

## 561197 WARRANT OFFICER Charles Eade (BILL) LUTWYCHE

Date of Birth: 25/09/1910

### SERVICE RECORD DETAILS

Date of Enlistment: 19/01/1927 RAF Halton 2 Wing Rank A/A , Halton H Wing 09/06/1927

Service Commenced: 25/09/1928 (aged 18)

On completing apprenticeship (Engine Fitter) at RAF Halton

22/08/1930 33 Squadron at RAF Eastchurch, Isle of Sheppey, Rank A.C.1

01/08/1931 33 Squadron at RAF Bicester, Rank LAC, 1<sup>st</sup> Good Conduct Badge 25/09/1931

17/07/1932 33 Squadron at RAF Bicester (RAF Tangmere for 4 days 17/07/32 – 21/07/32)

(1A.T.C. 29/09/32 – 08/10/32) (Hospital at RAF Halton 20/01/33 – 14/02/33)

(A.A. School 12/02/34-08/04/34)

06/09/1934 33(B) Squadron at RAF Bicester to AD Wing RAF Halton

06/09/1935 AD Wing Halton to 6 F.T.S (Flying Training School)

04/04/1936 6 F.T.S. to Air Observer School

### BOMBER COMMAND FORMED 14/07/1936

14/07/1936 6 F.T.S. To 214(B) Squadron RAF Andover. Promoted to Corporal 14/07/1936

06/10/1936 214(B) Squadron RAF Scampton

19/04/1937 49(B) Squadron RAF Worthy Down, 2<sup>nd</sup> Good Conduct Badge 24/03/1937

20/06/1937 114(B) Squadron RAF Wyton

04/04/1938-19/04/1938 and 04/09/1938-12/09/1938 Re-engagement Leave

19/01/1939 Promoted to Sergeant. 01/06/1939 114 B Squadron to RAF Waddington

27/08/1939 Return to 114(B) Squadron RAF Wyton

22/09/1939 Married at Registry Office, Hove. Presumably granted leave!

09/12/1939 Returned to 114 Squadron after Embarkation Leave from 17-20/10/1939

### **Speculation** (No clear details on service record. Log Book lost or destroyed by RAF)

09/12/1939 with 114 Squadron, No 2 Group, 82 Wing Force, joined the Advanced Air Striking Force to France (Letter to sister Betty dated 02/01/1940 from B.E.F. confirms this).

Two photographs indicate he was part of the detachment sent to Perpignan near the Spanish border.

21-31/05/1940 114 Squadron retreated to Nantes following raid on 11/05/1940, was then evacuated back to the UK, but entries on his service record, 29/03/1940 1 A.T.S.A and 09/05/1940 114 Sqn H.E., suggest he returned to the UK earlier. It seems likely that he rejoined 114 Squadron at various bases in East Anglia. e.g RAF Wattisham 31/05/1940, RAF Horsham St. Faith 10/06/1940, RAF Oulton from 10/08/1940-02/03/1941. It also seems likely that he followed 114 Squadron on loan to No 18 Group Coastal Command at RAF Thornaby on Tees and/or RAF Leuchars from 02/03/1941 to 13/05/1941 (memorabilia includes coastal aerial photos to confirm this).

01/04/1941 Promoted to Flight Sergeant

19/07/1941 114 Squadron returned to Bomber Command at RAF West Raynham.

01/10/1941 Promoted to Warrant Officer

Features in leading photograph (centre) on the 114 Squadron RAF website Images section

Final entries on service record include 04/03/1942 17 O.T.U. and 30/05/1942 25 O.T.U.

24/07/1942 Killed on Active Service at 0355 hr following collision between 2 Wellingtons (DV476 and T2701) at RAF Finningley along with 10 other members of Bomber Command.

Details provided separately on 25 O.T.U. File