

## **Press Release** For immediate release:

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

<u>TheGenealogist</u> 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.

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all.	1941.		It is not possible to complify a comprohensive account of the valuable work			125.3		S/L. Pattle, D.F.C. and bar, Officer Commanding No. 33 Squadron and leader of	-
NE TA			carried out by the Squadron during the month of April, wing to the destruction				2.00/	this formation, also fought his last and greatest combat. This Officer,	-
	E.S. S.		of the Squadron History for this month which was compiled daily, and all		-	1933	5	an ex-pilot and Flight Commander of this Unit - known to all as "Pat", is now	-
	1201-	1.0	Unit records.		all the second states in the	12.02		thought of as one of the greatest fighter pilots of this war.	-
			Prior to the extension of the war in the Falkans, the Squadron was re-equipped.			21.4.41	1	On the morning of the 21st April, at approximately 0700 hours, an enemy	
	10.6.0		with Eufricane Mark I. The old Gladistors which had done such valuable		and the second second		-	formation, comprising twenty dive bonbers and escorting fighters dive bonbed	
	183-511	10000	work in helping to destroy the Italian Air Force in the Greek campaign, were					and muchine-gunned the serodrome. There were no service casualties.	
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	10000	1.15	Eleusis.		ALL MERCHANNERS			Argos, the move to be completed by this evening.	
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	12.1.		through; which enabled the German Air Porce to operate from our Advanced					is recorded in diary form by the following := P/O. E.E. Tyler (Adjutant),	
		1	Operational Landing Grounds, the Squadron was allotted the task of keeping		A COMPANY AND A COMPANY	1003.63		W.O. J.K. MacLachlan, W.O. R. Cleary and F/Sgt. Farlay, all of which form an	
A STORESS	122	1.1.1.1	the enemy from Athens ares. During this period the Squadron was subjected		10			appendix to the Squadron History for the month of April. Operational activity	148
	Sale of the	1.1.1.1	the energy from attains from					are covered by a diary of P/C. W. Vale, D.F.C. who was with the pilots who	
			Squadron personel, but in spite of this, the ground and administrative		and the second s	1.120		proceeded to Crete. Several parties left Eleusis during the day and by	20 2334-07
		1	personnel displayed courage and determination in remaining at their posts.		The state of the state of the	1199		various routes reached Argos. The Commanding Officer, S/L. E.G. Jones, D.F.	
	N. CARL	1	During one of these ground straffing attacks by twelve K.E. 109s., the		A PARAMETERS	LASS.S.		was the last to leave with a small party of Officers (except the rear party	
	1000	Sec.	ground personnel were instrumental in helping to force one of the energy	CANADA CANADA	0		1	under charge of W.O. MacLachlam) that evening arriving at Argos late that nigh	-
P. Harrison		1	sireraft to make a forced landing on the services.	A CONTRACTOR	and and a second a second and a	23.4.41	10	The Squadron (ground personnel) was sonttored around the two landing grounds	12 2.2 May 103
	1	-	During the norming of the 20th April, Pilot Officer Still and Sergeant	and the second second	And the property of the second	1 martin	and a	at Argos and in spite of severe ground straffing by large formations of	1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1
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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-storytell ers-story-1356/

These records and many more are available to Diamond subscribers of TheGenealogist.co.uk

## About TheGenealogist

<u>TheGenealogist</u> 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.

<u>TheGenealogist's</u> innovative SmartSearch technology links records together to help you find your ancestors more easily. <u>TheGenealogist</u> 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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