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## OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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of (Unit or Formation) 83 Squadron, Scampton.

Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
Scampton.	1941. July.1.		Mainly fair with about four hours rain (slight). Vis. mainly 4 miles. No operations.	
	July.2.		Fair; viz. moderate with fog patches about dawn. Cloudy until 0830; then no cloud until noon. 3/10-6/10 cu. at 4000 ft from 1300 hours to 2000 hrs; then not again. No operations.	
	July.3.		Fair or fine until 1200 hrs. except for cloudy period round 0800 hrs. Cloudy after 1200 hrs. Nine aircraft detailed to attack Bremen. One did not take off. Two aircraft detailed for gardening, but cancelled later. All aircraft returned.	
	July.4.		Mainly fair. Trace of low cloud until 0800 hrs. Then formation of fair weather cu. building up to towery cu. 8/10 to 9/10 in late afternoon, dispersing in the evening. Viz. 2000y to 4000y till dawn and improving four to eight miles. No operations.	
	July 5.		Fine. Small amounts of cu. around mid-day dispersing in the evening. Viz. 2-4 miles till dawn. Then improving 4 - 8 miles. 12 aircraft detailed to attack Osnabruck. Two detailed for gardening in "Beeches" area. All returned.	
	July.6.		Mainly fine. Vis over 5 miles throughout. Little or no cloud after dawn. Eleven aircraft detailed to attack Soharnhorst and Gneisenau at Brest. All returned.	
	July.7.		Mainly fine. no low cloud. vis. mainly 4-8 miles. No operations.	
	July.8.		Morning mainly fair. Slight showers afternoon and evening. vis. mainly 4 miles. 13 aircraft detailed to attack <del>aircraft detailed to attack</del> Hamburg. One did not return (Sgt Brutey). Two turned back.	
	July.9.		Cloudy becoming fine to fair. Vis. poor at first, improving 4-6 miles later. No operations.	
	July.10.		Fine apart from fog dispersing about 1000 hours. Vis. very poor at first. becoming good by mid-day. Nine aircraft detailed to attack Cologne. One cancelled. One aircraft detailed for gardening also cancelled. All returned.	
	July.11.		Fair, becoming fine. Vis. moderate to good. No operations.	
	July.12.		Mainly cloudy with early morning fog, lifting and breaking about mid-day. Ten aircraft detailed to attack Bremen. Two cancelled later. All returned.	
	July.13.		Mainly fair apart from early morning fog and heavy showers. Thunder in early evening. No operations.	
	July.14.		Mainly fair, cloudy round mid-day. vis. good. Six aircraft detailed for gardening "Nectarine" area. All returned.	

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Scampton.	July.15.		Mainly showery conditions. Much low cloud about mid-day. Vis. good. Eight aircraft detailed for bombing Duisberg, but operations cancelled.	
	July.16.		Cloudy, becoming fine. vis. good. Five aircraft detailed for gardening in "Nectarine" area. Eight aircraft detailed to attack Hamburg. All returned.	
	July.17.		Mainly fair. Vis. 2-6 miles. No operations.	
	July.18.		Rain and drizzle, persisting into the afternoon, becoming fair. Much low cloud about mid-day. Vis. mainly moderate. No operations.	
	July.19.		Mainly fair apart from early morning rain. Vis. moderate becoming good. No operations.	
	July.20.		Fair becoming cloudy. Vis. 2 miles early morning becoming good. Eleven aircraft detailed to attack Cologne. All returned.	
	July.21.		Mainly cloudy. vis. good. No operations.	
	July.22.		Cloudy with early morning rain. ceasing 0900 hours. Vis. Moderate. No operations.	
	July.23.		Mainly fair, but thick fog around dawn. Vis. becoming moderate. Ten aircraft detailed for gardening at Brest. Two did not take off. Five aircraft detailed for bombing at Frankfurt. One cancelled. One aircraft gardening "Nectarines". All returned.	
	July.24.		Mainly fair. Fog around dawn. Vis. good at mid-day. No operations.	
	July.25.		Fine.; becoming cloudy. Vis. poor becoming good. Ten aircraft detailed to attack Hanover. One did not return. (Sgt. Draper).	
	July.26.		Mainly cloudy. with rain throughout the day. Vis. moderate. No operations.	
	July.27.		Fair, becoming cloudy. Vis. moderate. No operations.	
	July.28.		Mainly fair with rain towards midnight. Vis. good deteriorating in rain. Twelve aircraft detailed to attack Cologne. Two aircraft detailed for gardening "Nectarines" area, but cancelled later.	
	July.29.		Early morning fog with rain persisting till mid-day, becoming cloudy. Vis. poor becoming good. No operations.	
	July.30.		Fair becoming cloudy with showery conditions in the afternoon. Vis. mainly moderate. No operations.	
	July.31.		Fair becoming cloudy with drizzle and rain persisting throughout the day. vis. moderate. No operations.	



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			<u>Movements of Aircrew Personnel - July 1941.</u>	
			<u>Officers.</u>	
<b>Scampton.</b>	<b>July.1.</b>		P/O. E.R. Davis posted to Unit from No.14 O.T.U.	
	<b>July.3.</b>			
	<b>July.4.</b>			
	<b>July.6.</b>			
	<b>July.7.</b>		A/S/Lt. R. Anderson posted to No.16 O.T.U.	
	<b>July.9.</b>			
	<b>July.10.</b>		P/O. J.A. Buleraig DFM reported to Unit on commissioning. P/O. the Hon.W.R.Q.B. Parker posted to Unit from NO.25 O.T.U.	
	<b>July.12.</b>		P/Lt.A.K.Cook.DFC. posted to Unit from No.14 OTU. P/Lt.A.C.P.Clayton.DFC. posted to No.408 Squadron.	
	<b>July.13.</b>			
	<b>July.14.</b>		A/S/Lt. W.N.Perioli posted to Unit from Waddington. P/O. J.M.Bousfield posted to Unit from No.14 OTU.	
	<b>July.16.</b>		P/O. J.L. Rowe posted to Unit from No.14 O.T.U. P/O. I.F.Livingstone " " " " " "	
	<b>July.17.</b>		P/O. J.E. Canning posted to Unit from No.14 OTU.	
	<b>July.18.</b>		P/O. D.S. Lonsdale. " " " " " "	
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Scampton.	July.19.		<u>Officers.</u>	
	July.21.		<u>Airmen.</u>	
	July.18.		F/O. Rasbary W.G. posted from No. 14 O.T.U.	
	July.23.		F/O. C. S. Roy " " " "	
			F/Lt. W.N. Pericoli posted to No.221 Squadron.	
			Sgt. Martin. H.H. }	
			Sgt. Holme. H.R. }	
			Sgt. Butler. S.W. } Posted to Unit from	
			Sgt. Gross. R.G.W. } No.14 O.T.U.	
			Sgt. Brooks. W. }	
			Sgt. Harrison.L. Posted to Unit from No.25 OTU.	
			Sgt. Garratt.R.H.H. } Posted to Unit from	
			Sgt. Lewis. R.G. } No.14 O.T.U.	
			Sgt. Draper.P.H. }	
			Sgt. Tate. J.N.B. } Missing on operations.	
			Sgt. Ireson. P.L.T. }	
			Sgt. Marsden.E. }	
			Sgt. Downey posted to No.16 O.T.U.	
			P/Sgt. Grant.J.M. } Posted to No.14	
			Sgt. Cunningham. } O.T.U.	
			Sgt. Newbold. G.A. } Posted to Unit from	
			Sgt. Walshe.A.E. } No.14 O.T.U.	
			Sgt. Garratt.R.H. Posted to No.14 O.T.U.	
			Sgt. Duce. G. }	
			Sgt. Hughes.J. }	
			Sgt. Cox. W.L. } Posted to Unit from	
			Sgt. Mason. B.V. } No.14 O.T.U.	
			Sgt. Clarke. E.J. }	
<u>Summary for the month of July 1941.</u>				
			Number of operational hours flown... ..	849.10.
			Number of other hours flown... ..	349.00.
				1198.10.
			Number of operational sorties. . . . .	118.