

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)

22/08/1930 33 Squadron, Rank A.C.1

01/08/1931 33 Squadron, Rank LAC, 1st Good Conduct Badge 25/09/1931

17/07/1932 33 Squadron RAF Tangmere and then 1A.T.C. then A.A.School 12/02-08/04/1934

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

06/09/1935 6 F.T.S (Flying Training School) then 04/04/1936-13/06/1936 Air Observer School

BOMBER COMMAND FORMED 14/07/1936

14/07/1936 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, 2nd 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, joining the Advanced Air Striking Force to Conde-Vraux, France (Letter to sister Betty dated 02/01/1940 from B.E.F. seems to confirm this)

21-31/05/1940 114 Squadron retreated to Nantes following raid on 11/05/1940 then evacuated back to the UK. Confusing entries on service record: 1 A.T.S.A on 29/03/1940 and 114 Sqn H.E.09/05/1940 but it seems likely that on evacuation he returned with 114 Squadron to various bases in East Anglia i.e. RAF Wattisham 31/05/1940, RAF Horsham St. Faith 10/06/1940, RAF Oulton 10/08/1940-02/03/1941

It also seems likely that he followed other members of 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). Promoted to Flight Sergeant 01/04/1941.

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

Promoted to Warrant Officer 01/10/1941

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 (DV476x2 and T2701) at RAF Finningley along with 10 other members of Bomber Command.

Details provided separately.