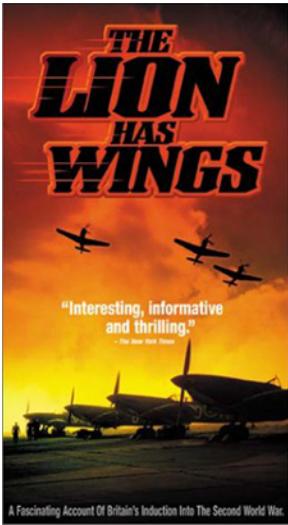




# 1940

In 1940, RAF Station Mildenhall became the location for two films. The first was “The Lion has Wings,” and the second was “Target for Tonight.” The propaganda film staged at RAF Station Mildenhall entitled “The Lion has Wings,” showed the nation how the station and its Wellington bombers prepared for war. The Crown Film Unit made Harry Watt’s “Target for Tonight” on RAF Station Mildenhall using Wellingtons from No. 149 Squadron.



Advertisements for both movies



*No. 149 (East India) (Bomber) Squadron*

On January 18, 1940, No. 149 Squadron conducted its first night bombing. Previously British bombers conducted daylight bombings over targets in Europe. This changed to nighttime bombing due to heavy bomber losses.

On October 27, 1940, RAF Station Mildenhall received its first attack by German fighters and bombers. Like many RAF Stations throughout southeast England, who were in range of German aircraft, this would not be the last attack on RAF Station Mildenhall.

Another first for RAF Station Mildenhall took place on December 4, 1940, when Wellington bombers attacked Turin, Italy, located near the border between France and Italy. This was the first attack on Italy by Wellington bombers flying directly from the U.K.