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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
TOPOLITSE	1/9/42		Seven aircraft attacked SAARBRUCKEN with successful results. One aircraft sustained some damage when attacked by an Me.110, but this was not extensive.	
	2/9/42		P/O JOHN HIGHAM and his crew, after taking part in this operation, landed at base and then were flown to PRESTWICK, where they boarded a Liberator aircraft and were flown to CANADA.	
	3/9/42		Four aircraft took part in an attack on KARLSRUHE. WING COMMANDER A. P. WALSH, Squadron Commander, and his crew, failed to return. PILOT OFFICERS THOMPSON, BRESTONE and HART were members of the crew. SQUADRON LEADER J. D. PATTISON assumed temporary command of the Squadron.	
	4/9/42		One aircraft attacked EMDEN.	
13.9.42 Wilmington 13796 inclosed on oil consumption last flight WSE of STAMFORO by observation	4/9/42		An attack was carried out by five of our aircraft against BREMEN. One aircraft failed to return. PILOT OFFICER C. H. F. MORRIS was the rear gunner.	
	5/9/42		Squadron was stood down. Training was carried out with new crews.	
	6/9/42		Five aircraft attacked DUISBERG. One perfect photograph of the aiming point was obtained by an aircraft carrying a 4,000-lb. bomb.	
	7/9/42		Stand down.	
	8/9/42		Three aircraft attacked FRANKFURT in a very successful effort. All returned safely. SQUADRON LEADER M. M. FLEMING reported to assume command of the Squadron.	
	9/9/42		Stand down.	
	10/9/42		Aircraft of this Squadron to the number of five attacked DUSSELDORF in a successful operation. All returned safely.	
	11/9/42	- 12/9/42	Stand down - Training. - 11/9/42 BZ 887 destroyed when a Halifax hit it on ground (1424)	
	13/9/42		Our aircraft took part in another raid on BREMEN. One aircraft was heavily damaged by flak over the target and had to ditch in the sea three miles off SOUTHOLD. The second pilot failed to reach the dinghy and is missing. The rest of the crew were picked up approximately two hours later. All were O.K. except for the rear gunner who sustained injuries.	
	15/9/42		Stand down - Training.	
	15/9/42		LIEUTENANT V. G. HARRISON reported to the Squadron for supernumerary Administration duties.	
	17/9/42	- 18/9/42	Stand down - Training.	

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