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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
HILDENHALL	1/2/42		No operations on account of weather.	
	2/2/42		No operations on account of weather.	
	3/2/42		No operations on account of weather.	
	4/2/42		Stand by. No operations.	
	5/2/42		Stand by. No operations.	
	6/2/42		Stand by. In the evening ^{four} these aircraft took off to bomb HEER . All returned having met 10/10ths cloud.	
	7/2/42		Stand by.	
	8/2/42		Operations cancelled. Two additional Wellington 10's received.	
	9/2/42		Stand by.	
	10/2/42		Five aircraft took off to attack HEER . All returned safely, being diverted to HEER . 10/10ths cloud. Two aircraft returned with bombs.	
	11/2/42		Stand by.	
	12/2/42		Stand by. Three crews took part in a raid on enemy warships. Wing Commander MELOD and crew returned with bombs after an unsuccessful search. The other two crews failed to return.	
			Names of missing:-	
			Captain 2/Sgt. Vasson 2/O Anderson Sgt. Thomas 2/O Leding Sgt. Ross 2/O Bond 2/Sgt. Poirier	W/O A.G. 2/O A.G. Sgt. Hodge 2/O Armstrong
	13/2/42		Stand by, and cancelled. The first Wellington Mark III was received.	
	14/2/42		One aircraft took off to attack HILSHEDL . The aircraft took off to attack LE HAVRE . Four Wellington 10's type "423" were received.	
	15/2/42		Training.	
	16/2/42		Four aircraft took off to drop bombs. Three returned early. The second Wellington Mark III was received.	

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WILLOWHALL	18/2/42		Six sorties were made to drop leaflets - one over PARIS and five over LILLE. All returned having successfully accomplished their task.	
	19/2/42		The third Wellington Mark III was received.	
	20/2/42		Operations cancelled. An additional Wellington IC was received.	
	21/2/42		Training.	
			The Squadron became non-operational and commenced intensive training for conversion to Mark III's. At this period the strength of aircraft was: Wellington Mk.III, 3. Wellington IC, 15. 10 Type A23, 4.	
	22/2/24/2/42		Training.	
	25/2/42		Training. Four Freshmen to go on ops. cancelled.	
	26/2/42		Training. Ops. cancelled.	
	27/2/42		Operations cancelled.	
	28/2/42		Lord Pembroke FRENCHAM paid a visit to the Station and interviewed the Squadron Commander and the Flight Commander. He also had an informal chat with the aircrew.	
			The strength of the Squadron by the end of February was:-	
			R.C.A.F. Officers - Air Crew 13 - Ground Crew -	
		R.C.A.F. Airman - Air Crew 85 - Ground Crew 103		
		R.A.F. Officers - Air Crew 7 - Ground Crew 3		
		R.A.F. Airman - Air Crew 41 - Ground Crew 207		
		Other personnel Air Crew 1 (Aux.)		

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