

THE LOG-BOOKS OF TED MILLIGAN RAF 152506

Edward Milligan

Born 27.11.21 Stockport.

Civil occupation clerk.

Home address 141 Chatham Street, Edgeley, Stockport, Cheshire.

Enlisted 30.4.41., AC2 service number 1431986.

Next of kin Edward Milligan, 66 Fox Street, Edgeley, Stockport (father).

2 RC Cardington 30.4.41.

Reserve 31.5.41.

1 ACRS Regent's Park 20.10.41.

LAC 24.1.42.

7 ITW Newquay 15.11.42.

50 Group Pool 18.3.42.

JATP Canada 25.5.42.

12 EFTS 20.6.42.

9 SFTS 29.8.42.

KTS Trenton 10.1.43.

U/T Air Bomber 17.1.43.

1 CNS 15.5.43.

Discharged 24.6.43 on appointment to a temporary commission as Plt Off.

Awarded Air Bomber's badge 25.6.43.

7 Personnel Reception Centre 24.7.43.

1 (O) AFU Wigtown 24.8.43.

Moreton-in-Marsh

460 Sqn Binbrook 14.4.44.

1667 HCU Sandtoft 9.10.44.

Flg Off 25.12.43.

Aircrew Allocation Centre 16.2.45.

30 OTU Hixon 20.3.45.

Flt Lt 25.6.45.

Bottesford 20.7.45.

Acaster Malbis 19.9.45.

Blyton 31.10.45.

Transferred to RAF Regiment 5.1.46, RAF Regiment Depot, Grantham 5.1.46.

Transferred to Reserve 5.7.51.

No awards.

Next of kin Mrs E Milligan, RR2 Gormley, Ontario, Canada. Wife. Mr W J Milligan, 22 Wordsworth Road, Reddish, Stockport. Brother.

Trained as a pilot in Canada, initially on Tiger Moths. Failed after a crash-landing in the States, and getting lost at the end of advanced flying. Re-mustered as Observer (navigator/bomb aimer). Completed about 350 hours as a pilot and 100 or so as nav/bomb aimer, plus some gunnery and radar training.

30 OTU, HIXON

Wellington conversion

21 OTU, MORETON-IN-MARSH

Wellington conversion unit, "spent some time there." Not shown on his service record.

HCU

Lancaster conversion, "possibly at Bottesford." Actually Sandtoft.

460 SQN, BINBROOK

Lancaster I/III (AR code);

Posted in 15.4.44 from No.11 Base. Completed 33 operations, crewed with P/O Lyall J Notley RAAF. Crew carried out trials with Village Inn radar tracking device for rear gun turret. Visited Woodford at some stage to see early H2S fits. Spent some time at Cottesmore, but cannot remember what for. Tail gunner reported seeing V2s on more than one occasion before their existence was generally known.

Posted out to 1667 CU at Sandtoft WEF 9.10.44.

Date / Aircraft Times Target Crew Debrief remarks / notes 26/27.4.44

LM52523.08 - 04.34 Essen P/O Notley Pilot, Sgt Caley Flight Engineer, Sgt Pender Navigator, F/O Milligan Air Bomber, Sgt Greene WOP/AG, Sgt Sutherland Mid-upper Gunner, Sgt Owen Rear Gunner "Time over target 01.37. Most successful attack, defences did not worry us."

Curiously, several reference works state that LM525 went missing over Dusseldorf 23.4.44. Clearly one of these is wrong. 460 sqn aircraft lost on this raid: ND652 - F/O Sharpe 27/28.4.44

LM53021.49 - 00.21 Friedrichshafen Same crew

"Aborted, mid-upper sick soon after take-off, bombs jettisoned."

460 sqn aircraft lost on this raid: LL906 F/O Brown, LM523 S/L Jarman, ND364 W/O Leary 30.4.44

JB700

AR-J21.51 - 02.27 Maintenon ammunition dump Same crew "Time over target 23.59. A very concentrated raid, reception of M.C. very good, whole place must be wiped out. At 00.52 large explosion from direction of target seen from E.Channel."

460 sqn aircraft lost on this raid: ND553 F/L Healey. 3.5.44

JB700

AR-J21.55 - 03.18 Maily military camp P/O Notley Pilot, Sgt Caley Flight Engineer, Sgt Pender Navigator, F/O Milligan Air Bomber, Sgt Greene WOP/AG, Flt Sgt Arnold Mid-upper Gunner, Sgt Owen Rear Gunner "Time over target 00.15. Our special target seemed to be attacked in a scattered manner. Main attack appeared concentrated"

460 sqn aircraft lost on this raid: ME728 P/O Lloyd, ME740 F/S Fry, JB741 P/O Baker, LM531 F/S Gritty, ND630 W/O Smart, ND860 F/L Hull 7/8.5.44

JB700

AR-J21.52 - 02.40 Bruz ammunition dump P/O Notley Pilot, Sgt Caley Flight Engineer, Sgt Pender Navigator, F/O Milligan Air Bomber, Sgt Greene WOP/AG, Sgt Squire Mid-upper Gunner, Sgt Owen Rear Gunner "Concentrated bombing, smoke up to 2,000 ft. No explosion seen other than own bombs. Marking good but late." 9/10.5.44

JB700

AR-J21.48 - 01.35Merville gun emplacementP/O Notley Pilot, Sgt Caley Flight Engineer, Sgt Pender Navigator, F/O Milligan Air Bomber, Sgt Greene WOP/AG, Sgt Puiu Mid-upper Gunner, Sgt Owen Rear Gunner“One stick of bombs undershot spot fire considerably. Difficult to judge results.”12/13.5.44

JB700

AR-J22.23 - 02.06Gardening ops, Heligoland BightSame crew

“A straightforward trip with no difficulties.”21/22.5.44

LL907

AR-A22.45 - 03.04DuisburgSame crew“Bombed glow of red T.I's in cloud. Good concentration of explosion in target area.”

460 sqn aircraft lost on this raid: LL951 F/O McDougall, ME571 P/O Pratten22/23.5.44

LL907

AR-A22.47 - 03.17DortmundP/O Notley Pilot, Sgt Caley Flight Engineer, Sgt Pender Navigator, F/O Milligan Air Bomber, Sgt Greene WOP/AG, Sgt Elcombe Mid-upper Gunner, Sgt Owen Rear Gunner“Bombed T.I. greens. A good fire area and many explosions, no troubles. A very good prang.”31.5.44

JB700

AR-J00.04 - 04.15Tergnier marshalling yardsP/O Notley Pilot, Sgt Caley Flight Engineer, Sgt Pender Navigator, F/O Milligan Air Bomber, Sgt Greene WOP/AG, Sgt Rouse Mid-upper Gunner, Sgt Owen Rear Gunner“Bombed T.I. yellow. No fires seen, but some smoke, bombing concentrated. A good trip.”2/3.6.44

JB700

AR-J23.40 - 03.19Dieppe / Berneval Le GrandP/O Notley Pilot, Sgt Caley Flight Engineer, Sgt Pender Navigator, F/O Milligan Air Bomber, Sgt Greene WOP/AG, F/O McCarthy Mid-upper Gunner, Sgt Owen Rear Gunner“Bombed T.I. reds in clear weather. A quick and accurate attack, bombing well concentrated.”

JB700 went missing on a raid on Vire 6/7.6.44 with P/O Knight.18/19.7.44

NE141

AR-P23.07 - 03.14GelsenkirchenP/O Notley Pilot, Sgt Caley Flight Engineer, Sgt Pender Navigator, F/O Milligan Air Bomber, Sgt Greene WOP/AG, Sgt Goldstone Mid-upper Gunner, Sgt Owen Rear Gunner“Bombed centre of T.I. red from 20,000 ft.”

NE141 went missing on a raid on Aschaffenburg 22.11.44 with P/O McMaster.

460 sqn aircraft lost on this raid: LL957 F/O Carr28/29.7.44

ND822

AR-N21.35 - 05.54StuttgartSame crew“Time over target 01.55. T.I. greens bombed from 17,000

ft.”31.7.44 / 1.8.44

ND822

AR-N22.13 - 01.09Foret De NieppeSame crew

“T.I. yellows bombed from

10,000 ft.”3.8.44

ND822

AR-N11.42 - 16.30Trossy St.MaximinSame crew“Target bombed visually from 13,000 ft and was hit by H/F 5 minutes before. Holed leading edge starboard wing. Mistook hydraulic fluid for petrol pouring out. Unaware that bomb doors failed to open and as bombs did not fall the Bomb Aimer assumed electric supply cut. Aircraft belly-landed at Carnaby with full bomb load.”

460 sqn aircraft lost on this raid: PB125 F/O Fidock5.8.44

ND822

AR-N14.31 - 22.44PauillacSame crew“Target bombed visually from

8,000 ft.”7/8.8.44

ND822

AR-N20.35 - 1.22Fontenay Le MarmionSame crew“Bombed green T.Is from 8,000 ft. Quite a few sticks of bombs actually falling on target.”8/9.8.44

ND822

AR-N22.05 - 01.11AireSame crew“Bombed T.I. greens from

12,000 ft.”10.8.44

ND822

AR-N

10.29 - 14.44FerfeySame crewCloud over target. “All bombs brought back.”11.8.44

ND822

AR-NDouaiSame crew plus P/O Dawson 2nd pilot“Bombed visually from 16,000 ft.”12.8.44

NE141

AR-P11.35 - 17.36La Pallice

U-boat pensP/O Notley Pilot, Sgt Caley Flight Engineer, Sgt Pender Navigator, F/O Milligan Air Bomber, Sgt Greene WOP/AG, Sgt Goldstone Mid-upper Gunner, Sgt Owen Rear Gunner“Bombed visually from 11,000 ft.”14.8.44

ND822

AR-N13.34 - 17.18Falaise areaSame crew

Brilliant weather, lots of smoke over target. “Bombed T.I. reds from 2,000 ft. Jerries seen to be breaking all records on bicycles going east and south.”15.8.44

ND822

AR-N09.49 - 13.35Volkel airfieldSame crew“Bombed visually from 15,000 ft.”16/17.8.44

ND822

AR-N21.12 - 04.46StettinSame crewModerate flak and many fighters seen. “Bombed T.I. greens. Mixed salvoes and T.I. red at 01.08 hrs from 18,000 ft. 3 lots of mixed salvoes fairly well together. Bombing was concentrated and fires were seen burning well over a wide area. Obviously a very successful attack. Considered a real blitz.”18/19.8.44

ND822

AR-N22.31 - 01.18Ghent - TerneuzenSame crew“Bombed fire adjacent to red T.I. on Master Bomber’s instruction. Visibility over target good and clear. The bombing was concentrated and one big explosion was seen at 00.06 hours. Large red flames and little smoke was accurate.”25/26.8.44

ND822

AR-N20.22 - 04.30RusselsheimSame crew“Bombed T.I. red from 18,000 ft. The visibility over target was good. The bombing seemed to be well concentrated. No snags were encountered.”26/27.8.44

ND822

AR-N20.31 - 01.23KielSame crewTook-off in electrical storm. “Bombed red flares with yellow stars from 19,000 ft. Widely scattered fires were seen covering a large area.”

29/30.8.44

ND822

AR-N21.30 - 05.55StettinSame crew“Bombed mixed salvoes T.I. red and green from 11,000 ft. A very good attack and excellent route. A very satisfactory show.”

460 sqn aircraft lost on this raid: NE144 F/O Humphries, PB379 F/O Aldred3.9.44

ND822

AR-N16.00 - 19.10Gilze RijenSame crew“Bombed visually from 11,000 ft.”5.9.44

ND822

AR-N16.28 - 20.08Le HavreSame crew“Bombed visually from 12,000 ft.”

ND822 crashed on landing at Lugford Magna 14.1.45 with P/O Walker. Only the rear gunner (F/S Peterson) survived16.9.44

PB28500.50 - 04.40Rheine - Salzbergen airfieldSame crew“Bombed T.I. reds from 16,000 ft.”

20.9.44

PB28515.15 - 19.01CalaisSame crew“Bombed visually from 3,000 ft. Landed at Spilsby.” All aircraft diverted on return due to low cloud at Binbrook.23.9.44

PB28519.06 - 23.14NeussSame crew“Bombed glow of T.I. reds from 14,000 ft.” PB285 overshot a landing at Warboys and the undercarriage was raised to stop 11.9.45

Other notes:

Village Inn trials

Woodford for H2S trials

V2 sightings by rear gunner before they were generally known