. All returned safely having successfully accomplished their task.	

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MILDENHALL	28/1/42		The Squadron received a further five aircraft, bringing the strength to fourteen.																																									
"	29/1/42		Operations cancelled on account of weather.																																									
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LAKENHEATH	31/1/42		Mildenhall aerodrome having become temporarily unserviceable, sufficient ground crews to maintain aircraft serviceability were moved to LAKENHEATH. Three aircraft took off to attack the Docks at St. NAZAIRE and returned successfully.																																									
MILDENHALL	31/1/42		<p>Six aircrews reported from Stations within the Group to be trained on Wellington 1C's. They will be posted to No.215 Squadron before 20th February, operationally experienced and capable in all respects of undertaking flights to the Middle East.</p> <p>The first aircraft to be received arrived on the drome on the 4th January.</p> <p>Fourteen operational sorties were made during the month and good progress was made in training. The Squadron has been divided into two Flights: 'A' Flight, Squadron Leader TURNER (CAN) R.A.F. 'B' Flight, Squadron Leader REID, R.A.F.</p> <p>By the end of January the strength of the Squadron was:-</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4">Aircraft</th> </tr> <tr> <th colspan="4">14</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td rowspan="2">Personnel Strength,</td> <td>R.C.A.F. Officers</td> <td>Air Crew</td> <td>12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" "</td> <td>Ground Crew</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="2">R.C.A.F. Airmen</td> <td>Air Crew</td> <td>52</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ground Crew</td> <td>78</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="2">R.A.F. Officers</td> <td>Air Crew</td> <td>8</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ground Crew</td> <td>3</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="2">R.A.F. Sergeants</td> <td>Air Crew</td> <td>34</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ground Crew</td> <td>237</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other Personnel</td> <td>Air Crew</td> <td>4 (AUS.)</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Aircraft				14				Personnel Strength,	R.C.A.F. Officers	Air Crew	12	" "	Ground Crew	-	R.C.A.F. Airmen	Air Crew	52		Ground Crew	78		R.A.F. Officers	Air Crew	8		Ground Crew	3		R.A.F. Sergeants	Air Crew	34		Ground Crew	237		Other Personnel	Air Crew	4 (AUS.)		
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