



## 115 Squadron - 3 Group

April 1945

### L-R Back Row

Jim Kilgour - Wireless Operator,  
Harold Brown - Flight Engineer,  
Cyril Barlow - Rear Gunner,  
Jack Naylor - Navigator

### Front Row

Trevor Riddle - Mid Upper Gunner,  
Max Durham - Pilot,  
Jim Addams - Bomb Aimer.

## Instructions.

1. This log book is an official document and the property of H.M. Government.
2. Observers and air gunners will maintain an accurate and detailed record of all flights undertaken on service aircraft.
3. Results of ab initio courses will be recorded on either pages 2, 3, 4 or 5, for which purpose a rubber stamp is available.
4. Proficiency assessments will be recorded on the appropriate page at the back of the book annually on 31st December, on posting or on attachment to another unit for flying duties.
5. Bombing and Air Gunnery records will be entered in the appropriate pages at the back of the book annually on 31st December.
6. Monthly totals will be entered on a single line in red ink and initialled by the Commanding Officer or his deputy.

## Certificates of Qualification.

(to be filled in as appropriate)

1. This is to certify that RIDDLE, T.D. 1862377  
has qualified as AIR GUNNER.  
with effect from 13-5-44 Sgt [Signature]  
Date 13-5-44 Unit 10 AFS

2. This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_  
has qualified as \_\_\_\_\_  
with effect from \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

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has qualified as \_\_\_\_\_  
with effect from \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

4. This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_  
has qualified as \_\_\_\_\_  
with effect from \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_



WITCHFORD

APRIL 1945

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty
7-4-45		1L-E	W. DURHAM	M. U. G.
7-4-45		1L-E	" "	"
18-4-45		1L-D	" "	"

Certified First Tour completed.

*W. Riddle*  
 O.C. No. 115 Squadron  
 Date: 10<sup>th</sup> May 1945.

115 SQDN

Time carried forward -

25-15 77-35

REMARKS (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times	
	Day	Night
BASE - BOXTED	25	
BOXTED - BASE	20	
HELFGO LAND	4-45	
<u>TOTAL FLYING TIME FOR APRIL</u>		
OPERATIONAL 4-45 HRS	5-30	
TRAINING 45 HRS		
<u>TOTAL FLYING TIME AT 115 SQDN</u>		
	DAY	NIGHT
OPERATIONAL	125-35	22-20
NON "	10-35	
Summary for APRIL 1945	1. LANCASTER	
Unit 115 SQDN Aircraft	2. ....	
Date 19/4/45 Times	3. ....	
Signature <i>W. Riddle</i>	4. ....	
<i>W. Riddle</i>		
TOTAL TIME ... 20-45 77-35		

		OPERATIONAL FLYING	N I I
18th April		WEATHER.	Fair to fine - visibility moderate to good.
		NON OPERATIONAL FLYING	N I I
		OPERATIONAL FLYING	
	1008 to 1042	32 aircraft were detailed to attack HELIGOLAND. One failed to take off due to burst tyre and one returned early due to port inner oil leak. The remaining aircraft identified the target and completed their duty. Bombing was carried out visually and was very concentrated. 90% of the bombs dropped fell on the target - only slight undershooting into sea. Fires were well under way, oil tanks were burning and explosions were seen, some of ammunition. Black smoke covered the island - coming upto 10,000 to 20,000 ft. 3 or 4 motor boats were seen leaving island heading for Danish coast and 4 wakes of ships seen heading north east between islands. Flak was practically nil. Formation was rather straggled. Bombing was carried out from 15,500 to 17000 ft.	A.223 to A.229
	1534	<del>XXXXXXXX</del> All our aircraft returned safely to base.	

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
				UP	DOWN		
18th April 1945						<p><u>HELIGOLAND.</u></p> <p>32 aircraft were detailed to attack the target. One failed to take off, one returned early but the remaining 30 aircraft reached the target and completed their duty. Bombing was carried out visually and was very concentrated. 90% of the bombs fell on the target, slight undershooting into sea. Fires, explosions and plenty of smoke. Some ships seen leaving island. Flak was practically nil.</p> <p>Failed to take off. Port tyre bursts on taxiing out from dispersals.</p>	223.
	Lancaster I (KO) A. PA. 181	S/L. W. B. K. GORRIE F/O. L. R. CAHILL F/O. W. B. K. GORRIE	Captain Navigator Air Bomber	-	-		

	Lancaster I (IL) D. NG. 205	F/L. M. K. DURHAM (A. 419038 RAAF) F/O. J. K. NAYLOR SGT. ADAMS J. A. W/O. J. R. KILGOUR (A. 418860 RAAF) SGT. HIDDLE T. D. SGT. BARTLOW O. W. SGT. BROWN L. H.	Captain Navigator Air Bomber WOP/Air Mid Upper Rear Gunner Ait. Eng.	1008	1451	Bomb load as above. Located target visually and bombed from 16000 ft. Aiming point obscured by smoke. Southern half of island completely covered by black and grey smoke. Island well hit. No flak. Photo attempted.	
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