# RAF COLLEGE CRANWELL "AT WAR"



September 1939 - April 1947

#### War Year Air Officers Commanding Cranwell



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On the outbreak of war, flight cadet training ceased and the RAF College closed.

The College was re-opened immediately as the Royal Air Force College Training School, later to be referred to as the Service Flying Training School. Cranwell's task was Elementary Flying to a standard of proficiency that would enable pupils to go forward to their Operational Training Units. Initially, there was one intake a month, split into two squadrons; the flying training of these airmen, not officers or cadets, lasted 3 months. Later in the war, SFTS trained Free French, Dutch, Danish as well as Commonwealth airmen to serve in the RAF; from 1942, SFTS trained officers from the Turkish Air Force, before training was ramped down towards the end of 1943.

At the cessation of war, the then 17 FTS moved to Spitalgate, near Grantham, and 19 FTS continued the SFTS role at Cranwell. The pilots of the last few courses on 19 FTS were given the option of an additional three months Initial Office Training and formed the first two Entries, Nos 45 and 46, of the reintroduced Flight Cadet System.

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#### BRIEF NOTES ON ROYAL AIR FORCE CRANWELL OCTOBER 1939 TO MAY 1940

All Instructional Staff and Flight Cadets were recalled from leave to the College on 30 August 1939 in view of the grave international situation. Immediately after the declaration of war against Germany, the Royal Air Force College ceased to function as such and was formed as the Royal Air Force College Flying Training School. There was no change of staff or students, but the normal Flight Cadet syllabus was dropped and all emphasis was on Flying Training. The FTS had an Intermediate Training Squadron and an Advanced Training Squadron.

The last <u>PROPER</u> Flight Cadet Entry to pass out was the September 1937 Entry which passed out on 28 July 1939. The following entries were at various stages of instruction (normally the Flight Cadet Courses lasted 2 years) at the outbreak of war:

January 1938 Entry.
April 1938 Entry.
September 1938 Entry.
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The Entry due in in September 1939 was already recruited and in the pipeline; this was sent initially to No 9 Elementary Flying Training School at Royal Air Force Ansty. Later they came back to Cranwell in April 1940 to join the FTS and was called the April 1940 Entry.

All the Flight Cadets in these 6 entries were listed as Aircraftmen 2 (AC2) on 7 September 1939, then on 8 September 1939 as Leading Aircraftmen (LAC).

The Senior Flight Cadet Course, ie January 1938 Entry, were posted at the outbreak of war to Specialist Courses or to Operational Training Units. The rest of the 5 Flight Courses formed the nucleus of the first 5 Courses of FTS at Cranwell.

These 6 Flight Cadet Courses did <u>NOT</u> complete the proper Flight Cadet Training Course.

These first 5 FTS Courses were a mixture of ex-Flight Cadets, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve Pilots and ex-University Air Squadron Pilots.

The last ex-Flight Cadets (ie April 1940 Entry) were trained on No 9 Course FTS and were joined by 16 Australians. They passed out late August-early September 1940.

The May 1940 Course, ie No 10 Course FTS, were recruited from the Initial Training Squadrons and Elementary Flying Training Schools.

At some time early in this period (I cannot trace the actual date) the title of Royal Air Force College Flying Training School changed to Royal Air Force Service Flying Training School (RAFSFTS).

The length of the Course in Intermediate Training Squadron was 6 months, and concentrated on Flying Training with some ground school studies (navigation etc).

The Advanced Training School length of Course is not known, but they made detachments to West Freugh and Warmwell for gunnery and bombing practice. During May 1940 the Advanced Training School was dropped and the Intermediate Training School doubled in size to accelerate the flow of replacement pilots to the squadrons.

The average Course was about 39 students and the pilot wastage was approximately 25%.

The aircraft flown were:

Hawker Audax.

Hawker Hind.

Hawker Hart.

Hawker Fury.

Hawker Hector.

Miles Master.

Airspeed Oxford.

and the single-engined aircraft were given up cMay 1940 in favour of the twin-engined Oxfords.

Accommodation was in the College Hall Building. The 'old' single rooms of the Flight Cadets were now double rooms. The larger rooms like the games rooms, lecture rooms etc were used as dormitories - there was gross overcrowding in all rooms. With the overcrowding, life in the Mess was a lot more informal and less rigid.

Cooks and dining hall staff were mainly all Women's Auxiliary Air Force (WAAF's). There was almost continuous flying, therefore meals were at all times. Strict food rationing was in force in the UK and meals were difficult to produce, eg early diners got meat, later ones got gravy!! Local farmers were asked to supply extra produce, meat and vegetables, for the 'War Effort'.

In the time span of October 1939 to May 1940 there was a particularly hard winter. From 1 to 25 February 1940, instructors and pupils were give leave because of the thick snow and the ice-bound state of the airfield.

The above facts were gleaned from various notebooks, journals and papers deposited in the Royal Air Force College archives - there is no <u>ONE</u> definitive source. Indeed, as the College was officially closed and SFTS records were taken with them when they left in 1944, it is very difficult to piece together accurate details of College life 1939-1944.

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#### **CRANWELL**

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SATELLITE AIRFIELDS Barks

Barkston Heath 1941-43 Fulbeck 1941-42 Caistor 1943-44 Wellingore 1943-45 Coleby Grange 1944-45

During the Second World War, Cranwell was one of the largest training centres in the RAF and housed up to 5000 personnel. Courses were conducted for both air crew and ground staff and large numbers of flying instructors, pilots and airborne wireless operators, as well as many crews for Coastal Command squadrons were trained here.

In September 1939 the RAF College and No 1 Electrical & Wireless School were the principal occupants of the Station. At the outbreak of war the College's Flying Wing was mobilised as a Service Flying Training School and was equipped with Audaxes, Hinds and Oxfords, plus a smaller number of Harts and Furies. As such it was split into Intermediate and Advanced Training Squadrons, and in the first six months of war part of the course was carried out by detachments at such stations as West Freugh and Warmwell where bombing and gunnery training was undertaken. During May 1940 Master Aircraft were introduced and in that fateful summer the school took on a further changeable appearance when it was rapidly reorganised, firstly to drop Advanced Training and double the Intermediate output in order to accelerate the flow of replacement pilots to the squadrons, and shortly afterwards to give up its single engined aircraft and concentrate on twin engined training with Oxfords. The Luftwaffe were not slow to realise the importance of the Station and several raids were made on Cranwell during June and September that year.

No 2 Flying Instructors' School was formed in September 1940 alongside the College SFTS for the purpose of training selected pilots as instructors which were urgently needed as the Air Force rapidly expanded. The new unit was equipped with Oxford and Tutor aircraft and after a few weeks was renamed No 2 Central Flying School. It quickly became an important unit in its own right, and moved out in June 1941 to a new airfield at Church Lawford.

The College SFTS meanwhile was growing both in size and importance, and by the Spring of 1941 was operating a fleet of over 150 Oxfords. To relieve the consequent congestion and facilitate night flying, Relief Landing Grounds were therefore brought into use at Fulbeck and Barkston Heath. In January 1942 the function of the unit was again changed to provide half single and half twin-engined training, and a number of Oxfords were replaced again by Master aircraft.

Pilots of many nationalities were a notable feature at Cranwell and in May 1942, for example, countries represented included Belgium, France and Turkey. British Army officers transferred to the RAF were also given training here. During 1943 Refresher Courses were introduced for pilots who had been on non-flying duties and during the latter half of the war a regular flow of Turkish aircrews passed through the School, and carried out an abridged operational training course on special flights of Spitfire and Blenheim aircraft. By 1943 the original Relief Landing Grounds at Fulbeck and Barkston Heath had been earmarked for development by Bomber Command and the satellite airfields at Caistor and Wellingore were taken over in their place. Coleby Grange airfield was also adopted as a relief landing ground in the autumn of 1944 when it had ceased to function as an operational night fighter station.

The SFTS was moved out of the College buildings in January 1944 and a few weeks later was redesignated 17 SFTS. Following the Invasion in June it was required to deal with increasing numbers of aircrew released from POW captivity and the training given to these pilots, as well as to aircrews from a number of countries overseas, including Iraq and Persia, formed the main duty of the unit in the last months of war. During this period the complement of Oxfords and Masters was augmented by Harvards, Blenheims and Spitfires and immediately before VE day the unit moved to Grantham (Spitalgate). Its place was taken by 19 FTS which commenced to form with Harvard aircraft on 1st May 1945.

The departure of No 2 CFS in June 1941 had meanwhile left room for the arrival of No 3 (Coastal) Operational Training Unit which was reformed at Cranwell in August as a lodger unit. Wellingtons and Whitleys formed the principal equipment of the unit, which also used a number of Ansons, and its function was to train crews for Operational Squadrons in Coastal Command.

In addition to conversion training on to large aircraft, the bombing and gunnery practice, the 3 OTU syllabus included long cross country and overseas training flights from Cranwell; one regular exercise route extended out to Rockall and required some 980 miles of flying.

It was a Whitley of 3 OTU which, during night flying on 18<sup>th</sup> March 1942, crashed into the roof at the west end of the College, killing its crew of three and causing extensive damage to the building. A year later the last Whitleys were withdrawn from service, and the unit received additional Wellingtons, some of which were equipped with Leigh Light equipment. No 3 OTU remained at Cranwell until June 1943 when it moved to Haverfordwest.

Returning to September 1939, Cranwell was also the home of No 1 Electrical and Wireless School, which was responsible for the training of airborne Wireless and Radar Operators and ground electrical and wireless tradesmen. The Schools' flying activities were carried out by the Signals Squadron, which in 1939 was mainly equipped with Wallace aircraft and was located on the North aerodrome. Other types

used included Magisters and DH 86s as well as one or two ancient Valentias, which continued in use as flying classrooms until the last was retired in February 1942.

The flying element of 1 E&WS became part of No 1 Signals School during a reorganisation in August 1940, and shortly afterwards its fleet of Wallaces was replaced by more modern Proctors. These bore the brunt of airborne W/OP training and were assisted by a smaller number of DH 86 and DH 89 aircraft. The unit was again redesignated in January 1943 becoming No 1 Radio School, but its functions and equipment remained the same and it continued its training programme until it was disbanded in may 1944.

Before the war Cranwell had become one of the first airfields to be equipped with a concrete runway, which was provided for the experimental long distance flights made by Wellesley aircraft in 1938. This facility subsequently proved valuable for trials of aircraft requiring a long take-off run, such as the massive Hamilcar glider which carried out some of its early flying from here. On 15<sup>th</sup> May 1941 an event of the utmost importance took place. On that day the Gloster E28/39 prototype was wheeled out of a guarded hangar and after running up its experimental jet engine took off from the runway for its flight. Though few were there to witness it at the time because of the need for top security, this was to be a historic moment not only for Cranwell but for the whole of British aviation. Trials with this aircraft continued at Cranwell and elsewhere and within two years a number of F9/40 development aircraft were ready for trials. One of these was also sent to Cranwell and on 5<sup>th</sup> March 1943 made its first flight here. Fourteen months later Meteors were joining the squadrons as the first jet aircraft to enter service in any of the allied Air Forces.

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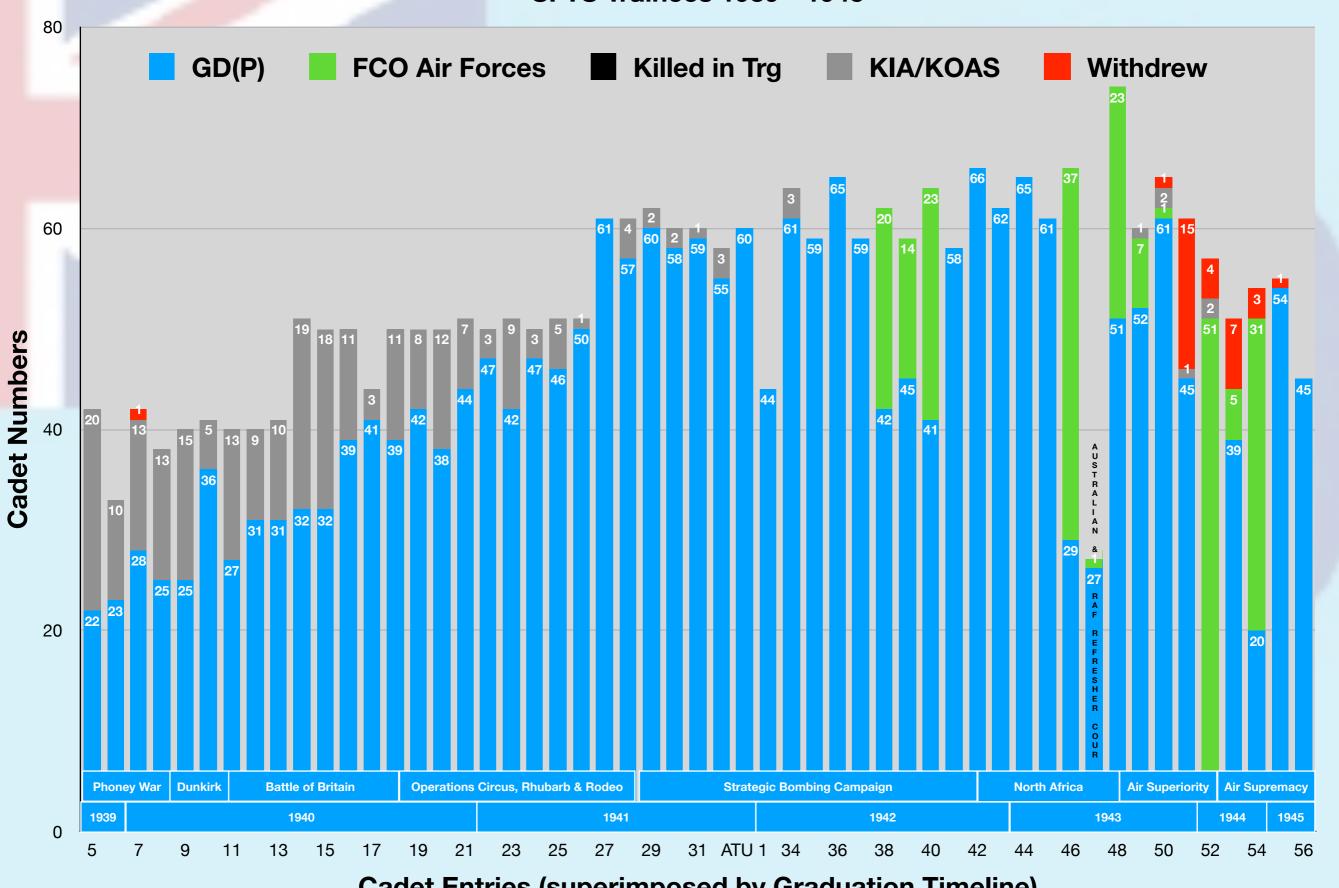
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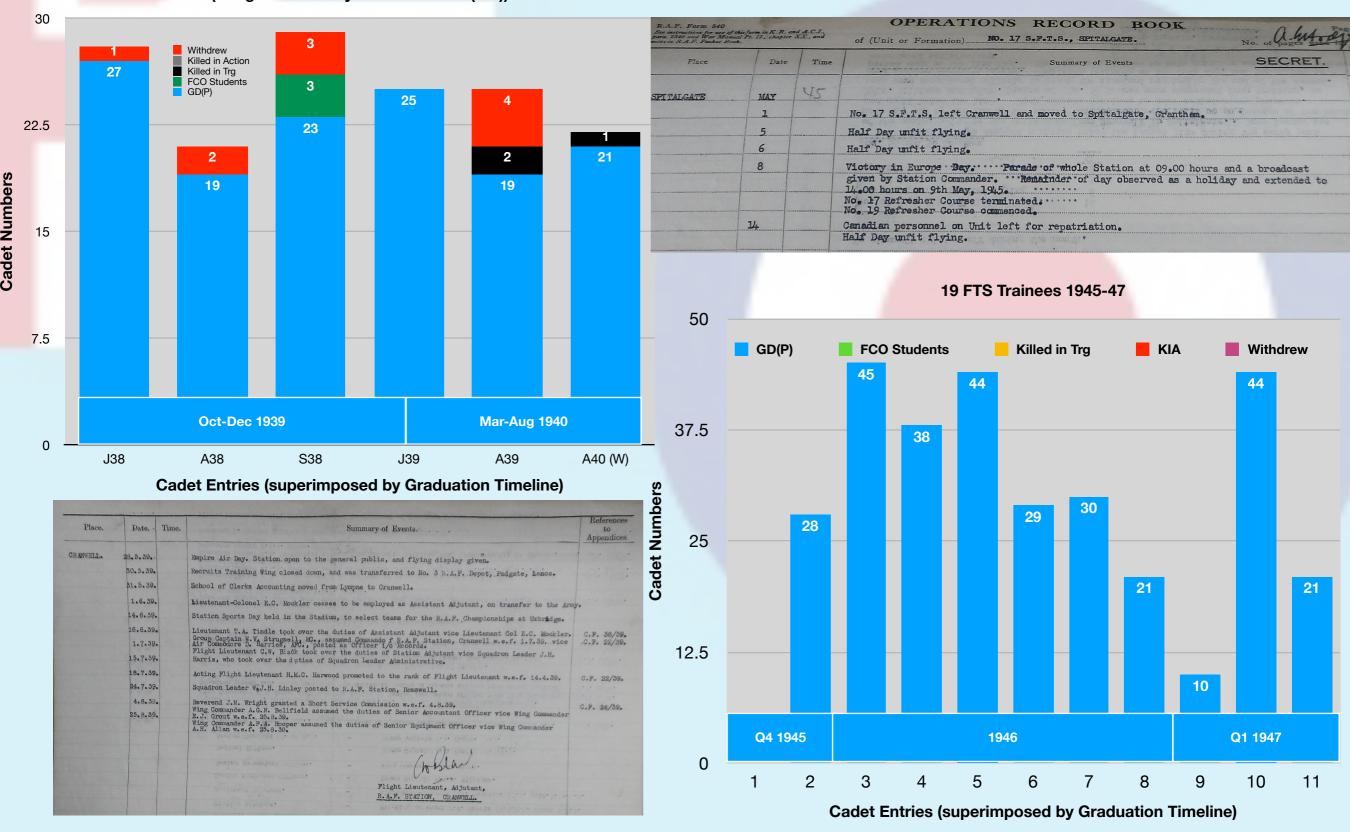
**SFTS Trainees 1939 - 1945** 



**Cadet Entries (superimposed by Graduation Timeline)** 

#### Immediate Pre & Post War Year Training Statistics

Cadet Graduations in the Early 1940s (Merged with Early SFTS Courses (1-4))



1939 Sqn Photos



"A" SQUADRON, ROYAL AIR FORCE COLLEGE, CRANWELL

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"C" SQUADRON (Champion Squadron), ROYAL AIR FORCE COLLEGE, CRANWELL JULY, 1939

Back Rose—F/C, Cpl. A. R. Wright F/C, P. C. L. Parkhouse F/C, P. I. Howard-Williams F/C, G. O'I G. Hyne F/C, R. H. Holland F/C, R. N. Bahl F/C, M. M. Stephens F/C, G. H. M. Riddell F/C, D. M. Barbour F/C, J. M. Macdemald F/C, J. P. Batter F/C, J. S. Cameron F/C, J. C. Lowe F/C, J. W. McKenzie F/C, J. H. Dessey, F/C, D. D. D. Haig F/C, R. J. S. Parsons F/C, C. R. Temlett F/C, M. W. Coombes F/C, W. A. Smith F/C, A. D. Livingstone F/C, P. C. Tomas F/C, D. D. D. Dessey, F/C, D. D. D. D. Milson F/C, D. D. D. Milson F/C, P. C. Tomas F/C, P. C. P. D. Backford F/C, P. W. Yanghan F/C, P. C. P. Stevenson F/C, Cpl. C. Warren F/C, Cpl. D. E. D. Milson F/C, D. D. D. Dessey, F/C, Cpl. C. Warren F/C, Cpl. C. R. G. C. R. Chandler F/C, Cpl. C. R. G. C. R. Chandler F/C, Cpl. C. R. C. R. Chandler F/C, Cpl. C. R. G. Chandler F/C, Cpl. Cha



Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Andrew Henry Humphrey GCB, OBE, DFC, AFC & Two Bars (10 Jan 1921 – 24 Jan 1977) J39 Entry; graduated with SFTS

"B" SQUADRON, ROYAL AIR FORCE COLLEGE, CRANWELL

#### **Awards for Gallantry - 1940 Cadets**

Graduation Year

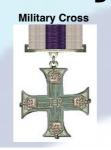


















1940

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CT Davis
IP Howard-Williams
JMO Dyer
AH Humphrey
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JN Rowland (2)
AAJ Sanders
JA Sowrey

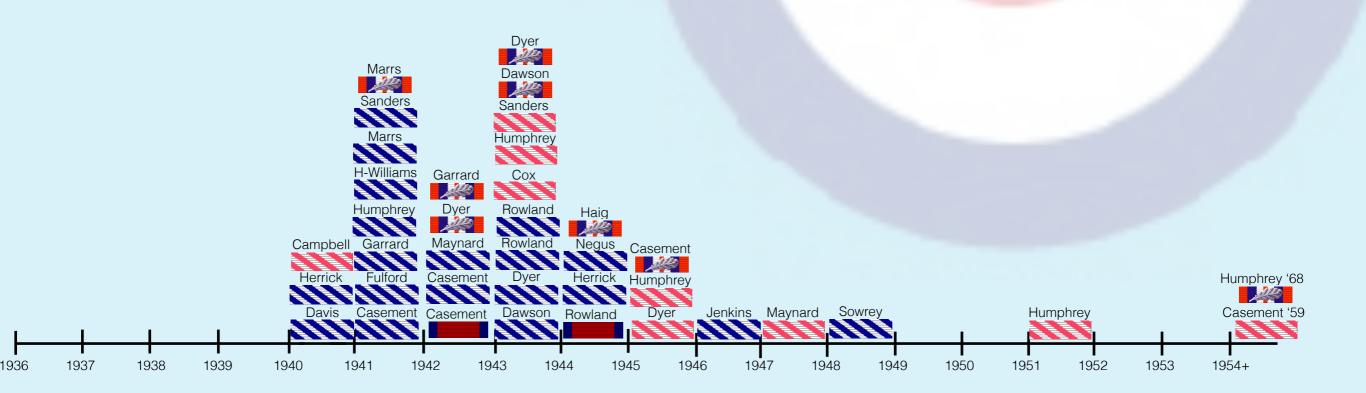
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MJ Herrick (2)
HA Jenkins
NMMaynard

IR Campbell JMO Dyer AHHumphrey (3) AAJ Sanders

JMO Dyer (2) AM Humphrey ES Marrs

1940 War Entry

PR Casement MI Cox NM Maynard PR Casement GN Dawson P Garrard JG Haig



#### **Service Awards**















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**MBE** 

IR Campbell AH Humphrey 1940

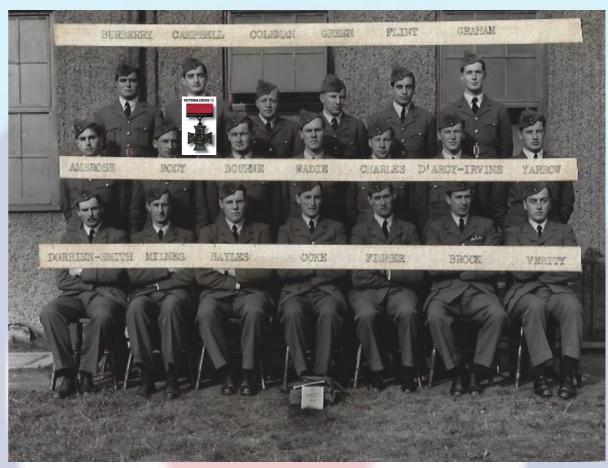
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## 1940 College Cadets - Highest Rank

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1940 War Entry	GE Chandler (K '40) JAJ Davey (K BoB) BP Erskine (K '40) D Fulford (K '42) HG Gilbert (K '40) E Jackson (K '41) RHW Parker (K '40) PHH Pritchard (PD '40) WC Watling (K '41) AR Watson (K '40)	AM Phillips (K '42) WD Whatley (K '42)	JG Brown (K '42) MI Cox (PD '44) GN Dawson (K '42) PA Tomlinson (Ret '45)	JFD Elkington P Gerrard (PD '43) JG Haigh	HA Jenkins TRN Wheatley-Smith	PR Casement				NM Manyard	
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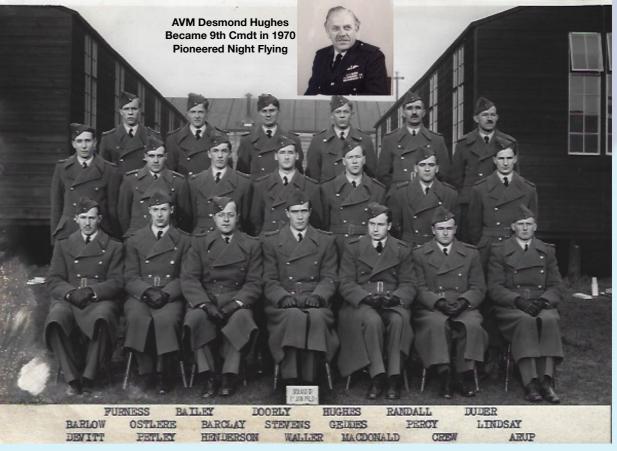
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Place.	Date.	Time.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
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			Aerodrame Council School closed owing to evacuation.	D.R.O. 168
	2.9.39.		Lighting restrictions introduced, and guards posted at 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).	
			Royal Air Force College becomes a Flying Training School, and is self-controlled.	A.N.P.L.



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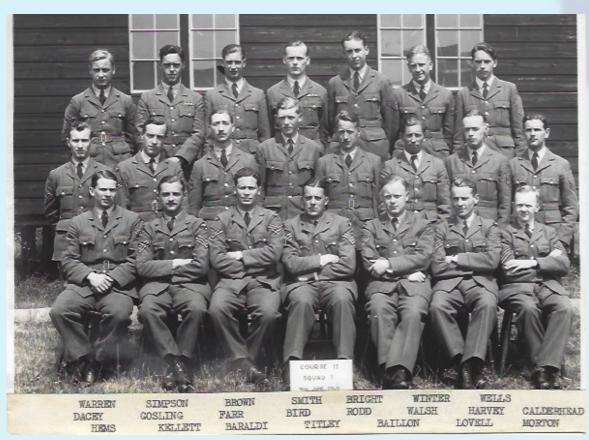




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#### **Battle of Britain - The Dowding Letter**

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"ARGENARCH STANMORE."

Reference - PC/8.19048.

HEADQUARTERS, FIGHTER COMMAND,
ROYAL AIR FORCE,
BENTLEY PRIORY,
STANMORE,

165h May, 1960.

Sir

calls which have recently been made upon the Home Defence Fighter Units in an attempt to stem the German invasion on the Continent.

2. I hope and believe that our Armice may yet be victorious in France and Belgium, but we have to face the possibility that they may be defeated.

3. In this case I presume that there is no-one who will deny that England should right on, even though the remainder of the Continent of Europe is dominated by the Germans.

4. For this purpose it is necessary to retain some minimum f ghter strength in this country and I must request that the Air Council will inform me what they consider this minimum strength to be, in order that I may make my dispositions accordingly.

5. I would ramind the Air Council that the last estimate which they made as to the force necessary to defend this country was 52 Squadrons, and my strength has now been reduced to the equivalent of 36 Squadrons.

on which the Air Council and the Cabinet are prepared to stake the existence of the country, it should be made clear to the Allied Commanders on the Continent that not a single acroplane from Fighter Command beyond the limit will be sent across the Channel, no matter how desperate the situation may become.

7. It will, of course, be remembered that the estimate of 52 Squadrons was based on the essumption that the attack would come from the eastwards except in so far as the defences might be outflanked in flight. We have now to face the possibility that attacks may come from Spain or even from the North coast of France. The result is that our line is very much extended at the same time as our resources are reduced.

S. I must point out that within the last few days the equivalent of 10 Squadrons have been sent to France, that the Hurricans Squadrons remaining in this country are seriously depleted, and that the more squadrons which are sent to France the higher will be the westage and the more insistent the demands for reinforcements.

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The College library displays a copy of the original letter sent by ACM Sir Hugh Dowding to the PUS for Air, expressing his concern about the continued use of his fighter force in a beleaguered France and seeking its retention for the Battle of Britain which he foresaw.

In the film *Battle of Britain*, the opening sequence shows the PUS interviewing Dowding on receipt of this historic and 'game changing' letter. You may recall the script as the PUS challenged Dowding, "You realise, Dowding, the Prime Minister will have to see this." To which Dowding, played by Laurence Olivier, responded without flinching, "That's why I wrote it."

9. I must therefore request that as a matter of paramount urgency the Air Ministry will consider and paramount urgency the Air Ministry will consider and paramount urgency the Air Ministry will consider and will decide what level of strength if to be left to the paramount of the defence of this country, and will decide what level of strength if to be left to the reached, not one pighter Command for the defence of this country, and will assure me that when this level has been reached, not one fighter will be sent across the Channel however urgent and insistent the appeals for help may be.

I believe that, if an adequate fighter force is kept in this country, if the fleet remains in being, and kept in this country, if the fleet remains in being, and if Home Forces are suitably organised to resist invasion, we should be able to carry on the war single handed for we should be able to carry on the war single handed for some time, if not indefinitely. But, if the Home Defence some time, if not indefinitely. But, if the Home Defence some time, if not indefinitely attempts to remedy the Force is drained away in desperate attempts to remedy the situation in France, defeat in France will involve the situation in France, defeat in France will involve the final, complete and irremed table defeat of this country.



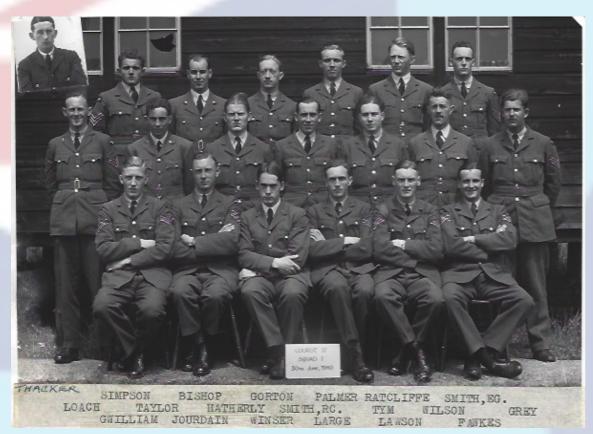
I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient Sarvant,

69. B. J. Dowding

Air Chief Marshal, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Fighter Command, Royal Air Force.

The Under Secretary of State, Air Ministry, LONDON, W.C.2.

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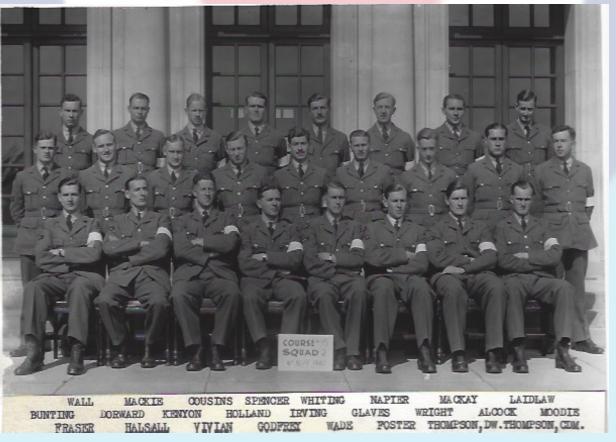


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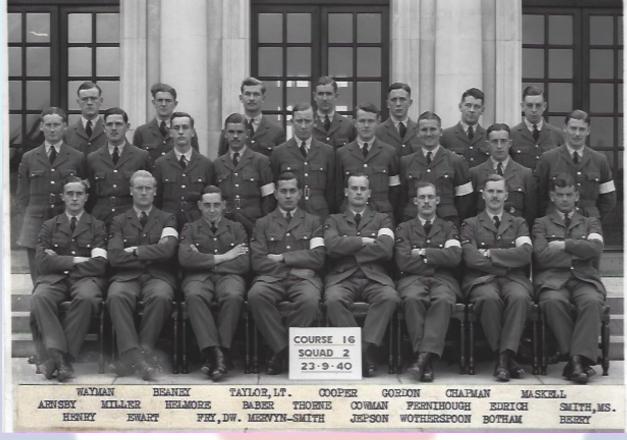






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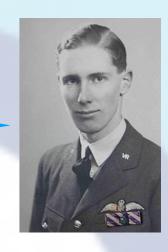




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		NO 18 COURSE
L.A.C.	A.C.	ABBOTT.
	P.E.	ADAMS.
syt "	T. M.	A.DLARD. Killed on active Service CLMO70
u	P. H.	BAKER.
	R.L	BARTLEY.
1.	P. G.	BELL.
	P.A. H.H.	BIKKER.
u	D.M	BOLTON. Musing CL YO 80
	P. M.	BONN.
11	J.W.L.	BOTTING.
	C.FA.	BROWN.
Le .	P.	CAMPBELL.
P/0 "	PA.	CARISTIAN. Rilled on active Service ec No 78
	A.A.	COOKE . Willed on Clethin Service CL 14674
8/0 "	K. T.	COOPER. Insuring Believed Miled in action CL No 96
15	S.J.	COOPER.
P10 "	J. A. G.	CORNELIUS - WHEELER Service CLNO 67
11	W.H.	Yanay.
tı	E.G.	DANIEL.
Į.	A.G.	DAVIDSOM.
10	J.N.	DAVIES.
ı.	Н.	DEEN.
- 1,	N.W.	DOWNS.
lt .	D. S.	EGGLETON MORLEY
31	D. F.	END SOR.

	NO. 18. COURSE
L.A.C.	R. GEE.
,1	G.G. GOODALE
	W.S.P. GRIFFITHE. Imming CLNOGO
SGT	S.F. HODSMAN.
L.AC.	J.C.I. HOOPER.
	J.V. Hopecood. 'Hoppy' Hopgood; 617 Sqn; Dambusters 1st wave; killed NW Mohnesee
t.	M. J HORSEY.
1.	T.R. JENKINS.
ч	G. KERR.
	D.T. LEE.
tt	I.F. LIVING STONE.
	D.H.S. LONSDALE.
tı	T.A. LAMB.
L	F.W.R. NEWCOMB.
v	P.R. OWEN. Villed on active Service CINO 39
- 11	T. PRESCOTT-DECIE.
.,	R.W. READ.
te	J.L. ROWE
	G.E.C. SEALE. Willed on Eletin Service CL NO 159
14	R.M. SPENCER. Willed on Oction Service 4/12/40 CLM
11	R.N. TAIT. Killed on Clether Surice 23/12/40 (L)
1.5	C.F UPTON.
11	R.F WARTON.
11	F.H. WILKINSON.







#### Battle of Britain Roll of Honour - ex-Flight Cadets

S29	ANDREWS	Lionel Vincent
S37	ATKINSON	Harold Derrick
A38	BENSON	Noel John Victor
S35	cox	Philip Anthony Neville
S38	сох	Alex Robert Temple
S31	BADGER	John Vincent Clarence
J39	DALYELL-McKEAN	Michael Hugh
A40	DAVEY	John Arthur Joseph
J26	DEWAR	John Scatliff
J36	DONALD	lan David Grahame
S29	DREW	Peter Edward
S25	GRANNUM	Clifton Winnington
S36	HANSON	David Harry Wellsted
A38	HOGG	Richard Malyard
J37	HOMER	Michael Giles



S27	HOOD	Hilary Richard Lionel
S31	JONES	Norman Clifford
J38	JONES	John Sinclair Bucknall
A39	LECKY	John Gage
S35	LEE	Richard Hugh Antony
J38	McKENZIE	John Woffenden
J38	PHILLIPS	lan William
J33	SAWYER	Henry Cecil
J38	SHEPLEY	Douglas Clayton
J37	WAY	Basil Hugh
J38	WILDBLOOD	Timothy Seddon
J29	WILKINSON	Rodney Levett
S29	WILLIAMS	Cedric Watcyn
J38	WINGATE	David Leslie
A38	WORSDELL	Kenneth Wilson

#### SFTS 20 & 21 Course Sqns 1 and 2

		NO. 20 COURSE.
L.A.C.	D.E.	AUSTEN.
	J.P.	BARTLETT.
	К.Н.	BEALE. Killed a actue Service 23/3/41 CLNO
	5.J.H.	BOURTON. Wild on action Server 9/1/41 CLNOS9
.,	L.W.	BROWN. Immine CLINO 96 Willed in action CLNO/39
, (	P	BROWN. hosning CLNO 75 and CLNO 80
	E.P.	BYROM.
.,	N. H.	CARFOOT.
	A.J.	CHALLIS.
	V.D.	CROFT.
l t	T. F.J.	CRUDDEN.
	F. J.	DENHAM.
11	A.	ELLIOT.
	J.A.S.	EVANS.
A/P/0	A.C.	FAIRTLOUGH.
LA.C.	J.	FINCH.
- (1	D.M.	GALL.
	P.A.	GIFKINS. Walde died 1982
.,	J.T.	GILBERT.
1.	G.L.	GRIGG.
15	W.D.C.	HARDIE.
11	L.	HAYTON.
1.1	F. T.	HEDEN.
u	A.R.W.	HILL.
11	G.O.	HUNTER.

2		NO 20 COURSE
10L.A.C.	R.W.S.	INGE. Villed on actus Service 24/4/4/ CLYO72
4	C.H.L.	JAMES.
	J.C.	JEHKINS. Missery Believed. Filled in Oction (400 80
	J.A.	KEY.
P/0 "	H.R.	LANCHESTER. Villed on active Lewer 24/4/41
ti .	J.L.W.	LEGG.
	J.A	LESLIE.
11	C.H.	MALCOLM.
P/0 "	G.P.	MANDEVILLE Villed on actuir Service CLNO 78
Syt "	D.W	MERCER chung Belied Villed in action CLNO 86
Sqt	J.A.	MOORE, Killed in active Service CL NO 86
- 11	C. R.	MORLEY.
l i	EP.G.	MOYNA.
A/F/4-1.	M·H R.	NAMIAS. Mussing CLNO 89
11	A.E.	ODLE.
(1)	D.O.	OSBORNE.
1/0 "	M.R.P.	OXLEY. Milled on active Service CLNO 75
- 4	D.	PAGE.
P/0	F. J.	PIDGEON.
L.A.C.	T.R.	PRESCOTT.
	С,	THOMAS.
u	L.J.	WARE,
	Н	WHITMILL.
u	R.R.	WILLIAMS.
11	N.G.	WINGFIELD.





# Air Ops 1940 Roll of Honour - ex-Flight Cadets

CO 4		
S24	CUNNINGHAM	James Charles (Killed 1939)
J35	VAUGHAN WILLIAMS	Arthur Richard (Killed 1939)
A38	AGNEW	David Michael
S38	BARBOUR	David Murray
S37	BARNWELL	John Sandes
S24	BENNETT	Leslie Clive
J36	BIRD	Francis Derek
S37	BOUWENS	Adrian
J31	BRADFORD	Ridley Lewkenor
J35	BROWNE	Patrick Edgar Semphill Fairfax Monteagle
S34	BULLOCH	Anthony Alexander Talbot
S27	BURKE	Wilfred Ivanhoe Harris
S35	BUTLER	Peter Saumarey
J38	CAMERON	John Stewart
A39	CHANDLER	Gordon Emery
J39	Clifford	Ralph Henry
S25	СООКЕ	de Lancy
S38	DAVEY	Terence John Frederick
S35	de MONTMORENCY	Raymond Hervey
J39	DEAS	James Henderson
S35	DONNE	Michael Stephen
J38	EADIE	John
A40	ERSKINE	Basil Pollock
S28	FIELD	Dennis Brian Douglas
S26	FRANKS	Alexander Lumsden
J36	GEACH	Trevor James
A40	GILBERT	Henry Gordon
J30	GLENCROSS	Arthur Roger
J26	GROOM	Samuel Robert
J37	GULLEY	Alfred Richard
J36	GUTHRIE	James Reed
S37	HALLIDAY	Christopher Ian Dunbar







Fairey Battle trainer

S37	HARDING	Geoffey Fawconer
J35	HARRIS	Wilfred Arthur
S37	HARRIS	Robert Edward
J31	HASTINGS	Mark
J37	HENDERSON	Malcolm Lessels George
A39	HOSSACK	lan Milne
J37	HURST	Tom
S34	JOLLIFFE	Peter Slade
A38	LEARMOND	Patrick Alexander George
J38	LIGHT	Cyril
S26	LLEWELYN	John Griffith
J39	MACFARLANE	Ruthven Arnold
J36	MAYBURY	Donald Conrad
S21	MELLOR	Harry Manners
J36	MIDDLETON	John Derek
S36	MILEY	Miles John
J30	MONTAGU	George Wroughton
S37	PARVIN	John Hugh Keith
S37	PATTISON	Vincent James
S31	PEACOCK	George Earnest
J35	PEARSON	Maxwell Charles
J39	PLUMB	John Alfred
J38	SALMOND	John Geoffrey Carr
S37	SEEDS	James
J39	SIBLEY	Samuel Anthony Compton
J35	SODEN	Ian Scovil
J36	STANLEY	Desmond Geoffrey
J38	STEUART RICHARDSON	James Douglas
S37	TILLETT	James
A38	VAUGHAN	Peter William
A40	WATSON	Arthur Roy
S37	WOOD	James Edward Randell

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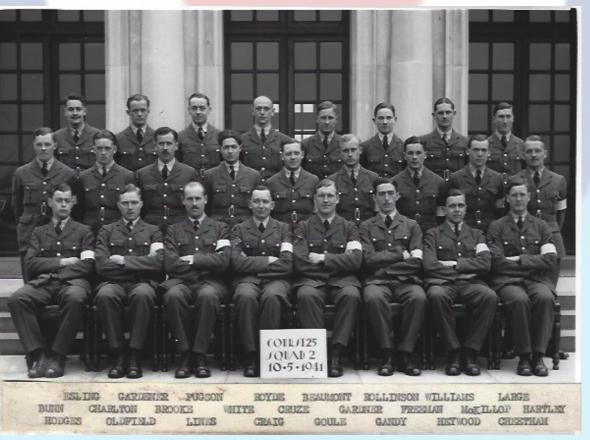


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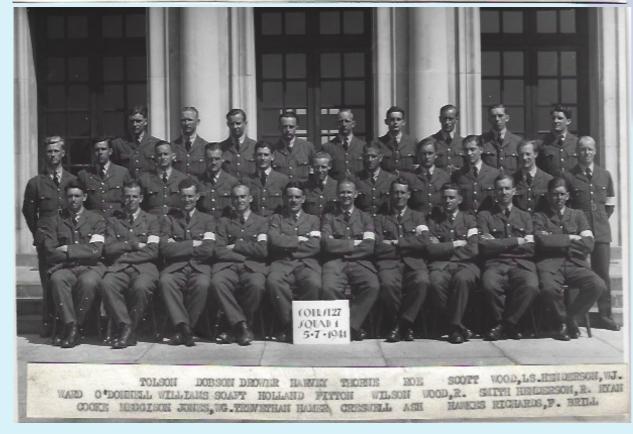




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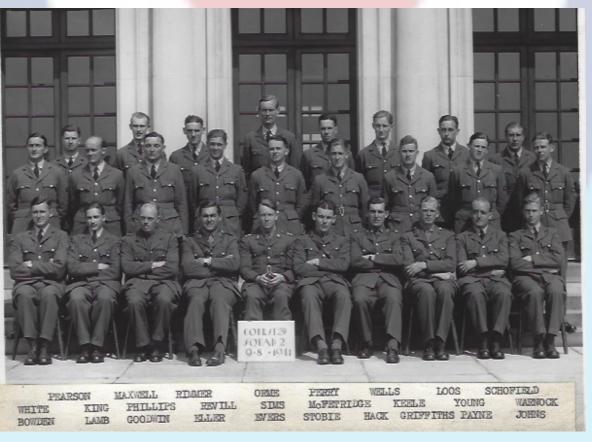


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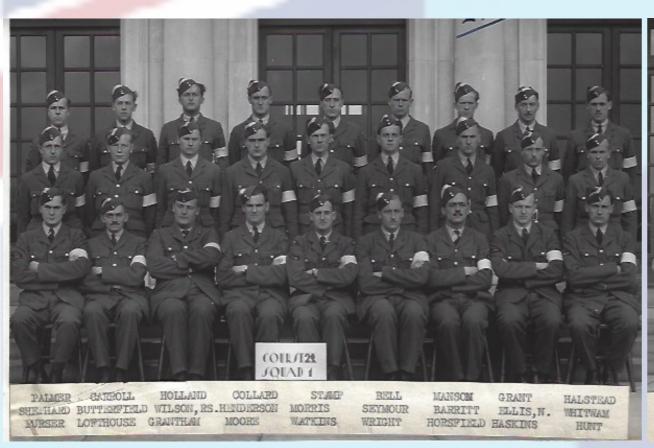








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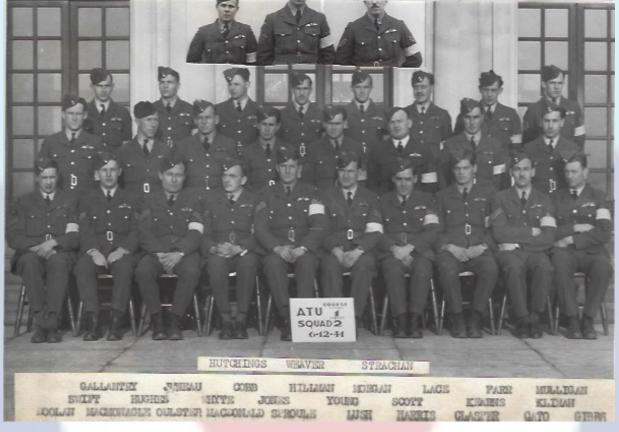






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S29	ADDENBROOKE	Derek
S36	ALDIS	James Robin
J36	BARBER	Anthony Louis Henry
J32	BARCLAY	David Pringle
F20	BERNARD-SMITH	George Christopher Bernard
J36	BIRD	Gerald Oscar Ladler
J25	BLACKDEN	Vyvian Quentery
S37	BOYS-STONES	John Boys
J37	BREESE	Henry Francis Dempster
S34	CHAMBERLAIN	Paul Burton
S27	COLE	Francis Charles
S28	СООТЕ	Patric Barnard
S34	CULVERWELL	Edward
S26	DALE	Herbert Reginald
F22	DAVIS	Edward Simeon Colbeck
A39	DAVIS	Charles Trevor
A33	de FREITAS	Wilfred Albert Antony
J34	DICKENSON	Peter George Scott
J28	ELSMIE	George Reginald Alexander
S34	FISHWICK	Jack Rowland
S37	FRANKLIN	Michael Hilton
S35	GETHIN	John Percy Deveynes
S25	GILLAN	John Woodburn
J38	HARRIES	James Allen





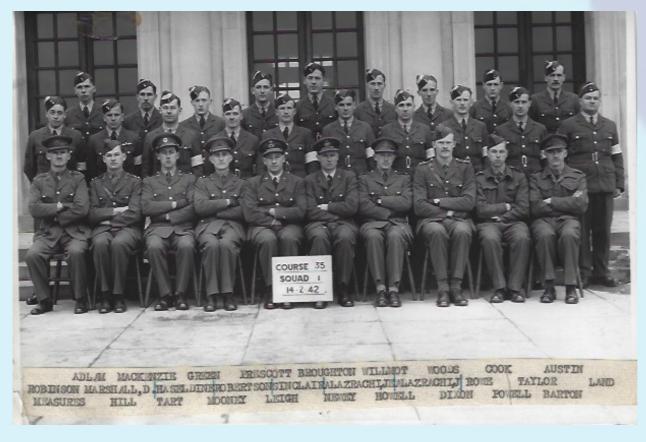


J37	HENDERSON	lan Stuart
S37	HERBERT	Richard Vivian
J39	HICKS	Robert Leslie
J30	JOHNSON	David Victor
S38	LANGLEY	Ralph Reginald
S36	LINGS	George Oldfield
S28	LITTLER	Charles Eric
A39	MARRS	Eric Simcox
J37	MATTHEWS	Hugh Vernon
J34	MAYHEW	John Collins
S35	MEAD	<mark>lan Al</mark> an
J37	MOULD	Peter William Olber
J37	PARKINSON	Harry
A40	PRITCHARD	Peter Harold Howard
A39	ROTHWELL	John Heldey
J32	SANDERS	Arthur Thomas Drake
J39	SHUTTLEWORTH	Richard Ashton
S34	SMITH	Christopher Dermot Salmond
S29	STAINTHORPE	William Waters
J39	THOMAS	Peter Cecil
J37	WADDINGTON	Martin Walter
A40	WATLING	William Charles
J36	WATSON	Michael Litchfield
J25	WATTS-READ	Archibald Martin
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J29	WINDSOR	Charles Mervyn

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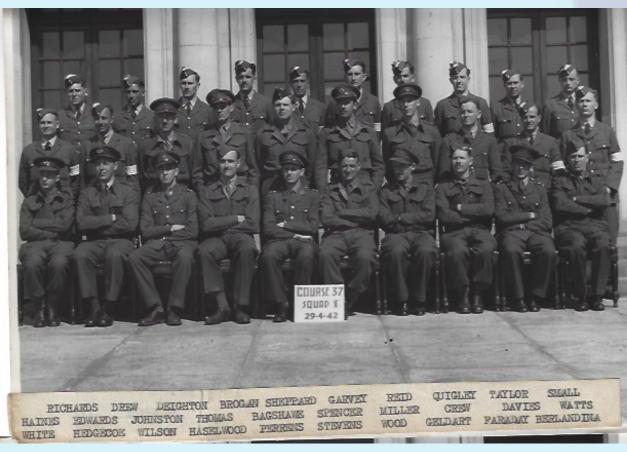


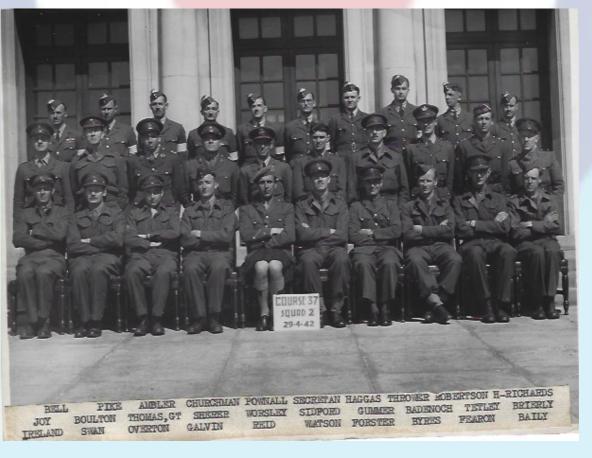


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## Strategic Bombing - MRAF Sir Arthur Harris





Sir Arthur 'Bomber' Harris was a much loved C-in-C by his bomber crews, despite losing half of them during WW II. He was given the loosest of briefs to destroy Nazi Germany with strategic air power and, with the support of the USAF, he remained wedded to the belief that Germany could be destroyed from the air.

However, his philosophy of 'area bombing' did not meet with universal approval and, despite attritional successes throughout WW II, he lost the full support of Churchill who saw the war being won on two land fronts - the Western Front launched on 'D-day' and the Eastern Front being waged by Stalin's Soviet forces. Historian Max Hastings gives a very good account of the tensions within the RAF and between British and American forces as the strategic air power gave way to tactical air power in support of an integrated campaign on the Western Front.

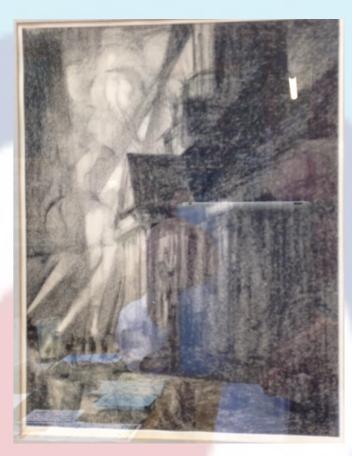
Notwithstanding, the contribution made by Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Harris during our darkest years cannot go understated and he remains one of our greatest air commanders ever.

In an interview with the then Gp Capt Tony Mason - later AVM Professor Mason - Sir Arthur was to reiterate his determination, from the 'shower of directives', to take the war to the enemy and defeat him on his home ground.

#### 'Wizard Prang'









The Whitley Bomber which crashed at Cranwell on 18 March 1942 caused the only damage to College Hall throughout the war period. The three crew members of the aircraft were sadly killed in the accident, but the personnel who would have been sleeping in the building later that night were spared injury as they were at the cinema at the time of the crash. The pictures show the incident itself and the various stages of repair to the College buildings. The brass engine plate recovered from the wreckage of the aircraft is also displayed.



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## SFTS 40 & 41 Course Sqns 1 and 2





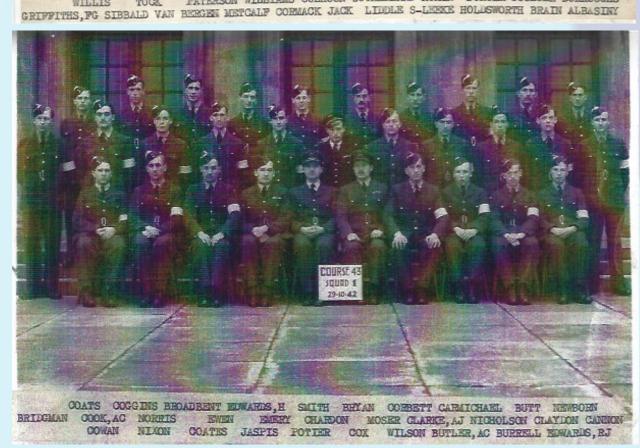


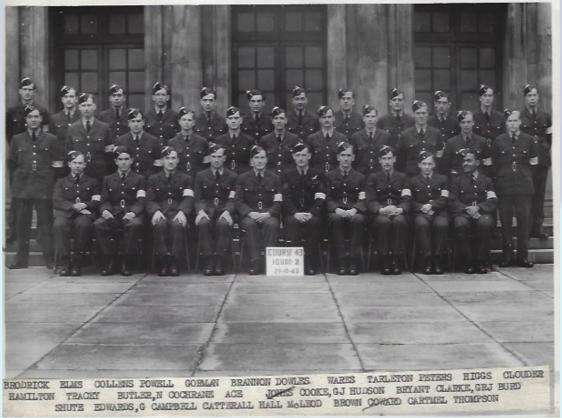


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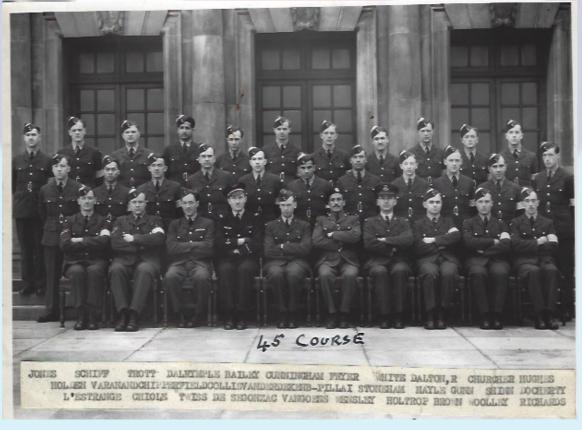
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S28	BELCHEM	Lawrence George
A40	BROWN	James Gordon
J27	CHARLES	Guy Pendrill
S32	CHARLTON-JONES	Cecil
A40	DAWSON	Graham Newstead
J34	DOWLAND-RYAN GC	John Noel
A40	FULFORD	David
S34	GODFREY	Oliver
J31	GOLDING	Albert
S29	HALLIDAY	Neville Anthony Roy
S31	НОТНАМ	John Altham
S35	KELLY	Dermot Daly Aloysius
S34	KERR	Douglas Andrew
A38	LYLIAN	John Clement Julius
S36	MAJOR	Peter Anthony
J36	MATHEWSON	Thomas Ivor
S23	MAY	Faulkner Michael Vine





S35	OAKESHOTT	Alan Robertson		
J36	PALMER	Cyril Dampier		
J38	PARSONS	Robert James Sealer		
S26	PRATT	Charles Valency John		
S31	READ	Montagu Francis Baldwin		
S30	SEYMOUR	Paul de Grey Horatio		
S38	SHARMAN	Donald Charles		
S26	SPRAGUE	Richard Alphonso		
J33	STYLES	Hubert Mortimer		
S38	TEMLETT	Cyril Bernard		
S31	TIDD	Herbert Richard		
S36	TRIPTREE	Alan Charles		
J24	WEBB	Eric Bingham		
S35	WILKINS	John Trevor		
A38	WILKINS	Stephen Percival		
S37	WILLIS	John David		
S36	WRIGHT	Claud Mandeville		

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P/O. N. ROBISON. 109915.	Lt. A. ENVER. T
F/O. G.F. SPARROW. 132338.	Lt. A. ERAYLA. T
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J35	BURTON	Howard Frizelle
S29	CHESTERMAN	Humphrey William Albert
A33	COOPER	Charles Stanley
J35	COOPER	Leslie Frank
J33	COVENTRY	Henry Reginald
J34	DARWEN	John
J33	FRASER	Howard Duncan
A38	GUEST	Ernest Neville Charles
J37	HAYTER	John Edward Ross
A38	HYNE	Gerald O'Farrell Grant
J34	LONGMORE	Richard Maitland
A38	LOWE	John Conyers





S38	MACDONALD	John Murdo	
S26	OWEN	John Jervis	
S38	RIDDELL	George Henry Monteith	
S34	SHAND	William Peter	
A33	SLATER	James Hogarth	
A33	WALLACE	Gerard Euan	
S36	WALLAGE	Stanley Norman Tuttell	
S31	WATSON	Robert Grant	
J25	WHEELER	Harry George	
S32	WRIGHT	Christopher Louis Yser	
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19 December, 1944.

Doon Mrs Gibson

I have been awaiting an opportunity to write to you about the loss of your husband. I can assure you that I write in no formal sense.

I had a great admiration for him - the glorious

Dam-buster. I had hoped that he would come into Parliament
and make his way there after the stress of the war was over,
but he never spared himself nor would allow others to spare
him. We have lost in this officer one of the most splendid
of all our fighting men. His name will not be forgotten;
it will for ever be enshrined in the most wonderful records
of our country.

May I express to you my profound sympathy in the loss you have incurred, and my earnest hope that you will find in yourself those resilient and heroic qualities of which your husband was the proud possessor.

Yours very sincerely, WINSTON S. CHURCHILL.

Mrs. Guy Gibson.

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On 12 November 1944, the Royal Air Force carried out one of the most successful precision bombing attacks of the Second World War, resulting in the sinking of the German battleship 'Admiral von Tirpitz'. The attack was made by 29 Lancasters of Nos 9 and 617 Squadrons, the latter led by Cranwellian JB Tait.

S34	BARRON	Oswald James Milman
S37	CARMICHAEL	John William
A40	сох	Maurice Loan
J37	FILLEUL	Philip Richard Steuart
S34	GOODMAN	Hubert Reginald
A39	HERRICK	Michael James
J35	JACKSON	Ashley Duke
F22	LOUGHNAN	Charles Hamilton
J28	McKECKNIE	William Neil



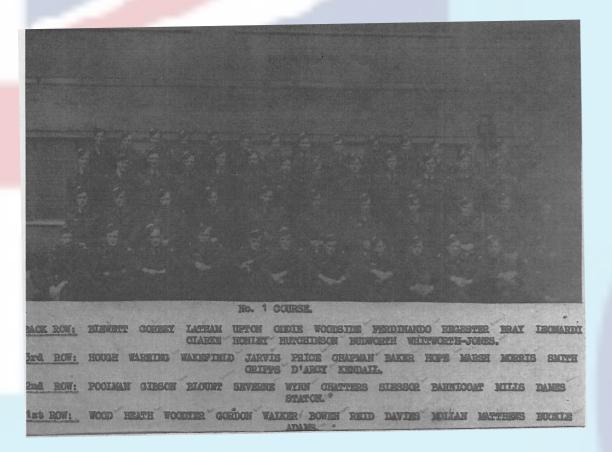
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J30	PORTER	Eric Frederick	
S27	POWELL	John Alexander	
J37	RUTH	William Denys Butterworth	
S35	WIGG	Philip Mervyn	
S34	HUMPHRIES	James Heathcote	
S31	JARAND	Arthur Henry	
S36	SAVAGE	Michael	

At the cessation of war, its is believed that 17 SFTS moved to RAF Spitalgate, near Grantham. Flying training at RAF Cranwell was vested in 19 FTS who ran a number of courses before the College was re-opened for officer training of Flight Cadets.

It appears that members of the last two 19 FTS courses were given the option to complete a further 3 months officer training on what became 45 and 46 Flight Cadet Entries.

47 Entry turned out to be the first course of *ab initio* training for newly recruited flight cadets to be run at the RAF College since its closure in September 1939. Unlike designations pre-war, where entries were given the prefix of the month and year of intake (e.g. F20), the numbering of entries followed sequentially after 47 Entry regardless of the year of the intake until the final entry, 101 Entry, which graduated in 1973.

## Nos 1, 2 & 3 Courses 19 FTS



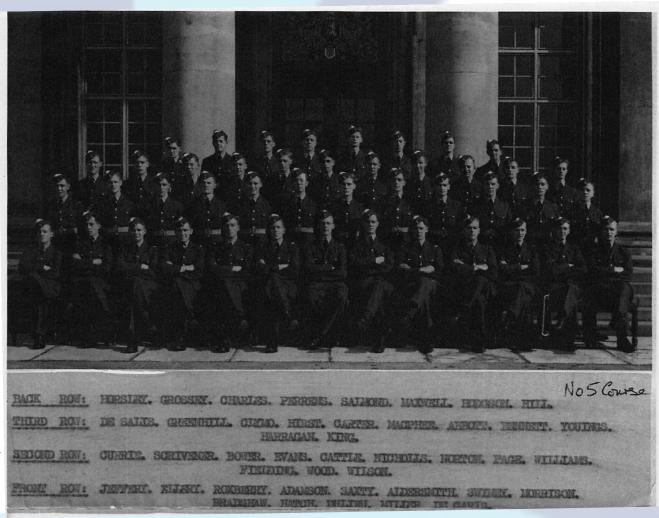




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## Nos 4, 5 & 6 Courses 19 FTS

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BRIE C G A	58015	FRENCH R 58042
DINGHAM R S	58016	HILL D B R 58043
MC ELHAW T J	58017	ASHMAN K W 58044
BELSHAM I R B	58018	HENRY A W 58045
WILSON R J	58019	BERNARD-SMITH B C 58046
CROSS M S	58020	*SMITH, DS
BRIDGES R C	58021	SMITH-1PEARSE, MJA
BOWIE R	58022	PRIOR, PJ
ECCLES N	, 58023	* PERCIFULL ,R F
JOHNSTON R D	58024	
YOUNG D R	58025	
PHILLIPS J H	58026	
EDWARDS P J	58027	
APPLEDOM K J	58028	W 614
HANNAH K J E	58029	* Cadets recommended for non-commissioned rank
LEONARD B J		COMMISSIONA VENE
EVANS, DH	58030	
KINGSLET J N	58031	
FRANCIS G A	58033	•
WITTER I A H	58034	
CARTY PJ	58035	•
CLANDILION E J	58036	
WATSON P	58037	
BROOKING E K	58038	
EARL J S S	58039	
MIDDLETON P C	58040	
STRANGEWAY E J	58041	



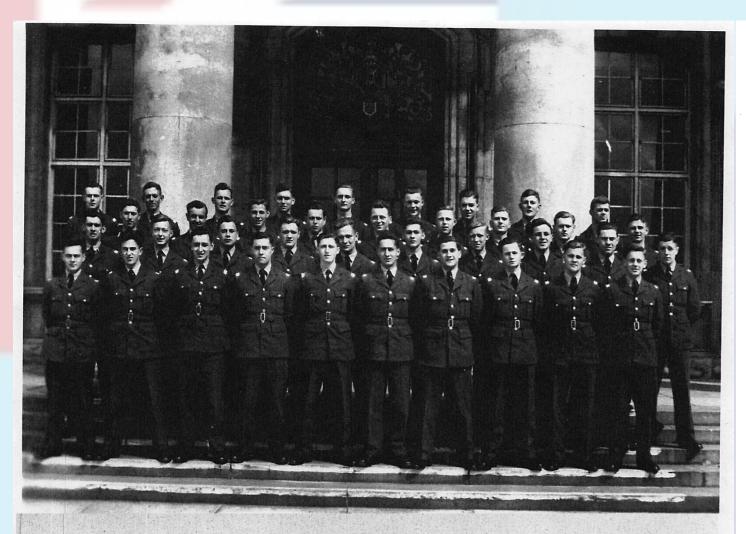
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BALMFORD J N	58300	
BARKER T T	58301	
BELL PIE G	58302	
BENNETT G	58303	
BRIDGE T A	58304	
COX B R A	58305	
FAY P.D A	50306	
HANKIN D A	58307	
HAPRINGTON L	58308	
HOBSON M E	58309	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
KNIGHT R	58310	
LEGG J F	58311	
LIOYD R S	-58312	
MAC ENALD C 3	58313	•
MERCHANT F W	58314	***
MOCDY J H W	58315	•
MOTT G	58317	
NEIL R	58318	
NEWMAN P	58319	
O'DELIAL	58320	
ROWDEL A	58321	
SHELITON E R A	58322	
STARES M J	58323	•
STERKY J R	58324	
UPTON J D	58325	
AVIKER I C	58326	
WILLIAM E S	58327	
WIONERS A	203389 ?	
STEELS G V	203390 ?	

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BELSHAW J	58542	WILSON G R 58568
BILBIE A W	58543	MIDDLEBROOK G 58569
BISH D	58544	TOWLER J C W 58600
BRIGGS I M	58545	RIMMER F 58601
DARGAN J C	58546	JONES I 5860?
FISHER R F	58547	HILLS D F 58603
FOSTER W D T	58548	
Hampton, DJ H <del>arrington D J</del>	58549 58549	STILLIELL II T 58604
HEPRURN A	58550	STILES, B
HEYWOOD D G L	58551	HARVEY, TJ
HILL I J D	58552	,,
HOMES P J	58553	4
HOTTA I	58554	No. 7 Course & No. 19 J.T.S.
LITHERLAND H K	58555	
MACKAY R G	58556	
MARLOW D E G		
PATERSON A W	58557	
PERRIN S E	58558	
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PERRY H E	58560	
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SHAN E J	58564	
SLOAM C H	58565	Courtesy of Clive Fisher (Son of RF Fisher)
STEFF-LANGSTON J A	58566	
WATTICOWBE B M	58567	Royal Air Force College.

NO 10 PTS CRANWET.	L - NO 8 COURSE	
COMMISSIONEL		No 19 FTS.
	•	No 9 Course Grad.
HOLLAND T R	58754	11 Ta 1017
BRADLEY G	58755	11 January 1947
COLLINGS M C	58756	BEARD,
LIVINGSTONE D A	58757	
DENNIS N	58758	TAVANYAR, RL
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AUSTIN R R	58760	ROBINSON, MMJ
FELLOWES J I	58761	
ABEL G W	58762	MORRICE, JW
PARKER R E A	58763	
DICKINSON K J F	58764 -	BRUCE, CM
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NYFFLER J F	58766 -	CAFFERATA, HW
POOLE R S G	58767 -	0 = 1
DRAHAN A R	58768	SMITH, LSR
ELLIS A G	58769	McGRIGOS, AK
PETERS R S	58770	MUSICOS, AK
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erown r b	58772	
LETON P C	58773	VALLANCE, CMA
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#### Nos 10 & 11 Courses 19 FTS



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MAYES, DJ	HARKER, DA
REDMAYNE, PW	BRAND, RS.
ROSEWELL, KR	
NEWMAN, AT	
BROWN, KW	
LEACH, RW	
COTTAM, JC	
CHAPPLE, HB	
HOWARD, TA	
BAVIN, AC	
McNEILE, MA	
SMITH, AE	
PARTRIDGE FA	
ABREY, PJ	
WILLIAMSON, TRJ	
ALLAN , JR	
PHEYSEY, GH	

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## **Enemy Trophies**





With his eye on the RAF College as a potential HQ, Goering sanctioned the presentation of two charcoal and chalk drawings of Richthofen and, his mentor, Boelcke; the College responded with two of its own WW1 fighter aces, Captain Albert Ball VC and Major Mick Mannock VC.

Offered as a gift to encourage mutual respect to "avert war", the two drawings were presented during a visit by General Milch in 1938 and have remained here ever since. It is thought that these drawings are copies of originals retained by Germany, but lost when Soviet forces closed in on Berlin to force the German surrender.

A bust of Goering was presented at the same time and, surviving a temporary deployment to a skip, is located in the library, below the Japanese Document of Surrender.

To the right of these drawings, flanked by two Samurai swords, is a copy of the Japanese Document of Surrender accepted on the Allies' behalf by Earl Mountbatten. It is displayed with one of the fountain pens actually used to sign the Surrender Treaty

