

R.A.F. Form 540

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# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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of (Unit or Formation) No. 407 Squadron, R.C.A.F.

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	<u>SECRET.</u>	References to Appendices
R.A.F. Chivenor.	1.6.44.		Cool and windy. No rain. One of our new crews on ops. tonight.		
	2.6.44.		Cool and windy. Another of our new crews on ops. tonight, returned safely.		
	3.6.44.		Cool and overcast. No ops. tonight. W/O Davies Protestant Chaplain from RCAF Overseas H.Q. visited the squadron.		
	4.6.44.		Cool and rain in the afternoon. No ops. tonight. W/O Davies conducted both church services this morning.		
	5.6.44.		Cool and cloudy. One crew on ops. tonight. P/O J.O. H. by making his first trip. This gives us 20 operational crews.		
	6.6.44.		Cool and fair. Every one keyed up for big things tonight. Only two crews S/L Maxwell and P/O Morrison sent out. P/O Morrison had an uneventful trip, but W/O Maxwell failed to return. No word was heard from him following take-off. His crew was composed of P/O W.D. Johnston, 2nd Pilot, a newcomer to the Squadron, P/O A.D. Gallender, Navigator, P/O Brown, W.O., P/O R.C.H. Kent, and W/O Hall, O.I. W/O's. P/O Brown was on his second tour with the Squadron, and had acted as Squadron C nary Leader for the past seven months. All training flying suspended.		
	7.6.44.		Cool and cloudy. Only one crew on ops. tonight, returning safely.		
	8.6.44.		Cool and cloudy. Weather very bad in patrol area, no ops. tonight.		
	9.6.44.		Cool and cloudy, with some rain. Four crews on ops. tonight, all returning safely. P/O Kemper ran short of fuel and landed at Frobisher for refuelling. P/O May had engine trouble and landed at Frobisher.		
	10.6.44.		Cool and sunny. Eight crews on ops. today, all returned safely.		
	11.6.44.		Cool and windy. Five crews on ops. returned safely.		
	12.6.44.		Cool and sunny. Six crews on ops. tonight, three were recalled early, all returned safely.		
	13.6.44.		Cool and cloudy. Four crews on ops. tonight, returned safely.		
	14.6.44.		Cool and cloudy. Six crews on ops. tonight, returning safely. S/L A.H. Laidlaw got in an attack result of which has not yet been determined. Plenty of flak experienced. Three crews reported from 6 O.T.U. today, can't give them much flying training at present, but will be hurried through ground training. Capt. Tomney, our new dental officer, with two assistants also got today. Also received today that P/O H. G. G. has been awarded the D.F.C. for his good work on the night of May 22nd. Word has also been received of mentioned in despatches, to S/O H. G. G., R.C.A.F., 1/2 Ground crew at flight.		
	15.6.44.		Cool and cloudy with rain commencing early in the evening. Only two crews sent on ops. due to bad weather, both returned safely.		

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RAF Chivenor.	16.6. 17.6.		Cool and cloudy. Three crews on ops., returning safely. Four crews on ops. tonight, all returned safely.	
			Five crews on ops. tonight, returning safely.	
			Three crews on ops., tonight, returning safely. <i>is an ops. tonight. All returned safely. No Foster made a very good attack - results not yet assessed.</i>	
			Four crews on ops. tonight, returning safely. <i>of our new crews, Captain, P/O C.H. McLaren, 2nd Pilot, W/O Stibald, J.R. Navigator, P/O M. J. ... and P/O ... failed to return. distress were received. However, an air sea rescue <sup>search</sup> of the area has been</i>	
			Six crews on ops. tonight, returned safely. Aircraft now made training, and our new crews are getting a bit of training in.	
			Four crews on ops. tonight, all returning safely.	
			No ops. tonight, as weather deteriorated badly early in the evening.	
			Three crews on ops tonight, returning safely.	
			Some rain during the day. Three crews on ops. tonight, all returning safely. has been presented to Acting Flight Lieutenant to fill a vacancy as ... several new commissions in the past year including P/O ... P/O J.S. ... and P/O ...	
			Improved, Four crews on ops. tonight, returning safely.	
			No ops. tonight.	
			Some rain during day, getting heavier during evening. Three crews on ops.	
			One crew on ops., returning safely. Our three new crews are now ... and air training is being cut down again.	
			SQUADS. 88	
			HOURS. 809.50 TOTAL NON OPERATIONAL HOURS. 115	
			Aircraft on Station Charge. sixteen. Wellington Mk. XIV used by this Squadron.	
			Health of the Squadron during the past month has been quite good.	

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1st November, 1944.

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Operations Record Book  
No. 407 Squadron - June, 1944.

1. Form 540 of the above mentioned Operations Record Book reports that P/O McGrath and crew failed to return from an operation on the 20th of June, while Form 541 indicates the crew took off at 2246 hours on the 21st.

2. Form 541 was the correct version and Form 540 should have shown the crew as missing on the 21st.

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RAF Chivenor.	16.6.		Cool and cloudy. Three crews on ops., returning safely.		
	17.6.		Cool and cloudy. Four crews on ops. tonight, all returned safely.		
	18.6.		Cool and windy. Five crews on ops. tonight, returning safely.		
	19.6.		Clear and warm. Three crews on ops., tonight, returning safely.		
	20.6.44		<i>Clear and warm. Four crews on ops. tonight. All returned safely. No Foster made a very good attack - results not yet assessed.</i>		
	21.6.44		Clear and warm. Four crews on ops. tonight, returning safely. <i>one of our new crews, F/O S.J. McGrath, Captain, F/O G.H. McLaren, and Pilot, W/O J. H. Navigstoy, and W/O G. H. ... and W/O Masford, ... W/Os failed to return. No messages of distress were received. However, an air sea rescue <sup>search</sup> of the area has been instigated.</i>		
	22.6.44.		Clear and fairly warm. Six crews on ops. tonight, returned safely. Aircraft now made available for training, and our new crews are getting some air training in.		
	23.6.44.		Bright and warm. Four crew on ops. tonight, all returning safely.		
	24.6.44.		Clear and very warm. No ops. tonight, as weather deteriorated badly early in the evening.		
	25.6.44.		Very warm today. Three crews on ops tonight, returning safely.		
	26.6.44.		Cloudy with some rain during the day. Three crews on ops. tonight, all returning safely. F/O R.P. Beverley has been promoted to Acting Flight Lieutenant to fill a vacancy as Acting Base Leader. Several new examinations in the past week including F/O G. H. ... F/O H.E. McLean, F/O J.W. Aulenback, and F/O R.E. J. Nichol.		
	27.6.44.		Weather somewhat improved, four crews on ops. tonight, returning safely.		
	28.6.44.		Dull and cool. No ops. tonight.		
	29.6.44.		Dull and cool. Some rain during day, getting heavier during evening. Three crews on ops. returning safely.		
	30.6.44.		Cool with lots of rain. One crew on ops., returning safely. Our three new crews are now all set for ops., and air training is being cut down again.		
			TOTAL OPERATIONAL SORTIES. 88		
			TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS. 809.50 TOTAL NON OPERATIONAL HOURS. 115		
			AIRCRAFT STATE. Aircraft on Station Charge. sixteen. Wellington Mk. XIV used by this Squadron.		
			SQUADRON HEALTH. Health of the Squadron during the past month has been quite good.		

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