

159 Squadron
Form 541
May 1946:

Aircraft Type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
					3rd. May 1946
Lib. Mk. VIII. A/C ¹	F/O. Caird J.F. (P) F/O. Aries S.J. (P) Sgt. Walsh J.J. F/E F/S. Ainsworth A. Nav F/O. Spencer W.A. A/B F/S. Graham J.N. W/Op	Photo Recco of position 22:43N 86:52E	0715	0845	F/O. Caird and crew flew one sortie at 7,000 feet The area was covered in several runs on a heading of 270 degrees T. The no of exposures on each run was 14 and at a time interval of six secs. The length of each run was four miles. The area was clear of cloud but visibility was reduced by haze.
Lib. Mk. VIII. A/C "S" KN772	F/O. Haines P.J. (P) F/S. Stewart R. (P) F/O. Willcocks Nav Sgt. Holton A/B F/O. Evans W/Op F/S. Lee F/E	Photo Recco of position 22:55N 86:55E	0645	0815	F/O. Haines and crew carried out one sortie at 3,500 ft. In order to cover the area 15 runs were required. Owing to a camera fault and the presence of low cloud, the sortie was discontinued after 4 runs had been made. The runs were carried out on a landing ² of 316 degrees T. the no. of exposures for each run of 7 miles being 45 at a time interval of 3 secs.
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					4th. May 1946
					5th. May, 1946. No flying carried out.
					6th May, 1946. No flying carried out.
					7th. May, 1946.
Lib. Mk. VIII. A/C "F" KN764	F/O. Allsop H. (P) F/S. Todd D. (P) F/O. Freeland A/B	Photo Recco of position 22:49N	0645	0945	F/O. Allsop and crew flew one sortie to site 8. This was carried out at a height of 7,000 ft. A total of seven runs on a heading of 270 degrees T. completely covered the area. Each run was four miles in length, needing 16 exposures at a time interval of 6

¹ Code letter and serial are not given in the record.

² Record states "landing", but "heading" is probably what was intended.

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	F/S. Pepperell W/Op	86:38E			seconds.
	F/S. Forshaw Nav.				
					8th. May, 1946.
					No flying carried out.
					9th. May, 1946.
Lib. Mk. VIII.	F/L. Justham D. (P)	Photo Recco	0715	1135	F/L. Justham and crew flew one sortie but successfully photographed two areas. Site 5 was visited first and 12 runs were made at a height of 7,000 ft. on a heading of 270 degrees T. Each run was 9 miles long requiring 30 exposures at a time interval of 6 secs. Site 2 was covered at the same height of 7,000 ft. and the runs were also on 270 degrees T. The area covered was smaller and needed only 6 runs of 3 miles in length 12 exposures were made on each run at a time interval of 6 secs. Both areas were clear of cloud, but haze reduced the visibility.
A/C. "K" KN138	F/S. Bury R. (P)	of position			
	F/O. Maraden E. Nav	23:08N			
	F/O. Thompson A/B	86:33E			
	F/S. Vessey W/Op	23:09N			
	P/O. Patterson F/E	86:39E			
					During the month of May the Squadron completed its photographic commitment. Nine areas were selected and the Squadron working in close co-operation with 355 Sqdn, successfully photographed 9 of these.