

FLYING OFFICER KENNETH GILL D.F.C,C.d.G  
JOINED THE ROYAL AIR FORCE AS A VOLUNTEER  
RESERVE ON 18 JUNE 1941.

HE WAS SHIPPED OUT TO CANADA , AFTER BASIC  
TRAINING ,AS A PILOT OBSERVER AND QUALIFIED  
AS AIR NAVIGATOR WITH EFFECT FROM 11 SEPT  
42,HAVING COMPLETED A TOTAL OF 104hrs 40mins  
FLYING TIME (65-30 DAY & 39-10 NIGHT)

ON RETURNING TO THE U.K HE WAS POSTED TO  
No 29 OPERATIONAL TRAINING UNIT AT R.A.F  
STATION N.LUFFENHAM ,FLYING WITH F/LT  
DERBYSHIRE (PILOT) ON WELLINGTONS.

ON THE 25 FEB 1943 HE TOOK PART IN HIS FIRST  
OPERATIONAL RAID [AFTER 51hrs 40mins TRAINING  
(33hrs 15min DAY AND 18hrs 25mins NIGHT)].  
THIS WAS TO CLERMONT FERRAND (FRANCE),  
TAKING OFF AT 19-34 AND RETURNING 7hrs LATER.  
(PILOT F/LT DERBYSHIRE).

DURING MARCH 1943 HE WAS POSTED TO  
1660 CONVERSION UNIT AT R.A.F SWINDERBY  
WHERE HE FLEW HALIFAX 'V' AND THEN  
CONVERTED TO LANCASTERS.

ON THE 18 APRIL 43 HIS SECOND OPERATIONAL  
RAID TOOK PLACE , FLYING TO SPEZIA IN ITALY  
(MINE LAYING 9hrs 30mins, PILOT F/LT EVANS).

ON 20 APRIL 1943 F/O GILL WAS POSTED TO  
No 9 SQUADRON AT R.A.F. STATION BARDNEY  
ALONG WITH F/LT DERBYSHIRE WHERE HE TOOK  
PART IN THE FOLLOWING RAIDS :-

DATE	PILOT	TARGET	TIME
04/05/43	F/LT DERBYSHIRE	DORTMUND	5-55
11/05/43	DITTO	DUISBERG	4-45
23/05/43	DITTO	DORTMUND	5-10
25/05/43	DITTO	DUSSELDORF	5-20
27/05/43	DITTO	ESSEN	5-30
29/05/43	DITTO	WUPPERTAL	5-45
11/06/43	F/LT DERBYSHIRE	DUSSELDORF	4-35
12/06/43	DITTO	BOCHUM	5-25
14/06/43	DITTO	OBERHAUSEN	4-40
21/06/43	DITTO	KREFELD	4-25
25/06/43	DITTO	GELSENKIRCHEN	5-20
28/06/43	DITTO	COLOGNE	4-25
07/07/43	S/LDR DERBYSHIRE	COLOGNE	6-00
25/07/43	DITTO	ESSEN	4-45
07/08/43	S/LDR DERBYSHIRE	MILAN	8-20
10/08/43	DITTO	NURNBERG	7-25
27/08/43	DITTO	NURNBERG	7-30
30/08/43	DITTO	RHEYDT	4-55
03/09/43	S/LDR DERBYSHIRE	BERLIN	8-05
06/09/43	DITTO	MUNICH	8-05
03/10/43	S/LDR DERBYSHIRE	KASSEL	6-05
04/10/43	DITTO	FRANKFURT	6-35
20/10/43	DITTO	LEIPZIG	7-10

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03/11/43	S/LDR DERBYSHIRE	DUSSELDORF	4-25
18/11/43	DITTO	BERLIN	7-35

F/O GILL TRANSFERRED TO 5 L.F.S R.A.F STATION  
SYERSTON AS A NAVIGATION INSTRUCTOR ON 14  
DECEMBER 1943 UNTIL 27 SEPTEMBER 1944.

ON 28 SEPTEMBER 1944 F/O GILL AND F/LT  
GUMBLEY (PILOT) JOINED No 617 SQUADRON R.A.F  
STATION WOODHALL SPA.

29/10/44 F/LT GUMBLEY                      TIRPITZ                      12-00  
ATTACK ABORTED TALLBOY RETURNED, LEFT  
WOODHALL ON 28/10/44 09-33 TO  
LOSSIEMOUTH, LEFT LOSSIEMOUTH 29/10/44 AT  
02-10 TO TROMSO AND THEN SKATSKA ~~REDACTED~~  
, RE-FUELLING AND RETURNING TO LOSSIEMOUTH  
AND THEN WOODHALL 30/10/44 14-29hrs.

04/11/44 F/LT GUMBLEY                      LOSSIEMOUTH,  
TIRPITZ ATTACK ABORTED DUE TO BAD WEATHER.

11/11/44	F/LT GUMBLEY	LOSSIEMOUTH	1-55
12/11/44	DITTO	TROMSO FIORD	12-15
TIRPITZ SUNK			
13/11/44	DITTO	WOODHALL	1-40

08/12/44	DITTO	URFT DAM	3-35
TALLBOY FROM 7500FT			
11/12/44	DITTO	URFT DAM	5-30
TALLBOY 6000 FT DAM TOP REDUCED BY 13 FT			
15/12/44	DITTO	IJMUIDEN	2-35
E & R BOAT PENS TALLBOY 10000FT			
21/12/44	DITTO	POLITZ	9-45
OIL REFINERIES TALLBOY 16900FT			

DATE	PILOT	TARGET	TIME
29/12/44	F/LT GUMBLEY	ROTTERDAM	2-50
	E & R BOAT PENS	TALLBOY 15300FT	
30/12/44	DITTO	IJMUIDEN	2-20
	E & R BOAT PENS	TALLBOY 14200FT	
31/12/44	DITTO	HORTEN	7-45
	OSLO FIORD GERMAN CRUISERS "KOLN"		
	AND "EMDEN" TALLBOY	10200FT	
02/01/45	DITTO	DUMMY RUNS,HLB WAINFLEET	
		GAGGLE PRACTICE ETC TO	
30/01/45			
03/02/45	DITTO	POOTERSHAVEN	2-50
	HOLLAND E & R BOAT PENS	TALLBOY 13200FT	
		AIRCRAFT HIT BY FLAK	
06/02/45	DITTO	BIELEFELD	5-45
	VIELESIBLE VIADUCT	ABORTED CLOUD	
14/02/45	DITTO	BIELEFELD	4-50
	VIELESIBLE VIADUCT	ABORTED CLOUD	
22/02/45	DITTO	BIELEFELD	4-30
	VIELESIBLE VIADUCT	TALLBOY 13700FT	
24/02/45	DITTO	DORTMUND-EMS CANAL	4-40
	LADBERGEN	ABORTED 10/10 CLOUD	
13/03/45	DITTO	BIELEFELD	4-20
	VIELESIBLE VIADUCT	ABORTED CLOUD	
14/03/45	DITTO	BIELEFELD	5-00
	VIELESIBLE VIADUCT	DESTROYED	
19/03/45	DITTO	ARNSBERG	5-20
	GRAND SLAM	DROPPED ON VIADUCT	
21/03/45	DITTO	BREMEN	2-10
	ARBERGEN RAILWAY BRIDGE	OVER THE RIVER	
	WESER , NEAR NIENBURG.	LANCASTER HIT BY	
	FLAK IN THE TARGET AREA	AND WENT DOWN	

A FARMER AND THE BURGERMEISTER OF OKEL, SAW THE AIRCRAFT CRASH AT ABOUT 11-00hrs APPROXIMATELY 300 METRES FROM HAUSLENGSHAUS ONE KILOMETRE FROM OKEL. THE BURGERMEISTER DESCRIBED THE EXPLOSION AS UNBELIEVABLE, CAUSING A CRATER 10 METRES DEEP.  
ALL THE CREW WERE KILLED INSTANTLY.

TOTAL FLYING TIME FOR F/O KENNETH GILL WAS 400-45 DAY TIME AND 279-15 NIGHT TIME GIVING A GRAND TOTAL OF 680 HOURS.