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of (Unit or Formation) NO. 437 (B.O.C.F.) SQUADRON.

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
MILBURN	1/3/42	1/3/42	Stand down.	
"	2/3/42		Four aircraft set out to attack BHEW, while three others dropped bombs in the MILLS area. Due to lack of cloud cover the BHEW attempt was not very successful. One aircraft, captained by Pilot Officer HUGHES failed to return from this operation. Squadron Commander A.P. WALKER arrived to assume command of the Squadron vice Squadron Leader D. L. WILSON.	
"	6/3/42		Seven aircraft went to BILBESS while three others set out for the docks at LE HAVRE. 10/10 hrs cloud caused most aircraft to return with their load.	
"	7/3/42	9/3/42	Stand down. Training.	
"	10/3/42		An advance party of 25 personnel went to LENSING, HOLLAND, by train, preparatory to the movement of the Squadron to that Station.	
"	11/3/42		Stand down. Much activity relative to the move. The whole Squadron worked diligently loading equipment at SHEPHERD HILL. Twenty-five goods vans were all loaded by dusk.	
"	12/3/42		Two hundred personnel left SHEPHERD HILL at approximately 11.30 hours on a special train made up of 30 cars in charge of Flight Lieutenant D. S. MOORE. Meanwhile 17 aircraft transported an additional 150 men by air. The aircraft landed at GILTON. The special train arrived at LENSING MAR Station at 21.40 hours. All personnel were fed and bedded down for the night.	
LENSING	13/3/42		Unloading of equipment and general organization occupied all the day. Our aircraft were flown from GILTON to LENSING, landing on the one serviceable runway.	
"	14/3/42		The rear party, in charge of Pilot Officer PARRELL, and consisting of 30 men, arrived from MILBURN, thereby completing the movement.	
"	15/3/42		The Honorable G. G. FOWLER, Canadian Minister for Air, accompanied by Air Marshal L. S. BRIDGEMAN and Air Marshal EDWARDS, A.C.C. in C. R.C.A.F. Overseas, visited the Squadron and inspected the personnel assembled in hangar. The Minister for Air said a few words in which appreciation of the work of the R.C.A.F. Squadrons Overseas was expressed.	
"	16/3/42	17/3/42	Stand down. Training of freshmen crews carried out.	
TOPCHIFFE	18/3/42		The Squadron again moved on detachment to R.A.F. Station, TOPCHIFFE. Every section, except the Maintenance Section, moved in entirety. All aircraft were also moved.	
"	19/3/42	27/3/42	The Squadron was stood down for training purposes. Many freshmen crews prepared for operations.	

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DRELFEE	23/8/42		Four aircraft took part in a raid on HAMBURG. One aircraft, captained by Sergeant SPANCKE failed to return from this operation.	
•	23/8/42 - 24/8/42		Stand down. Training.	
			The strength of the Squadron is:-	
			R.C.A.F. Officers - Aircraft 17	
			" - Groundcrew 3	
			R.C.A.F. Airmen - Aircraft 77	
			R.C.A.F. " - Groundcrew 207	
			R.A.F. Officers - Aircraft 8	
			" - Groundcrew 211	
			R.A.F. Airmen - Aircraft 19	
			" - Groundcrew 156	
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