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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
MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE	1/12/42		Nil.	
"	2/12/42		Nil.	
"	3/12/42		One Halifax aircraft received.	
"	4/12/42		The Commanding Officer inspected the barracks.	
"	5/12/42		Nil.	
"	6/12/42		Nil.	
"	7/12/42		One Halifax aircraft received.	
"	8/12/42		One Halifax aircraft received.	
"	9/12/42		Nil.	
"	10/12/42		S/O A. E. B. Denton posted to No. 25 Squadron. Sgt. Chambers (pilot), Sgt. Moore (navigator), Sgt. McCormick (S/O.A.G.), Sgt. Conn. (R/A) and Sgt. Garonke (A.G.), were posted to No. 427 Squadron on cessation of their attachment to this Squadron.	
"	11/12/42		The Commanding Officer inspected the barracks. Two crews returned from conversion at R.A.F. Leeming.	
"	12/12/42		S/Lt. J. H. GOSWEN reported for duty from No. 418 Squadron.	
"	13/12/42		Station Commander's Conference took place.	
"	14/12/42		Nil.	
"	15/12/42		Nil.	
"	16/12/42		A certain amount of night flying was carried out. S/O J. G. GARDNER reported for duty from No. 1 A.G.S. One officer and sixteen airmen returned to the Squadron from R.A.F. Leeming on completion of conversion. One Halifax aircraft received.	
"	17/12/42		Nil.	
"	18/12/42		The weekly inspection of the Barrack Blocks was conducted.	
"	19/12/42		Nil.	
"	20/12/42		Sgt. Bishop and Sgt. Baldy (A.C.'s) and Sgt. Goodyer (S/O.A.G.) were posted to No. 405 Squadron. Seven Halifax aircraft received.	
"	21/12/42		Fifteen new airmen reported to the Squadron for flying duties on completion of their conversion at R.A.F. Leeming.	

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MIDDLEBURY ST. GEORGE	22/12/42		Nil.	
"	23/12/42		A Christmas Eve Dance was held in the Sergeants' Mess.	
"	24/12/42		The usual Christmas Festivities took place, dinner in the Airman's Mess being served by Officers and N.C.O.'s. General Holiday.	
"	25/12/42		A Dance was held in the Officers' Mess.	
"	27/12/42		Nil.	
"	28/12/42		P/O I. G. BURLIN returned to the Squadron from a Course at R.A.F. DRUFFIELD.	
"	29/12/42		Night of our aircraft took part in cross country flying.	
"	30/12/42		2/Lt. A. P. BROWNE and G. G. HILL, 2/Lt. W. L. BELLON, and ten airmen, returned to the Squadron from R.A.F. LEWIS on completion of their conversion.	
"	31/12/42		Nine aircraft took part in cross country flights. New Years Eve dances were held in the Officers and Sergeants Messes.	
			December:-	
			Number of Operational Flying Hours for Squadron	Nil
			Number of Non-Operational Flying Hours for December:-	177 hours 25 minutes
			Number of Halifax Aircraft on charge:-	40
			The strength of the Squadron as at 31st December:-	
			R.A.F.	R.C.A.F.
			Officers Airmen	Officers Airmen
			R.A.F.	
			Aircraft	Aircraft
			10 40	26 104
			1 161	4 209
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