



## MVF-111 Operation Gardening - WW2



Operation Gardening in WW2 was mine laying by the RAF with mines dropped in coastal areas and river estuaries along the French, Belgium and Dutch coasts. The objective being to blockade ports and hinder river transport of goods to enemy factories.

A total of 19,917 flights were made resulting in the loss of 638 enemy vessels. 450 aircraft were lost.



**Short Stirling**

**Aircraft** Short Stirling, AVRO Lancaster (Or any appropriate aircraft)

### **Minelaying flights by RAF 149 Squadron.**

1. Aircraft from RAF 149 Sqn, depart RAF Lakenheath EGUL Carry out simulated mine laying off La Rochelle, LFBH. Return to Lakenheath. 760 nm.
2. Depart RAF Lakenheath. Carry out simulated mine laying over estuary at Lann-Bihoue Navy, LFRH. Return to Lakenheath. 636 nm.
3. Depart RAF Lakenheath. Simulated mine laying over estuary at Guipavas-Brest, LFRB. Return to Lakenheath. 608 nm.

4. Depart RAF Lakenheath. Simulated mine laying over coast at Octeville, LFOH. 346 nm.

**NOTAMS:**

Total 2350 nm.

Mines dropped at max altitude of 1500ft at 180 Knots.

Four flights for ribbon credit.