

Press Release

For immediate release:

Additional R.A.F. Operations Record Books released on TheGenealogist

[TheGenealogist](#) has today released additional new **R.A.F. records** that are fully searchable by name, aircraft, location and many other fields, making it simpler to find your air force ancestors.

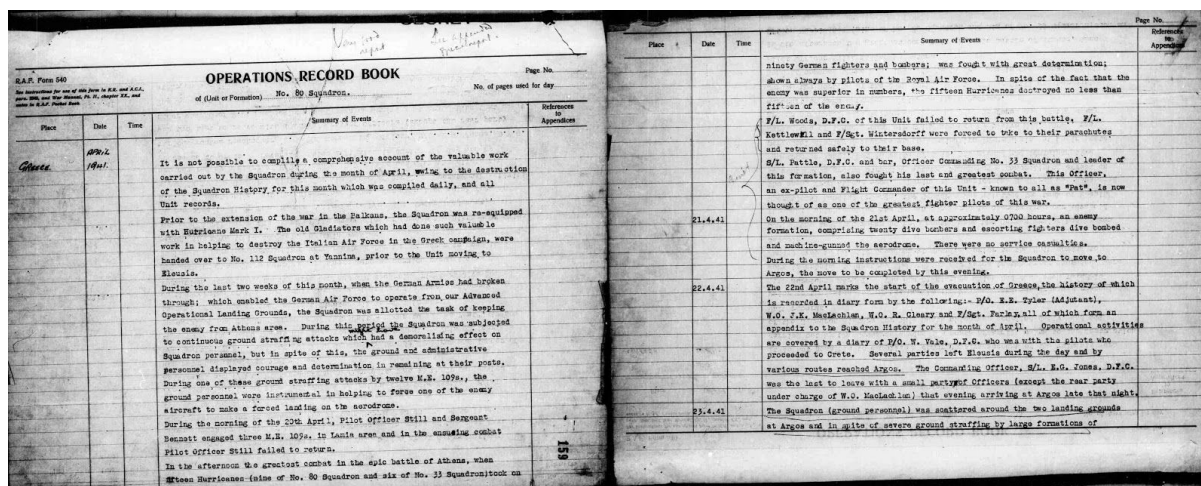
In a release of **over 1.8 million records**, this batch of **R.A.F. Operations Record Books (ORBs)** joins TheGenealogist's huge military records collection and includes entries for the famous children's author Roald Dahl when he flew Hurricanes in WW2.



Hurricanes of No. 80 Squadron in Palestine, June 1941 as flown by Roald Dahl

The Operations Record Books record the stories of day to day operations of units and so will give the researcher an idea of action that took place as well as give insights into the everyday lives on the bases. You can use this collection to follow an airman's war time experiences by searching these fully searchable Air Ministry operations record books which cover various Royal Air Force, dominion and Allied Air Force squadrons that came under British Command. The **AIR 27 records** allow the family history researcher a fascinating insight into their relatives' time while serving in a number of units of the air force.

The ORBs give summaries of events and can reveal encounters with the enemy, pilots who went missing or were shot down, plane crashes, as well as less traumatic details such as weather and places patrolled by the aircraft and where the squadrons were based as the war wore on. As aircrew personnel are named in these Operations Record Books, researchers wanting to follow where an ancestor had been posted to and what may have happened to them will find these records extremely useful.



Operations Record Book for No. 80 Squadron on TheGenealogist

Family historians will find the duties recorded in these documents interesting when they reveal the assignments that a serviceman took part in. Examples include Bombing, Convoy Escort, Submarine Hunt, Fleet protection, Attacking Aerodromes and Shipping, Dive Bombing Raids and more.

Use these records to:

- Add colour to an aircrewman's story
- Read the war movements of personnel in air force units
- Discover if a pilot, navigator, radio operator or gunner is mentioned in the action
- Find if an airman is listed for receiving an Honour or an Award
- Note the names of squadron members wounded, killed, or who did not return
- Easily search these National Archives records and images

This expands TheGenealogist's extensive Military records collection.

Read TheGenealogist's feature article: R.A.F. Operations Record Books that tell a storyteller's story <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2020/raf-operations-record-books-that-tell-a-storytellers-story-1356/>

These records and many more are available to Diamond subscribers of [TheGenealogist.co.uk](https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk)

About TheGenealogist

[TheGenealogist](https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk) is an award-winning online family history website, who put a wealth of information at the fingertips of family historians. Their approach is to bring hard to use physical records to life online with easy to use interfaces such as their Tithe and newly released Lloyd George Domesday collections.

[TheGenealogist's](https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk) innovative SmartSearch technology links records together to help you find your ancestors more easily. [TheGenealogist](https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk) is one of the leading providers of online family history records. Along with the standard Birth, Marriage, Death and Census records, they also have significant collections of Parish and Nonconformist records, PCC Will Records, Irish Records, Military records, Occupations, Newspaper record collections amongst many others.

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