

BUB BURNS COMPUTER COMPENDIUM

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WARRANT OFFICER

DENIS ROBERT (BOB) BURNS

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

1525609

1. DEFERRED SERVICE 1940 to 1941

1.1 - 1.2 + 1.3 Private soldier - L.D.V.; later
 (later Home Guard)
 Bassett Factory, Sheffield
 Feb 1941: RAF Air Council Selection Board
 accepted "1/6 Pilot - Padgate"

2. GROUND TRAINING - 1942

February 1941. A.C.R.C. (Air Crew Receiving Centre) Regents Park, London.

- ✓ 2.1 Entrance flight
- 2.2 Three brand new V/8 Pilots

March 1941. A.C.D.W Brighton
Ten hours a day of Morse, Mathematics
P.T and Drill.

- ✓ 2.3 Regent Dance Hall where I played saxophone every night, earning enough for a comfortable life until promoted LAC at next station

April - 1941. No 8 ITW Newquay

- ✓ 2.4. 4 Squadron outside headquarters. Trenance Hotel
- ✓ 2.5. Trenance Hotel
- ✓ 2.6. Bob
- 2.7. Bob in first issue of flying clothing
- 2.8. Bob with room mate Mac and Tommy

June - 1941. No 6 EFTS (Elementary Flying Training School)

August 1941. A.C.D.C. Heaton Park, Manchester

- 2.9. Airmen on leave, Les Winter, Bob, Les Cooper
- 2.10. Tommy Rowlett (first violin with Halle Orchestra before his call-up, Stan Ward and Bob.
- 2.11 and 2.12. Bob with school friend Les Winter

2.13 x

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2.14 Boys on leave - Bob and Stan

2.15 RAF Station Band Horton Park 1942

3.0 CANADA (1942-1943)

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3.1. Sailing to Canada by RMS Queen Elizabeth

83000 tons serving as troopship throughout the war

1 Central Navigation School, R.C.A.F. Rivers, Manitoba

3.2 Rivers Town Hall, Manitoba

3.3 Main Street, Rivers

3.4 Aircrew accommodation (Hangar) R.C.A.F. Rivers

3.5 Classroom Course 26 B. Bob second left

3.6 Classroom Course 26. Stars charts

3.7 Navigator's station in Anson aircraft

3.8 Aerial View Rivers

3.9 Aerial View Rivers

3.10 River Assiniboynac Manitoba

3.11 Course 26 B. Navigator, ICNS Rivers

3.12 Bombing photo Town of Rivers. taken by Bob

(Top target of class 26B)

3.13 ICNS Rivers. station band

(Bob is first right)

3.14 Course 26 B. Rivers

3.15 Course 26 B, 11st after graduation

Winnipeg. Graduation leave. On-way home

3.16 Bob, happy with brevets and sergeant's tapes

3.17 Bob with course colleague Doug Bladon

Monkton

Monkton, Nova Scotia

4. BACK HOME FOR PERIOD FLYING 1943

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- April. T PPC Harrogate
- May Seconded to Panda Division Army Northern Command
- June 3 EFT Shellingford. flying Tiger Moths again after having R.A.F. classified Bob as navigator on training here as a pilot
- July 9. Observer's Advanced Flying Unit, Llandwrog
- Aug Aircrew Commands School, Scompton
- Sept 29 OTC Bruntingthorpe, Leicestershire. Formed operational crew on Wellington-bombers

5. N°5 Group - 51 BACE 1944

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Dec 43 1660 (H.O.U (Heavy Conversion Unit) Swinderby, Skipton

1944 No 5 Lancaster Finishing School Epsomton

106 Squadron, 5 Group, Metheringham Leicestershire

- 5.1 March 1944. Squadron photo
- 5.2 "Joe" Harold Bond, P.O.C.A.F. Bob's mid upper gunner
- 5.3 Lancaster bomber Mark 1

All photos below taken on Bob's visit to Germany in 2002

1. Last operation 26/27 April 1944 to Schweinfurt
T. Bob's Lancaster + JU88 nightfighter involved in dog fight and shot each other down

Schweinfurt

- 5.4 Schweinfurt Today
- 5.5 River Main harbour. Target aiming point a few yards North of this
- 5.6 Another view of above place
- 5.7 } Ball Bearings works. Some rebuilt during the war
- 5.8 } and some built post war. AS 10 1964
- 5.9 }

5.10 Nightfighter pilot of Juss Hauptman Walter
Bornschein. Commanding officer of Hitler's own
transport squadron
Killed with his crew in combat

Schraudenbach - near Schweinfurt and where
ND 953 crashed

5.11. "Thirteen Gardens" - the crash site

- 5.12 Grave of crew members killed in village cemetery
- P.O. Cyril Bishop. RAF.VR Pilot
- Sgt H.R. Healey RAF Flight Engineer
- Sgt Percy Daw RAFVR Wireless Operator
- Sgt Bill Stevens RCAF Rear Gunner
- Sgt Harold Bond RCAF Midupper Gunner

5.12A. After the war all were reinterred in Military
Cemetery, Dornbach, Bavaria

5.13 Site of grave in 4.12 above. Photo taken in
2002. Photo left empty by villagers

5.14 Two ladies who watched Lancaster ^{ND 953-205} crash in 1944
Fran Zingard stress (L) Frau Josephine Rumpel (R)

5.15 Bob & son Robert with
and their families. Photo taken en route
to Schraudenbach 2001

5.16 Pastor Hoehes. Herrn Oswald Franz who buried
five members of the Lancaster and thus defied
Hitler's edict that Allied airmen should not
have a Christian burial. For this disobedience
he was sentenced to Concentration Camp but
survived and after the war resumed as
Pastor in Schraudenbach. A brave and
true Christian.

Arnstein where Bob tried escaping by train but captured here

- 5.17 Station Goods Yard.
- 5.18 Arnstein Station
- 5.19 Arnstein Red Cross (Cottage) Hospital (originally an agricultural college)
- 5.20 Room used as a hospital ward where Bob's injuries were treated

Ministry of Defence / Air Ministry Records

- 5.21. 5 Group Operation to Swetshfurt 20/27 April 1944
Route taken and crash sites of lost aircraft
- 5.22 Aircraft 'Loss Card' of Lancaster ND 853
- 5.23 Notification of Bob Burns survival to his mother.
- 5.24 Caterpillar Club membership Certificate: F/Sgt. B. R. Burns
- 5.25 Escape Photograph, provided by Squadron to be used in documents if an evader

DULAG Luft - Camp for interrogation of airmen prisoners.

- 5.26 Typical cell and main cell block.
- 5.27 } Prisoner of War details of Bob Burns
- 5.28 }

STALAG Luft 7, BANKAU, SILESIA

- 5.29 Bob Burns and his Orchestra
- 5.30 Poster of Concert December 1944
- 5.31 Programme given

Note. A shortage of paper meant details were on brown paper packing

19 Jan 1945. 1565 Prisoners left Bankau and walked 240 kilometers in blizzards to Goldberg where on 5 February they were entrained (55 to a cattletruck) and 1493 arrived on 8 Feb at Luckenwalde

RETURN HOME 1945 - 1946

1945

- 26 May Fown home to Gosford. Now Warrant Officer
- 1 Oct May No P.C. (Personnel Centre)

1946 FLYING AGAIN (and Afterwards)

1 January TANS Bishopscourt Northern Ireland
Air Navigation School on Arizona

- 6.1 Station Band - Bishopscourt. Bob is second on left
- 6.2 } Concert Party
- 6.3 }

May 10 DT.11 ABINGDON
Wellingtons again

- 6.4 Bob Burn's
- 6.5 } Crewed up with two old friends from Bankau
 (from left: Bob Navigator; Wally Bob
 Wireless Operator; Ken Lane DFC. Pilot.
 Wally and Bob

Course closed down 10 October 1946
 With the RAF's future indeterminate. Bob
 Then decided to take demobilization
 Moved to Swindon (again) as

- 6.7 Catering officer in Airmen's Mess
 Three ex-Bankau friends, all pilots
 and who Bob brought into catering
 From left Mac, Ralph and Eric
- 6.8 Bob on Airfield
- 6.9 Bob on Airfield

7. DEMobilIZATION

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19 Jan 1946 Padgate - where it started out

- 7.1 Alastair House, Tarland, Aberdeenshire
where Lady MacRoberts, with three sons killed
in the RAF opened the house to RAF aircrew
- 7.2 Lady MacRoberts and her farm bailiff
- 7.3 Back to work - surveying - and in
civil clothes after 6 years

REUNIONS

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- 8.1 Vancouver - Beanan Boys 1992
- 8.2 Vancouver Keith, Bob, Allen & Ke
- 8.3 Holland. Appeldorn. Anne + Bob 1995
RAF Cemetery
- 8.4 } London RAF St Clement Dunes 1995
8.5 }
- 8.6 London } Guild Hall Dinner
8.7 }
- 8.8 Okchampton RAF Ex POW lunch 2000
- 8.9 Arnster Germany Bob & Burgmeister 2001
- 8.10 Luckenwalde Town Center 2005
- 8.11 Luckenwalde Memorial Plaque. Stalag 3A
- 8.12 Luckenwalde Monument Stalag 3A
- 8.13 Leipzig Bob rebuilt Market Square
and Town Hall