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

Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
Mildenhall	1/7/42		Squadron was stood down for training.	
	2/7/42		Eleven of our aircraft took part in a raid on ESSEN. Many fires were left burning.	
	3/7/42			
	4/7/42		Squadron was stood down from operations. General training was carried out.	
	5/7/42			
	6/7/42		Eight aircraft took part in a gardening operation in ST.LORIENT district. The operation was carried out as ordered.	
	6/7/42	X.3756 (L) Capt-Sgt R.W.Pearson - Crashed on last flight.		
	7/7/42		Squadron was stood down.	
	8/7/42		Eleven aircraft bombed WILHELMSHAVEN. Many fires were seen east of BAUHAFEN.	
	9/7/42		Gardening operations were successfully carried out by four aircraft in the FRISIAN area.	
	10/7/42			
	11/7/42			
	12/7/42		Squadron was stood down.	
	13/7/42		Ten of our aircraft raided DUISBURG. One of our aircraft failed to return from this operation.	
	14/7/42		Gardening operations were carried out by three of our aircraft in the FRISIAN area.	
	15/7/42			
	to 20/7/42		Squadron was stood down.	
	21/7/42		Nine aircraft bombed DUISBURG while two other laid mines in the FRISIAN coastal waters. One of the latter aircraft took a wing tip off while in a steep bank but returned safely to base.	
	22/7/42		S/Ldr. Wolfe took off on a daylight attack on ESSEN. He ran out of cloud cover 15 miles short of the Dutch Coast so he returned to base.	
	23/7/42		Nine aircraft took part in a successful sortie against DUISBURG.	
	24/7/42		Squadron was stood down.	
	25/7/42		Another damaging raid against DUISBURG found 14 crews of this squadron in action. Again large fires were reported in the area.	
	26/7/42		Fifteen of our aircraft took part in a four figure raid on HAMBURG. Observations of crews seemed to indicate a fine success.	

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Wilden Hall	27/7/42		Squadron was stood down.	
	28/7/42		Fourteen aircraft again attacked HAMBURG under horrid weather conditions. Much difficulty was experienced due to heavy icing conditions. Prior to take-off the Duke of Kent spoke with members of crew and wished them luck. The Honorable Vincent Massey followed the operation from beginning to end and showed keen interest in the control of aircraft and interrogation of crews. Our Commanding Officer Wing Commander John Fulton failed to return from this operation. A message received read "Fighters wounded 500". The assumption is that 500 was 500 feet. A fix obtained from T.O.D.M.'s gave his position as approximately 10 miles off the Prision Islands. W/C Fulton was a most popular leader and the gloom in the squadron is beyond expression. A/Ldr. D.L. Wolfe assumed command of the squadron until the appointment of a new C.O.	See App II to See. N.C. diary Sep. 42.
	29/7/42		Six aircraft attacked HAMBURG. One aircraft failed to return.	
	30/7/42		Squadron stood down from operations.	
	31/7/42			
The strength of the Squadron at the end of July was:-				
			R. O. A. F. - Officers      -      Aircrew      Ground Crew	
			R. C. A. F. - Airmen      -      Aircrew      Ground Crew	
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