



R.A.F. Form 540

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

See instructions for use of this form in K.R. and A.C.I., para. 2349, and War Manual, Pt. II, chapter XX, and notes in R.A.F. Pocket Book.

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of (Unit or Formation) No. 439 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
MILDERHALL	1/5/42		Operations cancelled.	
	2/5/42		Ten aircraft went minelaying at ISLE DE RE. Successful sortie. One aircraft was shot up by flak and crash landed at FORD. Crew unhurt.	
	3/5/42		Operations cancelled.	
	4/5/42		Nine aircraft bombed STUTTGART and dropped nickels in the area. Many fires started. Two aircraft went to NANTES but failed to identify target visually and bombs were brought back.	
	5/5/42		Operations Cancelled.	
	6/5/42		Four aircraft bombed STUTTGART while four freshmen journeyed to NANTES. One aircraft failed to return from STUTTGART.	
	7/5/42		Four aircraft carried mines to the BALTIC in a successful sortie. One made a particularly hazardous trip into the KIEL ESTUARY where he planted his vegetables as ordered. On return he dropped bombs on an aerodrome at SYLT.	
	8/5/42		Eight aircraft attacked WARNEMUNDE with apparent success. Two of our aircraft failed to return from this sortie.	
	9/5/42 to 16/5/42	)	Operations cancelled.	
	17/5/42		Eleven aircraft went gardening in the BALTIC and carried out a successful operation. One aircraft failed to return. A freshman detailed to bomb BOULOGNE brought back his bombs due to cloud conditions over target.	
	18/5/42 to 28/5/42	)	Operations cancelled	
	29/5/42		Five freshmen detailed to bomb CHERBOURG brought back their bombs due to weather conditions. Two experienced pilots made a daring low level attack on the Gnome-Rhone factory at GENNEVILLIERS. One of these failed to return from the operation.	
	30/5/42		Eighteen of our aircraft took part in the first history-making one thousand aircraft raid on COLOGNE. All returned safely and reported COLOGNE a mass of flame describing the raid as a "piece of cake".	

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MILDENHALL	31/5/48		Operations cancelled.	
			<p>The strength of the Squadron at the end of May was:</p>	
			<p>R.C.A.F. Officers - Aircrew 26                      " - Groundcrew 4</p>	
			<p>R.C.A.F. Airmen - Aircrew 110                      " - Groundcrew 153</p>	
			<p>R.A.F. Officers - Aircrew 6                      " - Groundcrew --</p>	
			<p>R.A.F. Airmen - Aircrew 1                      " - Groundcrew 184</p>	
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