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of (Unit or Formation) 429 SQUADRON, R.C.A.F.

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	SECRET	References to Appendix
EAST MOOR	1/7/43		Notification received from Air Ministry that 1379097 Sgt Burini K.A., 1379669 Sgt Kerr J.W., and 1314645 Sgt Aplin W.G., classified "Missing - believed killed in action".		
	2/7/43		Four Wellington aircraft from this squadron took part in a gardening sortie on Jellyfish. They returned safely to base after completing the operation. <i>42 142 (2) H. 4. (2) 1000</i> <i>created on landing at Colons, Lt. AC. 1000</i>		See Appendix A7 Page 1
	3/7/43		Thirteen aircraft from this squadron took part in a bombing raid on Cologne. Eight of the aircraft successfully completed the operation, four returned early, and the remaining aircraft was not reported after leaving base. Members of the missing crew were: P/L R.H. Brinton 99335 (Pilot), Can.J.133344 Sgt Bishop J.P., (New.), 1387043 Sgt "othera P.G. (BAA), P/L F.A. Reynolds Can.J.9637 (W/O.p.) and 921967 P/S Blackman S.C. (A/C). <i>involved in main ground collision.</i>		See Appendix A7 Page 1
	6/7/43		Four of our aircraft took part in a gardening sortie on Jellyfish. They returned safely to base, two successfully completing the operation and the others with the vegetables.		See Appendix A7 Page 3
	10/7/43		Notification received from Air Ministry that P/O B.A. Geale 131641, P/O H.A. Tennis Can.J.16322 Can.J.73441 P/S Vose J.S., 1282904 Sgt Piggoff J., and Can.J.131089 Sgt Crismins A.T. classified "Missing - believed killed in action".		
	11/7/43		Notification received from Air Ministry that 1082668 P/S Murray G.H., missing as a result of air operations since 27th March, 1943, landed in the United Kingdom on 29th June, 1943.		
	12/7/43		P/O B.A. Irwin (Can.J.14212) posted to this Squadron from 22 O.T.U. was.f. 12/7/43. Six of our aircraft took part in a gardening sortie on Jellyfish. They returned safely to base after completing the operation.		See Appendix A7 Page 3
	13/7/43		Twelve of our aircraft took part in a bombing raid on Aachen. Eleven of these successfully completed the operation while the twelfth returned early. <i>42 142 (2) H. 4. (2) 1000</i> <i>non-op landing</i>		See Appendix A7 Page 4

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CASTLE MOOR	22/7/43		P/O W.F. Armstrong (Can.J.22477) posted to Linton Base for services overseas. Notification received that 743966 P/Sgt Clownd J.E. had been appointed to the rank of Pilot Officer w.o.f. 20/5/43.	
	23/7/43		Notification received from Air Ministry that Can.R.144158 Sgt J Burns had been classified "Missing - believed killed in action".	
	24/7/43		Twelve of our aircraft took part in a bombing raid on Hamburg. Eleven of these successfully completed the operation while the twelfth returned early.	See Appendix A7 Page 5.
	25/7/43		Eleven of our aircraft took part in a bombing raid on Essen. Nine of these successfully completed the operation, one returned early and the remaining aircraft was not reported after leaving base. Members of the missing crew were: P/O K.M. Johnston (Can.J.16067) (Pilot) Can.R.130684 Sgt Clarke H.W. (Nav.), 1320228 Sgt Probst P.W.R. (B/A), Can.R.79144 Sgt Lortie J.A.M. (W/Op.) and Lt. J.C. Elliott 0899955 (A/G).	See Appendix A7 Page 7.
	27/7/43		Notice was received today that three Canadian Pilot Officers were promoted to the rank of Flying Officers. They were P/O J.A. DeRosenroll (Can.J.14804), P/O H.A. Farquhar (Can.J.14805) and P/O A.J. Miles (Can.J.30853). The Commanding Officer of the squadron took off on an operational trip tonight and nothing has been heard of him since. S/L A.P. Chippling (108179) has assumed temporary command in place of W/C J.A. Piddington (39562). Nine of our aircraft took part in a bombing raid on Hamburg. Six of these successfully completed the operation, two returned early due to technical difficulties, and the remaining aircraft was not reported after leaving base. Members of the missing crew were: W/C J.A. Piddington (39562) (Pilot), P/O H.A. Farquhar (Can.J.14805) (Nav), P/O P. Denton (136395) (B/A), 1129400 Sgt Reineck, L. (W/OAG), and 591518 Sgt Scarth, (A/G). Also six of our aircraft took part in a gardening sortie on Sgianti s. One aircraft brought	See Appendix A7 Page 9

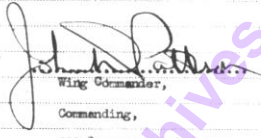
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EAST MOOR	27/7/43		back the vegetables, while the remainder successfully completed the operation.	See Appendix 47, pp. 1-2, 9.
	29/7/43		W/C J.D. Pattison D.F.C. arrived at this unit to command. Notification received from next-of-kin of P/O Lapham 130258, missing since 22/6/43, that he and two members of the crew, viz. P/S Benson, E.A. 1380201 and 1383566 Sgt Wright, W.N. are prisoners of war and that the other two members of the crew, viz. 696099 P/S Holmes, H.V. and P/O D.S. Milne Can.J. 133069 are dead.	
			<b>GENERAL</b> The general health of the Squadron continued excellent throughout the month. Several excellent concerts were given by visiting parties and motion pictures were shown on other occasions.	
			<b>MOVEMENTS</b> The following operational aircrew were posted to the Squadron during the month w.o.f. dates stated: P/O H.A. Irwin (J.14212)(Nav) from 22 O.T.U. w.o.f. 12/7/43; 1246395 Sgt. Tigue, W.A. (Pilot) from 22 O.T.U. w.o.f. 12/7/43; Can.R.120655 Sgt. Sweetman, K.C. (A/B), Can.R.132237 Sgt. Wacely, W.B. (WO/AG) and Can.R.169480 Sgt. Poppa, V. (A/G) from 22 O.T.U. w.o.f. 12/7/43. The following operational aircrew were posted from the Squadron to the Units indicated w.o.f. dates stated: P/O W.P. Armstrong (J.22477)(Nav.) to Linton Base w.o.f. 22/7/43; 659460 P/S Hayes, T.S. (Pilot), NZ411411 W/O Kennedy, G.L. (Pilot) to 22 O.T.U. and 24 O.T.U. respectively w.o.f. 12/7/43; 1189604 Sgt. Lewis, A. (Nav.) to 22 O.T.U. w.o.f. 14/7/43; 774434 P/S Linton, A. (WO/AG) to 434 Squadron w.o.f. 10/7/43; 1091484 Sgt. Douglas, L.D. (Nav.) to R.A.F. Stn. Eastchurch w.o.f. 29/7/43; NZ413340 P/S Spears, J.L. (Pilot) to S.D.U., Hinton-in-the-Hedges w.o.f. 27/7/43; 1542947 Sgt. Bean, H.S. (Nav.) to R.A.F. Stn. Eastchurch w.o.f. 29/7/43; Can.R.112696 Sgt. Monty, G.M. (A/G) to 31 Group Unit w.o.f. 14/7/43; Can.R.55435 Sgt. Turcotte, F.H. (Pilot), Can.R.107388 Sgt. Lajeunesse, A.L. (A/G), Can.R.107711 Sgt. Stokes, J.S. (A/B), Can.R.124602 Sgt. Tupper, M.F. (WO/AG), Can.R.125684 Sgt. Logguit, J.S. (WO/AG), Can.R.130577 Sgt. Munro, R.H. (A.B.), Can.R.130983 Sgt. Lefoy, L.S. (A/G), Can.R.133357 Sgt. Jones, C.R. (Pilot), Can.R.139837 Sgt. Ford, L.E. (Nav.) to Linton Base w.o.f. 22/7/43.	

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			Can. R.138149 Sgt. Stephenson, N.D. (Nav.) to R.C.A.F. East Moor N/S sick w.o.f. 23/7/43.		
			Total Hours operational flying during July, 1943 - 444 hrs. 25 mins.		
			Squadron engaged in 10 operations during the month. Total number of crew sorties allowed 90.		
			Average aircraft strength during July - 19 Wellington X.		
			 Wing Commander, Commanding, 429 Squadron, R.C.A.F.		