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FELTWELL.	July 1942.			
	1.		No operations.	
	2.		12 aircraft operated BREMEN. 3 returned early.	
	3.		No operations.	
	4.		No operations.	
	5.		No operations.	
	6.		No operations.	
	7.		11 aircraft detailed for gardening. 1 returned early.	
	8.		11 aircraft detailed to attack WILMENSHAVEN. 1 returned early.	
	9.		No operations.	
	10.		4 aircraft detailed daylight attack DUISBERG. All recalled.	
	11.		No operations.	
	12.		No operations.	
	13.		10 aircraft attacked DUISBERG.	
	14.		4 aircraft detailed for gardening. All returned safely.	
	15.		No operations.	
	16.		No operations.	
	17.		No operations.	
	18.		No operations.	
	19.		No operations.	
	20.		6 aircraft detailed to attack BREMEN - daylight. Three completed operation. 3 turned back.	
	21.		16 aircraft detailed to attack DUISBERG. 1 returned early. One Sgt. WAKEFIELD & crew failed to return.	
	22.		No operations.	
	23.		12 aircraft attacked DUISBERG. One Sgt. DAVIES & Crew failed to return.	

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	24.		No operations.	
	25.		15 aircraft operated DUISBURG. All returned safely.	
	26.		14 aircraft detailed to operate HAMBURG. 1 Sgt.HUDSON & crew failed to return.	
	27.		2 aircraft detailed for daylight ops.BREMEN. One W/Cmr.M.V.PETERS & SMITH DFC & crew failed to return.	
	28.		15 aircraft detailed to attack HAMBURG. One F/Lt. DEAN & crew failed to return. P/O. C.W.EAMES (Obs) killed in aircraft Z.1653.	
	29.		9 aircraft attacked SAARBRUCKEN. All returned safely.	
	30.		No operations.	
	31.			
			<i>Sgt. Jnr.</i> for Wing Commander, <u>Commanding No.57.Squadron.R.A.F.</u>	

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			<p><u>SUMMARY.</u> During the month of July the Squadron despatched 152 sorties, of which</p> <p>SIX failed to return, involving Wellington III. X.3584. (Sgt.WAKEFIELD & Crew) BJ.673. (Sgt.DAVIES & Crew), Z.1654.(Sgt.HUDSON.K. & Crew), X.3653.(W/C.PETERS-SMITH DFC. & Crew) Z.1650. (P/LT.J.A.DEAN & Crew). BJ.607. (P/Sgt.MURPHY & CREW).</p> <p>1253310. Sgt.LANGLEY.D.P.(Pilot), R.85385 Sgt.ROSS.J. (B/A), 657131.Sgt.McCARRON W. (Obs.), 1266776. Sgt.WALLER.G.A. (W.Op/A.G.), and 925581. Sgt.WATT.S.F. (A.G.), posted to No.57. Squadron from 20.0.T.U. w.e.f. 13.7.42.</p> <p>1204276. Sgt.JACKSON.J. (Pilot), 1192585. Sgt.TANNER.F.J.G. (Obs), 1376863.Sgt.DUNN.H. (B/A), 1161218. Sgt. HIGGS.J.E. (W.Op/A.G.) and 1002562. Sgt. WARBURTON.S.A. (A.G.) posted to No.57. Squadron from 20.0.T.U. w.e.f. 13.7.42.</p> <p>NZ.403038. Sgt. PLAYER.H.W. (Pilot), NZ.41545. P/O. PALMER.D.H. (Obs), NZ.411786. P/O. R.W. STEWART. (W/Op.A.G.) and NZ.41618.Sgt. DAVIES.B.W. (B/A) and 1379514.Sgt. MOORE.E.L.(A.G.) posted to No.57.Squadron from 11 O.T.U. w.e.f. 7.7.42.</p> <p>1204716. Sgt. BROOKS.L.E. (Pilot), NZ.411733.P/O.R.M.SPARRROW (Obs.), 1263652.Sgt. THOMAS.D.L. (W.Op/A.G.), 1309982, Sgt.WHITE.J.J.(W.Op/A.G.) and 1331183.Sgt.CORLEY.E.E. (A.G.) posted to No.57. Squadron from 11. O.T.U. w.e.f. 8.7.42.</p> <p>R.87727. Sgt.LANCASTER.G.H.(Pilot), 656793.Sgt.MILNES.J.(Obs.), J.9445.P/O.D.L.GIGGEY. (W.Op/A.G.), 1332536. Sgt. TANNER.W..J. (B/A) and 994134. Sgt.OWEN.O.V. (A.G.) posted to No.57. Squadron from 23. O.T.U. w.e.f. 7.7.42.</p> <p>NZ.41970. Sgt. WESTERMAN.V.K.(Pilot), 1267404.Sgt.BRADDOCK.W.E.(Obs), NZ404466.Sgt. McQUEEN.J. (W.Op/A.G.), NZ411764. Sgt.JURY.J.L. (B/A) and NZ404620.Sgt.SAUSAGE.J.H.(A.G.) posted to No.57. Squadron from 11. O.T.U. w.e.f. 12.7.42.</p>	

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			<p>1114086. Sgt.CREWE K. (Pilot), R.89943. Sgt.BRYDEN.H. (Obs), R.87056.Sgt.BERG.G.T. (B/A), A.401213. Sgt. HALL.R.V. and R.79421. Sgt.MURRAY.G.F. (A.G.) posted to No. 57 Squadron from 22 O.T.U. w.e.f. 17.7.42.</p> <p>110640. P/O.R.A.BOWLES. (Pilot), 1389669.Sgt.PAGE.J.T.(Obs), 106915.P/O.A.E.MULHOLLAND. (B/A), 1177690. Sgt. ABRAHAM.A.L.(W.Op/A.G.) and 972637. Sgt. HAGERTY.H.J. (A.G.) posted to No.57.Squadron from 20. O.T.U. w.e.f. 22.7.42.</p> <p>J.8219. P/O. SOMERS.L.W. (Pilot), 1259856.Sgt.COLLINS.W.E. (Obs.)NZ412309.P/O.K.H. ALDERTON (W.Op/A.G.), NZ411108. Sgt.WAKEMAN.H.J. (B/A) and NZ411230.Sgt.WILLIAMS.J.C. (A.G.) posted to No.57.Squadron from 11. O.T.U. w.e.f. 23.7.42.</p> <p>P/O. P.S. HUGGINS. (66490). Promoted to war substantive rank of F/O w.e.f.8.5.42.</p> <p>P/O. D.E.A.LAYT.(112184), Granted acting rank of F/Lt. w.e.f. 15.6.42.</p> <p>F/Lt. J.D.FORBES (43630) reposted to No.57.Sqdn for Flying duties (S/Ldr.post)w.e.f.30.6.42.</p> <p>P/O (A/F/Lt.) J.A.DEAN.(110570.posted this Unit from 18 O.T.U. w.e.f.7.7.42.</p> <p>P/O. A.J. KNELL. posted to this Unit from No.20.O.T.U. w.e.f. 29.6.42.</p> <p>P/O.D.H.PALMER. NZ.41545. Posted to this Unit from 11.O.T.U. w.e.f. 7.7.42.</p> <p>P/O. R.W. STEWART. NZ.411786. posted to this Unit from 11.O.T.U. w.e.f. 7.7.42.</p> <p>P/O. R.M. SPARROW. NZ.411733. posted to this Unit from 11.O.T.U. w.e.f.8.7.42.</p> <p>P/O. R.H.W. CLARKSON 68164. posted to No.20.O.T.U. w.e.f. 2.7.42.</p> <p>F/O (A/F/Lt.) J.D. FORBES (43630) granted acting rank of S/Ldr.w.e.f. 30.6.42.</p> <p>P/O. F.A.S. WALLIS. 109941. Posted to this Unit from 101 Sqdn. w.e.f. 11.7.42.</p> <p>P/O. D.L.GIGGLEY (J.9445) Posted to this unit from 23 O.T.U. w.e.f. 8.7.42.</p> <p>F/O. N.E. HODSON. NZ.403603 posted to this Unit from R.A.F. Stn.Feltwell.w.e.f.13.7.42.</p> <p>F/O. J.B. WRIGHT (NZ404584.)granted acting rank of F/Lt. w.e.f. 24.6.42.</p> <p>P/O. D.H. SEMMENCE (49002) Posted to this Unit from 75 Sqdn. w.e.f. 18.7.42.</p> <p>F/O (A/F/Lt.) W.E. BLENCH.(82970.) Posted to Air Ministry w.e.f. 20.7.42. A.Rank.relinquished.</p> <p>P/O. R.A. BOWLES. (110640) Posted this Unit from 20.O.T.U. w.e.f. 22.7.42.</p> <p>P/O. A.E. MULHOLLAND (106915) Posted this Unit from 20.O.T.U. w.e.f. 22.7.42.</p>