

RAF COLLEGE CRANWELL

“RAFC Fs540 - WWII (October)”



Extracts from October 1940/41/42/43/44/45

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Name	Rank	Role	Detail from ORB	Comments	Date
RAF STATION					
Kidd	Sqn Ldr		Visits with Plt Off RC Parry of the Radio School, Yatesbury to view a site for a second radio school		9/10/40
LC Brooks	Maj	OC 686 RE	Transferred unit to RAF Horsham St Faith		16/10/40
JH Simpson	Air Cdre	AOC 26 Gp	RO for S38 Entry Aircraft Apprentices		17/10/40
A Greenwood	Rt Hon	MP	Informal visit		19/10/40
RE Newton	Lt Col	Local Def Cdr	Attached to station and Local Defence Commander and Adviser		23/10/40
AGR Garrod	AM	AM Trg	Informal visit		28/10/40
JT Reckitt	Brigadier	DD Supplies & Transport Northern Command	Concerning commicariat		3/10/41
Lansford	Col	USASC	Regarding American officers at 1 Radio School		7/10/41
RG Parry	AVM	HQ Tech Trg Cmd	With Air Cdre JR Cassidy AOC 27 (Trg) Gp		15/10/41
Joad	Professor	BBC Brains Trust	Visited YMCA Cranwell to give Brains Trust entertainment		15/10/41
HH Chapman	Wg Cdr	27 (Trg) Gp	To 1 Sigs School		20/10/41
2 CFS			Two flights proceed from Cranwell to Dalcross		21/10/41
G Reay Jones	Gp Capt	27 (Trg) Gp	To inspect and discuss catering services		23/10/41
26 Officers		USACS	Arrived for course at 1 Radio School		25/10/41
70 Officers		Loyal Regiment	Aircraft recognition lecture		28/10/41
LM Turner	Wg Off	WAAF	Inspection of WAAF Section		6-8/10/42
EA Sorrell	Flt Lt	DM3 Air Ministry	Visited SMA, investigating case of alleged slander against the RAF Medical Service by ACW Claydon to the effect that "an illegal abortion had been procured by the Gynaecologist at RAFH Rauceby when he examined her and that his was RAF policy in order to retain the services of WAAF personnel.		6/10/42
E Ward	Fg Off		Patient for admission to Rauceby arrived by air from Thornaby accompanied by Fg Off Jaboor (MO) and was transferred by car to hospital. (Diagnosis NYDN - Shell shock Not Yet Diagnosed Nervous).		6/10/42
Paxton	Air Cdre	D Fg Trg RCAF	Visited College SFTS and 21 Gp		8/10/42
M Turner	Wg Cdr	27 Gp WAAF "G" Off	Visited SSQ and inspected WAAF MI Room and WAAF Ward - Accommodation shortfalls		8/10/42
Lyle	Fg Off		Detached from duty at Bridlington		12/10/42
Hailstone	Mr	Insp of Explosives & Danger Bldgs	Annual Inspection saw AP1243		13/10/42
Weightman	Dr	WMO	Took over MO duties l/c West Camp WAAF MI Room and WAAF wards in place of Dr Shepherd, WMO.		14/10/42
Fulbeck Relief Landing Ground			Handed over to RAF Syerston, Bomber Command		20/10/42
Todd	Lt Col	HQ 27 Gp	With Col WC Storrie TTC visited station re Defence matters		21/10/42
W Tyrrell	AVM	PMO TTC	Inspected station Medical and Sanitary arrangements		24/10/42
IK McKenzie	Sqn Ldr		Temp relief for Dr I Shepherd (Compassionate leave) No relief yet for Flt Its Duncan and Eckersley.		29/10/42
EB Nicol	Sqn Ldr		Returned from leave		2/10/43
Ruffell-Smith	Wg Cdr	FTC	Visited to discuss possible causes of fatal aircraft crashes		2/10/43

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Sutton	Sqn Ldr		7 days leave returning 13/10/43	4/10/43
RC Baird	Fg Off		Posted to RAFH Wroughton	11/10/43
HV Champion de Crespigny	AVM	AOC 21 Gp	Arrived on station to take command of 21 Gp	15/10/43
McElligot	Wg Cdr	VD Specialist	Visit of inspection, returning 20/10/43	19/10/43
NEW DENTAL CENTRE		SSQ	New specialist treatment centre taken over. Wards, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11A, 15 and 19 allocated o STC giving accommodation for 76 in-patients and better facilities for out-patient treatment	20/10/43
Lord Bishop of Whitby	Rt Rev		Visited station and preached at the Station Church for the parade service and at St Christopher's at Evensong	24/10/43
J Weightman	Flt Lt	WMO	Proceeded on 4 days leave, returning 28/10/43	25/10/43
West Section	South Airfield		Closed for resurfacing since 17/7/43, now re-opened	26/10/43
FP Don	AVM	Regional Commissioner	Visited station to discuss hotel accommodation for airmen and airwomen in towns in the area	26/10/43
HR Jones	Flt Lt	Gp Gas/Fire Officer	Visited station and inspected fire and ant-gas services and buildings, which he reported were in excellent condition	26/10/43
EK Cormody	Wg Cdr	OC SHQ Unit Cranwell	Arrived 27/10/43 and assumed command 1/11/43	28/10/43
GM Phillips	S/O	Hospital Catering Officer	Proceeded on embarkation leave and S/O D Machin reported for duty as relief	12/10/44
LLH Syme	Lt Col	N Cmd Air Adviser	Visited station	12/10/44
I Brodie	Lt Col Rabbi	Senior Jewish Chaplain to HM Forces	Visited station for consecration of Station Synagogue with Rev R Abenson Jewish Chaplain RAF, Chaplain J Eisen RCAF and Rev Dr S Goldman Minister Nottingham Hebrew Congregation. Attended by Stn Cdr and Air Cdre (Rev) JA Jagoe Chaplain-in-Chief RAF and other officers.	15/10/44
FP Don	AVM	RAF Liaison Officer to the Regional Commissioner	Visited station	17/10/44
JG Gunnis	Sqn Ldr	Cmd Hospital Catering Officer)	Arrived to inspect catering arrangements in SSQ	18/10/44
Duchess of Portland	Her Grace		Visited YMCA on the station	20/10/44
LL Jackson	Flt Lt	WMO	Posted to Cranwell from Air Ministry	27/10/44
HH Balfour	Capt the Rt Hon	USoS Air	Visited station	27/10/44

College SFTS - WWII (1)

COLLEGE SFTS				
No 13 Course			27 LACs, 8 Sgts and 3 officers completed course and were posted to units 25/7/40-11/10/40	11/10/40
A Scott	Plt Off		Awarded AFC	11/10/40
No 17 Course			One Flight Cadet, 40 LACs and 3 Officers arrive for flying training	12/10/40
AGR Garrod	AVM	Dir of Trg	Visited station	27/10/40
No 14 Course			One officer, 19 Sgts and 26 LACs completed course and were posted to units	31/10/40
No 18 Course			One Sgt and 49 LAC's arrived for flying training, including LAC 'Hoppy' Hopgood later of Dambusters M for Mother fame	31/10/40
2 CFS Course 15A			9 Officers and 18 Sgts completed training and were posted	4/10/41
2 CFS Course 17A			12 Officers and 13 Sgts arrive for instructors course	6/10/41
PLG Davies	LAC	American citizen	KOAS at night at Barkston Heath	12/10/41
GLH Steede	Sgt	Pupil 16A Course	KOAS at night at Fulbeck	14/10/41
JAS Younge	LAC	Pupils	KOAS in mid-air collision	15/10/41
JL Coen	LAC			
11 SFTS			2 Officers, 6 Sgts (5 instructors), 32 men and 20 pupils attached from Shawbury	15-16/10/41
No 29 Course			8 Army officers, 1 Sgt, 7 Cpls and 46 LACs completed flying training and were posted to units 9/8/41-22/10/41 Intake 63 Output 59 5201.15 flying hrs Avg Course standard	21/10/41
2 CFS			Courses 16A and 17A and all CFS personnel move to RAF Dalcross on attachment	21-27/10/41
MA Dunn	Plt Off	Instructor 11 SFTS	KOAS at Ingham satellite	22/10/41
P Zarraga	LAC	Pupil 11 SFTS		
11 SFTS			Pupils attached to this unit on 15-16/10/41 return to parent unit, Shawbury; followed by all staff on 24/10/42	23/10/41
No 32 Course			1 Officer, 1 Sgt, 1 Cpl and 55 LACs arrived for flying training	25/10/41
No 29A Course			No 30 Course at 11 SFTS Shawbury comprising 4 Sgts, 5 Cpls, and 47 LACs, was posted to this unit to complete training as 29A Course	
DN Birtwell	LAC	Pupil	KOAS during a sudden, blinding snowstorm and very poor viz	29/10/41
EM Cowperthwaite	Plt Off	Instructor		
WJV Samuel	LAC	Pupil		
DC Ross	LAC	Pupil		
NC Hood	Wg Cdr	OC 17 SFTS	Signed off ORB	30/10/41
MG Lloyd-Jones	Sqn Ldr	Chf Gnd Inst (Retiring)	Posted to 15 (F) AFU having handed over to Sqn Ldr WB Calder posted from 15 (P) AFU	1/10/42
RGM Wright	Fg Off	Instructor	KOAS with LAC FAJ Burroughs (pupil - seriously injured) inane Oxford aircraft collided in mid-air with Czech pupil Cpl J Jill (uninjured) flying a Miles Master.	1/10/42
LG Palmer	Professor	Min of Air Production	Visited unit to investigate coordination and standardisation of synthetic equipment	6/10/42
WA Murray	Wg Cdr	Nav Trg RCAF HQ Ottawa	Visited unit to study navigation training methods	7-8/10/42
AL Paxton	Air Cdre	Dir Flg Trg RCAF	Visited unit	8/10/42
AG Willman	Sgt	RAusAF Instructor	Both KOAS in mid-air collision of two Miles Master aircraft coming into land, the crew of the other Master (Fg Off DHA Wilen and LAC JVP Daly) being seriously injured and escaping without injury respectively. A service funeral was held at Cranwell Village churchyard on 12/10/42 and, for the internment of Sgt Willman, photos were sent to Mrs Willman (wife) in Australia.	8/10/42
KR Hickling	LAC	Pupil		

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GF Macpherson	Gp Capt	OC College SFTS (designate)	Posted to this unit as supernumerary, pending take-over of command from Gp Capt ADH Foster when posted for embarkation for overseas (28/10/42)	11/10/42
DHA Wilen	Plt Off		KOAS, dying in RAFH Rauceby of his injuries as a result of his accident on 8/10/42.	15/10/42
No 39 Course			13 RAF, 1 Dutch, 1 Army, 1 Lithuanian and 2 Fighting French officers, 2 Fighting French and 1 Dutch NCO, 1 Dutch Seaman and 20 Airmen (including 3 Trinidadian, 1 Belgian and 3 Dutch) and 13 Turkish officers completed flying training and were posted to units 25/6/42-28/10/42 Intake 60 Output 57 7843.40 Average Standard	28/10/42
PJ Isidore	LAC	Indian pupil	KOAS at night	29/10/42
No 43 Course			1 Belgian, 1 Czech and 1 RAF officer, 1 Fighting French, 1 Belgian, 1 Australian and 7 RAF NCOs and 51 airmen arrived for flying training	29/10/42
Graham	Mr	American citizen	Run a US Army Air Corps School and a British FTS, visited the unit	31/10/42
Tyson	Mr	American citizen		
2 (T) Course			23 Turkish officers returned from leave and commenced their advanced flying course	6/10/43
DP Javitch	Col	Yugoslav Air Observer	Visited unit to obtain appreciation of activities at an SFTS	12/10/43
Barnabie	Lt	USAAF	Visited with Flt Lt Bell of Air Ministry DTF as part of his study into Sigs Trg as applied to pupil pilots	12-14/10/43
GF Macpherson	Gp Capt	OC SFTS (Retiring)	Posted to Bomber Command and the CFI, Wg Cdr A Foord-Kelcey, assumed command	25/10/43
No 3 (Short) Course			17 RAF and 3 RNSAF officers completed their short course and proceeded on leave pending posting	27/10/43
Refresher Course			Numbers completed during October 11 Numbers commenced training during October 29 Numbers remaining under training during October 37	31/10/43
2 FIS			Visited to recategorise staff pilots and to check standards of instruction	2/10/44
Sigs Off		21 Gp and FTC Sigs Off	Visited unit	4/10/44
"E" and "H" Flt Aircraft			"E" Flt Masters and Havards moved from Cranwell to Wellingore. "H" Flt Oxfords moved from Wellingore to Cranwell (suitability, and cover in inclement weather)	9/10/44
No 6 Refresher Course			Terminated	10/10/44
H Aka	Col	HE Turkish Ambassador	And Acting Air Attache Capt T Orga and Wg Cdr WEM Crowdon arrived from London and AVM HV Champion de Crespigny from 21 Gp for presentation of Wings and Passing Out Parade of No 52 Course	11/10/44
No 54 Course			28 Turks, 6 Persians, 1 Belgian, 1 Dutch and 4 British officers and 17 other ranks commenced flying training	12/10/44
No 5 (T) Course (sic)			Commenced	18/10/44
Donmez	Lt	Turkish	KFA in Spitfire	25/10/44
HM Balfour	Capt Rt Hon	PUS Air	Visited the station	27/10/45

3 (C) TU - WWII (1)

3 (C) OTU				
Stone	Wg Cdr	HQ CC	And Sqn Ldr Hogger visited on Engineer duties	1/10/41
Burns	Sqn Ldr		Posted to unit from Gosport to take up Engineer duties	2/10/41
Ward	Plt Off	HQ CC	To collect S&C Publications and return	2/10/41
Behore	Plt Off		Flew as far North as Wick on Cross Country Flight	2/10/41
Russell	Sqn Ldr		Ceased attachment to Unit and returned 502 Sqn	3/10/41
Ives	Flt Lt		Attended a Signals Staff Conference at HQ CC returning on 7/10/41	4/10/41
Davies	Flt Lt		And Plt Offs Hoskins and Clarkson assigned to Sunday Church parade	5/10/41
Burns	Sqn Ldr		Takes over command of HQ Maintenance Wg vice Wg Cdr Gibson	6/10/41
Keppel	Sqn Ldr		Detached to RAF Detling	6/10/41
Byrne	Plt Off		To HQ CC to collect S&C publications	6/10/41
Williams	Flt Lt		Posted from RAF Grantham	7/10/41
CO's Conference			Held in RAF College	7/10/41
Russell	Flt Lt		Proceeded to RAF Tassingbourne, inspected Synthetic Trainer and returned	8/10/41
Wallis	Wg Cdr	OC 3 (C) OTU	With Flt Lts Davies and Williams visited RAF Bircham Norton and inspected Ops Room and Intelligence Section	9/10/41
Keppel	Sqn Ldr		Returned from attachment to RAF Detling	9/10/41
Wallis	Wg Cdr	OC 3 (C) OTU	And Flt Lt to Waddington and inspected Ops Room and Intelligence Section	10/10/41
Williams	Flt Lt		Detached to 1 (C) OTU Silleth	10/10/41
Wallis	Wg Cdr	OC 3 (C) OTU	With Sqn Ldr Corry mentioned in despatches	10/10/41
Burns	Sqn Ldr		Proceeded to 17 Gp, returning 12/10/41 having been witness at Court Martial	10/10/41
Gordon	Sqn Ldr		To Squires Court temporary duty returning on 11/10/41	10/10/41
Ward	Fg Off		Posted from C Flt to A Flt	11/10/41
Gates	Plt Off	Photo Officer	Posted to 19 Gp	11/10/41
Russell	Flt Lt		AND Plt Off Forsdyke with 25% personnel attended church parade	12/10/41
No 3 Course			Completed training and the following posted to various squadrons: 13 pilots, 8 observers and 22 WOp/AGs One Observer failed to attain "passing out" and was recourse on No 4 Course Pilot put Off Moss of this course was retained at the Unit	13/10/41

3 (C) TU - WWII (2)

Howard-Jones	Fg Off		Posted to 502 Sqn	13/10/41
Corry	Sqn Ldr		Assumes duties as Dep CFI, vice Sqn Ldr Davie who assumes command of A Flt vice Sqn Ldr Corry	13/10/41
No 4 Course			8 Plt Ofs and 22 Sgts arrive for training which commenced on 15/10/41	14/10/41
Wallis	Wg Cdr	OC 3 (C) OTU	And Sqn Ldr Corry and Flt Lt Davies visited the ROC centre at Lincoln	15/10/41
Dunn	Sqn Ldr		Proceeded to OTUs at Abingdon and Harwell to inspect equipment	17/10/41
Henderson	Flt Lt		Detached to CFS Upavon; returned 9/11/41 - see below	18/10/41
Hodgkinson (sic)	Flt Lt		Returned from detachment to CFA Upavon	20/10/41
CO's Conference			Held in RAF College Hall Mess	21/10/41
Lewin	Wg Cdr	17 Gp	Visited in connection with Signals	23/10/41
Russell	Flt Lt		To Silloth to inspect Synthetic Training equipment, returning same day	23/10/41
Carter	Flt Lt		To Rolls Royce, Derby, on course	26/10/41
West	Flt Lt		To 17 Gp to attend Gunner Officers' Conference	26/10/41
Moss	Fg Off		To Thornaby by rail to collect S&C publications	28/10/41
Smith	Sqn Ldr	CLO Fighter Cmd	And Sqn Ldr Ratcliffe CMLO, 12 Fighter Group, visited unit and arranged a routine to be implemented by Unit Ops Room when 3 (C) OTU aircraft are flying over North Sea during exercises	28/10/41
Flying Instructors			As at 31/10/41: Sqn Ldr Davie; Sqn Ldr Corry; Flt Lt Rattington; Fg Off Osborn; Flt Lt Hodgkinson; Plt Off Howard-Jones; Plt Off Paterson; Sgt Brands; Plt Off Ward; Whitley Flt Flt Lt Henderson; Flt Lt Appley-Brown; Fg Off Brooke; Plt Off Hoskins; Plt Off Wood; Plt Off Judd Wellington Flt Sqn Ldr Keppel; Flt Lt Russell; WO Morgan; Flt Sgt Leconte; Sgt Houdin Staff Pilots	31/10/41
No 16 Course			22 pilots, 18 navigators (sic) and 48 WOp/AGs began training	1/10/42
RJ Purdy	Flt Lt	Radio Officer	Visited 172 and 502 Sqns by air, returning 8/10/42	2/10/42
RJ Purdy	Flt Lt	Radio Officer	To HQ CC for RDF conference, returning 17/10/42	15/10/42
MGL Foster	Wg Cdr	OC 3 (C) OTU	And 5 officers to Haverfordwest, returning 23/10/42	20/10/42
WP Bain	Sqn Ldr		Took command of unit 21-23/10/42	20/10/42
Larbalistier	Flt Lt	Gunnery Officer	To Birmingham for interview	20/10/42
Anderson	Flt Lt		To 17 Gp to attend Admin conference, returning 23/10/42	21/10/42
No 15 Course			Extended till 3/11/42 to make up lost flying time (adverse weather)	27/10/42