

# **HAROLD DRYHURST, RAF**

Service No.: 1332214

Date of Birth : 07 JANUARY 1923

Joined the RAF in : AUGUST 1941 Age 18½.

## **17 EFTS**

Joined 17 EFTS at RAF Peterborough (Westwood) : 27 AUGUST 1941

Started flying training at 17 EFTS on : 29 AUGUST 1941

Aircraft : DeHavilland - DH 82A - Tiger Moth

Cross Country Solo Test Flight : 12 OCTOBER 1941

Aircraft : DH 82A Tiger Moth, T7356, 83666

Single Engined Training ended : 15 OCTOBER 1941

Left 17 EFTS, RAF Peterborough : 17 OCTOBER 1941

## **RAF COLLEGE FTS**

Joined RAF College FTS at RAF Cranwell, (No.2 Sqn) : 24 OCTOBER 1941

Started flying training at RAF Cranwell FTS on : 27 OCTOBER 1941

Aircraft : Airspeed Oxford

RAF Cranwell FTS Training ended : 25 MARCH 1942

Left RAF Cranwell FTS : 27 MARCH 1942

## **BAT CONINGSBY**

Joined BAT at RAF Coningsby, Lincolnshire : 12 APRIL 1942

Started flying training at BAT, RAF Coningsby on : 14 APRIL 1942

Aircraft : Airspeed Oxford

Twin Engined Training ended : 19 APRIL 1942

Left BAT, RAF Coningsby : 20 APRIL 1942

## **26 OTU**

Joined 26 OTU at RAF Cheddington, Tring, Hertfordshire : 21 APRIL 1942

Started flying training at 26 OTU on : 03 MAY 1942

Aircraft : Vickers Wellington IC

Wellington Training ended : 06 JULY 1942

Left 26 OTU, RAF Cheddington : 08 JULY 1942

## **12 SQUADRON**

Joined 12 SQUADRON at RAF Binbrook, Lincolnshire : 22 JULY 1942

Started flying at 12 SQN. on : 16 JULY 1942

Aircraft : Vickers Wellington II

Finished flying at 12 SQN. on : 26 JULY 1942

Left 12 SQN., RAF Binbrook : 07 AUGUST 1942

## **103 SQUADRON**

Started flying at 103 SQN. on : 02 AUGUST 1942

Joined 103 SQUADRON at RAF Elsham Wolds, Lincolnshire : 07 AUGUST 1942

Aircraft : Handley Page Halifax II, BB214, PM-H (4 x Rolls Royce Merlin engines)

Finished flying at 103 SQN. on : 27/28 AUGUST 1942

Shot down near Koblenz, Germany by an NJG1 Bf 110 Night fighter at 0010 Hrs.

## **PRISONER OF WAR**

Sergeant Harold Gainsford DRYHURST, 1332214, POW No. 26826, Age 19½.

Taken into captivity by civil police as a POW on 28 AUGUST 1942.

Detained at Dulag Luft (POW Air Force Transit Camp) on 1 SEPTEMBER 1942, 94 km from the crash-site. "Dulag Luft" was located at Oberursel near Bad Homburg, 14km NW of Frankfurt am Main.

Left Dulag Luft I (POW Camp) on 11 SEPTEMBER 1942.

Arrived at Stalag VIII-B (POW Camp) at Lamsdorf on 12 SEPTEMBER 1942.

Notification of capture and detention sent by telegram on 14 SEPTEMBER 1942.

Later renamed Stalag Luft VIII-B for airmen, then later renamed Stalag 344.

Remained at Stalag VIII-B / Stalag 344 until January 1945. Evacuated westwards on the "Long March". The Soviet Army arrived at Lamsdorf on 17 March 1945.

## **AIRCRAFT FLOWN BY HAROLD DRYHURST**

29 Aug – 15 Oct 1941 :

### **De Havilland DH82A - Tiger Moth II (1 engine)**

48 Flights - T.7356, 83666, 1940, E-6, G-ASPZ, D-EDUM, G-EMSY (Photo)  
40 Flights - T.7355, 83665, 1940, Damaged beyond repair, Booker, 6.4.1945  
40 Flights - T.6400, 84774, 1940 or later, Sold / disposed, 27.4.1952  
17 Flights - N.9312, 82399, 1939 or 1940, Sold / scrapped, 28.3.1950  
15 Flights - T.5855, 83591, 1940, Scrapped, Portsmouth, 28.3.1951, G-AMIR  
8 Flights - T.6179, 84627, 1941 or later, G-ANKE, F-BHIP  
6 Flights - T.5680, 83377, 1940, Damaged, Water Newton, 29.9.1941  
4 Flights - T.6703, 85003, 1941 or later, Damaged, Barton, 7.4.1950  
4 Flights - N.6803, 82073, Before 1939, Damaged, Holwell Hyde, 14.8.1942  
3 Flights - T.7040, 83370, 1940, Sold, 1953  
2 Flights - N.6934, 82178, Before 1939, Sold, 29.3.1951  
2 Flights - N.6969, 82207, 1939, G-AMDK, Sold to Thai Navy  
1 Flight - T.6125, 84592, 1941 or later, Damaged, 8.1943

27 Oct 1941 – 20 Apr 1942 :

### **Airspeed AS.10 - Oxford I (2 engines) "Ox-box"**

3 May – 6 July 1942 :

### **Vickers - Wellington IC (2 engines)**

16 July – 26 July 1942 :

### **Vickers - Wellington II (2 engines)**

2 Aug – 28 Aug 1942 :

### **Handley Page - Halifax II (4 engines)**

No aircraft accidents were sustained by Harold Dryhurst until shot down.