**429 Squadron Missions 1943-1945**

This, to the best of my knowledge, is a complete list of war time Operations flown by 429 Sqn

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**1943**

21 Jan Gardening Terschelling 1st mission mining and 1st crew lost Sqn was not declared operational yet. They were declared operational on 24 Jan 43

26 Jan L'Orient 1st bombing mission and 2nd crew lost

16/17 Feb L'Orient

19/20 Feb Wilhelmshaven

25/26 Feb Gardening - Nectarine 2

26/27 Feb Cologne

27/28 Feb Gardening - Nectarine 1

28/01 Feb/Mar St. Nazaire

02/03 Mar Gardening - Nectarine 1

03/04 Mar Hamburg

05/06 Mar Essen

07/08 Mar Gardening - Nectarine 2

09/10 Mar Gardening - Carrots

12/13 Mar Essen

14/15 Mar Gardening - Nectarine 1

22/23 Mar Gardening - Trefoil

26/27 Mar Duisburg

28/29 Mar St. Nazaire

29/30 Mar Bochum

04/05 Apr Kiel 1st op flown with 6 Gp

08/09 Apr Duisburg

10/11 Apr Frankfurt

14/15 Apr Stuttgart

16/17 Apr Mannheim

20/21 Apr Gardening - Brest area

26/27 Apr Duisburg

27/28 Apr Gardening - Trefoil

28/29 Apr Gardening - Eglantine

04/05 May Dortmund

12/13 May Duisburg

13/14 May Bochum

21/22 May Gardening - Nectarine

23/24 May Dortmund

25/26 May Dusseldorf

27/28 May Essen

28/29 May Gardening - Jellyfish

29/30 May Wuppertal

03/04 Jun Gardening - Jellyfish

11/12 Jun Dusseldorf

12/13 Jun Gardening - Nectarine

13/14 Jun Gardening - Jellyfish

21/22 Jun Krefeld – largest number of aircrew and crews lost on an op – 4 aircraft and 20 aircrew (17 killed and 3 POWs)

22/23 Jun Steelhead – New Commanding Office W/C Savard and his crew killed

24/25 Jun Wuppertal

25/26 Jun Gelsenkirchen

26/27 Jun Gardening - Jellyfish

28/29 Jun Cologne

02/03 Jul Gardening - Jelly fish

03/04 Jul Cologne

06/07 Jul Gardening - Jellyfish

12/13 Jul Gardening - Jellyfish

13/14 Jul Aachen

24/25 Jul Hamburg

25/26 Jul Essen

27/28 Jul Gardening - Eglantine

27/28 Jul Hamburg – Commanding Officer W/C Piddington and his crew lost

29/30 Jul Hamburg

02/03 Aug Hamburg

03 Aug Gardening - Beeches

Stood down for the rest of Aug for move to Leeming & conversion to Halifaxes

15/16 Sep Montlucon - 1st raid with Halifax II's

16/17 Sep Modane

22/23 Sep Hanover

23/24 Sep Mannheim

27/28 Sep Hanover

29 Sep Bochum

03/04 Oct Kassel

04/05 Oct Frankfurt

08/09 Oct Hannover – Last Bomber Command raid using Wellingtons

5,000th aircraft lost on operations by Bomber Command

22/23 Oct Kassel

03/04 Nov Dusseldorf

11/12 Nov Cannes

18/19 Nov Mannheim

19/20 Nov Leverkusen

22/23 Nov Berlin - 1st time 429 Sqn hits 'The Big City'

25/26 Nov Frankfurt

26/27 Nov Stuttgart

03/04 Dec Leipzig

20/21 Dec Frankfurt

24/25 Dec Gardening - Necrarines 1

29/30 Dec Berlin

**1944**

20/21 Jan Berlin

21/22 Jan Madeburg

28/29 Jan Berlin

15/16 Feb Berlin

19/20 Feb Leipzig – Halifax Mk II & V withdrawn from ops over Germany

22 Feb Tactical diversion - no bombs carried, no crew sortie but time is counted as operational

24 Feb Tactical diversion - same as 22 Feb

25/26 Feb Gardening - Forget me nots

02/03 Mar Meulan Les Mereaux

06/07 Mar Trappes – 1st Op with Halifax Mk.III

07/08 Mar LeMans

13/14 Mar LeMans

15/16 Mar Stuttgart

18/19 Mar Frankfurt

22/23 Mar Frankfurt

24/25 Mar Berlin

25/26 Mar Aulnoye

26/27 Mar Essen

30/31 Mar Nuremburg

09/10 Apr Villeneuve St. Georges

10/11 Apr Ghent

18/19 Apr Le Bourget

20/21 Apr Lens

22/23 Apr Dusseldorf

24/25 Apr Karlsruhe

26/27 Apr Essen

27/28 Apr Aulnoye

30/01 Apr/May Somain

01/02 May Saint Ghislan

07/08 May St. Valery-En-Caux

09/10 May St. Valery-En-Caux

10/11 May Ghent

11/12 May Boulogne

12/13 May Louvain

19/20 May Le Clipon

22/23 May Le Mans

24/25 May Aachen

27/28 May Bourg-Leopold

31/01 May/Jun Au Fevre

04/05 Jun Calais

05/06 Jun Merville Franceville

06/07 Jun Conde Sur Noireau

07/08 Jun Acheres

08/09 Jun Mayenne

10/11 Jun Versailles

12/13 Jun Arras

14/15 Jun Cambrai

15/16 Jun Boulogne – The squadron’s first daylight operation

16/17 Jun Sautrecourt

17/18 Jun Oisement/Neuville Au Bois

21 Jun Oisemont/Neuville Au Bois – daylight op

24 Jun Bonnetot – daylight op

25 Jun Gorenflos – daylight op

27/28 Jun Wizernes

28/29 Jun Metz

04/05 Jul Villeneuve – St.Georges Five enemy combats, a record, all aircraft returned safely

06/07 Jul Siracourt – daylight op

09 Jul Ardouval – daylight op

12/13 Jul Acquet

14/15 Jul Anderbelck

18 Jul Mondeville

18/19 Jul Wesseling

20 Jul Ferme du Grand Bois

23/24 Jul Donges

24/25 Jul L'Hey

25/26 Jul Stuttgart

28/29 Jul Hamburg

30 Jul Amaye Sur Seulle

31/01 Jul/Aug Coquereaux

Jul highest # of sorties to date 272

Sqn rated best in Group for accident free flying hours

01 Aug L'Hey

03 Aug Foret De Nieppe

04 Aug Bois de Cassan

05 Aug St. Leu D'Esserent

07/08 Aug La Hogue

08 Aug Chantilly

09 Aug Prouville

09 Aug La Neuville

12 Aug La Breteque

12/13 Aug Brunswick

14 Aug Aisy

15 Aug Soesterberg

15/16 Aug La Rochelle

16/17 Aug Kiel Bay

18 Aug L'Hey

18 Aug Bois St. Remy

18/19 Aug Connantre

25/26 Aug Brest/Pte. ST Mathieu

27 Aug Mimoyecques

28 Aug Fresnoy

28/29 Aug La Rochelle

31 Aug Cezembre

 August would be the sqn’s highest number of ops in a month during the war – 22 ops flown

06/07 Sep Emden

10 Sep LeHarve

11/12 Sep Gardening - Kiel Bay

12 Sep Dortmund

12/13 Sep Gardening - Oslo

14 Sep Wilhelmshaven

15/16 Sep Gardening - Oslo

15/16 Sep Kiel (Port area)

17 Sep Boulogne

20 Sep Calais

24 Sep Calais

25 Sep Calais

27 Sep Sterkrade

28 Sep Cap Gris Nez

04/05 Oct Gardening - Oslo

06 Oct Dortmund

09 Oct Bochum

12 Oct Wanne-Eickel

14 Oct Duisburg - morning raid

14/15 Oct Duisburg

15 Oct Wilhelmshaven

21 Oct Hannover

23 Oct Essen

24/25 Oct Gardening - Oslo

25 Oct Homberg

28 Oct Cologne

30 Oct Cologne

01/02 Nov Oberhausen

02/03 Nov Dusseldorf

04/05 Nov Bochum

06 Nov Gelsenkirchen

16 Nov Julich

18 Nov Munster

21 Nov Castrop-Rauxel - evening raid

21 Nov Gardening - Oslo - evening raid

25 Nov Gardening - Frederichshaven

27 Nov Neuss

30 Nov Duisburg

02/03 Dec Hagen

04 Dec Karlsruhe

05/06 Dec Soest

06 Dec Osnabruck

18 Dec Duisburg

21/22 Dec Gardening Oslo

24 Dec Gardening Oslo

26 Dec St. Vith

28 Dec Opladen

28 Dec Gardening - Sande Fjord

29 Dec Oberlar

29 Dec Gardening - Oslo

30/31Dec Cologne-Kalk nord

31 Dec Gardening - Sande Fjord

**1945**

02 Jan Ludwigshaven

05 Jan Hannover

06 Jan Hanau

12 Jan Gardening - Flensburg

13 Jan Saarbrucken

14 Jan Grevenbroich

14/15 Jan Gardening - Oslo

16/17 Jan Magdeburg

16/17 Jan Mining - Oslo

28/29 Jan Stuttgart (Zuffenhausen)

01 Feb Mainz

02/03 Feb Wanne-Eickel

04 Feb Osterfeld

04 Feb Gardening - Wilhelmshaven

07/08 Feb Goch

13/14 Feb Bohlen

14/15 Feb Gardening - Willow I

14/15 Feb Chemnitz

15 Feb Gardening - Oslo

17 Feb Wesel

18 Feb Gardening - Fredrickshaven

20/21 Feb Monheim

21/22 Feb Worms

23 Feb Essen

24 Feb Kamen

25 Feb Gardening - Arendal

27 Feb Mainz

01 Mar Mannheim

02 Mar Cologne

03 Mar Gardening - Christiansand

05/06 Mar Chemnitz

07/08 Mar Hemmingstedt

08/09 Mar Hamburg

08 Mar Gardening - Elbe

09/10 Mar Gardening - Oslo

11 Mar Essen

12 Mar Dortmund

12 Mar Gardening - Hesselo

13 Mar Wuppertal

14 Mar Zweibrucken

15 Mar Castrop-Rauxel

31 Mar Hamburg 1st time 429 sqn encounters ME262

04/05 Apr Merseburg (Leuna)

04/05 Apr Gardening - Oslo

08/09 Apr Hamburg

09/10 Apr Gardening - Kiel

10 Apr Leipzig

13/14 Apr Kiel

13/14 Apr Gardening - Kiel

16/17 Apr Schwandorf

21/22 Apr Gardening - The Skaw

22 Apr Bremen

25 Apr Wangerooge - Last offensive operation

03/04 May Gardening Yewtree A/P 20 & Kraut A/P 3 - recalled and abandoned mission over Leemings. Planes were still climbing to altitude.

08 May Exodus - Brussels: bringing home ex-POW's

09 May Exodus - Juvincourt: bringing home ex-POW's

10 May Exodus - Juvincourt: bringing home ex-POW's

10/13 Sep Dodge - Pomigliano: Bring home British soldiers from Italy

13/15 Sep Dodge - Pomigliano: Bring home British soldiers from Italy

14/18 Sep Dodge - Pomigliano: Bring home British soldiers from Italy

17/19 Sep Dodge - Pomigliano: Bring home British soldiers from Italy

27/29 Sep Dodge - Bari: Bring home British soldiers from Italy

08/10 Oct Dodge - Pomigliano: Bring home British soldiers from Italy

Sources: 429 Squadron Operational Records Book, Bomber Commmand War Diaries, Reap the Whirlwind, Crucible of War: RCAF Official History, RCAF Squadron Histories and Aircraft 1924-1968, Thunderbirds at War: Diary of a Bomber Squadron, Bomber Command Losses, Sgt. Boyers Log Book