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## Service Medal for Police Force



## No. 49 Squadron

**Motto:** "Cave canem" ("Beware of the dog").

**Badge:** A greyhound courant. The greyhound is indicative of speed.

**Authority:** King George VI, April 1937.

No.49 Squadron, RFC, was formed at Dover, Kent, on 15th April 1916, and in November 1917, went to France as a day-bombing squadron equipped with DH4s. It arrived in France in time to take part in the Battle of Cambrai and made its first raid on 26th November. No opposition was encountered on this occasion but three days later the squadron ran into the Richthofen "Circus". The fighting was severe but No. 49 lost only one aircraft.

The ordinary routine of day bombing continued until March, but during the German offensive the squadron did a good deal of low bombing to check the enemy's advance. In April, following a move up to Dunkirk, No.49 was re-equipped with DH9s and with these raided such places as Ostend, Thourout, Zeebrugge and Bruges. Eventually the squadron moved south again and in June, from Fournueil, near Beauvais, it was engaged in intensive low-flying attacks on ground targets as well as long- distance bombing raids. In one week, from 10th to 17th June, it shot down seventeen enemy aircraft.

In July the squadron moved south to the French front, where attacks were made on enemy communications, but it returned to the British front in August in anticipation of a counter- offensive on the Somme front and once more it was detailed for low bombing. This work so depleted the squadron in both aircraft and personnel that Nos. 49 and 27 Squadrons had to join forces and go over the lines in one formation. Until the Armistice the squadron was thereafter engaged in high-altitude day bombing in the face of intensive opposition. Many successful raids were made on important objectives, and many enemy aircraft were destroyed.

In May 1919, the squadron was posted to Germany as part of the Army of Occupation. Post-war disarmament led to its disbandment in July of that year, however, and not until 1936 was it re-formed at Bircham Newton, as a bomber squadron with Hawker Hinds. When war came again No.49 was flying Hampdens from Scampton, Lincolnshire, and in April 1940, helped inaugurate the RAF's sea-mining campaign. Soon afterwards it began to drop bombs as well as mines, and in August 1940, one of the squadron's pilots, Flight Lieutenant RAB Learoyd, won the first Bomber Command VC for his part in a joint low-level attack by Nos. 49 and 83 Squadrons on the Dortmund-Ems Canal.

In 1942 No.49 Squadron converted to Manchesters, then Lancasters, and in October led No.5 Group's epic dusk attack on the Schneider armament and locomotive works at Le Creusot. In 1943 the squadron took part in the first "shuttle-bombing" raid (when the targets were Friedrichshafen and Spezia), and the famous raid on Peenemunde. Among the targets which it attacked during 1944 were the coastal gun battery at La Pernelle on the Normandy coast, and the V1 storage sites in the caves at St. Leu d'Esserent on the River Loire, some 30 miles north-west of Paris. In December 1944, it took part in a raid on the German Baltic Fleet at Gdynia and in March 1945, was represented in the bomber force which so pulverised the defences of Wesel just before the crossing of the Rhine that Commandos were able to seize the town with only 36 casualties.

The Squadron remained with Lancasters until it was re-equipped with Lincolns in November 1949. In November 1953 it was detached to Kenya for reconnaissance and bombing missions during the Mau Mau uprising returning to the UK in February in 1954 before being disbanded on 1 August 1955. On 1 May 1956 No. 49 reformed at Wittering with Valiants and took part in Nuclear bomb trials at Christmas Island in 1956/57, a Squadron aircraft dropping the first British hydrogen bomb during these. With the grounding of the Valiant force, the Squadron



disbanded on 1 May 1965.

### Bomber Command WWII Bases:

- Scampton : Mar 1938-Jan 1943
- Detached to Kinloss in Jan/Feb 1940 & again in Feb/Mar 1940 for ops with Coastal Command.
- Fiskerton : Jan 1943-Oct 1944
- Fulbeck : Oct 1944-Apr 1945
- Syerston : Apr 1945 onwards

### Bomber Command WWII Aircraft:

- Handley Page Hampden I : late 1935-Apr 1942
- Avro Manchester : Apr 1942-Jun 1942
- Avro Lancaster B.I and B.III : Jun 1942 onwards



### Code Letters:

- During the 1938 Munich crisis No.49 was allotted the code letters "XU". In WW2 the sqdn's a/c were coded "EA".

### First Operational Mission in WWII:

- 3rd September 1939 : Armed reconnaissance over North Sea as far as Horns Reef Lightship by 3 Hampdens.

### First Bombing Mission in WWII:

- 11/12th May 1940 : 3 Hampdens bombed exits of Monchengladbach, 1 a/c subsequently crashing in France due to engine failure (none of crew injured). 2 other Hampdens aborted.

### Last Operational Mission in WWII:

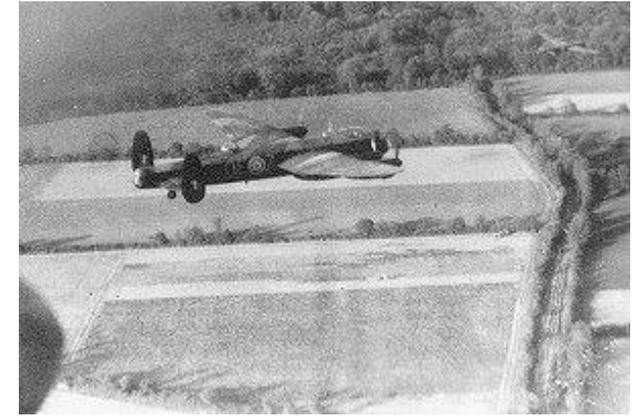
- 25th April 1945 : 10 Lancasters bombed SS barracks at Berchtesgaden & 2 other Lancasters aborted.

### Last Mission before VE Day:

- 4th May 1945 : 12 Lancasters ferried 288 ex-POWs home to UK from Brussels.

## Le Creusot, 17th October 1942

This famous raid was carried out against the large Schneider factory at Le Creusot, situated more than 300 miles inside France. The factory was regarded as the French equivalent to Krupps and produced heavy guns, railway engines and, it was believed, tanks and armoured cars. A large workers' housing estate was situated at one end of the factory. Bomber Command had been given this as the highest priority target in France for a night attack but only in the most favourable of conditions. Harris decided to attack by day, at low level, despite the fate of the force sent to Augsburg exactly 6 months earlier, when 7 out of the 12 Lancasters dispatched were shot down. The task was given to Air Vice-Marshal Coryton's 5 Group and its 9 Lancaster squadrons carried out a series of low-level practice flights over England.



After a favourable weather report, 94 Lancasters set out on the afternoon of 17 October. The force was led by Wing Commander L. C. Slee of 49 Squadron. 88 aircraft were to bomb the Schneider factory; the other 6 were to attack a nearby transformer station, which supplied the factory with electricity. The Lancasters flew in a loose formation over the sea around Brittany, and crossed the coast of France between La Rochelle and St-Nazaire without any fighter escort. For 300 miles the Lancasters flew at tree-top level across France. No German fighters attacked the bombers during this flight. The greatest danger was from birds; 4 aircraft were damaged and 2 men injured in bird strikes.

After a fine piece of work by Wing Commander Slee's navigator, Pilot Officer A. S. Grant, the force reached its last turning-point near Nevers and gained height for bombing. There was practically no Flak at the target and bombing took place in clear conditions at heights of between 2,500 and 7,500 ft. Nearly 140 tons of bombs were dropped. The Lancasters returned home safely as darkness closed in. The only casualty was one aircraft of 61 Squadron, which bombed the nearby transformer power-station at such a low level that it crashed into a building.



The 5 Group crews claimed a successful attack on the Schneider factory but photographs taken later showed that some of the bombing had fallen short and had struck the workers' housing estate near the factory. Many bombs had fallen into the factory area however and damage there was fairly extensive. It has not been possible to obtain a report from France on the casualties suffered by the local people in this raid.

**CERTIFICATES OF QUALIFICATION AS FIRST PILOT**

12.8.44

[K.R. & A.C.I., para. 805, clause B.]

Name 778477 Webster, I. Rank Op.

(i) Certified that the above named has qualified as a first pilot (day only)

On (Type)	Date	Unit	Signature and Rank

(ii) Certified that the above named has qualified as a First Pilot

On (Type)	Date	Unit	Signature and Rank

NIGHT VISION TEST. B' MOUTH  
JULY 14TH 1944  
ABOVE AVERAGE.

YEAR 1943		AIRCRAFT		PILOT, OR 1ST PILOT	2ND PILOT, PUPIL OR PASSENGER	DUTY (INCLUDING RESULTS AND REMARKS)
MONTH	DATE	Type	No.			
-	-	-	-	-	-	TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD
JUNE	1 <sup>st</sup>					
JUNE	1 <sup>st</sup>	MANCHESTER	L7443	Sgt. BARTON	SELF + CREW Sgt. COPESTAKE, ARNOLD	OPERATIONS ESSEN
JUNE	3	MANCHESTER	L7325	SELF	OSBORNE, COWAN, DELATORRE	N.F.T.
JUNE	3	MANCHESTER	L7325	SELF	Sgt. O'BRIEN CREW AS ABOVE	NICKELS LILIE
	5	MANCHESTER	L7469	SELF	CREW + BOMB AIMER	BOMBING + N.F.T.
	6	LANCASTER	R5855	S/Lt. WARD-HUNT	P.O. FARRINGTON	
					SELF	QUAL.
	6	MANCHESTER	L7526	SELF	+ CREW	N.F.T.
	6	MANCHESTER	L7526	SELF	Sgt. COPESTAKE COWAN, ARNOLD DELATORRE OSBORNE, O'BRIEN	OPERATIONS, EMDEN
	8	MANCHESTER	L7493	SELF	CAPT. FLETCHER + CREW	SEARCH LIGHT CO-OP.
	16	MANCHESTER	L7479	SELF	P.O. MOODY Sgt. COWAN Sgt. WALTERS Sgt.	AIR FIRING
	17	LANCASTER	R5850	S/Lt. WARD HUNT	SELF	BOTTESFORD + RETURN
	17	MANCHESTER	R5788	SELF	+ CREW	AIR TEST
	19	MANCHESTER	R5790	SELF	Sgt. COWAN + DELATORRE	DARK CIRCUITS + LANDINGS
	22	MANCHESTER	R5788	SELF	Sgt. DELATORRE COWAN COLQUHOUN	AIR FIRING
	23	LANCASTER	R5855	S/Lt. WARD HUNT	P.O. ELLIOT + SELF	QUAL.
	23	LANCASTER	R5855	P.O. ELLIOT	SELF, BOLTON	SOLO. CIRCUITS + LANDINGS
	23	LANCASTER	R5855	SELF	P.O. ELLIOT	SOLO CIRCUITS + LANDINGS. COMBAT OUTER STARBOARD. BROKE AFTER TAKE OFF
						CIRCUIT ON 3 REMAINING ENGINES
	23	MANCHESTER	L7397	SELF	+ CREW	N.F.T.
GRAND TOTAL [Coln. (1) to (10)]						TOTALS CARRIED FORWARD
384 Hrs 40 Min						

YEAR		AIRCRAFT		PILOT, OR 1ST PILOT	2ND PILOT, PUPIL OR PASSENGER	DUTY (INCLUDING RESULTS AND REMARKS)
MONTH	DATE	Type	No.			
-	-	-	-	-	-	TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD
JUNE	23					
	24	MANCHESTER	R5772	SELF	Sgt COPESTAKE ARNOLD. OSBORNE DELTORRE. COWAN.	FORMATION
	25	MANCHESTER	R5788	SELF	Sgt EVISON + CREW.	N.F.T.
		<del>MANCHESTER</del>	<del>R5788</del>	<del>SELF</del>	<del>Sgt COPESTAKE.</del> EIVSON. DELTORRE OSBORNE ARNOLD COWAN.	OPERATIONS. BREMEN
	27	MANCHESTER	L7389	SELF	Sgt EVISON DELTORRE	HEIGHT TEST.
				SUMMARY FOR JUNE 1942		
				UNIT 49 SQUADRON		AIRCRAFT TYPES.
				DATE 30th JUNE.		1. MANCHESTER.
				SIGNATURE T.V. Webster.		2. LANCASTER.
						3.
GRAND TOTAL [Cols. (1) to (10)]						TOTALS CARRIED FORWARD
894 Hrs.						5 Mins.

YEAR		AIRCRAFT		PILOT, OR 1ST PILOT	2ND PILOT, PUPIL OR PASSENGER	DUTY (INCLUDING RESULTS AND REMARKS)
MONTH	DATE	Type	No.			
-	-	-	-	-	-	TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD
AUGUST						
	2.	LANCASTER	R5757	SELF	Sgt. COPESTAKE Sgt. OSBORNE Sgt. CLARKSON Sgt. MORRIS Sgt. COWAN Sgt. ARNOLD CREW NO. 8.	AIR TO GROUND FIGHTING WAINFLEET.
	4.	LANCASTER	R5757	SELF	CREW NO. 8.	DAY CROSS COUNTRY 20.
	4.	LANCASTER	R5757	SELF	CREW NO. 8.	DUSK and DARK.
	5.	LANCASTER	R5757	SELF	CREW NO. 8.	FIGHTER AFFILIATION
	6.	LANCASTER	R5757	SELF	CREW NO. 8.	FORMATION.
	7.	LANCASTER	R5757	SELF	CREW NO. 8.	FORMATION
	7.	LANCASTER	R5757	SELF	CREW NO. 8.	DARK LANDINGS.
	9.	LANCASTER	R5757	SELF	CREW NO. 8.	HIGH LEVEL BOMBING.
	9.	LANCASTER	R5757	SELF	CREW NO. 8.	NIGHT CROSS COUNTRY AND BOMBING.
	10.	LANCASTER	R5757	SELF	CREW NO. 8.	FORMATION.
	11.	MANCHESTER	R5725	SELF	CREW NO. 8.	AIR TEST
	15.	LANCASTER	R5757	SELF	CREW NO. 8.	N.F.T.
	17.	LANCASTER	R5757	SELF	CREW NO. 8.	N.F.T.
	18.	LANCASTER	R5757	SELF	CREW NO. 8.	N.F.T.
	18.	LANCASTER	R5757	SELF	Sgt. COPESTAKE Sgt. OSBORNE Sgt. CLARKSON Sgt. MORRIS Sgt. COWAN Sgt. ARNOLD	OPERATIONS. FLENSBURG.
	22.	LANCASTER	R5757	SELF	CREW NO. 8.	N.F.T.
	23.	LANCASTER	R5757	SELF	CREW NO. 8.	FORMATION.
	24.	LANCASTER	R5757	SELF	CREW NO. 8.	N.F.T.
	27.	LANCASTER	R5757	SELF	CREW NO. 8.	N.F.T.
GRAND TOTAL [Cols. (1) to (10)]						TOTALS CARRIED FORWARD
575 Hrs. 41 Mins.						46

YEAR		AIRCRAFT		PILOT, OR 1ST PILOT	2ND PILOT, PUPIL OR PASSENGER	DUTY (INCLUDING RESULTS AND REMARKS)
MONTH	DATE	Type	No.			
-	-	-	-	-	-	TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD
AUGUST	27	LANCASTER.	R5757	SELF.	P/O. ALLIN Sgt. CLARKSON " OSBORNE " ARNOLD " MORRIS " COWAN.	OPERATIONS. KASSEL. REAR THREAT. 4/5.
	28	LANCASTER.	R5757	SELF.	CREW AS ABOVE.	N.F.T.
	28	LANCASTER.	R5757	SELF.	P/O. ALLIN Sgt. CLARKSON " OSBORNE " ARNOLD " MORRIS " COWAN.	OPERATIONS. NURNBERG. 2. PHOTOS. OBTAINED. 25.8.42
	31	LANCASTER	R5757	SELF.	CREW No. 8.	N.F.T.
				SUMMARY FOR	AUGUST. 1942.	
				UNIT	49 SQUADRON	AIRCRAFT TYPES
				DATE	1 <sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER.	1. LANCASTER.
				SIGNATURE	T.V. Webster.	2. MANCHESTER.
				<p><i>T.V. Webster</i> F/O s/adi.</p> <p>O.C. "A" FLIGHT.</p> <p><i>T.V. Webster</i> s/adi.</p> <p>O.C. 49. SQUADRON.</p>		
GRAND TOTAL [Cols. (1) to (10)]						TOTALS CARRIED FORWARD
453 Hrs. 15 Mins.						

YEAR		AIRCRAFT		PILOT, OR 1ST PILOT	2ND PILOT, PUPIL OR PASSENGER	DUTY (INCLUDING RESULTS AND REMARKS)
MONTH	DATE	Type	No.			
-	-	-	-	-	-	TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD
SEPTEMBER	1	LANCASTER	R5757	SELF.	Sgt. CLARKSON COPESTAKE OSBORNE ARNOLD BALL MORRIS.	OPERATIONS SAARBRÜCKEN
	2	LANCASTER	R5757	SELF.	CREW AS ABOVE.	N.F.T.
	2	LANCASTER	R5757	SELF.	Sgt. CLARKSON COPESTAKE OSBORNE ARNOLD BALL MORRIS.	OPERATIONS KARLSRUHE
	4	LANCASTER	R5757	SELF.	CREW AS ABOVE.	N.F.T.
	4	LANCASTER	R5757	SELF.	Sgt. CLARKSON COPESTAKE OSBORNE ARNOLD BALL MORRIS.	OPERATIONS BREMEN.
	6	LANCASTER	R5757	SELF.	CREW AS ABOVE.	N.F.T.
	6	LANCASTER	R5757	SELF.	Sgt. CLARKSON COPESTAKE OSBORNE ARNOLD BALL MORRIS.	OPERATIONS DUISBURG.
	10	LANCASTER	R5757	SELF.	CREW AS ABOVE.	N.F.T.
	10	LANCASTER	R5757	SELF.	OR OSBORNE - Sgt. CLARKSON COPESTAKE ARNOLD BALL MORRIS.	OPERATIONS DÜSSELDORF.
	11	LANCASTER	R5757	SELF.	CREW AS ABOVE.	N.F.T.
	12	LANCASTER	R5757	Squad. BURNSIDE.	G.C. WHITWORTH SELF.  CREW.	N.F.T. + BEAM
GRAND TOTAL [Cols. (1) to (10)]						TOTALS CARRIED FORWARD
47.9 Hrs. .... Mins.						

YEAR		AIRCRAFT		PILOT, OR 1ST PILOT	2ND PILOT, PUPIL OR PASSENGER	DUTY (INCLUDING RESULTS AND REMARKS)
MONTH	DATE	Type	No.			
-	-	-	-	-	-	TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD
SEPTEMBER						
	13	LANCASTER	43287	SELF.	P.O. OSBORNE 50% COPESTAKE " CLARKSON " ARNOLD " BALL " MORRIS	OPERATIONS BREMEN.
	20	LANCASTER	5757	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE	FORMATION and N.F.T.
	23	LANCASTER	R5757	SELF	P.O. OSBORNE 34% COPESTAKE " CLARKSON " ARNOLD " BALL " MORRIS	OPERATIONS. WISMAR. BOMBS BROUGHT BACK.
	26	LANCASTER	5757	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE	BOMBING. PILOTS RELEASE INT.
	26	LANCASTER	6757	SELF	" " "	SEARCH-LIGHT CO-OP.
	27	LANCASTER	5757	SELF	" " "	AIR FIRING.
				SUMMARY FOR <b>SEPTEMBER</b> 1942		
				UNIT	69 SQUADRON	AIRCRAFT TYPES 1. LANCASTER.
				DATE	1 <sup>st</sup> OCTOBER.	2.
				SIGNATURE	T.V. Webster	
				<p><i>S. Bennett Hks.</i></p> <p>----- s</p> <p>O.C. "A" FLIGHT.</p>		
				<p><i>W. C. ...</i></p> <p>----- W/Cmdr.</p> <p>O.C. 69 SQUADRON.</p>		
GRAND TOTAL [Cols. (1) to (10)]						TOTALS CARRIED FORWARD
494 Hrs. 45 Mins.						

YEAR		AIRCRAFT		PILOT, OR 1ST PILOT	2ND PILOT, PUPIL OR PASSENGER	DUTY (INCLUDING RESULTS AND REMARKS)
MONTH	DATE	Type	No.			
-	-	-	-	-	-	TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD
OCTOBER.						
	1	LANCASTER	5757	SELF	Sgt. COPESTAKE " CLARKSON P/O OSBORNE Sgt. ARNOLD " BALL " MORRIS	N. F. T.
	1	LANCASTER.	5757	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE	OPS. WISMAR. Landed ACKLINGTON
	2	LANCASTER	5757	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE	FROM ACKLINGTON.
	4	LANCASTER.	5658	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE.	LOW LEVEL FORMATION.
	5	LANCASTER.	4181	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE.	N. F. T.
	5	LANCASTER	4181	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE.	OPS. AACHEN
	7	LANCASTER	5757	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE	AIR TEST.
	9	LANCASTER.	5757	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE	LOW LEVEL X COUNTRY.
	10	LANCASTER	5757	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE	LOW LEVEL X COUNTRY.
	12	LANCASTER	4196	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE	OPS. WISMAR.
	15	LANCASTER	4196	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE.	N. F. T.
	3	LANCASTER.	5658	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE.	AIR FIRING.
	15	LANCASTER	4196.	SELF.	Sgt. COPESTAKE " CLARKSON P/O OSBORNE Sgt. ARNOLD " BALL " MORTIMER.	OPS. COLOGNE.
	16	LANCASTER.	4306	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE.	LOW LEVEL X COUNTRY.
	17	LANCASTER	5757	SELF	Sgt. COPESTAKE " CLARKSON " MORTIMER " ARNOLD " BALL " MORRIS	OPS LE CREUSOT LOW LEVEL LANDED WADDINGTON
	28	LANCASTER	5762	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE	N. F. T.
	29	LANCASTER	5751	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE.	N. F. T. (PRACTICE BOMBING)
GRAND TOTAL [Cols. (1) to (10)]						TOTALS CARRIED FORWARD
547 Hrs. 40 Mins.						

YEAR		AIRCRAFT		PILOT, OR 1ST PILOT	2ND PILOT, PUPIL OR PASSENGER	DUTY (INCLUDING RESULTS AND REMARKS)
MONTH	DATE	Type	No.			
-	-	-	-	-	-	TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD
NOVEMBER.						
	5	LANCASTER	4181	SELF	Sgt. COPESTAKE .. CLARKSON .. BALL .. MORRIS .. ARNOLD .. MONTURE	LOCAL AIR TEST.
	6	LANCASTER	5757	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE.	N.F.T.
	6	LANCASTER	5757	SELF	Sgt. COPESTAKE .. CLARKSON .. BALL .. MORRIS .. ARNOLD .. MORTIMER.	OPERATIONS GENOA
	8	LANCASTER	5757	SELF.	CREW AS ABOVE.	N.F.T.
	8	LANCASTER	5757	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE.	NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY
	9	LANCASTER	5757	SELF	Sgt. JOHNSTONE .. COPESTAKE .. CLARKSON .. BALL .. ARNOLD .. MORRIS	OPERATIONS HAMBURG.
	22	LANCASTER	5757	SELF	CREW	N.F.T.
	22	LANCASTER	5757	SELF	Sgt. COPESTAKE .. CLARKSON .. BALL .. ARNOLD. .. MORRIS .. MONTURE.	LOW LEVEL (MOON LIGHT) OPERATIONS STUTTGART. 4 film of aircrafts shot up
	26	LANCASTER	5757	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE.	AIR TEST.
	28	LANCASTER	5757	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE.	N.F.T.
	28	LANCASTER	5757	SELF.	Sgt. COPESTAKE .. CLARKSON .. ARNOLD .. BALL .. MONTURE .. MORRIS.	OPERATIONS TURIN.
	29	LANCASTER	4314	SELF.	CREW AS ABOVE.	N.F.T.
GRAND TOTAL [Cols. (1) to (10)]						TOTALS CARRIED FORWARD
584 Hrs. 35 Mins.						

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## Nov 1942 - November 15

**Western Front:** During the day Hampdens of the R.N.Z.A.F. attacked enemy ships (1 hit) off Norway without loss. At night, a strong Bomber force, including many Halifaxes, heavily bombed Genoa, all planes returning, great damage was caused and many fires started in a concentrated 25 minutes attack in with many 1,000 lb. bombs and a great number of incendiaries were dropped.

YEAR		AIRCRAFT		PILOT, OR 1ST PILOT	2ND PILOT, PUPIL OR PASSENGER	DUTY (INCLUDING RESULTS AND REMARKS)
MONTH	DATE	Type	No.			
-	-	-	-	-	-	TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD
DECEMBER						
	11	LANCASTER	3757	SELF	<i>Flt Lt COPESTAKE</i> <i>Sgt CLARKSON</i> <i>" MORRIS</i> <i>" ARNOLD</i> <i>" BALL</i> <i>" MONTURE</i>	N. F. T.
	13	LANCASTER	4775	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE	HIGH LEVEL FORMATION
	14	LANCASTER	348	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE	HIGH LEVEL FORMATION
	17	LANCASTER	5892	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE	AIR TEST.
	20	LANCASTER	4181	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE.	N. F. T.
	20	LANCASTER	4113	SELF	<i>Flt Lt COPESTAKE</i> <i>Sgt CLARKSON</i> <i>Sgt WATT</i> <i>Sgt MORRIS</i> <i>" ARNOLD</i> <i>" BALL</i>	OPERATIONS DUISBERG.
	21	LANCASTER	5892	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE.	AIR TEST.
	21	LANCASTER	5757	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE.	AIR TEST
	23	LANCASTER	5757	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE	N. F. T.
				SUMMARY FOR	DECEMBER 1942	
				UNIT	44 SQUADRON	LANCASTER.
				DATE	1 <sup>st</sup> January 1943	
				SIGNATURE	<i>T.V. Debutis.</i>	
						AIRCRAFT TYPES.
				<i>R.A.P. A/Rehman p/lt</i>	<i>S/Lt.</i>	
				<i>O.C. "A" FLIGHT.</i>		
				<i>W/COR.</i>		
				<i>O.C. 49 SQUADRON.</i>		
GRAND TOTAL [Cols. (1) to (10)]						TOTALS CARRIED FORWARD
57.6 Hrs. 20 Mins.						

YEAR		AIRCRAFT		PILOT, OR 1ST PILOT	2ND PILOT, PUPIL OR PASSENGER	DUTY (INCLUDING RESULTS AND REMARKS)
MONTH	DATE	Type	No.			
-	-	-	-	-	-	TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD
JANUARY	1	LANCASTER	E.O. 452	SELF	F/SGT COPESTAKE SGT. BALL .. CLARKSON .. ARNOLD .. MONTAGUE .. MORRIS.	OPERATIONS BERLIN.
	30	LANCASTER	452	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE.	N.F.T.
	30	LANCASTER	452	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE	OPERATIONS HAMBURG.
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">           Summary for <u>JANUARY 1943</u>            Unit <u>49 SQUADRON</u> Aircraft            Date <u>15 FEBRUARY</u> Types            Signature <u>F.V. Roberts.</u> </div>						1. <u>LANCASTER.</u> 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____
				<i>R.A.P. Allbrook</i> Commanding, "A" Flight, No. 49 Squadron, R.A.F.		
				<i>W. Allen</i> Commanding, No. 49 Squadron, R.A.F.		
GRAND TOTAL [Cols. (1) to (10)]						TOTALS CARRIED FORWARD
6.11 Hrs. 25 Mins.						

145.10  
10.10  
5.10  
16 57.30

YEAR		AIRCRAFT		PILOT, OR 1ST PILOT	2ND PILOT, PUPIL OR PASSENGER	DUTY (INCLUDING RESULTS AND REMARKS)
MONTH	DATE	Type	No.			
-	-	-	-	-	-	TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD
FEB	1					
	1	LANCASTER	E.O. 492	SELF	F/sgt. COPESTAKE Sgt. CLARKSON " ARNOLD " BLAHA " BALL " MORRIS	N.F.T. TO WIGSLEY + RETURN.
	2	LANCASTER	452	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE.	OPERATIONS COLOGNE.
	5	LANCASTER	452	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE.	ALTITUDE TEST.
	6	LANCASTER	492	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE.	ALTITUDE TEST.
	10	LANCASTER	441	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE	N.F.T.
	11	LANCASTER	441	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE	OPERATIONS WILHELMSHAVEN
	13	LANCASTER	441	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE.	N.F.T.
	13	LANCASTER	441	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE.	OPERATIONS LORIENT.
	14	LANCASTER	441	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE	OPERATIONS MILAN
	16	LANCASTER	459	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE	AIR TEST + N.F.T.
	26	LANCASTER	452	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE	N.F.T.
	26	LANCASTER	452	SELF	F/sgt. COPESTAKE Sgt. CLARKSON " BLAHA " MONTURE " BALL " MORRIS	OPERATIONS COLOGNE.
SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 1943				1.	LANCASTER.	
UNIT 49 SQUADRON AIRCRAFT				2.		
DATE 1st MARCH TYPES				3.		
SIGNATURE: <i>K. J. Webber</i>				4.		
<i>W. R. Jackson</i> S/Lt.						
O.C. 'A' FLIGHT.						
<i>W. R. Jackson</i> w/cdr.						
O.C. 49 SQUADRON.						
GRAND TOTAL [Cols. (1) to (10)]						TOTALS CARRIED FORWARD
6.49 Hrs. 20 Mins.						

YEAR		AIRCRAFT		PILOT, OR 1ST PILOT	2ND PILOT, PUPIL OR PASSENGER	DUTY (INCLUDING RESULTS AND REMARKS)
MONTH	DATE	Type	No.			
-	-	-	-	-	-	TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD
MARCH	1	LANCASTER.		SELF	Capt. COPSTAKE SGT. MONFURE " CLARKSON " BLAHA " MORRIS " BALL	OPERATIONS. BERLIN.
Summary for MARCH 1943 Unit 49 SQUADRON Aircraft Date 12/3/43 Types Signature T.V. Webster.						1. LANCASTER. 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____
Summary for 49 SQUADRON 1942+3 Unit "A" FLIGHT Aircraft Date 12/3/43 Types Signature T.V. Webster						1. LANCASTER. 2. MANCHESTER. 3. _____ 4. _____
<p><i>A.H. Rackwell</i> 3/43 O.C. "A" Flight.</p> <p><i>A.H. Rackwell</i> w/cmdr O.C. 49 Squadron.</p>						
GRAND TOTAL [Cols. (1) to (10)] 656 Hrs. 45 Mins.						TOTALS CARRIED FORWARD

YEAR 1945	AIRCRAFT		PILOT, OR 1ST PILOT	2ND PILOT, PUPIL OR PASSENGER	DUTY (INCLUDING RESULTS AND REMARKS)	
	Type	No.				
BIRTH	DATE					
					TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD	
APRIL						
	3	LANCASTER	F O	SELF	CREW	H.L.B + F/A.
	6	LANCASTER	X	SELF	CREW	F/A + P.P.I.
	7	LANCASTER		% PLENDERLEITH	SELF F/S NICOLSON F/O DIGMAN F/O NICHOLLS P/O RODDA F/S SYMS F/S LEARMAN	OPERATIONS MOLBIS.
	8	LANCASTER	R	SELF	F/S LAWN P/O WHITE F/O BIGGS F/O KELLY W/O PETERS F/O CRANSWICK	OPERATIONS LUTIKENDORF DIVEATED TO MORTON IN MARSH
	12	LANCASTER	R	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE	FROM MORTON IN MARSH.
	14	LANCASTER	X	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE	H.L.B + P.P.I.
	16	LANCASTER	R	SELF	F/S LAWN P/O WHITE F/O BIGGS F/L KELLEY W/O PETERS F/O CRANSWICK F/S LAWN	OPERATIONS PILSEN (BOOMERANG) HYDRAULICS 4/5 ON TAKE OFF.
	17	LANCASTER	P	SELF	P/O WHITE F/O BIGGS F/L KELLEY W/O PETERS F/O CRANSWICK.	OPERATIONS CHAM.
	19	LANCASTER	R	SELF	CREW AS ABOVE	P.P.I. + F/A.
	20	LANCASTER.	O	SELF	AND CAPT. LONG. F/O ROYSTON-PIGOTT + CREW.	20 SORTIE CHECK.
	22.	LANCASTER	R	SELF	F/S LAWN P/O WHITE F/O BIGGS F/L KELLEY W/O PETERS F/O CRANSWICK	P. P. I.
GRAND TOTAL [Cols. (1) to (10)]					TOTALS CARRIED FORWARD	

1.478

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YEAR		AIRCRAFT		PILOT, OR 1ST PILOT	2ND PILOT, PUPIL OR PASSENGER	DUTY (INCLUDING RESULTS AND REMARKS)
MONTH	DATE	Type	No.			
1945						
APRIL						TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD
	23	LANCASTER	R	SELF	F/L HAYWARD F/O BIGGS P/O WHITE F/L KELLEY W/O PETERS F/O CRANSWICK F/S. LAWN	OPERATIONS FLENSBURG BOMBS BROUGHT BACK
	25	LANCASTER	X	SELF	P/O WHITE F/O WINTERS F/L KELLEY W/O PETERS F/O CRANSWICK	OPERATIONS BERCHTESGADEN
SUMMARY FOR APRIL UNIT 44 (RHODESIA SQUADRON) DATE 1/5/45 SIGNATURE T.V. Webster						AIRCRAFT TYPES 1. LANCASTER - TOTAL 2. OPERATIONAL 3. TRAINING 4.
S. Beil O.C. 44 SQDN W/COR.				S. J. Ferguson O.C. 'B' FLIGHT S/LDR.		
GRAND TOTAL [Cols. (1) to (6)]						TOTALS CARRIED FORWARD
1,492						40

