

Sgt K.J.B. Smith

Flight Engineer

Joined 550 Squadron at North Killingholme

From unit 7 training base at RAF Blyton

on 8th January 1945

This is the Squadrons operations record for
the period

8th January 1945 to 8th March 1945

when my uncle was with 550 squadron

Flight Officer R.D. Harris and his crew (Sgt K. Smith was his flight engineer) joined 550 Squadron on 8th January 1945 and flew on 7 operations in Lancaster Heavy Bombers.

There operations were,

13th/14th February 1945 Target - Dresden,
Aircraft PA995 BQ-V The Vulture Strikes
(failed to return from Dessau 11th March 1945)

20th February 1945 Target – Dortmund
Aircraft PB843
(scrapped at the end of the war)

21st February 1945 Target - Duisburg
Aircraft LM273
(failed to return 23rd February 1945)

23rd/24th February 1945 Target - Pforzheim

Aircraft NF998 BQ-D

(on return crash landed at RAF Manton in Kent 24th
February 1945, aircraft written off)

5th/6^h March 1945 Target – Chemnitz

Aircraft ME428 BQ-O

7th/8th March 1945 Target - Dessau

Aircraft ME428 BQ-O

(shot down near Dessau 7th/8th March 1945, 3 crew
members killed including Sgt Smith, 4 others taken
POW)

They flew another operation in ME428 BQ-O but no
details are available.

When they were not on operational flights a lot of
ground and air training was carried out.



PA995 BQ -V "The Vulture Strikes"



Flt. Officer R. D. Harris and his crew

Flt. Eng. Smith is in the middle

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