

This is the time line for the life of Flt Lt Maurice Cecil Stimpson
(08-09-1921 / 15-02-1944) Service Number 155249 Log book No 68466.

08-09-1929 Born in Harrow Middlesex
Parents Harry Stimpson and Nellie Louisa Stimpson (nee Titbit.
Living at Parkfield Lodge, Headstone Lane, Hertfordshire.

Attended Headstone Lane School now known as Nower Hill School Pinner.
There is now a Wooden Monument to Maurice. (Not sure yet when this was created and who paid for it.) It was rededicated by the RAF on Friday the 9th of November 1984.
Attended by Maurice Sister also Nellie Louisa France (Nee Stimpson born 09-03-1915 and passing 24-04-1986 and her surviving son Tony France born 10-03-1948.
There is no date for Maurice starting or finishing at Headstone Lane School yet.
Mr Nagle current liaison with Nower Hill has been asked if he can provide this information.

01-09-41 Joined RAF almost twenty.

01-09-41 / 04-10-41 LONDON A.C.R.C. (Number 1 Aircrew Receiving Centre, that was a receiving centre for new **RAF** recruits, in Lords Cricket Ground in London between 1941 and 1944.)

04-10-41 / 16-12-41 SCARBOROUGH 10 I.T.W. (The six week training programme at the **ITW** was designed to improve discipline, physical fitness and mental alertness and provide a sound basic knowledge of the **Royal Air force**.)

17-12-41 / 07-01-42 PERTH E.F.T.S. (With the outbreak of war the RFS became No 16 Elementary Flying Training School (EFTS) and the head of Air Schools was re-commissioned as an RAF Officer. ... If they were considered suitable they were posted to begin their training at an RAF Elementary Flying Training School to fly light aircraft.)
Diary comment Flying duel Tiger Moth D.H. 82 7hrs 55minutes

14-01-42 / 01-02-42 MANCHESTER P.D.C. (The Professional Development Center (PDC) provides resources and tools needed to become self-motivated, competent, highly skilled leaders and followers)

01-02-42 / 13-02-42 Chateau Thierry Ship from Greenock to New Brunswick.
Chateau Thierry (AP-31) was built in 1921 and served with the Army until transferred to the Navy on 15 July 1941. 1941 - The ship was transferred to the Navy on 15 July and was commissioned on 6 August.

13-02-42 / 23-02-42 Moncton CANADA 31 P.D.C.

25-02-42 / 29-03-42 Turner Field U.S.A (Construction of the **base** and **airfield**, named **Air Corps Advanced Flying School**, Albany by the United States Army Corps of Engineers began on 25 March 1941.
Diary Comment Flying P.T. 17

29-03-42 / 02-06-42 PRIMARY DARR AERO TECH U.S.A. The **29th Flying Training Wing** is an inactive **United States Air Force** unit. It was last assigned to the **Western Flying**

Training Command, and was disbanded on 16 June 1946 at Napier Field, Alabama. The wing controlled World War II Phase One primary flying training units of the Army Air Forces Training Command. Headquartered at Moody Field, Georgia for most of its operational service, it controlled contract civilian-operated pilot schools primarily in the Southeastern United States.

02-06-42 / 05-08-42 BASIC MACON GA U.S.A On August 17, 1941, the first class of British Royal Air Force cadets arrived at Cochran Field. Until June 1942, Cochran was used exclusively for British training. Liaison was maintained between the RAF and the Army Air Force through a Royal Air Force Administrative Officer. British cadets differed significantly from American cadets. Firstly, British physical requirements were much lower than for American cadets. The British were either from 17 to 21 years of age or over 27 years old. Many of the older cadets, married with children, worried about their families back home. The giving of tactical training and attendant discipline, along American lines and pursuant to traditional American policy, concerned and irritated the British cadets. They believed that if they had to be trained in the U.S.A., they should be subject to British discipline and be taught British tactics — the Americans should handle flight training only. In addition, unlike American cadets who grew up operating a farm tractor or automobile, the most complicated device operated by the average British cadet was a bicycle. Some training bases reportedly taught British cadets how to operate a motorcycle before attempting any flight training. The last British cadets completed training in the U.S.A. in March 1943.

05-08-42 / 09-10-42 ADVANCED VALDOSTA GA U.S.A These facilities were home to nine school squadrons and three base squadrons that supported a maximum capacity of about 4,100 personnel. The initial group of 140 military personnel arrived at Moody on November 25, 1941. Although the \$11.5 million construction of Moody Field would not be officially completed until June 1942, the first class of 50 U.S.A. Army Air Corps Aviation Cadets arrived Feb. 19, 1942. By the spring of 1942 the personnel at Moody numbered 3,000 enlisted, 350 officers, 450 flying cadets, and 20 nurses.

09-10-42 GRADUATED

12-10-42 / 27-10-42 MONCTON CANADA P.D.C

27-10-42 / 06-10-42 Possibly travelled home on the Chateau Thierry Ship from New Brunswick to Greenock. The ship name has been deleted from the personal diary. Boarded the ship on the 27th set sail at 10.00 hours on the 30th anchored on the 4th of November in thick fog delayed disembarkation left ship on the 5th at 15.00. Marvellous reception by the people. Train journey home arrived at 04.00 having started travelling at 09.00 the day before.

05-11-42 / 15-12-42 P.R.C. HARROGATE

15-12-42 / 27-12-42 6.P.A.F.U. LITTLE RISSINGTON

27-12-42 / 18-02-43 6.P.A.F.U WINDRUSH

18-02-43 / 01/03/43 1517 B.A.T.CIPPINGWARDEN

01.03.43 / 30-03-43. 6. P.A.F.U. WINDRUSH

30-03-43 / 17-06-43 30. O.T.U. HIXON / 30.O.T.U. SEIGHFORD

07-06-43 MADE PILOT OFFICER BACKDATED FROM 11-09-43.

22-06-43 / 09-07-43 1662 CON. UNIT LINDHOLME

09-07-43 / 17-07-43 1662 CON.UNIT BLYTON

23-07-43 156 SQUADRON OPERATIONAL

24-07-43 HAMBERG , Lancaster ED990

CREW Leonard Overton.Bomb aimer, Clements Navigator, John Arcari wireless, Thomas Cable Flight Eng, D Davies second Nav, Fredrick Sunderland Air Gun, Alfred Barnett Air Gun, Maurice Stimpson 2nd Pilot.

27-07-43 HAMBERG , Lancaster ED990

CREW Leonard Overton.Bomb aimer, Clements Navigator, John Arcari wireless, Thomas Cable Flight Eng, D Davies second Nav, Fredrick Sunderland Air Gun, Alfred Barnett Air Gun, Maurice Stimpson 2nd Pilot. (This entree was not on the 156 squadron list but is recorded in red in the log book)

02-08-43 HAMBERG Lancaster W4950

CREW Pilot Maurice Stimpson, Bomb aimer Johny Jackson, Navigator, Harold Robinson Wireless Walter Catchpole, Flight Eng Joe Gurton, Up Gunner Bill Smith, R Gunner Roy Dutton. CommentReturned icing

17-08-43 PEENEMUNDE Lancaster JA697

CREW Pilot Maurice Stimpson, Bomb aimer Johny Jackson, Navigator, Harold Robinson Wireless Walter Catchpole, Flight Eng Joe Gurton, Up Gunner Bill Smith, R Gunner Roy Dutton.

22-08-43 LEVERKAUSEN Lancaster JA674

CREW Pilot Maurice Stimpson, Bomb aimer Johny Jackson, Navigator, Harold Robinson Wireless Walter Catchpole, Flight Eng Joe Gurton, Up Gunner Bill Smith, R Gunner Roy Dutton.

23-08-43 BERLIN Lancaster JA921

CREW Pilot Maurice Stimpson, Bomb aimer Johny Jackson, Navigator, Harold Robinson Wireless Walter Catchpole, Flight Eng Joe Gurton, Up Gunner Bill Smith, R Gunner Roy Dutton. Comment Returned early.

27-08-43 NUMBERG Lancaster JA674

CREW Pilot Maurice Stimpson, Bomb aimer Johny Jackson, Navigator, Harold Robinson Wireless Walter Catchpole, Flight Eng Joe Gurton, Up Gunner Bill Smith, R Gunner Roy Dutton. Comment Landed Tangmere shortage of Petrol.

31-08-43 BERLIN Lancaster JA674

CREW Pilot Maurice Stimpson, Bomb aimer Johny Jackson, Navigator, Harold Robinson
Wireless Walter Catchpole, Flight Eng Joe Gurton, Up Gunner Bill Smith,
R Gunner Roy Dutton.

03-09-43 BERLIN Lancaster EE173

CREW Pilot Maurice Stimpson, Bomb aimer Johny Jackson, Navigator, Harold Robinson
Wireless Walter Catchpole, Flight Eng Joe Gurton, Up Gunner Bill Smith,
R Gunner Roy Dutton.

05-09-43 MANNHEIM LANCASTER EE173

CREW Pilot Maurice Stimpson, Bomb aimer Johny Jackson, Navigator, Harold Robinson
Wireless Walter Catchpole, Flight Eng Joe Gurton, Up Gunner Bill Smith,
R Gunner Roy Dutton. Comment combat with E/A 109.

06-09-43 MUNICH Lancaster EE173

CREW Pilot Maurice Stimpson, Bomb aimer Johny Jackson, Navigator, Harold Robinson
Wireless Walter Catchpole, Flight Eng Joe Gurton, Up Gunner Bill Smith,
R Gunner Roy Dutton. Comment 1st Marker.

16-09-43 MODANE Lancaster EE173

CREW Pilot Maurice Stimpson, Bomb aimer Johny Jackson, Navigator, Harold Robinson
Wireless Walter Catchpole, Flight Eng Joe Gurton, Up Gunner Bill Smith,
R Gunner Roy Dutton.

29-09-43 BOCHUM Lancaster JA912

CREW Pilot Maurice Stimpson, Bomb aimer Johny Jackson, Navigator, Harold Robinson
Wireless Walter Catchpole, Flight Eng Harry Toon, Up Gunner Bill Smith,
R Gunner Roy Dutton.

04-10-43 FRANKFURT Lancaster JA975

CREW Pilot Maurice Stimpson, Bomb aimer Johny Jackson, Navigator, Harold Robinson
Wireless Walter Catchpole, Flight Eng Joe Gurton, Up Gunner Bill Smith,
R Gunner Roy Dutton.

07-10-43 STUTTGART Lancaster JA912

CREW Pilot Maurice Stimpson, Bomb aimer Johny Jackson, Navigator, Harold Robinson
Wireless Walter Catchpole, Flight Eng Joe Gurton, Up Gunner Bill Smith,
R Gunner Roy Dutton.

08-10-43 BREMEN Lancaster JA912 CREW Pilot Maurice Stimpson, Bomb aimer Johny
Jackson, Navigator, Harold Robinson
Wireless Walter Catchpole, Flight Eng Joe Gurton, Up Gunner Bill Smith,
R Gunner Roy Dutton.

29-10-43 PATH FINDERS BADGE

29-10-43 FLIGHT LIEUTENANT BACK DATED FROM 01-11-43

22-10-43 Frankfurt Lancaster JA912

CREW Pilot Maurice Stimpson, Bomb aimer Johny Jackson, Navigator, Harold Robinson
Wireless Walter Catchpole, Flight Eng Joe Gurton, Up Gunner Bill Smith,
R Gunner Roy Dutton.

10-11-43 MODANE Lancaster JB113

CREW Pilot Maurice Stimpson, Bomb aimer Johny Jackson, Navigator, Harold Robinson
Wireless Walter Catchpole, Flight Eng Joe Gurton, Up Gunner Bill Smith,
R Gunner Roy Dutton.

29-10-43 Pilot Officer M.C.Stimpson(155249) AWARD OF PATHFINDERS BADGE

17-11-43 MANNHEIM Lancaster JA912

CREW Pilot Maurice Stimpson, Bomb aimer Johny Jackson, Navigator, Harold Robinson
Wireless Walter Catchpole, Flight Eng Joe Gurton, Up Gunner Bill Smith,
R Gunner Roy Dutton.

22-11-43 BERLIN Lancaster JB228

CREW Pilot Maurice Stimpson, Bomb aimer Johny Jackson, Navigator, Harold Robinson
Wireless Walter Catchpole, Flight Eng Joe Gurton, Up Gunner Bill Smith,
R Gunner Roy Dutton.

23-11-43 BERLIN Lancaster JA674

CREW Pilot Maurice Stimpson, Bomb aimer Johny Jackson, Navigator, Harold Robinson
Wireless Walter Catchpole, Flight Eng Joe Gurton, Up Gunner Bill Smith,
R Gunner Roy Dutton.

26-11-43 BERLIN Lancaster JB228

CREW Pilot Maurice Stimpson, Bomb aimer Johny Jackson, Navigator, Harold Robinson
Wireless Walter Catchpole, Flight Eng Joe Gurton, Up Gunner A N J Hinds,
R Gunner Roy Dutton.

02-12-43 BERLIN Lancaster JB228

CREW Pilot Maurice Stimpson, Bomb aimer Johny Jackson, Navigator, W Coyne
Wireless Walter Catchpole, Flight Eng Joe Gurton, Up Gunner Bill Smith,
R Gunner Roy Dutton.

03-12-43 LEIPZIG Lancaster JB228

CREW Pilot Maurice Stimpson, Bomb aimer Johny Jackson, Navigator, W Coyne
Wireless Walter Catchpole, Flight Eng Joe Gurton, Up Gunner Bill Smith,
R Gunner Roy Dutton.

16-12-43 BERLIN Lancaster JB228

CREW Pilot Maurice Stimpson, Bomb aimer Johny Jackson, Navigator, R Hill
Wireless Walter Catchpole, Flight Eng Joe Gurton, Up Gunner Bill Smith,
R Gunner Roy Dutton.

20-12-43 MANNHEIM Lancaster JB223

CREW Pilot Maurice Stimpson, Bomb aimer Johnny Jackson, Navigator, R Hill
Wireless Walter Catchpole, Flight Eng Joe Gurton, Up Gunner Bill Smith,
R Gunner Roy Dutton.

23-12-43 BERLIN Lancaster JB228

CREW Pilot Maurice Stimpson, Bomb aimer Johnny Jackson, Navigator, R Hill
Wireless Walter Catchpole, Flight Eng Joe Gurton, Up Gunner Bill Smith,
R Gunner Roy Dutton.

29-12-43 BERLIN Lancaster JA925

CREW Pilot Maurice Stimpson, Bomb aimer Johnny Jackson, Navigator, R Hill
Wireless Walter Catchpole, Flight Eng Joe Gurton, Up Gunner Bill Smith,
R Gunner Roy Dutton.

01-01-44 BERLIN Lancaster JB228

CREW Pilot Maurice Stimpson, Bomb aimer Johnny Jackson, Navigator, R Hill
Wireless Walter Catchpole, Flight Eng Joe Gurton, Up Gunner Bill Smith,
R Gunner Roy Dutton.

02-01-44 BERLIN Lancaster JB228

CREW Pilot Maurice Stimpson, Bomb aimer Johnny Jackson, Navigator, R Hill
Wireless Walter Catchpole, Flight Eng Joe Gurton, Up Gunner Bill Smith,
R Gunner Roy Dutton.

05-01-44 BERLIN Lancaster JB228

CREW Pilot Maurice Stimpson, Bomb aimer Johnny Jackson, Navigator, John Wright
Wireless Walter Catchpole, Flight Eng Joe Gurton, Up Gunner Bill Smith,
R Gunner Roy Dutton.

27-01-44 BERLIN Lancaster JB226

CREW Pilot Maurice Stimpson, Bomb aimer Johnny Jackson, Navigator, R Hill
Wireless Walter Catchpole, Flight Eng Joe Gurton, Up Gunner Bill Smith,
R Gunner Roy Dutton.

28-01-44 AWARDED THE D.F.C.

28-01-44 BERLIN Lancaster ND453

CREW Pilot Maurice Stimpson, Bomb aimer Johnny Jackson, Navigator, John Wright
Wireless Walter Catchpole, Flight Eng Joe Gurton, Up Gunner Bill Smith,
R Gunner Roy Dutton.

30-01-44 BERLIN Lancaster ND504

CREW Pilot Maurice Stimpson, Bomb aimer Johnny Jackson, Navigator, John Wright
Wireless Walter Catchpole, Flight Eng Joe Gurton, Up Gunner Bill Smith,
R Gunner Roy Dutton.

10-02-44 PRESENTED TO THE KING AND QUEEN AT WARBOYS. Recorded in personal diary and the occasion is detailed on page 94 in the book The Pathfinders (picture of the King and Queen)

10-02-44 Gentleman's evening Pinner with the Colne Valley Electrical Company. Presentation of a cheque and mug for being awarded the D.F.C. Also picture of the evening and paper report. (Maurice's employer before joining up.) Recorded in personal diary.

14-02-44 Went to picture with Hunts, Joe, Johnny and I went to see Crash Dive by Tyrone Power. Quite good. (Last diary entry)

15-02-44 Last letter he wrote home was to Marion (Not sure who this lady was but many letters were sent to Marion)

15-02-44 BERLIN Lancaster ND504

CREW Pilot Maurice Stimpson, Bomb aimer Johnny Jackson, Navigator, John Wright
Wireless Walter Catchpole, Flight Eng Joe Gurton, Up Gunner Bill Smith,
R Gunner Roy Dutton.

COMMENT: FAILED TO RETURN

Personal details of some of the crew.

Bill Smith	24 Fore Street Seaton Devon.
Roy Dutton	136 Arabella Street Cardiff.
Joe Gurton	44 Mountgrove Road, Highbury, London.
Walter Catchpole	294 Beccles Road Lowestoft (Possibly Oulton Broad after Beccles road)