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R.A.F. Form 540

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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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.

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

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
R.A.F. Station Wick	1.10.44		Rain most of the day. Six crews on Ops. returning safely.	
	2.10.44		High winds and rain. Two crews on Ops. both returned safely.	
	3.10.44		Heavy weather all day getting rough early in the evening. Only one crew got away on ops.	
	4.10.44		Milder today with mist and rain. Five crews on ops, all diverted due to weather conditions S/L K.C. Wilson (C.1217) made an attack last night and from early reports it would appear to have been quite successful. S/L Southall from Coastal Command completed a two-day visit with the Squadron on which occasion he addressed all aircrew members on anti-submarine work.	
	5.10.44		Mild and overcast. Weather bad in patrol area. All ops scrubbed.	
	6.10.44		Mild with some shine, but conditions did not permit ops crews taking off.	
	7.10.44		Mild with some rain. No ops due to weather conditions in patrol area.	
	8.10.44		Bright and warm. Regular training resumed again. Five crews on ops returning safely.	
	9.10.44		Warm with ground haze. Only one crew on ops tonight. P/L C.P. O'Connor our Staff Navigation Officer left today for Mullaghmore where he has been posted.	
	10.10.44		Warm and overcast most of the day. P/L J.H. Spalding our Gunnery Leader has been posted to "B" Depot, following three years service overseas. Five crews on ops tonight returning safely.	
	11.10.44		Rain all day. No ops tonight. Presale of 7th Victory Loan totalled 21,150 dollars with 118 applications received.	
	12.10.44		Very high wind clearing during the afternoon. Five crews on ops, all returning safely. Word has been received that P/O G.A. Biddle and crew were safe and being landed in Great Britain.	
	13.10.44		Lovely sunny day. Four crews on ops all returning safely.	
	14.10.44		Rained most of day. Only two crews on ops tonight. P/L K.S. Goodman (J.8613) arrived this afternoon to take over the job of Staff Navigator.	
	15.10.44		More rain and wind to-day. Four crews on ops returning safely.	
	16.10.44		Bright and sunny most of the day. Only one crew on ops returning safely.	

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	17.10.44		Cold and cloudy today only two crews on ops tonight returning safely.	
	18.10.44		Usual wind and rain today. One crew on ops tonight returned safely.	
	19.10.44		Weather conditions poor for ops, which were eventually scrubbed. Three crews got away but were recalled. F/O Biddle and crew returned to the station to pick up their kit. Five of them are going home for leave, while F/O Death, Second Pilot, is going to an O.T.U.	
	20.10.44		Rain all day, no ops tonight.	
	21.10.44		Warm and sunny. Three crews on ops, returned safely.	
	22.10.44		Another beautiful day. Four crews on ops returned safely.	
	23.10.44		Cooler and some rain. One crew on ops. returned safely.	
	24.10.44		Usual Wick weather. Six crews on ops all returning safely.	
	25.10.44		Cool and bright all day. Five crews on ops all returning safely.	
	26.10.44		Nice all day but weather bad in patrol area. No ops tonight.	
	27.10.44		Fair weather. Four crews on ops all returning safely. F/L Lengdale from Inverness visited this Squadron this afternoon.	
	28.10.44		Weather very unsettled. Three crews on ops all returning safely. Victory Loan total new over 33,000 dollars, hope to make it 35,000 before the campaign closes. Victory Loan total new over 33,000 dollars, hope to make it 35,000 before the campaign closes.	
	29.10.44		Warm and sunny. Six crews on ops all returning safely. F/O J.E. Heelin got in an attack and from all accounts it appears to have been a good effort.	
	30.10.44		Rain all morning. Four crews on ops returning safely.	
	31.10.44		Weather slightly improved. One crew on ops returning safely.	
			TOTAL OPERATIONAL SORTIES. 88	
			TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS. 878:55	
			TOTAL NON OPERATIONAL HOURS 174	
			AIRCRAFT STAFF. - Aircraft on Station Charge. 16 Wellington Mark XIV's used by this Squadron.	

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