

LANCASTER FM159 THROUGH THE YEARS



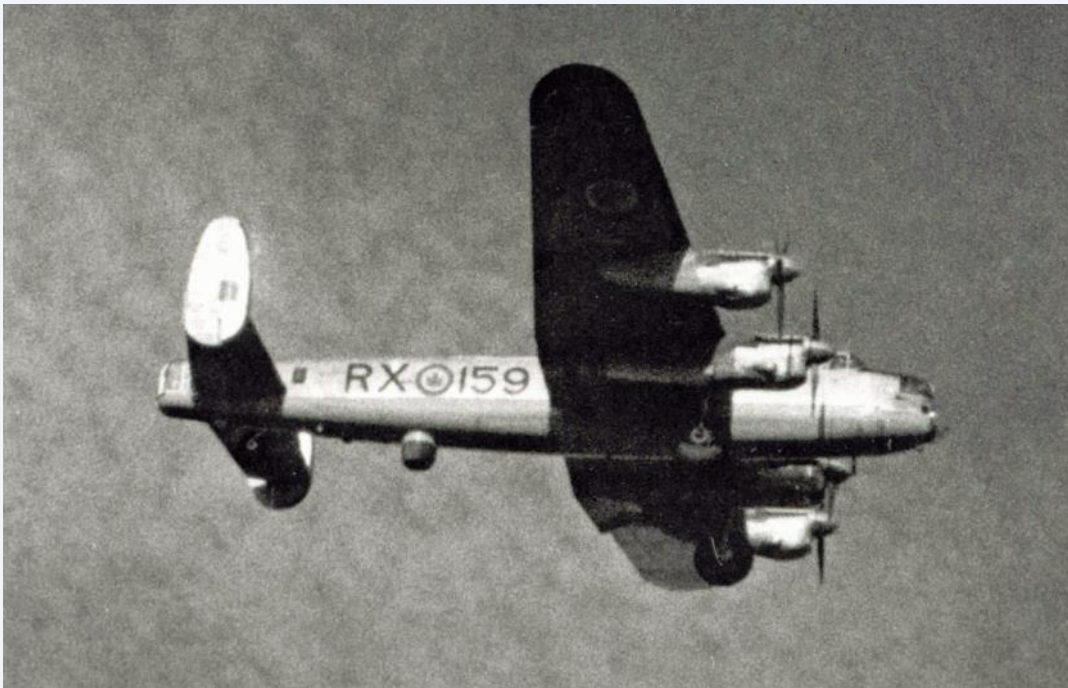
1944-1945 FM159's cockpit floor under construction



1953 In Jacksonville Florida while serving with
No. 103 Search and Rescue Squadron, Greenwood Nova Scotia



1955 Transferred to No 407 Squadron, Comox BC



In flight with 407 Squadron markings 'RX-159'



1955 Yellowknife enroute to Resolute Bay



1955 At Resolute Bay



1955 Aircraft crew Resolute Bay N.W.T.



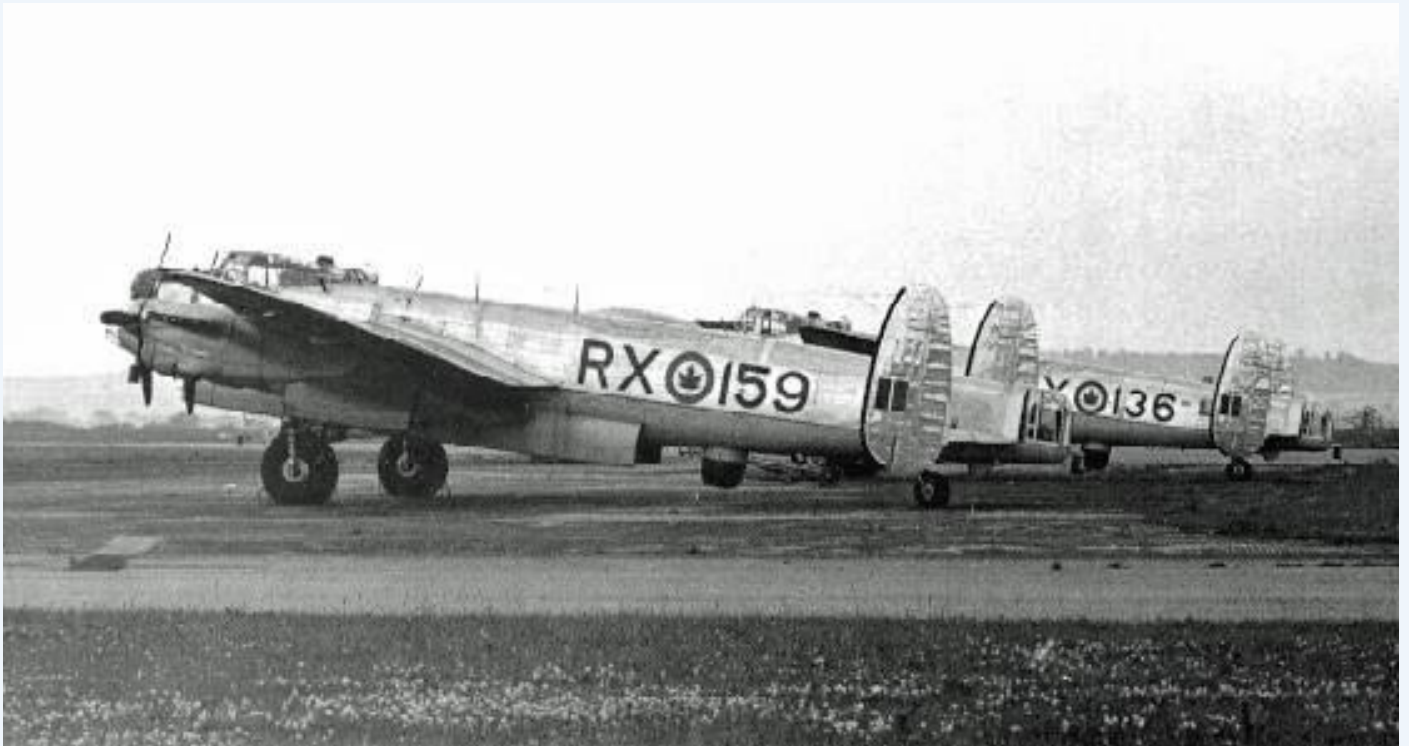
1956 Aircraft crew Torbay Newfoundland



1957 Taxiing for take off to Alaska



1957 On ramp at Prestwick Scotland



1957 At Langar, Nottinghamshire, England



1957 Off the BC coast



1960 The team arrives to prepare for the move to Nanton



1960 Preparing to move to Nanton



1960 Leaving former 19 SFTS



1960 Fording the Little Bow River -Getting there is half the fun.



1960 –Under a wire and through a ditch



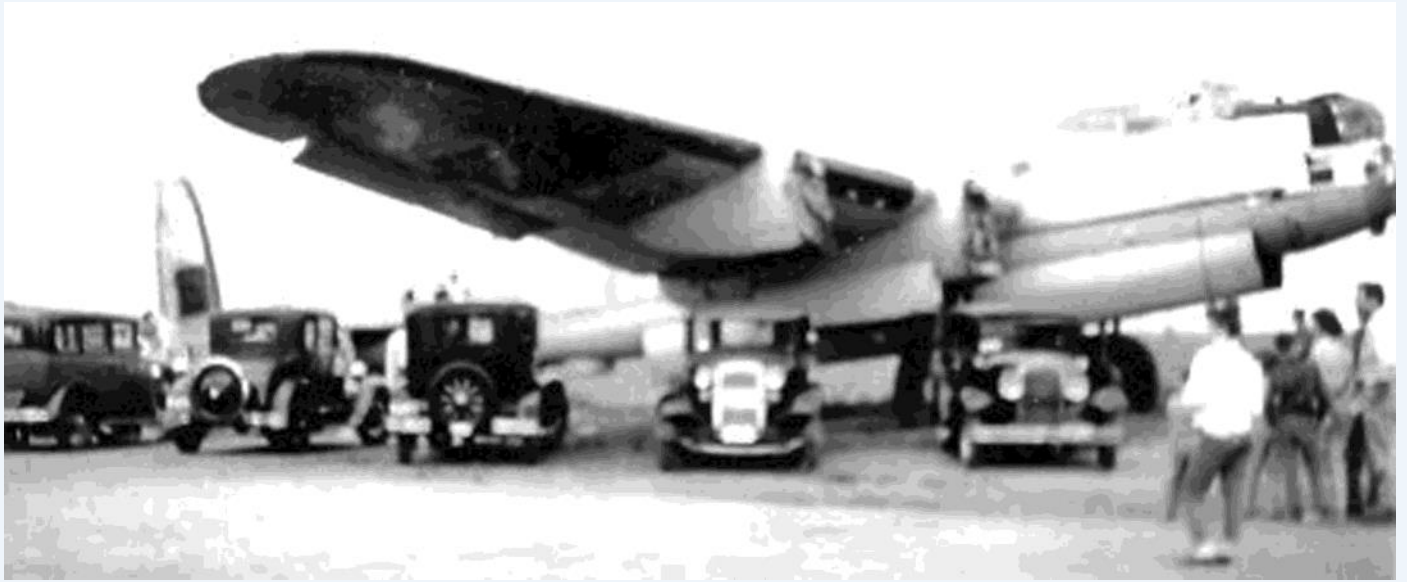
1960 Crossing the prairie



1960 Crossing the railroad tracks



1960 FM159 arriving Nanton



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1962



1963 FM159 mounted



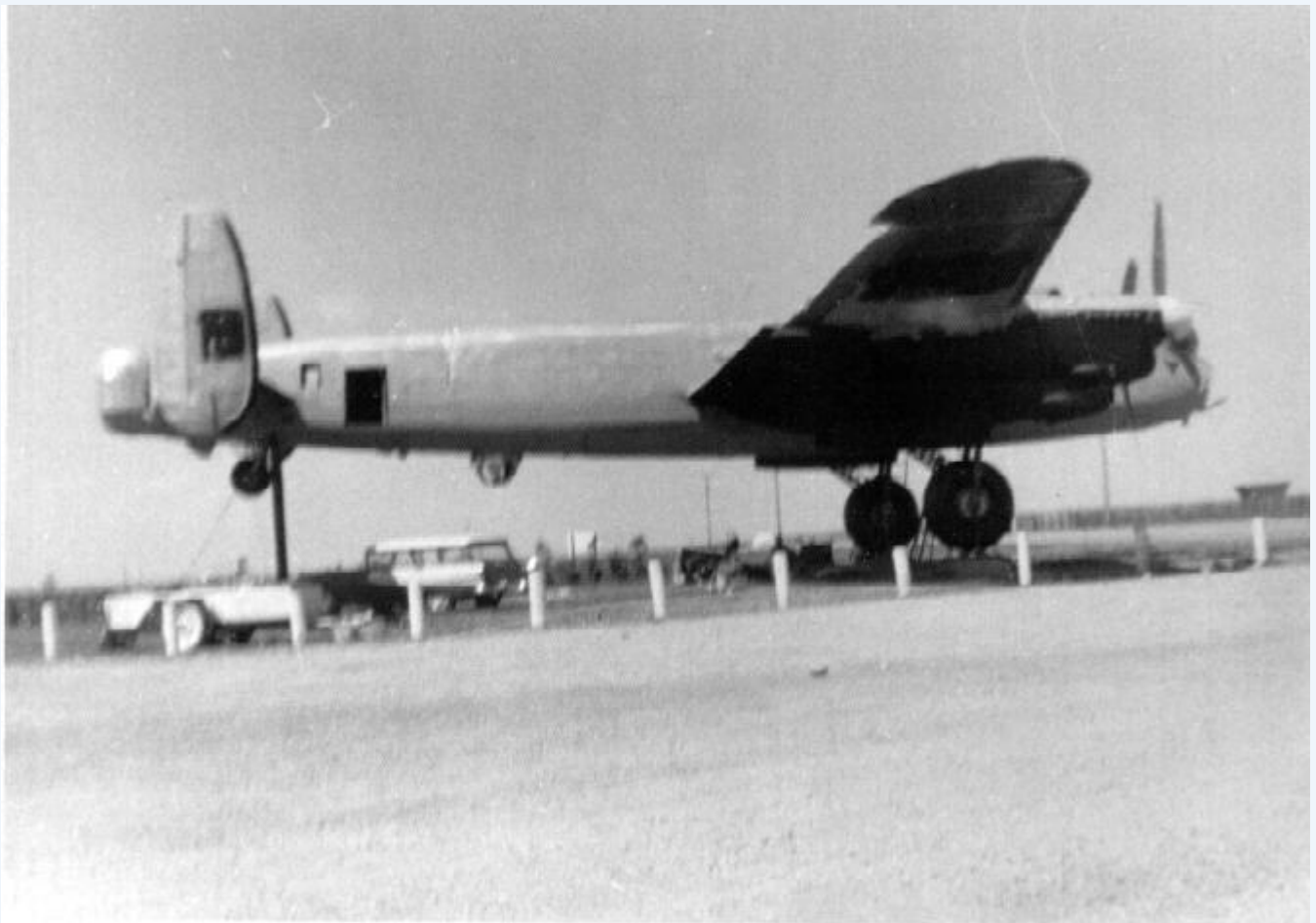
1965



1966



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1967 -Painting FM159 black



1968 Camouflaged and with nose art



1970



1973



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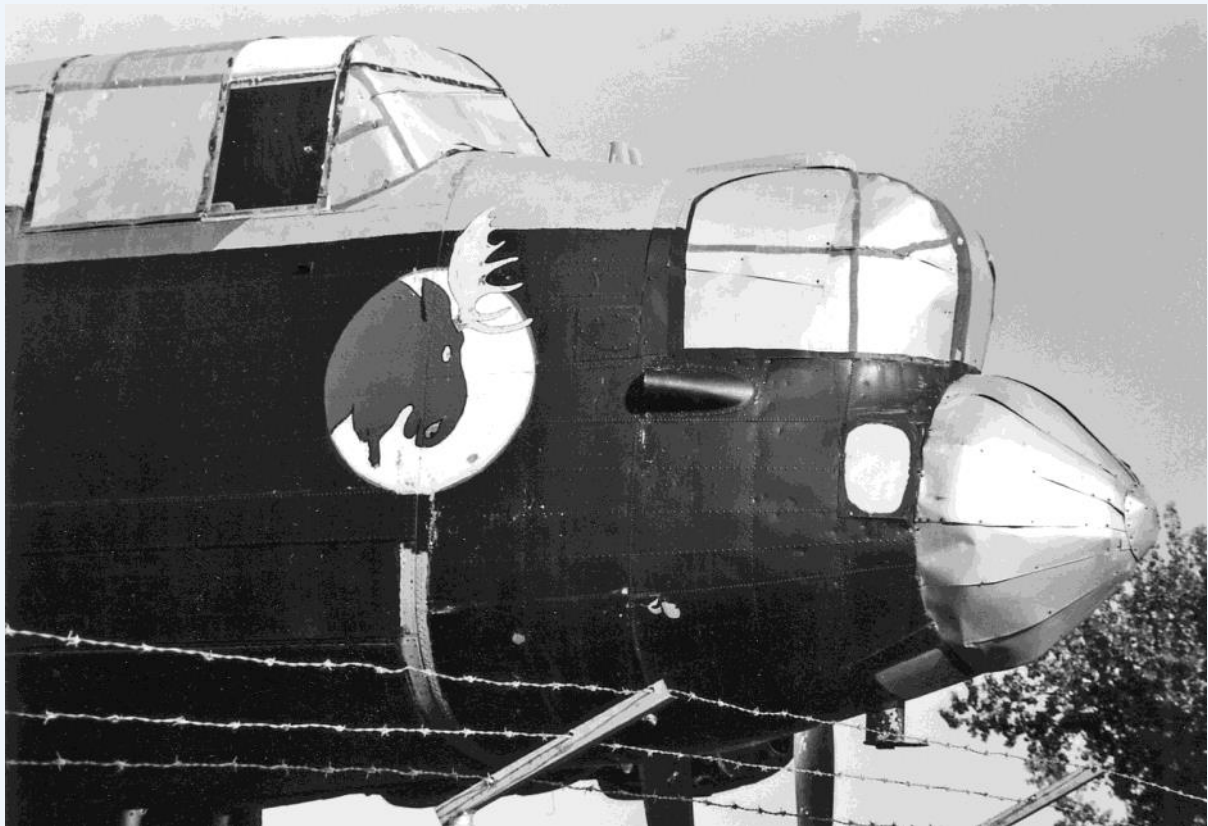
1975



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1986 Early engine work



1987 'Open Bomber Days'



1988



1989 Elevator damage following wind



1989 Lancaster VR-A over FM159



1990 Unveiling Ian Bazalgette VC



1991 The day before moving inside



1991 FM159 moving to the new building



1991 Now inside, full restoration begins



1999 Engine maintenance



1999 Canopy work



2001 FM159 in the museum



2003



2003 Out for the first time



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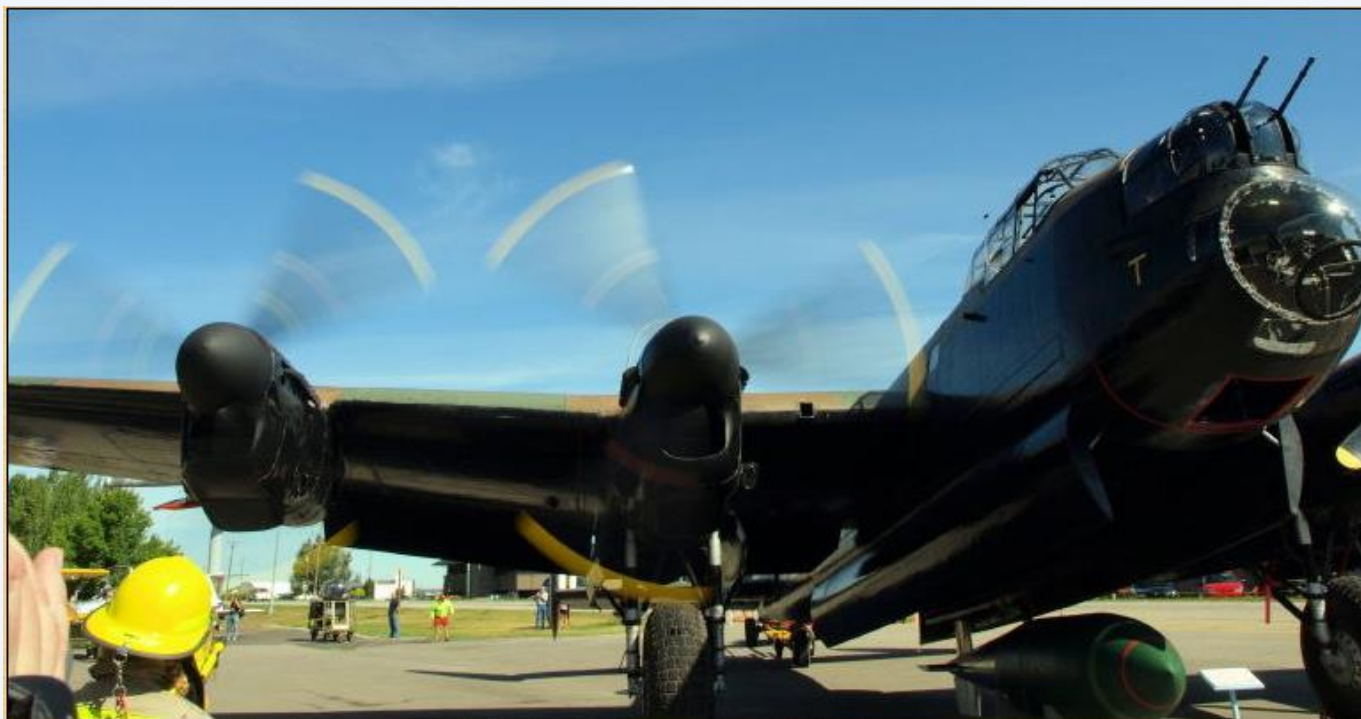
2005



2005 First Merlin starts



2005 Starboard inner running



2008 –Both starboard Merlins running for the first time



2010 –Working on the port Merlins



All four engines running for the first time



Charles Bazalgette cuts the ribbon



2014 First taxi test



2014 Taxi test



FM159 with Tallboy bomb



FM159 as AJ-M



FM159 by day



And by night