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of (Unit or Formation).....Station Headquarters.....CRANWELL.

Place.	Date.	Time.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
CRANWELL.	1.9.39.		Lieutenant T.A. Tindle assumes the duties of Station Defence Officer.	D.R.O. 170.
			Education Officers - members of the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve - recalled for duty.	
			Aerodrome Council School closed owing to evacuation.	D.R.O. 166.
	2.9.39.		Lighting restrictions introduced, and guards posted at entrances to the Station.	
	3.9.39.		Receipt of message stating that War has been declared on Germany by the Allied Powers. Group Captain Strugnell, MC., posted to Command (A/Cdre Post). <u>Royal Air Force College becomes a Flying Training School, and is self-controlled.</u>	A.M.P.L. 319.

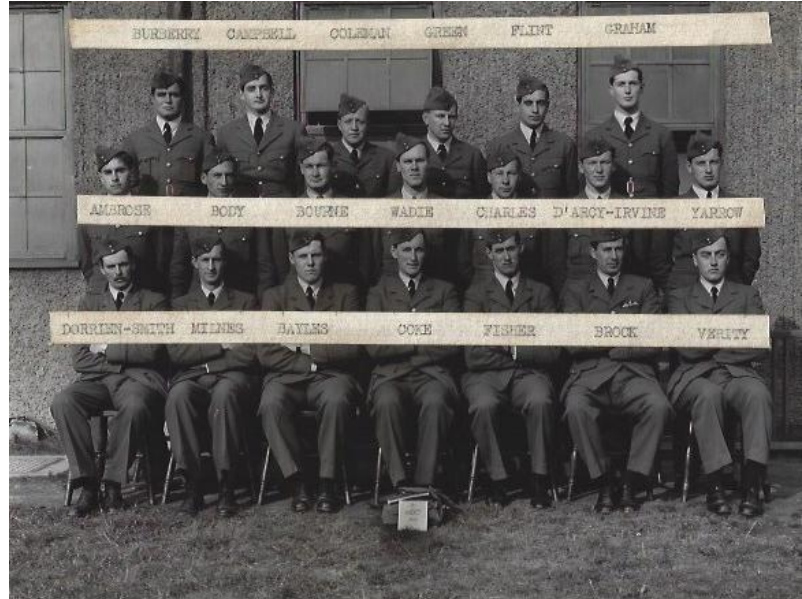


Bayles, Ian Norman (SFTS Course 5)



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Born in Melbourne, Bayles arrived with his parents in England in 1923 and was educated at Winchester College. Although he returned to Australia in 1937, he decided to study law at Oxford before retiring to practice in Melbourne. He joined the UAS in 1938 and then transferred to the RAFVR in June 1939. Commissioned on 26 December, he underwent flying training at the newly formed SFTS Cranwell, on Course 5, before joining 152 Squadron at Ackington on 20 April 1940.



After Converting to Spitfires at 5 OTU, he was posted to 249 Squadron at Leconfield, but rejoined 152 Squadron on 9 June 1940 after personal intervention from OC 152 Squadron.

Bayles damaged a Bf 110 on 15 August, claimed a Ju 88 (destroyed) and an He 111 (damaged) on 25 September, damaged a Bf 110 on the 27th and He 111 on the 30th.

On 18 August, he was posted from 152 Squadron to instruct. He attended a short gunnery course in mid-1942 and then posted to 224 Group India. Returning to ops in February 1943, he assumed command of 135 Squadron till November, flying Hurricane ops along the Arakan Coast.

He took command of 273 Squadron in December 1944 until appointed as Wing Commander Flying, 902 Wing in April 1945. He was awarded a DFC in October that year.

Returning to the UK in late 1945, he was released from the RAF in July 1946 and returned with his family in Australia in 1947. He died in August 1998.



Lusk, Harold Stewart (SFTS Course 5)



Born in Auckland on 7 August 1918, Lusk was educated at King's College. In 1937, he went to the UK to study at Merton College, Oxford. He joined the University Air Squadron in 1938 and was commissioned in the RAFVR in January 1939.

Called up on 9 September 1939, Lusk was posted to the RAF College to attend SFTS Course 5, when he was trained on Oxfords. At the end of the course, he was posted to No 1 School of Army Co-operation at Old Sarum, for No 7 Course, which ran from 20 May to 22 June 1940.



Lusk then went to 5 OTU Aston Down on the 23rd, converted to Blenheims and joined 25 Squadron at Martlesham Heath on 6 July.

He flew his first operational sortie on the 13th, a convey patrol.

Lusk served with the squadron until August 1941, when he was posted to RAF Valley, as Senior Flying Control Officer. After an airfield control course at Prestwick, he returned to Valley, as Airfield Controller. In February 1943, Lusk joined 285 Squadron at Woodvale, anti-aircraft co-operation unit. In December, he took command of 291 Squadron at Hutton Cranswick, on similar duties.

On 1 January 1944, Lusk transferred to the RNZAF and at the end of the year he left 291 Squadron to resume his studies at Oxford, retaining the rank of Squadron Leader.

After qualifying in late 1945, Lusk returned to the RNZAF and was repatriated to New Zealand, disembarking on 10 January 1946. He went onto the Reserve soon afterwards and joined a law firm in Auckland. Lusk was appointed QC on 23 October 1973. He died on 11 April 2009 at Waikanai.